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Tuesday, April 15 at 6:15 p.m.
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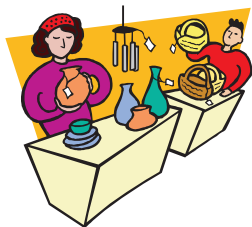
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Visit the Temple Beth El Sisterhood Bazaar Sunday, April 27 – 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



Nosh or lunch at the Sisterhood Café

Browse vendors and Sisterhood table

Buy homemade baked goods



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TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



Matzah and Chametz: Two Tendencies of the Human Soul

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

Of all the various regulations surrounding Passover, none is as familiar to us as the commandment to eat matzah and the prohibition of consuming *chametz* – *food containing leaven*. Of course, on a simple level, the reasons for this commandment and prohibition are well known: our ancestors, when embarking on their journey from slavery to freedom, did not have sufficient time to let the dough of their bread rise. The result was unleavened bread. By eating matzah and abstaining from chametz on Pesach, we keep alive the memory of our people's ancient journey from servitude to liberation.

However, the historical explanation does not truly exhaust all of the spiritual possibilities of this ancient observance. Our sages and mystics developed the notion that the categories of matzah and chametz represent two contradictory spiritual tendencies.

Chametz, the bread of "rising," symbolizes that part of us that craves radical autonomy: the emphasis on the so-called "good life" of more money, more gadgets, more creature comforts, more vacation, and more leisure time. MORE and MORE and, like a bottomless pit, yet again MORE!

Matzah is the "bread of austerity." It is the symbol of the disciplined life. It is the recognition that a life without limits is not freedom at all, but only a return to the jungle where human beings are slaves to instinct. Matzah is the quest for a life of spiritual quality, with the realization that such a life sets limits to material quantity. Matzah is the symbol of the REFINED life.

Is it any wonder that some of our sages were able to see a connection between the word "matzah" and the word "mitzvah?" Judaism sees the truly free life as one in which the notions of commandment and accountability play important roles.

How great is the need for such an understanding in our world today! We need a re-emphasis on the idea that abundance does not consist of having but in doing! We need to learn that doing what one wants to do is of a lesser quality than doing what one has to do; not doing "one's own thing," but rather doing the right thing. We need to learn that freedom involves commitment and is not synonymous with indifference. We need to learn that spirituality is a product of years of rehearsal and self-discipline and not a moment of instant inspiration. Our tradition requires that at least once a year we get rid of all the *chametz* – all the arrogance of wealth and ownership – and return to the "bread of austerity," a life of disciplined commitment...for then we are truly free.

A Chag Sameach v' Kasher to all!

1 Nisan - 30 Nisan, 5774

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Annual Temple Beth El Congregational Meeting

Thursday, May 15 — 7:00 p.m.

Arnstein Auditorium, Temple Beth El

Election of Officers
Annual Reports

Light refreshments to follow.



President's Message

By Stu Elston

April is here – spring, Passover, taxes, and preparing for another year in the life of Temple Beth El. In this issue of *Ha' Kol*, you'll find official notice of our annual meeting for 2014, scheduled for May 15 at 7:00 p.m. in our Arnstein Auditorium (a.k.a. the Social Hall). Please plan to attend this very important meeting, at which we will present our Board of Directors' approved budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 and hold an election for a new slate of officers and roughly half of our Board of Directors. During April, we will be finalizing the nominations for those elected positions, and, in keeping with a provision in our Constitution and By-laws, you'll be sent a copy of the slate of nominations at least 20 days before the annual meeting.

If you read messages like this one in *Ha' Kol*, you may have noticed (I hope you have) my frequent expressions of concern for the vitality of our Temple's leadership "crew." So, I thought I'd share with you, in this message, an "aha" moment I had during a recent Shabbat service, as I was sitting in my spot on the bimah. I know that this is supposed to be a time for prayer and reflection, and of course it is, for the most part. But there are also times when I look out at you all in the congregation. That evening, I counted five past presidents in the congregation. It's hard to accurately count people in the sanctuary from up on the bimah, but I'd guess there were roughly 70 members in attendance that evening (I'm not counting the choir!). Check my math: 7 percent of those attending were past presidents! I can think of two other past presidents who didn't happen to be there that evening but who often are; if they had, 10 percent would have been past presidents. If I were to count officers and Board members, they might account for 20 percent.

So what's the point? One point is that we are a small congregation. It's not that those five or seven are such a large number, it's that the 70 is so small. And I am *not* complaining about low turnout at services – attendance has been growing nicely over the past two years. We are a small congregation of roughly 200 "family units," and that leadership crew I mentioned earlier is actually a large fraction of the congregation. Sixteen directors and seven officers means well over 10 percent of the congregation's "units" are directly represented. Add in committee members and chairs who do not hold Board positions, and members who teach in our religious school and are engaged in Sisterhood, and you might conclude that we are a fairly active and engaged congregation.

That's my real point. If you are one of those who are engaged, I want you to know that your involvement is very much appreciated. If you are not, please realize from this simple calculus how much we need a large fraction of our able members to be counted as contributors of their time and talents. And realize that as you sit in our Shabbat service, you have a very good chance of sitting next to someone who can share with you the personal satisfaction of contributing to something bigger than one's self. You could start by attending our annual meeting next month and seeing for yourself how well your Temple works, what its challenges are, and how you can help beyond contributing your dollars. I look forward to meeting you there. *Shalom rav!*

It's Time for Sisterhood at Temple Beth El

By Karen Smith and Kathy Young, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

We have so many people to thank for their assistance with the *hamantaschen sale* during the *Purim Carnival*. Special thanks to all of the hamantaschen bakers under the direction of *Phyllis Hirsh* who made dough and fillings creating delicious hamantaschen for everyone to enjoy, thanks to everyone who helped with the sale, and thanks to everyone who purchased hamantaschen.

Thank you *Meredith Jaffe* for planning the March 31 *Rosh Chodesh* program.

Sisterhood Shabbat on March 28 was a lovely evening thanks to the beautiful service prepared by Sisterhood Shabbat Chair *Meredith Jaffe*, the *d'var Torah* given by Co-Chair *Susan Baker*, and the participation of Sisterhood members in the service.

A *Chai Tea* is planned for Sunday, April 6 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the home of *Lesley Krakauer*. RSVP to Lesley at 691-3208 to attend the authentic English afternoon tea. During the tea, Margaret Garrett will tell us about her life as a World War II bride and her experiences with moving to the U. S. from England.

Save the date! The *Sisterhood Bazaar* will be here on Sunday, April 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Temple Beth El. Let the *Sisterhood Café* tempt you to buy a nosh or lunch. Browse the *Sisterhood Table and vendors* for food and gift items for Mother's Day, graduation, Confirmation, or any other event.

Finally, *Sisterhood Goes Out* will be on Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Puleo's Restaurant Cedar Bluff. Larsen Jay from "Random Acts of Flowers" will be the speaker. Watch for more information about the cost and menu selections. Thanks to Program Vice President *Heather Laing* for planning the evening.

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!

TBE Sisterhood Hosts Shabbat Pasta Dinner to Support East Tennessee Children's Hospital Child Life Services



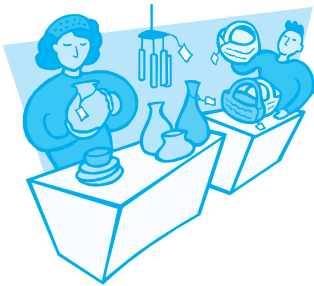
Lizzie Noon and Brenda Rayman (The Clayman family is in the background, Brian, Rebecca, and Zahavah)



(Top Right) Kristin Wells, Child Life Specialist from East Tennessee Children's Hospital, demonstrates how Child Life Services supports youngsters with chronic diseases.

(Bottom Right) Alex Jordan and daughter, JuniBelle, at the Shabbat Dinner to Support Child Life.

(Right) Lesley Krakauer and Event Chair, Joyce Traugot enjoy the dinner.



Sisterhood Bazaar

Sunday, April 27

9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

at Temple Beth El



Can you

DONATE homemade baked goods, candy, breads, or homemade canned items for the **Sisterhood Table**?

DONATE homemade crafts for the **Sisterhood Table**?

HELP with the sale on April 27 or during set up?

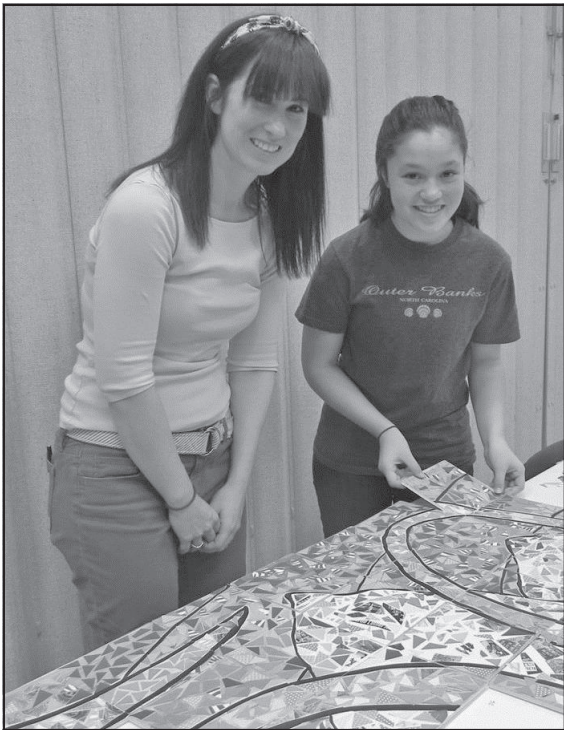
BE A VENDOR, buy a table (\$50.00 plus 10% of sales for April 27) and sell your merchandise or craft?

For more information or to sign up please contact Karen Smith 691-3231, briankarens@comcast.net or Kathy Young 859-9867, youngkathy06@gmail.com

Visit the SISTERHOOD BAZAAR! Let the Sisterhood Café tempt you to buy a nosh or lunch. Browse the Sisterhood Table and vendors for food and gift items for Mother's Day, graduation, confirmation, or other events.

Artist Helps TBE Create Mosaic Project

Visiting Artist Christina Mattison worked with the TBE Religious School student body on Sunday, March 2 to create a fabulous tile mosaic in honor of Temple Beth El's 150th Anniversary. Afterwards, a reception and presentation were held in the Temple Library where her works will be on display for the next few months. Come in and see the this art collection.



Artist Christina Mattison and Rachel Margulies place a completed tile on the artwork..

Christina Mattison, Rabbi Matt Michaels, and Event Chair Shelley Mangold enjoy the artist reception.



Jordan Frankel and Lauren Shagan add the finishing touches to one of the tiles.

Education Director Norma James enjoys working on the tiles with students Avigail Laing, Aaron Shagan, and Nathan Lake.



TBE Religious School students display their Mountains of Memories creation.

Contributions to Temple Beth El Funds

Donations listed were received as of February 28, 2014

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By: The Noon family

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CARING SUPPORT FUND

In memory of Robert Hyatt and Dennis Silver

By: Renee' Hyatt, Paul, Jenny and Noah Erwin

TREE OF LIFE

Honoring Sylvia Silver

By: Sisterhood

*Thank
you*

Temple Beth El Religious School April Update

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

Pizza Dinner for Midweek classes 5:45 p.m., April 2: Join us for our monthly social time before classes being at 6:15 p.m.

It's Passover time for Torah Tots April 6. Our youngest students will learn about the exciting story of the exodus from Egypt. Join us for Passover crafts, songs, and of course treats. We might even get to cross the Red Sea! Torah Tots is for any child ages 2 to 4 and their parents. *It is never to late to join Torah Tots! Our program is 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. in our social hall on the "magic carpet."*

TBE School & Youth Committee to meet at 11:15 a.m. on April 6: This is a reminder for all committee members to attend this important meeting. We are always interested in having new members of this very important committee. We plan to meet about every other month. Our school is an integral part of Temple Beth El life. We urge anyone who wants to get involved to contact Gina and Al Feldblum. gfeldblum@att.net

April 13 Religious School Seder: Our school will have our annual Passover Seder at 11:15 a.m. As always, we need parents to sign up to bring food items, set up, serve, and clean up. Rabbi Michaels is a delightful Seder leader who helps our students learn the meaning of the Seder as the Confirmation class conducts this service. Parents are encouraged to attend. It is a wonderful activity to watch.

No Religious School April 20 for Passover Break.

Wednesday, April 23 is the LAST day of Midweek classes.

Special 6:00 p.m. Service April 25 conducted by our K, 1st, and 2nd grades. Don't miss the sweetest little service of the year as our little ones get into the Shabbos spirit. The 1st and 2nd grade classes of E.L. Gordon and Rachel Bleuze will lead the actual service using our *Gates of Prayer for Young People*. Alicia Carter's Kindergarten class will do the honors of lighting candles, saying Kiddush, blessing the challah, and leading the Shema. This service will be followed by a Shabbat dinner for the class. (See below.)

Special Shabbat Dinner for families of the Kindergarten, First, Second, and Fifth grades April 25: 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 K-2 service and *BEFORE* the 5th grade service. Parents of the K-2 grades will provide the desserts for the dinner, and we will take care of the rest. The 5th grade parents are in charge of the regular oneg after the 7:30 service. *Norma asks that families RSVP as to how many people will be attending the dinner.*

Friday, April 25 Fifth grade conduct services: Jeannine Stanley's class will be conducting the regular 7:30 p.m. service. This wonderful group of young people has been working all year on their Hebrew and worship skills through our Sunday and Wednesday programs. Leading a service is a vital part of our training for B'nei Mitzvah. Please worship with us at 7:30 p.m. and support these students. Our 5th grade families will participate in the Shabbat dinner prior to the service. (See above.) *Parents of the 5th grade class will host the oneg.*

Sisterhood Bazaar April 27: *While our students are studying, our parents can shop at the Sisterhood Bazaar. The Sisterhood has worked very hard to make this year's bazaar a very special shopping event for our entire community.* We hope our Religious School families will support the fine work of this organization. Sisterhood makes a generous donation to our school every year, and we appreciate all that they do.

Mark your calendar! 4th - 7th grade Sleepover at Temple Saturday, May 3: This year we have a special treat for our students. Alachua Haskins from ISJL will be coordinating the activities for our sleep-over. You won't want to miss out on this special event. We totally enjoyed the many activities Alachua planned for the Day of Learning. I can't wait to see what she has in store for our students. We gather at 5:00 p.m. for outdoor play and a cook out followed by activities indoors, Havdalah, more food, and more fun. I am excited to invite our current 4th graders to their first Temple sleepover.

Last Day of Religious School Breakfast and Celebration on Sunday, May 4. It is hard to believe that another year is finished. Of course we still have Confirmation and a Bar Mitzvah ahead. All families are invited to bring a breakfast item to share. After breakfast we will have a short parent meeting while the children are cleaning up their rooms. Then we will join together for a final service and celebration of a great year with Rabbi Matt. School will dismiss at noon to allow everyone to travel to the special Temple event at the Smokies game. (See Diana Steinfeld Hicks for details.)

Save the date! Confirmation is Friday, May 30.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2: Midweek Classes: Pizza dinner 5:45 p.m.

April 6: Torah Tots! and School & Youth Comm Meeting

April 13: Religious School Seder

April 20: No Religious School

April 23: Last day of Midweek classes

April 25: K, 1st, and 2nd grades conduct a special 6:00 p.m. service

Shabbat dinner for Families of K, 1, 2, and 5.

5th grade conducts 7:30 p.m. Service

April 27: Sisterhood Bazaar (during Religious School)

May 3: 4th-7th grade Sleepover at Temple

May 4: Last Day of Religious School Breakfast and Celebration

May 30: Confirmation

K N O X V I L L E

Community-Wide Yom Hashoah and Genocide Observance

Monday, April 28 – 7:00 p.m.
Temple Beth El, 3037 Kingston Pike, Knoxville 37919

April 28 is a very important day. As the sun sets this Monday evening, *Yom Hashoah*, the Annual Day of Holocaust Remembrance will begin. Join your friends, neighbors, and community at Temple Beth El, 3037 Kingston Pike, at 7:00 p.m. We will recall that Genocide did not stop in 1945 and those modern day events that still continue will be remembered this evening.

As citizens of a great democracy, we must understand the importance of ensuring that high moral standards prevail. As the years pass and the eyewitnesses to those terrible times are gone...we are faced with the question: *Who will remember?*

Our program will feature a musical remembrance of the vibrant life of European Jewry before the descent into the cellar of Nazi domination and the efforts to survive and then be reborn at war's end. Catherine Greer will present a program in song and music, interwoven with our Service of Remembrance, with participation by area clergy and community members. The program will include special candle lightings by special guests Mayors Tim Burchett and Madeline Rogero and local Holocaust survivors and their families.

Persons of all faiths are welcome to join us in remembrance this evening.



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Total Amount _____

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 Fresh Market \$50 _____ \$100 _____
 Food City \$50 _____ \$100 _____

Total Amount _____

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.

H A P P E N I N G S

Suzy Snoops

New job, baby, awards, honors, or special occasion. Please share your good news with your Jewish community with us. Email information and photos to jvork@jewishknoxville.org.

- ★ **Dr. Kenneth Levine**, UT associate professor in the College of Communication Studies, spoke about *Intergenerational Communications in the Workplace* to the Rotary Club of Knoxville. An article about his talk appeared in the January 13 Bearden *Shopper News*.
- ★ **Michael Brown**, son of **Ken** and **Susan Brown**, performed in Knoxville with the U.S. Navy Band in late February. Michael, a bass trombonist, is stationed in Washington, D.C., where the premier band is based. As a member of both concert and ceremonial ensembles, he regularly plays for Navy funerals at Arlington National Cemetery and in appearances around the D.C. area.
- ★ A hearty congratulations goes to Winick AZA's newest board members: **Brian Weinstein** (Godol); **Michael Dryzer** (S'gan); **Isaac Shefner** (Moreh); **Blake Parsons** (Mazkir Gizbor); and **Jacob Messing** (Shaliach).
- ★ Lindsey and Evan Jacobson welcomed twins Parker Owen and Amelia Mae Jacobson on November 6 in Washington, DC. Excited grandparents are **Bob** and **Carole Martin**, delighted aunt and uncle are **James** and **Katie Martin Cox**.
- ★ **Adria McLaughlin**, daughter of **Raeus Cannon**, earned her bachelor's degree in anthropology and sociology from East Tennessee State University. She graduated summa cum laude and will return to ETSU to earn her master's degree in sociology.
- ★ **Esther Sitver** will attend the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts at Middle Tennessee State University in June. Esther, a sophomore at Bearden High School, is the daughter of **Joe** and **Anita Sitver**. Esther received another scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee's High School Art Academy in March.
- ★ **Marshall Goldman** is the swim coach of four local Tennessee Aquatics swimmers who broke the 15-16 year old boys 800 free relay national record, the 400 medley relay Southeastern record, and the 400 free relay Southeastern record at the recent Big Orange Bash at the University of Tennessee's Allan Jones Aquatic Center.

AIPAC Sets Spring Meeting Date

AIPAC will meet on **May 1, 2014**. The deli supper and meeting will be at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

Event sponsors and volunteers are needed. Watch for your invitation the mail.

Want Your Car to Sparkle and Shine?

You're invited to Winick AZA's Wash and Shmeer. Grab your last bagel as Passover nears while we wash your car.



Sunday, April 13

10:30a.m.-2:00p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive

Car washes are free,
but donations to Winick AZA are appreciated.

If there are any questions regarding this event, contact Brian Weinstein (Cell) 865-406-0561

Camp K'Tonton Milton Collins Day Camp

**Ages 14 months - 5 years
Grades K-6 & Teens Grades 7-10**





- ◆ 10 fun weekly themes - May 27-August 1
- ◆ Grade-level groupings
- ◆ Sports, crafts, drama, nature, trivia, games, more
- ◆ Daily swim lessons, plus free swim time
- ◆ Weekly field trips or late night/overnight activities
- ◆ Includes lunch, snacks, and beverages
- ◆ Soccer and Lego specialty camps available

Camp Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Before and After Care Available

Register at www.jewishknoxville.org

APRIL 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>LEARN ABOUT THE AJCC SWIM TEAM SUNDAY, APRIL 6 — 4:30 P.M. AJCC GYM</p>		<p>1</p> <p>4:30-8p Piano lessons-BBYO Rm 5:30-6:30p Pilates-BBYO Rm 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7p Adult Ed-HA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4:15p Religious sch-HA 5:45-6:15p ZUMBA-Gym 6:15p Midwk Hebrew-TBE 6:45-9p Fencing-Gym 7p Adult Ed-HA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7a minyan-HA 5-7p AJCC Preschool Art Gala-AJCC Gym 7:30p Exec Comm-HA</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>BBYO Regional Spring Convention 7:30p Shabbat service-TBE</p>	<p>5</p> <p>BBYO Regional Spring Convention 9:30a Shabbat service-HA 9:30a Shabbat service-JCOR</p>
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<p>AJCC Preschool Registration</p> <p>Fall registration is underway. Contact Melissa Schweitzer at mschweitzer@jewishknoxville.org or (865) 963-8001.</p>						
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<p>27</p> <p>9-1 Sisterhood Bazaar-TBE 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Religious sch-HA 9:30a Religious sch-TBE 10a Ed Comm-HA 1-6p Whole Living Health Fair-KJDS</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Preschool Parent Conferences 7a minyan-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-gym 7p Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration-TBE</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Preschool Parent Conferences 4:30-8p Piano lessons-BBYO Rm 5:30-6:30p Pilates BBYO Rm 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7p Adult Ed-HA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Preschool Parent Conferences 4:15p Religious sch-HA 5:45-6:15p ZUMBA-Gym 6:15p Midwk Hebrew-TBE 6:45-9p Fencing-Gym 7p Adult Ed-HA</p>	<p>REGISTER NOW for Milton Collins Day Camp & Camp K'Tonton</p> <p>www.jewishknoxville.org/camp</p>		



Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Ha' Kol

Musings From the President....

By Manny Herz

So it's February 26 as I write these notes. Nearly two months have flown by since I took on the KJA presidency.

We had a wonderful Tzelebrate Tzedakah dinner (AKA Pacesetters event). This was my first time to attend and I found it thoroughly enjoyable. It was an evening of good friends sharing an engaging evening, celebrating their sense of gratitude of having done good for their community.

We also have had a wonderful Mitzvah Day, beautifully coordinated by our staff (special thanks to Rachel, Deborah, and Jeff), with terrific assistance from Norma James and Betty Golub.

There was an energy level with every age group, from our kids and teens making and bringing dog treats to the Young-Williams Animal Shelter, singing to the elders at Sherrill Hills, recognizing our first responders at various fire stations, being helping hands at the FISH Pantry and the Family Promise work site. Our adults were busy making thumb braces for UT Medical Center's neonatal ICU, knitting blankets for Warm Up America, making soldier shoeboxes for Any Soldier, donating 21 units of blood at the MEDIC blood drive, and kicking off the annual KJA Campaign with a major calling campaign.

All this in Arctic weather. I am impressed and grateful.

Now as promised, on **page 17** is a survey outlining the services offered by KJA. I would really appreciate learning which services you consider most important to you and/or the Jewish community. Please limit your selection to 5 items. On Mitzvah Day, many folks filled out the form and checked all the boxes. White that may feel good to know, it doesn't really give us a sense of where we need to address our limited resources of funds and manpower. And speaking of manpower (or womanpower), we really need your involvement. Please take this opportunity to let us know where you might volunteer your services.

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KJA 2014 Campaign

Campaign Goal \$360,000

As of 3/13/14

2014 Annual Campaign: \$248,779

24 new donors

84 increased gifts from 2013

It's not too late to make your gift, please call the KJA office at 690-6343

You can also go online at www.jewishknoxville.org and click "donate."

Join Us for Passover in the Matzah Aisle

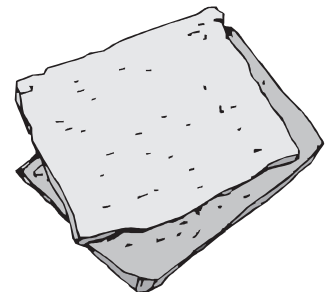
Sunday, April 6 —12:30-2:30 p.m.

Kroger Store 848 (Bearden) —4918 Kingston Pike

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance is bringing Passover to the Bearden-area Kroger, 4918 Kingston Pike, on Sunday, April 6 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. The KJA has formed a wonderful partnership with Kroger in Bearden and the Jewish Outreach Institute to bring the community this program.

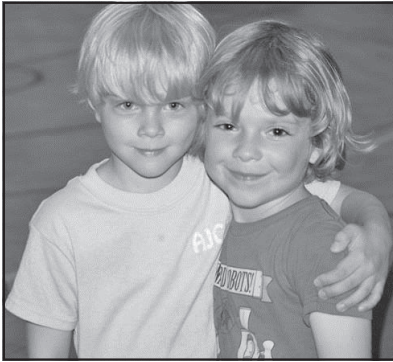
Preparing a seder for the first time? Looking to try something new? You've probably been asking yourself a lot of questions. While their significance is the same, the symbolic foods used on the matzah plate varies from home to home depending upon your tradition. To help you decide what to include in your Passover meal, KJA volunteers will be in the Passover aisle with basic information about Passover customs and rituals, samplings of *charoset*, and recipes to share. We will also have activities and informational materials such as different types of *haggadah*.

Stop by Kroger during this event and enter the raffle for a Kroger Passover gift basket. Please support your Jewish community and join the KJA for some Matzah in the Aisle.





Building Community; Enriching Lives—All Year Long



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

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

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

MILTON COLLINS DAY CAMP:

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

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

MILTON COLLINS DAY CAMP - SPECIALTY CAMPS

British Challenger Soccer Camp and Bricks 4 Kidz LEGO Camps

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

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

LEARN MORE: www.jewishknoxville.org or (865) 690-6343

*The Knoxville Jewish Alliance
UT Faculty Lecture Series presents*

Shakespeare's Shylock: A Literary History

Monday, April 7

7:30 p.m.,

**Orwitz Community Room
Arnstein Jewish Community Center**



*Heather Hirschfeld,
Associate Professor
of English*

Ideas of ancestry are central to understandings of Jewish identity. In this lecture, Hirschfeld will trace the literary ancestry of a fictional -- but hugely influential -- Jewish identity, the character of Shylock. Looking at a sample of medieval and Renaissance art and literature, she will discuss the various images and figures that served as "forefathers" to Shakespeare's creation of Shylock.

Heather Hirschfeld is an associate professor of English and the Riggsby Director of the Marco Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at the University of Tennessee. She specializes in sixteenth and seventeenth century English literature, particularly the drama of Shakespeare and his contemporaries. Her second book, for which she received a year-long fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities, is called *The End of Satisfaction: Drama and Repentance in the Age of Shakespeare* and was published by Cornell University Press in March.

*This is a free public lecture hosted by the
Knoxville Jewish Alliance.*

*Please let us know you're coming by emailing us at
kja@jewishknoxville.org or (865) 690-6343.*

Jewish Family Services News

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., JFS Director

I have written before about the Knoxville Jewish Alliance's participation in Family Promise, which houses homeless families in area congregations for a week at a time. Approximately four times a year, when the families are staying at Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, we ask for volunteers to help prepare meals, have dinner with the families, or lead children's activities after dinner. I have asked some of our volunteers to write articles about volunteering for Family Promise. Our first article is by Jacob Hale, son of Rachel Hale and Chris Hale. Jacob is in the seventh grade at Webb School of Knoxville.

In late 2013, I volunteered at TVUUC for a service program called Family Promise. Family Promise gives volunteers the chance to help people in need get food. The church also provides shelter for the people who are struggling to find a home. When I was at Family Promise I served three different families. I was accompanied in this program with my mom, Rachel Hale, Wilma Weinstein, and Laura Berry. Two of the families were large and their kids had to leave to do homework right after dinner, so I didn't get to talk to them. The third family was a woman and her baby and I enjoyed listening to their story. It was sad to hear about the hardships that they had endured, but I was glad to hear that things were getting better for them. This wonderful experience ended with me washing the dishes (for the first time voluntarily!). Going to Family Promise was an event that I will never forget.

- Jacob C. Hale



Terry Silver-Alford, UT Senior Lecturer in the Department of Theatre, presents a talk on the Jewishical: How American Jews Created the Broadway Musical, as one of the KJA's UT Faculty Lecture Series speakers. This lecture highlighted the significant contributions of American immigrant Jews to the Broadway musical.

KJA Friendshippers

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

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

Wednesday, April 9: Mark Barkan, Jewish Prague

Please note: we are meeting a little early this month due to Passover. Mark Barkan will tell us about his recent trip to Prague, capital of the Czech Republic, and will give a pictorial overview of the Jewish history there.

*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. Lunch is \$8. There is no cost for attending the program alone. Transportation is available upon request—please have your ride requests in by the Monday morning before the program. For more information, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or lberry@jewishknoxville.org.



Community Passover Greetings

Happy Passover to All

LEE MILLER BLOTNER,

LISSA, SHELLY, and SETH

Happy Pesach

from Jeff and Nancy Becker, and our children and grandchildren:

Jeffrey Cohen;

Dan, Lora, Noah, and

Benjamin Cohen-Vogel;

Debbie, Jeff, Samantha, and

Gabe Abrams-Cohen;

Rachel, Micah, Sophie, and

Reuben Becker-Klein;

Ben, Amy, Harry, and Leo Willis-Becker;

Sarah Becker, Adama Dembele, and Aminata

*Happy Passover
UTK Hillel*

*Hag Sameach
The Liberman
Family*

HAG

SAMEACH

Kim, Stephen,
Nathan, Arielle, and
Tifannie Rosen

Warm greetings and very best wishes to
all our good friends in Knoxville.

**Peggy and Mark Littmann, Beth, James and
Liam McGinnis, and Owen Littmann**

Chag Sameach
from
Rosalie, Stephen, Mara,
Evan, and Iris Nagler

Happy Passover
to Everyone
Pessa, Marla, Bart,
Joe, & Will Brody

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM PAM & ERNIE
GROSS - NAOMI, SIERRA, PHOEBE &
BRICE KING - ANNA & MATT MCDONALD
- EVA & DAVID BARNETT

*Have a Joyous
Passover Your
friends at
Heska Amuna
Synagogue*

Community Passover Greetings

<p><i>Happy Passover</i> <i>Jill, Stuart, Evan,</i> <i>and Aaron Chasan</i></p>		<p>Temple Beth El wishes all a happy and healthy Passover</p>	
<p><i>Chag Sameach to all</i> <i>our friends and family.</i> <i>Heidi, Barry,</i> <i>and Eddy Allen</i></p>	<p>Hag Sameach v Kasher Gilya Schmidt & Family</p>		
<p><i>Wishing All a Healthy</i> <i>& Happy Passover</i> <i>Susan and Arnold Cohen,</i> <i>our children, grandchildren</i> <i>and extended family</i></p>		<p>PASSOVER GREETINGS <i>Barbara & Bernie Bernstein</i></p>	
<p>Happy Passover Reneé Hyatt, Noah, Jenny, and Paul Erwin</p>		<p>May your Passover celebration be full of joy and tradition. Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart The Studio of Arnold Schwarzbart www.schwarzbart.com</p>	<p>Happy Pesach! AJCC Preschool Staff</p>
<p>Hag Sameach KJA Board and Staff</p>		<p>HAPPY PASSOVER</p> <p>Happy Passover Charlene & Jeff Gubitz Leslie Gubitz (St. Louis) Rabbi Jennifer Gubitz (Wayland, MA) Ron, Leslie & Nola Bea Gubitz (New Orleans)</p>	
			

Cool Off at the AJCC Pool May 25-September 1

Become an AJCC
Summer Member
Now Through
April 22, 2014
and Save \$50*



Early Bird Fee thru 4/22: \$335
Summer Member Fee: \$385

*Must apply for membership *and* pay the \$335 early bird fee by *April 22, 2014* to receive the discount.

Membership forms online at www.jewishknoxville.org or available at AJCC Office.

Hillel Co-Sponsors Israeli-Palestinian Forum

The UTK Hillel/Jewish Student Organization sponsored *Eye Witness View of the Israeli Palestinian Conflict*, a panel discussion forum which included two Israeli and two Palestinian local community members with personal connections to the conflict. Presenters Arik Kershenbaum, Amiyaal Ilany, Wala Habiby and Ahmad Abuleil shared firsthand accounts of what they witnessed and experienced, then opened the floor to questions and comments from the audience, comprised of UTK students and interested community members.

The program was co-sponsored with the UTK Muslim Students Association and Students for Justice in Palestine, and was extremely well received. Student organizers are currently working on plans for future sessions to come together to learn, share and begin to understand the complexities of the conflict. For details on future events, please contact Deborah Oleshansky, doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org.

Nashville is in the House!

UTK Hillel students from the Nashville area come together to thank the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee for a VERY generous allocation to our local Hillel program that supports Jewish life on area college campuses..

(L-R) Dr. Greg Kaplan, UTK Hillel faculty advisor, Aron Rosing, Daniel Perling, Leslie Schiffman, David Yazdian, Danny Gellis and Alexandra Gellis gather before a recent event to say thank you.



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UTK Hillel students Anna Safran and Andrew Vogel participate in the KJA's Super Sunday campaign calls.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Please select up to five (5) services offered by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance that you think are important for you or our community.

	Arnstein Jewish Community Center - <i>our communal home for learning, playing, meeting and socializing. Lectures, Parties, PJ Library, Mitzvah Day, Menorah Madness, Sundown in the Sukkah, AJCC Golf Tournament, Shabbat at the Pool, providing a home base for several organizations</i>
	AJCC Preschool - <i>servicing our young Jewish families and nurturing the future of our community</i>
	Milton Collins Day Camp - <i>the "Most Fun Under The Sun" where all our children can grow together</i>
	Jewish Family Services - <i>discreetly serving those in our community who need our help</i>
	UT Hillel - <i>providing a Jewish life on campus for students from all over the state and country</i>
	Friendshippers - <i>providing an entertaining social schedule for our seniors</i>
	Israel Partnership - <i>connecting Knoxville to Israel on a person-to-person basis</i>
	Community Relations - <i>representing the Jewish people in our local community and fostering relations among all people</i>
	Ha'Kol - <i>the unifying voice of the Jewish community</i>
	B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy - <i>teaching the next generation of Jewish philanthropists</i>
	KJA Archives - <i>preserving our local and family histories</i>
	AJCC Pool and Smokin' Salmon Swim Team - <i>having fun and competing together</i>

AND THE LIST GOES ON....

UT Judaic Studies, BBYO, camp scholarships for local teens, American Israel Chamber of Commerce, Tennessee Holocaust Commission, and a **long** list of national and international organizations.

WHAT THE KJA CAMPAIGN USED TO DO AND WOULD DO AGAIN IF WE HAD THE FUNDS:

Financially support social service needs in Israel, social service assistance to the Jews of all ages in the former Soviet bloc and around the world; rescue of Jews in peril.

Are there other services or programs you would like KJA to offer?

Are there any of the above services you would like to participate in?

Name and E-mail (Optional)



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Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

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

A Website Worth Visiting

By Scott B. Hahn, Esq., KJCFF President

Don't let the term nonprofit mislead you; fundraising for charities and institutions is a really big business encompassing thousands of organizations and billions and billions of dollars. Unless you are associated with a nonprofit in more than a casual way, you really have no idea how far reaching this aspect of our society truly is. With this in mind and the vast array of information out there, what are some of the tools to help guide you on your charitable journey? One website that I would highly recommend is **philanthropy.com**, run by the *Chronicle of Philanthropy*. If you chose, you can become a subscriber, or just browse for fun. What is so useful and informative about the site is just how much ground it covers about charitable giving, primarily in the U.S., but around the world as well.

In the latest issue of *The Chronicle*, you could read about the 50 biggest donors to charity in the U.S. in 2013. Some of the names you may know, others you will never have heard until now. You can learn their back story and find out about what causes inspired them to give. People love facts and figures and *The Chronicle* is loaded with them. You can find out how charitable each state is. If you like to get more in depth, you can actually see how Knox County stacks up to other counties in Tennessee and throughout the U.S. In the religion section, you can read articles of Jewish interest or see what other religious groups are doing with their fundraising. If you are into the esoteric, there is even an article about how the Druids were granted religious status in the UK.

The KJCFF has a website (www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff) and we publish an article in *Ha'Kol* each month, but there is hardly enough to learn about the world of philanthropy here and across America. By looking at *The Chronicle* or other charitable websites, you can learn about the huge impact charities and foundations have on our lives. The other reason to look at a website like this is not just for information, but to inspire you as well. Perhaps you can read about an idea that you would like to implement here in Knoxville, or a bio on a fund-giver that inspires you to set up your own fund. The sources out there are limitless. You just need to find the cause that you believe in. The KJCFF has helped others make their charitable passion a reality and we would be more than happy to do the same for you. Remember, knowledge is the key to more informed charitable giving.

Donations

B'nai Tzedek Fund of Benjamin Gibbons

Melinda and Anthony Gibbons

Gordon Brown Youth Recreation Fund

In Memory of Logan Brown

Scott Hahn

Mark and Carol Harris

Ed Hunter

Stephen and Rosalie Nagler

In memory of Logan and in appreciation to the entire community for its love and support

Adam and Angie Brown

Cohen-Presser Designated Fund

In Memory of Elaine Brown, Logan Brown, and Yetta Burnett and in Honor of Marilyn Burnett

Marilyn Presser

Heska Amuna Educational Enrichment Fund

Marilyn Abrams

Dewey Reich Chesed Shel Emet Fund

Henry and Claudia Fribourg

In Memory of Sidney Dubinsky

Drs. Renee' Hyatt and Paul

Erwin

Grants

- ★ The **Ted & Dolly Reback Knoxville Youth Fund** made a grant to Cotton States BBYO for a Chapter Leadership Training Conference scholarship.
- ★ The KJA received a grant from the **Dewey Reich Chesed Shel Emet Fund** to pay for the final arrangements of an indigent Jewish community member. While this fund is a KJA-designated fund, it is a partnership between the KJA, Heska Amuna Synagogue, and Temple Beth El.
- ★ The **Sam & Esther Rosen Community Enrichment Federation Fund** made a grant to the KJA for the 2014 Annual Campaign.

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



On the 40th Anniversary of *Dungeons & Dragons*

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

As a teen, I bowed to each member of the nerds' triumvirate: *Rush* music, *X-Men* comics, and *Dungeons & Dragons* games. For the uninitiated, *Dungeons & Dragons* is a tabletop role-playing game which has elements of collaborative storytelling and improvisational theater, with oddly shaped dice to settle disputes. In a game, you create a character, through whom you act out adventures in a fantastic scenario. A quirky aspect of character creation was the concept of alignment: each avatar, or character, had an inherent moral code: good or evil, law-abiding or anarchic. The black-and-white moral system appealed to my sense of romantic adventure (consider *Star Wars*).



As an adult returning to the hobby, it's my least favorite aspect of the game. Today, the characters I want to play in stories are morally ambiguous rogues, like Omar Little of the HBO program *The Wire*, who set their own standards and live by their own sense of rough justice. There's not much room for that within fixed polarities and moral codes. Like most teens, I had an acute distaste for hypocrisy. But as an adult, I don't think of inconsistency as any hypocrisy, but as maturity. Messiness is life.

Most things don't fit into neat categories: as Chris Rock would say, I'm liberal on some things, and conservative on others. In fact, the most destructive sort of policies are often those that posit a unambiguous human moral compass. Consider the injunctions against poverty in Deuteronomy: "There shall be no poor among you!" (*Deuteronomy 15:4*) It's a noble ideal, but one that admits no trade-offs between equity and productivity, or grasps that debt is a necessary pre-condition for shared wealth.

We might imagine that we can solve the problems of the world from a bedroom, a podium, or glass-paneled office, all without getting dirty. We cannot. Simply put, ideals are good guides, but an inflexible ideal can paralyze us in the real world of trade-offs and compromises. If you wait for perfect moral conditions, you are not going to get much done. As Voltaire said, "the best is the enemy of the good."

Rather, be inspired by Nobel Peace laureate Muhammad Yunus, who decided, "I wanted to find out, is there anything I can do as a human being to delay it [starvation], to stop it, even for one single person? I would go around and sit down with people in the village, talking, and all my arrogance, my academic arrogance, didn't exist any more. I was no longer trying to solve global problems. I was no longer trying to solve even national problems. I abandoned the bird's-eye view that lets you see everything from above, from the sky. I assumed a worm's-eye view – trying to find whatever comes right in front of you, smell it, touch it, see if you can do something about it." (*Fighting Poverty from the Bottom Up*)

Let's all abandon the bird's-eye view, the ivory tower, the intransigence of youth. Let us dive into the mud and muck of a worm's life. Nothing is perfect – no idea nor thing nor person – if it were, how could it exist? Maybe these were not noble ideals in the first place, but just a youthful folly. I close with a stanza from a contemporary Jewish sage, Leonard Cohen: "*Ring the bells that still can ring./ Forget your perfect offering. / There is a crack in everything. / That's how the light gets in.*"

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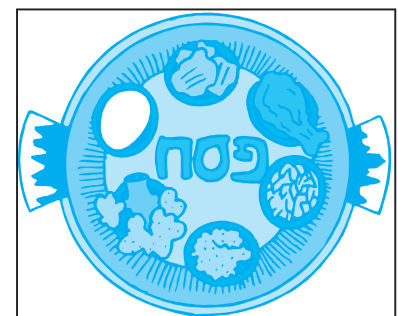
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Heska Amuna Synagogue's Mission Statement

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

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



2014 Passover
April 15-22

Old and New “Traditions” Make Passover a Uniquely Traditional, and Uniquely Family, Event Every Year

By Barry Allen, Chairman

If your family is like mine, you may have inherited certain ways of doing things from your parents, or your spouse’s parents, that have become traditional for your Passover observances, or together you have created those things that are now viewed as indispensable traditions you hope will be passed down to your grandchildren and beyond. Maybe you have incorporated someone else’s ideas into your own observances and made them your own. In our case, our Passover celebration is a combination of all three approaches. What about you?

From my wife’s side of the family, especially given the influence of a Modern Orthodox brother-in-law, we always know that the Haggadah will be read from cover to cover. However, to keep everyone interested and to encourage participation, a different topic related to Passover is usually selected every year, and people are motivated to do their own research that they will share with the rest of the family during the course of the two Seders. Questions on “topic”, and off, especially with respect to noteworthy news items, are not only encouraged, but expected, and lively discussion is the order of the day (all puns on the meaning of Seder - “order” - are fully intended).

Then there is the tradition started by Heidi’s three nephews, but now expanded to include all the cousins, and their spouses, of using playing cards to count up from one to thirteen as *Echad Mi Yodaya* is sung. Going up as each new number is added is easy, but keeping the cards in order and displaying the right cards as you recount each past number is no easy trick. Each cousin has a different methodology for keeping the cards in proper order. The “older” adults laugh and marvel at how well some people can do it, or how, sometimes, the cards and the verses don’t seem to match, especially when the singing speeds up.

Heidi’s and my contribution to the “tradition” of our Seders harkens back to when our children were considerably younger. We decided to incorporate dinosaurs, gorillas, and assorted other model or plastic animals, as well as many frog species (including wood, plastic, those that hop, and those that don’t), plastic bugs (including some from cartoons), four-legged cows that have now become three legged, and sunglasses, among other things, into our explanation of the plagues. We used plastic bubble wrap, that could be “popped”, to represent boils, and small styrofoam balls to be our hail. We even had red food dye for “blood.” At one time, we had bought a ‘kit’ of plague animals, so we even have small critters for our “lice.”

Thus, we have our very own menagerie of “wild animals,” as well as frogs, cattle, locusts, boils, hail, lice, blood and darkness, to represent the plagues. We always set out a mixture of objects by everyone’s plate before people arrive. Our Passover animals and accoutrements travel with us wherever we might be having a Seder, whether in the US, Israel (or some other destination), and the rest of the family has come to expect “our bag of tricks” to adorn the table. Now, with a new generation of nieces, nephews and cousins, and even a grandchild, in attendance, we can watch with joy as they identify with the same things that still make us, and our children, smile.



We all feel comfortable knowing that our “traditional” Seders, with our unique family traditions, are what makes Passover more than just a celebration of triumph over adversity, of freedom over slavery. Our ability to combine Jewish and family traditions is not unique to our specific family. Jews have been doing the same thing since the Exodus, which is why Jews are still here to tell that story, and to develop the traditions that will help mold subsequent generations.

Heidi and I hope you and your family develop your own new family traditions that become models for the future, or that you enjoy the traditions already created within your family to make Passover even more meaningful. Whatever you do, celebrate being together with family and friends. We wish you a very Happy Passover.

Wishing All a Pleasant Pesach Experience

By Jenifer Ohriner, Heska Amuna President

When you read this, I will be cleaning my house -- not because I want to, but because Pesach is only a few weeks away.

Pesach is one of the three holy days in which even those of us who are secular actually want to participate. None of the following really matter in the long run. You decide the degree to which the house is cleaned, whether you have a favorite set of Haggadahs, whether you know that rice might be considered kosher for Passover. But, I have found that most people want to be a part of a seder. We want to make fun of the idea of the four sons. We love to listen to the youngest person who can remember how to sing the four questions. And of course, we love to eat!

Please! Don’t put the participation in a seder off until the last minute! This year we will not be having a community seder at Heska Amuna. Instead, we will be having about 30 seders around town as about 30 of our congregants are opening their homes for a few extra guests to their family seders. We will try to make sure all our members attend a seder in a private home, and we are hoping to have family-oriented seders, kosher seders, interest-driven seders. If you want something special, call the office and let us know. Again, don’t wait until the last minute.

For those of you who are joining me in cleaning, have fun. I plan to make sure my husband helps out! ***Hag Sameach Pesach!***

Among Our Members

- ★ Get well wishes go out to the following people who were ill or recuperating:
Joyce Beerman, Greta Besmann, Harriet Cooper, Erik Golub, Marion Goodstein, Eliyahu ben Shulamit, Judy Rattner, Arnold Tew, Sarah Hecht
- ★ Todah Rabah to **Sandy Parker, Kim Hedrick, and David Hecht** who continue to work in the Synagogue office every week. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the shul.

Heska Amuna, JCOR Members Enjoy Men's Retreat Experience

By Bradley Drew and Matt Niad

A recent weekend retreat was organized by men of the Southeast Region: *Anshei Darom*, meaning Men of the South. At check-in we were greeted with open arms and the first swag items: an *Anshei Darom* 2014 retreat t-shirt and an *Anshei Darom* shot glass (which would come in handy over the weekend). We proceeded to *Minchah* and a tree ceremony. Every year the Southeast Region likes to do something to give back to the camp, and this weekend we collected more than \$500 for planting fruit trees.

Late afternoon and early evening Friday activities included Shabbat services and delicious kosher dinner, an evening discussion with Rabbi Albert Slomovitz about blockage in our relationships, and then social time in the bunkhouses.

For those able to wake early on Saturday, there was a yoga session available before breakfast. That was my first yoga experience, and I highly recommend it. After morning services and lunch we were set loose on the camp. Some played basketball and tennis, others socialized, but I opted for a peaceful experience in nature. This whole camp is tucked away amongst some beautiful forests, mountains, and running water. I went on a hike up to a nearby waterfall which was very soothing.

The afternoon continued with *Minchah* and a light meal. International Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs President Myles Simpson led a discussion on all of the great programs that the FJMC has produced such as the "Hearing Men's Voices" program for male dialogue and bonding and the *Keruv* initiative for embracing and welcoming interfaith couples into Conservative synagogues. We then moved outside, where the sound of a large group of men singing together in harmony for *Havdalah* was almost enough to keep us warm in the freezing cold. More warmth was provided by campfire activities nearby beside the lake. Not two seconds after arriving fireside, did funny man Saul Sloman of Congregation Ariel burst into his routine of joke after joke that lasted more than an hour. Even Rabbi Michael Bernstein shared some jokes of his own.

Sunday morning concluded the weekend with morning services, breakfast, and two more pieces of swag: an *Anshei Darom* golf towel and a very nice set of *Anshei Darom* tallit clips. It was a great experience where we bonded with many great guys and learned a lot about how a Men's Club can enhance every Jewish community. Having never attended a sleep away camp as a child I wasn't sure what to expect, but I was more than satisfied with the production that these Men of the South put on and look forward to next year.

- Matt Niad, Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge

When I first heard the theme of the weekend was *unplugging*, I thought they were going to talk all weekend about the evils of technology on Shabbat and how shutting off all electronics is the only way to experience Shabbat. I was extremely surprised that the only time cell phones or technology was ever discussed was when I brought it up in a group learning activity on Friday evening when we got to know why everyone was in attendance.

On Friday evening Rabbi Albert Slomovitz, former military chaplain and author of "The Fighting Rabbis," spoke about being plugged in our relationships with G-d, our children, or our significant other. Rabbi Slomovitz talked about how simply saying "I need you" or "thank you" can knock a little hole in the plug that is blocking a relationship from flowing freely and allowing relationships to rebuild. It is a common courtesy that we give to strangers, but how often is it said when your wife makes a wonderful dinner or your son or daughter decides to take out the garbage without being asked? We are so lucky to have built into our tradition saying the hymn *Eshet Chayil*, a woman of valor, and the blessings over our children. As men, we say these blessing over our family each Shabbat, but what are we doing the rest of the week to let them know they are needed, to let them know, that we appreciate all they do.

On Saturday, Rabbi Michael Bernstein, of Geshet L' Torah, shared a portion of an amazing poem by Rabbi Avraham Yitzchak Kook and asked us to reflect on what this poem meant to us.

Many discussed seeing that spark of a spark in the light of a child's eyes when you visit them at their school for lunch or when connecting to the Divine in prayer, that moment of experiencing the awe within the spark of a spark. I would love to hear some of your feedback on what this poem means to you when you reflect on its words.

- Bradley Drew, Heska Amuna Synagogue

The vessels are broken,
The kings are dead,
The gods are dead.
The world stands naked,
lonely, broken,
Stirred by a hidden longing
For higher light.
In His eternal mercy
God left in the broken
vessels residues of His light.
In every life pulse,
In all existence,
There is a spark,
a spark of a
Spark.

Rabbi Avraham Yitzchak Kook

Area retreat attendees include
Jim Bogard
(JCOR),
Jim Handler (Oak Ridge),
Bradley Drew
(Heska Amuna Synagogue), and
Matt Niad
(JCOR)



Heska Amuna Religious School News

By Betty Golub, Education and Family Programming Director

We very quickly go from Tu B'Shevat to Purim to Pesach within a matter of weeks. I would like to make some suggestions on how to make your Seder become a hands-on Family Education program within your home. Here are some ideas that you can easily try:

1. **Create** a Passover family cookbook with treasured recipes from relatives who live near and far. Provide copies of the cookbook as a keepsake for Seder guests and your family.
2. **Plant** herbs. Even the youngest children can help plant parsley, chives, and other herbs in small pots several weeks before Passover. Use them at your own Seder, or bring them as a house gift to your host to be used for *karpas*.
3. **Set aside** special *tzedakah* for Maot Hittim /"Wheat" Funds for food for the needy.
4. **Clear out** non-Passover items from your pantry and donate them to **Second Harvest** or **FISH Pantry** (barrels are at Heska Amuna, the AJCC, and other Jewish organizations.)
5. **Create magnets:** have either younger and older children design stickers or magnets with drawings or computer clip art that can be attached to cabinets, closets, and boxes containing *hametz* or Passover items.
Materials needed: craft foam, craft glue or hot glue gun and glue stick, magnet, scissors
Instructions: Cut letter or shapes out of craft foam, what ever size you want. It is your choice! If you want, you can even buy pre-cut, craft foam letters or shapes. Cut small pieces from your magnet strip or sheet or use magnet dots, and use glue to attach the magnets to the back of your craft foam letters. If you have larger letters use a few magnet pieces. Once all of the glue is dry, hang your magnets on your refrigerator.
6. **Investigate** - take your children to visit the "Kosher for Passover" aisle in a local supermarket before or during Passover. Find out which foods are marked "Kosher for Passover." Then find foods that can never be kosher for Passover (e.g., bread), those that don't need any markings (e.g., fresh apples), and products that need labels marking them "Kosher for Passover" (e.g., cake mixes). Watch the list grow each year as more companies create special foods for Passover!
7. **Involve** your children in creating place cards for all the Seder guests at your own Seder table or as a present for your host. Matzah backgrounds and other Passover theme clip art are available on the web.
8. **Search** - the Search for Leaven/*Bedikat Hametz* is the formal search for any leaven that may remain after a thorough cleaning for Passover is completed. Use a pre-made kit or have your children assemble one with your own candle (or small flashlight), a wooden spoon, and a feather. Look for pieces of bread that have been specially placed around the home – preferably in plastic bags. Children can take turns hiding and/or searching for the specially-placed *hametz*.

Blessing for Hametz

Ba-ruch Ah-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hay-nu Meh-lech
Ha-olam Ah-sheh Ki-de-sha-nu B-mitz-vo-tav
V-tzi-va-nu Al Bee-ur Chametz.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe,
who has sanctified us by His commandments, and has
commanded us concerning the removal of chametz.

9. **Give homework** to your Seder guests when you invite them. Each family or person can be assigned in advance to research, explain, or lead a different part of the Haggadah. This division of the Seder encourages more participation.
10. **Prepare** new verses for Dayenu for your Seder. Choose verses that relate to each person's family history, modern Israel, and world Jewry.

From my family to yours, have a happy Passover!

Betty



בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל
בְּעוֹר חָמֵץ.

Come Join Us for Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat

FRIDAY, APRIL 25



Designed for children ages 2 to 6 years old
Shabbat dinner begins at
6:00 p.m. with services following
dinner. We welcome Shabbat with
good food and good friends.

\$10.00 per family for dinner

Questions? Contact Morah Betty at 522-0701 or
morahbetty@heskaamuna.org

New Movies, Projects Planned for Anne Frank Story

Next year is the 70th anniversary of Anne Frank's death at 16 in the Bergen Belsen concentration camp. Several major events and projects will commemorate the life of Frank, whose diary, written while her family was in hiding in Amsterdam, has come to symbolize young people's literary introduction to the Holocaust.

One project is a two-part miniseries from the German production company Constantin Film and public broadcaster ZDF. This series will trace the lives of Frank, her



family and friends starting three years before they were forced into hiding by the Nazis. The focus will be the transformation of the young Frank from an extroverted young girl before her time in hiding to the increasingly introverted and reflective teenager seen in her diaries.

Another film project in the works is from Ari Folman, who directed the 2008 Oscar-nominated *Waltz with Bashir* and the award-winning animated *The Congress*. He plans to create an animated feature for younger audiences based on Frank's life.



Guess Who's Coming to Seder Dinner?

April 14 and 15, host homes

What is a community, if you don't know those in your community?

This year Heska Amuna Synagogue's community Seder will be hosted in our congregation's homes. We hope that the Guess who's coming to Seder Dinner? Passover program will build relationships, community, and friendships among our members.

If you're interested in being a guest Please contact Bradley at (865) 522-0701 or email at admin@heskaamuna.org.

Are you interested in hosting? Let us know!

There will not be any cost to congregational member families and non-member families. Call for specific pricing.

You must R.S.V.P. to be included in this program by April 10 (Whether you are hosting friends and have an extra spot, or you would like to be a host and have the synagogue assign guests to your home, or if you just want to be a guest at a home you must R.S.V.P.)

Call (865) 522-0701 For More Information

Dates to Remember



Sunday, April 6	Gan K'Tan Parents and children Passover celebration and Seder
April 13 –April 20	Passover Break
Wednesday, April 23	Classes resume
Friday, April 25	Tot Shabbat
Saturday, April 26	Family Minyan

Gan K'Tan—Sunday, April 6



**We come together
for music, art, stories, games,
Hebrew, snack and good friends
— all in a fun Jewish environment!**

\$5.00 per session

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

Shabbat Boogie Spring Session!

At Heska Amuna Synagogue

Come Sing, Dance & Play!!!



Music and movement teaches children direction, rhythm, body parts and more along with increasing their knowledge of Hebrew words. Ages 5 & Under. Taught by Lydia Drew

10:00 A.M.-11:00A.M.

March	April	May	June
14th	11th	9th	13th
28th	25th	30th	27th

Cost: \$10 Per 8 week Session

Contact: (865) 522-0701 For More Information

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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
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We Need Your 2014 High School, College Graduate Information

Please let our Jewish community know if you have a high school or college student in your family who will be graduating from high school or college this year, so we can publish your good news in the July 2014 issue of *Ha'Kol*.

Please provide the student's name and family information (son or daughter of, grandson of community member). If the student is graduating from **high school**, list the high school name and their future plans – if going to college, provide the name of the college and what they plan to study. If graduating from **college**, please let us know the degree earned and their future plans! If there's other information about your student that you'd like to share (honors, special recognition, senior honors) or a recent photo, please send that as well.

Please send your information and photos to jyork@jewishknoxville.org or mail to *Ha'Kol*, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

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In memory of Logan Brown

By: Jenny Glover

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In honor of Marilyn Burnett and the work she does for the Synagogue.

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In memory of Logan Brown

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Yetta Burnett

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In memory of Yetta Burnett

By: Gene and Pat Rosenberg

In memory of our mother

By: The children of Elaine Brown

In memory of Yetta Burnett

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In memory of Elaine Brown

By: Rosalie and Stephen Nagler

In memory of Yetta Burnett

By: Raphe, Susette and William Panitz

In memory of Elaine Brown

By: B.S. Lake

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In honor of Marilyn Burnett

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Thank
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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



Sisterhood Happenings

It has been said that it takes a village to raise a child. Well, it took our congregation to make the AH-MEN Feast and silent auction a most successful and enjoyable fund raiser for JCOR.

Hilary Shreter was chairman of the event, Alice Feldman and Albert Good were in charge of the silent auction and Mark Kaye was the master chef. The rest of us helped in many capacities.

Hats off to our members!



JCOR's 2014 Singing Waiters brought both style and sustenance to Ah-Men Feast participants.

(Left) Eileen Handler with Dan and Hanna Shapira enjoy JCOR's Ah-Men Feast.



(Right) The Holy Rollers and their delicious Purim hamentaschen.



Upcoming JCOR Events

Saturday, April 5, 7:00 p.m. Jewish Film Series

Dear Mr. Waldman, Israel, 2006, NR, 84 minutes

Set in early 1960s Tel Aviv, this coming-of-age story centers on 10-year-old Hilik and his struggle to help heal the emotional wounds of his father, who hasn't recovered from losing his elder son at Auschwitz. Still in denial, Moishe believes his son escaped and is now President Kennedy's aide. To help his father move on and gain the father-son relationship he sorely needs, Hilik puts Moishe's love to the test.

Saturday, April 5, 7:00 p.m. -- Junior Film Pajama Party

Parents, bring your kids down in their PJs for a film party of their own while you enjoy the Jewish Film Series upstairs - for only \$5 per child. Popcorn, drinks, and fun included! Contact Katie Niad for additional information: katie@niad.net.

Saturday, April 26, after the Shabbat Morning Services

Study session: *Shulchan Aruch*

Hosts and Hostesses

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

- April 5** Peggy and Randy Laxton, Nona and Sam Poole
- April 12** Shirley Schwartz, Carolyn and Bud Stein
- April 19** Fran Silver, Jill and Stuart Chasan - PASSOVER
- April 26** Ilana and Moshe Siman-Tov, Vera and Leon Maya

- May 3** Avigail and Victor Rashkovsky, Sarah and David Stuart
- May 10** Mel Tobias, Bruce Tomkins
- May 17** Hilary Shreter, Yardena and Moshe Yair
- May 24** Reeva and Marvin Abraham, Elena and Carlos Bamberger
- May 31** Linda and Zane Bell, Becky and George Charles

COMMUNITY SEDER



MONDAY, APRIL 14

(FIRST NIGHT OF PASSOVER)

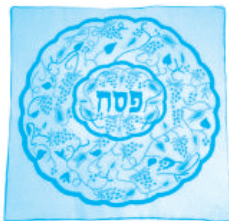
6:00 P.M.

JCOR, 101 WEST MADISON LANE, OAK RIDGE

Join us for a traditional Passover Seder and meal. Relax and share the holiday with your friends and family. All guests are welcome.

FOOD, FAMILY, SONG, AND JOY

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I'm Bound Up And Yet I'm As Free As Can Be...

By Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

Standing before Pharaoh, Moses demands in the name of G-d, that he "Let My people go, that they may serve Me!" I'm sure someone had to have asked Moses, Wait a minute, where are you taking us? What's this "serve Me" you're talking about? Did you not say "freedom?"

When asked to define freedom most people think of it as the removal of all external constraints on a person's development and self-expression. Freedom is the natural state of man, this line of reasoning implies; free him of all outside forces that limit and inhibit him, and you have a free human being.

So why does Moses tell the Jews he will make them free, only to give them the Torah which will restrict them in so many ways?

In the neighborhood of Reb Meir of Premishlan a disciple of the Baal Shem Tov, the founder of the Chasidic movement, the *mikveh* stood at the foot of a steep mountain. When the slippery weather came, everyone had to walk all the way around for fear of slipping on the mountain path and breaking their bones—everyone, that is, apart from Reb Meir, who walked down and up that path whatever the weather, and never slipped.

One icy day, Reb Meir set out as usual to take the direct route to the *mikveh*. Two guests were staying in the area, sons of the rich who had come somewhat drifted from their Chasidic upbringing. These two young men did not believe in supernatural achievements, and when they saw Reb Meir striding downhill with sure steps as if he were on a solidly paved highway, they wanted to demonstrate that they too could negotiate the hazardous path. As soon as Reb Meir entered the *mikveh* building, therefore, they took to the road. After only a few steps they stumbled and slipped, and hurt themselves.


Sometime after recovering from their wounds they mustered the courage to approach the *tzaddik* with the question: why was it that no man could cope with that treacherous path, yet the Rebbe never stumbled?

Replied Reb Meir: "If a man is bound up on high, he doesn't fall down below. Meir'l is bound up on high, and that is why he can go up and down, even on a slippery hill."

True freedom means that man, no matter how free of external constraints, is a finite creature, ever subject to the limits of his own nature and character. That to attain true freedom he must therefore transcend his humanity—his emotional, intellectual, even spiritualself—and access the "spark of G-dliness" that is the infinite, supra-human self.

"Going out of Egypt" which in Hebrew means "boundaries" and "constrictions", is the endeavor to transcend limitations, to rise above all that inhibits the soul of man—whether these are externally imposed inhibitions, caused by the peer pressure of one's social circle, or the inherent limitations of man's own nature.

So this year when you celebrate our freedom, don't just celebrate the freedom we earned over 3,300 years ago celebrate your own freedom and break free of your own perceived limitations you think you have, and bound yourself to G-d, so that you can go up and down the slippery hills which you encounter in life.



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April 12

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 ◆ Rose Mildred Belaief ◆ David Hecht ◆ Phillip Slusher ◆ Luna Anidjar ◆ Sylvia Blumenthal ◆ Arthur Joel Jay

April 19

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President's Message: What's with the Why?

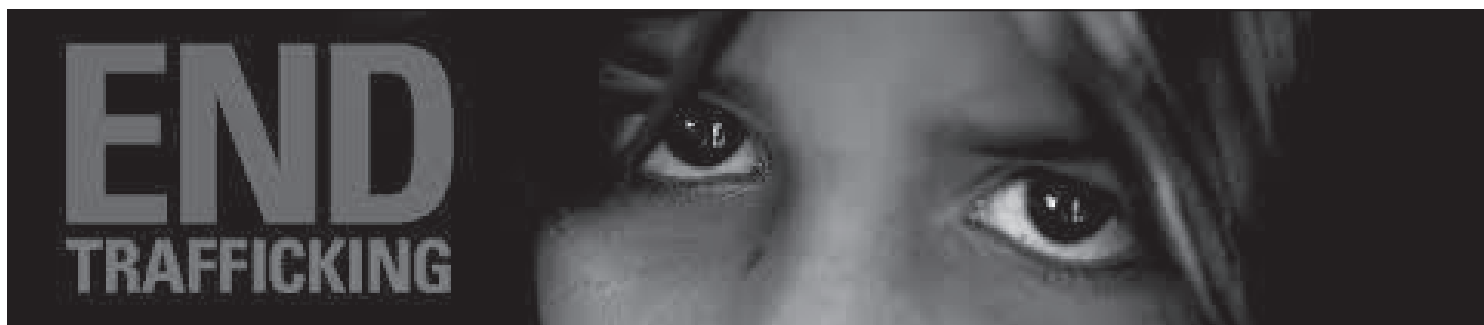
By Shuli Mesa, Knoxville Hadassah President

Last month, you were introduced to the first of four ideologies that make up the **Why** of Hadassah; *Tikkun Olam* or healing the World. This very sentiment was beautifully represented on February 9 when our community came together for Mitzvah Day. By spending only a few hours of our day, we were able to make an impact in our world, no matter how large or small. Hadassah Knoxville sent packages to soldiers abroad through Any Soldier as our part in that momentous day. A very special thank you goes to Barbara Mintz and Elizabeth Spenser for leading our table, as well as those that brought items, stopped by to help load the boxes or make cards.

Another ideal that drives the **why** of Hadassah is *Klal Yisrael*, embracing that we are one; one world, one community. What happens to one of us happens to us all. Our hearts ache for the ills of the world and our actions strive to correct the injustice. Join us on May 12 when we unite with Chattanooga in taking a stand against Slave Trafficking. We are one!

The Chattanooga Hadassah chapter will present a program on **Slave Trafficking** on **Monday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.** Join the Knoxville Chapter as we travel to Chattanooga to join forces against this terrible crime. We will meet at the AJCC at 5:00 p.m. to caravan our way to Chattanooga.

Save the Date. MAY 12—7:00 p.m. Chattanooga. This is one program that you won't want to miss!



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**Hadassah Welcomes
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Shannon Martindale is an East Tennessee native who resides in Maryville with her three rescue kittens Zoey, Ella, and Willa.

Shannon completed her bachelor's degree in German at UT Knoxville. She has also earned her MPA from Valdosta State University. Shannon is a service and training manager for Old Navy. Shannon enjoys reading, knitting, sci-fi, running and yoga.

Shannon has already made a commitment to our Knoxville Hadassah chapter by becoming our corresponding secretary. We are delighted to welcome this enthusiastic young woman into our Hadassah family.

The Biggest Loser: The Jewish Edition

Sunday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m.
Heska Amuna Synagogue, 3811 Kingston Pike

Passover Pilates



Join with Jewish Women in Knoxville as we take back our health. Steal a break from your Spring Cleaning and the massive baking that is a Passover Seder and join us as we take a moment to strengthen our bodies and minds through Pilates. Grab a towel and some water as we are guided through the Pilates world by Susie.

Contact Shuli Mesa: shulime@gmail.com or 356-7749
or Peggy Littmann: plittmann@comcast.net

Open to all Participants and Friends....

Knoxville Hadassah Project Reaps Rewards of Mitzvah Day Activity

The Knoxville Hadassah chapter created soldier shoeboxes filled with toiletries, pens, notepads, granola and protein bars, hard candies and toys for the soldiers to give to children in the remote areas they patrol. Participants also created handwritten thank you notes to include. While outside, the weather was chilly, Hadassah hearts and hands were warm inside as members worked.



Liz Spenser and Michael Burse pack shoeboxes for soldiers for Hadassah's Any Soldier project at Mitzvah Day.



Volunteers sort goodies for the shoeboxes.

Large Certificates

Recent large certificates include a special Simcha certificate honoring Marilyn Burnett on her many contributions to our community and her "retirement" from Heska Amuna Synagogue.

Memorial certificates include:

- ★ In memory of Elaine Brown, Mother of Ken (Susan) Brown, Steve Brown, and David (Karen) Brown, Grandmother of Benjamin, Michael, Sarah, Daniel, Laurel, Rachel, June and Ariana
- ★ In memory of Thelma Weisberg, Sister of Sandy (Alfred) Robinson
- ★ In memory of Bess Feld, Mother of Neil (Linda) Feld
- ★ In memory of Gary Rawlings, Stepfather of Lisa (Gary) Sayles
- ★ In memory of Patricia "Christina" Gregory, Daughter of James Gregory
- ★ In memory of Barbara Goodstein Rubin, Mother of Janice Rubin and Nina Rubin
- ★ In memory of Selma Tobe, Mother of Donna, Elaine, Laura and Jerry
- ★ In memory of Isabel Margolies, Sister of Leona Popkin Spritz
- ★ In memory of Marie Noon, Mother of Chuck (Missy) Noon
- ★ In memory of Millie James, Mother of Wesley (Norma) James
- ★ In memory of Logan Brown, Great-Grandson of Edith Brown, Grandson of Robin Brown, Son of Adam Brown and Jill Brown, Brother of Stephen Brown
- ★ In memory of Yetta Burnett, Mother-in-Law of Marilyn Burnett, Mother of Michael Burnett and Evelyn (Harold) Silvey, Grandmother of Lenny Burnett and Mark Silvey
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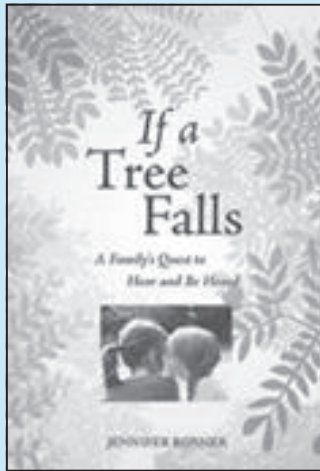
Hadassah Book Club News

Our Hadassah Book Club will meet **Tuesday, April 22** at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Kingston Pike. We will be discussing *If a Tree Falls*, by Jennifer Rosner. As a special treat, Barbara Mintz will be moderating this discussion. Barbara is a certified speech pathologist and she will be able to bring special insight into the themes and topic of this book.

Any interested Jewish women or friends are invited to attend. Please call or e-mail Peggy Littmann with any questions. 588-6661, plittmann@comcast.net.

If a Tree Falls

Jennifer Rosner's revelatory memoir explores family, silence, and what it means to be heard. When her daughters are born deaf, Rosner is stunned. Then, she discovers a hidden history of deafness in her family, going back generations to the Jewish enclaves of Eastern Europe. Traveling back in time, she imagines her silent relatives, who showed surprising creativity in dealing with a world that preferred to ignore them. Rosner shares her journey into the modern world of deafness, and the controversial decisions she and her husband have made about hearing aids, cochlear implants and sign language. An imaginative odyssey, punctuated by memories of going unheard, Rosner's story of her daughters' deafness is at heart a story of whether she - a mother with perfect hearing - will hear her children.



Help Israel By Purchasing Tree, 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.



Call Joyce York at (865) 384-6177 or send an email to joyceyork12@gmail.com to arrange for a tree or water certificate to be sent for you.

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Dad's Day a Fun Day at KJDS

KJDS students loved having their Dads come to spend the morning with them. They started out having breakfast together, then enjoyed a competitive game of father/child Jenga followed by Shabbat party, a visit to their classrooms, and ending with building a toolbox with Dad. Thanks Home Depot for the donation of the tool box kits!



Knoxville Jewish Day School

is now accepting applications for the
2014-2015 school year.

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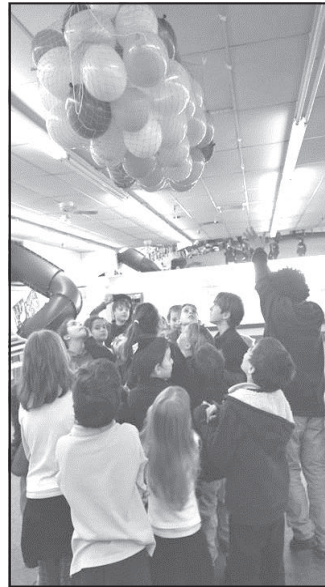
(Clockwise)

Sharing some of our favorite classroom activities with dads.

Jenga with a twist - share a favorite of dad's or kids before pulling a piece.

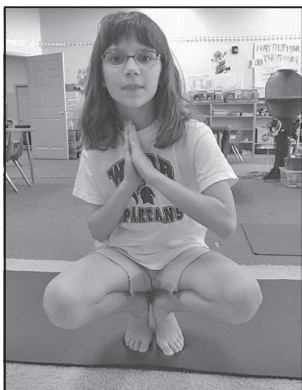
Shanti and Dad work together to build a toolbox.

100th Day of School



Students celebrated the 100th day of school with a 100 balloon drop, a 100 cup challenge, 100 responses to questions, and many other exciting activities that kept us busy all day!

Aftercare Enrichment Activities



This spring, the Knoxville Jewish Day School offers aftercare enrichment classes in Legos, science experiments, track club, yoga, gymnastics, and crafts. The kids are having a blast!

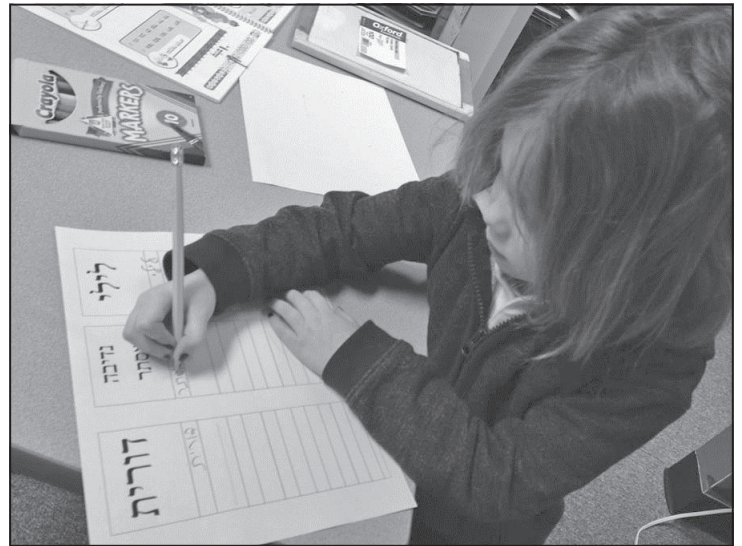
Hebrew

What does a dendrologist? An Israeli tourist? And an Egyptian slave all have in common? Our students can say them all in Hebrew!

Our Hebrew units this semester have been engaging and exciting. Second graders recently finished a project in which they each studied a tree of choice. They wrote a book, *IN HEBREW*, which explains why they chose this tree, different facts about the tree, how it changes through the seasons, where and how it grows and how this fruit is used. Their books are real masterpieces! Their test results at the end of the unit are a true testimony to the success of Project-Based Learning in the classroom. When students participate in Project-Based Learning, they practice an interdisciplinary array of skills from math, language arts, fine arts, geography, science, Hebrew and technology.

Third graders are “touring Israel” and have so far travelled to Ben Gurion airport, Be’er Sheva, Yam Hamelach, Chevron and Eilat. They are so excited to learn all about Israel! They are enjoying creating a picture album of all the places they visit and writing a little about each place!

Fourth and Fifth graders wowed us with their ability to transfer their Hebrew knowledge to text. They studied the Passover story from the text, the *chumash*. Throughout the unit they had different opportunities to earn LEGO pieces and periodically they’d have a “build” where they could see how big of a pyramid they could make out of LEGOs! Students applied their knowledge of *Shorashim* (root words), prefixes, suffixes, vocabulary and Jewish history and had an enjoyable experience opening a Chumash and studying!



Students build sentences in Hebrew and earn Legos for future builds.



(Right) Fourth and fifth graders attempt to build a pyramid with the Legos they've earned.

Above) Cora, first grade, practices Hebrew writing. Linoy, first grade, responds to questions on a story she's read in Hebrew. Students attempt to build a Lego pyramid with the blocks they've earned.

Want Coffee? Or Conversation?

KJDS has introduced a new social activity to the calendar. *Coffee Talk*, which happens once a month, is an hour-long discussion with parents and administrators to discuss topics that are prevalent to today's society and children. The most recent "coffee talk" was about technology in our homes and schools. Parents learned about different ways to keep their children safe on computers, iPads, and cellphones, as well as on televisions at home.



Parents also discussed where their family is currently in regards to technology, ie... how much television is watched at home, how much computer/ipad time there is, etc....As well as a discussion on what parents felt was appropriate at different age levels and where society is going with all of the technology at our fingertips. We all discussed our school's approach to technology which to sum up, is a deliberate, thoughtful approach that introduces technology in areas where it furthers our academic and social goals, not just for the sake of being able to boast the use of technology.

You can find links to some excellent articles as well as ways to protect your children by visiting the KJDS website and clicking on the Resources tab, and then Technology at Home or School, or typing in the url: http://www.kjds.org/templates/articlecco_cdo/aid/2505749/jewish/Technology-at-Home-and-School.htm

Quad Blogging: We are Connected

Our 4th and 5th graders are interacting with classrooms in England and Scotland through their blogs! Yup you've got it right our 4th and 5th graders have taken on blogging! They blog about their experiences in school, about what they are learning, at times they have prompted topics like responding to a writing prompt with a 100 word challenge, responding to a question their teacher poses and other times their blogging about what they love. Bringing their writing to a larger audience has invigorated their passion in writing and this quad blogging experience has them making connections, gaining insights, and connecting with other kids their age – an incredible example of the benefit of technology in the classrooms.

We touched base with our 4-5 students and here's what they have to say:

"We get to connect with kids our age in other countries, see what they are learning about and tell them about what we are studying."

"We've been keeping up our class blog and commenting on each other's posts but now it's getting really exciting to interact with new people, hear new stories, and connect with kids our age we don't know."

"Each week one class's blog is in the spotlight, this week it's Brandon Primary School in England. Their year 6 class is like 5th grade in the U.S. because they don't have Kindergarten. We all comment on their blog this week and next week they are all commenting on ours."

"We look through their blog posts and read the different posts and then choose a few to comment on! It's awesome."

Hallie → 02/26/2014 3:34pm
 Hi Emilia and Amber, my name is Hallie and this is an interesting blog. It was a very intense story line. I liked the part how his grocery bags split. All you need to edit is just use a few more capitals and just add a couple more commas. But, great job and keep up the good work.
 Yours,
 Hallie

Dylan → 02/26/2014 9:53pm
 Amber and Emilia,
 Hi my name is Dylan what do you mean by the super market was on its last leg? You might want to put some dialogue in the story. But I like the wrest of the story.

Sophie and Keegan 02/24/2014 2:49pm

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Front table, left to right: Andie **McDuffie**, Marcie **Shloush**, Mary Beth **Leibowitz**; back table: Clara **Goodstein**, Mary **Corkland** (partially hidden), Jake **Corkland**.

Marcie and Mary Beth remain members of Knoxville's Jewish community. Mary and Jake's grandchildren Douglas and Jeff **Weinstein** and Tonya **Corkland** live in Knoxville. Albert **Good** is a great-nephew of Clara.

Send your photos of The Way We Were to archives@jewishknoxville.org or c/o Archives, Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.