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

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Friday Night



Heska Amuna Synagogue

Friday, March 27
6:00 p.m.

Come for a fun, relaxing Shabbat.

For more information, please contact
Anna and Jared Iroff-Bailey at
fridaynightchill@gmail.com



Adar-Nisan 5775

Heska Amuna Sisterhood

Presents



Toast &



March 7th

An Evening of Toasts and Talent

By Harriet Glasman, Sisterhood President

The next Sisterhood production will be Saturday evening, March 7, and will include a wine tasting and an opportunity to order Passover wine from a distributor who will provide us with our tastings.

And that's not all folks! We will also perform a Vashti play written by our resident playwright, our own Mark Littmann and performed by our Sisterhood acting troupe.

But wait---there's more!

We'll have snacks to eat---OF COURSE!

And.....if you call in the next five minutes (NO NO--JUST A JOKE) you can bid in our silent auction

And....and last but not least, enjoy our very own Heska Amuna Idol contest.

I for one am just kvelling!

Needs costs how to rsvp etc info here

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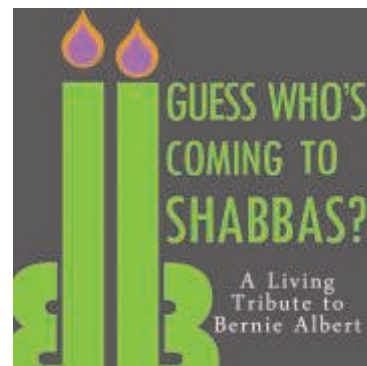
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Sunset Minyan

Date: TBD

7:00 p.m.



Friday, March 6

In members' homes

Great News from Kroger!

Let us register your **Kroger Plus Card** number with Kroger and 5% of your purchases will be donated to Heska Amuna by Kroger. *It's easy and doesn't cost you any money.*

Simply email or call us with your Kroger Plus Card Number (the number on the back of your Kroger card) to admin@heskaamuna.org or call (865) 522-0701. (Of course, you can register your card yourself at www.kroger.com!



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From the Rabbi's Desk Does Study Lead to Action?

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

In 1980 one of my mentors, Rabbi Elliot Dorff, wrote a paper called *Study Leads to Action*. The main idea was in the title, which came from the Talmud. Unfortunately, it seems to me that study - and the Talmud meant religious study - often just leads to more study.

There's a problem in religious life, and it's a problem I see very often in the Jewish world. I don't know if this problem exists in other communities, and I'd love to hear some comparisons. The first part is that people are entering study as if it were a game. The game has a few variations, but the goals are roughly: show how smart I am and put on a public face that's louder, bolder or just faster than other people's.

But study isn't just talk. We aren't rolling the words of a religious text around our lips like so much expensive wine, to see who can come up with the best description of the wine or compare it to another wine which only they've tasted, and then spit it out. The religious experience, the experience of God, has to be drunk and it has to affect us right down to our bones. Isn't that the best part of wine, too?

Religion, whether in study or in prayer, has to lead to something. Studying the Bible, Talmud, a *Hadith*, or the Church Fathers should lead to action. That action might be visible or it might not be. It may be making meals for AIDS patients, reflecting on your relationship with your children, joining the church budget committee, or just feeling calmer in a way that makes us able to be nicer the next morning at work.

Study can't be a substitute for action. When you study with people, you can't each be reflecting on a text without also reflecting on each other. Study (or prayer for that matter) can't be the proxy for intimacy. Religious life craves real intimacy with our study partner, other congregants and God. The ultimate goal of religious life isn't to create a tool for finding God - it's to find God without a tool.

Be Happy, It's Adar!

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

We often think of Purim with its costumes and noisemakers as a children's holiday. But its themes and ideas are of great importance to Jewish life. In fact, our tradition tells us that we are to drop whatever we are doing, no matter its importance, to go and listen to the story of Purim. According to the Talmud, "The study of Torah is interrupted for the reading of the Megillah." and Maimonides (a 12th century sage and rabbi) teaches, "The reading of the Megillah certainly supersedes all other mitzvot." (Maimonides, Yad, Megillah 1:1)

The Megillah itself states the significance of Purim. In Esther 9:28, we read, "These days [of Purim] are recalled and observed in every generation: by every family, every province and every city. And these days of Purim shall never cease among the Jews, and the memory of them shall never perish among their descendants."

The mitzvot (commandments) of Purim, established in the story by Mordecai and Esther, are found in a verse from the Megillah: "They [the Jews] were to observe them as days of feasting and merrymaking, and as an occasion for sending gifts to one another and presents to the poor. (Esther 9:22) How wonderful to be commanded to feast and to make merry, to celebrate and to enjoy!

Family Discussion

- ★ Share with your children the teaching from Maimonides. Then ask your children to share reasons that make listening to the Purim Megillah the most important mitzvah.
- ★ With *Esther 9:22* as a guide, have your family create a Purim observance. Use the following questions to decide how you will fulfill the Purim mitzvot:
 1. What would be your ideal Purim feast?
 2. How would you like to make merry on Purim?
 3. Purim is the original Jewish gift-giving holiday. Would you be willing to skip gifts on Chanukah and have them on Purim instead? Why or why not?
 4. How can we help the poor on Purim?
 5. Does our family feel satisfied that our Purim celebration fulfills the commandments as found in the book of Esther?

I would like to recommend the following books to you:

- *Cakes and Miracles: A Purim Tale* by Barbara Diamond Goldin; illustrated by Erika Weihs; Viking Press; ages 4 to 8
- *Chocolate Chip Challah and Other Twists on the Jewish Holiday Table* by Lisa Rauchwerger; URJ Press; ages 5 to 11
- *Esther* by Miriam Chaikin; illustrated by Vera Rosenberry; Jewish Publication Society; ages 4 to 7
- *It's Party Time! A Purim Story* by Jonny Zucker; illustrated by Jan Barger Cohen; Barron's Educational Series, Inc.; ages 5 to 7
- *Where Does Food Come From? A Bracha Discovery Book* by Dina Rosenfeld; illustrated by Rina Lyampe; Hachai Publishing; ages 2 to 5
- *The Great Latke-Hamantash Debate* by Ruth Fredman Cernea, ed.; University of Chicago Press; adult



Calendar Dates to Remember

Sunday, March 1	Gan K'Tan
Wednesday, March 4	Purim celebration, Costume Parade and Megillah reading
Sunday, March 15	No School – Spring Break
Wednesday, March 18	No School – Spring Break
Sunday, March 22	No School – Spring Break
Saturday, March 28	Family Minyan



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Mitzvah of the Month

Mishloah Manot – Sending Gifts

It is a mitzvah during Purim to send gifts to family and friends.



Gan K'Tan

Sunday, March 1 —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

Contributions from Caring People

For a list of synagogue funds, please check our website at www.heskaamuna.org.

Donations made by January 26, 2015

BUTTERFLY BUSH

In honor of Mark and Carol Harris's 50th anniversary

By: Gene and Pat Rosenberg

In memory of Zeke Frumin

By: Marilyn Burnett

BUILDING FUND

In honor of the birth of Adin Ferency

By: Gale and Peggy Hedrick

CAMP RAMAH FUND

In memory of Mark Blumenthal, Greta Besmann, and Jeff Ginsburg

By: Mindy Goldberg

GENERAL FUND

In honor of Mark and Carol Harris's 50th anniversary

By: Marilyn Abrams

Get well wishes to Laura Berry

By: Marilyn Abrams

In memory of Zeke Frumin

By: Peter and Leslie Rosen

By: Myrna and Irv Russotto

By: Stephen and Rosalie Nagler

EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT FUND

In memory of Max and Bek Hurvich, Clara and Ben Goodstein, and Joseph Goodstein

By: Marion Goodstein

KIDDUSHIM DONATION

In honor of the birth of Adin Shemaya Ferency

By: Lee Miller Blotner

In memory of Joseph Goodstein

By: Mindy Goldberg

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID FUND DONATION

In honor of the birth of Adin Ferency

By: Jeff and Nancy Becker

In memory of Selma Vogel

By: Jeff and Nancy Becker

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of Mark and Carol Harris's 50th anniversary

By: Bert and Janet Gurwitsch

In honor of the birth of Adin Shemaya Ferency

By: Bert and Janet Gurwitsch

In appreciation of Rabbi Ferency's care

By: Michael Burnett, Evelyn Silvey, and Marilyn Burnett

In honor of the birth of Adin Ferency

By: Michael Eisenstadt and

Mary Beth Leibowitz

By: Victor and Pricilla Skalet

In honor of the aliyah and blessing for Janet's retirement

By: Janet and Bert Gurwitsch

In memory of Logan Brown

By: Adam, Angie, and Stephen Brown

In memory of Zeke Frumin

By: Gary and Joan Leeds

TORAH FUND

By: Ed and Carol Feldman

YARZHEIT FUND

In memory of Joseph Richer and Romayne Eisenstadt

By: Michael Eisenstadt and

Mary Beth Leibowitz

In memory of Abe Slovis and Stanley Webster

By: Esther Webster

In memory of my grandfather, Rafael Anidjar

By: Jack Benhayon

In memory of Louis and Mark Balloff

By: Sam Balloff

Among Our Members

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

Todah Rabah to **Maia Rosenberg, Lynn Fuson, Mary Linda Schwarzbart, and Marion Bayer.** We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the Shul.

Sponsor a Kiddush! It's So Easy!

Are you celebrating your birthday or anniversary this month? Donate \$18.00 to the Kiddushim account to celebrate your special occasion, or contact Mike Weatherly and be a full sponsor of a Kiddushim. All Kiddushim are deliciously prepared by Michael Weatherly. It's now possible to contribute any amount toward the weekly Kiddushim to help defray the Synagogue expenses by mailing your check to the Synagogue Office, marking Kiddushim. Call Bradley Drew at (865) 522-0701 or Mike Weatherly at (757) 685-5027 for more information and to reserve a date.



We would like to thank **Barry and Heidi Allen, Rachel and Jason Scharfman, and Heska Amuna Sisterhood** who sponsored Kiddushim in January. For Kitchen use information or to sponsor a Kiddush, call Mike Weatherly at (757) 685-5027.

Help Needed: Heska Amuna Winick Library

Pat Rosenberg and Nancy Becker need extra help deciding what to do with old VHS tapes and with reorganizing the non-print section.

Contact Nancy Becker at nechama419@yahoo.com or Pat Rosenberg at gprosenberg@comcast.net. Thank you.

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1. **iGive** is a host company that donates a portion of your purchase back to the Synagogue. **iGive has over 1,300 retailers** that you select for your online shopping needs. All you have to do is sign up with iGive, make a purchase through one of their retailers and a % of your purchase will go to the synagogue. Visit iGive's website at www.igive.com and register today.
2. Heska Amuna Synagogue has partnered with **Amazon's** Affiliate Program. Simply click on the Amazon logo on Heska Amuna Synagogue's home page whenever you want to shop at Amazon and a portion of your purchase will be donated to the Synagogue by Amazon. Make sure you come back to our home page and click on the logo any time you shop at Amazon.
3. Just email your **Kroger card number** to admin@heskaamuna.org. If you have never visited the **Kroger Community Rewards** website all you have to do is email Bradley at the Synagogue and he will register your card and a portion of your purchase will be donated to the Synagogue.
4. You can still buy **Earth Fare, Food City, and Fresh Market Grocery Cards** from Heska Amuna Synagogue, Marilyn Liberman, and Gene Rosenberg. We have a large stock of grocery cards and remember you can use the grocery cards to buy other gift cards at the locations above.
5. You can click the **Donate Now button on our website** to be linked to our donate page and you can give a donation. Just visit www.heskaamuna.org.

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Permanent Schedule

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

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

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

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

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Heska Amuna Sisterhood Grocery Coupon Committee, *Marilyn Liberman and Gene Rosenberg*

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:30a minyan-HA 9:30-12:30p Religious School-TBE 9:30a Ssiterhood Hamentashen sale-TBE 9:30a HARS-HA 10:30a Adv Beginning Hebrew-HA 12:30p The Last Jewis of Baghdad w Carole Basri-AJCC 2-5p TOT Basketball-AJCC</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00a minyan-HA 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 3:30p AJCC Preschool Staff-AL 5:30p Archives Comm-BR 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4:30-8p Piano Lessons-Media Room 6p Exec Board-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Erev Purim Noon-Community Bereavement Support Group-AJCC 4:15p HARS Purim Costume Parade & Megillah Reading-HA 6p Megillah reading-HA 6-6:30p Aftercare mtg-AJCC 6:15p Midwk Hebrew-TBE 6:45-9p Fencing-AJCC</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Purim 7:00a minyan-HA 6:30p PiYo-JCOR 5-7:30p Cult Places in the Bible and the Ancient Middle East-AJCC 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing-AJCC</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8-1 AJCC Purim Celeration-AJCC Gym 6p Guess Who's Coming to Shabbat 7:30p Shabbat Service-TBE</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 6p Vashti Banquet-HA 7p Sisterhood Purim Event-TBE 7p BBYO Spring Formal-AJCC</p>
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You're Invited to See

The Last Jews of Baghdad

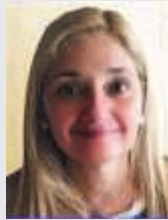
Sunday, March 1

12:30 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive, 37919

You are invited to attend a showing of this film with an introduction by Director Carole Basri. A Q & A Session with her will follow.

Carole Basri is a lawyer and adjunct professor at Fordham University, and film producer. *The Last Jews of Baghdad* takes a historical and personal look at the persecution, torture, escape and exodus of over 160,000 Iraqi- Jews between the years 1940 through 2003. Hear from the survivors the real reasons why they left their beloved homeland of over 2500 years and if they will ever return.



This cultural event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

For further information, please contact Jesse Feld, 690-6343 or jfeld@jewishknoxville.org.

This event is sponsored by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance; the Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies, and the Department of Religious Studies, the University of Tennessee.

Suzy Snoops

The 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 newsletter, c/o Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

- ★ **David Floyd**, son of Frank and Laura Floyd and a sophomore at The University of Tennessee, won Grand Prize at the River City Clarinet Winter Festival 2015 Young Artists Solo Competition held at UT Chattanooga on January 16-17.
- ★ **Raeus Cannon** was recently featured in a WVLT interview about her love of knitting.
- ★ Anyone interested in learning to knit can email Raeus Cannon at raeusjae@gmail.com
- ★ **Pace Robinson** has recently joined the board of the Community Health Alliance.
- ★ Local Holocaust survivor **Sylvia Dubois** was recently featured in a WVLT-TV story on the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Thanks for Mitzvah Day

Big thank you to all who came out to last month's Mitzvah Day: Brick by Brick! We hope you know how much of an impact you made all around Knoxville.

If you are looking to become more involved with the KJA and social justice, call Jesse Feld at 690-6343 or email at jfeld@jewishknoxville.org.



UTK Hillel Leader Honored

UTK Hillel President Emily Roberts was honored as a top leader at the University of Tennessee. The event was held at Neyland stadium and attended by Chancellor Jimmy Cheek, UT President Joe DiPietro, distinguished alumni, and other campus student leaders.

Roberts is a human resources major from Memphis. After graduation in May, she will return to Memphis for a position at AutoZone. In addition to her Hillel leadership, Emily teaches religious school at Heska Amuna Synagogue and serves as Weinstein BBG Advisor.



Emily Roberts

Community Invited to March 5 Senior Recital

Rachel Brown, daughter of Ken and Susan Brown, will perform her Junior Voice Recital at UT on **Thursday, March 5, at 6:00 p.m.** Rachel's program will include solo works in Italian, French, German, and English. The recital will take place in the Sandra G. Powell Recital Hall in the Natalie L. Haslam Music Center on the UT campus, and is free and open to the public.

Rachel, who is the solo vocalist for the Dor L'Dor klezmer band, invites the community to join her for this special program.



Rachel Brown

H A P P E N I N G S

KJA and UTK Partner to Host Seminar

Cult Places in the Bible and the Ancient Near East

Thursday, March 5 — 7:30-9:00 pm.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive

Cult Places in the Bible and the Ancient Near East will focus on the portrayal of religious spaces and places in the Hebrew Bible and ancient Near Eastern texts. In addition to central cultic institutions, Drs. Erin Darby and Raphe Panitz will also discuss "illicit," "forbidden," and contested cult places.

Erin Darby, Ph.D., is an assistant professor in UT's Department of Religious Studies. Her research and teaching interests include topics in biblical studies, ancient Near Eastern studies, archaeology, anthropology, art history, Judaic studies, and ritual studies.

Raphe Panitz, Ph.D., has a B.A. in history from New York University, a Master's in library science from the University of Maryland, and a Ph.D. in Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. He is fluent in Hebrew and has taught Hebrew languages and Judaic studies on all levels.

This seminar is part of the Partnership for the Academic Study of Early Judaism annual seminar cycle: "*Sacred Space: Then and Now.*" The seminar is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided. Let us know you're coming via email to kja@jewishknoxville.org or by calling 690-6343.

Community Invited to April 19 Festive Tallits and Tiaras Dinner

By Lizzy Noon, Gert Weinstein BBG N'siah

The entire community is invited to join Weinstein BBG and Winick AZA on Sunday, April 19 for a delicious dinner and an unforgettable pageant! Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. and the contestants (AZA boys) will begin their competition at 7:00 p.m. .

Sunday, April 19, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**AJCC Gymnasium,
6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN
37919**

Why: to raise money for scholarships to attend regional and international conventions.

The dinner is \$xx per person,....If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Lizzy Noon at lianno39@yahoo.com. Checks made payable to _____, can be mailed to Weinstein BBG, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919 by April 5.



2012 Winick AZA contestants enter the audience.

Knoxville BBYO Spring Formal Dance

Saturday, March 7

7:30 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center — Orwitz Community Room



The lovely ladies of Gert Weinstein BBG and the handsome men of Rabbi Isaac Winick AZA are set to enjoy their annual Spring Formal Dance. They will gladly accept any donations to **help cover chapter expenses. Please make checks out to "Weinstein BBG" and "Winick AZA"** and send them to the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Dr., Knoxville, TN 37919.

TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



Learners' Minyan: The Hope of God

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

In his book *The Seven Questions You're Asked in Heaven*, Dr. Ron Wolfson begins by saying:

The fourth question you're asked in heaven is not about your accomplishments, your values, or your legacy: It is about your attitude. *Tzipita li'yeshuah? – Did you hope for deliverance? (Shabbat 31a)* Did you live with hope in your heart?

As Viktor Frankl wrote in *Man's Search for Meaning*: "The last and greatest human freedom is the freedom to choose your attitude."

Wolfson goes on to discuss the difference between HOPE and FEAR. Fear can be understood as "afraid" or "in awe of" – and our attitude is what motivates one understanding over the other. We have all heard the phrase THE FEAR OF GOD. It can motivate or paralyze, but in Hebrew the term *Yirat Shamayim* means being IN AWE of God, not being afraid of God. The Jewish people have always striven for a personal relationship with the Eternal. Just as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah had their own, unique relationship with God, so too, do we have that same opportunity each day of our lives. Creating, strengthening and deepening that relationship is part of what makes Judaism so meaningful and why its teachings resonate with us.

Inspiring us to form a relationship based on HOPE, not FEAR, Dr. Wolfson reminds us of the importance of viewing God as "awe-ful." He writes: "God does not terrify; God inspires. God does not provoke trembling; God offers comfort. God does not scare; God is a vehicle for repair. When times are tough, let the hope of God lead you to a time of goodness, health, and blessing."

As humans created in the Divine image, we have more than an opportunity – we have an obligation – to do our best to forge, maintain, and enhance that sacred relationship. As part of a congregation and larger community, may we inspire others to nurture that "spark of divinity" that has been kindled in each human soul.



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The Temple Beth El Community Seder

Second Night of Passover
Saturday, April 4

6:00 p.m.

TBE Social Hall

All are Welcome
Bring Your Family and Friends

Look for Details in Upcoming Blasts
and Announcements

The Hand Will Teach the Heart

By Liz Gassel, TBE President

From the Talmud:

“Let a man busy himself with observing the commandments and customs even if his heart is not in them, for eventually the hand will teach the heart.”

I have been reading and have been entranced by Scott-Martin Kosofsky’s *“The Book of Customs, A Complete Handbook for the Jewish Year.”* In this work, inspired by the Yiddish *Minhagimbukh*, Venice, 1593, he has created a ‘Book of Customs’ for today.

The customs book was popular and broadly circulated for 400 years up until the end of the eighteenth century. It acted as the people’s guide to the Jewish year. In 1590 it began to be published in Yiddish and acted as a digestible pocket manual doing “a superb job of helping its readers feel comfortable and competent in the Jewish world.”

He states, “The word *minhag*, custom, has its root in the Hebrew ‘to lead’ and can be the leading edge of the visible traditions. It can refer to the collective community and its customs. Judaism stresses that if you begin with the right actions, you’ll come upon the right beliefs.”

On the March Gregorian calendar, spread the Jewish months of Adar and Nissan. On March 4 sits Purim (the 13th of Adar) though we will celebrate on both the Shabbat of February 27, and on March 1, when the Carnival will be held. On March 27, (the 7th of Nissan) our annual ‘Hunger Shabbat’ is scheduled. These celebrations and events are not necessarily scriptural law but... the customs of our parents or customs we make today can also be a way in to the holy. Lawrence Kushner, in his introduction to Kosofsky’s book states, “Somehow, the Jewish people, through trying to lead sacred lives and make ends meet, are mysteriously, despite themselves, inescapably drawn to what God wants them to do.”

A Purim Shabbat and a Purim Carnival are definite ‘minhag’ at Temple Beth El. If you grew up in a Jewish environment, you must have a memory of this joyous and crazy celebration as a child in costume, spinning your grogger as Haman’s name is spoken, or as a Megillah character in a play or as an adult participant in a fancy charity costume ball. According to Kosofsky, “the book of Esther contains many elements of satire, a blueprint for Purimshpiln (Purim plays), which are the oldest form of Jewish theater.” Our Purim shpiel with music and book created by Kent Kidd, choir and others is long standing history and has illustrated the story of Esther in myriad ways over the years. Along with this, there is the sending of presents of food to one another and most importantly, the giving of gifts to the poor called *mishloach manot* or, in Yiddish, *shlakmones*. Our Sisterhood works together with the Religious School and, anyone who wishes to participate, to prepare baskets of food which are then delivered to our members in need. The Carnival provides another element of festive celebration and commemoration of the Esther story and funds raised at this event go to the operation of our Religious School.

Begin with the right actions and the beliefs will follow!

Our ‘Hunger Shabbat’ has been presented in one form or another since 2005, when it began as ‘BOWling for Hunger’ (Does 10 years of tradition make it some sort of new custom adopted and formalized as part of our current minhag?). Can we draw religious lessons by raising money for Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee or Mazon?

The right actions begun by the Religious School and Sisterhood that then embrace the entire Temple Community bring about the beliefs that follow!

These two March/ Adar - Nissan programs on our calendar reveal that our actions, our customs take us into the world of the sacred.

As we participate in it all, as we move through Temple Beth El spaces and become engaged, we think about it, we do it and the beliefs follow.

Sometimes it seems that we are embarrassed by our attempts to practice faith, traditions and customs. It may be that we don’t feel comfortable or competent understanding what is going on in the sanctuary. We may not know the rituals performed in the Jewish home. We may ask, “Why do we do what we do?” A Jewish life lived day to day might be what we crave. Step in to Temple Beth El, into the sanctuary, the social hall, the library.... participate in custom, create new minhag, study and learn and most of all *practice* how to live a Jewish life, day to day, and throughout the year.

HOT DOG



HAMANTASCHEN

The “temporary” Brotherhood has challenged the Sisterhood to see who can raise more money for the religious school. Purchase hot dogs or hamantaschen or simply make a donation to support this cause. Contact Rob Heller or Karen Smith for more information. See you at the Purim Carnival!

Temple Beth El Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 1—9:45 a.m.
Temple Beth El, 3037 Kingston Pike

Temple Beth El Religious School March Update

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

March 4 Midweek Hebrew pizza dinner:

Don't forget to come early to have pizza with your friends at 5:45. We will begin classes at 6:15 p.m.

March 1: Come one, come all to the Religious School Purim Carnival! Everyone loves a carnival, so don't miss out on this one. *Our carnival is open to our entire community.* Our students will arrive at Temple at 9:30 as usual, and we hope they will all dress in costume. **PLEASE REMEMBER to send your child with money for the games and food.** Students will buy "shekels" at the price of 3 for \$1 or 16 for \$5. We also serve a hot dog lunch for only \$3. At 10:45 a.m. we will all gather in the Sanctuary to hear Rabbi Matt tell the story of Esther. At 11:10 a.m. we will all move into the social hall for the carnival.

March 1: Our Torah Tots will coincide with our Purim Carnival. Bring your little guys and gals to our Purim Carnival. We have activities that are perfect for little ones. Of course you will want to dress them in costumes. This is a great time to bring that Halloween costume back out. Parents can dress up as well. Please arrive around 10:45 a.m. to hear the Megillah reading which will be followed at 11:10 by the carnival. Please read the article above for more details.

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 8.

SPRING BREAK! There will be NO Religious School or Midweek Classes the week of March 15-22.

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 27: We will again partner with the Temple Sisterhood to sponsor a dinner and service dedicated to helping our community. This year's topic is "Random Acts of Flowers." We will gather for a pasta dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by a special service conducted by our Hebrew Chai (teen) class at 7:00 p.m. Look for more details in this issue.



GREAT NEWS! You now have a place to take all those flower vases and baskets you accumulate because they are just too pretty to throw away.

Our Religious School is collecting vases and baskets to donate to Random Acts of Flowers. I for one will need a truck to haul mine in. I hope you will be as excited as I am to find a great organization that can use these items. Let the collecting begin!

Model Seder at Religious School Sunday, March 29: One of our favorite activities at Religious School is our annual model Seder. We need lots of parents to sign up to bring items, set up, serve, and clean up. If parents want to join our students, we welcome you. Not only do our students learn about the Passover Seders, they also have a beautiful Jewish experience as a school community.

Mi-Shebeirach List

- ★ Diamond Freeberg
- ★ Jacquelyn Warden
- ★ Tina Klein
- ★ Marsha Gross
- ★ Jamie Brody
- ★ Derek Reed Trimble
- ★ Henry Fribourg
- ★ Andy Traugot
- ★ Sylvia Whitcoff
- ★ Tammy Kropp
- ★ Gail Rawlings
- ★ Dick Hahn
- ★ Charles Strasburger
- ★ George Messing
- ★ Yechezkiel ben Leah
- ★ Chaya bat K'reindel
- ★ M'rah bat Leah (Meagan Cohen)
- ★ Velvel ben Chaim
- ★ Christopher Sayles (Greg Sayle's brother)

March Dates to Remember

Sunday, March 1:

9:30 a.m. - Hamentaschen Sale

9:30 a.m. - Purim Carnival

10:45 a.m. - Torah Tots

Wednesday, March 4:

Noon - Community Bereavement Support, AJCC

March 15-22:

SPRING BREAK! No Religious School

Wednesday, March 18:

7:30 p.m., Community Bereavement Support

Friday, March 27:

6:00 p.m. - Dinner before Service

7:30 p.m. - Hunger Shabbat Service

led by 8-10th Grade



TBE Sisterhood Hosts Dynamic January Events

*At Temple Sisterhood's January 11 meeting, Marilyn Kallet entertained attendees with selections from her book *The Love that Moves Me*. She presented a program on Love Poetry from a Jewish Perspective. Kallet is a UT professor and director of creative writing.*

Sisterhood members Dahlia Smith, Patti Austin, Janice Feinman, and Barbara Winston listen as Marilyn performed a poem.

Temple Beth El Sisterhood hosted Heska Amuna Sisterhood, Oak Ridge Sisterhood, and the Women's Peace Initiative for Rosh Chodesh Shevat and the Women's Peace Initiative meeting on January 19. About 40 women attended. The Knoxville Women's Peace Initiative group discussed the meaning of "Justice" at the meeting.

Women from Knoxville's Women Peace Initiative listen as Rabbi Matt Michaels lead them on a tour of the Temple sanctuary and show them the Torah. He explained Jewish concepts as well.



It's Time for Sisterhood

By Karen Smith, Sisterhood Liaison

Please join Sisterhood on Friday, March 1 for **Sisterhood Shabbat**. This special Shabbat will include a service prepared by WRJ women for WRJ's 100th anniversary. Our Shabbat will include the service led by Sisterhood women and a joyous Oneg hosted by Sisterhood.

Sisterhood will be hosting a **Luncheon and Fashion Show** on Tuesday, March 12 at 12 noon at Temple. The models will include Sisterhood women wearing fashions from the Silk Purse. Our delicious lunch will be catered by Holy Land Restaurant. The cost for the afternoon is \$12.00. (Please write checks to Temple Beth El Sisterhood.) RSVP to Kathy Young at 859-9867 or youngkathy06@gmail.com The entire community is invited to attend.

Then on Sunday, April 21 Sisterhood will meet for a **Chai Tea** from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the home of Lesley Krakauer. An English afternoon tea hosted by Lesley will please everyone. (Please note that this is a date change.)

On Thursday, May 9, "**Sisterhood Goes Out**" to dinner at an area restaurant. The location and time will be chosen soon so watch for it in *Ha'Kol* and Temple announcements.

The **Nominating Committee** chaired by Immediate Past Presidents Phyllis Hirsh and Joyce Traugot is hard at work on the Sisterhood officers and board for 2015. Please consider accepting a leadership position when they call you and add your voice to our Sisterhood's future.

Finally, Sisterhood's **Beiler Floral Fund** Co-chair Emma Fleischmann reminds us that a standard flower arrangement for bimah flowers for Shabbat, holidays, or special occasions is \$36.00. Please contact Emma if you would like to order a more elaborate or personalized arrangement. What a lovely way to remember someone for a life cycle event or special occasion.

It's time for Sisterhood!

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TBE Welcomes New Personnel

Daniel Shenkman

We are pleased to announce that Daniel Shenkman has begun working at Temple Beth El. Daniel graduated from Gatlinburg-Pittman High School, then attended Gatlinburg-Pittman Vocational School for two years. He is now attending The University of Tennessee and is planning to work at Walgreens when he graduates in May 2015. Daniel will be working Mondays and Wednesdays. Please introduce yourself to Daniel and make him feel welcome here at Temple Beth El.



Daniel Shenkman

Tom Strother

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Tom Strother as the Temple's new custodian/maintenance technician. Tom is a long-time Knoxville who was born in Memphis and grew up in northern Arkansas. Tom attended Harding University in Arkansas where he earned a BA in Bible in 1985. Tom worked in automotive sales for 20+ years and is now a maintenance technician with YMCA of East Tennessee. He will work 20 hours per week. Please introduce yourself to Tom and make him feel welcome here at Temple Beth El.

Tom Strother





Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Ha'Kol

What is KJA?

By Dick Jacobstein, KJA Campaign Chair

The formal Knoxville Jewish Alliance annual campaign for the community-at-large kicked off with “Tzelebrating Tzedakah, a delightful evening of tzedakah, stories, food, and fun” on Sunday, February 8. The community-wide campaign began with phone solicitations on Mitzvah Day, February 22.

The KJA’s 2015 campaign goal is **\$360,669**. This represents an increase of 6.8 percent over the 2014 campaign that raised \$337,755. Last year, 337 donations were made to KJA. For 2015, our goal is 380 donors, which is a 10 percent increase.

Since accepting the invitation to chair the 2015 campaign, I have been talking with a number of community members about how we conduct our campaign; about why they give to campaign; about what KJA and the Arnstein Jewish Community Center mean to them; and how we can improve our campaign efforts. I’ve been asking lots of questions and getting lots of excellent answers.

Two comments keep coming up over and over. “I don’t really know what KJA does with my contribution.” and “Where does the money go?” Most respondents can name only three or four things KJA does.

To address these comments, we have already begun to re-inform the community of all the programs, activities, and services provided by the KJA and the Arnstein Jewish Community Center. Look at page 18 of this issue for an extensive list.

In future issues of *Ha’Kol*, you will see articles about specific programs, activities, and services written by the individuals responsible for them. We will try to inform you about the funds provided and how they are spent.

When our KJA volunteer contacts you, please make your pledge and tell him/her when and how you would like to make payment. You do not have to pay immediately. In fact, many donors prefer to pay in installments. When considering your pledge for the 2015 campaign, please give serious consideration to a 6.8 percent increase.

If you have questions about KJA, or you have suggestions for KJA, please share them with your caller. In these times of rising anti-Semitism, internationally, nationally, and locally, a vibrant, active Jewish community organization is important to everyone. It needs our support.

Tzelebrating Tzedakah Dinner a Success

More than 90 community members, were welcomed by hosts Mary Linda and Arnold Schwarzbart, then schmoozed, enjoyed a delightful dinner, and learned about local Jewish history from author Jack Neely, at the 2015 Tzelebrating Tzedakah Dinner on February 8.

Watch for more coverage and photos in the April 2015 issue of *Ha’Kol*.



Joan Cohn chats with Susan Cohen before the KJA Tzelebrating Tzedakah dinner on February 8 at The Foundry.

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Please join us
for the 4th annual

AJCC Preschool Art Gala

THURSDAY, APRIL 2
5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

ARNSTEIN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
6800 DEANE HILL DRIVE

The Art Gala features
photos by
Lev Gross-Comstock,
fabulous student art, and
silent auction items

Wine bar and hors d’oeuvres

Please respond by March 27
to 963-8001

MCDC: Where Every Week is a New Adventure!**Register Today for Summer Camp**

NEW FOR 2015! Applications due by April 15.

Parents of children in Grades K-10 can register their children for up to nine weeks of Milton Collins Day Camp (MCDC) online. Visit www.jewishknoxville.org for information, brochure, rates, and more. MCDC features daily swimming lessons, weekly tennis lessons, overnight adventures, imaginative field trips; and healthy, hearty lunches and snacks.

Camp hours are 9:00-3:00 p.m. with options of before and after care. Before care starts at 7:30 a.m.; After care available until 6:00 p.m. MCDC is committed to a diverse, multicultural, multi-faith experience for all campers.

**Grades K-6**

- Camp features sports, arts, crafts, nature, music, drama, swimming and more! Campers are grouped by grade
- Camp opens every morning with flag-raising and pledge, camp songs, and cheers
- Oldest ACA-accredited camp in Knoxville

Grades 7-9

- Teen Adventures Program (TAP)
- Advanced adventures such as camping and rafting
- Development of teamwork and leadership through community service projects (Teens can earn service hours for school credit.)

Grade 10—Prospective CITs must undergo application process

- Counselor-in-Training Program (CIT) - Leadership development

MCDC 2015 Theme Weeks (field trip week; overnight week)**ADVENTURE TIME**

Week 1 May 26-29, Week 2 June 1-5

ANIMAL PLANET

Week 3 June 8-12, Week 4 June 15-19

WACKY WATER FUN

Week 5 June 22-26, Week 6 June 29-July 3

THE AMAZING RACE

Week 7 July 6-10, Week 8 July 13-17

MOST FUN UNDER THE SUN!

Week 9 July 20-24, Week 10 July 27-31

CCOOLLOORR WWAARRSS — Week 9!

Questions? Email jfeld@jewishknoxville.org

MCDC Specialty Camps◆ **British Challenger Soccer:**

June 15-19: ages 4-15.

Register: challengersports.com

◆ **Bricks4Kidz Camp (K-5)**

◆ June 1-5: *Mining Mania*

◆ July 13-17: *Remote Control Mania*

Register: www.bricks4kidz.com

Camp K'TonTon Weekly Themes**THE GREAT OUTDOORS: "A Camping We Will Go"**

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Week 1 May 26-29 | Calling All Campers |
| Week 2 June 1-5 | Around the Fire |
| Week 3 June 8-12 | Our Neck of the Woods |
| Week 4 June 15-19 | We're Nuts |
| Week 5 June 22-26 | 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) |
| Week 6 June 29-July 2 | Now We're Cooking |
| Week 7 July 6-10 | Don't Bug Me |
| Week 8 July 13-17 | Survival of the Fittest |
| Week 9 July 20-24 | Under the Stars |
| Week 10 July 27-31 | Farewell to Camp K'TonTon |

Ages 2 yrs. - Pre-K

- ◆ Exciting weekly themes include nature, music and movement, art, literacy, swimming, and play time
- ◆ Special guests (Knoxville Zoo, IJAMS, and more)
- ◆ Highly qualified staff
- ◆ Outdoor activities with a science specialist

Limited availability so act quickly. Please call (865) 963-8001 or email [Kristen Cannon](mailto:Kcannon@jewishknoxville.org) at Kcannon@jewishknoxville.org for more information.

Knoxville Jewish Alliance Activities

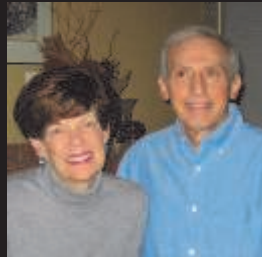
- ◆ Archives
- ◆ **B'nei Tzedek Teen** Philanthropy Program
- ◆ BBYO Support
- ◆ **Camp K'TonTon**
- ◆ Camp Tikun Olam
- ◆ Community Relations
- ◆ Cultural & Social Events
- ◆ Educational Events
- ◆ Friendshipippers
- ◆ Global Day of Learning
- ◆ AJCC Golf Tournament
- ◆ **Ha'Kol** Newsletter
- ◆ Indigent Burial Fund
- ◆ Israel P2G Partnership
- ◆ Jewish Book Month
- ◆ Jewish Family Services
- ◆ Milton Collins Day Camp
- ◆ Missions to Israel
- ◆ Mitzvah Day
- ◆ AJCC Pool & Tennis
- ◆ AJCC Preschool
- ◆ PJ Library
- ◆ **Smokin' Salmon** Swim Team
- ◆ Sundown in the Sukkah
- ◆ Teen Connection
- ◆ UT Faculty Lectures
- ◆ UT Hillel
- ◆ Yom HaShoah Event
- ◆ **...And so much more!**

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Why We Support the KJA Campaign

"We are glad to help support the outstanding programs of the KJA."

Joan and Steve Cohn



YJAK? YJAK!

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance is proud to announce its newest group, the *Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville (YJAK)*!

YJAK is for individuals ages 21-35 who are interested in meeting new people their age, sharing cool experiences, and having fun in Knoxville. The Knoxville Jewish Alliance plans and sponsors events to make the group as affordable as possible. Upcoming events will vary from going to Knoxville Ice Bears games (for free!), playing trivia at the Blackhorse Pub and Brewery (first beer's on the house), Shabbat lucks (Shabbat potluck), and much more!

If you want to be more involved, plan an event, or host a Shabbat luck, let Jesse Feld know at jfeld@jewishknoxville.org or call/text him at (901) 828-6586.



KJA Plans Family-Friendly Hike March 22

The KJA is going hiking! Guided by Katy Koontz, we will hike the Metcalf Bottoms Trail to the Little Greenbrier Schoolhouse. Our group will meet **where** on **Sunday, March 22** at 2:00 p.m. The fee will be \$5 per person, \$3 per child with an \$18 family max. The first 15 people to respond and pay their fees will get a seat on a bus. Others will carpool.

Our guide is the author of *Family Fun in the Smokies: a Family Friendly Guide to the Smoky Mountains*. Koontz is an award-winning freelance writer, author, and editor who specializes in women's health, spirituality, travel, and lifestyles. Katy has a great knowledge of the Smoky Mountain national park and looks forward to sharing that knowledge!

The Metcalf Bottoms Trail: This hike begins at the Metcalf Bottoms picnic area (restrooms available) off of Little River Road. The hike to the schoolhouse in 0.6 miles, (1.2 miles round trip). The trail begins across a bridge over the river. It's a wide, fairly flat gravel trail that winds through the woods and past a water tower, taking us over a few small foot bridges and then depositing us at a spot behind the one room, split log schoolhouse. Built from four-foot-wide poplar logs in 1882, this building also doubles as a Primitive Baptist Church on Sundays for more than 50 years. Inside are many well-worn wooden desks kids where kids can sit and a painted wood blackboard takes up one of the walls. We will explore the schoolhouse before hiking back to our vehicles.

To register, send your check or credit card information to the KJA.....



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- 1) **Donate gently-used infant, children's, and teen clothing, toys, and books** and the AJCC Preschool receives the consignment sale proceeds.
- 2) **Collect Box Tops for Education** squares (found on food items, Hanes clothing products, Avery office products, and more). **Simply mail your Box Tops or drop them off along with any consignment items.**

Not Just Fiction....

Join us for a powerful visit to an era that should never be repeated.

Sunday, March 15—5:00-7:00 p.m.

AJCC Orwitz Community Room

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance presents an afternoon of drama, fiction, and personal stories revolving around the Holocaust. Join us for a fascinating experience.



Terry Silver-Alford, *Shayna Maidel* director

Director Terry Silver-Alford will discuss the play *Shayna Maidel*, and be joined by his actors who will perform a scene from the play, which runs Thursday, March 26-Sunday, April 12 at UTK's Clarence Brown Lab Theatre.

Sophia Shefner, a long-time community member, camper, MCDC counselor, and daughter of Jon Shefner and Karen Holst, plays Lucia in *A Shayna Maidel*.

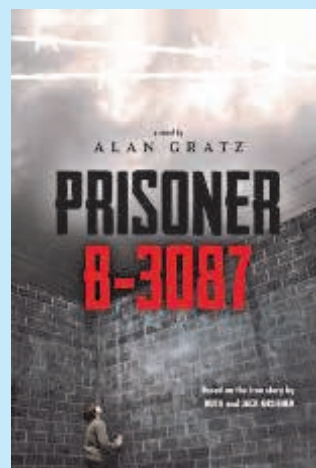
"A powerful and deeply affecting portrait of a family in the aftermath of the Holocaust: two sisters, one a survivor of Nazi concentration camps, the other brought up as an American, meet in 1946 after a separation of almost 20 years."

Alan Gratz, author

Author Alan Gratz will speak about his children's book, *Prisoner B-3087*, and touch on his experiences with writing about such a powerful topic.

The book *Prisoner B-3087* is about Yanek Gruener, a Jewish boy in 1930s Poland when the Nazis invade. Everything he has and everyone he loves has been brutally taken from him. And then Yanek himself is taken prisoner, his arm tattooed with the words PRISONER B-3087.

Alan Gratz was born and raised in Knoxville, Tennessee, home of the 1982 World's Fair. After a carefree but humid childhood, Alan attended the University of Tennessee, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree with a specialization in creative writing and a master's degree in English education.



Arthur Pais, Holocaust survivor

The evening's presentations will close as Arthur Pais, retired business owner and local Holocaust survivor, shares reflections from his own Holocaust experience.

Please let us know of your plans to attend.

Email jfeld@jewishknoxville.org or call (865) 690-6343.

This program is made possible through your contributions to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.

Eat, Train and Party like an Israeli Event Hits UTK Campus!

The University Center Ballroom was the setting for a student planned campus event, *Eat Train and Party like an Israeli*, a celebration of Israeli cultural diversity. The program opened with a buffet of Israeli food including Israeli couscous with lemon and mint, cucumber and tomato salad, Shakshukah, Persian rice, and of course, ubiquitous falafel. Dessert was provided by a

wonderful group of community volunteer bakers.

During dinner, student “table hosts” presented various aspect of Israel life, including Israeli high tech innovations, Israeli geography and ecology, lifestyle communities, and

religious diversity. Art educator Caitlin Seidler invited students to participate in a Jewish folk art paper cutting activity. (Caitlin's husband, Andrew Seidler, is a UTK undergraduate business advisor) Itsik Pariente, the Diane and Guilford Glazer and Lea and Allen Orwitz Teaching Fellow in Modern Hebrew, combined Hebrew and humor with an Israeli slang activity.

After dinner, everyone got moving with the Krav Maga demonstration lead by Terry Bullman. Krav Maga is a self-defense system designed by the Israel Defense Forces, and even just the demonstration lesson gave students some helpful pointers to protect themselves and stay safe.

DJ A' (aka UTK law student Aaron Mollin) provided Israeli music throughout the event, and closed with an eclectic mix of Israel techno dance music – just like in Tel Aviv!

An event like this requires many hands for support. Thank you to our bakers Marla Brody, Shelley Hecht, Phyllis Hirsh, Dina Kramer, Mary Linda Schwarzbart and Marilyn Wohl. Thank you to the AEPi brothers for help with set up and clean up, and to event co-chairs, Nathan Light and Sharon Soleman for their vision, energy and enthusiasm. UT Hillel is a program of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance and does not receive funds from International Hillel.



Benji Ballin, Jacob Gelzer, Daniel Revere, _____? and Sam Charney represent AEPi at the event.

Students from several political science classes attended the event.

Itsik Pariente and Andrew Vogel coordinated the Hebrew Language table.

Local artist, Caitlin Seidler, presented a Jewish paper cutting activity for the event. Caitlin was joined by her husband, Andrew Seidler, UT Undergraduate Business Advisor, Anna Augusta and Jesse Feld.

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Are There Any Jewish Students At UTK? YES!

By Deborah Oleshansky, UT Hillel Director

Our UTK Hillel/Jewish Student Organization continues to expand in numbers, involvement, activity and campus recognition, with a record number of Jewish students enrolling in 2014. We had almost 30 new Jewish students JUST from Memphis! *We estimate that there are about 500 Jewish students at UTK and more than 200 Jewish students have joined us for one or more programs.* This puts us well ahead of the national average of 10 percent participation. An average of **60 students** joins us regularly for on campus Shabbat dinners, and **12 students** serve in UT Hillel leadership positions. While the majority of Jewish students are from Tennessee, we have representation from Ohio, Florida, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Georgia, and as far away as California. Through the generosity, vision and purpose of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, we proudly provide southern hospitality and the comfort of a Jewish home away from home for all of these students, especially those far from family.

UTK Hillel does not get any funds from Hillel International. The KJA fund raising campaign provides the majority of UTK Hillel's budget support. Our KJA budget is supplemented by a substantial allocation from the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee and generous donations from parents, especially the Memphis families. Sales of our Hebrew letter *Tennesse Go Vols* shirts serve as an ongoing fundraiser.

Our programming goes beyond Shabbat dinners. Student leaders plan and implement a wide variety of programs including social activities, religious holiday observances, and large scale campus events, including *Eat Train and Party Like an Israeli*, a celebration of the diversity of Israeli culture held recently at the University Center Ballroom that was attended by more than 100 students.

You may know some of our student leaders, since they serve the community in many ways. You can find them teaching religious school at Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El, working aftercare at AJCC Preschool, volunteering at the Knoxville Jewish Day School and serving as advisors for our BBYO teens. Most notably, Jesse Feld, KJA Program Director and Milton Collins Day Camp Assistant Director, is one of our UTK Hillel alumni (and an all around great guy!)

In addition to programs for students, UTK Hillel hosts an annual Jewish Student Jewish Faculty gathering which provides an informal setting for students to meet the more than 70 Jewish faculty and staff members on campus. Dr. Greg Kaplan serves as our Hillel Faculty advisor, and Jewish faculty is represented in almost every department at the University, including the law school and medical center.

So yes, we do have Jews in Tennessee, and more specifically, at The University of Tennessee. To support, join or celebrate with the UTK *Orange Jews*, please contact Deborah Oleshansky, doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org.

Have Your Party at the AJCC!

You can celebrate your child's birthday (or an adult's) at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center.

We have the Orwitz Community Room and the gym available for events and groups. We can host bar and bat mitzvah parties, birthdays, anniversaries, and meet and greets. Our rates are affordable, starting at \$20.00 hour. AJCC members pay only \$10.00 per hour. Additional charges may apply.

Our new Imagination Playground jumbo block set is also available to rent while you have your party here.

Check with Jeff Gubitz (jgubitz@jewishknoxville.org) or Joyce Yorkjork (jyork@jewishknoxville.org) for more information and additional rates and information.





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Save on Taxes, Start a Fund!

By Scott B. Hahn, Esq., KJCFE President

I am a big fan of *Barron's Magazine*. I have been a subscriber for many years now, thanks to the advice of my father, Tommy Hahn. For those of you who don't know, *Barron's* is owned by the *Wall Street Journal* and deals primarily with investing and financial issues. The magazine often deals with philanthropy and charitable and institutional giving as well. Since we are in the tax season, I thought I might share with you an idea from a very clever column I read a few weeks ago.

The column was written by the *Economic Beat* reporter, Gene Epstein. I will stop right here and say that this idea may only work for a very few of our readers, however, I believe it has some great potential. Here is how the plan works: Mr. Epstein turned 70 last November and elected to start drawing his Social Security at that time. Mr. Epstein has no plans to retire and currently earns a regular paycheck from *Barron's*. Because he waited until age 70, he will receive the maximum Social Security benefit of \$3,412 a month. This is significantly higher than the average benefit of \$1,316 a month. Since he continues to work, up to 85% of his benefit is subject to tax. However, Mr. Epstein has decided to donate the entire amount to charity, over \$30,000 a year, which is not subject to being taxed.

The idea to donate your Social Security benefits to charity comes from economist Mark Skousen and is known as "the pledge." Mr. Skousen was an anti-government libertarian growing up and burned his Social Security card as an act of protest. Even though he preached his anti-Social Security gospel to his friend for years, his friends still took their benefit when it was their time, even though many of them were financially well off and still working. Hence, his idea of giving the funds to charity as opposed to turning them back over to the government in the form of taxes.

As I previously stated, this plan is not for everyone. If you are not working, your benefit will not be taxed at that rate, but if you are working and receiving a benefit, what a great way to set a certain sum to charity every year. If we could get only a few people to take "the pledge" and start funds with the KJCFE, what a huge difference it would make. Putting \$30,000 into a fund is real money that would build up in a short matter of time. For those of you who are interested in taking "the pledge", the KJCFE is always willing to help provide the tools to help get your fund off the ground.



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In Honor of Pessa Brody's Birthday

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The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received a grant from the **David Blumberg Youth Leadership Award Fund** to support programming costs for a new active young adult division for 21-35 year olds in the Knoxville Jewish community.

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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



JCOR Sisterhood Invites All Women To
Celebrate Passover and Support Girls Inc.

Join Us for a Festive

8th Community Women's Seder

*Tuesday - March 24 - 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge
101 West Madison Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

A dinner of traditional Passover foods will be served.

All proceeds will be donated to
Girls Inc. of Oak Ridge

* You may also join in blessing the New Moon & Rosh Hodesh Nisan
in the JCOR sanctuary promptly at 6:10 p.m.

Adults - \$36 Students (age 12 and up) - \$20

Checks should be made payable to **JCOR Sisterhood Seder**

Send to: JCOR Sisterhood Treasurer,
PO Box 1232, Clinton, TN 37717

Your check is your reservation and is fully tax-deductible.
Seating is limited.

RSVP by March 17, 2015.

Information: annegreenbaum@comcast.net

JCOR Events

Saturday, March 21

Jewish Film Series: *Lemon Tree*

Israel, 2008, NR, 106 min. A Palestinian widow fights to keep her lemon grove from being uprooted when Israeli security forces declare it a threat to the Israeli defense minister living next door in this powerful drama. Teaming with a young lawyer, the widow takes her case to the Israeli Supreme Court. But in the process of seeking justice, she's forced to hide the forbidden bond growing between them.

Saturday, March 28

Study session: "Ask the Rabbi"

The Jewish Community of Oak Ridge (JCOR) invites everyone to attend our annual Holocaust Memorial Service Sunday, April 19 from 11:00 a.m. to Noon. Share in the lighting of candles, reading of prose and poetry, and remembering millions of lives lost.

Donations to JCOR

Yahrzeits

- **Sophie Hanig** from Joseph Hanig
- **Sarah Levine Braunstein** from Catherine Braunstein (RDF)
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In Memory of Berthe Weitsman

- Bruce Tomkins (HHCF)
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- Rosalind & Marcel Schmorak (**Education Fund**)

Donations

To those who died in the Paris shootings from Diane Hensley

Donations to Oak Ridge Hadassah

- Two tree certificates sent to Susan Scrutts in memory of her mother from Jane Holz Vercruysse
- Sympathy HMO card to Dot Levin and Family from Bobby Cantor

Hosts and Hostesses

March 7	Fran Silver, Jill & Stuart Chasan, Karen Brunner
March 14	Shirly Schwartz, Hilary Shreter
March 21	Carolyn & Julian Stein, Rhonda & Ron Sternfels
March 28	Mel Tobias, Bruce Tomkins
April 4 (Pesach)	Yardena & Moshe Yair, Sarah & David Stuart
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COMMUNITY SEDER



FRIDAY, APRIL 3

(FIRST NIGHT OF PASSOVER)

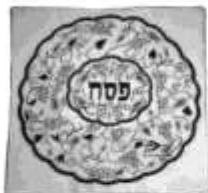
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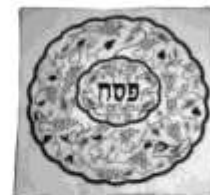
Join us for a traditional Passover Seder and meal. Relax and share the holiday with your friends and family. All guests are welcome.

FOOD, FAMILY, SONG AND JOY

IN THE PASSOVER TRADITION



Adults	\$36.00
Children	\$18.00
Family max.	\$108.00



Since this is also a JCOR fundraiser, any additional contributions are accepted and appreciated

The sitting is limited, so send your reservations ASAP to:

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge

PO Box 5434, Oak Ridge, TN 37931-5434

Checks should be made out to JCOR Passover Seder

All reservations (with checks!) must be received by March 22, 2015

Please contact Rabbi Victor Rashkovsky
for questions or financial concerns - (865)483-8357

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The Story is told that when Henry Kissinger became secretary of state he heard that the Jews in Israel were excited that they now had a friend in the White House. He sent a message to then Prime Minister, Golda Meir, stating you should always remember the following three things and in this order: No.1. I am an American No. 2. I am Secretary of State and No. 3. I am a Jew.

Golda Meir replied I hope you remember that us Jews read from right to left...

Let's go back some years before Kissinger and Golda Meir. Haman successfully convinced King Ahasveirosh to have all the Jews killed in one day, Mordechai the Jewish leader at the time sent a message to Queen Esther that she needed to go to her husband the king and plead for her people. While Queen Esther did read from right to left she wanted the Jews to do something about their situation and not just rely on the fact that they have a Jewish Queen in the palace... so she told Mordechai gather ALL the Jews and have them pray to G-d for my success. She wanted all the Jews to unite, to become one, to forget about their differences and remember we have a father in heaven who loves when his children get along. With that power of Unity Esther told Mordechai she was willing to go to the King and ask him to backtrack on the decree.

Esther in Hebrew comes from the word Hester which means hidden. Esther did not want the Jews to think she saved them so she told them, "you have the power to save yourselves by uniting and standing together connected to G-d". Our sages wanted Esther's example to be a lesson for all so they called the story of Purim Megillat Esther the scroll of Esther.

Just as in the story of Purim we must know that it is only through our unity that our advocates, be it AIPAC, the IDF, or our friends in the White House have the power to successfully intervene on our behalf. If we unite and stand together as one connected to G-d that will deter our enemies...

Many exciting events recently took place at Chabad of Knoxville. Our Middle Eastern-themed Shabbat Dinner was full before we even got the official invites out. Moroccan and Middle Eastern salads, dips, fish, chicken, knishes and many more delectable dishes coupled with hearty Sephardic songs, lively discussion and a full house of guests made the evening a memorable one for all who came.

Thanks to Dr. Jonathan and Stephanie Klein for hosting a fabulous Super Bowl Loxville Party and to Rabbi Aryeh for some mean chicken wings and a kosher line-up of all the super bowl favorites.

The group will be getting together for Purim – promising a wild but meaningful party. In conjunction with the Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School, the *JLI Art of Parenting class* was launched and participants are raving about the insightful and practical ideas they've come away with in just two short weeks.

As this article goes to print we are gearing up for our annual **Purim event on March 5**. This year we are heading to Paris! Check out the latest info at www.ChabadKnoxville.org. From the food to the entertainment, this is one event you DON'T want to miss.



Group enjoying the Loxville Super Bowl Party.

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Heska Amuna Synagogue

March 7

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March 14

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Hadassah Highlights



★ April 12th at 5:30 pm

★ Knoxville Museum of Art

★ Heavy hors d'oeuvre ~ ~ Music ~ ~ Dancing

★ \$72 per person, \$126 per couple, \$600 per 10 person table

Donations accepted and scholarships available

Questions? Contact Shannon Martindale shannon.martindale@gmail.com

Hadassah Welcomes a New Member

Dahlia Smith has lived in Knoxville for one year. She made the move to Knoxville to support her son and two grandchildren ages three and four. She moved to this area from Kansas. Dahlia has had a variety of paid and volunteer positions in the arts that included serving as a volunteer curator for a small gallery displaying local artists and working at the Salina Art Center. Dahlia has also worked at Cornell University as an employee in the position of facilities manager for the Department of Campus Life. She supported students in many different ways and her duties even included managing the kosher dining hall on campus.

Dahlia has many interests including stained glass, cooking, sewing, gardening, and old films. She has become involved in many aspects of Jewish life in our community and she is eager to expand her connects with Jewish women in our area. We welcome Dahlia to Hadassah Knoxville!



Hadassah Book Club News

By Peggy Littmann, plittmann@comcast.net

We'll be meeting at 7:30 p.m., on **Tuesday, March 17** to discuss *The Messenger* by Daniel Silva. We meet in the coffee shop area, in Barnes and Noble Book Store on Kingston Pike. Any interested women from the greater Knoxville Area are most welcome to join us. Please contact Peggy Littmann at plittmann@comcast.net, or cell (865) 776-1013 with questions. For any last minute updates, check the Hadassah web site at <http://jewishknoxville.org/>. Tab onto Adults, then under Social Action you will find the Hadassah tab.

Reviews:

Israeli secret agent Gabriel Allon would rather just restore fine art, but he can't seem to retire from espionage. In *Prince of Fire* (2005), Allon returned to work when a Palestinian bombed the Israeli embassy in Rome. This time, Allon suspects that Saudi terrorists are targeting the Vatican. When they damage St. Peter's Basilica, murder innocent bystanders, and almost kill the Pope, Allon, sanctioned by the U.S. and Israel, becomes enmeshed in a deadly game. He must hunt down an al-Qaeda mastermind and the Saudi billionaire who finances terrorism, penetrate the organization, assassinate its leaders, and save a beautiful American art expert from certain death.

"Being a spy is already a glamorous enough occupation in the fictional realm, but Gabriel Allon ... has extra cachet because of his cover as one of the world's leading art restoration experts. ... How it's resolved is what makes *The Messenger* so entertaining, much in part to Allon's ingenuity and Silva's ability to spin a spider web of a plot."
- Sarah Weinman, *Denver Post*.



Nefesh TITLE

By Shannon Martindale

I hate fundraising. Absolutely hate it.

As someone who has to budget and plan for any major expense, I understand what it feels like when asked to donate to very worthy causes and being forced to choose between them. I wish that I had the ability to give freely and without limit, but my student loan lenders would likely have a major issue if I chose to reallocate my monthly payment to donate to charitable causes. This is why it is so hard for me to ask other people to part with their hard earned money. I know the struggle. However, sometimes the need is so important, so critical that it cannot be ignored. For me, the pressing need is the new Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower (The Tower). The Tower is open, but has yet to be completely furnished.

In order to be prepared for the future medical needs of the region, Hadassah dedicated the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower in 2012. The Tower is a 19-story, state-of-the-art facility at our hospital in Ein Karem. Five of these stories are underground and designed so that they may continue to function even if the rest of the hospital is incapacitated. The mere fact that this forethought was necessary is an indication of how great the need is to have such a facility in Israel.

Through necessity, Hadassah has become home to some of the best trauma specialists in the world. In 2001, 11-year-old Adi Huja was severely wounded in a terrorist attack at a Jerusalem pedestrian mall. Shrapnel from the blast was embedded throughout her body, but her leg received the most damage. As she lay near death in a Hadassah operating room, doctors decided to try an experimental drug. They also decided not to amputate. The drug kept her alive through the darkest days. She bravely faced multiple operations and long, intensive rehabilitation therapy at Hadassah. Her devoted doctors, nurses and therapists were determined that she would walk again. In 2013, 12 years after the incident, members of her medical team watched as Adi walked down the aisle to meet her groom. As he had promised so many years before, her doctor Avi Rivkind, a renowned trauma expert, danced with her at her wedding.

The innovations made at Hadassah hospitals are changing trauma care at hospitals worldwide. Our trauma specialists have shared their expertise with law enforcement and medical personnel from nations around the world, changing how trauma centers are handling mass casualty. Following the Boston Marathon bombing of 2013, surgeons used triage procedures and surgical techniques developed by our doctors in Israel. Hadassah Medical Organization doctors and nurses have also worked as first responders in the Philippines, Haiti, Indonesia and Thailand following natural disasters. They provided mass casualty training to other medical personnel on the scene.

Professor Rami Mosheiff, head of Orthopedic Trauma at Hadassah, has said that "[he] still believe[s], more than ever, that medicine is a bridge to peace. I think this is the most important thing about our hospitals. At the Hadassah School, which gives long-term inpatients the chance to continue their education, Arab children celebrate Ramadan alongside the Jewish patients, and the Jewish children teach their traditions to their Arab peers in return. Lamis Shibli Ghadir, a social worker and field instructor for social work students at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare, relates that people often tell her they cannot believe this happens in Israel. She replies, "Come to the pediatric wing of Hadassah and you will see."

I would like to invite each and every one of you to join me at the Knoxville Museum of Art on **Sunday, April 12** to join the Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah as we Toast to the Tower and raise much needed funds to ensure that the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower can help as many people as possible for years to come.

Hadassah Layettes: Join Hadassah in Honoring New Family Members

We have several Layettes that everyone needs to add their names to! Please send me an e-mail if you haven't put YOUR name on these new Hadassah members Layette cards:

- Deborah and David Hicks and Judi and Martin Abrams on the birth of their son and grandson; **Jack David Hicks**
- Rabbi and Karen Ferency on the birth of their son; **Adin Shemaya Ferency**
- Bradley and Lydia Drew on the birth of their son; **Eylan Jordan Drew**
- Jason and Rachel Scharfman on the birth of their daughter; **Zahava Rose Scharfman**
- Sheldon and Jane Cohen on the birth of their granddaughter; **Emma Lucille**

Thanks for your support of this very important Hadassah program!

Judi Abrams
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Help Israel: Purchase Tree/Water Certificates

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:

One Tree - \$18
Ten Trees - \$150 (Circle of Trees)
Fifty Trees - \$750 (Garden of Trees)

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.

Have You Moved or....?

- ◆ Have you recently moved?
- ◆ Has your phone number changed?
- ◆ Has your name changed?
- ◆ Would you like to update your e-mail address?



We are happy to update any of your records.

Please direct these requested changes to the Knoxville Hadassah Records Administrator: Jill Weinstein - jkweinstein5@gmail.com.

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It's a Bee! No, it's a Bee Bot...

KJDS welcomed a new and exciting learning tool recently. Shhh! Please do not tell the students that this fun robot is actually helping them learn sequencing, estimation, and problem solving. They are excited to answer questions in Hebrew class if while finding the answers they also get to program the Bee to move onto the corresponding answer. This little bee can be used in every subject by building activity mats and mazes to reach the intended outcomes.

He has a big brother called the Pro Bot designed as a race car. Geared to the older students, this robot gives a more in-depth experience in programming.

We are thankful to the Dugal family for buying the Bee Bot and Pro Bot for our school. It's a great tool to excite student's learning and to integrate programming into all academic areas.



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The Art of Writing: Writing the Lucy Calkins Way!

In Miss Rebecca's second and third grade class, students are acting like scientists as they begin their "Observing My World" unit. They are using Scientific Theory to prove a statement about the distance a toy travels. Any scientific theory must be based on a careful and rational examination of the facts. In the scientific method, there is a clear distinction between facts, which can be observed and/or measured, and theories, which are scientists' explanations and interpretations of the facts. The facts, which are the foundation of the scientific method, do not change. The students had to prove their hypotheses using this method.

Each team of students took their predictions and then set up the actual experiments. Using a ramp, they performed their two experiments letting the toy roll onto either the carpeted floor or a bare floor. Because they use scientific theory they must recreate the experiment again to ensure they can recreate the results. These experiments were used as a basis for their non-fiction writing unit as they learned to write Lab Reports explaining their process and their results.

KJDS has adapted Lucy Calkins writing curriculum and have loved the results it has yielded. Here are a few of the highlight of her approach:

- **Voice of Writing:** Children ought to be given a "voice," encouraged to discover and refine their own personal writing style, as they compose "stories that matter."
- **No Writing Prompts:** Calkins is a "constructivist," believing that children should generate their own texts, using material from their own lives.
- **Self-Expression Develops Passion:** Her belief in self-expression as a key to learning extends to reading: children develop a passion for reading when they are given freedom to choose books that are meaningful to them.
- **Peer Learning and Conferencing:** Instead of frontal teaching she prefers that children work in small groups and consult each other as much as possible. And she advocates that teachers routinely engage in conferences with each individual child about his writing and reading experiences.
- **"Art" of Teaching:** She writes of the "art" involved in teaching and conferring, and thereby suggests that while aspects of literacy can be taught, there also exists a degree of creative intuition in the process, on the part of both the child and the teacher.



Second and third graders learn about scientific theory.

Flier coming — will adapt page around it and send another proof

Alumni Day at KJDS

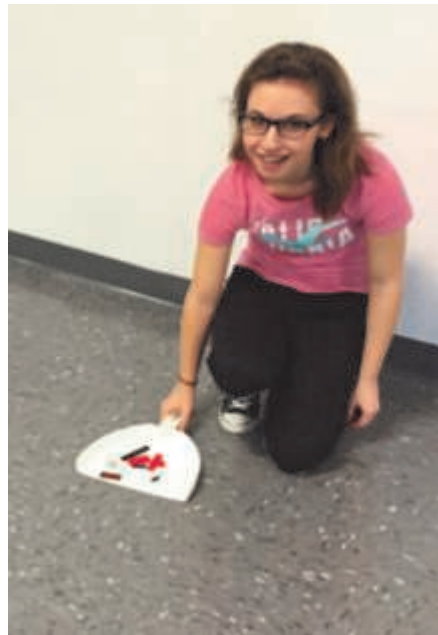
We love having our alumni visit and look forward to our yearly **MLK Day Alumni Get Together!** What a joy to hear from them how well they are doing, to see how much they enjoy being back and to learn how the Jewish foundation they received at KJDS gives them confidence to thrive throughout middle school and high school!

As contributing members of our community we put them to work immediately! They schlepped, schmoozed, dished out ice cream, and helped run our cast party! But because they are also still kids, they played a game, went to laser tag and joined our current students for recess and lunch. Miriam Esther enjoys these get-togethers for the in-depth discussions the older students can have regarding their place in our community and the world at large. These alumni are confident, secure and caring. They are willing to speak up for themselves in their new roles at new schools. They weren't sure what part of the day was their favorite but adamantly requested that we find more opportunities for these get-togethers.

Having fun schlepping and helping together.

Helping with the cast party.

Alumni join current students at lunch.



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The Way We Were in 1920

Notice commending M. B. Arnstein & Co. which appeared in the Knoxville High School annual, the *Voice*, 1920.

Max and Lalla **Arnstein**, benefactors of Temple Beth El and the Jewish Community Center (renamed after their passing as the Arnstein Jewish Community Center) and other institutions, lived in Knoxville from the early 1900's until 1929. Their portraits hang in the AJCC.

The seven-story Arnstein Building, at the corner of Union and Market Streets, was Knoxville's tallest building when completed in 1906. The Arnstein store was considered one of the finest department stores in the South. Today, the building houses Urban Outfitters, Barber McMurray Architects, and 20 apartments.

To see a photo of the Arnstein Building, a photo of wrapping paper from the store, and photos of the Arnsteins, visit the Archives or view the online version of *Ha'Kol*.

Thanks to the Weinstein family for donating the *Voice* to the Archives.

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.