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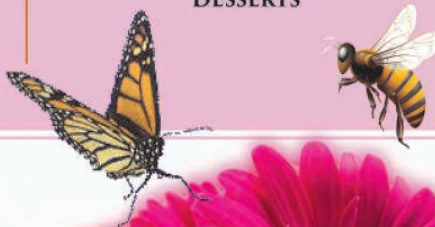
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God and Evil

By Rabbi Alon C. Ferency

Evil in God's world is a painful problem, and so is the suffering of good people. How can we square evil and suffering with the idea that God is good and all-powerful? If God is both good and all-powerful, why does God let bad things happen to good people? Trying to answer this question is called "theodicy."

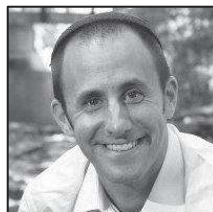
There are a few answers that traditional thinkers give, none of which satisfies me. First, in his *Guide for the Perplexed*, Maimonides says that humans can't measure good and evil accurately. Because our perspective is skewed, we cannot judge the balance of Good and Evil across the whole wide universe. To this I say: sure, some suffering is just mine, but that doesn't make it any less real. Even worse, some horrors are beyond debate.

The second answer is that God is unknowable – humans cannot understand God's master plan. Really, that's no answer at all, just another version of "The Emperor's New Clothes." In the same way, only insensitive fools say things like "Maybe his brother died at nineteen in order to make room for someone else to cure cancer."

The third answer is that an afterlife will balance the scales. This requires a belief in something extraordinary. Even more, an afterlife might be so far off as to be weightless in the balances of good and evil. So the "death of death" doesn't have much value to me today.

Then there's a very old explanation. You'll find it in Deuteronomy. It says in chapter eleven that if people obey God, God will provide rain, crops will grow and we will eat. If not, we will suffer. Basically, that means that if you do good, you will do well. Our sins cause our suffering. Of course, we all know that the world doesn't seem to work quite that way. We each know too many people who are pretty blameless and seem to suffer, get sick or die anyway. If we're really unlucky, we even know some really vicious people who seem to have a pretty easy time in life. Quality of the person and quality of the person's life don't seem to

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match up.

Maybe there's another way of looking at this. Maybe, our sin permits our suffering. If not for our blemishes, this world could be a better place. That is, if humanity didn't have flaws that make us greedy, cruel or worst of all, indifferent, then we wouldn't suffer so much. Each person suffers for the sins of everyone else. What's more, being a bad person has its own punishment. Truly wicked people are empty inside. "The soul that sins shall die." (Ezekiel 18:4)

Why are we flawed? I don't know. Maybe God couldn't make us any other way. I think that God wanted us to be free to choose: good or bad, even living with God or living without God.

Join us for our
Heska Amuna Community Seder
 Monday, April 10
 Rosen Social Hall
 5 - 8 pm
 Seder begins at 5:45

\$40 Adults
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 \$30 Adults
 Children free

Contact the office to make your reservation!

Chairman's Thoughts

By Hal Manas, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

I saw a quote in an article that I was reading the other day. The quote was explaining what a patient man Moses was. It referred to Moses' 40 years of selfless leadership of the relentlessly belligerent Israelites. Wow, that puts things into perspective, doesn't it? When I look back on my time as your Chair I think of all of the times that I complained about all the people who complained. I even started making fun of myself for all of my complaints about the complaints. I never thought about it, but Moses was confronted with everything from simple complaints to a bit of an uprising as well. It seems that every time that I think that I have done something really right, the next day something awful pops up and we get to start all over again. I have been extremely lucky to have the leadership team that I work with almost daily. Barry and Ken and Raphe and Mary Ann and Markus and Adam and the entire Board of Trustees and Beverly, and please don't forget the Rabbi.

When I think of all the times that I was upset that I had to put up with one problem or another I am truly embarrassed. If I need outside help all I have to do is call Marty Iroff. what a luxury. I am now delighted to see that I really have it very easy. In a few months I will defer to Ken and while I will always be there to help him, I doubt that he will need me for much. I would like to thank the entire congregation who always steps up when we have a true need. I have truly been blessed and I am sorry that I did not recognize that all along.



President's Report: Some Little Known Facts About Purim

By Raphe Panitz, Ph.D., Synagogue President

In the December 2016 issue of *Ha'Kol*, I pointed out that the festival of Hanukkah was somewhat of a paradox to the Rabbis. In this month's issue, I want to point out some little-known facts about Purim, a holiday often linked with Hannukah as "minor Jewish holidays."

- The word Purim means "lots," and is derived from the Akkadian word *puru*.
- When King Ahasuerus orders his queen Vashti to display her beauty before the nobles, the Rabbis interpreted this to mean that she was naked. She refused, according to the Rabbis, because she had a skin condition.
- Some rabbinic commentaries argue that Esther was the wife of Mordechai, because the Torah does not prohibit marriages between uncles and nieces. By the way, the Jews who wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls did prohibit that type of marriage- perhaps that is another reason why the Scroll of Esther has never been found among the Dead Sea Scrolls.
- Most, if not all modern critical biblical scholars deny the historicity of the events found in the Megillah.
- The first century Jewish/Roman historian Josephus describes Purim (Book 11 of the *Antiquities of the Jews*), but adds other material found in the Greek version (the Septuagint).
- There is a 10th century CE Hebrew book of Jewish history known as the Josippon. This book includes the story of Purim drawn from both the Hebrew and the Greek versions.
- The Book of Esther was the last of the 24 Books of the Bible that was canonized by the Rabbis. Some scholars date it to 450 BCE, others to later periods. The Hebrew of Esther does closely resemble the Hebrew of Chronicles, a book dated to the fifth century.
- The Tractate *Megillah* provides the rules for Purim. Other material in the accompanying Gemara and Tosefta include Esther's royal descent.
- Some communities *read* instead of *chant* the Megillah.
- Women are obligated to hear the Megillah.
- The Megillah can be read in any language intelligible to any member of the audience.
- Haman's name occurs 54 times in the Megillah. The custom of blotting out his name goes back to 13th century France and Germany.
- Spanish and Portugese Jews do not use a grager or noisemaker- that is not allowed since it disturbs the decorum.
- Drinking is encouraged on Purim. Although the common phrase is "to drink until you cannot distinguish between Haman and Mordechai," another Rabbi said that you should drink until you cannot figure out the numerical values of Arur Haman and Baruch Mordechai.
- While Ashkenazi Jews eat *Hamantaschen*, Sephardis eat a fried pastry called *Fazuelos*.
- Finally, while the Book of Esther never mentions the name of God, additions to Esther found in the Septuagint (the Greek version) as well as the Greek translation of Esther itself mention God more than fifty times!

I hope that these little-known facts about Purim will help you enjoy Purim in 5777. Hag Sameach



Why is Purim so Relevant this Year? Celebrating Both the Absurd and the Actual

By Barbara Levin, Sisterhood President

Each winter Purim comes as a chance to break up the doldrums of winter and celebrate a victory over the darkness in life. The Book of Esther itself is a rather grim story of a misguided leader, who makes frequent mistakes that are costly to others. This King is at the center of a lot of political intrigue, and the Jewish people have to fend for themselves. Esther is only part of the answer. The holiday is remembered as one filled with merriment – costumes, gifts for friends, and drinking, but the underlying message includes tales of death and destruction.

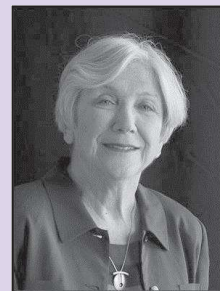
The characters in this story are written large; there are good people and villains. Nothing is quite as it should be. Remember the King having trouble sleeping and asking to have his journal read to him. When he learns that Mordecai saved his life, and then asks Haman to tell him what he should do to honor such a person....that is when things finally begin to go right. Communication problems are rife in this story.

The role of individuals in this biblical text is quite exaggerated. Queen Vashti stands up for her rights and dignity, Mordecai protects the King and his own people, and Esther, the winner of a beauty contest, must step up to save the Jews. The importance of individuals and their decisions and actions are the heart of this story.

This year we are all trying to adjust to a new face and structure to our political world. The comparison between King Ahasuerus and the present situation is not exact, but the role of political intrigue and people being harmed may be. These tales of personal strength and involvement, and the impact of political upheaval, which is twisted into the Megillah, are messages for our own time. Recognizing the need to be personally involved in your own space – in the synagogue, your community, and in the larger world is the back story for this holiday this year.

We are encouraged to “be drunk enough during Purim not to recognize the difference between Mordecai and Haman.” This message is a bit dangerous as we move ahead. We need to be able to discern between what is real and what is not. What policies are dangerous to individuals and impact large groups negatively, and what changes in policy are just new, and somewhat unfamiliar in their approach. New kings can try new things, some of which may be okay, but the need for vigilance and personal involvement remains.

As we munch on Hamantashen, we need to take a moment to consider our personal responsibility to stand up as individuals....like Esther and Mordecai, for what we believe is just and humane.



Barb Levin

Meet the Board: Janet Gurwitch

The Board and the Rabbi & Religious Services Committee are delighted to welcome Janet Schwab Gurwitch to their ranks. Janet, a retired Assistant District Attorney General, may best be described as adaptable, flexible, and a glass-half-full person who has adjusted to new places and new situations throughout her life. Born in Birmingham, Alabama a year after Pearl Harbor while her Army father was overseas, she lived communally her first four years surrounded by strong independent women including her aunt, mother, and grandmother. After the war, she learned about women's independence by observing her mother and grandmother running successful businesses.

Janet received her BA and MA degrees from the University of Alabama and practiced speech and language therapy for 17 years before entering law school. She received her JD from the University of Nebraska and practiced law with legal service programs in western Iowa, Omaha, and Knoxville.

Between 1965 and 1989, while supporting her husband's career progress, Janet moved to seven cities, continued to work as a speech and language therapist in various reincarnations, entered and completed law school in two universities, and raised two outstanding daughters. She became an active contributor to each community, served on the boards of volunteer organizations including an appointment to the first United Jewish Appeal Young Women's National Leadership Cabinet, and staunchly fought for the Equal Rights Amendment in the 70s. It is not surprising that as an attorney, Janet found herself drawn to women's legal issues. In 1995 she became the first dedicated Domestic Violence Prosecutor for Knox County. She was an active leader in the Knoxville Coalition Against Domestic Violence and at the forefront in securing \$1.5 million to establish the Randall E. Nichols Family Justice Center, Knoxville's one-stop shop for victims of family violence which co-locates Police, Sherriff, civil and criminal judicial units, child protective services, and advocates from the YWCA, Helen Ross McNabb, and domestic violence shelters in one place.

Janet embraces the principles of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, in her work enabling the women she touches to have better, stronger, and safer lives. She hopes to put her skills in problem solving, conciliation, and mediation to good use as a member of the Heska Amuna board and R&RS.



Janet Gurwitch

What's Up at Heska Amuna Religious School?

By Betty Golub, Director of Youth and Family Programming

The ninth chapter of the *Book of Esther* states (verse 19): "Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwallied towns, made the 14th day of the month of Adar a day of gladness and feasting, a holiday, and of sending portions to one another (*mishloach manot*)."

This year we will celebrate the holiday of Purim beginning at sundown on Saturday evening, **March 11, 2017** and ending sundown on Sunday, March 12, 2017. You can do *Purim at Home* very easily and have fun doing it!

- ◆ Bake hamantaschen
- ◆ Invite friends and family for a Purim seudat (meal)
- ◆ Decorate a box or gift bag for your Shalach Manot
- ◆ It is customary to make a Tzedakah donation. Decide as a family which organization you choose.

On Sunday, March 12, 2017 please come in costume for our Purim Activities beginning at 9:30 a.m. We will decorate and fill the Shalach Manot bags, hear the Megillah and have a costume parade. Prizes will be given out for the following categories:

- Most unusual
- Funniest
- Scariest
- Creative

This year, please bring a **box of mac and cheese** to use as a grogger. We will donate the mac and cheese to Second Harvest Food Bank.

Chag Semeach!



Mark Your School Calendars

Wednesday, March 1	School
Sunday, March 5	Gan K'Tan and School AT Temple Beth El
Wednesday, March 8	School
Saturday, March 11	Megillah Reading (7:30 p.m.)
Sunday, March 12	Activities and Megillah Reading
Wednesday, March 15	No School – Spring Break
Sunday, March 19	No School – Spring Break
Friday, March 24	Tot Shabbat
Wednesday, March 22	School
Sunday, March 26	School & JLAH Adult Education
Wednesday, March 29	School

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2. Orders must be received by MARCH 5.

Order online at www.heskaamuna.org, call the office at (865) 522-0701 or e-mail the office at admin@heskaamuna.org.

3. Mishloach Manot will be delivered following services on **Sunday, March 12**. Join our cadre of ***Mishloach Manot Menschim*** to deliver treats in your neighborhood. **Questions?** Ask Morah Betty morahbetty@heskaamuna.org.



CELEBRATE PURIM! Enjoy the whole megillah (twice!)

HEARING THE MEGILLAH
(the 1st Purim Mitzvah: *Lismoa' Megillah*):

SATURDAY, March 11, 7:30 p.m.;

Traditional Hebrew Megillah reading.

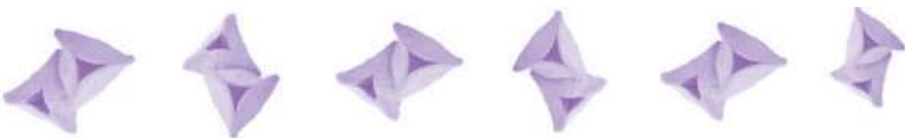
SUNDAY MORNING, March 12, services, 9:30 a.m.;

Megillah reading, 10:00 a.m. Readings in Greek, Yiddish, French, and more; (not to worry - *Haman* is always *Haman*). Groggers aplenty and a no-age-limit Costume Contest. Enjoy *Seudat Purim*, the festive Purim meal, mitzvah #2, following the reading.

Donate to the **Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking**, a local nonprofit, at either reading as a 3rd mitzvah: *Matanot l'Evyonim*, gifts to the poor.

Enjoy *Mishloach Manot* as the 4th mitzvah, sending gifts. Everyone attending either service will receive one!

PURIM: A Four-in-One Mitzvot Opportunity.



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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
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Jewish Life at Home

Sunday, March 28 — 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

PASSOVER

Jewish Life at Home (JLAH) is a adult congregational learning program presented by Heska Amuna Sisterhood. While offered during religious school hours, it is an adult education program!

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

Choose from speakers, music, cooking, and hands-on learning to share our rituals, blessings, recipes, songs, crafts, text study, and more! There is SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! Then we'll all join together for a delicious lunch – the perfect end to a wonderful morning.

MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Noon Rabbi's Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 2:15-3p Beginner Tai Chi-Orwitz Room 4:30p Religious Sch-HA 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7:30p KJA Campaign Mtg-Bearden Beer Market	2 7a Morning Minyan-HA 5:45-6:30p Soccer Shots-AJCC Gym 5p Mega Kids Challah Bake-KJDS 7:30p Israeli dancing-Gym	3 Noon-1 p.m. Knitting Circle-AJCC Orwitz Rm 4:45p JFS Shabbat Service-Sherrill Hills 7p Shabbat Service-TBE 7:30p Shabbat Eve Service & Dessert/	4 9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 7p Jewish Film Night-JCOR
5 9:30a minyan-HA 9:30a Purim Carnival at TBE (HA/KJDS/AJCC Preschool families invited) Noon-3p Pickleball-Gym 3-5p MCDC Sunday Fun Day-AJCC 3:30-4:30p Purim Storytime-Lawson-McGhee Library Mtg Rm	6 7a Morning Minyan-HA 9:30a Tai Chi-JCOR 6-9:30p Fencing-AJCC Gym 5-8p Cleveland Park HOA Meeting-Orwitz Rm 6:15p Ballroom Dancing-JCOR	7 6-9:30p Fencing-Gym 7p Jewish Women's Circle-Chalet@Chabad	8 Noon Rabbi's Brown Bag Beit Midrash-HA 2:15-3p Beginner Tai Chi-Orwitz Room 4:30p Religious Sch-HA 4:30p Mid-Week Hebrew-TBE 7:30p Israeli Purim Comedy Show-AJCC	9 7a Morning Minyan-HA 5:45-6:30p Soccer Shots-AJCC Gym 7:30p Israeli dancing-Gym	10 10a AJCC Preschool Purim Celebration-Gym Noon-1 p.m. Knitting Circle-AJCC Orwitz Rm 6p GKAIISA Meeting-Orwitz Room 7p Shabbat Service-TBE	11 9:30a Shabbat Service--HA 9:30a Shabbat Service-JCOR 10a Shabbat Morning Minyan 7:15p Megillah Reading-HA
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KJA Campaign Planning Meeting
Wednesday, March 1
7:30-8:30 p.m.
Bearden Beer Market,
4524 Old Kingston Pike

All invited to plan for our future!

Milton Collins Day Camp
Sunday Fun Days!
 Current K-6th Graders
March 5 & March 19
3:00-5:00 p.m.

Visit page 19 for information.

Israeli Purim Comedy Show
 featuring Sahar Lachmi
Wednesday, March 8
7:30-9:30 p.m.
AJCC Caller Auditorium

Visit page 16 for information.

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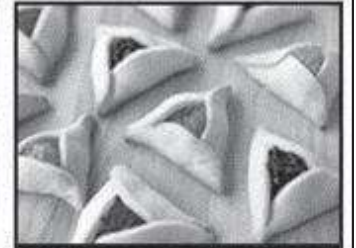
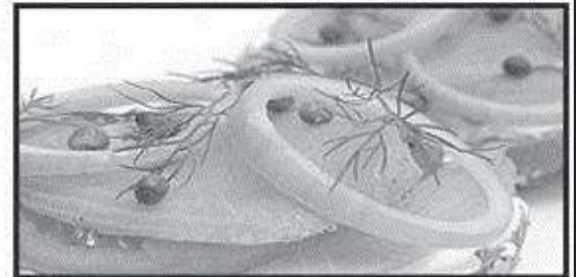
Jewish Food Festival

Save the Date

Sunday

June 4, 2017

**Arnstein Jewish Community Center
6800 Deane Hill Drive
Knoxville TN 37919**



Need a Speaker? UTK Judaic Studies Can Help



The Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies is pleased to offer its distinguished faculty as speakers for community events and programs. The University of Tennessee of Knoxville Judaic Studies faculty have expertise in a wide range of subjects. Speakers are available free of charge to community organizations within Tennessee.

To see a list of speakers and the possible topics, please follow this link: <http://judaic.utk.edu/speaker/index.php>. Please contact Helene J. Sinnreich, Director of the Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies at hsinnreich@utk.edu to arrange for a speaker for your group.

CONVERSATIONS & COCKTAILS

Using and Abusing the Memory of the Holocaust

**With Guest Scholar
Daniel Magilow, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of German, UTK**

**Tuesday, March 21
6:00-7:30 p.m.**

**Holly's Gourmet's Market & Cafe
5107 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 37919**



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

- ★ Congratulations to **Cody Hanford**, son of Shelley and Marc Mangold. Cody is the new executive director of the Transition Habitat Conservancy in Pinion Hills, California. He will oversee staff and works closely with the board of directors, local land trusts and state and federal agencies.
- ★ Mazal tov to **Karen and Alon Ferency** on the birth of son, Elisha Kaya. May he bring them many years of joy and nachas.
- ★ *Oak Ridge Today* recently featured an article on a new dental practice, Cosmetic and Restorative Dentistry, owned by **Adam Wohl**, DDS. Wohl is the son of Barry and Marilyn Wohl. To read about Wohl's practice, visit <http://oakridgetoday.com/2017/01/17/new-dental-practice-opens-oak-ridge/>.
- ★ **Sarah Siegel**, daughter of Mark and Betty Siegel, was the dramaturge and helped with stage management of West High's *Fiddler on the Roof* production.
- ★ **Mary Linda Schwarzbart** was one of eight honorees recognized at Knoxville's January 21 Women's March. She has been active for years on the Knoxville Jewish Alliance Community Relations Committee and the East Tennessee Civil Rights Working Group.

May His Memory Be for a Blessing: Dr. Charles H. Reynolds

For today's Knoxville Jewish community, having a Judaic Studies Program at the University of Tennessee is normal thanks to Dr. Charles H. Reynolds' efforts to bring a Judaic Scholar in Religion to the University of Tennessee. We deeply mourn his passing. The world will be poorer for the loss of his wit, his fierce sense of justice, and his kindness and generosity. But we are also richer for his courage and his persistence in fighting for a Judaic Scholar at the University of Tennessee. It was a most selfless act. Thank you, Charlie, for putting Knoxville on the academic map Jewishly! You are the champ! — *Dr. Gilya G. Schmidt*



1993 UT reception for new Judaic Scholar in Religion
(Left-Right) Professor Charles H. Reynolds, UT President Joe Johnson,
Dr. Gilya G. Schmidt, and Dr. Alan Solomon.



The threat of rain didn't dampen Mary Linda Schwarzbart's spirit at a January 21 March for Women event in downtown Knoxville.

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Freedom of the Pulpit

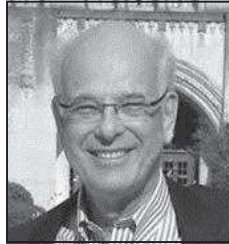
By Scott B. Saulson, PhD, Interim Rabbi

When it comes to matters politic, ostensibly freedom of the pulpit in the US is limited by but two factors. One: The congregation's level of tolerance and maturity in attending to the words, even disagreeable words, of its spiritual leader. Two: The congregation's willingness to risk its tax exempt status under the current law. Historically, factor number One has been the more robust. We can read about preachers and teachers run out of town, if not tarred and feathered, by their flocks, for their political "intemperance." Yet, factor Two cannot be discounted. Indeed, from time to time congregants have cloaked their disdain for the my message in the guise of warnings about losing tax exempt status.

D.J. Trump has recently positioned himself as the champion of religious freedom by vowing to "destroy" factor Two. Naturally, factor One would be left in play unless he is willing to federalize national guards to come to the defense of politically unpopular preachers.

Yet, Mr. Trump and his religious supporters on this issue are obviously ignorant of the true integrity of the pulpit. It is the dare to speak truth to power, unencumbered by bribes in the guise of tax penalties or tax favors. Thus, would any self-respecting synagogue or rabbi refrain, even in the face of losing tax exemption, from pointedly opposing the candidacy of an anti-Semite, such as a David Duke or a Louis Farrakhan, or worse?

Moreover, his proposal is totally inequitable. How so? Why should religious organizations be privileged over other non-profits? Why should religious organizations continue to receive tax exemptions, a subsidy for which all Americans pay, yet not have to abide by restrictions imposed on other not-for-profits. For example, PACs, like churches, are tax exempt; however, donations to them are not. The threat to "destroy" violates the American vision in which Religion is not to be favored by the State. Such a violation amounts to letting churches have their wafers and eat them, too.



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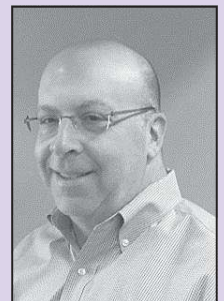
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Temple Topics

By Howard Pollock, TBE President

Purim begins at sundown Saturday, March 11th (14th of Adar) and during this festival there are many unique traditions. The story of Purim is told in the book of Esther which is commonly referred to as the Megillah. The reading of the Megillah describes how the Jews in ancient Persia overcame the efforts by Haman and his followers to destroy the Jewish people. Some of the commonly associated customs include dressing in costumes as part of parades and using groggers to make noise and boo when hearing Haman's name. Certainly, we all have tasted hamantaschen which are symbolic of Haman's triangular shaped hat. During the Religious School carnival the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El has some of the best hamantaschen you'll ever taste.

I have special memories of the Purim carnival when I was in Religious School. For about three years in a row, I was very fortunate to win the grand prize at our carnival. Many years have passed but I know one year it was a portable radio with an 8 Track player – a big deal at the time. Another year might have been a skateboard – also a big deal. I share this personal story because even to this day when I hear about a Purim carnival I think back to a unique Temple memory. I'm sure each of us has memories that are unique to our Temple experiences either here or in other communities. Some may be related to religious occurrences, others may be part of fundraisers or some just social in nature. Regardless of how each of us experiences our own congregation, think back through your own memory bank to reflect on your own special experiences at this or any other Temple. Through the dedication of all the committees at Temple Beth El we are hopefully creating special memories for you and your families. If not, please help change that by joining one of our many committees or participate in any number of activities to share your own personal imprint. Being part of our Temple can mean different things to different people but please know all are welcome to share in all that we do.





TBE Sisterhood presents
Shabbat Dinner for Hunger
Friday, March 31, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 per person plus
 one non-perishable food item

Menu: Vegetarian Chili, Salad Bar, Baked Potato
 Bar and Desserts

Sisterhood will lead the Shabbat service at 7:00

All proceeds go to Second Harvest Food Bank

Please R.S.V.P. to secretary@tbeknox.org

Sisterhood Happenings

By Tammy Kropp, Sisterhood President

Sisterhood is focused this year on making a difference and doing mitzvot. A special todah rabah to Shelley Mangold for her hard work and dedication on coordinating with the other ladies groups in the city as well as with Dr. Bob Kronick to allow us to participate in the Pond Gap Mitzvah Day project. We had a great time and this project will be one that assists many in the community.

A special thank you goes to Phyllis Hirsh for her assistance and leadership in the annual Hamantaschen sale and bake. This is one tradition everyone at TBE looks forward to each and every year. What is your favorite flavor? The Purim Carnival is **March 5** and the Hamantaschen will be on sale there.

Our Shabbat for Hunger will be Friday evening **March 31** at 6:00 p.m. with all proceeds benefitting Second Harvest Food Bank in the name of Marty's Mission. This will be a great evening to have dinner while supporting Second Harvest. After dinner, Sisterhood will be leading services and a D'var Torah. All are welcome and invited to support the Sisterhood of TBE. Come and find out all the great things Sisterhood does for TBE and the community.

Temple Beth El Religious School March 2017 Update

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

Religious School Purim Carnival March 5 has a new look! Tara Bain and a committee of parents have been at work adding some new great activities to our Purim Carnival. This year, we have invited the students from HA, JCOR, KJDS, and AJCC Preschool. We will still have an interactive Megillah Reading, the Brotherhood Hotdog Café, and the Sisterhood Hamentashen Sale. We encourage everyone to wear costumes. Shekels will be on sale in the lobby 3/\$1 or 16/\$5. There will be a special café serving lunch, which includes a hotdog (veggie dogs & Kosher buns available), chips, and a drink for \$3.00. (Cash is preferred for lunch but shekels are accepted.)

Here is the Purim Carnival schedule:

9:30: All students arrive at Temple and go to classrooms for Purim activities.

(Four- year-olds will join the Kindergarten class.)

10:00: Anna Iroff and Larissa Kay will lead a combined Gan K'Tan and Torah Tots (1-3 years).

9:30-10:45: 7th-10th graders and parent volunteers set up Carnival.

10:15: Megillah reading and songs in Sanctuary with Norma

10:45: Purim Carnival in social hall and front lobby.

12:00: Dismissal and clean up. Help is wanted for clean up!

Mazel Tov to Lily Hirsh March 25! Lily Hirsh will be called to the Torah on Saturday, March 25. Lily is the daughter of Jeff and Lori Hirsh and sister to Ben. Lily has been coached by Tory Frankel, Norma James, and Rabbi Saulson. She has been working very hard in preparation for this special event. Since Rabbi Saulson's daughter is getting married that weekend, Norma James will have the honor of officiating. Please join the Hirsh family for Shabbat at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening, March 24 and Lily's Shabbat morning service on March 25 at 10:30 a.m. Remember that our entire congregation is invited to B'nei Mitzvah services at Temple Beth El.

Torah Tots & Gan K'tan join together at TBE March 29. Our two groups will again join together. This month we will be at TBE for our great program for children 4 and under who are not in our RS classes. Temple/Synagogue membership is not required for participation.

Spring Break: There will be NO Religious School Sunday, March 12, Wednesday, March 15, and Sunday, March 19.

Coming Up in April:

April 1 is our 4th-7th grade evening out and sleepover at TBE.

April 3 is Torah Tots for children 2-4 years old.

April 8 Riley Goodfriend becomes a Bat Mitzvah.

April 9 RS Passover Seder

April 16 Passover Break—NO Religious School

April 29 Grace Theriot becomes a Bat Mitzvah.



Lily Hirsh to Celebrate Bat Mitzvah March 25

Lily Hirsh will be called to the Torah on **Saturday, March 25** at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Beth El. Norma James will officiate.

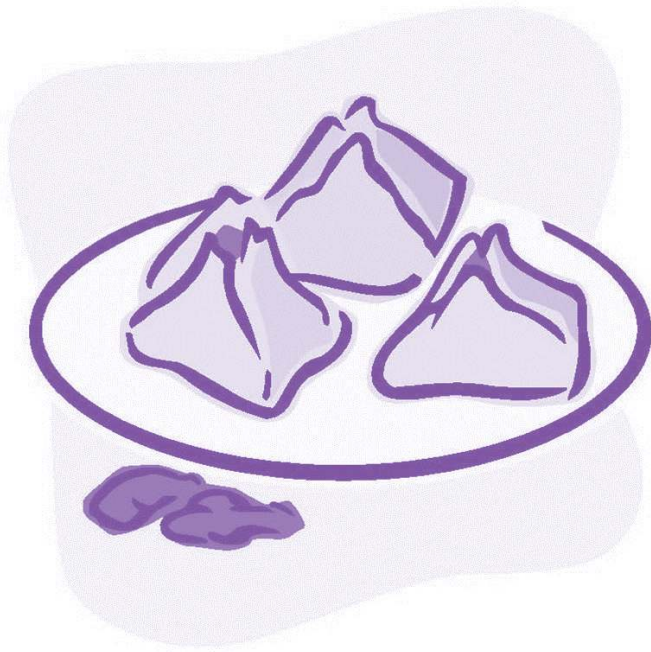
Lily is the daughter of Jeffrey and Lorie Hirsh, and sister to Benjamin. She is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Phyllis Hirsh (Knoxville) and Gene and Stella Galloway (Chattanooga).

Lily is currently a 7th grade honors student at Webb. She enjoys music, movies and spending time with her friends. She also loves sports. A former competitive gymnast, she now enjoys competing for Webb's soccer and basketball teams. She also donates her time tutoring at the Boys and Girls Club.

Lily has been a part of the Knoxville Jewish community since she was a toddler. She attended AJCC Preschool as well as their summer camps. She has also been a Temple Beth El Sunday School student since preschool.

Thank you to everyone who has prepared Lily for this special day! We look forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah in March.



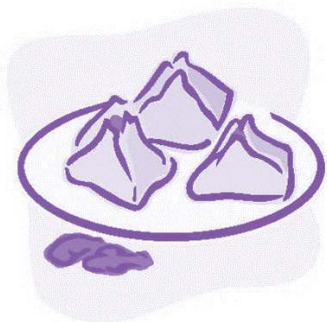


Prices:
1 for \$1.00
6 for \$5.00
12 for \$9.00

Sisterhood
Hamantaschen
Sale

Sunday, March 5
9:30 am—12:30 pm

No orders taken
Come early for best selection!



Temple Beth El's 12th Annual Auction

The Quizard of Oz!

Trivia Night with **Silent & Live Auctions**
Saturday, April 22nd
6:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m.

We need your help with donations!

To make this event a success, we are actively seeking donations from our congregants and local merchants for gift certificates or merchandise to be used as an auction item. All donors will be highlighted in our auction materials, monthly Ha'kol and Tuesday Blast. There is no better way to show your support for Temple Beth El.

Auction Item Ideas

- * **Gift Cards**
- * **Wine**
- * **Dinner Parties**
- * **Sports Tickets**
- * **Plane Tickets**
- * **Jewelry**
- * **Themed Baskets**
- * **Medical/Dental Services**
- * **Artwork**
- * **Stationary**
- * **Restaurant Certificates**
- * **Gourmet Food Items**
- * **Manicures or Haircuts**
- * **Movie or Theatre Tickets**
- * **Time-shares**
- * **Attraction/ Museum Tickets**
- * **Hotel Stays**
- * **Portrait Sessions**
- * **Personal Training/Massages**
- * **Car Detailing or Oil Changes**

For more information about the event, to volunteer or to make a donation, please contact either Amy Rosenberg at Rockybergs@gmail.com or Phyllis Hirsh at Phyllishirsh24@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your help! We certainly appreciate your generosity.



Friday, March 10, 6.45 p.m.

Live, on our bimah, *Beagle - Torah*

▲ ▲ ▲ Purim ▲ ▲ ▲

Let's admit it. There's no silver bullet that will "off" bigotry or its sibling, anti-Semitism. We have tried education - assimilation - dissociation - martyrdom - reformation - auto-emancipation - persuasion - flight - fight - mockery - pity - understanding - and, love. In the end, sometimes we must just giggle, if even through our frightful memories.

Bayom hahu, God willing, we'll have the last laugh!

In the meantime, we're in for a jolly treat!

Director

Gregory Kaplan

Cast

Al Feldblum, Gina Feldblum, Liz Gassel, Ryan Gibbons, Alex Jordan, Steve Lewis, Aaron Margulies

Sound

Lou Gross

Scenery

Rabbi Scott

Script

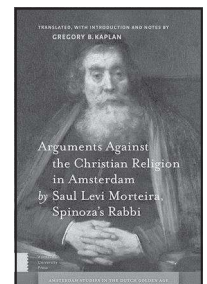
Jeff Green

TBE Member Publishes Book

Mazel tov to TBE member **Greg Kaplan** on the publication of his new book: *Arguments Against the Christian Religion in Amsterdam* by *Saul Levi Morteira, Spinoza's Rabbi*. Translated, with introduction and notes by Gregory B. Kaplan.

This is the first book to offer a translation into English-as well as a critical study-of-a Spanish treatise written around 1650 by Rabbi Saul Levi Morteira.

Part of the series Amsterdam Archaeological Studies | November 2016 | ISBN 9789462983601
Hardback | 230 pages | 62 colour, 12 b/w illustrations, 3 line-art.



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REVIEW of a book in the TBE Library by Henry A. Fribourg

The Temple Bombing by Melissa Fay Greene. Addison-Wesley Pub. 1992 (reprinted). Hard copy in library

On October 12, 1958, a bundle of 50 dynamite sticks blew out a sidewall of The Temple, Atlanta's oldest and richest synagogue. The building damage was overshadowed by the social disruptions precipitated by the event in Atlanta, in the South, and eventually in the United States. Rabbi Jacob (Jack) Rothschild (1911-1974), who had been a Marine chaplain on Guadalcanal during WWII, had assumed the pulpit of the Temple a few years earlier. When the South had gone wild over the 1954 Supreme Court decision in favor of integration, Jack Rothschild responded with an outspoken defense of civil rights. The bombing by neo-Nazi extremists — never found guilty in two successive trials — was but one in a series of conflicting messages and class struggles experienced by Jews in the South.

The Reform Jewish Temple became a rallying point uniting blacks and Jews in efforts for racial justice. Rabbi Rothschild befriended Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other leaders and members of the African-American community. Many members of the Temple originally shared the exclusionary policies and attitudes of Atlanta's white Protestant elite and took many years to appreciate their rabbi's devotion to social justice. Nonetheless, they slowly accepted his efforts and were proud, along with the white elite of the city, when Rabbi Rothschild hosted a dinner attended by many diverse people for Martin Luther King in honor of his Nobel Peace Prize.

Greene has great literary talent and did much research on the beginning events in the civil rights movement. The book is good background reading about the history of Atlanta's passage through the civil rights turmoil of the 1950-60s. It shows how the leading city in the South came together in the face of hatred. On the other hand, the book contains many more details than some readers might want and it could have been substantially shorter without detracting from its impact. Nevertheless, the book is a great story about Jack Rothschild's life and reminds us of lessons that should have been learned over 60 years ago but still resonate today.

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Our Mission

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

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

www.tbeknox.org



TBE Friday Shabbat Schedule

6:30 p.m. Appetizers for Body & Soul preneg)

7:00 p.m. Kiddush Evening Minyan

8:00 p.m. Sweets for Body & Soul (oneg)



Knoxville Jewish Alliance

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2017 KJA Campaign Time to Innovate: Invest in the Future

Jake Cone, Campaign Chair; Britt Sturm, YJAK Chair

Jake Cone

Jake Cone and Britt Sturm are organizing a two-prong approach to improving and increasing our KJA fundraising AND recruiting young Jewish adults to share the amazing opportunities available in Knoxville and East Tennessee.

"Knoxville is in a very exciting time and we believe the Jewish community will rise with the growing tide of opportunity in our area. We want to provide a home for Jewish traditions and connections to Israel." Jake Cone says.

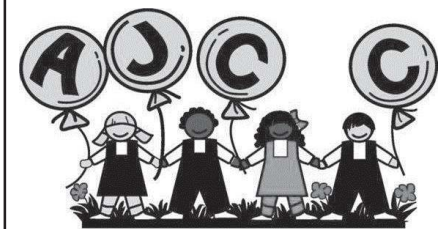
"We are actively engaged in strategic partnerships with other communities to develop and expand a young professional Jewish culture," added Britt Sturm.

Jake and Britt believe we should build on the past and innovate for the future.

"In addition to connecting with our existing donors in a meaningful way, we also want to innovate and create new ways to target and develop new donors. Ultimately we believe we can increase the donor base by growing the community."

Jake and Britt invite ALL who are interested to join them as they innovate and invest in the future:

**KJA Campaign Planning Meeting (All Welcome)
Wednesday, March 1—7:30-8:30 p.m.
Bearden Beer Market, 4524 Old Kingston Pike**



Preschool

Dedicated to Development,
Diversity, and Making a Difference
for Children of all Faiths since 1956.

Summer and Fall Registration Underway for AJCC Preschool

Contact the AJCC Preschool
office at (865) 963-8001
or email
psadmin@jewishknoxville.org
for more information.

Israeli Purim Comedy Show Featuring Sahar Lachmi

**Wednesday, March 8
7:30-9:30 p.m.
AJCC Caller Auditorium**

Enjoy a funny show that will allow you to stop the race of life and focus on one thing—humor and laughter. Gain new insights on the process of laughter and enjoyment. Receive tools on how to develop your own sense of humor, how a humorous approach can be implemented in daily stressful situations.

*Sponsored by
UTK Hillel Jewish Student Organization*



Woo Hoo!
It's Time to
Register for the
"Most Fun
Under the
Sun." day camp

See page 18

\$10 general admission. Free for UTK students, AJCC members, and KJA donors.



SUMMER CAMP — WEEKLY SESSIONS

SPECIALTY CAMPS

2017 MDCG Day Camp at AJCC Registration Open Online

Week 1 May 30—June 2	The Most Fun Under the Sun	Ages Rising Kindergarten - 6th Grade TAPS (Teen Adventure Program) Rising 7th - 9th Grade Includes team building, leadership, and community service opportunities
Week 2 June 5 - June 9	The Amazing Race Rainforest Field Trip	
Week 3 June 12 - June 16	The Amazing Race Overnight at AJCC	REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE www.jewishknoxville.com/camp Cost 1-week: \$285.00 2 or more weeks: \$250.00/each <i>(when registered and paid at same time)</i>
Week 4 June 19 - June 23	Under (and Over) the Sea Cove Park Field Trip K-3 Tubing Field Trip 4-9	
Week 5 June 26 - June 30	Under (and Over) the Sea White Water Rafting Field Trip with away camping 4th and up	Discounts AJCC Annual Members 5% (session fees only) Sibling Discount 5% (2nd child on)
Week 6 July 3 - July 7	American Warrior No Camp Tuesday, July 4 Jump Jam Field Trip	
Week 7 July 10 - July 14	American Warrior TAPS Field Trip to Smokies Game Overnight at AJCC	Before and After Care 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Hourly: \$15.00 1-week session package: \$100.00
Week 8 July 17 - July 21	Summer Camp Mash Up Pump it Up Field Trip Color Wars	
Week 9 July 24 - July 28	Summer Camp Mash Up Overnight at AJCC - Camp Finale	
Specialty Camp 1 Horseback Riding	Session 1: June 12-16 Session 2: July 10 - July 14	Rising 2nd - 8th graders \$425 per session
Specialty Camp 2 Drama	June 19 - June 23	Rising 4th - 7th graders \$340 per session
Specialty Camp 3 Krav Maga	June 12 - June 16	Rising 4th - 7th graders \$355 per session
 Camp David Program for campers with Autism	Session 1: June 5 - June 9 Session 2: June 12 - June 16 Session 3: June 19 - June 23	Interview Process Required \$350 per week
Counselor in Training Rising 10th - 12th Graders	Available all 9 Weeks	Interview Process Required \$125 per week

March Features Two Milton Collins Day Camp Sunday Fun Days!

Sunday March 5

3:00-5:00 p.m.
AJCC

Sunday, March 19

3:00-5:00 p.m.
AJCC

Join MCDC staff members at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center on March 5 and/or March 19 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for our fabulous Sunday Fun Days. We will fill the afternoon with some of everyone's favorite camp activities, including gaga, dodge ball, art, and drama. A snack will be served, and weather permitting, we will also play outside.

Everyone who is currently in Kindergarten through 6th grade is welcome to participate in the fun. AJCC annual members may participate free of charge, and the cost is only \$10 per child for non-members.



Let us know you're coming by calling (865) 690-6343 or emailing office@jewishknoxville.org.

Participation is not limited to former MCDC campers, so feel free to bring a friend and spread the word.

We look forward to seeing you there!



YJAK welcomes new members. Do you know any young Jewish professionals in the Knoxville area or individuals thinking of moving to the Knoxville area? If so, we want you to help us get in touch with them.

Please email us contact information to Recruitment@YJAK.org

Meet the Board

Ashley Grove - is the newly appointed Vice President of Activities for YJAK and couldn't be more excited to help grow and improve this awesome organization. Her role as VP of activities is to plan and execute all events that YJAK host each month. Ashley is originally from Connecticut but has lived in Knoxville since 2005. Outside of YJAK, Ashley works in real estate and specializes in staging homes. She also enjoys yoga, hiking, paddle boarding, and traveling! Ashley is very enthusiastic and excited about the upcoming events she has planned the young Professionals in Knoxville.



Like Us on Facebook for information and to stay current with local events.
<https://www.facebook.com/YJAK/>

YAJK Events

March 4 - Purim Party in Chattanooga

March 12 - Selection Sunday Bracket Challenge Party

March 17 - YJAK Shabbat

**INVEST
IN
OUR
FUTURE**

**Make
your
KJA
pledge
today!**

It's easy!

- ★ Online
- ★ Phone
- ★ Mail



KJA President's Comments Invest In Our Future

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

I was fortunate enough to attend a KJA event recently with the topic being INVEST IN OUR FUTURE. We heard about UTK Jewish campus life from Andrew Vogel, a young man who is graduating from UT this semester and has been an active Jewish Student Organization leader for several years. We heard from Jacqui Pearl, a UT graduate who is excelling in the marketing world, and who has become very active with the young Jewish Adults of Knoxville (YJAK). And we heard from Meredith Goldman Holtz and her husband Brad Holtz, parents of a child who attends our AJCC preschool. They spoke about the welcoming nature of our school and the community minded spirit it represents. The event itself was catered by another young adult, Shlomit Hava Bracy, who serves as an Israeli Shlichah both on campus with Jewish students and in the community teaching Hebrew at KJDS. Not only did these individuals speak, but the event opened the 2017 KJA Annual Campaign, which is chaired by two great young minds, Jake Cone and Britt Sturm. All of these folks are the future of our community and I couldn't be prouder of our future leaders.

If you recall, when I became President, during my "campaigning," I kept using the slogan 'BACK TO THE FUTURE.' Fortunately, I was elected in a landslide (no one else was willing to do it) and now I would like to change our KJA tagline for 2017 to **INVEST IN OUR FUTURE**. Invest financially, invest by getting more of these great young adults to become active, invest by encouraging young Jewish adults to move (back) to Knoxville. If we want to continue to have a Jewish Community Center for future generations we've got to invest in our future. We've got a great group of young men and women right here in our backyard who really care about Jewish life in our community and are already making a difference. The future is now and our future looks great!



Thank you to Dr. Robert and Carole Martin for opening their beautiful home to host the KJA major donor event to kick off the 2017 KJA fundraising campaign.



Andrew Vogel, UTK Hillel leader and Drum Major Pride of Southland Band, shared about the importance of KJA support of Jewish students on campus and the direct impact it made on his experience during his time at the university.



A PJ LIBRARY EVENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

3:30-4:30 P.M.

Lawson McGhee Library Meeting Room
500 W. Church Avenue, Knoxville TN 37902

- **Come in costume and enjoy Purim tales**
- **Hamentashen cookies, arts and crafts, music & more**
- **Stories and projects for all ages**

For more info, contact Ally Wiener at program@jewishknoxville.org

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Friendshippers to Feature Safari Tales and Travels

By Laura Faye Berry, BSSW, Esq., Director

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

Wednesday, March 15: Armchair Travel: On Safari in Botswana with Ed and Lauren Langston. These two adventure travelers will present a program of their slide photographs featuring African scenery and animals.

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

The luncheon begins at **noon** and the program begins at **1:00 p.m.** Lunch is \$8.00. There is no cost for attending the program alone. **Transportation is available upon request**—please have your ride requests in by the Monday morning before the program. For more information, please contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 ext. 18 or LBerry@jewishknoxville.org



February Friendshippers enjoyed a treat as pianist Michael Burse entertained guests at the Sherrill Hills gathering. If you would like to learn more about this monthly social group, contact Laura Berry at 690-6343 or lberry@jewishknoxville.org.

January's MCDC Sunday Fun Day was so much fun we scheduled **TWO** for March! See page 19 for registration info



Brian DeBolt leads games. Ga-Ga, and more at January 29's Sunday Fun Day. Join us in March!

Kroger Community Rewards Benefit AJCC Preschool

If you have a Kroger shopper card, please go online and select **AJCC PRESCHOOL** as your charity. Then...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Kroger Plus Card! It's a great way to support early childhood education in your community.



Getting ready for some Dodgeball at MCDC's Sunday Fun Day. While the weather outside was cold and damp, MCDC campers and friends enjoyed spending time together in the AJCC Gym.

You're invited to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship as the AJCC Preschool hosts a showcase of children's art. This fundraiser also includes a silent auction, local vendors, hors d'oeuvres, a wine bar, and more!

Please join us and celebrate our young artists

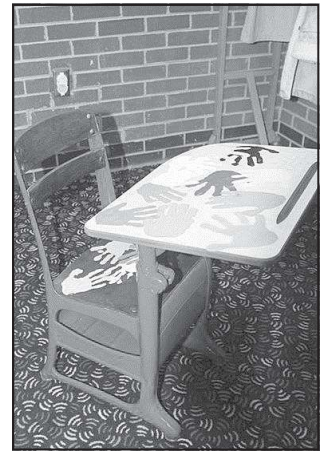
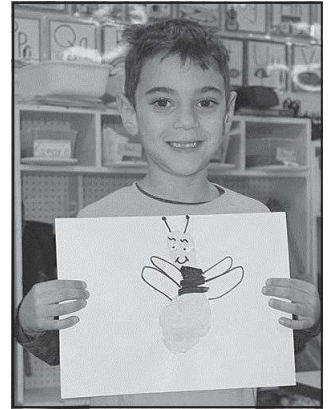
8th Annual AJCC Preschool Art Gala

Thursday, April 6
5:00—7:00 p.m.

AJCC Preschool Caller Auditorium
6800 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville

Funds raised will benefit the AJCC Preschool

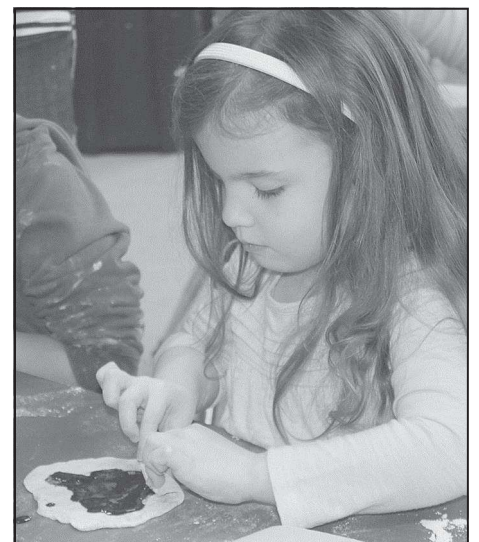
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RSVP to psadmin@jewishknoxville.org by March 31.



Photos: Art for Dalet Alphabet books. Handprinted and painted student chair. Handprint sculptures.



Hands-on Fun! *Judaica Specialist Ally Wiener and Dalet classmates create fresh fruit trays as they learn about Tu B'Shvet. Gimel classmates roll cookie dough into balls, then enjoy flattening them. They then spread chocolate onto the flattened dough and rolled them to bake into yummy treats.*



WANTED

Wanted: a few community interested persons with a desire to get out, meet new friends (or old friends), have fun, enjoy stimulating conversations, create smiles, share your stories, serve your community, promote social justice and join in Tikkun Olam.

IF THIS IS YOU

Please join the KJA's Jewish Family Services Committee

Positions available now include:

- ★ Leading monthly Shabbat services at Sherrill Hills
- ★ Planning monthly Friendshipper programs for active senior adults
- ★ Serving 4-5 times a year as hosts for situationally homeless families in Family Promise
- ★ Helping seniors by visiting and bringing challahs to them
- ★ Planning community social justice activities

The committee meets for about an hour the second Tuesday of the odd numbered months at 11:30 at the AJCC.
If meetings aren't your thing, you are still welcome to volunteer!

Committee Mission: Jewish Family Services, a program of the Knoxville Jewish Alliance, is a vital service dedicated to promoting, strengthening, and preserving individual, family, and community well-being in a manner consistent with Jewish philosophy and values. Jewish Family Services has been an integral part of the greater Knoxville Jewish community for over 30 years.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact
Jewish Family Services Director Laura Berry at LBerry@jewishknoxville.org



Preschool's Tadpole App Improves Communications

The AJCC Preschool faculty uses a Tadpoles application that allows teachers to send photos and videos so that parents can see a glimpse into their child's day, thus strengthening the home-to-school connection with families! Teachers also create a daily report for each child, which keeps them informed of the daily activities, learning experiences, and care events.

AJCC Preschool teachers use iPad minis or iPod Touch devices specifically for this program. The devices are secure, giving teachers the only access to the Tadpoles software.

All photos, videos, and daily reports are emailed to parents directly. They can also access this information via a Tadpoles Parent app. This is not only easier for parents, but saves staff time and is more environmentally friendly.

Teachers benefit from parent communications as well. Parents use the Tadpoles application to alert teachers and staff to information about their child. They can send morning drop-off notes for teachers, mark a child absent, and add additional notes to communicate with teachers and administrators or ask questions.

Dalet Class teacher Erin Gaines selects photos to send a parent via Tadpole.





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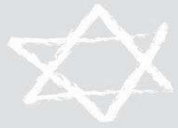
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Please remember to bring non-perishable foods for Second Harvest Food Bank. Collection bins are located in the TBE Lobby.

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

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



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Purim Inspiration

By Carole H. Martin, KJCF President

“Esther might well be the oddest heroine in the Bible: a Jewish girl who wins a beauty contest, marries the gentile king of Persia, and ultimately uses her position to save the Jews from a brilliantly conceived program of extermination.” So begins Rabbi Joseph Telushkin’s description of the setting of the Purim story. As he goes on to recall the lessons of the interwoven lives of King Ahasuerus, Haman, Esther and Mordechai, I am reminded once again of the many times pure evil has surfaced with the expressed purpose of destroying the Jewish people. Yet time and time again, we survive. And we do not forget these attempts to annihilate our religion; at Purim, for instance, there are four special Mitzvot to commemorate this episode in Jewish history. We should: 1) Hear the Megillah, 2) Send food gifts to friends, 3) Give to the needy, 4) Feast!



In celebrating Purim, one of our most meaningful opportunities is the reaffirmation of the existence of the Jewish people by helping the poor. The directive in the book of Esther is to give at least one monetary gift to each of two poor people to allow them the funds to partake of a festive meal on Purim. Interestingly, the requirement is to give to anyone who extends his hand to take. We are not to question or examine whether, by our standards, this person is worthy of help. This concept of outreach to the poor without scrutiny is antithetical to those of us in the non-profit world! We want to see pie charts and written outcomes in annual reports, with overhead percentages kept low. These professional norms are not without merit, nor do they affect the dignity and respect with which the needy are served. But how refreshing, at least once a year at Purim, to give to a needy soul proffering an outstretched arm with just a smile and a nod.

Telushkin, Rabbi Joseph, *Jewish Literacy*. William Morrow & Co., 2001.

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The **Jeff and Nancy Becker Community Enrichment Fund** made a grant to the Knoxville Jewish Day School to support the Eva Schloss event on February 21, 2017.

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To learn more about KJCF philanthropic opportunities, call 690-6343 or visit www.jewishknoxville.org/kjcff

Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



Shreter Honored with Light of Torah Award

Erev Shabbat January 20 was dedicated to celebrating JCOR Sisterhood's involvement with Women's League for Conservative Judaism and our decades of service to our congregation and community. It was a special pleasure to see **Hilary Shreter** honored with Southern Region's Light of Torah Award. Past-president Fran Silver spoke of Hilary's service to our organization as treasurer for many years, and also told of her service to our Sisterhood in many capacities way beyond that important role. Hilary is a wonderful advisor and a valuable volunteer. In recognition of her service, Hilary was given a certificate of honor from WL Southern Region President, Regina Newman. Hilary also received a beautiful *Pri Yadehah* Torah Fund pin - a gift of love and appreciation from the women of our JCOR Sisterhood.

Yasher Koach to you, Hilary!

Hilary Shreter

JCOR Sisterhood News

Todah Rabah to **Brenda Mosko** and **Alice Feldman** for organizing the *P'ri Yadehah Exhibit* that was connected to our WL JCOR Sisterhood Shabbat Service. About 25 women participated. Among the display could be found gorgeous quilts, walls hangings, pottery, photographs, and paintings made by our own members. Also exhibited were community service awards and achievement records received by businesswomen and by teachers in our sisterhood. Books written by two members were on display, as well as musical programs that our musician-members had taken part in. The exhibit was both beautiful and impressive.

Our women's culinary talents were on display too! *Todah Rabah* to **Becky Charles** and **Peggy Laxton** and the women who helped them for organizing the Shabbat meal. Absolutely delicious!

The Kabbalat Shabbat Service was a heart-warming experience. **Anne Greenbaum** appreciates the audience that showed even for rehearsals. Getting the music right (or nearly right) took a lot of work. *Todah Rabah* especially to guitarist and vocalist **Penny Lukin** who always gets her music right.

This month we prepare for Purim! Anyone wishing to help bake hamentashen should call Anne (927-4488).

Donations to *JCOR Sisterhood* may be mailed to Hilary Shreter, c/o JCOR Sisterhood, PO Box 1232, Clinton, TN 37717.



Upcoming Events

March 4, 2017—7:00 p.m.

Jewish Film Series: *A Serious Man*

USA, 2009, Rated R, 1hr 46m Directors: Ethan Coen, Joel Coen
Larry Gopnik has hit a "rough patch," according to a colleague, and it would seem so: People are dropping dead all around him, his wife wants a "get," and his whining kids only add to the heavy load. Can a few rabbis guide him to life's answers?

March 25, 2017

Rabbi's Study Session: "Shalom Bayit" (after the morning Services) Shalom Bayit is the Jewish religious concept of domestic harmony and good relations between husband and wife.

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Oak Ridge Interfaith Partnership

By Meir Niad, JCOR President

On Thursday, February 2, representatives from different faith communities gathered at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Oak Ridge to share their thoughts on a single, two-fold question: What is a central tenet of your religion or faith and what is a distinguishing aspect of your faith community? The speakers were from Baha'i, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Earth-based Religions (Wiccan), Grace Covenant Church, Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, Muslim Community of Knoxville, Soka Gakkai International, Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, and Zen Community of Oak Ridge.

A common theme among all speakers, was that each faith puts a strong emphasis on family, friends, and community. Most of the faiths also spoke about how their members come from and maintain different faith backgrounds within their faith communities. The evening was a perfect demonstration of how all of these varying religions are just different paths to the same single God, and the members of different faiths can come together with respect and love for their community as a whole.

I'd like to thank Ronnie and Jim Bogard for their work in creating this event with the other partner groups, and much appreciation to Rabbi Victor Rashkovsky for speaking on behalf of our Jewish community.

What makes you a good or a bad Jew is not what you believe or don't believe, but rather it is how you behave. In other words, your righteousness is defined not by your thinking, but by your actions... The word *actions* in this context has a much broader meaning than attending religious services and your personal ritual observances; much stronger emphasis is put in our Jewish tradition on your behavior concerning your family, your community, your country, and moreover concerning generally all the people of the world regardless of their race, religion, or national origin."

I'm looking forward to future gatherings of the Interfaith Partnership, including our Yom Hashoah Remembrance Service at JCOR in April.



Rabbi Victor Rashkovsky discusses Judaism with participants.



Thanks to Al Good for organizing a delicious Men's Lunch catered by Mediterranean Delight of Oak Ridge.

JCOR Hosts and Hostesses

March 4	Vera & Leon Maya; Ilana & Moshe Siman-Tov; Catherine Braunstein
March 11	Hilary Shreter; Patty & Bill Segal
March 18	Nona & Sam Poole; Avigail & Victor Rashkovsky
March 25	Fran Silver; Jill & Stuart Chasan; Karen Brunner
April 1	Carolyn & Julian Stein; Rhonda & Ron Sternfels
April 8	Mel Tobias; Bruce Tomkins
April 15	Yardena & Moshe Yair; Sarah & David Stuart
April 22	Reeva & Marvin Abraham; Ronnie & Jim Bogard
April 29	Linda & Zane Bell; Becky & George Charles

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JCOR's Saturday morning service begins at 9:30 a.m.
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The Jewish Nation: Self Preservation

From a letter [1951] of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson

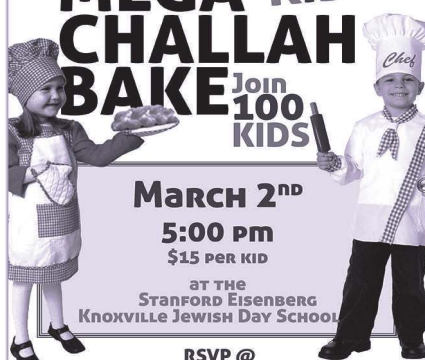

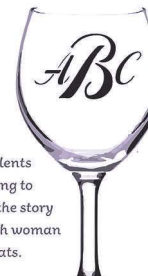
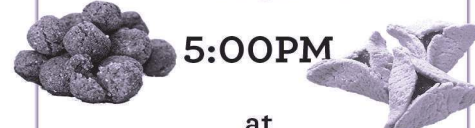
...Persia, in the days of Ahasuerus, was the mightiest empire in the world. It also boasted the most advanced civilization of those days. On the other hand, the Jewish people at that time were in despair. The Holy Land and the Beth Hamikdosh [Holy Temple] lay in ruins. The opinion was widely circulated that G-d had abandoned His people. This was supported by miscalculations purporting to show that the period of 70 years' exile prophesied by our prophets was at an end, yet the promised liberation had not come. This, in fact, was one of the reasons why Ahasuerus made that pompous feast and dared to profane the holy vessels.

Under the circumstances, when the head of the mightiest world empire and civilization arranged the royal feast, inviting to it representatives of all nations, the Jews among them, many Jews could not resist the temptation. They were not deterred by the fact that this banquet was to mark the beginning of a new "era" of complete assimilation and were deluded by the friendly slogan of "no compulsion." Thus, they became a party to the profanation of the holy vessels.

Symbolically, the profanation of the holy vessels of the Beth Hamikdosh marked also the desecration of the Divine soul which forms the sanctuary of every Jew and Jewess. The purpose and mission of this Divine spark is to light up one's immediate environment and one's share in the world at large with the light of the highest Divine ideals. Far from fulfilling their soul's mission upon this earth, those weak Jews lent aid and comfort to the forces of assimilation and darkness. By partaking from the "food" of Ahasuerus they contaminated both their bodies and souls.

Purim, therefore, reminds us not to be carried away by the outer sparkle of foreign civilizations or cultures, and not to be misled into assimilation by the notion that it appears to be in no conflict with our spiritual heritage.

We are a unique people, as started in the Megillah: "There is one people (although) scattered and spread among the peoples of the world, (yet) their laws are different from those of other peoples." We have preserved our unity and uniqueness despite our being dispersed in the world, because we have preserved our laws. It is by preserving our Torah and Mitzvoth that we Jews in general, and our youth in particular, can best contribute towards the enlightenment of the world at large and bring real happiness to ourselves, our people, and humanity as a whole....

SAVE THE DATE	March 2 Chabad of Knoxville, AJCC Preschool, Heska Amuna, Temple Beth El & Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School MEGA KIDS CHALLAH BAKE Join 100 KIDS  MARCH 2ND 5:00 PM \$15 PER KID AT THE STANFORD EISENBERG KNOXVILLE JEWISH DAY SCHOOL RSVP @ www.ChabadKnoxville.org/KidsBake	March 7 Chabad of Knoxville's Jewish Women's Circle Tuesday, March 7th 7:00 pm  Chalet @ Chabad 7148 Wellington Dr Glass Etching with miriam esther and goldie Rsvp: ME@KJDS.org \$18 per person Sponsorship \$72  Come express your creative talents as you use the art of glass etching to design your own dish. Discuss the story of esther and the modern jewish woman while enjoying some purim treats.	March 12 Join Chabad of Knoxville's Annual Purim Party Purim in ISRAEL MARCH 12 5:00PM  at Lighthouse Knoxville
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March 4

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March 11

Naida Bendes ♦ Lillian Ellin ♦ Herman Linke ♦ Rita Nichols ♦ Rose Schwartz ♦ Rose Rosen ♦ Sol Foster ♦ Aaron Wise ♦ Hattie Bobroff ♦ Samuel Fayonsky ♦ Edwin Markoff ♦ Razelle Toronto ♦ Herman Werner ♦ Mayer Zucker ♦ John Abrams ♦ Mary Ginsburg ♦ Annie Green ♦ Barney Schiff ♦ Elsie Shorr ♦ Sarah Berry ♦ Lucille Bruskin ♦ Rudolph Deitch ♦ Gerry Diftler ♦ Debby Freeman ♦ Pearl Goodstein ♦ Elsie Rattner ♦ Ruth Kaplan ♦ Mary Katz ♦ Louis Klinkowstein ♦ Ida Nius ♦ Leah Wise

March 18

Pauline Botnick ♦ Bessie Greenbaum ♦ Esther Kisilinsky ♦ Bessie Liberman ♦ Jane Siegel ♦ Rae Weisberg ♦ Max Burnett ♦ Daniel Goldberg ♦ Albert Goodstein ♦ Betty Gubitz ♦ Morris Rattner ♦ Louis Rosen ♦ Sam Rosenblatt ♦ Ester Strauss ♦ Leah Herz ♦ David Leibowitz ♦ Herz ♦ Dorothy Rothman ♦ Joyce Simon ♦ Irving Bayer ♦ Donald Brown ♦ Samuel Jacobs ♦ Max Rubenstein ♦ Lazar Schwartz ♦ Isaac Slovis ♦ Eli Yatsko ♦ Sarah Zwick-Daum

March 25

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March 31

Mazeltov Benhayon ♦ Joseph Imbrey ♦ Matilda Davis ♦ Jacob Katz ♦ Casper Perelman ♦ Melvin Robinson ♦ Max Weinstein ♦ Sam Chandler ♦ David Renert ♦ Esther Thompson, ♦ Lillian Weinbren ♦ Jack Rosenberg ♦ Miles Siegel ♦ Julius Binder ♦ Ida Fenrow ♦ Isadore Wender

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March 3

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March 10

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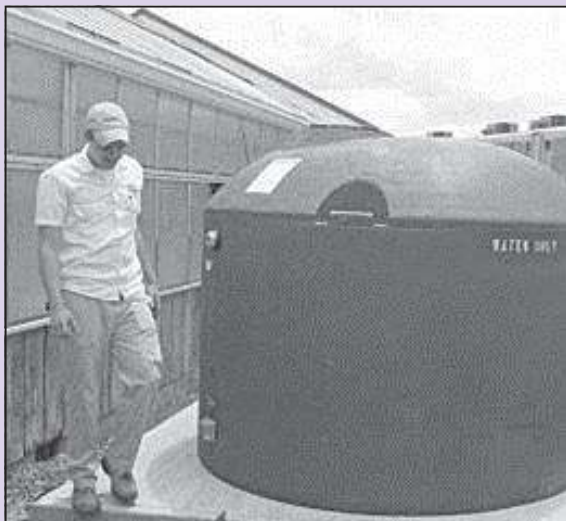
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What You Don't Know About Water... **Sunday, March 19, Noon** **AJCC Orwitz Room**

Hadassah invites everyone to participate in a delicious luncheon followed by a presentation by Amy Mann, representing Knox County Stormwater. Ms. Mann will touch on pollution prevention techniques, rain barrels, rain gardens and more. You don't have to be a Hadassah member to enjoy this program. Please join us! There's a lot we can learn about water.

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



Game Day Delights

Hadassah Knoxville's January 29 Game Day was a relaxing way to schmooze and enjoy the company of others as we strategized and plotted our best game moves.

*(Left-right)
Peggy Littmann, Barbara Isenberg, Mary Evars-Goan, Bonnie Boring, Anita Kay, Laura Floyd, and Harriet Cooper.*

President's Message

By Laura Floyd

Over the weekend of February 4 and 5, Hadassah Southern held its midwinter board meeting. At this meeting, awards were announced...Hadassah Knoxville got third place for a medium size chapter!

More importantly to me, is that we announced our Woman of the Year for 2016. For 2016, we selected **Andrea Cone**. Andrea is a recent transplant to Knoxville and when she arrived, she eagerly sought out the local Hadassah chapter. Once we knew she was interested, she quickly became the Programming Vice President. Andrea is such an asset to our community. She always has a lot of great ideas and one of her main goals is to get more Hadassah Knoxville members involved in programs and other activities. We recently had a game day in January at Peggy Littmann's house that was a lot of fun. We expect good things for this year for Andrea. If you see her, wish her a hearty Mazel Tov on being Hadassah Knoxville's Woman of the Year.

Also at the board meeting, we installed the region board. I was installed as assistant treasurer for 2017 and then will move up to region treasurer in 2018. We'll be looking for a new president for Hadassah Knoxville for 2018. If you are interested, just let me know. :-)



Dana Waxler (Chattanooga) installing Catherine Braunstein (Oak Ridge) and Laura Floyd as region treasurer and assistant treasurer, respectively.



Region president Bonnie Boring with Knoxville's Woman of the Year Andrea Cone. Bettye Berlin (Memphis) presented the award.

Please celebrate Shabbat with us!

**Hadassah Shabbat
Friday-Saturday, March 3-4**

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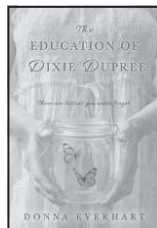


Hadassah Book Club News

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

Hope to see everyone for our **Tuesday, March 21 Hadassah Book Club meeting**. We meet in the evening at 7:30 p.m., at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Kingston Pike in the coffee shop area. This month we'll be discussing *The Education Of Dixie Dupree* by Donna Everhart.

BOOK SUMMARY: In 1969, Dixie Dupree is 11 years old and already an expert liar. Sometimes the lies are for her mama, Evie's sake—to explain away a bruise brought on by her quick-as-lightning temper. And sometimes the lies are to spite Evie, who longs to leave her unhappy marriage in Perry County, Alabama, and return to her beloved New Hampshire. But for Dixie and her brother, Alabama is home, a place of pine-scented breezes and hot, languid afternoons. Narrated by her young heroine in a voice as sure and resonant as *The Secret Life of Bees'* Lily or *Bastard Out of Carolina's* Bone, Donna Everhart's remarkable debut is a story about mothers and daughters, the guilt and pain that pass between generations, and the truths that are impossible to hide, especially from ourselves.



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

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There Really Is No Place Like Home!

The saying goes "home is where the heart is". That could not be truer than for the families at KJDS. We are at home in our school because of the love we see our children show toward one another. They proved that once again, onstage at the Clayton Performing Arts Center. The Director was unmatched, the costumes were flawlessly delightful and the crew backstage had everything running smoothly. But the true "stars" of our play are the students. Not just because they sang and danced and memorized all of their lines but because they support and encourage each other. This is what family does for each other. The laughter they shared together while onstage was genuine and pure. They are a family.

As educators we want so many things for our students. As the 21st Century marches forward we are besieged with information, studies, techniques and technologies that are supposed to be what our students need. But when you see two young girls look to each other for encouragement and watch as they received just what they needed from their peers, you know you are doing the right job, in the right way. You know that this is more than a school, it is a home.



Headan, Lia, and Ellie perform wonderfully as "wicked" characters.



Miriam Esther Wilhelm (left) presents a bouquet to Ms. Rosina, KJDS drama teacher. This is Ms. Rosina's third year directing our play. We appreciate all she does to prepare our students for this production. All play photos by Lev Comstock.



A KJDS experience goes far beyond the school day! Adults had a blast at Maple Hall bowling while the kids enjoyed a night out at the Muse Knoxville!

We Are Not in Kansas Anymore....

When you ask our alumni what they remember most about their time at KJDS, the answer is always "The Play!" It is a truly unique experience for our young students to be in a production of this magnitude. In August, when we begin teaching Drama, the Kindergarteners learn the basics of acting. By January, we see them energetically taking direction on stage. We have committed to making the arts an integral part of our curriculum. The confidence that comes with public performing is immeasurable.

This year's play, *The Wizard of Oz* was a classic. Stella Galanti was a perfect Dorothy, with just a hint of 2017 thrown in. Her singing was a delight and her ability to keep up with all of her lines was impressive. The Scarecrow, Tinman and the Lion were comic genius. Glinda the Good Witch and the Wicked Witch of the West truly adopted the personas of their characters. The Emerald City scene led by Emeraldal was a joy to watch and the famous Wizard was spot on. The munchins in their kooky colors and huge flowers could not have been cuter. The leaders of Munchin City brought the audience to laughter with their frivolity. The flying monkeys were adorably scary. Toto often stole the scene with her lovable looks and barks.

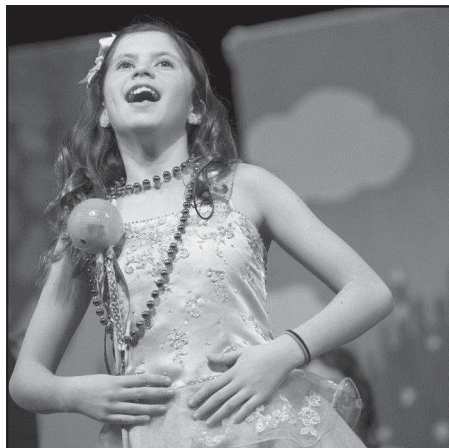
The play could never take place without the experienced direction of Rosina Guerra. Her dedication to teaching the craft of acting is remarkable. The parents and community members who become part of this production never cease to amaze us. Dana Maman and Shani Monis spent many hours creating the many costumes and backdrops that turned the stage into Oz.



(Top photo) The entire school has a part in this production. They learn more than singing and dancing by performing as a team.

(Above) The camaraderie of these students is evident even on stage.

(Right) Elaina led the citizens of Emerald City through their scene.



Stella (Dorothy) and Beth (Toto) were a joy to watch!



Gaye (far right) and Special Friends with the cast of the Thanksgiving Play.

Volunteer Spotlight – Gaye Danowitz

Once you meet Gaye you will know why she has become such an asset to KJDS. Her “never met a stranger” attitude is delightful and her quick smile is sincere. Gaye moved to Knoxville this past summer with her husband and now can be found at the Day School wearing many different hats. With her background in education and her love of children she had proven to be a great fit here at our school.

Gaye ran our fall session of Mommy and Me classes that brings mothers of young children together for conversation, socialization and crafts. She has also volunteered to be one of our “Special Friends.” Her Thanksgiving play, performed by other good natured “friends,” was just what we needed; a mix a history and humor for our delicious feast. She was instrumental in the creation of this year’s play, *The Wizard of Oz*. Working on props, staging, costume changes and kid wrangling, Gaye enjoyed jumping in during our wonderfully hectic rehearsals. Her ideas are always sound and her enthusiasm seems boundless.

Today Gaye, we are glad you have found a new home!



Gaye with her special friend.

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Forces in Motion...Lego Style

Ms. Louise is using the popular building materials as she and her students explore the Essential Question, How do Science and Technology impact the world?

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Cora with Legos



Chayale taking some notes on her experiments with her Levi person.

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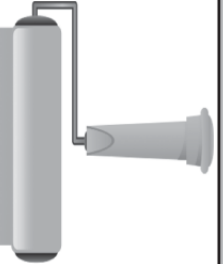
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In May of 2009, we ran this photo in "The Way We Were," identifying it as "circa 1922" and noting that Harry **Cooper**, father of Ivan, was the boy on the bicycle. With time sometimes comes wisdom. Harry was born in 1920, so this photo could not have been taken in 1922, if that was Harry. With additional consultation, we can now say that Harry was probably between 5 and 8 when this photo was taken, and that the boy in the doorway is his older brother Leon and the one on the far right is his brother David. The store was run by Cooper father Isaac during his lifetime, but was titled in the name of his wife, Jennie, who continued to run it for a time after Isaac's 1927 death.

Thanks to Joani **Leeds** and Ardell **Terry** of Florida for the additional identifications and clarification. They are daughters of the Isaac and Jennie Cooper's daughter Rosie.