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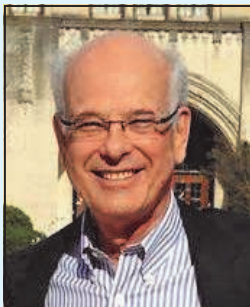
COMMUNITY NEWS FROM THE KJA, HESKA AMUNA & TEMPLE BETH EL

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Temple Beth El invites everyone to meet Rabbi Saulson



**Please join us
Friday, July 8, 6 p.m.
Kabbalat Service/
Board Installation
and
WELCOME BBQ
for
Rabbi Scott Saulson**



*Please bring your
favorite side dish or
dessert to share!*

If you can volunteer for setup,
cooking or clean up, please contact
Amy at 356-6830.

Sisterhood will host an
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
in honor of Rabbi Saulson
on Friday, July 15
immediately following
our 6 p.m. service.



RSVP for both events to secretary@tbeknox.org

PLEASE NOTE: ALL SERVICES IN JULY BEGIN AT 6 p.m.

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TEMPLE BETH EL TIMES



Biographical Sketch: Scott B. Saulson, PhD, Interim Rabbi

Jarod Kintz in *This Book Has No Title* writes: "I have the worst kind of history—a non history. I wasn't born poor, oppressed, rich, famous, or any other such extreme. I was born in the middle, and I desperately want to hide it." Ditto, for me, minus the last clause. Rather, for me, the punch line is: I am fortunate to have achieved what I have and, funnily, my only sibling, my brother Jon, remembers more of that history than I.

Suffice it to say that I have been blessed with an inwardly and outwardly beautiful family: parents now deceased, my wife, Diane, and our daughters, Raelle and Aliya. And, through unpredictable turns in the road, my most recent professional adventures, namely, eldercare/family mediation and the interim rabbinate, have afforded me vistas, relevance, and friendships I might have otherwise not found. Here are some "windows" into me:

<i>Ann Arbor</i>	<i>Squash</i>	<i>Clinical psychology</i>
<i>Miami Beach</i>	<i>Horsemanship</i>	<i>Public health</i>
<i>Guatemala</i>	<i>Dancing</i>	<i>College tuition</i>
<i>South Africa</i>	<i>Theater</i>	<i>Feng shui</i>
<i>Micronesia</i>	<i>Music</i>	<i>Mussar</i>
<i>Jerusalem</i>	<i>Canoeing</i>	<i>Midrash</i>
<i>Joseph Bank</i>	<i>Pastoral care</i>	<i>Justice</i>

Having had a whirlwind tour of town during a brief visit, I was taken by the exciting renovations of the city center, enough to prompt me to take up studio residency there for the coming year. I was also treated to brief, but welcoming, meetings with Rabbi Alon Ferency of Heska Amuna and Deborah Oleshansky of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance. Now, if not more than ever, collaboration is key to the spiritual health and growth of the life of our people, wherever we live. Each organization can enrich as well as be enriched by the fabric of which we are all a part.

I am especially pleased that during my periodic respites I will be able to "zip" back to Atlanta, my present home, where my wife hangs out her Dr. Wulfsohn shingle as a much respected clinical psychologist. And, that periodically, she will be able to join me while I am being privileged to know many of you.

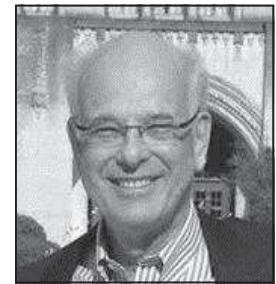
Finally, a few words about my role as an interim rabbi with Temple Beth El. During the last decade, the Reform Movement and a growing number of its congregations have come to realize the benefit of *intentional* interim work when congregations and their spiritual leaders have parted company after a rather long or rocky partnership. Not surprisingly, intentionality encompasses caring for the mission of the congregation and attending to the most meaningful moments in the cycles of personal and family lives. However, above and beyond, intentionality stretches the 10 Day of Awe from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur over 12 months -- reflecting on our previous path, describing our current state, and committing to greater peace and palpable justice for ourselves and our neighbors. In short, it seeks to clarify our challenges and build on our strengths. Success requires neither more nor less than open doors, open minds, and open hearts. Over the last five years, I have found these months the most meaningful and rewarding in both my personal and professional lives. I pray Beth El will be able to say the same as it adds another chapter to its venerable story.

25 Sivan-25 Tammuz 5776

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Chai Tea

Sunday, July 31, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
at the home of Lesley Krakauer

R.S.V.P. to Lesley by July 27

Our 2016-2017 Year

By Liz Gassel

In this issue, you are offered a warm, personal introduction to our Interim Rabbi, Scott B. Saulson. As of July 1, he will be with us, working as guide and help through this time of transition. As we have been doing throughout this past year, I have confidence that we will continue to take on the work necessary to maintain our Vibrant Congregation. We will continue to be challenged but it is apparent that challenge stimulates in us the desire to work hard with focus, acumen, and good judgement. This is not exactly a command but we do need to consider that life at Temple Beth El and life in general is inevitably challenging and unpredictable so we must think always about how we live it and lead it wisely and with that wisdom, to not complicate it further.

That being said, I wish to introduce you to the people who will take on formal leadership roles this year. They have been elected to represent our congregation in the general management of Temple concerns. Six of the eight whose terms have come to an end have offered to serve again for a new two year term. The two who have stepped down have served diligently during their tenure. It speaks well of us all and is so significant that most board members have chosen to take on an additional term or to remain and to continue to serve their terms ending in 2017. New to the board are Sari Kagan and Greg Kaplan. Both are eager and enthusiastic to serve and come with diverse experience. Returning to the board is Deborah Roberts, a past president. We welcome them and look forward to their fresh energy and contributions.

As stressed in my May/June *HaKol* article, I see us as a vibrant, active congregation in pursuit of a life of engagement and commitment to Temple Beth El and to the larger Jewish community. My presidency has been extended for another six months. I will work collaboratively with Rabbi Saulson, the Executive Committee and our Board. All involved will be working innovatively to help set the direction of our community and to refine the charge of our officers, board members and committees.

I listened to an interview today with Dr. Sylvia Boorstein, Jewish-Buddhist teacher and psychotherapist. She used the analogy of the GPS in your car as an example of how technology can instill a spiritual discipline in us. Something bad, serious, or just aggravating happens and it challenges us. The GPS "voice" never gets annoyed at me. If I make a mistake, it says 'Recalculating.' And then it tells me to make the soonest left turn and go back. No matter how many times I don't make the turn, it will continue to say 'Recalculating.' The tone of the voice will stay the same. There is a fork in the road and I could become mad and indignant or, I could say 'Recalculating.' I'll just go back here. I think that's what we're doing all the time."

This year should include a regular review, a 'Recalculating,' of our purpose; what we want, what we need, both immediately and in the short and long term future. The work done to identify these things will not only inform our search for a settled Rabbi but will help us understand who we are and how we maintain and sustain our Kehillah Kedosha, our Holy Community.

Temple Beth El Officers and Board

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President: Liz Gassel **Through 12.31.16*
 1st Vice President: Howard Pollock
 2nd Vice President: Amy Rosenberg
 Treasurer: Hayley Goldfeld
 Financial Secretary: Stu Elston
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Board Members, Two-Year Term, 2016-2018

Tara Bain, Susan Baker, Arthur Copcutt II, Greg Kaplan,
 Sari Kagan, Jeff Kay, Missy Noon, Charlene Oleinik

Board Member, One-Year Term, 2016-2017

Deborah Roberts

Board Members, Two-Year Term, 2015-2017

Ivan Brody, Melinda Gibbons, Rich Jordan, Andy Loebel,
 Dan Smith, Alan Smuckler, Larry Winston, Tammy Kropp
***Sisterhood Representative*

Honorary Vice Presidents

Henry Fribourg
 Dick Jacobstein

It's Time for Sisterhood

By Karen Smith, Sisterhood President

My term as Sisterhood President ends on July 1. It has been an exciting journey beginning when my family joined Temple Beth El 28 years ago. I wanted to meet other Jewish women and become involved in Temple life. The Sisterhood women were warm and welcoming to me as a new Temple member. No journey is a one way street. I have given my time and enjoyed many adventures in my journey. Through our Sisterhood I have met many wonderful women in the world of WRJ and had the fantastic opportunity to serve as WRJ District 10 (Central District) President from 2004-2006.

Age doesn't matter and your time commitment isn't that important. What is important is being part of a Sisterhood, a District, and WRJ all of which work to support each other and the individual Temples. In welcoming the incoming Sisterhood Board, I

wish each of you an exciting journey filled with endless opportunities. I look forward to continuing on the Sisterhood Board as Immediate Past President and working with the new Board. I want to thank the outgoing Sisterhood Board for their contributions. Our Sisterhood is proud to have so many women such as all of you who are hard-working, creative and inspired. Todah rabah!

Please bring a non-perishable food item each time you are at Temple for the Women's Domestic Abuse Shelter, Second Harvest Food Bank/Marty's Mission, and FISH Pantry.

Sisterhood's Beiler Floral Fund Chairs Emma Fleischmann and Caren Berman remind us that a standard floral arrangement for Shabbat, holidays, life cycle events, and special occasions is \$36.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee chaired by Immediate Past President Kathy Young and members Phyllis Hirsh, Sari Kagan, Renee' Hyatt, and Diana Steinfeld Hicks for their efforts to fill the new Sisterhood Board.

Temple Beth El Religious School July 2016 Update

By Norma James, Education Director, normajames@tbeknox.org

We hope you are all enjoying your summer! Religious School is out but we are still as busy as ever.

Rabbi Saulson arrives just in time to help three of our young people become B'nei Mitzvah! Rabbi Saulson has already been in touch with our students in preparation for their services. We know that he will be delighted with the preparation of these wonderful teens. Remember that everyone is invited and encouraged to attend these three B'nei Mitzvah services. It means a great deal to our students when the congregation is there to support them.

Nathanael Laing becomes a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, July 23 at 10:30. Nathanael will be the first in his family to become Bar Mitzvah, and he is very excited about it. Nathanael is the son of Geoffrey and Heather Laing and brother to Avigail. Dan Smith is Nathanael's tutor and will participate in his service. Dan has actually been teaching Hebrew to both of the Laing children for several years. Nathanael will have the honor of being Rabbi Saulson's first Bar Mitzvah at Temple Beth El!

Lauren Shagan will be called to the Torah Saturday morning, July 30 at 10:30. Parents Robert and Allisen, along with brothers Aaron, Sam, and Jack, invite you to join the celebration, as their daughter Lauren becomes a Bat Mitzvah. Lauren is the first child in her siblings to read from the Torah and will be a wonderful example to her brothers. Tory Frankel is Lauren's tutor and is very pleased with her preparation.

But wait; there is still one more! Keara Bain will read Torah Saturday morning, August 6 at 10:30. Keara follows in her brother Justen's footsteps, as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah. She is the daughter of Brad and Tara Bain, who hope you will attend Keara's service. Keara's tutor is Tory Frankel who also became a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Beth El. For her Mitzvah Project, Keara is putting her love of horses into action, as she becomes a trained volunteer at the STAR Riding Academy. She will be doing the hard job of keeping stables clean, but will also help students with a variety of disabilities learn to ride horses.

Religious School Teachers and the School & Youth Committee will have a joint workshop July 17. This joint workshop was such a success last year that we decided to continue the tradition. The S&Y Committee will meet with the staff 9:00-11:00 a.m. The staff will stay until 3:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for teachers and committee members to share ideas. Norma will report on what she learned at the ISJL Conference in Mississippi in June. This will also be a great opportunity for everyone to work with Rabbi Saulson!

Religious School begins Sunday, August 14 and Midweek classes start Wednesday, August 17.

REVIEW: AUSCHWITZ – A Doctor's Eyewitness Account by Dr. Miklos Nyiszli [English translation]. Arcade Pub., NY. 1960. 222 p. (Review by Dr. Henry Fribourg)

When the Germans invaded Hungary in 1944, they sent virtually the entire Jewish population to Auschwitz. A Jewish medical pathologist and practicing physician, Dr. Miklos Nyiszli was spared from death for a grimmer fate: to perform autopsies and "scientific research" on his fellow inmates under the supervision of the infamous "Angel of Death," Dr. Josef Mengele, the chief supplier for the gas chambers. He survived to give this terrifying and sobering account, one of the first books to bring the full horror of the Nazi death camps to the public in 1947.

Nyiszli found himself in a position that few humans could ever endure, attempting to survive at one of the places where inhumanity went on full display, a name which will likely be acid-etched into history, *des Dritten Reiches Auschwitz-Birkenau*, and writes an uncensored and unadulterated tale. Whereas many other accounts of concentration camps comes from the mouths of prisoners who were starved and tortured, Nyiszli's account comes from a position which renders his book and his memory both invaluable and reviled.

The Nyiszli family arrived by cattle car train at Auschwitz extermination camp in Poland in the first convoy of Jews from Hungary in June 1944. During the "selection" process, Dr. Nyiszli was separated from his wife and daughter after volunteering what his profession was, whereupon he was selected by Mengele to serve in the gas and cremation chambers *Sonderkommando* as the primary assistant and autopsy expert. He later found out that each 800-men *Sonderkommando* group, who had a slightly better life than other doomed inmates, was generally executed every four months by the SS, Auschwitz's administrators and chief executioners.

The book is a gut-churning tale with an unflinching narrative manner. Mountains of scorn have been heaped upon him. It is easy to find anyone who would take part in such atrocity as horrible or hate-worthy. Nyiszli held no sympathy to the Dritte Reich - everybody was desperately trying to stay alive - he saw a chance and took it. His concerns while in the camp were the safety of his wife and daughter, and trying to stay alive long enough to later tell the world of the extermination camps. Without his instinct towards self-preservation, the world would not have the intimate knowledge of *Endlösung* (the Final Solution) that we do today.

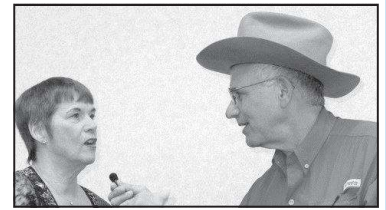
He tried to save a woman who had survived being gassed, he tried to save a colleague who was losing his mind, he saved a hundred inmates from a women's barrack shortly before it was 'liquidated'; he had deep misgivings about reviving a colleague who tried to take his own life. In a world of madness, he managed to keep a sense of self. At the end of the day he was a mortician - perform autopsies, or die. His actions are fairly understandable. No one in the world is qualified to judge or scorn him. In any situation one has to choose an action one can live with. There is no right or wrong way to act, there are just individual choices people make based on their feelings, beliefs and morals. What Nyiszli did was not wrong, nor was it right, it just was. His life, his choice, his conscience - he was able to cope and live to tell the tale of horrors, so the rest of us could learn from it. This book is from a completely different angle, not just in the camps, but in the gas chambers. No one who worked in the gas chambers ever survived - but Nyiszli did. If you have the courage to start reading it, you will be captivated and will not be able to put it down - and you will realize that this all happened, that it was not just an imaginary horror.

2016 Denim and Diamonds a Success Thanks to Our Community

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, purchased an item or volunteered at this year's 11th Annual Auction. The Auction committee worked extremely hard to create both a social and fundraising event. It was wonderful to have 91 members and non-members attend April's Auction event. Equally as impressive to this year's attendance was the \$16,000+ (net) raised from both the Silent and Live Auctions and monetary donations. The bidding wars were exciting to witness as our auctioneer, Alan Smuckler, led the charge at this year's Live Auction. His little antidotes of wisdom were both inspiring and comical. He was amazing!

Many people volunteered with planning, soliciting, set-up, cooking, auctioneering, serving, clean up and behind the scenes to make this event so successful. This event could never have happened without the help of our co-chairs and volunteers: Phyllis & Ken Hirsh, Amy Rosenberg, Hayley & Aron Goldfeld, Sylvia Witcoff, Barbara Winston, Missy & Chuck Noon, Lennie & Tom Scott-Weber, Lesley Krakauer, Shirley & Harold Freedman, Tina, Tom, and especially Alan Smuckler.

A very special thank you to our generous donors for making the event possible. Please see the below list of all donors, including TBE congregants and non-members of the Knoxville community (I apologize in advance for inadvertently leaving out or misspelling a donor's name). Honorable mention to our Live Auction donors: Susan Arbutal and Mike Pardee's beautiful art masterpieces, Phyllis & Ken Hirsh and Lesley Krakauer for their delicious dinner parties, Ellen & Steve Markman/ Markman's Diamond & Fine Jewelry, Wes James for fly fishing adventures, Harvey & Judi Kaufman for both wine tasting and dinner party, Ken & Phyllis Hirsh for onyx & pearl earrings, and TBE for parking spots and lottery tickets. Honorable mention to our members who bid ridiculously high for the annual parking spots in the front row: Alan & Karen Smuckler, Aaron & Imelda Margulies, Jeff & Lorie Hirsh, and Aron & Hayley Goldfeld. These spots are reserved for one full year (and yes, this includes High Holiday services). Once again, thank you to everyone who helped make this event hugely successful!



Karen Smith and Alan Smuckler.

Hayley & Aron Goldfeld	McAlister's Deli	Salon Azure	Geoffrey & Pat Wolpert
Harold & Shirley Freedman	Penn Station East Coast Subs	Chipotle	Lesley Krakauer
Susan & Jeff Arbutal	Museum of Appalachia	Panera Bread	Jill Vogelfang &
Cheri and Robert Pollack	Brasserie	Lane Motor Museum	Gerry Milligan
Harvey & Judith Kaufmann	Tennessee Smokies	Arnstein Jewish Community	Dani Rosenberg
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Larry Markel	Sam's Club	Aaron & Imelda Margulies	Sami's Café
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Lotus Nail Salon	The Grills at Highland Row	Phyllis & Ken Hirsh	Bonefish Grill
Massage Envy	Pei Wei	Wes & Norma James	Little Bangkok
Fresh Market	El Charro Restaurant	Mike Pardee & Liz Gassel	Famous Dave's
Publix	Flemings	Diana & Bill Steinfeld-Hicks	PF Changs
Fairplay Sports Cards	Honerlin Del Moro	Janice & Howard Pollock	Lakeside Tavern
The Eye Group	Aubrey's	Susan Baker	Fitness Together
Markman's Diamonds	Tennessee Aquarium	Elaine & Bob Freeman	Knoxville Opera
& Fine Jewelry	The Park Grill	Richard Licht &	Shono's Japanese
Outback Steak House	Bliss	Shirley McGuire	Ober Gatlinburg
Brixx Wood Fired Pizza	Winston Eye & Vision Center	Sandy Parker & Steve Beber	Alumni Hall

Bain to Celebrate Bat Mitzvah at Temple Beth El

Keara Morgan Bain, daughter of Brad and Tara Bain, sister of Justen, will be called to the Torah on Saturday, August 6 at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Beth El. Norma James will officiate.

Keara is a homeschool student who will be in the eighth grade this fall. She enjoys music, her trampoline, babysitting, and spending time with friends. One of Keara's passions is animals. She loves spending time with her two dogs, Ocean and River, and her guinea pig, Reese. She hopes to own a farm or work with animals for a career.

Keara has been involved with Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding (STAR) for two years where she has learned grooming, saddling and riding skills. She participated in her first horse show this year and received three first place awards and one second place award. This summer Keara will become a Junior Volunteer and help with barn upkeep.

Keara began her Jewish roots in the AJCC Preschool and has attended Temple Beth El's Religious School since kindergarten. Keara has worked diligently toward her Bat Mitzvah with Tori Frankel's guidance and truly looks forward to reading from Torah and leading services. We are grateful to friends, family, and teachers who have played a role in Keara's life. We look forward to celebrating her hard work and dedication in becoming a Bat Mitzvah!



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*Goodfriend & my grandfather,
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JULY 2016

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We wish everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July weekend.

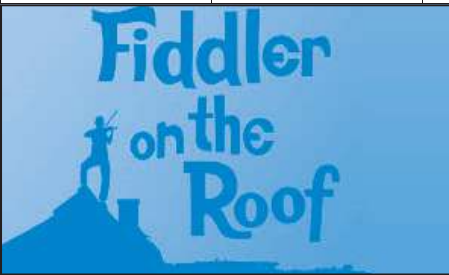
Please note that while our community's business offices are closed, the AJCC Pool will be open from 1-7 p.m. on Monday, July 4 to AJCC Members.

Both AJCC summer day camp sessions will begin on Tuesday, July 5.

1	MCDC Session 3: Magic & Mystery Week 2 1-7p AJCC Pool open 6p Kabbalat Shabbat Service-TBE 6:30p Sisterhood Shabbat & Potluck-JCOR 7p Sunset Minyan-HA	2	9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 1-7p AJCC Pool open
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3	9:30a minyan-HA Noon-3 p.m. Pickleball-AJCC Gym Noon-7p AJCC Pool open 2-4p Fourth of July Pool Party-AJCC Pool	4	Independence Day TBE, HA, & KJA offices closed. No camp today. 9a Morning Minyan-HA 1-7p AJCC Pool open 	5	MCDC Session 4: Space Place Week 1 1-7p AJCC Pool open 6p Exec Board-TBE 6-7p Water Aerobics-AJCC Pool	6	MCDC Session 4: Space Place Week 1 7-8a Adult swim lessons 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR Noon Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym	7	MCDC Session 4: Space Place Week 1 7a Morning Minyan-HA 1-8p AJCC Pool open 7:30p Israeli dancing-Gym	8	MCDC Session 4: Space Place Week 1 7-8a Adult swim lessons 6p Kabbalat Shabbat Service/Brd Installation/Welcome Rabbi Saulson BBQ-TBE	9	9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 1-7p AJCC Pool open
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 9:30a minyan-HA
 10a **Guest Rabbi class/ breakfast-HA**
 Noon-7p AJCC Pool open



The Oak Ridge Playhouse presents
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF July 8-24
 Rachel Brown will appear as Hodel (Tevye's second daughter) in this musical.
 For ticket information, contact the Oak Ridge Playhouse at (865) 482-9999 or visit www.orplayhouse.com.

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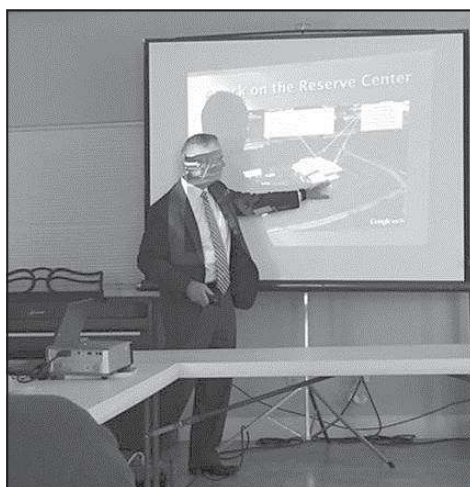


Michal Kaplan with Fay Campbell, Alice Farkas, and Bob Yoder of the Israeli dancers. The group wished Kaplan well as she prepares to move to another state.



Winick AZA alumni gather in New York City for a friendly poker night. (L-R) Asher Robinson, Evan Chasan, Raphael Bendriem, Eli Robinson, Ben Oleshansky, and Ryan Markman.

Edward Reinhold, FBI special agent in charge Knoxville division, presents a security training program to members and guests of the East Tennessee Civil Rights Working Group at a meeting held at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center.



In April, the Weinstein BBG girls attended Mega Kallah, a BBYO conference that included teens from Tennessee, Georgia, and North Carolina held at a camp in Alabama. Pictured: Liza Reineri (advisor), Rachel Margulies, Lilly Sitver, Arielle Rosen, Stephanie Goldfeld, Lauren Dryzer, Edden Rosenberg, Elena Reineri, Sarah Siegel, and Nora Khaddouma.

BBG congratulates Liza on earning her master's degree at UT and thanks her for being their BBYO advisor. They also want to welcome Stephanie Kors as their new advisor.

Research Query: The Pagoda 1932-37

Dean Novelli, a Knoxville historian who is currently researching the 200-year history of the Lamar House-Bijou Theatre, is seeking information from anyone who remembers the **Pagoda**, a Chinese-American restaurant on Gay Street which opened in November of 1932 and closed in 1937. The restaurant was owned by **Max Weinstein** and was located at 807 S. Gay Street next to the Bijou Theatre or "under the Lamar House."

Novelli is particularly interested in an exterior photograph of the Pagoda Restaurant which had a Chinese-themed storefront that featured elaborate woodwork, dragons and a tile roof. This was Knoxville's first Chinese restaurant.

If you remember the Pagoda, or have any other interesting stories, photographs or ephemera (e.g., menus, play programs, fund-raising material from the Save the Bijou campaigns) related to either the Lamar House or the Bijou Theatre, please contact him at lamarhouse200@yahoo.com or (865) 776-8505, or contact the KJA Archivist at archives@jewishknoxville.org or (865) 690-6343.

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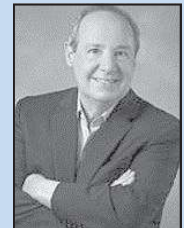
Suzy Snoops

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

- ★ **Vanessa Rodriquez**, daughter of Carlos Rodriquez and Jenny Pfeffer, was invited to join the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. She is a journalism major at the University of Tennessee.
- ★ **Stuart N. Brotman**, Ph.D., the Howard Distinguished Endowed Professor of Media Management and Law and Beaman Professor of Communication and Information, is the 2016 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement in Scholarship Award from the Broadcast Education Association. He is the first professor from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville to receive this honor.
- ★ **Jeff Becker**, Ph.D., was the UT College of Arts and Sciences' Spring 2016 Commencement speaker. Becker, who retired this year after being at UT since 1972, was the David and Sandra White Endowed Professor, Chancellor's Professor, and head of the Department of Microbiology.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Barry** and **Heidi Allen** on the marriage of daughter Rebecca Solomon Leibowitz and Aaron Engel.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Andrea** and **Barry Cone** on the engagement of Shelli Cone to Mark Javate.
- ★ Mazel tov to **Jason Messing**, whose team produced *Coined*, a film which won 13 awards at Knoxville's 54 Film Fest competition. The film won Best Film, Judges Choice, Audience Favorite for Act 1, Best Editing, Best Writing, Best Sound Design, Best Wardrobe, Best Effects, Best Use of Action. Best Makeup, Runner-up for Director, Runner-up Cinematography, and Runner-up for Best Production Design. *Coined* is viewable on YouTube as a Twin Pines Pictures production.
- ★ **Shelley Mangold's** ink painting titled "TN River Bluff year 2085" painting was accepted into the "Arts in the Airport" from March 31-September 21, 2016. The Arts & Culture Alliance of Greater Knoxville and the Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority (McGhee Tyson Airport) present a semi-annual juried exhibition featuring contemporary 2- and 3-dimensional artwork and is exhibited in the secured area behind the airport's security gate. Stop by the show on your way to your "gate" on your next plane trip!
- ★ **Heather Hirschfeld**, PhD, was honored with a 2016 Excellence in Teaching Award at the University of Tennessee. She teaches English courses in Renaissance literature.
- ★ **Robert Kronick**, PhD, was honored with the 2016 Alumni Public Service Award by the University of Tennessee. For more than 10 years, Kronick, a professor of educational psychology and counseling, has devoted his time to develop full-service programs at three Knoxville Title I schools. The schools provide medical and dental care, tutoring, counseling, and after-school and summer enrichment programs to more than 2,100 students and their families. His efforts have also provided meaningful clinical and research experience to the approximately 300 undergraduate and graduate students who have worked with him each year to implement the full-service school programs.
- ★ **Andrew Seidler**, now the Office of National Scholarships and Fellowships director, was awarded UT's 2016 Ready for the World Award, which honors those who enhance intercultural and international awareness of students and the campus community. He spent his first five years at UT developing and leading the Haslam College of Business' first-year study abroad program.
- ★ Chef **Bruce Bogartz** opened Primo Ristorante Italiano, located on the fifth floor of the Sunsphere.
- ★ **Rachel Brown**, daughter of Ken and Susan Brown, has been cast as Hodel (Tevye's second daughter) in the Oak Ridge Playhouse production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Many in the community have heard Rachel perform Hodel's emotional solo, *Far from the Home I Love*, and it's even more poignant in the context of the show. Rachel previously appeared in the role of Hodel in the Foothills Players' production of *Fiddler* in 2013. She is the vocalist for Knoxville's Dor L'Dor klezmer band. The Oak Ridge Playhouse production is scheduled to run from July 8-24, 2016. For ticket information, contact Oak Ridge Playhouse at (865) 482-9999 or visit www.orplayhouse.com.
- ★ The Boy Scouts of America's Great Smoky Mountain Council recently awarded **Mark Kaye** the Gold Hornaday badge for his dedication to conservation. Kaye has more than 30 years of experience volunteering with the Scouts, including leading his son's troop and being a member of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting.



Rodriquez



Brotman



Hirschfeld



Seidler



Freedom Song

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

What a great joy *Freedom Song* was! I've included a photo from the event, and I hope you'll see it and feel the joy I feel when I remember that special night. *Freedom Song* is a transformative musical that shatters the myth of Jews being immune to addiction. By interweaving a Passover *Seder* with personal stories of addiction, *Freedom Song* poses one stark question – "what are you a slave to?"

We had about a hundred people come out, watch, and participate, who joined with 20 people involved in the production, including the cast, tour manager, music director, director and tech staffs. By performing in *Freedom Song*, cast members have an opportunity to answer questions from the audience and to share their experiences on how best to recover from a lifestyle of addiction. The cast of *Freedom Song* is not a cast of actors; they are actual addicts in recovery that have broken off the shackles of drugs, alcohol, gambling, and other destructive behaviors. Using song and dance, tears and laughter, and an intense post-show discussion with the cast, *Freedom Song* opened our eyes to the real life struggle against the "bondage of self" that we fight every day.

Everyone was moved, thoughtful, and inspired. As one audience member noted, "I was simultaneously unsettled and impressed." For me personally, it was terrific to see *Freedom Song* again, and to re-view it through the lens of my expanding life as a rabbi and a father. Likewise, it was great to connect with Beit T'Shuvah again, and to share their wisdom with Knoxville.

I am immeasurably grateful to our major donor, the Diane and Guilford Glazer Foundation, our local sponsors within the Knoxville Jewish Community Family of Funds: the Bradley Sturm Memorial Fund; the Sharon Brietstein Memorial Fund; and, the Besmann Family Fund for Social Justice and Spiritual Enrichment, as well as our institutional partners, Knoxville Hadassah and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, along with countless others who spread the word through their personal and professional networks. Through their direct support, financial participation, and simply getting out the word, this night was a great success. I think it was a signal event for our community, and a turning point in our understanding of addiction, spirituality and recovery.

"On behalf of the entire cast," says producer Jessica Fishel, "I wanted to thank you for time and efforts in coordinating [the] performance of *Freedom Song*. It was such an honor performing at your *shul*. Your congregation is wonderful and we so appreciated the honesty and enthusiasm of the audience." *Freedom Song* is an amazing production that educated our community about the struggles of addiction in non-traditional and creative fashion.



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Chairman's Comments

By Hal Manas

By the time you read this, the June 5 Annual Congregational meeting will be history. I hope that all goes well. The Board members and I are working on our reports and a slate for the election of At Large Board members. I really want to get this correct as I will only have one more chance to do all of this.

The following is a list some of the things that I consider highlights of the last year at Heska Amuna Synagogue. I hope you agree with my "highlights" and I look forward to hearing your list as well.



- The Yom Kippur Appeal, perhaps my favorite
- Janet Gurwitsch honored by the YWCA
- We hired Beverly Wilcox as our new Operations and Administration Director
- The High Holidays
- The Sofar on site
- Work of the "Butterfly Bush" committee
- Improvements to the Rosen Social Hall
- We brought Harriet Cooper on the Board as our new Facilities and Human Resources Vice-Chair
- We hired Gabe Spencer as our new Kitchen Supervisor
- We hired Knox County deputies as security for Shabbos and Holiday services
- We received a grant from the Guilford Glazer Foundation for volunteer workers
- We received a generous donation to pay for basic weekly Kiddushim
- We hosted a performance of *Freedom Song*
- We hired Robin Goldberg as a part-time clerical help
- We received a grant to support planning a Kallah

President's Report

By Raphe Panitz, Ph.D.

We are in the middle of the summer of 2016, preparing for the High Holidays and their solemn messages. So to provide a little levity before we begin to contemplate the Yamim Noraim, I thought I would devote some thought to a question many of us often ask. That question is "What's your horoscope?"

Now, you may ask what is the relevance of horoscope questions to Judaism and the Jewish people. It turns out that issues involving horoscopes, astrology, astrologers, and the zodiac have long dominated Jewish thought.

As the noted Jewish scholar Louis Jacobs wrote, "Astrology is the belief that human destiny is determined or at least affected by the stars and planets in the ascendancy when a person is born." As far back as the biblical period, we find mention of astrology and astrologers. We know that the ancient Egyptians and Mesopotamians studied the movements of the stars and planets. Perhaps that is why Leviticus bans divination and soothsaying (19:26) and why Deuteronomy forbids Israelites from soothsaying, divining, casting spells, and sorcery (18:9-12). Both Jeremiah (10:2) and Isaiah (47:13) make fun of and ridicule astrologers. The Hebrew Bible does mention constellations in general (*mazarot*, Job 38:31-33 and II Kings 23:5) and specific constellations such as Orion (Job 9:9, Job 38:31; Amos 5:8). In the Book of Daniel, Babylonian astrologers are called Kasdim/Kasdin, the same word as Chaldeans.

In post biblical literature, we also find references to astrology. It is mentioned in the Apocrypha many times, especially in the Book of Jubilees. The Hellenistic work known as the Sibylline oracles praise the Jews for shunning astrology, yet the Roman Jewish historian Josephus criticized the Jews for ignoring astrological signs predicting the destruction of Jerusalem.

We find a mixed reaction to astrology in rabbinic and medieval Jewish literature.

The Babylonian Talmud associated character traits with being born on a specific day of the week (Shabbat 156a); yet we find Talmudic passages prohibiting Jews from getting advice from astrologers (BT 65, Pesachim 113b).

Other rabbis who argued against astrology included Samuel of Babylonia and Rabbi Akiva.

On the other hand, evidence exists from the Talmud, the midrash, and medieval Jewish texts of an extensive reliance on astrology and astrologers. For example, some midrashim argue that the stars control people's fates, and contend that astrology has good intentions. The Talmudic/midrashic view can be summed up by the passage from BT Sotah 12b: "They [astrologers] gaze and ponder and know not what they ponder." It should also be noted that one can find in the Talmud equivalences between the constellations of the zodiac and the 12 Hebrew months. (e.g, Taurus=Shor=Iyar).

Many famous medieval Jews accepted astrology, including Abraham Ibn Ezra, Nachmanides, Moshe Chaim Luzatto, and above all, the Spanish scholar Levi Ben Gerson, known as Gersonides (1288-1344). He devoted a whole chapter in his famous work *Milhamot Hashem* (The Wars of the Lord) to astrology, arguing that it did exist and explained how it works. On the other hand, Maimonides opposed astrology as do the Jewish Codes of Law known as the Tur and the Shulhan Aruch. Also, it should be mentioned that astrology did find a home in Kabbalistic literature.

In our own days, the Conservative, Orthodox, and Reform movements have all come out strongly against astrology, arguing that it denies the power of God. Moreover, some of these anti-astrology voices reject astrology as a guide for one's life.

So, the next time you look in your daily paper to read your horoscope, you might want to consider how our Jewish ancestors looked upon astrology and all of its parts. Some rejected it totally, others looked at it with a grudging acceptance, and some were very eager to use it to guide their lives. We may laugh at our friends and colleagues who swear by their horoscopes, but, as we have seen above, they are in very good company with some famous Jewish scholars.

Shalom, "May the stars shine upon you."



Guest Rabbi Michael Panitz To Teach at Heska Amuna July 30–31

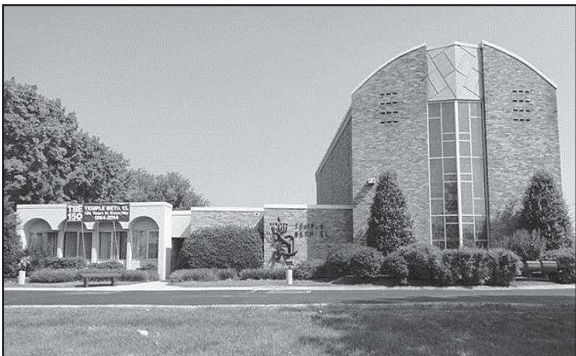
Two years ago Michael Panitz, Ph.D., led services and taught a class on Sunday morning. He was asked to return and will be at Heska Amuna July 30 and 31. He is looking forward to his return engagement and his remarks will include *Moses, Midrash, and Movies*. We anticipate his visit!

Michael Panitz has been the rabbi of Temple Israel, in Norfolk, Virginia, for the past 25 years. In addition to his rabbinical duties, he is involved in teaching and community service. He earned his rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1982 and his Ph.D. in Jewish History in 1989.



Heska Amuna Sisterhood serves delicious vegetarian matzo ball soup to Knoxville foodies At the May 22 event.

Heska Amuna's Yahrzeit Calendar & Membership Directory for 5777 is currently in production. Please look over last year's calendar to check your personal information and the names of loved ones included on the monthly pages. If changes are needed, notify the synagogue office as soon as possible at admin@heskaamuna.org or (865) 522-0701.

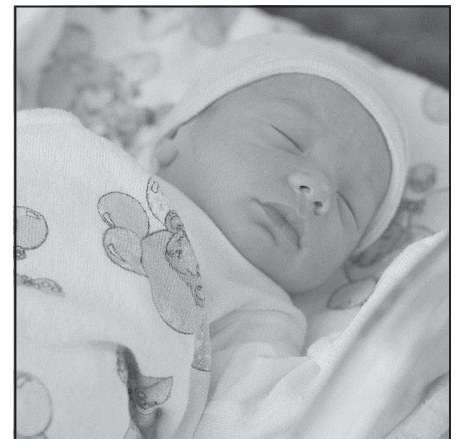


**Join us Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.
for services followed by an kiddish.**

Mazel Tov to Scharfman Family

Rachel and Jason Scharfman are pleased to announce that they have gifted their daughter, Zahava, with a younger brother.

Yehuda Tzion Scharfman was born on May 8, 2016, and he is very handsome.





Camp Chaverim

Join us August 1-4, 2016,
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Rising Students in Grades 3 - 6

Our campers will review the Alef -Bet, practice Tefillah. In addition, we will have arts and crafts, cooking, Torah study and a Tzedakah project. There is no charge for the program, but please send a brown bag dairy lunch.

I am looking for volunteers to assist with the Hebrew tutoring and other projects. Our goal is to have the campers in groups according to ability.

For more information,
contact morahbetty@heskaamuna.org

Heska Amuna Religious School News

By Betty Golub, Youth and Family Programming Director

As the song says, "It is the lazy hazy days of summer." And...they are upon us. We are now in the Hebrew month of Tammuz. Other than a fast day on July 24, 2016/18 Tammuz, Rosh Chodesh is the only celebration we have Jewishly. This is not to take away from our 4th of July fireworks and bar-be-ques.

This month Rosh Chodesh begins on July 6, 2016. A fun activity this month would be to keep track of the moon. Go to www.hebcal.com and print out the calendar and you can keep track of the moon and its phases.



Have a discussion with your children and ask the following questions:

- Why does it seem that the moon follows you wherever you go when you are outdoors at night?
- Who or what else follows you wherever you go?
- How does that feel?
- Why does the moon glow?
- What causes the light? What else do we know that glows brightly?

Did you know that UT has a planetarium? Go and visit!



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Permanent Schedule

Friday Night Services.....Varies
Saturday Morning Service.....9:30 a.m.
Mon. & Thurs. Minyanim.....7:00 a.m.

Evening minyanim for members
can be arranged by calling President
Raphe Panitz one week before.

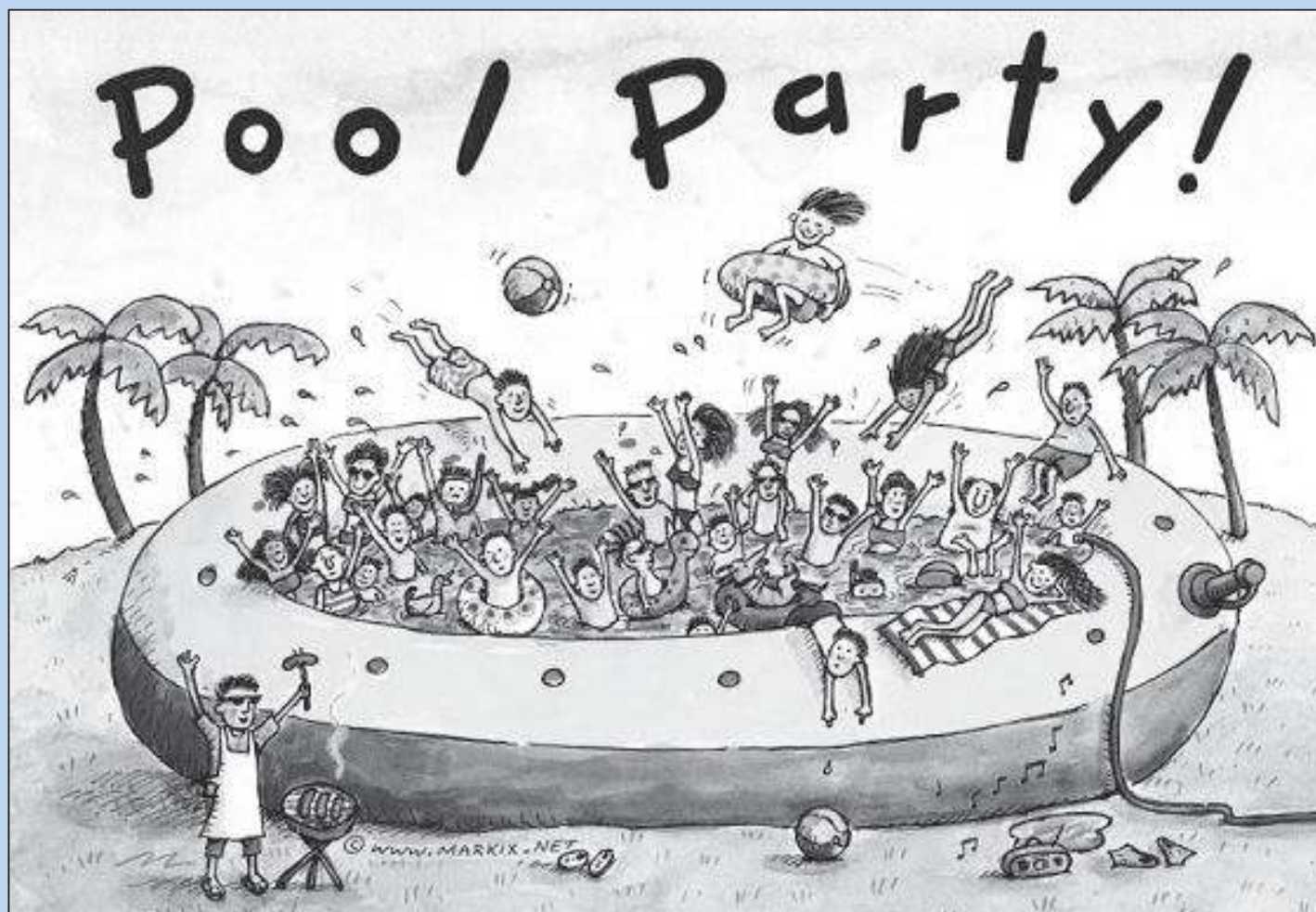
Sunday Minyan.....9:30 a.m.

For a list of Heska Amuna's funds and
other information, please visit
www.heskaamuna.org

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**Heska Amuna Religious School
Pool Party and Bar-Be-Que
Sunday, August 21 — 10:00 a.m.– Noon**

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

Questions? Call Morah Betty at 522-0701

Contributions From Caring People

Donations received as of May 9, 2016

Visit www.heskaamuna.org for a complete list of available funds.

Butterfly Fund

In Memory of Marvin Hecht

By Gene and Pat Rosenberg

In Honor of Natalie Robinson's Birthday

By Judith Rattner

Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Gordy Brown

By Robin Brown

In Honor of Natalie Robinson's Birthday

By Harold and Joyce Diftler

Cohen-Presser Endowment Fund

In Loving Memory of Husband, Norbert

Joel Slovis

By Linda Gray-Slovis

General Fund

By Barry and Heidi Allen; Jerrold and Susan Becker; Harold and Joyce Diftler; Joshua and Kimberly Hedrick; Anna-Carina Ionescu; Stephen and Rosalie Nagler

In Memory of Marvin Hecht

By Theodore and Wendy Besmann

In Honor of Natalie Robinson's Birthday

By Marilyn Presser

Library Fund

In Honor of Natalie Robinson's Birthday

By Raphael and Susette Panitz

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Alan and Marilyn Abrams; Joyce

Beerman; Bernard and Anne

Bendriem; Michael Burnett; Harriet Cooper; Harold and Joyce Diftler;

Lester and Betty Golub; Jeffrey and Shelley Hecht; Marilyn Presser; Mary Linda Schwarzbart; Melissa Sturm Miriam Weinstein; Carl and Angela Wittenberg

In Memory of Charlotte Cooper

By Harriet Cooper

In Memory of Leon Hasden

By Melissa Sturm

In Memory of Marvin Hecht

By Jack and Judith Benhayon;

Adam Brown

In Memory of Esther Panitz

By Raphael and Susette Panitz

Religious School Fund

Raphael and Susette Panitz; Gilya Schmidt; Mary Linda Schwarzbart; Jeffrey and Serina Scott

In Memory of Marvin Hecht

By Harold and Susan Silber

In Appreciation of Peggy Littmann

By Shannon Martindale

Sylvia Robinson Memorial Fund

In Honor of Natalie Robinson's Birthday

By Harold and Susan Silber

Yahrzeit Fund

In Memory of Isadore Abrams

from Alan and Marilyn Abrams

In Memory of Harry Brietstein

By Abraham and Judy Brietstein

In Memory of Gordon Brown

By Edith Brown

In Memory of Ilene and Louis Edelman

By Richard and Wendy Good

In Memory of Annie Green, Lillian G.

Weinbren and other Green Family

Members

By Jeffrey and Anita Miller

In Memory of Dr. Leonard Handler

By Harold and Joyce Diftler

In Memory of Marvin Hecht

By Harold and Joyce Diftler; Mark and

Carol Harris; Harvey and Marilyn

Liberman

In Memory of Sarah and Gary Miller

By Jeffrey and Anita Miller

In Memory of Martin Shersky

By Harvey and Marilyn Liberman

In Memory of Miles Siegel

By Mark Siegel

In Memory of Philip Slusher

By Jenifer Lynn Fuson



The Butterfly Bush Committee welcomed spring with a new daffodil bed at the entrance and removed overgrown trees and brush. They will be "rocking" in a few weeks. Stop by and see their new projects, smell the roses, and watch butterflies. They welcome donations in honor of, or in memory of loved ones. The above photos shows the entrance way before and after trimming.

Congratulations to Area 2016 Graduates

The Jewish community wishes to congratulate and celebrate the academic accomplishments of area youth by recognizing their successful graduation from high schools and collegiate programs. Mazel tov and best wishes to all!

High School Graduates

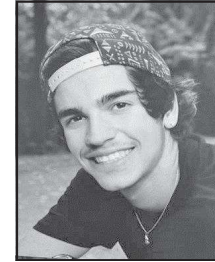
- ◆ **Sean Badurina**, son of Rebecca and Dennis Badurina, graduated from Oak Ridge High School. He will attend UT Chattanooga in the fall, with an eye towards mechanical and aerospace engineering. Sean was awarded a Brad Sturm Memorial Scholarship through the Rotary Club.
- ◆ **Alexander Berube**, son of Rich and Sharon Berube, graduated from Webb School of Knoxville. Alexander served as freshman class president, junior class president, and senior year president of the student government. Alexander was a student athlete throughout high school, playing varsity football and basketball for four years and tennis for two. Alexander will attend the University of Illinois where he will study industrial systems engineering.
- ◆ **Ben Brown**, son of Alan and Lisa Brown and grandson of Leonard and Marge Brown, graduated from St. David's School, Raleigh, NC. Ben will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- ◆ **Stephen Brown**, son of Adam Brown and Jill Brown, graduated with honors from Bearden High School. Stephen will attend Middle Tennessee State University where he plans to major in recording industry/audio production. Stephen is enjoying being a Milton Collins Day Camp counselor at the AJCC before heading off to college.
- ◆ **Ben Carlson**, the son of Don and Rachel Carlson and brother of Rebecca Carlson, graduated from Oak Ridge high School. Ben will attend Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida to study marine biology, music, and Spanish. At ORHS Ben played cello in the orchestra, was involved in the National Honors Society, and competed on the swim team and cross country team.
- ◆ **Eli Derrington**, son of Susan Baker and Keith Derrington, graduated from Bearden High School. Honors include National Merit Finalist, STEM Honors Program, and Top 5 of his class. Eli will attend the Georgia Institute of Technology, with plans to major in aerospace engineering. Eli will participate in the Grand Challenges program.
- ◆ **Danielle Dryzer**, daughter of Scott and Lynn Dryzer, graduated from Bearden High School.
- ◆ **Brandon Messing**, son of Daniel and Karen Messing and grandson of George and Helene Messing, graduated from Bearden High School. He played junior varsity baseball and on the Ice Dawgs varsity hockey team. Brandon served on the school's Advisory Council and as a DECA member, was recognized for leadership at the county level. He also took a special interest in Winick AZA. Brandon will attend the University of Tennessee with plans to study economics in the Haslam School of Business.
- ◆ **Jacob Messing**, son of Michael Messing and Joyce York and grandson of George and Helene Messing, graduated from Hardin Valley Academy with an endorsement in Business, Law, and Public Affairs. Jacob served as HVA FIRST Robotics business team co-captain and was a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. He was an active Winick AZA member and is working as a Milton Collins Day Camp counselor this summer. Jacob will attend the University of Tennessee with plans to major in public administration.
- ◆ **Elizabeth Anne Noon**, daughter of Chuck and Missy Noon, graduated as valedictorian at Bearden High School. Lizzy will attend Vanderbilt University in the fall of 2016, where she plans to pursue a degree in engineering science with a focus on energy and the environment. At Bearden, Lizzy ran cross country, and was a member of the Senior Committee, National Honor Society, and STEM Honors program. She also was president of Key Club, vice president of Mu Alpha Theta, and an anchor for the Bearden Broadcasting Network.
- ◆ **Abigail Sayles**, daughter of Allen and Lisa Sayles and sister of Alicia Carter, graduated from Oak Ridge High School. She will attend Roane State Community College this fall.
- ◆ **Esther Rachel Sitver**, daughter of Joe Sitver and Anita Kay, graduated from Bearden High School as an AP Scholar of Distinction, National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, and National Art Honor Society student. She served as Gay Straight Alliance president, and a Senior FYI Peer Mentor for Planned Parenthood. Esther attended the Governor's School for the Arts at MTSU and the Summer Academy at Memphis College of Art. Esther will major in illustration at Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida.
- ◆ **Benjamin Toedte**, son of Ross and Sharon Toedte, graduated from West High School's International Baccalaureate program and was recognized as one of its 2016 *Knoxville News-Sentinel* High Achievers. Benjamin was salutatorian, a National Merit Finalist, and an AP Scholar with Distinction. He will attend Georgetown University after skating professionally with Disney on Ice.



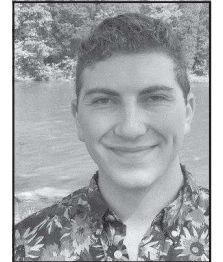
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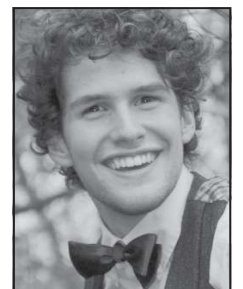
Ben Carlson



College graduate Andrew Messing with high school graduates Brandon Messing and Jacob Messing



Esther Sitver



Benjamin Toedte

College Graduates

- ◆ **Eddy Allen**, son of Heidi and Barry Allen, graduated with honors from Boston University with a bachelor of science degree in communication. Allen will begin a graduate program in art direction at the Branding Center, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA this fall.
- ◆ **Rachel Brown**, daughter of Ken and Susan Brown and the granddaughter of the late Marilyn and Bernie Shorr, and Elaine and Arthur Brown, received the bachelor of music degree in vocal performance from the University of Tennessee. Rachel is a Chancellor's Honors Program scholar, and completed minors in German and Judaic Studies. Rachel was named this year's outstanding graduating senior in Voice, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Rachel was given the honor of singing the national anthem and the UT Alma Mater at UT's College of Arts and Sciences graduation ceremony at Thompson Boling Arena. Rachel plans to stay in Knoxville and enter a graduate program in music in 2017.
- ◆ **Elena Caicedo**, daughter of David Brown and granddaughter of Leonard and Marge Brown, graduated first in her class from the Denver School of Massage Therapy. She recently returned to Knoxville and is pursuing her Tennessee massage therapy license.
- ◆ **Rebecca Carlson**, daughter of Rachel and Don Carlson, sister of Benjamin Carlson, graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Psychological Services, with a concentration in Global Health. She will pursue her dual Masters in Social Work and Public Health at Columbia University.
- ◆ **Alicia Rose Carter**, daughter of Allen and Lisa Sayles and sister of Abigail Sayles, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in social work from the University of Tennessee. Alicia was also a teacher at the AJCC Preschool and area religious schools. She will work as a direct support professional at Breakthrough Corporation.
- ◆ **Noah Price Erwin**, son of Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin, graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a bachelor of arts degree in global environmental change and sustainability. He also received a Fulbright Scholarship for which he will teach English to 7th-12th graders in rural Malaysia starting in January 2017.
- ◆ **Jacob E. Forman**, son of Susan and Marc Forman, will graduate magna cum laude from the University of Tennessee with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology. In the fall, he will attend Life University in Marietta, Georgia to work on his doctor of chiropractic degree.
- ◆ **Samantha Friedlander**, daughter of Katy Koontz and Steven Friedlander, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. She will attend graduate school at Emory University this fall.
- ◆ **Emily Hoffman**, daughter of Larry Hoffman and Deidre Ford, graduated with honors from University of Tennessee with a double major in Spanish and Graphic Design. She plans to teach English abroad in Korea before launching into a design career
- ◆ **Andrew Messing**, son of Michael Messing and Joyce York and grandson of George and Helene Messing, graduated with honors from the University of Tennessee with a bachelor's degree in computer engineering. He plans to pursue a master's in computer engineering at the University of Tennessee.
- ◆ **Liza Reineri**, daughter of Nina Reineri and sister of Elena Reineri, graduated from the University of Tennessee with a Masters of Accounting. Liza will start her career in Boston's Pricewaterhouse Coopers' office this fall. Liza volunteered as the BBG Advisor while at UT.
- ◆ **Jake Rosenberg**, son of Hal and Amy Rosenberg, graduated from The University of Central Florida with a bachelor of arts degree in advertising and public relations with a minor in marketing. Jake graduated magna cum laude and is off on a trip to Israel before he begins his professional career.
- ◆ **Alex Shor**, son of Joel and Susan Shor, graduated with a degree in computer science from Tennessee Tech University. This is his second undergraduate degree. He also has a degree in music performance on cello from Florida State University. Alex will begin a job as a computer programmer at Cigna in Nashville in July. He also looks forward to living in "Music City" where he can continue to perform on cello, piano, and especially the accordion.
- ◆ **Britt Sturm**, the son of Melissa Sturm, received his MBA with an emphasis in finance from Lindenwood University, St. Louis, Missouri on May 13. He will return to Knoxville to work in the family business.
- ◆ **William Henry Tunney**, nephew of Nicki Russler, received his bachelor's degree *summa cum laude* from The George Washington University, with a major in political science and minors in history and geography. He also completed four years in the Naval ROTC program and has been commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. **Jacquelyn Warden** will graduate from King University with a bachelor's degree in nursing in December.
- ◆ **Adam Wohl**, son of Barry and Marilyn Wohl, graduated in May from the University Of Tennessee College Of Dentistry in Memphis with a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree, Doctor of Dental Surgery. Adam has opened a General Family and Cosmetic Dental Practice in Oak Ridge.



Eddy Allen



Rachel Brown



Rebecca Carlson



Alicia Carter



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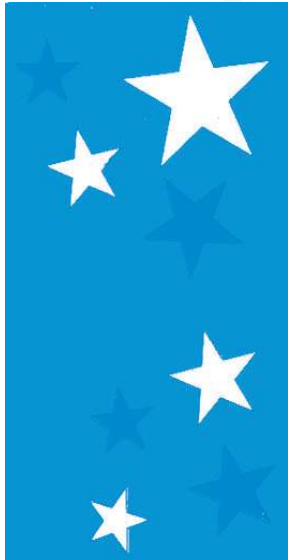


Knoxville Jewish Alliance

Ha'Kol

Celebrate July 4 Weekend with Us!

July 2016



**Independence Day Party
at the AJCC Pool
Sunday, July 3
1-3 p.m.**

**Red, White, & Blue Refreshments,
Games, and Activities**

Free admission for AJCC members
\$5/per person Non-AJCC Members
\$18/Family Max—which includes activities and
use of the pool July 3.

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FRIDAY NIGHT CHILL AT THE AJCC POOL

Friday, August 19

5:30 **Tot Shabbat**
at the Baby Pool

6:00 **Dinner**

7:15 **Friday Night Chill**
Shabbat Service
led by Jared and
Anna Iroff-Bailey

Bring a yard chair and join us!
More details in August *Ha'Kol*.

Join Us at the AJCC for a
**POP-UP
SATURDAY SUPPER**

Saturday, July 23
5:30-8:30 p.m. or until we sell out!

Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive
No reservations. First come, first serve

*The menu is subject to change and will be determined by what is available from the market that week. We promise to deliver a variety to please most; including vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free. Prepared by Chefs Ben and Amy Willis-Becker. Questions: Check with the chefs at willisbecker@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

**Artist Reception for
David Barnett**

Sunday, August 29
5:30-7 p.m. — AJCC

July KJA President's Comments

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

I recently asked our wonderful KJA Administrative Assistant ReNee' Pelicano about the three questions she was most often asked when people call into the AJCC. I thought her answer provided great insight not only into what the KJA does, but also into how it's starting to be perceived. Here's what ReNee' told me:



1. Community Services

We receive calls regularly asking if our facility (AJCC building/grounds) is available for use by outside organizations. With the recent improvements to the facility, these calls are increasing. People really like what they are seeing and are "proud" to hold their events here. An even greater increase has come from within the KJA community – again, they are seeing the improvements and opportunities available to host events at the Center. A lot of KJA members are visiting the Center after a long absence and are floored by what they are seeing. They can't believe the changes.

We often receive calls from people asking for monetary help (usually with rent, utilities, or travel expenses). These calls are always directed to our Jewish Family Services department, under the leadership of Laura Berry. Senior services are another big request – families with aging parents are looking for activities, social services, and sometimes facilities that can assist their loved ones in day-to-day care. These calls also go to Laura.

2. AJCC Preschool

The AJCC Preschool has a strong reputation and the local Knoxville community sees that. We have a lot of people calling inquiring about enrolling their child in the preschool. There is a strong interest for enrollment as well.

3. AJCC Membership

It seems that membership also is on the rise. With summer approaching, AJCC Pool use is on many people's agendas. We have about an equal number of Knoxville community members/KJA families signing up for pool memberships. I have seen a renewed interest in membership in the time I have been here. Again, I think the new leadership along with all the work Ed has done on the facility is encouraging members of the Jewish community to take pride in the Center once again.

As you can see the KJA/Center is much more than just a gathering place. Not only does the KJA help the community as a whole---social services, community organizations using meeting space/gym/grounds, preschool, etc., but we are also the point of contact for Jewish Services in Knoxville and we work closely with all eight organizations (Chabad, Temple Beth El, KJA, AJCC Preschool, Heska Amuna, JCOR, Hadassah, and KJDS) to promote the Jewish culture of the area.

Again, folks, there are great things happening at the AJCC and we're proud of what we've got going on here. If you've not been by in a while, please stop in and visit and see for yourself where your KJA Campaign dollars are going and how all of the hard work of the staff and volunteers is paying off.

Knoxville Jewish Alliance Activities

- ◆ Archives
- ◆ B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program
- ◆ BBYO Support
- ◆ Camp K'TonTon
- ◆ Camp Tikken Olam
- ◆ Community Relations
- ◆ Cultural & Social Events
- ◆ Educational Events
- ◆ Friendshippers
- ◆ Global Day of Learning
- ◆ AJCC Golf Tournament
- ◆ Ha'Kol Newsletter
- ◆ Indigent Burial Fund
- ◆ Israel P2G Partnership
- ◆ Jewish Book Month
- ◆ Jewish Family Services
- ◆ Milton Collins Day Camp
- ◆ Missions to Israel
- ◆ Mitzvah Day
- ◆ AJCC Pool & Tennis
- ◆ AJCC Preschool
- ◆ PJ Library
- ◆ Sundown in the Sukkah
- ◆ Teen Connection
- ◆ University Swim Club
Smokin' Salmon Swim Team
- ◆ UT Faculty Lectures
- ◆ UT Hillel
- ◆ YJAK (Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville)
- ◆ Yom HaShoah Event
- ◆ And so much more!

Last Thursdays on Wednesday!!!?

An opportunity for adults age 21+ to get together.

Wednesday, July 27—Movie at the AJCC Pool

(Switched to Wednesday this month because of a Thursday night conflict!)

8-10 p.m. Movie and snacks—rain or shine.

Rain location: AJCC Orwitz Room

Questions: office@jewishknoxville.org

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MILTON COLLINS DAY CAMP

Join Us for the Last Two Sessions!

Milton Collins Day Camp features two-week sessions for youths in grades Kindergarten-10. Theme weeks include games, crafts, field trips, late/overnight adventures, nature study/science experiments, and swimming. From goofy games to educational electives, campers enjoy a variety of activities on our 13-acre campus. One-week sessions are available. MCDC camp hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Early care 7:30 -9 a.m. & After care 3-6 p.m. available.)

Register online at www.jewishknoxville.org.
Call (865) 690-6343 for more information.

July 5–15: Session 4 SPACE PLACE

This session's gonna be out of this world. Campers will experience outer space through astronomy & their imaginations!

JULY 18–29: SESSION 5 IT'S THE OLYMPICS! (includes THE MCDC legendary Color Wars — July 18-22!)

Nothing like a little friendly competition! Teams experience the culture of Brazil while competing in Wacky Olympics events!



In addition to daily swim lessons and pool time in our spacious AJCC Pool, campers enjoy "The Most Fun Under the Sun" as they play on our water slide.



Campers learn to bake challah and braid loaves, then enjoy eating their creations at Shabbat!



Campers enjoyed ice cream treats and a visit from Moses during the week of Shavuot.

Movie "Night" at the AJCC!

Come Blow Your Horn
starring Frank Sinatra

Wednesday, July 13
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
AJCC Orwitz Room



After his younger brother, Buddy (Tony Bill), shows up one day, ladies' man Alan Baker (Frank Sinatra) finds out Buddy has finally moved out of their father's home. Alan allows Buddy to stay with him, and even teaches him how to be a suave, hip Manhattanite. Buddy quickly adopts Alan's lifestyle, while their father, Harry (Lee J. Cobb), grows frustrated at the irresponsibility of his sons. When Alan starts to realize the shallowness of his life, he worries that it is too late to save Buddy.

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



Shavuot was celebrated with s'mores under the stars at the AJCC. The June 11 event featured a group discussion, songs and niggun circle, friends, gourmet s'mores, and of course, a bonfire.

Over twenty people attended Shavuot S'mores and More at the AJCC. Thank you to Anna and Jared Iroff – Bailey for organizing the event and to Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm for facilitating the learning and discussion.

2016 AJCC GOLF TOURNAMENT



**Egwani Farms Golf Course,
Rockford, Tennessee**

Sunday, August 21

Shotgun Start
8:00 a.m.

Four-Man Scramble

Registration forms:
www.jewishknoxville.org or KJA Office

MORE INFO: ajccgolf@aol.com

AJCC Revitalization Excitement

By Ellen Kern

About 10 years ago, when my mother was alive and happily living in Knoxville, she wanted to find a way to acknowledge how much she felt welcomed and part of this Jewish community. She actively participated in Friendshippers and other AJCC/KJA programs plus the weekly mahj & canasta games. Together, we decided a donation to the Knoxville Jewish

Community Family of Funds was an appropriate way to show her love for this community. The Sylvia Greenberg Family Fund (SGFF) was set up to honor the Knoxville Jewish community.

Today, as I see the exciting renovations at the KJA/AJCC center, it seemed like a good time to transfer the SGFF to support renovation needs. We were presented with a wish list of projects. Since both our girls (Sylvia's granddaughters) swam on the AJCC Smokin' Salmon Swim Team from age 5 to 18 and as I was Swim Team mom for several years, additional AJCC Pool awnings/shade structures seemed most appropriate. I know my mom would be pleased.



Sylvia Greenberg and Ellen Kern at the creation of The Sylvia Greenberg Family Fund.



Irv and Myrna Russotto are the AJCC's Unsung Heroes. They both work tirelessly to organize and host the annual AJCC Golf Tournament. The Russottos encourage all to join them August 19 for a terrific, fun-filled benefit.

Unsung Heroes: Golf Tournament a Labor of Love For Irv and Myrna Russotto

The original "Uncle Gordy" Golf Tournament was a huge success. A few years later, Irv Russotto was asked to chair a golf tournament just for the AJCC. It was a winner and we have hosted one ever since, with Irv chairing at least 15 of them and his wife Myrna helping organize a fabulous luncheon for guests. According to Adam Brown, "Irv was able to bring together a cross section of ringers, shzlubs, corporate sponsors, hackers, hot dog grillers, pastry frosters, duffers, chicken marinaders, whiners, know-it-alls, and kvetchers."

More importantly, Irv created several family reunions as the tournament annually attracted golfers from out of town. Everyone enjoys the tournament and the opportunity to support the AJCC.

The 2016 AJCC Golf Tournament will be held at Egwani Farms on Sunday, August 21. The event begins with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. There are prizes for winners and skill contests. Guests will enjoy a fabulous lunch.

The cost is \$99 per player and includes green fees and cart, unlimited use of driving range, lunch, goody bag, and door prizes. Teams are welcome to organize a four person group or we can place individuals in a group. We have 72 slots available, so register now to guarantee your place.

Hole sponsorships and cart sponsorships are available.

AJCC Golf Tournament applications and sponsorship forms can be

found on the KJA website at www.jewishknoxville.org.

Contact Irv Russotto at 693-3307 or e-mail ajccgolf@aol.com for more information.



Sum Sum Summertime at the AJCC!

Summer is in full swing at the AJCC. From our "Most Fun Under the Sun" Milton Collins Day Camp and Camp K"Ton Ton, movies at the pool, pool parties, pop up suppers, indoor pickleball clinics and open play, fitness classes and water aerobics — there is TRULY something for just about everyone!

If you have not visited the AJCC recently, you will be pleasantly surprised by the changes to the AJCC Pool and building. We are proud of our improvements and would be thrilled to give you a personal tour. Either stop by at your convenience or contact Deborah Oleshansky 690-6343, doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org to schedule a VIP tour. It's all happening at the AJCC!

Thank you to all our KJA supporters. Without you, we cannot continue to provide all of these important services and programs for our community. 2016 KJA Campaign Chairs, Tamara and Gary Sturm, continue to lead the way on these fundraising efforts.

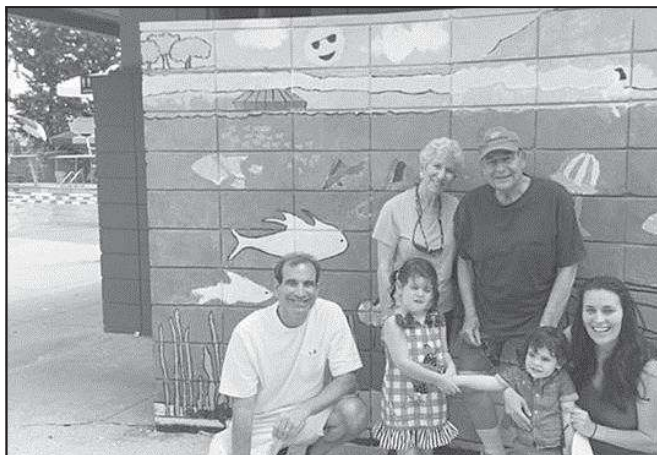


All Smiles at the AJCC Pool

During the weekdays, campers receive daily swim lessons and pool time. Members enjoy spending time at the AJCC Pool with family and friends throughout the summer. Come join us at the AJCC Pool.

Welcome to the J!

Three generations of Bernsteins (Barbara and Bernie, along with Mark, Rachel Clara, Benjamin, and Tanya Bernstein) enjoy an outing at the AJCC Pool.



KJA Contributions

Contributions made as of May 20, 2016

Friendshippers Fund

In honor of Natalie Robinson's 90th birthday

Becky Winston

Jewish Family Services

In appreciation of Clint's assistance

Alan and Nita Merlin

KJA Archives

In honor of Natalie Robinson's

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DELI ON THE ROOF
Sunday, September 18
 Noon-4 p.m., AJCC

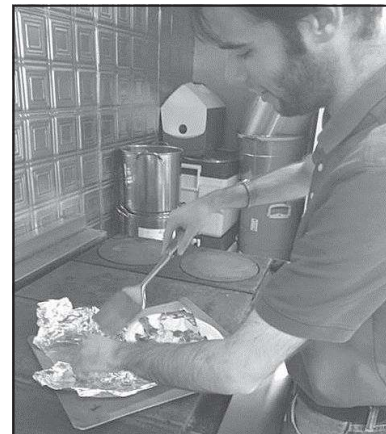
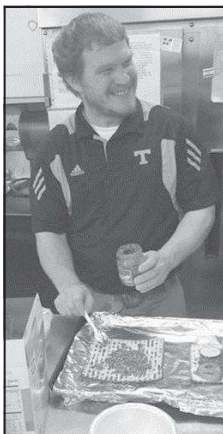
Kosher deli sandwiches and musical selections from *Fiddler on the Roof*, featuring Rachel Brown



MCDC Camp Director Brian DeBolt, greets former KJA Executive Director Bernie Rosenblatt. DeBolt. DeBolt was camp director when Rosenblatt was KJA executive director.

YJAK Passover Pizza Party

The Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville (YJAK) enjoy making (and eating) a variety of matzah pizzas at a YJAK event hosted at the AJCC during Passover.





A recent Teen Connection activity featured learning to play Pickleball at the AJCC. Teen Connection is a youth group for Jewish middle school-aged youth.



Participants in the 2016 KJA Bowling Tournament included Adam and Angie Brown, Nora and Patrick Messing, Mary Evars-Goan, Jill and Doug Weinstein, and John Goan.



In celebration of Yom Hazikaron, the KJA hosted a service, dinner, and the showing of the documentary *Body and Soul*, directed by Knoxvilleian Gloria Greenfield, who hosted a Q & A session afterwards for viewers.

2016 Yom HaShoah Features Edmonds' Tribute

The keynote speaker was Rev. Chris Edmonds, father of Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds, a World War II prisoner of war. As the Nazis tried to separate the Jewish soldiers from everyone else, the young Army man told the commandant, "We are all Jews here."



Regina Edmonds, Keynote Speaker Rev. Chris Edmonds, Camille Benson, and Rachel Brown at 2016's Yom HaShoah event.



Lori Shamblin with Director Gloria Greenfield



Trudy Dreyer, Holocaust survivor, at the May 17 Yom HaShoah event.

Knoshville a Delightful Celebration of Food and Community



Anne Greenbaum and Ellen Kern serve Israeli foods such as shakshuka, couscous, Israeli salad, hummus at the KJA booth.



Israeli dancers led by Fay Campbell entertain at Knoshville.



Folks enjoyed picnicking outside and the AJCC Pool.

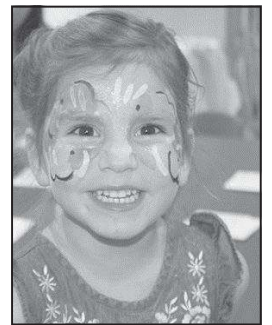
Our first-ever Knoshville event was a tremendous success! The delicious food and picture perfect weather drew a diverse crowd of more than 400 people who enjoyed Jewish food ranging from traditional to exotic. Perhaps even more importantly, Knoshville served to join together ALL aspects of the East Tennessee Jewish community to engage in a dynamic, cooperative and joyful experience. Thank you to ALL the organizations who participated: *Knoxville Jewish Alliance, Heska Amuna Sisterhood, Temple Beth El, Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, Knoxville Jewish Day School, Knoxville Hadassah, Chabad of Knoxville, Weinstein BBG, Winick AZA and the Young Jewish Adults of Knoxville (YJAK).*

Thank you to Fay Campbell and our local Israeli Dancers for the entertainment, and to ALL the many volunteers who cooked, served, set up, organized, and welcomed our several hundred visitors.

Plans are already underway for Knoshville 2017. Please contact Deborah Oleshansky — (doleshansky@jewishknoxville.org) to be added to the 2017 planning team.



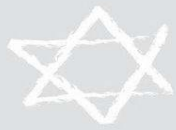
BBYO's Sarah Siegel, Justen Bain, and Arielle Rosen sell water and soft drinks to raise funds for their youth group activities..



Face painting brings smiles to all. Children enjoyed arts and crafts, foods, and playing together at the May 22 family-friendly event.



Knoxville Hadassah's Bundt cake booth was a crowd favorite.



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Lessons from Rome

By Carole H. Martin, KJCF President

Bob and I were recently in Rome and had the opportunity to tour ruins, hear centuries' worth of history and visit the Jewish Ghetto. It is impossible to note everything we learned of Jewish interest there, but three stand out for me.

Firstly, the Jewish community in Rome is known to be the oldest Jewish community in Europe. The first Jews arrived in Rome in the second century BCE, directly from Judea with the hopes of establishing business ties; they were probably sent by Judah Maccabee.

Secondly, when Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE, many precious artifacts were pillaged and taken to Rome. Bob and I viewed The Arch of Titus, which includes a relief detailing soldiers parading the many sacred treasures, including the menorah, through the streets of Rome as spoils of war. As a further consequence, there was a mass deportation of Jewish prisoners of war to Rome. They were used as slave labor to construct many buildings, including the Colosseum.

Thirdly, the Jewish ghetto of Rome holds hundreds of years of vast history, most of it ghastly. From a narrative on the website My Jewish Learning by Leah Koening: "Approximately 2,000-3,000 Jews lived in Rome in 1555, when Pope Paul IV established the walled Ghetto. A significant number of those Jews had recently moved from the South of Italy (where, because of the impacts of the Inquisition on Spanish-ruled Sicily and Calabria, they were no longer welcome). Overwhelmed by the influx of Jews, whom he viewed as second-class citizens, Pope Paul IV decided to segregate the community. The Jews in the Ghetto lived in incredible poverty and cramped conditions, which only grew worse as their population grew (the community was somewhere between 7,000-9,000 strong by the time the Ghetto walls were finally opened). The Ghetto restrictions were finally abolished in 1870 when papal dominion ended in Rome and Jews were granted full citizenship. Within three decades, the Ghetto's cramped walls were torn down and the area was rebuilt. This restructuring included the construction of Rome's Great Synagogue, completed in 1904." Note the photograph that I took of the beautiful interior of this massive and decorative synagogue.

The continual presence of a Jewish community in Rome for more than two millennia gives me pause, but also inspiration that what Knoxville has instituted in the KJCF is a vital piece of our community's continuity. Are you inspired to create your own piece of history by establishing a fund? Contact me at KJCFPresident@gmail.com. Ciao, y'all!



Donations

Heska Amuna Cemetery Fund

For the yarzheits of Israel Gruenberg and Frieda Schwarzbart
Mary Linda Schwarzbart

Natalie & Mitchell Robinson Community Enrichment Fund

In honor of Natalie Robinson's 90th birthday

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Zionist Organization Fund

In Memory of Marvin Hecht
Drs. Renee' Hyatt and Paul Erwin

Grants

- ★ The Knoxville Jewish Alliance received a grant from the **AJCC Endowment Fund** for building and grounds maintenance and improvements.
- ★ Heska Amuna Synagogue received a grant from the **Rosenthal Environment Fund** to replace bulbs on yearzeit tablets with LED bulbs.
- ★ The **Bernstein Charitable Fund** made grants to United Way of Greater Knoxville, Heska Amuna Synagogue, and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.
- ★ The **Sylvia Greenberg Family Fund** made a grant to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance for building needs and improvements.
- ★ The Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge received a grant from the **Frances Sturm Cultural Fund** for the purchase of a new projector for cultural events and entertainment.

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Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



President's Corner

By Meir Niad

I'm so proud of our community. We had a very nice Cookout and Kayaking event at Clark Center Park in May with more than 30 in attendance. The weather was great, food was delicious, and much fun was had by all. One week later we came together again to participate in the first Knoxville Jewish Food Festival. We made potato knish, noodle kugel, and mandelbrot - all of which sold out completely in 2 hours and 10 minutes. Our newest members at JCOR have been very active and were eager to help with this event. Devorah Cribb knitted several kippot and with her husband Terry, operated the gift shop side of our booth. Will Wright helped with booth setup and talking to booth visitors about our congregation and why he feels at home with us. Several others helped with cooking and serving our delicious menu, and I can't thank you enough. As I write this we are already getting ready for our next event: Oak Ridge's Secret City Festival.

Mensch Club News

The Mensch Club would like to congratulate Meir Niad as our Mensch of the Year and Al Good as our new Club President. We also welcome two new club members: Will Wright and Terry Cribb. The Club has many projects on our list to improve our community.

(Clockwise) Devorah and Terry Cribb work our gift shop table at Knoshville.

Becky Charles and Anne Greenbaum serve up a taste of Oak Ridge cooking at Knoshville.

Penny Lukin and Lilah Niad enjoyed an hour-long kayak ride, including a stop for some honeysuckle.



JCOR Upcoming Events

July 6, 2016

Rabbi's Study Session: "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" (after the morning services) "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" is an infamous anti-Semitic fabricated text purporting to describe a Jewish plan for global domination.

July 16, 2016, 7 p.m.

Jewish Film Series - The Mel Brooks Summer Festival:

Blazing Saddles USA. 1974, 1 hour, 33 min., R
Politically incorrect and very funny, Mel Brooks's take on Hollywood Westerns follows the tortured trail of freed slave Bart, who's elected sheriff of the racist town of Rock Ridge. He must foil a land-grabbing governor (Brooks) with help from a washed-up, pot-smoking gunslinger (Gene Wilder).

August 13, 2016

Rabbi's Study Session: "Chaim Weizmann" (after the morning services)

August 13, 2016, 7 p.m.

Jewish Film Series - The Mel Brooks Summer Festival:

Silent Movie USA. 1976, 1 hour, 27 minutes, PG
Mel Funn (Mel Brooks), Marty Eggs (Marty Feldman) and Dom Bell (Dom DeLuise) are aspiring filmmakers with a million-dollar idea that goes completely against the modern grain: They want to make a silent film. To make the movie more marketable, they try to recruit several A-list stars to appear. At the same time, the studio's creditors try to quash the movie. The film itself contains only one word of dialogue.

JCOR Sisterhood will host the July Sisterhood³ (JCOR, HA, TBE) program

Organizing Our Lives, Part 1: Beginning with our "Things"

Thursday August 4, 2016

Rosh Hodesh Av 5776

Dinner 6 p.m./Program 7 p.m.

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge
101 Madison Lane, Oak Ridge 37830

Speaker: Emily Carroll, is the owner of Redd Up Organizers, a local home and business organization consulting company.. Emily's true passion in life is to help people increase their quality of life in all capacities.

RSVP to annegreenbaum@comcast.net or 927-4488

JCOR Hosts and Hostesses

July 2 Linda & Zane Bell, Becky & George Charles

July 9 Catherine Braunstein, Sylvia Goldenberg

July 16 Alice Feldman & Albert Good,
Brenda & Sig Mosko

July 23 Anne & Eli Greenbaum,
Judi & Len Gray

July 30 Edith & Mel Halbert,
Elena & Carlos Bamberger

August 6 Mira Kimmelman,
Peggy and Randy Laxton

August 13 Shelby & Mark Kay,
Barbara & Larry Landau

August 20 Vera & Leon Maya,
Ilana & Moshe Siman-Tov

August 27 Brenda & Sig Mosko, Katie & Meir Niad

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Yahrzeits:

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In Memory of Diana Jacobson and Dot Levin from Jim & Ronnie Bogard

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- To the Gray Family in memory of Diana Jacobson from Leon and Vera Maya
- In memory of my cousin in Israel from Jeanette Gilbert & Family
- Condolences to Moshe Yair on the death of his sister
- from Carlos and Elena Bamberger
- from Mira Kimmelman

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49 Days of Freedom or Not?

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By Rabbi Yossi Wilhelm

After 200+ years of slavery G-d frees the Jewish slaves. Freedom at last!... But not for long. 50 days after the exodus from Egypt the Jews stand at Mt. Sinai and receive the Torah. They receive 613 do's and don'ts which dictate their meal plan, limits who they can marry, tells them how to work for 6/7 days a week and instructs them to gather with family for elaborate meals multiple times a year.

Why and how can we celebrate freedom when our lives are ruled by so many restrictions?

The truth However is, Pharaoh's laws and orders are so utterly opposite from G-d's commandments. Pharaoh, a finite human being, had a goal to crush our spirit so that he could benefit from enslaving us. He therefore forced difficult physical labor and absurd laws to restrain us as much as possible from being who we are.

G-d, who is infinite and all-knowing has not given us restricting laws rather a set of valuable tools through which we can transcend our physical limitations and touch the infinite. When we follow the Torah we tap into the infinite, and are able to live up to G-d's standards. The Torah is our moral compass, our guide, and our life force that empowers us and allows us to reach our potential and be the 'mensch' we can be.

Think of an astronaut in a space suit. To an outsider the space suite may seem very bulky, heavy and restricting, however, this is what allows the astronaut to explore the vast universe beyond us.

As we move on from Shavuot when we celebrated the giving of the Torah by G-d for the 3,328th time, let us embrace the G-d giving dos and don'ts. Explore the gifts the Torah has given to us, choose a Mitzvah and let it enhance your life.

Young Jewish Professionals (A.K.A. Loxville)

Lag Baomer is a day of unity and community. Chabad and our young Jewish professional community got together to celebrate. Grill Master Rafi was hard at work. If smoke and grilled meat weren't enough to get you excited, he also prepared homemade pita and falafel.

To get more info about the Loxville events, contact Rabbi Yossi at rabbi@chabadknoxville.org.



Mommy and Me

To celebrate Levi's first birthday we hosted a glamplified mommy and me! The kids enjoyed singing along with Ms. Charlene some of our mommy and me songs along with some of Ms. Charlene's favorites. We played parachute games and had a grand time with the bubbles.



Mommy and me classes run through out the school year with meet ups periodically throughout the summer. For information, contact Miriam Esther Wilhelm at (865) 386-3827 or me@kjds.org



Loxville group successfully escapes.

JAHRZEIT

Heska Amuna Synagogue

July 2

Esther Kay ♦ Max Rosen ♦ Irene Baskin ♦ Harry Lipshin ♦ Samuel Love ♦ Jennie Rosenblatt ♦ Seena Allen ♦ Albert Eisenstadt ♦ Isaac Green ♦ Harry Gurwin ♦ Victor Hanan ♦ Ben Mazur ♦ Selma Corkland ♦ Louis Edelman ♦ Esther Spiegelman ♦ Doris Weinstein ♦ Scott Wolf ♦ Sylvia Kelman ♦ Edith Rosenthal ♦ Santa Floyd ♦ Robert Sabler ♦ Zelda Siegel ♦ Sylvan Zemel

July 9

Sol Berry ♦ Jacob Klein ♦ Murray Baskin ♦ Beatrice Beber ♦ Abraham Collins ♦ George Fayerman ♦ Fannie Russler ♦ Randy Rudnick ♦ Bernard Marvet ♦ Lily Pincus ♦ Israel Dyller ♦ Homer Kramer ♦ Eli Wurm ♦ Susan Drayer ♦ Carol Glasman ♦ Marvin Ohriner ♦ Morton Simpson

July 16

Ida Hurvich ♦ Rose Robinson ♦ Joseph Weinbren ♦ Dorothy Blue ♦ Jennie Friedman ♦ Annie Cohen ♦ Rebecca Fayonsky ♦ Erma Levin ♦ Gerald Millen ♦ Bradley Sturm ♦ Emma Burnett ♦ Moses Greenberg ♦ Zelda Baskin ♦ Harold Brownstein ♦ Lewis Littmann ♦ Anna Richer ♦ Marshall Stern

July 23

Greta Besmann ♦ Belle Linke ♦ Celia Mackta ♦ Gerald Simon ♦ Robert Milford ♦ Gussie Potter ♦ Anna Sanders ♦ Martin Stollin ♦ Joel Caller ♦ Minnie Katz ♦ Eleanor Adams ♦ Ben Goodstein ♦ Clara Goodstein ♦ David Sayah ♦ Hirsh Zussman ♦ Issac Benhayon ♦ Louis Freeman ♦ Shirley Leeds ♦ Rebecca Millen ♦ Lillian Brody ♦ Karl Finestone ♦ Harry Kaplan ♦ Harry Miller ♦ Joseph Russler ♦ Harold Shersky ♦ Sylvia Balloff ♦ Harry Cooper ♦ Nathan Quadow

July 30

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

JAHRZEIT

TEMPLE BETH EL

July 1

Charlotte Bain ♦ Miriam Blumberg ♦ Sara Brody ♦ Sally Deitch ♦ Richard M. Hecht ♦ Stanley Hookman ♦ Richard Marchand ♦ Harry Gunter Marx ♦ Margaret Moss ♦ Lowell Nisely ♦ Abraham Plachter ♦ Gussie Potter ♦ David Sauers ♦ Sylvia Werner Silver ♦ Dora Silverstein ♦ Jerome Smith ♦ Gertrude Spero ♦ Patricia Zivi

July 8

Morton Banov ♦ Yudel Cawn ♦ Harry Gluck ♦ Alex Jacobson ♦ Ralph Kramer ♦ Rose Mark ♦ Sol Moiger ♦ David Salus ♦ Dora P. Schramm ♦ Harold Zimmerman

July 15

Leo Donald Berman ♦ Stanley Bernard ♦ Lillian Finklestein Brody ♦ David E. Brown ♦ Joel A. Caller ♦ Irene F. Chotiner ♦ Matilda Davis Corkland ♦ Christine Jany Cramer ♦ Pearl Davis ♦ Morris Deitch ♦ KC Derrington ♦ Issac Diamond ♦ Mayme Dortch ♦ Minnie Feld Katz ♦ Irving Kovitch ♦ Bernard Levenson ♦ Fred M. Moss ♦ Mimi Pais ♦ Leo Silver ♦ Max Sonn ♦ Phillip Taylor

July 22

Jeffrey Lee Allen ♦ Jessie Dreyfuss Black ♦ Malcolm Bloom ♦ Raymond Brody ♦ William W. Cramer ♦ Sylvia Frankel ♦ Goldie Ann Garber ♦ John Kelleher ♦ Harvey Kronick ♦ David Licht ♦ Sam Rosenbloom ♦ Jennie Traugot

July 29

Anne Cohen ♦ Tinnie Diamond ♦ Hilda Freedman ♦ Louis H. Gassel ♦ Donald Gerson ♦ David Hyman ♦ Yankel Haim Iancovsky ♦ Lillian Okin Kern ♦ Nathan Lieberman ♦ Shlema Livshits ♦ Sheldon Mann Sachs ♦ Judy Schwartz ♦ Joseph Silverstein ♦ Regina Sunshine ♦ Doba Zolotovskaya

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


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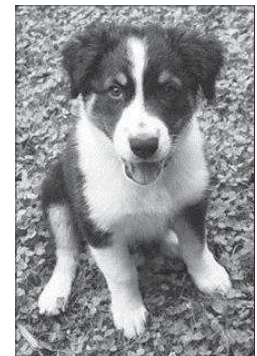
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Mail this form with payment to: Hadassah Knoxville 6800 Deane Hill Drive Knoxville, TN 37919

PLEASE SAVE the DATE**HMO Luncheon****Sunday, November 13**

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Lighthouse



Siri Khalsa-Zemel, MS, RD, LDN, PhD Candidate, Mind Body Medicine, is our featured speaker at the Fall Hadassah HMO Luncheon. As Director of Eating Disorder Programs at Focus Treatment Center, Siri will speak on: *Women, Eating & Emotion: Understanding our Hunger.*

Many of us eat when we're not actually hungry. The reasons vary widely. We may eat out of boredom, when feeling sad, happy or lonely. Come and learn about this important topic while we enjoy a delicious, healthfully prepared lunch.

We are now seeking sponsors. As a sponsor, your meal is covered and the balance of your donation supports Hadassah's Medical Organization (HMO) in Jerusalem: a world class medical care and research facility.

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Celebrate Newborns via Layette Certificates

Shalom Ya'll,

Happy Summer to all. I still have a couple of Layettes that need to be mailed out! If you would like to have your name signed on the following cards, please let me know as I will be mailing these out very soon. Anyone can contribute to a Layette—you don't have to be a Hadassah member for this mitzvah!

Help me wish a Mazel Tov to:

- ★ Ivan and Carole Cooper on the birth of their grandson, **Kenlin Joseph Cooper**
- ★ Alexandra Rosen on the birth her grandson, **Frank Rosen Hudson**
- ★ Carol and Steve Abeles have a grandson, **Edward Frances Abeles**, son of Adam Abeles and Christine Bailly.

Give me a call or send me a message to be included.

Thanks, Judi (judi.abrams@gmail.com)



President's Message

By Laura Floyd

Wow! The first six months of 2016 have flown by. Hadassah Knoxville has been staying busy, busy. On Mitzvah Day, we made gift bags and cards for the mothers and babies at Susannah's House, a safe place for mothers in recovery from addictions to drugs. Peggy Littmann put this program together. Robin Brown spearheaded the collection, then she and Peggy delivered the gift bags. We had a wonderful speaker who is a cuddler at East Tennessee Children's Hospital speak about drug dependent babies. His job is a lot harder than we thought. Hats off to you Bob Woodruff and others like you that have the patience and stamina to calm these extremely fussy babies. Thank you to Robin Brown and Peggy Littmann for putting this event together and Barbara Mintz for introducing our speaker. Although it takes six months of training to become a cuddler like Bob, ETCH is always looking for volunteers.

Hadassah Knoxville has the best volunteers around as shown at Shabbat Zachor or Hadassah Shabbat held in March at Temple Beth El and Heska Amuna. Many of our members participated in the services and both services were lovely. Then in May we had the Knoxville event at the AJCC. We had Bundt cakes galore baked by our members. They were delicious and popular and we enjoyed partnering with the AJCC for this community wide event. Thank you to Nora Messing for finding this cool idea and chairing it! This was a very successful event.

Hadassah Knoxville is also a good partner. We partnered with Rabbi Alon Ferency and Heska Amuna Synagogue for the play *Freedom Song* in April at Heska Amuna. There were a lot of people in attendance, many from our Hadassah Knoxville unit, and I enjoyed being a greeter and seeing new and familiar faces. The play was about addiction in many forms and its connection to Passover, i.e., being free from slavery. It was funny and poignant and very well acted. I laughed and cried.

As we go into the second half of 2016, we look forward to a membership event in September, stay tuned for details; our HMO luncheon on **November 13** at the Lighthouse chaired by Ellen Kern and her committee, Nancy Becker and Robin Brown; and a dance party on **December 3**, more details to come. Hadassah Knoxville is a unit filled with the power of women who DO.

Todah Rabah!

A very special thank you to Betty Golub for making our 2016 Hadassah Shabbat, *Shabbat Zachor*, a wonderful success. She organized the participants for Friday night services at Temple Beth El and Saturday morning services at Heska Amuna on March 18 and 19. Although this happened a few months ago, I felt it was necessary to acknowledge all that Betty does for Hadassah Knoxville as our VP of Education. That Shabbat weekend was wonderful. Both sanctuaries looked beautiful with lovely flowers. The oneg on Friday night and the kiddush luncheon on Saturday were delicious. I got to sit on the bimah with Betty on Friday night and Saturday morning, which was a great vantage point to see all the Hadassah members in attendance enjoying two beautiful, meaningful services. Betty also gives a d'var Torah at every board meeting. Betty is a great example of a Hadassah woman who does! Thank you Betty!

Yasher Koach!

Laura Floyd, President

Hadassah 2016 National Conference: Atlanta July 25-28 Registration is now open.

"Dare to dream ... and when you dream, dream big."

These words from Hadassah's founder, Henrietta Szold, have helped Hadassah stay relevant as we've evolved with our changing world. This year's theme is *The Power of Our Dreams*. Join us for inspiration and education. Engage with us as we set our sights on Hadassah's future. Learn how Hadassah is changing the world. Show your support for Israel. Share in the excitement! Share in the fun!

- ★ Connect and network with like-minded women, learn new leadership skills, and celebrate Hadassah Women Who DO.
- ★ Explore shifts in women's leadership

Register now: www.hadassah.org/hadassah-national-convention.html

*Join us. Together, we can achieve
the Power of Our Dreams.*

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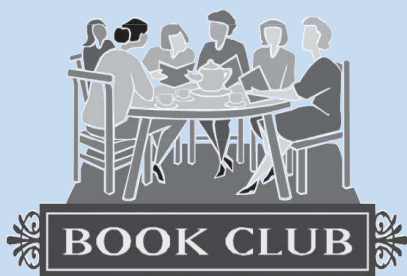
Israel is always in need of trees and water. Please help the forests by planting a tree and helping them by giving them water. Plant a tree today. Since 1926, we have partnered with JNF to drain swamplands, plant forests, develop water resources and preserve Israel's ecology. Giving opportunities include:

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

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





Hadassah Book Club News

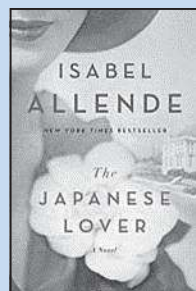
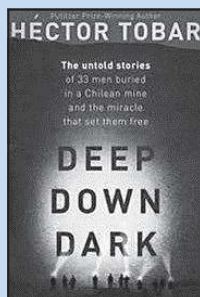
July 19 - *Deep Down Dark: The Untold Stories of 33 Men Buried in a Chilean Mine, and the Miracle That Set Them Free* by Hector Tobar THIS WAS ORIGINALLY OUR MAY SELECTION, BUT DUE TO SCHEDULING PROBLEMS THE MEETING WAS CANCELLED.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE READS:

August 16 - *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende

September 20 - *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson
(about the sinking of the *Lusitania*)

All Jewish women of the greater Knoxville area and friends are welcome to join us. Please contact Peggy Littmann, plittmann@comcast.net, or cell (865) -776-1013 with questions. For last minute updates, check the Hadassah web site at jewishknoxville.org/hadassah or from the home page of jewishknoxville.org - click on top menu choice "Adults", then under Social Action you will find the Hadassah link.



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SAVE THESE DATES

- ◆ **SEPTEMBER DATE 18 – Tea and Cakes Membership Event – TBD**
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Come learn about Hadassah
- ◆ **NOVEMBER 13 – HMO Luncheon – The Lighthouse**
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Delicious lunch and learn with Siri Khalsa-Zemel
- ◆ **DECEMBER 3 – Dance Party – AJCC Gym**
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. We'll start with Havdallah and then dance the night away!



Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School



The graduating class of 2016

2016 KJDS Graduation Celebration Terrific and a Tad Teary at Times

KJDS comes together as a community, a school, and a family at graduation time. This year we are saying goodbye to seven truly amazing students. We are so sad to see them leave but we know these students are more than prepared for middle school and beyond. The evening was a beautiful event attended by all of our friends and families-and as usual, a lovely table prepared by Marilyn Burnett and Pat Rosenberg. In a valedictory-style address, our graduates left advice for the K-4 students. Here are a few excerpts.

- **Rylee:** “When you think you are done, you’re not really done. Whenever I would show Ms. Louise what I had done, she always had me “research more” and dig deeper.”
- **Elizabeth:** If you believe you can do it, you can.
- **Samantha:** Don’t be afraid to ask for help.
- **Solomon:** Embrace the possibilities of technology.
- **Segev:** Be compassionate. At recess, most people pause and stop the game if someone gets hurt. Notice others’ needs, and if they are hurt, stop to care and help.
- **Ben:** Ask questions about Jewish history. It gives you a strong background.
- **Leead:** We should all try to stay curious because, the more questions you ask the smarter you get.

This year we started a new tradition to honor Harold Markman, our dear friend and a wonderful role model. The “Markman Award” was presented to Rylee Kolnick by Stephen and Ellen Markman for exemplifying compassion, friendship and leadership. The evening ended with a beautiful video montage of each child through the years and of course a few tears.

Good luck Class of 2016, we know you go far! Mazel Tov!

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Rylee Kolnick receives the first “Markman Award” from Stephen and Ellen Markman. To honor the memory of Harold Markman, the award goes to the Fifth Grader who exemplifies Compassion, Friendship and Leadership.

Celebration of Excellence

Each school year, we spend one evening showcasing our students' growth and accomplishments for the year. As we walked through the Art Exhibits, we saw the remarkable pieces our students have created. Ms. Annie has been working very hard this year not only making beautiful and interesting pieces, but integrating them into the students' classroom studies. The screen printing the students learned is a passion of Ms. Annie's. The money raised from last year's Zoe's Restaurant art display was used to buy the school new screen-printing materials.



The students' final project was creating a wearable piece of art. Many of the students created art work that had something to do with their TED Talks.

The students also screen printed bags where were sent to our "sister school" in Israel. Under Morah Michal's guidance, we participated in the P2K twinning project and developed friendships with our sister school in Hader-Eron.



KJDS was delighted to join our community for the successful debut of Knoshville.

Thank you to Trader Joes for sponsoring the latkes for the KJDS booth at Knoshville.

Our volunteers led by Sandy Parker, delighted the crowd with the scrumptious latkes – more than 400 latkes were sold!



Dr. Chuck Dugal for brought in an animal heart to show the Second and Third Grade class. They were very excited to see an actual heart.

Second, Third Grade Explore Themes

Ms. Rebecca's class explored four major themes this year including World Cultures, Weather Systems, US History, and Scientific Patterns and Cycles.

Within these themes, students dove deep into the curriculum by answering essential questions along the way. Questions were posed before, during, and after learning to demonstrate growth in each topic. The following are the questions posed:

- Why do people have different cultures?
- Why do people need to understand the weather?
- How can people work together to change the world?
- How can patterns influence, affect, or enhance our understanding of our world?

These themes drove instruction in all areas. The student's reading and writing were all related to the topic studied. This enhanced the learning and took the information to a deeper, more meaningful level. Students were involved in many projects and activities along the way including:

- Traveling Pants (blue jeans that reflected the culture of a certain country)
- Writing safety brochures after researching extreme weather
- Reenacting the Rosa Parks Bus Boycott
- Dissecting flowers and fruits to identify parts of reproduction
- Exploring body systems through experiments
- Reading and writing several types of poems
- Creating a family traits bar graph through researching their own family tree

Students also practiced many non-academic life skills. Each day there were multiple opportunities for students to work collaboratively, practice speaking and listening skills in front of a group, and provide constructive feedback to one another. This class also actively problem solves and works to strengthen interpersonal relationships. This group worked hard this year to achieve a level of success that makes this teacher proud.



(Above) Morah Michal brought joy and enthusiasm to her class every day. We will miss her dearly!



(Left) The students shop at the "market" with help from native Israeli speakers.

Hooray for Hebrew!

This year in Hebrew we implemented the "Proficiency approach." Proficiency is an approach used in teaching a foreign language that aims to assist learners in developing their ability to perform in the learned language in all four skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening. We divided the curriculum into five units. Each unit included one main topic (in the class, the weather, food, clothing, family, Israel, etc) combined with a Jewish content (the high holidays of Tishrei, Chanukah, Tu B'Shvat, Purim, Pesach, and so on).

The students expressed their knowledge through games, worksheets, conversations in class, simulated market and assignments, where they used all the vocabulary they learned.

Throughout the year, one phrase was heard over and over again: "Rak B'Ivrit", which means "only in Hebrew." In the classroom we spoke only Hebrew, and we liked it!

After Care Program Features Coding for Elementary Students

Ms. Brienne, our amazing aftercare teacher, created her own classes during aftercare. With her background in literature, the Author's Guild was an easy fit. Her love of anything new drew her immediately to learning about the "bots" to teach coding. Here is her synopsis of some of the exciting opportunities our after care students participated in with the Bee Bots.

Using the Bee Bot, students were challenged to make mazes and different shapes on the floor with tape and program the Bee Bot to follow this tape. The Bee Bot, made it around both Hebrew classrooms doing shapes such as squares, rectangles, and even zig zags. But as the students mastered the bee-bot they were excited to be able to move more precisely with the pro-bot. For the pro-bot, the students learned how to program it to draw shapes such as squares, rectangles, triangles, octagons, hexagons, and circles. The students then took these shapes and made things like a Jewish star, a dancing robot, a train with nested loops, and their own creative art pieces. The students also learned how to program the pro bot to draw digital numbers and we had races to see who could program the fastest.

Some students also drew their own complicated mazes and spent time troubleshooting and de-bugging their own code to get the pro bot to follow their maze precisely. Some students chose to code on computers using programs such as Khan Academy and Scratch and programmed things like waving snowmen, triangles mazes, coin mazes, and simple one-player computer games.

The Beebot is a great beginner's coding tool.

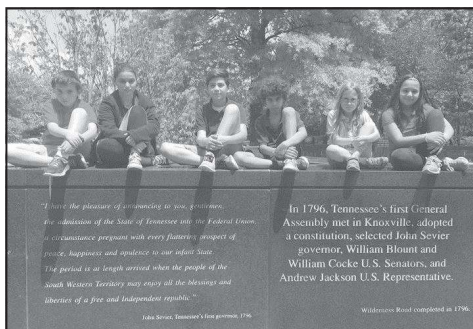
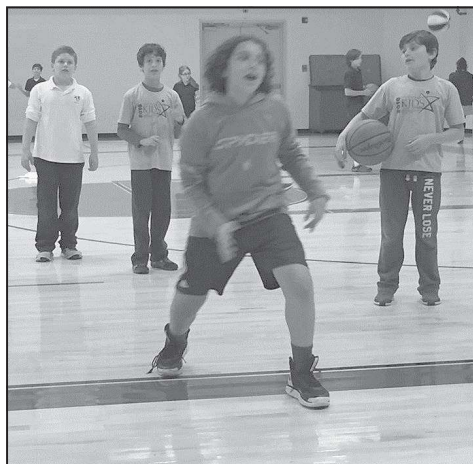




KJDS Ends The Year With a Boomerang!

Thank you to the many donors of our Lag Baomer-thon! With your help, we raised 100% of our first goal in under 48 hours. Thanks to our matching donors: Dr. Jonathan and Stephanie Klein, Dr. Michael Zemel and Siri-Datar Khalsa-Zemel, Isaac Dabah, Geoff and Pat Wolpert from The Peddler and Park Grill – Gatlinburg, Mel Sturm, Ellen and Steve Markman, and Stuart and Lori Markman.

The \$10,000 we raised turned to \$30,000. We then moved on to raise 78% of our bonus challenge! Mazal tov to our wonderful school and community for pulling this off!



KJDS 4-5 students went to Nashville and spent a day and a half with their Akiva School friends. They enjoyed time at Akiva playing and interacting, they went together to the Chabad Community Lag Baomer celebration and the next morning toured the state capitol and enjoyed a scavenger hunt at the Bicentennial Mall. Our students enjoyed connecting with the Akiva students and are looking forward to the DC trip they will take together.

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