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From the President

By Raphe Panitz, Ph.D.

By the time this article appears in print, I will have become the president of Heska Amuna Synagogue. I deeply appreciate the warm welcome that my family and I have received from the rabbi, the chairman of the board, the officers, and all of the members of Heska Amuna. In the three years that we have been members of the shul, we have enjoyed the programs and activities and made new friends.

The cover of this month's *Ha'Kol* features a ketubah, a Jewish marriage document. That ketubah memorializes the "marriage" between God and Israel, one of the topics that we studied during this year's *Tikkun Leyl Shavuot*. The tikkun was enjoyed by all who participated in the study session and the trivia contest. A special thanks goes to the Sisterhood and the individual members of Heska Amuna who provided tasty desserts.

Looking ahead, on **Saturday night, July 25**, we will observe the Jewish fast day of Tisha B'Av. On that occasion, we commemorate the destruction of the first and second Temples, the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, and other calamities that befell the Jewish people.

Tisha B'Av falls in the month of Av; the next month is Elul, and that means that the high holy day season will be here before we know it. Selichot, the prayers recited on the Saturday night prior to Rosh Hashanah, falls this year on September 5. Look for more information about Selichot and the high holidays in the next issue of *Ha'Kol*. In the meantime, I hope you are all having an enjoyable and restful summer.



From the Rabbi's Desk Reflection for 5776

By Rabbi Alon Ferency



Our sages say that the first Passover was brief. Then, it's reported, we celebrated only a day – the rejoicing of the Exodus from Egypt. It was only a week thereafter, as the Israelite people crossed the Reed Sea on dry land, that Passover became a week-long holiday. As a remembrance of the flight from Egyptian armies at the Reed Sea, we celebrated the last days of Passover as a holiday, too.

Hence, the intermediate days became *chol ha'moed*, "sanctified by the holiness of *chaggim* (holy days) preceding and following them." (Judah Loew of Prague) Only once touched with the sanctity of the first days (recalling God's Exodus) and the sanctity of the final days (recalling the miraculous redemption at the sea), did the intermediate period become remarkable.

Life, too, proceeds with this quality. Were it not for the miracles of birth and death, we might fail to remark on the wonder of life itself. Such frames, or bookends if you will, make sense of the period in which we live. A finite resource is all the more precious. Were it not for birth and death, we would take our days for granted. *King Lear*, Shakespeare says, "Our lives' sweetness / That we the pain of death would hourly die / Rather than die at once!" Death is fearful, awesome, and mysterious, true, but without it we might never attend to our lives as we live them.

The Exodus from Egypt happened *be-chipazon*, or "hurriedly." Too often, our lives are lived with similar mania. It is a challenge to develop the skill of lingering, just being. Else, we are just speeding from one red light to the next. On some biological level, we are ever dying: our cells age, our systems decay and fail, but we persist. In 5776, the question is: What will you do with your life?

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www.heskaamuna.org
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If you or a loved one is ill or hospitalized, please let us know so that we can attend to him or her as a community, and place the name on our *Mi Sheberach* prayer list.

Unfortunately, federal law prohibits hospitals from notifying us when community members are admitted.



Dinner and Worship Lab Set for July 31

Enjoy conversation with our community members and then enjoy a musical, creative, and experimental worship service.

Dinner 6:00 p.m., Worship Lab - 7:00 p.m.

For more information, call (865) 522-0701.



Sponsor a Delicious Kiddush! It's Easy!



Are you celebrating your birthday or anniversary this month? Donate \$18.00 to the Kiddushim account to celebrate your special occasion, or contact the shul and become a full sponsor of a Kiddushim. All Kiddushim are deliciously prepared. 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 (865) 522-0701 for more information and to reserve a date.

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5. You can click the **Donate Now button on our website** to be linked to our donate page and you can give a donation. Just visit www.heskaamuna.org.

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Permanent Schedule

Friday Night Services.....Varies

Saturday Morning Service.....9:30 a.m.

Mon. & Thurs. Minyanim.....7:00 a.m.

Evening minyanim for members
can be arranged by calling President
Raphe Panitz 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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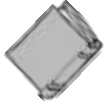







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Heska Amuna Sisterhood Grocery Coupon Committee, *Marilyn Liberman and Gene Rosenberg*

Heska Amuna Religious School — July Family Fun Things to Do!

Have a great month of doing fun Jewish things!

Betty Golub, Youth and Family Programming Director

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Read a Bible story	2 Eat a fruit from Israel 	3 Get ready for Shabbat	4 Celebrate the 4 th of July & Shabbat
5 Play with a friend from HARS	6 Learn a Hebrew word 	7 Bake cookies using Jewish symbols	8 Figure out what year you will have your Bar/ Bat Mitzvah	9 Count how many mezzuzahs you have	10 Call 3 friends & say Shabbat Shalom	11 Count 3 stars after the sun sets 
12 Search your house for a Jewish object	13 What did Noah build? 	14 Visit our library & check out a book 	15 Play 20 questions about Jewish heroes	16 Try to name the Jewish holidays	17 Sing a Shabbat song 	18 Attend Shabbat Services 
19 Find out what your Hebrew name means	20 Look at family pictures at Jewish celebrations	21 What are 3 things you learned in Religious School?	22 Count to 5 in Hebrew	23 Sing the Alef bet song 	24 Say the Shabbat Blessings	25 What Mitzvah could you do during the coming week?
26 What makes you sad? 	27 Name the 5 books of the Torah 	28 Take your dog for a walk 	29 Go on a hike 	30 Make an Israeli breakfast	31 Make a new tzedakah box	

HA Sisterhood Experiences Joys, Sadness During Spring Season

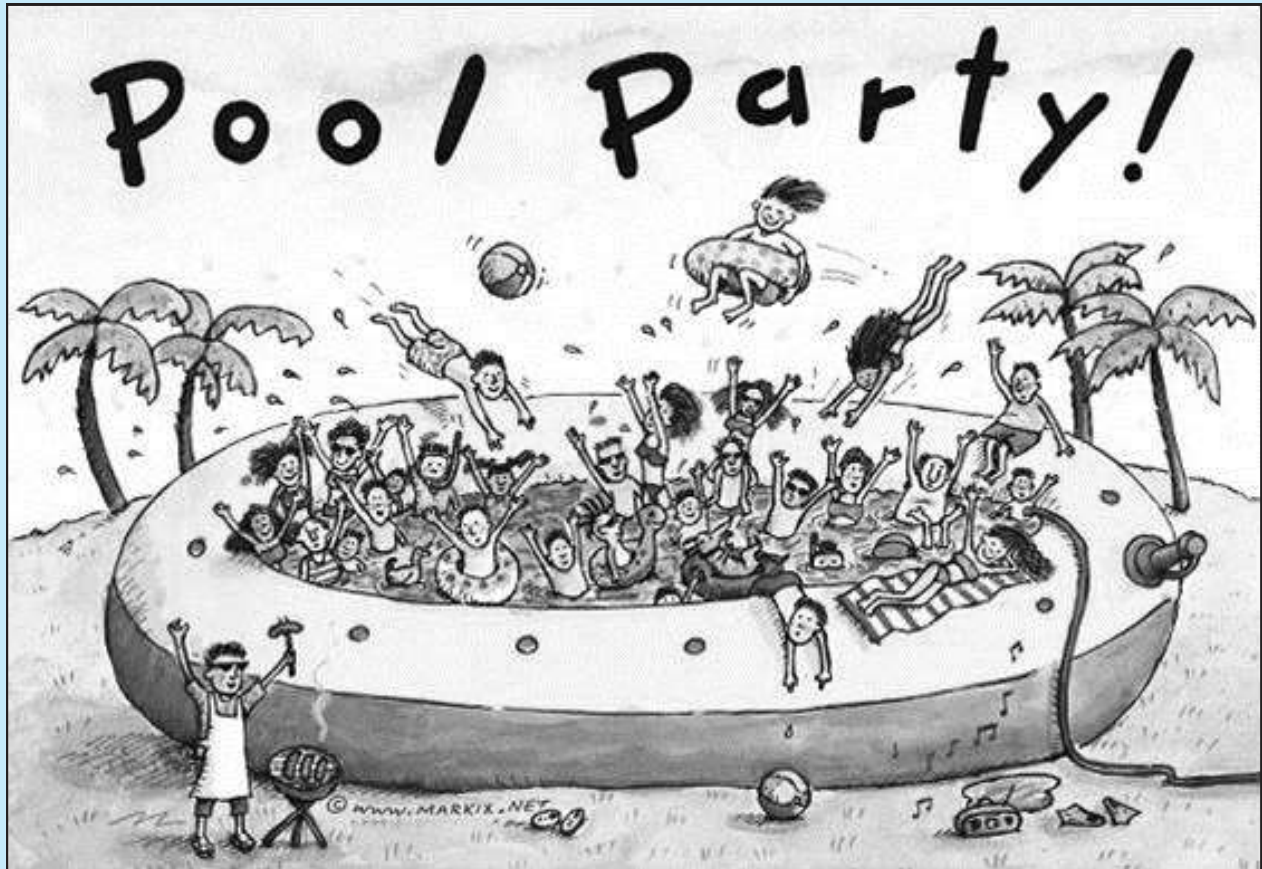
By Harriet Glasman, HA Sisterhood President

This has been a spring full of both joy and sadness. Our Sisterhood family has experienced several losses including Mary Linda's tragic loss of Arnold, Janet Gurwich's sad and unexpected loss of Burt, and Joyce and Harold Diftler's loss of sister-in-law, Gerry. We've also shared joy with the birth and naming of Zahara Ortiz, daughter of Rachel nee Zemel and David Ortiz and granddaughter of former Sisterhood member, Paula Carney.

We shared our Evening of Toasts and Talents which was a big success, several Purim celebrations in our Knoxville Jewish community-at-large, and Passover seders. We are proud to announce that our Sisterhood met our Torah Fund quota.

We have now begun a fresh and hopefully happy phase of our Sisterhood year with the awarding of the Women's League Southern Region Light of Torah to **Marian Jay**, our Light of Torah at our regional convention at the West End Synagogue in Nashville. Jordan Hirschhaut presented Marian's award and it was moving and so meaningful to Marian. We were all touched.

The convention was attended by Peggy Littmann, Marilyn Liberman, Marian Jay and myself. We enjoyed camaraderie with our sisters from throughout the region, wonderful food (including a wicked dessert buffet), and especially interesting and inspiring workshops. We thank Barb Levin for conducting one of the most helpful workshops on team building which we plan to implement in the coming months, and a very informative workshop by Anne Greenbaum on Israeli Affairs.



SAVE THE DATE

Heska Amuna Religious School Pool Party and Bar-Be-Que

Sunday, August 23, 2015

10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Come and celebrate the first day of HARS
AJCC Pool—6800 Deane Hill Drive

Questions about Heska Amuna Religious School or the HARS Pool Party?
Contact Morah Betty at morahbetty@heskamuna.org.



Knoxville
JEWISH ALLIANCE



Pool Parties



15-25 People: \$110 *
Includes 2 Lifeguards

26-50 People: \$165 *
Includes 2 Lifeguards

51-75 People: \$220 *
Includes 3 Lifeguards

76-100 People: \$275 *
Includes 3 Lifeguards

*Payment is required ONE WEEK prior to the event.
Fees are based on a two-hour party.*

For parties of more than 100 people, please contact the
AJCC Office at 690-6343 for pricing arrangements.

To schedule your pool party, contact the AJCC office (690-6343) at least 2 weeks in advance.
Parties for up to 15 people can be scheduled during pool hours.

There is a fee of \$2 for party guests who are not AJCC members.
Parties of *more* than 15 people will be scheduled after hours.

* The above listed fees include the \$2 fee for party guests that are not AJCC members.

July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please check the KJA online calendar at www.jewishknoxville.org for updated calendar information.			1 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 11:30a Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 1-7p Pool open 3-6p Swim team 6-9p Fencing-AJCC Gym	2 MCDC Late Night/ Overnight 7:00a minyan-HA 1-8p Pool open 3-6p Swim team 6:30p Adult Ed mtg-TBE 7:30p Exec Comm-HA	3 1-7p Pool open 6p Kabbalat Shabbat Service w/ Ice Cream Social-TBE	4 Independence Day 9:30a Shabbat Service-- HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR 1-7p Pool open
5 Noon-7p Pool open	6 Week 7 MCDC & KTT 7:00a minyan-HA 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 1-7p Pool open 2p Magician Visits MCDC 3-6p Swim team	7 1-4p Pool open 4:30-8p Piano Lessons- Media Room 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 6p Exec Brd-TBE 6p AJCC Swim Team v National Fitness Club- AJCC	8 MCDC Goes to Tuckaleechee Caverns 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 11:30a Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 1-7p Pool open 3-6p Swim team 6p KJDS Board-KJDS 6-9p Fencing-AJCC Gym	9 7:00a minyan-HA 1-8p Pool open 3-6p Swim team 7:30p Israeli dancing- AJCC	10 1-7p Pool ope 2-3p Israeli dancing at MCDC 6p Kabbalat Shabbat Service/Board Installation & Cookout on the Patio- TBE	11 AJCC Swim Team: Smoky Mtn Invitational 9:30a Shabbat Service-- HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR 1-7p Pool open
12 AJCC Swim Team: Smoky Mtn Invitational Noon-7p Pool open	13 Week 8: MCDC & KTT 7:00a minyan-HA 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 11:30a JFS Comm-AJCC 1-7p Pool open 3-6p Swim team 7:15p KJA Board mtg-AL	14 11a Sisterhood-HA 1-4p Pool open 4:30-8p Piano Lessons- Media Room 6p AJCC Swim Team v Newport-AJCC 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 6:30p Board-TBE	15 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 11:30a Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 1-7p Pool open 3-6p Swim team 6-9p Fencing-AJCC Gym	16 MCDC Late Night/ Overnight 7:00a minyan-HA 1-8p Pool open 3-6p Swim team 6:30p Adult Ed mtg-TBE	17 1-7p Pool open 6p Kabbalat Shabbat Service-TBE	18 9:30a Shabbat Service-- HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR 1-7p Pool open
19 Noon-7p Pool open	20 Week 9: MCDC & KTT 7:00a minyan-HA 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 3-6p Swim team 1-7p AJCC Pool open MCDC COLOR WARS!	21 1-7p Pool open 3-6p Swim team 4:30-8p Piano Lessons- Media Room 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7:30p Hadassah Book Group-Barnes & Noble	22 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 11:30a Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 1-7p Pool open 3-6p Swim team 6-9p Fencing-AJCC Gym	23 7:00a minyan-HA 1-8p Pool open 3-6p Swim team 7:30p Israeli dancing- AJCC	24 AJCC Smokin' Salmon- GKAISA City Meet 1-7p Pool open 6p Kabbalat Shabbat Service-TBE	25 Erev Tish'a B'Av AJCC Smokin' Salmon- GKAISA City Meet 9:30a Shabbat Service-- HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR 1-7p Pool open 9p Tish B'Av Service-HA
26 Tish'a B'Av AJCC Smokin' Salmon- GKAISA City Meet 8-2p AJCC Golf Tournament-Egwani Farms Noon-7p Pool open	27 Week 10: MCDC & KTT Last Week of Camp 7:00a minyan-HA 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 1-7p AJCC Pool open	28 1-7p Pool open 3:30p ETCRWG-Orwitz Rm 4:30-8p Piano Lessons- Media Room 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	29 10a Tai Chi-JCOR 11:30a Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 1-7p Pool open 6-9p Fencing-AJCC Gym	30 MCDC Late Night/ Overnight CAMP FINALE 7:00a minyan-HA 1-8p Pool open 6:30p Adult Ed mtg-TBE	31 1-7p Pool open 6p Dinner & Worship Lab (Rabbi Ferency)-HA 6p Kabbalat Shabbat Service w/ Choir Concert and Oneg-TBE	August 1 9:30a Shabbat Service-- HA 9:30a Shabbat Service- JCOR 1-7p Pool open

COMMUNITY SHABBAT AT THE POOL

Friday, August 21—6:00 p.m.—AJCC

Mark your calendars now.

Plan to join us for dinner, music, and Shabbat service. All welcome.

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Act today and wish your family and friends a warm, caring High Holy Days message.

Your purchase of a High Holy Days greeting supports our community's *Ha'Kol* community newsletter, enabling us to share news and events of seven area Jewish organizations with more than 1,200 families within our East Tennessee community.

Don't want to publish a greeting? Then please consider making a contribution of \$18.00 or more to help cover *Ha'Kol's* production and mailing costs.

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

- UT sophomore **David Floyd** was accepted into the Nief-Norf Summer Contemporary Music Festival, which an interdisciplinary festival bringing together dozens of performers, composers, and scholars to collaborate on the performance, creation, and discussion of contemporary solo and chamber music. David is the son of Laura and Frank Floyd.
- Those attending this fall's UT football games can not only cheer on the Volunteers but one of our UT Hillel members as well. **Andrew Vogel**, a business major from Memphis, has been chosen to serve as drum major for The Pride of the Southland Band for the 2015 season. Andrew Vogel is a member of the UTK Hillel Jewish Student Organization Executive Board and last year was our student representative to the AIPAC conference.
- **Addison Leinhert**, a junior at UT and the daughter of Allison Fay, has been elected secretary of the UTK Order of The Omega. This is a leadership honor society for members of fraternity and sorority organizations. Members are selected from the top 3% of students at each institution. She was also selected to the UTK Mortar Board for 2015-2016.
- Yasher koach to **Alexander Berube**, son of Rich and Sharon Berube and brother of Jason and Bryan, who was elected student body president at Webb School of Knoxville.
- **Liza Reineri**, daughter of Nina Reineri and sister of Elana, received the 2015 Extraordinary Professional Promise honor for University of Tennessee undergraduate students who demonstrate professional promise.
- **Mitch and Margy Goldman** became Grandparents TWICE recently as Avi Goldman, was born to son Mischa and Valarie Goldman and daughter Merideth and Bradley Holtz welcomed their new son, Gordon Holtz, to the family.
- **Dina and Andy Kramer** celebrated the engagement of daughter, Miriam, to Ryan Millager.
- **Judi and Martin Abrams** join Deborah and David Hicks in rejoicing in the birth of grandson/nephew Charles Needle to Stephanie and Mark Needle.
- The Jewish community welcomes Levi Wilhelm, newborn son of **Rabbi Yossi and Miriam Esther Wilhelm**.
- **Art Pais** was named to the Tennessee Holocaust Commission by Gov. Bill Haslam.

Scholarship Application Due August 2

After emerging out of the ashes of the Holocaust, Sara and Max Goldsammler dedicated their lives to empowering the next generation of young adults to become proud and passionate leaders of their communities, influencing positive change. In their honor, OU Alumni is sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship (second place will receive \$500 and third place \$300) to go toward tuition, for *any high school senior or current Jewish college student for the 2015-16 school year*. Any Jewish student can apply.

Applicants should describe in 500-1,000 words what they are passionate about and how this can be applied to making the world a better place.

Deadline: August 2.

Website: <https://alumni.ncsy.org/scholarship/apply-now-ou-nextgen-scholarship/>



Knoxville BBYO Seeks Rising High School Students

If you know of area high school students, grades 9-12 who may be interested in joining AZA Winick (guys) or the BBG (gals) BBYO social youth groups, then ask them to contact Jesse Feld (jfeld@jewishknoxville.org). Jewish youths do not have to be affiliated with other organizations to join.



TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



Rabbi's Semi-Annual Report

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



My friends, I apologize for my absence from our Semi-Annual meeting, but as you know I am in Houston with my daughter Mindy as she recovers from surgery and is beginning her follow-up treatments. Let me first thank you – the congregation – for your incredible support, care and concern. All the prayers, cards and notes have been gratifying and certainly buoyed our spirits. I want to especially acknowledge Liz and our entire Temple leadership for being so supportive and understanding throughout this process. Norma, Tina and Tom, as well as Liz, Susan and the Ritual and Music Committee have made sure that, despite my physical absence, Temple activities and programs continue uninterrupted.

Two weeks ago, we read my favorite verse in all of Torah. *Parashat Kedoshim* opens with the ultimate Jewish and human challenge: God says, “You shall be holy, for I the Eternal Your God am holy.” That single command is the yardstick by which we measure our humanity, as

individuals, as a community, and as a society. Our activities, be they at home, work or in our community, should always be motivated out of a sense of holiness. As members of Temple Beth El, each of us voluntarily commits ourselves to the sacred task of enhancing Judaism and Jewish life in Knoxville. Our involvement, participation and support help to insure that our congregation reflects our best efforts in creating and sustaining a “sacred community.”

I feel privileged to be your rabbi, teacher and spiritual leader. Over these first three years, we have worked hard to identify our strengths and strengthen our weaknesses. We may not have always agreed as to the best way to resolve issues, but we have all advocated from the perspective of what we truly feel is BEST FOR TEMPLE BETH EL! I am grateful for your trust in me and I am excited that our Covenant of Commitment has been renewed and extended. While we have accomplished much, there are challenges that lie ahead. I look forward to working with TBE’s leadership as we shape our future together.

This half of the year began and concludes with celebrations of our 150th Anniversary. November saw a fabulous weekend of rejoicing from our specially created Friday night service, Shabbat morning program, Gala Dinner & Dance, and Family Day celebration in Religious School. This weekend was successful on every level. Our thanks to Ellen Markman as our incredible chair, but also to so many of you who played key roles in making the weekend so very successful. Last week, on the closing day of Religious School, we dedicated a beautiful gift from the Religious School students to TBE. Designed by Susan Watson Arbital, each of our students played a role in creating the stained glass piece that now permanently will welcome everyone to Temple Beth El. And finally, our choir concert this summer will feature musical compositions that span the past 150 years.

In between all this, we hosted a visit and lecture by Dr. Larry Hoffman, one of our movement’s preeminent scholars. We shared in community events such as the Global Day of Learning, Community MLK parade and service, Rosh Chodesh programs and hosting the Women’s Interfaith Initiative. Numerous church groups have visited and gained wonderful insights from Dan Smith. As a congregation, we have experienced the full range of life cycle events: baby namings, brit milah, B’nai Mitzvah, Confirmation, conversions, funerals, shiva minyans and unveilings. At each stage of the life cycle, our congregation has been there to celebrate, to support and to comfort one another. Our presence in each other’s lives is part of being holy and helping to sustain a sacred community.

This week we complete the reading of the Book of Leviticus and as we do so we say three words. May these words inspire us to continue in fulfilling God’s challenge to us to be holy: *Chazak, Chazak, v’nitchazeik!* Be strong, be strong and may we strengthen one another!

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Bees and Being Jewish

By Liz Gassel, TBE President

We have been keeping bees since 2007. Many of you have tasted the honey produced by the bees from the hives Mike and I keep on our property in Sequoyah Hills. Each year, around mid-July, we begin preparing to take honey from the hives. We inspect the hives weekly making sure there is enough room for nectar storage and that the nectar is being worked and evaporated by the bees to become honey which is capped in individual cells and stored until we extract it. Then, during the first week of August, if all goes as planned and we have managed the bees well, we will be able to extract and bottle enough honey for ourselves and all of our friends and relatives with enough left in the hive to support the bees through the winter and into the next spring's production season. If, weather and numerous other factors like bee vigor, disease resistance, queen potency and beekeeper best practices permitting, this all goes smoothly, there is great satisfaction in seeing and tasting the result of all our hard work.

There are years when things don't work out so well. Sometimes we understand why and sometimes we have no idea what happened. Since the bees can travel five or so miles from the hive in all directions, they may alight on a yard where someone has just sprayed insecticide or herbicide. We have no control other than keeping many plants to their liking on our own property. Or the bees may choose to swarm, a natural need to 'divide and multiply,' as the existing queen ages and her egg supplies and pheromones decrease. Diseases and parasites can also decimate a hive slowly or quickly depending on hive health. Management of the bees by the beekeeper is crucial but ultimately we cannot control what happens to them. On top of all this and with the advent of 'Colony Collapse Disorder,' are the myriad of opinions in the beekeeping world of how to keep the bees healthy. Ideas about the use of chemicals, natural preventatives, different shapes and sizes of hives, and manipulations of the frames and boxes to encourage appropriate growth abound.

We persist in working with the bees. Starting out with one hive the first year, we have ended up with more. We can divide one hive into two or capture a swarm, like last year when we removed one from under a swing set at the Concord Yacht Club. Right now we have three hives and really could barely manage when we had four. This year's hives are so tall, 11 boxes on the largest colony, that we must climb a ladder to inspect them or to add supers. This is a positive sign of an abundant yield but is challenging work for the beekeeper.

The work is getting harder for us as we get older but we respect the bees and are continually fascinated by their persistence and incredible work required to produce every drop of honey. To gather a pound of honey, a bee flies a distance equal to more than three times around the world. Also, it takes two million flowers to make one pound of honey. Those numbers seem inconceivable to us but for the bee it is merely part of her job and she has the innate capacity to do so. Honey is created from a transformation that occurs within the bee. The bee gathers the raw materials and then works intensely to assist the process and ensure that it is completed.

I happened to receive in my inbox at Temple, the most recent copy of *The Jerusalem Post* IVRIT. In this issue was a short article on honeybees, 'd'vorim.' I went right to this article and read it. Luckily there were many vocabulary words translated for the American reader. Ah, the Hebrew word for bee is D'vorah or Deborah. What a beautiful name for this insect.

I did a little research. In Hebrew "Davar" means "a word, or a thing, or an object", and "DABAR" is the word for "speak" (L'DABER is infinitive "to speak"). The bee is the only creature that has the word "Dabar" in its Hebrew name and very essence. The name of the bee is related to the concept of a leader. Simply speaking, the bee is called d'vorah because its buzzing sound sounds like a form of communication (even though it is actually merely a byproduct of its wings beating). But others suggest that the bee earns its name by virtue of its nature to follow the direction of a leader. The word dover means "to direct"; "davar" means "leader." And since the bee's leader is female, the bee's name is devorah, in the feminine. The Jewish historian Josephus noted that the name of the poet and prophet Deborah meant "bee."

It is proposed that Colony Collapse Disorder is a result of lack of genetic diversity, too much inbreeding. Perhaps you could point to the beekeeper as the cause of this, not the bees. Their hives collapse if there is replication without genetic innovation. So, too, in Judaism, if we just carbon-copy what previous Jews have done, we will not be able to cope with new challenges. We must, while paying great respect to earlier traditions, adapt to changing circumstances. It's a difficult balancing act – respect for tradition and adaptation to the present and future scene.

Bees are extraordinary insects due to their hierarchal structure. Can we see the bee's mission as a Jewish mission? *Dabar*, 'word', could suggest: to give the Divine Word or Truth, to direct, to lead, to follow a leader, and to innovate and to adapt to changing circumstances while respecting tradition. These attributes of the bee reflect the attributes that should infuse our practice of Judaism today.

Oh...and then there is honey. Honey's qualities play such an ancient and symbolic role in marking important moments of personal development in the Jewish experience. But I'll consider this complexly formed product of the bee next month as we approach the High Holy Days.

L'Shalom,
Liz



The Dellwood Apiary - May 2015

Temple Beth El Holds Annual Congregational Meeting

On Thursday evening, May 14, Temple Beth El held its Annual Congregational Meeting.

With a quorum present, the slate of new officers and Board members was voted in by acclamation. The Nominating Committee, led by David Fleischmann, was thanked for all their avid work in pursuing candidates for open positions. The 2015-2016 Budget, approved by the Board of Directors, was presented. Executives and Committee representatives gave a summary of their 2014-2015 work and accomplishments as well as future plans.

As Rabbi Michaels was out of town, President, Liz Gassel, read the report he submitted which included a Thank You to the Congregation for all the support and understanding given as his daughter recovers from surgery. Liz also stressed that Rabbi Michaels being away has illustrated the importance of how we function as a Community in Partnership. She said that together, in partnership, we have shown that we can provide stability and consistency, working responsibly to make our spiritual home here.

Those who were stepping down from the Board and Executive Committee were honored and their work noted. They each were presented with a Certificate of Recognition. The President stressed that even though they are stepping down from these positions, they are not leaving the Temple community and she looked forward to many more years of collaboration with them on projects that serve Temple Beth El. Those receiving recognition included

Board members Phyllis Hirsh and Bella Lester, Recording Secretary Linda Mongeon, and Financial Secretary Amy Rosenberg.



*Karen Smith gives the Sisterhood Annual Report.
Congregants attend the TBE Annual Meeting.*

Kabbalat Shabbat/ Board Installation and Cookout on the Patio

**July 10, 6:00 p.m.
Temple Beth El**

**Everyone Welcome
Come Join Us**



PROGRESSIVE DINNER



Like Drive-Thru, but not really!

Saturday, August 22, 2015

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

\$25 per person

A Progressive Dinner is a three-course meal. We will all begin with appetizers at the same host home, then everyone will travel to randomly-selected host homes for dinner and then everyone will gather at the same host home.

All host homes will be revealed closer to the event date.

RSVP (along with your payment) must be received at the TBE office no later than **August 3**. We are limited to 50 people.

For questions please contact Amy at Rockybergs@gmail.com or Phyllis at Phyllishirsh24@gmail.com.

It's Time for Sisterhood at Temple Beth El

By Karen Smith and Kathy Young, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

“Sisterhood Goes Out” at Seasons Café on Thursday, April 30 was a special evening! Good food, Sisterhood friends, and beautiful viola and violin music by Susan Shor and Susan Gunning were unbeatable. Thanks to everyone who attended and to Sisterhood Vice President for Programs Heather Laing for planning the evening.

Thanks to Meredith Jaffe and Lesley Krakauer for the Rosh Chodesh program on May 19. Everyone enjoyed the blintz demonstration and dinner. It was a delicious program.

Sisterhood’s Chai Tea on Sunday, **August 16** from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. will be at the home of Lesley Krakauer. Lesley’s friend Rose Sherwood will discuss *The Healing Power of Chinese Food*. Rose was born and raised in China. RSVP to Lesley at 691-3208 for an authentic English tea.

Beiler Floral Fund Chair Emma Fleischmann reminds us that a standard flower arrangement for bimah flowers for Shabbat, holidays, and special occasions is \$36.00. Please contact Emma to order a more elaborate arrangement.



Lesley Krakauer demonstrates “Making Blintzes from Scratch” as Sisterhood³ celebrates Rosh Chodesh Sivan as Bernice Copcutt and Anne Greenbaum watch.

It's time for Sisterhood!

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



Marcy Frankel with her sister-in-law Helene, Emma Fleischmann, Susan Gunn, and Steven Rockmaker at Seasons Café.

Susan Shor performed with her friend, Susan Gunn.



Mark and Lucy Barkan, Liz Gassel, Karen Smith, Phyllis Hirsh, Meredith Jaffe, Diana Steinfeld-Hicks, Ava Radoff, Shelley Mangold and Susan Shor at “Sisterhood Goes Out.”

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Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Ha'Kol

AJCC Golf Tournament Slated for July 26

The 2015 AJCC Golf Tournament will be held at Egwani Farms, which has become a player favorite. Egwani Farms is located at 3920 Singleton Station Road, Rockford, TN 37853. The tournament will be held on Sunday, July 26 and begins with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. There will be prizes for winners and for skill contests. Participants also will enjoy a fabulous lunch.

The entry fee is \$99 per player and includes green fees and cart, unlimited use of driving range, a delicious lunch, goody bag, and door prizes. Teams are welcome to organize a four person group or we can place individuals in a group. There are 72 slots available, so please register today to guarantee your place. Non-players are welcome to join in the fun and cheer for your favorite teams. We look forward to seeing everybody again this year.

Hole sponsorships and cart sponsorships are available. Applications and sponsorship forms are on the KJA website at www.jewishknoxville.org.

Please contact the AJCC at (865) 690-6343 or kja@jewishknoxville.org for information.



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KJA Friendshippers takes a break during July and August.

We look forward to having you join us when programs resume in September.

AJCC Smokin' Salmon Creates Swimmers and Winners

The AJCC sponsors a recreational league swim team each summer for boys and girls ages 5-18. Swimmers can participate in daily swim practice at the AJCC Pool, receiving hours of swim lessons, coaching and encouragement while enjoying time with their friends. Meets provide time for moms and dads to get to know other parents and to see their children have fun.

What better game to play between swim meet heats than "Go Fish"?
Swimmers Mimi Johnson, Sara Zemel, and a friend enjoy time together at the June 9 meet.



July Meet Schedule

- July 7: National Fitness Club at AJCC (6:00 p.m.) Pool closes at 4.
- July 11 & 12: Smoky Mountain Invitational, (SMI) Springbrook Pool, Alcoa, Tennessee
- July 14: Newport Swim Team at AJCC (6:00 p.m.) Pool closes at 4.
- July 23-25: GKAIISA City Meet, UT Campus

2015 KJA Campaign Needs You to Give Us a Boost AND Your Pledge

By Dick Jacobstein, 2015 Campaign Chairman

As I write this article on Monday, June 1, our annual KJA campaign has received pledges and/or donations totaling \$238,850 toward our goal of \$360,669. The pledges/gifts were made by 254 individuals, with our goal being 380 pledges/gifts. We are obviously a long way from reaching our goals.

By the time you read this article, we will have increased both dollar and gift totals, but I fear we will still have a long way to go to reach our goals. Frankly, raising funds this year is a greater challenge than past years.

Since the start of campaign on Mitzvah Day in February, our volunteer solicitors have been making phone calls on behalf of KJA. I thank each of those volunteers for donating their time and effort to our campaign. It is not an easy job to ask people for money.

This year we have made an effort through Ha'Kol and the weekly KJA email to tell you, our supporters where and how your annual contribution is used. I hope you now have a better understanding of what KJA does for the Knoxville community.

On Friday, February 6, at KJA Shabbat, Rabbi Mathew Michaels talked about KJA and why the entire Jewish community should support it by participating in its programs and contributing to it financially. I feel the entire Jewish community should be aware of the highlights of Rabbi's remarks. Here is what he said.

We are all part of a community that extends beyond ourselves and our individual congregations.

KJA is the umbrella organization for the Jewish community and we have an obligation to ensure its success and continuation.

It is important to reach the goal of 100 percent participation in the campaign (as opposed to any specific monetary goal).

Each of us plays an important role in furthering the programs and opportunities offered through KJA.

Because the Knoxville Jewish community is small, we depend upon EVERYONE's involvement. No gift is too small. All gifts matter.

This year the children of TBE's religious school will set the tone by earmarking their tzedakah collections during the month of

February as their campaign gift. (Note: they presented a check for \$200 to KJA at Mitzvah Day.)

If you have not yet made a pledge or want to increase your pledge to our 2015 campaign, please consider doing so online at www.jewishknoxville.org or by calling the KJA Office at (865) 690-6343. Thank you for your support.

The AJCC Preschool Would Like to Thank These Contributors to Our 2015 Annual Art Gala Fundraiser:

- Knoxville Jewish Alliance
- Andrea Colyer Babysitting
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- Shelley Mangold
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- The Little Gym
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- The Petrone Family
- Terena Boone Photography
- Pilates with Susie Kaplar
- Scottie Baxter
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- AJCC Preschool
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Thank you for helping us to raise funds for our Outdoor classroom and Playground. We greatly appreciate your continued support of the AJCC Preschool and all of our endeavors; we couldn't do this without you.

MCDC: Where Every Week is a New Adventure!

Summer Camp for Kids K-9

NEW FOR 2015! REGISTER ONLINE!

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.



MCDC Specialty Camp Bricks4Kidz Camp (K-5)

July 13-17: *Remote Control Mania*
Register: www.bricks4kidz.com

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.)

MCDC 2015 Theme Weeks

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

Legendary Color Wars Week



Please note:

COLOR WARS — Week 9 is THE most popular week for new and former campers to return to compete for the Color Wars crown and re-unite with their camper friends or to make new friends. Register your children today for the Week of July 20-24!

Questions? Email Jesse Feld at jfeld@jewishknoxville.org

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- ◆ Jewish Book Month
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- ◆ Milton Collins Day Camp
- ◆ Missions to Israel
- ◆ Mitzvah Day
- ◆ AJCC Pool & Tennis
- ◆ AJCC Preschool
- ◆ PJ Library
- ◆ **AJCC Smokin' Salmon** Swim Team
- ◆ Sundown in the Sukkah
- ◆ Teen Connection
- ◆ UT Faculty Lectures
- ◆ UT Hillel
- ◆ Yom HaShoah Event
- ◆ And so much more!

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

Why I Support the KJA Campaign

“Because it is important for the enhancement and continuation of our Jewish community and Israel.”

- Pessa Brody

Nashville to Host Late October Southern Jewish Historical Society Conference

By Nicole Russler, KJA Archivist

This year's Southern Jewish Historical Society Conference will be held in Nashville October 30-November 1. The theme is *Jews and the Urban South*. The Temple and Congregation Sherith Israel will co-host the conference, and venues will include Vanderbilt University, the conference hotel, Homewood Suites (next to the Vanderbilt campus), and the Gordon Jewish Community Center.

Speakers will include Rabbi Gary Zola, who will speak on Abraham Lincoln and the Jews of the South. The keynote speaker will be Jewish demographer Dr. Ira Sheskin. As with all conferences, there will be a tour of historic Jewish Nashville. According to early publicity, conference attendees will “travel in time throughout the South, stopping in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.” Since 1977, the Southern Jewish Historical Society has worked to foster scholarship about the experience of southern Jews. With an annual conference, academic journal, and active grant and award programs, the society has helped to move southern Jewish history from the margins of the American Jewish narrative into the mainstream. The SJHS has been in the forefront of the study of the Jewish South for 35 years.

All who've ever been to a SJHS conference have come back enthusiastic about the experience. East Tennesseans have traveled to Atlanta, Asheville, Birmingham, and places farther afield to attend the annual conferences, which include of tours of places of interest, fascinating speakers, authors' panels, and readings of scholarly papers. Unfortunately the venues are often too far away for most of us to attend (2014's was in Austin, Texas), but let's hope that many can take advantage of this opportunity to visit with old friends, enjoy good food as well as pleasant way to meet like-minded Jewish history buffs, and learn more about our Southern Jewish heritage.

Registration Information

Though it's too early to register for the conference, it's not too early to reserve a room at The Homewood Suites (located at 2400 West End Avenue) at the conference rate of \$189/night. To register, call (615) 340-8000 and identify yourself as a conference attendee.

Look to the jewishknoxville.org website and upcoming issues of *Ha'Kol* for more information about the conference as it becomes available.

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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.**

Mazel Tov to the 2014-15 AJCC Preschool Graduating Class



Egan Walsh



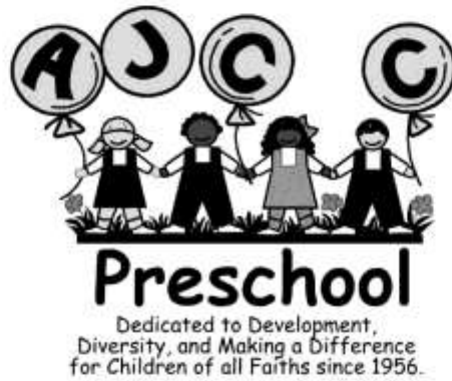
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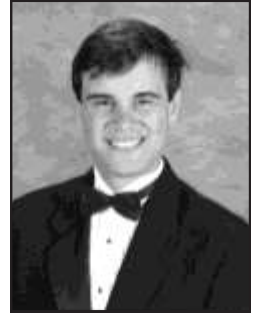


Liam Nguyen

KJA Salutes Our High School and College Graduates

High School Graduates

- **Ezekiel (Zeke) Charles**, son of George and Rebecca Charles, Oak Ridge, graduated from Oak Ridge High School. Zeke is an Eagle Scout, Winick AZA member, and enjoys playing AYSO and indoor soccer. He will attend the University of Tennessee this fall.
- **Michael Dryzer**, son of Scott and Lynn Dryzer, graduated from The Webb School of Knoxville and will attend Elon College.
- **Michael Goin**, son of Bella and Ed Lester and James Goin, graduated from Hardin Valley Academy. Michael was co-captain of HVA's Robotics Team which had another successful season this year, winning two regional championships. He's been chosen to work as an intern with ORNL this summer. Michael will enter the honors program in UT, Knoxville this fall to study computer science.
- **Danielle Goldfeld**, son of Aron and Hayley Goldfeld, graduated from Farragut High School and will attend the University of Florida.
- **Vanessa Pfeffer-Rodriquez**, daughter of Carlos Rodriquez and Jenny Pfeffer, graduated from Farragut High School and looks forward to joining sister Stephanie at the University of Tennessee this fall.
- **Nathan Rosen**, son of Stephen and Kim Rosen, graduated from The Webb School of Knoxville where he was captain of the lacrosse team and was named most valuable player for offense this year. Nathan will attend Indiana University.
- **Isaac Shefner**, son of Jon Shefner and Karen Holst, graduated from Farragut High School. Isaac will attend The University of Tennessee.
- **Ethan Snow**, son of Craig and Leslie Snow, graduated from Farragut High School. Ethan will play collegiate soccer at East Tennessee State University.
- **Jessica Traugot**, daughter of Andy and Vicki Traugot, graduated from Bearden High School and will attend the University of Tennessee in the fall.
- **Brian Michael Weinstein**, son of Douglas and Jill Weinstein, graduated from Hardin Valley Academy. He will attend The Ohio State University in the fall with plans to major in biomedical engineering.



Zeke Charles



Brian Weinstein

College Graduates

- **Clark Derrington** graduated from the University of Tennessee Chattanooga, with a bachelor of arts in history, summa cum laude. He has membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society, and Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international economics honor society. Clark has an internship this summer with The American Security Project in Washington, D.C. Beginning in September. Clark will spend a year as a Ma'ase Olam Israel Teaching Fellow in Rehovot, Israel, teaching English in an Israeli elementary school. Clark is the son of Susan Baker.
- **Mara Nagler**, daughter of Stephen and Rosalie Nagler, graduated from The University of Tennessee College of Social Work with a master of science in social work. She will be working in addictions treatment as an intensive outpatient counselor.
- **Bryna Oleshansky** graduated with academic and service honors from the University of Michigan, with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and community action social change. Bryna was a four-year varsity member and captain of the UM rowing team. During her collegiate career, she was named to the All American and Big Ten First Team and earned Big Ten Scholar Athlete and UM Scholar Athlete awards. She is the daughter of David and Deborah Oleshansky.
- **Liza Reineri**, daughter of Nina Reineri and older sister of Elena, graduated from the University of Tennessee as a Global Leadership Scholar in accounting. After a summer internship at PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York, she will return to Knoxville in the fall to complete the Masters of Accountancy program while acting as a teaching assistant for the UT Haslam College of Business.

Community Bereavement Group Update

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

On behalf of Jewish Family Services at the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Heska Amuna Synagogue, Temple Beth El, and Chabad of Knoxville, I wanted to let the community know about changes to our bereavement support program. At this time, instead of having group meetings twice a month, Rabbi Ferency, Rabbi Michaels, and Rabbi Wilhelm are each available for one-on-one bereavement support *by appointment*, regardless of congregational affiliation.

If in the future we hear from community members who desire for the group bereavement supporting meetings to resume, we are more than willing to do so. All four organizations are here to meet the needs of our community and welcome your feedback to help us in doing so.



UT Hillel Celebrates Graduates

College students gathered for UTK Hillel's last program of the school year. Hillel programming will resume in August. Local students attending included Emily Hoffman, Liza Reineri, Sam Bendriem, Ethan Pollack, and Rachel Iroff.

Graduating seniors Lily Dropkin, Emily Hoffman, Liza Reineri, Emily Roberts, Becca Giller, Elise Mekelburg, Sam Bendriem, and UTK Hillel director Deborah Oleshansky celebrate with a cake.

Those who know of new UT students who are Jewish should encourage them to contact UTK Hillel Director Deborah Oleshansky at doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org.



Jeff Gubitz and Deborah Oleshansky represented Knoxville at the P2G Southeast Consortium budget meetings held in Jacksonville. After the meetings, Deborah traveled with the Israeli Steering Committee to Charleston, South Carolina and has the chance for a quick visit with Ellen Iroff, who works in the theatre department of the College of Charleston.

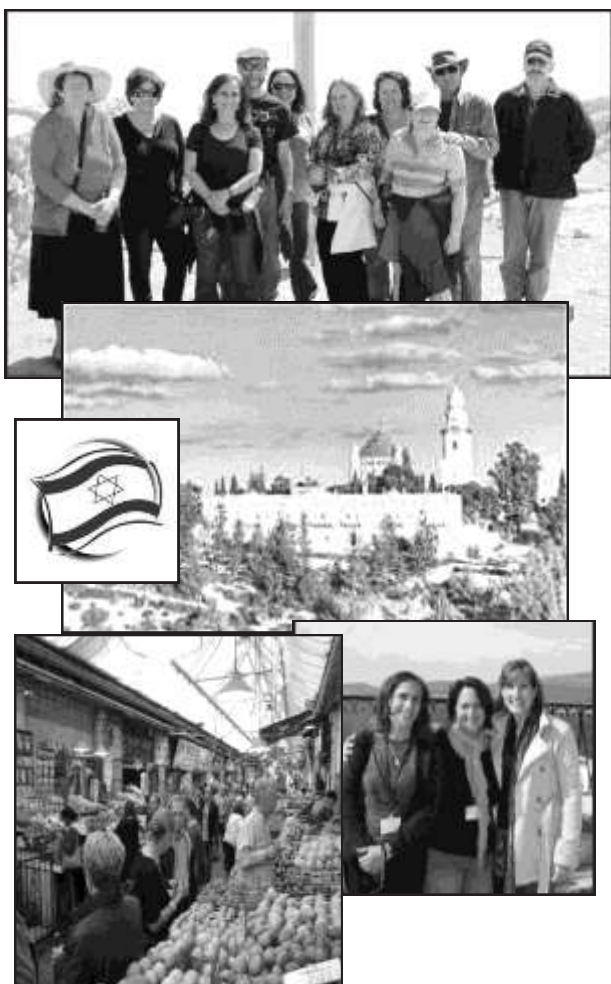
Have Your Party at the AJCC!

You can celebrate special occasions at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center.

Both the Orwitz Community Room and the gym are available for events and groups. We can host bar and bat mitzvah parties, birthdays, anniversaries, and meet and greets. Room rental rates are affordable, starting at \$20.00 hour. AJCC members pay just \$10.00 per hour with a two-hour minimum. Non-members pay more. Additional charges may apply. The AJCC Preschool's Imagination Playground jumbo block set is also available to rent for your party here.

Email Jeff Gubitz (jgubitz@jewishknoxville.org) or Joyce York (jjork@jewishknoxville.org) for more information and additional rates and information.





THE KJA INVITES YOU TO JOIN US ON OUR P2G @ 20 2016 Trip to Israel

March 27-April 4, 2016
(Optional Trip Extension — April 4-7)

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance group will travel with the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee. We will be joined in Israel with friends from many of our P2G Southeast Hadera-Eiron communities. Different tracks are available to fit your interests. Explore Israel and make new friends.

- ★ **Track 1**—Hi-Tech, Art, Culture, and Culinary
- ★ **Track 2**—History and First Timers
- ★ **Track 3**—Politics and Security
- ★ **Track 4**—Adventure Lovers

For information and tentative itineraries, please contact Deborah Oleshansky at doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org

YJAK—Connecting Young Jewish Adults

By Matt Slovin

I could hear the consternation in my mom's voice over the phone as I relayed to her the information that my new job would require I move to Knoxville.

To that point, our only experience with Knoxville had been a stop at Calhoun's on the River during a road trip to Hilton Head Island. There was no sign of Jewish life in Knoxville during that brief visit, although in hindsight, perhaps a place that is known for its ribs wasn't the best place to look.

I grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, which has a fairly large, active Jewish population for a city of its size. From there, I went to the University of Michigan, which has roughly three times more Jewish students than Knoxville has Jewish residents. All of this is to say that I never lived anywhere I wasn't surrounded by Jews, and I worried, much like my mom, about what I'd find in Knoxville.

Over seven months into my time here, I'm pleased to report that our Jewish community is bigger than I anticipated. Far more importantly, it's more welcoming than I could have hoped. I feel embraced here, and it's now clear that Jews have a home in Knoxville the way they do in, say, New York (although I still haven't found a good deli here).

I marched in the Martin Luther King Day with members of the Jewish community. I smiled proudly in the Neyland Stadium press box as Deborah Oleshansky led the pregame prayer before a game last fall. I was thrilled when Jesse Feld developed the Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville (YJAK), a social group that has already facilitated strong friendships.

During my first days in town, my mom was here visiting and we went shopping at Costco for my apartment. In the produce section, she struck up a conversation with Knoxville's own Judy Brietstein who, as a realtor, was probably disappointed I had already found an apartment but certainly didn't show it.

Over the course of that chat, of course it came up that we were both Jewish. Having made that discovery in such a chance encounter, my mom wasn't so worried any more.



Matt Slovin is a reporter covering Vols football, basketball, and more for The Tennessean. Slovin also serves as VP of Judaics on the YJAK executive board.



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Do Your Homework

By Scott B. Hahn, Esq., KJCFF President

I am sure that many of you have read about the scandal involving Cancer Fund of America (CFA), based right here in Knoxville, Tennessee. To summarize: this so-called "charity" was founded in 1984 by James T. Reynolds and was just shut down by the Federal Trade Commission at the end of May. As it turns out, Reynolds was using the CFA as an elaborate expense account to pay for himself and his immediate family. A typical charity allocates 70 percent of its revenue to its program and/or beneficiary. The remaining 30 percent is then used for solicitations and to pay for operations. In the case of CFA, 97 percent of all donations went towards salaries and perks for the Reynolds family. Only a measly 3 percent actually went towards some sort of relief towards cancer patients. What is even more shocking, even though it was common knowledge that CFA was a scam, was that it took the government over 20 years to shut them down!

If you are a person who is a fund holder with KJCFF, or is interested in giving tzedakah, it pays to do some research before you give. Fortunately, the internet has made researching a charity quick and easy. Among the sites I would recommend are: Charity Watch, Guidestar, and Charity Navigator, the latter of which I find particularly useful. Charity Navigator gives the charity an overall rating and gives a series of metrics on how the charity was rated. You may also view the charity's IRS 990s for the past several years.

If you are like me and don't want to see your charitable dollars wasted on someone's personal greed, find out where your money is going. It really shouldn't be any different than when you research your new phone or television before you make your purchase. If more than 30 percent of your charity's revenues are spent on salaries and advertising, maybe the charity is not all it is cracked up to be. In this case, a little homework before you give can insure that your charitable dollars are being properly allocated and not being used for some scam artist's personal gain.



Planned Giving Options

Charitable Bequests

A **Charitable Bequest** is the simplest form of planned giving. You can leave a bequest of a specific cash amount, a percentage of your estate or the residue of your estate. To leave this type of gift, you simply direct in your will that you want a specific amount of money or property to go to the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds, Inc.

If you would like to make a charitable bequest to the KJCFF or inform of us of such a provision that you have already made, the KJCFF has developed a Statement of Intent form.

If you would like a copy of this form to complete, please contact Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds Administrative Director Laura Berry at 865-690-6343 ext. 18 or send an email to lberry@jewishknoxville.org.

How to Make a Donation to a KJCFF Fund

If you would like to make a contribution to a cause that you are passionate about or to honor someone or to celebrate a simcha, the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds has funds that assist with a variety of community needs and activities. It's easy to donate, too!

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

KJCFF Activity as of June 1, 2015

Donations

Sam and Millie Gelber Fund for Jewish Immigrants

In Memory of Arnold Schwarzbart
Frank Moiger

Heska Amuna Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Arnold Schwarzbart
William and Ellen Berez
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Sam Jaffe
Jennifer Joffe and Rick Mazie
Jerry Joffee and Pat Broderick
Paul and Dana Joffe
George and Ellen Kern
Gary and Joan Leeds
Ken Levine
Robert and Carole Martin
Jeffrey and Anita Miller
Patty Morrison
Rose Morrison
Nicholas, Esther, Roy, and Anna Pinner
Dorothy Roddy
Kerri Rose
Peter and Leslie Rosen
Eugene and Pat Rosenberg
Esther Webster
Dee and Peter Zwickau
In Memory of Ethel Wittenberg
Donald and Kathy Goldstein

Cohen-Presser Fund

For the Yarzheit of Norbert Slovis
Linda Slovis
In Memory of Arnold Schwarzbart and Jacob Goldberg —
Marilyn Presser

Heska Amuna Educational Enrichment Fund

In Memory of Arnold Schwarzbart
Mindy Goldberg
In Memory of Arnold Schwarzbart and Jacob Goldberg
Lester and Betty Golub
In Memory of Jacob Goldberg
Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin

KJDS Fund

In Honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Frank Sturm
Eleanor, Richard, and Jay Seline

Hannah and Raymond Landsberger Preschool Fund

In memory of Joseph Weinstein
Lynn Bean

Grants

- The **Besmann Family Fund for Social Justice and Spiritual Enrichment** made a grant to the Knoxville Jewish Day School for its STEAM project.
- The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received a grant from the **Miles and Zelda Siegel Fund** for the Jewish Family Services Director's attendance at the annual AJFCA conference.
- The **Bernstein Charitable Fund** made a grant to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance for the 2015 Annual Campaign.
- The **Oleshansky Family Fund** made a grant to Living Arts International for the Arn Chorn-Pond Living Arts Scholarship program.

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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



Hadassah's Youth Aliyah Concert Entertaining, Inspiring

The 2015 Ralph Einstein Youth Aliyah Concert sponsored by the local chapter of **Hadassah** was held Sunday, April 12 at the First United Methodist Church in Oak Ridge. Performing were local musicians who had been selected through earlier auditions and guest performers, violinists Sidney Matlock (age 13) and Kai Smith (age 18)..

This year's concert was remarkable not only for the wonderful talent displayed but also for marking the 70th year since the ending of WWII and the liberation of the concentration camps. The Youth Aliyah Organization began in Germany in 1934 to rescue thousands of Jewish children from the Nazis. The children were brought to Palestine and settled in villages. That early rescue effort lasted through the aftermath of WWII. The war ended in 1945 but not before over one million Jewish children had been murdered by the Nazis. Today Youth Aliyah continues to rescue children from war-torn countries such as Ethiopia, Russia, and Ukraine. It also rescues children within Israel who are in broken or dysfunctional families.

Judging auditions were Professor Dan Allcott (Music Director of the Oak Ridge Symphony Orchestra; 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 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).

Once again this year, as a special prize, a student was selected for a solo spot on next year's Oak Ridge Symphony free family concert. That winner is cellist Jerry Zhou (age 15).

Local businesses helped make the concert both beautiful and flavorful: **Oak Ridge Floral Co** and **Razzleberry's Café & Market**. Organizers Catherine Braunstein and Anne Greenbaum

expressed gratitude to these corporate sponsors and to the individual patrons for supporting the Ralph Einstein Youth Aliyah concert and making a difference in the lives of children who find educational opportunities and a stable home in the Youth Aliyah Villages in Israel. Also thanked were First United Methodist Church for graciously offering the use of its spacious sanctuary equipped with a fine piano and excellent acoustics.



Cellist Jerry Zhou (age 15), selected by Maestro Dan Allcott to perform with the Oak Ridge Symphony Orchestra at next year's Family Concert. Accompanist is Cathy Whitten.



Youth Aliyah Concert performers. Front row (l to r): Gabbi Kile, Olivia Fouche, Alex Jestes, Jesse Hao, Jihye Jung. Second row: Samantha Chu, Sydney Matlock, Hannah Shipstad, Harry Baek, Raymond Jin, Minju Jung. Back row: Mitchell Cloutier, Jerry Zhou, Kai Smith, Zachery Jerome, Michael Ma.

Jim and Rose Ebel and Randy and Peggy Laxton cordially invite you to share the B'nei Mitzvah of their sons Benjamin and Levi on Saturday August 15, 2015 at Beth El synagogue in Oak Ridge, Tennessee beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Benjamin and Levi will lead the Torah Service and chant the Torah portions and the Haftorah.

A Kiddish luncheon will follow services.

Please come and join the Ebels and the Laxtons on this happy occasion.



Mira Kimmelman with Ben Ebel and Levi Laxton.

Hosts and Hostesses

- July 4** Shirley Schwartz, Hilary Shreter
- July 11** Carolyn & Julian Stein, Rhonda & Ron Sternfels
- July 18** Mel Tobias, Bruce Tomkins
- July 25** Yardena & Moshe Yair, Sarah & David Stuart
- August 1** Reeva & Marvin Abraham, Ronnie & Jim Bogard
- August 8** Linda & Zane Bell, Becky & George Charles
- August 15** Bar Mitzvah
- August 22** Catherine Braunstein, Sylvia Goldenberg
- August 29** Alice Feldman & Albert Good, Judi & Len Gray

Yahrzeits

- **Bernard Horn** from Barbara & Jackie Horn
- **Leon & Samuel Kastenbaum and Herman Ganz** from Marvin & Helen Kastenbaum
- **Isabel Gilbert, Jacob Solomon Gilbert, Leon Yehuda Toledano, Esther Toledano, Beni Toledano, Lilly Toledano** from Verne & Jeannette Gilbert
- **Morris David Krauss** from Sig & Brenda Mosko (BuildingFund)
- **Beatrice Kline and Jennie Volkin** from Karen Brunner
- **Gertrude Tobias** from Melvin Tobias
- **Ruth Carey** from Al Good & Alice Feldman (Carey Cultural Fund)
- **Lottie Kalichman** from Joseph Hanig
- **Ted & Selma Shapiro; Philip Shapiro; John Bogard** from Ronnie & Jim Bogard
- **Ruth Carey** from Ellen Appel (Carey Cultural Fund)
- **Samuel Goldenberg** from Sylvia Goldenberg

JCOR Summer Events

Saturday, July 11:

Rabbi's Study Session: Ba'al Teshuva Movement (after the morning Services)

The Barbra Streisand Summer Festival

Saturday, July 25: Jewish Film Series: *The Way We Were* 1973 PG 118 min. Sociopolitical opposites attract in director Sydney Pollack's wistful, Oscar-winning drama about an outspoken political crusader named Katie Morosky (Barbra Streisand) who finds herself drawn to glib golden boy Hubbell Gardner (Robert Redford).

Saturday, August 22: Jewish Film Series: *Yentl*—1983 PG.

Donations to Oak Ridge Hadassah

As of May 20, 2015

- Condolence certificate to Lynn Deutsch and family in memory of Philip Wolikow from Anne and Eli Greenbaum
- Condolence card from Sonya Eichler to the family of Susie Shapira in Philadelphia
- Sympathy card from Jeanette and Verne Gilbert to the Shapira family in Philadelphia in memory of Susie Shapira
- HMO Card to Barbara Landay in memory of her father from the Charles family
- To the Shapira family (Philadelphia) in memory of Susie Shapira
- Tree Certificates from Blanche and Larry Dresner, Bobby Cantor
- HMO Card from Mira Kimmelman
- Tree certificate from Brenda and Sig Mosko to Marcel Schmorak in honor of his birthday

Donation to JCOR

- Debbie Weitsman in honor of Jack & Berthe Weitsman
- Stephen Storch

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JCOR's Saturday morning service begins at 9:30 a.m. For the Friday evening service schedule, please contact JCOR at jcorn@juno.com or call (865) 483-3581.

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A True Leader

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On Shabbat, 3rd day of the Hebrew month of Tammuz (June 20, 2015) was the Lubavitcher Rebbe's twenty first Yahrzeit. Many ask, What is it about his leadership that was -- and, in so many ways, still is -- so unique? Why do leading personalities of the day maintain such profound respect and admiration for him?"

The year is approximately 1314 BCE in the Sinai desert, Moshe, a shepherd, is guiding his flock of hundreds of sheep. One day, a kid ran away from the flock under Moshe's care. Moshe chased after it, until it came to a spring and began to drink. When Moshe reached the kid he cried: "Oh, I did not know that you were thirsty!" He cradled the runaway kid in his arms and carried it to the flock. The Midrash tells us, when the Almighty saw how Moshe treated his sheep, He said: "You are merciful in tending sheep - you will tend My flock, the people of Israel."

The Midrash relates how another shepherd, David, learned the art of leadership by caring for his father's flocks: he would have the small kids graze first on the tender tips of grass before allowing the older sheep and goats to feed on the middle portion of the stalks, and only afterwards releasing the strong, young rams to devour the tough roots.

A leader cannot simply point the way and a teacher cannot simply teach. He must "shepherd" his flock, supplying to each guidance and knowledge in a manner that can be absorbed and digested by its recipient.

The Rebbe points out that in addition to demonstrating Moshe's compassion, the incident holds another important lesson: Moshe realized that the kid did not run away from the flock out of malice or wickedness - it was merely thirsty. By the same token, when a Jew alienates himself from his people, G-d forbid, it is only because he is thirsty. His soul thirsts for meaning in life, but the waters of Torah have eluded him. So he wanders about in foreign domains, seeking to quench his thirst.

When Moshe understood this, he was able to become a leader of Israel. Only a shepherd who hastens not to judge the runaway kid, who is sensitive to the causes of its desertion, can mercifully lift it into his arms and bring it back home.

The year is 1911 a young boy, age nine, travels with his mother to a small resort town in the Crimean Peninsula, called Balaklava (today it's part of the city of Sevastopol). One day as they are walking alongside the Black Sea, they hear screaming for help and as they run over, they see a young teenager who has rowed out to sea and lost control of his small craft. People gathered there are afraid to jump in and help as it is a dangerous situation. As they are trying to figure out what to do, all of a sudden there is a splash in the water and they see a nine-year-old boy swimming towards the teenager in the kayak. After reaching the kayak with much effort, he hops in, takes the oar from the exhausted boy and brings the boy to safety.

During the winter of 1950, the nine-year-old boy who is now 48, becomes the Lubavitcher Rebbe, his brilliance at addressing himself to the following ideal became apparent: He would not acknowledge division or separation. Every Jew -- indeed every human being -- has a unique role in the greater scheme of things and is an integral part of the tapestry of G-d's creation.

For nearly five of the most critical decades in recent history, the Rebbe's goal to reach out to every corner of the world with love and concern has unfolded dramatically. No sector of the community has been excluded -- young and old; men and women; leader and layman; scholar and laborer; student and teacher; children, and even infants.

He had an uncanny ability to meet everyone at their own level -- he advised Heads of State on matters of national and international importance, explored with professionals the complexities in their own fields of expertise, and spoke to small children with warm words and a fatherly smile.

With extraordinary insight, he perceived the wealth of potential in each person. His inspiration, now accessible through his writings and videos, boosts the individual's self-perception, ignites his awareness of that hidden wealth and motivates a desire to fulfill his potential. In the same way, many a community has been transformed by the Rebbe's message, and been given -- directly or indirectly -- a new sense of purpose and confidence. In each case the same strong, if subtle, message is imparted: "You are Divinely gifted with enormous strength and energy -- actualize it!"



Loxville Lag B'Omer Cookout BBQ

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Heska Amuna Synagogue

July 1

Eleanor Adams ♦ Sylvia Balloff ♦ Isaac Benhayon ♦ Lillian Brody ♦ Harry Cooper ♦ Karl Finestone ♦ Louis Freeman ♦ Ben Goodstein ♦ Clara Goodstein ♦ Harry Kaplan ♦ Shirley Leeds ♦ Rebecca Millen ♦ Joseph Russler ♦ David Sayah ♦ Harold Shersky ♦ Nathan Quadow ♦ Hirsh Zussman

July 5

Janet Balloff ♦ Siegfried Besmann ♦ Charlotte Cohen ♦ Sarah Coplan ♦ Irving Danziger ♦ Robert Euster ♦ Norman Evans ♦ Josephine Gluck ♦ Fannie Goldberg ♦ Lisa Kahn ♦ Alvin Kingsley ♦ Benjamin Leibowitz ♦ Norman Millen ♦ Douglas Morrison ♦ Bessie Perelman ♦ Jessie Presser ♦ Mildred Shamitz ♦ Eva Slovis ♦ Rabbi Isaac Winick

July 12

Leo Adams ♦ Malvina Alexander ♦ Matilda Corkland ♦ Leon Dobbs ♦ Barbara Fay ♦ Madge Glidewell ♦ Fannie Goldstein ♦ Bernard Greenbaum ♦ Maria Gruenberg ♦ Leonard Miller ♦ Frances Levin ♦ Bertha Licht ♦ Edward Lippner ♦ Evelyn Lowe ♦ Edward Mottzman ♦ Mel Nagler ♦ Avrom Wein

July 19

Dorina Barnett ♦ Esther Berbergal ♦ Mary Corkland ♦ Cleo Ginsburg ♦ Morris Goldman ♦ Sylvia Goldstein ♦ Ethan Goodfriend ♦ William Gurwitch ♦ Benjamin Jaffe ♦ Harold Licht ♦ Yetta Lipshin ♦ Stella Love ♦ Rose Martin ♦ Samuel Merlin ♦ Samuel Millen ♦ Max Millner

July 26

Abraham Bart ♦ Esther Bernstein ♦ Muriel Boothman ♦ Mollie Brietstein ♦ Mildred Dreyer ♦ Harry Fayonsky ♦ Adela Gross ♦ Karl Liberman ♦ Hyman Levison ♦ Jim Nash ♦ Katie Ross ♦ Marian Schneider

JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

July 3

Morton Banov ♦ Miriam Blumberg ♦ Sara Brody ♦ Yudel Cawn ♦ Richard M. Hecht ♦ Stanley Hookman ♦ Richard Marchand ♦ Margaret Moss ♦ Gussie Potter ♦ David Sauers ♦ Dora P. Schramm ♦ Dora Silverstein ♦ Jerome Smith ♦ Gertrude Spero ♦ Patricia Zivi

July 10

Leo Donald Berman ♦ Morris Deitch ♦ Issac Diamond ♦ Samuel M. Feinberg ♦ Harry Gluck ♦ Alex Jacobson ♦ Ralph Kramer ♦ Rose Mark ♦ Sol Moiger ♦ Fred M. Moss ♦ David Salus ♦ Jacob Shapiro ♦ Phillip Taylor ♦ Harold Zimmerman

July 17

Stanley Bernard ♦ Jessie Dreyfuss Black ♦ Lillian Finklestein Brody ♦ Raymond Brody ♦ David E. Brown ♦ Pavel Budik ♦ Joel A. Caller ♦ Irene F. Chotiner ♦ Matilda Davis Corkland ♦ Pearl Davis ♦ KC Derrington ♦ Mayme Dortch ♦ Sylvia Frankel ♦ Minnie Feld Katz ♦ John Kelleher ♦ Irving Kovitch ♦ Bernard Levenson ♦ Mimi Pais ♦ Leo Silver ♦ Edwin Simon ♦ Max Sonn

July 24

Malcolm Bloom ♦ Anne Cohen ♦ Tinnie Diamond ♦ Goldie Ann Garber ♦ David Hyman ♦ Harvey Kronick ♦ David Licht ♦ Nathan Lieberman ♦ Shlema Livshits ♦ Sam Rosenbloom ♦ Doba Solotovskaya ♦ Jennie Traugot

July 31

Hilda Freedman ♦ Louis H. Gassel ♦ Yankel Haim Iancovsky ♦ Lillian Okin Kern ♦ Jeannie Samuel Levy ♦ Judy Schwartz ♦ Joseph Silverstein ♦ Regina Sunshine



Hadassah Highlights

Kick Off a Healthy Year with Knoxville Hadassah

Sunday, August 23, 2015
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center Gym
6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville



There is no doubt that Hadassah's medical researchers have already positively impacted someone you love or someone you know. Come and learn about some of these accomplishments and discover ways *Hadassah Knoxville* supports the health and well-being of people in our own communities. In addition to learning new information, here are other reasons to attend:

- ★ **BOOK SALE:** *The Hadassah Book Group will host a book sale featuring copies of books the group has read and more. Learn about our book group and support a great cause. All proceeds go to JNF to purchase trees in Israel.*
- ★ **GOOD FOOD:** *Not only are many Knoxville Hadassah members "People of the Book," but this group includes many "People Who Can Cook!" Enjoy a nosh with us.*
- ★ **MEET AND GREET:** *Enjoy meeting Jewish women new to our area and spend some time with old friends. It's the best of both worlds!*



RSVP TODAY! Please let us know that you plan to attend by August 16. Contact: barbara@bmintz.com or 690-7191.

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Hadassah's Bye Bye BBQ event was a terrific end to its 2015 season. Families enjoyed grilled hot dogs and veggies as well as potluck delights at the AJCC.

Members enjoy looking at lovely Hadassah scrapbooks crafted by Historian Nora Messing.

Hadassah Associates Moshe Shloush and Pat Messing chat as the hot dogs grill.



Bye, Bye BBQ Event

On a beautiful Sunday in May, Hadassah ventured into new BBQ territory. Thanks to Robin Brown, Barbara Mintz, Shuli Mesa and Shannon Martindale, barbeque was taken to the next level. The Grill Master, aka Jeff Gubitzi, did a fantastic job keeping the hot dogs hot and the veggies sizzling. Nearly everyone brought some type of food goodie to share or helped with set up and clean up. The kids played away while the adults gabbed away. It was a tasty blast and a fantastic way to say thank you for a fantastic year to our Hadassah friends and family.

Self Defense, Love Yourself Program

In a car, walking out of the grocery store, visiting a friend at a hospital or even just pumping gas; are you safe? Are you even aware of those around you or do you have your head in your cell phone and your arms full of bags? These are the things that were discussed at Hadassah's April program featuring Self Defense. Sometimes the best defense is offense and being aware of those around you and knowing what to do. Mark Everhart and Bonnie Boring taught us how to navigate through an attack, but more importantly how to take preemptive measures to avoid it all together. We learned basic strikes and how to incapacitate your attacker. The main goal, of course, is to get away and call for help. With Mark and Bonnie's guidance, everyone who attended this program, no matter age, size or shape, felt a new sense of safety and most importantly empowerment. Thank you to everyone who came and those that brought our healthy energizing snacks. A special thank you to Bonnie and Mark for taking the time to teach some amazing moves...we may not have turned into ninja's that day...but bad guys be warned!



*Evyn Mesa is delighted by bubble made by brother Noah at Bye Bye BBQ.
Mark Everhart and Bonnie Boring teach a self defense class.*

Hadassah Book Club News

By Peggy Littmann,
plittmann@comcast.net

We'll be meeting at 7:30 p.m., on **Tuesday, August 18** to discuss *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. We meet in the coffee shop area, in Barnes and Noble Book Store on Kingston Pike.

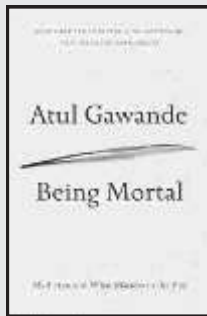
Any interested women from the greater Knoxville Area are most welcome to join us. Please contact Peggy Littmann at plittmann@comcast.net, or cell (865) 776-1013 with questions. T

The Hadassah link under Social Action Organizations at <http://jewishknoxville.org/adults> should have the latest information for the book club.

Reviews

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End. Medicine has triumphed in modern times, transforming birth, injury, and infectious disease from harrowing to manageable. But in the inevitable condition of aging and death, the goals of medicine seem too frequently to run counter to the interest of the human spirit. Nursing homes, preoccupied with safety, pin patients into railed beds and wheelchairs. Hospitals isolate the dying, checking for vital signs long after the goals of cure have become moot. Doctors, committed to extending life, continue to carry out devastating procedures that in the end extend suffering.

Gawande, a practicing surgeon, addresses his profession's ultimate limitation, arguing that quality of life is the desired goal for patients and families. Gawande offers examples of freer, more socially fulfilling models for assisting the infirm and dependent elderly, and he explores the varieties of hospice care to demonstrate that a person's last weeks or months may be rich and dignified. Full of eye-opening research and riveting storytelling, *Being Mortal* asserts that medicine can comfort and enhance our experience even to the end, providing not only a good life but also a good end.



Nefesh:

Helping the Nepal Earthquake Victims

By Shannon Martindale

Less than three days after a devastating 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck Nepal, leaving thousands dead and thousands more injured or missing, an Israeli Defense Team (IDF) humanitarian aid mission was on the ground providing much needed emergency services.

Among those in the 260-member delegation were three Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) physicians. Dr. Yuval Meroz, senior anesthesiologist in the Dept. of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine, and Dr. Uri Ilan, attending physician in the Department of Pediatrics, were aboard the first flights destined for Nepal. Orthopedic Resident Dr. Shree Krishna Kashichawa, a Nepalese native from the Kathmandu Valley, joined the two HMO physicians in the region shortly later. Kashichawa's parents and five married siblings live in the area most affected by the earthquake and he was eager to return to be part of the emergency mission.

"I landed in Nepal on Monday night. I worked with the team in building the field hospital," Kashichawa said. "I want to thank Hadassah hospitals, medical and IDF team and the Israeli government ... for making this happen."

Israel has one of the top disaster relief teams in the world and is consistently among the first to offer substantial aid to countries in distress from natural and other disasters. Hadassah is proud of Israel and the physicians at HMO for helping those most in need of help.

In Hadassah, Anyone Can Shine

By Shannon Martindale

The Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah has a tradition that is unique among the chapters of the Southern Region. The Knoxville Woman of the Year has no idea that she has received the honor until it is announced by the esteemed Bettye Berlin at our annual regional conference. To say I was stunned upon hearing my name is an understatement. My first thought was, "But I haven't done anything amazing! I haven't been President. I'm not a Keeper of the Gate. I haven't been a member long enough. How could I be The Woman of the Year?" When I was able to take a breath and listen to the kind words my chapter had submitted about why they had chosen me for the honor, I realized it had less to do with my achieving something grand and had much more to do with my constancy. Decisions are made by those who show up and showing up is something at which I apparently excel.

In my tenure as a Hadassah member, I have not yet planned a program that was able to boast unheard of attendance. I have not been able to donate great sums of money. I have not introduced an idea that has changed the way we work toward our goals. There is nothing particularly grand or different about my contributions to Hadassah. Sometimes all I can do is show up to a program and be supportive. I would like to challenge every member of the Knoxville Chapter to do just that. Show up to a program. You might be surprised to learn that you are giving far more than you realize just with your presence.

Like many of you, I am not in a financial position to donate great sums to Hadassah or the other organizations. I wish I were. My current situation dictates that I have to budget for every dollar donated. However, I am fortunate to work for a company that provides non-profit organizations with *Money for Time* grants. Simply put, for every hour I give to a qualified non-profit organization, my company will give that organization ten dollars. All that is required of me is that I document my time online. By June 30, 2015, I will have given more than 100 hours of my time to Hadassah this year and my company will have given them more than \$1,000. Because of this incredible program and my talent for simply showing up, I will become a Keeper of the Gate. I am so grateful to know that my small contributions are contributing to a greater purpose. If your company has a similar program, please consider looking into how they might be willing to give Hadassah money for your time. I encourage you all to take the first step, even if it has been many years since you have been active in Hadassah. Just show up and see what happens!



Bettye Berlin, Shannon Martindale, and Lee Kansas as Shannon is being presented as Knoxville's Woman of the Year.

Hadassah Layettes: Join Hadassah in Honoring New Family Members

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

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

Thanks for your support of this very important Hadassah program!



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Help Israel: Purchase Tree/Water Certificates

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

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



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

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

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



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Urban Garden helps KJDS *STEAM into Green*

As part of our cutting-edge curriculum, STEAM into Service, the Knoxville Jewish Day School works with local organizations to grow food and improve urban gardens. This unique curriculum has been a driving force at the school for the entire year. With conscious effort, we are pairing the academic benefits of a STEAM program with the character building of a service project. Key to this educational model is the teaching of empathy and an obligation to social action. Both semesters of STEAM have been focused on giving to those in need and combating hunger in East Tennessee.

The school participated in a workday at the ECO Youth Garden (Every Child Outdoors) hosted by the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum. The service workday was the culmination of a semester-long project to engage K-5 students in science, technology, engineering, art and math ("STEAM") lessons, while giving back to the community. Students partnered with ECO Youth Garden staff and other gardening experts this semester to learn the skills (e.g., engineering design, horticulture and sustainability) needed to create an urban garden. They are now applying these skills in establishing a garden at our school and tending to garden beds at the ECO Youth Garden during the service workday. The fresh produce raised in the ECO Youth Garden will be donated to local food kitchens and pantries to provide hunger relief in the East Tennessee community. KJDS helped establish a reading garden at the ECO Youth Garden to promote healthy living and habits among area youth. As an additional service project this spring, KJDS students decorated and donated two rain barrels to the Beardsley Community Farm.

A big Thank You to The Besmann Family Fund for Social Justice and Spiritual Enrichment of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds and UCOR mini education grants for providing funding for this project.



Michael enjoys sampling a radish from the plants the students grew. Ms. Annie led the STEAM into Green project and taught the students about everything from plant propagation to canning. Two rain barrels built and decorated by KJDS students in their new home at Beardsley Community Farms.

What Parents Say about Choosing KJDS for Their Child...

We know choosing your child's school can be a hard decision. Here at the Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School, we take pride in offering a nurturing yet challenging environment. We educate the whole child in many ways. Our small class size allows for differentiated instruction and one-on-one attention.

We asked our parents to tell us some of the reasons why they chose to send their children to KJDS....

- ★ *"There is no better school that can give a child a solid foundation for academics ...self-confidence...a sense of purpose and Jewish identity!"* - Parent of 2 alumni
- ★ *"There are so many things to love about KJDS, but what stands out the most for me is the skillful blend of tradition and innovation that permeates all the programming"* - Current parent
- ★ *"We chose KJDS because of the challenging, innovative curriculum, small class size and inclusion of a second language beginning in kindergarten. My son loves KJDS."* - Current parents
- ★ *"We love the small class size that allows the academics to be slightly tailored to individual needs while still maintaining a sense of belonging to and working with a group."* - Current parents
- ★ *"Being a non-Jewish parent it was a real struggle for me at first. After all, my daughter was being taught how to perceive the world with a perspective other my own. I had to trust and let go...and I couldn't be happier that I did"* - Current parent
- ★ *"At KJDS, we found the perfect fit...a place where she can excel and be like a rocket ship taking off with learning, but doing so in a well-rounded, nurturing, creative and fun way that celebrates her entire person and also lets her just be a kid."* - Current parents

If you want to hear more about our school or schedule a tour, please call 560-9922 or email info@kjds.com.



Congratulations to our KJDS staff for being awarded four UCOR Education mini-grants. The grants titled Integrating Design Challenges, Real World Application for Math and Sciences, Changing Ecosystem and Robots in the Classroom have been awarded, and we are so excited to see these projects to fruition!

A True Celebration

On May 21 the graduating Class of 2015 took their official place as “Alumni.” It was a bittersweet night full of emotions and friendship. The evening was kicked off with some delicious appetizers prepared by Marilyn and Pat, our resident caterers. The Celebration of Excellence also includes work and performances from the entire school. Artwork created throughout the year is displayed and the whole student body performed several songs as well. Heidi and Sophie’s a duet moved many to tears. All of our students are very confident performers and each shone in their own special way.

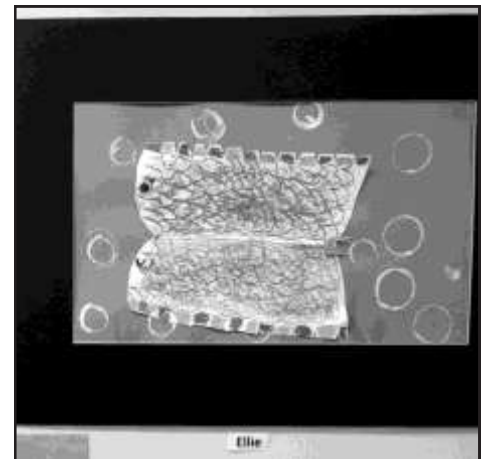
Each class hands out superlatives and presents a project the students had worked on. The Superlatives included “Curious like a Cat” Award, “Blooming Poet” Award and “Most likely to win an Election” Award. It was fun for the students to see what areas they had grown in by the awards they received. Math awards are usually given to those who have to work very hard to master the lesson. Several received

The five 5th graders look amused, joyous and excited as the traditions of this night unfolded. With their families watching, each graduate was presented with a diploma, a scrapbook and a bit of advice for the future. They performed a touching skit that included many of their favorite memories throughout the years. And they watched as each child and staff member spoke about how they have made a difference at school and wished them well; this was in addition to heartwarming pictures made into a slide show. They will all be missed greatly but we know they are prepared for their next adventure.



The Class of 2015! Heidi, Sophie, Aidan, Dylan, and Melissa.

Artwork is displayed with descriptions of technique and cross-curriculum tie in with the students' core classes.



Dory and Mendel play the keyboard during one of the school-wide performances.

A joyous song for a momentous event.

Amazing Volunteers Give Their All

If you attend a function at KJDS, you will probably see two women working at an expertly-decorated table bursting with appetizing food. Marilyn Burnett and Pat Rosenberg are the driving force behind many of the social events at the school. Not only do they organize, plan and execute the Special Friends activities, they build menus, prepare food and decorate as well. Marilyn and Pat were the two dynamos who created the amazing dining choices at the Diamond Ball Honoring Harold Markman. We want to say "Thank You" to these remarkable women who give so much to our school. Your talents are a gift that we receive in gratitude and we truly appreciate everything you both do.



Pat Rosenberg and Marilyn Burnett

KJDS Board Welcomes Two New Co-Presidents

We are so pleased to announce that Sandy Parker and Judith Rosenberg have been named new co-presidents of our KJDS Board of Directors. All of our board members give a great deal to the vision and mission of the school. With these two women at the helm, we are sure to continue to be an educational paragon in Knoxville.

Here are some words from our new presidents

My name is **Sandy Parker**, better known as grandma to Ellie and Max Wood. The truth is Zayde (Steve) and I retired to Knoxville from New York to be near these two dear children. We soon found that we were not only enjoying our grandchildren but all the children of the Knoxville Jewish Day School. The two of us became Special Friends, attended school functions and volunteered to help at many events. Seve and I donated our time, we donated our money, but what we got back was priceless. It was like our family grew and our lives became richer.

This year, Judith Rosenberg and I have agreed to be co-presidents of the KJDS board of directors. I am excited and honored to be a part of the future of this fabulous day school. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

I'm **Judith Rosenberg**, a Knoxville native and a proud past, present and future supporter of our Knoxville Jewish community in a variety of ways. Most recently, I'm honored to serve with Sandy Parker as a co-president of the KJDS board of directors. A few years after the school was launched, I was asked to serve on a public relations and outreach working group...and I found myself feeling "all in." I was "all in" because of the quality of education its students received, both from a secular and Judaic perspective. I was "all in" when I saw first-hand the passion and dedication of KJDS's educators, and how much FUN the students were having every time I walked in the door. I was "all in" and so impressed by the resources KJDS utilizes within our community to create a joyful, productive learning environment. And, I was "all in" when I considered the impact this school will have on the future of the Knoxville Jewish community. I'm inspired by our possibilities and invite our entire community to engage with KJDS through our activities and events. You'll love what the future holds!

The Knoxville Jewish Day School thanks all of our board members, education committee members, supporters, parents, Sandy, and Judith for all they do for our school.



Granddaughter Ellie, Sandy Parker, and friend.



Judith Rosenberg and a special friend.

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The Way We Were in the 1890s



This photograph is of the four children of Simon and Regina (nee **Spiro**) **Sunshine**. Simon was a grocer. The boys, Benjamin, Alvin, and Walter were born around 1882, 1885, and 1889 (at least two of them in Tennessee), while their sister Gladys didn't arrive until 1893 or 1894, so this photograph appears to have been taken no later than 1895 or 1896.

Simon and Regina are buried in the Knoxville's Old Jewish Cemetery, near son Alvin, who died in 1907. Simon died here in 1922. Regina moved to Detroit where her surviving children had settled, and died there in 1933. Gladys applied for a late-filed Knoxville birth certificate in 1954. Knoxvilleans Fannie **Beiler**, identified as a cousin, and Louis **Lippner** filed affidavits claiming they knew the circumstances of her birth. The document includes the post office box of E B **Deitch**.

To learn more, visit our website at jewishknoxville.org/archives. If you know more about the Sunshine family, or whether Regina's father Wolf **Spiro** might have been related to Herman **Spiro**, on whose vinegar barrels the early members of Temple Beth El met, please contact the archivist at archives@jewishknoxville.org or call (865) 690-6343.

We only have photographs such as this one because someone saved it, and someone thought to donate it to the archives. This is certainly one of the KJA Archives's oldest photographs.

Send your photos of "The Way We Were" to archivist@jewishknoxville.org.