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

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Wishing All a Healthy, Happy, and
Peaceful New Year

Your Knoxville Jewish Alliance Board & Staff



KJA Welcomes New Program Manager

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance welcomes Jesse Feld to the KJA staff as its program manager. He is ecstatic to jump right in and become a big part of the Jewish community.

This summer, Feld worked at the AJCC as the Teen Adventure Program (TAPS) coordinator and the day camp aftercare director. In his new role, Feld will plan cultural programs, MCDC camp development, campaign, and volunteer recruitment and retention efforts.

A Memphis native, Feld is a University of Tennessee graduate with a degree in communications and a minor in Judaic Studies. He is the Winick AZA advisor and teaches

religious school at Heska Amuna Synagogue. He can be contacted at (865) 690-6343 or at jfeld@jewishknoxville.org.

Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Ha'Kol

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

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



**LIMITED OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE FOR FALL 2014
CALL TODAY!**

Contact **Kristen Cannon**, Early Childhood Program Director
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KJA 2014 Campaign

Campaign Goal \$360,000

As of 8/14/14

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."

KJA Friendshippers Resumes Programs

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

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

Wednesday, September 10:

A Visit from the Knoxville Zoo's Zoomobile

The Zoomobile brings educational live-animal programs and other interactive science and conservation programs to East Tennessee and surrounding areas. The Zoomobile has a special animal collection that includes small mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, spiders, insects and other invertebrates. They cannot bring large animals (sorry, the elephants don't fit in the Zoomobile), but all of the animals are fascinating and have a story to tell. Most of the animals can be touched, but this depends on the animal and the situation. Zoo staff and trained zoo volunteers handle the animals in a controlled manner.

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

Knoxville, TN 37922. The luncheon begins at noon and the program begins at 12:45 p.m. Lunch is \$8.00. There is no cost for attending the program alone. *Transportation is available upon request—please have your ride requests in by the Monday morning before the program.* For more information, please contact Laura Berry at (865) 690-6343 ext. 18 or lberry@jewishknoxville.org.



We have invited Einstein the parrot to take part in our September Friendshippers program. For a sneak peek, visit <http://knoxvilleheritage.com/einstein-talking-parrot/>. (We have been forewarned that Einstein is a bit of a diva, so let's all hope she is feeling cooperative on September 10!)

Local Israel Solidarity Gathering Sends Prayers, Humanitarian Aid

In response to the Jewish Federations of North America call for a nationally-organized drive to secure funding for humanitarian aid to help Israelis who have suffered in fear of Hamas rockets and mortar attacks into Israel, the Knoxville Jewish community gathered on Thursday, July 24 in the AJCC Gym.

To a standing room-only crowd, supporters of Israel heard about the needs of Israeli civilians, the need to perform Mitzvot as a means of peace, and the deplorable situation of the civilians in Gaza. This was not a saber-rattling event. This was a gathering of solidarity, prayer, and support. Prayers for the safety of both Israelis and Gaza civilians were offered.

Our national commitment to support this humanitarian work in Israel was \$4,900. That evening nearly \$6,000 was raised. We are forwarding all donations to JFNA as they are received. There is no cut taken by either the KJA or JFNA — 100% of the funds will go for humanitarian aid purposes. Your donation will not fund the purchase of weapons or war materials.

We were asked to raise another \$10,000 as the needs of the effort skyrocketed due to the continued missile attacks, the discovery of more tunnels, and the ground battles. We have raised \$13,000 as of August 12.

Deep appreciation goes to Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm, Rabbi Aryeh Pearlstein, Rabbi Mathew Michaels, Deborah Oleshansky, and Jeff Gubitz for their participation and roles in creating the event.



The AJCC hosted an Israel Solidarity Gathering on July 24 in response to Hamas' war on Israel.

You can still make a donation:

- Visit the KJA website, www.jewishknoxville.org, click Donate, and follow instructions.
- Use your cellphone to text ISRAEL to 51818.
- Mail a check payable to KJA, to KJA 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919. Write "Israel Emergency Fund" in memo line.
- Call the KJA office at (865) 690-6343 with your credit card number and amount of donation.

Contributions to KJA Funds

Donations made through August 12, 2014

AJCC Golf Tournament

Martin and Judi Abrams
Tennessee School of Beauty

Friendshippers Fund

In memory of Mimi Pais

Stephen and Kim Rosen; Mimi Pais'
Book Club Group

Good health wishes for Laura Berry
Judy Rattner

In honor of Sybil Joffe's birthday
Mark and Arlynn Joffe

General Fund

In memory of Robert Ivins
Harold and Susan Silber

Israel Emergency Fund

Ronald and Ebbie Sandberg, Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Elias and Anne Greenbaum, Jeff and Charlene Gubitz, Ed Hunter, Marian Jay, Steve Beber and Sandy Parker, Michael and Siri Zemel, Mark and Betty Siegel,

Stella Iroff, Bernard and Anne Bendriem, Dan and Shirley Sweeten, Ernie and Pam Gross, Leon and Vera Maya, Jill Vogelfang and Gerry Milligan, Eugene and Pat Rosenberg, Diana and Bill Steinfeld-Hicks, Marcie Silverstein, Ilya and Bella Safro, Moshe and Ilana Siman-Tov, Harvey and Judith Kaufman, Kenneth and Susan Brown, Hartline and Shahbazi Gynecology, PLLC, Norman and Sandra Licht, Joyce Traugot, George and Ellen Kern, Barry and Heidi Allen; Stephen and Kim Rosen Donor Advised Fund; Mary Beth Leibowitz and Michael Eisenstadt

Preschool Imagination Playground

Stephen and Kim Rosen Donor Advised Fund

UT Hillel
Janet Light

Hear Ye, Here!

Our Knoxville Jewish community matters to us at the AJCC!

Please let us know when:

- **Someone has had a baby**
- **Someone has just gotten married**
- **Someone new moves into the community.**



The AJCC has some special gifts and we would like to be a part of these life-changing events in a meaningful way.

Contact

kja@jewishknoxville.org
with your news.



Got the Music in You?

Calling All Area Songwriters,
Singers, Composers, and Musicians

We are recruiting local musicians, singers, songwriters, and composers to participate in a CD to be produced jointly with our Israeli partners, with the goal of being available to the public by April 2015.

Please contact **Deborah Oleshansky**
at doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org
or (865) 690-6343 for details.

AJCC Golf Tournament Held

Area golfers enjoyed a grand day on the links at the AJCC Golf Tournament, held July 20 at the Egwani Farms course in Rockford. Even nicer was that the tourney raised nearly \$3,300 to help support AJCC programs.

Twenty-eight players enjoyed the day, taking time to compete in specialty events like the chipping and mulligan contests. Lunch was sponsored by the Tennessee School of Beauty and Adam Brown.

Winning the tourney was the foursome of Barry Winston, Sam Winston, Clifton Lowery and Dane Fairfield.

Sponsors included Harper Acura -Jaguar Volkswagen, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Freeman, DDS, Mercedes Benz of Knoxville, Markman's Diamond Brokers, Modern Supply, Chancey and Reynolds Heating and A/C, Herb and Elise Jacobs, Morgan-Keegan, Imbrey and Associates, and Aubrey's. Please be sure and thank our sponsors when you see them.

Once again the deepest appreciation goes to Irv Rusotto for all of his work and effort on this yearly project. The AJCC Golf tourney and Irv Rusotto are synonymous. Irv tirelessly chaired this year's event. Helping him were Myrna Russotto, Elaine Freeman, Alan Schwartz, Harold Silber, and Jeff Gubitz.



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- ★ Jewish Community Events
- ★ Birthright Israel

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*UTK Hillel/JSO is a program of the
Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Inc.*

Suzy Snoops

Ha'Kol welcomes your good news, whether it is a new job, lifecycle event, celebration of a special anniversary, or honors and awards. You are welcome to send photos as well. Send your news items to us at nyork@jewishknoxville.org or Ha'Kol, c/o KJA, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919 or fax (865) 694-4861.

- ◆ Congratulations to **Jacob Arbibal**, who graduated from The University of Tennessee with a bachelor's degree with honors in environmental studies. He has moved to Kentucky to attend the University of Louisville to earn his master's degree in city and urban planning.
- ◆ Artwork by **Esther Sitver**, daughter of Joe Sitver and Anita Kay, was selected for a show at the Frist Center for the Visual Arts in Nashville, Tennessee. *The Young Tennessee Artists: 2014 Statewide Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Studio Art* exhibition will be held from November 7-March 8.
- ◆ Freelance producer **Leslie Snow** was part of a WUOT team which was awarded a prestigious National Edward R. Murrow Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism for the station's documentary, *I'm Still Here: My HIV Life*. The piece was chosen as the best audio documentary in the Small Market division by the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA). *I'm Still Here: My HIV Life* was produced by Matt Shaffer-Powell and Snow. The documentary also was honored with a Best Documentary award in June at the Public Radio News Directors Inc. (PRNDI) meeting in Washington, D.C.
- ◆ **Ed Greif**, son of Maurice Greif and the late Carolyn B. Greif of Rockwood, was awarded fifth place in Tennessee Press Association contest for Best News Photograph. He is the sports editor for the *Crossville Chronicle*.
- ◆ After five years in government service — including the House Financial Services Committee and three at Treasury, wrapping up as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions Policy — **Katheryn Rosen** is leaving her post to return to New York. Katheryn is the daughter of Alexandra Rosen and the late Allen Rosen.
- ◆ Mazel tov to **Leslie Gubitz**, daughter of Jeff and Charlene Gubitz, who received her master's in education degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.
- ◆ **Miriam Kramer**, daughter of Andy and Dina Kramer, is a staff writer at *Space.com*. She was recently interviewed on air at *Fox News* about one of her science news articles.
- ◆ **Alexander Berube**, son of Sharon and Rich Berube, was mentioned as a new Webb School running back to watch in a pre-season News-Sentinel Prep Extra article. He is a junior.

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KJA and AJCC Preschool Holiday Closings

Monday, September 1 — Labor Day:

AJCC Preschool, KJA Offices and AJCC Building closed.

The AJCC Pool is open 1:00-7:00 p.m. Last day of the pool season.

Thursday and Friday, September 25, 26 — Rosh Hashanah I and II:

AJCC Preschool, KJA Offices and AJCC Building closed for High Holy Days observance.



September 2104

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day AJCC Preschool and KJA office closed 7:00a minyan-HA 1-7p AJCC Pool open LAST DAY!	2 6p Exec mtg-TBE 6-9:30p fencing-gym	3 6:15p Midwk Hebrew- TBE 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-gym	4 7:00a minyan-HA 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-gym 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing -gym	5 BBYO Regional Kallah 7:30p Shabbat Service- TBE	6 BBYO Regional Kallah 9:30a Shabbat Service- HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR, followed by Rabbi's study session
7 BBYO Regional Kallah 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30-12:30p Religious School-TBE 9:30a HARS-HA 11a Israeli dancing-JCOR	8 7:00a minyan-HA 6-9:30p fencing-gym 7:15p KJA Exec Comm- AJCC	9 6-9:30p fencing-gym	10 Noon-Friendshippers- Sherrill Hills 6:15p Midwk Hebrew- TBE 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-gym	11 7:00a minyan-HA 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-gym 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing -gym	12 7:30p Shabbat Service- TBE	13 9:30a Shabbat Service- HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR
14 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30-12:30p Religious School-TBE 9:30a HARS-HA 10a Sisterhood-TBE 10a Tefillin Club-Chabad 11a Israeli dancing-JCOR 2p Hadassah Program- AJCC Gym	15 7:00a minyan-HA 6-9:30p fencing-gym 7:15p KJA Board-AL	16 6-9:30p fencing-gym 7:30p Hadassah Book Group-Barnes and Noble	17 6:15p Midwk Hebrew- TBE 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-gym	18 7:00a minyan-HA 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-gym 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing -gym 7:30p Torah and Tea- Chabad	19 9:30a Preschool Rosh Hashanah Celebration 7:30p Shabbat Service- TBE	20 9:30a Shabbat Service- HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR 8:30p HA/TBE Selichot Service at TBE 7:30p Selichot Movie <i>Hiding and Seeking</i> - JCOR 9p Selichot Service- JCOR
21 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30-12:30p Religious School-TBE 9:30a HARS-HA 11a Israeli dancing-JCOR	22 7:00a minyan-HA 6-9:30p fencing-gym	23 6-9:30p fencing-gym	24 Erev Rosh Hashanah 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-gym 6p Erev Rosh Hashanah Service-HA 6:30p Chabad Service and Dinner 7:30p Erev Rosh Hashanah Service-TBE	25 Rosh Hashanah I KJA office and AJCC Preschool closed 7:00a minyan-HA 9:30a Rosh Hashanah- HA 10a Services-TBE 5:45-6:45p ZUMBA-gym	26 Rosh Hashanah II KJA office and AJCC Preschool closed 9:30a Rosh Hashanah- HA 7:30p Shabbat Service- TBE (Luncheon and Tashlich follow service)	27 9:30a Shabbat Service- HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR
28 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30-12:30p Religious School-TBE 9:30a HARS-HA 11a HA/TBE Joint Cemetery Service 11a Israeli dancing-JCOR	29 7:00a minyan-HA 6-9:30p fencing-gym	30 6-9:30p fencing-gym			Friday, October 3 Kol Nidre	Saturday, October 3 Yom Kippur

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High Holy Days Greetings

L'Shana Tovah

Wishing all a year of peace, health
and happiness -

Marilyn and Harvey Liberman,
Mark and Janet - Atlanta, GA;

Lynn - St. Paul, MN;

Scott, Ann, Andrea and Deborah -
Dayton, OH

L'SHANA TOVAH

**Kim, Stephen,
Nathan, Arielle and
Tifannie Rosen**

Wishing a Year of Health, Happiness,
and Peace to All

Deborah Roberts, Megan and Josh Koller,
Daniel Roberts, and Carolyn Bush

THE University of Tennessee,
Knoxville Hillel
Jewish Student Organization
Wishes you a Sweet
and Healthy New Year 5775

High Holiday Greetings

Barbara and Bernard Bernstein,

Barri, Mark and Tanya,

Rachel Clara, and Benjamin

Happy Holidays from the Rebacks!

Gary, Kathy, Jenna & Ben - Portola
Valley, CA; Rick, Kate, Jessica, Joshua &
Matthew - Potomac, MD; Sandy, Shelley,
Dana & Samantha - Bethesda, MD

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from:

Len and Barbara Handler;
Charles, Meaghan, and Emmett McDermott Handler;
Amy, Phil, Oliver, and Calliope Handler Oppenheim

*The board and staff of the Stanford
Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day
School wish the entire community
a happy, healthy, sweet new year.*

**My Best Wishes to You All
For a Healthy and Happy Year**
Manny Herz

High Holy Days Greetings

L'SHANA TOVAH

Jeff and Nancy Becker and Our
Children and Grandchildren:
Rachel, Micah, Sophie, and Reuben
Becker-Klein;
Ben, Amy, Harry, and
Leo Willis-Becker;
Sarah, Adama and Aminata;
Jeff Cohen; Dan, Lora, Noah, and
Benjamin Cohen-Vogel;
Debbie, Jeff, Samantha, and
Gabriel Abrams-Cohen

Best wishes for a happy
and healthy New Year!
Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin

Wishing everyone a wonderful New Year. All
the best from Mark, Peggy & Owen Littmann
and Beth, James, Liam and Adele McGinnis

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Alice Goldfarb, Livingston, NJ;
Debbie Renert, Israel; Diane Lechter &
family, Atlanta; Betty & Malcolm Minsk,
Atlanta; Wendy & Alan Solon and family,
Atlanta; Gail & Ron Minsk & family,
Rockville, MD; Elisa & Morris Hartstein
and family, Ra'adna, Israel

LaShana Tovah

Marilyn Presser, Linda Slovis, Lisa, Michael,
David, Adam & Jennifer Cohn, Alaina Slovis,
Ely & Ayva Oberman and David Slovis

A Happy New Year from
all the Kramers in
St. Louis, Rochester,
Oxford, Great Britain
and Jerusalem

With all good wishes,
PESSA, MARLA,
BART, JOEL & WILL
BRODY

Holiday Greetings
from the
Dreyer Family

All the best
in the New Year.
The Board of the Knoxville
Jewish Community
Family of Funds

May 5775 be a year of blessing,
contentment, and peace!
Shana Tovah u'Metukah,
Rabbi Mathew D. Michaels

~ 5775 ~

Temple Beth El
Our Board and Our Staff
Wish the Entire Community
A Happy and Healthy
New Year

High Holy Days Greetings

L'Shana Tovah Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart Studio of Arnold Schwarzbart www.schwarzbart.com	<i>A Happy, Healthy & Meaningful New Year Bernie & Lesley Rosenblatt</i>	L'Shana Tovah Mark & Carol Harris; Alan, Mary Jo, David, Daniel, Rachel & Jacob Harris; Robert, Marcy, Alex & Noah Chatham; Kevin, Melissa, Madeline, and Ella Harris	
L'SHANA TOVAH TIKATEVU TO ALL. May you and your families be sealed in the book of life with good health, prosperity, and happiness. Heidi, Barry & Eddy Allen		Our perennial prayer for peace and prosperity. Arlene Goldstine & Family	Shana Tovah U'Metukah Gilya Schmidt and Family
GREETINGS FROM NEW ORLEANS! Wishing Everyone a Healthy & Happy New Year Lee Miller Blotner, Lissa, Shelly, & Seth		Best wishes for a Happy, Healthy New Year. Sondra and Buzz Brody	L'Shana Tovah Jeff and Charlene, Ron, Leslie B., and Nola Bea, Rabbi Jennifer Gubitz, and Leslie Gubitz
L'Shana Tovah Stephen, Rosalie, Mara, Evan & Iris Nagler	Trudy, Gary, Marcie, Allison, Emma, Scott, Ellen Clare, Natalie, Hannah, and Stone	The Officers, Board of Trustees, and Staff wish all of our members and the entire Jewish community a healthy, happy and prosperous new year. We join you in praying for peace in Israel. Heska Amuna Synagogue	
<i>The KJA Board and Staff wish you a healthy and happy New Year</i>		Healthy & Happy New Year! From Shelley and Marc Mangold and Abram Hanford, Cody and Miz Hanford and new baby July Ethel Hanford	
Holiday Greetings from Marcie Silverstein and Family		Happy New Year from Susie, Raphe and William Panitz	

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 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 Temple Beth El, Heska Amuna Synagogue, KJA, or the Knoxville Jewish Day School. All have barrels to receive your donations of food.

This drive continues year long but as our thoughts turn to the Holy Days, please remember to bring your donations to help support this ongoing community effort. The food you donate goes to Second Harvest Food Bank and the FISH Hospitality Pantry to help area families. 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.

Jewish Community Invited to Join Area Breast Cancer Fight – October 5

The Arnstein Jewish Community Center has once again partnered with the American Cancer Society to **Finish the Fight** against breast cancer. Last year our team raised more than \$7,500 (4th highest team in Knoxville—*today rabah!*), had more than 50 participants walking and 50 members in the Jewish community who volunteered at the event.

What are you waiting for? **Register now** for the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer® 5K Walk on **Sunday, October 5** at

World's Fair Park. Event registration starts starting at 2:00 p.m. The walk begins at 3:00 p.m. By participating in this inspiring event, you not only honor and celebrate those impacted by breast cancer, but every step you take and every dollar raised helps save lives. When more walkers raise money to fight breast cancer, more survivors will be able to celebrate more birthdays.

The American Cancer Society and the AJCC believe everybody deserves more birthdays and this is a fight **we will win!** All are invited to participate in the 2014 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event.

Go to the www.makingstridesknoxville.org website to join our team. The official team name is **Arnstein Jewish Community Center**. There is no registration fee to participate, but donations are appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your help. We look forward to working with you on this important initiative. If you have questions, call Amy (865) 356-6830 or Hayley (954) 610-0015.



The Fern & Manfred Steinfield
Program in Judaic Studies

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2014-2015 Karen and Pace Robinson
Lecture on Modern Israel

The Makeup of Israel: Immigration, Emigration, Ethnic Composition, and Fertility

Yinon Cohen,
Yosef H. Yerushalmi Professor
of Israel and Judaic Studies
Department of Sociology
Columbia University

September 10, 7:00 p.m.

Hodges Library Auditorium
1015 Volunteer Boulevard, UT Campus

*The lecture is free and is open to the public.
A reception will follow.*



Help Fill Bar, Bat Mitzvah Students Collection Bins

The Hebrew word *mitzvah* literally means commandment, but it has also come to mean a good deed.

- ★ *Hiddur* means to make beautiful. *Hiddur mitzvah*, then, is a commandments to make things beautiful while doing good. In the spirit of *hiddur mitzvah*, Lillian Schweitzer is collecting **new art supplies** to donate to children's programs that work with under-served families. Please join us in this *tzedakah* project. Donations can be placed in the box in the synagogue lobby or at the AJCC.
- ★ Jacob Hale is collecting **new and gently-used books**. Bins are located at TBE and the AJCC Lobby.



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2014 High Holy Day Service Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 24 6:00 p.m.
 Additional parking available at Knoxville First Seventh Day Adventist

Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 25 9:30 a.m.
 Additional parking available at Knoxville First Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Rosh Hashanah II

Friday, September 26 9:30 a.m.
 Additional parking available at Knoxville First Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Kol Nidre

Friday, October 3 TBD
 Additional parking available at Knoxville First Seventh Day Adventist, Laurel Church of Christ and St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 4 9:30 a.m.
 Additional parking available at Laurel Church of Christ and St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

Yom Kippur Minchah

Saturday, October 4 6:00 p.m.
 Additional parking available at Laurel Church of Christ and St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

Child Care available throughout the holidays.

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

Raya Mehemna

By Rabbi Alon Ferency



As I approach the new year, the high holidays offer messages of preparation and leadership.

During the *U'netaneh Tokef*, the signal prayer of the holidays, we are enjoined to think of God *k'vakarat ro'eh 'edro*, as a Shepherd reviewing God's flock. To place this phrase in context, it was common practice for the shepherd to account for her flock (and there is evidence that this was a profession of both genders), by leading them through a single file passage at the day's beginning and end, thereby counting them one-by-one. In the liturgy of the *machzor* (the High Holiday prayerbook), we pass before God under the Shepherd's crook, "like children of Maron." By most explanations, Maron was the region of a mountain pass, with a narrow defile through which no two could travel abreast. Ovadia of Bartenura, a 15th century rabbi, says that like a shepherd, "The Creator sees our hearts altogether, and comprehends all our acts. Even though they pass one-by-one, all are seen in a single glance." This is God's essential work: to know us each intimately, and also all as one humanity. God sees us all as individuals, and knows us altogether as the People Israel.

In fact, the profession of a shepherd seems to be a venerable model of Jewish leadership. *Midrash* understands that the work of a Shepherd was good training to become a leader of Jews. Nearing his death, Moses ask God, "Let the God of the spirits of all flesh take note of a person within the congregation, who will go out before them and come back before them – leading them out and bringing them in – so that the God's congregation will not be like sheep without a shepherd." (Numbers 27:16-17) Thereafter in Zohar, and amplified by later Chassidic traditions, the community rabbi became known as *Raya Mehemna*, the faithful shepherd.

That is my model of the rabbinate: to give faithful service as a communal leader. Just as a shepherd seeks out fine pastures, we seek to demonstrate a vision for the future, to gather a community together in the same direction, and to help us get there securely. Along the way, the shepherd provides for the sheep, cares for them, and worries about their needs as though those needs were his own. In *The Lord Is My Shepherd: The Theology of a Caring God*, Rabbi Michael Samuel says, "The good shepherd must work with the instincts of the sheep and cannot force the flock to go where it does not want to go... [He] could not look after the health of the sheep while standing afar. He had to be close at hand [and] can never sleep nor be comforted until his lost sheep is brought back safely to the flock."

A shepherd is not in control, and can only offer imperfect guidance; in religious terms, he is more "Spiritual Teacher" than "Spiritual Leader." In many ways, the shepherd and the sheep are not so far apart. As my mother is wont to point out, a good rabbi is only a few steps ahead of her community – enough to set a path, not so little to succumb to complacency, nor so far as to leave many behind. Likewise, in the Biblical era, the shepherd's duty, honor, and welfare were bound up with the flock (for example, shepherds slept in the sheepfold). In Hammurabi's code (18th century B.C.E.) and in later in Jewish legal precedent (*halakhah*), "The shepherd was held accountable for the flock and was responsible for their care." The shepherd's destiny is with the flock.

As the Isaiah prophecies: "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd. He shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with the young."

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We would like to thank **the children of Ed Feldman** who sponsored a kiddush in July.

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Order Lulavs and Etrogs Today

The deadline for orders of lulav and etrog sets is **Friday, September 19.**

The cost for lulav and etrog sets plus shipping costs will be determined.

Pick up dates for your lulav and etrog sets at Heska Amuna Synagogue:

Monday, October 6
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



Chair's Message

"Procrastination Isn't All That It Is Cracked Up to Be"

By Barry P. Allen

The dreaded words "summer is over" are like Voldemort's name in *Harry Potter* - that which cannot (or should not) be named. Well, maybe that is a bit of an exaggeration, but it does capture a little of the feeling that the relaxed, and relaxing, days of summer are now, or very soon to be, behind us; ahead lie 8-9 months when there are more established demands on our time and attention. For those of us with children not yet in college, the hectic nature of the school year is marked by classes, followed by after-school activities, Hebrew and Religious school, playdates, Jewish and secular holidays, college tours, plans for winter vacations, or a melange of other age-appropriate things to do. Our sense of time is compressed and summarized in the emotional context of the question - "what's next on the agenda or calendar?"

If I answered and said "introspection", "self-evaluation", "contemplation", or "self-analysis" - to get "ready" before the start of Rosh Hashanah - you would probably roll your eyes and begin to think about what else in *Ha'Kol* you might read to amuse or inform you, or at least keep you awake. Rather than lose my audience too prematurely, I won't go down that obvious path ...yet. Having now lulled you into a false sense that this won't be one of "those" articles, let's make it one of "those" articles.

As a general rule, I try to get to an important written point by the end of the opening paragraph - one that will summarize what will be coming in the rest of the document - but you can see that I haven't followed that rule here. Why? The reality is that I am procrastinating, trying to come up with my "theme," since I don't want to come across as "preachy" or "judgmental," nor falsely portray myself as wise or scholarly. What can I say about the forthcoming High Holy Days that hasn't been said better, and many times before, by others?

Though my middle initial is "P," and I have often said it stands for "procrastinate," I doubt I am all that unique. I dare say almost all of us procrastinate in one way or another; some are just better and more accomplished at doing it. The rash of people in our community who have died this year, and the news that is fresh as I write this article about the Malaysian jet that was shot down in the Ukraine, or the deadly fighting in Gaza, all make me think about procrastinating until it is too late, when there won't be a "next time" to do whatever should have been done earlier. I don't get morbid, but one can't help but think that each of the people who have died in our midst, or in the news stories, would have welcomed the chance to "procrastinate" their own death to another day, another year.

We don't typically get the choice about the ultimate procrastination, which usually means that we have to face reality and decide just how our days will be measured - not just in quantity, but quality. Will we choose to be good parents? Citizens? Leaders? Volunteers? Philanthropists? Friends? Artisans at whatever we enjoy doing most, even if it is "work"? Role models? Teachers? Students? Will the quality of our time be remembered for a blessing, or will we just be remembered as procrastinators, whose days were literally numbered but not counted as meaningful?

In the run up to Rosh Hashanah, and thereafter, throughout the Ten Days of Awe to Yom Kippur, we get to set the theme for our own Book of Life in the coming year, and to lay the foundation for our relationship to and with God, our family, our friends, and the broader community. We get to write the broad thematic outline, even if the details will remain to be determined. We can certainly procrastinate, but there is a risk. We may run out of time.

My wife, Heidi, and my son, Eddy, and our entire family wish all of you quality time to set your goals and the length of days to achieve them. We wish you a Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous New Year.

From the President

By Jenifer Ohriner

September will be a very busy month for all of us! The holidays will be here before we know it and will take us well into October. We will have lots of things to look forward to. In December, we will have our first ever "Legacy Shabbat" honoring our members who have been with Heska Amuna through thick and thin for more than 25 years! Invitations and lots of publicity will be coming to you over the next few months.

You may notice a change in the way we remind you of the upcoming yearzeit of your loved ones. We will send you an email about three weeks in advance. You will get a second email about a week in advance. If you somehow don't get the reminder in time, please let the office know. You may want to check this year's synagogue calendar to be sure your information on that calendar is correct. If you must have a snail mail notice, please let Bradley know -- and you will get one letter about three weeks in advance.

Evan and I wish each and every one of you L'Shana Tova, and a wonderful year here with your Heska Amuna Synagogue.

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Heska Amuna Religious School News

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

We dip apples in honey to signify our wish for a sweet new year. The apple, aside from being the primary fruit of the fall season, also symbolizes the *Shechinah* – the divine presence which is often referred to as an apple orchard in kabbalistic literature. It is also used to recall the initial understanding of right and wrong by Adam and Eve after they ate an apple from the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden of Eden and to remind us to choose between right and wrong.

How does the apple add something to the ritual of dipping apples and honey on Rosh Hashanah? Why is the apple appropriate for this special ritual? What message can apples have for us about approaching the New Year? Some thoughts are:

- ★ Apples come in many varieties like people, like different kinds of learners
- ★ Like a year, apples contain the seeds for the next year
- ★ The apple in the Garden of Eden talks about making right or wrong choices
- ★ Apples are round like the year
- ★ Apples remind us of health – an apple a day!
- ★ You can shine an apple...we spend the year trying to be our best selves
- ★ Apples into apple sauce...we can change!

I would like to wish everyone a Shanah Tovah from my family to yours! May 5775 be as sweet as a year can be for all of us. May Israel be returned to peace in the coming year!



Dates to Remember

Sunday, September 12

Tot Shabbat

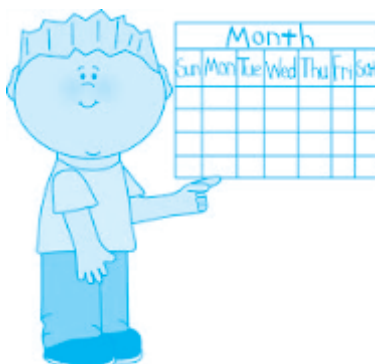
5:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 20

Family Minyan—10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, September 24

No HARS - Erev Rosh Hashanah



Tot Shabbat

Friday, September 12



Tot Shabbat is designed for children 2 to 6 years old. Shabbat dinner begins at **5:30 p.m.** with services following dinner. We welcome Shabbat with good food and good friends.

\$10.00 per family for dinner.

Families can pay before or after Shabbat.

Gan K'Tan

Sunday, September 7

We come together for music, art, stories, games, Hebrew, snack and good friends all in a fun Jewish environment. This year we want each class to be even more special than it was last year.

Every child will receive a gift of a Jewish book to add to their library.



\$5.00 per session. For more information, contact Betty Golub at morahbetty@heskaamuna.org



Save the Date

Heska Amuna Sisterhood Brunch

Sunday, October 19

10:00 a.m.-noon

Heska Amuna Synagogue

There will be a brunch and program.

Mitzvah of the Month

Haknasat Orchim – Welcoming Guests

"Your house shall be wide open, in order that you shall never lack food. Be careful that the doors of your house shall not be closed when you take your meals, that you may not be punished therefore with poverty...Be joyful at your table when the hungry derive benefit from it, in order that you enjoy longevity and have a share in the world to come. (Tractate Derech Eretz Zuta 9)"

Did you know that it is a mitzvah to be hospitable? This concept goes all the way back to Abraham who warmly greeted his visitors. During the New Year, invite friends and family. Participate in Guess who is coming to Shabbas.

Another way to fulfill the Mitzvah is to participate in the **Buddy Backpack Program** in Knoxville. Children in the program receive, on a regular basis, backpacks filled with nutritious, non-perishable food that can easily be prepared by a child, to keep them from going hungry after school or on weekends. We will leave a box in the lobby for your donations. Let's help feed the children of Knoxville!



Sisterhood News

As Lynn and I leave our positions as Co-Presidents of Heska Amuna Synagogue Sisterhood, we want to wish our successors the very best and we want to thank again everyone who has helped us and Sisterhood over the past two years.

Peggy just got a call from Lee Miller Blotner. She now lives in New Orleans, but likes to keep track of her Knoxville friends and all the activities happening here. She wanted some more details about Sisterhood programs she had read about. She has just started a Sisterhood program at her new synagogue and wants to include some of our activities. That is a lovely compliment to all of us who have worked so hard to have a successful Sisterhood here at Heska Amuna Synagogue.

Our Sisterhood list of activities is impressive as we look back. Fund raising, programming, education sessions, entertainment, catering, supporting Heska Amuna -- all made possible by the hard work, dedication, and support of our Sisterhood Members.

*L'Shana Tovah, and with appreciation,
Lynn Fuson and Peggy Littmann*

(To see a current list of Heska Amuna Sisterhood activities, visit the Sisterhood tab under "Groups" at www.heskaamuna.org)

On behalf of the Heska Amuna Religious School, we would like to thank the **Leibowitz and Hedrick families** for their generous donation of new Etgar Yesodi curriculum for our third, fourth and fifth grade students. This donation was made in memory of their parents.

The Three Pillars of Jewish Life

By Rabbi Michael Panitz

On the Shabbat weekend of July 25-28, it was my privilege to be the guest of Heska Amuna Synagogue. On sabbatical from Temple Israel of Norfolk, VA, where I serve as rabbi, I came to Knoxville to visit my brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Raphael and Susette Panitz.

Meeting the congregants was a high point of my sabbatical! Warm, eager to engage in Jewish learning, happy to embrace a fellow Jew in their community of worship and fellowship, the congregants are excellent exemplars of the Jewish value, "*haknasat orchim*"—hospitality to visitors.

My brother organized the worship service on Shabbat morning, dividing the various Torah reading and prayer leading responsibilities, and the congregants displayed an impressive range of synagogue skills. One of the Torah readers, (Jens Juhl), enlivened the Torah reading with a Yemenite cantillation... not often heard in these Appalachian foothills!

As is fitting for a congregation that serves as a spiritual home for University of Tennessee faculty members and Oak Ridge scientists, among other leaders in the community, it did not surprise me that our Sunday morning study session, "What really happened at Masada?" drew a respectable number of students and a lively conversation. But I will say, as a veteran of Jewish adult education programs, that I was positively impressed by the sophistication of the questions asked by congregants during that session.

"*Kol Ha-Kavod*" to the Heska Amuna congregation for its commitment to excellence in the three pillars on which, we are taught, civilization itself rests: worship, Torah study, and deeds of loving-kindness.

Susette and Raphe Panitz are joined by Rabbi Michael Panitz and Barbara Leeds at the July 27 Sunday morning study session.



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Donations received by July 28, 2014

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Thanks to Michael Burnett, Elyse Messing, Anna Iroff, Patrick Messing, Mary Ann Merrell, Marilyn Burnett, and Pat Rosenberg – and everyone else who helped to make our anniversary Shabbat wonderful
By: Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart
In honor of our grandchildren, Liam and Adele McGinnis
By: Mark and Peggy Littmann

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In memory of Greta Besmann, mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother to Ted, Wendy, Anna and David Besmann
By: Michael and Harriet Glasman

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In appreciation to the Sturm family for their hospitality at Bonnaroo
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LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Ed Balloff
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In honor of Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbarts' 50th anniversary
By: Miriam Weinstein
In memory of Edward Mottzman, father of Susette (Mottzman) Panitz
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In honor of my Bonnaroo bat Mitzvah. Thank you Rabbi Ferency
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By: Susan Millman

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In memory of Philip Chazen and Howard Greenbaum
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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
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In memory of Greta Besmann
By: Alan Solomon and Andrea Cartwright



TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

As We Prepare for the High Holy Days....

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

As we prepare for the High Holy Days, we can take time to reflect on the awesome nature of this period in the Jewish calendar. Tradition teaches that this is a time for taking a moral inventory, a time for introspection and honest self-assessment. It is a time to reflect, repent and respond to family and friends. It is a time to analyze past negative behaviors and resolve to respond more positively in the future. It is an opportunity to align our minds, hearts and souls so that our thoughts, actions and feelings reflect an internal consistency. In short, it is a time to make some important choices and decisions that can well impact how we live in this next year.

As human beings, we have free will. In the 12th Century, Maimonides taught: Do not imagine that character is determined at birth. We have been given free will. Any person can become as righteous as Moses or as wicked as Jeroboam. We ourselves decide whether to make ourselves learned or ignorant, compassionate or cruel, generous or miserly. No one forces us, no one decides for us, no one drags us along one path or the other; we ourselves, by our own volition, choose our own way.

He also taught: Free will is given to every human being. If we wish to incline ourselves toward goodness and righteousness, we are free to do so; and if we wish to incline ourselves toward evil, we are also free to do that... Nothing holds us back from making this choice between good and evil – the power is in our hands.

But Martin Buber reminds us that we should not separate ourselves from God. He counsels us to be mindful of God's role in our everyday lives when he writes:

Stopping one's ear so as not to hear the voice from above is breaking the connection between existence and the meaning of existence.

Our goal, as individuals, as a congregation, and as a community is to discover that deeper level of living. Though we recognize that free will is inherent in each of us as human beings, let us also remember that we are created in the Divine image; that the sparks of divinity which are implanted in our human souls must be visible and present in our daily choices and actions. May this year of 5775, be such a time for us all.

Wishing each of you a Shanah Tovah u'metukah...A Good and Sweet Year!



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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.





Temple Beth El High Holy Day Schedule – 5775/2014

Saturday, September 20 8:30 p.m. Selichot Service

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 24 7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 25 9:00 a.m. Children's Service
10:00 a.m. Morning Service

*(Luncheon & Tashlich Ceremony
will follow the Service)*

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 28 10:00/11:00 a.m. Cemetery Service (Old/New)

Friday, October 3 7:30 p.m. Erev Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 4 9:00 a.m. Children's Service
10:00 a.m. Morning Service
1:15 p.m. Discussion/Study
2:30 p.m. Afternoon Service
4:30 p.m. Yizkor/Memorial Service
5:30 p.m. Ne'ilah/Closing Service

(Sisterhood hosts a complimentary Break-the-Fast following the final Shofar blast.)

Sukkot and Simchat Torah

Wednesday, October 8 5:45-7:30 p.m. Decorate the Sukkah
(Students and families decorate the Sukkah during Religious School, service and "Pizza in the Hut.")

Friday, October 10 6:00 p.m. Sukkot Family Experience

Wednesday, October 15 6:00 p.m. Simchat Torah with Consecration

(Help unroll the entire Torah as we joyously celebrate Simchat Torah.)

SAVE THE DATE!

It's Time for Temple Beth El Sisterhood's

MAH JONGG MADNESS

Sunday, October 26

1:00 p.m at Temple Beth El

Registration \$18.00



SNACKS PRIZES MAH JONGG

It's Time for Sisterhood at Temple Beth El

*By Karen Smith and Kathy Young,
Co-Presidents*

A new year of Sisterhood begins at Temple Beth El on **Sunday, September 14** at 10:00 a.m. with Sisterhood's opening meeting/program/brunch. What a great opportunity to visit with Sisterhood friends old and new and hear about Sisterhood's plans for the coming year.

The coming year is a big one for Temple Sisterhood as we help Temple Beth El celebrate its 150th year **November 7-9** and then on **February 20, 2015** we celebrate our 100th year of affiliation with WRJ with a Sisterhood Shabbat service.

Make plans to attend the Mah Jongg Madness Tournament on **Sunday, October 26 at 1:00 p.m.** at Temple. Registration is \$18.00 for an afternoon of mah jongg, snacks, and prizes. Watch for e-mails to include save the date and registration forms. Please copy and share the registration form with your mah jongg friends.

Sisterhood will once again provide complimentary child care for High Holy Day services for Rosh Hashanah **MORNING on September 25** and Yom Kippur **DAY on October 4** thanks to an anonymous contribution from a Temple family. Watch for a flier or contact Tamara Sturm to sign up for child care.

Membership brochures have been mailed. Please complete the membership application and send with your check for \$45.00 payable to Temple 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.

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

*It's time for Sisterhood at
Temple Beth El! Come on and join in!*



Temple Beth El is pleased to provide complimentary Valet Parking for most of this year's Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

Valet Parking is limited to those with a Handicap Parking Permit, respiratory, or mobility issues.

Handicap Parking will NOT be available in front of Temple Beth El. Those spaces are needed for valet entry and exit and to allow for two lanes of traffic.

If you need Valet Parking, please contact Tina Fleeman at the Temple Office (524-3521) and leave your name.

The entire first level of parking at the rear of the building is reserved for those who have purchased those parking spaces and for valet parking.

All other parking will be on parking levels 2, 3, and 4 and at the Teen Center next door.

Every Year is a New Challenge

This month we begin the annual ritual soul searching known as The Days of Awe or the High Holy Days. Rosh Hashanah initiates the 10 days of repentance, an opportunity for contemplation and to clean the slate for a new year, a renewed life. Culminating in the holiest day of the Jewish calendar, Yom Kippur, the rich and complex liturgy and traditions have had sustaining power over thousands of years. The long and complex communal prayers, the ritual and fasting, the music and the 'wake-up' call created by the blast of the shofar are truly timeless.

But every year we each bring new experiences and personal growth to this occasion. This year's world and our lives are not the same as they were before. We face new challenges yet we can record new accomplishments. Our world is different from that of our parents and grandparents before us and the world of our children. With these changes, the same liturgy and Torah readings will speak to each of us differently. Our experience of the High Holy Days is fresh and new, completely unlike last year or any other year.

Teshuvah, the watchword of the entire High Holy Days experience, means to literally stop in our tracks and turn around, to return to a right path. We have the capacity to turn around. We have free will. There's the rub and the challenge. The Jewish notion of sin is that of going astray. To heal the breach in relationships, with ourselves, with God, with the people we know, and with the world is the ultimate challenge of the High Holy Days. Do you ask yourself, "Am I the person I want to be, the friend I can be, the human being I want to be?"

Like Shabbat, only vaster and deeper, we step into the sanctuary during the High Holy Days and we are offered a familiar and safe place, removed from the demands and distractions of everyday life. The liturgy provides us with an invitation to contemplate our lives, our achievements and failures. We have a chance to think about how we have changed and grown over the year as well as where we may have failed to grow and to aspire to who we want to be in the next year.

At the start of Rosh HaShanah we begin to acknowledge the little things....how we might have hurt our mother's feelings, how we were impatient with our kids in the supermarket...the things we could have done but didn't...the things we did and now regret. We start by scrutinizing our personal lives first and foremost. We enter the sanctuary and the liturgy begins to push us to confront the parts of ourselves we find difficult to confront when we first walk in the door.

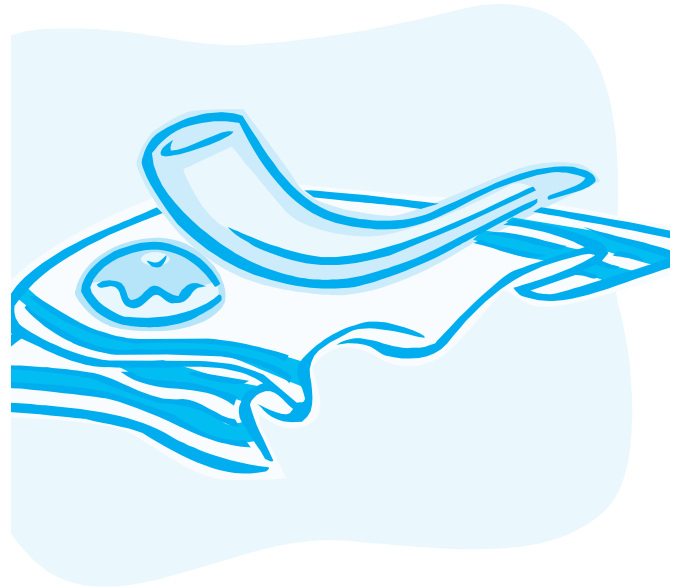
By the end of Yom Kippur, we may be seriously soul-searching about the homeless on our streets, the diminishing forests, the death of the bees, the pollution of the air we breathe, the despair and unresolved conflict in Israel and Gaza, Nigeria or the Ukraine. Most of the year, we distance ourselves from these things because it is too much to hold all at once. We are paralyzed. We are overwhelmed. We struggle to keep our own lives together, to be a good force in our community, our Temple, our neighborhood, and our city. But this is the time devoted to really challenge the complicated.

When we walk away after 'break the fast,' after we have gone through all the stirring and thought provoking ritual, can we live differently? Did we get anywhere? Do we just throw our hands up in frustration and paralysis? How are we taking ownership and responsibility for the problems in our society and our world? How do we move ourselves from the service of the self into service for the world? There is a human need for meaning, for purposeful connection, for community, and for real engagement in the world. This is our challenge here at Temple Beth El. This year, as President, it is my new challenge to encourage and support that real engagement.

The *Unetanah Tokef* prayer asks us to see the possibility of our own death...who will live and who will die. Though we can't control *if* we will live or die, we can control *the way* we live our lives. Be aware that the world works so extraordinarily. Much can go wrong but look at what is so right and good. "Prayer is our humble answer to the inconceivable surprise of living." says Heschel.

Our New Challenges in this New and Different (not the same as Last Year) Year:

Go out and build your spiritual life. Fix relationships. Fight for justice in the world. These are ultimately the things that matter in life.



Temple Beth El Religious School September Update

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

Happy New Year! It's time for apples and honey from the Sisterhood for all our students. Sunday, September 21. We will celebrate Rosh Hashanah, **September 24 and 25**. Our Children's Service is at 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning. Rabbi Matt and Norma will do a service for our younger children. We hope to see our older students at regular services.

Confirmation Class will attend the services at the Old and New Cemeteries on Sunday, September 28. Students will meet at Temple Beth El and carpool to the cemetery.

Preparing for our 150th Family Celebration Day: We have a busy September planned as our students create special materials for our November 9 Family Day. Our students will have the opportunity to work with area artists to create two very different pieces of art for our celebration. Our teens will also learn about our Temple Beth El Archives and will add their own contributions to this chronicle of Temple history.

Have you recently upgraded your tablet, laptop, or desktop commuter? 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.

Torah Tots! Please bring your little one to our monthly program for parents and little ones ages 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 a.m.-11:15 p.m.

Preschool Class: Don't forget that we have a new class just for our four year olds and any five year old 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, and 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.



As we did two years ago, the Reform Movement has joined in partnership with the Conservative Movement and Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) to raise and distribute funds to provide emergency aid and alleviate the pain and suffering of our Israeli brothers and sisters. We can't stop the rockets or silence the sirens - but we can try to soften their impact on the lives of the children and families living under their blare.

The Knoxville community raised \$13,000 as of August 12 and is still accepting donations to help with humanitarian needs on the ground in Israel. You can contribute to this emergency drive using any of these methods.

- ★ Text ISRAEL to 51818
- ★ Send a check (made payable to KJA) to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919. Note "Israel Emergency Fund" in the memo line.
- ★ Donate online at www.jewishknoxville.org—DONATE link.

All contributions are tax-deductible and 100 % of the money will go to address these mounting needs. 100% of the funds collected will go directly to our partners on the ground in Israel. These groups include the Jewish Agency, JDC, Hadassah and others. Funds collected do not go to support the Israeli Defense Forces or to purchase armaments.



WANTED: Non-Perishable Foods for Area Food Banks

Donation ideas: On your next grocery store run, let your children select cans of their favorite soup, vegetable, or fruit (*pull tabs are a plus for elderly users*.) Cereal on sale? Pick up an extra box or two for the food barrel. Coffee, tea, spices, and low sodium or heart healthy items are other options. Blue food barrels are in the TBE Lobby.

Don't Drop the Ball on Tradition

By Deborah Roberts

Each of us has watched the dazzling drop of the Times Square Ball on New Year's Eve. But do you know how the tradition started? And what does that have to do with Temple Beth El in Knoxville, Tennessee?

In the early history of our congregation, very few truly recognizable historic figures make an appearance. But one name does come to the fore – **Julius Ochs**, father of **Adolph Ochs**, who eventually established the *New York Times* publishing dynasty.

Nashville can claim Julius Ochs – he was an initial member of the group that started their first congregation in the 1840s. And Chattanooga definitely claims him – the Julius and Bertha Ochs Memorial Temple is named for him and his wife; they are buried in Chattanooga's Jewish cemetery. But Knoxville is where Julius made his home and raised his children. The Jewish Virtual Library puts it succinctly:

JULIUS OCHS (1826–1888), founder of the family, was an immigrant from Bavaria who went into business in Louisville, Kentucky, and then in Knoxville, Tennessee. He became a communal leader and served as volunteer rabbi to the Jewish community for 25 years. His three sons rose to prominence as publishers and editors.

Julius was well educated and fluent in several languages, including Hebrew. After wandering throughout the South, fighting in two wars, and struggling with several business ventures, he finally chose Knoxville as a permanent home in 1864. There his gentle nature, intellectual bent, and strong sense of civic responsibility were instrumental in helping to organize the Knoxville Hebrew Benevolent Association. Its purpose was twofold: to maintain the cemetery in which two Jewish Confederate soldiers had been buried in 1862 and to help Jewish settlers in need.

Julius also served as lay rabbi and teacher for this fledgling congregation, our very own Temple Beth El. The minutes of the Society, which are in our Temple Archives and also preserved on microfilm at the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, reveal many motions made by Julius Ochs who also served as secretary.

Unfortunately, Julius's business ventures were not his strong suit and Adolph found himself having to leave school and work at a young age. He took a job with Captain William Rule at the *Knoxville Chronicle*, which introduced him to the world of newspaper publishing.

Seeing opportunity in nearby Chattanooga, Adolph moved there and, though practically penniless, secured enough of a loan to become owner of the *Chattanooga Times*. That successful venture led him to a second opportunity - owner and publisher of the *New York Times* - the same *New York Times* that is now legendary, with more Pulitzer Prizes than any other newspaper. The newspaper continues to be run by the Ochs family, with Adolph's great-grandson, Arthur O. Sulzberger, currently at the helm.

Adolph's ties to Reform Judaism, which his parents had already espoused, were made even stronger when he married Iphigenia ("Effie") Miriam Wise. Her father, Isaac M. Wise, is the "father" of Reform Judaism, the founder of *Hebrew Union College* – America's first Jewish theological school - and of the *Union of American Hebrew Congregations* (now the *Union of Reform Judaism*).

Ochs' success never separated him from his strong sense of Jewish identity – as his *New York Times* obituary states, "not only by tradition but by conviction he was a firm adherent of the reformed Jewish faith". He served as trustee of New York's Temple Emanuel, financed a new synagogue in Chattanooga in honor of his parents, and two years later became chairman of Hebrew Union College, for which he raised over \$4,000,000.

When Temple Beth El established its first permanent home in a restored church on Vine Street, Adolph Ochs paid for a new ark to house our Torah. He had been long gone from his Knoxville origins, but he never forgot the town that gave him his start.



The Origin of an American New Year's Eve Tradition

How cool, then, to find out that the New Years Eve ball drop, watched by millions of people around the world, is also connected to this fine Jewish gentleman who had his beginnings right here in our Jewish community.

According to *timessquarenyc.org*, the Official Site of Times Square, it turns out that in 1904, to celebrate and promote the opening of the New York Times headquarters at newly named Times Square, Ochs planned an all-day street festival that culminated in a fireworks display with more than 200,000 attendees.

Two years later, the city banned the fireworks display - but Ochs, undaunted, arranged to have a large, illuminated seven-hundred-pound iron and wood ball – illuminated with 100 incandescent light bulbs – lowered from the tower flagpole precisely at midnight to signal the end of 1907 and the beginning of 1908.

And there you have it – the beginning of that famous global tradition we look forward to every year.

The New Years Eve ball has been transformed through the years, and so has our Temple. But we owe our start to the same family that gave the world this special celebration, and that's pretty amazing.

Some balls are meant to be dropped, but others aren't! Let us each continue our pride in Temple Beth El's glorious heritage by participating in and supporting our 150th Anniversary Celebration.



Temple Beth El's 150th Gala Event Silent Auction

SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 8

Holiday Inn-Knoxville, World's Fair Park

We need your help with donations!

To make this event a success, we are actively seeking donations of gift certificates or merchandise to be used auction items from congregants and local merchants. All donors will be highlighted in our Gala program, monthly *Ha'Kol* and Tuesday Blast. There is no better way to show your support for Temple Beth El.

Auction Item Ideas

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| * Gift Certificates | * Restaurant Certificates |
| * Wine | * Gourmet Food Items |
| * Dinner Parties | * Manicures or Haircuts |
| * Sports Tickets | * Theatre or Opera Tickets |
| * Plane Tickets | * Time-shares |
| * Movie Tickets | * Attraction/ Museum Tickets |
| * Themed Baskets | * Hotel Stays |
| * Massages | * Medical/Dental Services |
| * Jewelry | * Portrait Sessions |
| * Artwork | * Personal Training |
| * Personal Consulting | * Stationery |
| * Computer Services | * Car Detailing or Oil Changes |

For more information about the event or to make a donation,
please contact Amy Rosenberg at rockybergs@tds.net

Thank you in advance for your help!

We certainly appreciate your generosity.



Shana Tovah u'Metukah

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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.





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Remembering Your Roots

By Scott B. Hahn, Esq., KJCFF President

Some of you may recall that this May, Michael Bloomberg was the first recipient of the Genesis Prize. The award ceremony was an all-star spectacular held in Jerusalem. The prize was given “to an exceptional human being who has attained outstanding excellence and international renown in his or her chosen field, is a role model in the community and who can inspire the next generation of Jews worldwide.” The partnership that gives the prize consists of the Office of the Prime Minister of Israel, the Jewish Agency for Israel, and the Genesis Philanthropy Group. While the merits of such a prize will be debated ad nauseam by various groups of Jews, I am far more interested in the Genesis Philanthropy Group (GPS) and the work that they do.

The GPS was founded in 2007 by Jews from the former Soviet Union (FSU). Their members include Petr Aven, Mikhail Fridman, German Khan, and Alexander Knaster. These men are some of the preeminent Jewish businessmen in the world today. Together, these men established the GPS with a \$100 million grant and have guaranteed to fund the endowment in perpetuity. Part of the mission of GPS is to help Jews from the FSU wherever they may live. Their largest grants go to Eastern Europe, Israel, and North America, where they fund a multitude of projects and programs. Their website contains a list of their activities and even tells how to apply for a grant.

I was particularly struck by a quote from Mikhail Fridman on his vision of Judaism and the Genesis Prize: “The aim of the prize is to awaken Jewish identity by recognizing that being Jewish is not just an accident of birth, but a huge gift. Our forebears have left us with the Word, and the Book, and a set of values and rules, which if understood correctly and applied diligently, lead to the ultimate reward in life - a sense of fulfillment and self-actualization.”

As we enter into the New Year, try and remember these words. Are we trying to build monuments to ourselves, or are we trying to help those who truly need our help? As GPS is beginning to demonstrate, an endowed fund is one of the best ways to insure that your ideals can have an impact in the future. If this something that may interest you, please talk to us at the KJCFF. We can turn your aspirations into a working reality. May you be inscribed for a healthy, prosperous, and fulfilling New Year.



*Genesis Prize
inaugural laureate
Michael
Bloomberg*

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Grants

- ★ The **Harry and Mollie Brietstein Memorial Fund** made a grant to the Czeszochowa-Radomsko Area Research Group (CRARG) for their Szczekociny Yizkor book work.
- ★ The KJA received a grant from the **Stephen & Kim Rosen Donor-Advised Fund** for the Israel Emergency Fund campaign.

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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 High Holy Day Season is almost upon us. Once again, Rabbi Victor Rashkovsky will be leading our services with members of our ritual committee performing cantorial support. Bruce Tomkins, Jim Bogard, and Mel Tobias will be doing an encore of last year's excellent performance. Several other members of our congregation will be helping as Torah and Haftorah readers. As usual, our services are open to everyone in our community. We will be providing attendants for children who are not quite ready to attend formal holiday services. On behalf of our congregation and our board of directors, I wish everyone *L'Shanah Tovah*.

The congregation will be issuing a special edition of our newsletter featuring "new year greetings." Hopefully, everyone desiring to submit individual greetings has already done so via email or U.S. mail. If you have missed the posted deadline, you may contact Hilary Shreter at (865) 457-7549 for instructions for late submission.

2014 High Holy Days Schedule

Selichot	September 20, 7:30 p.m., program
	September 20, 9:00 p.m., service
Erev Rosh Hashanah	September 24, 7:30 p.m.,
Rosh Hashanah I	September 25, 9:30 a.m.
Children's Service	September 25, 10:30 a.m.
Tashlich — at Oak Ridge Marina	September 25, 4:00 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah II	September 26, 9:30 am
Kol Nidre	October 3, 6:30 p.m.
Yom Kippur	October 4, 9:30 a.m.
Children's Service	October 4, 10:30 a.m.
Yom Kippur Mincha	October 4, 5:15 p.m.
Yom Kippur "Break-fast"	October 4, immediately following services

Ooops!

In last month's list of new board members, we left off Facilities: Don Carlson. Congratulations to Don and all the new members!

September JCOR Events

September 8, Following Shabbat services

Rabbi's Study Session -- *The High Holy Days Customs and Rituals*

September 20, 7:30 p.m.

JCOR's Selichot program features the movie *Hiding and Seeking*, USA, 2004, NR, 85 minutes

In this compelling documentary, a father takes his grown-up Orthodox Jewish sons to Poland to teach them about the perils of putting up walls to keep those they deem dangerous outside. After he introduces them to the Polish family who helped their grandfather during the Holocaust, they discover the value in building bridges.

September 20, 9:00 p.m. — The Selichot Service

Sundays at 11:00 a.m. — Israeli Dancing, JCOR

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.

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Our Saturday morning service is at 9:30 a.m.
For the Friday evening service schedule,
contact JCOR at jcorn@juno.com or
(865) 483-3581 — www.jcor.info



Nosh & Kibitz at Gallo Loco Mexican Restaurant.

Mini Mensch Lewis Niad makes a canned food donation for the monthly Stone Soup event.

A suspenseful match between Sig Mosko and Sean Badurina at our Game Time event.



TORAH FUND Cards Available

Please support Torah Fund through contributions in any denomination. The Jewish Theological Seminary supports our future rabbis and educators. Cards are sent for all occasions. Contact Brenda Mosko at 483-9463 or Eileen Handler 482-1341

Mazel Tov to:

- ★ **Linda and Zane Bell**, on the marriage of Noah and Orly, from Sisterhood JCOR and Eileen Handler
- ★ **Lili and Jacob Barhen**, on birth of granddaughter, Ella, from Eileen Handler
- ★ **Debbie and Jim Shmerling**, on birth of granddaughter Ayla, from Eileen Handler

JCOR Contributions

Yahrzeits:

- ◆ **Steven Endelman** from Fred Endelman
- ◆ **Murray & Evelyn Hanig** from Martha Cunningham
- ◆ **Joe Kravit, Selma Shapiro, Philip Shapiro, Loye Barker** from Jim & Ronnie Bogard
- ◆ **Pinkus Goldenberg** from Sylvia Goldenberg
- ◆ **Florence Halbert** from Melvyn & Edith Halbert
- ◆ **Isador Dworkin** from Art Dworkin

In Memory of Mike Lundin

- ◆ Keith & Cindy Odle
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- ◆ National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees

Donations:

- ◆ To JCOR from Michael & Susan Millman
- ◆ In honor of Rabbi Rashkovsky from Seth & Melissa Schweitzer (RDF)
- ◆ To JCOR from Marvin & Helen Kastenbaum

JCOR HOSTS and HOSTESSES

Thank you for your hospitality. If you need to make a change, please do so and advise Eileen.

- 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
- Oct. 4** Yom Kippur
11 Eileen Handler, Rose Holz, Bob Wichner
18 Shelby and Mark Kaye, Peggy and Randy Laxton
25 Brenda and Sig Mosko, Nona and Sam Poole

CHABAD OF KNOXVILLE



Jewish Place Value

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By Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm, Chabad of Knoxville

Rabbi Binyomin Kletzker, a Chabad chassid and disciple of Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, was a lumber merchant. One year, while he was adding up the annual accounts, he inadvertently filled in under a column of figures: *TOTAL: Ein od milvado* ("There is none else besides Him" G-d).

Upon hearing of Reb Binyomin's "Chabadian slip," his business partner, a fellow chassid berated him for his absentmindedness. "Don't you know, Reb Binyomin, that everything has its time and place?" he admonished. "There's a time for chassidic philosophizing, and a time to engage in worldly matters. A person's business dealings are also an important part of his service of the Almighty and must be properly attended to."

Said Reb Binyomin: "We consider it perfectly natural if, during prayer, one's mind wanders off to the fair in Leipzig. So what's so terrible if, when involved in business our mind wanders off to contemplate the unity of G-d?"

In the fast-paced world we live in today we can barely catch our breath, let alone ponder the past and reflect. Built in to our Jewish calendar is a month dedicated to self-introspection. A calm oasis in a bustling metropolis.

During the month of Elul (month before the high holidays) we take inventory of our spiritual endeavors and Jewish experiences. We celebrate our gains, identify unmet goals and form plans to improve, so that the coming year will be our greatest yet!

The numbers on paper are often a far cry from reality. The best team on paper is rarely the one holding the trophy come season's end. Often when faced with the realities of a year past the numbers may be daunting or intimidating. Judaism challenges us to seize the opportunities we may have missed in the past and transform them into goals for the upcoming new year. What on paper may have been a zero in the past, by committing to change, we place ourselves (1) before those zeros and create a true value proposition.

Wishing all a happy healthy and sweet year.

Getting to Know "Happy"

Join us for an evening of insight and discussion as we discover the roadmap for a year of happiness and fulfillment. Discussion led by Rabbi Aryeh Perlstein, Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm and Rabbi-in-training Mendel Wilhelm.

Rosh Hashana Eve, Wednesday, September 24

at Lighthouse Knoxville, 6800 Baum Drive

\$20 Adult | \$10 Child | \$65 Family max. | \$180 Sponsor

Rosh Hashana Services at 6:30 p.m.

Followed by Rosh Hashana Dinner

Menu crafted by: Chef Mushky Perlstein, Inspired by: the Shivat Haminim - Seven types of food Israel is blessed with (Scan to find out what they are)

Start the New Year embraced by your community!



Happenings at Chabad

- ★ **Sunday, September 14, 10:00 a.m.**
Tefillin Club and Breakfast
- ★ **Thursday, September 18, 7:30 p.m.**
Torah and Tea Special Edition in honor of Rosh Hashana
- ★ **Wednesday, September 24, 6:30 p.m.**
Rosh Hashana Dinner menu inspired by the fruits of Israel



As this volume of the Ha'Kol hits your mailboxes, we'll have just taken down the tent for our first-ever Kosher tailgate party.... full recap in the next issue.

JAHRZEIT

Heska Amuna Synagogue

September 6

Hermine Beiler ♦ Ida Bing ♦ Zelmor H. Brody ♦ Edith Bronstein ♦ Ida Chandler ♦ Mellitta Sommerfreund Colland ♦ Rudy Crohn ♦ Lee K. Gronich ♦ Israel Grusin ♦ Frances Guthman ♦ Henry D. Igar ♦ Daniel Pardo ♦ Max M. Reich ♦ Jeanne Rockmaker ♦ Vincent Salomone ♦ Emanuel Samuel ♦ Jennye Samuel ♦ William P. Schwartz ♦ Tillie Solomon ♦ Tom Theriot ♦ Israel Weiss ♦ Ernest Wohl ♦ Gerard Wolpert

September 13

Betty Presser ♦ Bea Schwartz ♦ Adrian Burnett ♦ Freda Samet ♦ Abraham Silber ♦ Decia Bendriem ♦ Louis Slovis ♦ Leah Schiff ♦ Sarah Billig ♦ Esther Perlberg

September 20

Abraham Drutz ♦ Dora Frumin ♦ A. Stanley Robinson ♦ Molly Cohen ♦ Harry Davis ♦ Erwin Herz ♦ Frieda Robinson ♦ Sophie Merlin ♦ Irwin Bendes ♦ Sally Dyller ♦ Isadore Schwarzbart ♦ Charlotte Kalotkin

September 27

Louis Billig ♦ Oscar Glazer ♦ B.J. Thorp ♦ Esther Goldman ♦ Sylvia Robinson ♦ Joseph Himmelstein ♦ Fred Millen ♦ Mazal Shloush ♦ Jean Tew ♦ Morton Jacobson ♦ Louis Slabosky ♦ Gertrude Weinstein ♦ Esther Abrams ♦ Jeanette Jacobowitz ♦ Rebecca Mazur ♦ Evelyn Schwab

JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

September 5

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Hadassah Highlights



CALLING ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS

Everyone is invited to join the Knoxville Hadassah Chapter on **Sunday, September 14** at **2:00 p.m.** in the Arnstein Jewish Community Center Auditorium for an informational meeting about **Amendment 1**, a proposed legislative Amendment to the Tennessee Constitution which will be on our citizen's voting ballot this November. If passed, this Amendment would allow politicians to set even more restrictions and regulations on the right to abortion, with no regard for when a woman's life is in danger or when she has been a victim of rape or incest.

Abortion is deeply personal and often a complex decision for a woman, and politicians should not be involved. Decisions surrounding a woman's pregnancy should be left to her, her family, her faith, and upon the counsel of her doctor.

Tory Mills, External Affairs Manager for Planned Parenthood of Middle & East Tennessee, will speak on the Amendment and its implications. Please join us to learn more about this important issue and learn how you can join the Vote No on 1 campaign to defeat Amendment 1.

The text of Amendment 1 reads as follows:

"Nothing in this Constitution secures or protects a right to abortion or requires the funding of an abortion. The people retain the right through their elected state representatives and state senators to enact, amend, or repeal statutes regarding abortion, including, but not limited to, circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest or when necessary to save the life of the mother."

**"Keep Politicians out of our Private Decisions –
Vote No on Amendment 1"**

**For more information, visit the Vote No on 1 website at www.voteno1tn.org
or contact Marian Jay at mayfayjay@aol.com.**

INFORMATIONAL MEETING HOSTED BY THE KNOXVILLE HADASSAH CHAPTER.



Hadassah Book Club News

Our September meeting will be held at Barnes and Noble Booksellers on Kingston Pike, on **Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m.** in the coffee shop area. We'll discuss *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus. Please check the Hadassah page on the www.jewishknoxville.org website for up-to-date information. Occasionally, dates and places to meet are changed.

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

One Thousand White Women was conceived from an actual historical event. In 1854 at a peace conference at Fort Laramie, a Cheyenne chief requested from the U.S. Army the gift of one thousand women as brides for his young warriors. *One Thousand White Women* is a fictional account of what might have happened if the marriages occurred.

Synopsis

Not surprisingly, news of the Chief's proposal caused public outrage, since white women married to wild savages was an unthinkable and ghastly concept. However, after considerable discussion with his closest advisers, President Grant saw the logic of the plan, and quietly formed a new agency, naming it the "Brides For Indians" project, or "BFI." To fulfill their end of the contract with the Cheyennes, the government solicited women from jails and mental institutions to form the first "installment" of white brides for the Cheyennes.

May Dodd, the rebellious daughter of an ultra-wealthy family in Chicago, was abducted and committed by her father to a lunatic asylum. May's two illegitimate children are taken from her, and she is diagnosed as promiscuous, or morally perverted. The asylum's conditions and so-called medical treatments are intolerably abusive and cruel, perhaps truly bringing about insanity for those patients who are sane when they arrive. May Dodd feels she was improperly and unfairly incarcerated at the asylum and, seeing an opportunity to escape, applies to become a Cheyenne wife. An asylum employee, Martha, who believes May was improperly institutionalized, helps to forge the release documents that provide May with the freedom she has dreamed about. Knowing she will be prosecuted for the forgery if she stays, Martha also joins the BFI. Leaving Chicago with Martha for the wild west and a new life, the journals May kept from March of 1875 through March of 1876 form the story of her days as a white woman living among the Cheyenne Indians.



Our October Book Group selection will be *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt.

Hadassah Medical Organization Heals Soldiers, Terror Victims

During the four weeks of Operation Protective Edge, more than 3,200 rockets from Gaza fell on Israel. Patients were sent to Hadassah Medical Organization's emergency trauma unit which treated the victims of these attacks in addition to soldiers wounded in Operation Protective Edge.

- A soldier standing guard at Hebrew University, near Hadassah Mt. Scopus, was shot by a terrorist on a motor bike. Hadassah nurse ElCohen was nearby, on her way to work. She stayed with the soldier until an ambulance arrived to rush him to Mt. Scopus for life-saving surgery.
- The wounded victims of a terrorist attack on a city bus by a commandeered bulldozer are being treated at Hadassah.
- A security guard in Maale Adumim was the victim of third terror attack in the Jerusalem area within 24 hours. He was operated on today Hadassah Mount Scopus and is now recovering.

Soldiers continue to seek treatment at Hadassah Medical Center, often after receiving initial treatment on the frontlines. Several patients came to Hadassah with bullets and shrapnel still inside them, others beginning rehab or fighting infections, another fighting for his life in serious condition in the ICU. HMO Doctors were involved in Operation Protective Edge in the following ways:

- HMO orthopedists like Dr. Shaul Beyth and anesthesiologists like Dr. Yuval Meroz volunteered to operate in the field and at border hospitals, where the injuries were greatest. "We were seeing a lot of shrapnel injuries from land mines and booby traps—even more than bullet wounds," said Dr. Shaul Beyth. "We have a lot of experience with these injuries."
- HMO's Psychological Trauma Team is supporting the psychologists, social workers and counselors coping with children and adults traumatized by constant rocket fire. "We in Jerusalem have a lot of experience from the many terror attacks here, and want to share our knowledge of what works best. And we want to support the staff that was under the heaviest fire," said Child and Adolescent Director Dr. Esti Galilee.

Meanwhile, Palestinian and Gazan patients continued to receive cutting edge treatments at Hadassah. "I see every Palestinian patient as my own bridge for peace," said Dr. Eyal Shteyer, a Pediatric hepatologist, who serves as a lieutenant in the Israeli reserves and holds a position in the IDF that deals with hospital care in case of a terror attack. "When the rocket fell several miles from Hadassah hospital, my patients called to see if I was okay. I call them in Gaza, too, to see if they are all right. Even in these hard times I believe in the hope for peace."

HMO's Emergency Trauma Unit was the first in Israel. It is world-renowned, sharing techniques around the world in mass terror situations such as the Boston Marathon bombing and natural disasters including the Philippines typhoon, earthquake in Haiti, the 2003 tsunami in Sri Lanka, and more. The five underground floors at the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower in Ein Kerem are fortified against conventional, biological and chemical warfare. Patients can be move there if Jerusalem comes under attack.

Founded in 1912, Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, is the largest women's Zionist Jewish membership organization in the United States. With 330,000 members, associates and supporters, Hadassah is entering its second century, growing our commitment to innovative and life-changing medical care and research, women's empowerment, education, advocacy, philanthropy and building Jewish identity – in Israel, America and around the world. For more information, visit www.hadassah.org.

Send Hadassah Layettes to Our Newest Community Members

By Judi Abrams, judi.abrams@gmail.com

SHALOM YA'LL,

I am getting ready to mail out the following LAYETTE CARDS....if you have not e-mailed me to add your name to these, please do so as soon as possible. I will be mailing the following cards out just after the publication of this *HaKol*.

- **Kim and Joshua Hedrick** on the birth of their sweet baby girl - **Darcy Abigail Hedrick**
- **Marilyn Abrams** on the birth of her granddaughter - **Julie Bethany Abrams**
- **Rebecca and Greg Lane** on the birth of their sweet baby girl - **Aviva Grace Lane**
- **Cindy and Rick Caplan** on the birth of their grandson, **Mason**
- **Barb Levin and Joshua Gettinger** on the birth of their grandson - **Max Csar**
- **Jenifer and Evan Ohriner** on the birth of their newest grandson - **Nadov Jacob Ohriner**
- **Peggy and Mark Littmann** on the birth of their granddaughter - **Adele Rose McGinnis**
- **Eytan and Mari Klausner** on the birth of their handsome little man - **Amos Eliezer**
- **Nan and Al Krichinsky** on the birth of their granddaughter - **Liv Krichinsky**

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Large Certificates Honor These Individuals

Recent large certificates include:

- ★ In memory of **Madeline Mann**, mother of Richard (Karlene) Mann, Gary Mann, Donald (Karen) Mann
- ★ In memory of **Bernard Levenson**, husband of Shirley Levenson, father of Jeffrey and Dorothea Levenson, Bruce and Lucy Levenson, and David Levenson
- ★ In memory of **Mimi Schnitman Pais**, wife of Arthur Pais, mother of Robert Schnitman and Suzi (Schnitman) Ginsburg, and extended family of Jeanne Pais, Ray Pais, Bert Pais and Wendy Baker
- ★ In memory of **Greta Besmann**, mother of Ted (Wendy) Besmann, grandmother of Anna and David Besmann
- ★ In memory of **Eleanor Adams**
- ★ In memory of **Melvin Roseman**, father of Barry (Susan) Roseman

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Israel is always in need of trees and water. Please help the forests by planting a tree and helping them by giving them water. Plant a tree today. Since 1926, we have partnered with JNF to drain swamplands, plant forests, develop water resources and preserve Israel's ecology. Giving opportunities include:

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Ten Trees - \$150 (Circle of Trees)

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You may designate a name for certificates in memory of someone, sending get well wishes to an individual, in honor of a birthday, anniversary, birth, marriage, engagement or someone's accomplishment.

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

**PLEASE MARK
YOUR CALENDARS!**

The Hadassah HMO Luncheon

will be held on

**Sunday,
November 16**

Details coming soon!

*Nora Messing and Rosalie
Nagler, co-chairs.*

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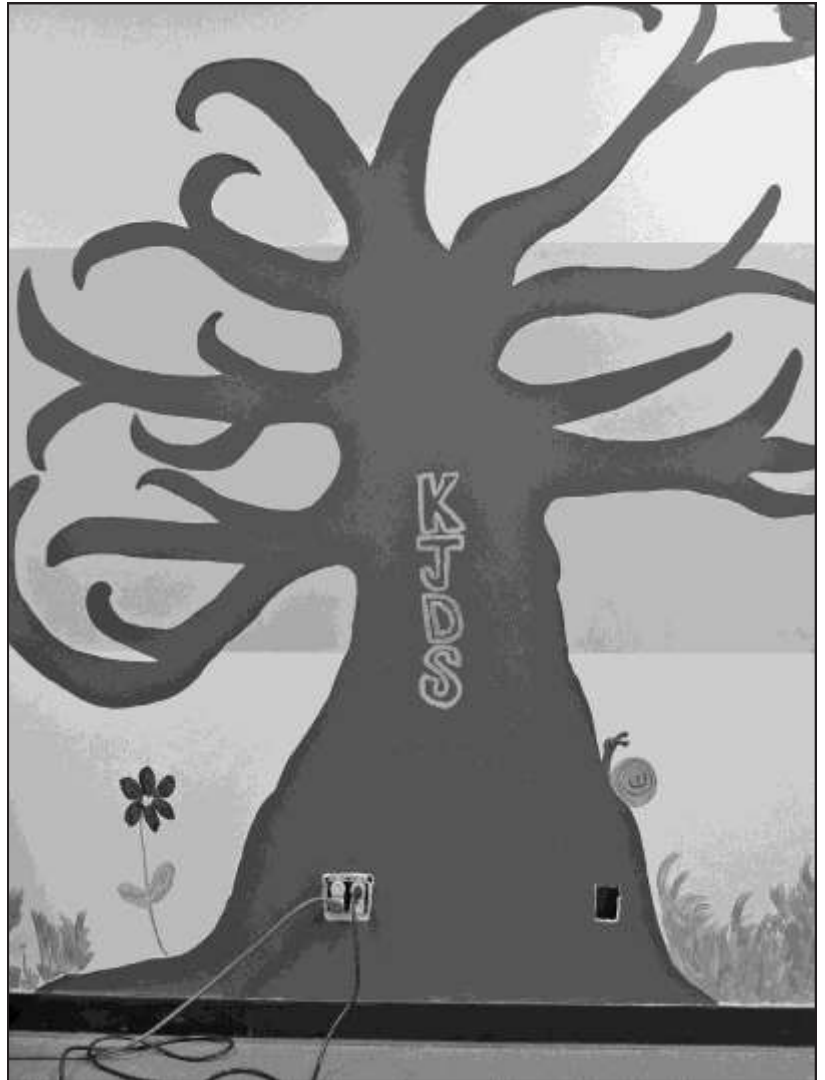
The Compassion Project

Inspired by The Compassion Project run by the Lerner Community Day School in Durham, NC the Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School is excited to implement a theme of Compassion this year.

This multi-faceted program will help our students notice, celebrate and model acts of Compassion, *Gemilut Chassadim*, throughout the year. Recognizing and identifying these acts of compassion will encourage our KJDS family, students, staff and parents to respond more compassionately in all interactions. Marty Iroff did a fabulous training with our staff to fine tune our skills in weaving character building skills into our curriculum and all school activities.

As we embark on this journey our staff has painted a mural of a tree that will help us document our success. When anyone from our school community notices an act of compassion, *Gemilut Chassadim*, they will submit it and the act will be written on a leave. We look forward to watching our “mural” garden grown as it is covered with leaves of compassion.

Teachers and staff create our tree mural.



KJDS Collaborates with MUSE for Community's Benefit

At KJDS, our academic programs are fused with activities designed to enhance the curriculum and to enable our students to explore various interests and opportunities for creative outlet and expression. We are continuously developing and refining our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) curriculum.

Ellie Kitrell from the MUSE led our staff in a successful brainstorming session to further develop and redefine our goals for a STEAM project we hoped to build into our curriculum. We discovered we wanted to empower our students with the ability to tackle a large task and make a difference in their community. We wanted to delve deeper into topics such as physics, architecture, engineering, coding, and robotics. And last we wanted to provide an environment where students were able to be creative, take learning risks, and not be afraid to fail. And so...from the brainstorming session an ingenious idea was born. **We will work with STEM professionals to create PBL (Project Based Learning) units, with each project benefitting a local non-profit organization.** Not only would students be engaged in learning and exploring, they would be contributing to the larger Knoxville community.



Back to School with a Bang!

KJDS tradition is to begin the school year with a bang as we celebrate an upcoming year of learning, exploration and fun. This year our KJDS Rams and families had a blast at our back to school party.

We began with the *Marshmallow Challenge*, a remarkably fun and instructive design exercise that encourages teams to experience simple but profound lessons in collaboration, innovation and creativity. Each family was given 20 pieces of spaghetti, 1 yard of string, 1 yard of tape and 1 marshmallow and tasked with building the largest self-standing structure they could with the marshmallow on the top of the structure. We worked hard, laughed, squealed with excitement and sometimes moaned with disappointment but all had fun and reflected and learned from what worked and what didn't.

And then we moved on to the classrooms, how exciting to see the updates and welcome our new friends – it is so much fun to see our school grow!

As a special treat our teachers had prepared QR codes for us to scan with a personal message for each us, and we had a visit from our school mascot! We were all so excited it was hard to leave...just a few days left till the school year begins and we couldn't be more excited!



At our Back to School Party, the KJDS Ram mascot greeted our students.

Rebecca and Amos Tyler work to create a marshmallow structure during the Marshmallow Challenge.

Elizabeth Floyd (and mom) create their marshmallow masterpiece at the KJDS Back to School Party.

Thank You Joelle Adajian for Six Awesome Years!

After six years of giving us her all, Joelle Adajian is slowing down to spend more time with her family while daughter Layna is still young. As KJDS' first administrative assistant, Joelle stepped in and helped define the role, wearing many hats throughout the years. From playbill designer, to soliciting prizes for our auctions, thank you letters, field trips, band aids for our boo boos, fixing the copy machine, answering the phones, keeping our parent body up-to-date with upcoming events; her enthusiastic smile and positive energy filled our school with warmth and happiness and was the perfect welcome to anyone that walked through the door. While staff, students and parents will miss being welcomed by her each day, as a parent to rising fifth grader Aiden Manella, we are glad to still keep her in our immediate KJDS family.

Joelle and husband Dr. Norman Manella at Cocktails in the Country.



Joelle runs the video slide show at the fifth grade graduation. Joelle with Ms. Jennifer and Morah Debbie at Some Enchanted Evening.



Joelle's first photo shoot for the school web page.

Joelle with the KJDS family at Mrs. O's farewell party.

KJDS Welcomes Additional Staff

While Morah Revital spends the year in Boston, advancing her education with a Masters in Hebrew instruction, we are lucky to have Morah Mushky join our staff.



Shalom! My name is **Mushky Perlstein**, and I have recently moved to Knoxville, after spending time in the US and abroad, teaching and studying in various Jewish communities including Jerusalem, Cape Town, Los Angeles, and Montreal. I look forward to teaching Hebrew at KJDS, and imparting true love for Israel, the Torah and its people.

Rachel Iroff will join Ms. Stephanie to run our aftercare program.

Rachel Iroff grew up in the Knoxville Jewish community and is a member of Heska Amuna Synagogue. She attended the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and graduated this past May with a bachelor of science degree in psychology. In the future, she hopes to become a clinical social worker in a hospital or addiction rehabilitation center. Rachel is very excited to join the KJDS family and cannot wait for a great year!



My name is Annie Clark and I am so excited to teach art here at Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day school! I'm from Knoxville and while I love to travel, I also love calling Knoxville home.



I received my bachelor's degree in fine arts with a concentration in sculpture from the University of Tennessee. I love to create all types of art, drawing, painting, ceramics, screen-printing, photography, video, sculptures, installations...if it's art, I try it! I have exhibited my artwork in group and solo shows and I work as a freelance artist creating a variety of projects. I am married and we have a seven-year-old daughter named Adeline. We love to create art together as a family! I am a daughter of a teacher, and education is extremely important to me. I have worked as a substitute in Knox County and at a wonderful summer camp in Asheville, NC and no matter the venue my belief is the same; I love education and working with children.

Mazel Tov!

KJDS wishes a hearty Mazel Tov to Jessica Vose and her husband Aaron on the birth of their daughter Charlotte Sayyidah Vose.

We are so excited to get to know Charlotte and welcome her into the KJDS family. Born on June 23, Charlotte weighed 7 lb., 15 oz. and was 22 inches long!



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Left to right:

I B (Buddy) **Cohen**,
Marilyn **Slovis Cohen**
(later **Presser**), and
Gert **Glazer Cohen** at
the Heska Amuna
Dedication dinner in
1960.

Buddy and Gert were the
parents of Knoxville's
Arnold **Cohen**. Buddy
and Marilyn's husband,
David S. **Cohen**, were
the building fund
co-chairs. Marilyn and
Arnold, both native
Knoxvillians, have been
active in the Knoxville
community for many
years.