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Welcome Back! Putting Our Hearts, Hands and Minds into Jewish Learning

Temple Beth El Religious School begins Sunday, August 17
and promises to be an exciting place to learn during our 150th Celebration.
(See page 4 for more information.)

Last spring, our students worked with artist Christina Mattison Klaven to create a mosaic that commemorates our congregation's 150th Anniversary. Every child from the youngest to the oldest participated, and with the help of Linda Zaretski, our teen class put on the finishing touches.

You can see our creation on display in the Temple Beth El Library.

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Lunch With God

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

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six pack of root beer, and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase.

He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her a Twinkie. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer.

Again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman, and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before her son responded, she added, "You know, He's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally! *(A story shared by my colleague, Rabbi Stephen Arnold).*



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Sisterhood³ Plans August 5 Rosh Chodesh Event at TBE

The combined Sisterhoods of Heska Amuna, JCOR, and Temple Beth El will celebrate Rosh Chodesh Elul on the evening of Tuesday, August 5. Participants should arrive at the TBE Social Hall by 6:00 p.m. for a light meal and a discussion of "the month of Divine mercy and forgiveness."

Our special project will again be to create Jewish New Year and other greeting cards for those who live in nursing, assisted, and senior residences in our community. No artistic talent is required, just your enthusiasm and friendship.

RSVP to Meredith Jaffe at ldlady@charter.net or (865) 408-1420.



Celebrate With Us

TBE's 150th Anniversary celebration is scheduled for the weekend of **November 7-9**.

PLEASE send us addresses for your grown children, siblings, or cousins who once attended our religious school or for your friends and relatives who have moved away.



Call for Photos and Videos

Did you take photos or videos of your child's Consecration service? Bar or bat mitzvah? Confirmation? Other Temple events? We would love to add these to our Temple Archives in time for our 150th Anniversary media production. Please contact Deborah Roberts at (865) 705-1246 or publicity@tbeknox.org to discuss details.

After 150 Years - What Follows?

Excerpted from Installation Speech 6-27-14 - Liz Gassel, TBE President

‘As the first 150 years come to an end, what follows?’ I ask myself, and I ask you?

We need a plan. Planning means really taking a good, hard look at what is meaningful to this congregation. And if we create a plan, how can we carry it out? You, our leaders and the entire congregation must take an approach to an organized and thoughtful way forward.

After 15 years of being a Temple member, it strikes me that we are a complaint-driven organization. My professional colleagues used to always describe the City of Knoxville as functioning this way. I am so tired of hearing that we “have got to do *that*” or we “must get *this* done before *this date*!” I feel like we are always responding to the latest perceived crisis. We tend to have these routine ways of how to get things done and they are about the **NEED** of the moment. They can be stressful and they are often how we ask our community to volunteer their time here.

As the philosopher, Epictetus says, “Events don’t cause stress. What causes stress is the view you take of events.” Dr. Ellen Langer, a professor of psychology at Harvard, offers that “We live a life that is ongoing, but treat it as if whatever is happening at the moment is the last opportunity we are ever going to have.”

Don’t get me wrong, we do accomplish great things. We succeed most of the time in our efforts but we don’t always consider that ‘life is ongoing’, that there is a ‘broader future.’

I come from a profession that values and insists on defining or identifying an objective and then a planning process worked out to fulfill that objective. With knowledge of your clients’ needs, you craft a plan - designing, drawing, and describing a picture of the whole you wish to build. You don’t necessarily have to build it all at once. You can think in terms of the next three years or maybe even five years. It doesn’t have to be a ‘long term plan’ which can sound daunting to pursue. It does not have to be set in stone. Life is always changing but at least you have some picture of a future, maybe just a near future of where you wish to be. You visualize it. You work towards it. That plan may change along the way as life changes. But that is okay.

You can’t craft a plan without goals. You can call them themes or objectives. I really want you to tell me what is important to you. We have committees in place...each with its own objectives, but some have no chairs and thus no active members. Adult Education, Membership, and Social Justice are a few with no one to lead. Maybe they do not call to you. However, if they do, I need you to tell me and ideally step forward and help bring them back to life - or perhaps you could suggest a better approach.

Personally, I feel we are in great need of an active way to reach out, to encourage, welcome and follow up with prospective and new members. This could well be our initial objective for this next year or two.

However, you, the leadership and you, the congregation are the ones responsible for helping me set the direction of our *Kehillah Kedoshah*, our Holy Community. Equally important, I need each of you to step up and participate in following through on our shared vision.

My personal interest has always been the religious experience, the activity in the sanctuary and all that wraps around it; the learning, the talking, immersing in the depths of Judaism in all its richness and variety. This concern also encompasses embracing the interested outsider, embracing the potential new member family, offering all that Reform Judaism has to contribute to those who crave its inspiration.

Is this the area where our efforts should be directed over the next few years? Or is your involvement with the Temple driven by different needs? I want you leaders to talk to our congregants, show initiative, find like-minded people in the congregation, and discern how they wish to engage in our community.

Another place to look for direction is the Temple Beth El Constitution which defines committees for all key activities of the Temple. Coincidentally, it is very much the time to review and update this document. So I offer another much needed objective: Review the Constitution and get all meaningful committees functioning, viable and vibrant. This can only bring about a more engaged community.

Some of you know that I am a fan of the NPR radio show *On Being* with Krista Tippett. Last week I listened to her interview social psychologist Jonathan Haidt, who says that it doesn’t matter what religion you are, and it doesn’t matter what you believe. If you are part of a religious community, then on average, you’re a better citizen. Religion brings out the good in people. Now, secular people can be perfectly good, too, he says, but on average, they give less and they give less of their time. Religion in the United States creates moral communities that encourage people to not just focus on themselves. Religion binds us together so that we function as a tribal unit.

We can lead together with a plan. We can lead with objectives and goals in mind to craft our plan. We can make the effort to understand the needs of our membership.

When we ask ourselves HOW CAN we make this happen, it is the start of a GREAT PROCESS.

We live a life that is ongoing, but treat it as if whatever is happening at the moment is the last opportunity we are ever going to have.

- Ellen Langer, Ph.D.,
professor of social psychology,
Harvard University

Temple Beth El Religious School August Update

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

TBE Religious School starts Sunday, August 17
Midweek Hebrew begins Wednesday, August 20

Happy 150th Birthday Temple Beth El! I hope everyone has had a chance to rest up this summer because when religious school starts on Sunday, August 17, we will take off like gangbusters. Your School and Youth Committee has worked throughout the summer to plan some great anniversary events. Look for something special almost every week. We have projects to keep your hands busy, guest speakers to keep your minds busy, and enhanced worship and study to keep your hearts in sync with Judaism.

Technology and BYOD (Bring Your Own Device): We want to bring our school into the 21st Century when it comes to technology. We will be working to make our building tech friendly. Look for an updated tech lab as well. Rabbi Matt and Norma are investigating a great new website from Behrman House to support our Hebrew program that can be accessed from any Mac, PC, and any type of tablet. It is not designed for use on a smartphone. The website will be accessible by teachers, students, and parents. Parents can see exactly what your children are learning. Best of all, students can *EASILY* interact on the website at Temple or off-site. In addition, there are games to play as a reward for work done.

Have you recently upgraded your tablet, laptop, or desktop computer? How about donating your old one to us? The more devices we have, the more students can access new learning. Remember that any donated devices need to be fairly new. Are you a SUPER MENSCH? Consider donating a device to our school. Donations of money for technology are always welcome.

We love our Sisterhood! THANK YOU! We received a \$500 donation from our Temple Beth El Sisterhood to be used toward technology. This organization has done so much for us this year. We love partnering with these amazing women.

Mazel Tov to Gabe and Alex Abrams! Twins learn to share very early, and b'nei mitzvah is no exception. Alex and Gabe will both be called to the Torah on **Saturday, August 2**. *Please note the special time for this service is 6:00 p.m.* Gabe and Alex are the sons of Mark and Irina Abrams and the brothers of Michael. Both boys are doing volunteer work for their mitzvah projects. Alex is cleaning and repairing worn down structures in our city parks. Gabe is planting, weeding, and doing other chores at a community farm. Both are wonderful projects. Please join the Abrams family for this very special double *simcha* at six in the evening, Saturday, August 3.

Wow! Jacob Hale will be also become a Bar Mitzvah in August: Labor Day weekend just got even better. Jacob Hale will become a bar mitzvah on **Saturday, August 30**. Jacob is the son of Rachel Hale and Chris Hale and the brother of Ben and Rebecca. For his mitzvah project, Jacob wants to share his love of reading. He is collecting all kinds of new or gently used books to be donated to those who otherwise would not be able to afford them. We hope that all of our students and their families will join Jacob and his family Saturday, August 30 at 10:30 a.m. as Jacob is called to the Torah.

We want your little one in our school! There are so many ways to participate in our religious school this year. We tailor the learning to the developmental level of the child. If you even think you *might* like to enroll your child, send me an email. I believe early childhood Jewish education is very important in setting the groundwork for a positive religious school experience.

- ★ **Torah Tots!** This is our fabulous monthly program for parents and little ones age two to four. Emily Theriot, Norma James, and Rabbi Matt join in the fun with songs, movement, stories, and crafts specially designed to engage our youngest children in the joy of Judaism. It is also a great way for young families to mingle. This program meets once a month from 9:45-11:15 a.m..
- ★ **Preschool Class:** Our Torah Tots from last year will be excited to start "big kid" school this fall. We will have a special class just for our four-year-olds and any five-year-olds who will not be starting kindergarten this year. This class meets every Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. They will have lessons, songs, stories designed for them from the ISJL Early Childhood Curriculum. Don't worry about the long day; there will be plenty of free play as well.
- ★ **Kindergarten Class:** We offer a wonderful ISJL Kindergarten program for children who will attend Kindergarten this fall. Alicia Carter is our veteran teacher of these little learners. She loves them and they love her. This group even gets a touch of Hebrew each week.

What's New at the ISJL? This year, for the first time ever, we sent the Gina Feldblum, one of the School & Youth chairs, to the ISJL Conference in Jackson, Mississippi. She had a blast. If you want to find out what is new in ISJL, come to our parent meeting on **August 17** at **9:45 a.m.** and hear from Gina what is new for our school this year.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM YOUR RITUAL AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We have the honor of compiling the Memorial Book used for the afternoon Yom Kippur Yizkor Service and for other Yizkor Services throughout the Jewish Year.

Once you receive your Memorial Book "new entries, updates, and additions" form in the mail from us, we ask that you return it to Temple Beth El **BEFORE AUGUST 15**. Our priority is to have the contents accurate and the book published in time for the High Holy Days.

**Thank You,
The Ritual and Worship Committee**

It's Time for Sisterhood at Temple Beth El

By Karen Smith and Kathy Young, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Sisterhood is making plans for a new year of Sisterhood, beginning with our opening meeting on **Sunday, September 14 at 10:00 a.m.** at Temple Beth El. Mark your calendar and enjoy a program, visiting with friends old and new, and a brunch. Program Vice President Heather Laing is planning the program so watch future announcements in our *Tuesday Blast* and *Ha'Kol* for information about it.

Sisterhood brochures have been mailed. Please complete the membership application and send with your \$45.00 check 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.

Oneg request forms have been mailed. Please return your form so you can get the date and co-host you want.

Beiler Floral Fund 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 time for Sisterhood at Temple Beth El! Come and join us!



On June 20, The Temple Beth El choir treated the congregation to a Shabbat concert featuring choral arrangements of Shabbat music and a selection of Psalms chosen by Rabbi Michaels and choir directors Kenton and Becky Kidd. Singers were Kenton Kidd, Lynn and Susan Bennett, Catherine Greer, Norma James, Eric White, and Dan Berry. A wine and cheese oneg concluded the evening.

Contributions to Temple Beth El Funds

Donations listed were received as of June 27, 2014

150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By: Mark and Lucy Barkan
By: Louis Gross and Marilyn Kallet
By: Jeff and Charlene Gubitz
By: Lawrence and Kim Hookman
By: Lesley Krakauer
By: Gene and Pat Rosenberg
By: Rabbi Howard and Rona Simon
By: Rebecca Winston

BEILER FLORAL FUND

In honor of the Confirmation Class
By: The Confirmation Class parents

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In memory of Lillian Pomerantz
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In memory of Bobby Ivins
By: Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bernstein
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By: Janice Threlkeld
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By: Neil and Karen Rubin
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In memory of Bobby Ivins
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*In honor of Aron and Hayley Goldfeld's
24th anniversary*
By: Anita Hare Goldfeld
In honor of Richard Jacobstein
By: Cynthia Jacobstein
In memory of Esther Margolina
By: Bella Safto

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Lowell Nisely and Ben Brown
By: Jeffrey and Tamra Brown
In memory of Margaret Moss
By: Neil Moss
In memory of Fred Moss
By: Neil Moss
In memory of Harold Zimmerman
By: Marilyn Kallet
In memory of Richard Harris Marchand
By: Gertrude Siegel
*In honor of Rabbi Michaels officiating at
their 50th wedding anniversary vow renewal*
By: Irving and Sylvia Witcoff
In memory of Ron Young
By: Kathy Young

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

In memory of Sylvia Brenner
By: Gene and Patricia Rosenberg

Sisterhood Delegate Attends District Kallah

By Karen Smith

I attended the WRJ Central District Kallah at GUCI (Goldman Union Camp Institute) in Zionsville (Indianapolis), Indiana, March 21-23. The kallah theme was *Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh! WRJ and our URJ Camps*.

Because I am the Central District membership secretary and a district past president (2004-2006), I arrived early Friday to attend the District Executive Committee meeting, which included officers' reports and approved the budget for the Central District convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio November 7-9.

The kallah gave about 50 delegates the opportunity to enjoy the camp experience beginning on Friday evening with a Shabbat walk to Shabbat services, followed by a Shabbat chicken dinner, a song session, Israeli dancing, and the Oneg Shabbat. All of the Shabbat singing and song session was led by Knoxville's own Leslie Gubitz!

Saturday's Shabbat worship and Torah study were conducted by 4th year rabbinical student Dana Benson and music and song by Leslie Gubitz. Workshop sessions following lunch included an overview of the URJ camps especially GUCI, leadership, communicating and understanding social media, and the basics of WRJ. Havdalah followed Saturday's dinner and was led by Central District past presidents.

We enjoyed an evening of fun playing a game of WRJ trivia, learning about the YES Fund, and laughing over a gently-used purse auction that raised \$1,400 for the YES Fund. Several played mah jongg to end the busy day.

Sunday morning included a plenary to acquaint delegates with the business of Central District. We then divided into areas and spent time with area directors and other sisterhoods sharing and schmoozing about our district sisterhoods. The kallah concluded with lunch and a Sisterhood Circle.

Thanks to Temple Beth El Sisterhood for including a line item in the annual budget for leadership development, allowing members to attend events such as this one.



Karen Smith visits with Leslie Gubitz.

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100 Years of Sisterhood at Temple Beth El (1915-2015)

On February 23, 2015, Temple Beth El Sisterhood will celebrate 100 years of affiliation with WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism) formerly known as NFTS (National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.) Although a women's group existed at Temple Beth El before this date, this is when we officially became a Sisterhood. We have planned a special Sisterhood Shabbat for Friday, February 20, 2015 to mark the occasion.



Over the next few months we will share some of our TBE Sisterhood moments from the past 100 years.

SAVE THE DATE!

Temple Beth El Sisterhood's

MAH JONGG MADNESS

Sunday, October 26, 1:00 p.m.

Temple Beth El, 3037 Kingston Pike


Registration \$18.00

Snacks

Prizes

Mah Jongg

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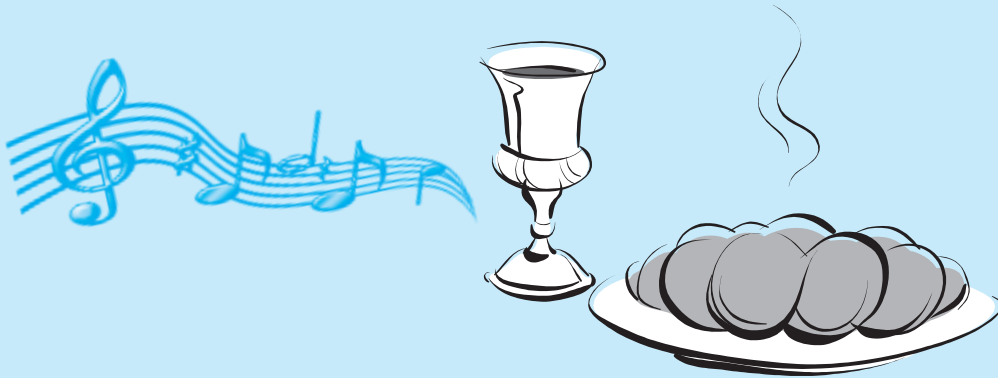
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| | | | | | 1 6p Shabbat Service and Abrams B'nai Mitzvah-TBE | 2 9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 10a Contemplative Service-HA |
| 3 9:30a minyan-HA | 4 7:00a minyan-HA 6-9:30p fencing-Gym | 5 Tish'a B'Av 9a-noon Preschool In-service 9:30a Tisha B'Av Service-HA 6-7p Exec Comm-TBE 6-8p Sisterhood ³ Rosh Chodesh-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym | 6 12-4p Preschool In-Service | 7 7:00a minyan-HA 9a-noon Preschool In-Service-AL 6-7:30p AJCC Preschool Parent Orientation 7:30p Exec Comm-HA | 8 7:30p Shabbat Service with choir-TBE | 9 9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 10a Contemplative Service-HA |
| 10 9:30a minyan-HA 9-4p RS Teacher In-Service-TBE | 11 AJCC PRESCHOOL - First Day 7:00a minyan-HA 7:45a Kinder Kamp 1 9-noon Preschool In-Service-AL 7p Erev Tisha B'Av Service-HA 7:15p Exec Comm-AJCC 6-9:30p fencing-Gym | 12 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 6:30p Board-TBE | 13 | 14 7:00a minyan-HA 7:30p Board of Trustees-HA | 15 5:30p Tot Shabbat-HA 7:30p Shabbat Service with choir-TBE | 16 9:30a Shabbat Service & Lillian Schweitzer bat mitzvah-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR |
| 17 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30-12:30p Religious School-TBE 10a-1p HARS opening day at AJCC Pool | 18 7:00a minyan-HA 7:45a Kinder Kamp 2 6-9:30p fencing-Gym | 19 Noon-KJCFB Board-AL 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7:30p Hadassah Book Group 6-7p R & W-TBE 7:30p Ways/Means-TBE | 20 5:45-6:15p Midweek Pizza & Hebrew-TBE 7:30p R&R Services-HA | 21 7:00a minyan-HA | 22 5p Community-Wide Shabbat at the Pool-AJCC | 23 9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 7p Jewish Film Series-JCOR |
| 24 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a HA Religious School-HA TIME-TIME Preschool Bldg & Grounds Day-AJCC 9:30-12:30p Religious School-TBE | 25 7:00a minyan-HA 6-9:30p fencing-Gym | 26 6-10p Israeli Folk Dance Workshop-AJCC Gym  | 27 6:15p Midweek Hebrew-TBE | 28 7:00a minyan-HA | 29 6p Shabbat Service and Jacob Hale bar mitzvah-TBE | 30 9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 10:30a Jacob Hale bar mitzvah-HA |

The Collector's Eye: American and European Art from the McClung Museum
 August 1-24, 2014 — Monday -Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sunday: 1:00-5:00 p.m. Free admission
 McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture, 1327 Circle Park Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996 (UT Campus)
www.mcclungmuseum.utk.edu - (865) 974-2144

Like many university museums, the McClung Museum has been gifted a variety of art since it opened its doors 50 years ago. From Matisse to East Tennessee artists, and from nineteenth century society portraits to twentieth century abstract art, these 50 paintings, sculptures, and works on paper include works donated by the Knoxville Jewish community's Arnstein and Steinfeld families.

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Everyone's Invited to Celebrate

Shabbat at the Pool

Friday, August 22, 5:00 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville

*A joint program of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Chabad of Knoxville,
Heska Amuna Synagogue, and Temple Beth El*

This event is open to the entire Jewish community.

Shabbat at the Pool features a fabulous grilled dinner and sides buffet.

The AJCC Pool is open all afternoon until 7:00 p.m.

Shabbat, singing, prayers in English and Hebrew with transliterations.

Services led by: Rabbi Alon Ferency, Rabbi Mathew Michaels, Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

Special Guest: Rachel Meytin, Director, the BBYO Panim Institute

5:30 p.m. Wine, Challah and Meal (kosher chicken, hot dogs, veggie dogs and veggie burgers, side dishes, and dessert)

6:45 p.m. Shabbat celebration under the trees! (Rain venue—AJCC Gym)

Adults \$12; Children (ages 5-11) \$6; Children under 5 eat free; Family cap \$36
Meal reservations due by Monday, August 12.

Your check is your reservation—send yours today! Mail your payment (payable to KJA) to KJA, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919. You also can call and secure your reservation by credit card.

Questions? Call 690-6343 or email kja@jewishknoxville.org.

H A P P E N I N G S

Marty's Mission in Action

By Joyce Traugot, Marty's Mission Chair

Here we go again!
Once again I am requesting your support for the Marty's Mission Food Drive. This will begin our ninth year since I brought Marty's Mission to Knoxville. For some who may be new to this community I started Marty's Mission in memory of my husband, Marty Traugot.



My one regret is that no one in the Knoxville community got to know him.

Please bring non-perishable foods to the organization of your choice - Temple Beth El, Heska Amuna Synagogue, KJA, or Knoxville Jewish Day School. All have barrels to receive your food donations. This drive is all year long but as our thoughts turn to the Holy Days, please remember to bring your donations to help support this effort. The food you donate goes to Second Harvest Food Bank and FISH Hospitality Pantries to be disbursed among families in need of assistance. The need is great and I want to thank you in advance for your continued support.

If you have any questions please call me at (865) 675-6260 or email me at joymar.44@gmail.com.

My sincerest thanks for your support.



Got the Music in You?
Calling All Songwriters,
Singers, and Musicians

We are recruiting musical artists to participate in a CD to be produced jointly between Nashville and Israel, with the goal of being available to the public by April 2015.

Please contact Deborah Oleshansky at doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org or

Come Join the Fun!

Israeli Dance Workshop Open to All

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 — 6:00-10:00 p.m.
Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive

The Arnstein Jewish Community Center and the Knoxville Israeli Dancers present the 18th annual (Chai year!) 2014 ISRAELI FOLKDANCE WORKSHOP featuring Dany Benshalom and Ruthy Slann.

Fee: AJCC members \$11.00; non-members \$14.00; students \$6.00.

Everyone is invited; dances are taught in great detail; easy to learn for beginners. Come, let's be happy and dance! Refreshments served.



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Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Ha'Kol

August 2014

KINDER KAMP

August 11-15 and August 18-22
7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

During the two weeks of Knox County's kindergarten assessment, your child can enjoy summer camp at MCDC's KINDER KAMP.

- ◆ A fun, structured place for your rising kindergartener during the two weeks of staggered days
- ◆ Arts and crafts, games, activities
- ◆ Lunch and snacks provided
- ◆ Nature excursions on our 13-acre campus
- ◆ Gross motor play in our gym and on our playground.

Cost: \$200 per week (any four days).
No extended care available.

***KINDER KAMP** is a specialty camp provided by Milton Collins Day Camp. Limited space is available so register now. Find MCDC registration forms at www.jewishknoxville.org or by calling the AJCC at (865) 690-6343.*

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KJA 2014 Campaign

Campaign Goal \$360,000

As of 7/10/14

2014 Annual Campaign: \$267,669

26 new donors

92 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."

AJCC Preschool Welcomes New Director

Kristen Cannon has been appointed as the new AJCC Preschool director. The volunteer committee reached this decision following a lengthy process and interviews with potential applicants.

Not only is Cannon a familiar face for many of our current preschool families, she is highly qualified. Most recently she served in the position of acting co-director of the AJCC's Camp K'Tonton. Cannon's classroom experience includes being a member of the Gimel classroom teaching team. Prior to joining the AJCC Preschool program, Cannon has an extensive background, both as a preschool teacher and as a director. She looks forward to the opportunity to work together with the Knoxville community for the benefit of our youngest members. Please join the KJA and AJCC in welcoming Kristen Cannon to our community's early childhood team!



KJA Friendshippers Say Goodbye to Mimi Pais

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

Mimi Pais was the steering committee chairperson for the KJA Friendshippers group since 2010. She was instrumental in planning many of our best KJA Friendship programs in recent years, and even performed at several of them. Mimi passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2014. Because Mimi's family captured her spirit so well in her obituary, we wanted to share it with you all. *May Mimi's memory be a blessing.*



Mimi Pais

PAIS, MIRIAM (MIMI KORKIN) SCHNITMAN - age 87, of Knoxville, loving wife of Arthur Pais, formally Mimi Schnitman, left this good earth on Saturday, July 12, 2014, to continue on singing, dancing, laughing, and enjoying the exceptional life she led. Art and Mimi shared such a happy life together. Mimi traveled with Art throughout the Southeast. As a Holocaust survivor, Art speaks with both adults and children as young as 10 years old, to share his story and to teach the community about the suffering of six million Jews who were lost in the Holocaust.

Mimi was a member of Temple Beth El in Knoxville, and a lifetime member of Hadassah. The youngest of the four children of Simon and Rae Korkin, Mimi was raised in Waterbury, Connecticut, where she received a degree from the University of Connecticut with majors in English and French. Mimi started dancing as a little girl, first with tap and later with modern dance. Music was the peace and love which she shared so often with all those in her life. Growing up during the war, she and her sisters would dance with the soldiers who visited their home on Columbia Boulevard, in Waterbury Connecticut. She was married to Ed Schnitman in 1953 in Waterbury, Connecticut. Soon after, in 1956, Ed was offered an opportunity to become manager of quality control at a new furniture company called Berkline Corporation, in Morristown, TN. Mimi worked with TVA, creating a news magazine about the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Morristown Chamber of Commerce, Berkline, and Tusculum College during her time in Morristown. While at Berkline, she assisted with the implementation of the Berkline Newsletter. Mimi was very active in the community. Perhaps most notably was Mimi's work with friends to help bring a community theater to Morristown. Soon those living in the area would be able to see hundreds of plays through the development of the Theater Guild on 314 South Hill Street in Morristown. Many will recall her active role with Kiwanis Kapers. For a period of time she moved to Reston, VA. Mimi and Ed had two children, Robert Schnitman of Colchester, CT and Suzi (Schnitman) Ginsburg of Boca Raton, FL. Her greatest gift to her children was a love and appreciation of music, theatre, dance and art.

After the passing of her husband Ed in 1995, Mimi rekindled her love of life when she married Arthur Pais of Knoxville, TN, on April 15, 2001. Art and Mimi shared a love of the arts, and the life of the Jewish people. Mimi is predeceased by her first husband Ed Schnitman, her parents Simon and Rae Korkin, brother, Alfred Korkin, and sister Ruth Wilson. She is survived by husband Arthur Pais; her son Robert C. Schnitman; her daughter Susan L. Ginsburg (Silverio); granddaughters, Lauren E. Schnitman and Katherine R. Schnitman; grandsons, Scott D. Gibson and Nathan J. Gibson; and great-granddaughters Alyssa Gibson, and Emmalee Gibson; and her sister Rhoda Roth; daughter-in-law Susan Healy Schnitman; son-in-law Ricky Ginsburg; and her extended family Jeanne Pais, Ray Pais, Bert Pais, Wendy Baker, their spouses and children.

Memorial Service—August 10, 11:00 a.m.

A memorial service will be held at Temple Beth El, 3037 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, on **Sunday, August 10 at 11:00 a.m.** with Rabbi Mathew Michaels presiding. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, 2417 West End Ave., Nashville, TN 37240.

High Holidays Greetings Time is Here!

The 2014 High Holidays are just around the corner! Please consider purchasing a **High Holiday greeting**, to be published in the September 2014 issue of *Ha'Kol*, then go back to enjoying your summer. Ads range from \$35 to \$70 and are a terrific way to celebrate our holiday *and* support publication of your community newsletter. Don't want to buy an ad? Then please consider making a donation to offset the costs of producing *Ha'Kol*.



2014 High Holiday Greetings forms are posted online at www.jewishknoxville.org, at Heska Amuna Synagogue, Temple Beth El, and the AJCC. Request a form via email from jjork@jewishknoxville.org and a PDF form will be sent to you.

Thanks to the community members who support Ha'Kol.

TAPS Creates Civil Rights Wax Museum, Honors 3 Freedom Riders

Knoxville's 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Civil Rights Act's passage. TBE's reception and repast was terrific; Rabbi Matt was a stellar "MC" and host; Marilyn's catering skills brought forth praise -- and multiple requests for recipes; and the speakers' stories were both heartbreaking and heartwarming.

On Wednesday afternoon, Milton Collins Day Camp's TAPS teens and MCDC camp staff created a "wax museum of famous human rights advocates" which provided a meaningful experience for our campers. It was wonderful to have guests from the City of Knoxville visit and see the creativity and diversity within our camp.

In the teen session after the museum project, our guests were personable, frank, humble and easy to approach as they shed light on a dark period of American history. They were impressed by the youths' questions and manners. Our teens were equally impressed. As one camper said of Rabbi Dresner, "He's chill!" High praise, indeed.



(L-R) Martin Luther King, Jr. (aka Julian) meets Avon Rollins.

Aretha Franklin (aka Noelani) tells her story to Rabbi Dresner.

Harriet Beecher Stowe (aka Jordan) and young campers.

Kindergarteners greet Dorie Ladner, a Freedom Rider.



Rabbi Israel Dresner meets himself, portrayed by Andrew Weinstein at the civil rights wax museum created for MCDC. After the wax museum, TAPS teens got a private meeting with Avon Rollins, Dorie Ladner, Israel Dresner.

Preschool and Camp Have Lots to Contribute to Children's Wellness

By Katie Bellnier Thomas, AJCC Preschool Bet Teacher

The choice to put your child into a preschool program is a tough one. After all, a four-year-old is a *very* young person, and a two-year-old? Even younger! I have listened to parents concerns' as they begin preschool for years now, and I have also heard their joys months later. With little variation, a change occurs in how parents and children feel about coming to preschool everyday: from fearful to rapturous. This speaks to the quality of our program specifically but also to the benefits of preschool in general. Even though parents are doubtful of their child's readiness for an all-day program at first, they want their child to reap the benefits they've heard about. They want to see their child learn to get along with others and to be engaged in learning throughout the day. These are the advantages we most commonly expect preschool to offer children. However, there are many more!

I continually observe vast vocabulary expansion in the first few weeks of preschool. Teachers talk to the children very frequently in group and individual settings, but the children talk to each other constantly! They learn to self-regulate their emotions and become more independent quickly because these are necessary skills for a group environment. Not only do they begin to "get along" with others, as every parent hopes, they learn to negotiate through conflict themselves and to listen to each other. They learn respect, empathy, and decency. They get a crash course in social studies as they interact with people from varying social, ethnic, and religious backgrounds on a daily basis. Children gain a sense of security, time, sequence, and organization as they follow a daily routine. We teach nutrition, self-help skills, and manners with every meal. We facilitate math, literacy, creative, and cognitive skill with every play time. It's true that children naturally embark on a developmental journey every day, whether at home or in a preschool program, but the speed at which they reach these maturities when in a heavily facilitated environment continues to amaze me year after year.

Perhaps early attainment of such developmental skills is why studies have linked preschool attendance with a variety of forms of success. For example, the HighScope Perry Preschool Study found that individuals who were enrolled in a quality preschool program ultimately earned up to \$2,000 more per month than those who were not. Young people who were in preschool programs are more likely to graduate from high school, to own homes, and have longer marriages. Other studies, such as the Abecedarian Project, show similar results. Children in quality preschool programs are less likely to repeat grades, need special education, or get into future trouble with the law. (*The National Education Association*).

If such advantages are gained by attending preschool, what benefits can be expected from an integrated camp and preschool experience such as that found at the AJCC? Obviously, we continue and extend the learning opportunities that result in advanced developmental skill throughout the school year, but summer camp has a little bit more to offer as well. Each class goes to the pool every day except Friday. Spending time outside in the water as a group gets kids moving and exploring in ways that nurture sensory development, science and nature learning, and gross-motor development. It also just A LOT of fun and a great summer alternative to restlessness at home. Our summer camp also features guest visitors on Fridays. We have hosted the Ijams Nature Center, the Knox County Library, the Knoxville Zoo, and more! These visits provide special learning opportunities, such as seeing rare animals that excite and engage children. It sure beats watching it on YouTube! Children get to know different teachers and classmates during the summer, while still enjoying the familiar

faces of loved teachers and playmates, furthering their social and emotional development. They also get to maintain a routine similar to the school year so that they have easy transitions.

With additional outdoor play, swim time, special guest visits, and new teachers and friends that camp offers, many of the benefits of a regular preschool program are still part of your child's experience such as facilitated learning from projects, group times, and the classroom environment. While saying 'goodbye' to our small children every weekday morning year-round can seem intimidating, an integrated camp and preschool experience can also offer lots to enjoy.

K'Tonton campers enjoy a program by the Knoxville Zoo that includes meeting a hedgehog!



KJA Volunteers Do Make a Difference

By Manny Herz, KJA President

Non-profit organizations such as the Knoxville Jewish Alliance depend upon the success of its business enterprises and generous contributions of time and money. I would like to share three recent examples of volunteerism that have made a difference.

The New and Improved www.jewishknoxville.org Website

As you may already be aware, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance launched an all new version of www.jewishknoxville.org earlier this summer. This would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the KJA's volunteer web administrator, **Jane Cohen**. Although our website is maintained locally, it is hosted by FedWeb, which is part of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Jane attended numerous webinars and conference calls hosted by FedWeb, created pages and forms for our new website, uploaded countless photos (sadly, all of the content we'd uploaded to our old website did not automatically transfer to the new one, so Jane spent many hours recreating or re-uploading that content), trained KJA staff to maintain the new website calendar and to help maintain their various sections, worked with FedWeb to troubleshoot things that weren't working as we needed them to, and many other things that I'm sure we're missing because she understands how websites work better than I do!

We are so grateful to Jane for helping the KJA with a task that has been several years in the making. Of course, the website is still a work in progress. If you are looking for something and can't find it, or you see a change you think we should make, please let us know. The more eyes and ears we have looking at the website, the better it will be for our community.

Jewish Family Services Celebrates Shabbat at Sherrill Hills

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Jewish Family Services Director and Honerlin del Moro, JFS Chairperson

On the first Friday of each month, Jewish Family Services holds a Shabbat service at Sherrill Hills Retirement Community. We have conducted this service since 2008, although we originally started out at Echo Ridge Independent Living. We have had many volunteers help lead these services over the past six years and we thank all of them, but this month we'd like to especially our volunteers for our July service, **Nancy Becker** and **Pat and Gene Rosenberg**.

Although the July service fell on the Fourth of July, both Nancy and the Rosenbergs volunteered to be there to make sure that the Sherrill Hills residents were able to celebrate Shabbat—they brought wine and challah and Nancy led the service. Both Laura and Honerlin normally attend the service, but weren't able to in July for various reasons, so we were very grateful that Nancy and the Rosenbergs were willing to step in. Thank you for all that you do for Jewish Family Services and the seniors in the Jewish community!

MCDC's Teen Adventure Program (TAPS)

A core group of 10-13 teens have attended Milton Collins Day Camp most of their lives. Each summer, this cadre of friends returns to spend their days on the AJCC campus. The **MCDC Teen Adventure Program (TAPS)** sought a meeting space of their own, but building space is tough to find during camp season. The MCDC staff proposed clearing out the Media Room adjacent to the Orwitz Community Room (Adult Lounge). This room was a large, cluttered storage room. They received approval and got to work – sorting, tossing, and cleaning under the supervision of **Margaret Googe, Jesse Feld, Kaitlyn Hobbs, and Deborah Oleshansky**.

Within hours, their efforts led to a wonderful new meeting space that they — and AJCC members — can enjoy. Thanks go to these teens for stepping up and pitching in.

The KJA and AJCC want to invite you to join us as volunteers. We invite folks to join our Camp, Preschool, Jewish Family Services, Archives, and Cultural Arts and Programming committees. Do you love to bake? Volunteer to help with our wonderful community celebrations. Interested in videotaping or photography? Work with our Archives Committee or marketing staff? Young or old, we welcome you to our Volunteer community.



MCDC's Teen Adventure Program (TAPS) teens stepped up and created a meeting room by clearing out a storage room.

It's Summertime and the Swimming's Fun When You're an AJCC Smokin' Salmon



Ben Walker and Emma Thompson swim at the July 15 home swim meet, which the Smokin' Salmon won 320-282.



Claudia McDonald, Hamilton McDonald, William Mann, and Alisa Seiger win a mixed relay heat. Andrew Davis celebrates winning his heat at SMI.



2014 AJCC Smokin' Salmon Swim Team



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Milton Collins Day Camp

Our Campers Enjoy
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Tisha B'Av

Destruction & Renewal

Heska Amuna Synagogue will observe
TISHA B'AV
Monday, August 4
starting at 7:00 p.m.

Five misfortunes befell our fathers ... on the ninth of Av. ... On the ninth of Av it was decreed that our fathers should not enter the [Promised] Land, the Temple was destroyed the first and second time, Bethar was captured and the city [Jerusalem] was ploughed up.

Mishnah Ta'anit 4:6

Meet Our New Kitchen Supervisor

Mike Weatherly

I grew up in small, agricultural towns near Bakersfield, CA. My dad was a Southern Baptist preacher and I have 2 brothers and 1 sister. I moved to New Cuyama, a high desert town in Santa Barbara County in 1990 where I met my wife, Brenda. We got married right out of high school upon my completion of basic training with the U.S. Navy. My wife and I have seven children. The oldest, Andrew, has been in the Navy for three years, is married and has blessed us with our first grandson this past year and now expecting our first granddaughter. We also have Tiffany (16), Kaylie (14), Isaac (11), Lillia (9), Josie (5) and Scarlet (3).

What I love most about being in the Food Service profession is getting to meet wonderful people, using my creative side to prepare meals for them, and also the opportunity to see how I can best serve people. I always enjoy suggestions on meals that you would like to have. Come on over to the kitchen and introduce yourself when you're around. I would love to get to know all of you! In my free time, my wife and I love opening our doors in hospitality to both friends and strangers. There is rarely a weekend that goes by without sharing a meal with someone. I volunteer with Bridge Refugee Services here in Knoxville, assisting refugees who are fleeing their home country because of persecution. I bring them to Social Security office or to the DMV, or help set up their apartment upon arrival.

Av 5774

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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*).

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.

From the Rabbi's Desk: A Community Shul

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

Cities, communities, and neighborhoods mean different things to different people. In the early aughts, I lived in West Hollywood, California, one of the most prominently gay-friendly cities in the United States. (Best and cheapest haircuts I ever had.) During a visit back East to Massachusetts, I visited my Russian émigrés cousins. When I told them where I lived, they replied knowingly, “We know it well.” To which, I assumed they were disapprovingly aware of the homosexual community in the city. Rather, my cousin quickly followed, “We have many Russian friends there!” I realized that in fact, the East side of the city recently had been settled by Russian émigrés like them – there were Russian grocers and dry goods stores at which I shopped, and Russian restaurants and clubs, too. Nonetheless, my predominant experience of West Hollywood was a few blocks West, amid the young adult gay community.

As Tip O’Neill said, “All politics is local,” to which, my rabbi adds, “All religion is local.” I would tentatively add that identity is local, as well. As Michael Sandel says, “We cannot regard ourselves as independent [without] understanding ourselves as the particular persons we are - as members of this family or community or nation or people, as bearers of this history, as sons and daughters of that revolution, as citizens of this republic..... To imagine a person incapable of constitutive attachments such as these is not to conceive an ideally free and rational agent, but to imagine a person wholly without character, without moral depth.” (*Liberalism and the Limits of Justice*)

Furthermore, to effectively construct a religious identity, there needs to be an enduring identification with place: “The religious community is essential, for alone our vision is too narrow to see all that must be seen,” says Mark Morrison-Reed, “Together, our vision widens and strength is renewed.”

When a novice pastor Rick Warren went to plant a church decades ago, he reviewed the sites that were most receptive to his evangelism, and found the geographic region with the most promising demography. Then, he settled Saddleback Church in Orange County, with the precious understanding that, barring grave misfortune, he would live and work in that single place for the entirety of his career. He testifies that investment in a community is essential to build the faith, trust, and respect necessary between pastor and congregation. Unfortunately, for a variety of factors – ambition, institutional policy, short-sightedness – transience has become the norm instead of longevity. Columnist Dennis Prager went so far as to bemoan the praise of “innovation” and “activism” given by the *Daily Beast*’s list of America’s Top 50 Rabbis (mercifully discontinued), relative to Chabad rabbis and other local rabbis who invest in various communities for the long haul, and build communities where “people like being Jewish together.” This seems to be the motivation behind Chabad *shelichus* (emissaries), and I’d vouch that this is a large part of their success. In an era of transient Jewish life, few are the families that make a lifetime commitment to one neighborhood. Yet when I met Rabbi Yossi and Miriam Esther Wilhelm, they explained to me that they imagined living out a career here, amid the Jews of this one place, and perhaps being buried in Knoxville.

In fact, among my most special moments in our community are visits to the New Jewish Cemetery. (There is an “Old” Jewish Cemetery, but the “New” one is nearly a century old.) At memorial times, funerals, and stone-settings, I visit the cemetery with older congregants, and they show me who is buried where, who is related to whom, who married whom, and what their maiden names were. It’s quite a moving little space – modest, unassuming, a few hundred graves that bear witness to the endurance, power, gravity, and charm of our small community. By moments, I fantasize about being buried there myself. Neither itinerant rabbis, nor one who might view a small city like Knoxville as a stepping stone to a grander position, can ever garner the effective trust necessary to build relationship and bring Judaism ahead.



From The President

By Jenifer Ohriner

Heska Amuna Synagogue is showing you the 21st century starting **September 1**, with less snail mail and more email. We are especially confident we will be more successful in helping you keep up with lifecycles such honoring family Yahrzeits, birthdays, and anniversaries all by email.



Order Lulavs and Etrogs Today

Orders for Lulav and Etrog deadline are **Friday, September 19**. The cost for lulav and etrog sets plus shipping costs will be determined.

Pick-Up your Lulav and Etrog at Heska Amuna Synagogue on **Monday, October 6** from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., **Tuesday, October 7** from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Chair's Message

Volunteers DO Make the World Go 'Round

By Barry Allen

In the play *Cabaret*, one song's lyrics theorizes that "money makes the world go 'round." Others of a less cynical bent might say that music serves that purpose, or laughter, or hard work, or athletics, or dance, or, dare I say it, even chocolate. However, for those of us who invest a great deal of time and energy in and around community organizations, there probably would be near unanimity that "**VOLUNTEERS**", intentionally writ large, DO make the world go 'round.

Before I proceed further, I should point out that the reference here to "Volunteers" does not mean that UT Fans, per se, are the engine that makes community organizations run. It is no doubt true that many of the community leaders at the synagogue, the Temple, JCC, Alliance, KJDS and other Jewish organizations are Vols fans. However, the "Volunteers" I am specifically thinking about are the people who freely donate their time, energy, skills, talents, and treasure to support the organizations and events that make all of our lives better.

Think about it. Either you are one of the **VOLUNTEERS** who alternately serve as a leader or "a worker bee," or you belong to a group or attend an event because you know you can count on other people who are Volunteers to make that happening worthwhile. This takes the whole concept of community - of interconnectedness - to a vastly different and much more meaningful level.

In my position at the synagogue, I am fortunate to work with an outstanding group of Volunteers who really DO make the world go 'round. I have highlighted some of the Volunteers in the past, and want to use this column, and future articles, to give a well-deserved "shout out" to some of our other Volunteers. First, the officers and board members who were re-elected at June's annual meeting devote countless hours to ensuring the important, and the mundane, tasks are carried out with good humor and efficiency.

We are also lucky to have three new board members - **Todd Galanti** (representing the newly re-established Men's Club), **Adam Rowe**, and **Melissa Sturm** - who will join our merry little band for the coming two years. I know they will bring their talents and energies to the diverse range of issues and tasks they will be asked to help manage.

Raphe Panitz brings a strong Judaic background to his new role as our President-elect and as a member of the Board. **Melissa Sturm** has also agreed to assume the role of an officer as our new Secretary. She replaces **Josh Hedrick**, who has done a great job as our outgoing scribe and human recorder. Fortunately, **Josh** will be staying on the Board as an at-large member. We'll still have the benefit of his deep historical connections and institutional memory (gained by osmosis and association with parents, grandparents, and aunts and uncles, among others), and his wise counsel (all puns intended; subtle hint - he's an attorney).

For those of you who have noticed that our outside logo on the front of the building was missing for awhile [Seriously, how many of you really knew it was even gone?], we have a number of Volunteers to thank for the replacement. (Because I am writing this column in June for the August *Ha'Kol*, I can't be sure that the replacement will be up when the article comes out but, if it isn't, it will be there soon.)

Ernie Gross volunteered to take down the old wooden logo that was missing leaves and was in serious need of repair, and he has, or soon will, supervise the re-installation of our new metal logo. **Harvey Liberman** volunteered to repair the stucco and surrounding building features before the new logo was put in place. **Arnold Schwarzbart** volunteered to find the best local metalworking artisan to re-create the logo so it will withstand the weather and ravages of time with less wear and tear in the future.

I'd be remiss if I didn't thank, and acknowledge with gratitude from the entire community, the work of the Volunteers who make up the Womens' and Mens' Hevra Kadish burial committees. The Womens' Committee Volunteers include **Jenifer Ohriner**, Co-Chair, **Martha Iroff**, Co-Chair, **Wendy Besmann**, **Lynn Dryzer**, **Mindy Goldberg**, **Margy Goldman**, **Anne Greenbaum**, **Ellen Iroff**, **Elyse Jacobs**, **Rosalie Nagler** and **Myrna Russotto**, as well as others who are learning and working with the committee. Mens' Committee Volunteers include **Jerry Becker**, Chair, and **Bill Berez**, **Ernie Gross**, **David Icove**, **Marty Iroff**, **Rich Kaplan**, **Hal Manas**, **Gene Rosenberg**, and **Arnold Schwarzbart**.

As you can see, without all of the **VOLUNTEERS** listed here, our Jewish communal life would be less robust in so many ways, and we would all be less interconnected. When you get a chance, please stop for a minute or two, or even three, to thank as many of our Volunteers as you can. I know they will appreciate hearing from you, since **VOLUNTEERS** Really DO Make the World Go 'Round.

I hope you enjoy the remainder of the summer, and the Labor Day Holiday that is ahead. Have fun on any vacations you are still considering, and travel safely wherever you are headed.

Those who can, do.
Those who can do more,
volunteer.

~ Author Unknown

How wonderful it is that
nobody need wait a single
moment before starting to
improve the world.

~ Anne Frank

Heska Amuna Religious School News

By Betty Golub, Youth and Family Programming Director, morahbetty@heskaamuna.org

Baruchim Haba'im – Welcome to the 5775 2014-2015 Heska Amuna School Year! This year will be filled with new programs, new staff, and new curriculum.

Our theme this year will be **Mishpachah (Family) & Mitzvah (Good Deed) and Mensch (Good Person)**. Each month Heska Amuna Religious School students will learn about a Jewish value. Each month I am going to feature a *Mitzvah of the Month* – **Mitzvah Ha Hodesh**. To begin our new year of 5775, our first mitzvah is: **Derech Eretz**

The Talmud tells a story about Rabi Hillel. A pagan came to him and told Rabbi Hillel that he would convert to Judaism if the Rabbi could teach him the whole Torah while standing on one foot. Rabbi Hillel replied, “What is hurtful to yourself, do not do your fellow. That is the whole Torah; the rest is just commentary. Go and study it.”

Derech means “a road.” **Eretz** means “the land.” **Derech Eretz** is the right way to go. The mitzvah of *Derech Eretz* means that we always use manners, treat others with kindness, and treat everyone with respect. This is actually old-fashioned civility, or as I like to say Southern Hospitality! *Derech Eretz* is the way a good person behaves. It is being a **MENSCH**. It is the “way” (*Derech*) we create the kind of community in which we all want to live.

Here are some suggestions of things that you can do to begin the new year of 5775:

1. We have not completely done away with check writing. Plan to make the first check you write in 5775 a check that will make a difference in someone's life.
2. Make a family *Derech Eretz* Plan. Discuss the ways your family will treat people in the coming year. What are the ways you can make each other, friends and relatives feel important and respected?
3. In order for students in our school to have a successful and complete Jewish education, it is necessary that parents show support and active participation. Children are very perceptive and usually know their parents' stand on issues important to them. Therefore, we believe that not only students share responsibilities in gaining a Jewish education, but that parents also have responsibilities in their relationship to the Religious School. Effective education is a partnership between the school, the home and the student. A Jewish school can teach Judaism to children, but cannot develop a committed Jew without the involvement of the parents and family. Jewish education is a partnership, so let's work together. Let's all make an effort this year by attending Family Minyan and Family Education Programs. Stop by on a Sunday morning for a cup of coffee and I will share my *New York Times* with you! I am looking forward to the New Year with all of our old friends and our new friends.



Gan K'Tan: Fun for Parents, Preschoolers!

Parents and preschoolers come together monthly for music, art, stories, games, Hebrew, snacks, and good friends — all in a fun Jewish environment



\$5.00 per session

For more information, contact Betty Golub at (865) 522-0701 or at morahbetty@heskaamuna.org

Tot Shabbat



Heska Amuna Synagogue's

Tot Shabbat program welcomes Shabbat with good food and good friends. Tot Shabbat is designed for children ages 2 to 6 years

Tot Shabbat dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. with services following dinner. \$10.00 per family for dinner.

August Dates to Remember

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Saturday, August 16 | Family Minyan—10:30 a.m. |
| Sunday, August 17 | HARS Pool Party—10:00 a.m. |
| Friday, August 22 | Shabbat at the Pool—5:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, August 31 | No HARS – Labor Day Weekend |

Heska Amuna Religious School Family Pool Party & BBQ

Sunday, August 17

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

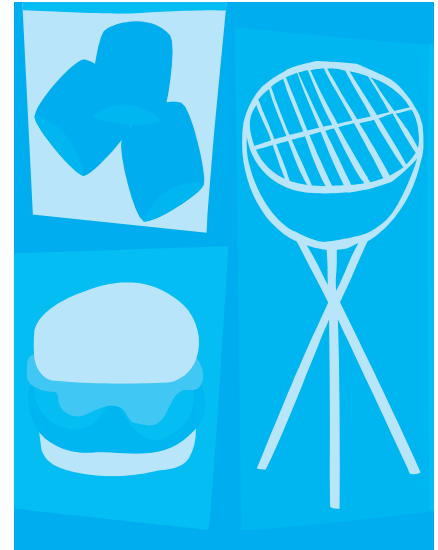
AJCC Pool, 6800 Deane Hill Drive

HARS families are invited to celebrate the first day of religious school at the AJCC Pool so bring your potluck items, pool gear and camp chairs and join us for great food and fellowship!

HARS will provide the hot dogs & fixin's.
We ask you to provide **parve** or **veggie sides** according to your *child's last name*.

A-F: Salads
G-M: Desserts (peanut-free, please)
O-Z: Drinks

Please let Morah Betty know you're coming by contacting her at 522-0701 or morahbetty@heskaamuna.org.



Please let us know **you're coming and how many family members you're bringing** by **August 10**.

Volunteers and grill masters welcome!



Heska Amuna Synagogue
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Permanent Schedule

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

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

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

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

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Annual Meeting

Congregants gather at Heska Amuna
 Synagogue's Annual Meeting.

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, George Messing, Eliyahu ben Shulamit, Judy Rattner, Nicole Russler, Chaya Ruchel bat Krayndle, Jenny Pfeffer Rodriguez, Debbie Johnson

Great News from Kroger!

Let us register your **Kroger Plus Card** number with Kroger and 5% of your purchases will be donated to Heska Amuna by Kroger. *It's easy and doesn't cost you any money.* Simply email or call us with your Kroger Plus Card Number (the number on the back of your card) to admin@heskaamuna.org or call (865) 522-0701. (Of course, you can register your card yourself at www.kroger.com!



Contributions From Caring People

For a list of synagogue funds, please visit www.heskaamuna.org

Donations received by June 24, 2014

COHEN-PRESSER FUND

In honor of the Schwarzbart's anniversary

By: Marilyn Presser

Get well to Marilyn Burnett

By: Marilyn Presser

Get well to Nita Merlin

By: Marilyn Presser

GENERAL FUND

In honor of Arnold and Mary Linda

Schwarzbart's 50th anniversary

By: Rosalie Nagler

Refuah Shelemah to Jenny Pfeffer Rodriguez and Charlene Gubitz.

By: Rosalie Nagler

Congratulations to Mary Linda and Arnold

Schwarzbart on their 50th anniversary.

By: Harvey and Marilyn Liberman

Speedy recovery to Susan Cohen

By: Harvey and Marilyn Liberman

Speedy recovery to Charlene Gubitz

By: Harvey and Marilyn Liberman

In honor of Arnold and Mary Linda

Schwarzbart's 50th anniversary.

By: Manny Herz

In honor of Ed Feldman's very special birthday!

By: Betty-Ann Landman

KIDDUSHIM FUND

In honor of Mary Linda and Arnold

Schwarzbart's 50th anniversary

By: Gilya Schmidt

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In honor of Mary Linda and Arnold

Schwarzbart's 50th anniversary

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Bernstein

In honor of Mary Linda and Arnold

Schwarzbart's 50th anniversary

By: Scott Hahn

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In memory of Sharon Brietstein

By: Abraham and Judy Brietstein

In honor of Mary Linda and Arnold's 50th Anniversary

By: Ellen and George Kern

In gratitude for Rabbi's counsel

By: Ellen and George Kern

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DONATION

In memory of Edward Balloff

By: Gene and Pat Rosenberg

YARZHEIT FUND

In memory of Sidney Burnett

By: Michael Burnett

In memory of Rosie Frumin

By: Zeke Frumin, Joani Leeds, and Ardell Terry

In memory of Sol Leeds

By: Joani and Gary Leeds

In memory of Amelia Strauss

By: Madelyne Bailey

In memory of Bradley Sturm and Frances Sturm

By: Louise Spector

In memory of Louis Tobe, Murray Baskin, and Irene Baskin

By: Laura Drukman

In memory of Albert Eisenstadt

By: Michael Eisenstadt and Mary Beth Leibowitz

In memory of Israel Meyer Dyller

In memory of Homer Kramer

By: Genevieve Kramer

In memory of Frances and Robert Sabler and Mel Nagler

By: Rosalie and Steve Nagler

In memory of Fannie Russler and Sarah Gershek

By: Nicole Russler

In memory of Rebecca Forstein

By: Lawrence and Kay Leibowitz

In memory of Bernard Iroff and Victor Hanan

By: Stella Iroff

In memory of Thekea Naumann

By: Trudy Dreyer

In memory of Ed Balloff

By: Trudy Dreyer

B'NEI MITZVAH



Schweitzer to Celebrate August Simcha

Lilli Schweitzer, daughter of Seth and Melissa Schweitzer, will celebrate her bat mitzvah at Heska Amuna Synagogue on **Saturday, August 16** at 9:45 a.m. Rabbi Alon Ferency will officiate.

Lilli is an eighth grade student at Webb Middle School. Lilli's hobbies include art, languages, tennis, band, and writing fan fiction. She is currently interested in biomedical engineering and studied engineering for two weeks this summer through UT's middle school outreach programs.

Lilli has been an active community volunteer in many different roles. She works to raise money for East Tennessee Children's Hospital through the Fantasy of Trees event. She gives more than 40 hours each year to help set-up and work during the show. She also participates in many fundraising races including Race for the Cure and Buddy's Race, and tutors students at the Boy and Girls Club with her classmates.

Lilli will continue her spirit of volunteerism this coming school year by bringing her love of art to at-risk children. She will be collecting art supplies to stock programs like Wesley House and the Family Promise day center. You can join her by dropping off new art supplies at Heska Amuna Synagogue and the Arnstein Jewish Community Center.

The community is invited to join Lilli for this joyful celebration at Heska Amuna Synagogue.

Hale to Celebrate Bar Mitzvah August 29-30

Jacob Connor Hale, son of Rachel Hale and Chris Hale, eldest brother to Benjamin and Rebecca, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at Temple Beth El on **Saturday, August 30**, at 10:30 a.m., as well as participate in the Friday, August 29 evening service at 6:00 p.m. Rabbi Mathew Michaels will officiate.

Jacob currently attends Webb School of Knoxville. Jacob is on the tennis team and plays the trombone in the orchestra. He is a graduate of the Knoxville Jewish Day School, where the foundation for his love of Judaism was built.

This summer Jacob is volunteering at the Oak Ridge Children's Museum. An avid reader, Jacob is coordinating a book drive as part of his mitzvah project. Bins are located at the AJCC and Temple Beth El to receive donations of new or slightly used books for children and adults.

Family and friends from as far as Florida and Ohio will be coming to celebrate this joyous occasion. Jacob's grandparents, Jack and Marilyn Hazen, are sponsoring the kiddush luncheon following Shabbat morning services.

The family invites the community to join Jacob in celebrating this simcha.



KINDER KAMP

August 11-15 and August 18-22
7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., AJCC Campus

During the two weeks of Knox County's kindergarten assessment, children can enjoy summer camp at MCDC's KINDER KAMP.

- ◆ A fun, structured camp for kindergarteners
- ◆ Lunch and snacks provided

Cost: \$200 per week (any four days).

KINDER KAMP is a specialty camp provided by Milton Collins Day Camp. Limited space is available. MCDC registration forms are available at www.jewishknoxville.org or by calling the AJCC at (865) 690-6343.



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One Person's Gift Can Become Another Person's Headache

By Scott B. Hahn, Esq., KJCFF President

The June 16, 2014 *Knoxville New Sentinel* carried an interesting story about Carl J. Drake and his unusual endowment. For those of you who did not read the story, Mr. Drake was an entomologist who died in 1965. He left his entire bug collection and \$250,000 to the Smithsonian Institution. His will stated that the Smithsonian was to purchase more bug collections with his gift and provide for the upkeep and maintenance of his collection. The Smithsonian did as Mr. Drake requested and purchased several large collections. However, the times changed. Purchasing further collections had become almost impossible with tougher environmental regulations all over the world. The Smithsonian also wanted to loan out the collection to other museums, but was forbidden to do so because of Mr. Drake's will. The Smithsonian believed it could no longer fulfill the intent of Mr. Drake's request and sought judicial relief, so the future of a bug collection now numbering 250,000 and an endowment worth \$4 million is anybody's guess.



The reason I mention this unusual story is that sometimes our ideas for gifts or bequests seem like a good idea, but in actuality are not very practical. The story above is a perfect example of a gift with requirements that are so unique and specific that the gifts become a burden as opposed to a learning opportunity. The intent was there, but the implementation became a problem. If you would like to establish a fund with the KJCFF, please check to see if your fund is a duplicate of a pre-existing fund. If your fund and another have similar purposes, you may want to come up with another fund idea or add to the pre-existing fund. I would also urge people setting up funds not to make the purpose of the fund too specific or impractical. Everyone wants their gift to have the biggest impact in a cause they believe in. This may mean broadening a fund purpose so that it is easier to make grants.

There are many aspects of our Jewish community that could use funding to help with their budgets or to go into entirely new fields that are badly needed by our community. It does take some planning and it does involve possibly bending your will to the needs that are out there, but it can be done. While the devil may be in the details, an overly detailed fund document is one devil we can all do without.

Donations

B'nai Tzedek Fund of Jennye Merrell

Mary Ann Merrell

Cohen-Presser Fund

In Honor of the Schwarzbarts', Anniversary and Get Well Wishes to Marilyn Burnett and Nita Merlin
Marilyn Presser

Heska Amuna Cemetery Fund

For Yizkor at Shavuos and the Yahrzeits of Douglas Morrison, Jim Nash, Israel Gruenberg, Frieda Schwarzbart, and Harry Moskowitz
Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart

Grants

The **Besmann Family Fund** made a grant to Heska Amuna Synagogue to support the Kiddush luncheon for the 25th anniversary celebration.

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received grants from the **Pat and Gene Rosenberg Fund** and the **Jeff and Nancy Becker Community Enrichment Fund** to support the AJCC Preschool's Imagination Playground.

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance also received grants from the **Jeff and Nancy Becker Community Enrichment Fund**, the **Sylvia Greenberg Family Fund**, and the **David and Deborah Oleshansky Family Fund** to support Rabbi Israel Dresner's visit to Knoxville to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The Knoxville Jewish Day School received a grant from the **KJDS Fund** for programming support.

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

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



From the President's Corner

By Sig Mosko

The Jewish Congregation recently held its annual meeting which included election of members to the board of directors. Two board members, Len Gray and Ron Sternfels, retired on completion of their respective terms.

Irv Barrack and Al Good completed terms on the board and were re-elected to new terms. Don Carlson and Matt Niad were newly elected to the board for three-year terms.

Congratulations to Don and Matt and "Thank you" Len and Ron for your service.

JCOR Board positions for the 2014-15 program year are:

President: **Sig Mosko**

Vice President: **Matt Niad**

Secretary: **Al Good**

Treasurer: **Jim Bogard**

Cemetery: **Mel Tobias**

Education: **Irv Barrack**

Finance: **Hilary Shreter**

Membership: **Eileen Handler**

Ritual: **Bruce Tomkins**

Sisterhood: **Linda Bell**

With our new board of directors in place we are looking forward to another busy year for our congregation.

Donations to JCOR

Yahrzeits

Ruth Carey from Ellen & Bernard Appel

Minnie Goldman and Rella Cantor from Bobbie Cantor

Pearl Schwartz from Shirley Schwartz

Hedy Geismar Tobias from Melvin Tobias

Samuel Goldenberg from Sylvia Goldenberg

Eugene Eichler from Sonya Eichler

Rose Ganz from Marvin & Helen Kastenbaum

Rose Dworkin from Art Dworkin

Jesse Tobias from Melvin Tobias

Sam Good from Ellen & Bernard Appel (Carey Cultural Fund)

Donations

In memory of Marilyn Rudo from Marcel & Rosalind Schmorak

August JCOR Events

Aug. 23, 7:00 p.m.

Jewish Film Series -

The Two of Us

France, 1967, NR, 87 minutes



When Nazi soldiers flood the streets of Paris, a young Jewish boy is sent to live in the relative safety of the French countryside with an elderly Catholic woman and her anti-Semitic husband, who warms to the boy, unaware that he's Jewish.

Sept. 6, 2014

After the Shabbat Morning Services. Study session: *The High Holy Days Customs and Rituals*

Judaica Gift Shop

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

HOSTS and HOSTESSES

Aug. 2 Fran Silver, Jill and Stuart Chasan
9 Ilana and Moshe Siman-Tov, Vera and Leon Maya
16 Eileen Handler, Sarah and David Stuart
23 Mel Tobias, Bruce Tomkins
30 Yardena and Moshe Yair, Reeva and Marvin Abraham

Sept. 6 Linda and Zane Bell, Becky and George Charles
13 Ronnie and Jim Bogard, Sylvia Goldenberg
20 Catherine and Jerry Braunstein, Judi and Len Gray
27 Rosh Hashanah
Anne and Eli Greenbaum, Edith and Mel Halbert

TORAH FUND Cards Available

Please call Eileen Handler or Brenda Mosko at 483-9463 We will mail them for you. Call Eileen at 482-1341 or Brenda Mosko 483-9463

- ★ *In Loving Memory of Jan Mesh's mother*, from Rhonda and Ron Sternfels
- ★ *Mike Lundin, father of Madelyn and Keith Lundin*, from Sisterhood JCOR, Eileen Handler, Linda and Zane Bell, Becky and George Charles
- ★ *Get well to Frank Plasil*, from Eileen Handler

Mensch Club at the Secret City Festival

By Matt Niad

The JCOR Mensch Club ran a booth at this year's Secret City Festival in Oak Ridge. Our goal was to share Judaism and the history of our congregation with the whole town. We met a lot of people, introduced many to dreidel in our "dreidel battle arena," corrected misconceptions, shared Jewish music with live performances, talked with unaffiliated Jewish couples about attending some of our events, and even had eight non-Jews sign up for beginning Hebrew class! I couldn't be more pleased with our success and proud to be a part of this community.



Secret City Festival goers enjoy a musical treat thanks to Penny Lukin, Jim Bogard, Monty Lewis, and Al Good.

Don Carlson, Art Dworkin, and Matt Niad man the JCOR booth with Anne Greenbaum.

JCOR Game Time - Fun for ALL ages.



CHABAD OF KNOXVILLE

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A Power Breakfast for Your Body & Soul

Second Sunday of each month:
The Tefillin Club, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for a triple header!

- 1) Tefillin - food for the soul
- 2) Breakfast - food for the body
- 3) Study - Food for thought

Start Sunday with a burst of inspiration that will fill your week with extra meaning and purpose!

The Tefillin Club meets at
Chabad of Knoxville,
7148 Wellington Drive.



Email rabbi@chabadknoxville.org for more info or to RSVP.

Note: Tefillin available if you don't have a pair.
First Tefillin Club sponsored by Sanford Bloom.

New Monthly Women's Class

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inspired by Rashi Minkowicz of blessed memory, from Alpharetta, GA

Sipping hot tea, being inspired by the Torah's timeless message, enjoying the friendship of other women seated around the table, Chabad of Knoxville joined hundreds of communities around the world in hosting our first **Torah & Tea** in memory of Rashi Minkowicz.

Rashi, director of Chabad of Alpharetta, a young mother of 8, her youngest child 2 and oldest 14.

She was a wife, a sister, a daughter, a cousin, a best friend, a

Rebbetzin & more. She suddenly passed away at age 37 just before Purim. Rashi was famous for her Torah & Tea classes filled with warmth, learning, discussion & of course, delicious baked goods. In her honor & memory, thousands are taking upon mitzvos, one of which is the start of Torah & Tea classes worldwide.



Join us on the **third Thursday of the month** for an inspiring Torah & Tea - Knoxville around Miriam Esther's dining room table, 7:30-8:30 p.m. For more info contact Miriam Esther at me@kjds.org.

What is It About Jews and Food?

Just one month ago we kicked off our Bar Mitzvah year with more than 200 community members at a Shavuot celebration. As Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah, we enjoyed a meaningful service with the reading of the ten commandments, and then wined and dined with a mouth-watering buffet of dairy dishes, wines and cheeses, salads, blintzes, cheesecakes and desserts. Miriam Esther and Mushky went all out – the reason: Good food is a G-d mandated necessity at all Jewish celebrations.

Think about it! Purim they tried to kill us so we eat Hamantaschen! Chanukah they tried to kill us so we eat latkes and jelly donuts. At Pesach we celebrate our freedom with Matzah, wine and charoset.... Really now, what is it with Jews and Food?

When God descended on Mt. Sinai and told Moses to ascend he broke the barrier btw the physical and the spiritual, and charged us with the job of Tikkun Olam, to permeate every aspect of our physical life with the spirituality of the Torah and its commandments. Therefore when we celebrate the giving of the Torah, we can't just celebrate with prayer and Torah readings. Such a celebration would be missing the entire purpose of the giving of the Torah - the fusion of spiritual and physical! Hence: Cheesecake on Shavuot is truly God-mandated. In actuality every interaction with the physical world is an opportunity for us to connect it and infuse it with holiness. When one drives to visit the sick not only has s/he connected to God through the mitzvah - the car used to drive, the shoes used to walk are all elevated by the deed and infused with holiness! Here lies the beauty of Judaism...every moment at home, at work, in the street - every interaction we do can be "Jewish"!



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Heska Amuna Synagogue

August 2

Matilda Corkland ♦ Barbara Fay ♦ Bertha Licht ♦ Edward Lippner ♦ Mel Nagler ♦ Edward Mottzman ♦ Mary Corkland ♦ Ethan Goodfriend ♦ Stella Love ♦ Dorrie Barnett ♦ Esther Bebergal ♦ Harold Licht ♦ William Gurwitch ♦ Yetta Lipshin ♦ Rose Martin ♦ Samuel Millen

August 9

Benjamin Jaffe ♦ Morris Goldman ♦ Sylvia Goldstein ♦ Samuel Merlin ♦ Max Millner ♦ Karl Liberman ♦ Adela Gross ♦ Hyman Levison ♦ Muriel Boothman ♦ Katie Ross ♦ Marian Schneider

August 16

Mollie Brietstein ♦ Mildred Dreyer ♦ Harry Fayonsky ♦ Abraham Chaskin ♦ Jacob Green ♦ Janet Krauss ♦ Lester Robinson ♦ Abraham Rosenblatt ♦ Abe Zwick ♦ David Wender ♦ Hugo Klein ♦ Zeleg Berez ♦ Jacob Menachem ♦ Barbara Oleshansky

August 23

Kenneth Cohen ♦ Sally Moskowitz ♦ Samuel Routman ♦ Judy Schwartz ♦ Esther Balloff ♦ Mervin Horn ♦ Gussie Richer ♦ Jane Rosenblatt ♦ Max Cohen ♦ Joseph Leeds ♦ Thomas Miner ♦ Steven Shersky ♦ Betty Billig ♦ Morris Shorr

August 30

Robert Messing ♦ Oscar Isaacs ♦ Rabbi A.J. Robinson ♦ Estelle Binder ♦ Seymour Landis ♦ Hyman Liberman ♦ Molly Thorp ♦ Ida Chandler ♦ Julius Gruenberg ♦ Albert Ring ♦ Bella Allen ♦ Ethel Foster ♦ Lawrence Hahn ♦ Sylvia Leibowitz ♦ Rebecca Millen

JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

August 1

Esther Balloff ♦ Sylvia Kaplan Cooper ♦ Hilda Freedman ♦ Louis H. Gassel ♦ Albert Hess ♦ Johan Kann ♦ Paul Kantowitz ♦ Edward Lippner ♦ Judy Schwartz ♦ Pastor Serrato ♦ Joseph Silverstein ♦ Minnie Skigen ♦ Max Solod ♦ Patricia Speed ♦ Regina Sunshine ♦ Asya Targonskaya ♦ Herbert Terry

August 8

Esther S. Bernstein ♦ Milton Bessemer ♦ Garrett Bickman ♦ Jackie Bickman ♦ Marie Elston ♦ Samuel Gelber ♦ Abram Golburt ♦ Efim Golburt ♦ Albert Greenberg ♦ Yankel Haim Iancovsky ♦ Harold Karklin ♦ Harold J. Licht ♦ Herbert Nash ♦ Emilie Ehrlich ♦ Strasburger ♦ Emanuel Taylor ♦ Ethel Taylor

August 15

Orsella Davis ♦ Ernest Engel ♦ Herman Forest ♦ Irene Sudakoff Gregory ♦ Monroe Hecht ♦ Benjamin Herrmann ♦ Marcus Herrmann ♦ Matvei Ioselev ♦ Charles Kantowitz ♦ Ryan Kolnick ♦ Katie Lippner ♦ Sara Pais ♦ Janet Perris ♦ Anne Prial ♦ Lillian Schaefer ♦ Ruth Schwartzman ♦ Anne Kadison Weinstein

August 22

Ida Altshuler ♦ Zan Tamar Bailey ♦ Jerome Bernstein ♦ Anna H Blatt ♦ Wolfe Brody ♦ Charles M Evans ♦ Daniel Goodman ♦ Morris Hochenberg ♦ Gilbert Klein ♦ Max Morrison ♦ Abraham Rosenblatt ♦ Rose Shenkman ♦ Max Slome ♦ Sidney M. Spero

August 29

Armand H Abel ♦ Nathan Bergman ♦ Jacob Blaufeld ♦ Louis Bronstein ♦ Beatrice Bush ♦ Jeanette Galloway ♦ Harold Garber ♦ Millie Gelber ♦ Bella Goldfeld ♦ Paul P Grower ♦ Milton Samuel Levy ♦ John Oberteuffer ♦ Edith Gypsy Parish ♦ Sarah Richman ♦ David Sachs ♦ Berkeley Slutzker ♦ Manny Sparks ♦ Dora Stein ♦ Helen Webber ♦ Anna Wechter ♦ Cassel Wechter ♦ Henry Weinstein



Hadassah Highlights

The Way to Your Woman's Heart

It's morning at the Al-Eisawieh School for Girls, a public school in the Arab neighborhood adjacent to Hadassah's Mount Scopus campus. Outside, the girls are playing ball. Inside, the stairs and walls of the school are decorated with tomatoes and cucumbers. A play is going on in the gym. A girl dressed as a milk carton is debating another dressed as a Pepsi bottle.

In one classroom, the girls are cutting up salad. In another, they're turning vegetables into flowers to upgrade snack time. It wasn't always like that. Once the girls didn't play sports on the playground. They used play time to eat out on the playground. No one saw what they were eating. A truck drove up with soda and junk food for sale.

Across town in the Abu Tor girls' school, the teacher asks how many ate breakfast this morning. All hands fly up. That's new. Many didn't consider eating a healthy breakfast. Their moms are delighted, and often join them at the table.

Al-Eisawieh and Abu Tor are two of the Arab neighborhoods of Jerusalem targeted for intervention in women's heart health. Lower income families where mothers have little exposure to health education and little time and money to take care of themselves remains one of the most difficult population groups to reach in improving women's heart health.

"We believe that a good place to start is in elementary school not only to inculcate eating and exercise habits, but to impact their moms. When they begin eating a healthy breakfast and bringing a healthy snack to school, it changes the purchasing and eating habits of an entire family," said Dr. Donna Zvat, a senior cardiologist and Director of Hadassah Medical Center's Linda Joy Pollin Cardiovascular Wellness Center for Women which focuses on educating about the importance of heart health, and encouraging women to lead a healthier lifestyle.

Dr. Zvat and her team visited both schools recently to hear from the staff, parents and kids themselves how the program was going. Arab women in Jerusalem suffer from the same heart challenges as women everywhere, but have the additional complications of frequent exposure to secondary smoke at home, overweight and often get to the hospital when they have advanced heart disease, explains Dr. Zvat. "This is true of women in many cultures." The teachers-all women-were particularly enthusiastic. Not only are the well-fed kids who are using their free time to exercise better behaved, but it turns out that since the school has launched these creative educational programs, the teachers themselves have lost weight!

Hadassah Knoxville and Hillel

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Partnership

Hadassah Knoxville is teaming up with the ladies of UTK Hillel starting this coming semester.

Our goal is create a bond between our UTK Hillel ladies and Hadassah members through special Hillel+Hadassah events, a mentorship program and special pricing for Hillel members at Hadassah events.

We hope to create a lasting bond between Hadassah Knoxville and UTK Hillel, strengthening our Jewish community and promoting continued participation for our members.

For more information on this program and more contact us:

Gmail: knoxvillehadassah@gmail.com

Twitter: @KnoxHadassah

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Hadassah Welcomes New Life Member

Hadassah welcomes **Theresa (Terri) Love** as a Hadassah Life Member. Terri is the dean of the University of Tennessee's College of Arts and Sciences and professor in the Department of Psychology. She came to UT in January 2012 from the University of Michigan where she held a number of administrative positions, including Department of Psychology chair from 2007-2011. She also has served on various committees for national organizations.

In addition to her research and teaching interests, Love's family is of great significance. Her husband Jack has been teaching in UT's Religious Studies Department and is planning to complete his doctoral degree in history. They have two children; their daughter is a nurse and their son is finishing an master's program in geography.



Terri Love

Love stated her family has enjoyed learning about East Tennessee and the Knoxville area in particular. They greatly appreciate the music, theater and art scene – as well as all the area's natural wonders. The KJA, Heska Amuna, and the Knoxville Jewish community have been wonderfully welcoming.

Again, we welcome her to Hadassah and the Knoxville Chapter!



Hadassah Knoxville Events

Fall 2014 - Spring 2014

Save the Date!!



Please support your Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah by attending our events or by contributing to help us achieve our goals in Tikkun Olam

Fall 2014

- **August 24th, Friday 5pm at AJCC Pool**
Hadassah will be participating with the AJCC pool party and we personally invite the Hillel Ladies to join us.
- **September 14th, Sunday 2pm in AJCC gym.**
Ladies in Leadership. Join us as to hear from ladies in leadership from our own Knoxville community.
- **October 26th, Sunday Brunch at the Golub home.** Fall in to Hadassah. Prospective members and members join us for brunch as we welcome all members and get to know each other a little better.
- **November 16th, Sunday afternoon HMO.**
Hadassah Medical Organization event. Come learn about Hadassah's Medical organization; what advances we are making, the lives we've saved and how you can contribute.

Spring 2015

- **January 24th, Saturday.**
Makeup, Mahj and Mimosas in the morning. Hadassah members please join us for a night of Beauty as we get makeovers from Knoxville's own Beauty School!
- **February 19th, Thursday.**
Love Yourself, Self Defense. Join your fellow Hadassah members for a self defense workshop.
- **April 19th/26th, Sunday.**
Toast the Tower. Come enjoy Hors D'oeuvres and refreshments as we toast the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower.
- **May 17th, Sunday 12pm at West Hills park.**
Bye Bye BBQ. Hadassah members and associates come welcome summer with us...

NEFESH

By Jill Weinstein

Happy Shavuot

It's hard to believe that we were sitting down at the Seder 50 days ago. Shavuot marks the 50th day since the second night of Pesach, and is traditionally the night we received the Torah. On Pesach we received our freedom. On Shavuot we got our naturalization papers as a people. These are the greatest milestones on our journey as a people. Like all our journeys, they require commitment on our part. In Hadassah, we're still working hard to fulfill the pledges we made at Mount Sinai. If you wander in the Hadassah Hospital mall today you'll find the bakeries stocked with mountains of cheesecakes for those who aren't standing in line in the supermarket to buy the cheese to make their own. Why cheesecake?

Before getting the Torah, someone leaked that there would be extensive rules covering our eating. A milk meal is easier than meat in matters of kashruth. Hence, the obsession with cheesecake!

Live From Jerusalem

Zionism and peoplehood were the subject of the latest Zionism in the 21st Century seminar I was privileged to moderate on a live stream this week. The presenter was Ambassador Yoram Ettinger, who presented his sometimes controversial views about Aliyah, demography in the Middle East, and a two-state solution. Among Ettinger's theories is that since we Jewish women in Israel are having more and more babies, and the Arab birth rate is falling, we don't have to be concerned with a demographic time bomb. He also stressed the huge contribution Israel makes to American security and the economy—even though people often think that only the opposite is the case. Lots of food for thought and discussion. Keep tuned for the next installment of this fascinating series.

Hadassah Named One of World's Top Orthopedic Centers

When the world's most exclusive society of orthopedics, ISOC was founded in 2006, membership was limited to 10 top centers. After the first meeting, the group decided to expand to get a broader representation of different cultures but without compromising rigorous membership standards. This week, ISOC announced that it was including a single center in the Middle East: **Hadassah**.

Hadassah Director General Dr. Avigdor Kaplan, "The global election of Hadassah's Orthopedic Complex by ISOC brings an international spotlight to its excellence and contribution to development of medicine in Israel and throughout the world.

We congratulate Prof. Iri Liebergall and his outstanding staff in the department in Hadassah Ein Kerem and Mount Scopus for their trailblazing work in treatment and research."

Special Hadassah Book Club Meeting Set for August 6

By Peggy Littmann, plittmann@comcast.net

The Hadassah Book Group just finished reading *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan which gave us a fascinating look into the history of Oak Ridge and women's roles in the development of the atomic bombs used in WW II.

We will meet in Oak Ridge on **Wednesday, August 6** and take advantage of a special tour that is sponsored by the Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration. The tour will take us to the Y-12 New Hope Visitor Center, the historic Bethel Valley Church, the Graphite Reactor at Oak Ridge National Lab, and the K-25 Overlook.

Registration and meeting place for the tour are at the American Museum of Science and Energy in Oak Ridge. The tour leaves the museum at noon and returns at 3:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. In order to qualify for the tour, you must be a U.S. citizen over 10 years of age, with photo ID.

Visit the AMSE website for more information. <http://amse.org/2012-doe-facilities-public-bus-tour/>

Interested? Contact Peggy Littmann at plittmann@comcast.net or call 588-6661. Watch for updates via Hadassah, Heska Amuna, JCOR and Temple Beth El communications.

DOE Public Bus Tours Information

The guided bus tour includes highlights of the history of Oak Ridge and the history of science and technology at the three U.S. Department of Energy/Oak Ridge facilities. Tours begin at 9:00 a.m. at the AMSE Admission Counter. Each participant must register on the day they want to take the tour. No advance registrations. The tour program is sponsored by the DOE Oak Ridge Office and the National Nuclear Security Administration's Y-12 Site Office. For more information, visit www.amse.org.

Dates: Through August 29, 2014, Monday – Friday, noon-3:00 p.m.

Participants:

- ◆ Must be U.S. citizen 10 years of age and older.
- ◆ Seating is limited on a first come, first served basis.
- ◆ Must have photo identification.
- ◆ Some restrictions apply

Cost:

AMSE admission includes the Bus Tour (upon registration): Adults \$5, Seniors (65+) \$4, Students (10 - 17) \$3

Bus Tour Time:

Bus leaves promptly at noon and returns at 3:00 p.m. Guide commentary provided throughout tour.

Bus Stops:

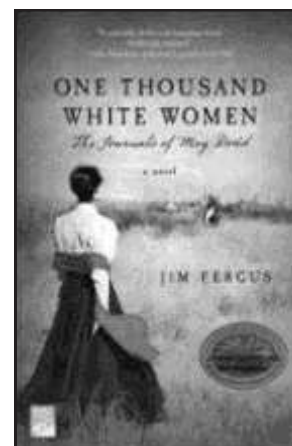
Participants will be allowed off the bus at the following locations:

- ◆ **Y-12 New Hope Visitor Center (bus stop):** The visitor facility houses the spacious History Center featuring displays about the Manhattan Project, the Cold War, and other Y-12 missions.
- ◆ **Bethel Valley Church (bus stop):** New Bethel Baptist Church and Cemetery, founded in 1851, was officially closed by former church members as a house of worship in 1949 following the area's Manhattan Project incorporation into the Oak Ridge Reservation. The cemetery features covered grave houses that are unique to the region. The church is still used for special events and homecoming celebrations.
- ◆ **Graphite Reactor at ORNL (bus stop):** A national historic landmark, the Graphite Reactor located at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory served as the pilot project that led to the first production of plutonium. Visitors will view the world's oldest nuclear reactor.
- ◆ **Spallation Neutron Source (drive by):** The Spallation Neutron Source (SNS) is an accelerator-based neutron source facility that provides the most intense pulsed neutron beams in the works of scientific research and industrial development.
- ◆ **East Tennessee Technology Park: Heritage Center (formerly K-25) (drive by):** Tour visitors learn about the gaseous diffusion process that enriched uranium (later sent to Y-12 for further enrichment) to power the first atomic bomb. *A stop at the K-25 Overlook will be made if time allows.*

Upcoming Book Group Reads

Tuesday, September 16, we will meet at Barnes and Noble Bookstore, 8029 Kingston Pike, to discuss *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus.

Tuesday, October 21, again at Barnes and Noble, we'll discuss *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt.



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Hadassah Associate in the News

Hadassah Lifetime Associate Member and UT Student Executive Chef **Gabriel Spenser** headed up the UT Culinary Program's "Beat the Heat" ice carving event outside the UT Conference Center on Friday, June 14. Students carved ice sculptures and passed tasty hors d'oeuvres for all to enjoy. Student Executive Chef Spenser also designed the event's menu, inspired by "Mediterranean Summer," and was interviewed by several local media outlets. The event was open to the public and approximately 80 people participated.



Hadassah Highlights

Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah

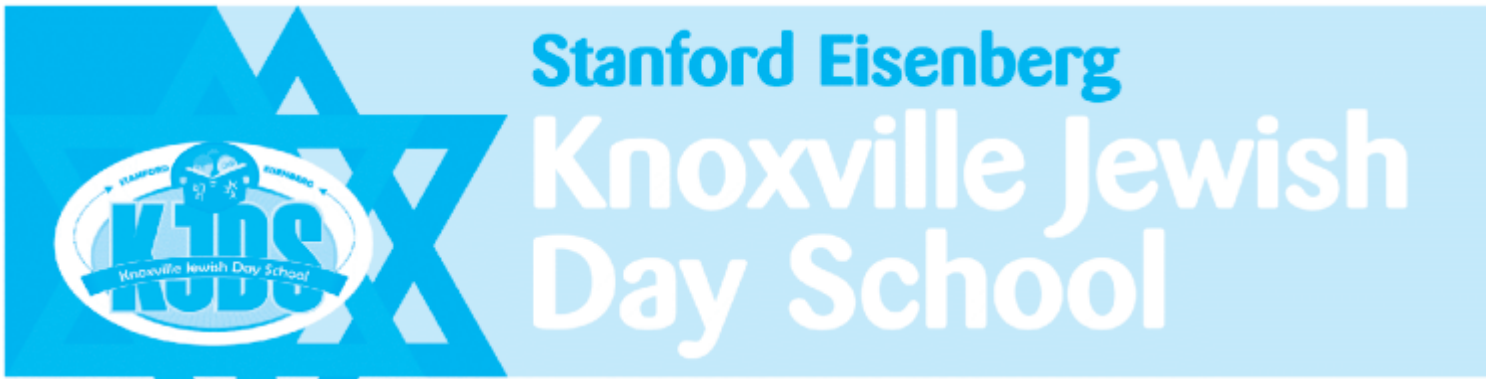
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Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Knoxville Jewish Day School Welcomes New Faculty, Staff

The Knoxville Jewish Day School welcomes some new faces to our campus and we are excited to introduce these talented, teaching and administrative professionals to you. Please help us welcome them to our wonderful KJDS family.



Katie Bell — Grades K-1

My name is Katie Bell and I am very excited to join the KJDS family! My six years of teaching experience includes kindergarten and first grade, most recently in Knox County Schools. I believe all children can learn and my goal is to always make learning a fun, memorable experience. I am looking forward to putting student needs first, and developing strong relationships with students and families. I have no doubt it will be a fantastic year!

Katie Bell

donations to the local library, collecting items for Goodwill and finding different opportunities to help our school community. In line with the KJDS philosophy, I will continue to encourage volunteerism and provide opportunities for student to share their ideas. After all, “Nine-tenths of education is encouragement.” – Anatole France.

Rebecca Beers — Grades 2-3

With almost ten years of teaching under my belt I am excited to begin my first year as the 2-3 teacher at the Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School. It is my ultimate goal to inspire children to push themselves academically while trying new approaches to teaching myself. I am passionate about teaching my students to give back to our local community and in the past have worked with my students to complete “random acts of kindness”, making



Rebecca Beers



Rosina Guerra — Drama Teacher

The Drama program at the Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School has been lovingly grown by our founding Drama teacher, Morah Debbie (Richman), and is well known for its excellence. Committed to the tremendous benefit our students derive from this program we have worked with Morah Debbie and hired **Rosina Guerra** as our new drama director.

Rosina Guerra graduated from the University of Tennessee where she majored in theatre and minored in vocal music performance. She served as the Director of Young People’s Programs for the Bijou Theatre where she directed and produced more than 25 productions, including an award-winning production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. She currently serves as director of Webb School of Knoxville’s Drama Camp, as well as director for the Regional and Junior Youth Talent Contests for the Tennessee Valley Fair.

She is a professional actress who has numerous theatrical credits, including the role of Emily Dickinson in *The Belle of Amherst*, Sally Bowles in *Cabaret* and Yente in *Fiddler on the Roof*. Her vast array of film credits include commercials and industrial training films for Ruby Tuesdays, Dollywood, and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Rosina Guerra

Ann Ely — Office Administrator

Ann Ely comes to KJDS with a background in both education and administration. Her previous positions include assistant director at Greenway Middle School and AJCC Preschool. Ann graduated from UT with a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction. After marrying, she moved to Alaska where she worked in tourism and for the Boys and Girls Club. While there she had her first child and decided to move back to Knoxville to be closer to her family. Ann is very excited to start this next exciting chapter in her life and to work with the KJDS families.

“Working with children and families is such a rewarding experience. I have already seen the amazing work being done by KJDS and feel lucky to get to be part of this community. I am excited to work with many families I already know and look forward to meeting all of the others.”



Ann Ely

We are excited to integrate more S.T.E.A.M. initiatives into our curriculum:

KJDS Goals

for our students as identified by KJDS staff

- ◆ Build networks and collaborate
- ◆ Innovate and Create
- ◆ Take Risks, Tolerate and Learn from Failure (self assess)
- ◆ Think critically and Tackle complex problems
- ◆ Communicate clearly and powerfully
- ◆ Learn actively and resourcefully
- ◆ Engage as a just, moral, ethical citizen

Accomplishments of integrating

S.T.E.A.M.

initiatives into the classroom

- ◆ Collaboration
- ◆ Cooperation
- ◆ Solving real world problems
- ◆ Emphasis on innovation
- ◆ Problem solving
- ◆ Critical Thinking
- ◆ Creativity
- ◆ Embracing Failure



The Engineering Process:



ASK: What is the problem? How have others approached it?

IMAGINE: What are some solutions? Brainstorm ideas. Choose the best one.

PLAN: Draw a diagram. Make lists of materials you will need.

CREATE: Follow your plan and create something. Test it out!

IMPROVE: What works? What doesn't? What could work better? Modify your designs to make it better. Test it out.

A Parent's Perspective

By Jenny Wood

From the time I started thinking about my children's education, it was extremely important to me that they begin their many years of schooling in a diverse environment that would instill a lifelong love for learning.

As the time for my daughter Ellie to start kindergarten grew closer, I thought more about what that meant and what it would take to achieve this in Knoxville. I thought about things as simple as the importance of making learning fun and exciting and wanting her to have teachers that would ignite her imagination. As a Jew, I thought about how important it was for my children to be truly accepted in school, and how important it was to me for them to be worldly and to be tolerant and empathetic people.

In the fall of 2012, my husband David and I, both "public school people" attended an open house at KJDS. I wanted to go because I think the world of Miriam Esther Wilhelm, head of school, and I just wanted to learn more about it. We did not attend the open house because we were thinking of sending Ellie to KJDS! We were "public school people." On the way home, it was as if there were two different people in the car. There was no question we were sending Ellie to KJDS.

That night, we did not hear a sales pitch; we were given tours of each classroom by a student from that class and their teacher. Wow, these children loved learning; they loved their school, their classmates, their teachers, their administrators. They were so proud of their work and we could see how the educators cared for the children and nurtured their students' interests. They were respectful, interested, interesting... It was truly amazing!

Our daughter, Ellie, is now one of those kids. At school, she uses technology to work collaboratively with her peers, she is taught to think creatively, to self-assess and reflect, and she knows that failure is not a bad end, rather it is something to learn from. She slides down an indoor slide while her peers cheer her on when she accomplishes something great, she and her classmates dance for one minute when their teacher presses "the red button." One day I asked Ellie what she loved about KJDS. She paused for a split second and then said, "everything" with a genuine burst of enthusiasm. Love for learning, check! As for diversity, Ellie learns alongside Jewish and non-Jewish children whose families come from Chile, Brazil, Canada, Puerto Rico, Israel, Italy, Japan, and the Philippines and KJDS families speak a total of eight languages! Diversity, check!



Max, David, Jenny and Ellie Wood.



Students participate in S.T.E.A.M. activities.



A huge shout out to Frank Floyd and the many volunteers who have been here to help him with our KJDS summer construction projects, which were needed in response to our growing enrollment!



Lila Singer, a former KJDS student, was given an assignment to write an ode for excellence night. She was open to pick any topic she'd like and her choice warmed our hearts!

ODE TO KJDS

By Lila Singer

The small Jewish community of Knoxville, Tennessee,
The 30 kids-in-all going to this wonderful school.

Everybody
Everyone

Knowing your name.

When I open the doors, the delicious cold grasps me
like a cobra trying to catch its prey.

As I walk inside, the ring of soft voices carry on invisible clouds of melody.
The smell of cozy, rainy days and lead pencils wafts up my nose.

The photograph of me on the wall, along with the other kids, says hello once again.
Time to learn math, the long, damp curls of my teacher drip
as she patiently teaches me fractions.

Then my feet
Thumping
Thumping

On the dewy grass at recess.

My loving teachers running to catch up with me.

More subjects.

Hebrew,
Reading,
History,
and
Science
P.E.
Art

Finally drama class, inspiring me to be an actress.

"Goodbye" I yell to my comical friends.

The doors as I leave the cobra grasping around me again,
my cold breath making soft clouds in the brisk October air.

I'm holding my mother's hand,
petting my dog who also came to pick me up from school.
I'm telling them all of the fun adventures the day brought.

And I'm home again, excited for tomorrow.

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The Greenspans

Rabbi Mark and Marilyn **Greenspan**, in the home of Marilyn and Harvey **Liberman**, shortly after their arrival in Knoxville.

Rabbi **Greenspan** served Heska Amuna Synagogue from 1980-1987; two of their children, Dani and Naomi, were born here. The rabbi and Marilyn were warmly received last summer when they returned to Knoxville for a visit. Rabbi **Greenspan** is presently is the rabbi of Oceanside Jewish Center in Oceanside, New York. Those who'd like to learn more about his current life may visit <http://www.oceansidejcc.org/our-rabbis/>

Photo contributed by Marilyn and Harvey Liberman