



Ha'Kol

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

February 2017

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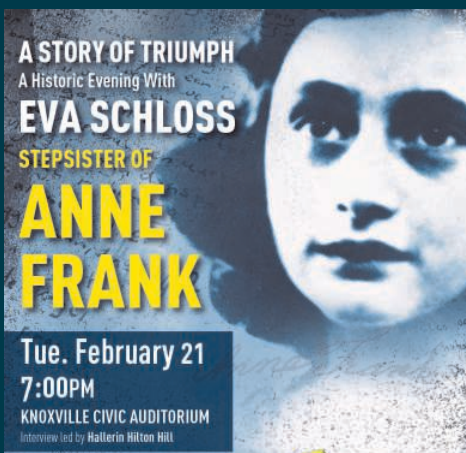
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LEARN FROM THE PAST



Tickets: www.evaschlosstn.com
See page 36-37 for more info.

PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

Sunday, February 26
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center

Bystander: n. A person who remains inactive. **Upstander:** n. A person who stands up for something, as contrasted to a bystander who remains inactive.

Anti-Defamation League representatives will lead an interactive workshop to help participants identify and practice ways to respond to bigotry and prejudice in our personal encounters.

See page 37 for registration info.

ACT IN THE PRESENT

COMMUNITY MITZVAH DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 12
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Arnstein Jewish Community Center

POND GAP SINGERS—9:30 A.M.
SPECIAL PERFORMANCE
AJCC Caller Auditorium
Promptly at 9:30 a.m.

CHILDREN & ADULT ACTIVITIES

COLLECTION ITEMS

- Gardening tools
- School supplies
- Non-perishable food items

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

- **100% match** for all increased gifts to the KJA Annual Campaign—up to \$2,500!
- **100% match** for anyone that is a new gift at Mitzvah Day - either in person or by phone - up to \$7,500
- **200% match** for anyone that is a new gift at Mitzvah Day AND is under 30-years-old



See page 9 for more info.



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KJA President's Comments

ONE JEWISH KNOXVILLE

By Adam Brown, KJA President, adam@tennesseeschoolofbeauty.com



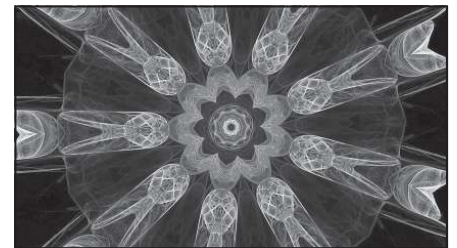
I had the pleasure of hosting the leadership of Temple Beth El, Heska Amuna Synagogue, and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance at my house on a recent Sunday afternoon. The purpose of the meeting was to figure out how we, as a community, can collaborate in different ways to everyone's advantage. I am happy to tell you that every single person in that room was in favor of collaborating. But wait, there's more! We have also been in conversation with leaders of the Knoxville Jewish Day School regarding a shared desire to work together to establish a more permanent home for the school. In my 52 years of living in Knoxville, I can't ever recall a time when each organization was so able and so willing to work together. The last major collaboration of any sort that I can recall was under the leadership of Scott Hahn, when he helped establish the *Ha'Kol*, a perfect example of what can happen when all of our Jewish organizations come together.

We have a very unique opportunity ahead of us and with everyone's support, both emotionally and financially, the Scruffy Little City that no one believed in can be bigger and better than ever. I'm excited about what the future holds.

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AJCC to Host Feb. 20 Kaleidoscope Class

Bob Grimac will teach a kaleidoscope-making class on **Monday, February 20**, from **1:00-4:00 p.m.** at the AJCC. This class is suitable for adults and children age 9 and up. *Limited to 12 persons due to room size.*

This project was a popular AJCC Summer Camp arts elective and should be a fun way for children & parents to enjoy a Knox County Schools Presidents Day holiday at the AJCC.

Cost: \$27 per person;
\$22 per AJCC member.

To register, email bobgrimac@gmail.com or call him at 546-5643.

Double Your Impact with KJA Donation Matches

A community angel has made a VERY SPECIAL OFFER for 2017 Community Mitzvah Day Celebration participants

- **100% match** for all increased gifts up to \$2,500
- **100% match** for anyone that is a new gift at Mitzvah Day - either in person or by phone - up to \$7,500
- **200% match** for anyone that is a new gift at Mitzvah Day AND is under 30-years-old!

Mitzvah Day is the celebration of the mitzvot we do THROUGHOUT the entire year. Funds collected through the KJA Annual Campaign are used directly to support those in need, provide services and programs for all ages, and promote Jewish life in our community. Please join us at our Community Mitzvah Day Celebration and be part of building **community together...community strong.**

KJA Hosts Israeli Political Debate

The future of Israel under a Trump administration and the feasibility of a two-state solution were among topics discussed by two prominent Jewish journalists at a debate that drew 150 to the AJCC. J.J. Goldberg, editor-at-large of *Forward* and Jonathan Tobin, senior online editor of *Commentary*, debated at the January 12 event. Stephen Rosen served as moderator.

The January 18 *Shopper News* (https://issuu.com/shoppernews/docs/bearden_shopper_news_011817) has a terrific summary of this discussion.



Jonathan Tobin, Stephen Rosen (moderator), and J.J. Goldberg

Friendshippers to Feature Rat Pack Tribute

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

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



Wednesday, February 22

A Tribute to the Rat Pack Plus with Richard Fabozzi

In this program, Richard impersonates Dean Martin, does songs by Sammy, Frankie and adds a small dose of Elvis and Jimmy Durante. He'll have you singing along and even have you up doing the New York chorus line or Dean Martin's *Sway* in Michael Bubl 's way.

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

The luncheon begins at **noon** and the program begins at **1:00 p.m.** Lunch is \$8.00. There is no cost for attending the program alone.

Transportation is available upon request—please have your ride requests in by the Monday morning before the program. For more information, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or LBerry@jewishknoxville.org

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

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.



YJAK welcomes new members.

Do you know any young Jewish Professionals in the Knoxville area or individuals thinking of moving to the Knoxville area? If so, we want you to help us get in touch with them. **Please email us contact information to Recruitment@YJAK.org**



YJAK Shabbat dinner

FEBRUARY YJAK EVENTS

February 5 – Super Bowl Party

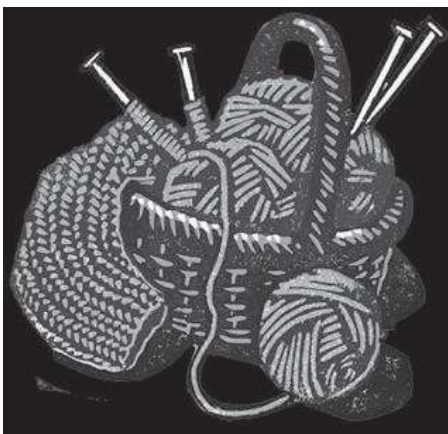
February 17 — Shabbat Dinner

February 22 – Painting with a Jewish Twist

YJAK: Post-college Jewish men and women in their 20s & 30s.



Like Us on Facebook for information and to stay up to date with events. <https://www.facebook.com/YJAOK/>



Join us on Fridays at the

KNITTING CIRCLE

Arnstein Jewish Community Center

Experienced and beginning knitters are invited to join us as we sit and knit at noon on Fridays at the AJCC. Raeus Cannon is available to help beginners.

There's no charge to join us, but please RSVP to Laura Berry at lberry@jewishknoxville.org

Thank You to All of Our 2016 KJA Campaign Donors

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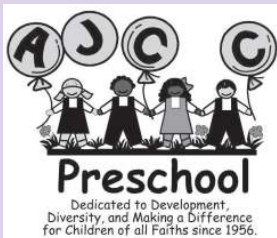
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AJCC Preschool News

By Kristen Cannon, Early Childhood Director

Preschool Welcomes Linville as Bet Teacher

My name is Rebecca Linville and I am excited to be a new teacher in the Bet 2 classroom! I received my Bachelor of Arts degree at Berea College in my hometown of Berea, Kentucky. Since moving to

Knoxville six years ago, I have gained a great deal of experience in adult and pediatric healthcare. I also have over a decade of experience in childcare. I am especially fond of the Montessori style and outdoor education. In my free time I love hiking, biking, gardening, and spending time with my husband and 18-month old son. I look forward to getting to know everyone in the AJCC community



Ally Wiener is Now Our Judaic, Music Specialist

Allyson Wiener, formerly a Bet 2 teacher, has become our Judaic and Music Specialist. Ms. Ally has many years of teaching experience in Judaic programs and a wealth of first-hand knowledge of the Jewish culture. We are excited about this transition and think it will be the perfect fit for our Judaic and Music program.



AJCC Preschool Registration for Fall 2017-2018 is open.

Email kcannon@jewishknoxville.org to receive a flyer with 2017-18 Preschool Registration information.

AJCC Preschool Art Gala Date Set

The 8th Annual AJCC Preschool Art Gala will be held Thursday, April 6 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center.

Vendors, Silent Auction Donation Items Sought for Art Gala

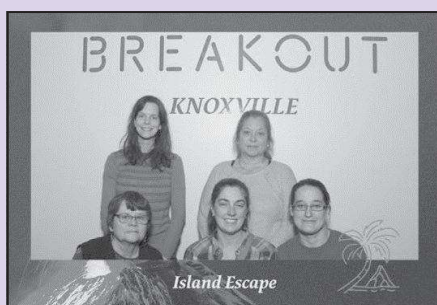
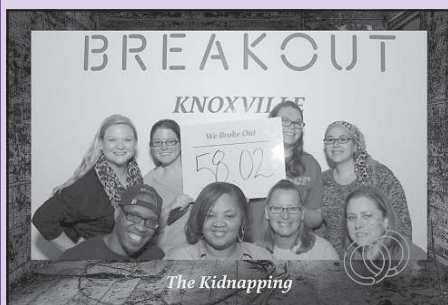
The AJCC Preschool is collecting items to be used in our silent auction for the Art Gala. If you are interested in donating an item, please contact the Preschool office at 865-963-8001. We will be collecting items now through March 31.

Presidents Day (February 20) is a Staff In-Service Day

AJCC Preschool staff continue to study and learn about early childhood development, and ways to improve through periodic in-service training. We hope parents enjoy spending a day with their child.

Preschool Staff Enjoys a Holiday Outing

We wanted to thank everyone that made our staff holiday possible. We had a blast team building at Breakout Knoxville and a delicious dinner at the Cheesecake Factory.



The AJCC Preschool staff got together for a fun afternoon at Breakout Knoxville over the winter holiday break.

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

- ★ **Henry Fribourg**, a UTK emeritus professor of crop ecology, was featured in a January 5 *WBIR* story about concerns with Agent Orange exposure by American Korean War and Vietnam veterans.
- ★ **Rabbi Alon Ferency** was quoted in the January 11 *News Sentinel* as part of his participation in the Martin Luther King, Jr. interfaith service.

FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 Noon Rabbi's Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 2:15-3p Beginner Tai Chi-Orwitz Room 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 7p Talmud study-HA	2 7a Morning Minyan-HA 5:45-6:30p Soccer Shots-AJCC Gym 7:30p Israeli dancing-Gym	3 Noon-1 p.m. Knitting Circle-AJCC Orwitz Rm 4:45p JFS Shabbat Service-Sherrill Hills 6p Shabbat Service & Dinner-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE 7:30p Shabbat Eve Service & Dessert Oneg by Men's Club-JCOR	4 9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 7-9p KJDS Kids Night Out (K-5) 7:30p Koresh Dance Company-Clayton Arts Center
5 8:30a World Wide Wrap-JCOR 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Rel School-HA 9:30a Rel School-TBE 10a Gan K'Tan-HA Noon-3p Pickleball-Gym 6p Super Bowl Party-JCOR	6 7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym 6-7p KJA Exec Comm 6:15p Ballroom Dancing-JCOR 7:15p KJA Board-Orwitz Rm	7 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	8 Noon Rabbi's Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 2:15-3p Beginner Tai Chi-Orwitz Room 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 7p Talmud study-HA 7p Machine Guns & Lonely Orphans: Yiddish Music Judaic Studies lecture-UTK campus	9 7a Morning Minyan-HA 5:45-6:30p Soccer Shots-AJCC Gym 7:30p Israeli dancing-Gym	10 9:30-10:30a TuB'Shvat Party-AJCC Noon-1 p.m. Knitting Circle-AJCC Orwitz Rm 7p Shabbat Service (KJA Shabbat Service)-TBE 	11 Tu B'Shvat 9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 10a Shabbat Service-TBE 5:30-7:30p TBE Community Open Mic-The Central Collective
12 9:30a-12:30p COMMUNITY MITZVAH DAY-AJCC Grounds <i>Community-wide event for kids and adults. TBE and HARS religious schools meet at AJCC.</i> 	13 7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym 6:15p Ballroom Dancing-JCOR	14 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	15 Noon Rabbi's Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 2:15-3p Beginner Tai Chi-Orwitz Room 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 7p Talmud study-HA	16 BBYO International Convention- Dallas TX 7a Morning Minyan-HA 5:45-6:30p Soccer Shots-AJCC Gym 7:30p R&RS Mtg-HA 7:30p Israeli dancing-Gym	17 BBYO Intl Convention Noon-1 p.m. Knitting Circle-AJCC Orwitz Rm 1p Mens Lunch-JCOR 6:30p Sisterhood Shabbat & Potluck-JCOR 7p Shabbat Service-TBE	18 BBYO Intl Convention 9:30a Shabbat Service-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR
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To learn about 2017 AJCC summer camps, please visit

www.jewishknoxville.org/camp

Nine weeks of summer camp for kids in grades K-10

PLUS....

Four new specialty camps

- Horseback Riding
- Drama Camp with Terry Silver-Alford
- Krav Maga
- Special Program for Children with Autism

KNOXVILLE

Auditions for the 2017 Youth Aliyah Concert will take place on Sunday, March 5



The 2017 Youth Aliyah Concert is sponsored by Oak Ridge Hadassah and will be held on **Sunday, April 9** from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Both the auditions and the concert will be held at First United Methodist Church, 1350 Oak Ridge Turnpike, in Oak Ridge.

Audition guidelines and the application may be found on the YA concert website at <http://yaconcert.org>. Contact annegreenbaum@comcast.net for information.

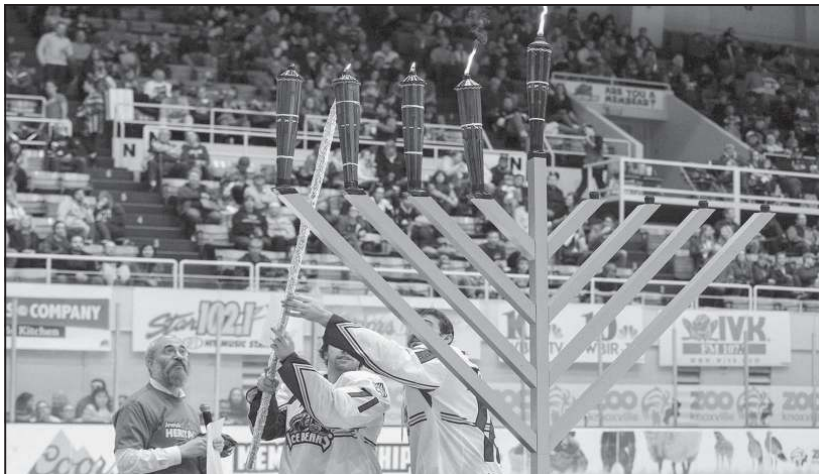
Abraham and Rebecca Solomon and Ida Schwartz
Distinguished Lecture Series in Judaic Studies

Machine Guns and Lonely Orphans: Yiddish Music in the Soviet Union During the Holocaust

Anna Shternshis, University of Toronto

February 8, 7:00 p.m.
McClung Museum Auditorium

Professor Anna Shternshis of the University of Toronto, and author of *Soviet and Kosher: Jewish Popular Culture in the Soviet Union, 1923 – 1939* and the forthcoming *When Sonia Met Boris: Jewish Daily Life in Soviet Russia* will present her research on Yiddish music in the Soviet Union during the Holocaust.



(Above) Teammates Mark Pustin (71) and Jake Rivera (18) help light Hanukkah candles on a 9-foot menorah at the December 27 Knoxville Ice Bears hockey game as Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm of Chabad of Knoxville watches. Chabad and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance sponsored Jewish Heritage Night on the fourth night of Hanukkah. Hockey fans were treated to free hot latkes. Volunteers Anna Iroff-Bailey, Shelley Mangold, Martha Iroff, Rachel Iroff, and Miriam Esther Wilhelm dished out latkes and smiles. Photos by Michael Messing.

CHABAD OF KNOXVILLE, AJCC PRESCHOOL
& STANFORD EISENBERG KNOXVILLE JEWISH DAY SCHOOL
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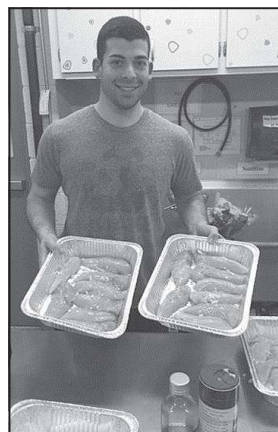
JOIN
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5:30 PM

\$15 PER KID

**AT THE
STANFORD EISENBERG
KNOXVILLE JEWISH DAY SCHOOL**



Britt Sturm prepares chicken for a recent YJAK Shabbat Dinner.

The next YJAK Shabbat Dinner is Friday, February 17. To RSVP, email Britt at Manager@YJAK.org.

To learn more about this Jewish social group, see page 3 of this issue of Ha'Kol.

H A P P E N I N G S

Hands and Hearts in Motion Community Mitzvah Day Celebration Sunday, February 12

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

Arnstein Jewish Community Center—6800 Deane Hill Drive

Heska Amuna and Temple Beth El Religious schools students (and parents) will meet at the AJCC. KJDS students and all other school-aged community members are encouraged to join us for activities. Gan K'Tan and Torah Tots will meet together in a AJCC Preschool classroom beginning at 10:00 a.m.

We have a VERY SPECIAL opening for our day which will begin PROMPTLY at 9:30 a.m. in the AJCC Caller Auditorium.

◆ POND GAP SINGERS — 9:30 A.M.

Our relationship with the Pond Gap University Assisted Community School has bloomed so brightly that these students want to come and thank us. Last summer, we invited these students to swim with us at the AJCC Pool every Friday at our “most fun under the sun” summer day camp. Students in their school choir, led by the magical Ms. Ronda Mostella, will open the day for us with a very special musical performance. THIS PERFORMANCE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY so PLEASE be at the AJCC no later than 9:30 a.m.



◆ CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND TEEN ACTIVITIES — 9:45 A.M.

Onsite activities are planned for our toddlers and younger children. On-site and off-site activities will include taking gifts to our first responders and firefighters, Horse Haven, and Hungry Hearts.

◆ ADULT ACTIVITIES & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES — 10:00 A.M.

- Pond Gap and Inskip University Assisted Community Schools garden projects
- Planting trees on AJCC grounds
- Playground maintenance projects
- AJCC Preschool classroom projects
- Information session about Bridge Refugee Services and their efforts to help Syrian refugees
- Information session about the upcoming “Becoming an Upstander” workshop on Sunday, February 26
- MEDIC Blood Drive
- Gift of Life Donor Program

Double Your Impact With These KJA Matches

A community angel has made a VERY SPECIAL OFFER for 2017 Mitzvah Day participants

- 100% match for all increased gifts to the 2017 KJA Annual Campaign—up to \$2,500
- 100% match for anyone that is a new gift at Mitzvah Day - either in person or by phone – up to \$7,500
- 200% match for anyone that is a new gift at Mitzvah Day AND is under 30-years-old!

Mitzvah Day is the celebration of the mitzvot we do THROUGHOUT the entire year. Funds collected through the KJA Annual Campaign are used directly to support those in need, provide services and programs for all ages, and promote Jewish life in our community. Please join us at our Community Mitzvah Day and be part of building *community together...community strong.*

MEDIC
REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER

We need at least 25 blood donors!
RSVP to office@jewishknoxville.org

Heska Amuna Synagogue

HaShofar



A Banner Year for the Glazer Fellowship

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

As you already know, The Diane and Guilford Glazer Fellowship makes \$25,000 available annually to Heska Amuna Synagogue, by endorsing volunteer “sweat equity” donations. When you log your service hours for the Glazer Fellowship (www.heskaamuna.org/vol), your hours get turned into dollars in a special “escrow” account. Then, that becomes a donation to the synagogue, in your name. Any volunteer work will be “paid” to Heska Amuna Synagogue from the Glazer Fellowship at a rate of \$18/hour. All you have to do is go online at www.heskaamuna.org/vol to log your hours.

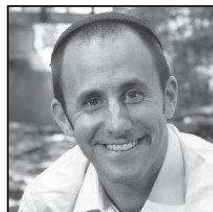
I have to admit, even when I negotiated the grant with The Diane and Guilford Glazer Foundation, I secretly feared we couldn’t do it. Frankly, I wasn’t sure that enough people would log enough hours. For us to qualify for the full amount, I knew we’d have to log nearly 1,400 hours – it didn’t seem realistic for our small congregation. Plus, since we only officially launched the program over the High Holidays, we had to do it in less than a full year – nearly impossible

Y’all sure proved me wrong! The outpouring of support has been incredible: in *less* than a year, *you* logged almost *twice* the hours we needed. It was so much more than I could even have prayed for!

By doing so, *your* volunteer hours turned our Synagogue budget from deficit to surplus in 2016! By volunteering, *you* created dues scholarships for newer members, so more people can celebrate what’s great at Heska Amuna. By logging your hours, *you* created a bedrock of support for our school, *Haveirim*, so that we continue to raise families who love being Jewish together, and embrace the greater Jewish community, demonstrating these values through action, knowledge, and character.

Over one hundred people logged volunteer hours in 2016 – sometimes just 1 hour, sometimes over 400, with the typical person logging 5-10. You were of all ages: from our high schoolers to our seniors. You volunteered in the Synagogue, in the broader Jewish community, and also for some amazing organizations, like: Children’s Hospital, Helen Ross McNabb, NAMI, and other health care providers; the Library, the Opera, the Art Museum, WUOT, and other arts organizations; political causes; The American Red Cross, The Boys and Girls Club, East Tennessee Foundation, The Family Justice Center and the UT Legal Aid Clinic, The V.A., the Zoo, the YWCA, and Second Harvest – and that’s not even a fifth of all the great places!

As we proceed with The Diane and Guilford Glazer Fellowship, we are excited to honor you, and share your names and passions. We hope to list everyone’s name and gift in *Ha’Kol*, and profile some of you and your causes, create a monthly “leader-board” in the Synagogue, and celebrate together in your honor! In the meantime, keep up the good work and don’t forget to log your hours at heskaamuna.org/vol.

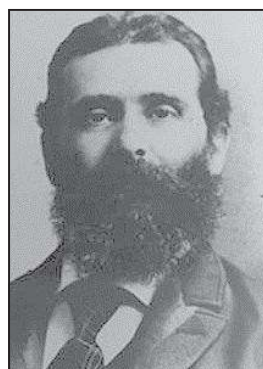
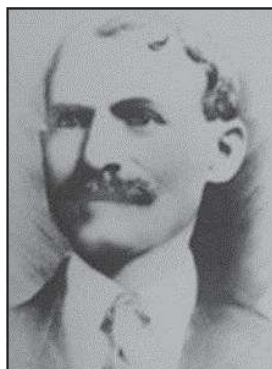


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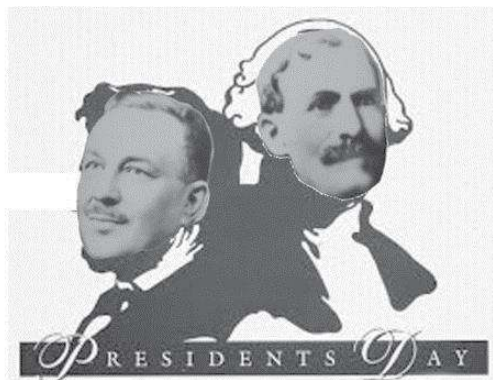
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Enjoy a gallery of our past presidents throughout this issue of *HaShofar*. Many presidents served multiple terms - often spanning several decades. For those stalwart servants, their photograph appears in the lineage of their first term.



Our earliest presidents, 1911 through 1924. From left: B.J. Thorp, Max Finkelstein, Morris Bart, Lazar Schwartz, and A.G. Bart.



Heska Amuna Synagogue invites you to the first annual

Leaders of Our Tribe Shabbat Celebration

*A Proper Presidents Day Commemoration
of our Heska Amuna Leadership*

Join us at our **February 18 Shabbat service** as we honor the men and women who, over the past 105+ years, served as **Officers of our Board of Trustees, Sisterhood, and Men's Club**. Stewarding us since 1911, we have a delightfully long history to celebrate!

*To further honor our leaders, this celebration marks the **Inaugural Event** of the establishment of a new restricted fund to be used to maintain our torah scrolls, prayer books, and other ritual items.*

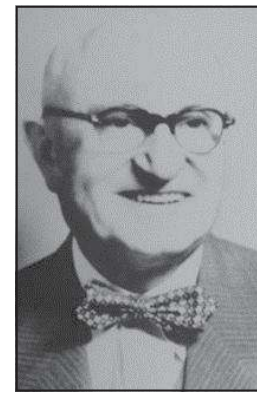
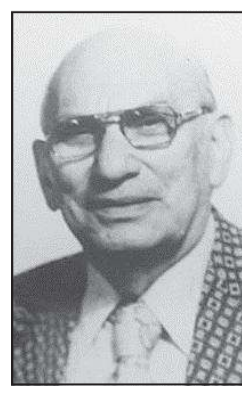
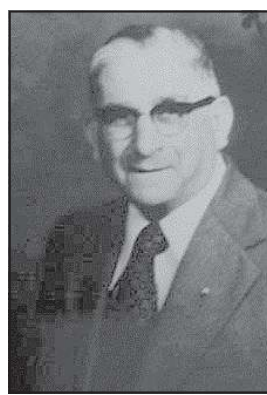
4 WAYS YOU CAN HELP US CELEBRATE:

- ★ **Share** your pictures or stories. Send remembrances of our past leaders via email, paper mail, or call us to set up a recording session! We will copy and return pictures or documents you share with us.
- ★ **Show** your appreciation. Attend our celebration on February 18. Shabbat Services will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by a special Kiddush.
- ★ **Kvel** with us. And enjoy a special D'var Torah Parshah Play from our Heska Amuna Religious School students – our leaders of the future!
- ★ **Support** us. Be a donor to this new fund, help sponsor Kiddush – or both!

Chairman's Thoughts: Presidents Day

By Hal Manas, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

This month we are honoring all of our past Presidents. That includes Presidents of the United States, Heska Amuna Synagogue, Sisterhood, and Men's club. That's a lot of Presidents. Do you have a favorite? I have been looking at information about all of the Presidents of the United States and I am pleased with a lot of what I find written about them. For example, George Washington wrote a letter to a Jewish Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island in 1790 that included this sentence, "May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; while every one [sic] shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid." Many of our Presidents did things that make me proud. I was a big supporter of JFK, but I was not old enough to vote in that election. I think that my favorite US President was Thomas Jefferson for the many far-reaching accomplishments during his administration. I looked up all of our US Presidents and their greatest accomplishments. I suggest that anyone with any interest spend a little time at their computer on Presidents Day and do the same. Oh, did I mention that Jefferson popularized macaroni and cheese in this country? He really is credited with that and what better reason to think highly of him? However, I think that my favorite President of them all is a former president of Heska Amuna Synagogue, Arnold Schwarzbart, not so much for what he did as for who he was. If you did not know him, you missed quite an experience.



Presidents of the 1920s - early 1940s. From left, Morris B. Robinson, B. Schiff, Isadore Rosenblatt, Jacob B. Corkland, Max Friedman.



President's Report: The Printing of the Hebrew Bible

By Raphe Panitz, Ph.D., Synagogue President

Shalom Y'all. Over the past year and a half, I have provided reports focusing on diverse aspects of Judaism, Jewish history, and Jewish literature. These reports have focused on issues such as Jewish servicemen who fought in WWII, ancient Judean coins, how Jews relate to the secular New Year, how American Presidents related to the Jewish communities in America, and many other topics. For this month's subject, I turn to an issue that has always fascinated me, both as a Judaic scholar and a professional librarian. I refer to the relationship between Jews and the printing revolution that took place in Europe during the Renaissance. You might find here little known facts about the impact of the printing press on Jewish life.

After the famous Gutenberg Bible was printed in 1455, it did not take many years for Jewish printers to utilize the printing press to publish the Hebrew Bible and other Hebrew texts. In 1474, a man named Abraham ben Hayyim dei Tintori published the first Hebrew Book (with movable type), entitled *Tur Yoreh Deah*, a book of Codes of Jewish law. The first printed part of the Bible was the Book of Psalms, accompanied by the commentary of Rabbi David Kimhi (1477). Scholars believe that this part of the Bible was printed in the Italian city of Bologna.

It was also in Bologna that the Pentateuch was first printed in Hebrew in 1482. This printing included vowel signs and accents, as well as the Targum (the Aramaic translation) and the commentary of Rashi. In 1485, the printer Joshua Solomon ben Israel Nathan Soncino printed the Former Prophets, and in 1488 the first complete printing of the Hebrew Bible was done by Soncino.

Other parts of the Hebrew Bible were published in the late fifteenth century. It is ironic that the very same year the Jews were expelled from Spain witnessed the printing of the Hebrew Bible in another part of the Iberian Peninsula. These publications were not uniform. Some had commentaries, such as Rashi, Kimhi, or Onkelos, and some had vowels and accent marks. Many were published with Spanish-Hebrew characters.

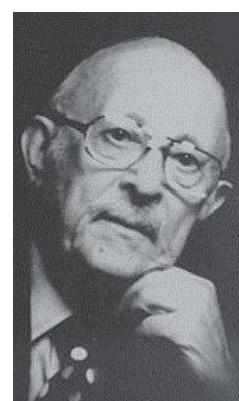
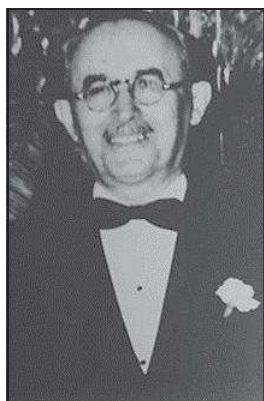
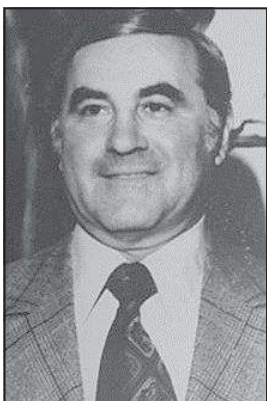
Soncino, mentioned above, is one of the more famous names associated with the printing of Hebrew Bibles. In Brescia, Italy, Gerson Soncino printed the Pentateuch between 1492-1494 as well as the complete Hebrew Bible. Some scholars argue that Martin Luther used a Soncino edition of the Bible for his German translation.

Perhaps the most famous of the printed Hebrew Bibles are the Rabbinic Bibles, known as *Miqrao't Gedolot*. These were printed in Venice in 1517-1518. These contained the entire Hebrew Bible plus numerous commentaries, Maimonides 13 articles of faith, the 613 Mitzvot, the Masoretic Notes, and lists of the Haftorot. It is this Bible where, for the first time, Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles are divided into two Books; the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah are separate; and the inclusion of chapter numbers in Hebrew.

The printer was a Christian who was a convert from Judaism, Felix Pretensis. Many Jews objected to his efforts because after conversion, he dedicated his life to converting Jews to Christianity. Some rabbinic authorities forbade Jews to use Bibles printed by non-Jews. The printer David Bomberg, a Christian, republished it in 1524-1525. His publication was edited and corrected by a Jewish scholar named Jacob ben Hayyim. The version produced by Ben Hayyim was the model for all subsequent Hebrew Bibles printed since his era. In fact, the Ben Hayyim text was the basis for the King James Version of the Bible.

In conclusion, the Pentateuch and Haftorot you read in the pews on Shabbat is partially based upon books printed in Europe - primarily Italy and Spain - in the 15th and 16th centuries. Some of those printers were non-Jewish- and that led some Jewish authorities to prohibit Jews using Bibles printed by Non-Jews.

Now the next time you read the Chumash in shul, you can give some thoughts to the text you are reading and how that text came to be established.



Presidents from the late 1940's through the 1960's. From left, Joseph Epstein, Rabbi A. J. Robinson, Fred Millen, Harry Caller, Dr. Ruben P. Robinson.

Sisterhood News

Bringing Mitzvahs into Our Daily Existence; More than a Tradition, a Way of Living

By Barb Levin, Heska Amuna Sisterhood President



Barb Levin

February is the shortest month in the secular calendar. The month of Shevat which coincides with February contains a special day for trees, *Tu B'Shevat*. It is a period of restlessness as the colder weather has settled in and people are beginning to feel "cabin fever." Here in Knoxville, the Jewish community has decided to make the whole month special by focusing on community, *tzedakah*, and sharing. Working with the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, various Jewish organizations, including Heska Amuna and our Sisterhood are preparing for a Community Mitzvah Day Celebration on Sunday, February 12.

This year, Heska Amuna Sisterhood has reached out to work with the University of Tennessee Community-Assisted School Program. Professor Bob Kronick has worked with the Pond Gap Elementary School, just around the corner from Heska Amuna, to develop a program of support for high-risk children and their families. He will be speaking with us about this program at Mitzvah Day at the Knoxville Jewish Alliance at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday,

February 12. A choir of the young

people will also be performing that morning. Temple Beth El Sisterhood and Hadassah are joining us in this combined effort to support community assisted schools.

How does this relate to the holiday of the trees? Specifically Professor Kronick will be talking about the community garden program. Individuals coming to this session are being asked to bring an item of garden supplies. A list of needed supplies is included next to this article. The importance in winter of thinking about spring and preparing for it is part of the excitement of the *Tu B'Shevat* holiday.

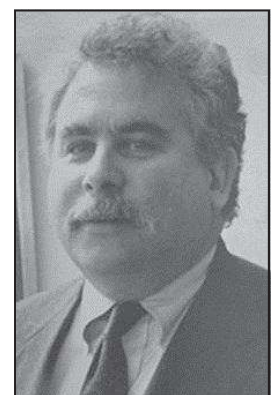
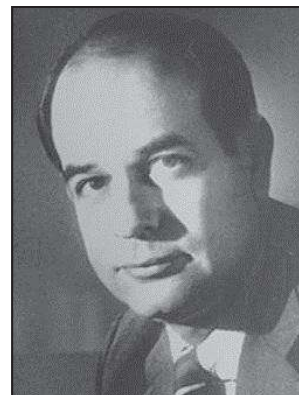
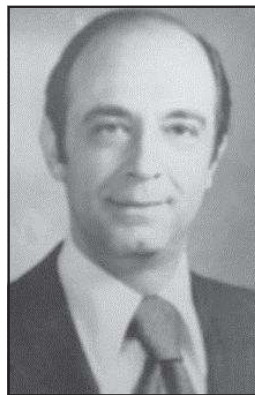
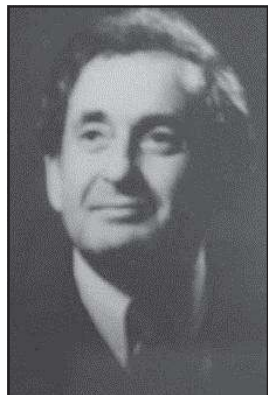
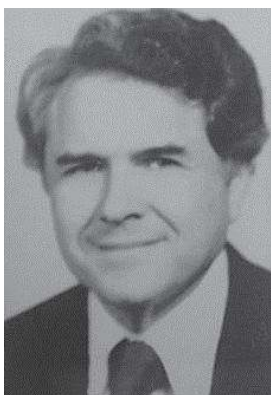
Pond Gap gardeners will help us plant three trees at the AJCC on February 12.

Finally, the idea of having a Mitzvah *Day* is a bit foreign to the overall concept of Jewish life. Mitzvot are part of our everyday life. The activities planned for February are simply good reminders of how much we can do working together as a group for our own good by concentrating on our mitzvot. I encourage you to start now and continue with at least one daily mitzvah to warm up this winter. Need ideas of fresh things to do? Check the January *HaKol* for a list of activities and volunteering which are begging for someone to do them.

Here's to a short winter.....hope that the groundhog cannot even get out of his hole.

Suggested Gardening Supplies for Community Mitzvah Day Collection

- ✓ Small hand tools
- ✓ Small garden gloves-many-different sizes
- ✓ Clippers-many
- ✓ Spade, shovels, pitch fork
- ✓ Hoes, rakes
- ✓ Pruners
- ✓ Loppers
- ✓ Seeds-vegetables
- ✓ Watering cans
- ✓ Spray nozzle for hose
- ✓ Sprinkler
- ✓ Tiller
- ✓ Wheel barrows
- ✓ Tire for a wheel barrow
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Donations of time



Presidents from the 1970s through the early 1980s. From left, Dr. Harold Diftler, Theodore Reback, Norbert J. Slovis, Bernard E. Bernstein, Jerrold L. Becker.

What's Up at Heska Amuna Religious School?

By Betty Golub, Director of Youth and Family Programming

Honi the Wise One was also known as Honi the Circle Maker. By drawing a circle and stepping inside of it, he would recite special prayers for rain, sometimes even argue with God during a drought, and the rains would come. He was, indeed, a miracle maker. As wise as he was, Honi sometimes saw something that puzzled him. Then he would ask questions so he could unravel the mystery.

One day, Honi the Circle Maker was walking on the road and saw a man planting a carob tree. Honi asked the man, "How long will it take for this tree to bear fruit?"

The man replied, "Seventy years."

Honi then asked the man, "And do you think you will live another seventy years and eat the fruit of this tree?"

The man answered, "Perhaps not. However, when I was born into this world, I found many carob trees planted by my father and grandfather. Just as they planted trees for me, I am planting trees for my children and grandchildren so they will be able to eat the fruit of these trees." (Talmudic Tale)

Just like the carob tree, many fruits and vegetables associated with Israel have legends and teachings about them. A wonderful example is the pomegranate. The pomegranate has the same name as the crowns that adorn the Torah scroll: rimonim. Did you know that the pomegranate contains 613 seeds just like the number of mitzvot we find in the Torah?

One tradition you can try is to eat 15 different fruits and nuts at a Tu B'Shevat Seder.

The fruits and nuts are divided into four different categories:



Fruit and nuts that have an inedible peel



Fruit and nuts that contain a pit or seed



Fruit and nuts that are entirely edible



Fruit and nuts which have both a peel and a seed like an orange

Take a trip to the grocery store and try to find different varieties.

Try something you have never tasted before. Look at the

characteristics of the fruit or nut and divide them into categories. As a family, discuss:



What does a fruit with a hard outside but soft inside symbolize to you?



What can we learn from a nut that is bitter straight from a tree but tasty once it's roasted?



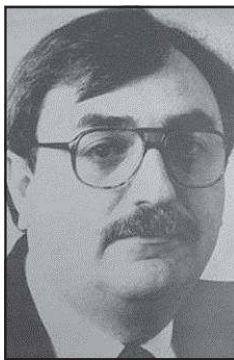
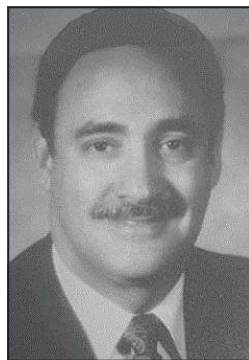
What can you say about the color and texture of the fruit?

Chag Semeach!



February Dates to Remember

Wednesday, February 1	School
Sunday, February 5	Tu B'Shevat Celebration
Wednesday, February 8	School
Saturday, February 11	Shabbat School at 9:00
Sunday, February 12	Mitzvah Day at the AJCC
Wednesday, February 15	School
Saturday, February 18	3 Stars-10 pins Havdalah
Sunday, February 19	No School – President's Day
Wednesday, February 22	School
Friday, February 24	Tot Shabbat & Chill
Sunday, February 26	School & JLAH (Jewish Life at Home)



Presidents from the mid-1980's through the mid-1990's. From left, Arnold Cohen, Michael Friedman, Dr. William Berez, Harold Leibowitz, Marion Goodstein.



ORDER YOUR MISHLOACH MANOT TODAY!

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Follow these easy steps, and your Purim treats will be on their way!

1. Select individuals and/or families with a Knoxville zip code from our membership directory to receive a Mishloach Manot. For \$18, you can send this gift to any 2 families or individuals on the membership list. Only one gift goes to a household, but each gift can be "sponsored" by many friends; all sponsors' names are included on the card.
 2. Orders must be received by **MARCH 1**. Order online at www.heskaamuna.org, call the office at (865) 522-0701 or e-mail the office at admin@heskaamuna.org.
 3. Mishloach Manot will be delivered following services on Sunday, March 12. Join our cadre of *Mishloach Manot Menschim* to deliver treats in your neighborhood.
- Questions?** Ask Morah Betty morahbetty@heskaamuna.org.



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TOGETHER**

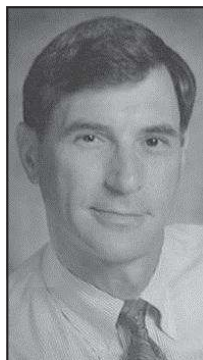
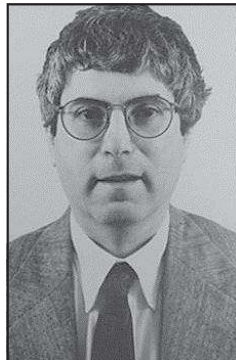
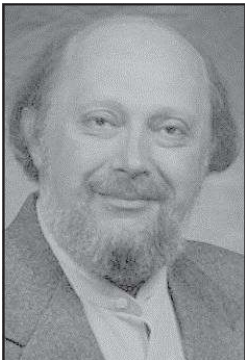
**TEMPLE BETH EL & HESKA AMUNA
JOINT SHABBAT EVE**

**Friday, February 3
Heska Amuna Synagogue**

6:00 p.m. Worship

7:00 p.m. Dinner

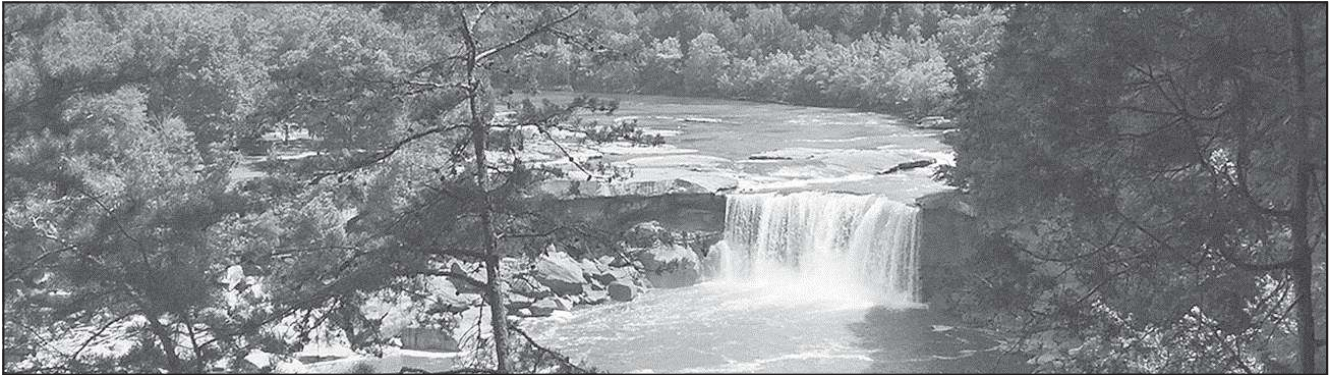
**(Reservations \$8 per person, \$5 for ages 5 & Under)
865.522.0701 or admin@heskaamuna.org**



Presidents from the mid-1990s through the early 2000s. From left, Arnold Schwarzbart, Dr. Evan Ohriner, Dr. Theodore Besmann, Nancy Becker, Annette Winston.

Save This Date! November 10-12, 2017

The 2017 Heska Amuna Kallah (also known as our congregational Shabbat weekend retreat) place and date is set!



Celebrate with us at nearby Cumberland Falls State Park on November 10-12

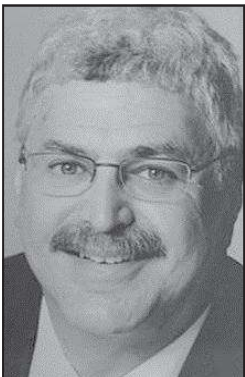
(with special lodging rates available at the park for anyone interested in extending their stay Sunday night over the Veterans Day holiday.)



Help plan our kallah to be a relaxing blend of spiritual, educational, and social elements in celebration of Shabbat and our community. Join a planning group for publicity, registration, religious study, free-time programs, and more; if interested, be sure to let Betty know. morahbetty@heskaamuna.org

We gratefully acknowledge the program support of Rabbi Barb Moskow and substantial funding for our retreat that is provided through our grant with the Kallah Project.

The★Kallah
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Our most current Presidents, from 2009. From left, Marty Iroff, Bernard Bendriem, Gilya Schmidt, Jenifer Ohriner, Raphe Panitz.

New Entrance Arch Installed at Cemetery

This month the Jewish Cemetery saw the installation of a new entry arch, made possible by the generous donations of Dr. Harold and Mrs. Joyce Diftler, and Joyce's mother, Sarah Nathan Robinson.

The new arch, designed and sculpted by artist Karly Stribling, is a significant improvement to the appearance of the Jewish Cemetery, and we are grateful for this donation.

If you are interested in helping with the ongoing projects to beautify the Cemetery, please contact Joshua Hedrick, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, by telephone at (865) 250-0119.



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For a list of Heska Amuna's funds and
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Rabbi Alon Ferency was quoted in the January 11 *Knoxville News-Sentinel* for his comments during the previous day's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast.

“Dr. King said the arch of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice.”

“We don't know when our troubles will end ... but we do pray God at this moment as we gather together (that) we are yanking and holding and bending the arch of history towards justice,” said Ferency.



TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

“Yesterday a Child Came Out to Wonder”

By Scott B. Saulson, PhD, Interim Rabbi

In the documentary film *When Jews Were Funny*, comic Simon Rakoff notes the irony of “Jew” being the only proper noun officially permissible on the Scrabble board. Of course, our bragging rights are diminished by the connotation of this transitive verb. The connotation is negative, meaning to squeeze blood from a turnip as one haggles for a lower price. After all, what kind of a Jew would pay retail!

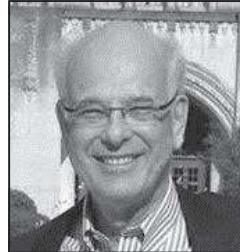
Scrabble was conceived during the Great Depression by an unemployed New York architect named Alfred Moshier Butts, who figured Americans could use a bit of distraction during the bleak economic times. During the same era, an unemployed artist figured Germans could use a bit of distraction, too. Scrabble exploded as a best seller in the 1950s when the chairman of Macy’s discovered the game on vacation and decided to stock his shelves with it. By then the stock of us Jews had fallen precipitously. Anti-Semitism had exploded though its popularity has always remained viral.

The current vogue is not much different than the previous iterations. On one side of the political spectrum are those who resent our tribalistic tendencies as a stiff-necked refusal to relinquish the artificial boundaries that stand in the way of a utopian universalism. Indeed, in their view, our attachments to ethical monotheism, peoplehood, and a homeland epitomize everything that stands in the way of the fraternal order of humankind. Indeed, we cannot be trusted to martyr ourselves for the common good. Presumably someone else must do us that favor.

On the other side of the political spectrum are those who resent our humanistic tendencies as a stiff-necked refusal to idolize nativism above mercy and justice. They demand that we wrap ourselves in the flag of the hour, to play a zero-sum game, to join them in finding a convenient scapegoat for all our troubles. Indeed, we cannot be trusted to martyr ourselves for the sake of some superior race, nation, confession, or class. Again, presumably someone else must do us that favor.

We cannot claim that anti-Semitism is the Original Sin, but we can justifiably dub it a leading candidate for the Pandemic Sin. It is not curable, but it is manageable. By my reckoning, there are only two serious strategies. The first is to assure that one’s great-grandchildren are assimilated out; it takes about that long to effectively dilute the stain. The second is to power oneself with Jewish ethical sensibilities, group identity, and lessons learned in the crucible of history “to dream the impossible dream; to fight the unbeatable foe; to bear with unbearable sorrow; to run where the brave dare not go.”

Wondering won’t get us far.



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Friday, February 3
Heska Amuna Synagogue

6 p.m. Worship
7 p.m. Dinner

(Reservations + \$8 per person,
\$5 for ages 5 & Under)

Please RSVP to
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Temple Topics

By Howard Pollock, TBE Acting President

Later this month we will celebrate Tu B'Sh'vat, also known as the New Year for Trees. The word "Tu" is not really a word; it is the number 15 in Hebrew to signify the 15th day of the Jewish month of *Shevat*. One interpretation is that Tu B'Sh'vat established the time of the year to calculate the age of trees in order to provide guidance on tithing fruit from the trees.

Modern discussions of Tu B'Sh'vat reflect the importance of caring for our environment and the responsibility to share the fruits of God's earth with others. Over the past several decades there has been a tremendous effort to plant trees in Israel in observance of special occasions. We are fortunate in this community that the Knoxville Jewish Alliance plants a tree in honor of each Bar/Bat Mitzvah student. It is a wonderful tradition that is also shared by many other communities. As a result of these efforts (tree by tree), it is believed that Israel stands as the only country in the world with an almost constant net growth of trees.

It was shocking to see the devastation caused by the recent fires in Gatlinburg. This community and local Jewish organizations opened their hearts and wallets to help those in need. Farther away, we also have seen reports of significant damage caused by fires in Israel. Tens of thousands of people have been affected there and numerous homes have been lost.

Areas close to home and in Israel will need assistance for years. It is impossible to determine how long it will take to replenish the trees that were lost. If able, please continue to support our neighbors in Gatlinburg by visiting attractions, dining in restaurants and buying merchandise from local vendors. To assist with the situation in Israel, please review information at the Jewish National Fund website (www.jnf.org). While we are not limited by time of year to care for our environment, plant a tree or share our own fruit, the upcoming celebration of Tu B'Sh'vat can serve as a reminder to help those in need.



Community Open Mic

*Celebrating Shabbat Shirah**

**Saturday, February 11
7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**The Central Collective
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* Corresponding to the songs of Moses and Miriam having crossed the split Sea of Reeds.



SUNDAY, MARCH 5 – 9:30A.M.

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Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Kropp, Sisterhood President

Sisterhood has been off to a great start in 2017! On January 15 we made T-shirts and organized donations for those who lost their homes in the tragic fires in Sevier County. Thanks to all who participated – fun was had by all. It showed that doing a mitzvah can be fun at the same time.

Our next program will be Sunday February 5 when Imelda Margulies will be speaking to us about women's health, breast care, and genetic testing for breast cancer. This will be a very important and informative program you won't want to miss. Brunch will be provided. Come for a nosh while you learn about how to best take care of yourself and if genetic testing is right for you. Men are welcome to learn about this important testing for your loved ones.

Thanks to all who have donated flowers for the Shabbat services. You have helped brighten up our Shabbat. Do you know that the flowers are donated to Random Acts of Flowers after Shabbat is over? That means that not only do the flowers brighten up our Shabbat, but they then go to someone in a hospital or nursing home to brighten their day. What a double mitzvah! Only \$36, and you, too, can perform this double mitzvah to honor or remember a loved one.

Temple Beth El Library Seeks to Acquire Jewish Films And Music

A few years ago, *Moment Magazine* published a list of notable Jewish films. The Temple Beth El Library wishes to acquire these films for our congregants to enjoy. We would love to receive these films in DVD format as a donation to the TBE Library. Some of the movies in the publication's review included

PHILLIP LOPATE:

- ★ *The Plot Against Harry* (1989) This hilarious indie comedy, directed by Michael Roemer, is about a Jewish ex-con who tries to find his way back to normal life after prison, running the gamut of Jewish catered affairs and divorcées in the process.
- ★ *A Kid for Two Farthings* (1955) Directed by the great Carol Reed with a script by Wolf Mankiewicz, this touching film is steeped in details about a Jewish boy's coming of age in London's East End.
- ★ *The Heartbreak Kid* (1972) It's an outrageous comedy directed by the inimitable Elaine May, from material by Bruce Jay Friedman and Neil Simon, about a Jewish groom on his honeymoon (Charles Grodin) who makes a run for a *shiksa* goddess (Cybil Shepherd). The dilemma of the Jew drawn to forbidden fruit has never been so brazenly depicted.
- ★ *The Nutty Professor* (1963) Jerry Lewis immortalizes the schizoid split between the *nebbishy*, brilliant, klutzy Jewish arrested-development manboy and the slick, Sammy Glick-ish hustler-type, Buddy Love. Like a Saul Bellow character, he wants to have it all.
- ★ *Nobody's Business* (1996) Alan Berliner made a wonderfully honest, probing personal essay-film about his stoical, tight-lipped elderly father, divorced by his show biz-loving mother. The dynamic of this dysfunctional Jewish family will be instantly recognizable.

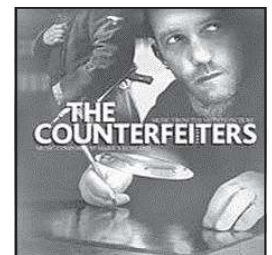
Phillip Lopate writes about movies for The New York Times, Esquire and Vogue.



LISA SCHWARZBAUM:

- ★ *The Producers* (1968) One of the funniest movies ever made is Jewish to its core, without once relying on "Jewishness." Mel Brooks combines chutzpah with a sophisticated (Jewish) trust in an audience's ability to laugh at the shocking bad taste of a Hitler musical, and he stirs the pot to an un-*gepotchked* high boil. This is a movie of Jewish liberation!
- ★ *Fiddler on the Roof* (1971) Norman Jewison's energetic production is the big-time Hollywood screen adaptation of the world's most accessible pop cultural depiction of Jewish tradition. This movie helped an international audience love us.
- ★ *Late Marriage* (2001) Dover Kosashvili's wonderfully naturalistic drama about a Georgian-Jewish bachelor in Israel in love with a divorcée (to his family's disapproval) is the polar opposite of *Fiddler*: It's strikingly sexual and unvarnished in its exploration of Tradition! Tradition!
- ★ *The Counterfeiters* (2007) The bravest films with a Shoah theme are those that grant characters the dignity of being imperfect whether they live or die. You don't get a Jewish protagonist more imperfect than the forger/concentration camp inmate at the center of this superbly made Austrian movie.
- ★ *The Garden of the Finzi-Continis* (1971) The wealthy Jewish family in this haunting film by the great neorealist Italian director Vittorio De Sica, is unwilling to see the danger posed by Mussolini's fascist reign.

Lisa Schwarzbaum is a film critic at Entertainment Weekly. If you have questions, please contact Wilma Weinstein.



Temple Beth El Religious School February Update

By Norma James, Religious School Director, normajames@tbeknox.org

We will have Religious School on Presidents' Weekend, February 19.

Sunday, February 26 is Torah Tots!

If you have a child or grandchild ages 1-4, this is the program for you! Please join our parent-child group for 90 minutes of fun. We have stories, songs, movement, and crafts. Our sessions are 9:45-11:15 a.m. Temple membership is not a requirement for participation.

Community Mitzvah Day is Sunday, February 12 at the AJCC.

All religious school students will report to the AJCC instead of Temple Beth El. We will extend our day to 12:30 p.m. so that we can fit in all the great activities. We have exciting off-site projects for our K-12th graders. Look for more information to come. Parents are urged to attend!

Mark your calendar for double Shabbat services Friday, March 3!

Our PreK through 3rd grade lead a family service at 5:45 p.m. We will have a Shabbat dinner for these classes AND the 4th/5th grade class. Then our 4th/5th grade will conduct the regular 7:00 p.m. service! Both services will be delightful for sure!

Don't forget about our Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 5!



Larry Winston, Lisa Reyes Mason, Norma James, Leah Wittenberg and Karen Smith

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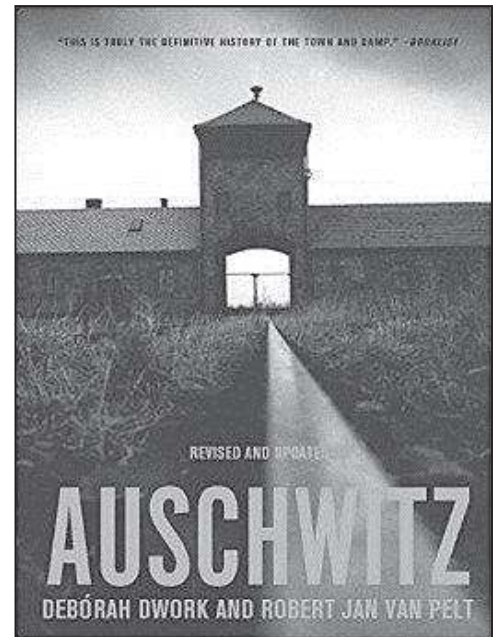
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By: Jerry and Meredith Jaffe

REVIEW: TBE Holocaust Memorial Bookshelf by Henry A. Fribourg
AUSCHWITZ – 1270 to the Present by Deborah Dwork & Robert Jan van Pelt., 1996

It was an ordinary town in which lived ordinary people. Oswiecim, a small Polish town with a 700-year old history, not much different from all other small Polish towns, where in medieval times antisemitism was taken for granted, as it was everywhere else, and continued for centuries – and then it suddenly changed in 1940 – becoming a symbol of absolute, mindless evil. At the beginning, it had not much difference from other towns from the Middle Ages and since. It had Poles living there, and Ukrainians, and Byelorussians, and even Lithuanians, and Jews – lots of Jews; those were hated by all the others and kept in perpetual poverty – that is what they deserved, according to the Holy Roman Church. The owners changed, sometimes Polish overlords, sometimes bishops, but later in the 13th and 14th centuries the Teutonic Knights, swooping down from Prussian and Lithuania into this little river crossing town in the southwestern corner of what the 1919 Versailles Treaty said was Poland.

But German blood and German sweat had tilled it for many years earlier, so mid-20th century Germans knew it was German by right, it was part and parcel of the needed *lebensraum*, and it was re-named Auschwitz. Reichsführer Heinrich Himmler as a young man had studied agriculture; as soon as he had the power, he decided that 30,000 acres near Auschwitz would become a model of the resurgent German East and its agriculture: the trees would be cut, the swamps would be drained, the soil would be tilled – and it all would be done for free, since there was an unlimited supply of Jewish slave labor to do it. And if those slaves died in the doing, so much the better, since his leader, the Führer Hitler, had decided the Jews would be eliminated from the Third Reich. Architects, the best available, were assigned to develop the plans for the barracks to house the workers, and then all the other amenities needed, cafeterias, hospitals, morgues, gas chambers, crematoria. There was just one problem: building supplies such as bricks were hard to obtain in war-waging Germany, so eventually all Jews were housed in well-designed wooden horse stables and filled to double or triple their nominal capacity.

The authors trace the development of the little settlement into a large synthetic rubber manufactured by the I.G. Farben Company, using slave labor, and describe a relatively small concentration camp at Auschwitz with a small crematorium to take care of Polish undesirables. The very large expansions into the neighboring Birkenau did not really start until 1941-42. That is where over a million Jews were annihilated with the dropping of hydrocyanic gas pellets into gas chambers holding over 2,000 persons per crammed load; that was where the corpses were burned in the immense Crematoria II and II. The Birkenau camp does not exist anymore, so what visitors now see is an antiseptic small demonstration/museum at the original Auschwitz extermination camp. They see the well-built brick barracks that housed the SS, and now shelter Polish Army unit. There are also comfortable structures for housing and feeding the tourists and demonstrating to them an idealized version of a camp that really never existed. When Pope John Paul II visited there, he referred to the six million Poles murdered by the Germans during the Second World War; in fact, it had been three million Poles and three million Jews he was thinking about – that was the first time that these Polish Jews, formerly subjected to pogroms, isolated in ghettos, had been considered Poles rather than just plain Jews, interlopers in Poland.



Community Mitzvah Day Celebration
Sunday, February 12 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Arnstein Jewish Community Center

Everyone is invited to spend a day performing mitzvahs in our community –all ages welcome! Both HARS and TBE religious schools will meet at the AJCC for this special day.



Sunday, February 12
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
AJCC

Learn why and how East Tennessee has become a home for some refugees, and the opportunities of compassion to smooth their integration into “the land of the free and the home of the brave.” (During Community Mitzvah Day!)

The Jewish Conscience, Rabbi Scott B. Saulson, PhD

The Knoxville Scene, Liz Parmalee,
 Volunteer Manager, Bridge Refugee Services



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TBE Friday
Shabbat Schedule

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Please remember to bring non-perishable foods for Second Harvest Food Bank. Collection bins are located in the TBE Lobby.

Canned meats and tuna, beans, peanut butter, soups, fruits, rice, vegetables, cereal, and pasta are some suggestions.

Easy open cans and healthy versions (low sodium) are great for elderly, children, and disabled individuals.



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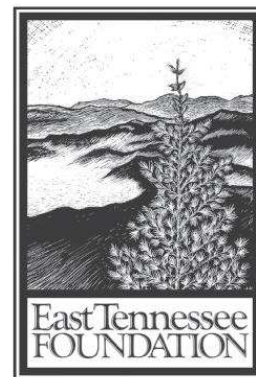
Your Portfolio Strategy Meets the Philanthropic Sector

By Carole H. Martin, KJCFF President

As forms and filings from the end of 2016 barrage our inboxes and mailboxes in preparation for tax time, this is a good juncture for each of us to contemplate investment and charitable strategies for the future. The Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds and our partner, the East Tennessee Foundation, stand at the ready to introduce you to the advantages of including a donor-advised fund in your financial planning. I spend most of my monthly HaKol columns extolling the benefits that you can provide our Jewish and secular communities by making grants through your own donor-advised fund with the KJCFF, but today I want to turn the tables to remind you of the many financial benefits of such a decision on your personal financial portfolio.

In a recent *Wall Street Journal* article, it was reported that “representatives for Vanguard Charitable, Fidelity Charitable and National Philanthropic Trust (all managers of donor-advised funds) said donations to their giving funds jumped by double- or triple-digit percentages at 2016 year end compared with 2015. Charles Schwab Corporation’s donors put more than \$693 million into new and existing donor-advised accounts between Thanksgiving 2016 and December 18, 2016—a 20% increase over the same period in 2015.”

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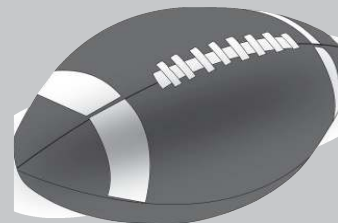
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 — 6:00 P.M.
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RSVP to Jim Bogard to (865) 806-8069

A Note from the President

By Meir Niad

I hope everyone is having a good 2017 so far. We have made a scheduling change for our Friday Night Shabbat events. Sisterhood and Men's Club have traded weeks. The first Friday of each Month will be Shabbat and Dessert Oneg by Men's Club at 7:30 p.m. and the third Friday of each month will be Shabbat & Potluck by Sisterhood at 6:30 p.m.

As always, check our calendar at www.jcor.info for the official dates, times, and cancellations for all events.

Upcoming February JCOR Events

Saturday, February 4—7:00 p.m. JCOR

Jewish Film Series: *Dancing in Jaffa*

Israel, 2013, NR, 1hr 40m

Confident that dance will dissolve political and cultural differences, celebrated ballroom dancer Pierre Dulaine returns to his hometown of Jaffa, Israel, after years abroad and teaches 11-year-old Jewish and Palestinian Israelis to dance together.

Sunday, February 5—8:30 a.m. JCOR

World Wide Wrap Men's Club invites you to participate in the mitzvah of tefillin

Join us for breakfast and minyan at 8:30a.m. We will be in a live video conference with the Etz Chaim Men's Club of Marietta, GA and participate with them via the internet. Anyone with interest in tefillin may attend and participate.

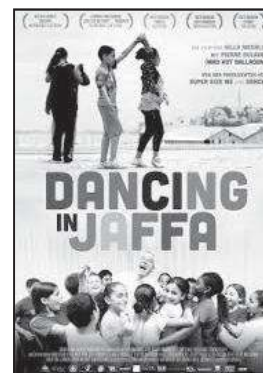
Please RSVP so we have a headcount for food and if you need to borrow tefillin.

Thanks! events@jcor.info

Saturday, February 25

Rabbi's Study Session: *Rabbi Sabato Morais* (after the morning services).

Rabbi Sabato Morais was the first President of the Jewish Theological Seminary.





Men's Lunch at Calhoun's on Melton Lake.



A December Chanukah Program at Oak Ridge's Greenfield Retirement Community featured dancers and musicians from the Knoxville and Oak Ridge area Israeli dancers. (Left-right) Bob Yoder, Becky Charles, Monty Lewis, Avigail Rashkovsky, Alice Farkas, Fay Campbell, Ada Berlijn, Jane Cohen, Patti Austin, and Mary Norris.



Fun times at our annual JCOR Chanukah Celebration.

Donations to JCOR

Yahrzeits

- ★ Ben Bursten from Andrew Bursten
- ★ Shmuel Levitin & Isabella Bogomolny from Victor and Avigail Rashkovsky
- ★ Yechiel & Bertha Weitsman from D. Weitsman
- ★ George Berger from Stephen Berger
- ★ Sarah Levine Braunstein from Catherine Braunstein

Donations

- Rhonda & Ron Sternfel
- In Memory Of Ruth Guthridge: Charlotte Pugh on behalf of CH2M
- In Memory of Rose Feldman
Stephen Berger
Barbara Moon
Jane Vercruysse
Rosalind & Marcel Schmorak
Phyllis Grant
Melvin Sturm

Donations to Oak Ridge Hadassah

- HMO Certificate in memory of Rose Feldman from Mira Kimmelman
- HMO Card in memory of Rose Feldman from Bobbie Cantor

Today Rabah! Many thanks to our loyal customers for purchasing their Hanukah gifts and to the devoted helpers: Bruce Tomkins, Brenda & Sig Mosko, Deborah Cribb, Rhonda Sternfels, Hilary Shreter and Peggy Laxton who helped us in so many, many ways. We could not have made it without your help.
Mira Kimmelman & Judy Raman

JCOR Hosts and Hostesses

February 4	Anne & Eli Greenbaum Judi & Len Gray
February 11	Edith & Mel Halbert Elena Bamberger
February 18	Mira Kimmelman Peggy & Randy Laxton
February 25	Shelby & Mark Kaye Meir Niad

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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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Occupied Territories

By Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm, Chabad of Knoxville

Who should be occupying the West Bank and East Jerusalem?

Rashi (1040-1105) the most famous commentary on the Torah, asks in his very first commentary, first, the Torah is not written in the chronological order and second, the Torah is not a story book, if so, why did the Torah begin with the story of creation and not with the very first commandment to the Jewish people?

This is what Rashi answers; So that if the nations of the world say to Israel, "You are thieves, for having conquered the lands of the seven nations," they can reply to them: "The entire world is G-d's; He created it, and He grants it to whoever He desires. It was His will to give it to them, and it was His will to take it from them and give it to us."

Rashi wrote this more than 900 years before the UN, EU and US came up with the term occupied territories...

Faith-Based Diplomacy

By Rabbi Naftali Silberberg – reprinted with permission from www.chabad.org

Imagine you call the plumber because your kitchen sink is backed up. He arrives, and pulls out of his toolbox a stethoscope and scalpel. Or how about a converse scenario: you arrive at the emergency room with a broken ankle and the doctor produces a plumbing snake and a pipe wrench.

Every tool has its appropriate time and place, and a functioning society relies on professionals utilizing the tools of their respective trades. The same holds true with our leaders.

It is the task of our spiritual leaders and clergy to inspire us to have faith. The Zohar refers to Moses as a *raya mehemna*, "faithful shepherd," which also translates as "a shepherd of faith"—a title he earned because he infused his generation with faith in G-d. Concepts such as G-d, the inherent goodness of humanity and Divine providence can not be empirically proven. But our nation has survived thousands of challenging years due to the efforts of spiritual giants who sustained and nurtured our faith.

In the absence of logical cause, what drives Israel to pursue the path of concessions? Political leaders have a decidedly different assignment. They govern based on logistics, proven precedent, and an often unpleasant reality. It would be a dereliction of duty on their part to base their policies on faith. Imagine if in the face of an impending hurricane, in lieu of an evacuation plan, the government would advise the citizenry to pray and have faith? Or perhaps the president should address the nation and advise them to "assume a positive mindset" about rising healthcare coverage?

Yet the politicians handling the Israeli-Palestinian Middle East conflict seem to have an unhealthy affinity for the role of the rabbinate.

Here are the facts as I see them: 30 years of concessions and peace overtures by Israel have not placated her enemies, nor have they brought peace and security. Instead, these have accomplished the exact opposite. To this date, all the peace accords and "painful concessions" have not brought us one inch closer to peace. Thousands of our innocent brethren have been murdered by Palestinian terrorism since the signing of the "historic" Oslo Accords in 1993. Withdrawals from Southern Lebanon and Gaza have brought deadly rockets on Ashkelon, Haifa and Safed. Gaza is now a hotbed of radical terrorism, and Israel is still subjected to daily rocket attacks.

Truces and ceasefires have been repeatedly used by the enemy as ploys, temporary breaks in hostilities used to regroup and rearm. Talks and summits have empowered and emboldened our enemies, who sense weakness and a willingness to concede.

In the absence of logical cause to proceed on this dangerous avenue, what drives Israel's elected leaders to pursue the path of concessions? Well the alternative to logic is faith. Faith that there *must* be some way, somehow, to induce individuals who have reiterated on many occasions their determination to wipe Israel off the map to allow us to live in peace. Faith that although they have asked for the entire hand (the entire land), we can satisfy them with a finger (autonomy, or parcels of land). Faith that a centuries-long track record of anti-Semitism can be reversed. Oh, and by definition, faith cannot be questioned or disproven.

I've often heard the question: "Why are rabbis voicing opinions regarding political policy, matters that are not their field of expertise?" Perhaps the question should be in the inverse: why are politicians so consumed with faith—shouldn't they leave that to the rabbis?

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Heska Amuna Synagogue

February 4

Frank Winick ♦ Gladys Johnson ♦ Jack Scott ♦ Harry Tobe ♦ Elias Ullman ♦ Lillian Klein ♦ Alexander Licht ♦ Rose Shapiro

February 11

Jacob Goodstein ♦ Hinda Scott ♦ Anne Dolinka ♦ Lillian Morrison ♦ David Panitz ♦ Hilda Presser ♦ Lena Rosenfield ♦ Sarah Rubenstein ♦ Charles Silverman ♦ Harry Strauss ♦ Helen Hahn ♦ Milton Finkelstein ♦ Rose Imbrey ♦ Esther Rosen ♦ Fran Sturm ♦ Lela Lippner ♦ Pearl Rudnick

February 18

Joseph Richer ♦ Joe Shapiro ♦ John Gitman ♦ Deborah Kaplan ♦ Clarice Weinstein ♦ Charles Ruer ♦ Myer Sachs ♦ Logan Brown ♦ Yetta Burnett ♦ Max Finkelstein ♦ Katie Manachoff ♦ Louis Balloff ♦ Isadore Kleg ♦ Ethel Brown ♦ Saul Cohen ♦ Chaya Goodstein ♦ Frances Klein ♦ Mollie Saroff ♦ Isaac Cohen ♦ Harry Ziskind

February 25

Harold Brown ♦ Louis Joffe ♦ Joseph Billig ♦ Mark Dischler ♦ Abraham Fay ♦ Jack Feld ♦ David Rabin ♦ Leibe Roodine ♦ Gertrude Wolf ♦ Ida Brown ♦ Albert Fadem ♦ Clarence Mann ♦ Caryl Schweitzer ♦ Herbert Davis ♦ Samuel Green ♦ Carole Kramer ♦ Alfred Levin ♦ Monte Abrams ♦ Leonard Handler ♦ Barnett Mackta ♦ Isadore Presser ♦ Yenta Roodine ♦ Randy Schwartz ♦ Howard Blumenthal ♦ Esther Mann ♦ Marilyn Shorr ♦ Jeanette Ziskind ♦ Isaac Corkland ♦ Gertrude Danziger ♦ Rose Delinsky ♦ Elizabeth Farkas ♦ Rose Leeds ♦ Nathan Oleshansky ♦ Miriam Ring, Roslin Shamitz ♦ Abe Slovis ♦ John Walton ♦ Ethel Wittenberg

February 28

Robert Moore ♦ Max Robinson ♦ Doris Rothbart ♦ Morris Shagan ♦ Harold Adams ♦ Florence Lieberman ♦ Harry Moskowitz ♦ Kenny Palmer ♦ Molly Botnick ♦ Gerson Corkland ♦ Helen Gries ♦ Ethel Rywell ♦ Anna Snyder

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TEMPLE BETH EL

February 3

Gustave Dreyfuss ♦ BettyAnn Feldblum ♦ David Lee ♦ Paul Lee ♦ Regina W. Lippner ♦ Harry Marshall ♦ Bobby Mintz ♦ Morris Reich ♦ Bernard Silverstein ♦ Oscar Sisman ♦ Fannie Spiro ♦ Jeanne Daily Vogelfang ♦ Tom Watson ♦ Carolyn S. Ziegler

February 10

David Bessel ♦ Mathis Bush ♦ Isaac Cohen ♦ Clarence Cole ♦ Julius Glassman ♦ George Gudis ♦ Helen Hyman ♦ Rose Imbrey ♦ Lela Lippner ♦ Harold Markman ♦ Doris Plachter ♦ Phillip Herbert Robinson ♦ Abe Slovis ♦ Frances Sturm ♦ Martin Traugot ♦ Samuel A. Wender

February 17

Gussie Dresner ♦ Deborah Rabin Freeman ♦ Rose Friedman ♦ Robert Hyatt ♦ Ira M. Jacobs ♦ Bertram H. Joseph, Jr. ♦ Yetta M. Konigsberg ♦ Yetti Liebman ♦ Mariya Luchanskaya ♦ Isadore Misner ♦ Dorothy Scott Moiger ♦ Harry I. Moskowitz ♦ Roy Mostov ♦ Kenneth Palmer ♦ Sam Pollack ♦ Eleanor Radoff ♦ Randall Schwartz ♦ Dennis Silver ♦ Anne Simon ♦ Joan Berna Tumpson-Rivlin

February 24

Abram Badalov ♦ Jack Balaban ♦ Daniel Davis ♦ Herbert Davis ♦ Rabbi Matthew Derby ♦ Benjamin Epstein ♦ Leopold Fleischmann ♦ Yvonne Fribourg ♦ Jacob Joseph Gelber ♦ Erma Gerson ♦ Jerome S. Gerson ♦ Riva Golden ♦ Rose Greenberg ♦ Lucas Helm ♦ Samuel G. Herrmann ♦ Blanche K. Jacobs ♦ Gussie Kligman ♦ Hyman Kligman ♦ Sylvia Miller ♦ Sarah Nechamkin ♦ Henrietta H. Samuel ♦ Lila Saulson ♦ Jerry Spritz ♦ Annie Rebecca Striner

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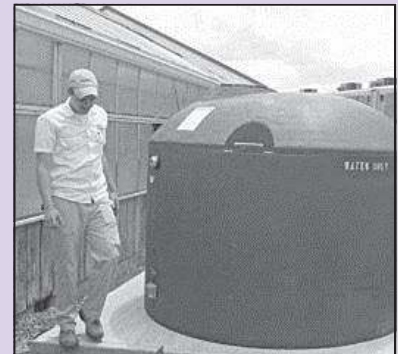
Come Join Us!

Sunday, March 19, Noon
AJCC Orwitz Room

Hadassah invites everyone to participate in a delicious luncheon followed by a presentation by Amy Mann, representing Knox County Stormwater. Ms. Mann will touch on pollution prevention techniques, rain barrels, rain gardens and more.

There's a lot we can learn about water.

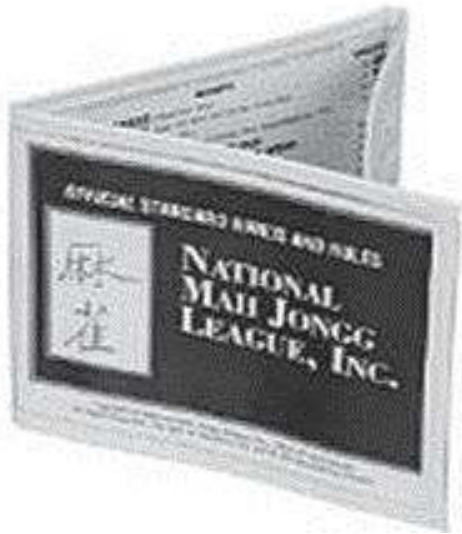
R.S.V.P's are suggested, but by all means come. Notify Andrea Cone at sixconefarm@verizon.net that you'll join us.



Cisterns and rain barrels are an age-old method for collecting and reusing FREE water from the sky. Cisterns & rain barrels can help alleviate minor drainage issues, reduce the amount of potentially polluted storm water runoff into our creeks and local water bodies, and save you money on outdoor water usage.

The 2017 Hadassah Knoxville Membership Directory, Shopping Guide and Datebook should be mailed by mid-February 2017. We would like to thank all of our generous advertisers for supporting this project along with the directory committee for executing this important fundraiser for Hadassah.

If you would like to place an ad, memorial or professional listing for the 2018 directory, please contact Jill Weinstein at jkweinstein5@gmail.com. We also welcome volunteers to help sell new ads, renew ads and listings or to proofread the directory.



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Mitzvah Day Will be February 12 at the AJCC, with Events for Everyone

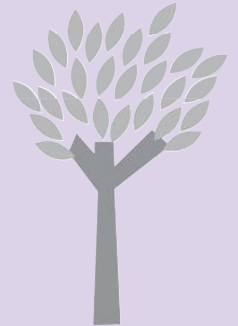
For one event, Heska Amuna Sisterhood has reached out to Temple Beth El Sisterhood and Knoxville Hadassah to work with the UT Community-Assisted School Program. Professor Bob Kronick has worked with the Pond Gap Elementary School just around the corner from Heska Amuna to develop a program of support for high risk children and their families. He will be speaking about this program at the Community Mitzvah Day Celebration.

Suggestions for Gardening Supplies Donations

- Small hand tools—many
- Small garden gloves - many-different sizes
- Clippers-many
- Spade, shovels, pitch fork
- Hoes, rakes
- Pruners
- Loppers
- Seeds-vegetables
- Watering cans
- Spray nozzle for hose
- Sprinkler
- Tiller
- Wheel barrows
- Tire for a wheel barrow
- Sunscreen
- Donations of time

Celebrate Tu B'Shvat: Buy a Certificate

What better way to celebrate Tu B'Shvat, the "New Year of the Trees" which falls on February 12, than by purchasing a tree certificate from Knoxville Hadassah? Israel is always in need of trees and water. Please help the forests by planting a tree today.



Hadassah also sells water certificates to develop water resources.

Since 1926, we have partnered with JNF to drain swamplands, plant forests, develop water resources and preserve Israel's ecology.

Giving opportunities include:

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

You may designate a name for certificates in memory of someone, sending get well wishes to an individual, in honor of a birthday, anniversary, birth, marriage, engagement or someone's accomplishment. You can also just buy a tree or certificate as a mitzvah!

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

President's Message

By Laura Floyd

In 2015, Hadassah created *Every Beat Counts*, Hadassah's Heart Health Program to promote heart health and educate women about heart disease.

In 2016, Hadassah created *Every Step Counts*, a virtual walking program to combat heart disease in women (and men) and promote better overall physical health. Over the original program time of April 11 to July 21, 2016, 1000 women and men walked over 440 million steps. This also had the nice side effect of getting people active and even looking forward to their 10,000 steps or more each day.

Here are some interesting facts about heart disease and women:

1. A woman is 10X more likely to die of heart disease than breast cancer.
2. 42% of women who have heart attacks die within one year (vs. 24% for men).
3. 1 in 3 women over age 20 has some form of cardiovascular disease.

Risk factors for heart disease that you can't control include age (55+ for women), family history of early onset heart disease, congenital heart defects and race/ethnicity.

Risk factors that you can control include smoking, high blood pressure, poor eating habits, lack of physical activity, diabetes and prediabetes, alcohol consumption and stress.

For 2017 we have the *Every Bite Counts* program to help women (and men) make better food choices and prevent heart disease. More details will be coming out about this program soon.

I am bringing all of this to your attention to point out that Hadassah wants to help your heart stay healthy because your heart is a part of Hadassah. My passion for Hadassah started and remains in my heart. Every time I *kvell* at wonderful stories of Hadassah saving lives and doing groundbreaking research and every time I cry when I hear about lives lost through violence or natural disasters it is coming from my heart. The world would not be the same without Hadassah in it. With each beat of our heart let's continue what started in Henrietta Szold's heart, as we work on *Tikkun Olam* at home and abroad with Hadassah.



Save the Date

Hadassah Shabbat

March 4-5, 2017

*If you would like to participate, please contact Betty Golub at
morahbetty@heskaamuna.org*

Mazel Tov! Layette Opportunities Abound!

Please help me wish a MAZEL TOV to the following families on the birth of their beautiful and healthy babies:

- ★ Dylan Hanford, grandson to Shelley and Marc Mangold
- ★ Asher Jordan Seidman, grandson to Wilma Weinstein Lima
- ★ Shoshana Malta Joiner, granddaughter to Judy and Abraham Brietstein
- ★ Victoria Panitz, granddaughter to Ralph and Susette Panitz

Call if you have any questions about the program.
Thanks for your support.

Judi Abrams—judi.abrams@gmail.com



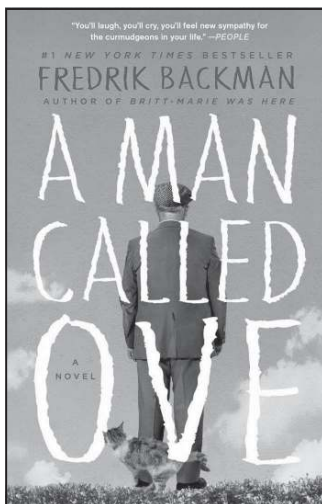


Hadassah Book Club News

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

Hope to see everyone for our February 28 **Hadassah Book Club meeting** (note, we'll be meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month, to avoid conflict with the Eva Schloss program at the Civic Auditorium) We meet in the evening 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 *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

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



Hadassah Delivered Delicious Lunch to Susannah's House Mothers



Hadassah volunteers delivered a holiday lunch to mothers and children at Susannah's House on December 22. Susannah's House is an alcohol and drug treatment program for mothers in recovery, and is a faith-based organization that exists to serve the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of mothers and their children.

Special thanks to Robin Brown, Betty Golub, Anna Iroff-Bailey, and Jill Weinstein for all their help. Lunch was very well received. There wasn't much left, after everyone had been served.

If you'd like to help with the next lunch, let us know!

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Meet Ms. Louise — Again

Louise Lindsay came to KJDS as a substitute teacher for the Second and Third Grade classroom. As a recent transplant from the Washington, DC area, Louise was thrilled when she found a small progressive school and an inviting community. As she learned within her first week, KJDS enjoys innovating and gives teachers the room to create engaging lessons. She was instantly respected by her coworkers and the parents. Along with years in classrooms, Louise has experience with Writer's Workshop, Project Based Learning, Teacher Trainer and UbD (Understanding by Design).

Louise's role has grown to include Innovation Coach, STEAM Into Service Coordinator and Writing Workshop instructor. Louise brings a unique "deconstructionist" approach to problem solving and curriculum creation. To create our "Essential Questions" curriculum, she has guided the teachers to create long-term, purposeful "units" that continuously loop back to why we are teaching each topic. Louise's experience has given the school the ability to grow into a truly cutting-edge educational institution in Knoxville.

KJDS Students Create Canstruction Art



Ms. Louise is our biggest cheerleader! She helps the students and teachers be their very best.

The entire Knoxville Jewish Day School student body helped build the "canstruction" dreidel displayed at The Muse Knoxville in December.

Visitors could enjoy seeing a giant dreidel, constructed out of cans of food! The sculpture by KJDS students was part of their "STEAM Into Service" program. The cans were donated to Second Harvest of East Tennessee at the conclusion of the exhibit.

This KJDS community service project is in its third year.

A STEAM Integrated Curriculum

When the staff decided to dedicate an afternoon every week to focusing on “STEAM” subjects, they made a commitment to refocus the curriculum. They work mindfully to bring these topics into every class. The experiment has been successful and now we see seamless crossover of these subjects into our daily classes. STEAM (science, technology, education, art and math) jobs are projected to grow by 17% in the next few years. While no one knows what the jobs of the future will look like, we do have the ability to teach our students how to become adaptable, resourceful and lifelong learners.

Our first year of the STEAM Into Service commitment brought us the “canstruction” project. Now in our third year, we partner with Second Harvest of East Tennessee as our students build a structure out of canned goods that then are donated to the food bank. This year, we built a dreidel out of 1,600 cans. Using donations from Bush Brothers and Con Agra we asked architect Thomas Caldwell to design our unique structure. The Muse Knoxville allows us space to build and also holds a “can drive.” The building of the structure incorporates many of the STEAM concepts. From unloading and transporting the cans to reading the blueprints requires aspects of engineering, physics and art. The service project that teaches children engineering and community involvement is a perfect fit for our school.

The benefits of learning a second language have been proven to enhance brain activity and academic aptitude. While our students are learning Hebrew they are also learning STEAM subjects. Morah Shlomit created a lesson that incorporated creativity and design while using the students’ knowledge of Hebrew and Israel. They were given the task of creating a “business proposal” for a restaurant – all in Hebrew. The students even had to create menus.

Chanukah is special time for children at KJDS. We make sufganiyot, sing songs, and this year we made dreidel launchers. These launchers, made with interlocking building pieces, were fashioned by the students as part of our Chanukah party. “Engineering” is a natural fit with our students. Building and designing is what children do naturally. We push students to dig deeper into “why their creations work”, “why do they not work”, “what happens if....” We explain the engineering process, stressing that when something does not work, it is a chance to revise it, and not a failure. This mindset is the key to adaptable students and flexible adults.



Our Special Friends had a fun, if challenging time, building the “dreidel launchers.”



(Above) Hebrew students show their work on their “Israeli Restaurant” project.

(Left) The Fifth Graders often use technology to mentor the younger students.



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Tue. February 21
7:00PM

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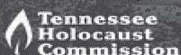
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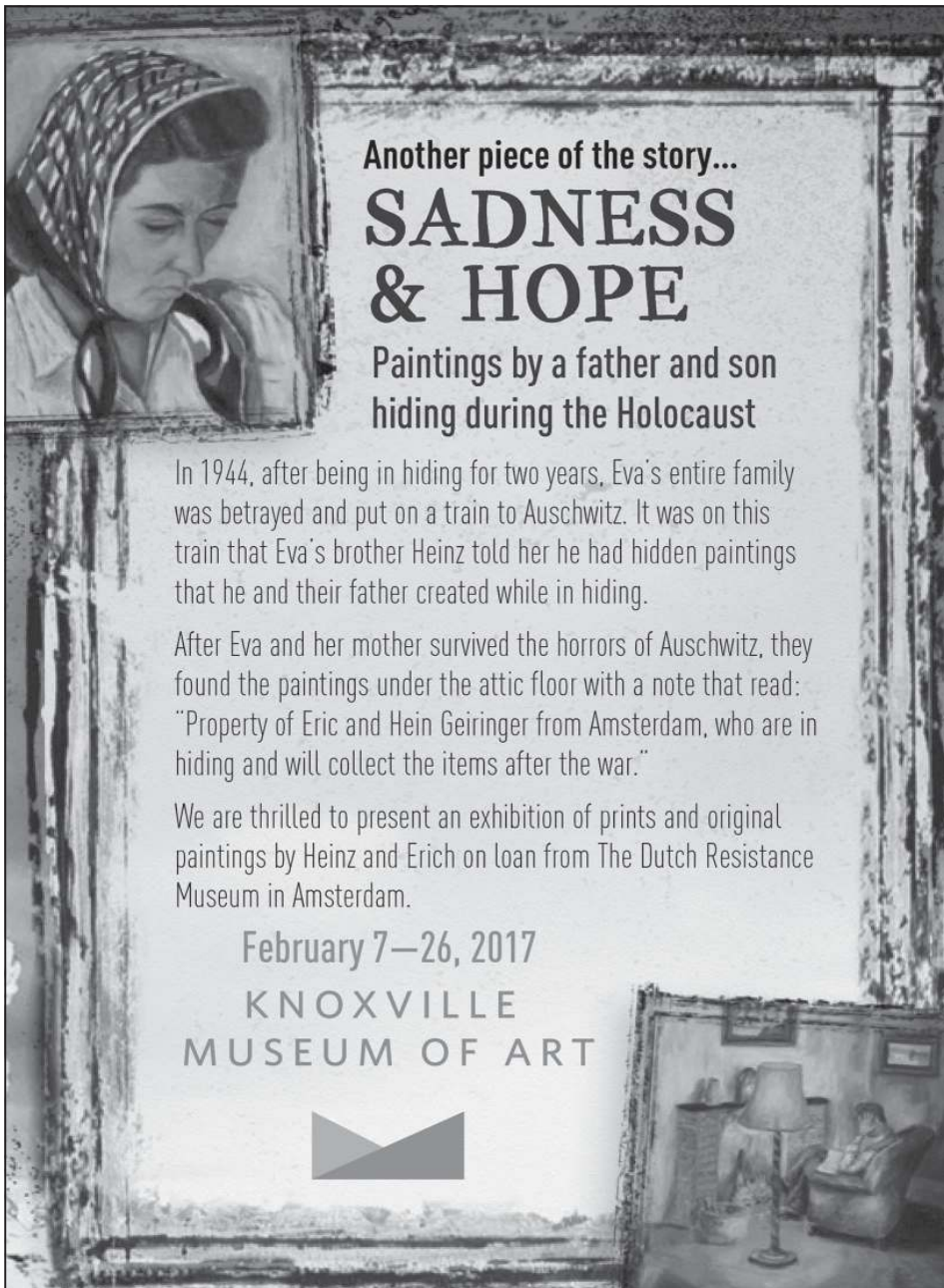
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 Paintings by a father and son
 hiding during the Holocaust

In 1944, after being in hiding for two years, Eva's entire family was betrayed and put on a train to Auschwitz. It was on this train that Eva's brother Heinz told her he had hidden paintings that he and their father created while in hiding.

After Eva and her mother survived the horrors of Auschwitz, they found the paintings under the attic floor with a note that read: "Property of Eric and Hein Geiringer from Amsterdam, who are in hiding and will collect the items after the war."

We are thrilled to present an exhibition of prints and original paintings by Heinz and Erich on loan from The Dutch Resistance Museum in Amsterdam.

February 7—26, 2017
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Bystander: n. A person who remains inactive

Upstander: n. A person who stands up for something, as contrasted to a bystander who remains inactive.

Do you stand up for justice? Do you stand up to protect those in need? Do you want to but don't know how? Join us for a special program to learn how to promote inclusion and civility in your everyday life and to build a community of respect. Anti-Defamation League representatives will lead us through an interactive workshop to identify and practice ways to respond to bigotry and prejudice in our personal encounters.

Sunday, February 26 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive

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*The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil
 is for good men (and women) to do nothing.—Edmund Burke*

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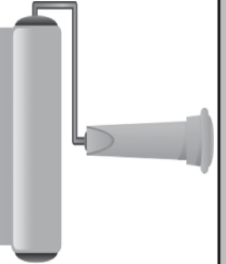
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Knoxville Jewish Federation Mission Trip in Israel

Dressed for a wedding at an Arab village, some of the members of KJF's Mission to Israel in April of 2000.

Left to right: Judy **Megibow**, Judy **Brietstein**, Marilyn **Abrams**, Susan **Silber**, Deborah **Oleshansky**, Susan **Gardberg**, Pam **Gross**, the late Leslie **Munzer**. Judy **Brietstein**, Marilyn **Abrams**, Susan **Silber**, Deborah **Oleshansky**, and Pam **Gross** continue to live in Knoxville. Susan **Gardberg**, who lives in Savannah, was one of the non-Knoxvillians among the 29 mission participants

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