



# Ha' Kol

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## Visiting Sofer Repairs Synagogue Torahs

Master Sofer Rabbi Yochanan Salazar visited Heska Amuna Synagogue for two days to repair small smudges and a tear in the synagogue's Torah scrolls. With his expert and gifted talent for precise and accurate Torah repair work, Rabbi Salazar heads the Torah Restoration Department of Sofer On Site. He often travels around the country restoring Torahs, while educating communities on the proper techniques of Torah care. During his visit, Rabbi Salazar worked on two Torahs at a time, so that the ink could dry on one while he worked on the other.

### Interesting Facts:

As everyone knows, the books of the *Torah* are sacred. No mistakes in writing are permitted, and the scroll must remain undamaged for use in worship. A missing or misshapen letter invalidates the entire *Torah*. Errors of transcription, damage to the parchment or smudging of the lettering must all be rectified according to the strictest and most meticulous rules. An area of script which has been damaged or stained must be immaculately repaired, but it is sufficient for the surface to be gently scraped away, dusted with powdered chalk and rewritten. Repairs must cover whole letters or preferably words; individual letters must not be interrupted for repair.

The equipment used by the scribe is also of great ritual importance. Each scribe either makes his own or purchases what he needs, usually from Israel. The ink, which must be very clear and black if it is to last for hundreds of years, is made from tree galls which are boiled and mixed with gum arabic and a preservative. The scribe writes with a quill – preferably made from a goose or turkey feather – or with a calamus reed. He prepares the ink using a combination of gall-nut juice and gum, adding various tints to make it black.

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**From the Rabbi's Desk**  
**Normal Mysticism**

By Rabbi Alon Ferency

My friend and colleague Jeremy Gordon writes, "The English word 'observant' carries a twin valence no single Hebrew word can match. With observance we become more observant. We see more clearly, we see more deeply, we understand more profoundly."

Through observance of our tradition, we imbue our daily lives with what Max Kadushin called "normal mysticism." Our Heritage (*mesorah*) teaches us to live deliberately: "We find meaning and even salvation not through hocus pocus, but everyday action," says Rabbi Gordon, "not through miracle but through the elevation of humdrum; a loaf of bread, a candle, an acknowledgement of a passing season or new moon..." We make time sacred by acknowledging God's presence in the simplest of acts, whether hearing thunder, or biting a fresh peach.

For the Jew, living deliberately means following the precepts that bring our lives together with God's. This comes not through a single transformative action, but by dozens of them. Our abundance of *mitzvot* is provided to structure our lives, and give meaning to individual moments. Judaism is "a faith of gentle uncovering."

As Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel said, "The purpose of observance is to train us in achieving spiritual ends... an act of bringing together the passing with the everlasting, the momentary with the eternal." Our ancestor Isaac was so adept at this that it is said that he could communicate with sprouts and grasses, and that all of his speech was as though a prayer. Judaism holds that God is manifest in our actions, and that through observance of the *mitzvot*, we are refined.



**Tishrei-Cheshvan 5776**

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**Members Invited to Sunset Minyan**

Please join us for a traditional Shabbat evening service.

**Friday, October 9**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Heska Amuna Synagogue**

**5776 High Holy Day Services Schedule**

<i>Shabbat Services</i>	<b>Saturday, October 3</b> 9:30 a.m. in the Sukkah
<i>7<sup>th</sup> Day of Sukkot</i>	<b>Sunday October 4</b> 9:30 a.m. Hoshana Rabbah
<i>Shemini Atzeret</i>	<b>Monday, October 5</b> 9:30 a.m. (including Yizkor)
<i>Simchat Torah</i>	<b>Monday, October 5</b> Dinner at 6:00 p.m.; Services and Hakkafot at 7:00 p.m.
<i>Simchat Torah</i>	<b>Tuesday, October 6</b> 9:30 a.m. Services

## President's Report

By *Raphe Panitz, Ph.D.*

I have now been a Heska Amuna member for more than three years, and I must admit that it is truly a welcoming and warm synagogue. The members in attendance on Shabbat and the holidays make every person present feel as if they are part of an extended family. Heska Amuna can be thought of as a sacred place, a *makom kadosh*, and a holy community, a *kehilla kedosha*.

This past summer, I was privileged to teach a summer school course in the Department of Religious Studies of the University of Tennessee. That course was an Introduction to Judaism, and one of the requirements for the students was to attend a Shabbat service and (after Shabbat) write a reflection of their visit to the synagogue. Several students came to Heska Amuna, a few went to Beth El, and one went to the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge. I would like to share with you one student's impressions of Heska Amuna (The student gave me permission to share his views with the community)

"My first impressions at Temple Heska Amuna were quite positive. Like any first time visitor I felt a little nervous and awkward. We (my wife and I) arrived early for the 9:30 a.m. service and became concerned that by 9:25 no one else had arrived. We soon realized that the celebrants tend to arrive at just about 9:30 or a little later.

We were immediately greeted by the president of the synagogue, Dr. Panitz. There were introductions made and a general feeling of welcome and friendship helped to create an atmosphere that something quite special was about to take place. We were approached by several people who introduced themselves and offered to answer any questions we might have. This of course was most appreciated and very helpful as a way of learning what is expected during Shabbat.

Upon entering the synagogue the first thing that stands out is the Ark which contains the Torah and the Ner Tamid (eternal light) suspended above. Visually this gave me a sense of the importance and the holiness of what we were about to experience.

Several people helped us with the two books we would be using during the service and pointed out the translations and the commentary. This of course was very much appreciated because at first glance the Hebrew text could be quite intimidating. For me, it took a little while to grasp what was being sung by the rabbi, and what direction to read from (right to left). Some of the prayers were sung, some recited out loud and some silently. Standing was required during certain prayers because of their importance and for some others we sat. My wife and I just kept our eyes on those around us and did whatever they did. That part was not difficult. Imagine my surprise when introduced to Rabbi Ferency, he told me about his appreciation for jazz, that he was a former jazz disc jockey and that he would be speaking about this in his talk this morning.

There was a definite feeling of casualness about the atmosphere of the synagogue which I enjoyed very much. Naturally the Shabbat itself is formal and respectful, grounded in holiness and history. The congregation seemed to understand this, yet at the same time would occasionally get up to move around and talk amongst themselves and with others. There was truly a feeling of community and sharing of friendships. We were made to feel quite comfortable, as though we were now a part of this community.

This was a most enjoyable and educational experience for both my wife and I. There was a buffet (or Kiddush) set up following the Shabbat with excellent food, conversation and the creation of new friendships. I look forward to my next visit."

These impressions of Heska Amuna, written by a University of Tennessee student, make us realize what we often take for granted. Seeing and learning what others think of our services provides a great perspective not often seen by the Members. We should always strive to maintain the warm and welcoming atmosphere at Heska Amuna.

*Shalom uveracha.*

## Chairman's Musings

By *Hal Manas*

In my shop, I have one quote on the wall right in my line of sight when I am working. It's not from a famous artist or a well known and respected bamboo rod maker. It is a quote from Albert Einstein:

"The pursuit of knowledge for it's own sake, an almost fanatical love of justice and the desire for personal independence – these are the features of the Jewish tradition which make me thank my stars that I belong to it."

I like to collect quotes from famous people, especially those I hold in high esteem. So much the better if they are Jewish. If we look at this one, Einstein points out three features of the Jewish tradition. He was famous for the pursuit of knowledge and his desire for personal independence is almost legendary. An almost fanatical love of justice is something that I would like to talk about here.

As I am writing this, the weekly Parsha is *Shoftim*. Moses instructs the people to appoint Judges in every city. "Justice, justice shall you pursue." We are still pursuing justice. We see it in heroic acts and in every day conversation. We see it everywhere. We see it when people are offended by injustice. Some people would have us ignore injustice, but when you are tempted to look the other way, try to remember the words of Moses, "Justice, justice shall you pursue."



The pursuit of knowledge for **it's own sake**, an almost fanatical love of justice and the desire for personal independence – these are the features of the Jewish tradition which make me thank **my stars that I belong to it."**

*Albert Einstein*

## We are Grateful for Contributions from Caring People

Donations received July 31 – Sept 3, 2015

Visit [www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org) for a complete list of available funds.

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*In memory of Leon Hasden*

By Gene & Pat Rosenberg

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Cartwright

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By Manny Herz

*In memory of Shoshana Becker*

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Cartwright

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By Ted & Wendy Besmann

By Andrea Schwartz

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By Adam Brown

*In memory of Gershon Cooper*

By Harriet Cooper

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*Gene Bocknek*

By Judith Bocknek

### Religious School Fund

*In memory of Shoshana Becker*

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*In memory of Jennye Grusin*

By Judith Rattner



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.

# LOTIONS AND POTIONS AND TEA, OH MY!


**HESKA AMUNA  
SISTERHOOD  
ANNUAL BRUNCH**

**SUNDAY OCT. 25  
10 AM - NOON**

**HESKA AMUNA  
SOCIAL HALL**

**FREE**

Rachel Milford, Herbalist, Herb Grower, and Wellness Educator will share her story about her path to wellness. Through her business, *Reclaiming Your Roots*, she offers classes on herbal medicine and healing with whole foods. She grows and sells herbal products.



*Reclaiming Your Roots*

**RSVP to Jill Weinstein (jkweinstein5@gmail.com or 865-556-3855) by October 20th.**

## Heska Amuna Religious School News

By Betty Golub, Youth and Family Programming Director

The Torah is the most precious gift belonging to the Jewish people. The last word in the Torah is Yisrael, which ends in the letter lamed. The first word in the Torah is Bereshit, which begins with the letter vet. When these two letters are put together, They spell the word Lev, which means heart. The Torah is the book which holds the wisdom of the Jewish people. It is the story of our journey towards a better world.

The Torah gives us our laws and values so we can live accordingly.

The Israelites took the Torah into their hearts and the responsibilities that went with it onto their shoulders. Around Torah, they built a way of life. Judaism is our inheritance. Judaism has survived because the words of the Torah are exceedingly wise. Torah helps us live life!

The people of Israel made a promise to embrace the Torah. We choose to live by its teachings. That choice must be made in every generation, by every Jew. We chose to embrace the Torah. Torah is the heart of the Jewish people. We, the Jewish people, will live in strength as long as that heart beats!

This year, we will honor all of our new students at our Simchat Torah celebration with a special gift. Please join us Monday evening, October 5, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m. as we rejoice in the Torah with dinner, singing and dancing

I would like to wish Thomas Scott a very hearty Mazel Tov on his upcoming Bar Mitzvah. Everyone is so proud of your accomplishment!

## Welcome to Gan K'Tan Fall Session

Children ages 0-4 years old  
with parents



**10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**  
**October 18**  
**November 15**  
**December 6**

Stories, music, arts and crafts, healthy snacks.  
See old friends and make new ones.

## HARS Dates to Remember

<b>Sunday, October 4</b>	Pre – K thru Prozdor
<b>Monday, October 5</b>	Simchat Torah Celebration & Dinner
<b>Sunday, October 11</b>	No School – Fall Break
<b>Wednesday, October 14</b>	No School – Fall Break
<b>Sunday, October 18</b>	Gan K'Tan thru Prozdor
<b>Saturday, October 25</b>	Shabbat School & Family Minyan
<b>Sunday, October 25</b>	No School

## Scott to Celebrate Simcha at Heska Amuna

Thomas Scott, son of Serina and Jeff Scott, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on October 17, at 9:30 a.m. at Heska Amuna Synagogue. Thomas is the brother of Zachariah and Joshua. Rabbi Ferency will officiate. Services will be followed by a Kiddush lunch sponsored by the Scott family.

Thomas will lead services and read Torah, chant Haftorah, and address the congregation. His Torah portion is from the book of Noah, and tells the story of the Tower of Babel.

Thomas is in the 8th grade and learns at home through the Farm School Satellite program based in Middle Tennessee. Thomas is interested in how things work and figuring out on his own how to make things that interest him. For example he taught himself Java so he could build mods for Minecraft, which are code modifications to the game that alter the way the game works. This work branched out into studying 3D rendering techniques and led to an epic alien space exploration game he is currently writing from scratch. When he needed to create 3D animations for his game creatures, rather than use an already available program he preferred to write his own 3D animation editor to his own specific needs, also in progress.

Thomas enjoys taking college courses, for example Neuroscience from Duke, Chemistry from Rutgers, as well as Physics, Dinosaur Paleobiology, Autonomous Flight Navigation, robotics and electronics. He is a self directed learner who excels at researching topics to master information he needs for his various projects and personal interests. His Flight Navigation studies utilized the inventions of his grandfather who in the 1950s designed the first computerized celestial navigation systems for the SM-62 Snark guided missile, the design concepts of which were later adopted and improved in the SR-71 spy plane. When he found that he needed to know differential multivariable calculus to implement Extended Kalman Filters, without having heard of multivariable calculus, he figured out that was what he needed to know, and studied enough of the basics on his own to be able to solve the problems he needed to solve.

When he wants to do something and is motivated he doesn't let much get in his way. When he doesn't really want to do something though things can be very different. When Thomas isn't working on computer projects he enjoys spending time outdoors in his spare time.

For a service project Thomas is collecting old towels to be donated to animal shelters. He has a great love for animals, and it seems fitting as he is reading from Noah. He also helped our wonderful Religious School director, Betty Golub, move and organize her office this summer.

We want to extend special thanks to Rabbi Ferency for his guidance, Michael Burnett for tutoring, Ellen Kern for coaching, Betty Golub and Mary Ann Merrel for help and guidance, and the Heska Amuna community for support and encouragement.



*Thomas Scott*

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue* *HaShofar*

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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](http://www.heskaamuna.org)

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# October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Daylight Savings Time November 1, 2015</b></p>				<p><b>1</b> Sukkot 7:00a minyan-HA 5-8p Sundown in the Sukkah-AJCC</p> 	<p><b>2</b> Sukkot 4:45p JFS Shabbat Service-Sherrill Hills 6p Sukkot Shabbat Service on the Patio w/ Hors D'oeuvres-TBE</p>	<p><b>3</b> Sukkot 9:30a Shabbat Service in the Sukkah (weather permitting)-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR</p>
<p><b>4</b> Sukkot 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Hoshana Rabba Sukkot Service-HA 9:30a Religious School-TBE 9:30-Noon Religious School-HA 10:30a Yizkor Service-TBE 1-3p ACS Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk-World's Fair Park 6p Simchat Torah Service w/ Consecration-TBE</p>	<p><b>5</b> Shimini Atzeret KJA Office closed 7:00a minyan-HA 9:30a Shemini Atzeret Service-ha 6p Simchat Torah Dinner-HA 6:30p Service &amp; Dinner-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym 7p Services &amp; Hakkafot-HA</p>	<p><b>6</b> Simchat Torah KJA Office and AJCC Preschool closed 8:30a Simchat Torah Services-HA 6p Executive Board-TBE</p> 	<p><b>7</b> 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 11:30a Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 4-5p Religious School-HA 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 4:30-8p Piano Lessons-Media Room 6-9p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7:00a minyan-HA 7:30p Board of Trustees-HA 7:30p Israeli dancing-AJCC</p>	<p><b>9</b> 7:30p Shabbat Service-TBE</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR</p>
<p><b>11</b> 9:30a minyan-HA 12:30p TBE Sisterhood Annual Mah Jongg Tournament-TBE</p>	<p><b>12</b> 7:00a minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym 7:15p KJA Exec Comm-Orwitz Rm</p>	<p><b>13</b> 4:30-8p Piano Lessons-Media Room 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 6:30p Board-TBE</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 11:30a Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA Noon-Friendshippers-Sherrill Hills 4-5p Religious School-HA 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 6p KJDS Board-KJDS 6-9p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p><b>15</b> 7:00a minyan-HA 7:30p Israeli dancing-AJCC 7:30p Rabbi &amp; Religious Services-Comm-HA 6:30p <i>What's in Your Medicine Cabinet?</i>-Hadassah Program-AJCC Gym</p> 	<p><b>16</b> 7:30p Shabbat Service-TBE</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR</p>
<p><b>18</b> 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Religious School-TBE</p>	<p><b>19</b> 7:00a minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p><b>20</b> 4:30-8p Piano Lessons-Media Room 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7p UT Faculty Lecture Series-Elena Shpak-Orwitz Rm</p>	<p><b>21</b> 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 11:30a Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 4-5p Religious School-HA 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 6p KJA Budget Comm-Orwitz Rm 6-9p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p><b>22</b> 7:00a minyan-HA 7:30p Israeli dancing-AJCC</p>	<p><b>23</b> BBYO New Member Weekend 7:30p Shabbat Service-TBE</p>	<p><b>24</b> BBYO New Member Weekend 9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR</p>
<p><b>25</b> BBYO New Member Weekend 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Religious School-TBE 10a-Noon Sisterhood Annual Membership Luncheon-HA</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7:00a minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym</p>	<p><b>27</b> 4:30-8p Piano Lessons-Media Room 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p><b>28</b> 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 11:30a Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 4-5p Religious School-HA 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 4:30-8p Piano Lessons-Media Room 6-9p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p><b>29</b> 7:00a minyan-HA 7:30p Israeli dancing-AJCC</p>	<p><b>30</b> AJCC Preschool PJ/Read-In Day-AJCC 7p Worship Lab-HA 7:30p Shabbat Service-TBE</p>	<p><b>31</b> 9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR</p>

**Mel Brooks: Back in the Saddle Again in Nashville - October 13, 7:30 p.m.**

Join the incomparable Mel Brooks for an exclusive, inside look at his storied career, and the making of the legendary and groundbreaking movie *Blazing Saddles*. This outrageous masterpiece, considered one of the top comedy films of all time, will be presented on the big screen followed by a live conversation and audience Q&A with Mel Brooks himself. **More info: [www.tpac.org](http://www.tpac.org)**

# K N O X V I L L E

## MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER Walk for a World without Breast Cancer SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4



**MAKING STRIDES**  
Against Breast Cancer®



The **Arnstein Jewish Community Center** is partnering again with the American Cancer Society to Finish the Fight against breast cancer. In the past two years, our AJCC team raised over \$8,500 and had over 50 participants walking, and 50 members in the Jewish community volunteering the day of the event.

The American Cancer Society and the AJCC believe everybody deserves more birthdays and this is a fight we will win! Go to [www.makingstridesknoxville.org](http://www.makingstridesknoxville.org) and register to join our team. **Our official team name is Arnstein Jewish Community Center.** There is no registration fee to participate, but donations are certainly appreciated.

**What are you waiting for? Register now** for the **American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer® 5K walk on Sunday, October 4** at World's Fair Park, starting with registration at 1:00 p.m, with the and walk beginning at 3:00 p.m. By participating in this inspiring event, you not only honor and celebrate those affected by breast cancer, but every step you take and every dollar raised helps save lives. When more walkers raise money to fight breast cancer, more survivors will be able to celebrate more birthdays.

Thank you in advance for your help and we look forward to working with you on this important initiative. **If you have any questions, call Amy (865-356-6830) or Hayley (954-610-0015).**



*Shelley Mangold, Linda Zaretski, Meredith Jaffe and Peggy Littmann create colorful High Holy Day cards during a Sisterhood<sup>3</sup> Rosh Chodesh event. The cards accompanied High Holy Day gift bags delivered to seniors at assisted living facilities by KJA's Jewish Family Services volunteers. Sisterhood<sup>3</sup> includes Sisterhood members from Heska Amuna, Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, and Temple Beth El.*



# H A P P E N I N G S

## Join BBYO and Attend New Member Weekend Conference – October 23-25

By Andrew Weinstein

New Member Weekend, also called MIT/AIT (Member In Training/Aleph In Training), is a fun and exciting regional event made specifically for freshman joining BBYO! It is a great way to make friends in the region and find out what Cotton States and BBYO are all about. Planned by the regional board members and one AZA and one BBG coordinator, the weekend is filled with tons of great programs centered around one theme.

When I went to New Member Weekend in 2014, the theme was *High School Musical*. The theme name was "The Start Of Something New." There were so many really cool and thoughtful programs that I loved. New Member Weekend is a great first regional program to attend!

This year, the conference will be held at Camp Cosby in Birmingham, Alabama from October 23-25. It is a great experience and I really hope all ninth grade boys and girls can attend!

Contact Jesse Feld, AZA (guys) advisor at [jfeld@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:jfeld@jewishknoxville.org) or Liza Reineiri, BBG advisor at [lisareineiri@gmail.com](mailto:lisareineiri@gmail.com) for information on joining this Jewish teen organization.



## Support Marty's Mission Donate Non-Perishable Foods to Second Harvest Food Bank

1 in 6 East Tennesseans will go hungry tonight. In our community, a staggering 200,000 people are at risk of hunger.

Please help your neighbors in a 18-county service area through your contributions to Second Harvest Food Bank.

The **"working poor"** make up the largest portion of the people that receive food from Second Harvest. Often, working poor families struggle week-to-week to support their families. The working poor are employed but most do not receive benefits or earn high wages.

Seniors are disproportionately at risk of hunger. In a recent senior survey, over 30% reported having to choose between buying groceries or buying medicine within the last month; 25% reported choosing between paying rent or going grocery shopping.

Children benefit from the Food for Kids program, which discretely sends backpacks of food home with school children over the weekends.

Have a meeting? Attending a class? Dropping your children off? Food collection barrels are conveniently located at these Jewish organizations.

- ★ Arnstein Jewish Community Center
- ★ Heska Amuna Synagogue
- ★ Knoxville Jewish Day School
- ★ Temple Beth El

### Basic Food Needs List

*The healthier, the better—low sodium, low sugar, high proteins. Cans with pop-top lids for easy opening help seniors, children, and disabled prepare meals.)*

- Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup)
- Tuna and canned meat
- Peanut butter
- Canned foods with pop-top lids
- Low-sugar cereals
- 100% fruit juices in single serving boxes
- Canned fruit packed in juice
- Canned vegetables (low salt)

### Additional Kid-Friendly Options

- Pop-top tuna
- 100% fruit rolls
- Raisins
- Graham crackers
- Unsweetened applesauce
- Cheese and crackers
- Fruit cups
- Pretzels
- Granola bars (without peanuts)

Learn more: <https://secondharvestetn.org/>

# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



## Fribourgs Honored for TBE Contribution

Wilma Weinstein

Temple Beth El is proud to announce that Henry and Claudia Fribourg have made a generous contribution to the Temple Beth El Library. The Holocaust Memorial Bookshelf was dedicated Friday night, August 14. This collection captures the lifetime of Holocaust remembrance and education that Henry and Claudia have been committed to since they survived escaped the Holocaust as children in France and Belgium.

Included in the collection are two books written by Henry, *I Gave You Life Twice* and *Escape to Freedom*. These books tell a story of survival, as Henry's family made a daring escape from Paris to the United States by way of Algeria and Cuba. Along the way, Henry survived a strafing from a German fighter pilot and encounters with Nazi patrols, and German and Vichy police. After the Fribourg family reached the safety of America, they then faced new challenges as they rebuilt their lives.

Henry and Claudia's donation enables TBE to purchase books, digital content, and other media that remember the Holocaust, the Inquisition, the Crusades, genocides around the world, and other dark periods of bigotry and persecution.

For decades, the Fribourgs have used their personal library to educate public school students, university students, church groups, and the general public. With this generous donation, these resources will be available to the entire community. The Henry and Claudia Fribourg Holocaust Memorial Bookshelf will continue to grow and its contents available for lending. Over the next months, the TBE Library will highlight new acquisitions and educational opportunities. Please let me know if you have any questions or if I may be of assistance to you in using the Temple Beth El library.

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*Claudia and Henry Fribourg's contributions to the Temple Beth El Library were celebrated on August 14.*



# MAH JONGG MADNESS

## Temple Beth El Sisterhood's Annual Tournament *Remembering Ruth Sherrill*

**Sunday, October 11**

**12:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

Temple Beth El

3037 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919

*PRIZES for High & Low Scorers  
All Levels of Players!*

**\$18.00 (Chai) Entrance Fee Includes  
Registration, Desserts, Snacks, and Prizes  
*Deadline: Monday, October 5,***

Please return reservation forms with your check payable to

**Temple Beth El Sisterhood to:**

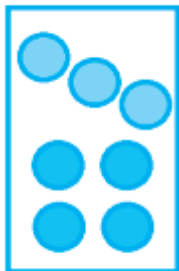
Beverly Schultz

912 Miles Court

Knoxville, TN 37923

### **Questions? Reservation Forms?**

E-mail or call Karen Smith at 691-3231 or  
briankarens@comcast.net or Beverly Schultz at  
679-3720 or bschultz05@comcast.net.



## 2015 REGISTRATION FORM

Name:

Phone:

E-mail address:

Address:

City

Zip

\_\_\_\_\_ I can be East.  
(You will be contacted.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I can bring a mah jongg set.  
(You will be contacted.)

*Beginners are welcome and must have a table of 4 to play. Beginners will have separate scoring and prizes. Please list all 4 names at the bottom of one registration form and include all 4 checks.*

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## Our Community on Simchat Torah

By Liz Gassel, TBE President

Simchat Torah is a holiday centered in the synagogue and community rather than at home. When, together, we roll out an entire Torah scroll around the periphery of the sanctuary and all those present gently touch and support the connected parchment sheets that make up that scroll, we are that much more a community. We are in touch with our heritage, with our identity. This is the day on which our whole *Kehillah Kedosha* gathers to come into direct contact with the Torah and into direct contact with our fellow congregants.

This year, on **Sunday evening, October 4**, we mark the completion of the annual Torah reading cycle with our Simchat Torah celebration. Simchat Torah literally means *Rejoicing in the Law*. Each week throughout the year, Temple Beth El worshipers convene for prayer in our sanctuary on Shabbat and there, as part of the service order, a set portion of the Torah is read. On Simchat Torah, the cycle is finished when the last verses of Deuteronomy –D’varim are read and we begin again with the first few verses of Genesis - Bereishit. As part of the celebration, the Torah Scrolls are taken from the ark and carried around the sanctuary seven times. The *hakafot* are accompanied by singing, dancing and maybe some flag waving. All of this celebration symbolizes the collective joy of Torah study and the commitment to lifelong Jewish learning. This practice represents the cyclical nature of the relationship between the Jewish people and the reading of the Torah. This is meant to be a joyous holiday celebrating the completion of study of God's word. We look forward to hearing those words of Torah again, during the coming year. We affirm Torah as one of the pillars on which we build our lives.

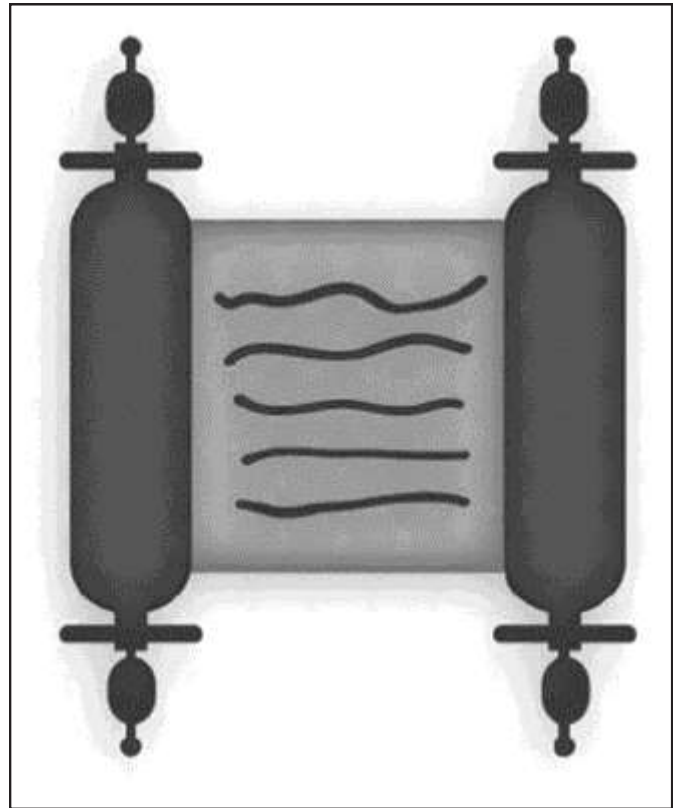
On Simchat Torah we also bless our youngest children entering religious school in a consecration ceremony. These children are the next generation, the link to ‘Judaism Future,’ the link to the future of Temple Beth El and our ongoing commitment to Reform Judaism. The symbolic message of the customs associated with Simchat Torah emphasize that the Torah is the prized possession of the Jewish people, representing our heritage and history and linking Jews together over many generations. In these customs, we are building a living Judaism through study, action and commitment.

I want to emphasize to you the words ‘building’, ‘living’, ‘action’ and ‘commitment’. I want to emphasize that in those words rest you, our membership, you, who matter. If you disappeared, if we saw that you were not around at Shabbat or Festivals, Holy Days or Yizkor, on Sunday morning with your children, at a Sisterhood meeting, or a Chanukah dinner, it would be noticed. I can’t stress enough how you are the ones with the passion and creativity. You provide the structure and the gifts that matter in this community. Just as our leadership; the Executive Committee, the Board and Committee Chairs and congregants need to fully understand and engage with each other, congregants need to do the same, with each other. To support a ‘Judaism Future’, to support our own *Kehillah Kedosha*, we need to stay connected, share and build our relationships. Do not lose sight of the fact that you are the Holy Community of Temple Beth El. ‘You’ are what give this place continuing meaning.

Allison Fine says in an interview entitled *The ‘Loss of Maternity’ in Synagogue Life*, that “Congregants are our best problem solvers. They know far better than staff, clergy, or lay leadership what they want and why. The job of leadership is to be ‘in conversation’ with as many congregants as possible, engaging them in discussions about ‘where we want and need to go as a community. The goal is not to create a complete consensus on an issue (We are Jews after all!); it is to make sure people feel that the process was thoughtful and transparent.”

What better time of year than Simchat Torah to reflect on Temple Beth El, the Community. We are all here. We know how much it takes to support and relate to each other and to continue to succeed. With your help in shaping and sustaining our community we can begin to unroll the Torah and commence the cycle of readings again, for another year.

Liz



## SIMCHAT TORAH Service

**Sunday, October 4**

6:00 p.m.

Temple Beth El

Temple Beth El  
invites the Knoxville Jewish community  
to join our

## CHANUKAH LATKE CELEBRATION



Friday, December 18

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**This year's celebration includes a traditional latke & brisket dinner with all the extras, lighting of the Chanukah candles and service.**

Cost: \$8.00 per person.

Send payment to TBE office or pay the night of the event,  
but you **MUST** RSVP by December 13

RSVP by calling the TBE office or e-mailing Amy Rosenberg at  
[Rockybergs@gmail.com](mailto:Rockybergs@gmail.com).

Bring your own menorah to decorate the table!  
We will supply the candles.

## Temple Beth El Religious School October Update

By Norma James, Education Director, [normajames@tbeknox.org](mailto:normajames@tbeknox.org) or [nfjames77@gmail.com](mailto:nfjames77@gmail.com)

**Our Fall Holiday Season Ends with a Celebration!** With the High Holidays behind us, we move right into the beautiful festival of Sukkot. Our students and parents have decorated our Sukkah, and now we can enjoy the Mitzvot of dwelling, praying, and eating in it. **Please join us for our Kabbalat Shabbat for Sukkot in our patio Sukkah on Friday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m.** This is a wonderful opportunity for families to worship together. The service includes singing, eating, and best of all shaing the lulav and the etrog! But wait; there's more! **On Sunday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. we invite you to celebrate all things Torah at our Simchat Torah service.** We will parade the Torah and unroll it around our sanctuary and we end *Deuteronomy* and begin *Genesis*. This is also a time for us to Consecrate our newest Religious School students. The service will be followed by an oneg hosted by the family of the Consecrants.

**Don't forget Sundown in the Sukkah at the AJCC at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 1.**

**Sunday, October 4, 9:45 a.m.-11:15 p.m. is Torah Tots!** Do you have a child or grandchild who is age two, three, or four years old? We want you to be part of TBE Torah Tots! Once a month we meet for stories, crafts, music, and movement. For more information contact Norma. For feedback on the program, ask any family who attends. We have a blast!

**Sunday, October 4 is a BUSY, BUSY day!** After Religious School we hope your family will join us at the *Making Strides Walk at World's Fair Park* at 3:00 p.m. This will be followed by our Simchat Torah service at 6:00 p.m.

**Religious School Fall Break Sunday, October 11.**

**Daylight Savings Ends November 1.** Don't forget to set your clocks back to be on time for religious school.

## It's Time for Sisterhood

By Karen Smith, Sisterhood President

Sisterhood's Mah Jongg Madness Tournament returns to Temple Beth El on Sunday, October 11 at 12:30 p.m. The afternoon will include mah jongg, snacks, desserts, and prizes. Beginners are welcome and must have a table of 4 to play. There will be separate scoring and prizes for beginners. Registration forms have been sent by e-mail and USPS to everyone on our mailing list. Please share the form with others.

Sisterhood membership information has been mailed. Please send in your check for \$45.00 payable to Temple Beth El Sisterhood and your membership form so you can be counted in. *Men, did you know that you can join Sisterhood as an associate member? Thanks to Rabbi Michaels, Alan Smuckler, Mark Barkan, Geoffrey Laing, and Fred Radoff who have joined Sisterhood showing their support of Sisterhood's important work!*

Beiler Floral Fund Co-chairs Emma Fleischmann and Caren Berman remind us that a standard flower arrangement for bimah flowers for Shabbat, holiday, and special occasions is \$36.00. Please contact Emma to order a more elaborate arrangement.

It's time for Sisterhood!

***Celebrating 100 years of Sisterhood at Temple Beth El.***



*Lesley Krakauer and Nathanael Laing welcome guests to TBE Sisterhood's Chai Tea event.*

*Chai Tea guests were entertained by speaker Rose Sherwood.*

## Contributions to the Funds of Temple Beth El

Donations listed were received as of August 21, 2015

### CLARENCE STRASBURGER MEMORIAL SACRED MUSIC FUND

*In memory of Sylvia Silver and my grandmother,  
Bertha Baum Ehrlich*

By: Linda Bolt

*In loving memory of my mom, Emilie Ehrlich Strasburger*

By: Linda Bolt

*In memory of Adele Strasburger & Victor Strasburger*

By: Linda Bolt

*In memory of Helen Webber*

By: Tom and Lenny Webber

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*In memory of Wolfe Brody*

By: Ivan Brody

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*In memory of Sylvia Silver*

By: Deborah Roberts

*In memory of Sheldon Mann Sachs*

By: Stephen and Kim Rosen

Donation By: Alan and Karen Smuckler

*In memory of Jeffrey Allen*

By: Wilbur and Joani Wilson

### H & C FRIBOURG HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOOKSHELF FUND

Donation By: Ellen and Steve Markman

### HERMINA BEILER FLORAL FUND

*In memory of Marvin Selk*

By: Hayley Goldfeld & family

*In memory of David Scott Sachs*

By: Amy & Hal Rosenberg & family

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*In memory of Ida Altshuler*

By: Dan and Nancy Altshuler

*In memory of Matvei Ioselev*

By: Bella Safro

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In memory of Sylvia Silver*

By: Jerry and Lisa Winston

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER**



**Like Drive-Thru, but not really!**

### Progressive Dinner Cancelled

The Progressive Dinner scheduled for October 3 has been **cancelled**.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please keep a lookout for the next TBE social event in the *Ha'Kol*.

### A Special Note from David Silver

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Just in case Jane, Matthew, and I failed to invite Temple Beth El members to the Memorial Service for *Sylvia W. Silver*, our mother, I am writing to correct the oversight. All three of us studied Hebrew, were bar mitzvahed, got married, or had other celebratory events at the old Temple Beth El on Vine Street, or the new one on Kingston Pike. So, we are offering our heartfelt wishes that your members will join us to remember a pretty strong member back in the day -- Sylvia W. Silver.

Please publish in your weekly newsletter that the event will be on **October 17, 2015** at IJAMS Nature Center at **2:00 p.m.**

There will be a buffet, but members who like to bake can bring ruggalah or strudel if they like. That would be sweet.

But, the most important thing is for members to bring their memories and come to the podium and tell their stories about themselves and how they remember Sylvia. We would love RSVPs to help us in planning the event. Attendees can email their RSVPs to Jane Silver at [janesilver@templebethel.com](mailto:janesilver@templebethel.com).

Thank you and Shanah Tovah from the three of us.

## Temple Beth El Library Gallery Presents

# Remnants



### JEWISH LIFE IN POLAND PHOTOGRAPHS BY ROBERT HELLER

Robert Heller, professor in the School of Journalism and Electronic Media at the University of Tennessee since 1986, received his B.S. and M.A. degrees in photojournalism from Syracuse University. He taught photography and graphics for five years at the University of Miami, and was publications designer and photographer at the State University of New York College at New Paltz and Elmira College in New York. Heller also taught photography at The Center for Photography at Woodstock, New York. His photographs have been selected for numerous juried exhibitions and he continues to do freelance work in both graphic design and photography. Heller served as photo manager for the Ocoee Kayak and Canoe Olympic venue at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

A book of his photographs, *More Than the Game: The Tennessee Football Experience* has been published by Sports Publishing Inc., Champaign, Illinois. *Living On*, an exhibit of his portraits of Holocaust survivors and liberators from Tennessee has been in museums around the state of Tennessee and at major cities in Poland. *Living On: Portraits of Tennessee Survivors and Liberators*, was published by UT Press in spring, 2008.

The photo exhibit runs through April 2016. Stop by and view this exhibit during Temple Beth El business hours.

## TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

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**Monday – Friday:**  
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**Our Vision:** We see ourselves as a dynamic congregation promoting Jewish learning, tradition, and values through the tenets of Reform Judaism.

**Our Mission:** To inspire individuals to embrace their Jewish identity and to engage in our religious community.

[www.tbeknox.org](http://www.tbeknox.org)

## October Events

October 1	Sundown in the Sukkah (AJCC), 5:00 p.m.		
October 2	Sukkot Shabbat Service on the Patio, 6:00 p.m.		
October 4	Yizkor Service 10:30 a.m.		
	Simchat Torah Service w/Consecration		6:00 p.m.
October 9	Shabbat Service		7:30 p.m.
October 11	Mah Jongg Tournament		12:30 p.m.
October 16	Shabbat Service		7:30 p.m.
October 23	Shabbat Service		7:30 p.m.
October 24	B'nai Mitzvah Kallah		9:30 a.m.
October 30	Shabbat Service		7:30 p.m.

# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

# Ha'Kol

**KNOXVILLE  
JEWISH  
ALLIANCE**  
*Building Community  
Enriching Lives*

## Fall Line-Up Set for UT Faculty Lecture Series

By Jesse Feld, KJA Program Manager

The public invited to attend the KJA's UT Faculty Lecture series which explores education, social, and cultural topics from unique perspectives.

### **The Truth about GMO: Genetically-Modified Organisms**

**Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.**

Genetically-modified organisms (GMO) are hot news topics. Elena Shpak, Ph.D., associate professor in Biochemistry & Cellular & Molecular Biology, will explore key questions like How are GMO made? Should GMO foods be labeled? Is it safe to eat them?

*Elena Shpak, Ph.D.*



### **Tennessee Athletics and the Media**

**Thursday November 5, 7:00 p.m.**

Jason Yellin, assistant athletic director for media relations for Tennessee Athletics, will talk about the behind the scenes workings of the football team and other UT sports, from an off the field perspective.

*Jason Yellin*



### **Human Rights in Tennessee: The Access to Justice Challenge**

**Thursday December 3, 7:00 p.m.**

Human rights is the focus of Robert Blitt, associate professor in the College of Law, and his colleague, Valerie Vojdik, professor of law. They will present a project that their students have worked on.



*Robert Blitt*

All UT Jewish Faculty Lectures will be held in the Orwitz Community Room at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive. These lectures are free and open to the public.

Please let us know you're coming by emailing [kja@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:kja@jewishknoxville.org) or calling (865) 690-6343.



*Valerie Vojdik, Ph.D.*

## October 2015

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## Knoxville Jewish Alliance High Holy Day Closings

### **Shimini Atzeret**

**Monday, October 5**

KJA Office closed

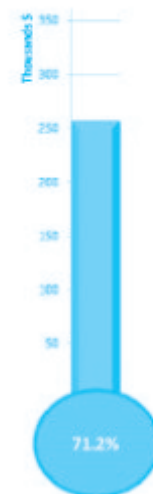
### **Simchat Torah**

**Tuesday, October 6**

KJA Office and AJCC Preschool closed

The figures:  
Campaign Total = \$256,928  
Pledge count = 285

**Goal \$360,669**



## Jewish Book Month November 17 event KJA Lucky to Present Jewish Luck Author

By Anne Greenbaum, KJA Vice President for Education and Culture

You hear the words “*Jewish Luck*” and what comes to mind? Comedy? Irony? Something else?

It's just plain lucky that I have a great sister, Debby, who lives in Minneapolis. Debby sent me a wonderful book her friend had co-authored. I read it. Liked it. Shared it with my Hadassah Book Group. Now, during Jewish Book Month, I get to share the book and Debby's friend with our entire community!

Meryll Levine Page and her sister Leslie Levine Adler have written a surprising but entirely true book titled *Jewish Luck: A True Story of Friendship, Deception and Risky Business*. The Knoxville Jewish Alliance welcome Meryll as our Jewish Book Month featured speaker at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center on Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 p.m. Please join us. We are in for a treat!

Younger sister Leslie visited Russia in the summer of 1976 as part of her undergraduate Russian Studies program. She returned in 1977 to pursue her friendships from the previous summer. The knowledge and experiences she gained from those on-going relationships are the basis of this story.

Older sister Meryll (my sister Debby's friend) has an impressive resume. She entered Yale University with the first class of women. Second year college found her in Jerusalem at Hebrew University and she graduated from the University of Minnesota the following year. For 39 years, Meryll was a teacher. Most recently, she taught International Baccalaureate History and U.S. History at St. Louis Park Senior High in Minnesota. Many of her special interests converged in researching *Jewish Luck*: Russian History, Jewish History, women's history, and travel.

One book reviewer writes (and I myself can't say it better): *"Truly, you have written a story that makes accessible the reality of existence in Russia, through the eyes of individuals who lived through the various regimes and dictates. It is fascinating and very well told. As I read Vera and Alla's story, I learned more Russian history than I had known from a textbook... You tell the tale with vivid detail and hook us on the two women and their stories, then weave in the history to illuminate their journeys. It is such a necessary book."*



Meryll Levine Page



**Tuesday, November 17**  
7:00 p.m.

**Arnstein Jewish Community Center**

Please RSVP to  
kja@jewishknoxville.org  
with JEWISH LUCK in the subject line  
or call (865) 690-6343.

## Friendshippers Presents Musical Performer

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

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

### Wednesday, October 14: Opera Singer Harry House

Harry House has been performing with Knoxville Opera for several years, most recently appearing as Harry in *La fanciulla del West*, Bruno in Bellini's *I Puritani*, and Guillot in Jules Massenet's *Manon*. Through his performances, Harry House brings music to life.

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

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

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



Opera singer Harry House

## YJAK and UT Hillel Welcomes Chelsea Angel

By Chelsea Angel

Over a year ago, I decided to take a leap of faith and follow a job to previously uncharted territory—The South. I arrived in Knoxville, a bright-eyed college graduate, ready to forge my own path into the world of research, excited by the prospect of discovery rather than deterred by the fact that I had no prior ties to the city or the residents within it. Although it was not the first time that I had set out on my own, as the sole member of my lab I was far more isolated than I had been when I set off for college. Because of this, I found it challenging to interact with peers and make friends.

After trying a few avenues to no avail (joining running groups, searching for young professional groups, etc.) I was fortunate enough to be introduced to Deborah Oleshansky who invited me to a **UT Hillel** dinner. Even though I was no longer a student, I decided I would go in an attempt to meet people. Attending that dinner was the moment that Knoxville changed from a place where I lived and worked, to a place I call home. Through my introduction to Hillel I began to become more involved in the Jewish community, ultimately becoming a founding member and now the president of the **Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville (YJAK)**. I have met so many incredible people through Hillel and YJAK and have made friends that will last a lifetime. I look forward to further developing our program to welcome new members and give back to a community that has given me so much.

For information on **UT Hillel**, contact Deborah Oleshansky at [doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org).

For information on **Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville (YJAK)**, contact Jesse Feld at [jfeld@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:jfeld@jewishknoxville.org).

Both programs are coordinated by the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.



Chelsea Angel, YJAK president

## KJA Welcomes New Staff Member



ReNee' Pelicano joined the KJA staff as a part-time secretary/receptionist on August 24. Before joining KJA, ReNee' worked as a publisher, author, small business owner, and homeschooling mother. An active volunteer in both her parish and the homeschooling community, Pelicano brings more than 25 years of administrative support in the communication, educational, and logistics arenas to her position.

Pelicano and her family relocated to Knoxville in 2010. Originally from Upstate New York, she has enjoyed living in both Greenville, SC, and Columbus, OH, prior to coming to Tennessee. She has been married to her husband, Thomas, for 22 years. They have two daughters; both who are in college. Please welcome ReNee' when you visit or call the KJA Office.

## Suzy Snoops

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

- ★ Associate Professor of Social Work **Matthew Theriot**, who successfully led the University of Tennessee's effort to develop the Experience Learning initiative, has been named associate provost for teaching and learning innovation. He will oversee the implementation of Experience Learning and the Tennessee Teaching and Learning Center.
- ★ **Jacob Hale**, son of Rachel Hale and Christopher Hale, was part of a Webb School Science Club team that created an ocean current drifter that can be tracked by GPS. The drifter was released off the California coast this summer. The project was featured in the September 2 *Shopper News*.
- ★ Mazel Tov to **Carole** and **Bob Martin**, who became grandparents again with the birth of granddaughter Molly Frances Cox, daughter of Katie and James Cox.
- ★ Congratulations to Webb School of Knoxville's **Alexander Berube**, who scored two touchdowns on an 11-yard run and a 46-yard pass in the school's opening home game against Mt. Juliet Christian School. The senior running back is the son of Rich and Sharon Berube. Berube, who also plays defensive back was named a *News-Sentinel* PrepExtra top defensive player to watch for 2015.
- ★ **Andrew Vogel**, a senior business management major from the Memphis area, is the drum major for UT's Pride of the Southland's marching band. Vogel was featured in a *Commercial Appeal* feature article about fulfilling one of his dreams to become UT's drum major. The article detailed the work ethic that helped him achieve this goal.



UT Drum Major Andrew Vogel

## WHO'S RELATED TO WHOM?

### The KJA Archives: A Vital History Resource

By Michael Burnett, KJA Archives Volunteer

The Knoxville Jewish Archives maintains a Biographical Collection of files for individuals and families who now live or have lived in the community. These files contain items such as life event announcements and programs, news clippings, and obituaries. Since most files focus on the parents and children of one family, they do not always show how that family might be related to another. To fill this gap, I have undertaken a project to research and record these relationships. I have focused on families that raised their children in Knoxville and who were living here before 1950. Currently, I've gathered information on more than 250 families.

As an example of this work, presented here are the parents of Joe Goodstein. You can see immediately that Ben Goodstein's siblings became parts of the Bart, Tobe, Jacobs, Krauss, and Davis families, all of whom were active members of the Knoxville community. This also shows that brothers Ben and Albert Goodstein married sisters Clara and Pearl Fuks, respectively.

While doing this research, I keep making interesting discoveries. For example, many people have heard the story that when Louis Tobe immigrated to America, the officials could not spell his name, so they wrote "To Be announced" and thus his name became "Tobe." I don't know how true this story is, but according to his later naturalization papers, his last name was Pjasctzny.

I really enjoy working on this project because of the detective work involved and the feeling of success achieved when new discoveries are made. You can view what I've put together so far at the KJA Archives.

If you would like to be involved in projects like this for the KJA Archives, contact our archivist Nicki Russler at [archives@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:archives@jewishknoxville.org).

#### Ben Goodstein and Clara Fuks

##### Husband

Name	Ben Goodstein
Date of Birth	15 Oct 1895
Place of Birth	Sochocin, Poland
Date of Death	14 Jul 1973
Place of Death	Knoxville, TN
Immigration	Berth Gutstain departed Antwerp, Belgium 28 Jul 1921 aboard the Kroonland and arrived in New York 9 Aug 1921
Parents	Jacob Goodstein and Ida Lavine
Siblings (and spouses)	Elka Morris (Golda Bart) Sarah (Louis Tobe) Rebecca (Julius Krauss, Abraham Jacobs) Albert (Pearl Fuks) Toba (Charles Davis) Miriam (Jacob Goodstein)

##### Wife

Name	Clara Fuks
Date of Birth	15 Sep 1897
Place of Birth	Warsaw, Poland
Date of Death	7 Jul 1980
Place of Death	Knoxville, TN
Immigration	Sara Kella Fuks departed Cherbourg, France 18 Nov 1922 aboard the Mauretania and arrived in New York 28 Nov 1922
Parents	Yehuda Fuks and Golda Schenkup
Siblings (and spouses)	Pearl (Albert Goodstein)

##### Marriage

15 May 1923 in Knoxville, TN

##### Children

Name	Joseph
Date of Birth	29 Aug 1925
Place of Birth	Knoxville, TN
Date of Death	17 Oct 2014
Place of Death	Jerusalem, Israel
Spouse(s)	Marion Hurvich

Interested in the history of the Jews of Knoxville and the South?  
Join Knoxville-area friends and attend the

### 40th Annual Southern Jewish Historical Society Conference

## Jews and the Urban South

Nashville, Tennessee  
October 30 - November 1

Since 1977, the Southern Jewish Historical Society (SJHS) 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.

For conference details, please visit:

[www.jewishsouth.org/upcoming-conference](http://www.jewishsouth.org/upcoming-conference)



KJA Long-Range Planning Committee Chair Bernie Bernstein welcomes participants to the first of several KJA community townhall-style meetings to discuss visions and-range goals for the organization. The meeting was held on Sunday, August 23 at the AJCC.

## A Busy Time at the AJCC Preschool

By Kristen Cannon, AJCC Preschool Director

Let me start by saying, “Chag Sameach!”

The school year is off to a great start and I want to give an official welcome to our new staff and students! We had a great turn out for AJCC Building and Grounds Day and want to say a huge thank you to everyone who was able to help us make the AJCC Preschool a better place and a welcoming environment. Another huge todah goes out to Frank Floyd, Peter Blaze, and Brandon Jones for sprucing up our AJCC Playground.

Our Rosh Hashanah family celebration was a success again this year. Our children love getting to celebrate and learn new things, and of course, eating honey and apples! We would like to send a huge todah to Mrs. Charlene for helping with the celebration and inviting the beekeeper for a visit. Ms. Ginny played the role of a bumblebee very nicely.

The month of September was an exciting month with not only bringing in a sweet New Year, but also celebrating Kol Nidre, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and let's not forget, Labor Day. Our teachers made it through our annual STARS assessment and so did the children! We are lucky to have such quality staff and parents to help us throughout the year!

Aside from all the fun in September, we have so much planned for October. We start October off with Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah and will end it with not only the children's favorite but parents and teachers favorite, Pajama Read-In Day, on October 30!

Thanks again for all the parents that have volunteered and our amazing staff.

*Students love the new AJCC Playground equipment. Thanks to all who helped raise funds for this wonderful project!*

*Rabbi Alon Ferency and Mrs. Charlene lead parents and students in Rosh Hashanah and Shabbat songs during our holiday family celebration.*



*TEACHER and CLASS students enjoy apples, honey, and challah at the Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration. The celebration included songs led by Mrs. Charlene and Rabbi Ferency, a visit from beekeeper NAME Kern, and delicious treats.*



*Ms. Ginny is an extraordinary bee.*



*Names?*

## Jewish Family Services News

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

The Jewish Family Services Committee would like to thank Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm, Ken Brown, and Laurie Fisher for visiting our long-term care residents to blow the shofar for them. Many of our residents are not able to go to services, so it is a wonderful that we have such talented shofar blowers who volunteer their time so that our seniors will have the opportunity to hear the shofar blown.

Thank you also to Sisterhood<sup>3</sup> who made cards for the Rosh Hashanah *Chai* bags, the AJCC preschoolers who decorated the bags, and Marilyn Wohl who made the challah rolls.

Are you a shofar blower who would like to volunteer to visit our long-term care residents next year? If so, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 extension 18 or [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org).



:Left to right: Evelyn Stark, Laurie Fisher, and Janet Smith enjoy visiting with each other when Laurie came to Echo Ridge Retirement Community to blow the shofar.

### Learn more about Knoxville Jewish Alliance programs via social media.

- ★ Subscribe to *KJA Happenings*, an email blast of the latest KJA events and news delivered each Sunday morning
- ★ Follow the Knoxville Jewish Alliance on *Facebook*
- ★ Visit our *website* at [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org)



## Sundown in the Sukkah Thursday, October 1

Come and help us celebrate the holiday of Sukkot, at our annual Sundown in the Sukkah, **Thursday, October 1** from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

The event is free and open to all community members. We will serve kosher chicken wings and drummies, veggie kebabs, fruit salad, hummus, and pita chips among other delicious treats. We will also provide a kid-friendly option for children.

The KJA is thrilled to welcome the musical entertainment a Knoxville Jazz Orchestra quartet. Along with music, we will have face painting, crafts, and much more for the children to enjoy.

If you are interested in sponsoring this event so that we can keep it free for the entire community, donations of \$18, \$36, \$72, or whatever amount you feel comfortable with are welcome.

For more information, please contact Jesse Feld at 690-6343 or [jfeld@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:jfeld@jewishknoxville.org)



### WANTED: Non-Perishable Foods for Area Food Banks

**Donation ideas:** On your next grocery store run, let your children select cans of their favorite soup, vegetable, or fruit (*pull tabs are a plus for elderly users.*) Cereal on sale? Pick up an extra box or two for the food barrel. Coffee, tea, and low-sodium or heart-healthy items are other options. Food barrels are in the AJCC Lobby.

The AJCC Preschool provides a warm, nurturing environment for children ages 14 months-5 years.

- Low teacher-to-child ratios
- Experienced teachers
- Tennessee DHS Three-Star (highest) rating
- Music and science specialists
- Cooking activities
- Shabbat observance
- Introduction to Hebrew letters, words, and songs
- Parenting workshops and volunteer activities
- Kindergarten readiness for older students
- Nutritious snacks, organic milk, lunches



*LIMITED OPENINGS AVAILABLE. CALL TODAY TO ARRANGE YOUR TOUR!*

Contact **Kristen Cannon**, Early Childhood Program Director  
(865) 963-8001 — [kcannon@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:kcannon@jewishknoxville.org)

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6800 Deane Hill Drive. Knoxville, Tennessee 37919 [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org)

## B'Nai Tzedek Teens Select Two Jewish Charities for Funds Distribution

By Arielle Rosen

The B'nai Tzedek fund holders met this summer and made a recommendation to split the 2015 grant allocation between local BBYO scholarships and Jewish Family Services of Houston. We wanted half our grant to go to scholarships to local BBGs and AZAs so that the teens can go to programs. We all love going to BBYO programs and we want every Jewish teen to have the opportunity to go to them. We wanted the other half of our grant to go toward supplying school supplies for Jewish kids in Houston that were hit by the horrible floods. We want all the children impacted by the floods to keep up their school work and increase their knowledge.



## Winick AZA Trivia Night

Sunday, November 1

4:00-6:00 p.m.

AJCC Gym

Winick AZA will host a fun, family-friendly trivia night. Enjoy snacks, trivia contests, and prizes!

- \$10 per person or \$35 for families of 4+
- Add a third game for only \$3.00

RSVP to Ben Gibbons at [balsamia.bg@gmail.com](mailto:balsamia.bg@gmail.com) by November 1!

**UT Hillel/YJAK Erev Rosh Hashanah Dinner & UT Shabbat Dinner Draw Crowds**

Jewish students and young professionals enjoyed camaraderie and delicious dinners at the start of the UT fall semester and the High Holy Days.

These groups are possible because of your KJA contributions. National Hillel does not fund UT programs.



*UT Jewish students celebrate Rosh Hashanah at the AJCC. Jacob Geltzer, Rachel Klein, Megan Klein, Benji Ballia, Jordan Shipowitz, Jamie Marquis, and Jake McCoy enjoy dinner.*



*Memphis in the House! Celebrating Andrew Vogel's first home game as UT drum major for the Pride of the Southland Marching band. Thank you to Stacy Vogel for Rikki's challah.*

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*Zeke Charles of Oak Ridge and Hannah McElroy of Knoxville meet at Shabbat Dinner.*



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## Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

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### More Than Just Craftsman Tools

By Scott B. Hahn, Esq., KJCFF President

As many of you know, Jews are big givers to education and educational causes in the U.S. This year alone, three Jewish businessmen, John Paulson, Stephen Schwartzman, and Michael Bloomberg donated \$650 million to Harvard and Cornell (*Town and Country*, September 2015). While these are unbelievably generous gifts in support of education, I recently read a story concerning Julius Rosenwald that I found even more impressive.

Julius Rosenwald, the son of German Jewish immigrants, was born in Springfield, Illinois in 1862. His family home happened to be across the street from Abraham Lincoln's family home. Springfield is also where the NAACP was founded. Rosenwald started working before he could enter high school and went into his family's clothing manufacturing business. In a short time, he purchased Sears and Roebuck. For those of you too young to remember, Sears was the dominant American retailer in the U.S. for over half a century. Before there was Walmart and Amazon, Sears was the king of retailing. In 1906, Rosenwald was able to take Sears public with his friend Henry Sachs (of Goldman Sachs), creating one of the first stock offerings in US history. Taking the company public made Rosenwald a very rich man. Rosenwald was a major contributor to the Chicago Jewish community, but it is the area of public education where Rosenwald made his mark.

Rosenwald was greatly influenced by Booker T. Washington's book *Up From Slavery*. After reading the book, Rosenwald saw the tremendous need for public education in rural black communities. Rosenwald, in turn, privately funded 5,357 schools across the US. Rosenwald schools were so prevalent, that by the time he was finished building schools, one out of three African American children was attending a Rosenwald school. The schools were architecturally standardized with high ceilings and lots of light. All schools also had a picture of Abraham Lincoln and Booker T. Washington on prominent display. If you go online, you can find a list and pictures of the Rosenwald schools in East Tennessee. A new documentary concerning the schools premiered in August; it is by Aviva Kempner and is entitled *Rosenwald*.

I believe the story of the Rosenwald schools is one of the greatest acts of American philanthropy. Here was a man who was the biggest retailer in his day and he went on to improve the lives of a generation of one of America's most disenfranchised socio-economic groups through the gift of learning. Remember, these schools were built with no state or local support. The Talmud states, "the very world rests on the breath of children in the schoolhouse". Julius Rosenwald changed this country knowing how important a good education is for every American. The KJCFF has several different funds dedicated to the educational needs of others. If this is an area of interest to you, please contact the KJCFF to help turn your dreams into a reality.



Julius Rosenwald

### Donations

#### Heska Amuna Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Leon Hasden, Shoshana Becker, and Arnold Schwarzbart  
Bernard and Barbara Bernstein

#### Cohen-Presser Fund

In Memory Leon Hasden  
Marilyn Presser

#### Bradley Sturm Memorial Fund

In Memory Leon Hasden  
Harvey and Marilyn Lieberman  
Sydney Wolf

#### Heska Amuna Educators' Supplement Fund

Judy Bocknek

### Grants

- ★ The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received grants from the **Becker Community Enrichment Fund**, the **Allen Rosen Education Fund**, the **Dr. Bernard S. Rosenblatt Fund**, and the **Zelda and Max Morrison Fund** a quality brochure designed, printed, and mailed out soliciting donations for the new Schwarzbart Gallery.
- ★ The KJA received a grant from the **Milton Collins Cultural Fund** for the 2015 Sundown in the Sukkah event.
- ★ The **Jewish Family Service Fund** and the **AJCC Endowment Fund** made grants to the KJA for the purchase and installation of an elevator in the AJCC lobby.

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To learn more about KJCFF philanthropic opportunities, call 690-6343 or visit [www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff](http://www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff)

# Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



JCOR Work Crew beautifying the grounds before the August b'nei mitzvah.

## Upcoming JCOR Events

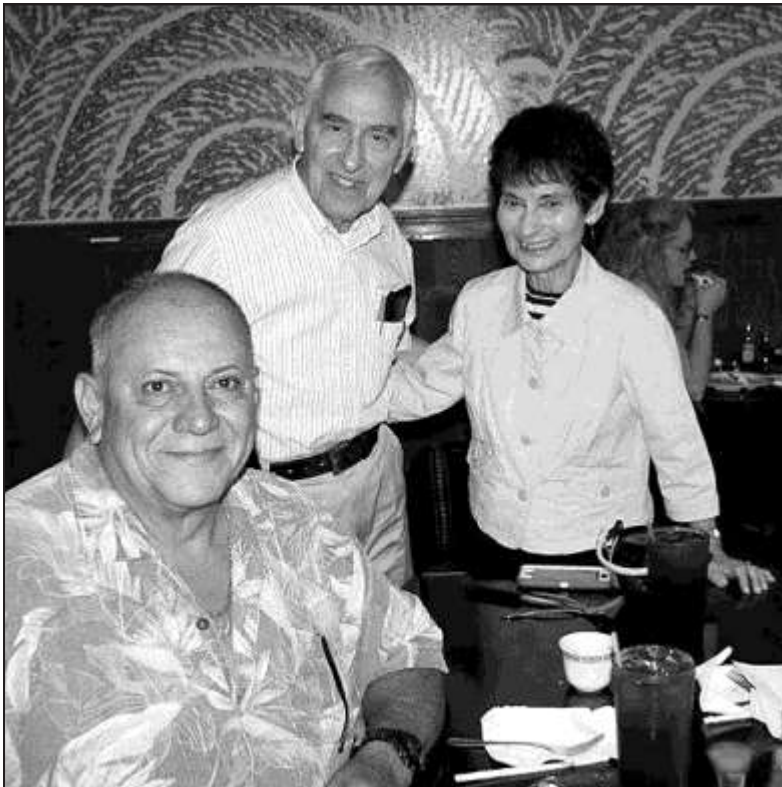
**October 17, 7:00 p.m. -**  
Jewish Film Series: *Spring 1941*

Country: Israel | Poland;  
Language: English; 2008 R  
120 min.

After Germany invades Poland and the Nazis order the confinement of all local Jews in the ghetto, medical doctor Artur Planck (Joseph Fiennes) manages to flee with his family, seeking refuge at the farm of Emilia (Kelly Harrison), their former grocer. With the Planck family hiding in her attic, Emilia finds her feelings for the physician growing stronger than she wants, or can control -- despite the dangers of the situation.



**October 31 -** Rabbi's Study Session: *Rabbi Moshe Feinstein* (after the morning Services)



Nosh & Kibitz continues to be a favored social event.





## Chanukah Sale December 8

JCOR Sisterhood will have its Annual Chanukah Sale on **Sunday, December 8** from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the JCOR library. Please come early for best selection. We have gifts, candles, dreidels, games, wrapping paper, and books. Contact Mira Kimmelman or Judy Raman for more information.



JCOR Game Time returned in August.

## Hadassah Cards and Certificates Available for Purchase

The Oak Ridge Chapter of Hadassah has a large selection of Hadassah cards, certificates, and trees. Help support Hadassah by sending cards. For more information, call Mira at 483-7972.

## Donations to Oak Ridge Hadassah

- ★ *Mazel Tov card to congratulate Linda and Zane Bell on the forthcoming marriage of Kira, from Leon and Vera Maya*
- ★ *Mazel Tov card to congratulate Penny Lukin on Daniel's forthcoming marriage, from Leon and Vera Maya*
- ★ *Mazel Tov cards to Eli and Anne Greenbaum on the arrival of their new granddaughter, from Leon and Vera Maya and Mira Kimmelman*
- ★ *Mazel Tov card to congratulate Linda and Zane Bell on the forthcoming marriage of Kira, from Mira Kimmelman*



## Hosts and Hostesses

- October 3** Vera & Leon Maya, Ilana & Moshe Siman-Tov
- October 10** Shirley Schwartz, Hilary Shreter
- October 17** Nona & Sam Poole, Avigail & Victor Rashkovsky
- October 24** Fran Silver, Jill & Stuart Chasan, Karen Brunner
- October 31** Carolyn & Julian Stein, Rhonda & Ron Sternfels
- November 7** Mel Tobias, Bruce Tompkins
- November 14** Yardena & Moshe Yair, Sarah & David Stuart
- November 21** Reeva & Marvin Abraham, Ronnie & Jim Bogard
- November 28** Linda & Zane Bell, Becky & George Charles

## Yahrzeits

- *Samuel Polonsky; Joan Feldman; and Newton Feldman from Al & Alice Feldman and Rose Feldman*
- *Herman Braunstein from Catherine Braunstein (Cemetery Fund)*
- *Isadore Dworkin from Art Dworkin*
- *Siegbert Geismar and Heinrich & Lina Geismar from Melvin Tobias*
- *Marcia Rabinowitz and Sylvia Volkin from Karen Brunner*
- *Florence Halbert from Mel & Edith Halbert*
- *Allene & Loye Barker and Joe Kravit from Jim & Ronnie Bogard*
- *Howard & Louis Schwartz from Shirley Schwartz*

## Donations

- *In honor of Levin Laxton's bar mitzvah from Ray & Kathy (Handler) Isenburg*
- *In memory of Marion Dragoon (mother of Penny Lukin) from Penny Lukin, Bruce Tomkins, Jim & Rhonda Bogard*
- *In honor of Levi Laxton and Ben Ebel's b'nei mitzvah from Bruce Tomkins and Jim & Rhonda Bogard*
- *In honor of the upcoming wedding of Kira Bell and Andrew Smart from Bruce Tomkins*
- *In honor of the upcoming wedding of Daniel Lukin-Beck and Shannon Spillone from Bruce Tomkins*
- *In honor of Mitchel Goldenberg's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday from Sylvia Goldenberg*

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# CHABAD OF KNOXVILLE

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## Chanukah in September

By Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

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For kids and adults in the Knoxville, Chanukah came early this year. Like “Black Friday in July,” Chabad of Knoxville got a head start with eight days of presents. Over the time span of eight days – the entire Jewish community was invited to participate in eight exciting events and programs. Ranging from an inspirational and delicious Rosh Hashanah dinner, Parsha and Tanya classes, to cooking nights and giant play dates, there were presents for all ages and sizes.

**Gift #1:** *Toward a Meaningful Life* – an inspirational and delicious Rosh Hashanah dinner.

**Gift #2:** *Get your Holiday Cook On* – three nights of cooking with Miriam Esther and Mushky.

**Gift #3:** *Experience a weekly Journey into the Soul of Torah* – Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m., beginning October 13.

**Gift #4:** *Selfie in the Sukkah* – Our sukkah on wheels will be flying around town on Thursday, October 1 and Friday, October 2. Enjoy FB posts of our Sukkah Selfies!

**Gift #5:** *A Tale of Two Souls (a class for women)*. Join Miriam Esther for a morning class exploring the Jewish psyche through the lens of the Tanya. Thursday mornings, 8:30-9:15 a.m., September 10 – October 8.

**Gift #6:** Young Jewish Professionals of Knoxville presents the annual 'Loxville' Party in the Hut. Saturday night, October 3. For more information, email Rabbi Aryeh at [RabbiAryeh@ChabadKnoxville.org](mailto:RabbiAryeh@ChabadKnoxville.org).

**Gift #7:** Break out those dancing shoes and bust a move! Join us for our annual legendary Simchat Torah hakafot. We will dance, sing, eat, drink and be merry, kids ride (shoulders) free. Monday Evening, October 5, 6:45 p.m. Lighthouse Knoxville, 6800 Baum Drive.

**Gift #8:** *The Ultimate Play Date*, Mommy and Me presents: ‘My Family’ & Me Sunday, October 25, 4:00 p.m., Levi’s House. Music. Songs. Pasta Dinner. Play time. Parent Chat Time RSVP to [me@kjds.org](mailto:me@kjds.org)



#SelfieInTheSukkah

A huge shout out to Rabbi Aryeh and Mushky Perlstein, who along with their daughter Rusya have made Knoxville their home for the past year and half. With their help, input and guidance we have a year full of fun programming in store. We will miss them dearly but are excited for them as they move to the West Coast to open a Chabad House in North Eastern LA!



*During our cooking classes, participants cooked up a storm and then enjoyed tasting a few of the treats, accompanied by a glass of wine and some Rosh Hashanah inspiration.*

# JAHRZEIT

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### October 3

Amy Cohen ♦ David Cohen ♦ Herman Forstein ♦ Ann Levine ♦ Morris Skalet ♦ Aaron Berry

### October 10

Sarah Tobe ♦ Ronald Licht ♦ Richard Mittleman ♦ Leonard Shersky ♦ Mark Fleishman ♦ Joseph Goodstein ♦ Ralph August ♦ Hinda Duhan ♦ David Jacobowitz ♦ Peter Dreyer ♦ Mordecai Heiser ♦ Ben Polasky ♦ Herman Shamitz ♦ Joseph Solomon ♦ Theresa Fadem ♦ Jennie Cooper ♦ Marcus Mendelowitz

### October 17

Matilda Kraut ♦ Morris Rosen ♦ Leo Vogel ♦ Esther Winick ♦ Jean Brown ♦ Morris Shersky ♦ Morris Bresoff ♦ Vaughn Cooper ♦ Ignatz Frank ♦ Carol Krosin ♦ Malvina Schwartz ♦ Rhea Silber ♦ Rose Shersky ♦ Phillip Krosin ♦ Jay Goodfriend ♦ Joseph Gurwitch

### October 24

Eliezer Berman ♦ Charles Gubitz ♦ Virginia Morrison ♦ Gerson Cohen ♦ Abraham Leeds ♦ Anna Leibowitz ♦ Alan Mootnick ♦ Sam Abrams ♦ Sam Freeman ♦ Lilly Stargardter ♦ Bruce Kingsley ♦ Esmeralda Benhayon ♦ C.B. Brown ♦ Julius Krauss ♦ Charles Gubitz ♦ Virginia Morrison ♦ Gerson Cohen ♦ Abraham Leeds ♦ Anna Leibowitz ♦ Alan Mootnick ♦ Sam Abrams ♦ Sam Freeman ♦ Lilly Stargardter ♦ Bruce Kingsley ♦ Esmeralda Benhayon ♦ C.B. Brown ♦ Julius Krauss

### October 31

Sasson Benhayon ♦ Anna Kaplan ♦ Gertrude Cohen ♦ Rachel Perelman ♦ Lillian Davis ♦ James Lowe ♦ Vera Noorily ♦ Alex Presser ♦ Flora Stollin ♦ Flora Stollin ♦ Pesach Werner ♦ Berynce Gurwitch ♦ Pearl Zwick

# JAHRZEIT

## TEMPLE BETH EL

### October 2

Peggy Austin ♦ Ida L Banov ♦ Michael Diamond ♦ Gerald A. Dortch ♦ Mordechai G. Heiser ♦ Ellison Jacobstein ♦ Raymond R Landsberger ♦ Dorothy Levy Licht ♦ Sam Miller ♦ Isaac Routenberg ♦ Alan Shefner ♦ Joseph Smuckler ♦ Beatrice Sturm ♦ Hyman Taylor ♦ Fannie Tomshinsky

### October 9

Abraham J Alper ♦ Riva Dvorkiha ♦ Bessie Factor Steven Howard Feldman ♦ Harold Freedman ♦ Martin Guthman ♦ Lillian Harwell ♦ Lester Hirsh ♦ Albert A. Levy ♦ Ann Marcovitch ♦ Amanda S. Morris ♦ Emanuel Radoff ♦ Gus Robinson ♦ William D. Sampson

### October 16

Dora Brody ♦ Gertrude Frankel ♦ Sam Freeman ♦ Lawrence Harris ♦ Bessie Margolies ♦ Marcus Mendelowitz ♦ Charlotte Pais ♦ Ruth Polk ♦ Anthony Rizzo ♦ Samuel Samuel ♦ Dina Shklyarova ♦ Daniel Taubman ♦ Celestine Yatsko ♦ Jack L Zagoren ♦ Pearl Zauber

### October 23

C. B. Buster Brown ♦ Max Brunschwig ♦ David Feldman ♦ Pam Feldman ♦ Sara Hirsh ♦ Mildred Jacobson ♦ Morris Levitt ♦ Israel Potter ♦ Nicole Shenkman ♦ Roberta Shor ♦ Ben Simon ♦ Abbie H. Smith ♦ Johanna Hessel Sonn ♦ Albert Witcoff

### October 30

Janet Baker ♦ Khava Barkan ♦ Karen Brown ♦ Frieda Salky Burson ♦ Gerson Cohen ♦ Joel Samuel Cohn ♦ Elva Cole ♦ Arthur Cole (Cohen) ♦ Pupa Feldman ♦ Charles Gubitz ♦ Maria Lerner ♦ Peter Lawrence Marchand ♦ Ida Markman ♦ Goldie Marshall ♦ Jacob Reich ♦ Evelyn Shey ♦ Mary J. Sisman ♦ Leonard Supman ♦ Alexander Zatlín

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Knoxville

## COMMUNITY EVENT

Knoxville Hadassah Sponsored Dinner  
and Drug Information Symposium

**ACCIDENTAL ADDICTION?**

**DRUG-ADDICTED BABIES?**

**LETHAL CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG ABUSE?**

*East Tennessee faces a  
multitude of drug problems.*

*Hadassah Knoxville invites the community  
to attend a forum looking at these issues.*

Be our guest at a delicious potluck dinner and  
hear from area professionals about this problem  
as well as their thoughts on how to cope.

- ◆ Welcoming remarks by Miriam Weinstein, M.D.,  
pediatric rehabilitation specialist
- ◆ Rev. Rebekah Fetzer will tell us about Susannah's  
House, a program for drug-addicted mothers and  
infants
- ◆ Hilde Phipps, Director of Addiction Services,  
Helen Ross McNabb, will share information
- ◆ Representative from Knox County  
Attorney's Office

**Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.,  
Forum begins at 7:00 p.m.**

*If you plan to join us for dinner, please RSVP to  
Robin Brown at [rzbrown60@gmail.com](mailto:rzbrown60@gmail.com)  
or (865) 691-5489*

Thursday, October 15  
6:30 p.m.

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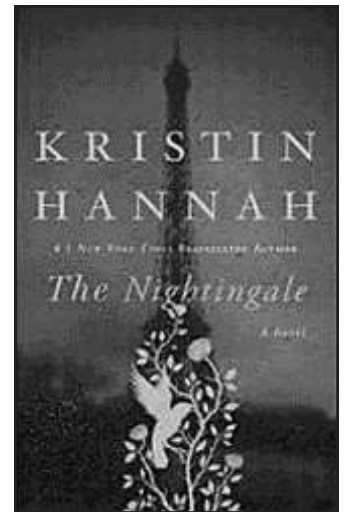
## Hadassah Book Club to Meet October 20

Our **October 20** book will be *Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. The Hadassah Book Club will meet at Barnes and Noble on Kingston Pike, 7:30 p.m. in the coffee shop area.

With courage, grace and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah takes her talented pen to the epic panorama of WWII and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. *The Nightingale* tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France--a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime.


The Hadassah Book Club welcomes all members of Hadassah and any interested women from the greater Knoxville area. Please contact Peggy Littmann (865) 776-1013 or [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net) with any questions.

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





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## Kicking The Year Off—Hadassah-Style

By Shuli Mesa and Barbara Mintz

Hadassah Knoxville's first program of the year, *Kick off a Healthy Year with Hadassah*, featured something for just about everyone. We enjoyed an assortment of all types of food goodies, we browsed and purchased a variety of books, and speaker Barbara Mintz inspired us by tapping into the world of Hadassah's medical accomplishments. She introduced us to some of the newest medical advancements. We learned of new treatments for diabetes including pills instead of shots for children and magnets instead of gastric bypass surgery for adults. We discovered how stem cells have made a vast impact on stroke recovery, multiple sclerosis, and ALS. We were reminded that Hadassah has been a long-time leader in supporting and advocating for women's health issues. Hadassah has invented new ways to fit adults with dentures in minutes and without the need for dentists to be present. Just think how useful this process will be in improving the health of those in third World countries where dentists are not available.

The August 23 event also introduced us to Hadassah's newest promotional feature. For a limited time, a life member can gift someone, anyone over 17 years of age, an annual membership for **FREE**. With this newest program, individuals have the opportunity to taste all that Hadassah Knoxville has to offer and become a part of an organization that is positively changing the health of the world without costing them a dime.

During all of the fun, **Barbara Mintz** and **Peggy Littmann** decided to further their commitment to Hadassah by becoming Chai Society members. This is the first step to annual giving and we couldn't be more proud of this momentous step. Mazel tov, ladies.

Thank you to Barbara Mintz for all of her hard work on this program, Nora Messing for taking photos, and to everyone who supported this event. We have truly kicked off the year in a healthy and productive way.



*Top of this column-clockwise:*

*Members Nora Messing and Betty Golub enjoy socializing on a Sunday afternoon.*

*Judy Abrams, Layette chair, browses books. Proceeds benefit Hadassah.*

*Marian Jay and Bonnie Boring greet visitors and answer questions about the organization.*

*Alice Farkas and NAME.*

*Barbara Mintz, Knoxville membership chair, gets ready to wow her audience with recent Hadassah Hospital research achievements.*

## Hadassah Celebrates With Free Memberships

HADASSAH is offering a fabulous gift to women who want to become a part of the HADASSAH family for the first time. For a limited time, HADASSAH Life Members and Life Associates are able to gift an annual membership to a new member. The gifted membership is an annual membership that runs for one full year from the date of enrollment of the gifted membership.

HADASSAH believes that if you start to get know more about Hadassah's hospitals, Hadassah's cutting edge medical research, Hadassah's focus on women's health and children's wellbeing, in addition to finding opportunities to network with other Jewish women, leadership training, and so much more, you too will be empowered to support these goals.

If you are a Life Member, invite your friends and family members to become members now. **If you are interested in learning more about HADASSAH and this free membership, please contact Barbara Mintz at [barbara@bmintz.com](mailto:barbara@bmintz.com) or 690-7191. DO NOT HESITATE as this offer expires December 31, 2015.**



*Schmoozing is a fun perk of joining Knoxville Hadassah. Shannon Martindale, Lary Linda Schwarzbart, and Anna Iroff catch up and so do Loralind \_\_\_\_\_nd Dahlia \_\_\_\_\_ schmooze at the Hadassah Kick-Off Event.*

# Hadassah Highlights

## Knoxville Chapter of Hadassah

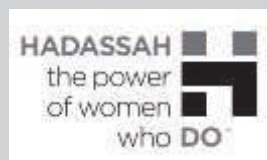
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# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## New KJDS Coach Teaches Healthy Life Skills

If you happen by on an afternoon that Coach Ian Helling is teaching a PE class at KJDS you may not be able to keep from moving. The pace is fast and the energy is contagious.

Ian is licensed trainer who has chosen to focus on kids in fitness. As a member of the CrossFit KTown and CrossFit Farragut staff, he has the energy, the knowledge and the ability to help our students achieve a healthier lifestyle.

One of Ian's main focuses is showing children how fitness is a fun activity with physical and emotional benefits. He uses techniques that are proven to help children of every fitness level move forward from where they are.

We are so pleased to welcome Coach Ian to our team and look forward to his work with all of our students.

*Coach Ian Helling teaches a PE class.*



## Technology + Kids = Safe — How to Balance that Equation?

Wednesday, October 21  
6:00 p.m.

Join Jennifer Dancu of *Social Media 4 Seniors* on Wednesday, October 21 at the Knoxville Jewish Day School.

Our own Jennifer Dancu, who is now providing targeted educational workshops in all things digital, will be our teacher. She will help us navigate the world of tween online life and give us tools to stop problems before they start.

If you would like more information regarding Jennifer Dancu and her workshops, please visit <http://socialmedia4seniors.net>.

If you would like more information about this class, please email [info@kjds.org](mailto:info@kjds.org).

The program is open to the public. Invite your friends and join us!



## STEAM into Service with Warmth

We are kicking off the second year for our groundbreaking *STEAM Into Service* program at the Knoxville Jewish Day School and with this new year comes a new focus: *Warmth*. Students will focus on the many different ways people stay warm—both physically and emotionally. This program, which fuses the technical side (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with the theoretical side (Art and public service) promotes high level academics with social responsibility.

During the inaugural class, all KJDS students traveled to the University of Tennessee campus to meet with engineers and food scientists. Students were fascinated to see Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math all come together in the labs and at the construction site. While meeting with the engineers and visiting with construction site of the new Strong Hall, students discussed the strength of materials and their particular reasons for use. Food scientists discussed making food, packaging food and students got a VIP tour of the kitchen labs where food is made to be tested. Our students were most impressed by the ice cream they tasted; purely for scientific purposes, of course.

The next week focused on building materials. Students were given very “location specific” supplies in order to build a structure. Depending on where you lived geographically and economically dictated your supplies. The students had to also take into account the local weather and the possibility of natural disasters. It was a eye-opening for the students to see the limitations and difficulties people face when building a home.

Students looked at how art is used to inspire and inform during our next class. They were shown photographs, paintings, memes and other forms of art that inspire empathy for a variety of needs. Annie, our Art teacher, walked the students through the compositions to see how and why we react with certain emotions. Students were then challenged to focus on the needs related to warmth, shelter and hunger and to come up with 25 ways we could address the “need” they were discussing. Students worked in teams to become the artists themselves. Each group worked to create a meme, a mural or a collage to express warmth, shelter or hunger. A “how we (KJDS) students can help” wall is not up where we will generate ideas as to how we can help address some of these needs.

Form follows functions was our mantra the next week as we were tasked with building a cardboard box city. In pairs, students were given a task card with the lot size and function of the building they were to build. Some measuring, problem solving and creative thinking were all skills that our builders relied to get their job done. Our urban planners mapped out the lot sizes and strategically decided on the locations of each building. Our *STEAM Into Service* project will continue to bring

*Ellie works with her team on a Library Building with the cardboard was fun but held some challenges as well. Each group had to delegate responsibilities in order to finish the project.*



## Celebrating in Hebrew

KJDS students proved that they could successfully celebrate Rosh Hashanah in Israel. The students first practiced introducing themselves in class. Then they learned about the Rosh Hashanah customs, prayers, and symbolism.

The students then were challenged to create a guest list and then a shopping list in Hebrew. At the simulated “shuk,” we had Hebrew speaking volunteers come in and act as the “sellers.” Students had to communicate 100 percent in Hebrew and “buy” items on their shopping lists.

Learning the proficiency approach for learning a new language has definitely proven successful and in just this first month and a half of school, our students were up for the challenge! We are so proud of each and every one of them.

*Techiya Arazi enjoys working with the students - especially grandson Ori.*



*Meytal helps students buy challah and wine.*

*Vera Maya joins in the fun acting as a “seller” for our “shuk.”*

*Hebrew Teacher Morah Michal has seen an improvement in her students’ Hebrew in the first month’s of this immersion program.*





## Transitions: Out of the Mouths of Babes

By Brett Kolnick

Miriam Esther asked me to write up an article about my son Dylan's transition to middle school. I took the opportunity on our way to a soccer game in Atlanta to check with Dylan to make sure my perception of this transition was correct. Dylan wanted to know why I was asking him these questions so I explained. Dylan whipped out his computer and said, "Dad let me type it up. Since you were asked to write it, I'll write it as if you were writing it, and I can send it straight to Miriam Esther."

This exchange exemplified how empowering a KJDS education is. Dylan, who was once shy and bashful, has been transformed into a leader. He's a kid that others look up to. He is one to take initiative and has the skill and confidence to take on challenges and complete them successfully. KJDS pushed him beyond his comfort zone and....

And now here are Dylan's words in Brett's voice as to what he is thinking about his transition:

My son Dylan Kolnick has just graduated from KJDS, and is now going to West Valley Middle School. KJDS has helped him with many things but the three things I've seen him excel on are self-esteem and confidence, how to be responsible, and how to study and be prepared. Since my son Dylan went to KJDS, he has always participated in the plays. He really does not like the plays but when you think about it, it helps build your self-esteem and confidence. KJDS taught him to take responsibility of finishing your work and studying for tests without your parents reminding them to do anything.

Last but not least, Dylan knows how to study and make sure he is prepared. KJDS gave my son the tools to learn and problem solve as well as the confidence and the know-how to ask for assistance.

Thank you KJDS for preparing my son, Dylan Kolnick.



*Dylan Kolnick with Miriam Esther Wilhelm and his KJDS classmates.*

*Dylan ready for middle school.*

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#### Natalie Robinson's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

Celebrating Natalie **Robinson's** 70<sup>th</sup> birthday at the home of Barbara and Bernie **Bernstein** are, left to right, Mel **Sturm**, the late Bernie **Shorr**, Bernie **Bernstein**, Natalie **Robinson**, the late Mitchell **Robinson**, Harvey **Liberman**. Bernie **Shorr's** daughter Susan Shorr **Brown** lives in Knoxville.

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