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**Judith Evans to speak**  
**at Community Yom HaShoah**  
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## Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Sunday, April 19, 2015 | 5:00 PM  
Tree of Life Congregation  
6719 North Trenholm Road

### Introduction of Speaker:

Former SC Legislator  
**Irene Rudnick**

*The first Jewish woman elected  
to the SC Legislature, Irene Rudnick  
served in the SC House of Representatives.*

### Speaker:

Holocaust Survivor  
**Judith Evans**

*A child during the Holocaust, Judith was placed  
in a Catholic convent for protection.*

The "Holocaust Remembered" Exhibit  
will be on display before the Commemoration Service.

*"Holocaust Remembered" tells the history  
of the Holocaust during WWII  
& personal stories by many of  
Columbia survivors & liberators.*

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## The Jewish Value of Life

Barry Abels, *CJF and JCC Executive Director*



The other evening I attended an enjoyable and enlightening program put together by our local Hillel students called Hillel 101. It is a series on Jewish practice and thought for our students and for any community members who wish to attend. It is being taught by Rabbi Chanoch Oppenheim, who is an educator and family friend of the current Hillel president. When speaking to the students he asked them to comment on some of the ideas and concepts that

were important to Judaism. There were several, but one that stands out is the value that Judaism places on life. Nurturing and caring for our children; making sure they are educated; doing everything to help them live a good life. We care for our parents, our cousins and our neighbors. We create institutions like our Federations, Jewish Family Service and the Joint Distribution Committee to help people in need, Jewish or not. We care about life.

We all know that this value extends throughout our entire community across the globe. In Israel, as we have seen for years, it even extends to how the IDF goes into battle. No other country goes to such lengths to warn the civilian populations so as to minimize collateral injury and deaths. Yet, Israel is now facing "trial" by the UN International Criminal Court for its actions during last summer's 50-day war with Hamas. In the meantime, nothing is noted by that same "court" about the placing of weapons by Hamas near schools and on playgrounds, or how criminal the firing of thousands of rockets indiscriminately into civilian targets was during that same time frame. What is even more mind boggling is this same body is

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## Successful Mahjong Tournament benefits JCC Shelley Kriegshaber



Congratulations to Margo Goldberg (pictured left), who won first place in the 3rd Annual JCC Mahjong Tournament, which raised \$1500 for the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center. Twenty-four men and women participated in the daylong competition, which was organized and sponsored by Ruth Rast. Dr. Lilly Filler came in second place. A lovely lunch was prepared by Ruth and her friends. Margo's name will appear on a plaque in the lobby of the JCC. Mazel Tov, Margo!



*Pictured top right: Ceil Sherman, Deb Tedeschi, Wendy Sharnoff and Beth Helman; bottom right: Barbara Blau*



**SAVE THE DATES!**  
**Columbia Jewish**  
**Film Festival**  
**November 1 – 17, 2015**

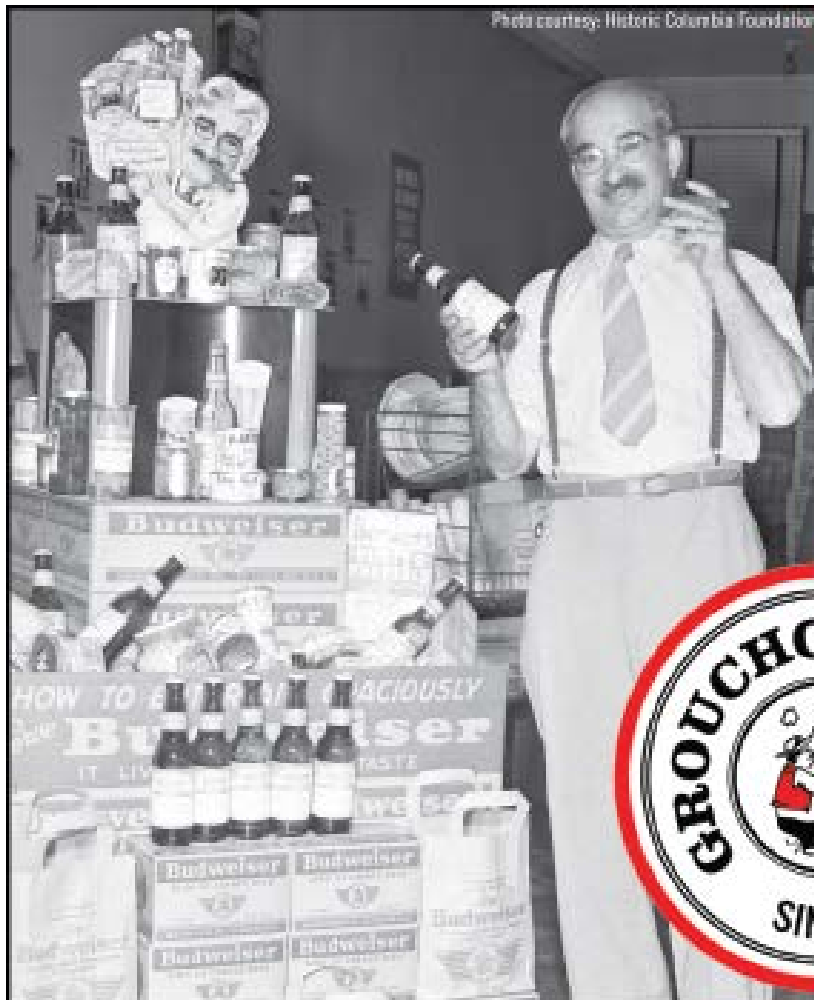


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- 117 1/2 E. Main Street - Lexington**
- 738 University Village Drive - Blythewood**
- 488 Lake Murray Blvd. - Irmo**
- 128-B Ashokas Ferry Road - Chapin**





## The Columbia Jewish Community Directory is here!

*Cheryl Glantz Nail, Community Relations Director*

The long-awaited arrival of the newest Columbia Jewish Community Directory is finally upon us. As you read this article, your directory should be hitting your mailbox. We thank you for your patience and hope that you find the quality of this edition worth the delay.

A community directory is a wonderful thing, but it is only as good as the information that is provided (and, of course, we know that information is bound to change as soon as the publication is in print, as is the nature of the beast). We thank everyone who submitted their contact information, as well as the many volunteers who helped provide updates about their fellow community members. We did everything we could to ensure accuracy; however, we know that inadvertent mistakes and omissions are bound to happen. **If you find your information incorrect, incomplete, or missing altogether, please contact me at [cheryl@jewishcolumbia.org](mailto:cheryl@jewishcolumbia.org) or 803.787.2023 x. 211 by March 31.** An addendum will be printed and distributed in April.



### How can you make sure your information is accurate in the next directory?

If any of your contact information changes between now and then, let us know. Most importantly, when we send directory forms in early 2016, respond.

For the first time, as a service of the Columbia Jewish Federation, a complimentary copy of the directory has been mailed to everyone listed in the directory (and to those who gave us their information but opted not to be listed). Additional copies of the directory are available at the front desk of the Katie & Irwin Kahn JCC for \$10 each. Also for the first time, password-protected electronic copies of the directory are available. To purchase an electronic copy (also \$10), please send an email to [cheryl@jewishcolumbia.org](mailto:cheryl@jewishcolumbia.org).

We look forward to your feedback on the new directory, and we thank you for your continued help in keeping updated records for our community.

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not weighing in on the Ukrainian crisis and Russia's "alleged" role in this tragedy. Yet it is clear that world leaders of UN member countries clearly believe this to be so. Then there is Al Qaeda and ISIS. If there were ever a more blatant and tragic example of the disregard for life and for humanity, these groups really excel. When terror is your best tool, there is no regard for life. What is valued? Aggression, oppression, power and conquest come to mind. Who dies and how hardly come into play. How does beheading aid workers and journalists win the support of the world? What is the benefit of burning a person alive, other than to perhaps stir the fervor of those militants? It certainly does not win many allies to their cause, nor should it ever. Whether we look back to 9/11, the recent attacks in France or the grizzly killings by ISIS, all are clear examples of a disregard for any level of humanity and a total disregard for life. Who are the people who would live under such a regime?

As a people who value life, we must stand up against these radicals, whether that means donating money, writing members of our Congress, fighting against attempts of companies to divest or boycott Israel, or be willing to just speak up to others and urge them to action. Let us make sure that when we shout L'chaim, to life, it is not only a toast, but also an affirmation of what is right.

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## COLUMBIA HOLOCAUST EDUCATION COMMISSION (CHEC) **Columbia Remembers the Holocaust**

*Marlene Roth, CHEC Secretary*

The Columbia Jewish community is commemorating the Holocaust (Shoah) in several ways this year:

First, the Columbia Holocaust Education Commission, in conjunction with *The State* newspaper, will be publishing our second annual supplement on the Holocaust. We are very excited about the supplement. We have many members of our community, including many top legal minds and academicians, writing this year about the injustices and illegalities of the Holocaust. It will appear in the Sunday, April 12, 2015 edition of *The State* in a special section, and the paper has agreed to advertise it the previous week.

The national recommended date to commemorate Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, is April 16, 2015, and ceremonies will be held during that week all over the country. **Columbia will be commemorating this day on April 19, 2015 at Tree of Life Congregation at 5:00 PM.** Holocaust Survivor Judith Evans, from Aiken, SC, will speak about her experience hiding as a child at a Catholic convent. We are honored to have Irene Rudnick, the first Jewish woman elected to the SC House of Representatives, introduce Mrs. Evans at the commemoration service. The Yom HaShoah commemoration is open to the public, and all are invited to arrive early to view the "Holocaust Remembered" Exhibit which will be on display prior to the start of the service.

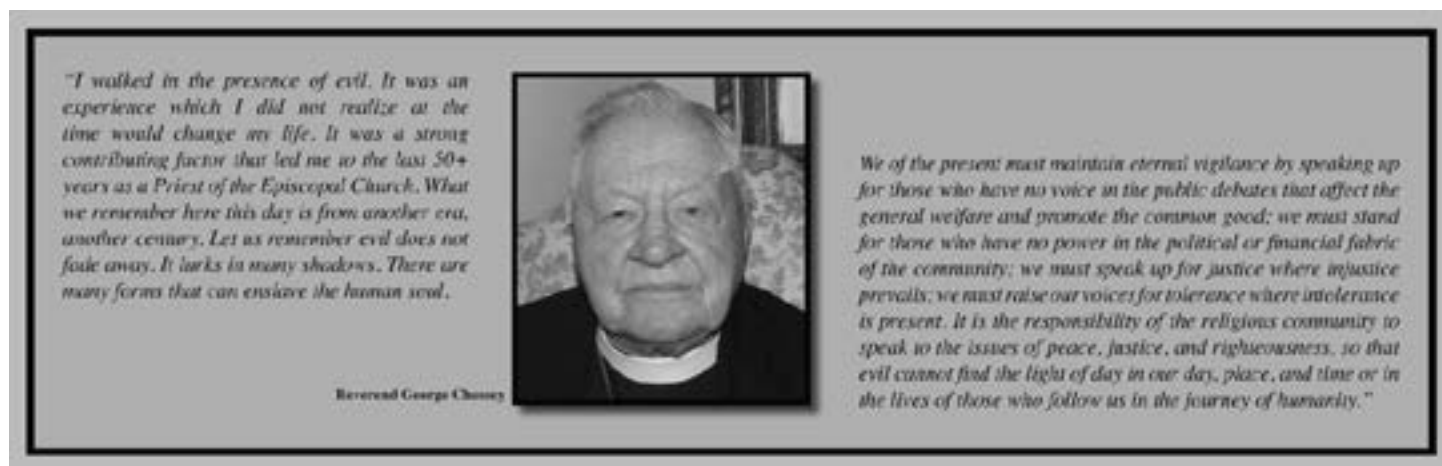


Above: Holocaust Remembered Exhibit at the SC State Capital Lobby; Below: an excerpt from the new Exhibit panels, featuring Liberator Reverend George Chassey

"Holocaust Remembered" is the name of the set of panels designed, written, and made by the Columbia Holocaust Education Commission in partnership with the South Carolina State Museum. It is a unique exhibit that tells the story of the Holocaust with personal stories of South Carolina survivors, liberators, and eye-witnesses. It was created to honor the memories of the survivors and the victims of the Holocaust.

The exhibit of 24 panels, including the new ones about Reverend Chassey, an eye-witness, will be displayed in two places during March and April. From March 16 to April 13, 2015, the panels will be at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center and available for everyone to read and study. Then the panels will be moved to Tree of Life Congregation where they will be displayed from April 13 to April 19, 2015. Docents and speakers are being organized now, and school groups can schedule trips to see the panels from March 17-20, March 23-24, March 30-April 3, and April 6-10, 2015. Please contact Cheryl Nail at [cheryl@jewishcolumbia.org](mailto:cheryl@jewishcolumbia.org) to reserve a date.

The Columbia Holocaust Education Commission, which sponsors the panels and the supplement, among other activities, is looking for interested community members to join us. We meet several times a year and would love to have new people committed to Holocaust Education in South Carolina.



## Holocaust Education in SC: 2015 Update

*Minda Miller, Foundation Chair*

The Selden K. Smith Foundation for Holocaust Education would like to thank all our supporters and provide an update on Holocaust educational efforts in SC. The Foundation was formed in May 2010 to further the programs of the SC Council on the Holocaust. The Foundation functions as a private source of funding for support of Holocaust educational activities and community awareness events in SC and has a 501(c)(3) status. The Foundation is staffed by volunteers, and less than 1% of funds raised goes to operating expenses.

The purpose of the Foundation in SC is to strengthen the Council's activities in memory, history and education. The Foundation will honor survivors who moved to our state and SC soldiers who liberated the concentration camps. It will also address related issues of international conflict, genocide, prejudice and intolerance. Funding is provided to schools, colleges, churches, synagogues, civic groups and individuals. Projects include teacher grants, classroom supplies, student field trips, teacher training, Holocaust speakers, exhibits and other related educational programs.

The Foundation carries the name of Dr. Selden Smith, a retired history professor from Columbia College, who became interested in teaching the Holocaust over three decades ago. This special interest brought him in contact with survivors and liberators in SC. He acknowledges that these friendships have enriched his life. He was appointed to the Council and served as the chair for many years. Dr. Smith remains active on the Council and Foundation.

Here is just a sampling of what is going on in SC with regard to Holocaust education: An especially exciting Anne Frank Exhibit has been traveling throughout our state at various middle schools. We are proud to help sponsor this amazing teaching tool for students and adults. The exhibit features chronological panels displaying historical information in telling Anne Frank's story. A documentary and book also accompany the exhibit. Student docents are trained to lead student groups through the exhibit, and the exhibit is also made available to the community for viewing. The next stop for the exhibit is Pelion Middle School in March. We are finalizing the digitization of previously recorded testimony given by survivors in SC, and these testimonies will soon be available on the Council website. Both The State Newspaper in Columbia and The Post and Courier in Charleston will have a special Holocaust supplement in April. Myrtle Beach is in the process of creating a Permanent Butterfly Memorial Monument at Grand Park to honor the memory of all the children who perished in the Holocaust. The annual weeklong Holocaust teachers' workshop will again be held in July at Columbia College, as well as a day-long workshop in the fall. A study/tour of Eastern Europe with a Holocaust expert for SC teachers will take place in June. In addition to these events, numerous mini grants

are awarded to teachers for books, speakers and field trips. Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance services will be held throughout the state in April. These are just a few of the educational activities currently happening in SC.

It is extremely important to continue teaching and reminding both children and adults the lessons of the Holocaust, especially now, since so few survivors and liberators are alive to give first hand testimony.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** We still need your help. If you have never given, please make a donation now. If you have given before, we thank you and ask you to again support our efforts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

To donate, visit [holocausteducationfoundation.org](http://holocausteducationfoundation.org).

Or mail your contribution to:

The Selden K. Smith Foundation for Holocaust Education  
PO Box 25740  
Columbia, SC 29224

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### Eastern European Travel/Study Tour on the Holocaust



**Sponsored by The South Carolina Council on the Holocaust**

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**9 Day Travel Program**  
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The historical drama of the Holocaust  
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This Travel/Study Tour is open to the general public. Financial assistance is offered to the first 10 qualified S.C. public or private school teachers. The Council's mission is to encourage and support Holocaust education.

Seven nights: Warsaw, Lublin and Krakow

Download the flyer & registration form at  
[www.scholocaustcouncil.org](http://www.scholocaustcouncil.org) for more information.



## Spring Awakening

Laney Cohen, LMSW, JFS Director



With March and April upon us, Spring is about to be here. There are different emotions that surround the season. It's a time when sleeping animals awaken out of hibernation. It's a time to look at resolutions and evaluate how far you have come or how much harder you need to work. It's a time of cleaning, though Spring cleaning may hold different meanings to different people. To some, it may mean clearing out stale energy from their lives, and to others it may quite literally mean cleaning out their cluttered closets and garages - either of these can be daunting. Renew yourself with the fresh energy around you. "Thank" old items in your house for their "service" and pass them on to others who may be able to get more use out of them than you. Remember that life isn't about the quantity of "stuff" and friends, but the quality of your surroundings.

JFS would like to acknowledge recent donations made by Wendy and Joe Sharnoff in memory of Marvin Bienstock and Jeffery Blank. We appreciate people thinking of Jewish Family Service during this difficult time. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families.

Beginning **March 1**, eligible college students are encouraged to apply for **Jewish Educational Loans** via Jelf.org. These are no-interest loans available for students attending college full-time. See Jelf.org for more information or call JFS!

Makes plans to attend the **JFit Fair** at the Kahn JCC on **March 26**. This is an outstanding opportunity to get lots of information on maintaining healthy living, as well as demonstrations, food, and fun. The JFit Fair will be held from 8 am to noon.

On **April 7**, JFS will partner with the Kahn Jewish Community Center in holding our **2nd Annual Senior Seder Program**. This Seder is open to all community members and is free of charge. A light lunch will be served. Please call Laney at 787-2023 ext 220 to RSVP for this wonderful event celebrating Passover.

JFS is always accepting food donations for the Jewish Food Pantry. During the months of January and February, JFS had over 40 people access the Jewish Food Pantry. Please remember that collecting food for the Food Pantry is always a great Bar or Bat Mitzvah or Birthday project!

Keep your eyes and ears open for more to come! Please feel free to contact Laney at 787-2023 ext 220 or [jfs@jewishcolumbia.org](mailto:jfs@jewishcolumbia.org) for more information!

# Senior Seder

Passover learning, celebration, and luncheon

Please join us for a Passover Program with food, music, and friendship. Everyone is welcome.

Reserve your spot by calling  
Laney at 803-787-2023 x220



**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am**

at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center  
306 Flora Drive | Columbia, SC





## Local and State Cultural Organizations Unite to Document and Share Jewish History

*Robin Waites, Historic Columbia*

Historic Columbia, in partnership with the College of Charleston's Jewish Heritage Collection, the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center, the Columbia Jewish Federation, the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina, and Richland Library has established the *Columbia Jewish Heritage Initiative* - a multi-discipline project, which will document, as well as provide access to and awareness of, local Jewish history.

In April 2014, leadership of the Kahn Jewish Community Center (JCC) and Columbia Jewish Federation (CJF) approached Historic Columbia (HC) about expanding an existing community-based initiative to include a thematic exploration of local Jewish history. In response to the initial inquiry, HC and the JCC/CJF invited representatives from various state and local organizations that support the Jewish community through religious, educational, cultural, and research activities to discuss the needs and opportunities in the community. To date, concerns voiced by various constituents include:

- the generation of Jews who experienced the Holocaust is rapidly diminishing and many stories of survivors who settled in Columbia, South Carolina have not been documented;
- while Columbia enjoys a long and rich history of Jewish settlement, there is little access to and awareness of the impact of this group locally; and
- while there are a number of religious, educational and cultural events connected to Columbia's Jewish heritage, the community lacks cohesion that other ethnic groups enjoy.

Through the Columbia Jewish Heritage Initiative, Historic Columbia will work with its partners to 1) identify gaps in the documentation of Columbia's history, 2) collect stories, images, documents, etc. that enable a more complete story to be told, 3) utilize a variety of print and web-based platforms to share information collected, and 4) establish a coalition of organizations committed to this effort for the future. At the outcome of this initiative Columbia's Jewish history will be documented and accessible in a variety of formats including expanded archives, print materials, web-based tours and interviews, and public programs.

If you are interested in learning more about the initiative and/or getting involved, please contact Robin Waites, Executive Director of Historic Columbia at 803.252.7742 ext 14 or [rwaites@historiccolumbia.org](mailto:rwaites@historiccolumbia.org).



*As a result of a conversation with Lyssa Harvey during a Steering Committee meeting, Historic Columbia received permission to use the image to the left in an upcoming publication on Columbia history.*

### **Kligman's Army Store, 1935 | 1316 Assembly Street**

*Piles of merchandise—suits, shirts, socks and suitcases, the latter supporting tabletops of boxes brimming with sweaters—fill Columbia's "Headquarters for military uniforms and equipment." Among them stand proprietor Louis Kligman, wife, Ida, and son, Melton, during a lull in sales. Originally at 1318 Barnwell Street by the late 1920s, Kligman's, which carried far more than just military-related items, joined other thriving Jewish-owned businesses one block west of Main Street in 1930. (Image courtesy of Special Collections, College of Charleston Library.)*

## *The Whipping Man*, by Matthew Lopez

Set in Virginia following the final days of the Civil War, a Jewish Confederate soldier returns to his childhood home only to find it in ruins and occupied by his former slaves. Though a new chapter of history is unfolding, dangerous secrets of the past threaten to destroy their connected history, and their shared faith. *The Whipping Man* is a moving and provocative look at a pivotal time in American history.

Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11 @ 8:00pm; Sunday, April 12 @ 4:00pm

Unitarian Universalist Congregation | 2701 Heyward Street

Cost: \$17 on-line and \$20 at-the-door | [Contact reservations@historiccolumbia.org](mailto:reservations@historiccolumbia.org) for more information.

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## You Belong Here

*Laurie Slack, JCC Jewish Programs Director*



I love Adar and Nisan. I love dressing up in costumes and celebrating Purim. I love the clean, breezy feeling my home has after we search high and low for chametz. I love pulling out our simple, white plates (which are quite a change from our usual Fiesta Ware), placing fresh cut flowers on the table, cooking a special meal, and telling the Passover story along with my family. Although our ways of

celebrating have changed throughout the years, from large raucous gatherings of friends that spilled from kitchen to living room to a small gathering with finger puppets and children's songs, one thing has stayed consistent: this time of year fills me with love for my friends, my family, and for Judaism.

In my role as Jewish Programs Director at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center, I am given the opportunity to support others in their Jewish living. I'm excited to gather together to paint Seder plates, to explore Purim and the Passover story with play at Play at the J, and to host a luncheon of learning and friendship at the Senior Seder. Whether at the JCC, at shul, or at home, I encourage you to actively engage with your Judaism and to truly enjoy your "Jewish Journey." Here at the JCC, as well as the other Jewish institutions in Columbia, our doors are open to all. Please join us. There is so much yet to learn, so many friendships yet to build, and so many new traditions to establish.

We are planning a host of programs to compliment your Jewish life. Join friends for a morning of crafting at our Craft & Kvell on Sunday, March 5th from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Visit the JCC lobby from March 16th to April 11th to view the amazing exhibit on how the Holocaust affected the families of South Carolina. We'll paint Seder plates on March 15th at 2:00 pm. Everyone with small children is invited to our next Play at the J sessions: March 4 and April 1, both at 10:30 am where we will celebrate Purim and Passover, respectively. We'll enjoy a luncheon and learning for older adults at our Senior Seder on Tuesday, April 7th at 11:30 am. And, of course, the JCC is honored to be a sponsor of this year's Yom HaShoah program at 5:00 pm on Sunday, April 19th at Tree of Life Congregation. Round out the month of April by attending the JCC Kite Festival on Sunday, April 26th where we'll have a special booth filled with activities to celebrate Israel and Yom Ha'atzmaut.

No matter where you are in your Jewish practice, the JCC welcomes you with open doors and open arms. Join us. You belong here. Happy Adar, Happy Purim, and Happy Passover from all of us here at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center.

## Paint Your Own Seder Plate!

Create a beautiful piece of Judaica and a family heirloom with friends and family as the Kahn JCC partners with The Mad Platter to bring a special family friendly "Paint Your Own Seder Plate" event to the community. Plates, glazes, and brushes will be provided. There is no studio fee. Plates will be taken to the Mad Platter to be kiln fired and will be ready to pick up at the JCC the week before Passover. Come create a wonderful gift for someone special or a one-of-a-kind plate you are sure to treasure year after year.



Glazes are safe for creating hand prints, so bring your littlest ones along for a sweet plate celebrating babyhood that is sure to be cherished for years to come.

RSVPs are required. Cost is \$32 for a large (12", charger sized) plate and \$18 for small (8", salad plate sized) plate and must be paid in advance. Contact the JCC Front Desk to order your plate and reserve your spot.

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## Israel and the Middle East Today

*a lunch and learn with Dr. Josef Olmert*

Dr. Josef Olmert, adjunct Professor at the University of South Carolina, will lead another lunch and learn to help explain recent events in the Middle East and answer questions about Israeli politics today. Plan to purchase your lunch at Bluefin; we will be in a private room. This event is free and open to the public.

**Thursday, March 19 at 11:30 am**  
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rsvp: [lauries@jccolumbia.org](mailto:lauries@jccolumbia.org)  
 or by calling 787-2023



## 13th Annual Golf Classic

*Melanie Pace, JCC Member Services Manager*

The JCC's 13th Annual Golf Classic will take place Sunday, March 22, 2015 at the Members Club at WildeWood. We invite all golfers and supporters of the JCC to join us for an exciting day with 18 holes of golf, kosher deli lunch and kosher Schiano's dinner. Teams of four golfers will play captain's choice and enjoy unlimited snacks and drinks. Prizes will be given at the end of the tournament to players who win first place, second place, the longest drive, and closest to the pin. Sponsorship opportunities are still available to showcase your business on the JCC's website ([jcccolumbia.org](http://jcccolumbia.org)) and throughout the golf course the day of the tournament.

We would like to thank our title sponsors, Mid-Carolina Steel and Recycling and Parker Poe, for their major contributions to this event this year and in previous years. We would also like to thank our new reception sponsor, Wholesale Industrial Electronics. The JCC also extends their thanks to Jim Kirkham with Budweiser, Coca Cola, and Schiano's for their food and beverage sponsorship.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or player, please contact Melanie Pace at (803) 787-2023 ext. 206 or email at [melanier@jcccolumbia.org](mailto:melanier@jcccolumbia.org).

## J Fit Fair

The J Fit Fair is back! Join us at the Kahn JCC on Thursday, March, 26, 8 am – 12 noon, for a 'fair' share of vendors, giveaways, fitness classes and demos, massages, healthy bites, and much more! It's free for all who attend, but don't forget to shop; you won't want to miss on the merchandise our vendors have to offer. We will be promoting everything from health and fitness, lifestyle, and nutrition, to creative crafts and entertainment.

If you feel like you or your business would be a good 'fit' for this event, go to [jcccolumbia.org/j-fit-fair](http://jcccolumbia.org/j-fit-fair) to download a vendor application.

For more information on the event or sponsor and vendor opportunities, contact Debby Mullen at (803) 787-2023 ext. 202 or email at [debbym@jcccolumbia.org](mailto:debbym@jcccolumbia.org)

## 2nd Annual JCC Kite Festival

The JCC's 2nd Annual Kite Festival is here for Spring! Join us on April 26, from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. This event benefits the community through free, family fun and acquiring food donations for those in need. The Kahn JCC will provide free entry for those who bring a non-perishable food item donation. Food donations will be given to Harvest Hope Food Bank & Jewish Family Service. Everyone is welcome! We will have free kites for the first 50 kids, a Food Truck Rodeo, face-painting, free beverages, contests and prizes. For more information, contact Melanie Pace at (803) 787-2023 ext. 206 or email [melanier@jcccolumbia.org](mailto:melanier@jcccolumbia.org).

## Call for musicians for new community orchestra

The Katie & Irwin Kahn JCC is proud to offer an opportunity to create a Community Orchestra that would serve to benefit people of the greater Columbia area. If you have played an instrument in the past or have been playing all these years and would like to join the group, please reply to Dr. Suzanna Pavlovsky via e-mail: [spavlovsky@asc.rr.com](mailto:spavlovsky@asc.rr.com). Reading music skills are required and proficiency on the instrument is desirable. High school age and up.

Please include the following information: your name; instrument; how many years of playing experience you have; if you have a music stand available to bring to rehearsals; and, if you remember, the last piece(s) you played/practiced.

Please spread the word to your friends and family and invite them to join the orchestra. This is a great opportunity not only to get together and enjoy music making, but also to contribute to the musical growth of our community.



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## **Our Legacy Project: The Potential of our Promise**

*Fred Seidenberg & Rob Kriegshaber, CJF Legacy Committee*

In the last issue of the Columbia Jewish News our Legacy Society committee provided information on what we hope our community can achieve with the launch and growth of our Legacy Society. With your participation, the Legacy Society can ensure that our Federation and our JCC, as well as our other community institutions, are here for our future generations. An estate gift, however large or small, can make the difference between having strong Jewish programs and institutions or having them always "living paycheck to paycheck."

An outstanding example of the difference a legacy gift can make is the Sidney Krauss gift we informed you of in the November 2014 issue of the Columbia Jewish News. Sidney Krauss decided that he wanted to provide perpetual support for several of our local Jewish and non-Jewish organizations that he cared for. Through preplanning, Mr. Krauss was able to put together a trust that now supports five organizations in our community. The Federation alone will receive just over \$38,000 annually to support operations and also provide more funds for allocation. Some of the organizations received more and some less, but all five now receive extra funds that otherwise would not exist if not for the Krauss legacy. This is just one example of what legacy planning can do for our community.

What can we accomplish? Time will tell. Here is what Birmingham, Alabama with a Jewish community a little less than twice our size has done. They have built up a fund with assets of over \$24 million, with another \$20 million in committed bequests. On their website they proudly note that they have used these funds to make over 400 grants totaling more than \$1.26 million. This is the power of a legacy gift. This is what we too can do. Success does not depend upon the size of the community; it depends upon the effort we make and the time it takes to build a fund. With planning and with the commitment from all of us, we can find a way to provide for a future gift that will keep on giving. Through the year we will keep you informed about our planning and what you can do to ensure a Jewish future for our grandchildren and beyond.

### **The Steve Turner Camp Scholarship Fund Is Back!**

Applications are available now for Jewish overnight camps this summer Jewish children who live in Columbia and will be rising third graders to rising ninth graders this summer are eligible to apply for the supplemental funds. Award amounts will be based on the number of applicants and the funding available. Applications are available from your religious school, the front desk at the JCC, or by email to [cheryl@jewishcolumbia.org](mailto:cheryl@jewishcolumbia.org). All applications must be received by the Columbia Jewish Federation by April 1. For more information, contact Federation Executive Director, Barry Abels at 787-2023 ext. 207.

### **Steve Turner Camp Scholarship Fund Donations**

Summers at Jewish overnight camps turn Jewish youth into spirited and engaged Jewish adults, laying the groundwork for strong Jewish communities. However, the camps can be expensive. The Steve Turner Camp Scholarship Fund hopes to alleviate some of the burden with supplemental funding. But we need your help to ensure its financial success. If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one, please send a minimum donation of \$10. We will acknowledge your donation to the recipient and in the Columbia Jewish News.

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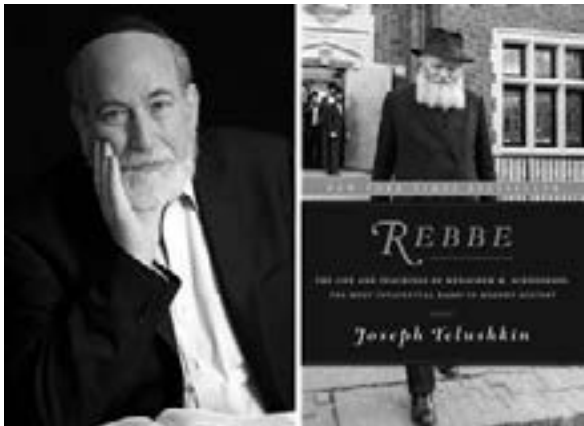
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Thursday, March 5, 2015

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## The Gerry Sue & Norman Arnold Elementary School

*Rabbi Meir Muller, Ph.D., CJDS Principal*

The Cutler Jewish Day School is excited to announce a \$360,000 contribution from Norman and Gerry Sue Arnold. In recognition of the donation the elementary school will be named the Gerry Sue and Norman Arnold Elementary School. Both Mr. and Mrs. Arnold come from families that placed great emphasis on being active in Jewish causes. Mrs. Arnold's father, Mr. Harry Siegel, was president of their synagogue, Ahavath Achim, and was active in Jewish community affairs in Atlanta. Mr. Arnold's father was active in the American Zionist movement and was a leader in South Carolina's Jewish community. The Arnold's gift to the school continues their family's legacy of supporting multiple Jewish and general causes. Mr. Mike Arnold, President of CJDS shared, "The Arnolds are pillars of our community that have led the way on many of the important Jewish community projects. This gift puts the school close to raising the funds needed for the construction of the building project."

CUTLER JEWISH DAY SCHOOL



In a recent conversation Mr. and Mrs. Arnold stated the high value they place on Jewish education. They also spoke to the school's diverse student body by commenting that the Jewish students in the school will be some of tomorrow's Jewish leaders and that non-Jewish students will be ambassadors of Judaism. Rabbi Meir expressed, "CJDS is blessed to have the Arnold mishpacha as part of the school. The Arnold's grandchildren combined attendance at CJDS amounts to over twenty years of great Jewish and general education. This most recent gift will provide future generations with a wonderful environment to learn and grow."



## Tuesdays with Friends

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**Tuesday, March 3, 2015**  
**11:30 am-1 pm**

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Singing popular hits by such artists as Frank Sinatra,  
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from the Board of Judaism on Campus.*

*There is no program in April  
due to the Passover holiday.*

**Tuesday, May 5, 2015**  
**11:30 am-1 pm**

### Featuring Bob Knox's Blue Serenade Orchestra

*There is no charge to attendees  
thanks to the generous donation made by  
Sue & Jerry Kline, Peggy & David Jacobs  
and Cathy Kline -  
In loving memory of their parents,  
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We are happy to try and arrange transportation upon request. We can now also offer the use of a handicapped van, if needed. Requests for transportation must be made one week prior to the program. To RSVP or make transportation requests, please call the office at 782-2500.



This program is funded in part with a grant from the BJH Foundation for Senior Services, the DayBreak Adult Care Services, and the SC Respite Coalition, in conjunction with the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging.

*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.*

## Purim Celebration

**Wednesday, March 4**  
**5 pm**  
**at Beth Shalom Synagogue**



5 pm Hot Dog Dinner  
5:30 pm Megillah Reading, Purim Spiel  
and Costume Parade  
Followed by a hamantashen bar!

This is a free event for the whole family!

## Columbia Center for Jewish Learning Spring 2015 Classes

February 12, 26, March 5, 12, 19

Course 1: 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
*Healing in the Jewish Tradition*  
Instructor: Rabbi Leah Doberne-Schor

Course 2: 7:45 – 8:45 pm  
*LIFE'S PATHWAY: Inspirations to Fire the Soul*  
Instructor: Rabbi Jonathan Case

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One course is \$50 for 5 1-hour classes.

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## Purim at TOL

### Wednesday, March 4

TOL Dinner, 6:00 pm  
\$5 per person, come in costume!

Megillah Reading & Shpiel, 6:45 pm  
Sing, laugh, shake your graggers

Hamentaschen Bar & line-dancing  
in the Social Hall, 7:30 pm  
Ice cream and more!

RSVP by March 3 at 787-2182,  
or go to [www.tolsc.org](http://www.tolsc.org).



## Purim Extravaganza

Join Tree of Life and Beth Shalom Religious Schools  
as we celebrate the Purim holiday together  
at TOL

**Sunday, March 8, 2015**  
**11:00 am - 1 pm**

A yummy lunch will be served!

Please come in costume—a simple mask will do  
We'll parade, make Hamantaschen,  
and say to Haman, "boo"!

There will be skits and laughs, and music and more -  
crafts, face painting, and games galore!!!

Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to JFS  
to give to those in need in our area.

For more information, please contact BSS at 782-2500  
or TOL at 787-2182.



*TOL Religious School students planted greenery on Tu B'Shevat to further beautify the Temple grounds. Six trees - two pomegranate and four olive - were also planted in honor of the babies born to TOL families in the last two years. Thank you to the TOL Green Team, Dr. Pat Decorsey and Alex Crawford. Photo credit: Dr. Carolyn Hudson*

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## Memories of BBYO

**Elliott Levy, MD**

*Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Associate Training Director, Psychiatry Residency Program, Medical University of South Carolina*



I had been involved with both AZA and USY during my high school years, and looking back, I recognize that the experience was extremely rewarding. It was not that challenging being in both at the same time given that the meetings occurred at different times and there was very minimal conflict in scheduling. I was even fortunate enough to attend BBG meetings as Beau, which probably were my most enjoyable meetings to go to.

Each youth group provided a unique and rewarding experience for me. The groups never felt competitive, and it allowed me the opportunity to have access to more Jewish youth than I would have had otherwise.

Given the different congregations of both the synagogue and the temple, USY only gave me access to children in the congregation that I was a member of, and BBYO opened up another world with more youth. Some friendships that were established during that time still remain with me, and I am thankful for that.

My children are getting close to the age for membership, and I hope they will have the same opportunities locally that were available to me.

Some of my fondest memories during my teen years have to do with my involvement with BBYO.

For more information  
contact Jerry Emanuel at [jemassoc@juno.com](mailto:jemassoc@juno.com) (AZA)  
or Tammy Bergmann at [tamtam9278@gmail.com](mailto:tamtam9278@gmail.com) (BBG)



*Debi Niestat and Elliott Levy are crowned Sweetheart and Beau of the Columbia BBYO chapters, 1983.*


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## An Exciting New Year for Hillel

*Elyse Bodenheimer, Hillel President*

Hillel at The University of South Carolina is off to a great start for 2015. We have a new Executive Board and lots of ideas for the Jewish students on campus, Jewish faculty, and members of the Columbia Jewish community. As Hillel President, I have worked hard with the rest of the board in ensuring that Hillel is a place where Jewish students feel comfortable to participate in events and work together to strengthen the Jewish presence on campus. The board's vision is called Hillel 2020 and is a five-year plan for the future of Hillel.

With new events and Shabbat dinners bi-weekly, Jewish students are making more of a presence on campus. A new program that has been brought to campus is Hillel 101, an eight-week Jewish education course led by Rabbi Chanoch Oppenheim of Charlotte NC. This event, open to students and the Columbia Jewish community, is a program that builds on Jewish knowledge and creates a better foundation of Judaism for participants.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with Hillel, or wish to learn more about our programs, please contact me at [hillelatusc@gmail.com](mailto:hillelatusc@gmail.com). Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter (@HillelAtUSC), and follow us on Instagram (@hillelusc).

### Hillel Executive Board (pictured right)

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Religious Chair: Ronen Rappaport (not pictured)



*Pictured right: Students enjoy Hillel's first Shabbat dinner of 2015, which was beach themed and catered by Chipotle. If you are interested in sponsoring a Shabbat dinner, contact Hillel President, Elyse Bodenheimer.*



## AEPi Lends a Hand

*Nate Gottesman, AEPi Scribe*



Hey, Columbia Jewish Community! The Brothers at Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity of the Gamma Chi chapter have been very involved during the past few months in the community. Last year our chapter was dedicated to its fall philanthropy JDRF, an organization that deals with Type 1 Diabetes research, for which we raised and donated \$10,000. We also helped out with numerous Jewish organizations across Columbia. We love being involved in the community, and as our chapter grows larger we see ourselves helping our local Jewish community the same way you have helped us grow. If your organization needs a hand the brothers of AEPi would love to lend one! The best way to reach our chapter is by contacting our president Aaron Kooris at 770-905-4231 or [scaepipresident@gmail.com](mailto:scaepipresident@gmail.com).

*Pictured above: Brothers of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity help out at Beth Shalom Synagogue.*

## Young Adult Division & Historic Columbia Present: The 3rd Annual Purim Mascarade Ball @ The Big Apple



Proceeds will benefit the Historic Jewish Columbia Initiative & Relay for Life  
March 7, 2014 | 7:30PM – 11PM  
The Big Apple | 1000 Hampton Street in The Vista



*Photos courtesy of Rob Sprankle - [www.robsprankle.com](http://www.robsprankle.com)*

Historic Columbia and YAD present the 3rd annual Purim Mascarade Ball @ The Big Apple to support The Historic Jewish Columbia Initiative & Relay for Life. Today's popular event location was built in 1915 as the House of Peace synagogue. The building was sold in 1936 and reopened as the Big Apple Night Club where the dance craze that swept the nation during the summer of 1937 was born. Help us celebrate Columbia's rich history for a great cause as we take it back to the building's Jewish roots for an evening to remember with a DJ, live entertainment, and an open bar. Cocktail Attire.

Get your tickets at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (search for Mascarade Ball).

### New to YAD

*Rebecca Eichner*

My husband, Solomon, and I are fairly new to the Columbia, SC area, moving from Baltimore, MD about a year and a half ago. We migrated to the South after my husband accepted a spot as a full scholarship recipient at the University of South Carolina pursuing his Doctorate in Piano Performance.

Sol and I came across the Young Adult Division (YAD) group after seeing a poster for the Purim Masquerade Ball, which was held at the Tapp's Art Center last year.

Since the Masquerade Ball, my husband and I have met a group of wonderful people, and we've gotten involved in Jewish activities! We have enjoyed going to the interviews of the Young Leadership Series, some happy hours, and the YAD Passover Seder. We are looking forward to hosting a Shabbat dinner at our house this year and are excited for the upcoming YAD events.

Being new to the area, it was difficult to meet new people at first until we became involved with YAD. Columbia has proven to be a great choice with decreased traffic, sunny winters, and overall a slower, less hectic way of life... and now with new friends!



# FAMILY FUN AT THE JCC

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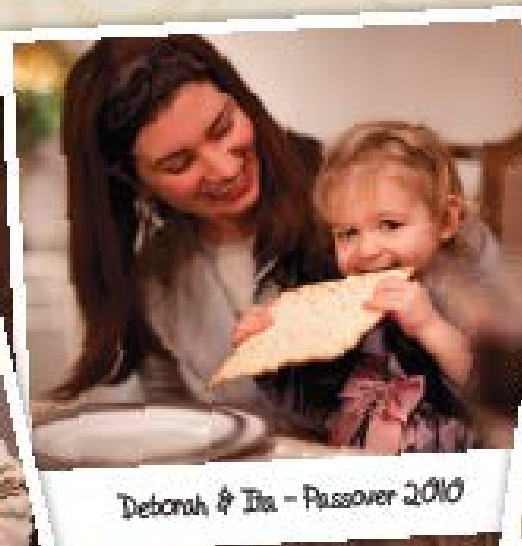
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