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Temple Beth El Second Night of Passover Seder

Service led by Rabbi Matt Michaels

Saturday, April 4, 2015 - 6:15 p.m.

\$20 for adults - \$12 for children (ages 3 - 10)

Traditional Seder Menu

- ★ **Individual Seder Plate** - Boiled egg, fresh horseradish, parsley, charoset, and celery
- ★ **Gefilte Fish with Beet Horseradish** - Traditional Pesach appetizer
- ★ **Matzo Ball Soup** - Roasted vegetable stock with matzo balls
- ★ **Chicken Marbella** - Mediterranean chicken dish with prunes, olives, capers, and herbs
- ★ **Sweet and Sour Braised Beef Brisket** - Tender and delicious
- ★ **Potato Kugel** - Crispy and moist, potato and onion souffle'
- ★ **Steamed Asparagus** - Fresh asparagus, simply prepared
- ★ **Hot Fudge Pie** - Rich and decadent
- ★ **Fresh Cut Seasonal Fruit Platter** - a lighter finish

**Please call the Temple office at (865) 524-3521
to make your reservation.**

TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



Pesach: Experiential, Not Theoretical

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

Friday night, April 3 is the first night of Passover! Jews throughout the world will sit around dining room tables with Haggadahs open, Seder plates filled with the symbols of the Festival, and beautifully set tables surrounded by family and friends. The goal is not merely to recount and retell the story of the Exodus and our people's odyssey from slavery to freedom; no, we are to "experience" this historic journey firsthand. The Seder is the qualitative difference between practice and concept. It is the difference between learning about Pesach and actually EXPERIENCING Pesach.



This idea is best captured by my favorite phrase *found* in the Haggadah: *Be'chol dor va-dor chayav adam lirot et atzmo k'eilu hu ya-tza mi-mitzrayim* -- In every generation, each person must see himself/herself as if they personally went out from Egypt. After we read the 10 plagues and spill out some of the wine; after we sing *dayeinu*; after we fulfill Rabban Gamliel's injunction of explaining the meaning of the *pesah*, *matzah*, and *maror*; then and only then are we reminded that we are OBLIGATED (*chayav*) to the personal and experiential aspects of moving from slavery to freedom. Our history demands our sensitivity and empathy for the oppressed and subjugated.

The Seder invites us to use all five of our senses in order to fully appreciate the deeper messages and eternal truths contained within Pesach. Each year we are reminded that there are invaluable lessons to be learned in terms of how we view and treat each other, what it means to be free, and the respect and dignity that are the birthrights of every human being.

Whether you host or attend a home seder, share in our Temple Beth El Family/Community Seder on Saturday night, April 4 or both, may you "experience" the full impact of Pesach through all of its rites and rituals. I wish each of you and your families a *Chag Sameach v' Kasher!*

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT
OUR PASSOVER YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE
WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, APRIL 9 AT 6:00 p.m.
IN THE SANCTUARY.**

Yom Hashoah: Our Liturgy

By Liz Gassel, TBE President

Shoah is Hebrew for ‘catastrophe’ or ‘disaster.’ *Hashoah* is the word by which the Holocaust became known in Israel. It may not have been used and familiar to the survivors of the years 1936 through 1945 in Europe who spoke Yiddish, German, or any number of mixtures of Eastern European languages. However, in 1951, the Israeli Knesset declared Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, on the 27th of Nisan. This was not by custom or Halakhah, but by an act of organized political will.

Many survivors wanted this observance day to coincide with the Warsaw Ghetto uprising but that fell on the second night of Passover and was not suitable. But the 27th of Nisan was still within the time frame of that uprising. We, in the US have taken the Israeli date of remembrance and made it ours as well. This year, we observe it on April 16.

Though there is no established liturgy in place for this observance, with survivors of those appalling times still among us as witnesses in addition to extensive oral, written and visual documents, remembrances and commentary, it seems fitting to draw on these sources to guide us in our commemorations of the Shoah. By recognizing this date, we re-affirm the idea of ‘Zakhor –To Remember.’ It also gives us the opportunity to bring attention to the many other genocides occurring throughout the world every day.

A few weeks ago, while talking with a friend who does research on the Holocaust, I was reminded of a book in my shelves written by a survivor who was a friend of my mother’s. I knew her and her family, but not well. This book is an autobiography of a Jewish girl with a Dutch father and German mother who is rounded up, put into forced labor and then experiences the misery and long journey from concentration camp to camp and survives to be liberated at the end of the war. My friend was interested in what this book contained. I told her I would look for it and loan it to her to read. I could not remember if I had ever read the whole thing. I found it on my bookshelf and read it through again. It was striking and sad and even contained some humor amongst the horribleness of her experience and loss.

The author said, “When my sons were too young to burden them with something so utterly dreadful as The Holocaust, I began to write down my memories of that terrible time in my life.” An artist, she illustrated many scenes from her account.

Reading this brought back a troublesome anguish and sorrow for a reason that has haunted me in adulthood. I grew up in the same town with Eva and family. At the time, it was a small farming town in southern New Jersey with a large Jewish population established at the turn of the century with the coming of Russian immigrants sponsored by the Baron de Hirsch. These immigrants were supposed to ‘farm the land’ but that did not quite work out and but for a few Jewish farmers, most quickly established themselves in businesses and professions. I grew up in the 50’s with these families who, after the war, became the established, assimilated and successful American Jewry typical of small and large towns of that time.

After the war, large numbers of survivors came to our area and were aided in establishing themselves on small poultry and truck farms. They were poor. They struggled with English. They established their own little schuls rather than join the big 1950’s Conservative congregation. They delivered eggs house to house from their farms. They did not take well to Jewish assimilation into 1950s life. They had numbers tattooed on their arms.

The word ‘survivor’ did not exist at that time. My parents and their peers called them ‘refugees.’ It was said in a disparaging and maybe pained way, an attitude that was not lost on me and my generation. No one talked much about what they had endured. No one asked. They were looked down upon by the established Jewish population. They were different. Their children went to school with me and many went off to become doctors and lawyers and established themselves as well. But I think they were also embarrassed a bit by their parents’ European shtetl-ish ways.

It was not the Jewish ‘how to be a good person’ thing. Why were we all so uncomfortable and belittling in the same breath? Because they, ‘the refugees’ represented what could have been us? There is still surely a huge need for psychological explanation here.

Yom HaShoah provides one day a year to remember and to question. It does not preclude consideration and investigation on any other day. Today I hope to always ask the questions. It

is appropriate to be discomfited by the stories, knowledge and wisdom gleaned from that time. In today’s difficult times where we experience, from afar and close up more genocide, murder and acceptance of atrocities and suffering to the point that they are everyday news items, we need to be discomfited. If we don’t feel the uneasiness and don’t ask the questions there is something very wrong.

Along with Kaddish and El Malei Rachamim, the diaries and poetry, and eyewitness reports, the conversations with survivors and their families, the historical documents and photographs do inform our communal awareness and have every reason to form the liturgy of Yom HaShoah. We also need to keep in mind that the collective consciousness includes the living people who came through the experience. How we consider and respect them is of utmost import.

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

Community Bereavement Support Group

We meet two Wednesday each month. Guests are welcome to bring a vegetarian brown bag lunch to our noon meetings. Meetings 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 are April 1 (noon)
and April 15 (7:30 p.m.)**

Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman Visits Temple Beth El

On Sunday afternoon, February 15, we were fortunate to visit with Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman. Rabbi Hoffman is the Barbara and Stephen Friedman Professor of Liturgy, Worship, and ritual at HUC-JIR in New York.

Rabbi Hoffman gave an engrossing lecture on the history of Jewish thought. The first phase, beginning about 2000 years ago, gave us rabbinic Judaism and an emphasis on limits – what one could and could not do. The second thought revolution gave us Reform Judaism and religious truths – what one believes and doesn't believe. The third revolution in our current time is a search for meaning. Rabbi Hoffman discussed how we can use Judaism to help us “connect-the-dots” to find meaning in our lives.

Rabbi Hoffman's visit was coordinated by the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life, and provided by the Ritual & Worship committee.

It's Time for Sisterhood at Temple Beth El

By Karen Smith, Sisterhood Co-President

Sisterhood Vice President for Programs Heather Laing has planned “Sisterhood Goes Out.” We will meet at the Copper Cellar Restaurant on Kingston Pike near West Town Mall at 6:30 p.m. on **Thursday, April 30**. Our program for the evening will be the beautiful violin music of Temple member Susan Shor and her friend Susan Gunning. What a great evening!

Please RSVP to Heather or sign up on the Sisterhood Board at Temple. Watch the Temple Blast and announcements for the menu and cost. Thanks to everyone who participated in Sisterhood activities for March. We had a busy month with hamantaschen sales at the Purim Carnival, Shabbat for Random Acts of Flowers, and Sisterhood Shabbat.

It's time for Sisterhood!



Wine and Cheese Reception Draws a Crowd

By Janice Pollock, Membership Chair

On Friday February 6, the Temple Beth El Library was filled to capacity for our Membership Committee Wine & Cheese event. The purpose of the get-together was for existing, new and prospective members to interact in a social setting before the annual KJA Shabbat. All enjoyed some tasty snacks and beverages. Special thanks to all current Temple members who showed their support for this event.

The Membership Committee is always looking to add members to the committee as well as Temple Beth El so if anyone is interested please pass along your information to Tina in the office at (secretary@tbeknox.org). We hope to have another event this spring on the patio!

Schwarzbart Show Closes April 30

The Temple Beth El Library Gallery's exhibit of the works of local Judaic artist Arnold Schwarzbart will close Thursday, April 30. Do not miss the opportunity to see these very special pieces.

Except for the three pieces marked “NFS,” these works are all for sale by the artist. Arnold can be reached by email (Arnold@schwarzbart.com) or telephone (865-588-6111).

The Library Gallery Committee thanks Jeffrey and Nancy Becker and Jeffrey and Shelley Hecht for lending their sculptures “The Shtender” and “Omer Counter” for this show. Also, thanks again to all who helped with or visited the TBE Gallery's Schwarzbart exhibit.

To help defray future exhibit expenses, tax deductible donations will be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to “Temple Beth El” with “Friends of the Gallery” on the memo line.

Arnold Schwarzbart next to the sculpture, The Shtender, at TBE.



Temple Beth El Religious School April Update

By Norma James normajames@tbeknox.org

Wow! April is a BUSY Month for Religious School families: Passover, B'nei Mitzvah, ISJL visit, CLC day with Heska Amuna, Torah Tots, and an art project with Susan Arbutal.

Final Pizza Dinner for Midweek classes 5:45 p.m., April 1. Join us for our monthly social time before classes being at 6:15 p.m.

No Religious School April 5 for Passover Break.

Missy Goldstein from ISJL comes for her spring visit April 10-12. We welcome Missy back for her final visit this year. Missy will be at Shabbat services Friday and Ben Margulies's Bar Mitzvah Saturday morning. On Sunday she will join us for our CLC Day. I hope you take an opportunity to speak with Missy. She loves making new friends and welcomes any question you may have about ISJL services.

Ben Margulies becomes Bar Mitzvah Saturday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m. It is time for our second Margulies child to be called to the Torah. Ben has worked very hard preparing for this important service. Ben's tutor is Charlene Gubitz with assistance from Ben's father, Aaron. Ben's Mitzvah Project is to collect food for area food pantries. He has also volunteered time at these pantries. I hope you will join the entire Margulies family in this beautiful lifecycle simcha.

Our Temple Religious School will host Heska Amuna for a CLC Day April 12. We had a wonderful time at Heska Amuna last November for Global Day of Learning. Now it is our turn. Missy Goldstein from ISJL will be creating a special day of programming for our entire school, including our Torah Tots. We cannot wait to see what Missy has in store for us.

Special Torah Tots April 12. We are very excited that our April Torah Tots will be part of our special day. We also have our ISJL Fellow who will do some special learning with our little guys! ***It is never to late to join Torah Tots!***

Susan Arbutal is our guest artist in April. As part of our 150th Celebration, Rabbi Matt and Norma have been working with Susan Arbutal to design a stained glass piece that can be made by our students and will be permanently installed at the patio entrance to Temple. This piece will be at the bottom of the stairs and will serve as a beautiful "welcome" sign to all. This is actually the second art piece we have done with Susan. Her first student project hangs in Norma's office. Temple Beth El is very fortunate to have this very talented artist. Her husband Jeff is building the weatherproof frame and will install the piece. Please join us for its dedication on May 3.

Wednesday, April 22 is the LAST day of Midweek classes.

Sisterhood Bake Sale April 26. While our students are studying, our parents can shop at the Sisterhood Bake Sale. We hope our Religious School families will support the fine work of this organization. Sisterhood makes a generous donation to our school every year, and we appreciate all that they do.

Mark your calendar! 4th - 7th grade Sleepover at Temple Saturday, May 2.

You won't want to miss out on this special event. We gather at 5:00 p.m. for outdoor play and a cookout followed by activities indoors, Havdalah, more food, and more fun. I am excited to invite our current 4th graders to their first Temple sleepover.

Last Day of Religious School Breakfast and Celebration on Sunday, May 3.

It is hard to believe that another year is coming to an end. All families are invited to bring a breakfast item to share. After breakfast we will dedicate our new student art installation. Then we will hold a special Naming Ceremony for any of our students who would like to receive a Hebrew name and a blessing from Rabbi Matt. School will dismiss at 11:00 a.m. to allow everyone to travel to Tyson Park for a Jewish community event.

Save the date! Confirmation is Friday, May 29.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 1:** Midweek Classes: Pizza dinner 5:45 p.m.
- April 5:** No Religious School
- April 10-12:** ISJL Fellow Visit with Missy Goldstein
- April 11:** Ben Margulies Bar Mitzvah
- April 12:** Missy Goldstein Plans a Special Day and Torah Tots!
- April 22:** Last day of Midweek classes
- April 26:** Sisterhood Bake Sale (during Religious School)
- May 2:** Sleepover at Temple for 4th-7th grade
- May 4:** Last Day of Religious School Breakfast and Celebration
- May 23:** Frank Sturm Bar Mitzvah
- May 29:** Confirmation



Norma Janes entertains a tot during 2015 Mitzvah Day activities.

Contributions to Temple Beth El

Donations listed were received as of February 27, 2015

CARING COMMITTEE FUND

In memory of Mathis Bush

By: Deborah Roberts

ERMA GERSON COMMUNITY FUND

In memory of Isadora Misner

By: Bernice Gerson & family

GENERAL FUND

In honor of Pessa Brody on her birthday

By: Harold and Joyce Diftler

In memory of William Egan

By: Myrna and Irv Russotto

In memory of Rose Friedman & Eleanor Radoff

By: Fred and Ava Radoff

In memory of Stanley Rubin

By: Neil and Karen Rubin

In memory of Marty Traugot

By: Joyce Traugot

In honor of Pessa Brody's 80th birthday

By: Joyce Traugot

HERMINA BEILER FLORAL FUND

In memory of Jeanne Vogelfang

By: Jill Vogelfang and Gerry Milligan

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LESTER POPKIN CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of William Egan

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LIBRARY ART GALLERY FUND

In memory of Jacob Chotiner

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MARX FAMILY EDUCATION FUND

In honor of Ursula Marx 95th birthday

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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation of Rabbi Michaels

By: Wilma Weinstein

In memory of Maxine Arbital

By: Jeff and Susan Arbital

In memory of Penelope Blackwell

By: Tony Meyers

In memory of Dennis Levy

By: Maxine Levy

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Donations By: Bradley and Tara Bain, Michael and Jessica Frankel, Adam and Jennifer Friedman, Tony and Melinda Gibbons, Jeff and Wendy Goodfriend, Howard and Janice Pollock, Peter and Briana Rosenbaum, David and Heather Sandberg

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"Hotdoggers" Rob Heller, Alan Smuckler and Michael Pardee boil water for TBE's March 1 Purim Carnival..



"Hamantaschenettes" Lesley Krakauer, Karen Smith, Tammy Kropp, Phyllis Hirsh, and Ken Hirsh are ready!

April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Upcoming B'nai Tzedek Events</p> <p>Knox area young adults and teens participating in the B'nai Tzedek bar/bat mitzvah program, are invited to attend two important sessions.</p> <p>Sunday, April 12 Intro to Philanthropy (includes lunch), 12:30 p.m. AJCC</p> <p>Sunday, May 3 Let's Make Grants! 1:00-3:00 p.m., AJCC</p> <p>RSVP: kja@jewishknoxville.org or 690-6343</p>			<p>1</p> <p>AJCC Art Gala Set-up 10a Tai Chi-JCOR Noon-Bereavement Support Group-AJCC 4:15p 5:45p Midwk Pizza & Hebrew-TBE 6:45-9p Fencing-AJCC</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00a minyan-HA 5-7p AJCC Preschool Art Gala-Gym 6:30p PiYo-JCOR 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing -AJCC</p> 	<p>3 Erev Pesach</p> <p>Fast of the Firstborn 7a minyan and siyyum service for firstborns-HA 6p Community Seder-JCOR 5:30p Community Seder-HA No TBE Service</p>	<p>4 Pesach</p> <p>9:30a Passover Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 6p Seder (second night) -TBE</p>
<p>5 Pesach</p> <p>9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Passover Service-HA 2-5p Smokin' Salmon Swim Team Bash-Gym 7:30p Loss & Legacy-HA</p> 	<p>6 Pesach</p> <p>7:00a minyan-HA 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 3:30p AJCC Preschool Staff-AL 5-7p Preschool Parent Mtg-AL 7:15p KJA Exec Comm 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>7 Pesach</p> <p>4:30-8p Piano Lessons-Media Room 6p Exec Brd-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>8 Pesach</p> <p>10a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-6:30p Aftercare mtg-AJCC 6:15p Midwk Hebrew-TBE 6:45-9p Fencing-AJCC</p>	<p>9 Pesach</p> <p>7:00a minyan-HA 6p Yizkor Service-TBE 6-10p YJAK art class w Caitlyn Seidler 6:30p PiYo-JCOR 7p Exec Comm-HA 7:30p Board-HA 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing -AJCC</p>	<p>10 Pesach</p> <p>Office closed-TBE 9:30a Passover Service-HA 5:30p Tot Shabbat-HA 7:30p Shabbat Service and Ben Margulies Bar Mitzvah-TBE</p>	<p>11 Pesach</p> <p>9:30a Passover Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 10:30a Ben Margulies Bar Mitzvah-TBE</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Religious Sch-TBE 9:30a Religious Sch & Open House-HA 9:45a Torah Tots-TBE 10a Gan K'tan-HA 12:30p B'nai Tzedek-Intro to Philanthropy-AJCC 2-4p Hadassah Self Defense Program-AJCC 7:30p Loss & Legacy-HA</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00a minyan-HA 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>14</p> <p>4:30-8p Piano Lessons-Media Room 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 6:30p Board-TBE</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10a Tai Chi-JCOR 4:15p Religious Sch-HA 6-7p AJCC Parent Comm -BR 6:15p Midwk Hebrew-TBE 6:45-9p Fencing-AJCC 7:30p Bereavement Support Group-AJCC</p>	<p>16 Yom HaShoah</p> <p>7:00a minyan-HA 6-7p AJCC Parent Comm -BR 6:30p PiYo-JCOR 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing -AJCC</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:30p Shabbat Service-TBE</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 10:15a Family Minyan-HA 7p Jewish Film Series-JCOR</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:30a minyan-HA 2-3p Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration at Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge (JCOR) 6-8p BBYO Tallit and Tiaras Dinner and Pageant-AJCC</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00a minyan-HA 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4:30-8p Piano Lessons-Media Room 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7:30p Hadassah Book Club-Barnes & Noble</p>	<p>22 Yom HaZikaron</p> <p>7:30p Avichai Peretz Yom Hazikaron presentation-AJCC 6:15p Midwk Hebrew-TBE 6:45-9p Fencing-AJCC</p> <p>DEADLINE: Save \$50 Early Bird AJCC Summer Membership Registration</p>	<p>23 Yom HaAtzma'ut</p> <p>7:00a minyan-HA 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing -AJCC</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:30p Shabbat Service-TBE</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 10:30a Leamer's Minyan and Luncheon-TBE</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Religious Sch-TBE 9:30-12:30 Sisterhood Bake Sale-TBE 2p KJA Bowling Tournament-Oak Ridge Bowling Center</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00a minyan-HA 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p>28</p> <p>4:30-8p Piano Lessons-Media Room 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7:30p Judaic Studies lecture-Dr. Jodi Magness-Hodges Library, UTK</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10a Tai Chi-JCOR Noon-Friendshippers presents Senior Science with Dr. Al Hazari-Sherrill Hills Retirement Comm. 4:15p Religious School-HA 6:45-9p Fencing-AJCC</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00a minyan-HA 6:30p TBE Sisterhood Goes Out-Copper Cellar-West Town 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing -AJCC</p>	<p>Passover Food Items Can Be Found at</p> <p>Costco, Food City, Kroger-Bearden, and Publix</p> <p><i>Chag Sameach!</i></p>	

K N O X V I L L E

JCOR to Host Oak Ridge-Knoxville Yom HaShoah Event April 19

The Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge (JCOR)
Partnering with the Knoxville Jewish Alliance
Invites you to attend our annual

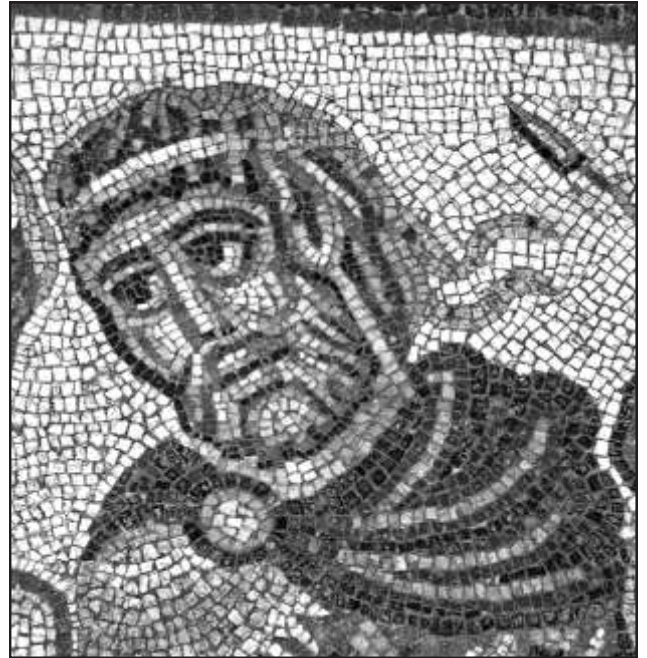
HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE
Sunday, April 19, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
JCOR Sanctuary

*Share in the lighting of candles,
Reading of prose and poetry,
And commemorating millions of lives lost.*

Suzy Snoops

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

- **Rabbi Alon Ferency** of Heska Amuna Synagogue has been appointed to the Task Force on Disparities in Educational Outcomes. The group will review the school system's data on minority students and students with disabilities compared to all students in the district — from achievement gaps to graduation rates and discipline — and come up with some solutions to address disparities.
- **Cody Hanford**, son of Shelley Mangold, has been hired by Transition Habitat Conservancy in Pinion Hills, California as their organizational development manager. Cody, his wife Mizuki (Miz), 20-month-old daughter July and dog Louie live in Joshua Tree, California.
- **Howard and Betty Blum** were recognized by The Helen Ross McNabb Center at this year's Spirit Award Dinner. The dinner recognizes individuals who have supported the efforts of the Helen Ross McNabb Center and have worked selflessly to improve their community as a whole.
- **Joan Cohn** recently received the John C. New Service Award from the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association in Nashville for her work in HABIT (Human-Animal Bond In Tennessee). Joan has been with the organization for 23 years. Presently she volunteers with Macy, her Cocker Spaniel, at Children's Hospital Oncology/Hematology Clinic, West Hills Elementary School, and Thompson Cancer Survival Center. In addition, she places and monitors volunteers and their animals in eight facilities in the Knoxville area.
- **Rachel Brown**, daughter of Ken and Susan Brown, will appear in *Threepenny Opera* at UT's Clarence Brown Theatre. The show, with music by Kurt Weill and book/lyrics by Bertolt Brecht, will run from April 16-May 3. Rachel is a vocal performance major at UT, and is the solo vocalist for the Dor L'Dor klezmer band.



UT Judaic Studies presents

New Discoveries in the Ancient Village Synagogue at Huqoq in Israel's Galilee

Jodi Magness, Ph.D.



Tuesday, April 28
7:30-9:00 p.m.

Lindsey Young Auditorium
Hodges Library
UT Campus

Since 2011, Professor Jodi Magness has directed excavations in the ancient village of Huqoq in Israel's Galilee. The excavations have brought to light the remains of a monumental Late Roman (fifth century) synagogue building that is paved with stunning and unique mosaics, including depictions of the biblical hero Samson. In a slide-illustrated lecture, Professor Magness describes these exciting finds, including the discoveries made in the summer 2014 season.

H A P P E N I N G S

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**

Why: to raise money to help us continue to plan wonderful programs and provide regional program scholarships



2012 Winick AZA contestants enter the audience.

The dinner is \$12 per person. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Lizzy Noon at lianno39@yahoo.com. Checks should be made payable to *Weinstein BBG*. They can be mailed to Weinstein BBG, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919 by April 5.



UTK students Nathan Light and Jordan Shipowitz represent Rocky Top at the AIPAC conference in Washington, DC. Many thanks to the Knoxville/Oak Ridge AIPAC chapter for providing financial support to make their trip possible. Nathan and Jordan will talk about their experience at the local AIPAC event in May.



Want Your Car to Sparkle and Shine?

**You're invited to Winick AZA's
Annual WASH and SCHMEAR.**

*Let the AZA guys wash your car
while you enjoy bagels and schmear*

Sunday, May 3

12:30-3:30 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive

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

Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Ha'Kol

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*Building Community
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Get Ready for the 2015 Summer of Fun

The Arnstein Jewish Community Center invites you to join us for the Summer of Fun 2015. All it takes is the purchase of an annual or summer AJCC Membership so that you and your family can spend your summer relaxing at our beautiful, family-friendly outdoor pool. Our summer season runs from May 24 through Labor Day (September 7).

The AJCC Pool opens to AJCC members on **Sunday, May 24** at noon. Members can also enjoy spending their Memorial Day holiday with us as we will be open from noon till 7:00 p.m.



Tell Your Friends and Neighbors About Us!

Summer members who join and pay for their memberships by Wednesday, April 22 will receive the AJCC Summer Membership early bird rate of \$335 (a \$50 savings!)

After April 22, the summer membership rate goes to \$385. The pool is open seven days per week, from May 24 through Labor Day (September 7). Contact the AJCC for information regarding pool parties and swim lessons. We are plan to host lesson programs for youth and adults. Adult swim lanes will be available some mornings and every afternoon.

Many of our lifeguards will return and we welcome those interested in joining our lifeguard team to contact Jeff Gubitiz at jgubitiz@jewishknoxville.org or 690-6343 for information and applications.

Megan Yates returns as swim team coach and is ready to sign up youths for our AJCC Smokin' Salmon swim team. Lynn Davis is swim team chair. Our coaches and their support staff of parent volunteers are ready for a winning season. A member of Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swim Association (GKAISA), the AJCC Smokin' Salmon is open to girls and boys ages 5-18. Swimmers are divided into age group competition levels. The swim team builds friendships, self esteem, strength and leadership. Our coaches work with swimmers during practices to ensure the swimmer is working at a level that both challenges and encourages. Join now; bring a friend.

AJCC members can also play on our four tennis courts. Tennis lessons will be available from our tennis pro. Practice your game on one of our four tennis courts. You can play all year weather permitting.

Membership is open to all – so come and join us and get ready for the Summer of Fun 2015 summer at the AJCC! AJCC membership application forms can be found on the www.jewishknoxville.org website, at the AJCC office, or requested via email at kja@jewishknoxville.org.

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KJA Campaign Rolling On

By Dick Jacobstein, Campaign Chairman

As of February 28, we have 146 pledges totalling \$159,672 or 44.3 percent of our 2015 goal of \$360,000. The Tzelebrating Tzedakah Dinner total stands at \$102,546 with a few cards still outstanding. Mitzvah Day recorded \$52,994 in pledges. We still have a long way to go!

My thanks go out to the volunteers who risked life and limb to man the phones and a calculator on Mitzvah Day. That carries volunteerism to the extreme.

I hope the entire community has been reading the articles about the Knoxville Jewish Alliance activities appearing monthly in *Ha'Kol*. Be sure to read Deborah Oleshansky's excellent article on page 24 of the March edition. It's one good reason for supporting KJA.

For those of you who have not been contacted to make your 2015 pledge, you will be receiving a call from a volunteer in the next few weeks. If you haven't given before, please do so then. If you have given in the past, please consider a minimum 6 percent increase for 2015.

Thank you for your support of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.

Sign Up Before It's Too Late!

The time to plan your summer is now.

MCDC is gearing up for another year of the Most Fun Under the Sun, and we are so excited for warm weather and smiling faces!

Don't fret if you missed out on our early bird special, Milton Collins Day Camp and Camp K'tonton discounts are still available! Buy a year round membership to the AJCC and get 10% your child's cost for camp, or you can get the summer pool membership to receive 5% off camp costs!

But wait, there's more! If you sign up for our summer pool membership by April 22, you will also receive a \$50 discount on the AJCC Summer Membership itself.

To sign up for camp, go to www.jewishknoxville.org/mcdc and to sign up for membership, go to www.jewishknoxville.org/forms.

YJAK—April 9

Thanks to funding from the Blumberg and Robinson Funds, YJAK is going strong! So far this group has participated in trivia nights and Shabbat dinners, as well as community service projects like helping at Mitzvah Day and building a picnic table for Family Promise's new playground.



Including some of our own local YJAKers, members come from 17 different cities! The common ground of being ages 21-35, living in Knoxville, and Jewish has helped bring them together to create a terrific sense of Jewish community to the young adults from near and far.

The next YJAK event will be a **hands-on art class on Thursday, April 9**. Fellow YJAK member and art teacher Caitlin Seidler will teach everyone how to make screen prints! Email Jesse Feld at jfeld@jewishknoxville.org for more information.



Spend Your Spare Time Bowling with Us April 26

We couldn't be more excited for the first annual **KJA Bowling Tournament!** Team up with the organization of your choice or create your own four person team. The KJA is going bowling to help raise scholarship money for Milton Collins Day Camp families in need. Make your choices wisely for what organization you sign up with! This will be a great way to raise money for your own organization, MCDC families in need, and have a great time!

Temple Beth El, Chabad of Knoxville, JCOR, Hadassah, UT Hillel students and more can compete for the trophy, \$150 for their organization, and best of all....bragging rights in the Jewish community.

The KJA Bowling Tournament will be held **Sunday, April 26**, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Your \$25 entry fee gets you hot dogs, chips, drink, and two games of bowling. \$100 per team, highest score from a team of four gets the trophy! Come join us at the Oak Ridge Bowling Center, 246 S. Illinois Ave, Oak Ridge, 37830. Questions? Email Jesse Feld at jfeld@jewishknoxville.org or call 690-6343.

MCDC's New Parent Night Out Programs Brings Summer Friends and New Friends Together

Summer campers often make lifelong friends that they see for up to 10 special weeks each summer at the AJCC.

In what's becoming a popular activity, MCDC campers enjoying seeing their friends (and making new ones by meeting children new to our area or to the AJCC) at a series of Milton Collins Day Camp Parent Night Out programs. Children enjoy dinner, activities, playtime, and hanging out while parents can take in a movie or enjoy dinner out.

Want to learn more? "LIKE" Milton Collins Day Camp on Facebook or email jfeld@jewishknoxville.org for more information.



February 28 Event
L to R Ali, Gabie Frazier, Benny Kay, Aiden Frazier, Emily Roberts, Karina, Mimi Johnson

L to R Sophia Tumpson, Anna Agusta, Sydney Tumpson, Stephen Brown, Elaina Franklin, Sidney Kay, Elliot Dean

MCDC: Where Every Week is a New Adventure!

Register Today for Summer Camp

NEW FOR 2015! REGISTER ONLINE! — www.jewishknoxville.org/mcdc

Parents of children in Grades K-10 can register their children online for up to 10 weeks of Milton Collins Day Camp (MCDC).

Visit the MCDC page on www.jewishknoxville.org for information, brochure, rates, and more. MCDC features daily swimming lessons, weekly tennis lessons, overnight adventures, imaginative field trips; 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

(COLORS = [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



Join Us for Camp K'TonTon Summer Camp—Toddlers (Ages 2-PreK)

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

Limited availability so act quickly.

Please call (865) 963-8001 or email Kristen Cannon at kcannon@jewishknoxville.org for more information.



UTK Hillel: Bread Baking and Bonding

UTK Hillel students Lesley Schiffman, Jamie Shapiro, Lily Dropkin, and Daniel Perling join Seventh Day Adventist students to bake challah and hamantashcen together at the Advent House on campus. Our hope is to make this an ongoing program to begin a "Challah for Hunger" partnership on campus to bake and sell challah to raise money for groups fighting hunger in our community.

There's Magic in the Air at April Friendshippers Luncheon

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director



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

Wednesday, April 29, 2015: Senior Science by Dr. Al Hazari

Dr. Al Hazari is a lecturer in the University of Tennessee's Department of Chemistry and the Director of Undergraduate Laboratories. For much of the last decade, Hazari's quest to enhance science appreciation has included a regular schedule of public outreach activities, ranging from classroom visits and teacher training workshops to special programs for teenage girls, Scouts, underprivileged children and senior citizens. He lives by a simple motto that is also the basis of his educational philosophy: "Science is for students ages 2 to 102."

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. 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 Community:

By the time you read this article, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance will no longer be a United Way of Greater Knoxville (UWGK) program partner.

We were eliminated in the most recent round of funding competition, not because of anything we did or didn't do. Local United Way volunteers have changed and/or realigned local priorities. KJA staff and volunteers worked hard to match one of our programs within the funding pillars outlined by UWGK. Our Teen Adventure Program (TAP) was our entry point for UWGK funding. It was and is a great program for teens in the summer. We are one of the few that provide a program like this. We didn't do anything wrong. We didn't write a poor Letter of Intent. United Way's funding priorities shifted and our program, in their view, does not fit their mold.

For a few years we succeeded in finding a funding niche to fit their parameters. The dollars distributed from the United Way campaign dwindled from 2007 levels of over \$16,000 (without as many strings and outcomes attached) to \$5,686 the last few years. The cost of meeting their requirements and record keeping became nearly as much as the direct funding of the Teen Adventure program at MCDC camp. We used United Way funds for scholarships and to underwrite a portion of the cost of this program.

The future: A number of you, and our staff, contribute at their workplace to the United Way through payroll deduction or one time payments. If you **designated a gift to the AJCC for 2015**, we **WILL** continue to receive that money as it is collected by them.

We hope to make up those funds by your gifts to the Annual Campaign. History has shown that through the years, that if we, the members of the KJA/AJCC community don't take care of ourselves, no one else will.

Jeff Gubitza, Executive Director

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 Gubitza (jgubitza@jewishknoxville.org) or Joyce Yorkjork (JoyceYorkjork@jewishknoxville.org) for more information and additional rates and information.



Why We Support the KJA Campaign

"From the AJCC Preschool, to summer camp, the Smokin' Salmon swim team, KJA Jewish Women's Business Network, and all the year round fabulous programs... our family has been ongoing participants and supporters of the AJCC and KJA for more than 25 years!"



George and Ellen Kern

AJCC Presents April 22 Yom Hazikaron Program

Yom Hazikaron is the day to remember the fallen in Israel's fight to survive and prosper. In cooperation with the Israel Consulate to the Southeast, Yom Hazikaron will be commemorated on **Wednesday, April 22** at 7:30 p.m. at the AJCC with a presentation by bereaved brother Avichai Peretz, who will share his powerful story. Avichai is the brother of two fallen IDF soldiers. His mother, Miriam, is quite well-known in Israel and throughout the diaspora for her powerful story and commitment to the defense of the State of Israel despite the enormous toll on her family. There will be music and reflections from Peretz. We hope that local IDF veterans will also be present.



Born in Givat Ze'ev, near Jerusalem, in 1985, Avichai Peretz is a member of one of Israel's most famed families. Known as a bereaved brother, Avichai lost two of his brothers protecting the State of Israel. Left to right: Eliraz OBM, Bat El, Miriam, Avichai (Top Right), and Eliasaf, in the picture is Uriel OBM.

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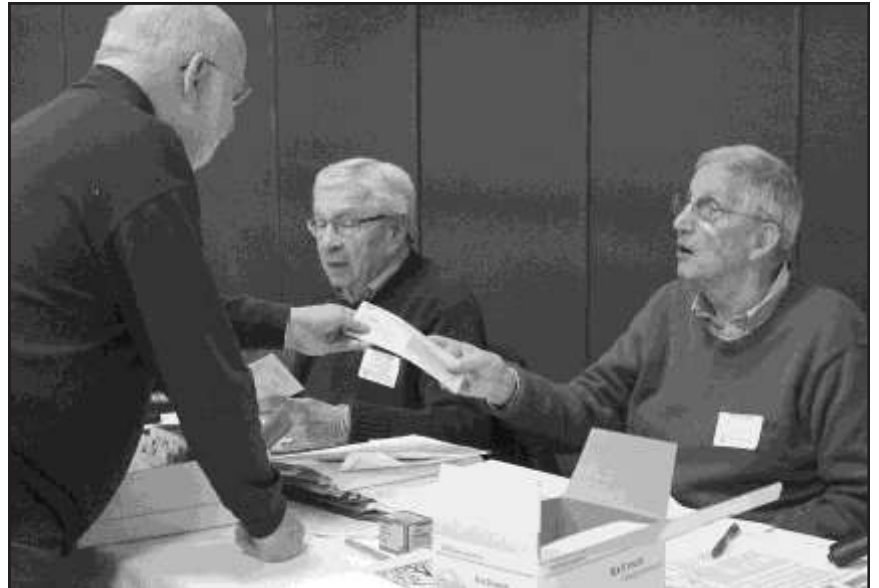
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Easy Ways to Aid AJCC Preschool

- 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.**



Volunteers identify photos in the Archives, make sandwichers for Lost Sheep Ministries, write notes to go with Hadassah's beautiful flower arrangements for Random Acts of Flowers, and make calls for the 2015 KJA Annual Campaign.



A young painter helps brighten the AJCC Preschool hallway.



Youths visit first responders to say "thank You."

Justin Bain of TBE's Religious School presents tzedakah money to KJA Campaign Chair Dick Jacobstein as Rabbi Matt Michaels and KJA President Manny Herz watch.

2015 Mitzvah Day Productive, Compassionate, Fun

Hundreds braved chilly weather to share the warmth of their hearts with others on Sunday, February 22. Mazel tov to the Jewish community volunteers who

- ★ Raised more than \$54,000 for the 2015 KJA Annual Campaign
- ★ Collected powdered milk and food for area food banks
- ★ Identified photos in the Archives
- ★ Sorted goods at FISH Pantries
- ★ Made a pleasant visit to a local senior adult long-term care center
- ★ Put together and delivered goody bags for area first responders
- ★ Made more than 200 sandwiches for Lost Sheep Ministries to distribute to the homeless
- ★ Helped Hadassah and its volunteers create several dozen vases of flowers for Random Acts of Flowers
- ★ Made bundles of paint rags for the Blount County Habitat for Humanity
- ★ Donated 14 units of blood to MEDIC Regional Blood Center and volunteered for the Bone Marrow Registry



What Is God's Weight Class?

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

The Talmud says that "there is no misfortune that does not have in it something of the sin of the molten calf." All sins are contained in that transgression, when the Israelites grew restless awaiting Moses' return, and turned to Aaron to forge an golden idol to worship. Because we collectively engaged in this riotous behavior, we are eternally punished. The Talmud attempts to offer some solace in terms of theodicy, understanding God and evil, by suggesting that this is the genesis of all of our suffering. Hence, suffering doesn't always have an immediate cause, and is often the result of simply being.

Aside from the problematics of the Talmud's world-view, Moses' response to the molten calf incident is illuminating. While Moses is in heaven receiving revelation and commandments, God says to Moses, "Descend from your greatness!" You come up to be holy with me, to live amid the pure, and "I didn't give you this greatness except for Israel's sake." So, look what they're doing while you're dallying up here in heaven with me. "What do I need with you if you can't serve them?" if you can't spread that wealth, that holiness around.



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Then, when God says "let me destroy all the people," Moses replies "everything is up to me. I've got to stand up." Talmud says that Moses took hold of God like a man who seizes his fellow by the garment, saying "Master of the universe, I'm not letting go of you until you forgive them!" Not only does God insist that Moses not stay so holy that he can't engage with the human, but Moses engages with the Holy as he would with a human. Moses treats God as one might treat an enraged friend. This incredible image is among the most succinct and powerful instances of God as someone with whom we grapple. Not just when Jacob wrestles with God, we are people but literally grabs God by the lapel, and says, this isn't fair! Whatever the origin of suffering, it is our role to wrestle with the Almighty, and diminish all suffering in God's world. Our response to injustice is to rage against the problem, strive mightily with it, and not cease until we have a result. That's *chutzpah!*

A chilly Mitzvah Day finds Education Director Betty Golub teaching tales of mitzvahs and kindness to younger students.

Heska Amuna Religious School

And you shall explain to your child on that day, "It is because of what the Lord did for me when I went free from Egypt." Moses and the Israelites, B'Shalach, Exodus 13:8.

The Haggadah says that "Every Jew is personally obligated to experience the Exodus." The story of the Israelites' Exodus from Egypt is retold to our children every year at Pesach, so that they can remember the years of slavery, savor the taste of freedom, and retell it to their own children. However, when teaching students about Pesach, educators sometimes focus on teaching about the plagues - images of frogs, blood, locusts, etc. are easier for children to visualize. On the other hand, while bondage and freedom are more abstract concepts for children, they are among the more important lessons of the holiday.

A big challenge that parents have these days is trying to keep children engaged and excited during the Passover Seder. Since we live in the internet age, our children are constantly stimulated. This year why not include child friendly activities in your seder. Some activities are done prior to your seder.

Step 1: **Kaddesh - Kiddish**

Make modge podge kiddish cups to be used at your Seder

Step 2: **Urchatz – Hand washing**

Have children hand out individual hand sanitizers

Step 3: **Karpas – Appetizer**

Make different veggie appetizers this year

Step 4: **Yachad – Break the middle matzah**

Have the children build something with matzah using soy butter

Step 5: **Maggid – The story**

Let's put on a play. Why not act out the story complete with costumes? Ask the adults prior to the seder to think of a new question they would like to ask after your recite the Four Questions



Step 6: **Rachzah – Hand washing**

Everyone washes their hands

Who is the most talkative person at your Seder table? Once hand washing is done, we are not supposed to speak until after the blessing over the matzah is said. If the most talkative person at the Seder washes first, then they will have to stay quiet the longest

Step 7: **Motzi Matzah – Eating the matzah**

Try different types of Passover matzah like Shmorah Matzah
Have you ever baked matzah?-all you need is 18 minutes

Step 8: **Maror - Bitter herbs**

Make your own plague bags

Step 9: **Korech – Hillel sandwich**

Make a different type of charoset this year

Step 10: **Let's eat**

Make a new dish this year

Step 11: **Tzafun – Finding the afikomen**

Let the children take turns hiding the afikomen

Step 12: **Barech – Blessings after the meal**

What are you thankful for?

Step 13: **Hallel – songs**

Make up new verses for Dayenu

Step 14: **Nirtzah – conclusion**

L'shana Haba'ah B'Yerushalayim Next year in Jerusalem! The Seder closes with hopes to be in Jerusalem next year.
What is one hope you have for the next year?



Please stop by my office if you would like games or bingo boards to enhance your seder!

*From my family to yours,
may you have a healthy, happy, kosher Pesach!*

HA Sisterhood Happenings

By Harriet Glasman, Sisterhood President

Heska Amuna Sisterhood has begun 2015 with two wonderful events. Our first event was a full weekend celebrating Sisterhood Shabbat and Torah Fund including Sisterhood-run Shabbat service with a delicious lunch put together by Marion Bayer with help from Anita Kay, and a fascinating program Saturday night at the AJCC presented by Ellie Gettinger and Ellen Iroff. This program consisted of a documentary and interesting explanations by Ellie and Ellen concerning the background of the documentary which Ellie was instrumental in producing and a talk by Ellen on costume design for theater. We also enjoyed a lovely pot luck dinner. Both Ellie and Ellen worked with the HARS students doing a sewing project and a talk on the history of seamstresses in our immigrant Jewish history.

This past weekend, we had another delightful program combining a play about Vashti written by our resident and highly talented playwright, Mark Littmann and performed by our vastly talented acting troupe, a wine tasting presented by Heather O'Brian with an opportunity to order Passover wine, hors d'oeuvres and desserts prepared by Marion Bayer (with help from Larry), a successful silent auction completely run by Susie Kaplar (with help from Phil), and finally we were entertained with piano music by Charlene Gubitz. We also had a lovely Havdallah service led by Charlene. We had a surprise performance by Josh Gettinger singing parts from the *Mikado* and other tunes.

Several Sisterhood members will attend our regional conference in Nashville in April and will be there to show our appreciation to Marian Jay, who will be presented as our Light of Torah recipient this year.

We hope to come up with programs for the spring and then in the fall we will once again put on our Arts, Crafts and Bake Sale which was so successful this past December.

A Message from the President-Elect

By Raphe Panitz, Ph.D.

Heska Amuna synagogue has seen many activities over the last five weeks. At the KJA Shabbat, on February 7, we saluted the Knoxville Jewish community for all of its activities. On February 28, Hadassah Shabbat, we recognized the wonderful efforts of Hadassah. A special thank you goes to our Educational Director, Betty Golub, for organizing and coordinating the services that morning. Each Shabbat service concluded with a Kiddush luncheon and I urge you to sponsor additional Kiddushim in the months and years ahead.

During the month of February, we held our Friday evening Sunset Minyan. That service was a success as was our Friday evening Chill, which is dinner followed by a lively and entertaining Shabbat Service.

The Adult Education classes the past month were well attended, offering Hebrew on different levels as well as Talmud.

Purim services on March 4 were enjoyable, with plenty of revelry, a play, a spirited reading of the Megillah, and a wonderful meal.

The Sisterhood Purim Gala on March 7, an "Evening of Toasts and Talents," was a smashing success.

We will host the Heska Amuna Community Seder, scheduled for Friday April 3 at 5:30 p.m.

None of the above events would have occurred without the great help and assistance of Rabbi Alon Ferency as well as those Heska Amuna members who unselfishly volunteer their time and hard work. A great big Todah Rabbah to all of them!



Passover begins in the evening of Friday, April 3, 2015, and ends in the evening of Saturday, April 11, 2015.

HARS Dates to Remember

April 3	First Seder
April 5	No School
April 8	No School
April 12	Classes resume HARS Open House Gan K'Tan
April 18	Family Minyan at 10:15 p.m.
April 19	Yom HaShoah Program in JCOR, 2-4 p.m.

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.

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.



Kiddush Information

For Kitchen use information or to sponsor a Kiddush, call Mike Weatherly at (757) 685-5027.

You Can Contribute to Heska Amuna Synagogue Just by Shopping at Your Favorite Places!

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.
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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.

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B'NEI MITZVAH

Margulies to Celebrate April 11 Simcha at Temple Beth El

Benjamin Garcia Margulies will be called to Torah as a bar mitzvah with Rabbi Mathew Michaels officiating on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Beth El. Benjamin has been studying with Charlene Gubitz as he prepares for his big day.

Ben is a seventh grade honors student with a 4.0 GPA at Farragut Middle School and will be traveling to the Outer Banks of North Carolina on an honors trip this spring, preparing and delivering a STEM lesson plan to a third grade class. He plays trumpet in the FMS band. In the sixth grade, Benjamin won two awards at the Technology Student Association state competitions and traveled as an honored guest to the National Technology Student Association Convention in Washington, DC in July 2014. In the fifth grade he was a Safety Patrol officer, traveling to Washington, DC.

Benjamin studied Tae Kwon Do and earned his black belt at age 8. He continued his studies and earned his third degree black belt by age 11. He enjoys many sports, including baseball, basketball, and especially soccer.

Called to serve the poor, Benjamin chose to volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank and the Volunteer Ministry Center, where he prepares and serves meals to the hungry. Benjamin is a caring son, a faithful friend and a dedicated student. His parents, Imelda and Aaron, are proud of his Torah studies and his commitment to love and serve God. Benjamin is very close to his family and will be joined by his siblings, Rachel, Reuben, and Grace and cousins, Dani, Gabe, Preston, Mackenzie, Asher, Simon, Isaac, Noah and Adam on this special day. Come celebrate with Benjamin and his family on April 11 at 10:30 a.m. as he is called to Torah and reads from *Parshat Shemini*. Immediately following services a luncheon will be provided.

Community Passover Greetings

Happy Passover to All

LEE MILLER BLOTNER,
LISSA, SHELLY and SETH

Happy Pesach

*Jeff and Nancy Becker
and our children and grandchildren:
Jeffrey Cohen;
Dan, Lora, Noah, and
Benjamin Cohen-Vogel;
Debbie, Jeff, Samantha, and
Gabe Abrams-Cohen;
Rachel, Micah, Sophie, and
Reuben Becker-Klein;
Ben, Amy, Harry, and Leo Willis-Becker;
Sarah Becker, Adama and Animata Dembele*

*Hag Sameach
Knoxville Hadassah*

Hag Sameach
*The Liberman
Family*

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

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

Hag Sameach

Kim, Stephen,
Nathan, Arielle, and
Tifannie Rosen

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TO EVERYONE
Pessa, Marla, Bart,
Joe, & Will Brody**

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Your friends at
Heska Amuna
Synagogue*

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

Community Passover Greetings

<p>HAPPY PASSOVER Jill, Stuart, Evan, and Aaron Chasan</p>		<p>Temple Beth El wishes a happy and healthy Passover to all</p>
<p><i>Chag Sameach to all our friends and family. Heidi, Barry, and Eddy Allen</i></p>	<p>Hag Sameach v Kasher Gilya Schmidt & Family</p>	
<p>Wishing All a Healthy & Happy Passover Susan and Arnold Cohen, our children, grandchildren and extended family</p>		<p>PASSOVER GREETINGS <i>Barbara & Bernie Bernstein</i></p>
<p>Happy Passover Reneé Hyatt, Noah, Jenny, and Paul Erwin</p>		<p>Happy Passover from the K JCFB Board</p>
<p>Hag Sameach KJA Officers, Board, and Staff</p>		<p>Happy Passover Marcia Silverstein and Family</p>
		<p>Chag Sameach Fran Silver</p> 



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What Do You Mean I'm Down \$1 Billion? Will You Take a Check?

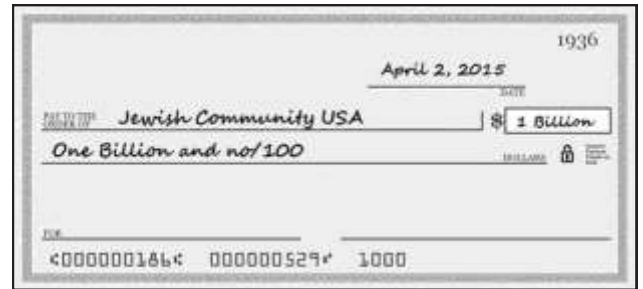
By Scott B. Hahn, Esq., KJCFF President

I am being a little tongue and cheek here. The Jewish community is really down \$1 billion in revenue from 12/31/2007 - 12/31/2012. That is not a joke. And of course, we would accept a check to make up the difference, as long as the check was good. These are the latest findings by Mark Pearman and Edleal Pinker, who did an in-depth report on the state of Jewish giving for the *New York Jewish Week*. The article was published on December 31, 2014.

The authors compiled their statistics in what they called the Jewish GDP. The organizations used for the data came from the Guidestar database of public financial disclosures for non-profit organizations, which non-profits are required to file by federal law. Religious organizations like synagogues are exempt from filing. All revenue collected from these organizations comprised the Jewish GDP. The revenues were split between service providers and financial organizations (federations and foundations).

When you take all these factors into consideration, the Jewish GDP is down \$ 1 billion, or 10%, from the end on 2007. Foundations and federations saw their revenue fall by \$1.29 billion, or 1/3 of all their revenues. The biggest percentage drop was from organizations whose programs operate overseas losing \$700 million in revenue. Religious institutions showed a 3% increase during this time period. It is clear from the numbers that the Jewish communal world was hit hard in the last recession and has not fully come back.

There may be people who dispute these findings, or how the information was gathered, but I don't believe there is any disputing that Jewish social services have taken a big hit nationwide over the past five years. We have seen our own version of this here in Knoxville, with a shrinking KJA Campaign and more and more Jewish organizations trying to get their piece of the action from a pot that has not grown significantly in years. That's where an endowed gift could make such a big difference. Take whatever organization you like, it doesn't matter. If a portion of that organization's budget is permanently endowed, that frees up capital for that organization to use for other projects or needs. It also allows budgets to use real numbers and not just good faith projections. An endowed gift can literally change how an organization conducts business. We currently have a collective communal deficit of \$1 billion. In my opinion it's time to start paying that back. As always, the KJCFF is here to help. Happy Pesach.



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In Honor of Pessa Brody's Birthday

Trudy Dreyer, Jeff & Charlene Gubitz, Esther Webster, Jeanne Zipser

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In Memory of Logan Brown

Adam, Angie, & Stephen Brown

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Rosenthal Environment Fund

In Honor of Evan Ohriner's Retirement

Arnold & Mary Linda Schwarzbart

Grants

The **Natalie and Mitchell Robinson Community Enrichment Fund** made grants to the KJA to support programming costs for a new young adult division for 21-35-year-olds in the Knoxville Jewish community and to the Tennessee Holocaust Commission for general use.

The **Gordon Brown Youth Recreation Fund** made a grant to the AJCC Preschool for a playground expansion project that will provide space for an outdoor classroom.

The **Rosenthal Environment Fund** made a grant to Heska Amuna Synagogue for the replacement of insulation and an air return on the rabbi's house to improve energy efficiency.

The **Milton Collins Cultural Fund** made a grant to the KJA to underwrite some of the expenses of the March 15 *Not Just Fiction....* program.

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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



JCOR to Host Oak Ridge-Knoxville Yom HaShoah Commemoration April 19

The Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge (JCOR) Partnering with the Knoxville Jewish Alliance Invites you to attend our annual **Holocaust Memorial Service** **Sunday, April 19, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** In the JCOR Sanctuary

*Share in the lighting of candles,
Reading of prose and poetry,
And commemorating millions of lives lost.*

Hadassah Youth Aliyah Concert Set for Sunday, April 12

The Oak Ridge Chapter of Hadassah will again sponsor a community Youth Aliyah Concert as it has done for over four decades! This concert raises money to benefit Jewish children worldwide.

The 2015 Ralph Einstein Hadassah Youth Aliyah Concert is scheduled for **Sunday, April 12, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**, at the First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge, 1350 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy the excellent young talent from East Tennessee. There is no charge to attend this event, but donations to Oak Ridge Hadassah are appreciated.

Performers range in age from 4 to 18 and perform a varied program of music. More than 30 students auditioned in March before a panel of esteemed judges, including **Dan Allcott** (faculty of Cellospeak, Tennessee Cello Workshop, and President of Tennessee's chapter of American String Teachers Association), **Edward Pulgar** (Principal Second Violin of the Knoxville Symphony and Chamber Orchestras and member of the Knoxville Symphony's Principal String Quartet), pianist **Emi Kagawa** (co-director of MANI Brooklyn Chamber Music and faculty member for piano/chamber music at St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA), and **Julie Carter** (co-director of the Joy of Music School and flute player in the Oak Ridge Symphony).

More information can be found at yaconcert.org. Concert co-chairs are Anne Greenbaum (927-4488) and Catherine Braunstein (457-2072).



JCOR April Events

**Saturday, April 18,
7:00 p.m.**

Jewish Film Series:

The Flat

Israel, 2011, NR, 97 min, documentary. As this documentary's director Arnon Goldfinger cleans out the flat that belonged to his grandparents - both immigrants from Nazi Germany - he uncovers clues pointing to a complicated and shocking story.



Saturday, May 2

Study session: *Responsa Literature*

Study Session with Rabbi Rashkovsky (after the Shabbat Morning Services)

"Responsa Literature" is the body of work that records legal questions Jew have posed to rabbis and their answers. In Hebrew, it is called "*She'elot ve-Teshuvot*," which simply means "Questions and Answers." All contemporary Jewish denominations have scholars producing *responsa* to guide their adherents.

JCOR Donations

Yahrzeits

- Cy Feldman and Milton Carey from Ellen & Bernard Appel
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- Dorothy Silverman from Bobbie Limor
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- Pauline Liebman from Shirley Schwartz
- Beatrice & Carl Weitz from Linda & Zane Bell
- Jocelyn Burnsten from Andy Bursten

In Memory of Barry Beck:

- Penny Lukin

Thoughts and Reflections from the 16th Anshe Darom Retreat

By Meir Niad, JCOR

I returned home from the 2015 Men's Club Retreat refreshed and rejuvenated both physically and spiritually - and full of ideas. The weekend's topic was *Staying Jewish in a Non-Jewish World*. For me, this topic can be broken up into three areas: Why be Jewish? Why affiliate with a congregation? and Why participate in Men's Club.

Why be Jewish? Why practice religion at all? Why belong to a religious minority? Why be publicly Jewish in spite of anti-Semitism? These are all deep questions with no short answers. More importantly, the answers will not be the same for everyone, and that is OKAY. I don't have the answers. What I do have as a result of this retreat is a desire to seek these answers for myself and help others to seek answers that are comfortable for them.

Why affiliate with a congregation? We spent time discussing the common struggles with the increasing percentages of unaffiliated Jews in our communities. My takeaway from these talks is "proactive welcoming." A common story involves a visitor to a shul who stands around for several minutes before being approached or one who sits alone throughout a visit. I believe



JCOR's Purim festivities bring out the smiles and the characters.



Meir Niad and Jim Handler at the 2015 Camp Ramah Darom retreat.

it was Brian Nadolne of Etz Chaim who said "If you see someone you don't know, then treat them as being new." As soon as you spot someone you don't know, introduce yourself and welcome that person. If they turn out to be members who rarely attend shul, then share some of your new programs that they may be unaware of. If your Jewish community shows that it is warm, welcoming, and cares about each other and includes new visitors as if they were family, then how could anyone not want to be a part of that?

Why participate in Men's Club? I am new to Men's Club, getting my first exposure at the 2014 Camp Ramah Darom retreat, but that one weekend was enough to show me the potential of what Men's Club can do for me and for my Jewish community. Men's Clubs help Jewish men connect with their Jewish heritage, faith, tradition, and community; they achieve this in a non-threatening way through approachable lay leaders and rabbis who are eager to help in any way. I cannot describe the feeling that I get when I hear 60 men of various generations and from different shuls and states chanting and singing together. Men thrive in life when they have a group of buddies they can count on. Jewish men shine in life when they have a group of Jewish buddies they can grow with.

If congregations are warm and welcoming to new faces, accepting of blended families, and respectful of others' varying levels of observance, then I believe that we will see more unaffiliated Jews getting involved *at their own pace* in Jewish life with synagogues and Men's Clubs. I should know. I was one of them.

Hosts and Hostesses

April 4 (Pesach)	Yardena & Moshe Yair, Sarah & David Stuart
April 11 (Pesach)	Reeva & Marvin Abraham, Ronnie & Jim Bogard
April 18	Linda & Zane Bell, Becky & George Charles
April 25	Catherine Braunstein, Sylvia Goldenberg

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Knoxville Travels to Paris

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It began with a Knoxville Purim Miracle! With a white snowy forecast descending upon Knoxville, schools closed and businesses shuttered for the storm that was not to be! In its stead, more than 200 people celebrated Purim with Chabad as we were transported to the city of love, Paris!

Crepes, onion soups, baguettes with cheeses and spreads, quiches and pissaladiere, salad nicoise, French pastries, French wines, coffee, and tea welcomed guests at eight Parisian cafes and eatery-style stations. The Megillah was read before the background of a beautiful sand art depiction of the Purim story as children demonstrated some impressive gragger turning skills!

It's been said, "Rome can't be built in a day" but the Eifel Tower of Legos was completed by participants under the guidance of Bricks4Kidz by the evening's end! Stilt walkers brought smiles as they worked the crowd. In our in-house art gallery, participants walked away with a beautiful keepsake, their own original painting of the Eifel Tower. Following the evening, a large Loxville group, (Chabad's young professionals group), met for L'chaims and fun at the Casual Pint #afterparty.

Thank you **Erin Dial** for drawing all the signs and **Caitlin Seidler** for prepping the craft! Thank you **Karly Cohen, Shirley Clepper, Vanessa Landua, Jocelyn Minsky Rowland, Steven Beber** and **Sandy Parker** for helping with food prep. Thank you **Chef Allan** of the French Market Creperie for teaching us to use our new crepe maker. Thank you to **Anne Bendriem** for helping with the menu, recipes, and food prep.AND thank you to a wonderful community for being such a fun group to celebrate Purim with!



Roaming stilt walkers, mimes, and an Eifel Tower created from Legos created many smiles at Chabad's Purim Party. Delicious foods and creative arts also brought warmth to all on a chilly night.



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Heska Amuna Synagogue

April 4

Luna Anidjar ♦ Sylvia Blumenthal ♦ Arthur Jay ♦ Harry Brietstein ♦ Samuel Brody ♦ Harry Cohen ♦ Arthur Hahn ♦ Norbert Slovis ♦ Gustav Levi ♦ Yetta Licht ♦ Frances Klavan ♦ Don Wittenberg

April 11

Abe Emelfarb ♦ Charles Goldstein ♦ Minnie Isaacs ♦ Rebecca Mendelowitz ♦ Israel Farkas ♦ Martin Ginsburg ♦ Michael Belaief ♦ Bessie Silverman ♦ Peggy Ades ♦ Isadore Finkelstein ♦ Mickey Billig ♦ Esther Panitz ♦ Louis Sturm ♦ Golda Margolies ♦ Lawrence Abrams ♦ Bennie Deitch ♦ Bernard Landis ♦ I. W. Millen ♦ Nathan Millen ♦ Jacob Sandweiss

April 18

Joseph Strauss ♦ Ilene Edelman ♦ Esther Himmelstein ♦ Max Kronrad ♦ Esther Levine ♦ Helen Swetsky ♦ Claire Gettinger ♦ Gussie Joffe ♦ Rose Shagan ♦ Pyna Greenbaum ♦ Nathan Handler ♦ Joseph Ades ♦ Molly Fayonsky ♦ Charlotte Kayser ♦ Celia Lipson ♦ Margaret Miner ♦ Esther Rosen ♦ Mildred Rosenblatt ♦ Rose Sherman ♦ Tillie Slovis ♦ Sarah Lipshin ♦ Rose Rosenthal ♦ Shirley Chasan ♦ Israel Gruenberg ♦ Ada Manas ♦ Allen Rosen ♦ Sara Dixon ♦ Claire Evans ♦ Rosa Lee Frumin ♦ Mariam Stein ♦ Gerd Ables ♦ Bernard Belaief ♦ Selma Smullian ♦ David Stein ♦ Samuel Billig ♦ Charlotte Cooper ♦ Fannie Leibowitz ♦ Bessie Millen ♦ Ruth Oleshansky

April 25

Rabbi Isaac Levin ♦ Ella Levison ♦ Celia Rosenblatt ♦ Anna Ruer ♦ Anna Gitman ♦ Lionel Kay ♦ Joseph Bernard ♦ Mary Lou Posey ♦ Frieda Schwarzbart ♦ Dorothy Freeman ♦ Abraham Radlaski ♦ Joseph Goldman ♦ Murry Rosenblatt ♦ Tybee Millner ♦ Jacob Schwartz Benjamin Tew

JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

April 3

Pearl Ades ♦ Joseph Bernard ♦ Alexander Blumenfeld ♦ Gordon Brown ♦ Sam Chandler ♦ Stuart Bowen Elston ♦ Irwin Freedman ♦ Peter P. Holz ♦ Edith Ivins ♦ Sarah Hannah Licht ♦ Jack Rosenberg ♦ Victor Thomas ♦ Stanley Vogelfang

April 10

Harry Karl Blatt ♦ Irene Blatt ♦ Anna Bohn ♦ Dinah Feldman ♦ David Fleischman ♦ Freida Freedman ♦ Sarah Goldfarb ♦ Morris Goodfriend ♦ Walter McCoy James ♦ Charlotte Kayser ♦ Julian Lewis ♦ Jeter Mace ♦ Rebecca Mendelowitz ♦ Donald Pardee ♦ Mitchell Plachter ♦ Dr. Hartley Polasky ♦ Allen Scheff ♦ Morris Siegel ♦ Gladys Steinberg ♦ Simon Sunshine

April 17

Infant Altshuler ♦ Samuel Arbital ♦ Rosa Deitch ♦ Blanche Farmer ♦ David Johnson ♦ Golda Margolies ♦ Franne R. Michaels ♦ Berta B. Moss ♦ Evelyn Dresner Nash ♦ Lucien Oury ♦ Dorothy Salus ♦ Cynthia Sheldon ♦ Tillie Slovis ♦ Jane Taubman ♦ Mabel Wayburn ♦ Mildred Wohl

April 24

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Hadassah Highlights



April 12 2:00 p.m.

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Issynru Karate, will join
Bonnie Boring, Second Degree Black Belt**

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Save the Date

Sunday
May 17th

Hadassah Knoxville's Bye Bye BBQ

Hadassah Knoxville members, associates and friends are welcome at this event. We will barbecue and discuss our year as we say goodbye to school and those leaving for summer vacation and say hello to summer!

For more information, contact us at.....



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Knoxville Hadassah

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- ★ In memory of Christopher Sayles, brother of Greg Sayles
- ★ In memory of **Roslyn Forstein Shamitz**, mother of Kay (Larry) Leibowitz
- ★ In memory of **Ethel Wittenberg**, mother of Carl and Lee Wittenberg
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Hadassah's
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Hadassah Book Club News

By Peggy Littmann, plittmann@comcast.net

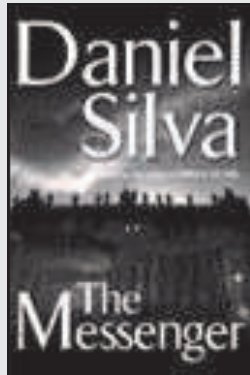
The Hadassah Book Club will meet at 7:30 p.m., on **Tuesday, April 21** to discuss *The Messenger* by Daniel Silva. We meet in the coffee shop area, in Barnes and Noble Book Store on Kingston Pike. We were originally planning to discuss *The Messenger* in March, but our February meeting was cancelled because of the snow, so our discussion of *The Messenger* is now slated for April.

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: Autism and Israel

By Shuli Mesa

Did you know that April is National Autism Awareness Month and April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day?



So, What is Autism?

According to *Wikipedia*, Autism or the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by impaired social interaction, verbal and non-verbal communication, and restricted and repetitive behavior. Parents usually notice signs in the first two years of their child's life. The signs typically develop gradually, but some children with autism will reach their developmental milestones at a normal pace and then regress. But this is just one interpretation. Autism is a vast spectrum...it is commonly said that once you meet one person with ASD...you have only met ONE person with ASD. The spectrum is so diverse and compounded that no two are the same.

What is the Cause?

That is the question of the century. What is the cause? There is no known cause to date, however, that does not deter the speculations and investigations. The theories range from age of mother and stress levels during pregnancy to the "Refrigerator Mother" syndrome from Temple Grandin's time. Hadassah has also stepped in to theorize that there is a link between the "Love Hormone" and the development of Autism. The study, led by Dr. David Mankuta, head of Labor and Delivery at Hadassah, in partnership with Prof. Nurit Yirmiya of the Hebrew University, also examined the link between overexposure to oxytocin during birth and the development of autism. You can learn more in the January 2013 article in *Ha'aretz*, "The Love Hormone-Autism Connection."

Established in 1974, Israel's ALUT was created by parents of children with Autism. It is the predominant resource for families coping with Autism and has an annual operating budget of \$30 million and roughly a 1,400 person staff and network.

Every year, 450 children are diagnosed with Autism in Israel, that is 1 out of every 100 births and it is four times more likely to occur in males. Most of these children are diagnosed within the first three years of life and can be detected as early as 12 to 18 months.

ALUT has 17 homes throughout the country for adult inhabitants with ASD and 13 occupational day centers towards independence. They also have 2,500 children attending schools and Kindergartens for ASD children while utilizing the Developmental Method and the Applied Behavioral Analysis or ABA Method, both popular in the US.

ALUT has six family centers throughout the country. These homes are specifically for families with parents and siblings that are having difficulty in adapting to the diagnosis and literature suggests that families go through a mourning phase. Many families fall apart as the result and siblings are often neglected as the parent's main focus shifts to the ASD child. These homes create a relaxing environment and have facilitators on staff to aid and train the parents into this new world. They also have a 24-hour hotline and "parent-to-parent" support groups. As an ASD parent, I was pleased to learn that ALUT treats the family as an entire unit. Make no mistake, everyone in the household is affected by an ASD diagnosis. In my opinion, it is a gift to have one organization that almost holds your hand throughout this entire process and later care for the individual from diagnosis to adulthood. This is a rarity in the US. There is such a demand for ALUT's services that there is a waiting list and families with children suffering from ASD come to Israel in order to receive the most advanced and comprehensive services for their children. Not bad work for such a small country!

Hadassah Layettes:

Join Hadassah in Honoring New Family Members

By Judi Abrams, judi.abrams@gmail.com

It has been brought to my attention that some Hadassah members are not familiar with what the Layette Cards program..so let me tell you about ut. When a Hadassah member has a new baby to introduce to our Knoxville family, we like to send a card filled with all of our names to wish the family a MAZEL TOV!

With a contribution of at least \$1.00 for each new baby, we will add your name. (You can donate whatever amount you would like, though.) Several members have sent a check for \$25.00 and a draw down from an account established for them. Each time a new baby arrives, I will automatically add your name and deduct \$1.00. Easy, right? If you would like further explanation, please do not hesitate to give me a call or send me an e-mail. Let's continue to welcome our new beautiful babies by adding your name to their LAYETTE CARDS.

What a wonderful volunteer job I have for Hadassah.....welcoming all the new babies. If you haven't already included your name on these Layette Cards, please give me a call or send me an e-mail to add your name as I will be mailing these cards out very soon!

- Ellen and Steve Markman have a new granddaughter - **Meredith Angela Markman**
- Evelyn and Steve Oberman and Rachel and James Ellis are the proud grandparents and parents of little **Maxwell Ellis**
- Judy and Abraham Brietstein are new grandparents of **Judah Lev Joiner**
- Judi and Martin Abrams are new Bubie and Grandpa to sweet **Jack David Hicks**, son of Deborah and David Hicks
- Karen and Rabbi Alon Ferency welcomed a new baby boy, **Adin Shemaya Ferency**
- Lydia and Bradley Drew have another handsome son, **Eylan Jordan Drew**
- Rachel and Jason Scharfman welcomed a daughter, **Zahava Rose**
- Jane and Sheldon Cohen are excited grandparents to **Emma Lucille**
- **Zahava Ruby Ortiz**, daughter of Rachel and David Ortiz and granddaughter of Michael and Siri Zemel, and Paula Carney

Thanks for your support of this very important Hadassah program!



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Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

Ms. Louise Takes Project-Based Learning to New Heights

The second and third grade students have been hard at work. While Ms. Rebecca has been at home with her beautiful new baby boy, students continued their studies with Louise Lindsay. Louise comes to KJDS from a 12-year teaching career in Boston, Washington, DC, and South Carolina. After earning her master's degree in history at The College of Charleston, she began teaching middle school social studies. From there, Louise broadened her experience to include teaching Writer's Workshop, reading, and math as well as working as a Lead Teacher, guiding other educators through observation, and coaching.



Elaina works on her project.

The class has focused on sequencing as they learn about the importance of putting things in order both as readers and writers. The students have made flow maps to describe the sequences of stories and have kept science journals to describe the process of creating an amusement park ride. In addition, they are beginning to learn about summarizing. They are focusing on figuring out the most important aspects of texts. To do this, they have been singing a great deal! Through the song, "Who, What, When, Where, and How," second and third graders shared fun summaries with their classmates and some pretty impressive dance moves. The third grade reading group enjoyed *The Day-Glo Brothers*, a story of two brothers who created a new color by persistent work, trial and error.

The students have approached this unit with a PBL (project-based learning) approach and were tasked with creating an amusement park for Lego people. They are in the final stages of building rides for Lego people constructed out materials such as cardboard, shoelaces, foam, balloon, and even old CDs. The students worked with their knowledge of forces, matter, and simple machines to build rides that use pulleys, incline planes, wheels and axels, and wedges. They have felt the frustration of having to keep

working despite failures and the pride of completing a task that is challenging and creative. Art Teacher Annie Clark will carry the projects through the final phase as she works with students on decorating the rides in ways that demonstrate their style and attract attention by teaching the use of color, shape, and language as advertising.

Students used activity logs designed to help students reflect on what they learn, thereby taking ownership of their learning and fine-tuning their time management skills.

The rides will be on display at the STEAM Open House. Ms. Louise says "PBL has enhanced critical thinking, independence, grit, and engagement. Because students were designing their own projects, they were engaged and willing to persist through the hypothesis and trial and error process. In addition, we consistently debriefed about the process of learning by doing. We talked often about how the students were doing what real scientists were doing. Most of the rides began with elaborate ideas, but as the students worked, they automatically returned to the simple machines they'd learned about. So, the end product is functional rather than fancy, in the same way that is true for real world scientists, engineers, and builders."



Linoy finishes a project and Lili ponders her next move.

KJDS Students STEAM Into Urban Gardening

We've dug deep and begun our second STEAM into Service project. KJDS students will use their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) skills to create an urban garden. As they learn the skills to create, plant and grow, students will be helping two local organizations, Beardsley Farm and the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum (KBGA).

As students learn to create a water source by constructing rain barrels for our urban garden, they will build and decorate two water barrels to be donated to Beardsley Community Farm.

Working with the ECO Garden group, KJDS students are learning the skills of creating a garden and planting. At the culmination of our unit, students will travel to the Knoxville Botanical Garden to plant four new crop beds dedicated to providing local food pantries with fresh fruit and vegetables. Students will also choose a few projects that will benefit the KBGA and enhance its ability to serve the Knoxville community.

Week 1: Imagine. Following the Engineering Design Process, our new project kick off was a trip to the Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum. Students went on a hike and explored and learned about some of the beautiful trees and plants been grown there. The highlight of the trip was definitely the ECO garden where students had the opportunity to visit and imagine what they might apply to their KJDS garden.

Week 2: Problem Solve. Students discussed what gardens need to grow and problem solved how we might secure a water source for our urban garden, what options we have for growing plants during the winter, and how to ensure our garden is situated in a location where it will get the sunlight it needs to thrive. Having used a water barrel at the Eco Garden we loved the idea of building one in our garden.

Week 3: Create. Working with ECO Garden visitors, students learned about Vermacomposting and built a worm composting bin. They will use the compost to start their outdoor garden in a few weeks.

Week 4: Plan. Using iPad apps and various computer programs students explored what we might successfully grow in our garden under the guidance of permaculturist and herbalist, Rachel Millford. Students also did some hands soil experiments to learn about the importance of good soil for our garden. Different soil mixtures do different things (hold water, drain water faster etc), and can affect the growth of our plants.

Week 5: Create. Our Eco Garden friends were back and this week we were busy creating on three fronts. We planted some indoor plants using grow lights, enjoyed an aquaponics lab – we are looking forward to testing some aquaponics later in our unit, and prepped soil for our planters and outdoor planting.



Water barrel



Students prep soil.

Using Vermacomposting to build a worm composting bin.

Students enjoy a beautiful day as they work on a STEAM into Service urban garden.

Students plant trays of cool season crops.



KJDS Students Fulfill the Four Mitzvot of Purim

Matanoy Le'evyonim (gifts to the poor). Combining Dr. Seuss, Spirit Week, and Purim fun bought the opportunity to participate four fun days, Crazy hat day, Silly Sock day, Wacky Wednesday and Friday PJ Day, the money collected was donated to a cause that helps the poor voted on by the children.

Megilat Esther (reading the Purim story). Studying the Purim story in Hebrew in class was fun but enjoying a scavenger hunt with clues involving the Purim story had us on our toes. Booing Haman is a highlight of the Megillah reading for all and this year we challenged ourselves to create an oscillator circuit (a.k.a. an electric gragger). What a great way to apply our science knowledge to our Jewish practices.

Mishloach Manot (gifts of food to friends). Our second and third graders prepared Hamantaschen-shaped Mishloach Manot for our planned Dad's day breakfast. While weather threats forced us to reschedule the breakfast, we were excited to bring the Mishloach Manot home to our Dads.

Mishteh (feast). The highlight of our Purim Party were the Hamantaschen. They came in all flavors and sizes. We enjoyed the chocolate, raspberry and apricot hamantaschen but learned of a new kind as well this year, Fortune Hamantasch Cookies. We enjoyed shaping play dough hamantaschen and inserting a mysterious fortune into each. As we exchanged hamantaschen and read our fortunes we laughed and cheered!

The joys of Purim! Dory enjoys noshing on a delicious hamantaschen. Ellie and other students read their "Fortune Hamantaschen."



Silly sock day at Knoxville Jewish Day School.



Students follow the instructions as they learn to create an oscilloscope, which is one term for an electric gragger!

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Heska Amuna Religious School Pre-Kindergarten Class

Front row: Rachel **Leeds**,
Jeremy **Jungreis**, Tali **Berman**,
Kevin **Harris**, Tami **Berman**
(twin of Tali), Rachel **Becker**,
Alaina **Slovis**, Judith **Rosenberg**.

Back row:
Teachers Lynn **Liberman**,
Lynn **Becker**.

Rachel (now **Leeds Harris**) is the daughter of David **Leeds** and Knoxville Barbara **Leeds**, and lives in Knoxville. Kevin **Harris** is the son of Knoxville Carol and Mark **Harris**. Rachel **Becker** is the daughter of Knoxville Jeff **Becker** and Lynn (now) **Portnoy**. Rachel's brother Ben lives in Knoxville. Alaina **Slovis** is the daughter of the late Norbert **Slovis** and Janie (now) **Steving**, and niece of native Knoxville Marilyn **Presser**. Judith **Rosenberg**, daughter of Gene and Pat **Rosenberg**, lives in Knoxville.

Rabbi Lynn **Liberman** is the daughter of Knoxville Marilyn and Harvey **Liberman**.

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