



Ha' Kol

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

'Tis Time for Summer Fun at the AJCC!

Summer camp, swim team, pool time frolicking, all await you at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center.

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Join Us at the AJCC Pool

OPENS MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 27
Noon-7:00 p.m.

Become a member today!
Invite your family and friends to join you. Family memberships are \$385. The pool is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

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Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Ha'Kol

Rich MCDC Traditions Coupled with Superb Staff Create Warm, Caring Camp Environment

By Sarah Price, MCDC Camp Director

I have been involved with Milton Collins Day Camp since the summer of 1998. I have often been asked why I never leave, and I have also frequently been asked what sets our camp apart from others. The answer to both questions is *community and relationships*.

From the beginning, the Arnstein Jewish Community Center felt like home. From picking blackberries and playing GaGa, to flag raising, our legendary Color Wars week, and whitewater rafting, I have always found such comfort and enjoyment in each and every one of our camp's traditions. It is a horrible cliché, but I have always loved the fact that everyone knows everyone else's names. The majority of our campers come back to MCDC year after year. We watch them grow. Even campers new to MCDC quickly fit in and become a comfortable part of our group. The MCDC staff always knows each and every child.

Over the years, my role has changed from counselor, after care worker, preschool staff member, assistant, associate, and camp director, to my current role as a sort of camp mom that oversees the programming. In all of those capacities, I have been blessed to see the good that can result from Milton Collins Day Camp. It makes me very happy that I can now bring my own children to enjoy our fabulous program.

In regards to community, I also feel that it speaks highly of the camp that so many of staff members were involved with the program. For example, our current MCDC Camp Director, Margaret Googe, attended Milton Collins Day Camp throughout her childhood. I remember singing *Winnie the Pooh* to Margaret and her friends when they were little girls in pigtails with Disney backpacks. I remember her as a TAP and CIT, where she first gained camp leadership experience. Now I am able to observe as she interacts with each and every camper, developing special relationships with everyone associated with camp. I truly love Milton Collins Day Camp, and it will always be part of my heart. Watching Margaret, I know that she feels the same way.

Make Milton Collins Day Camp a favorite summer tradition for your children grades kindergarten-ninth grade. 2015 features 10 fun-filled weeks of games, crafts, sports, drama, field trips and overnights. Registration is available online at www.jewishknoxville.org.



MCDC Camp Director Sarah Price



AJCC Smokin' Salmon Team Welcomes Kids Ages 5-18 to Join Team

AJCC Swim Team practice starts May 18, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. since most children are still in school. Regular practice begins May 26. Morning practice begins June 1. For information, email ajccswimming@gmail.com.

2015 MEET SCHEDULE

- June 9: University Swim Club at AJCC (6:00 p.m.)
- June 25: View Harbor at View Harbor (6:00 p.m.)
- June 30: Emerald Youth and NCC at AJCC (6:00 p.m.)
- July 7: National Fitness Club at AJCC (6:00 p.m.)
- July 11 & 12: Smoky Mountain Invitational, Springbrook Pool, Alcoa, Tennessee
- July 14: Newport Swim Team at AJCC (6:00 p.m.)
- July 23-25: GKAI SA City Meet, UT Campus



YJAK: Providing Jewish Community for Young Adults from Near and Far

Members of our new young adult consortium age from 21 to 35 years old. Members of the group come from Tennessee, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Michigan, Florida and even Israel, to name a few. Not only is **YJAK (Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville)** full of young faces, but it's also in its infancy of being an existing group.

There has been an immediate impact on our community.

Last year, there were six people within that age range who donated a total of around \$350 to the KJA annual campaign. Since the installation of this group, both of those numbers have risen. There are now 19 donors within the age range, and they have raised close to \$1,000.

YJAK members also participated in Mitzvah Day projects, helped build a table at the new Family Promise playground, and one member has even become an advisor for the BBYO Winick AZA boys.

To show our gratitude, we threw the first ever YJAK Appreciation Dinner. The four course meal and drink pairings were prepared by fellow YJAK member and talented local chef Laurence Faber.

The young adults in the group have been able to meet and socialize with other Jewish people their age with whom they would have otherwise never met.

The group is free to join and fully funded by the Natalie and Mitchell Robinson Community Enrichment Fund and the David Blumberg Youth Leadership Award Fund.



Michal Kaplan, Tomer Lance, Brian Fane, Alexandra Gellis, Anna Iroff-Bailey, Jared Iroff-Bailey, and Justin Short smile for a picture in between bites at the YJAK Appreciation Dinner.

Laurence Faber, Greg Sutton and Sarah Steffan prepare the Spring Salad with charred asparagus, poached egg, foraged mushrooms, hollandaise and sumac.

Have you made your
2015 KJA Contribution yet?
Donate online: www.jewishknoxville.org

KJA Archives Volunteer.....

By Marian Jay

About a year ago, I joined the KJA Archives Committee. Helping to maintain the history and integrity of the Archives materials felt like the right thing to do since retiring from Heska Amuna Synagogue. Working with the committee has been interesting and I've gotten a real kick out of looking at old and new pictures of people, events, programs, and historic happenings.

So, what is the Knoxville Jewish Community Archives of Knoxville and East Tennessee? Its mission statement says: *The archives serve as a repository of East Tennessee Jewish history with an emphasis on Knoxville and its environs. The Archives collects, catalogues, houses, and preserves historical materials that document the contributions and growth of the individuals and their predecessors who comprise the Knoxville and upper East Tennessee Jewish community. Its purpose is to maintain secure storage of these historical materials while making them accessible to community members and other researchers. At a minimum, these methods of storage and retrieval should lend themselves to the following important uses: genealogy; creation of scholarly papers, popular feature articles or books; exhibitions within the Jewish community or the larger community, and creation of history-based programming.*

What can we do for you? The archives are here for you – for your viewing pleasure, for research, or whatever you need. Does your teen have a school project and need a topic? Consider having them use the archives to write an article about Jewish Knoxville.

What can you do for us? Subject to space considerations, the KJA Archives accepts donations of materials including lifecycle announcements, biographical sketches, photographs, organizational or business records of current or former members of the Knoxville or East Tennessee Jewish community. We also accept monetary donations to assist with Archives maintenance. See a list of items we collect on the KJA website at www.jewishknoxville.org/archives.

What's in the KJA Archives?

There are lots of answers to this question...some bring smiles, some bring tugs of memory...and some add to our permanent knowledge of who we are, what we are...and what we were. Here is an overview of some of the most important categories.



A nearly complete record of "Jewish Community" history as written in JCC newsletters.

Beginning more than 70 years ago with *The Center Menorah*, continuing with *The Voice* and today's *Ha'Kol*.

Oral History Project. Interviews with "elders," leaders and other members of the community with special interest in Knoxville Jewish life. Audiotaped interviews began in 1983 and have morphed into ongoing video interviews today.

Records of Jewish Institutions and Organizations in Knoxville and East Tennessee. Incomplete but fascinating documents, minutes, newsletters, and events of Heska Amuna Synagogue, Temple Beth El, Hadassah, BBYO, AJCC, Johnson City and Oak Ridge institutions.

Photo Collection. Photos of individuals, organizations, businesses, and events related to the Knoxville Jewish community.

Biographical Collection. Individual files collected by the Archives Committee, on people and families in the community, including news clippings, b'nai mitzvah programs, wedding announcements and obituaries.

Cemetery Records. The KJA Archives has records and photographs of those buried in the Knoxville Jewish cemeteries, the Oak Ridge Jewish cemetery, and the Middlesboro, Kentucky Jewish cemetery. Work is underway to compile and create databases that can be searchable online and at the KJA Archives.

The records of Jewish organizations and institutions help tell the story of what a community WAS...and what a community IS today. A community is built on what happened in the past, and maintained and nurtured by people who want to see it flourish in the present and the future. The Archives of the Jewish Community of Knoxville and East Tennessee is a storehouse for revealing that historical tale of the Jewish Community of Knoxville and East Tennessee. The Archives are here for YOU and YOUR FAMILY....please use us to stimulate conversation, community projects, school projects, or just familiarizing yourself with your "home town." You won't be sorry.

Jewish Family Services Assistive Devices Loan Closet

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Jewish Family Services Director

Many of you may not be aware that Jewish Family Services loans assistive devices out to members of our community. There is no charge for this program and there is presently no limit on how long you can keep a loaned item. Currently, JFS has the following items available to loan:

- Wheelchairs, including one transport wheelchair
- Walkers, both standard and rollator
- Three-in-one commodes
- Elevated toilet seat
- Adult bed rail
- Shower seat



If you have any assistive devices that you would like to donate to Jewish Family Services, you would be doing a great mitzvah for members of our community in need—if we ever wind up with more equipment than we have room more, we donate duplicate items to another community organization for their loan closet. Please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 extension 18 or lberry@jewishknoxville.org.

Why I Support the KJA Campaign



“I support the KJA as they do great things in Knoxville and our Israel sister city of Hadera.”

Mark Barkan

Why UT Hillel is Important to Me

By Jesse Feld, KJA program manager and former Hillel member

Six short years ago, I was a freshman student at the University of Tennessee. At that point, I didn't know exactly what I wanted from my college experience. If someone asked me then, my preference would have probably been a national championship for the Vols.

I definitely did not get that...but, what I did get was far more valuable.

I earned a degree, made strong bonds and friendships, and thanks to UT Hillel, I learned who I was; a Jew who loves living and being Jewish.

What is provided by our community, through Hillel Director Deborah Oleshansky is a comfortable, at home and relaxed environment. At a time in most people's lives when religion is often put on the back burner, Hillel made it easy and even cool to continue living Jewishly.

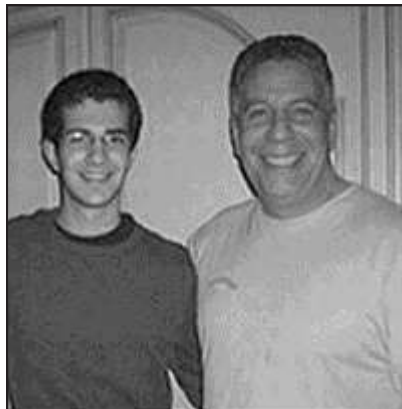
I would not have celebrated Shabbat, gone to a Passover seder, or gone to a Chanukah party on my own. It was Deborah and the Hillel student leadership who helped me feel comfortable being Jewish at college here in East Tennessee, where the Jewish scene isn't the largest.

The first year I was at UT, Rosh Hashanah was in the middle of the week. I could not go home for services so I leaned on Hillel to help get me from my freshman dorm to a synagogue.

I made a call asking for a ride for myself and a friend.

Sure enough, my friend and I were picked up the morning of Rosh Hashanah by Jeff Gubitz, the man who would later become my boss, mentor, and friend.

Thanks to this program, I was able to make friendships and connections that have stuck with me and seriously shaped my life.



Then freshman Jesse Feld with THEN UT coach Bruce Pearl.

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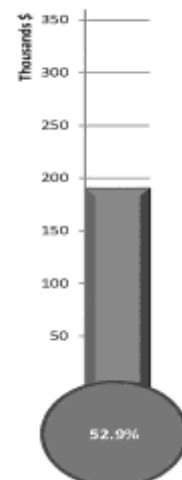
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May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30p Last day of Religious School-TBE	4 7:00a minyan-HA 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 3:30p AJCC Preschool staff-AL 5:30-7p Archives-BR 6p AIPAC-AJCC 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	5 4:30-8p Piano Lessons-Media Room 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 6p Exec Brd-TBE	6 10a Tai Chi-JCOR Noon-Bereavement Support Group-AJCC 6-6:30p Aftercare Staff-BR 6:45-9p Fencing-AJCC Gym	7 Lag B'Omer 7:00a minyan-HA 7:30-9:30p Israeli dancing -AJCC	8 5:30p Tot Shabbat-HA 7:30p Shabbat Service-TBE	9 9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR
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WITH
OUR
GRADS

Send Info on Your High School/College Grads

The **Ha'Kol** will publish a listing of community high school and college graduates in the July issue. Please send information (name, school attended, awards and honors, future plans—education, military, employment,) to jyork@jewishknoxville.org by June 5.



K N O X V I L L E



Kalissa Parsons, Sarah Perez, and Rachel Margulies at the BBYO Spring Formal held at the AJCC.

Yyyy

The BBYO Spring Formal was held Saturday evening, March 7 at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center.

H A P P E N I N G S

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 jjork@jewishknoxville.org or to Ha'Kol newsletter, c/o Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

- ★ **Esther Sitver**, daughter of Joe Sitver and Anita Kay, first place for her painting entitled *Whole Wheat Tech* at the the Dogwood Arts Synergy student art show. She is a junior at Bearden High School.
- ★ **Rachel Brown**, daughter of Ken and Susan Brown, has been accepted into this summer's American Singers Opera Project in Winston Salem, NC.
- ★ **Ben Gibbons**, a West High School student, placed third in the papers division at the East Tennessee History Day competition, which drew 370 middle and high school students from six counties. Ben is the son of Melinda and Tony Gibbons.
- ★ **Andrew Messing**, a UT junior in computer engineering, recently presented a TEDx talk entitled *The 3D Printing Game Changer*. His presentation and that of **Erin Darby**, a AJCC Preschool parent and UT faculty member who has presented some great programs at the AJCC, can be found at www.tedxutk.com.
- ★ **Miriam Kramer**, daughter of Andy and Dina Kramer, has been named as *Mashable's* First Space Reporter. Mashable is a leading source for news, information & resources for the Connected Generation. Mashable reports on the importance of digital innovation and how it empowers and inspires people around the world. Kramer will pioneer a new beat on space sciences for *Mashable* as it expands its science coverage. She can be found on Twitter at [@mirikramer](https://twitter.com/mirikramer).



Whole Wheat Tech

Littmann Named Second BOV Professor

Mark Littmann, Professor and Hill Chair of Excellence in Science Writing in the School of Journalism and Electronic Media, has been selected as the second recipient of the CCI Board of Visitors Professorship.



Littmann has a long and distinguished scholarly record of translating science for the public as well as researching the roots of science communication. He has published five books with one, *Totality: Eclipses of the Sun*, having third editions published in both hardcover and paperback. In addition he has a long list of peer-reviewed articles in both communication and science journals. He has been active in acquiring external funding from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health in excess of \$250,000 from four projects.

The BOV Professorship, currently held by Chancellor's Professor Carol Tenopir, was made possible by generous gifts from donors including current and former members of the college's Board of Visitors. The 3-year rotating professorship was established to recognize and reward outstanding CCI faculty members whose research, creative activity, teaching, and academic and professional service have uniquely contributed to the mission of their school, the college and the university.

Area AIPAC Dinner Slated for May 4

Jeffrey Stein from AIPAC's Atlanta office and the local AIPAC steering committee are pleased to announce that **Alex Vatanka**, a specialist in Middle Eastern affairs, with a particular focus on Iran, will be the speaker at the local AIPAC event on **Monday, May 4** at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive. The kosher deli dinner and program begins at 6pm. A suggested donation to AIPAC of \$100 is requested, but any donation will be gladly accepted.



Alex Vatanka

From 2006 to 2010, he was the managing editor of Jane's Islamic Affairs Analyst, based in Washington. From 2001 to 2006, he was a senior political analyst at Jane's in London where he mainly covered political developments in the Middle East. He joined the Middle East Institute as a scholar in 2007. His forthcoming book is *Iran and Pakistan: Security, Diplomacy and American Influence*.

Want to come?

Reservations can be made to Jeffrey.Stein-jstein@aipac.org



Chair's Message

Leadership and Thanks

By Barry P. Allen, Chair, Board of Trustees

Iyyar-Tamuz 5775

The timing associated with writing this article for Ha'Kol is, to say the least, awkward. The deadline to submit the May/June article is March 20. However, June is when we have our annual meeting - the specific date and agenda will be announced in the near future - but we are not in a position yet to announce the slate of officers and Board members. We will have to wait until closer to the meeting to announce the names of the people who have volunteered to assume leadership roles in the synagogue for the next two years, and to thank those whose terms have ended.

When you read this column, Passover will be an event in our rear view mirror. However, since it has not happened as of the time of my writing, I can only assume the community seder was/will be a great success, and a fun-filled learning event for all those in attendance. Many people will have been responsible for the success of the seder, from the Rabbi (who is compiling a new Haggadah from existing sources); the Rabbi and Religious Services committee; the event chairs (Gabe Spenser and Raphe Panitz? _____); the table leaders; Betty Golub and our wonderful teachers who prepared our students for the holiday; Marty Iroff, who stepped in to manage our office as we sought a successor Operations and Administration Director; and last, but not least, our kitchen supervisor, Mike Weatherly. They all deserve our thanks and gratitude, as well.

Without trying to sleight our staff, the common thread between our annual meeting and the Passover seder is the quantity and quality of our volunteer leaders and their efforts on behalf all of us. Leadership is not just a matter of an official position. It is a state of mind, a selflessness, and a generous spirit. These people are willing to spend their valuable time working to better the Jewish community. They are true treasures who deserve to be honored and cultivated, so they can mentor others, assume other leadership roles (both formal and informal), and continue to be involved in the widest range of our activities.

I would be remiss in extolling the virtues of our corps of volunteer leaders if I did not recognize the passing of a pillar of our community, a former Chair of the Board of Trustees who also served as our religious affairs President. Of course, I am referring to Arnold Schwarzbart, who was buried on March 19. Arnold epitomized the kind of leader I have described, because he was a leader in both a formal and informal sense. The eulogies described him as a renowned artist and artisan, an architect, a Judaic scholar, and a mentor and advisor to rabbis and synagogue members alike. He was characterized as always being willing to speak his mind, but never to do so in a hurtful or disrespectful way.

Arnold chose to serve the synagogue and the broader community; he certainly was not required to do so. He thought it was important to be a volunteer and, I surmise, an example for others. He could have devoted his time and attention solely to his architectural and artistic endeavors, but it is clear that he had a sense of responsibility and duty to others that transcended these skills and talents. He served as a role model to many, and gave real meaning to the word leader. We owe him a very sincere thank you for the impact he had on our community.

Fortunately for all of us, I believe Arnold knew of our gratitude and respect for many years before he left us. There is a lesson here. We should not put off thanking our volunteer leaders till after they are gone. When people stretch to serve others, when they volunteer to help better the community, we should take the time to thank them for their efforts. To all our synagogue leaders - officers, Board and committee members; volunteer teachers, artists, and musicians; participants in our religious services and events; and Sisterhood and Men's Club programmers -thank you for all that you do, and will continue to do for all of us. We are better for your efforts, as we are better for having had the privilege of Arnold in our midst for so many years.

Have a great summer.

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From the Rabbi's Desk

What is God's Weight Class?

By Rabbi Alon 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 a 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.

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!*



Events for the Coming Months

By Raphe Panitz, Ph.D., *President-Elect*

Now that Pesach has come and gone, we can look forward to other events happening at Heska Amuna during the months of May and June. Our **weekly minyanim continue**, on Mondays and Thursdays, at 7:00 a.m. I urge you to try to attend one or more of these services. Your presence helps to get a minyan for those who are saying Kaddish and to read Torah. Following the service, those in attendance, the “minyanaires,” often go to breakfast together at a local restaurant and enjoy each other’s company.

Our **Sunset Minyan**, the traditional Friday evening Shabbat service, continues. The service, led by Jack Love, is inspiring and helps prepare you for the Shabbat. **Friday Evening Chill**, led by Anna and Jared Iroff-Bailey, is scheduled for May and June. It is a popular and well attended program and includes a tasty meal and a lively, entertaining service.

Our **Shabbat services**, led by Rabbi Alon Ferency and assisted by many volunteers, continue during the months of May and June. If you wish to help lead the services, you can sign up at www.heskaauman.org.

This year, the Festival of Shavuot begins on Saturday Night, May 23 and continues through May 25. We will have our annual **Tikkun Leyl Shavuot** on Saturday night, beginning around 9:30 p.m. The Tikkun includes informative study sessions, a challenging Jewish Trivia quiz (with prizes for the winners), and delicious deserts. Monday, May 25, is the Second Day of Shavuot, when we recite Yizkor.

Looking ahead to July, **Michael Panitz**, rabbi of Temple Israel in Norfolk, VA, will once again be a guest rabbi/teacher. Michael was here last summer and thoroughly enjoyed conducting the Shabbat services and teaching a class on Sunday morning.

I look forward to seeing you on Shabbat and other occasions. Thank you and shalom to all.

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.



*The Rabbi and Religious Services Committee
and Heska Amuna Sisterhood
Present*

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Shavuot Study Session

Saturday, May 23
9:30 p.m. to midnight



Join us for an evening of study, games, and desserts
Discover fascinating new facets of the Book of Ruth
Enjoy Sisterhood's delicious dairy desserts
Test your knowledge of Jewish history in a trivia contest

RSVP to the synagogue by emailing us at
admin@heskaamuna.org or calling 522-0701

Heska Amuna Religious School News

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

It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone at HARS. I would like to share with you highlights of the 5775 School Year:

- ★ Joint Faculty Meeting with Congregation B'nai Zion - Chattanooga
- ★ Our first ever Pool Party to celebrate the opening of HARS
- ★ Middle School Program for 6th, 7th and 8th graders
- ★ Prozdor meets for coffee and donuts every Sunday
- ★ Once a month, Prozdor class is held out of synagogue
- ★ Sukkot dinner and Sukkah decorating
- ★ Shabbat School
- ★ Combining Tot Shabbat with Friday Night Chill
- ★ Trip to the Knoxville Zoo
- ★ Global Day of Learning
- ★ Etgar Yesodi curriculum integrated within our curriculum
- ★ Our first-ever Shema Pajama Party
- ★ Tu B'Shevat Family Education
- ★ Mitzvah Day
- ★ Purim Palooza
- ★ Purim Play and Megillah reading
- ★ Passover Adventure and Seder
- ★ New computer lab and a giant thank you to the Sturm family
- ★ Maccabiah for HARS
- ★ Shabbat Chinuch

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"TO STUDY AND TO LEARN"



I would like to thank the Chair of the Board Barry Allen, President Jenifer Ohriner, Vice President of Education, Education Committee Chair Barbara Mintz; Nancy Becker and the Winick Library, Bradley Drew, our very supportive parents, and my wonderful staff: Nigel Lay, Emily Roberts, Jesse Feld, Sharon Soleman, Nathan Light, Lev Comstock, Jennye Merrell, Charlene Gubitz, Adam Rowe and Anna Iroff-Bailey.

I would like to say Mazel Tov to Lilly Sitver on her upcoming Bat Mitzvah. May she continue her journey of lifelong Jewish Education!

I am looking forward to our 5776 School Year. We will begin our new school year on Sunday, August 16, 2015 with a Pool Party at the AJCC. Parents, mark your calendars for a fun family-friendly day.

Calendar Dates to Remember

Sunday, May 3	Last Day of Religious School
Saturday, May 9	Shabbat Chinuch
Saturday, May 23	Erev Shavuot
Sunday, May 24	Shavuot
Monday, May 25	Shavuot, Yiskor, and Memorial Day

Mitzvah of the Month Ahavat Tziyon – Love Israel

This month eat a fruit or vegetable that is grown in Israel.

Please join us
Saturday morning, May 9
at 9:30 a.m.
for a special
Shabbat Chinuch
celebrating our students
and teachers.

Annual meeting?
Pics from seder or seder prep?
FriNite Chill?

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Permanent Schedule

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

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

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

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

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Among Our Members

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

Today Rabah to **the Iroff Family** for all your help with the Chanukah Celebration. Thank you to **Maia Rosenberg** for all of your help around the synagogue.

We appreciate your time and the effort on behalf of the shul.



For Heska Amuna Synagogue kitchen use inquiries or to sponsor a kiddush, please contact Mike Weatherly at mikeweatherly@heskaamuna.org

Contributions from Caring People

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

Donations made by April 4, 2015.

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In memory of Roslyn Shamitz
By Irv and Myrna Russotto
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In memory of Arnold Schwarzbart
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By Bob & Elaine Freeman
By Keri A Rose and family

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By Harold and Joyce Diftler
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With get-well wishes to Marilyn Burnett
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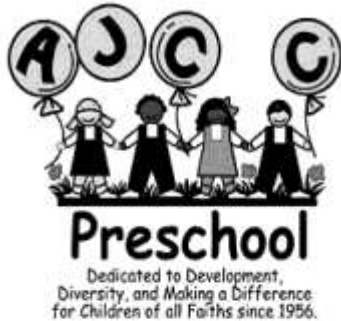
Coordinated by Heska Amuna Synagogue, Chabad of Knoxville, Temple Beth el, and Knoxville Jewish Alliance's Jewish Family Services

Wednesdays: May 6 & June 3 (noon) and May 20 & June 17 (7:30 p.m.)

Meetings will take place in the AJCC Orwitz Room (6800 Deane Hill Drive).

All welcome to attend as needed.

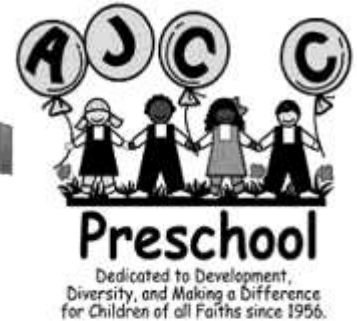
For questions or to RSVP, please contact JFS Director Laura Berry at 690-6343, ext. 18 or lberry@jewishknoxville.org.



AJCC Preschool

2015-2016

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Our Day:

Our core program runs from
9AM to 3 PM Monday through Friday

Extended hours are available from
7:30AM—6PM Monday thru Friday.

Tuition includes our core program, morning snack, and a kosher-style lunch.
We proudly serve organic milk.

Program Highlights:

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Monthly Preschool Rates*:

3 days: Preschool Plan (August- May) - \$540

Annual Plan (August- July) - \$490

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Annual Plan (August-July) - \$620

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Annual Plan (August-July) - \$750

Discounts are available with annual AJCC membership.

*Prices DO NOT include extended care cost. Please see the website for complete rate list.

For more information, visit our website and www.jewishknoxville.org



TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



What Do You Believe?

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

On Friday night, May 29, three students, Stephanie Goldfeld, Elena Reineri, and Josh Oleinik will celebrate their Confirmation. More than a ceremony and service, Confirmation is tied to the Festival of Shavuot. Occurring seven weeks after Pesach, this harvest festival serves again to remind the Jewish people of the closeness of our ancestors to the soil and their dependence on nature for their livelihood. Shavuot, Pesach and Sukkot are characterized as “pilgrimage festivals,” for on these days Jews brought thanksgiving offerings of their harvests to the Temple in Jerusalem.

Shavuot is also known as *Z'man matan Torateinu* -- the time of the Giving of our Torah. The celebration of receiving the Torah as a “recurring gift” gives Shavuot its spiritual and ethical dimensions. Torah is a unique gift to each generation and our Confirmands represent the newest generation. When they attach their bracelets with those already in our Ark, they are making an important statement about their personal beliefs and their intentions of living a Jewish life.

During our year in Confirmation, these young people have explored, examined and discussed their beliefs, doubts, and questions. They are in the process of creating their personal framework for the next stage in their lives. Let me share with you one of the exercises we completed and suggest that you do the same.

Which of the following do you believe are essential to being a good Jew?

- a. Accepting one’s Jewishness and not hiding it.
- b. Contributing to Jewish philanthropies.
- c. Supporting Israel.
- d. Supporting all humanitarian causes.
- e. Belonging to a synagogue.
- f. Leading an ethical life.
- g. Attending worship services.
- h. Observing the dietary laws.
- i. Having mostly Jewish friends.
- j. Marrying within the Jewish faith.
- k. Believing in God.

Prioritizing your responses may not be as easy or clear cut as you imagine. Through our Religious School curriculum (culminating with Confirmation), we strive to teach, inspire and challenge our youth to think, experience and internalize Jewish living. We, as a congregation, have a tremendous impact on this process of shaping and influencing the next generation. I invite you to be part of this sacred moment in their lives and in the life of our Temple on Friday, May 29 at 7:30 p.m.

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Please note these two important reminders:

- ★ **Sunday morning, May 24**, the Yizkor/memorial service starts at 10:30 a.m.
- ★ **Starting June 5**, early Shabbat summer services begin at 6:00 p.m.

A Year of Wisdom, Learning and Clarity Gained

By Liz Gassel, TBE President

We have Barred Owls in our neighborhood and can hear their loud hooting at dusk, at dawn and sometimes in the middle of the night. They are elusive, very difficult to see. If we happen to be out at dusk, we sometimes have the pleasure of spotting a dark shadow of outspread wings flying over us or an enormous football-shaped silhouette perched on the limb of the oak in our front yard. These huge birds thankfully are able to share the urban forest of Knoxville with us.

Throughout history, an owl was often an unwanted guest that brought a feeling of doom. Others saw good qualities in owls and considered them good luck. They also see in the dark, and it's believed that they aid us in seeing through deception either in others or oneself. In Buddhism, the owl represents the solitude needed for meditation. Today an owl usually symbolizes wisdom and learning.

So why do I bring up this bird to you? A year into my presidency, I feel a lot wiser. This spring, the owl serves as my symbol of the wisdom and learning gained, clarity and transparency increased. Unlike the owl's elusive nature, the job of the presidency has been revealed and out in the light of day. I feared that this job might overwhelm me with competing demands and I would be drawn down to my doom in a vortex of conflicting opinions. Those fears have not materialized.

In the process of preparing a report for our annual meeting on May 14, it has become clear to me how much we can accomplish. We have been having that cogent and frank exchange of ideas I requested last January. Day by day, the work might take many steps, turns and twists and might feel piecemeal and unattainable. In retrospect, the completed work is impressive and I want to remind you of where we are today.

New committee work, projects and staff changes we debated for a long time, now are established or in process. To describe just a few:

- A House and Property committee with an enthusiastic chair. Green initiatives in place or in planning like single stream recycling and less use of 'throw away' paper goods. New approaches to energy savings, revised procedures for event planning and programming, and an Emergency Planning Manual, all in process. A new custodian/maintenance technician at work since February.
- An astute office administrator, who works very hard to accommodate all members' needs often before the need arises. Working tirelessly to keep our Temple communications and publicity up to date and detailed, she has taken responsibility for *The Blast*, part of the website and our *Ha'Kol* Bulletin section. She is the professional Temple Beth El representative greeting and assisting the public and you, the membership.
- A restored Adult Education Committee working together to provide a variety of approaches to study.
- A Membership Committee offering 'audacious hospitality' to all. The crowded Wine and Cheese get together before KJA Shabbat in February is an example of their work.
- Library and Library Gallery Committees working jointly to provide upgraded and appealing library space and to bring us 'close up' access to Jewish art and artist.
- A TBE Community Seder, this year organized and prepared by an all new set of volunteers from the congregation.
- A 150th Anniversary Year of exemplary events, programs and fundraising as well as a Religious School continuing project of '150 Mitzvot' which included a donation raised by the students for the KJA annual campaign.
- A Sisterhood with recent projects including a Sisterhood/Brotherhood Hot Dogs and Hamentaschen Purim 'face off' to raise money for the Religious School (It was a draw!), a Sisterhood Shabbat and a Joint Sisterhood-Religious School Dinner and Shabbat to honor Random Acts of Flowers and its founder Larsen Jay.
- A Rabbi and Religious School working to develop engaged Jewish students who can confidently lead services, accomplish the work and training for their B'nai Mitvah and Confirmation and proceed on their way to becoming Jewish Adults.

In the near future, look for a new effort to explore and examine the shape of our TBE future. Your input is crucial. You'll also see a Social Committee forming and seeking your help with ideas for programs and entertainment. First up for consideration - a progressive dinner!

You, Temple Beth El, have offered a strong sense of support and belonging that is very encouraging to me and I hope to you. I try to stay aware and active in the work of your committees. I have been consistently included in committee meetings, conversations, and decision-making. You have your priorities and project schedules and I hope that I contribute to the process of bringing good ideas to fruition and crises resolved. In that process, I have had the opportunity to get to know so many of you better. As I said in my message last July, we are happiest when we are part of something greater than ourselves. For me, that is truly the case.

It's Summertime....

Now we begin a more casual summer schedule. We offer Kabbalat Shabbat every Friday at 6:00 p.m. in June and July. Sometimes we'll worship on the back patio. A cookout is scheduled for June 12 with the TBE Board Installation. Plan to use your time at TBE to develop new relationships. Make some new friends and go out to dinner after the service. Or, if you are coming straight from work, bring a bottle of wine, some crackers and cheese, and we'll set up a Kiddush Wine Bar before the service to stave off your hunger until dinner. This is your place! The potential to deepen our relationships this coming year starts now.

Annual Temple Beth El
Congregational Meeting
Thursday, May 14 — 7:00 p.m.
Arnstein Auditorium, Temple Beth El



- ★ Election of Officers
- ★ Annual Reports

We will vote for new Board Members and Committee Reports will be presented.
Light refreshments to follow.



Temple Beth El
**Kabbalat Shabbat/
Board Installation
and
Cookout on The Patio**

**Friday, June 12
6:00 p.m.**

Everyone Welcome!

Come Join Us

Temple Beth El Religious School May & June Update

By Norma James, normajames@tbeknox.org

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

This is a highlight for our student. Every year our program is a little different, and this year will be a great one. You won't want to miss out on this special event. We gather at 5:30 p.m. for outdoor play and a cook out followed by activities indoors, Havdalah, more food, and more fun. I am excited to invite our current 4th graders to their first Temple sleepover.

Don't Miss the May 3 dedication of our outdoor art work

Susan Arbutal has been our guest artist for this piece. She helped our students create a beautiful piece of stained glass that will be permanently installed below the patio entrance to welcome everyone to Temple Beth El. Special thanks to Jeff Arbutal for building the special outdoor frame and installing the piece.

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

All families are invited to bring a breakfast item to share. We are including our Torah Tots in this special celebration. In addition to dedicating our art piece, Rabbi Matt will do a Naming Ceremony for the children of any family who have not received a Hebrew name. Please let Rabbi know if you would like your child included. Rabbi and Norma will also have a special activity for all of the families.

Please Join our 2015 Confirmation Class May 29

The families of Elena Reineri, Josh Oleinik, and Stephanie Goldfeld invite everyone to celebrate the Confirmation of their children. This is a wonderful class. They have shown outstanding leadership this year. I can't imagine Religious School without them. Just as Consecration marks the beginning of a child's Jewish education, Confirmation marks the end of the Religious School component of education. I know that these young people will continue to be active in the Knoxville Jewish community. I hope to welcome these Confirmands back to our school as Madrichim next year and hopefully teachers someday. Please show these young people just how much we value their efforts, and join us for this Shabbat service on May 29.

Frank Sturm becomes Bar Mitzvah 10:30 Saturday, May 23

Frank has worked very hard preparing for this important service. In addition to his Hebrew training at Temple Beth El and KJDS, Frank has worked with both Rabbi Michaels and Dan Smith to prepare for this day. Frank's parents and sister, Heidi, hope you will join them at this beautiful lifecycle event. It is a great way to spend a bit of your Memorial Day weekend.

Big News about Norma!

After 40 years as a public school teacher, with 33 in Special Education and seven in English, I have decided to retire in June. To be clear, I am retiring from Robertsville Middle School in Oak Ridge and **NOT** from Temple Beth El Religious School. Actually I am looking forward to spending more of my time improving our school. I have already started working with our School and Youth committee on improvements for next year. I am excited about starting this new chapter of my life, especially having more time to spend with my grandkids!

Sisterhood Shabbat at Temple Beth El Celebrating 100 Years of Sisterhood March 20, 2015

Meredith Jaffe and Patti Austin look at items on the Sisterhood archives table.

A Braille machine donated by the family of Edith Bronstein.

Congregants visit during the Sisterhood Shabbat Oneg.



Temple Beth El Contributions

Donations listed were received as of March 20, 2015

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In memory of Anna Kolodkin Bush

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In memory of Bess Berman

By: Bud and Caren Berman

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In honor of Norma James

By: Frances Silver

Donation By: Sisterhood



FRIDAY, JULY 3

Sisterhood will host an ice cream social after service. Plan on joining us for a fun social evening.

May and June Dates to Remember

May 1	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service
May 2	5:30 p.m.	Religious School Sleepover
May 3	9:30 a.m.	Last day of Religious School
May 8	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service
May 14	7:00 p.m.	TBE Annual Meeting
May 15	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service led by AZA
May 22	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Service and Frank Sturm <i>Bar Mitzvah</i>
May 23	10:30 a.m.	Frank Sturm <i>Bar Mitzvah</i>
May 24	10:30 a.m.	(Shavuot) Yizkor Service
May 25		Memorial Day - Office Closed
May 29	7:30 p.m.	Confirmation Shabbat Service

June 5	6:00 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
June 12	6:00 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat Service/Board Installation/Cookout on the

Patio

June 19	6:00 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
June 26	6:00 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat Service

July 3		Office Closed
	6:00 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat Service w/ice cream social to follow



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Let Us Kvell Over High School/College Grads

The July 2015 issue of *Ha’Kol* will publish the community’s annual listing of community high school and college graduates. All local community members are invited to send the news of your graduates for publication.

Please send the student’s name, school attended, awards and honors, future plans—education, military, employment, and relationship (son of John and Mary Smith) to *(TBE members)* secretary@tbeknox.org or *(other Community members)* jyork@jewishknoxville.org.

Chag Pesach Sameach Chaverim!

I want to thank all of you who helped make the TBE Community Seder an especially wonderful event! Your participation made for an evening that was all about ‘Community and warmth.’

- ★ Jeffrey Kay, the food was delicious and the presentation seamless.
- ★ Volunteers in the Kitchen: Lesley Krakauer, Chuck Dickey, Alicia Carter, Patti Austin, Dahlia Smith, Deborah Roberts, Mike Pardee, Wilma Weinstein-Lomax you were superb!
- ★ Thanks also to Joel Rosenbaum for leading The Four Questions and Karen and Alan Smuckler who worked the Check –in table, Larry Markel for contributing to the Afikomen prize bags and Daniel Shenkman who worked with Tom to set up the Arnstein Social Hall.
- ★ Thanks to TBE Sisterhood for the beautiful flowers and to all members who helped with the many aspects of this evening.
- ★ Tom Strother and Tina Fleeman, without you, our plans could not be carried out.



Though Rabbi Michael’s presence was deeply missed, I hope all attendees enjoyed the evening as much as I did.

Sincerely,
Liz Gassel



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B'NEI MITZVAH

Sturm to Celebrate Bar Mitzvah at Temple Beth El



Frank Sturm

Frank Sturm will be called to the Torah on Friday, May xx at 6:00 p.m. at Temple Beth El. He will also lead services on Saturday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m. Rabbi Matt Michaels will officiate.

Frank Bernard Sturm is named after his great grandfather, Frank Bernard. He would be so proud of Frank if he were here today. The other wise men in Frank's life who have shared stories, taught him valuable life lessons and offered important advice are his grandfathers...Grandpa Evan, Grandpa Johnson, and Grandpa (Uncle) Mel.

Frank has established roots in our Jewish community. He began at Temple Beth El sitting on the Bimah steps as a toddler and attending the Sunday school program. The AJCC Preschool was the place for him for many years, swimming on the Smokin' Salmon swim team and attending Camp K'TonTon.

Frank was so happy and ready for kindergarten! Frank's years spent at the Knoxville Jewish Day School are priceless. He not only learned what it means to be Jewish, he got to experience living Jewishly each day. As parents, we feel we have truly given Frank strong Jewish roots to continue his journey.

Frank's 6th grade year at Webb School of Knoxville has been a wonderful experience! He was well prepared and blended in happily while making a few good friends.

Frank has been involved with the FC Alliance soccer program for many years and he just made the Webb soccer team, being the only sixth grader on the A team!

We are so thankful and blessed for everyone in our community who has played a part of Frank's life.

Sitver to Celebrate Simcha June 6 at Heska Amuna Synagogue

Lilly Arianna Sitver, daughter of Joe Sitver and Anita Kay, sister of Ethan and Esther, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, June 6 at Heska Amuna Synagogue. Rabbi Alon Ferency will officiate.

Lilly is an honors student in the eighth grade at Bearden Middle School. She enjoys music, fashion, shopping, YouTube, and sleeping. As a seventh grader, Lilly was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society in April 2014. She visited Charleston, South Carolina with her NJHS chapter in March. In eighth grade, Lilly is also a member of the Dance Team, the concert band, and co-editor of the Yearbook Committee. She has performed in the BMS talent show, Lip Sync, in 7th and 8th grade. Throughout middle school, Lilly has played clarinet in concert band and participated in Clarinet Choir and Jazz Band last year. Lilly has won outstanding student awards for clarinet in 6th grade, in writing for honors language arts in 6th grade, and in honors math in 7th grade. She was nominated by BMS teachers for the Bruin award in 6th and 7th grade for academic excellence and citizenship. Lilly has worked hard to maintain first honors during middle school.

Last summer at age 12, Lilly performed 69 service hours for her mitzvah project. Lilly served as a teaching assistant at the Knoxville Museum of Art's Summer Art Academy. Four weeks of Lilly's summer vacation were dedicated to helping preschoolers in the 3-4 year old class. Due to her big sister Esther's previous work at KMA, Lilly was able to be one of KMA's youngest volunteers.

Cousins Harvey and Marilyn Liberman and the Sitver family look forward to sharing Lilly's simcha with their Knoxville friends and the Jewish community. Relatives and friends will be traveling from Arizona, Arkansas, California, Georgia, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Washington to attend this special day.



Lilly Arianna Sitver



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Community Women's Seder Draws a Crowd

More than 80 women of various faiths gathered for the 8th Community Women's Seder. Traditional Passover foods were enjoyed. Over \$2,200 was raised for Girls Incorporated. Girls Inc. inspires young girls to be strong, smart, and bold - providing tutoring, sports, and activities.



The 8th Community Women's Seder creates lots of smiles.



May/June Hosts and Hostesses

- May 2** Alice Feldman & Albert Good,
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- May 9** Anne & Eli Greenbaum, Rita Hohenbrink
- May 16** Katie & Meir Niad, Elena & Carlos
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- May 23** Mira Kimmelman, Peggy and Randy Laxton
- May 30** Shelby & Mark Kay, Barbara & Larry Landau
- June 6** Vera & Leon Maya,
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- June 27** Fran Silver, Jill & Stuart Chasan,
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Heska Amuna Synagogue

May 2

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May 9

Paul Cawn ♦ Max Friedman ♦ Stanley Duhan ♦ Esther Millen ♦ Lottie Siegel ♦ Beatrice Goldstein ♦ Flora Hasden ♦ Pearl Austin ♦ Isaac Cooper ♦ Howard Greenbaum ♦ Sidney Licht ♦ William Russler ♦ Sandra Levinstone ♦ Benjamin Weinstein ♦ Hymie Billig ♦ Sharon Brietstein ♦ Gary Miller ♦ Sarah Miller ♦ Hannah Moskowitz ♦ Sanford Weinstein ♦ Carolyn Bertram Lillian Drutz ♦ Nat Nisenson

May 16

Kate Caller ♦ Mary Milford ♦ Joe Smith ♦ Isadore Abrams ♦ Rachel Davis ♦ Frank Robinson ♦ Linda Cohen ♦ Philip Levine Yachel Wender ♦ Sidney Burnett ♦ Jacob Ellin ♦ David Garber ♦ Samuel Grusin ♦ Samuel Lavine ♦ Jack Poloway ♦ Bernard Schanowitz ♦ Everett Young ♦ Ruth Kahan ♦ Bea Kaplan ♦ Isaac Resnick ♦ Katherine Soss ♦ Brayne Geller

May 23

Anne Fuson ♦ Philip Chazen ♦ Julia Eichwald ♦ Reva Zussman ♦ Bernard Iroff ♦ Sam Nius ♦ Celia Cohen ♦ Sarah Weinstein Melba Werfel ♦ William Jaffe ♦ Saul Garber ♦ Benjamin Togonal ♦ Sarah Sachs ♦ Lester Berry ♦ Ellen Chayet ♦ Sam Danenberg ♦ Pessa Gurwin ♦ Ethel Rosenberg

May 30

Abraham Jacobs ♦ Leon Leibowitz ♦ Hyman Strauss ♦ Sylvia Allen ♦ Ida Brown ♦ Lenny Shapiro ♦ Amelia Strauss ♦ Sol Leeds ♦ Nathan Robinson ♦ Ed Balloff ♦ Parril Zeff ♦ Bek Hurvich ♦ Lillian Millner ♦ Nettie Secaul ♦ Louis Tobe ♦ Morris Werner ♦ Rachel Resnick ♦ Sarah Sachs ♦ Claire Shulman ♦ Morris Beber ♦ Alice Landis ♦ Morris Rosenblatt

June 6

George Gourse ♦ Sarah Euster ♦ Sarah Gershek ♦ Ellen Goldberg ♦ Thelka Naumann ♦ Sarah Poloway ♦ Herbert Smullian ♦ George Adlin ♦ Adele Bernard ♦ Frances Sabler ♦ Claude Schulhof

June 13

Esther Kay ♦ Max Rosen ♦ Irene Baskin ♦ Harry Lipshin ♦ Samuel Love ♦ Jennie Rosenblatt ♦ Seena Allen ♦ Albert Eisenstadt ♦ Isaac Green ♦ Harry Gurwin ♦ Victor Hanan ♦ Selma Corkland ♦ Louis Edelman ♦ Esther Spiegelman ♦ Doris Weinstein ♦ Scott Wolf ♦ Sylvia Kelman ♦ Edith Rosenthal ♦ Ben Mazur ♦ Robert Sabler ♦ Zelda Siegel ♦ Sylvan Zemel ♦ Santa Floyd

June 20

Sol Berry ♦ Jacob Klein ♦ Murray Baskin ♦ Abraham Collins ♦ George Fayerman ♦ Fannie Russler ♦ Beatrice Beber ♦ Randy Rudnick ♦ Israel Dyller ♦ Homer Kramer ♦ Bernard Marvet ♦ Lily Pincus ♦ Eli Wurm ♦ Susan Drayer ♦ Rebecca Forstein ♦ Carol Glasman ♦ Marvin Ohriner ♦ Morton Simpson

June 27

Ida Hurvich ♦ Rose Robinson ♦ Joseph Weinbren ♦ Dorothy Blue ♦ Jennie Friedman ♦ Annie Cohen ♦ Rebecca Fayonsky ♦ Erma Levin ♦ Gerald Millen ♦ Bradley Sturm ♦ Emma Burnett ♦ Moses Greenberg ♦ Zelda Baskin ♦ Harold Brownstein ♦ Lewis Littmann ♦ Anna Richer ♦ Marshall Stern

JAHREZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

May 1

Joseph Ades ♦ Rae Allen ♦ David M. Baker ♦ Adell Robinson Bernard ♦ Erwin Coleman ♦ Margaret Crohn ♦ John Martin Elston ♦ Dorothy B. Goldberger ♦ Leopold Levi ♦ Mathilde Wolff Levi ♦ Joseph Levitt, Sr. ♦ Naum Safro ♦ Aaron David Silverman ♦ Mark Ian Simon ♦ Rabbi Jacob Voorsanger

May 8

Flora Brody ♦ David Bush ♦ Mary Lillian Dees ♦ Abraham Factor ♦ Shirly B. Goodfriend ♦ Maurice Phineas Greif ♦ Mary Ella Hicks ♦ Milton Lebovitz ♦ Hannah Licht ♦ Alma Moss ♦ Dorothy Sachs ♦ Carl Silver ♦ Mr. Nick Wadsworth ♦ Harry Walowitz ♦ Rose Kipnes West ♦ Bess Zipser

May 15

Joice Brown ♦ Verne Canner ♦ Saralee Cohn ♦ Lucie A. Fribourg ♦ Morris Goldfarb ♦ Mr. Robert Ivins ♦ Hymen T. Kern ♦ David Nathan Koffman ♦ Rosa Ostrovskiy ♦ Gilbert H. Parish ♦ Elisabetta Puntieri ♦ Ethel Rosenberg ♦ Sheldon Rosenberg ♦ Ruth Kronenberger Sherrill ♦ Bessie Teitelbaum ♦ Cecilia Zimmerman

May 22

Lawrence Arnold Allen ♦ Althea Almeda Brakebill ♦ Louis Brenner ♦ Bea Jaffe ♦ Sam Kadison ♦ David Kahn ♦ Frances Dickey Patton ♦ David Prial ♦ Minnie Victor ♦ Louis Werner ♦ Doris Winnick

May 29

Uriel Alayev ♦ Morris Beber ♦ Rhoda Blumenfeld ♦ Katherine Caller ♦ Philip Davis ♦ Cecile Feinberg ♦ Harry Goldberger ♦ Alexander Gompertz ♦ Carolyn Greif ♦ Rose Bank Gudis ♦ Jeanette Hyatt ♦ E. Max Kesselman ♦ Maurice Konigsberg ♦ Stephen Lieberman ♦ Anny I Marx ♦ Jakob Marx ♦ Harold Pomerantz ♦ Joseph Sandberg ♦ Nathan Harry Smith ♦ Harvey Smuckler ♦ Kathrine B. Soss ♦ Charles Clarence Strasburger ♦ Annie S. Taylor ♦ Esther Yadgaroff

June 5

Marie Nordmann Brunschwig ♦ Florence R Gluck ♦ Grace Goldberger ♦ Sabby Hazen ♦ Nathan Marks ♦ Friedel S Nash ♦ Frederick Lewis Otte ♦ Elizabeth Pardee ♦ Dewey Reich ♦ William W. Waxelbaum ♦ Anna Wender ♦ Mose Zavels

June 12

Fred Aron ♦ Beatrice Beber ♦ Mr. Elliott Boxerbaum ♦ Vincenza David ♦ George Gluck ♦ Virginia Gluck ♦ Dorothee Heller ♦ Ian Kinney ♦ Ann S. Klein ♦ Esther Margolina ♦ Julius Orovan ♦ Ruth Rockower ♦ Edith C. Smith ♦ Herman Teitelbaum ♦ Richard Wayburn ♦ Ron Young

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June 26

Charlotte Bain ♦ Ben Brown ♦ Shirley Vivian Cohen ♦ Sally Deitch ♦ Morris Gluck ♦ Sylvia Hahn ♦ Elizabeth Handler ♦ Stephen Kelleher ♦ Max Licht ♦ Harry Gunter Marx ♦ Robert M Michaels ♦ F. Joseph Miller ♦ Lowell Nisely ♦ Abraham Plachter ♦ Lillian Pomerantz ♦ Edward Reich ♦ Rose Sanders ♦ Samuel Spiro ♦ Bradley Sturm ♦ Mamie Voorsanger ♦ Paula Zatlin ♦



Hadassah Highlights



Sunday May 17th

At the AJCC

Hadassah Knoxville's

Bye Bye BBQ

For information on what time and more, contact
Elizabeth Spenser at
elspenserpstcc@gmail.com

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!

Also, watch your email for an announcement from Hadassah

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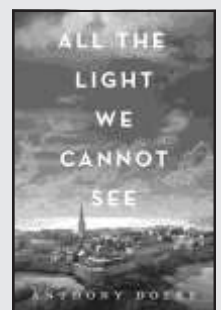
Hadassah Book Club News

By Peggy Littmann, plittmann@comcast.net

We'll be meet at 7:30 p.m., May 19 to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr. We meet in the coffee shop area, at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Kingston Pike. Any interested women from the greater Knoxville Area are most welcome to join us. Please contact Peggy Littmann plittmann@comcast.net, or cell (865) 776-1013 with questions.

June's selection not yet confirmed, please check the Hadassah website at jewishknoxville.org.

From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning Anthony Doerr, the beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant New York Times bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. Doerr's "stunning sense of physical detail and gorgeous metaphors" (San Francisco Chronicle) are dazzling. Deftly interweaving the lives of Marie-Laure and Werner, he illuminates the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another. Ten years in the writing, *All the Light We Cannot See* is a magnificent, deeply moving novel from a writer "whose sentences never fail to thrill" (Los Angeles Times).



Tower Tidbits: From Under the Bus to Top of the World

Liana Alvarez was still conscious when she was brought to Hadassah Hospital. She was run over by a bus.

Alvarez, 36, had taken part in the October 27 Jewish Women's Renaissance Project for moms, an eight day first trip to Israel. Born in Baku, Azerbaijan, she's had little Jewish education before immigrating to the U.S when she was 18. She'd learned a lot and bonded with the other moms. She kept wishing that her husband could be there to share her experience. She and another participant named Stacy were walking up the steep roadway to the King Solomon hotel when suddenly a bus came careening down. There was no place to dodge it. Liana tumbled and screamed "stop, stop, stop," but the bus was on top of her. "Loads of people were there. I was feeling wooly. There were sirens. My clothes were being cut away, but why weren't they taking me out?"

Liana didn't realize she was still under the wheel of the bus. The Fire Department had to jack up the bus to free her.

Dr. Miklosh Bala received her.

"She was agitated, didn't know what had happened," said Dr. Bala, Director of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery Unit "She was very badly injured and in shock so that she couldn't understand the enormity of what had happened to her.

"We put her out. She was intubated and sedated. She was like a puzzle that needed to be put together again. First we had to stop the bleeding. In such a case, we're not sure what to do first. We needed to open her stomach. We needed to close off the bleeding arteries. The orthopedists needed to fix the bones. She had an open pelvic fracture from which half the patients die. "

Hadassah summoned its top team of experts. Said orthopedic trauma expert Prof Rami Mosheiff: "The initial treatment of an open pelvic fracture is critical in order to save the life of the patient. As we routinely do in Hadassah under these urgent circumstances, a combined approach of general surgeons, orthopedic surgeons and plastic surgeons was applied.

"Our job was to fix the pelvis immediately after the abdominal surgery. This is urgent in order to avoid farther deterioration. She underwent an urgent angiography as well in order to treat the internal bleeding into the pelvis. Later on she underwent a few more surgical procedures on the soft tissue."

With such devastating injuries most patients who have undergone this never get to the hospital. They die on the spot.

"It's not just the bones," said Dr. Bana. "Think that the muscles, the skin of the buttocks were destroyed. Necrosis, and infections set in, This is a huge challenge of case managements.

"Hardest was to change bandages. We had to anesthetize her."

Having a private room made all the difference, said Dr. Bana. "She had a much better chance of surviving in the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower."

"Throughout the ordeal, I was optimistic, but wouldn't allow myself a vacation day while she was under my care. One slip up and she would die."

It helped to be able to speak to her in Russian, her native language and Dr. Bala's. He was born in Russia, to two doctors, and made Aliyah after finishing medical school there. He graduated from Moscow Medical Academy and Grodno State Medical University, in Rodno, Belarus. He did his residency in surgery at Hadassah beginning in 2000, when the intifada began. His experience with terror victims exposed him to trauma medicine in which he later specialized. He is married to a physician and one of this two children served as an IDF medic in Protective Edge last summer.

Thank goodness, the treatment went like clockwork. "We got it right," says Dr. Bala. "And she was a remarkable, upbeat patient who did everything we asked of her to get better."

Her husband Angel Alvarez came to help. "It wasn't how I expected to get him to see Israel," said Liana, cheerful throughout the painful treatment. Her parents took care of their children, Jonathan 12 and Juliet, 6.

"The doctors are brilliant," she said. "I know they saved my life."

On January 3, Liana Alvarez walked out of the hospital. She's returned to Brooklyn where she was quickly dismissed from a rehabilitation facility because she'd done so well at Hadassah. We speak with her often and know how joyful she is to be reunited with her family.

***Research at Hadassah: Dr. Mikosh Bala in Research: World Journal of Emergency Surgery:** Looking beyond discharge: clinical variables at trauma admission predict long term survival in the older severely injured patient. The questions the doctor asks patients when they arrive turn out to be very important. Hadassah doctors showed that that clinical data obtained during initial hospital stay can accurately predict a patient's long term survival.

Large Certificates

Recent large certificates include:

- In memory of **Geraldine (Gerry) Diftler**, mother of Robert and Dona Diftler
- In memory of **Arnold Schwarzbart**, husband of Mary Linda Schwarzbart
- In memory of **Goldie Craycroft**, sister of Hal Manas
- In memory of **Maida Bendes**, aunt of Marian Jay
- In memory of **Jacob (Jack) Goldberg**, father of Mindy Goldberg and grandfather of Ilana and Hila Blumenthal

Large certificates can be sent in honor of someone or in memory of someone. Please let us know if you would like to send or support the mitzvah of a large certificate.

If you would like to be included on large certificates, please send a check, made payable to *Hadassah*, to Mary Ann Merrell, 2232 Fallen Oaks Drive, Knoxville, TN 37934.

Layettes

Join Hadassah in Honoring New Family Members

- **Sheldon and Jane Cohen** have a new granddaughter...her name is **Emma Lucille**
- **Bradley and Lydia Drew** have a new son and his name is **Eylan Jorden**
- **Jason and Rachel Scharfman** have a new daughter and her name is **Zahava Rose**
- **Rabbi Alon and Karen Ferency** are the proud parents of another handsome little boy, **Adin Shemaya**

Please help me welcome these new beautiful babies into the HADASSAH FAMILY by adding your name to their LAYETTE CARD. These cards will be mailed out soon, so if you haven't already contacted me, please let me know to include you.

I look forward to hearing from you if you have any questions about this important HADASSAH program.

Thanks,

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Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

The New Library/Learning Corridor

A favorite area of our “new” school is the Library/Learning Corridor. This open space uses space between the classrooms as a library, collaborative space, and an alternative setting for a quiet thoughtful work environment.

The learning that happens here takes on many forms. Parent Marcie Foster has been hard at work creating a fluid and usable space. Valuing student input and ownership, she formed a library club that surveyed students and analyzed the data to help inform decisions.

The books are shelved on beautifully hand-crafted bookshelves made by Ernie Gross. The chairs, beanbags and bistro set were purchased by the Library Club, Girl Scouts, and parents. We are thrilled by the new opportunities our dynamic space will bring.



Dylan and Heidi can quietly talk in their reading group. KJDS says “thank you Mr. Ernie” for our beautiful shelves.



STEAMing into Core Subjects

We are pleased with our *STEAM Into Service* class that meets weekly and teaches the technical side of planning and executing a project. But we are also delighted by our core subject teachers who weave this practice into the classroom. We think that technology, scientific theory and the engineering process are best understood by using them regularly as part of the overall curriculum.

K/1 Sail Boats

Many of us remember making aluminum foil boats to sail in puddles as children. Our Kindergarten/First grade teacher, Ms. Bell, gave her students an assignment to build a sailboat that looked a lot like one of those boats. They were to design and build a sailboat with a few household items. The boat had to be a “sea” worthy and sail the length of the container and be able to hold weight. After each boat was sailed, it would be weighted down until it sank. The students worked through the processes of engineering and design, but if you asked them, they would tell you they were playing with boats at school.



Louis and Amos are testing their sailboats' seaworthiness .

2/3 Lego Amusement Park

The class was given the task of using simple machines to create amusement rides for Lego men. Owen's finished project is called “The Manta Ray.” It uses a pendulum to make the car go down the track. Owen says his favorite part of the construction was adding the platform to the ride because “it would not work without the platform.” Each student's design is functional very unique. By constant testing and recalibrating, students learn that failure is part of the creative process.



4/5 Using Technology to Connect

Ms. Kari's 4th and 5th grade class will go on a trip with the Akiva School in Nashville. To get the students comfortable with each other, the two schools signed on to kidblog.com. Using this secure website will allow students from both schools to ask each other questions, find similarities and become friends before the adventure to Washington DC.

A Unique “Grager”

The students and staff had a lot of fun during our week long Purim celebration. When choosing what kind of grager to make, the Hebrew teachers took a different approach. The grager is one of the staples in any Purim celebration. Most children have made many varieties by the time they reach elementary school. This year we decided to put a little “STEAM” into our grager making. While building circuits to create the noise that the grager needs to make, the 4th and 5th graders were able to learn about electricity, the engineering process and team work. The students were given the wires, the batteries and the chime noisemaker to assemble and create the circuit. With a little help from each other and the teachers, they were all successful. The grager noise was different from most usual noisemakers but it did the trick - it drowned out Hamen's name and then some!



Solomon and Lia are ready for the sailboat challenge!

Owen really enjoyed creating the Manta Ray, a roller-coaster for Legos.

Sophie and Ben work to create the grager.

KJDS First Annual STEAM Fair

Where else in town could you make matzah bread, code a beebot, race robots, tie-dye a t-shirt, put your name in a story, make a Richard Jolly bouncy ball, watch yarn get made, taste a Brussel sprout, plant a seed and create circuits? This and more was happening at the first annual STEAM Fair at the Knoxville Jewish Day School.



(Clockwise)
CAPTION???????????

Coding sessions were led by Ms. Louise, (our curriculum coordinator), Dr. Lucas Lindsay, and our own Ms. Bell. We used the beebot, probot, iPads and laptops.

Children were fascinated with the robots brought by Chris of Bricks4Kidz.

Beardsley Farm (partnering with us for our STEAM into Service project) planted seeds for everyone to take home and plant.

KJDS's Ms. Annie taught us screen printing basics.

Gabe tries his hand at spatial puzzles brought by Louis Varriano, UT Physics Department. Louis also leads our STEM Scouts program.

AJCC Preschool's Imagination Playground was used by toddlers and older kids alike. Many structures were made - and destroyed!



A Fresh Fundraiser

On March 12, KJDS had a creative and delicious fundraiser. Families were encouraged to eat at *Zoe's Kitchen* and were able to purchase their children's artwork. *Zoe's Kitchen* is a small chain restaurant located on Bearden Hill that "was born in the Mediterranean and raised in the South." The restaurant gives back to schools in their communities by providing blank canvases for each child to create a piece of art that will be displayed, then sold with all profits going to the school. Also, on opening night, 15 percent of the restaurant sales are also donated to the school. Our amazing Art teacher, Annie Clark, arranged the event and guided the children through their creative process while making the artwork. It was a lively event with happy kids, happy parents and a grateful staff.



Samantha and her family enjoy dinner and the art.

Melissa and Michael enjoyed painting on the canvases.

Lili shows off her painting at Zoes's.



A fun dinner with our friends and families.

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If you have photos of team members, we'd love to have them.

In the spring of 1955, the Jewish Community Center's varsity basketball squad won the Knoxville Church League Championship with a 20-3 season and reached the semi-finals of the Southern Appalachian tournament.

Team members, front row, left to right: Mal **Evans**, coach; Neal **Busch** and Rodney **Wolf**, co-captains; Lou **Woolf**.

Back row: Larry **Morrison**, Harve **Stein**, Bobby **Berz**, David **Weinstein**. Not pictured: Mike **Burka**.

Neal **Busch**, son of the late George and Rose **Busch** of Knoxville, lives in Atlanta. Rodney **Wolf**, of Memphis, is the brother of Knoxville's Barry **Wolf**. Lou **Woolf** lives in Knoxville. Larry **Morrison** was a brother of the late Douglas **Morrison** and cousin of Knoxville's Mary Linda **Schwarzbart**. David **Weinstein**, of Memphis, is the brother of the late Sanford **Weinstein** and uncle of Knoxville's Douglas and Jeff **Weinstein**.

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