



# Ha'Kol

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

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Grandparents, parents and children are invited to join us for a family-friendly

## Winter Festival & Hanukkah Fun!

Sunday, December 11  
3:00—4:30 p.m.

AJCC Caller Auditorium  
6800 Deane Hill Drive

Fun Activities for All Ages

Toy Drive for Children in Need

Volunteers Needed  
Contact Ally Weiner at ally@yahoo.com  
or Margy Goldman at  
margy.goldman11@gmail.com

Turn to page 2 for more information!  
See you at the J!

## Knoxville Jewish Alliance Annual Meeting

*Not Your Average Annual Meeting!*

Sunday, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Orwitz Room—Arnstein Jewish Community Center

# Knoxville Jewish Alliance

KNOXVILLE  
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Building Community  
Enriching Lives

# Ha'Kol

## WINTER FESTIVAL & HANUKKAH FUN

Sunday, December 11  
3:00-4:30 p.m. – AJCC Gym

The Knoxville Jewish Alliance invites our community families and friends to join us at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center to prepare for and celebrate winter holidays. This event is made possible by our KJA donors. Multi-generational activities include

- ◆ Gift making for all winter holidays
- ◆ Gift wrap making for all winter holidays
- ◆ Face painting
- ◆ Build your own menorah
- ◆ Dreidel spinning
- ◆ Gelt (coin) toss games
- ◆ Dress like a Maccabee (optional)
- ◆ Donut decorating
- ◆ Science table—painting with oils!

### Toy Drive

We are collecting new toys for children in need.

### Volunteers Needed

Contact Ally Weiner at [ally@yahoo.com](mailto:ally@yahoo.com) or Margy Goldman at [margy.goldman11@gmail.com](mailto:margy.goldman11@gmail.com)

## November 2016

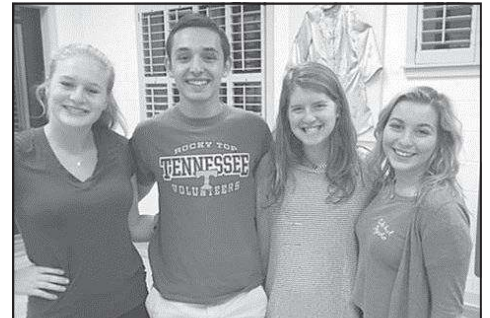
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### SAVE THE DATE

#### KJA Campaign Kick Off Event

Sunday, January 29, 2017  
6:00-8:00 p.m.



*Guess who's coming to dinner? Brian Weinstein, son of Jill and Doug Weinstein, visited Cotton State BBYO Friends at a UTK Hillel Shabbat Dinner. Sarah Brock, Brian Weinstein, Jaime Marquis, Jamie Shapiro.*



*The KJA wants to say a special thanks to our AJCC Preschool artists for helping make our 2016 Rosh Hashanah cards.*



## 2017 AJCC Camp Registration Information Coming Soon!

### Here's How to Learn More:

- Add your current email to our AJCC Summer Camp email list by sending a request to [office@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:office@jewishknoxville.org)
- "LKE" Milton Collins Day Camp and/or Knoxville Jewish Alliance on Facebook
- Watch for *Ha'Kol* news articles
- Ask to be added to the KJA's weekly email blast which goes out each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.
- Visit the KJA website: [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org)

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



- Low child to teacher 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 and lunches with organic milk

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

#### ARNSTEIN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

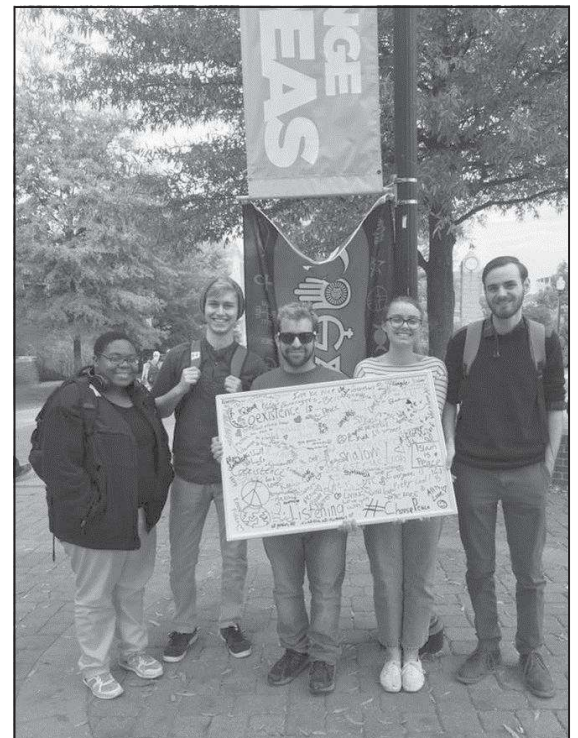
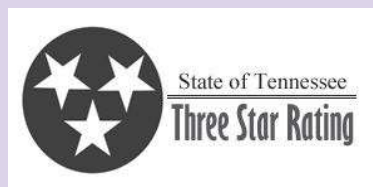
6800 Deane Hill Drive. Knoxville, Tennessee 37919  
[www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org)

## MAZEL TOV! AJCC Preschool Earns TN 3 Star Rating in All 7 Categories!

The Star-Quality Child Care Program is a voluntary program that recognizes child care agencies in Tennessee that exceed minimum licensing standards. These agencies can receive a rating of one, two or three stars—with three stars being the highest rating. The AJCC Preschool has been a 3-Star preschool since the State of Tennessee started this rating program.

### The AJCC Preschool received a 3-star rating in all seven categories:

- ◆ Director Qualifications
- ◆ Professional Development
- ◆ Developmental Learning
- ◆ Parent/Family Involvement
- ◆ Ratio and Group Size
- ◆ Staff Compensation
- ◆ Program Assessment



*Nathan Light organized the our local campus version of "Day of Coexistence" on the UTK Campus. We met campus community members on the pedestrian walkway and asked people to share visions of coexistence. #choosepeace*



## ANNUAL FRIENDSHIPPERS & JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES CHANUKAH LUNCHEON

at the Arnstein Jewish  
Community Center

with special guests  
*AJCC Preschool Bet-Dalet students!*

**Thursday, December 22  
Noon**

AJCC Caller Auditorium  
6800 Deane Hill Drive

**Menu:** fish sticks, lox, salad,  
fruit, latkes, challah, & dessert



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**Preschool**

Dedicated to Development,  
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for Children of all Faiths since 1956.

**RSVP** to JFS Director Laura Berry at  
[Lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:Lberry@jewishknoxville.org) or  
(865) 690-6343 ext. 18 by  
**Friday, December 16.**  
*Transportation available  
upon request.*

*Thank you to the Sam & Esther Rosen  
Friendshippers Fund and to donors to the  
KJA Annual Campaign for sponsoring this  
luncheon.*

## KJA President's Comments

By Adam Brown, KJA President,  
[adam@tennesseeschoolofbeauty.com](mailto:adam@tennesseeschoolofbeauty.com)

Over this past year, so many people have helped us reach so many of our goals. Whether you served on our Board of Directors, volunteered by helping with one of our programs, attended one of our events, made a financial contribution to the KJA, had your children attend our *AJCC Preschool* or camp, or simply offered an encouraging word, I can't thank you enough. Although we still have great financial needs, I know with 100% certainty that "our Center" is in a much better place than it has been in recent years.

I appreciate that so many of you have patted me on the back and thanked me for what's taken place this year, but believe me, it has been the efforts of our hard-working staff, our director, Deborah Oleshansky, and you, our volunteers that deserve the credit.

Angie and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Chanukah and I look very forward to serving as your President for another year and helping to bring the AJCC "Back to the Future."



(L-R) UT student David Floyd talks with Raphe Panitz and Judy Rattner after his clarinet concert at a recent Friendshippers program. Wesley Carroll accompanied David on the piano during the program at Sherrill Hills Retirement Community.

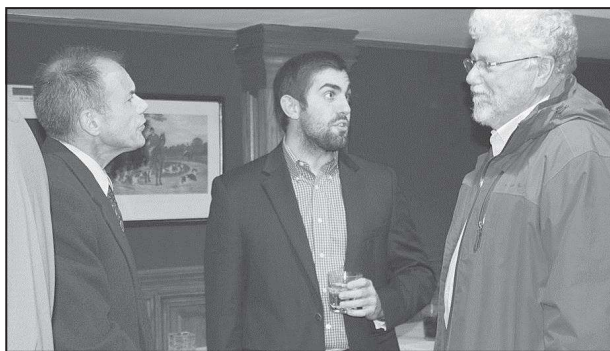
## UT Faculty, Students Enjoy Meet/Greet Event

Our annual UTK Jewish Student Faculty event was held in the private room at Copper Cellar on Cumberland. Students and faculty enjoyed an opportunity to meet and mingle, and were joined by two UTK Alumni Development Administration members. Recruiting and supporting Jewish students at UTK has become a priority for the university.

Thank you to our KJA donors who make this campus program for Jewish students possible.



Sarah Brock, Greg Kaplan, and Rob Lieberthal



Greg Kaplan, Dan Revere, and Jeff Becker



Daniel Lee and Itsik Pariente



(Above) Lou Gross, Jake McCoy  
(R) Jacob Geltzer, Sarah Brock,  
Emily Shulman, and Jamie  
Shapiro



## The KJA offers ongoing opportunities to *Do Something*

- ★ **Bring** nonperishable food for ongoing collection at AJCC
- ★ **Bring** gently used shoes for World Wear project at AJCC
- ★ **Deliver** challah to those recovering from injury or loss
- ★ **Visit** elderly and homebound members of our community
- ★ **Attend** an interfaith *A Seat at the Table* dinner
- ★ **Assist** with a Family Promise dinner for families temporarily homeless
- ★ **Host** Jewish college students for a Shabbat dinner
- ★ **Make** meals to keep frozen at the AJCC to be delivered as needed
- ★ **Help maintain** our AJCC Preschool garden and grounds
- ★ **Suggest** ideas for projects to be completed as part of our community Mitzvah Day in February

**Promoting a healthy community and commitment to social justice is at the heart of KJA activity. Join us as we DO SOMETHING together.**

For details, contact  
Deborah Oleshansky  
doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org  
(865) 690-6343

## Want to learn to knit?



### BEGINNER KNITTING AT LUNCH

Facilitated by Raeus Cannon. Fridays at NOON at the AJCC

Experienced knitters are welcome to join us for a sit and knit!

**We'll cover:** How to read a pattern, cast ons, 3 basic stitches of knitting: garter, stockinette, rib stitch, and a few more like basketweave, bind offs, adding tassels. More...(or less depending on what you want to learn) **Pattern will be provided**

**What to bring:**  
• #9 or #10 needles  
• 1 skein of a LIGHT colored WORSTED weight yarn

The knitting class/group is free, but please RSVP to Laura Berry at [LBerry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:LBerry@jewishknoxville.org)

## Make Your Contribution to the KJA Today

- ★ **SEND** a check made payable to Knoxville Jewish Alliance to 6800 Deane Hill Drive, 37919
- ★ **CALL** 690-6343 and ask the KJA staff to charge a donation to your preferred credit card.
- ★ **DONATE** online at [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org).

## UT Dean Praises UT Hillel Student Leadership

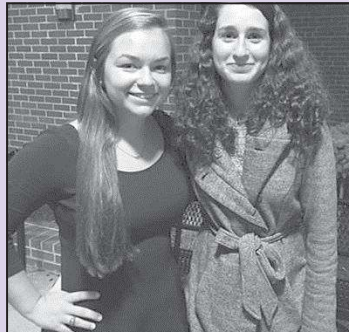
In response to posters vilifying certain UTK student groups, UT Hillel/Jewish Student Organization leaders wrote a letter to the editor of the *Daily Beacon*. The Hillel letter began, "As the major Jewish life organization at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Hillel seeks to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students interested in joining our community. That's why we feel compelled to denounce the disparaging posters recently placed throughout campus singling out individual UTK students and faculty." (The full text can be found at <http://www.utdailybeacon.com>)

*Hi Hillel Leaders,*

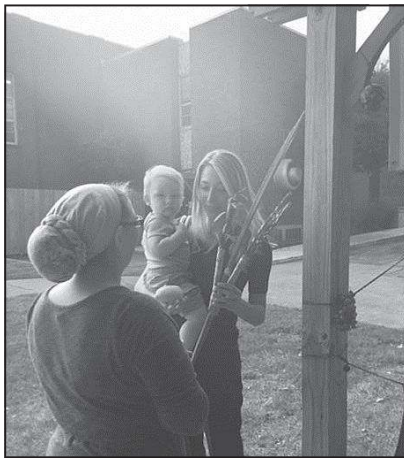
*I want to thank you for your letter in the Beacon yesterday. It struck just the right note of distancing the Jewish community from the hate speech that has appeared in the last few months directed at the Muslim/Arab students. Last evening I attended a campus event dinner. The Muslim students and community members attending were commenting on the positive message in the Beacon yesterday, and the supportive responses they have received overall from the Jewish community. I want you to know that your actions and words have been noticed and are greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work!*

**THERESA M. LEE, Ph.D.**

*Dean, College of Arts and Sciences  
Professor, Department of Psychology*



*UT Hillel students Emily Schulman and Yarden Batz*



## Families Enjoy Sukkot Fun at the AJCC

*Adrienne and Chase Goldberg join Ally Weiner as they "shake the lulav" in the AJCC Sukkah at October 20 family event, which featured storytelling and noshes!*

*Jacob, Staci, and Jaden Messing were among the young families celebrating Sukkot at the AJCC. Proud grandparents Pat and Nora Messing joined the fun.*

*Thank you to Margie Goldman for organizing this event for children, parents and grandparents! This event was made possible by our KJA donors.*

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## Headed South for the Winter?

If you plan to head to a warmer climate for the winter months, please call the KJA at (865) 690-6343 or email [office@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:office@jewishknoxville.org) and let us know your change of mailing address. We'll keep you up-to-date with community news and happenings. Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATE: The next KNOXVILLE event is Sunday, June 4, 2017!**

**DECEMBER 2016**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Please make your 2016 contributions to religious institutions and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance by <b>DECEMBER 31, 2016</b> if you plan to claim tax credits for 2016.</p>				1	2	3
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**Dor L'Dor Chanukah Concert Set for December 10**

Knoxville-based klezmer band Dor L'Dor will perform this year's Chanukah concert at the historic Laurel Theater on **Saturday, December 10, at 8:00 p.m.** The Laurel Theater is located at 1538 Laurel Avenue.

The band includes Ken Brown (clarinet); Susan Brown (piano/arrangements); Steve Brown (drums); Daniel Brown (bass); Selena Brown (violin); Rachel Brown (vocals); trombonists Jon Walton, Joe Christian, and Jeff Ramey; and guitarist Harold Nagge.

**Ticket information:** Jubilee Community Arts at (865) 522-5851 or [www.jubileearts.org](http://www.jubileearts.org).



# KNOXVILLE

## Tai Chi Returns to the AJCC January 4

### BEGINNERS TAI CHI

Wednesdays, January 4 – April 5  
2:15 – 3:00 p.m.

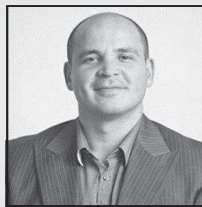
### ADVANCED TAI CHI

Wednesdays, January 4 – April 5  
3:00-4:00 p.m.



Advance registration is required. Please contact Laura Berry at [LBerry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:LBerry@jewishknoxville.org) or 690-6343, ext. 18.

## LIVING WELL WITH MINDFULNESS MEDITATION with Claudio Barrientos



**Wednesdays  
from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**November 30 – December 21**  
Arnstein Jewish Community Center  
6800 Deane Hill Drive

The 4 week class fee is \$135  
Class fee for AJCC Members: \$115  
Fee includes 4 weekly classes, 5 downloadable guided meditations, phone and email support.)  
Please RSVP to [office@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:office@jewishknoxville.org)  
(We need a minimum of 7 for this class.)

## We'd Love to Hear from You and About You

**Does your committee or group have an event, photo or news to be included in an upcoming issue of Ha'Kol? It's easy!**

*Make sure your submissions are emailed to your organization's editor or collector of information.*

### Some tips:

- ◆ Write brief paragraphs; we suggest 4-5 sentences;
- ◆ Share your best photos. Do not send blurry, out of focus photos. We can't fix these. Write captions that include names.
- ◆ Proof your writing to ensure it's correct as to dates, times, spelling of names, holidays, and locations. You are responsible for the accuracy of your information.

## Suzy Snoops

*Ha'Kol welcomes your good news. Please send information to [jjork@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:jjork@jewishknoxville.org) or to the Ha'Kol newsletter, c/o Knoxville Jewish Alliance, 6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.*

- ★ AJCC Preschool mom and UT assistant professor **Erin Darby** was in the news for her efforts at the McClung Museum's Family Fun Day. When not teaching, she directs an archaeological project in southern Jordan.
- ★ **Bob and Sarah Milford** retired from Crib 'n Carriage October 30 after almost 40 years of owning the family business, often providing goods to the children whose parents shopped there. Both were featured in the October 19 *Bearden Shopper News*.
- ★ **Bob Kronick** shared the impact of UT's work on various communities during a national conference in Omaha, Nebraska. The 2016 Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC) Conference schools aim to work collaboratively with communities to build strong partnerships by using academic scholarship to inform the work and help improve the communities. Kronick is a professor of educational psychology and counseling in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences.
- ★ **Stuart Brotman**, Distinguished Endowed Professor, UT School of Journalism and Electronic Media, discussed *Free Speech: Ten Principles for a Connected World* at November's Books Sandwiched In, a local monthly public library program.
- ★ One positive election story was that of a media graphics class taught by **Rob Heller**, a professor in the College of Communication and Information. He asked students to design posters encouraging people to vote—using three words and got a billboard company to post the best designs.
- ★ Congratulations to local family businesses noted in the *Knoxville Mercury's* 2016 TOP KNOX Readers Poll.: **Markman's Jewelry**—Top Jewelry Store; **Agri Feed Pet Supply**—Top Pet Supply Store; **Tennessee School of Beauty**—Top Cosmetology School; and **Frank's Barber Shop**—Top Barber Shop;
- ★ Mazel tov to **Raphe and Susette Panitz** on the birth of granddaughter, Victoria "Torie" Panitz. She is also **Harriet and Michael Glasman's** great niece. Proud parents are William and Nicole Panitz.
- ★ The omer counter created by the late **Arnold Schwarzbart** is featured in the new book, *Tradition and Transformation: Three Millennia of Jewish Art and Architecture* by Ori Z. Soltes



# HAPPENINGS

## TIZMORET: A Cappella Group

Wednesday, January 11

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Temple Beth El, 3037 Kingston Pike

The community is invited to a free concert featuring the a cappella group, Tizmoret, on January 11 at Temple Beth El.

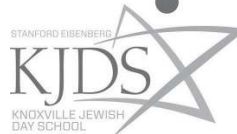
Tizmoret is in its 21st year as Queens College Hillel's professional Jewish a cappella group. Tizmoret draws singers from colleges throughout the New York City area.

Tizmoret performs classic Jewish melodies, American pop music, and contemporary Israeli tunes. The group has performed at college campuses, synagogues, and music festivals. They recently toured Canada, the East Coast, and Florida; won Kol HaOlam (the National Jewish Collegiate A Cappella Competition) in 2011, 2012, and 2015. The group performed at the 2014 annual White House Hanukkah party. **For info:** contact Amy Rosenberg at [Rockybergs@gmail.com](mailto:Rockybergs@gmail.com).

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**Knoxvillians Jake Cone and Britt Sturm** were among the 30 young adults from both Israel and Southeast US communities who gathered in Chattanooga for a P2G Young Leadership Seminar. The Hadera-Eiron and US Southeast region Partnership2Gether consortia, advances the vision of enhancement and strengthening of the Jewish peoplehood. This Partnership gathers and connects our communities, living proof that regardless of geographical distance, we are close in hearts and minds.

**Jake Cone** is the first person on the first row of this photo.

**Britt Sturm** is standing second from the far right, wearing the light Tennessee "T" shirt.

### Britt Sturm:

"The Federation's Partnership Retreat was an amazing experience and an excellent learning opportunity. We met some great Young Jewish professionals from several surrounding Jewish communities and built relationships and made new friends. I hope to see this program continue to grow and strengthen the Jewish people as well as the Knoxville Jewish community."

### Jake Cone:

"Partnership 2Gether is a wonderful program that connects the two legs of today's Judaism, on an individual level. As an American, meeting and interacting with my Israeli peers, taught me about their struggles in both cultural and religious life. The bonds that were formed over this weekend are sure to last a lifetime."



# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

## Thou Shalt Not....

By Scott B. Saulson, PhD, Interim Rabbi

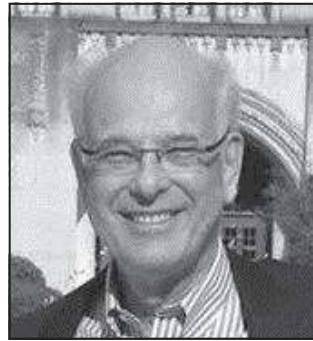
Temporarily ensconced in Knoxville, I naturally find myself detached from the goings-on back home in the Peach State. In which case, I rely on my politically astute brother of Atlanta to keep me periodically posted on topical shenanigans. Which he does, often with delightfully biting humor. His most recent post dovetails with a question raised during a Yom Kippur afternoon study circle: What's the big deal with "coveting?"

The prohibition against coveting makes it into the Big Ten for reasons less than obvious. It has little to do with desire or envy for what is not properly ours.

Horrendous notions, such as maliciousness or deviousness, when contained within the world of our fantasies, hardly rise to the level of sin, which is really about misbehavior. Rather, to the extent that fantasies are deplorable, the punishment invoked for having them is solely spiritual and is described as *nikhretah hanefesh*, a psychic alienation from one's group or one's God.

The real dirt that clings to coveting has to do with allowing the ends to justify the means. Specifically, coveting is using the law to achieve nefarious purposes. The clearest biblical example indelibly stained King David's reputation. Coveting Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, who is the king's five-star general, David, as Commander-in-Chief, places Uriah on the hottest battle line. Hmm. Guess what? Lickity split, Bathsheba winds up in David's boudoir. Of course, the prophet Nathan isn't fooled a bit.

Back in the Peach State, on the eve of the election, it seems that a budget shortfall prompted the authorities to shutter a number of polling stations. Can't expect the taxpayer to swallow deficit spending, can we, unless it is a giveaway to erect a new sports stadium or to attract a relocating fortune 500 company? Well, it just so happens, Uriah-like, that the closed polling stations have a common denominator. They are situated on another kind of front line -- in low income and minority neighborhoods whose residents are least likely to have the time or the means of getting to alternative sites. It's all quite legal! But it isn't peachy! The stench of voter suppression along with racial profiling is unmistakable. No wonder "thou shalt not covet" keeps company with "thou shalt not murder."



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## Disposal of Sacred Texts

In keeping with customary practice, which honors the men and women dedicated to the publication of liturgical and toraitic texts throughout the centuries, Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna Synagogue invite you to the burial of these worn and dated materials

Sunday, December 4 – 11:30 a.m.

Old Jewish Cemetery, Linden Avenue & Winona Street (Rain or Shine)

Should you have such texts of your own, you are welcome to bring them with you directly to the cemetery to include in this special interment.





## A Different Kind of Yizkor

By Steve Lewis

Growing up in a Conservative congregation, Yizkor was always filled with mystique and shrouded in mystery; you could not even attend as a child for fear you would somehow be emotionally destroyed. As an adult and a member of a Reform congregation, much of that emotional baggage was lifted, and yet the service remained governed by a single, strong emotion: sadness.

That all changed this Yom Kippur. Yes, there was – as there will always be – sadness, as we mourned our loved ones. But this Yizkor service offered much, much more: It offered the opportunity for confession, for forgiveness, and yes, redemption. I have never left a Yizkor service with the feeling of lightness and inspiration with which I transitioned into Ne'ilah this past week.

What made the difference? Certainly the music of the Cantor and choir were stellar, generating waves of powerful emotions. The readings selected by Rabbi Saulson, and in fact the whole tenor of the service, left one's heart open to all of the key elements of Yom Kippur. But perhaps most special of all was the opportunity the Rabbi presented each of us: to come up on the bimah, to stand before the open Ark, and to carry out our own silent, personal conversations with God, with our loved ones – with whomever and whatever we wished. Words cannot describe the strength of the emotions I felt or the weight that was lifted by that experience.

Then, as if that wasn't enough, I watched as one of the worshippers, who was using a walker, required more assistance getting up the stairs than her aide could provide her. Before you knew it, not only was the Rabbi there to help, but a gentleman came up out of the congregation to assist her on her journey up and down from the bimah. That simple but holy gesture captured the essence of the service, making it that much more unforgettable.

So thank you, Cantor and choir, and thank you, fellow congregants, for your contributions to an unbelievable experience. But most of all, thank you Rabbi Saulson for creating the atmosphere, the setting and the opportunity to worship in such a meaningful and uplifting way.

## The World Turns....

By Liz Gassel, TBE President

*A renowned genius once asked a student, "What are you watching when you sit on a hillside in the late afternoon as the colors turn from yellow to orange and red and finally darkness?" He answered, "You are watching the sunset." The genius responded, "That is what is wrong with our age. You know full well you are not watching the sun set. You are watching the world turn."*

— Rabbi Jeremy Kagan, *The Jewish Self*

I have a hard time moving from season to season...any season... or even moving from day to day. For me, it is about not getting enough time within that day or season to enjoy it, to be IN it and then it seems, all of a sudden, it is gone. I want to hold crisp fall for a while longer before the sharp bitter of winter is on us. I want to keep the feeling of soft spring before the raucous summer cries out. To feel each day I need more hours in it. Perhaps I am too slow or methodical in my pursuits. The seasons just march on, the day ends and the sun rises again whether I am along for the experience or not.

Perhaps this is a kind of "S.A.D". Seasonal Affective Disorder (also called SAD) is a kind of depression that follows the seasons. The most common type of SAD is called winter depression. It usually begins in late fall or early winter and goes away by summer. I get 'that feeling' at the turn of each season.

I can say the same for my term, my season, as President at Temple Beth El and the previous seasons spent at Board work or Committee work. I want to hold on to the experience and be 'in the moment'. Time runs rapidly and then the project comes to an end.

Yes, the work has been strenuous and challenging and often overloaded with issues to address with immediacy. The positives and the negatives of the jobs at hand run in counterpoint. But those times of stress and high emotions are balanced by the joy of working with so many intelligent, thoughtful and kind people. I have been given the opportunity to become educated in this work of Temple volunteer life. I have gotten to know you and often we have been 'in the moment' together whether we like it or not, good moments and bad.

The transition from President to Immediate Past President this month of December is one that forces me to deal with some of the symptoms that are associated with SAD. It's me having to move into a new season of past president. Of course, as all of you know, there is always more to be done at Temple and I'll be supporting a new president filling in the vacancy I leave after two and a half years.

I want to thank the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, our Committees, congregants and staff who help in so many ways to provide the foundation necessary for Temple Beth El to thrive. I must thank Rabbi Saulson for being here this year to assist us in effecting a successful search for a settled rabbi and for offering us new ways to explore and experience Judaism. I must thank Susan Baker and the Rabbi Search Committee for the methodical and painstaking effort and examination they are doing for our congregation.

It is now winter. I'll soon have more time to be outside in the sunlight addressing other things I might have left on hold while doing Temple work. Of course, I do not plan to abandon the work and needs of Temple. As we prepare to enter a new season, both literally and figuratively, the world of Temple Beth El continues to turn and flourish and I want to watch that world turn with all of you.

## TBE Congregation Celebrates Simchat Torah



## Mah Jongg Madness Tournament at TBE

By Karen Smith

Temple Beth El Sisterhood's annual Mah Jongg Madness Tournament on Sunday, October 30 was enjoyed by 44 women, including a mah jongg player from Asheville, NC. The afternoon consisted of mah jongg, snacks, desserts, conversation, and a silent auction with more than 25 prizes.

Sisterhood thanks co-chairs Karen Smith and Beverly Schultz and committee members Joyce Traugot and Sandy Parker for organizing and planning the event. Joyce also served as the "Judge." They were helped by the many women who donated snacks, desserts, and prizes. Helping on October 30 were Sisterhood Treasurer Karen Smuckler, Lesley Krakauer, Pat Rosenberg, and Kathy Young. Thanks to Sisterhood President Tammy Kropp for serving as Scorekeeper.

Sisterhood congratulates the high scorers: Bobbi Thompson—1<sup>st</sup> place, Barbara Winston—2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Jean Begue—3<sup>rd</sup> place. The low scorer was Marilyn Giddish.

Plans are underway for next year's Mah Jongg Madness Tournament. Watch for a "save the date" in the spring.

See you at Mah Jongg!



*Mazel tov to our mah jongg winners: Marilyn Giddish, low score, Jean Begue, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Barbara Winston, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Bobbi Thompson, 1<sup>st</sup> place.*



*Forty-four women concentrate on the mah jongg tiles.*

## Temple Beth El Religious School December Update

By Norma James, TBE Education Director, [normajames@tbeknox.org](mailto:normajames@tbeknox.org)

**On December 4, we join with the Religious Schools of Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna as we bury old copies of sacred books.** Our students will continue our hands-on learning by participating in this sacred event. We will be dismissed early from school to carpool to the New Jewish Cemetery. Rabbi Saulson and Rabbi Ferency will lead this special burial activity. If you have any sacred books that are damaged or no longer needed, please bring them to the cemetery on this day. This is a community event, so all are invited to participate.

**December 11 is Torah Tots!** It's time for another great session of fun for our youngest children and their parents. I am so excited about how great this program is going. Larissa and I have such a good time coming up with lessons that the kids will love. The parents have also enjoyed getting to know each other. Our program is open to all children age four and under. For more information contact Norma. For feedback on the program, ask any family who attends. We have a blast!

**Latke Supper December 14!** We are doing something completely different this year. Since Chaunkah happens during the school break, we are having our latke dinner early this year, and it will be a total family friendly bash! There will be our fabulous latke dinner but also a craft station. Menorah kits will be purchased by families in advance (December 4<sup>th</sup> deadline for orders) and constructed at the dinner event. Our Chanukah bash will be 6:30-8:00 p.m. We hope all of our Religious School students and parents will attend. Since Chanukah has not yet begun, there will be no service that evening.

**Heidi Sturm is called to the Torah Saturday, December 17.** Please join Heidi to celebrate our first Bat Mitzvah of this school year. Rabbi Saulson will be officiating as Heidi conducts the service. She has been working very hard for many months. Because of her love of all things musical, Heidi has chosen to chant her Torah. Heidi's Torah coach is Tory Frankel, and her chanting coach is Norma James. Heidi is the daughter of Gary and Tamara Sturm and the sister of Frank Sturm. On behalf of the Sturm family, we encourage all of our community to share in this simcha.

**December 18 is Maccabiah Time!** Our students love this yearly competition and so do the parents. This year the Madrichim and our younger teachers will be planning the events. This will give a new spin on our celebration. Our entire school is divided into four families and that prepare all morning for the competition. We need parents to help us with the latke luncheon and to be an audience for the Maccabiah. We welcome our entire congregation to come at 11:15 to watch the fun. Attending the Maccabiah is a great way to see our students in action. **NOTE: School will extend until 12:30 on this day, but lunch is included.**

- ★ Religious School Winter Break Wednesday, December 21 - Sunday, January 8.
- ★ Religious school starts back on Wednesday, January 11 with Midweek Hebrew.

## Sturm to Celebrate Bat Mitzvah December 16 at Temple Beth El

Heidi Sara Sturm is the daughter of Gary and Tamara, and sister to Frank.

Heidi has established her roots in the Jewish community beginning with Sunday School at Temple Beth El. Heidi spent her preschool years at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center and spends each summer at MCDC Day Camp. She has been a swimmer for the Smokin Salmonswim team for eight years. She attended The Knoxville Jewish Day School, kindergarten through fifth grade and is an active alumni at KJDS.

As a seventh grader at Webb School of Knoxville, Heidi loves the middle school teachers and her friends! She plays for the Webb Spartan soccer team and is a dancer on the middle school dance team. Heidi also enjoys playing the piano and guitar.

Heidi is studying and working on her mitzvah project by spending time at Sherrill Hills Retirement Community. She is looking forward to her upcoming Bat Mitzvah this December!



Heidi Sara Sturm

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Temple Beth El  
invites the Knoxville Jewish community to join our  
**CHANUKAH LATKE CELEBRATION**

**Wednesday, December 14**  
**6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**



**Traditional latke dinner with all the extras**

**Something New: MENORAH CRAFT STATION**

DIY Menorah Kits (must pre-order with Amy by December 4'-  
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Fun for both kids and adults.

**Dinner Cost: \$8.00 per person.**

Send your payment to the TBE office or pay the night of the event,  
but you **must RSVP by December 10.**

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



## Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Kropp, Sisterhood President

We had a great time at Chico's on November 13 where we had the opportunity to shop on a budget, tie scarves in different ways, and accessorize different outfits. We also had the opportunity to collect money and food for Second Harvest Food Bank through Marty's Mission. Continuing on the theme of Tzedakah, we will be doing other mitzvah and community outreach projects throughout the year. Be on the lookout for a fun and meaningful project in January or February helping ladies less fortunate than us.

Mah Jongg Madness was held on October 30 and was a huge success. Great fun was had by all participants and this event gets better each year. We've also continued our collaborative efforts with the other Sisterhoods in the area with Rosh Chodesh. On December 1, Bernice Copcutt leads us in beading Star of David earrings.

If you have not yet joined Sisterhood, it is not too late. Also, all of our programs are open to any one whether you are a member or not. I look forward to seeing you at a future program.



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#### It's really simple!

You purchase gift cards from the Temple at face value and the Temple orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced rate. The difference is an instant rebate for the Temple.

Please circle which cards you want, circle the specific increment and write the number you want. Complete and mail the form with payment to the TBE office.

A check is the preferred method of payment, but credit cards will be accepted. For credit cards, please call the TBE office. Scrip gift cards will be available for **pick-up at the office on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

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## BLOODLANDS - Europe between Hitler and Stalin

by Timothy Snyder

524 pp. Basic Books. \$29.95

REVIEW by Henry Fribourg for TBE Holocaust Bookshelf

Author Timothy Snyder, a professor of history at Yale, forces Americans to remember that World War II began much earlier than Pearl Harbor. We must look at the full range of destruction committed first by Stalin's regime and then by Hitler's Reich. They both orchestrated deliberate mass killing of millions of human beings, particularly in the "Bloodlands", the area between Germany and Russia: Poland, Ukraine, the Baltic region, Belarus.

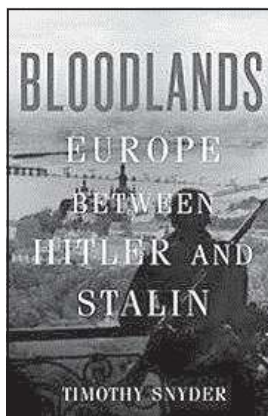
Stalin wanted to control "the largest social group in the Soviet Union, the "peasantry," by forcing them off their small plots of land into collective farms, or to factory zones to sustain rapid industrialization. The resulting artificial famine resulted in a loss of 8 million people in Ukraine between 1932 and 1937.

Stalin then instituted the Great Terror, executing tens of thousands of officers and officials, killing hundreds of thousands of peasants and members of national minorities, such as 600,000 Soviet Poles, and more Ukrainians.

In September 1939, Hitler occupied the western half of Poland; Stalin took the other half. The Germans first built ghettos in Warsaw and Lodz. Thousands of Polish Jews died from random shootings, exposure and disease, as well as other Poles: the educated, the clergy, the politically active, from both German and Russian occupiers. Eventually, the Germans murdered more than 3 million Polish Jews. Himmler's plan - *Generalplan Ost* - approved by Hitler, was designed to eliminate about 31 to 45 million Slavs to be replaced by Germans in the East (*Lebensraum*). After Hitler invaded the USSR in June, 1941, he and his followers (Himmler, Heydrich, Frank *et al.*) turned their full attention to extermination of Jews.

Today, the prevailing image is the fate of families like Anne Frank's, rounded up and transported to extermination camps in Poland. But in fact, most victims of the Germans, both Jews and non-Jews, died of starvation and disease; the next major cause of death was the systematic cold-blooded open-air massacres by shooting individuals and groups standing at the edge of pits they had been forced to dig by hand, such as at Babi Yar. The seven extermination camps and all the other camps (transit, slave labor, etc. ... all together accounted for half of all the Jews murdered and some of the Slavs as well, and all but a very few were located in German-controlled formerly Soviet territory such as Poland. The newest extermination camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau, is so well remembered because it was used mostly on western victims and killed with Zyklon B (prussic acid), rather than the carbon monoxide from truck exhaust previously used on millions of earlier victims, starting with forced euthanasias in the 1930s.

Snyder has drawn on numerous accounts in several languages to relate the sequence of mass murders - by Stalin and then by Hitler - which accounted for over 14 million civilian deaths in little more than 12 years. The author adds to his historically-comprehensive account short vignettes of individual victims, perpetrators and witnesses; he does not neglect atrocities from either murdering side, such as the Germans who leveled the Warsaw ghetto or the Russians who assassinated thousands of Polish officers at Katyn. When Stalin was in his 70s, after the Great Patriotic War's end, he became obsessed with the Jews; it was then that they were persecuted. However, unlike the Germans who pursued policies of exterminations, many of the millions of Soviets condemned to the *gulag* were able to survive the cold, the starvation and the brutality. Nonetheless, Soviet Jews concluded that they had no place in Soviet society; most of them left for Israel or the US, thus contributing to the eventual collapse of the Soviet Union itself.



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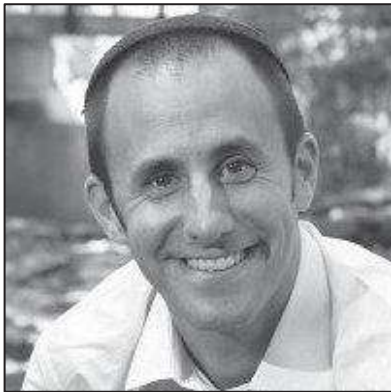
- 6:30 p.m. Appetizers for Body & Soul (preneg)
- 7:00 p.m. Kiddush Evening Minyan
- 8:00 p.m. Sweets for Body & Soul (oneg)

**The Temple Beth El  
office will be closed  
December 23- 27 and  
on January 2.**



## A Rabbi's Enduring Sermon on Living Your Last Five Minutes

By Alon C. Ferency



My *Yom Kippur* sermon, "Near Death Experiences," was unusually well-received. As such, I've decided to print excerpts from the article upon which it was based (*New York Times*, October 1, 2016). Special thanks to Gale Hedrick for sharing the article with me.

Thirty years ago, amid the somber prayers of Judaism's holiest day, Rabbi Kenneth Berger rose to deliver the *Yom Kippur* sermon. He spoke to his congregants about a tragedy many of them, including his daughter, had witnessed eight months earlier in the Florida sky: the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger.

Rabbi Berger focused on one particular detail, the revelation that Challenger's seven astronauts had remained alive for the 65,000-foot fall to the ocean. He called the homily "Five Minutes to Live," and he likened the crew members to Jews, who are called during the High Holy Days to engage in the process of "heshbon ha-nefesh," Hebrew for taking stock of one's soul.

"Can you imagine knowing that in a few moments death was imminent?" Rabbi Berger said at the Congregation Rodeph Sholom in Tampa, Fla. "What would we think of if, God forbid, you and I were in such circumstances? What would go through our mind?"

Not quite three years later, Rabbi Berger was on a flight to Chicago from Denver returning from a family vacation. The plane's tail engine exploded en route, crippling the controls, and for 40 minutes, the passengers prepared for a crash landing.

The rabbi's wife, Aviva, fainted from the shock. Rabbi Berger reached across the seats and gathered the hands of his daughter Avigail, 16, and son Jonathan, 9, trying to reassure them, Avigail would later recall. The plane burst into flames after it hit the ground in Sioux City, Iowa, killing 112 people, including the rabbi and his wife, both in their early 40s...

Both the sermon's theme and its presentiment of the rabbi's death resonate with the theological essence of the High Holy Days. In his sermon, Rabbi Berger plucked several well-known sentences of the liturgy, rearranging them for heightened effect: "Who shall live and who shall die? Who shall attain the measure of a man's days and who shall not? On Rosh Hashana, it is inscribed, and on *Yom Kippur*, it is sealed...."

What is unusual in the American Jewish idiom is that *heshbon ha-nefesh* is addressed by rabbis on the two holidays each year when synagogue attendance grows exponentially. Mindful of another autumn ritual, Rabbi Berger called it "the World Series..."

On Sept. 16, 1986, the day Rabbi Berger delivered "Five Minutes to Live," the Challenger tragedy was fresh in the minds of his congregants. From that shared memory, Rabbi Berger extrapolated in both prosaic and profound directions.

He touched on the ordinary ways that people forget to express love for their families, blithely assuming there will always be another day. He recounted the story of a Jewish father, facing imminent death during the Holocaust, who bestowed a final kiss on the young son he was sending away to safety.

"That scene still haunts me," Rabbi Berger said as the sermon closed, returning to the Challenger. "The explosion and then five minutes. If only I... If only I... And then the capsule hits the water, it's all over. Then you realize it's all the same — five minutes, five days, 50 years. It's all the same, for it's over before we realize.

"If only I knew' – yes, my friends, it may be the last time. 'If only I realized' – yes, stop, appreciate the blessings you have. 'If only I could' – you still can, you've got today."

Samuel Berger found the text for "Five Minutes to Live" while cleaning out his brother's office. The sermon made its way to Avigail, who laminated it and keeps it in her jewelry box.

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## Appreciating Veterans, Volunteers, and Holidays

By Hal Manas, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Hanukah or Chanukah or any other spelling, it all means the same thing. When I was a child this was the Jewish alternative to Christmas. It had big meals, family get togethers and most important, GIFTS. It is really about a family who refused to allow the Greeks to destroy their religious practices. As a child I knew that one vial of oil, enough for one day, lasted for eight days until more oil could be prepared for use in religious services. I didn't understand, most likely because I didn't pay attention, that the Greeks had ransacked the Temple and destroyed anything that was ritually pure. The Eternal Lamp had no purified oil and there was found only one day's worth. The small supply lasted for eight days while more was prepared. At the same time the family, Mattathias the Hasmonean and his son Judah Maccabee and their families, joined with others and rededicated the Temple. They also drove the Greeks out and back to Greece. The holiday commemorates the miracle of the oil, not the military victory as I was taught when I was in the Marine Corps. This is because traditionally Jews do not glorify war.

Even though we do not glorify war, I was taught by my Drill Instructor on Parris Island that this was the first recorded successful fight for religious freedom. That was and is important if you are a Marine. Here in the United States religious freedom is enshrined in the First Amendment to the Constitution. It is a very important basic right and a foundation on which our system is based. We should never forget this fact. This time of year should mean a lot to us as Jews and also as Americans.



## The Paradox of Hanukkah

By Raphe Panitz, Ph.D., Synagogue President

Hi all. This year, the first night of Hanukkah falls on December 24, the same evening as another holiday celebrated by many, but not all Americans. That coincidence of the calendar prompted me to share with you some thoughts about the origins of Hanukkah and how the Rabbis of the Talmud considered it.

When we look at Hanukkah, we must first remember that it is not a biblically ordained holiday. So, from the outset, it was not as important as even Purim or of course the major holidays.

Hanukkah is described in two of the books found in the extra biblical writings known as the Apocrypha. In the First Book of the Maccabees, written in an original Hebrew but preserved only in Greek, we find all of the elements of the Hanukkah story EXCEPT the kindling of the lights. These include a rededication of the Temple, using new holy vessels, and instituting the 25<sup>th</sup> of Kislev as a holiday. The story also includes daily sacrificial services, songs, music, and recitation of prayers of praise. The celebration lasted eight days- but I emphasize there was no mention of Hanukkah lights or a menorah.

In the Second Book of Maccabees, we find all of the above, and in addition, a celebration of the Holiday of Succoth with lulavim and hymns of praise. There are eight days of celebration, and a Miracle of fire descends from the Heaven. But again, there was no kindling of lights.

The Roman/Jewish historian, Josephus, writing in the First Century C.E, also does not mention the Festival of Hanukkah, although he does admit to a festival of lights, when he wrote "The Right to serve God came to the people unexpectedly, like a sudden light."

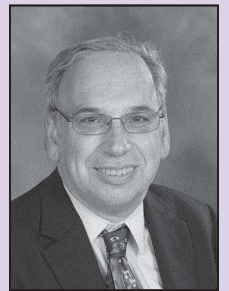
We need to look to the Talmud to find a legend of a cruse of oil being found in the Temple. The legend is found in a BT Shabbat 21a, and includes a tradition of lighting candles in the home for eight days. Different variations of that tradition also occur in a Talmudical section known as Megilla Ta'anit, and in another section known as Peskita Rabbati. In the former, the Hasmoneans take seven iron spits and cover them with zinc. In the latter, the Hasmoneans found in the Temple eight iron bars and kindled lights in them.

It is only in a later book known as the Scroll of Antiochus, written in Aramaic many years after the Maccabees, that we find the full account of the miracle of the one cruse of oil. So, one could argue that the tradition of the oil was a response to the lighting of candles.

With that in mind, we need to remind ourselves of the Rabbis' attitude to the Hasmoneans (Judah the Maccabee and his descendants). The Rabbis disdained the Hasmoneans' military exploits, and did not approve of the Hasmonean's usurping the High Priesthood. They also did not like the forced conversions of non-Jews practiced by the Hasmoneans. In addition, the Rabbis prescribed a Haftarah for Shabbat Hanukkah that downplays militarism and emphasizes the "spirit" of God. They also composed a prayer, Al Hanisim, which looks to God for miracles.

So, the Rabbis were not happy with the feats of the Maccabees. Yet today, we celebrate Hanukkah as a festival of freedom and religious liberty, with the giving of gifts and lighting candles. That is why I consider the holiday a paradox — celebrating a military victory with lights, presents, and dreidels, a victory not endorsed by the Rabbis with enthusiasm and great joy.

Happy Hanukkah.



## Sisterhood News

### Working Together: Simple to Say, Much Harder to Do

By Barb Levin, Heska Amuna Sisterhood president

When one calls Heska Amuna on the phone these days, he or she is greeted with a cheerful message from Rabbi Ferency: "Welcome to Heska Amuna, a do-it-yourself community that loves being Jewish together." I always feel better after I hear this, even if I don't actually reach a real human, but I have wondered what it means.

At the end of the long day of services on Yom Kippur, after twilight, I was standing in the sanctuary as the congregation took a deep breath and enjoyed Havdalah, the beautiful ceremony to separate the holy day from the ordinary, a last bit of tradition to set the tone for the coming year. As I looked around the room, I felt the true impact of Rabbi Ferency's words; a group of 100 or so individuals with their faces lit up by both the candles and the afterglow of the holy day. We sang together and enjoyed our first food, and we were indeed that community of togetherness.

I drove home to Madisonville trying hard to figure out how to catch that spirit, that connected moment, in our activities at Heska Amuna. I must admit that sometimes our meetings – whether Sisterhood or Board of Trustees do not reflect such a positive attitude. Building on the glow, there are so many things that we can achieve together as the "do-it-ourselves" community.

The togetherness reflected in our services comes from a sense of shared values and focused aspirations. These beliefs are the foundation for this community. Beyond that, we strive to have a sense of open communication and a coordination of goals and purpose. The Glazer grant which encourages volunteerism is a wonderful way to express this commonality of goal.

Setting aside differences, avoiding rumors, and focusing on our shared purpose is the essence of Heska Amuna and Sisterhood. This month Sisterhood is starting an exploration of how we can work together to share our joys and our trials, and support each other in this adventure called life. Stayed tuned for new opportunities: times to volunteer; task groups to join; and community discussions which need your input.



Barb Levin

## Sisterhood Book Discussion

### Edith Pearlman's short story collection, *Honeydew*

Sunday morning, December 4

10:30 a.m. Heska Amuna

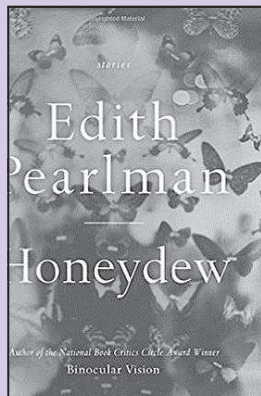
Discussion led by Ellen Kern

Edith Pearlman has written a fascinating group of short stories in her book, *Honeydew*. To quote an NPR book review... "the first thing I wanted to do after finishing my initial reading of these 20 stories was, well, I wanted to go right back again and start from the beginning.... She presides... over a world more antic and beautiful than we ever might have imagined on our own, blinding us with the strong potions of her art."

We'll discuss eight stories: *Tenderfoot*, *Castle 4*, *Stone*, *Blessed Harry*, *Puck*, *Assisted Living*, *Cul-de-sac*, and *Flowers*.

Questions? Check with Peggy Littmann at [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net) or 776-1013 (cell).

Copies of the stories are available in the Heska Amuna office.



## Jewish Life at Home

Sunday, December 18

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### HANUKKAH

Jewish Life at Home (JLAH) is a congregational learning program presented by Heska Amuna Sisterhood.

JLAH focuses on Jewish holiday rituals and traditions performed at home, with sessions for a variety of ages, children through seniors, including men and women.

Let's get "back-to-basics" by learning and sharing rituals, blessings, recipes, songs, crafts, text study, and more! There is SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! Then we'll all join together for a delicious lunch – the perfect end to a wonderful morning.



Jewish Life at Home

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sisterhood Shabbat, January 21, 2017. Celebrate *Parshah Shemot* with us.**



## Heska Amuna Religious School News

By Betty Golub,  
Director of Youth and Family Programming

### According to Dr. Seuss

What's the big deal with those Chanukah lights?  
Why do we burn 'em for all of those nights?

And why for eight nights, why not for seven?  
A gift on each night? Why not for eleven?

Why do we eat latkes and stuff cooked in oil?  
It's messy and spatters when it starts to boil.

And the dreidel is gambling, I thought that was wrong,  
But it turns out that we have a real dreidel song.

I like the gelt, more chocolate is fine,  
While my parents get schnockered on sweet kosher wine.

Let's take a moment, and think about this,  
'Cause for kids the world over, Chanukah's bliss.

We light the lights to remind us of when  
Some nasty non-Jews tried to kill us again.

The Greeks lost the battle. A Maccabee sweep,  
But the remains of the Temple lay at the Jews' feet.

They lit some oil to give thanks to God,  
It burned for eight nights, a little bit odd.

Some called it a miracle, the lights all aglow,  
And that's why we're lit up, eight nights in a row.

The latkes and stuff, golden brown fried in oil,  
Are a way to remember the Maccabees' toil.

Why the dreidel, you ask? Well, here's the reason.  
The Greeks of the time said that Torah was treason.

They caught you at study, you would be beat,  
So Jews kept a dreidel under the sheets.

If soldiers came near, they'd bust out the top  
And pretend to gamble, and so dodge the cops.

There's a story for all that we do in this season,  
Tell all your friends that you now know the reason.

Chanukah; it's a time to light lights for eight nights.  
A time to eat latkes 'til you can't eat one more bite.

A time to spin dreidels and eat chocolate gelt.  
A time to lay back and loosen your belt.

It's a gift-giving time. Here! Open a box!

From the Golub Family  
Chag Semeach!



## HARS Dates to Remember

<b>Sunday, December 4</b>	Gan K'Tan – Prozdor
<b>Wednesday, December 7</b>	School
<b>Saturday, December 10</b>	Shabbat School
<b>Sunday, December 11</b>	No School
<b>Wednesday, December 14</b>	School
<b>Sunday, December 18</b>	JLAH & School
<b>December 21-January 7</b>	Winter Break
<b>Sunday, January 8</b>	Classes Resume Gan K'Tan – Prozdor



Havdalah Hangout  
Havdalah Hangout

## Klezmer Havdalah

**December 10, 8:00 p.m.**  
Laurel Theater, 1538 Laurel Avenue

Join us at the Laurel Theater for  
havdallah and a concert by Dor L'Dor!

**For ticket information, contact**  
Jubilee Community Arts at  
(865) 522-5851 or [www.jubileearts.org](http://www.jubileearts.org)



## Simchat Torah at Heska Amuna Synagogue

On Simchat Torah, the annual Torah reading cycle of the year is completed and then begins anew. On that day we read the last portion of Deuteronomy and the first portion of Genesis. It has become a custom at Heska Amuna to honor those whose service to our community life merits such a public tribute.

This year Heska Amuna Synagogue celebrated this holiday by honoring Marty and Martha Iroff with great food and especially great music by our very own Dor L'Dor, led by Ken Brown. We are so fortunate to have Dor L'Dor in our neighborhood so we can keep the Yiddish language alive for future generations! Dor L'Dor entertained us at dinner and led a rousing *hakafot* for everyone. The music concluded with Marty our Hatan Torah and Martha our Kallat Torah walking under the chuppah and Dor L'Dor playing Do D'Li.

### Martha and Marty Iroff Honored for Service to the Heska Amuna Community

This year, Heska Amuna Synagogue honored Martha Iroff as Kallah Torah and Marty Iroff as Hatan Torah. Martha and Marty say they are grateful for the recognition. They volunteer their time because they see a need and feel joy when they can help. Marty and Martha hope their efforts, along with the Glazer Foundation Fellowship, will serve to spark others to expand, or begin, their volunteer efforts. The Iroffs thank you for this honor and appreciate the opportunities Heska Amuna has provided to them and their family.

*Marty and Martha Iroff*



**Light the Menorah,  
spin the dreidel,  
read a Chanukah book,  
buy Chanukah presents and  
taste the sweetness of the miracle  
of the Jewish people  
with Chanukah gelt.  
Wow! Let's keep the flame forever  
shining bright!**

### SHOP LOCAL BY SUPPORTING HESKA AMUNA JUDAICA SHOP

Open on Sunday School days (9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

and by appointment (865) 607-3959.





## Cafe Amuna Your New Favorite Coffee Shop!

Come by for bagels, schmear, and schmooze!

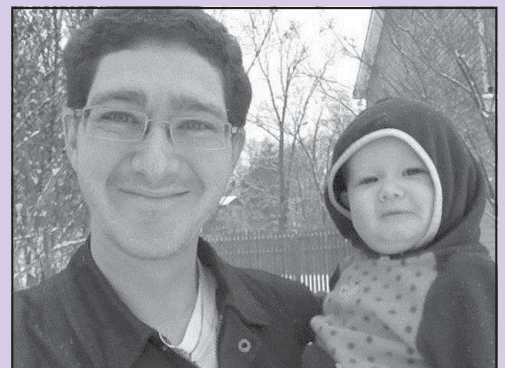
Cafe Amuna is a great spot for discussion groups, knitting clubs, and friendly hang-outs. Come join the Casual Torah Study group! Free Wi-Fi and open "schmooze space" available.

A special congregational meeting will be held after minyan.

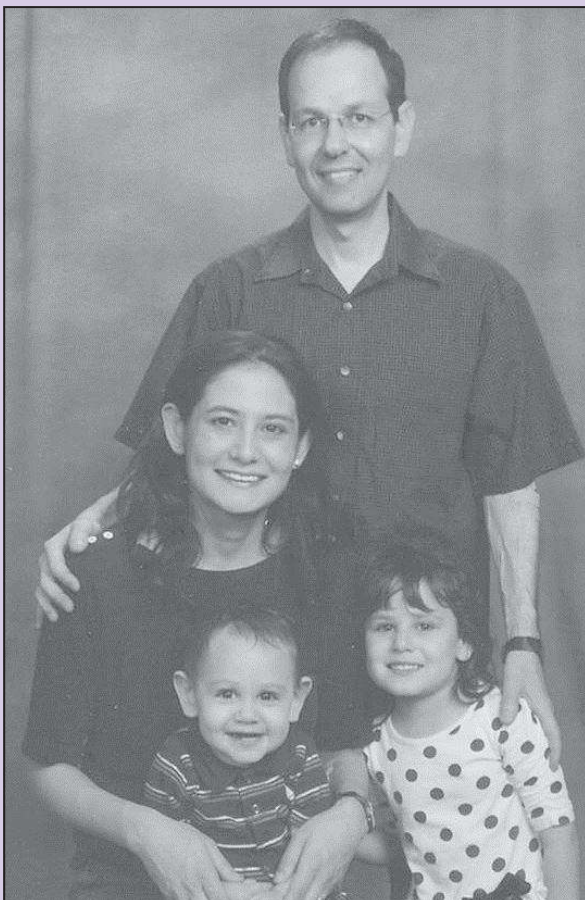
## Meet Your Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

### Josh Hedrick--Cemetery Committee Head

Born and reared in Knoxville, Josh is a fourth-generation member of Heska Amuna Synagogue. He is an attorney practicing criminal defense with the firm of Whitt, Cooper, Trant & Hedrick. He is currently the chair of the Cemetery Committee and has served on the board since 2011. Josh lives in Knoxville with his wife Kimberly and their daughter, Darcy.



*Josh Darcy and daughter, Darcy*



### Eytan Klausner - Member of Board of Trustees

Eytan Klausner was born and raised in Jerusalem, Israel, to an Israeli father and an American mother who made *Aliya*. He has extended family in the US from his mother's side mostly. After serving in the intelligence forces of the Israeli Defense Forces, he obtained a Bachelor's of Pharmacy and a PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He came to the US in 2003 to do a research fellowship at the Department of Biomedical Engineering of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, after which he landed an academic position in Midwestern University School of Pharmacy.

Eytan moved to Knoxville in 2011 with his family to pursue a job opportunity as founding faculty in South College School of Pharmacy. He received a Distinguished Teaching Award in Pharmaceutical Sciences in South College School of Pharmacy at 2013. Eytan is married to Mari, a physician with an expertise in infectious diseases who is a partner in Knoxville Infectious Disease Consultants. They have two children, Nesya (6 years old) and Amos (2 years old).

Eytan's family became members of Heska Amuna in 2013 and he became a member-at-large on the Board of Trustees in June, 2015. As a board member, Eytan supports sustainability and transparency. Eytan enjoys spending time with his family. He believes in giving back to the community when there are appropriate opportunities. Eytan's main hobbies are practicing Ashtanga yoga and listening to Israeli music. He enjoys reading *The Economist* and eating Indian cuisine. He is a fan of Football Club Barcelona.

## Contributions to Heska Amuna Synagogue

*Donations received as of November 3, 2016*

### Butterfly Bush Fundraiser

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*In memory of Dorothy Becker*  
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By Arnold Cohen

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*In memory of Joseph Solomon*  
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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  
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## Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

*A Supporting Organization of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance and the East Tennessee Foundation to preserve and strengthen the Jewish Community of Knoxville*

### Philosophy Meets Philanthropy

*By Carole H. Martin, KJCF President*

I recently attended the presentation of the Knoxville Museum of Art's Clayton Award to Sylvia and Jan Peters for their long-standing support of the Museum. David Butler, the Museum's Executive Director, praised Sylvia and Jan for their service in virtually every possible capacity, from their leadership roles heading fundraising activities to generous financial support to their visionary insistence on the acquisition of glass pieces which led to the eventual partnership with Richard Jolley. If you've never experienced Jolley's Cycle of Life installation, RUN-do not walk-to the KMA!

David Butler's presentation that day referenced a scholar specializing in philanthropy with whom I was not familiar. Paul G. Schervish was the long-time director of the Center on Wealth and Philanthropy at Boston College and Butler's commentary made me seek out Schervish's work, which focuses on the motivations for charitable involvement.

In his article "The Moral Biography of Wealth: Philosophical Reflections on the Foundation of Philanthropy," Schervish proposes that a "moral biography is something as simple as leading a good life, and something as profound as following Aristotle's teachings on freedom and virtue." Aristotle famously said: "To give away money is an easy matter and in any man's power. But to decide to whom to give it, and how large and when, and for what purpose and how, is neither in every man's power nor an easy matter."

Perhaps this conundrum has kept you from considering opening a fund with the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds. I maintain that Aristotle means for us to take the moral biography of philanthropy with seriousness of purpose, but I promise you that giving is a very simple, human connection. If there is a cause that tugs at your heart, something with which you identify—there's nothing but joy to be gained by allying yourself with that organization and making a grant from your own KJCF fund. Contact me at [KJCFPresident@gmail.com](mailto:KJCFPresident@gmail.com) and we'll make it happen!

**Credit:** Schervish, Paul. "The Moral Biography of Wealth: Philosophical Reflections on the Foundation of Philanthropy." *The Boston College Center on Wealth and Philanthropy, April, 2005.*



*Cycle of Life by Richard Jolley.*

*Photograph courtesy of The Knoxville Museum of Art.*

### Donations

#### Cohen-Presser Fund

*In memory of Norbert Joel Slovis  
Linda Slovis*

**Heska Amuna Educators Supplement Fund**  
Stuart & Michelle Langer

#### Debra & Irwin Gordon Fund

*In memory of Dorothy Becker  
Debra & Irwin Gordon*

### Grants

The **Sam & Esther Rosen AJCC Fund** made a grant to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance for the purchase of 280 LED bulbs to replace all the CFL four foot tubes in the AJCC facility.

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The Board of Directors of the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds thanks the Knoxville Jewish community, the Knoxville Jewish Alliance staff, and the East Tennessee Foundation for their support and encouragement. The KJCF encourages you to help insure the healthy future of our Knoxville Jewish community by including a commitment to the KJCF in your financial and estate planning.

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

# Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



## New Member Spotlight

### Terry and Debbie Cribb

Debbie grew up in a Jewish family from Long Island, New York. Her father, a mechanical engineer, was offered a position from the government to work on the Manhattan Project, but he had a wife and child and they wouldn't say where he would work so he decided against it; he later learned it would have been in Oak Ridge. The family moved to Florida where Debbie attended the University of Central Florida. After her father died, the family moved to Knoxville in 2002, and Debbie started working for Jewelry Television where she met Terry.



Terry was born and reared in eastern South and North Carolinas as the 11<sup>th</sup> child in a family of 13 as share croppers in tobacco. He went into the Navy at 17 years old and exited the Navy in May 1976. Terry moved around a lot and found his way to Knoxville, for the second time, and in 2003 started working for Jewelry Television where he met Debbie.

Terry had already discovered he was inwardly a Jew and was trying to learn all he could; he was even studying a Hebrew/English dictionary when Debbie saw him. The couple were married in a Jewish ceremony in June 2009 and have been together ever since. They continue to grow deeper in their love for each other and their faith. On finding this congregation, Terry and Debbie say: "we finally found where we belong." They are studying Hebrew now, not solely for Torah study, but for conversation as well.

## Celebrate Hanukah At JCOR

Dec. 25, 5:30 pm

Join us for a **Latke**  
good time, complete  
with **dinner, songs,**  
**dancing and fun.**  
(bring your menorah to light)

Adults - \$12  
Children - \$6  
(5 and under free)

RSVP by Dec 21

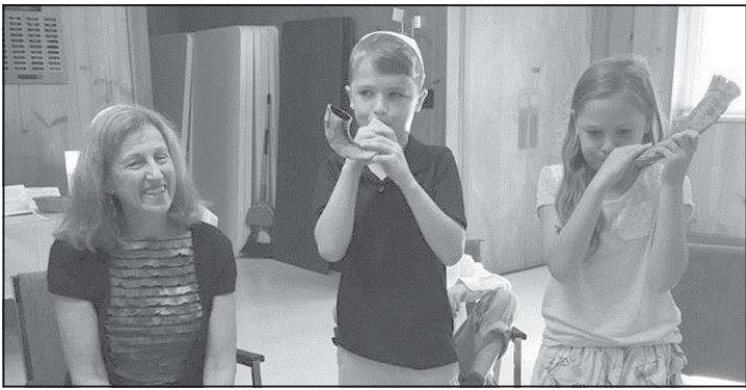
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## Sisterhood Chanukah Sale Set for December 4

JCOR Sisterhood will host its Annual Chanukah Sale on **Sunday, December 4** from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the JCOR library.

Please come early for the best selection. We have gifts, candles, dreidels, games, wrapping paper, and books. Contact Mira Kimmelman at (865) 483-7972 or Judy Raman at (865) 482-1509 for more information.



Lewis Niad and Dory Dugal sounding the shofar at Children's Services.



Simchat Torah Fireside Potluck has become a welcome addition to our annual holiday experiences.



Meir Niad, Linda Bell, and Rebecca Charles lead Havdalah at our outdoor movie night for the film, Dough.

The Oak Ridge Chapter of Hadassah has a large selection of Hadassah cards, certificates, and trees.

Support Hadassah by sending cards. For more info, call Mira at 483-7972

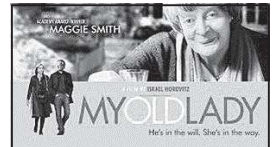
## Upcoming Events

**December 3, 2016**

**Jewish Film Series: *My Old Lady***

USA, 2014, PG-13, 1hr 48m

New Yorker Mathias Gold is delighted to learn that he's inherited a Paris apartment from his deceased father. But delight turns to dismay when Mathias travels to France to sell the property and finds his dad's former lover occupying the place. Cast: Kevin Kline, Kristin Scott Thomas, Maggie Smith.



**December 10, 2016**

**Rabbi's Study Session:** "Shimon Peres -

*The Last of the Mohicans*" (after the morning services)

## Donations to JCOR

### Yahrzeits

- ★ Joseph Fine from Karen Brunner
- ★ David Sencer from Roberta Steiner
- ★ Arnold Kitzes from Judith Kitzes
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### Donations

- ★ To JCOR from Geoffrey Laing
- ★ Jackie Proffer
- ★ In Memory of Ruth Guthridge: Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation  
Jared & Caitlin Santinelli  
Bryna Katz Lane

## JCOR Hosts and Hostesses

- December 3** Vera & Leon Maya, Illana & Moshe Siman-Tov
- December 10** Nona & Sam Poole, Mel & Edith Halbert
- December 17** Hilary Shreter, Katie Niad
- December 24** Fran Silver, Jill & Stuart Chasan, Karen Brunner
- December 31** Carolyn & Julian Stein, Rhonda & Ron Sternfels

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

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# CHABAD OF KNOXVILLE

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## Why Eight Days of Chanukah?

By Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

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...After reconquering the Temple and cleaning up the mess the Greeks had left, the Jews began to look for pure olive oil so the High Priest could light the Menorah. At first they could not find even one flask of oil which had the unbroken seal of the High Priest. The seal indicated the spiritual purity of the oil, without the seal the oil can't be used in the Temple. Finally, they found one such flask, the problem was, one flask was enough oil to light the Menorah one day and it would take eight days to get new olive oil coming from Israel's Galilee in the north.

Excited about the find they lit the Menorah and decided to deal with the lack of oil issue the next day. After filling up the Menorah with the pure olive oil they realized a miracle has happened, the flask was filled with oil and the same thing happened the next day and the next day for eight days until they got the new batch of pure olive oil. Our sages decided to Remember this great miracle by lighting a Menorah for eight days.

But wait a second why eight days the miracle was only for seven days since the flask did have oil for day one so why do we celebrate for eight days?

The Lubavitcher Rebbe explains: Seven represents the realm of nature, there are seven days of the week. Eight represents the realm of above nature. The whole concept of spiritual purity and impurity is not rational and is a mitzvah in the category of *Chukim* – decrees, we do these not because we understand why (nature) we do these only because G-d said so (above nature). The rational commandments, the Greeks were OK with it was the commandments the Jews did because G-d said so, they had issue with and that is why they broke the seals of all the pure olive oil they found in the Temple. So when the Jews found the one flask, that itself was a miracle and they were able to show they connect to G-d not just within the realm of nature but even in the realm of above nature and when they did that G-d showed them the power of connecting to Him on that level and the one flask enough for one day lasted for eight days.

Celebrating Chanukah means to light the Menorah each night for eight nights along with all the other Chanukah customs. It also means to find that one thing which may require breaking out of the realm of nature and G-d in return will show us the power of above nature as we share our flame with our household, with our friends and community and ultimately with the rest of the world. And remember a candle loses nothing by sharing its flame.

SAVE THE DATE

December 4



10:00am  
Chalet @ Chabad

### Kids Chanukah MENORAH WORKSHOP

Prepare for the Chanukah Holiday and build your own Menorah.

Visit [www.ChabadKnoxville.org](http://www.ChabadKnoxville.org)  
for more Details

December 24

### PRAYER 101

A One Hour Program

- Insights into Prayer
- Engaging Torah Reading
- Lively Discussions

11:00am - Kabbalah of Prayer

11:15am - Torah Reading

11:45am - Discussion and Q&A

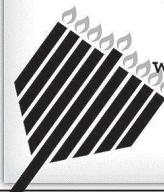
Followed by a "Family Kiddush"

Special Childrens Program  
during services

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## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### 3 Kislev

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### 10 Kislev

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### 17 Kislev

Sigmund Bank ♦ Toby Schwartz ♦ David Liberman ♦ Meyer Linke ♦ Eddie McCoy ♦ Norman Nadler ♦ Murray Schwartz ♦ Irvin Wolf Isaac Chazen ♦ Rachel Chazen ♦ William Hershey ♦ Morris Panitz ♦ Arthur Brown ♦ Irene Hershey ♦ George Kramer ♦ Bertha Lamstein ♦ Raye Panitz ♦ Eddy Allen ♦ Bella Leeds ♦ Isidor Lippner ♦ Meyer Miller ♦ Bessie Hite ♦ Gustave Deitch ♦ Jacob Scyefsky ♦ Fannie Werner

### 24 Kislev

Betty Abrams ♦ Benjamin Geller ♦ Mordecai Golinkin ♦ Ida Ruchlin ♦ Sarah Green, Nancy Lampert ♦ Vander Blue ♦ Eli Goldstein ♦ H. Waugh ♦ Yetta Wittenberg ♦ Mary Freeman ♦ Sadye Goldstein ♦ Sigmund Green ♦ Eugene Gross ♦ Lillian Rotter ♦ Gertrude Weiner ♦ Harold Winston ♦ Ethel Deitch

### 2 Tevet

Bernard Diamond ♦ Mitchell Robinson ♦ Max Wolf ♦ Esther Adams ♦ Matilda Goodfriend ♦ Belle Gottlieb ♦ Louis Levin ♦ Calvin Hahn ♦ Joseph Shamitz ♦ Moe Slovis ♦ Frances August ♦ Ida Glazer ♦ Idell Harris ♦ Florence Woolf

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## TEMPLE BETH EL

### December 2

Ben Altshuler ♦ Shiela Belensen ♦ Harold Bernard ♦ I. Robert Brodie ♦ Albert Fribourg ♦ Bessie Gelber ♦ Jack Goldstein ♦ Arlene Karklin ♦ Charles Konigsberg ♦ Sadie Rich Miller ♦ Harry Mintz ♦ Faye Raymon ♦ Eva Landsman Sturm

### December 9

Gladys Caller ♦ Louis Cohen ♦ Matilda Goodfriend ♦ Ella Heart ♦ Lillian Herrmann ♦ Iris Anita Kenton ♦ Belar Koptiva ♦ Elise Levy ♦ Werner Mangold ♦ Pearl Salky ♦ Zakhar Sapozhnikov ♦ William Saulson ♦ Isadore Shey

### December 16

Nachum Barkan ♦ Frances P Brody ♦ Ruth Brown ♦ Mary Ellen Epstein ♦ Slava Feldman ♦ Anna Gassel ♦ Irma Hill ♦ Harry L. Jaffe Jennie Coons Levitt ♦ Charles Manis ♦ Edwin E. Miller ♦ Jack Misner ♦ Jacob Pais ♦ Frances "Faigeh" Pfeffer ♦ Benjamin Slate ♦ Jacob Victor

### December 23

Barbara Dillon ♦ Gersh Dolgonos ♦ Esther Feldman ♦ Leah Freeman ♦ James Friedman ♦ Abraham Garber ♦ Florence Straus Gerson Minnie Goldberger ♦ Sigmund Green ♦ Elise R. Guthman ♦ Lillie Haas ♦ Edith R. Hecht ♦ Emily Keisler ♦ Abraham Markman ♦ Jacob Nechamkin ♦ Louis Pollock ♦ Samuel H. Robinson ♦ William Rockmaker ♦ Florence Rubin ♦ Sam Salky ♦ Lena Walowitz Harold Winston ♦ Allen Wolinsky ♦ Naftule Zauber

### December 30

Lena Loveman Bloom ♦ Barney Frankel ♦ Luba Golburt ♦ Risel Kronick ♦ Samuel Levy ♦ Ann Lieberman ♦ Lena Silverman ♦ Moskowitz ♦ Ted Pais ♦ Eileen Pucci ♦ Esther Reich ♦ Bennie Salky ♦ Abe Schwartz ♦ Marian V. Waxelbaum ♦ Bessie Weinstein Ben R. Winick ♦ Lois Fox Wolpert

# Hadassah HIGHLIGHTS

HADASSAH  
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## Largest U.S. Military and Financial Aid Package to Israel Finalized

Your Hadassah determination was rewarded. After numerous meetings with public officials and attending many events, including Day in the District, and sending thousands of letters to our government representatives, your voices were heard! Your efforts helped the unbreakable bond between the United States and Israel remain stronger than ever.

On September 14, 2016, Israeli and American leaders signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be implemented in 2019 when the current pledge expires. The United States will provide Israel with a financial package, which will amount to \$38 billion over the course of the next decade along with missile defense systems—the largest foreign aid package to any country in history. The new MOU will be valid until 2028 guaranteeing Israel—for the first time—provisions for missile defense projects, which were formally drawn from funds directly from Congress.

We applaud and thank President Barack Obama and his administration, as well as the United States Congress, for supporting and finalizing the most robust foreign aid package to Israel in history. This MOU will help ensure Israel's strategic interests and reaffirms America's unambiguous support for Israel's security. We welcome America's commitment to help safeguard Israel's qualitative military edge through expanded security cooperation and economic partnerships—especially in this time of instability in the Middle East.

Now is the time to thank your elected officials for their continued support for Israel. Send letters via the Hadassah National Action Center at [www.hadassah.org](http://www.hadassah.org) and start planning ahead for Day in the District in 2017.



## President's Message

Wow! December already. My first year as your president has gone by quickly. Hadassah has given you many opportunities to support the wonderful work and research that we do throughout this year. But don't fret, there's still time.

As you are looking into where you want to make your last tax-deductible gifts for 2016, remember Hadassah. This will be a good time to add to your draw-down accounts for large certificates or layettes. You can become a member of **Chai Society**, giving \$180 a year (\$15/month by credit card) or **Silver Chai**, giving \$360 a year (\$30/month by credit card). You could become a **Keeper of the Gate**, giving \$1000 a year. Another option is to purchase a **Yarzheit** for \$1,000. Every year on their yartzheit, your loved one will have Kaddish said in Israel in perpetuity.

Did you know you can make a direct donation to the research being done at the HMO (Hadassah Medical Organization)? If you go to [www.hadassah.org](http://www.hadassah.org) and click on the donate tab, you will find information about Chai Society, Keepers of the Gate, Perpetual Yartzheit and other ways to support Hadassah. Hadassah is working all around the world and your support is a big part of that success.

I'm looking forward to 2017, as I hope it will be as successful as this year has been and I want to thank everyone for donating their time and funds to this wonderful, worthwhile organization.





## Walking with the Ladies of Hadassah

HADASSAH ladies are invited to come and enjoy a walk, some talk, and a cup of coffee or tea and something sweet.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4—9:45 A.M.**  
**ARNSTEIN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Holidays are over.  
Come refresh yourselves with  
Hadassah friends.

No agenda.  
No fundraising.  
Just friendship and fun.

Starting at the entrance of the AJCC,  
we will walk thru the surrounding  
neighborhood. Then...we will treat  
ourselves to hot drinks and pastries  
at a nearby bistro.

To walk or not to walk is optional.  
We look forward to just being together.

Suggestions are welcome for  
future gathering locations.

**No RSVP necessary for our walk,**  
**but if you want more information, email**  
**Andrea at [sixcone farm@verizon.net](mailto:sixcone farm@verizon.net).**

## Strength in Numbers: How Our Large Certificates Program Works

In addition to raising funds for Hadassah programs, our large certificate program also enables us to create a very meaningful community of caring. Throughout the year, we announce *memorial* certificates to remember those who have recently passed away, as well as, *simcha* certificates to celebrate life cycle events such as bar and bat mitzvahs, engagements, weddings, and retirements within our community.

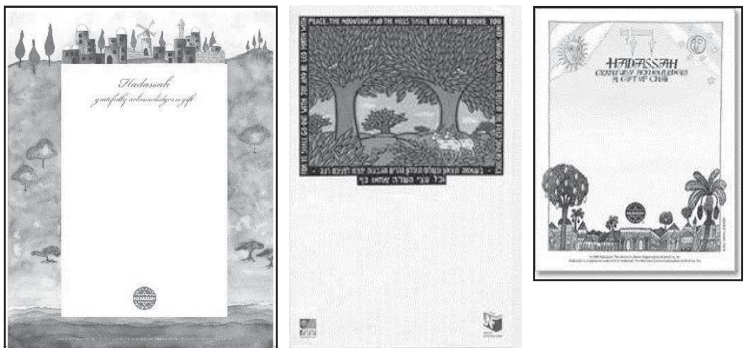
Participating is as easy as “hitting reply.” Announcements of certificates being opened are sent via e-mail; if you wish to participate for a specific certificate, just reply to the e-mail. Certificates remain open for a month at which time a beautiful certificate is printed and sent to the family listing donors’ names. Some of those Certificates can be seen below. All donations received go directly to our national Hadassah account to support the many programs of our international philanthropy.

In addition to participating as a donor, you can also support this program by asking us to open a certificate. Although we receive standard announcements from the congregations, if you do not see a certificate being announced or have a special request for us to start a certificate, please let us know.

*If you are interested in adding your name to a certificate, the standard donation is \$5; however, please donate any amount you choose. In addition to the group certificates, we also have special “chai” certificates to send for donations of \$18 or more for a single certificate. To make your participation easiest, we suggest you “open an account” by sending a check every now and then and drawing down the funds as certificates of interest are announced.*

If you are not currently receiving announcements of our certificates via e-mail, please let us know. **Participation in the Large Certificates Program is available to everyone, whether you are a Hadassah member or not.** For more information, contact Mary Ann Merrell at [hadassahcertificates@gmail.com](mailto:hadassahcertificates@gmail.com).

**To start an account, or replenish one,** checks made out to “Knoxville Hadassah” can be mailed to Mary Ann Merrell at 2232 Fallen Oaks Drive, Knoxville, TN 37932.



*While you don't have to be a Hadassah member to send condolences or congratulations via the large certificates programs, we'd love to have you join Knoxville Hadassah, too!*

## Gender Equity In Women's Health

By Barbara Mintz, Membership Vice President

On October 9, 20 women gathered together for this fall's membership event, **Coalition for Women's Health Equity**. Most people are aware that heart health, heart attacks, heart treatment, and heart medications impact women and men differently. Yet, most of the medical research has been studied using mostly male subjects.

Those attending learned that heart differences are just the tip of the iceberg! Alzheimer's disease for example, impacts three women to one man for those over age 65. It has only recently been noted that there are many illnesses that demonstrate significant differences across genders, although those differences are frequently not yet understood. Women are generally not included or minimally included in most research phases. Health professionals are now realizing that "averaging" findings on men and women together in their studies generally does not help either sex.

Different medications also were discussed and research has begun to identify significant gender differences from taking basic aspirin, to stronger pain medications, and the different effects of opioid usage.

"Medical research that is gender-neutral or skewed to male physiology puts women at risk for missed opportunities for prevention, incorrect diagnosis, misinformed treatments, sickness and even death." (Brigham and Women's Hospital).

Consequently, Hadassah has taken the lead and launched a new **Coalition for Women's Health Equity**. Hadassah has already brought 17 influential women's organizations together. These organizations include health-related organizations, women-focused organizations, political organizations, and organizations with varied social focuses, including other Jewish women's groups. Anne Loy attended our event as an invited guest. Loy represented one such coalition partner - American Association of University Women. **However, to cure this inequality, and most important, first all women need to be more pro-active and ask their doctors questions.**

All Hadassah membership events include time for networking and good food and I want to thank the Hadassah members who brought food and drinks to this event. Hadassah was glad to welcome Kathy Franzel who attended the event as Hadassah Knoxville's newest member!

Hadassah Knoxville will continue to focus on this topic throughout the year. Look for more exciting and informative events. You can obtain more information on this broad topic at [hadassah.org/GEM](http://hadassah.org/GEM).

This issue is important to every one of us and to the next generations to come. If you have any questions related to Hadassah membership, please feel free to contact me at [barbara@bmintz.com](mailto:barbara@bmintz.com).



Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Kathy Franzel, Anne Loy, and Ellen Kern enjoy schmoozing before the Sunday afternoon program.



Barbara Mintz presents Hadassah's Gender Equity in Women's Health program.

## Mazel Tov! Layette Opportunity

We are so blessed in our Knoxville community to have such a warm family. Let's welcome another new baby!

★ **Sheila and David Popkin** are the proud grandparents of Parker Popkin, son of Sean and Kelly Popkin!

Please let me know soon if you want to add your name to their Layette card.

Please send me a message to be included or let me know if you have any questions about how the Hadassah layette program works.

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Judi Abrams** [judi.abrams@gmail.com](mailto:judi.abrams@gmail.com)





## Hadassah Book Club News

*All Jewish women of the greater Knoxville area, and friends are welcome to join us.*

We hope to see you all for our **Tuesday, December 20 Hadassah Book Club meeting**. We meet at 7:30 p.m., at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Kingston Pike in the coffee shop area. This month we'll be discussing **Hillbilly Elegy** by J.D.Vance.

### Excerpts from *The Times Review* by Jennifer Senior

*Hillbilly Elegy, a Tough Love Analysis of the Poor Who Back Trump.* Now, along comes author Vance, offering a compassionate, discerning sociological analysis of the white underclass that has helped drive the politics of rebellion, particularly the ascent of Donald J. Trump. Combining thoughtful inquiry with firsthand experience, Vance has inadvertently provided a civilized reference guide for an uncivilized election, and he's done so in a vocabulary intelligible to both Democrats and Republicans.

On the checklist of modern privilege, Vance, 31, has the top four in the bag: He is white, male, straight and Protestant. But his profile is misleading. His people — hillbillies, rednecks, white trash, choose your epithet (or term of affection, depending on your point of view) — didn't step off the Mayflower and become part of America's ascendant class. "Poverty is the family tradition," he writes.

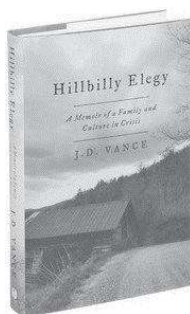
*...they brought their Appalachian values and habits with them. Some were wonderfully positive, like loyalty and love of country. But others, like a tendency toward violence and verbal abuse, were inimical to family life ....*

*The only reason Vance made it out in one piece is because his grandparents eventually reconciled, becoming his unofficial guardians. (He also spent a terrifically affirming four years in the Marines.) — and the questions he raises. Chief among them: How much should he hold his hillbilly kin responsible for their own misfortunes?*

In Vance's estimation, the answer is: a lot. Economic insecurity, he's convinced, accounts for only a small part of his community's problems; the much larger issue is hillbilly culture itself. Though proud of it in many ways, he's also convinced that it "increasingly encourages social decay instead of counteracting it."

Whether you agree with Vance or not, you must admire him for his head-on confrontation with a taboo subject. And he frames his critique generously, stipulating that it isn't laziness that's destroying hillbilly culture but what the psychologist Martin Seligman calls "learned helplessness" — the fatalistic belief, born of too much adversity, that nothing can be done to change your lot. What he's really writing about is despair. Vance doesn't have all the answers. But he's advancing the conversation.

**Please contact Peggy Littmann** at [plittmann@comcast.net](mailto:plittmann@comcast.net), or (865) 776-1013 with questions. For last minute updates, visit the Hadassah web page at [jewishknoxville.org/hadassah](http://jewishknoxville.org/hadassah) or from the home page of [www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org) - click on top menu choice "Adults", then under Social Action you will find the Hadassah link.



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# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

## Knoxville Jewish Day School in Three Words

### JOY

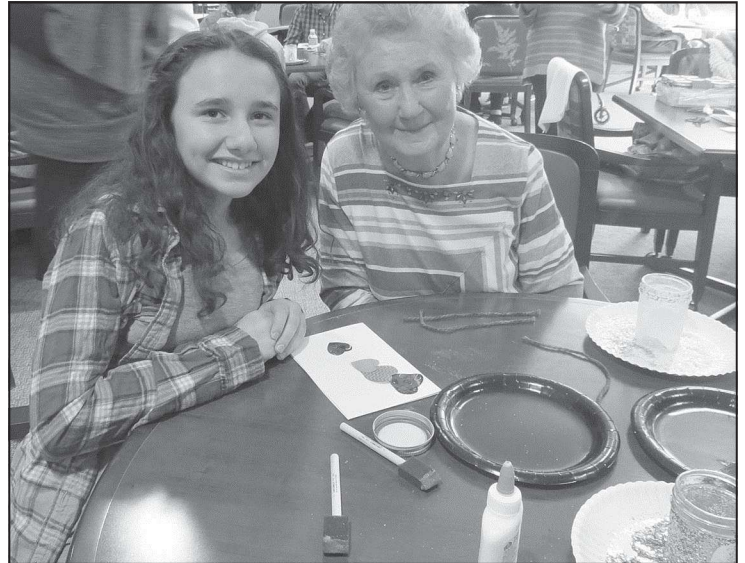
Joy is at the forefront of all that we do. We know that children are naturally curious, and they love to learn. We nurture that love in a variety of ways. At KJDS, we love to sing, celebrate our successes and share our learning. Through projects, special guests, and field trips we create authentic opportunities that our students eagerly embrace. These experiences help our students own their learning. At KJDS, you will also immediately recognize that we all truly enjoy each other and, you will certainly hear much laughter.

### COMMUNITY

Our KJDS community is comprised of students, staff, families, and community volunteers. We all come together in support of our students. We develop treasured relationships and lasting friendships. And, our safe and supportive environment lays the groundwork for the students' academic and social/emotional success. All of our stakeholders are very intentional about listening and relationship-building. Everyone in our community has a voice. We also nurture our students' Jewish identity, giving them a confidence in their faith that stays with them as they grow.

### EXPLORATION

Students excel when their interests are piqued, and they are excited about their learning. At KJDS, we are full of engaged students! In order for our exploratory based classrooms to succeed, students need to collaborate, problem-solve, and apply their knowledge to real world situations. We give them the skills of respect and thoughtful questioning. We nurture their creativity and teach them how to give and receive constructive feedback. KJDS students are always engaged in productive struggle that leads to academic excellence.



*Our "Linking Generations" program brings current and former students together with residents of Sherrill Hill Retirement Center. Community is more than a word, it is part of our curriculum.*



*A joyous school makes learning fun, celebrates life cycle rituals and provides a safe place for exploration.*

## What Parents are Saying About Their KJDS Students

When **Camden** moved on to Webb for middle school and high school, he was well prepared academically, socially and had a strong connection to his Jewish Identity. When the opportunity to take off school for religious holidays arose, it was a definite -without hesitation -as he valued the Jewish holidays. In high school, when BBYO was presented to him, he immediately jumped on the opportunity and even moved on to become his chapter's president. I am so grateful for the strong feeling of Jewish belonging Camden got at KJDS.

Every time Camden does a presentation, he gets very high marks because he is very confident speaking in front of people. Camden never even knew he had these talents until he was cast as Baloo in the *Jungle Book*. Our little boy, who was nervous presenting a science project in front of his friends, surprised us with a strong stage presence. Honestly, I think a signature trait of a KJDS student is confidence when speaking to adults and other children. As I see them out and about in the community I am constantly amazed at how KJDS students and alumni present themselves. – **Bonnie Boring**

**Dylan** attended KJDS from K-5th Grade. He now goes to West Valley Middle School and is in 7th grade. When Dylan started going to KJDS, he was a shy little boy. We were a little concerned about the small school size and if it would not promote him to blossom out of his shyness. We were completely wrong! KJDS encourages and allows the children to express and be themselves, while still having structure and a great learning environment. Dylan is now very outgoing and has made so many new friends as well as being in all honors classes and getting mostly A's!!

KJDS also prepares children to problem solve and work independently. Here's a great story to show how much KJDS prepares their children for Middle school:

Dylan's 6th grade English class took a test; then the entire class's parents received an email stating that the majority of the class failed. The teacher felt that it was because the children did not take the time to read, study and work through the passages. Dylan was one of the few children who earned an A. We attribute this success to the style of teaching and learning at KJDS, which encourages independence and problem solving skills. KJDS is an amazing school!

**Bonnie Kolnick**

After 6 years at KJDS, **Samantha** was easily able to transition to middle school. She has had the confidence to ask questions when she needs clarification and has proven she was prepared academically. Socially, Samantha went into middle school knowing nobody but quickly made friends and got involved in before and after school activities. Going into public school and away from a Jewish school has been an eye opener for her. She misses doing Shabbat with her friends and learning Hebrew and has begun to appreciate what KJDS gave her on a whole new level. She is confident in her Judaism and is glad she has the knowledge of her culture and community to share with her new friends and teachers.

**Debbie Abrams Cohen**

Why do we love KJDS? Where to begin! In kindergarten, **Cora** blossomed on stage as Petunia in *Alice in Wonderland*, the all-school play. In 1st grade, she "STEAMed into Service" to help fight hunger in Knoxville. And in 2nd grade, she gave a TED talk to a standing room-only crowd on community gardening. From day one, KJDS has nurtured Cora's natural curiosity and excitement for learning, and so much more. Thanks to KJDS, her creativity, concern for the world, and confidence to try new things abound. We couldn't be more grateful! - **Lisa Mason**

**Elizabeth** is thriving in middle school because of her experience at KJDS. We had concerns for her going from a small school to a large one, but KJDS gave Elizabeth the tools to stand on her own and be confident. Being at KJDS meant that Elizabeth got to know all the students in her class and her entire school very well and build personal relationships. She had many friends throughout her years at KJDS. As typical friendship issues arose, Elizabeth was coached to voice her needs and feelings to her friends. She gained the skills and confidence to navigate social situations. This has helped her be open to meeting new students at West Valley Middle School, as she appreciates the value of getting to know many different students and has the skills and confidence to build positive relationships. – **Laura Floyd**

Sending your kids to KJDS gives you so much more than just a great school. It gives you long lasting friendships. Being part of the school made us part of a warm, welcoming community. My two oldest are now in public school but they have lasting friendships and bonds with their KJDS friends that stay and grow. Their KJDS experience gave them such a great Jewish foundation, and they stay connected. Even my oldest, who was already in middle school when we moved to Knoxville, became friends with KJDS alumni and joins all the KJDS alumni events. - **Nathalie Guigui**



*Our annual full-production play is something every family agrees gave their child confidence and poise.*

## Meet Mrs. Wulf

This year we have had the opportunity to welcome teacher Tracy Wulf to our staff as the Fourth and Fifth Grade teacher. Her experience is matched only by her desire to teach our rising middle schoolers how to reach their full potential. With a Master's in Educational Leadership, a national presenter on innovative practices, a resource teacher for the Urban Teacher Residency Program and years of experience in the classroom, Mrs. Wulf is a true "Teacherpreneur." Her inventive thinking has given the students many unique learning experiences.

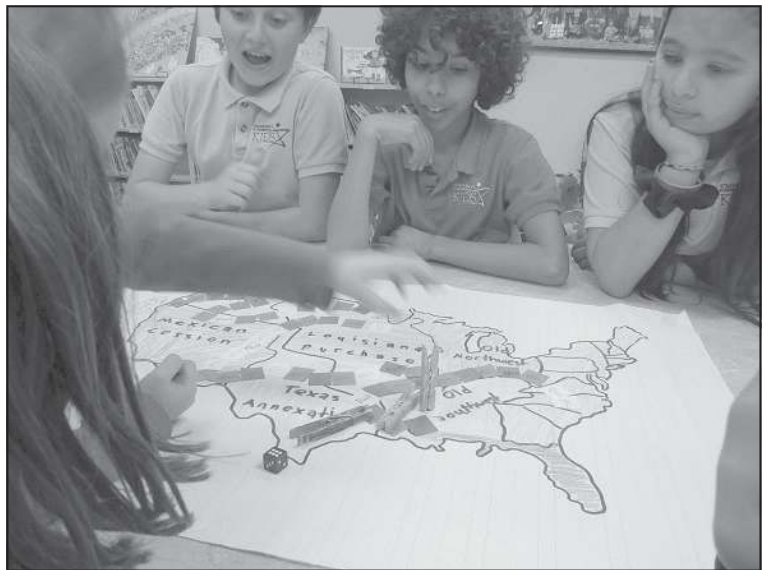
When a recent disagreement arose on the playground about the way we should be cheering for our classmates came up, Mrs. Wulf used the opportunity to teach the students about debating. With students choosing what side of the issue they were on, they studied the First Amendment and its freedom of

speech precedents to prepare their arguments. With parents watching, the two sides spoke from their hearts as they presented the points of their case.

Mrs. Wulf recently added a "game-based" teaching strategy to her classroom. To "gamify" a classroom is to insert a competitive component that facilitates learning using modules other than traditional paper/pencil or discussion/test platforms. Gaming excites the students while reinforcing the standards you are teaching. Mrs. Wulf used a game as an outcome tool in the westward expansion unit. By giving the students the opportunity to show their knowledge through the creation and implementation, she saw how much knowledge they had. In addition to creating unique hands-on learning experiences for our students, Mrs. Wulf has raised the bar as life-long learners. Her humor and ability to push her students academically is a wonderful asset to our school.



*"We were tasked with creating game boards to learn about Westward Expansion. This is a super fun way to learn. I was proud that we worked together to come up with strategies. I was also very proud when the 2-3 played the games and enjoyed them."*



*"Making the game was fun and frustrating. Working with other people can be hard. In the future, we need to listen to each other better. The final product, our game, was really fun."*



*"The debate taught me to be a strong speaker, I also learned a lot about how debates work. We had learned about the Constitution and the debate showed us how the Constitution can be interpreted different ways."*



*"I felt a lot of pressure standing on the debate stage but we did it! We had to keep proving our point with evidence. We weren't expecting that. Overall, it was a fun experience."*

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*Our KJDS curriculum is enhanced by visitors in our community who share their talents with the students. Arrowmont Artist-in-Residence Emily Schubert shares her storytelling and puppet making experiences with our students. They then enjoyed making their own hand puppets. Andrew Messing, UT graduate student and 3D printing phenom, shared robotics and coding with our students. They were excited to see what young people can accomplish.*



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#### AJCC Preschoolers Visit Heska Amuna Synagogue for Sukkot

Standing, from left : Carol **Abeles**, Sheila **Popkin**, Marian **Jay**, Laurie **Lichtenstein**, Joy **Greenberg**, Lee **Hume**.  
Kneeling: Nancy **Becker**. All but Laurie and Joy continue to live in Knoxville.  
Facing them: AJCC preschoolers (three- and four-year-olds) including Michael **Markman**, first row left facing Nancy. Somewhere (perhaps not all in this photo) are Sean **Popkin**, Mindy **Cooper**, Katey **Hume**, Andrew **Koller**, others. Thanks to several committee and community members for identification assistance, as well as the October, 1988, *Center Menorah* issue for a paragraph about this event.



**Extra credit:** if you can identify yourself, a child, a friend or a classmate in the group of youngsters, please contact the archivist at [archives@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:archives@jewishknoxville.org).

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