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Celebrating 100 years of Sisterhood at Temple Beth El 1915 - 2015



Sisterhood Shabbat/Oneg
Friday, February 20
7:30 p.m.



TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

Tikkun Olam: It's More Than a Tax Deduction

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



Every year, through the month of December, my mailbox is filled with requests for end-of-the-fiscal-year appeals. Letters and flyers come from Jewish and non-Jewish organizations. They focus on local, national and international causes. Each organization tries to respond to the myriad needs that present themselves in our world. The goal of these various groups (be they Jewish or not) is what we call *Tikkun Olam* – the concept of repairing the brokenness of our world.

But in our complex world, how can our “monetary gift” make a difference? How can we really help to “repair the brokenness” when our concern or awareness is limited to one month out of the entire year? Is our sole motivation to participate in *Tikkun Olam* based on the incentive of a tax deduction? Are we oblivious to these needs come the new calendar year? Hopefully, we recognize that *Tikkun Olam* is NOT just a concept, but rather a sacred obligation that we, as citizens of the world, must take seriously.

- *Tikkun Olam* is more than just writing a check...it is a way of thinking and living that is unselfish.
- *Tikkun Olam* means having a conscious awareness of those around us and working to insure that every human being, every person who is created in God's image, is viewed and treated with dignity.
- *Tikkun Olam* means that we, as individuals and as a community, are ready and willing to respond to the real, basic needs of others.

Our prophetic tradition reminds us that we cannot and must not turn away from and ignore the plight of others; rather we must stand up and speak out on behalf of those who have no voice.

My colleague, Rabbi Gerald Wolpe, tells the following story:

Someone once cried to God: Adonai, the world is in such a mess – everything seems wrong. Why don't You send someone to help and change the world?

The voice of Adonai replied: I did send someone. I sent you!

We pray for life – we ask God for a year of health and happiness. We cannot merely ask. Tell the Almighty – tell the world – tell yourself: Send Me!

Hineni sh'laheni! Here I am, send me!
(Isaiah 6:8).

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Tikkun Olam

(*Hebrew: תיקון עולם* or *תיקון עולם* is a Hebrew phrase that means "repairing the world" (or "healing the world") which suggests humanity's shared responsibility to heal, repair, and transform the world.

In Judaism, the concept of *tikkun olam* originated in the early rabbinic period. The concept was given new meanings in the kabbalah of the medieval period and has come to possess further connotations in modern Judaism. (Source: *Wikipedia*)

It's Time for Sisterhood at Temple Beth El

By Karen Smith and Kathy Young, Sisterhood Co-President

As we turn the calendar to 2015, we look ahead to upcoming Sisterhood events!

On **Saturday, January 11** at 10:00 a.m. at Temple, Sisterhood will welcome Temple/Sisterhood member Dr. Marilyn Kallet, Director of Creative Writing and the Nancy Moore Goslee Professor of English at the University of Tennessee. Marilyn will entertain us with *The Love that Moves Me: Love Poetry from a Jewish Perspective*. This will be a reading of Marilyn's poems expressing romantic love, love of family and place, and love of Jewish identity. RSVP to Heather Laing.

On **Friday, February 20** at 7:30 p.m. we will celebrate "100 Years of Sisterhood at Temple Beth El" with a special Sisterhood Shabbat service. Co-chairs Meredith Jaffe and Susan Baker are working on the service which will be followed by an Sisterhood Oneg. Sisterhood members will participate in the service.

During the Purim Carnival on **Sunday, March 1**, Sisterhood will sell hamantaschen. We will not offer pre-orders so arrive early to get your favorites. Hamantaschen will sell for \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, or 12 for \$10.00.

Good food, friends and a contribution to Random Acts of Flowers—what could be more appealing. Sisterhood has planned a special Shabbat evening for **Friday, March 27**. Shabbat for Random Acts of Flowers will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a pasta dinner and is then followed by a social justice Shabbat service led by the Confirmation class.

Random Acts of Flowers founder Larsen Jay will be our guest speaker. He will tell us about the work of Random Acts of Flowers, a non-profit charity improving mental health through the power of giving flowers. Volunteers collect flowers from weddings, special events, houses of worship, and grocery stores to recycle and repurpose them into beautiful bouquets for delivery to patients in area hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice centers.

For the dinner Sisterhood will need donations of pasta dishes to feed at least 8 people. The dishes can be *either* meat or dairy but not a combination. The dish can be a cold or hot pasta, and we'll warm as needed.

The cost for dinner is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12 years. There is a \$25.00 cap for families (parents and children.) Sisterhood will provide the drinks, bread, and salad.

We will also be collecting vases of all sizes, shapes, and colors to donate to Random Acts of Flowers. And, as always, our canned food drive continues to support Marty's Mission. *It's time for Sisterhood at Temple Beth El!*

100 Years of Sisterhood at Temple Beth El—1915-2015

By Karen Smith, Sisterhood Co-President

Temple Beth El Sisterhood contributes annually to the WRJ YES (Youth, Education, and Special Projects) Fund. The YES Fund represents the collective financial efforts of individual donors and WRJ-affiliated sisterhoods to strengthen the Reform Movement and ensure the future of Reform Judaism. YES Fund grants from WRJ provide Reform Judaism institutions and individuals worldwide with the tools necessary for religious, social, and education growth.

From our annual contributions, Temple Sisterhood receives YES Fund stationery, including **Uniongrams** which Sisterhood uses to send greetings to congregants throughout the year and at life cycle events.

How did Uniongrams come to be? Blanche Stoltz, a delegate to the 1913 Founding Convention of National Federation of Temple Sisterhood (NFTS), became friendly with a young German couple who was to be married by her husband, Rabbi Joseph Stoltz. Blanche noticed that the numerous congratulatory cards the couple received from their friends in Germany, were all similar. She shared the idea of creating a special NFTS note card with Rabbi George Zepin, UAHC Executive Secretary, and the Uniongram was born! The first Uniongrams were sold in 1917. In 1922, 22,702 Uniongrams were purchased by 182 Sisterhoods. Over the past 100 years, the sale of Uniongrams has funded millions of dollars in scholarships. *Celebrating 100 years of Sisterhood at Temple Beth El! 1915-2015.*



Women's Peace Initiative Builds Peace—One Conversation at a Time

While the world suffers growing tensions among Muslims, Christians, and Jews, a group of local women from these three faith traditions are building peace—one conversation at a time. Women from these three faiths have launched a six-month "building peace" initiative. The first meeting was held at Concord United Methodist Church in October and the second meeting was held in November at the Muslim mosque.

The project is based on the idea that our faith informs many aspects of our lives from the simplest tasks such as cooking to the most existential concerns such as taking steps to resolve conflict and promoting justice. Organizers, calling themselves the Knoxville Women's Peace Initiative, hope that the conversations will promote better self-awareness and greater community understanding and cooperation. "The familiar slogan that 'peace begins at home' may be truer than we think. If we understand one another, we will respect and care for one another," said Kate Roos, one of the organizers who has been involved in similar projects in Texas and Florida. The project is divided into six meetings, each focusing on two questions of "dialogue starters."

The third meeting will be held on Monday, January 19, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Temple Beth El. Rabbi Mathew Michaels will welcome the group and give a tour of the sanctuary before the small group discussion begins. All women in the community are invited to participate.

For more information or to sign up, contact Kate Roos at kateroos@gmail.com. RSVP to Karen Smith at briankarens@comcast.net to attend the meeting at TBE.

A Respite – A Review – A Plan for Another Kind of New Year

By Liz Gassel, TBE President

January, that month that ushers in the secular New Year appears after the rush of ‘end of year’ activities and sits in that darkest, coldest part of the winter. It gives us a time to reflect but also to propose for the near future. Typically, I will be looking at seed catalogs with bright colorful images of next year’s best vegetables for my garden plan. Cold, dark winter allows me the opportunity to say to myself, “Liz, you can relax and not have to feel compelled to pursue the million outdoor responsibilities and fun things that call to you at other seasons.” It’s not a time to shut down altogether, but it seems that a lessening of the boisterous chatter and action that draws us in so many directions, good directions, I might add, allows for contemplation, study, and good conversation with friends and family.

You all experienced the exhilaration and comradery of our 150th Anniversary Celebration. This was a successful event because you all worked very hard to make it happen. An event that was more than a year in the making, it formed our main focus in all areas of Temple life from Religious School to Ritual and Worship, to Social activities and Historic Archives review.

Back, starting at the High Holy Days, even before the 150th, the questions of ‘what now?’ and ‘what next?’ began to be asked. The necessity to begin to look forward beyond our grand anniversary was accentuated in speeches and writings. I want to pose some questions to you now and hope you will respond. What do you see now as the important matters that will give you reason to be involved in Temple Beth El? Why will you be a member here? What represents a successful and vibrant Temple Beth El life to you? How would you describe this to someone who is considering joining us? What do we offer if they become members? What should we consider offering now and later? We are still in our 150th year and will go on to the 151st next November. What are our goals going to be?

I call on you to help me, Rabbi, the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and our Religious School to clearly articulate and define our goals and answer some of the above questions. Please do not lose sight of the fact that we have a great community here and continuing to nurture that plays a strong part in any goal.

I insist that we begin a cogent, frank exchange of ideas through the New Year.

As for the particulars, I’ll lay out a few conversation starters.

We must focus on the three main areas of Temple Life – The Spiritual, The Educational, and The Social.

Before we can go forward with any plan, or throw around our ideas, we need more of you to step up and offer your great talents. Our current volunteer corps is over-used, in danger of becoming worn out, and is lacking in many committee areas.

We don’t necessarily need committee chairs if that feels too intimidating and structured. How about just coming forward with an idea and then carrying it through and that is the end of your commitment? For example, we are lacking a Social Committee chair, but last year three congregants each volunteered to organize a congregational Shabbat dinner before services.

We need myriad opportunities to get together, casual, joyful open times for dinner, talk, movies, speakers, concerts and study and with that comes socializing - all ways to develop relationships and *Community* - that key word accentuated.

We need to provide a hospitable environment for our older members and their interests, our 20 and 30 year olds and their interests, family times, times when we share experiences with all ages, times focused on the interests of individual groups. A Torah study for parents during Religious School hours, a simple gratis dinner for all, a movie with dessert and chat about it, a meet for a hike or bird watching. I know we have members with these skill sets.

There is a group of you who sorely miss an opportunity for Adult Education and would participate if it was offered. Well, it just means getting together - with a book or readings on a topic. Someone or two or three of you, make the time, call the meeting, invite the congregation, and create the possibility to discover something and someone new.

It is time that we become more visible doing mitzvot in the community. There are many ways to pursue this by partnering with neighboring churches, or other organizations that help those in need, the B’nai Mithvah children are required to do this. Adults, there are many opportunities beyond the one ‘Mitzvah Day’ each year for us to become involved.

Okay, all sounds great but it’s the doing—creating the opportunities - that bogs us down. The attendance by congregants when we offer great events is a given, however the volunteer corps struggles and tires from all they commit to and carry to fruition. Back to the 150th, there you saw how many worked together to make it happen. We need new vibrant, creative energy to offer up ideas, vitality and follow through. Have an idea for an event, bring it to us. Find some co-helpers and let’s do it. It does not have to be complicated.

I will be opening this conversation at upcoming Executive and Board meetings. If you have suggestions, bring them to me. I’ll bring them to our Board. Look for a box in the lobby to place your ideas. I want to be inspired by your energy and engagement and right purpose.

Rabbi Lawrence Kushner tells the story of giving a pre -school class a tour of the synagogue. He shows them the ark and says next week we’ll see what is inside. The teacher reported to Kushner the preschool discussion back in the classroom about what might be inside the ark. Kushner says,

“One kid thought it was empty. Another thought it was filled with precious things. Another rather unimaginative child thought it held the Torah. But one kid said, “You’re all wrong. I’ll tell you what’s in there. When the rabbi-man opens that curtain next week, there will just be a big mirror!” Continuing, Kushner remarks, “Well, my friends, welcome to the ‘Big Mirror.’ We’re all there - each one of our faces peering back out of the ark. The whole congregation of Israel: Rich, poor, wise and foolish, beautiful and plain, married, divorced, people who just went in to the hospital and those who just got out. There we are. We come together as a community to be aware of the great mystery of life and to remind ourselves about what is truly important in our lives – before we die.”

As you look in that mirror, what is truly important for you here at Temple Beth El?

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Temple Beth El Religious School Update

By Norma James, Religious School Director, normajames@tbeknox.org

Midweek Hebrew Resumes January 7 with Pizza Dinner

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

Sunday Religious School Resumes January 11

ISJL Fellow Will Visit Religious School on MLK Weekend

We DO have Religious School January 18. Missy Goldstein is very excited about developing special social justice programming for Martin Luther King weekend. It is always a great school day when our ISJL Fellow is in town!

Friday, January 23 Fifth Grade Conducts Services

Mark Abrams's class has been working hard to prepare a wonderful service. You will be amazed at the skills these young people have. This service will be conducted by **Riley Goodfriend, Lily Hirsh, Leo Pollock, Joel Rosenbaum, Heidi Sturm, Grace Theriot, and Simone Friendman**. Please worship with us at 7:30 p.m. as this very bright and energetic group of young people conduct this service. Parents of the 5th grade class will host the oneg.

Additional 6:00 p.m. Service, January 23 Conducted by Our Third Grade Class

It's a double service day. Families with young children will enjoy this little service. The class of Danielle Goldfeld will use our Gates of Prayer for Young People as they conduct a short 6:00 PM service. Conducting this service will be **Alex Feldblum, Gabby Goodfriend, Jason Sandberg, Lilly Stanley, Thomas Theriot, Sydney Tumpson, Benny Kay, Ben Hale, Evie Braude, and Jacob Javors**.

Special Shabbat Dinner for Families of the Third and Fifth Grades, January 23

Each time our students conduct services, Rabbi Matt and Norma treat the families to a special Shabbat dinner. This is a wonderful way to share the joy of a family Shabbat as Rabbi guides us through the traditional Shabbat rituals. This month the dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., which is *AFTER* the third grade service and *BEFORE* the fifth grade service. Parents of the third grade will provide the desserts for the dinner, and we will take care of the rest. The fifth grade parents are in charge of the regular oneg after the 7:30 p.m. service. Norma asks that families RSVP as to how many people will be attending the dinner.

January 25 is Torah Tots

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

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Story of the "Singing Rabbi" Hits Off-Broadway

Singer/songwriter Josh Nelson has long shared his gift of Jewish music with the Reform Jewish community and beyond. He has brought that gift to the big stage in the Off-Broadway return of *Soul Doctor*, a musical about the life of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, which opened at the Actors Temple Theater on December 14.

Soul Doctor tells the story of Shlomo Carlebach, sometimes called "The Singing Rabbi," whose family escaped from the European Nazi invasion in 1939 and ended up in New York City. His father was the rabbi of a small, Orthodox synagogue on the Upper West Side, and after his death, Shlomo took over the rabbinate. The show is a musical theater-style biographic of that period of his life – his childhood through his return to Vienna.

Soul Doctor first opened a decade ago, and was co-created by Neshama Carlebach, Shlomo's daughter and a talented Jewish musician. It first debuted in New York, played in New Orleans and Miami, ran Off-Broadway in 2012, and enjoyed a Broadway run in 2013. Now, the show has been reworked again, into a 90-minute show with a 15-person cast. It re-opened at The Actors Temple Theater, Congregation Ezrath Israel, a 200-seat venue that is based in an active synagogue; its sanctuary is the theater.

For more information, visit www.reformjudaism.org, www.souldoctorbroadway.com, or call (212) 239-6200 for tickets.

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day KJA office and AJCC Preschool closed 9a minyan-HA 6:30p PiYo-JCOR 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing -AJCC	2 AJCC Preschool closed Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas-HA 7:30p Shabbat Service- TBE	3 9:30a Shabbat Service- HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR
4 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Adv Beginning Hebrew-HA 7:30p Israel Book Club- HA 7:30p Ballroom dancing- JCOR	5 7:00a minyan-HA 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 5:30-7p Archives Comm- BR	6 6p Exec Board-TBE	7 10a Tai Chi-JCOR Noon-Community Bereavement Support Group-AJCC 4:15p Religious School- HA 5:45p Midwk Pizza-TBE 6:15p Midwk Hebrew- TBE 6:30p Aftercare Staff-BR 7p Origins of Passover Seder-HA 7p Hebrew Pronunciation -HA	8 7:00a minyan-HA 6:30p PiYo-JCOR 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing -AJCC	9 6p Sunset Minyan—HA 7:30p Shabbat Service- TBE	10 9:30a Shabbat Service- HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR
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25 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30-12:30p Religious School-TBE 9:30a HARS Tu B'Shvat Party for parents & kids- HA 9:30a Adv Beginning Hebrew-HA 9:45a Torah Tots-TBE 7:30p Ballroom dancing-	26 7:00a minyan-HA 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 7:15p KJA Board-AL	27 7p JLI Art of Parenting- AJCC	28 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 4:15p Religious School- HA 6:15p Midwk Hebrew- TBE 7p Origins of Passover Seder-HA 7p Hebrew Pronunciation -HA	29 7:00a minyan-HA 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing -AJCC	30 7:30p Shabbat Service- TBE	31 9:30a Shabbat Service- HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR

K N O X V I L L E

Ha'Kol Needs Your Information

Please send information about future activities and photos from conferences, events, fund raisers, and programs to Ha'Kol so that we can share your activities.

AEPi Fraternity Returns to UT Campus



Susy Snoops

Ha'Kol welcomes your good news, whether it is a new job, lifecycle event, celebration of a special anniversary, or honors and awards. Please send information to jyork@jewishknoxville.org, or to Ha'Kol, c/o Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

- ★ **Bob Goodfriend** was named the inaugural recipient of the Distinguished Entrepreneur Award from Tennessee Wesleyan College's Business Administration Department. Goodfriend was the founder and president of Goody's until its acquisition in 2006. He is now helping his son, Jeff, develop the Alumni Hall company, which sells college sports merchandise in 17 stores in the region.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Larry Leibowitz**, who was appointed chairman of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission by Gov. Bill Haslam.
- ★ The University of Tennessee's Department of Theory and Practice in Teacher Education presented **Marilyn Liberman** with its Outstanding Community Advocate Award at the inaugural TPTE Recognition Ceremony. This award is given to an individual with a distinguished history of advocacy for P-12 teachers and students and/or interpreters. A TPTE Community Advocate has made outstanding contributions as indicated by one or both of the following: a) a record of diligent effort to further the goal of access for all students to quality education or interpreting services so essential to a thriving and just democracy; and b) a strong record of civic-minded activities that support the tireless work of striving and caring teachers and/or interpreters. Marilyn is a past Knoxville Jewish Alliance president, past Heska Amuna Synagogue chairperson, past Regional Sisterhood president and past Heska Amuna Sisterhood president.
- ★ **Deborah Oleshansky**, UTK Hillel/Jewish Student Center director, gave the invocation before the UT-Alabama football game.
- ★ **Gregory Kaplan**, Ph.D., Lindsay Young Professor of Spanish, was recently named UT Quest Scholar of the Week during October. To learn more, visit <http://quest.utk.edu/2014gregory-kaplan>.
- ★ **Steve Brown** released his second CD, *Threnody for Martin Luther King Jr.*, in November. Brown, a drummer and composer, is a member of Dor L'Dor, a klezmer band that includes family members Ken and Susan Brown, and others.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Rachel Hazen-Hale** who received her Bachelor of Science degree in organizational management with a minor in marketing from Tusculum College last month.
- ★ Dr. **Ted Besmann** has joined the University of South Carolina to lead the new General Atomics Center for Development of Transformational Nuclear Technologies, as part of the SmartState endowed chair program. Besmann, who previously worked at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory's Materials Science and Technology Division, will join the College of Engineering and Computing's effort to create the next generation of safe, efficient and sustainable nuclear technologies. Besmann is the author of more than 140 journal articles and holds eight nuclear technology patents. In addition to his ORNL research, Besmann has held positions at the University of Tennessee, Brown University, and the University of Florida.



Besmann

H A P P E N I N G S



Global Day of Learning

This year's theme for Global Day of Jewish Learning was *Heroes and Villains, Saints and Fools*.

Entire families enjoyed workshops ranging from PJ Library events for toddlers to adult learning with Rabbi Alon Ferency, Rabbi Matt Michaels and Ralph Panitz, Ph.D. Heska Amuna Synagogue, Temple Beth El, Chabad, and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance welcomed all to a day of learning together.



Toddlers, teens, and young adults enjoy discussion topics during the November 23 Global Day of Learning at Heska Amuna Synagogue.



How Happiness Thinks

By Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

After six weeks of tackling the topic of *How Happiness Thinks*, students and teachers discuss some of their highlights. "Gratitude is vital to happiness, both in the sense of how we interact with others and in recognizing the good that G-d grants us. So important is gratitude that the word Jew is a derivative of the word Yehuda, which means thanks to G-d!"

"With a purposeful perspective we are able to develop patience with a purposeful mindset we can handle calmly many of the frustrations and annoyances of life knowing that these are purposeful opportunities enabling us to accomplish something important for which we were created."

Upcoming Class: *The Art of Parenting* six-week course starts on **Tuesday, January 20**. For more information or to register, visit www.myjli.com.

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Ha'Kol

2015 Mitzvah Day Needs YOU

Mitzvah Day 2015 is right around the corner! We are setting up plans for our annual day of good deeds and want YOU to help out. A small committee has been formed but we are still trying to bring in new ideas in order to reach out and do as much good in one day as possible. The big day is **Sunday, February 22 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** so mark your calendars today.

Email Jesse Feld at jfeld@jewishknoxville.com with thoughts, questions, or ideas!



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**Jewish Family Services, Heska Amuna Synagogue,
Temple Beth El, and Chabad of Knoxville**

introduce a

Community Bereavement Support Group

**We will meet on the first Wednesday of the month at noon
and the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Guests are welcome
to bring a vegetarian brown bag lunch to our noon meetings.
Meetings will take place in the AJCC Orwitz Room (6800 Deane Hill Drive).**

**For questions or to RSVP, please contact JFS Director Laura Berry
at (865)690-6343, ext. 18 or LBerry@jewishknoxville.org**

This month's meetings will be on January 7 (noon) and January 21 (7:30 p.m.)

Save the Dates

- ★ Celebrate KJA Shabbat at Temple Beth El on **Friday, February 6, 7:30 p.m.**
- ★ Celebrate KJA Shabbat at Heska Amuna on **Saturday, February 8, 9:30 a.m.**
- ★ Tzelebrate Tzedakah with KJA as we begin our 2015 Campaign on **Sunday, February 9.**



sound of many מים waters

December's *Sound of Many Waters* exhibit showcased the unity of 34 Jewish artists from Israel's Hadera-Eiron region and the U.S. Southeast region. Artists united through this project to present their personal interpretations of the importance of water in Jewish life, culture, and spirituality.

The exhibit debuted at the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem and has since traveled through our P2G Southeast consortium communities. Local artists Shelley Mangold and Caitlin Seidler are featured in the exhibit and. Both were honored at the opening reception on December 7.



Anna Agusta and Jesse Feld



Anne Greenbaum and Bernie Rosenblatt

(Clockwise) Local artists Caitlin Seidler and Shelley Mangold cut the ribbon at the opening of the *Sound of Many Waters* art exhibition on December 7. The exhibit ran through December 31.

Shelley Mangold answers Bernard Bendriem's questions about her artwork at the exhibit reception.

Andrew Seidler, Caitlin Seidler, and Jill Weinstein chat at the exhibit's opening reception.



Fun is the Theme of MCDC Parent Night Out

Our first MCDC Parent Night Out event was a success! Children enjoyed playing traditional camp games like Ga-Ga and Four Square, and then created their own snowmen with our arts and crafts project.

More Milton Collins Day Camp programming will be coming soon, so keep your eyes peeled and contact Jesse Feld at jfeld@jewishknoxville.org for information or questions about summer camp.

(L-R, clockwise) Emma Thompson and Mimi Johnson create snowmen.

Jake Javors, Solomon Dugal, Jacob and Ben Hale, Ayden Frazier, Dorry Dugal, and Elaina Franklin get ready to play Ga-Ga.

Rebecca Hale, Juliet Biden, and Amos Tyler work on their snowman projects.

Juliet Biden, Emma Thompson (top), Eliza Davis (bottom) and Mimi Johnson enjoy playing in the AJCC Gym.

AJCC Preschool: A Fun and Educational Place!

It is hard to believe our AJCC Preschool year is at the half way point. It is now time for us to gear up for Camp K'Tonton. We will begin registration for Camp K'tonton in mid-February so be on the lookout for more information. We also want to remind you to send in your donations for our annual Art Gala and any items you are willing to contribute to the Silent Auction. The Art Gala will be held April 2.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the preschool for the start of our school year and we are looking forward to more support as we grow. The AJCC Preschool welcomes volunteers, so please contact our office at 963-8001 if you are interested assisting us.



AJCC Preschool Thanksgiving Potluck

AJCC Preschool families enjoyed delightful entertainment by students, followed by a delicious vegetarian potluck at the AJCC Preschool's Annual Family Thanksgiving Celebration.

Photography by Lev Gross-Comstock.

Everyone Invited to Enjoy January's KJA Friendshippers Program

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, January 14, 2015: 3 Nice Guys Barbershop Quartet (no, their name isn't a typo!)

This quartet has been singing Barbershop style songs since 1992 in the Greater Knoxville area. Bob Davis is the Lead, Wayne Missaggia is the Bass, Ron DuBois is the Tenor and John Shelton is the Baritone. The quartet has a repertoire of 35 songs of every style, including love songs, ballads, popular songs, patriotic, spiritual, and comedy.

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

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

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

Dear AJCC Preschool Parents and Potential Parents:

I am writing to reaffirm that the KJA and the AJCC are committed to our AJCC Preschool program. We are here to stay!

That commitment should be evident in

- Our hiring of Kristen Cannon as AJCC Preschool director
- Our physical plant improvements, including new windows, doors, paint, and more to come
- Our creation of volunteer committees to work with our volunteer leadership and professional staff to make our program even better
- Our pursuit and award of the state's top Three Star designation
- Our drive to hire and retain our skilled staff
- Our efforts to recruit and advertise for our award-winning program

Our program only works with this growing commitment and partnership between you, the staff and the volunteers. We want to do all we can to ready your student for the demands of the 21st Century.

As the parent of a former AJCC Preschool student who is now a school principal, I am telling you that you that this is a quality program and you can bank on my word and the commitment of the KJA leadership to this program. Ms. Kristen, Rosalie Nagler, VP for Children and Youth, and I are always ready to meet with you and discuss your concerns and suggestions.

Jeff Gubitz,
Executive Director

Hear Ye, Here Ye!

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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The KJA Office and AJCC Preschool
will be closed
January 1 and 2

The AJCC Preschool is closed
January 19 for MLK, Jr. Day

Help the AJCC Preschool Raise Funds

- 1) Donate gently-used infant, children's, and teen clothing, toys, and books for a consignment sale and the AJCC Preschool receives the proceeds.
- 2) Collect Box Tops for Education squares (found on foods, Hanes clothing products, Avery office products, and more. Mail them or drop them off at the AJCC Preschool.



KJA Contributions

Donations made August 12 – December 10, 2014

AJCC Preschool

Anonymous

Eytan and Mari Klausner, Jeff and Debbie Abrams-Cohen (Challah sponsors)

In honor of the birth of Eylan Jorden Drew,

in memory of Bertha Lees

Stephen and Rosalie Nagler

KJA Archives

Geri Forkner

B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Fund

Aaron and Imelda Margulies

Capital Reserve Fund

In honor of Mark and Carol Harris' 50th anniversary

Stephen and Kim Rosen

Dewey Reich Chesed Shel Emet Fund

In memory of Bertha Lees

Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin

Jeff and Charlene Gubitz

Friendshippers

For a speedy recovery of Judy Rattner

Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin

In memory of Faye Raymon

Stephen and Rosalie Nagler

General Fund

In appreciation of Jeff Gubitz, in memory of Abbie Smith

Stephen and Rosalie Nagler

In memory of Marilyn Wohl's mother, Bertha Lees

Stephen and Kim Rosen

UT Hillel

Jamie Shapiro, Kenneth Buckner, Dan and Shirley Sweeten, Gregandy and Amy McCoy, Scott and Renee Geltzer, Ricky and Cindy Caplan, Andrew and Linda Mekelburg, Hal and Amy Rosenberg, Joel Shapiro, Jeff and Roslyn Roberts, Alla Lubin, Craig and Rashmi Lipman, Kenneth and Susan Brown, Natalie Robinson, Scott Vogel

Ha'Kol Community Newsletter

Marion Goodstein

Israel Emergency Fund – Operation Protective Edge

Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin, Richard and Sheila Jacobstein,

Jeff and Charlene Gubitz, Jeffrey and Anita Miller,

Neil and Karen Rubin, Heska Amuna Synagogue

Jewish Family Services

Anonymous

In memory of Mimi Pais and continued good health to Laura Berry

Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin

A thank you to Laura Berry

Nicole Russler

In memory of Bertha Lees

Joyce York and Michael Messing

JFS Emergency Fund

In memory of Bertha Lees

Nicole Russler

With condolences to Marilyn Wohl on the loss of her mother,

Bertha Lees

Bernard and Barbara Bernstein

PJ Library

Evan and Jenifer Ohriner

Great Jewish Reads for Kids, Teens: Selections for a Cold Winter Day

Tablet Magazine (www.tabletmag.com) recently published its selection of best Jewish children's books for 2014. Here's a just a few that might be great reading. Visit the website for delightful reviews of these books and many more.

Younger Readers

- *Simon and the Bear* (ages 3-6), by Jewish kid-lit all-star Eric Kimmel, illustrated by Matthew Trueman.
- *Matzo Frogs* (ages 3-6), by Sally Rosenthal, illustrated by David Sheldon.
- *I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Dreidel* (ages 3-6), by Caryn Yacowitz, illustrated by David Slonim.
- *My Grandfather's Coat* (ages 4-9), by Jim Aylesworth, illustrated by the inimitable Barbara McClintock.
- *Never Say a Mean Word Again* (ages 5-9), by Jacqueline Jules, illustrated by Durga Yael Bernhard, reworks a story about the medieval poet Samuel Ha-Nagid, an adviser to the Berber court during the golden age of Moorish rule. **Benny Goodman & Teddy Wilson** (ages 6-9), by Lesa Cline-Ransome, illustrated by James E. Ransome, tells the true story of the first interracial jazz band in history.

Chapter Books, Middle School Reads

- **Two Great Series:** *Starbreak*, by Phoebe North, is the sequel to *Starglass*, and *Guardian*, by Alex London, is the sequel to *Proxy*. Buy both books of these series for your middle school readers.
- *Fleabrain Loves Franny* (ages 8-11), by Joanne Rocklin.
- *Breath of Bones: A Tale of the Golem* (ages 10-adult), by Steve Niles, Dave Wachter, and Matt Santoro, is a beautifully published hardcover compilation of three Dark Horse comic books.





Preschool

Dedicated to Development,
Diversity, and Making a Difference
for Children of all Faiths since 1956.

Where a child's work is play

Children are natural-born scientists.

They question, explore, and experiment. The AJCC Preschool's Three Star-accredited program encourages imagination, asks open-ended questions, and presents invitations of discovery. We use proven approaches in educational theory along with the latest in research to create the ideal environment to foster a child's love of learning.



**AJCC Preschool teachers provide a
warm, nurturing environment for children
ages 14 months-5 years.
All faiths welcome.**

- Low teacher-child ratios
- Experienced early childhood educators
- HighScope Preschool curriculum
- PreK-5 years class provides kindergarten skills in a play-based environment
- Gym and playground enhance small and large motor skills
- Music and science specialists
- Cooking activities
- Nutritional snacks and lunches, including organic milk
- Before and after care options
- Parenting workshops and activities

For questions and to schedule a tour,
please contact us at (865) 963-8001.



HARS Parents:
Please join your child for a

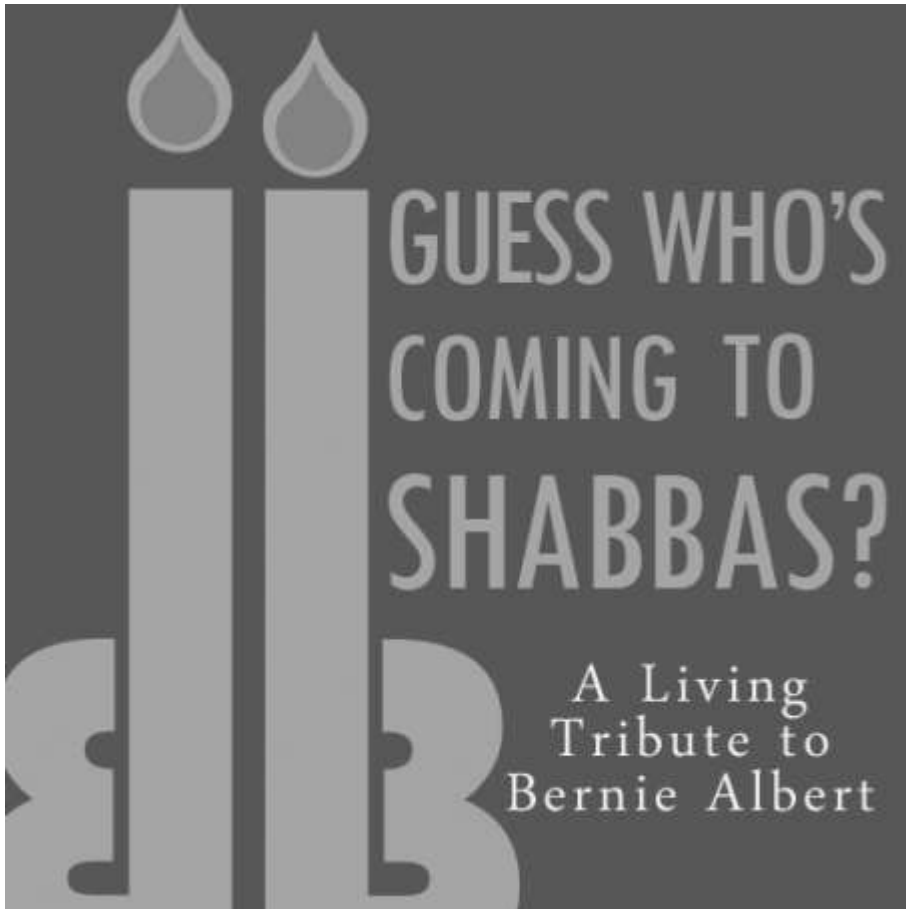
Tu B'Shevat Party

Sunday, January 25
Starting at 9:30 a.m.
During regular class time

Cheshvan-Kislev 5775

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Friday, January 2

in our congregation
members' homes

Guess Who's Coming to Shabbat unites host families with those who would like to experience Shabbat in another person's home.

Have you been to someone's home and not hosted? Why not...pay it forward and host on January 2.

Would you like to go to experience Shabbat in another persons home? Just let the synagogue know by emailing bradleydrew@heskaamuna.org or calling (865) 522-0701.

From the Rabbi's Desk

Be Still, and Know That I Am God (Psalm 46:10)

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

We live in a world starring extroverts: outgoing, gregarious, opinionated types are the ones who make a stir, succeed in job interviews, and win political campaigns. Even synagogues are run by dog-rabbis, rather than cat-rabbis. The success of the mega-church movement is predicated on a culture of welcoming, in-your-face friendliness, and ubiquitous “greeters.” In fact, I’d guess that the values of the Emergent Church movement arose as introverts’ reaction to the oppressive affability of Mega-churches.

Susan Cain, in her book *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking*, gives many examples of times that extroversion leads us astray. The most glaring illustration is CEOs who blindly bluster and blunder into reckless risks, deeming themselves “Too big to fail.” Yet no less titans of industry as Jack Welch and Bill Gates regularly take time without agenda or distraction, to be still, silent, and clear their minds. At first blush, listening to a book on tape or taking a stroll on the greenway can seem “unproductive” or “lazy.” Yet, it is in such times – riding a bike or listening to *A Love Supreme* – that kernels of great ideas germinate (decent sermons, too).

Truth be told, there is great value in reflection, reserve, and quiet contemplation. Cain makes ample points about successful cultures that value introspection: for example, East-Asia. Likewise, Judaism has a long tradition of esteeming silence. *Midrash* teaches, “Rabbi Joshua ben Levi said: A word is worth a *sela* [coin], but silence is worth two, even as we have learnt in the *Pirke Avot*: Simeon his son used to say, ‘All my life I grew up among the Wise, and I found nothing better for a person than silence.’”

Frankly, in a world that prizes quick speech and witty repartee, it is not often easy to valorize stillness. In a busy world, we are challenged to make room for such pursuits. Nonetheless, even within every seeming extrovert, there are personality slivers seeking prayer, nature, books, or meditation. So for all of us, I’ll share some advice on finding what Leonard Cohen calls the “more subtle” silence. The first, from orchestra conductor and yoga instructor Brad Keimach: “Speak only if what you have to say is better than the silence.” Second, from the Psalmist: “God, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes haughty; Nor do I involve myself in great matters, Or in things too difficult for me./ Surely I have composed and quieted my soul; Like a weaned child rests against his mother, My soul is like a weaned child within me.”



From the President

By Jenifer Ohriner

I want to thank the entire congregation for supporting December's Legacy Shabbat. Talk about community! Thanks go out to the wonderful sponsors, volunteers and attendees of who honored our committed community members. Thank you to the Becker Family for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon and to the Besmann Family Fund for the invitations, marketing, and postage. Thank you to our many volunteers, including Marilyn Burnett, Marilyn Liberman, Pat Rosenberg, Rosalie Nagler, Nancy Becker, Marian Jay, and Debbie Johnson for the Kiddush luncheon and decorations.

And thank you to the Rabbi and Religious Services Committee and the Legacy Book of Life Committee. I'm sure I speak for everyone that the event was a lot of fun!

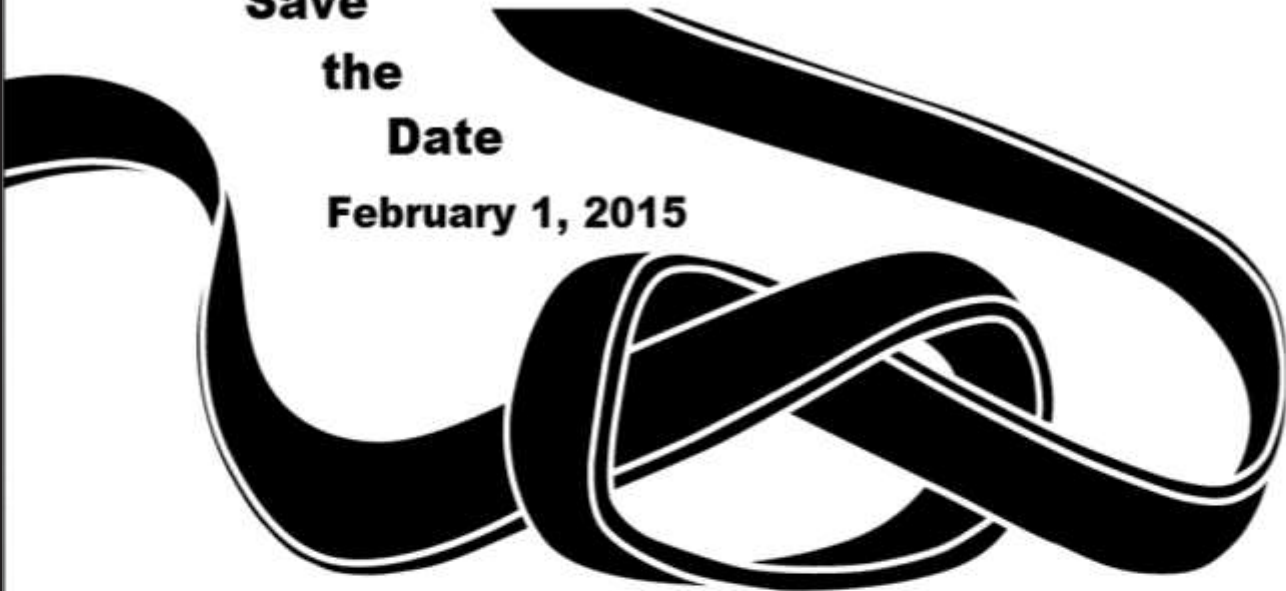


For Heska Amuna Synagogue
kitchen inquiries,
please contact
Mike Weatherly at
mikeweatherly@heskaamuna.org

Wrap up with God, then, let's have a bagel.

Save
the
Date

February 1, 2015



**After the Wrap, join us for a bagel
and drash on the Mitzvah of Tefillin.**

Be with our Men's Club as we join with tens of thousands of Jews around the world to celebrate the Mitzvah of Tefillin. Afterwards, please join us for a bagel (and more) and learn more about this wonderful mitzvah from the Rabbi and others.



Don't have a set of Tefillin? Purchase a set for as little as \$140 plus S&H
at www.WorldWideWrap.org

**Please join us Sunday morning, February 1, 2015 at 9:30
for a special Minyan with our Men's Club
along with our 6th, 7th and 8th graders**

Chair's Message

The Many Opportunities Ahead of Us

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families had a wonderful Chanukah and that you all enjoyed some quality time with family and friends.

As a people, Jews tend to make resolutions and promises for the Jewish New Year that are more serious and more spiritual - for example, I will attend services more, or I won't engage in speaking ill of others, or I will give more to charity, or I will ask someone's forgiveness for actual or perceived wrongs, or I will be more involved in the community - than is the case for the secular New Year. The two holidays are observed totally differently, as one is often spent in services or in contemplation, while the other is typically characterized with parties and celebrations.

People seem to say, or at least treat, their secular resolutions as if they are less serious, and certainly less spiritual, if no less important. Typical examples are to lose weight, work out more, eat less of the foods that are bad for me, not procrastinate, be more thrifty, be a better parent or friend, ask for a raise, get a new job, or finish a degree. You can undoubtedly disagree with my hypothesis - for example, maybe you don't make resolutions at all, or you treat each one as serious and spiritual. In one common world view, however, there is a point where both resolution trends merge. In that scenario, we look at the year ahead as a blank slate that is waiting to be outlined; we have the capacity, and will, to draw the picture and fill in many of the details. Of course, our best laid plans are subject to change because of health issues or financial or societal events beyond our control, but that does not stop us from planning.

When I contemplate the blank slate for the synagogue this year, I think of many exciting paths ahead. We have spiritual opportunities to bring more people to multiple types of services, to serve their needs in a wide range of ways. We have options for childhood and adult education that will expand horizons for students and teachers. We can engage our families with innovative programming. We have social choices that will involve greater participation in Sisterhood and Men's Club, Shabbat evening dinners and the Friday Night Chill, book clubs, holiday-themed parties, and special interest groups.

We also can invest in the synagogue's future, and create a lasting example for our children and grandchildren, by making legacy gifts to the synagogue. We can enhance the synagogue's current financial picture by collecting and donating all of our loose change. (You will hear more about the last two opportunities in the coming weeks and months.) We can buy more on Amazon by linking through our home page to the Amazon website, and we can support the Sisterhood Gift Shop when we are looking for Judaica.

All of the various opportunities, choices, and options set out here (and many more that you can add on your own) involve the creation of a community where we take advantage of each other's strengths, where we work together to identify and meet goals, and where we support each other in times of need, as well as in times of joy. It is also a community that is welcoming to newcomers and open to change, but one that is respectful of traditions. We have to be mindful of the need to create strong social, personal, and religious foundations that will support diverse building blocks in the future.

The coming year is a blank slate, but we have the tools to make it into a wonderful work of living, and lived, art by this time next year. I hope we can all join in that effort. I look forward to accomplishing great things with you.

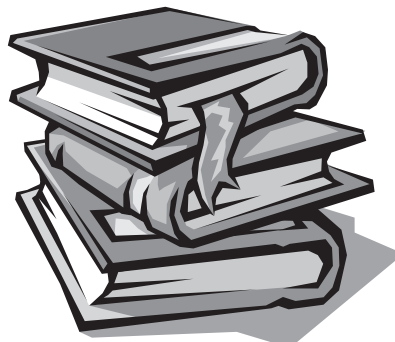
Best wishes.

Barry P. Allen
Chair, Board of Trustees

Heska Amuna Library News

We are having a book giveaway!

Please check our lobby for a large selection of books we cannot use in the library and help yourselves.



Mitzvah of the Month - Sh'mirat Shabbat Keeping the Sabbath

"Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy." (Exodus 20:8)

For the month of January try lighting candles as a family for every Friday night. We have five Fridays!

Please join us for Shabbat School and Family Minyan as we celebrate the joy of Shabbat together!

Heska Amuna Religious School News

By Betty Golub, Education Director, morahbetty@heskaamuna.org



During the month of January we celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King. This is not a Jewish holiday, but Dr. King's values are very Jewish. Many rabbis and Jewish leaders were involved in the Civil Rights movement. Our history has many parallels in the Civil Rights movement. Even now, we advocate for human rights and equality for everyone.

There are two beliefs that Dr. King fought so hard for. One is **Tzedek Tirdof** – *Justice We will Pursue* and **Tikkun Olam** – *Repairing the World*.

In Parsha Shoftim, which is found in the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 16, the Israelites are to establish courts of law within their cities. The judges are to be fair and impartial. In several verses later we find "**Tzedek Tzedek Tirdof** Justice, justice you shall pursue, that you may live, and inherit the land which the Lord your God gave you (Deuteronomy 16:18)."

Parsha Shoftim (Shoftim means judges) goes on to describe other laws meant to facilitate ethical society, laws that protect people from the capricious use of violence and power. We know that Dr. King stood for justice and non-violence!

Everyone has the opportunity to help toward bettering our world. We can begin on a smaller scale and start with something here at Heska Amuna Synagogue or on a local level. The Jewish concept of **Tikkun Olam** holds that we not only have the opportunity, but we are also obligated to make the world a better place. How does your family set goals to follow the practice of **Tikkun Olam**?

"It is not required of you to complete the task but neither are you free to desist from it," (Pirkei Avot 2:21)



Tot Shabbat & Friday Night Chill

Friday, January 23 — 5:30 p.m.

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

Gan K'Tan

January 11

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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

This year we want each class to be even more special than it was last year.

\$5.00 per session.

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



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Calendar Dates to Remember

Sunday, January 4	No HARS
Wednesday, January 7	Classes Resume
Sunday, January 11	Gan K'Tan
Friday, January 23	Tot Shabbat & Friday Night Chill
Saturday, January 24	Shabbat School & Family Minyan

Celebrating Service

Each of us is a light within our community when we perform an act of *Chesed*, healing lives through service. Members of Heska Amuna care and members of Heska Amuna give of themselves: collecting clothing for the homeless, delivering Meals on Wheels, visiting the sick, organizing a fundraiser, and on and on.

From January through mid-February's Mitzvah Day, we will be collecting photographs of ourselves performing mitzvot – for our synagogue, our city, our country... for Israel.

Capture Yourself in Service

- ★ Send your CAPTURE YOURSELF IN SERVICE photo to admin@heskaamuna.org
- ★ Post your photo on Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag [#HAServes](#).

★ Celebrate Our Service

Saturday, February 15: Celebrate Service Shabbat at Heska Amuna Synagogue

- ★ **Sunday, February 22:** Recommit to community service with the Knoxville Jewish Alliance on Sunday's Mitzvah Day



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ADULT EDUCATION

Beginning Hebrew

Call for Dates—522-0701

Description: Learn to read the Hebrew Alphabet. We will use *Aleph Isn't Tough: An Introduction to Hebrew for Adults* by Linda Motzkin and Hara E. Person.

Fee: \$5.00 (book and cd pronunciation guide) *Taught by Peggy Littmann.*

Advanced Beginning Hebrew

Sundays at 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Description: Learn comprehension, study grammar, improve Hebrew reading skills. We'll study *Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way* by Motzkin Anderson.

Taught by Peggy Littmann.

Origins and Development of the Passover Seder

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Israel Book Club

*1st Sunday evening of each month
at 7:30 p.m.*

Description: Together, we will read Ari Shavit's *My Promised Land*, a nuanced and affecting account of one family's

generations in the Land of Israel. Monthly readings will be complemented by other fiction and non-fiction excerpts, as well as film and other arts from Israel.

Loss & Legacy

5 sessions—T.B.A.

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

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

Contributions from Caring People

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

Donations received as of November 25, 2014

BUILDING FUND

In memory of my father, George Kramer
By: Jerry and Suzi Candy

CEMETERY FUND DONATION

In memory of Sol Frumin
*By: Zeke Frumin, Joani Leeds,
and Ardell Terry*

GENERAL FUND

In honor of Anna Iroff-Bailey and Josh Hedrick (Simchat Torah)
By: Peggy and Mark Littmann
In memory of Muriel and Lewis Littmann
By: Peggy and Mark Littmann
In memory of Jeff Ginsburg
By: Stephen and Kim Rosen
In memory of Joseph Goodstein
By: Alan Danziger
In appreciation of the High Holiday Honor
By: Stella Iroff

Mazel Tov to Herb and Elise Jacobs on your new home

By: Gale and Peggy Hedrick

In honor of Aaron Bronstein

By: Bernard and Susan Bronstein

In Appreciation of the Yom Kippur Aliyah for Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart

By: Arnold and Mary Linda Schwarzbart

SIMCHAT TORAH

In honor of Anna Iroff-Bailey

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- ★ Todah Rabah to **Jared Iroff-Bailey** and **Marilyn Burnett** for assisting the synagogue while Bradley was on paternity leave. We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the Shul.
- ★ Todah Rabah to **Marion Bayer** for her continued support and help in the kitchen. Thank you to **Pat Rosenberg** and **Marilyn Burnett** for their wonderful work on the landscaping for 2014.



Among Our Members

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

Save the Date!

Family Minyan and
 Tot Shabbat are joining together
 for Shabbat

Please join us on **Saturday,**
January 24 at 10:15 a.m.

The service will be
 appropriate for children
 of all ages



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Friday Night Services.....Varies
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Sunday Minyan.....9:30 a.m.

For a list of Heska Amuna's funds and
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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.



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To Spend or Not to Spend?

By Scott B. Hahn, Esq., KJCFF President

Every once in a while we get into some spirited discussions at our KJCFF meetings. One topic of conversation that seems to surface fairly frequently concerns whether funds should be making allocations during tight budgets and falling revenues for many of our Jewish organizations in town. Let me preface this article by saying that most of our funds are restricted and can only be spent for a certain purpose. Let me also state that most of our funds are donor-advised, so it is the fund committee that recommends the allocation. Finally, I would be negligent if I did not mention that the KJCFF is a good steward of our community's resources and our Board takes their job seriously. However, there are several funds that can be utilized with a minimum of restrictions.

One school of thought believes that funds are similar to a pension or retirement account: the funds are there for the future and are to be used only in emergency situations and that once these funds have been spent, they are gone and are not easily replenished. The other point of view is that the funds were given to the Knoxville Jewish community to spend as people or institutions see fit: that allocating funds for needed projects is the best use of the money.

Obviously, both points of view have merit. However, the second point of view comes closer to my own personal beliefs for several reasons. There is no disputing that our community needs as many rainy day funds as possible. No one knows what the future holds. However, we live in the present where we continually have a variety of needs that need to be met. Buildings need maintenance. Members need services in good times and in bad. You cannot stop the clock. This is where funds come help fill in the gaps. When you cut back on allocations, it reminds me of those people you read about in the paper that lived like a pauper, but left a sizable estate. While the decedent led a meager existence, I am certain their heirs will not. Almost every non-profit organization experiences tough times. It is through proper utilization of their resources that those organizations can move forward during those lean years. Yes, we need to be frugal and watch every penny, but by the same token we need to take care of our own needs if we have the resources to do so.



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★ **B'nai Tzedek Fund of Jacob Hale**

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*Honorarium for a talk given by
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How to Make a Donation to a KJCFF Fund

1. Make the check out to KJCFF.
2. Note the fund name in the memo line on the check. If you are making a donation in memory or in honor of someone, please include a memo noting that and letting us know if you want someone to receive an acknowledgement that a donation was made.
3. Mail donations to **KJCFF, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.**

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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



Tone Your Mind, Body, and Soul with JCOR

By Matt Niad

In addition to being our spiritual home, JCOR has taken on the role of a community center with a variety of weekly classes.

Israeli Dancing class has been going strong for a while so we added Ballroom Dancing in June. Then we added a yoga class in August and a PiYo live class in October. PiYo is a workout program from the BeachBody company which combines pilates and yoga for a low-impact, fat-burning workout without jumps or weights. We are pleased to announce that we will offer a Tai Chi class, starting in January.

All classes are open to the general public.

We have good participation from both synagogue members and non-Jewish town residents. JCOR is building strong community links here in Oak Ridge and gaining many friends of Judaism. You are welcome to join us any time.

- ♦ **Yoga** meets on rotating Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.
- ♦ **PiYo** meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Tai Chi** meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Israeli Dancing** meets on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Ballroom Dancing** meets on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m.



JCOR Collects Coats to Warm Souls



Don Carlson, Jim Bogard, Fran Silver and Matt Niad present Jinx Watson of the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church with more than 40 coats for a winter coat drive.



JCOR invites all to join their weekly dance and exercise sessions.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 17: Jewish Film Series: *Fading Gigolo*

USA. 2014, R, 90 minutes

Middle-aged Fioravante and Murray are an unlikely gigolo and pimp in this farce about two cash-strapped friends who turn to the sex trade to make ends meet. Their new enterprise is fruitful, but things get complicated when romance enters the picture. Cast includes John Turturro, Woody Allen, Vanessa Paradis.



Saturday, January 24:

Study session following Shabbat services:
Eliezer Ben-Yehuda

January/February Hosts and Hostesses

January 3	Catherine Braunstein, Sylvia Goldenberg
January 10	Alice Feldman & Albert Good, Judi & Len Gray
January 17	Anne & Eli Greenbaum, Rita Hohenbrink
January 24	Edith & Mel Halbert, Peggy and Randy Laxton
January 31	Elena & Carlos Bamberger, Mira Kimmelman
February 7	Shelby & Mark Kay, Barbara & Larry Landau
February 14	Vera & Leon Maya, Ilana & Moshe Siman-Tov
February 21	Brenda & Sig Mosco, Katie & Matt Niad

JCOR Donations

Donations received as of November 24, 2014

Yahrzeits

- ★ *Jacob Tobias and Layah Geismar*
from Melvin Tobias
- ★ *Genia Ryczke and Nathan Laznowski*
from Mira Kimmelman
- ★ *Clara Polonsky*
from Al Good & Alice Feldman and Rose Feldman
- ★ *Ada Schain and David Goldenberg*
from Sylvia Goldenberg
- ★ *Milton Bloom* from Bruce Tomkins (HHCF)
- ★ *Simon Braunstein and Barry Beck*
from Catherine Braunstein
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Cantorial Fund

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- ★ Al Good & Alice Feldman
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- ★ F. Gail Landay Moore
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www.jcor.info
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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.

Donations to Oak Ridge Hadassah

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

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CHABAD OF KNOXVILLE

Jewish. Done Joyfully!



The Chabad Secret

By David Suissa, (reprinted from the *LA Jewish Journal*)

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When people try to figure out the secret to Chabad's phenomenal success, they usually mention the movement's unconditional love toward their fellow Jews. I can see why. Go to any of the thousands of Chabad centers around the world and you'll be welcomed with open arms. A Chabad emissary sees holiness in every Jew—it's as simple and powerful as that.

But when I had dinner the other night with close to 5,000 Chabad emissaries from around the globe at their annual convention in Brooklyn, I discovered another key to their success—something less obvious. It came to me during one of several speeches that night. A senior emissary from England was telling the story of a woman who had just lost her husband, and who was adamant that she wanted a non-religious ceremony with the body cremated. Of course, the rabbi tried to gently convince her to do a proper Jewish burial, but the woman wouldn't budge. So, they negotiated. The rabbi was flexible on things that were not absolutely mandated by Jewish law, but he couldn't compromise on cremation, which is a serious no-no in traditional Judaism.

As he recounted the story in minute detail, I looked around at the faces of the emissaries around me. I could see a yearning in their eyes. I could feel this collective sentiment throughout the giant hall—thousands of men in beards and black hats, listening attentively to every word, yearning for a happy ending.

When the rabbi got to the end of his story, with the woman relenting and saying, "OK, rabbi, fill out that green burial form before I change my mind," it was as if he had announced a \$100 million gift to Chabad. The place exploded with joy. There was a thrill of victory in the air. What was that victory? A Jewish man would be buried according to Jewish law.

That anecdote tells you much of what you need to know about arguably the most successful movement in Jewish history—a movement obsessed with observing God's commandments. What is so extraordinary is that this flies in the face of modern-day wisdom about how to attract people to the Jewish tradition: "Don't obsess with all the rules and commandments! You'll just turn people off."

Clearly, Chabad didn't get the memo. Every Chabadnik I've ever met has been obsessed with the commandments, or, as they like to call them, the mitzvot: Did you put on tefillin this morning? Did you make a bracha in the sukkah? Do you need lulav and etrog? Did you listen to the megilla? Did you light the Chanukkah candles? Do you need Shabbat candles? Can you come to a Torah class tomorrow? What are you doing Friday night?

Every day and every minute in over 70 countries, Chabad emissaries ask those very questions. They don't discuss five-year plans or try to sell you on memberships. Instead of a long-term commitment, they ask you to do a mitzvah. It may be a little uncomfortable for someone who's not into it, but there's something disarming and innocent about asking someone to do a good deed.

This transcendent attachment to the mitzvah is what binds the movement and keeps emissaries charging ahead. They have complete faith in the power of the mitzvah to change the world. If a focus group tells them not to bother people in public, they ignore it. They don't agonize over the Pew study. They don't wallow in creative tension or theological ambiguities. They have one global model, and it has no ambiguity. It's called "We want you to do a mitzvah. The world needs it."

How do you beat that for clarity of purpose?

...And Loxville is Formed!

Loxville / Locks-ville/ noun

Name of a gathering of young Knoxville professionals at the crossroads of Judaism, culture and community. Lox 'n bagels are often involved.

Ex. "If one were to rotate the letters in 'Loxville' they would spell awesome." – PSY

After a successful Sushi, Soup, and Salads in the Sukkah event, Loxville was born. The group planned a Belgian-themed Chanukah party with imported beer tastings, artisan waffle burgers, and a Belgian waffle and ice cream bar capped off with a grand Dreidel Hold'em game.

If you are a young professional and would like more information, we welcome to you get in touch with Rabbi Aryeh:
rabbinaryeh@chabadknoxville.org
for more information.



Young professionals gather at the Sushi, Soup, and Salads in the Sukkah event.

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Heska Amuna Synagogue

January 3

George Busch ♦ Rose Mintz ♦ Julius Siegel ♦ William Shaw ♦ Virginia Waugh ♦ Gerson Corkland ♦ Dora Friedlob ♦ Lottie Mottzman
Norma Wolf ♦ Julian Kaoltkin ♦ Lazarus Abrams ♦ Samuel Forman ♦ Arthur Meyer ♦ Isadore Rosenblatt ♦ Sam Saroff ♦ Selma Vogel ♦ Bertha
Bernstein ♦ Hyman Gabler ♦ Abraham Garber ♦ Benjamin Joffe ♦ Morris Kraut ♦ Max Isaacs ♦ Taube Diftler ♦ Louie Herbin ♦ Herbert Ogle

January 10

Aaron Gurwin ♦ Sam Milnot ♦ Jeannette Nichols ♦ Lillian Solomon ♦ Edna Cohen ♦ Beatrice Routman ♦ Max Euster ♦ Alice Abrams
Adrian Harris ♦ Leon Saroff ♦ Lillian Simon ♦ Gregory Waugh ♦ Selma Tobe ♦ Charles Brown ♦ Leib Gabler ♦ Aaron Glazer
Abraham Schwartz ♦ Nathan Deitch ♦ Channah Goldstein ♦ Terry Hahn ♦ Maurice Lieberman ♦ Manuel Marvet ♦ Melvin Shorr
Samuel Bebergal ♦ Louis Gluck ♦ Helen Shersky ♦ Mary Wolf ♦ Stephen Sugarman

January 17

David Abramson ♦ Clarence Mann II ♦ Stanley Webster ♦ Jill Witten ♦ Mark Balloff ♦ Joseph Bernstein ♦ Melanie Hicks
Fannie Moskowitz ♦ Rachel Menachem ♦ Jack Ruchlin ♦ Israel Kauffman ♦ Rose Bart ♦ Morris Schwartz ♦ Morris Simon
Bella Bresoff ♦ Nathan Diftler ♦ Rafael Anidjar ♦ Ben Winick ♦ Elaine Brown ♦ Seymour Chasan ♦ Delia Skalet ♦ Isaac Ducken

January 24

Sam Morrison ♦ Samuel Fenrow ♦ Charles O'Brien ♦ David Cohen ♦ Herman Sebold ♦ Cecil Nichols ♦ Jack Orlick ♦ Milton Shamitz
Mae Stern ♦ Samuel Brown ♦ Romaine Eisenstadt ♦ Eva Isaacs ♦ Bess Feld ♦ Annie Joffe ♦ Joseph Soss ♦ Celia Berry
Caroline Schwartz

January 31

Frank Winick ♦ Gladys Johnson ♦ Jack Scott ♦ Harry Tobe ♦ Elias Ullman ♦ Lillian Klein ♦ Alexander Licht ♦ Rose Shapiro
Jacob Goodstein ♦ Hinda Scott ♦ Anne Dolinka ♦ Lillian Morrison ♦ David Panitz ♦ Hilda Presser ♦ Lena Rosenfield
Sarah Rubenstein ♦ Charles Silverman

JAHRZEIT

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January 2

Rosa Bart ♦ Tammie M. Brodie ♦ Barnie Frankel ♦ Jean Fribourg ♦ Luba Golburt ♦ Ricka Licht Goodfriend ♦ William Haas
Ida Feldman Kaminsky ♦ Samuel Levy ♦ Sam Morrison ♦ Lena Silverman Moskowitz ♦ Pauline Orovan ♦ Eileen Pucci ♦ Esther Reich
Abe Schwartz ♦ Morris Schwartz ♦ Bessie Weinstein ♦ Lillian S. Weiss ♦ Ben R. Winick

January 9

Minnie Aron ♦ Marcus Bressler ♦ Harry Bronstein ♦ Alexander Feldblum ♦ Elise Goldberg Hyatt ♦ Millie James ♦ Lena B. Konigsberg
Edward J. Moss ♦ Robert Oury ♦ Robert (Bob) Dean Parsons ♦ Arthur Slome ♦ Bella Zavels

January 16

Fannie Liebman Beiler ♦ Isadore Beiler ♦ Walter N. Blaufeld ♦ Minette Jacobstein Clark ♦ David Farin ♦ Henrietta Feldblum
Sadie Goldberg ♦ Telsie Greif ♦ Milton Heller ♦ Minnie Hochenberg ♦ Michael Kostinsky ♦ Mary Kichler Licht ♦ Marie Noon
Howard E Stamey ♦ Grigory Targonsky ♦ Samuel Webber ♦ Stanley Webster ♦ Max Zuckerman

January 23

Maxine H. Arbutal ♦ Frank Bernard ♦ Mary S. Bernard ♦ Ethel Brown ♦ Joseph Herman Bush ♦ Bill Dillon ♦ Robert Goldstein
Henry Handler ♦ Theodore Hecht ♦ John Kelleher ♦ Ella Marx ♦ Meyer Ostrovskiy ♦ Annie Lucille "Lucy" Rankin
Sarah Vendig Samuel ♦ Helen Sandberg ♦ Caroline Schwartz ♦ Irvin Shenkman ♦ Jacob Spiro ♦ William Steinberg ♦
Beatrice S. Steinfeld ♦ Howard Teitelbaum ♦ Muriel Zuckerman

January 30

Albert G. Bessel ♦ Leo Diamond ♦ Gustave Dreyfuss ♦ BettyAnn Feldblum ♦ Robert Harwell ♦ Frank Heart ♦ Annie Joffe
Dr. David Lee ♦ Regina W. Lippner ♦ Charlotte Loeb ♦ Clarence "Sonny" Mongeon ♦ Basia Shusterman ♦ Boris Shusterman
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Hadassah Highlights

2014 HMO Luncheon Honors Members, Educates Participants

By Nora Messing and Rosalie Nagler, Co-Chairs, HMO Luncheon 2014

On Sunday, November 16, the Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah enjoyed a delicious brunch at The Lighthouse. The occasion was the annual HMO (Hadassah Medical Organization) event. We celebrated our Woman of the Year, **Samantha Spenser**, and our Associate of the Year, **Frank Floyd**, in style.

Speakers, Dr. Sally Baerman, Dina Kramer and Dr. Sam Winston were dynamic, engaging and informative. Each presenter provided insight into their area of specialty of *Eyes, Ears and Balance*. As an added bonus, all proceeds are being doubled by an anonymous donor. A big thank you to our sponsors for making our event successful!



The Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah honored Frank Floyd as its Associate of the Year and Samantha Spenser as its Woman of the Year at the organization's annual HMO Luncheon, which raises funds for Hadassah Hospital.

Rosalie Nagler, event co-chair; speakers Dr. Sally Baerman, Dr. Sam Winston, and Dina Kramer; and Nora Messing, event co-chair.

Join Hadassah Knoxville and the UT Hillel ladies at this fun program



**Make-Up,
Mahj, Mimosas,
and More!**

**Saturday, January 24
6:00 p.m.**

After Havdallah, we will play mah john and get makeovers.

This is a casual event and promises to be tons of fun.

RSVP to Robin Brown at
rzbrown60@gmail.com



Thurs, February 19

Love Yourself, Self Defense Workshop

This Hadassah Knoxville program will be a self defense workshop, where ladies will learn defensive techniques and a few extra tips about keeping safe.

This program will be led by our very own Bonnie Boring with help from a special guest.

For more information on this program and more, contact Hadassah Knoxville directly:

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Thank you to our HMO Luncheon Sponsors!!!

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Hadassah Book Club News

By Peggy Littmann, plittmann@comcast.net

On **Tuesday, January 20** the Hadassah Book Club will discuss *Jewish Luck* by Leslie Levine Adler. We will meet at **7:30 p.m.** at Barnes and Noble on Kingston Pike in the coffee shop area. All Jewish women and friends are welcome. For updates, check the Hadassah web site at <http://jewishknoxville.org/> - tab onto Adults, then under Social Action you will find the Hadassah tab.

Book Review: *Jewish Luck* recounts the intertwined stories of two women who—in their struggles against the anti-Semitism and patriarchy of the Soviet regime and the rebranded “New” Russia—succeed by creating their own luck.

Their sisterhood is kindled when Vera and Alisa grudgingly line up to register for classes at the Institute that produced experts in Marxist-Leninist economics, a field on its way to extinction. For the next three decades, Vera and Alisa fight for their dreams of self-expression and status. To do so they must deprogram their minds of Soviet theory and learn the new language of a free market economy.

After Vera dares to approach author Leslie Adler on a Leningrad corner in 1976, a forbidden friendship is formed. Leslie becomes Vera’s confidante and link to the West. With help from her Minneapolis connections, Vera builds a successful business in Russia despite her disdain for her country and the disruption of Russian Mafia attacks. In contrast, Alisa secretly escapes the Soviet Union and constructs a life in Sweden from scratch.

Jewish Luck invites readers to inhabit the lives of two extraordinary and headstrong women as they fight to establish themselves in a time and place where women, Jews, and capitalism were disparaged.



Upcoming Hadassah Book Club Selection

February 17: Please Note: Our February book selection has been changed to *The Signature of All Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert.

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What is ...

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Hadassah + Hillel

Hadassah Knoxville's H2O program was created to build bonds between generations of Jewish Women. Bridging the gap between college age women and women established in their careers and families. By creating this bond, Jewish women at college here in Knoxville will feel they have a home with their Hadassah Knoxville friends whether their families are here or elsewhere.

All members of the H2O program are welcome at every Hadassah Knoxville event and are offered special pricing for events with a charge.

Also provided to H2O members is career mentorship from our very own Hadassah ladies. Career mentorship will match up H2O members with Hadassah ladies with experience in their field of study to provide them with career advise and help. We have been working with UTK Hillel ladies to make this happen but any Jewish lady studying at a local college can become active in our H2O program.

For more information on this program and more, Contact Hadassah Knoxville at...

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Knoxville Hadassah



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HADASSAH
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Saturday, February 28

They came, they sang, they
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of Hadassah!
*More information
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DEADLINE: January 25

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- ◆ Has your phone number changed? Has your name changed?
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Hadassah Directory

Hadassah is working on its 2015 Knoxville Hadassah directory.

Contact us now and place an ad in the upcoming publication.

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Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

KJDS Goes Back in Time

The kindergarten through third grades visited The Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center on November 12. This hands-on experience gave the kids a chance to see pioneer life firsthand!

Our day began this chilly, misty morning by learning to make cornhusk darts. The students got to shuck the corn themselves using an antique farm tool! Then they inserted a bird feather in the end before sending them flying! Other pioneer toys were created using old wagon wheels and wooden buttons.

Following pioneer games, the kids visited several authentic barns and buildings. The kids helped our tour guide navigate with their maps to get from one place to the next. We learned that those small cabins sometimes had families of 10 or more sleeping in only 1 or 2 beds. The cracks between the logs allowed for snow to fall on those sleeping upstairs—BRRR! They also learned where the saying “sleep tight, don’t let the bedbugs bite” comes from. Beds in those days were tightened with ropes and stuffed with corn husks (which bugs love)! Before we departed from the mountains, students played a Cherokee game that taught the skill of careful listening. The kids enjoyed trying to sneak the log away before getting caught!

We returned to KJDS with a new appreciation for the comforts of modern day living! Class discussions and activities revolved around giving thanks for the luxuries such as heat, iPads, and shelter. The 2-3 class created Thanksgiving themed poems and writings to reflect their blessings this time of year.

To tie in this theme of “back in time,” we invited two of our Special Friends to talk to us about what life was like 50 years ago for one of our Shabbat Parties. Ernie Gross and Mary Linda Schwartzbart answered questions from the entire student body. We learned about female dress codes, cars, traditions and technology from the childhood of these interesting speakers. What a great experience, bringing different generations together to learn from each other.



(Clockwise from top) Sara uses a map to help guide her group to the next stop on our historic village tour. Mary Linda Schwartzbart and Ernie Gross answer students' questions during the Back in Time discussion. Amos shucks corn to make a corn cob dart. A KJDS student bulletin board shows how “We are so thankful!”

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KJDS Students Learn an Hour of Code

On December 11, KJDS joined millions of people participating in the second annual “Hour of Code.” This program was started to introduce computer “coding” to anyone aged 4 to 104. It is a web-based tutorial that breaks down computer coding into small parts that anyone can understand. This demystifying of computer programming is meant to make this type of knowledge universal for everyone. Jobs for programmers are rising two times faster than the national average - in Tennessee they are rising 4.7 times as fast. Today less than 3 percent of college graduates earn a computer science degree, and surprisingly, this number has dropped in the last decade.

After a video introduction by the President, students began their encounter with the world of computer programming. The younger students enjoyed a puzzle game that uses programming game mechanics to let players gain a practical understanding of basic coding. They learned to sequence instructions, write procedures, and utilize loops to solve levels.

The fourth and fifth grade class went a little deeper with looping and basic algorithms. They were able to program their characters to do more complex applications and some got as far as creating their first game. This age group uses more applications and games more frequently, so they have true understanding of the end product.

The students really enjoyed the process of creating with this technology and we are confident this “language” will be part of their education.

KJDS students proudly display their Hour of Code certificates.



Students Challenge Themselves Physically and Emotionally

Our first class field trip was to the Mountain Challenge at Maryville College and Second Harvest Food Bank. At the "Mountain," students used several routes to scale to the top of the 60-foot Alpine Tower. Students supported and cheered each other on while holding the belay rope or watching from the base of the structure. Students challenged themselves to go faster or reach the summit faster on the second attempt. It was a fun and affirming experience. The class was accompanied by KJDS dad Dan Grabel. This fun teambuilding exercise helped the group overcome fears and conquer goals. If you're up for the challenge, there are alpine tower sessions available on Saturday mornings.

Next stop Second Harvest Food Bank. We'd never seen so much cereal. The 11 students from the fourth and fifth grade class donated their time to Second Harvest Food Bank. We learned about the groups in our community that are most at-risk for hunger and what Second Harvest and other areas organizations are doing to meet their needs. Then we scooped, weighed and packaged hundreds of pounds of bran cereal for elderly people in our area. Students worked very hard and said that they felt like part of something important. This field trip was part of our semester long *STEAM out Hunger* project that includes collecting donated canned goods the students are making into a 'can-structure.' The donated cans, collected from our families, ConAgra, and Bush Brothers will then be donated to Second Harvest of East Tennessee.

To volunteer or donate, contact Second Harvest Food Bank at (865) 243-8242.



Students climbed a tower as part of a team building challenge. Fourth and fifth graders bagged cereal at Second Harvest Food Bank and learned that helping others can be fun!

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The Way We Were in 1960



Heska Amuna Synagogue Dedication Dinner

Celebrating Heska Amuna's new building on Kingston Pike in December, 1960, back 'row', left to right: David **Liberman**, Lil **Liberman**, unknown; front 'row': Marion **Goodstein**, Joe **Goodstein**.

David and Lil were the parents of Knoxville's Harvey **Liberman**. The late Joe **Goodstein** was born in Knoxville and lived here until he and Marion moved to Israel a few years ago. Joe's cousins Albert **Good** and Brenda **Mosko** live in Oak Ridge. His cousin Geri **Forkner** lives in Sweetwater. His cousin Donna **Tobe** lives in Knoxville. If you have any idea who the mystery person next to Lil might be, please contact the Archivist. Send your photos of "The Way We Were" (with identification of persons, place, and time, when known) to archivist@jewishknoxville.org, or contact the Archivist at (865) 690-6343.