



# Ha'Kol

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

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## TIZMORET Queens College A Cappella

Wednesday, January 11

6:30 -7:30 p.m.

Temple Beth El, 3037 Kingston Pike

Sponsored by Temple Beth El, Knoxville Jewish Alliance,  
Heska Amuna Synagogue, Knoxville Jewish Day School,  
and the Ted and Dolly Reback Fund of the KJCF

### About Us!

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

Under the direction of Daniel Henkin, Tizmoret has taken Jewish collegiate a cappella to the next level, performing classic Jewish melodies, American pop music, and contemporary Israeli tunes. They have produced 7 CDs and 2 EPs.

Tizmoret has performed at college campuses, countless b'nei-mitzvot, synagogues, and various music festivals across the Eastern United States. They recently toured Canada, the East Coast, and Florida; won Kol HaOlam (the National Jewish Collegiate A Cappella Competition) in 2011, 2012, and 2015; and performed at the annual White House Hanukkah party in 2014.



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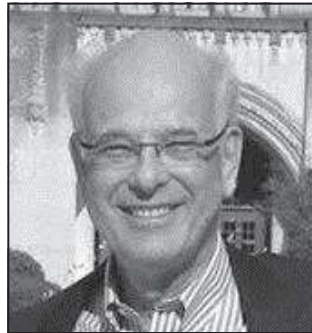
# TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES

## Where's the Rig?

By Scott B. Saulson, PhD, Interim Rabbi

Globalization together with liberal lending policies have lifted millions out of poverty, both globally and nationally, like never before. Indeed, the removal of barriers -- economic, political, cultural, social, and intellectual -- has always been a boon to our people wherever we have lived. This has been our historical experience. In comparison, ghetto life was not only an eyesore, but also a comprehensive prison imposed against our will.

So, it is true: a rising tide lifts all boats. However, as our president-elect has aptly avowed, the system is rigged. Some have access to locks which allow them to sail upstream into bodies of water far elevated above where most of us float. The obvious consequence is burgeoning disparities of wealth. The anxiety and anger associated with these disparities have been too long ignored by incumbents who well know who butters their bread. A revolution has been in the offing for some time. But its failure will soon become painfully apparent. Why? Because it pledges allegiance to the flag of "every man for himself" -- a wholly un-Jewish principle that seems to hold the American electorate in thrall. Were David to proclaim today (Psalm 135.16), "They have mouths, but they speak not; they have eyes, but they see not," his assessment would be only partially correct. Would be better to say, "They have mouths that surely do speak, yet eyes that don't see."



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## TEMPLE BETH EL & HESKA AMUNA JOINT SHABBAT EVE

Friday, January 6

Temple Beth El

6 p.m. Worship

7 p.m. Dinner

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

865.524.3521 or [secretary@tbeknox.org](mailto:secretary@tbeknox.org)

Friday, February 3

Heska Amuna Synagogue

865.522.0701 or [admin@heskaamuna.org](mailto:admin@heskaamuna.org)

## Temple Topics

By Howard Pollock, TBE Acting President

It is an honor and a pleasure to share some thoughts with all of you for my first *Ha'Kol* article. We are fortunate to be linked through these pages and can learn about activities within the respective organizations that interest each of us. I look forward to broadening my relationships in the greater Knoxville Jewish community.

I want to thank Liz Gassel for her exemplary service and dedication to Temple Beth El. She graciously agreed to serve an additional six months as President to assist with the transition and welcoming of Rabbi Saulson to Knoxville. Both Liz and Mike deserve our gratitude for countless hours and ongoing dedication to Temple Beth El. As 1st Vice President, I agreed to serve the remainder of Liz's term as Acting President through June 30, 2017. During this time we remain committed to working on many important projects at Temple Beth El. One of our most important tasks will be to participate in and support the work of our Rabbinic Search Committee in identifying the best candidate to be our settled or permanent Rabbi.

I was born in Erie, PA and received a BA from the University of Michigan and an MBA from New York University. Prior to moving to Knoxville in 1997, I previously lived in Washington, New York and Atlanta. I have been happily married to Janice since 2000 and we have two children – Sophie (8th Grade) and Leo (6th Grade) and I thank them for their support. Growing up, our family belonged to a reform congregation that was about the same size as Temple Beth El. Learning about Judaism occurred through very engaged Rabbis and a strong religious school program. There were many role models as the congregation found its way in a community that also included a Conservative synagogue in an otherwise predominantly Roman Catholic community. I was also very fortunate to have parents who valued their involvement with Temple life.

I want to thank the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, Committee Chairs and hardworking members for allowing me to serve in this role. I also want to thank Rabbi Saulson, Norma James, and Tina Fleeman for your wide ranging support and assistance in serving the members of our congregation.

Temple Beth El has a proud tradition in East Tennessee. Our congregation is comprised of a broad cross section of members. Many of our members were born and raised in this community and possess the unique insight of our history. There are many members from different places who now call Knoxville home plus others who are new to this community and are gaining a sense of all this area has to offer.

To all who currently honor our congregation with your participation – Thank you!

To those who are interested in learning more about Temple Beth El or wish to serve in new or different ways please visit our web site at [www.tbeknox.org](http://www.tbeknox.org) or contact our office at 524-3521.

We embrace the challenges that are ahead of us and strive for excellence in all that we do. As members of this *Kehilah Kedosha* (Holy Community) we are connected through our customs, our relationships and our hope for a vibrant Reform Congregation.

**The Temple Beth El office  
will be closed  
January 2**



## Community Open Mic

*Celebrating Shabbat Shirah\**

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

**The Central Collective  
93 North Central Street**

Cool, Chic & Relaxed + Plenty of Parking

Cider, Wine, and Dale's Fried Pies

Liberate your spirit!

Recite or jam your favorites or originals

amidst friends & acquaintances!

**Sponsor:** Temple Beth El

**Impresaria:** Marilyn Kallet, [mkallet@utk.edu](mailto:mkallet@utk.edu)

\* Corresponding to the songs of Moses and Miriam  
having crossed the split Sea of Reeds.

## Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Kropp, Sisterhood President

What does it mean to be a Tennessee Volunteer, from a Jewish perspective? Well that is something Sisterhood has been thinking about lately. Thanks to Linda Zaretski and a team of volunteers, Sisterhood has been very active in the community. We have had members helping ladies at the YWCA downtown and at the Phyllis Wheatley Center with the youth. We have begun the planning process for our Shabbat for Hunger to be held in March to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank (watch for more details next month). Volunteering to us is a way to perform Mitzvot, something that we are proud to do. If you would like to be part of these, or another project, please let us know. It is just another way to be inVOLved.

Our next program will be Sunday, January 15. Watch the Blast for more information.

Many thanks to Bernice Copcutt for teaching our Rosh Chodesh group how to make beaded earrings for Rosh Chodesh Kislev on December 1. Bernice donated all the materials and gave extra time to teach Dahlia Smith, Linda Zaretski, and Meredith Jaffe how to be “helpers.” Thanks also to Karen Smith and Lesley Krakauer for help with our dinner.

If you have not yet joined Sisterhood, it is not too late. All of our programs are open to any one whether you are a member or not. Please remember if you are new to Temple this year, your first year membership is complimentary. Please check us out and see what we are all about. I look forward to seeing you at a future program.



### TBE Sisterhood Enjoys Outing at Chico's

(Far Left) Meredith Jaffe and Karen Smith

(Right) Lucy Barkan, Tammy Kropp, Meredith Jaffe, and Dahlia Smith

(Below) Lesley Krakauer and friend

## Mah Jongg Madness Tournament at Temple Beth El

By Karen Smith

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

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

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

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

See you at mah jongg!



## Temple Beth El Religious School January 2017 Update

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

### Midweek Classes Resumes January 11 and Religious School resumes January 15.

#### Tizmoret Ensemble will present a concert at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, in the Temple Beth El sanctuary.

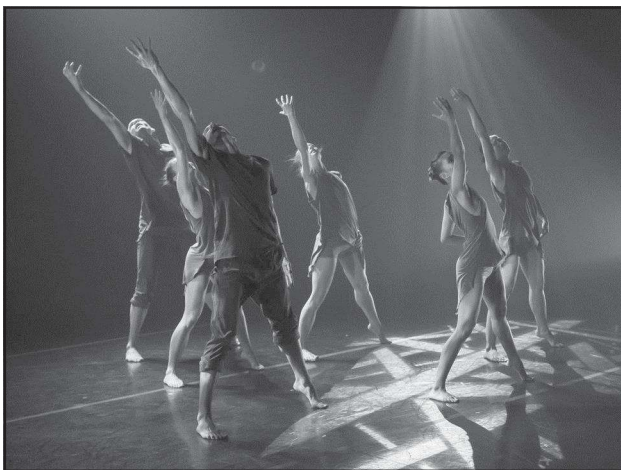
Temple Beth El is joining our community in sponsoring this excellent musical performance by students of Queens College. Our Midweek Hebrew students will have class 4:30-6:00 p.m. as usual AND will be treated to a pizza dinner after class so that they can all stay for the concert. Heska Amuna students will also have their classes at TBE that day and will join our students for dinner. We have made this concert an early evening event so that all of our community, especially our families, can attend. The concert will end by 7:30 p.m. Please make plans to attend this special event.

#### We DO have Religious School on MLK Weekend!

Join us for school and special social justice programming on Sunday,

**January 22 is Torah Tots!** Start the New Year off with a great program for your little ones! Torah Tots is 9:45-11:15 a.m. Come see what Larissa and Norma have in store for you. I totally love our Tots and our Tot parents. If you want a treat, just peak in and take a look at the fun that happens in Torah Tots. Torah Tots is open to children ages 1-4 and Temple membership is not a requirement. Contact Norma James for more information or just bring your little one on January 22.

**Friday, January 27 Chai Class conducts services:** Tara Bain's class has been working hard to prepare a wonderful service. Our post B'nei Mitzvah class always does a wonderful job of taking us deeper into Torah. You will be amazed at the skills these young people have. Keara Bain, Lauren Shagan, Sidney Kay, Kirk Larsen, Ryan Gibbons, Nathanael Laing, Reuben Margulies, Frank Sturm, Ben Margulies, and Sarah Perez will conduct the service. Parents of the Chai class will host the oneg.



Confirmation class students and some TBE members will enjoy seeing the Israeli Koresh Dance Group in February.

#### ISJL Fellow Leah Wittenberg returns for the weekend January 27-29.

Leah was a huge hit with our congregation on her last visit. Leah will join our Chai students on the Bima for Shabbat evening. As part of her weekend programming, Leah and Norma will host a Havdalah Hangout with all of our students on Saturday evening. We will have dinner, games, and an ice cream Havdalah. Leah promises to bring the ISJL Giant Jenga as one of our games. Put January 28 on your calendar. On Sunday, Leah will once again plan special learning activities for our RS students. ISJL Fellows ROCK!

#### Israeli Koresh Dance Group to perform at the Clayton Performing Arts Center Saturday, February 4.

We have special group rates and RS will help defray the cost of any student who wants to attend. Rabbi Scott is paying for our Confirmation class to attend. We hope our students and parents will attend this event.

## Contributions to the Funds of Temple Beth El

Donations listed were received as of November 18, 2016

### ERMA GERSON COMMUNITY FUND

In memory of Ethel Misner

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By: Neil Moss

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In memory of Scott Clabo

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In honor of the birth of my grandson,

Asher Jordan Seidman

By: Wilma Weinstein

In memory of Richard (Dick) Zivi

By: Robert Zivi

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In memory of Jay Goodfriend

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In memory of my grandfather,

Max Gillman

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In memory of Harold S. Bernard

By: Maurice Greif

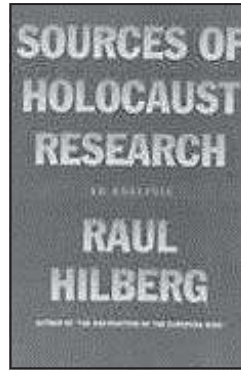
## SOURCES OF HOLOCAUST RESEARCH by Raul Hilberg

Book on TBE Holocaust Memorial Bookshelf

Review by Henry A. Fribourg

Since the publication of his monumental *Destruction of the European Jews* (1961), Raul Hilberg, who practically invented the field of Holocaust studies, has been the acknowledged master of Holocaust historians. In *Sources of Holocaust Research*, he distills a lifetime of scholarly investigation into an indispensable primer on the use of sources in the writing of Holocaust history. "It is not a manual or epistemological treatise," Hilberg advises, "but an analysis of the types of materials, their composition, style, content, and usability." He was excited when he first contemplated a series of rooms stuffed with German records captured by the US Army – 28,000 beautiful shelf feet of them, more than could be read in any person's lifetime – and approvingly quotes another veteran researcher surveying local archives in the USSR and the GDR in all their chaotic splendor, who observed that *looking at all these files, which had been locked behind the Iron Curtain for so long, was like being at the Creation again.*

Looming behind the monstrous piles is an elaborate Gothic structure: the complex, interlocking bureaucratic organizations through which the 8.5 million Nazis and their acolytes carried out the Holocaust. Hilberg achieved the Herculean task of reconstructing that obscene edifice: the range of personalities who staffed them; those who watched; those who suffered violence directly and indirectly. He is a patient hunter, but the hunt is fueled by rage at those millions who carried out or helped the hunt and the kill. He goes on to describe, first, the "exterior" examination and classification of sources; next the "interior" view—the configuration, characteristic style, and highly selective content of the sources; and, finally, what may be extracted from them, considering the intrinsic problems of the material itself and the "external conditions." Throughout, Hilberg makes use of a rich fund of examples and anecdotes to illustrate his principles. The result is a book that anyone seriously interested in Holocaust research music.



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**Monday – Friday:**  
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### Our Mission

To inspire individuals to know, live, and shape our Jewish legacy.

In fulfilling our mission, we value our place in the chain of traditions, the diversity of those who seek to join us in our venture, and the kindness essential to a sacred community.

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

## TBE Library *Israel, Martin Gilbert*

Thanks to Ebbie Sandberg for the donation of a copy of *Israel* to the Temple library. *Israel* is a very in-depth history of the State of Israel. Many laud Gilbert's books and atlases for their meticulous scholarship and his clear objective presentation of complex events.

## TBE Friday Shabbat Times

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

## Sisterhood Breakfast & Event

**Sunday, January 15**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Temple Beth El**

Please bring plain t-shirts to be decorated and sent to the children of the Gatlinburg fire victims. We are also collecting school supplies to send to them.

The wife of Rabbi PJ Schwartz, one of the rabbi candidates, will be joining us for this event.



# JANUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Last night-Hanukkah New Year's Day</b></p> <p>9:30a minyan-HA</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>AJCC Preschool Winter Break TBE Office closed 7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym 6:15p Ballroom Dancing-JCOR</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>AJCC Preschool Winter Break 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>AJCC Preschool Winter Break Noon Rabbi's Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 1-2p Beginner Sign Language-BBYO Rm 2:15-3p Beginner Tai Chi-Orwitz Room 3-4p Adv Tai Chi-Orwitz Rm 7p Talmud study-HA</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>AJCC Preschool Winter Break 7a Morning Minyan-HA 7:30p Israeli dancing-Gym</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>AJCC Preschool Winter Break Noon-1 p.m. Knitting Circle-AJCC Orwitz Rm 4:45p JFS Shabbat-Sherrill Hills 6:30p Sisterhood Shabbat &amp; Potluck-JCOR <b>Joint TBE-HA Shabbat Service at TBE</b> 6p Worship 7p Shabbat Dinner</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR  <b>7:30p LEFT VS. RIGHT: The Battle for Israel's Soul (Tobin-Goldberg Debate)-AJCC</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Rel School-HA 9:30a Rel School-TBE 10a Gan K'Tan-HA 10a Bar/Bat Mitzvah Workshop-HA Noon-3p Pickleball-Gym</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Welcome Back to AJCC Preschool 7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym 6:15p Ballroom Dancing-JCOR</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 6p KJA Exec Comm-offsite 7p Hadassah Board-Orwitz Room 7:30p KJA Fundraising mtg-AJCC Archives Rm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Noon Rabbi's Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 1-2p Beginner Sign Language-BBYO Rm 2p Calendar mtg-AJCC 2:15-3p Beginner Tai Chi-Orwitz Room 3-4p Adv Tai Chi-Orwitz Room 4p HARS (Meet at TBE) 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE <b>6:30-7:30p TIZMORET—A Cappella Community Concert-TBE</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 5:45-6:30p Soccer Shots-AJCC Gym 7:30p Israeli dancing-Gym</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Noon-1 p.m. Knitting Circle-AJCC Orwitz Rm <b>6-9p YJAK Shabbat-Orwitz Room</b> 6p Sunset Minyan-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9a Shabbat School-HA 9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 10a Shabbat morning Minyan-TBE 7p Jewish Film Series: <i>A Borrowed Identity</i>-JCOR</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Rel School-TBE 10a Sisterhood Breakfast &amp; Event-TBE Noon-3p Pickleball-Gym  <b>4p KJDS Performance of Wizard of Oz-Clayton Center for Performing Arts (see page 35)</b></p>	<p><b>16 MLK, Jr. Day</b></p> <p>AJCC Preschool closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 7a Morning Minyan-HA <b>10a MLK Parade</b> 8:30a line up for parade 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC 6:15p Ballroom Dancing-JCOR <b>7p Immigration Policy Forum-AJCC (see page 8)</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7:30p Hadassah Book Group-<i>Butterflies in November</i>-Barnes &amp; Noble Booksellers</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>AJCC Preschool Winter Break <b>Noon Friendship-Sherrill Hills Retirement Community</b> Noon Rabbi's Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 1-2p Beginner Sign Language-BBYO Rm 2:15-3p Beginner Tai Chi-Orwitz Room 3-4p Adv Tai Chi-Orwitz Room 4p HARS-HA 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 7p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 5:45-6:30p Soccer Shots-AJCC Gym 7:30p Israeli dancing-Gym 7:30p R &amp; RS Mtg-HA</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Noon-1 p.m. Knitting Circle-AJCC Orwitz Rm 5:30p Tot Shabbat-HA 7p Shabbat Service-TBE 7:30p Shabbat Eve Service &amp; Dessert Oneg by Men's Club-JCOR</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:30a Shabbat Service (Sisterhood Shabbat)-HA  9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR Rabbi's Study Session after services-JCOR</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Rel School-HA 9:30a Rel School-TBE 9:45-11:45a Torah Tot-TBE 10:30a Sisterhood program-HA Noon-3p Pickleball-Gym <b>1-8p Knoxville Jewish Film Festival-AJCC (see page 24)</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC 6:15p Ballroom Dancing-JCOR <b>7p With a Six Shooter and Spurs</b> Robinson Modern Israel Lecture-McClung Auditorium, UT Campus</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>6-9:30p Fencing-Gym</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>AJCC Preschool Winter Break Noon Rabbi's Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 1-2p Beginner Sign Language-BBYO Rm 2:15-3p Beginner Tai Chi-Orwitz Room 3-4p Adv Tai Chi-Orwitz Room 4p HARS-HA 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 7p Talmud Study-HA</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>7a Morning Minyan-HA 5:45-6:30p Soccer Shots-AJCC Gym 7p <i>Unmasked Judeophobia</i> film screening-McClung Museum Auditorium, UT Campus 7:30p Israeli dancing-Gym</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Noon-1 p.m. Knitting Circle-AJCC Orwitz Rm 7p Shabbat Service led by Chai Class-TBE</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR Teen Havdalah Hangout-TBE</p>
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## KNOXVILLE MLK, JR. MEMORIAL PARADE Monday, January 16



- ◆ Line-up will be at 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Step-off will be at 10:00 a.m. from the YWCA Phyllis Wheatley Center, 124 S. Cruze Street, 37915

The purpose of the parade is to offer the community a visual and audible display in tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The 2017 Parade route will stretch from the Tabernacle Baptist Church on Martin Luther King Avenue to Greater Warner Tabernacle AME Zion Church in Burlington.

**If you can walk in the MLK, Jr. parade, please contact**

Shelley Mangold	smango5@yahoo.com
Renee' Hyatt	renee.j.hyatt@gmail.com
Marilyn Wohl	mwohl@aol.com

For complete information on Knoxville's MLK Week events, please visit [www.mlkknoxville.com/2017](http://www.mlkknoxville.com/2017).



## IMMIGRATION POLICY FORUM: A Community Response to Injustice Monday, January 16 7:00 p.m. Arnstein Jewish Community Center

*"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."  
Martin Luther King, Jr.*

With immigration issues in the news, the AJCC hosts an educational community forum that will feature a panel discussion about immigration policy, which will then be followed by a Q&A session.

**Please RSVP** to [office@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:office@jewishknoxville.org) to ensure proper seating. Open to community. Thank you.

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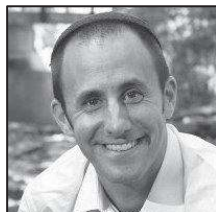
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## My First Book

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

*Kohanim* (“the Priestly Benediction”) is being released this month and contains essays by first-rate American and international authors discussing the mystery of the Bible’s best known blessing. Drawn from a pool of 150+ authors writing for the ten-volume series on Jewish prayers and ideas, these authors present almost two dozen different approaches to the ancient text, each inspiring and uplifting in its own way – and each rooted in the author’s personal erudition and scholarship. (Martin S. Cohen, editor)



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### Rabbi Ferency’s excerpt

Why, then, ought we to pray?

Let me begin my answer by way of a story. In our community of Knoxville, Tennessee, services on the first night of Rosh Hashanah are sparsely attended, and then generally by persons who do not set foot in the synagogue at any other time. These are people dipping a toe in the waters of Jewish life. So I have taken it upon myself to lead these services alone, in a simple, improvisational fashion. Weather permitting, we move a few dozen chairs into our modest, pleasant courtyard. Early on in the one-hour service, I like to pair up the attendees with someone they have not met before, and ask them to interview each other briefly, with the intention of offering each other a blessing for the coming year; then, they exchange simple blessings. I think it is a wonderful moment of strangers attending to one another. “I really liked that,” someone invariably tells me afterward, “but it felt too Christian.”

Allow me to address that perception, as it is a passion of mine to reclaim for Judaism theology and practice what has been deemed “too Christian.” Indeed, there is a precedent within Jewish tradition for exchanging blessings. For example, consider the following verse from the Book of Psalms: “May the one who enters be blessed in the name of the Eternal; we bless you from the house of the Eternal” (118:26). Or the following exchange found in the Book of Ruth, one of our foundational stories that intertwines conversion, social justice, and messianism: “Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, ‘May the Eternal be with you.’ And they answered him, ‘May the Eternal bless you’” (2:4). These blessings were reciprocal, and they flowed in to and out of certain springs, not unlike the aesthetic and theological context of the Priestly Blessing.

Therefore, through the Priestly Blessing, we may discover anew why we pray. What do we hope to achieve with the words *God bless you and keep you; God light up God’s face to you in grace; God lift God’s face to you and bestow peace to you?* What might be the priests’ intent when they recite this blessing, now or in ancient times? Is it either meaningless, simply a trite greeting; or magical, a way of forcing God to grant the blessings that the priests recite? Let’s assume that it is not a bland nostrum, offered in the way that you might say “How are you?” to which I reply “Fine, thanks.” Prayer must have some meaning, else why would people do it? Then, is it magic? Might the priests force God’s hand, and make God treat us well? Is their prayer a sort of decree, couched in a request, a public pitchfork, as it were?

In a different teaching, Rabbi Ukba explains that the priest concludes his ritual by saying “Ruler of the Universe, we have performed what You decreed upon us; now You fulfill for us what You promised.” Here, too, it is a compelling instruction, yet one rooted in the worst kind of hubris. First of all, it suggests a wholly transactional understanding of prayer: we do what God wants (i.e., we obey the *mitzvot*) and so must God do what we ask (in prayer). That is certainly not a healthy understanding of prayer; at the very least, it makes our relationship with God less intimate. Hopefully, our relationship with the Divine is not so mercenary. Moreover, if we have this power over God, to invoke a blessing and compel a response, then it is not really “prayer” at all, but an order for shoes. If prayer is not a metaphysical amazon.com—not theurgy nor magic—then how is it meaningful?

With this essay, I hope to shift the inquiry from causes to effects: what is the effect of prayer? Join me in re-framing prayer not as a matter of humans soliciting clemency from God’s decrees. This outmoded framework places the pray-er either in the position of sycophant or petulant child. If the intellectually honest and mature goal of prayer is not—at least, not mainly—to change God’s mind or to reform God’s plan, then what is its goal? Why pray, and why pray in a community? How might it move us or motivate us? In this, it seems that the Priestly Blessing is an excellent test case, which may in turn elucidate prayer generally.

*Birkat Kohanim: The Priestly Blessing*, David Birnbaum & Martin S. Cohen, editors  
(New York: New Paradigm Matrix Publishing, 2016), pp. 385-387.

## Chairman's Musings

By Hal Manas, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

It's time for the secular New Year. If it is 10 days after you still don't have to worry about me asking for money. Well, maybe not. Not right now anyway. I'm trying to think of it as a new beginning. Things have been going well lately and I am happy about that. Every time something awful rears its ugly head, we manage to get out in front and make things good again. I don't know exactly how, but I am not going to question that kind of good fortune. I suspect that it is the people who make up the leadership of Heska Amuna Synagogue.

The one place that we seem to have a serious problem that just lingers is our morning Minyan. We can't get enough people some days. This is all very disappointing to me because I have been trying unsuccessfully to keep the morning Minyan going for some time now. Before that we tried to keep the afternoon Minyans going. Well, that didn't work for an assortment of reasons. A while back we sent out an e-mail asking the members to commit to one day a month to attend a morning Minyan. We didn't get much response. I know that it can be a pain to get up and out of bed early enough to make it work, but if you get into the habit it becomes a part of your routine. It can be a very good and beneficial part of your routine, too. There are many reasons for this: some people say that it is a kind of meditation with all of the benefits that implies, some people say that putting on Tefilin is a similar to acupuncture in that it puts pressure on certain parts of your arm that can help your general health, some people like the social aspect of morning Minyan and going to breakfast together after our prayers, still others like being up and ready to face the rest of the day. A few people even like the religious aspect. You get a jump on the weekly Parsha.

This week we have been reading the Parsha of my Bar Mitzvah. It is Lech Lecha. It brings back some strange memories, like when Rabbi Hertz left me reading the Hebrew again and again and forgot to come and tell me it was time to go home. My parents finally came looking for me and found me all alone in the Synagogue. I'd like to think that it helped, but the sad truth is that I was a terrible student and was lucky to get through my Bar Mitzvah. I guess I'm still trying to make up for that.

In a way this is just an invitation to please try to join us. You can find the days and times in the website ([www.heskaamuna.org](http://www.heskaamuna.org)) and the *Nu News*: Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. and Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. These times change on holidays, both Jewish and secular, so keep up with the website and *Nu News*.

If you have read this far, I want you to know that attending Minyan is easier than what you have just endured.



## Pitching In!

### So Much to Do at Heska Amuna....Please Join Us!

Ladies: Heska Amuna Sisterhood is moving forward in many ways and your help is needed. We have many good ideas and need a few great volunteers to move ahead with them. Below are some opportunities for your involvement:

- ◆ Working with the Planning Committee on the Circles of Caring, developing new ways to support our members and their families
- ◆ Involvement in the Membership Committee with Jeannie Bobroff and Judi Abrams
- ◆ Discussion of a Children's Play Area at Heska Amuna, committee in formation with Karen Ferency and Peggy Littmann
- ◆ Learning about Kashrut and developing a new Catering Committee
- ◆ Planning a Purim social event with Shuli Mesa....a big surprise
- ◆ Volunteering for a Mitzvah Day program with Dahlia Smith
- ◆ Developing a "welcome wagon" program for new synagogue members with Peggy Littmann
- ◆ Interested in helping us promote Kroger cards, as a fund raiser
- ◆ Joining with Anna Iroff-Bailey in planning the next Jewish Learning at Home program
- ◆ Helping with the Plastic Bag project to make mats for the Red Cross and Homeless Shelter



**Do you have an idea or something you would like to do? Let us know.  
Contact Barb Levin at [Barb11@aol.com](mailto:Barb11@aol.com) or on her cell phone, (423) 337-1147.  
Heska Amuna Sisterhood is all about volunteering.**



## President's Report

By Raphe Panitz, Ph.D., Synagogue President

This is my first report to you for the calendar year of 2017. In these reports, I usually try to bring to your attention aspects or ideas relevant to Judaism that do not always grab the headlines. This month's report will be no different. Since we often discuss Heska Amuna's financial/monetary issues at board meetings, I would like to focus below on a related topic that has always fascinated me - numismatics and Judaism. I will also include a picture of a Hebrew/Judean coin, similar to one I purchased in a Jerusalem coin store.

Although we do not have any coins from the pre-exilic era, the Tanach does contain numerous references to a medium of exchange, including gold and silver. We find terms such as shekels, talents, and bekas. In fact, the word shekel comes from a Semitic verb meaning "to weigh out silver," which is found in the Code of Hammurabi. Scholars believe that the first "coins" used by our Hebrew ancestors were polished stones, with the weight inscribed or engraved on them.

Coins are believed to have been invented by the Greeks sometime in the eighth century BCE. Several hundred years later, coins begin to appear in Judea. The Book of Ezra mentions the term "drams," a synonym for the Persian coin known as a "daric." The first Judean coins were produced in Judea during the times when Judea was part of the Persian Empire, (6<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> centuries BCE). The Jews produced small silver coins with the name Yehud, the Persian name for the province of Judea, inscribed on the coin. One coin has an inscription of 'Yehizqiyah the Governor.' Some of these coins were minted in Gaza. This article includes an image of a bronze prutah.

One of the by-products of Alexander the Great's conquest of Judea and Phoenicia (c. 335 BCE) was the building of mints in cities such as Akko and Tyre. The mint at Akko produced what are called silver tetradrachms, containing the portraits of Alexander and the god Zeus. The Phoenician city of Tyre produced both silver shekels and silver half shekels, in great quantity. Since the Jews had no silver coins of their own during this period (c. 100 BCE-66 C.E.), these coins became the standard way for Jews to pay their taxes. It is the Tyrian coins that are mentioned in the New Testament. Some scholars also believe that there was a mint in Jerusalem which replaced the mint in Tyre around 20 BCE.

The First Book of Maccabees reports that Antiochus VII, King of Syria, granted the Maccabees the right to coin money (app. 142 BCE). He also issued small bronze coins which had a Jewish image on one side and a Syrian image on the other. These coins were minted in Jerusalem.

The first completely Jewish coins were minted by the Hasmoneans, also known as the Maccabees. While scholars disagree over which king issued what and when, the time span for these coins was 135-37 BCE. These coins were made from bronze and the denominations were a "perutah" and a "half-prutah." Most were inscribed in ancient Hebrew lettering, although one coin, in modern Hebrew letters, refers to "King Alexander Year 25." This refers to the King Alexander Jannaeus, and can be dated to 78 BCE. I have attached to this article the images of a bronze prutah, from the reign of Alexander Jannaeus, inscribed as follows:

Obverse: (in Hebrew): Yehonatan the High Priest and the Council of the Jews.

Reverse: A double cornucopia adorned with ribbons and a pomegranate.

Many Judean coins were minted during the reign of Herod the Great. These coins featured helmets, shields, bowls, and anchors. Some had the inscription "Herod the Great."

This brief article concludes with a few words of the coins produced by the Jews during the First and Second Revolts (66-70 C.E., 132-135 C.E.). Coins were produced during all eight years, at the mint in Jerusalem. The denominations were the shekel and half shekel, and were minted in silver and bronze. Inscriptions included "shekel of Israel," "Jerusalem the holy," and "the deliverance of Zion." Scholars have also identified quarter and half shekels. Coins are dated to the year of the revolt (1-5). Symbols on the coins included chalices, pomegranates, amphorae, and Succoth related items- lulavim and etrogim. Many coins were also minted during the Second Revolt (132-135 C.E.), known as the Bar Kochba Revolt. These coins were the last Jewish coins made by an independent Jewish state until the establishment of Israel in 1948.

I hope that this short article on ancient Judean numismatics has introduced you to a fascinating topic.

*Shalom uveracha.*



*Bronze prutah coin*

## Heska Amuna Sisterhood Says...

**Special Thanks** to **Ellen Kern and Peggy Littmann** for their Sisterhood Jewish Book Month Program last month. Members gathered to discuss Edith Pearlman's collection of short stories, *Honeydew*. The group enjoyed exploring a series of remembrances in this very accessible source of literature--the short story. Ms. Pearlman is an accomplished writer of tales and is presently working at 85.

Sisterhood is considering other literature events this year. Please send comments or ideas to Ellen Kern, Peggy Littmann, or Barb Levin.

## Sisterhood News

### A New Vision of Women's League, With 60 Years of Perspective

By Barb Levin, Heska Amuna Sisterhood President

In 2017 Women's League for Conservative Judaism is celebrating its centennial year. Across the country, Sisterhoods are taking time to remember their achievements and the many women who made and make things happen. While Heska Amuna's Sisterhood is not quite that old, we will be joining the national celebration this year, starting with **Sisterhood Shabbat on January 20 and 21**.

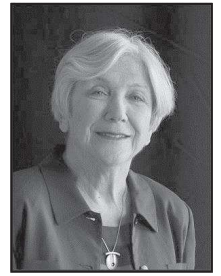
The theme of this year's event is: *P'ri Yadecha* – The Fruit of Her Hands, a phrase from Proverbs *Eishet Chayil*, a Women of Valor. Reflecting on the contribution of women to Sisterhood and the broader synagogue community, the weekend will remember the work of women throughout the decades. The value of their "time, talents, and treasures" will be explored.

**Wendy Besmann**, author of *A Separate Circle*, a history of Jewish life in Knoxville, will be our keynote speaker, and will comment on the changing role of women in the congregation and community through the past century. Her *d'var Torah* is titled "How to Say No and When to Say Yes: Lessons from Feisty Jewish Women". Wendy writes, "We will talk about the lessons they (the women of history) can teach us today about how we demonstrate our values in spending our time – and how we can do that more consciously, making choices among good volunteer causes." Her comments are relevant to the new emphasis on volunteerism which Heska Amuna is fostering through the Glazer Fund.

In addition, there will be an interactive program on Sunday celebrating women's contributions to our community. We will honor the women who have been given the Light of Torah Award, an award given every two years by our Sisterhood to a woman who has served the greater needs of our synagogue. We will celebrate these leading ladies and discuss their contributions through a series of shared activities highlighting their lives in art, writing, and drama. We will use as a background to the ongoing conversation about what Sisterhood can do to help its members, as well as the broader congregation. Sisterhood support and service ties this historical program to our future.

The Torah Fund's purpose and this year's goals will also be discussed during this weekend. Nationally, the Torah Fund provides more than \$2 million of funding for rabbinic and other students at the various seminaries and schools. Heska Amuna Sisterhood is working toward 100% participation of members in this worthwhile endeavor.

Join us for a weekend of remembrance and planning as we celebrate 100 years of Women's League and the importance of volunteerism in our East Tennessee community.



Barb Levin

### A Trip Down Memory Lane: Sisterhood Remembers the Bright Lights of Torah

As part of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Heska Amuna Sisterhood is focusing their Sisterhood Shabbat weekend of **January 21-22, 2017** on women who have made a difference in the congregation. After a keynote *d'var Torah* by Wendy Besmann, the Sisterhood will meet on Sunday morning for presentations and discussion of the work of the previous Light of Torah winners. This session will use the lives of these women as the basis for future planning, using the "vision-board" concept.

The list of Heska Amuna award winners is included at the end of this article. The lives of several of these women, particularly those who have departed, will be remembered at this program. In addition, several women whose contribution predated the Light of Torah will also be included in the discussion session.

#### Heska Amuna Light of Torah Award Winners

Natalie Robinson (1987), Mary Brown (1988), Marilyn Liberman (1989), Marian Goodstein (1990), Fay Robinson Gluck (1991), Melissa Sturm (1992), E. Marcia Katz (1993), Pat Rosenberg (1994), Barbara Phelps (1995), Marilyn Burnett (1996), Sandy Remson (1998), Dina Kramer (2000), Shelley Hecht (2002), Pat Rosenberg (2004), Rosalie Nagler (2006), Peggy Littmann, (2008), Marian Bayer (2010), Barbara Levin (2012), and Marian Jay (2015).



Jami Quartararo and Peggy Littmann cook latkes for Heska Sisterhood's JLAH Chanukah activity day.

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

## What's Up at Heska Amuna Religious School?

By Betty Golub, Director of Youth and Family Programming

Our children in grades 2 -7 lead Tefillah every Sunday and Wednesday. This is a wonderful opportunity to take what we learn in the classroom and implement the skills during services.

Rabbi Alon Ferency is teaching our children Trope. You can stop by on Wednesdays at 4:15 p.m. to participate with us!

Once a month our children attend **Shabbat School**. During the morning, our children are engaged in learning opportunities, followed by a student-led service.

Please visit us anytime! We love to show off what we are learning!



### Let's roll the calendar back to August 2016 and take a trip month by month to school!

#### August

- **Camp Chaverim** took place during the first week of August. This past summer we helped out at FISH Food Pantry. The campers felt good about lending a hand to the greater Knoxville community. Marian Bayer worked with our campers to create challah covers. Sandy Parker and Susan Arbital taught the children how to work with mosaics.
- Once again we began the new term with a Pool Party at the AJCC Pool. We ate fruit, played, and got to meet our teachers.
- We celebrated our first day at School with a brunch lovingly prepared by Marian Bayer, Pat Rosenberg and Marilyn Burnett

#### September

- Our students come from all over Knoxville, so each arrives at different times on Wednesdays. We do not want to lose teaching opportunities, so we begin our afternoon with a **Scavenger Hunt** which has the children scatter all over the synagogue to find answers. Questions range from reciting Hebrew answers, to finding the name of the library, to counting all our mezzuzot.
- After Rabbi teaches Trope, we have Tefillah. The children actually fight over who leads each prayer.
- The remainder of the afternoon is spent with Hebrew/Tefillah and Judaic studies.
- All the students had a blast at the very first **Sisterhood's Jewish Life At Home (JLAH)** day of learning and fun. The morning went nonstop with activities for every age group. The students learned how to make and braid challah and bake a yummy tartine.



*September's Sisterhood JLAH program taught HARS students to make and braid challah. Yum!*

#### October

- The holidays brought activities for all of our children from babies to teens. We had student-led **Junior Congregation, Mini Minyan, and Teen Discussion**. We had Yom Tov activities following services as well as a most yummy lunch. Thank you Gabe.
- We decorated the **Sukkah** and of course had lunch in the Sukkah. We practiced our Tefillah skills as each student holds the lulav and etrog.
- We did our annual Sukkah Hop at Morah Betty's house complete with kosher hot dogs and tater tots.
- We sang and danced with the Torah for **Simchat Torah** and watched as the Torah was unrolled around the entire sanctuary.

#### November

- Our teens have once again partnered with the teens from our local Mosque to help feed the homeless.
- We celebrated **Jewish Book Month** at **Global Day of Jewish Learning** at the AJCC with our friends from Temple. This year it was our turn to host this very special morning. It gave me an opportunity to write curriculum on Creation for our teachers and share it with the community.
- Gan K'tan Tan & Torah Tots were bursting at the seams. Our teachers taught about creation and our students had the opportunity to plant parsley seeds for Passover, as well as to design posters that illustrated how we are to take care of the earth. Award winning author **Julie Salamon** met with our children and discussed her books. She explained how she develops her ideas, how long it takes to write a book, and how she works with an illustrator.

#### December

- Our children learned about a **genizah** first hand. We traveled to the cemetery to see how we carefully bury sacred items.
- Once again our children participated in a very creative **JLAH Chanukah** program.

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Hal Manas, board chair, said "I would like to thank those members who attended for helping us meet the requirements of our Constitution and do the business of the Congregation as well as we can."



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<b>Wednesday, January 4</b>	No School
<b>Sunday, January 8</b>	School/Gan K'Tan Bar/Bat Mitzvah Workshop
<b>Wednesday, January 11</b>	School
<b>Saturday, January 14</b>	Shabbat School
<b>Sunday, January 15</b>	No School
<b>Wednesday, January 18</b>	School
<b>Sunday, January 22</b>	School
<b>Wednesday, January 25</b>	School
<b>Sunday, January 29</b>	School

**COMMUNITY-WIDE  
MITZVAH DAY CELEBRATION**

**Sunday, February 12**

**9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

**Arnstein Jewish Community Center  
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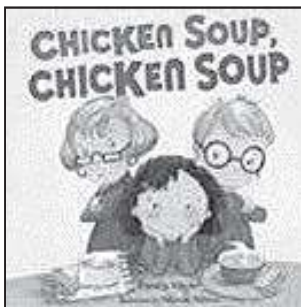
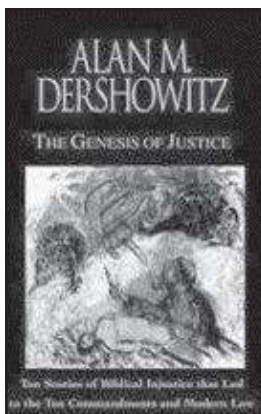
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## Winick Library Corner

By Dahlia Smith

The Winick Library has many books to help one delve into the rich stories and current Parshahs of Genesis. "*The Genesis of Justice*" by Alan Dershowitz, Professor of Law at Harvard University, is our featured selection this month. We read from the jacket that since childhood, Dershowitz has wanted to turn these stories inside out. As a result "*The Genesis of Justice*" is filled with humor and passion as well as erudition...which helps make these ancient writings more understandable, relevant, and wonderfully alive. This book is located in the **BIBLE** section on the library shelves.



### New Books

The children's section of the library has several new books to enjoy including "*Chicken Soup, Chicken Soup*" by Pamela Mayer. This is a sweet story about a loving granddaughter bringing together her two grandmothers recipes of chicken soup for the whole family. Recipes included.

If you have books that you would like to donate to the library, please contact Nancy Becker at [nechama419@yahoo.com](mailto:nechama419@yahoo.com) or give her a call at (865) 588-5294.

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HARS students enjoy JLAH activities.

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# Ha'Kol

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## KJA President's Comments

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

Wow! What a year 2016 was for KJA and the AJCC. It seems like we hit the ground running and never slowed down. I would like to think that we succeeded in creating more of a "community gathering place" and we will continue our efforts to provide programs throughout 2017 that appeal to everyone at one time or another.

Some of the events I had the pleasure of attending in 2016 include the Schwarzbart Gallery opening; Stand Up For Peace; JCOR's Bowling Tournament; Introduction of Pickleball; Merger of the AJCC Smokin' Salmon with the University Club Swim Team; Screening of *Body and Soul* by Gloria Greenfield; KNOSHVILLE; Friday Night Chill/Shabbat Dinner; AJCC Golf Tournament; Art Gallery Reception for former Knoxville David Barnett; KNOSHVILLE Deli Day; Shabbat at JCOR and Author Julie Salomon's lecture as part of Jewish Book Month.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make these programs and this past year a success. By attending or helping with some of the programs, as well as just my general involvement as KJA president, here's a little of what I've learned this past year:

- We've got a great Jewish community and I'd put it up against any community similar in size.
- There are several volunteers who continually step up to the plate time and time again. We can ask for needed volunteers and often get help, but there are a core group of people that you can always count on whether it's for time or money. Out of fear of leaving someone out, I won't mention names, but I guarantee you that we're all thinking of the same people.
- Deborah Oleshansky is amazing!
- Ed Hunter is incredible!
- ReNee', Joyce, Nicki, and Laura are outstanding!
- We've got a wonderful AJCC Preschool led by Kristen Cannon (and her staff), with the help of Martha Iroff, who has gotten our school to a wonderful place, not only in terms of curriculum and enrollment, but with reputation.
- Our facilities are dated and could certainly use some much-needed updating, but somehow we seem to be making lemonade out of lemons.
- The Schwarzbart Gallery and the elevator lift were great additions to the AJCC.
- Everyone seems to love the Archives, especially, the pictures on the back page of *Ha'Kol*.
- The KJA does so much behind-the-scenes for our community that people have no idea about what is happening on their behalf, whether it's fighting anti-Semitism, helping those less fortunate, or stepping up when something else is needed.
- We've got a great core of young adults who I truly believe will be the next leaders of our community. Jake Cone and Britt Sturm are two of these individuals and I'm proud to say they will also be co-chairs of the 2017 KJA Campaign.
- Speaking of KJA Campaign, we need to find an additional \$100,000, at least, to keep this organization afloat. We can't keep bleeding money if we want to continue to have an AJCC.
- Our executive board and board of directors work very hard on this community's behalf and there are a lot of very talented individuals on these boards and I'm lucky to have them to rely on.
- Stephen Rosen and Mary Linda Schwarzbart are great sounding boards.
- I've gotten more from serving as KJA president than the KJA has gotten from me.

Lastly, I'd like to take a moment to thank **Mary Linda Schwarzbart** for her many, many, many years of service. She is leaving the board today, but not before having served on every committee and having held every position. She has provided a great sense of history, she was always objective and looked at both sides, she only spoke at meetings when she had something pertinent to say, but when she did speak, you knew it was going to be worth listening to. She's been a friend to us all and has promised that she will continue to help the KJA in any way possible (but she won't have to attend meetings). Thank you, Mary Linda.



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*AJCC Preschool Director Kristen Cannon and her Dalet Class helps load cars with donations for Gatlinburg families affected by November's wildfires.*

## KJA Annual Meeting Draws Enthusiastic Crowd

The AJCC Orwitz Room was packed as the 2016 KJA Annual Meeting was called to order on December 11. After comments by President Adam Brown and Treasurer Daniel Messing, a presentation by AJCC Preschool Parent Brianna Rosenbaum, and KJA Executive Director Deborah Oleshansky, the KJA thanked Mary Linda Schwarzbart for her service as Secretary and elected Debbie Abrams-Cohen to fill the vacancy. Newly-installed KJA Campaign Co-Chairs Jake Cone and Britt Sturm shared some of their visions for the 2017 KJA Campaign, drawing positive comments from their audience. Attendees also helped identify their reasons for supporting strong Jewish communities through a quick brainstorming session before adjourning so that all could enjoy the AJCC Hanukkah activities. **Thank you to Ally Wiener, Margy Goldman, Marilyn Burnett,** and all of our AJCC Hanukkah volunteers!

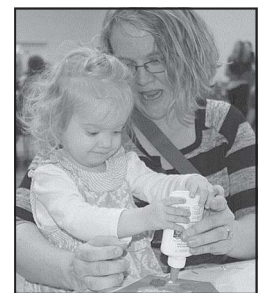


*(Above) KJA President Adam Brown summarizes a year that saw promising growth in the AJCC Preschool and youth programs and a continued struggle to raise funds to support Jewish community services before a packed audience at the annual meeting.*

*(Right) Incoming KJA Secretary Debbie Abrams-Cohen thanks outgoing KJA Secretary Mary Linda Schwarzbart for her support and community leadership.*



*The KJA welcomes new KJA Executive Board members Jake Cone, Debbie Abrams-Cohen, and Britt Sturm.*



### Hanukkah Celebration December 11 at the AJCC

*(Top left) Jake Javors and friend make dreidels with toothpicks and jelly beans.*

*(Left) Menorah making was popular with all ages.*

*(Above) Rachael Oberman Ellis' son Maxwell is very interested in decorating donuts.*

*Brianna Rosenbaum's daughter Claire loves gluing and decorating a dreidel.*

*Face painting was a popular kid station!*



## January Friendshipippers

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

Please join us for this month's Friendshipippers program. The Friendshipippers group gets together once a month for lunch and entertainment.

**Friendshipippers is open to all—  
we don't check IDs at the door!**

**Wednesday, January 18:**

A piano performance by Michael Burse  
By popular demand, Michael Burse is  
returning for a fun-filled Liberace-esque  
performance!

**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. 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](mailto:LBerry@jewishknoxville.org)

## AJCC Offers Tai Chi Classes

### BEGINNERS TAI CHI

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

### ADVANCED TAI CHI

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



This program is free, but advance registration is required. Please contact Laura Berry at [LBerry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:LBerry@jewishknoxville.org) or (865) 690-6343, ext. 18.

## 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

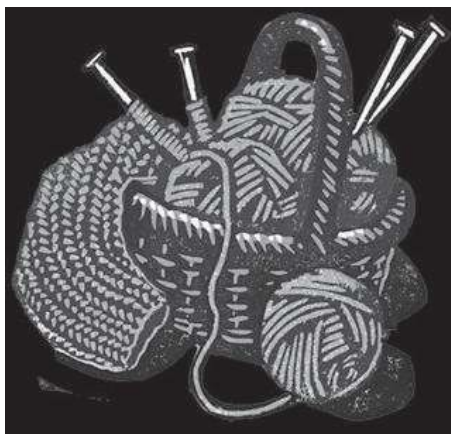
Promoting a healthy community and commitment to social justice is at the heart of KJA activity.

Join us as we DO SOMETHING together.

For details, contact Deborah Oleshansky  
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## Make Your Contribution to the KJA Today

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



Join us on Fridays at the

## KNITTING CIRCLE

Arnstein Jewish Community Center

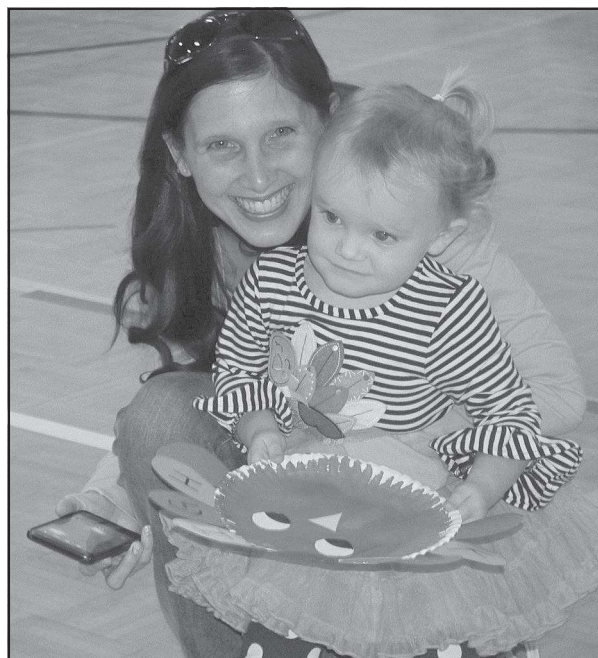
Experienced and beginning knitters are invited to join us as we sit and knit at noon on Fridays at the AJCC. Raeus Cannon is available to help beginners.

*There's no charge to join us, but please RSVP to Laura Berry at [lberry@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:lberry@jewishknoxville.org)*

## There's Lots to Be Thankful for at AJCC Preschool Thanksgiving Feast



*Dalet class performs "Mr. Turkey" at our Thanksgiving Feast.*



*Kristin and Kayleigh Haun enjoy Thanksgiving Feast 2016 at the AJCC.*



*(Above) AJCC Preschool families, students, and staff enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving potluck feast.*

*(Right) Brady and Magnus are ready to perform "Ted the Turkey" for our friends and families.*



*Kelsey Brooks and son Logan.*

### Volunteer Spotlight

#### Kelsey Brooks, AJCC Preschool Parent Liaison

Thank you to our volunteer of the month, Kelsey Brooks. Kelsey has been a great addition to the AJCC Preschool family since she relocated here from Ohio with her husband, Doug, and son Logan. Since Logan's first day in the Aleph class, Kelsey began asking if we needed help with anything. After a few months, AJCC Preschool Director, Kristen Cannon realized she would be perfect for the Parent Liaison position. Since acquiring the role, she has put her own spin on it and enhanced the parent-teacher and parent-community relationships. We thank her for everything she continues to do for our preschool.

Attention Kids and Parents

The AJCC will host a  
**KALEIDOSCOPE MAKING  
WORKSHOP**  
taught by Bob Grimac

**Monday, February 20**  
**President's Day**  
(Knox Co. Schools In-Service Day)

Watch for details in the  
February Ha'Kol!

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

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



Contact **Kristen Cannon**,  
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[www.jewishknoxville.org](http://www.jewishknoxville.org)



## 2017 AJCC Camp Registration Information Coming Soon!

### Here's How to Learn More:

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

Britt Sturm and Jake Cone invite you to attend a  
**2017 KJA Fundraising Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 10**  
7:30 p.m.  
AJCC Archives Room

We are ready for new ideas &  
ways to invest in the future!



**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.

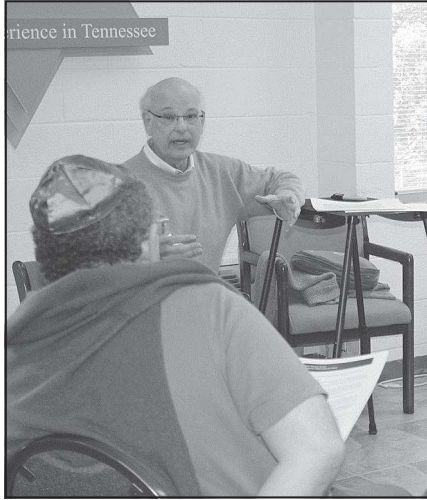
If you have hands-on project ideas, please contact Deborah Oleshansky at [doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org)



What's a UTK Hillel Hanukkah Party without homemade latkes and all the trimmings? UT students and faculty members enjoyed an early holiday party just before final exams! Thanks to KJA donors for supporting UTK Hillel.

## Jewish Book Month/Global Day of Learning Inspire All

*New York Times* best-selling author Julie Salamon spent a whirlwind weekend talking about her adult and children's books, philanthropy, the creative process, and more as the KJA Jewish Book Month author and the guest speaker at Global Day of Learning. She spoke at JCOR's Shabbat Service, Tate's School and the Cedar Bluff Public Library branch, a B'nai Tzedek teen luncheon, Global Day of Learning, and at the University of Tennessee before returning home to New York.



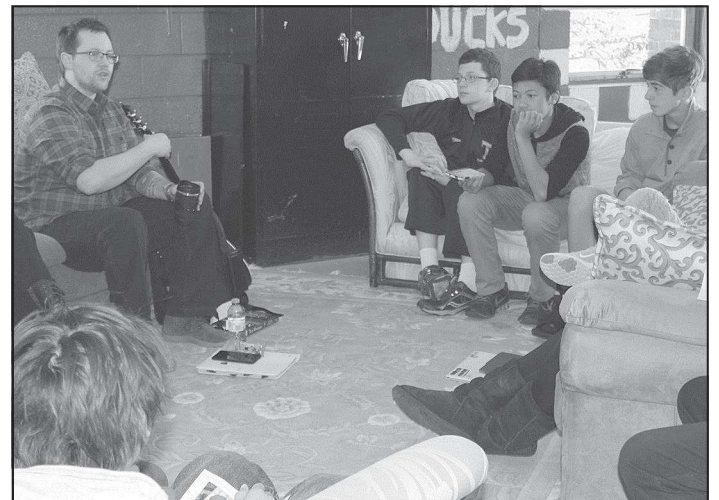
*TBE Rabbi Scott Saulson leads an adult study session at Global Day of Learning. Rabbis Alon Ferency and Yossi Wilhelm also led sessions.*



*Best-selling author Julie Salamon writes adult and children's books. She encouraged fifth graders to write. She also described the process of writing and publishing books.*



*TBE teacher Gina Feldblum leads GDL activities at the AJCC.*



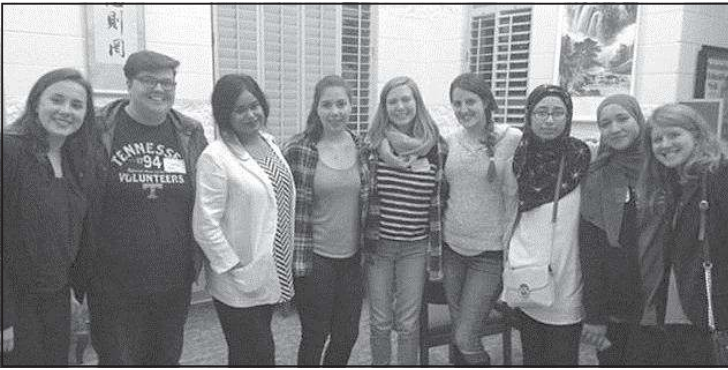
*Lev Comstock leads teen discussions about inclusiveness.*



*Julie Salamon meets B'nai Tzedek teens.*



*Norma James leads PreK children in songs. She's joined by Alicia Carter, Kalisa Parsons, and Martha Iroff.*



### All VOL Dinner

UTK Hillel/Jewish Student Organization leaders collaborated with other campus student groups to host an "All Vol Friday Dinner." The dinner event was held at the International House on campus and was jointly sponsored by Hillel/JSO, Muslim Student Association, Pride Center, Student Government Association. The event was extremely moving and plans are underway for continued collaboration for next semester.

## Contributions to the KJA

Contributions through November 25, 2016

### KJA General Fund

Philip and Andrea McDowell, Cindy and Rudy Bradley, ReNee' and Thomas Pelicano

In honor of Marilyn Liberman's 80th birthday  
Leona Spritz

In appreciation to all who have sent their condolences and contributions in memory of our Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother, Dorothy Becker

Jeff and Nancy Becker

In honor of Marilyn Liberman's birthday

Stephen and Rosalie Nagler

### AJCC Preschool

Doug and Kelsey Brooks, Gregory and Rebecca Lane

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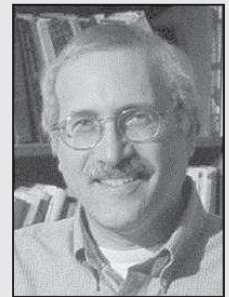
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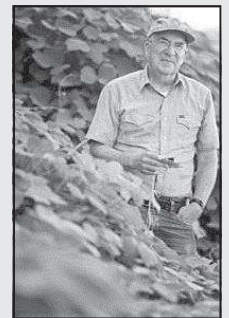
## Suzy Snoops

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

- ★ Mazel tov! Heska Amuna Religious School Teacher **Sharon Soleman** is graduating from UT with a degree in Computer Science. Sharon will continue her graduate studies at UT beginning in January.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Winston Eye Care** for winning the Top Eye Care entry in the Top Knox 2016 Reader's Choice Awards by the *Knoxville Mercury*. The Winston Eye and Vision Center is a family-owned business that has had three generations of Winstons working there since 1942.
- ★ The December 5 *News-Sentinel* Life section featured a terrific article on Knoxville's **Dor L' Dor** klezmer band. The band features **Ken, Susan, and Rachel Brown**.
- ★ Congratulations to **Judy and Abraham Brietstein** who are new grandparents to Shoshana Malka, born November 18 to Raina and Nathan Joiner.
- ★ **Lou Gross**, a UTK professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, and mathematics, has been invited to join a National Academies of Sciences committee to set a vision for the emerging discipline of data science in undergraduate education in the United States.
- ★ The magazine *Wired* recently featured **Daniel Simberloff**, Gore Hunger Professor of Environmental Studies at UTK, in a recent story about human control over species population size. When it comes to stopping a species from over populating, Simberloff says its possible to "introduce an edited gene that, for example, causes all the females to have only male offspring, and eventually the population dies." On large mainland population this might not be able to spread far enough, but on islands it might, according to him.
- ★ A story about Toyota of Knoxville employee **Connor Reis**, son of Melissa Treece, helping rescue a Gatlinburg couple during the fires made the *News-Sentinel* and was picked up by *USA Today*. Yasher koach to our own hometown hero!



Lou Gross



Daniel Simberloff

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**KJA offices will be closed on December 31, 2016 because it falls on Saturday.** If you wish your contribution

to be counted as tax deductible for the **2016** tax year, please make sure your gift is received in our administrative office **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 30, 2016.** We gladly accept checks, AMEX, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, stocks and cash. Thank you for your consideration of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance as a gift recipient and we greatly appreciate your generosity.

# KNOXVILLE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

**Sunday, January 22**  
**Arnstein Jewish Community Center**  
**6800 Deane Hill Drive**

Rachel Harris, PhD, the 2016 Karen and Pace Robinson Lecture Series on Modern Israel speaker, will screen two Israeli films and lead discussions at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center.

The film festival event is free to the community.



## SCHEDULE

- 1:00-1:45 p.m. Comments by Dr. Harris  
 1:45-3:30 p.m. **The Green Prince**,  
 PG-13, 1 hour, 45 minutes  
 Documentary about terrorism in Israel  
 3:30-4:00 p.m. Break  
 4-4:45 p.m. Comments by Dr. Harris  
 4:45-6:15 p.m. **My Lovely Sister**,  
 91 minutes  
 Drama film/love story about the Misrachi Jewish community  
 6:30 p.m. Israeli-style refreshments



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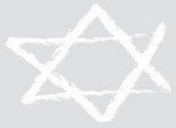
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## Headed South for the Winter?

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

**SAVE THE DATE: KNOXVILLE — Sunday, June 4, 2017!**



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## Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds

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### Out of the Ashes

*By Carole H. Martin, KJCF President*

It began on November 23 in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The wildfire began burning in one of the most recognizable locations of the park called Chimney Tops. It's hard going around Chimney Tops: steep terrain, vertical cliffs, and rocky ridges. Firefighters strained to gain access to fight the blazes. And within days, the perfect storm of conditions led to a disastrous 100 Year Fire as exceptional drought, extreme winds and the already-burning Chimney Tops blaze exploded into a swath of fire that engulfed over 17,000 acres with 3,583 buildings damaged or destroyed and sadly, 14 confirmed deaths. More than 600 firefighters were needed during the fires and containment efforts continue even today.

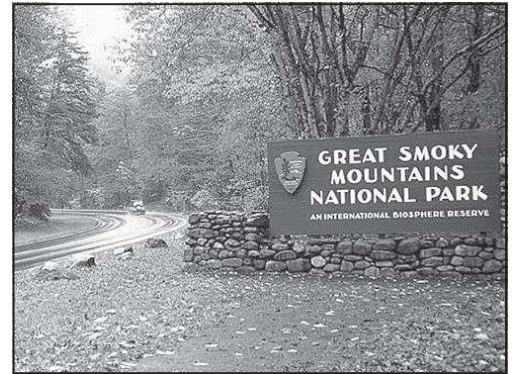
The horror of what was happening in our backyard, our beloved Smokies in flames, kept us glued to the full-time local TV coverage, combing through social media reports and reeling with the shock of the tragedy. Further unpredictable fire behavior coupled with the uncertainty of loss of life, damage to beloved regional landmarks and multiple conflicting reports of what was left standing led to a state of sadness and grief for many of us.

As the days passed, communications improved and the devastation became clear. The time for shock was over. People sprang into action. Local individuals and businesses collected supplies to support both those who had been displaced from their homes and the firefighters/rescue workers. The displays of courage and hard work in helping those affected are as wonderful as they are numerous. Many within our own community mobilized: Martha Iroff immediately set off to coordinate meals at the Red Cross shelters, our own AJCC Preschool put out a call for supplies and helped pack them into cars and trucks, Heska Amuna religious school director Betty Golub paired our synagogue with the Sacred Heart Church as they collected non-perishables for immediate delivery, and I'm sure there were many other efforts of which I am not aware.

Our Jewish community, our city, our region. We have come together to support those in immediate need. We can be proud! I for one cannot wait to get back to those beautiful mountains to see the beauty which will spring forth from those ashes.

Just as there were many Tennessee Volunteers who answered the call after the Chimney Tops fires, we have our own community heroes who have established funds at the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds. These funds provide help in the short term with emergencies, and are the backbone of support for our community institutions in the long term as well.

**Please contact me at [KJCFPresident@gmail.com](mailto:KJCFPresident@gmail.com) if you would like to join the ranks of our fund-holding volunteers!**



### Donations

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*In honor of Marilyn Liberman's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday*  
Marilyn Presser

#### Heska Amuna Educational Enrichment Fund

*In honor of Marilyn Liberman's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday*  
Mark & Carol Harris

### Grants

- ★ The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received a grant from the **EAR Fund** for general use.

- ★ The **Zelda & Max Morrison Cultural Enrichment Fund** made a grant to the KJA to support Jewish Book Month and other cultural programming costs.
- ★ The **Abe Collins Cultural Fund** and the **Milton Collins Cultural Fund** both made grants to the KJA to support cultural 2016 programming costs.
- ★ The KJA received a grant from the **KJA Director's Supplement Fund** to support the KJA Executive Director's conference costs.

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# Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



## The 18th Annual Anshei Darom "Men of the South" Weekend Retreat at Camp Ramah Darom

Friday, February 17 - Sunday, February 19, 2017

*"Back in the Chai Life"*

Join men from Conservative synagogues throughout the Southeast for a weekend of Scotch, Schmoozing, and Snoring (if you don't bring your C-PAP!) in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains.

### **PRICING**

*All meals included (Dinner on Friday through Breakfast on Sunday)*

Bunk Room - \$245 per person

Hotel Room - \$305 per person (double)

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### **Pay by Check:**

Send your check (payable to Anshei Darom Region) to:

Anshei Darom

c/o Jim Handler

380 Clarkston Dr.

Smyrna, TN 37167

### **Pay By Credit Card:**

Call Steve Dix: 770-642-7591 or 404-386-2847

or Steve Krodman: 678-325-8110



Volunteers and shoppers at Sisterhood's Annual Chanukah Sale.



JCOR members say goodbye and thank you to our long time office manager, Sheila Dodson. We will miss her!

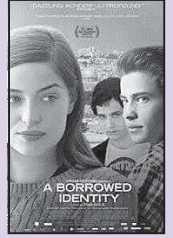
## Upcoming January Events

**Saturday, January 14, 7:00 p.m.**

### Jewish Film Series: *A Borrowed Identity*

Israel, 2015, Rated NR, 1hr 45m

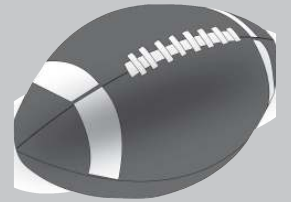
Brought up in Israel, a bright young Arab admitted to a top-tier boarding school in Jerusalem struggles to blend in with his Jewish classmates. Finding himself pulled in two directions, he faces a life-altering choice regarding his identity.



**Saturday, January 21**

### Rabbi's Study Session: *Ask the Rabbi* (after the morning services)

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**SUPER BOWL PARTY**  
**JCOR FUNDRAISER**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**



## Donations to JCOR

### Yahrzeits

- Ethel & Milton Bloom from Bruce Tomkins
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- Hilary Shreter
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- *In Memory Of Ruth Guthridge:*
- Barbara Landau

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| <b>January 14</b>  | Linda & Zane Bell,<br>Becky & George Charles      |
| <b>January 21</b>  | Catherine Braunstein, Sylvia Goldenberg           |
| <b>January 28</b>  | Alice Feldman & Albert Good<br>Brenda & Sig Mosko |
| <b>February 4</b>  | Anne & Eli Greenbaum<br>Judi & Len Gray           |
| <b>February 11</b> | Edith & Mel Halbert<br>Elena & Carlos Bamberger   |
| <b>February 18</b> | Mira Kimmelman<br>Peggy & Randy Laxton            |
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## Fire Vs. Elections

By Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm, Chabad of Knoxville

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Our hearts and prayers go out to the people who were affected by the Gatlinburg fires. Fourteen people lost their lives in the most horrific way. Many lost their homes and all of their belongings, others lost their businesses and sources of livelihood. May G-d heal their pain and give them the strength, courage, and vision to rebuild their homes, businesses, and community. In all of this heartbreaking tragedy, there was a beacon of light which was inspiring and encouraging. The response and generosity from individuals and organizations both near and far was heartwarming. The outpouring of love was so tremendous that the Red Cross had to ask people to hold off on donations until further notice.

The fires did not discriminate between race, religion, or political view, and neither did the response. There were people in need and we all responded. A unity that contrasts the mood that has tangled the American people of late.

Preceding the presidential election and in its aftermath, we saw a very different reaction from many people. In the name of a better America, in the name of love, we saw hate and division that turned friends into foes, partners into rivals—even familial connections were not spared.

In reality, the response to the elections can be deemed natural—after all, as humans our differences are vast, ranging from the foods we prefer to our varied ideological perspectives. We tend to see ourselves first and the “other,” second. The window through which the human being peers is always a mirror; the only way to see another person is if that individual stands behind, secondary to the one gazing outward. Yet, when there is a tragedy such as ours, and it is met with an overwhelmingly unselfish response, we see that it is possible to break this nature.

In truth there is a difference between the Torah’s and the world’s definition of a human being. The word for human being in Hebrew is “Adam.” Adam is the root word for 1. “Adameh” lit. - similar, and 2. “Adamah” lit. - earth.

When G-d made man, He fashioned him from the earth, in His “image,” or likeness. When creating man G-d gave us a choice: we can be “Adam”—acting in G-d’s image as an elevated being, or we can be “Adam”—like earth, a coarse being in which our limitations are dominant, never seeking to rise above our natural tendencies. “He’s only human, what do you expect?” is the refrain often used to excuse such behavior.

The choice is ours: be just a “human” or be a “mensch.” A mensch, although literally translated as a human, connotes so much more. A mensch is an individual who is caring, giving, honorable, and decent. A mensch is one who peels away the silver from behind the mirror, peels away his or her ego to lay bare the previously-mirrored glass, creating a transparent window through which others—and their needs—can be seen and addressed.

There’s a lesson to be learned from the past months’ events. Take a deep look inside, and choose not to be just another “human” but rather a “mensch.” Why wait for tragedy to remind us of our better selves, of our greater potential?

So be a mensch, not a human!

<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	<b>January 15</b>  Holy Bagel is a men's club that combines spirituality, good food and socializing. Holy Bagel is highlighted with a special 15 minute video presentation featuring The Living Torah series. <b>10:00am</b> Chalet @ Chabad	<b>January 21</b> Join us for <b>PRAYER 101</b> A One Hour Program • Insights into Prayer • Engaging Torah Reading • Lively Discussions 11:00am - Kabbalah of Prayer 11:15am - Torah Reading 11:45am - Discussion and Q&A Followed by a “Family Kiddush” Special Childrens Program during services	<b>January 27</b> Chabad of Knoxville invites you to a <b>Middle Eastern Style SHABBAT FAMILY DINNER</b> 5:40 pm Candle Lighting followed by Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 pm Shabbat Dinner
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# JAHRZEIT

## *Heska Amuna Synagogue*

### January 7

Louis Glazer ♦ Renee Perl ♦ Samuel Rosen ♦ Simon Deitch ♦ Ben Diftler ♦ Joseph Krinsky ♦ Samuel Mintz ♦ Morris Schneider ♦ Jeanette Scyefsky ♦ Bernard Simon ♦ Minnie Slovis ♦ Henry Sturm ♦ Robert Geller ♦ Minnie Kramer ♦ George Busch ♦ Rose Mintz ♦ Julius Siegel ♦ William Shaw ♦ Virginia Waugh ♦ Gerson Corkland ♦ Dora Friedlob ♦ Lottie Mottsmann ♦ Norma Wolf ♦ Julian Kalotkin

### January 14

Lazarus Abrams ♦ Samuel Forman ♦ Arthur Meyer ♦ Isadore Rosenblatt ♦ Sam Saroff ♦ Selma Vogel ♦ Bertha Bernstein ♦ Hyman Gabler, Abraham Garber ♦ Max Isaacs ♦ Benjamin Joffe ♦ Morris Kraut ♦ Jacqueline Russler ♦ Taube Diftler ♦ Louie Herbin ♦ Herbert Ogle ♦ Aaron Gurwin ♦ Sam Milnot ♦ Jeannette Nichols ♦ Lillian Solomon ♦ Edna Cohen ♦ Max Euster ♦ Beatrice Routman Alice Abrams ♦ Adrian Harris ♦ Leon Saroff ♦ Lillian Simon ♦ Selma Tobe ♦ Gregory Waugh ♦ Charles Brown ♦ Leib Gabler ♦ Aaron Glazer ♦ Morris Kaplar ♦ Abraham Schwartz

### January 21

Nathan Deitch ♦ Channah Goldstein ♦ Terry Hahn ♦ Maurice Lieberman ♦ Manuel Marvet ♦ Melvin Shorr ♦ Samuel Bebergal ♦ Louis Gluck ♦ Helen Shersky ♦ Mary Wolf ♦ Stephen Sugarman ♦ David Abramson ♦ Clarence Mann II ♦ Stanley Webster ♦ Jill Witten ♦ Mark Balloff ♦ Joseph Bernstein ♦ Melanie Hicks ♦ Fannie Moskowitz ♦ Israel Kauffman ♦ Rachel Menachem ♦ Jack Ruchlin ♦ Rose Bart ♦ Morris Schwartz ♦ Morris Simon

### January 28-31

Bella Bresoff ♦ Nathan Diftler ♦ Rafael Anidjar ♦ Ben Winick ♦ Elaine Brown ♦ Seymour Chasan ♦ Isaac Ducken ♦ Zelig Frumin ♦ Delia Skalet ♦ Anna Kaplar ♦ Sam Morrison ♦ Samuel Fenrow ♦ Eva Isaacs ♦ Charles O'Brien ♦ David Cohen ♦ Herman Sebold ♦ Cecil Nichols ♦ Jack Orlick ♦ Milton Shamitz ♦ Faye Shapiro ♦ Mae Stern ♦ Samuel Brown ♦ Romaine Eisenstadt ♦ Bess Feld ♦ Annie Joffe ♦ Joseph Soss ♦ Celia Berry ♦ Caroline Schwartz

# JAHRZEIT

## TEMPLE BETH EL

### January 6

Rosa Bart ♦ Marcus Bressler ♦ Tammie M. Brodie ♦ Harry Bronstein ♦ William Egan ♦ Mildred Erwin ♦ Alexander Feldblum ♦ Jean Fribourg ♦ Ricka Licht Goodfriend ♦ William Haas ♦ Ida Feldman Kaminsky ♦ Sam Morrison ♦ Pauline Orovan ♦ Robert Oury ♦ Morris Schwartz ♦ Arthur Slome ♦ Harry Sturm ♦ Lillian S. Weiss

### January 13

Isadore Beiler ♦ Minette Jacobstein Clark ♦ Henrietta Feldblum ♦ Telsie Greif ♦ Milton Heller ♦ Millie James ♦ Lena B. Konigsberg ♦ Michael Kostinsky ♦ Edward J. Moss ♦ Marie Noon ♦ Robert (Bob) Dean Parsons ♦ Grigory Targonsky ♦ Samuel Webber ♦ Stanley Webster ♦ Bella Zavels

### January 20

Fannie Liebman Beiler ♦ Walter N. Blaufeld ♦ David Farin ♦ Sadie Goldberg ♦ Robert Goldstein ♦ Henry Handler ♦ Minnie Hohenberg ♦ Elise Goldberg Hyatt ♦ Mary Kichler Licht ♦ Ella Marx ♦ Helen Sandberg ♦ Caroline Schwartz ♦ Jacob Spiro ♦ Beatrice S. Steinfeld ♦ Max Zuckerman ♦ Muriel Zuckerman

### January 27

Maxine H. Arbutal ♦ Frank Bernard ♦ Mary S. Bernard ♦ Albert G. Bessel ♦ Ethel Brown ♦ Joseph Herman Bush ♦ Leo Diamond ♦ Bill Dillon ♦ Frank Heart ♦ Theodore Hecht ♦ Annie Joffe ♦ John Kelleher ♦ Charlotte Loebel ♦ Annie Lucille "Lucy" Rankin ♦ Sarah Vendig Samuel ♦ Irvin Shenkman ♦ Basia Shusterman ♦ Boris Shusterman ♦ Helen M. Siegel ♦ Joseph Soss ♦ William Steinberg ♦ Howard Teitelbaum ♦ Evalyn B. Weiss

# Hadassah HIGHLIGHTS

HADASSAH  
THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST  
ORGANIZATION OF  
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## PLAY DATE FOR HADASSAH LADIES

MEET YOUR HADASSAH FRIENDS FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND GAMES

### For the Enjoyment of All Hadassah Ladies

Come play your favorite board games.  
Choice of old standbys - *Boggle*, *Chinese Checkers*,  
*Sorry*, or go modern with - *Apples to Apples*,  
*Cranium*, *Forbidden Desert*, and many others.



Peggy Littmann will be our hostess at her home  
6911 Haverhill Drive, Knoxville, 37909

**Sunday, January 29      1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

**PLEASE RSVP by January 26  
to reserve your place at the game table.**

If you have a game you want to share, bring it.

We will try to play them all.

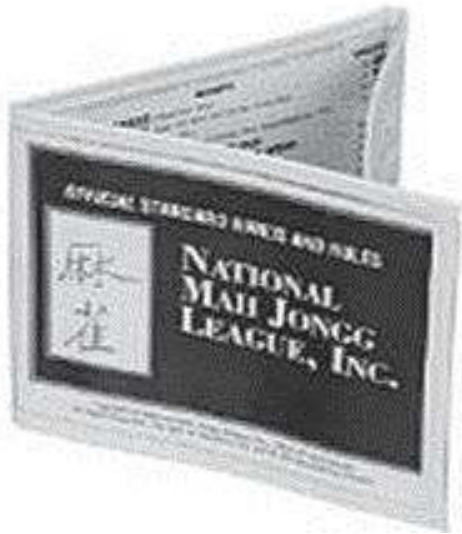
Or just come to enjoy each other's company.

Light refreshments will be provided  
\$10/person donation to Hadassah is suggested.



RSVP: Andrea Cone [sixconefarm@verizon.net](mailto:sixconefarm@verizon.net)  
or (301) 335-2355 (no text please)





# MAHJ CARDS

To Benefit KNOXVILLE HADASSAH

Mahj card money is due at the National Mahj Jong League offices by **February 1, 2017**

Cards are \$8 for Standard, \$9 for Large Print  
 Mail your checks made out to:  
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 Kingston, TN 37763

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## HMO Luncheon Draws a Crowd, Presentation Resonates with All

By Ellen Kern, Event Chair

On Sunday, November 13, we met at The Lighthouse for our HMO Luncheon. The theme was *Women, Eating & Emotion: Understanding our Hunger*.

After some schmoozing, we enjoyed a healthful AND delicious lunch before listening to our featured speaker. Siri Khalsa-Zemel, PhD candidate and owner of Mind Body Medicine, who presented highlights of her classic grounded theory research on understanding the difference between physical and soul hunger. Siri was a very dynamic speaker who brought theory home with relatable stories from her interviews. Lively discussion followed during the Q&A session.

Since this luncheon is a fundraiser for Hadassah's Medical Organization in Jerusalem, we were pleased that more than 60 Hadassah men and women supported the event."



HMO Luncheon Speaker Siri Khalsa-Zemel and Ellen Kern



Nora Messing



Robin Brown, Laura Floyd, and Shuli Mesa schmooze before the event.



Hadassah HMO Luncheon attendees enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon prior to an interesting and intriguing presentation.

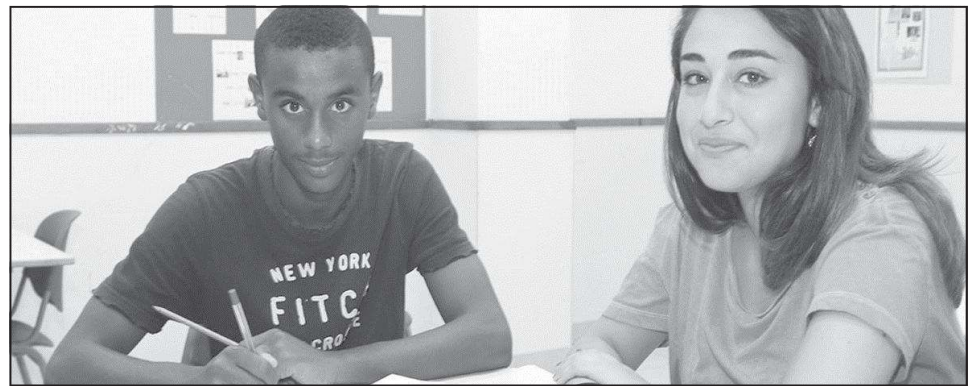
# President's Message

By Laura Floyd

In November, several of your Hadassah Knoxville board members attended the Southern Region Fall Board Meeting. At this board meeting we had a wonderful speaker who talked to us about Youth Aliyah. Now, I knew that Hadassah was the main impetus behind the Youth Aliyah villages in Israel but I didn't know some very interesting facts. I learned that Henrietta Szold, the creator of Hadassah, started the first Youth Aliyah village, which was not a surprise, but the fact that she involved Hadassah in going to Germany and bringing Jewish children to Israel to save them from Hitler's concentration camps was. It is estimated that Youth Aliyah saved some 22,000 children in the 1930s.

There are three Youth Aliyah villages that are supported by Hadassah. They are Meir Shfeyah, Ramat Hadassah Szold and Hadassah Neurim. These villages are vital to the youth that they serve. They rescue these children from poverty and high-risk situations such as sexual and domestic abuse and give them the tools to find their way to becoming vibrant young men and women who will be able to have a better life and have skills with which to support themselves. It was interesting to learn that not all the children at these villages are from Israel or even Jewish. There are children that come from Eritrea where the young men are expected to join the military and the young women are married at 14 years old. Many of the young people that have spent their teen years in a Youth Aliyah village come back to teach the skills that they have learned and share their successes with these youngsters.

The other disappointing fact I learned that weekend was that funding is not keeping up with the needs of these villages. These are at-risk youth that might be lost without Youth Aliyah. In 2017, some of Hadassah Knoxville's fundraising efforts are going to be specific to aid Youth Aliyah. Please do what you can when we make these appeals.



## 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 Seita Hanford** was born to Cody and Mizuki Hanford, son and daughter-in-law of Shelley and Mark Mangold.
- ★ **Asher Jordan Seidman** was born to Rachel(Weinbaum) Seidman and her husband David. Proud grandmother is Wilma Weinbaum-Lomax.
- ★ **Victoria Panitz** is the granddaughter of happy grandparents Raphe and Susette Panitz and great Aunt & Uncle, Harriet and Michael Glasman.
- ★ **Shoshana Malka** was born to Raina & Nathan Joiner. The very proud grandparents are Judy and Abraham Brietstein.

Call if you have any questions about the program.

Thanks for your support.

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





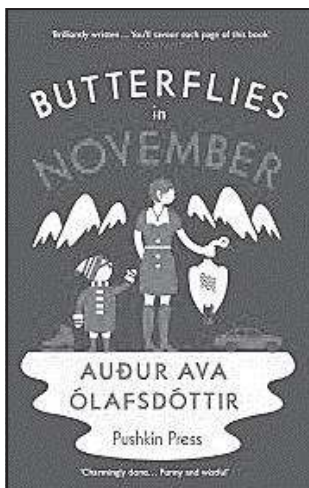
## Hadassah Book Club News

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

We hope to see you all for our **Tuesday, January 17 Hadassah Book Club meeting**. We meet at 7:30 p.m., at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Kingston Pike in the coffee shop area. This month we'll be discussing ***Butterflies in November*** by Auður Ava Olafsdóttir.

### PREVIEW of the Read:

After a day of being dumped - twice - and accidentally killing a goose, a young woman yearns for a tropical vacation far away from the chaos of her life. Instead, her plans are thrown off course by her best friend's four-year-old deaf-mute son, thrust into her reluctant care. But when the boy chooses the winning numbers for a lottery ticket, the two of them set off on a road trip across Iceland with a glove compartment stuffed full of their jackpot earnings. Along the way, they encounter black sand beaches, cucumber farms, lava fields, flocks of sheep, an Estonian choir, a falconer, a hitchhiker, and both of her exes desperate for another chance. As she and the boy grow closer, what began as a spontaneous adventure unexpectedly and profoundly changes the way she views her past and charts her future.



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

# Hadassah Highlights

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## Save the Date Hadassah Shabbat March 4-5, 2017

*If you would like to participate, please contact Betty Golub at [morahbetty@heskaamuna.org](mailto:morahbetty@heskaamuna.org)*



# Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School



*Mary Alice Griffin brings her years of expertise to KJDS.*



*Writing workshops are giving the Kindergarten-First Graders a strong foundation of writing skills.*

## Meet Miss Mary Alice

When you walk in to the Kindergarten-First Grade classroom you will notice there is something different about this class. As seasoned teacher Miss Mary Alice approaches learning from a unique perspective. While the students are still learning sight words and addition, you will see true exploration in action. You may see a First Grader lead story time or a Kindergartener read to a friend as an expert. There may be a structure being built from recycled materials from their last unit on engineering. There will always be eager learners being challenged by a smiling teacher who knows her students can meet her high expectations.

Mary Alice Griffin arrived at KJDS after a colorful career that traversed the globe. Teaching at international schools in England, Japan and Singapore, Mary Alice has proven herself a true master teacher. Her last post as Language Arts Coordinator gave her extensive experience with Lucy Caulkin's Reading and Writing Workshop. These "workshop" style learning labs teach the fundamentals of building a written piece and deconstruct the author's intent and meaning while reading.

When you take the knowledge and experience that Mary Alice possesses and you give her the opportunity to create an inquisitive and investigative classroom, the sky is the limit. The Kindergarteners recent unit of study is titled, *Super Powers: Reading with Print Strategies and Sight Word Power*. The Essential Question is: "How does a reader get their mind ready to read?" The Kindergarten students are learning strategies to prepare their minds for reading and different strategies that readers use to help them figure out unknown words. They have been working hard on building superhero stamina in "read to self" (silent reading).

Metacognition is something few Kindergarteners are exposed to. But when you give children the tools to understand their own thought and learning processes, you are building very self-aware students. This foundational awareness will guide them and encourage them as they tackle more difficult obstacles in and out of the classroom.

## KJDS Says a Heartfelt "Thank You"

We have been fortunate to have all four Dugal children attend KJDS and have enjoyed each one of them and their unique personalities. Along with this family of fun-loving kids came their parents - Sarah and Chuck. We ask a lot of our parents, we could never accomplish what we do in school without their continuous help. Sarah and Chuck have stepped in whenever we have asked. Chuck will long be remembered for bringing in a "heart" specimen. He also made the entire school scream with delight by replacing the backboard of our basketball hoop.

Sarah has given so much to the school; it is hard to list everything. She started a Girl Scout troop, helped re-organize the library, driven on many field trips- you have a lot of opportunity to drive when you have a child in every class! Sarah organized our STEAM Fair, gave countless hours in each classroom for New Year's parties, Native studies and 50's days. Our first school remodel had all the Dugals' working, and they also helped us with our first "construction" build, and have donated many wonderful books. We are so fortunate to have had parents like the Dugals and we wish them well on all of their future adventures.



*All four Dugal children attended KJDS. Their parents have volunteered in many capacities throughout the years*

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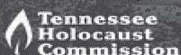
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 hiding during the Holocaust

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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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## 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 justice, respect and civility in your everyday life and how that action can help heal and protect others.

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

**Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive**

**Cost:** \$5.00/person general community Free for KJA members

**RSVP** to [office@jewishknoxville.org](mailto:office@jewishknoxville.org)

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

## Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School

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Ellen **Markman** (seated, facing away) and Jill **Weinstein**, with son Brian, at the dessert reception following a Steve **Kaufman** performance at the AJCC in September of 1997.

Ellen and Jill are active members of the Knoxville Jewish community and have been for many years. Brian is attending The Ohio State University. Steve, an internationally renowned musician, continues to live in the area.

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