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Saturday, November 19

6 pm - "Meet & Greet" over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres

**\$36 - "Meet & Greet" tickets
(includes event)**

**7 pm - Tobin & Goldberg
debate with Q&A**

**\$10 - Debate event tickets
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Seating is Limited!

Jonathan S. Tobin-
senior online editor
and chief political
blogger of
Commentary
magazine. Tobin
appears on CNN,
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more.



Jonathan Tobin



J.J. Goldberg

J. J. Goldberg-
editor-at-large of
the *Forward*
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former U.S. Bureau
chief of the Israeli
news magazine *The
Jerusalem Report*.

**Tobin and Goldberg will debate
critical issues concerning the
State of Israel.**

Location:
Beth Shalom Synagogue
5827 N. Trenholm Road
Columbia, SC 29206
(803) 782-2500

This event is made possible by the Sidney Krauss Charitable Trust Fund and is sponsored by Beth Shalom Synagogue, Columbia Jewish Federation, and the Tenenbaum, Niestat, Swerling, Kahn, Kulbersh and Poliakoff families.

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a need, there's
Federation."*

BDS, the Saga Continues

*Barry Abels,
CJC and JCC Executive Director*

Dear Friends,

In our last issue I wrote about the ongoing activities and concerns regarding the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement (BDS) that targets the economy, as well as academic communities, within Israel. The stated objective is to benefit the Palestinians by disrupting Israel's economy, dissuading companies from doing business with Israel and by making it more difficult for Israel academics to teach or do research outside of Israel.

As I continue to read and become more educated about this movement, more disturbing information comes to light. Recently we welcomed Andrew Pessin, a philosophy professor at Connecticut College, to our community. He spoke to a group of professors and graduate students at USC and later to an audience at the Kahn JCC. He has been traveling and speaking about not only the rise of campus BDS activities, but also a rise in what he characterizes as an increase in anti-Semitism on a number of campuses.



His experience is a case in point.

As a person who supports Israel, he posted comments on his personal Facebook page criticizing Hamas in August of 2014. This led to being ostracized by other faculty and was followed by death threats. The following March he was the target of three editorials in the college newspaper where he was accused of racism and peddling

hate speech against the Palestinian people. He was also accused of wanting to execute an entire people, and the editor-in-chief of the college paper ran a petition against Pessin, actively participating in a controversy that the paper was covering. There is more to the story, but one important item to note is that most of the activity on campus against Pessin is contrary to university policy, and yet the administration was not taking action. Pessin has been on Sabbatical from the college but plans to return and continue to support Israel. As he has traveled the country telling his story, he reports seeing other academics being singled out and ostracized for supporting Israel and to some extent, action taken against faculty members who do not actively condemn Israel's policies towards Palestinians. Pessin firmly believes two things about the BDS movement on campuses. The first is that the movement is as much anti-Semitic as anti-Israel. The second and also very disturbing belief is that even though the BDS movement is less effective in doing current economic damage to Israel, the constant anti-Israel messaging on campuses is creating a generation of future voters who will have a jaded view of Israel, thus creating a wave of Americans who will no longer see Israel as a valued American partner, endangering Israel's traditional political into the future. The link to Pessin's story as it appeared in the Jerusalem Post is www.jpost.com/Opinion/Pessin-affair-exposes-Connecticut-College-anti-Semitism-443747.

Another interesting source of information on this issue is Canary Mission, <https://canarymission.org>. They are a group of students and others concerned about the rise of anti-Semitism on campuses, and they have created a database and blog documenting people and groups promoting bias and hatred of Jews and Israel. In a recent post on November 3 to their subscribers, they sent out the following about BDS:

"Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) was launched in 2005. But who launched it? And who is really behind it? Since its inception, BDS proponents have purported that it was initiated by a 'call' from 'Palestinian civil society.' But the claim is dubious at best and a downright lie at worst."

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An example of this appears later in the posting: "BDS activists are fighting to destroy the State of Israel even at the expense of the 'Palestinian civil society,' who they claim to represent. So when hundreds of Palestinians lost decent jobs (that gave them the same wages and benefits as its Jewish employees) because the BDS movement succeeded in getting a Soda Stream factory shut down, BDS leaders rejoiced."

They go on to assert that many of these professors continually make false statements just to smear Israel without regard to any professional integrity. These folks come from all walks of academic life, professors not only from countries typically hostile to Israel, but also from the United States and elsewhere. This includes some Jewish and Israeli academics as well.

This, too, feeds back in to Andrew Pessin's concerns about future political and societal support for Israel.

We will not only continue to monitor these activities, but also actively work with our local faculty and students to stay abreast of any activity at USC. I personally have attended a presentation on Islamophobia, a legitimate concern, only to hear rhetoric about Zionist Colonialism and next to nothing about Islamophobia. We are also working with local professors to bring a very informative workshop about BDS from an Israel/Jewish perspective to our students and all of us near the end of February 2017.

In the meantime, we watch, we learn and we inform, and it is one of the many ways our Community Relations staff and committee fulfill the mission of your Federation. This year our Annual Campaign theme is: "Where there's a need, there's Federation." Well, this is a critical need that we must all be concerned about and, rest assured, we will be there.



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PJ Library Kicks off 5777

Cheryl Nail, Community Relations Director

PJ Library of the Columbia Jewish Federation kicked off 5777 with several fun-filled family events:

- We enjoyed gathering as a community at the Kahn JCC Sukkah to shake our bodies and our lulavs with ShirLaLa at our first Lulav Luau.
- You may have noticed an addition to the JCC lobby: a new PJ Library reading corner that families can enjoy in between lessons/classes, basketball games, and other activities.
- Our PJ Library WOW (WithOut Walls) group enjoyed spending Sukkot together in Irmo.
- And finally, PJ Library Our Way books are now available to Columbia children ages 9-11 (see the ad on page 3 for details).





"Thank you to the congregations of Tree of Life and Beth Shalom for filling the Jewish Food Pantry!"

The Season of Giving

Laney Cohen, LMSW, JFS Director



Celebrate Hanukkah at the Ronald McDonald House!

Jewish Family Service once again will be staffing the Ronald McDonald House during the Christmas holiday. Come celebrate Hannukah at the new House! Shifts will begin at 9 am December 24th and will go through 10 pm on December 26th. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Laney at 787-2023 ext 220. Bring your menorah!



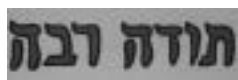
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We are overflowing with non-perishables for our Columbia community!



Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 20 | 4 p.m.

Bethel United Methodist Church

Childcare will be available and reception will follow the service hosted by Bethel United Methodist Church on 4600 Daniel Drive.

Harvest Hope Food Bank will be on hand for people to purchase "turkey coupons" that will provide a turkey for hungry families.

Hanukkah Happenings

5777 / 2016

Paint Your Own Menorah
Sunday, December 4 | 2:00 PM

Create a beautiful piece of Judaica with friends and family as the Kahn JCC and PJ Library of the Columbia Jewish Federation partner with The Mad Platter once again for this special "Paint Your Own" event. **RSVPs are required by November 21st.** Cost is \$36, which includes a ceramic menorah (pictured left), glazes of all colors (safe for little hands), kiln firing, and expert instruction. Contact lauries@jccolumbia.org or the JCC Welcome Desk to reserve your spot.

Lights, Cocoa & Sufganyot
Sunday, December 11 | 5:30 PM

Don't miss this JCC tradition! Join friends for jelly doughnuts, fresh fried latkes, and hot cocoa as we light the giant JCC menorah and celebrate Hanukkah together! **FREE!**

Irmo Hanukkah Party
TBA

Join PJ Library WithOut Walls (WOW) and the Kahn JCC for our third annual Irmo Hanukkah party. Keep an eye on www.jewishcolumbia.org for details about time/location or contact cheryln@jewishcolumbia.org. **FREE!**

Chinese Dinner & a Jewish Movie
Sunday, December 25 | 6:00 PM

Celebrate the second night of Hanukkah at the JCC with Chinese dinner and a Jewish movie. Sponsored by PJ Library of the Columbia Jewish Federation, the Kahn JCC, and the Young Adult Division (YAD), there will be viewing options for both adults and children. Cost is \$12/adult; \$5/under 12; \$36 family max. Contact cheryln@jewishcolumbia.org or the JCC Welcome Desk to reserve your spot.

New Year Matzo Ball Drop
Saturday, December 31 | 5:30 PM

Can't stay up until midnight? Join us at the JCC for Havdalah to welcome the new week and our first Matzo Ball Drop to get ready for 2017. **FREE!**





"The McKissick Museum at the University of South Carolina has accepted the panels for an exhibition from January 9 through April 8, 2017."

Activities of the Columbia Holocaust Education Commission

Dr. Lilly Filler, CHEC Co-Chair

The spring promises to be filled with educational and inspirational events associated with the "Holocaust Remembered" exhibit. The McKissick Museum at the University of South Carolina has accepted the panels for an exhibition from January 9 through April 8, 2017. Associated with the exhibit will be several events:

February 7, 2017—Solomon-Tenenbaum Lectureship: Jon D Levenson

February 26, 2017—Eva Schloss (step-sister of Anne Frank) at Chabad House

March 28, 2017—Ina-Esther Joost Ben-Sasson, Principal Cellist of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra—solo performance with USC Chamber Orchestra.

We will have a "Tribute to Elie Wiesel" with USC, but the details are still in the works.

A panel with children of Holocaust Survivors and Liberators will also occur during this four month period, details still in the works.

Please check the Columbia Holocaust Education Commission (CHEC) web site for more details of events, panels, lectures, and music as the dates approach. www.columbiaholocausteducation.org

The 2017 spring supplement of "Holocaust Remembered" will be distributed by the State paper on Sunday, April 9, 2017. The theme this year will be Children of the Holocaust and it promises to be a powerful and educational look into this delicate topic. If you wish to view the previous editions check www.thestate.com/holocaust. If you wish to contribute to the continuation of this publication, please check the CHEC web site for information for donations.

The CHEC continues to fund grants to teachers and projects that teach and increase awareness of the Holocaust. These grants are considered on a "rolling" calendar and we welcome appropriate projects to be submitted. Additionally, we have a Speaker's Bureau with available and knowledgeable speakers to go to schools, churches, civic organizations, etc. Information can be found on our web site.

We look forward to a busy and exciting spring.



Sponsored by The South Carolina Council on the Holocaust

Saturday, June 17th - Sunday, June 25th 2017
9 Day Travel Program
\$2,079.00 per person double occupancy
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Saturday, June 17th - Sunday, June 25th 2017
 Space is limited, please send in your application as soon as possible.

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- Seven(7) nights: Warsaw, Lublin and Krakow
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Attention South Carolina Teachers
 The S.C. Council on the Holocaust is offering a \$1000.00 subsidy to the first 10 South Carolina certified public and private school teachers to register for the Travel/Study Tour. Teachers must presently be working in a S.C. public or private school, or holding a contract for the 2017-18 school year.

Graduate credit may be possible. Information will be forthcoming at a later date.

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For further travel details, please contact:
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3. Final payment due April 1st, 2017. All major credit cards accepted.

Please mail completed application with deposit to:
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The JCC Welcomes Three-Time Olympic Gold Medalist Ian Crocker

Shannon O'Lear, JCC Aquatics Director

We'll be starting off 2017 big at the JCC! In February, three-time Olympic gold medalist Ian Crocker will do a one-day swim and stroke clinic for the Aquatics Department. Crocker won gold in the Sydney, Athens and Beijing Olympics and is the first man to break the :51 world record for the 50-meter butterfly, an event in which he beat Michael Phelps that day. Presently, he runs a swim school in Austin and travels as part of the BreakOutAmerica Team of Olympic swimmers.

Crocker will bring his expertise as an Olympic swimmer and world record holder to help our swimmers of every age and ability. You don't have to be pointed to the Olympics or even a swim team to learn how to improve your strokes!

Join us for this great opportunity for our members and guests! Details will follow before the end of the year as the event will have limited seating.

Try TRX at the Kahn JCC!

Robin Rudman, JCC Fitness & Sports Director



What is TRX?

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The Columbia Jewish Federation's 2017 Annual Campaign kicked off last month with the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to Bruce Filler. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, we have already raised \$265,847 - more than half of our \$500,000 campaign goal!



Clockwise from top left: CJF Executive Director Barry Abels congratulates DSA Recipient Bruce Filler; Dr. Stephen Serbin, last year's DSA Winner, presents Bruce with the award; Bruce's son Alex congratulates his dad; part of the Filler family: Bill & Linda Stern, Bruce & Lilly Filler, Seymour & Helena Solodar, and Alex Filler & Kimberly Richey.

Donations to the Columbia Jewish Federation help fund speakers, such as Allison Josephs of Jew in the City, and children's programs, such as our recent ShirLaLa concert.



Clockwise from top left: Allison Josephs with Dr. Bonnie Grossman; Allison Josephs explains how she found G-d in Hawaii after a childhood tragedy and went on to produce the popular website Jew in the City; Laurie Slack, Cheryl Nail, Allison Josephs, and Devorah Marrus; Shira Kline (right) aka ShirLaLa and Laurie Slack play ukelele at our Lulav Luau; Shira challenges (from right) Jacob Deutschman, Miles Neven, and Jace Murnane to a sing-off.



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2017 Tuesdays With Friends Season

We are proud to announce our 2017 schedule for Tuesdays With Friends – a monthly senior luncheon & social. Many of your favorite entertainers will be returning as well as some new faces. This program is made possible by grant funding from the BJF Foundation for Seniors, sponsorships and donations. So please join us as we begin our 8th year!

January 3, 2017

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February 7

The Dulcimorees of South Carolina

10-12 piece mountain dulcimer orchestra

March 7

Symphony Concert

A taste of the SC Philharmonic with conductor and music director Morihiko Nakahara

April 4

TBA

May 2

TBA

June 6

Mazon Cotran singing some of your favorites by artists such as Frank Sinatra and Elvis.

No July 4 program

August 9

Bingo and Camp Gesher Singers

September 5

Larry Needle & Friends special event

October 3


TBA

November 7

TBA

December 5

Holiday Celebration & Creative Program with Lyssa Harvey



Tuesdays with Friends

Beth Shalom Synagogue
5827 N. Trenholm Road * (803) 782-2500
www.BethShalomColumbia.org

Senior Program - Everyone Welcome
Come Enjoy the Fun, Food & Friendship

Tuesday, December 6, 2016
11:30 am - 1 pm

**Featuring a Holiday Celebration and
Creative Arts Program with Lyssa Harvey**


There is no charge to attendees thanks to the generous donation made by Andy & Marilyn Safran -
*In honor of his mother, June Safran,
in memory of his father, Milton Safran,
and his sister, Georgy Safran Martin*
and by
Cheryl, Allan & Brody Nail and family -
In loving memory of our grandmother, Esther Brody

Tuesday, January 3, 2017
11:30 am - 1 pm

**The Palmetto Opera
Beautiful arias and Broadway classics
sung by Midlands area opera singers**

There is no charge to attendees thanks to a generous donation made by Nancy & Gerald Sonenshine -
*In loving memory of their fathers:
Martin Leffler and Irving Sonenshine.*

This program is funded in part with a generous grant from the BJH Foundation for Senior Services.



The BJH Foundation for Senior Services is a non-profit foundation exclusively committed to enhancing the lives of Jewish elderly residing in North and South Carolina through programs, activities and organizations that share their mission in accordance with Jewish practices and beliefs.



Historical Marker to be Unveiled at One of the Earliest Free Hebrew Burial Grounds in America

Katharine Allen, Research Assistant, Historic Columbia

On January 15, 2017, the Columbia Jewish Heritage Initiative, in partnership with the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina, will dedicate an historical marker at the Beth Shalom Cemetery in the 1300 block of Whaley Street.

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Founded in 1883 by the Hebrew Cemetery Society of Columbia, the “free cemetery or burial ground for Hebrews” in the 1300 block of Whaley Street was one of the earliest of its kind in America. Columbia’s other Jewish burial society, Hebrew Benevolent Society, was founded more than 60 years earlier in 1822, but burial at its Blanding Street cemetery required payment, either through membership dues or a one-time fee. The founding officers of the Hebrew Cemetery Society were prominent Jewish residents and businessman in Columbia, including President Philip Epstin (tailor and first president of the House of Peace Synagogue), Vice-President Barrett Visanska (jeweler) and Treasurer William Robinson (clothing, namesake of the Robinson building at 1619-1621 Main Street).

Burials include Orthodox Jews from Columbia and beyond with the cemetery’s oldest extant marker designating the burial of Arthur Benedict of Abbeville, SC, who died in 1884. In 1911, the House of Peace (Beth Shalom) Synagogue assumed management of the cemetery, and over time it became recognized as a burial ground specifically for the synagogue’s members.

Additional markers will be unveiled in the coming months at the former site of the Beth Shalom Synagogue on Marion Street and the former site of the Tree of Life Synagogue on Woodrow Street. The marker unveiling at the cemetery, located at the 1300 block of Whaley Street, will be free and open to the public. Visit historiccolumbia.org/cjhi for more information.

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Chanukah Programs!



Home Depot Chanukah Workshop

Sunday, December 11



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*Risa Strauss,
Education Director*

I have an Israeli passport because: Israel's 4th Prime Minister Golda Meir once said, "We are all one family."

Now, anyone familiar with the Jewish people understands that there is no great insight in that remark, EXCEPT as a very strong reminder. The notion that every Jew is bound to every other Jew is present throughout Jewish tradition – from Torah to Talmud, from customs to politics. And there is no place on earth where this is more evident than in Israel itself.

I have an Israeli passport because: For 3,000 years we have lived in Israel during times of sovereignty, and Israel has lived in us during times of exile. Every person needs a home, and Israel is my earthly center. The sound of Hebrew, the pungent smells of a shuk, the roar of the busses, the lbex peering through my car window in BeerSheva, the Kolbo and Makolet, the Israeli soldiers, the fluctuating shekel, the immigrants accents, the crunch of sunflower seeds beneath my feet, the quiet of Shabbat, the muzzein call to prayer, the Shabbat horn and the sound of church bells – the history of my people emanating – from every crevice, every stone. All soothe me. All give me goosebumps.

I have an Israeli passport because: The State of Israel was born on May 15, 1948 – the 5th of Iyar on the Jewish calendar. No birth takes place without a struggle. No birth takes place without a dream. And as young Zionists at the turn of the 20th century dreamt of making, "Next Year in Jerusalem" a reality – young Israelis of 2016 like Jewish-Israeli tennis star Shahar Pe'er, Arab-Israeli Journalist and Israel Cable News anchor Lucy Aharish, and "young-thinking" American-Israeli Risa of Columbia, SC, today dream of co-existence within Israel's borders, peace with Israel's neighbors, and a bright future and prosperity that an evolving and thriving Israel can share with all of its citizens and all of its neighbors.

In so many ways, "Im Tirtsu, Ein Zo Agada – If You Will It Is No Dream," the words of Theodore Herzl have come true. Israel is no longer just a dream. But a tikvah, a hope that has been realized. And that is why I have an Israeli passport.

To further our Israel connection and understanding:

- Please join us for the "Battle for Israel's Soul" – a post-election debate with Jonathan Tobin of Commentary magazine, and J.J. Goldberg of the Forward newspaper, on Saturday evening, November 19 at Beth Shalom Synagogue. **See advertisement on page 2 for more information.**
- Please support, encourage, and give a yasher koach to the wonderful women: Carly Kraemer, Debbie Deutschmann, Michelle Peterson, Joan Amado, Naomi Simmons, Elysa Sexton, Rachael Taylor, Geri Lynn Miller, Lisa Helfer and myself participating on the first Beth Shalom Jewish Women's Renaissance Project trip to Israel, December 5-15. We consider it an honor and a privilege to be representing our shul in Eretz Yisrael. Todah Rabah to Beth Shalom Synagogue for helping to make this a reality. **See box below for more information.**

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The producers of "America's Got Talent" have contacted us about the amazing talent that we have at Beth Shalom. They want to come to Columbia to view the talent, first hand, and so we have put together a show that you cannot miss. Beth Shalom DOES have talent and we are going to show it to you. Even better, you, along with our judges, can decide which act or acts need to proceed to Los Angeles for the TV show. Enjoy the singing, dancing, stand-up comedy, and music of your Beth Shalom friends. Support and cheer them on! Join us on

Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 7 pm at the Marriott Hotel

in downtown Columbia for the event of the year. Enjoy the fun, friendships, and food, as well as the talent and be a part of the voting process FOR THE MAJOR FUNDRAISER of Beth Shalom. Invitations will be sent in mid-January and you will not want to miss this! Tickets are \$100/pp and it is not too early to begin putting a table together with your friends for the evening (10/table). Watch for more information in the Beth Shalom bulletin, invitations, and Jewish News. Or contact Tonya at the office of Beth Shalom for more information (782-2500). We hope to see you there!

Beth Shalom Synagogue has partnered with FHRP to make this trip to Israel possible for our community. It is with great hope that this is the first of many more groups from Columbia to participate in a "Memoriam" trip to Israel. The women participating in this program will give back to the community after the trip with Shabbat and Israeli Independence Day programming. The group is looking forward to bringing their experiences back to the community.

A GoFundMe account has been established to support the mothers who will represent Beth Shalom and the Jewish community of Columbia, SC. Donations to this GoFundMe account will provide assistance with travel expenses, fund post trip programming for the group, and ensure that the "Memoriam" continues for future groups from our community.

Go to the GoFundMe link below to contribute to help make this trip to Israel possible.
www.gofundme.com/45m58d4

We need your presence at
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Finding a Jewish Home

Rabbi Carolan Glatstein, Education Director

"May the door of this synagogue be narrow enough to shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity. May its threshold be no stumbling block to young or straying feet."
–Mishkan T'filah (Reform Siddur)

I want to thank the Columbia Jewish community for welcoming our family with open arms, gracious smiles, and plentiful friendship. We are delighted to call Columbia home and to end our days of being "wandering Jews."

"We hope to extend the same loving welcome that was offered to us to other young families in the area."

Finding a Jewish home as a young family is no easy feat and we understand the struggle first hand! We hope to extend the same loving welcome that was offered to us to other young families in the area. In the past months, we have launched brand new Religious and Hebrew School curricula including the incorporation of "Hebrew Through Movement." The students look forward to what they call "the game" every week. However, they're actually forging a deeper connection to the Hebrew language and a better understanding of its spoken component by using their whole bodies. I am stunned by how quickly they have caught on and how much they retain from week to week.

Our youth group is experiencing a major transformation as well which began with the students' dedicated work in renovating the youth lounge. Boasting a fresh coat of paint, CoFTY now has a beautiful safe-space to call their own – perfect for planning programs or just catching up. We have recently been joined by several cadets from the Camden Military Academy as well. We are overjoyed to be able to provide our Jewish teens with a place to be together.

Our calendar is jam-packed with exciting events for the whole family. You can subscribe by visiting: <http://www.tolsc.org/cal.php>. In particular, we're excited for the first weekend in December as we welcome Rick Recht for Shabbat ALIVE and the world-class talents of Marina Lomazov for Piano and Pastrami on Sunday, December 4th. See you at the Tree!

Piano & Pastrami Sunday, December 4th



This benefit for the Tree of Life Congregation and the Columbia Jewish Heritage Initiative features an exclusive solo performance by Marina Lomazov.

Concert starts at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. Deli Dinner & Drinks to follow in the Reyner Family Social Hall.

\$35 suggested minimum donation per person. Sponsorship opportunities available.

Please contact info@tolsc.org or call 803.787.2182 for more information.

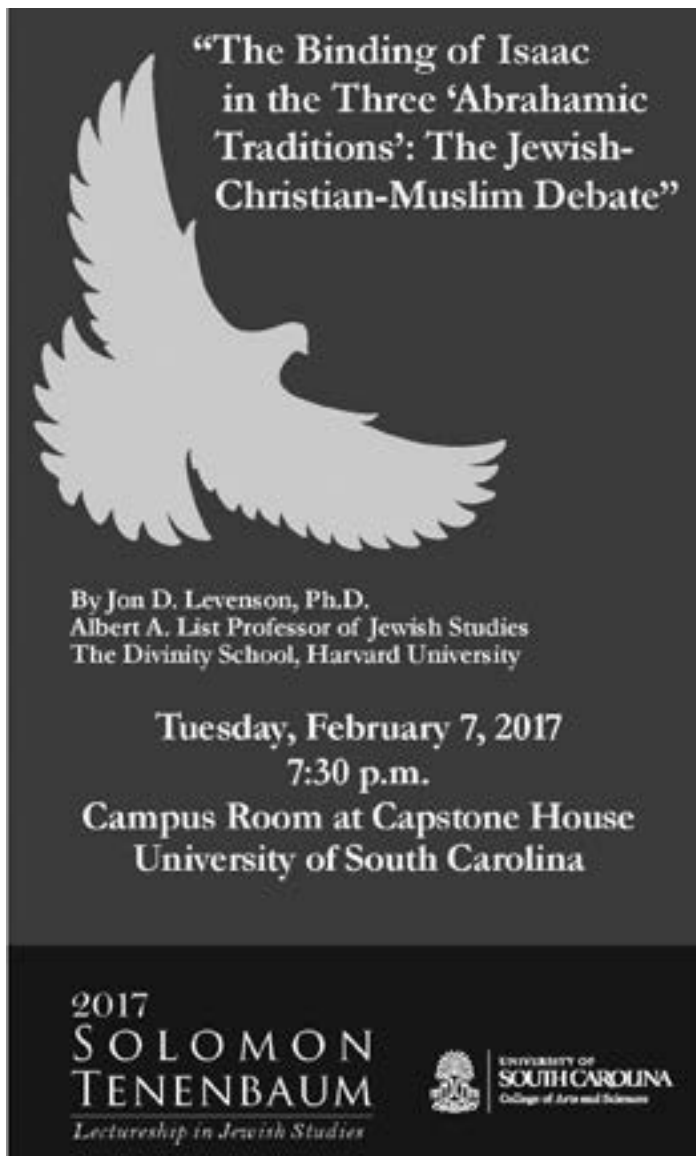
Don't miss this exciting event!

Shabbat Alive! Friday, December 2nd Free Admission



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Hillel Enjoys Fall Semester

Hillel at USC has enjoyed another semester full of Shabbat dinners, holiday celebrations, social gatherings, and learning opportunities. Highlights included a trip to Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, an on-campus Sukkah (see article below), and the Story of a Holocaust Survivor in honor of Kristallnacht.

Looking forward, Hillel is excited to celebrate Hanukkah, elect a new student board, and get together socially a few more times before winter break.

USC Hillel will be returning to Israel on their Summer Birthright trip May 14-25, 2017 (leaving from JFK). Registration opens February 6, 2017.

For information about how to support these programs and/or to get a college student involved, contact Cheryl Nail at cheryln@jewishcolumbia.org or (803) 787-2023 x 211.



Sukkkot at USC

Hillel, Chabad at USC, AEPI, and the Jewish Faculty & Staff Council enjoyed a Sukkah on campus for the first time since 2012. Students and faculty enjoyed breaking bread together and shaking the lulav and etrog on the property of what will hopefully soon be the Jewish Studies Program House.





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