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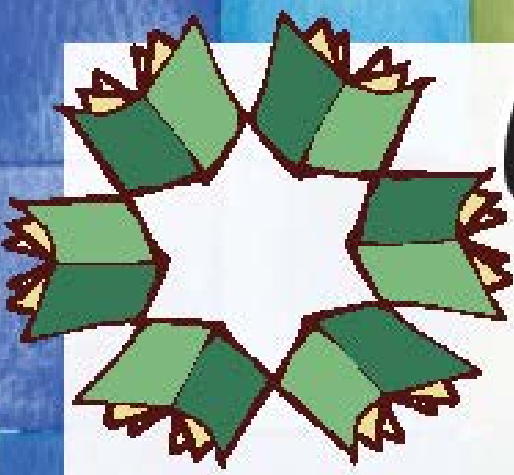
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# Columbia Jewish Book Festival 2015

October 18 - 23 | Marketplace Open All Week  
at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center

Monday, October 19 at 7:30 pm

## Kimberly Marlowe Hartnett, Author

*Carolina Israelite: How Harry Golden Made Us Care about Jews, the South, and Civil Rights*  
Join us for a conversation with Kimberly Marlowe Hartnett, author of *Carolina Israelite: How Harry Golden Made Us Care about Jews, the South, and Civil Rights*.

Golden (1903-1981) was a Jew, a writer, a humorist, and a fearless advocate for civil rights. He exposed racism and anti-Semitism in all guises, and he did so with wit and originality. Once he got his reader or listener to laugh—and it never took long—he got them to question the status quo.



Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 pm

## Film: Sister Rose's Passion

The inspirational story of a most unlikely activist who has made the battle against anti-Semitism her life's work.

Marking the 50th anniversary of "Nostra Aetate," join us for a viewing of the Academy Award nominated documentary about Sister Rose Thering, a gutsy Dominican nun who had the courage and the passion to resist the status quo and push for reformation of the Catholic Church's position on Jews and Judaism. Followed by an Interfaith Panel Discussion.

Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 pm

## Sarene Shulimson, Author

### Lights Out Shabbat

Shabbat is special! PJ Library author Sarene Shulimson will share her book *Lights Out Shabbat* about a boy and his grandparents spending Shabbat together during a Georgia snowstorm. Using all their senses, children will make shadow puppets, create pretty Havdalah candles and do other fun activities to get ready for Shabbat. Please RSVP to [cheryl@jewishcolumbia.org](mailto:cheryl@jewishcolumbia.org) to ensure enough supplies for all.



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# TOUCHDOWN ISRAEL

Columbia Jewish Film Festival

Opening Night Party

& JCC 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

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Film at a tailgate party and screening of  
"Touchdown Israel"

Early picnic with kids under 13 - \$30

Children under 13 - \$10

Children 13 and over & Adults - \$35

Tickets available at the JCC Welcome Desk



Sunday, November 1 | Tailgate at 6 | Film at 7  
at the Katie & Irwin Kahn JCC

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***"I think we have the opportunity to inspire each other and make a greater impact at a time when it is really needed."***

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## **A Conversation with Sue Kline: wife & mom; community volunteer, donor, leader**

*Barry Abels, CJF Executive Director*

*Due to her history of community involvement and commitment as a donor to our Columbia Jewish Federation campaign, Sue Kline was nominated for a seat on the JFNA National Women's Philanthropy Board this past spring. She was not only elected, but because of the size and region of our community was recognized as someone who would bring a unique perspective to that board. She recently returned from a special retreat and we caught up with her to find out about that experience and more.*

**Sue, what prompted you to accept membership on the National Women's Philanthropy board?**

Over the years I taught Sunday school, was Hadassah President, and was involved in a variety of community work. But more recently I was active as a donor than as a volunteer. In the last couple of years my son David and his wife Amy have become very active in the Austin Federation and Young Leadership, and they also joined the national Young Leadership Cabinet. This past year Jerry served as our local Federation Campaign co-chair. I was inspired by their involvement and saw the positive impact they were making. Coupled with the increasing wave of anti-Semitism and anti-Israel rhetoric I decided to get more involved and also to try and challenge others to become involved and lead.

**How was the retreat?**

It was a unique and moving experience, and it was great to get to know such dedicated, intelligent and influential community leaders. We all learned new tools and ideas to encourage community involvement and renew energy. There were 139 women attending from 55 communities and a number of knowledgeable speakers. One major discussion point revolved around the national name change from the Women's Campaign to National Women's Philanthropy.

**What prompted the change?**

It was the recognition that women's involvement financially was continuing to grow, along with a broader and more sophisticated influence regarding financial decisions and the philanthropic landscape. Many communities have followed suit

in renaming their campaigns Women's Philanthropy in furtherance of the positive movement. In 2014 Women's Philanthropy alone accounted for \$190 million into the various Federations' annual campaigns.

**What's next?**

Soon we will be launching our 2016 Annual Campaign, and we have to do a better job of reaching everyone. One of the important points that came from the conference is that we need to re-engage those who were more active in past campaigns, both as volunteers and donors. I hope to recruit more volunteers to help boost our women's involvement. For 2015 our women individually pledged over \$155,000 and this is a great amount. The Men's campaign, along with some who give a combined family gift, accounted for another \$256,000. But it remains a struggle to fully fund allocations to our local programs, and the need for support from Jewish Family Service is growing. Add to that 1.5 million Israelis who we helped last summer during the Stop the Sirens Campaign or helping the 350,000 Jews in the Ukraine impacted by that conflict, it is clear that every campaign dollar can have an impact. However, within in our Women's Philanthropy we missed reaching over 100 former donors. What a difference engaging more women could make. So I will be encouraging more of us to volunteer and more of us to pledge. We can make a big difference. We will bring in speakers from within Women's Philanthropy who've been on the ground in Eastern Europe, Israel and right here in the U.S. who can really illuminate the good we can do and the difference it can make. I think we have the opportunity to inspire each other and make a greater impact at a time when it is really needed.

**Any final thoughts?**

As I learn more from my involvement as a National Women's Philanthropy Board member I will pass that on here at home. As the 2016 Campaign opens later this month, I encourage everyone to join me in participating as fully as possible. Volunteer to make calls and encourage everyone in our community to join us. Let's work together to have the greatest impact that we can, here at home and abroad. That is what the essence of Federation is all about.

# The Israeli Flag is a Part of My Jewish Identity

**Barry Abels,**  
*CJF and JCC Executive Director*

The last several weeks have been both tragic and tumultuous for South Carolina, for the country and for the world. Every day we read about another bombing attack somewhere in the Middle East; a lone wolf with radical leanings shooting and killing unarmed military recruiters in Chattanooga; and closer to home, the painful loss of nine innocent lives to the actions of a young white supremacist who decided that he had to stand against what he perceived was "wrong" with our country. Often when we experience this tragic loss of life we lower our flag to half-staff. We did so in honor of the memory of those whom we tragically lost at the Mother Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, and again for our military members who were murdered in Tennessee. They deserved our respect and this symbol of our shared grief.

But unlike many institutions in our country, below the Stars and Stripes we fly another important symbol of meaning to the Federation and JCC, as well as our Jewish community: the flag of the state of Israel. Wherever I have lived, the Jewish institutions where the U.S. flag was flown also displayed the Israeli flag. Whether it was a synagogue, a JCC, a Jewish school or Federation office, if there was one flag, there were both. It just seemed natural. After all, for many of those within my Jewish communities Israel was a part of our shared experience and a symbol of hope and refuge after the tragedy of the Holocaust. We blatantly shared with our broader community that we were American Jews believing in our country and what it stands for, while also being a Jewish community that proudly supports Israel. It is the home of our ancestral faith.

I recently received a thoughtful letter that brought the practice into question. After seeing a picture of the flags at half-staff in the previous issue of our *Jewish News* this reader, also citing these troubling times, wrote, "I thought why would local Jews make trouble for themselves by flaunting a foreign symbol. Particularly in the roiling time when the right wing hate groups' ire has been aroused and yellow journalism blisters press and internet." I thought about our recent actions regarding the Confederate battle flag and

our subsequent visit by the Klan and neo-Nazis. I also pondered the words of this writer for quite a while. There is no doubt that Jewish communities and Jewish individuals are often the target of hate and abuse, often without any overt symbol to point us out.

Perhaps therein lays the dilemma. If I correctly understand the concern, it is not about hiding our Jewish identity, but overtly showing our support for Israel by flying the flag, providing a greater opportunity to become a target of people or groups who hate us.



For many of us, certainly for me, Israel is a part of our Jewish identity. Both the biblical Israel and the modern play a part in who I am as person, as Jew and as an American. I believe in a strong relationship between the United States and Israel. Just as the various regional cultures I have lived in play a role in who I am and what I believe, so does my Jewish heritage and faith. That includes my strong feelings of connection to Israel. To be true to myself and to who I am means standing for those connections and the values I associate with them. Are we prepared to remove all our symbols and names from our buildings and attempt to fly below the radar, so as to not draw any attention to our community? That might make for a smaller target. I believe the contrary. We should proudly display the symbols of who we are and what we stand for. It is through strength of identity and strength of community that we can advocate for ourselves, protect ourselves if needed, and help make our United States a diverse, but inclusive, country and society. And yes, this includes overtly supporting Israel and displaying both flags.

Your thoughts?



*"Are we prepared to remove all our symbols and names from our buildings... so as to not draw any attention to our community?"*





## Dr. Stephen Serbin to receive Distinguished Service Award

The Columbia Jewish Federation is proud to announce Dr. Stephen Serbin as the recipient of the 2015 Distinguished Service Award. A reception recognizing Dr. Serbin and his many contributions to the community will take place this fall. Invitations will be mailed once details have been confirmed.

## Steve Turner Jewish Camp Scholarship Fund

For children and young adults, overnight Jewish summer camp experiences are among the strongest influences on Jewish identity; however, the overnight camps can be expensive. To alleviate some of the burden, the Columbia Jewish Federation established the Steve Turner Jewish Camp Scholarship Fund. Thanks to the generosity of donors, the fund provided supplemental funding for seven youths to participate in Jewish overnight camps this summer. Over the new few issues of the *Jewish News*, scholarship recipients will share their camp experiences.

*Dear Columbia Jewish Federation,*

*Thank you for the Federation Scholarship to help pay for my overnight Jewish camp experience at Camp Barney Medintz in Cleveland, Georgia. This was my fourth year attending camp, and I had an amazing time! We did tubing, kayaking, archery, and so much more. This year was a great experience I will never forget. Because I was in Giborim (rising 6th grader) we got to go kayaking on the Chattahoochee River for our kayaking trip. It had two rapids*

*that were really fun. Also in my age group we led Friday night services. It brought my whole unit closer as friends.*



*We played a lot of sports as a cabin. Specifically, we played lots of soccer, football, basketball, dodgeball, and tons of gaga. Every year we do a day devoted to Israel. It is called Israel Day. We always learn some traditional Israeli dances that are so fun. We also eat TONS of falafel. I have met some really nice Jewish kids at my time in camp and always look forward to see them every year. Thank you again for the scholarship. Camp Barney Medintz is like a second home to me.*

*Sincerely,  
David Stark*

## The Shortest Day

**Fred Seidenberg & Rob Kriegshaber**  
**CJF/JCC Legacy Committee Co-Chairs**



Every day has 24 hours – 1,440 minutes – 86,400 seconds. Or does it? A short day is coming for all of us – a day when we will not reach the 86,400th second, and we will pass on to our final resting place.

We may have lived a long and useful life, filled with great memories. First, the “learning” years – youthful and vibrant time spent in school with classmates. Second, the “earning” years – starting that first job, building a career and meeting many friends and business associates. Third, the “retirement” years – when you finally have time to enjoy visits with all of your family and friends.

In many ways you have made a difference for family, friends and countless others during your lifetime. Yet there is one more part of life – the chance through your estate to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those you love and in the organizations and institutions that are meaningful to you.

You are to be thanked for your gifts during life. You have carefully thought about how much to give, to whom to give and how to give. Now we invite you to think about a “living legacy” for our Columbia Jewish Federation and Kahn Jewish Community Center.

This is called a “living legacy” from your estate because through this gift your wishes for the CJF/JCC live on past your lifetime. Our Legacy Society is the format through which this can be accomplished. Our new brochure about the Legacy Society will help get you started.

Please contact the CJF/JCC at 787-2023 and we will mail the brochure to you. It only takes a few of the 86,400 seconds to make the call.

# PJ Library® of the Columbia Jewish Federation Receives Inaugural PJ Library Engagement Grant

*Grants give to foster social connections and new opportunities in communities across the continent.*

Columbia area families raising Jewish children will now have more opportunities to participate in Jewish life, thanks to a grant recently awarded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. The foundation created PJ Library, which offers Jewish books and programs to families around the globe.

PJ Library of the Columbia Jewish Federation received \$4,000 to launch PJ Library Without Walls (PJ Library WOW), which brings PJ Library programs into the community, specifically neighborhoods such as Lexington, Irmo, and West Columbia that are a distance from Columbia's Jewish epicenter.

The winning initiatives emphasize building social connections among families as well as engaging them in Jewish life, programming, or learning. They range from ongoing neighborhood gatherings to Shabbat preparation workshops and dinners.

"We are honored to receive this grant and are thrilled to be part of the global PJ Library community reaching tens of thousands of families," said Cheryl Nail, Community Relations Director of the Columbia Jewish Federation, who is also the community's PJ Library Coordinator. "PJ Library is about more than free books; it's about helping to connect families who are raising Jewish children, regardless of their practice or affiliation. We look forward to collaborating with our local Jewish organizations to bring meaningful experiences to PJ Library families."

The grant proposals were chosen through a competitive process open to local organizations implementing PJ Library across North America. The 15 winners were selected from among 55 applicants after they were considered by both PJ Library staff and external reviewers.

"PJ Library's impact goes well beyond the more than 144,000 books we send out each month," said Judi Wisch, Director of Community Engagement for PJ Library. "We have worked closely with our local partners for years to help advance Jewish family engagement, and this is the first time we are able to add financial support to great initiatives to help ensure their success."

These grants are the first stage in a five-year strategy to extend Jewish engagement in North America, through the support of the newly-formed PJ Library Alliance. Partners in the Alliance are the William Davidson Foundation; the Jim Joseph Foundation; the William and Audrey Farber Philanthropic Fund; the Howard and Geraldine Polinger Family Foundation; Walter, Arnee, Sarah and Aaron Winshall; the Susser Family Trust; and an anonymous partner.

*PJ Library provides age-appropriate books to Jewish children in Columbia each month as a gift from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, Columbia Jewish Federation, Baker & Baker Foundation, and Sue & Jerry Kline. For more information, visit [www.pjlibrary.org](http://www.pjlibrary.org).*



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## The JFS Wish List

*Laney Cohen, LMSW, JFS Director*

This is my most favorite time of the year. I love September and October because I love the season of autumn. I love it when my kids go back to school (and are officially not in my hair anymore). I love the smells of autumn and the changing colors of the leaves. My favorite Jewish holidays are in September and October too. I love Rosh Hashanah and the opportunity of a fresh start, as well as the reflection of life that Yom Kippur brings. Sukkot is the season to celebrate, which we do by eating, singing, and praying outside as one. The last of my favorite Jewish Holidays is Simchat Torah, where we celebrate together the completion of the reading of the Torah, and then start again. I have vivid memories of being a child and dancing around the sanctuary, waving my flags and singing. These two months allow us to think about others and help us to contemplate how we, ourselves, can be better people. One way to help others in our community is to help Jewish Family Service with the JFS Wish List!

Please consider donating the following items to JFS so that we can better serve not only our Jewish community, but also the Greater Columbia community:

- Canned fruit
- Dry or canned milk
- Cereal
- Canned vegetables and beans
- Canned meats (no pork please), including tuna and chicken
- Pastas, rice
- Cans or jars of sauce
- Peanut butter
- Crackers
- Cookies
- Juices, in bottles and boxes (for back to school)
- Any other non-perishables

Please, when donating, check the dates to make sure that food items are not expired. Your donations and help are greatly appreciated!

*Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to JFS in memory of Selma Dickman.*

Jewish Family Service wants to wish everyone in the community a Happy and Healthy New Year!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you have some extra time and would like to help JFS and seniors, please call Laney @ 787-2023 ext 220. Must have current driver's license.

## \$753,480 in interest-free student loans

The Jewish Educational Loan Fund (JELF) has awarded \$753,480 in interest-free loans to 199 Jewish students throughout Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia for the 2015-2016 school year, including \$19,412 to students in South Carolina.



While JELF currently administers over \$4.2 million in outstanding loans, it has maintained its impressive 98 percent repayment rate. As students repay their loans, JELF uses those payments to make new loans, creating a circle of tzedakah. JELF loans are need-based and can be used for full-time undergraduate and graduate degrees as well as vocational programs.

For additional information, email [info@jelf.org](mailto:info@jelf.org), call 770-396-3080, or visit [www.jelf.org](http://www.jelf.org). Applications for a JELF interest-free loan for the spring and/or summer 2016 semesters will be available on the JELF website from September 1-30, 2015. Applications for the 2016-2017 academic year will be available on the website in March 2016.





## Tuesdays with Friends

Beth Shalom Synagogue,  
5827 N. Trenholm Road

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

**Tuesday, September 1, 2015**  
11:30 am - 1 pm

**Featuring a Mandolin Medley  
of Yiddish Songs  
by Yakov Lesov  
and a Rosh Hashanah Celebration**

*There is no charge to attendees  
thanks to the generous donation made by  
Dolores Friedman & family  
- In loving memory of Sig Friedman.*

*There will be NO Tuesdays with Friends  
in October due to the Jewish holidays.*

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

**Featuring a Ballroom Dancing Exhibition  
with Durlach & Breedlove**

*There is no charge to attendees  
thanks to the generous donation made by  
Gloria & Henry Goldberg  
- In loving memory of our parents  
Harry & Edith From and Felix Goldberg  
and in honor of Bluma Goldberg.*



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.*

**SAVE THE DATE  
JANUARY 28, 2016**

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JEWISH CHORAL CONCERT  
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AHARON HARLAP**

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**The Ark Group:  
Forum on Worldwide Religious Persecution  
Wednesday, September 9, 10am until noon  
Trinity Cathedral, The Stirling Room**

Religious intolerance and persecution are clearly on the  
rise in the world. Many of us have reacted with horror  
at the brutal slaughter of men, women and children in  
ancient Christian communities in the Middle East and parts  
of central Africa. Growing numbers are fleeing from lands  
where their ancestors have lived in peace for centuries.

Our Jewish brothers and sisters are tragically familiar with  
being a persecuted minority. Ambassador Ronald Lauder,  
president of the World Jewish Congress, in a NYTimes  
article entitled "Who Will Stand Up for the Christians?"  
asked this question: "Why is the world silent while  
Christians are being slaughtered in the Middle East and  
Africa?"

Describing the obscene wave of carnage as children have  
been beheaded, mothers raped and killed, and fathers  
hung, Mr. Lauder says, "just as I will not be silent in the  
face of the growing threat of anti-Semitism in Europe  
and the Middle East, I will not be indifferent to Christian  
suffering...The Jewish people understand all too well what  
can happen when the world is silent. This campaign of  
death must be stopped."

In an effort to come together as Christians and Jews in  
the common bond of this urgent issue, Trinity Cathedral's  
Ark Group is pleased to present a forum on the Holocaust  
and worldwide religious persecution. Two members of  
Beth Shalom Synagogue, Karl Goldberg and Henry Miller,  
who are cousins and the sons of Holocaust survivors, will  
be leading us.



*"As we began interviews we have found that one story leads to another family or person or event, and that we have the opportunity with this project to weave together the extraordinary tapestry of Columbia's Jewish past."*

## **Tell Your Story! Columbia Jewish Heritage Initiative Collects Oral Histories**

*Robin Waites, Executive Director,  
Historic Columbia*

When developing the initial plan for the Columbia Jewish Heritage Initiative (CJHI) it became apparent that the most immediate need was to collect oral histories with some of the most senior members of the community. As we began interviews we have found that one story leads to another family or person or event, and that we have the opportunity with this project to weave together the extraordinary tapestry of Columbia's Jewish past. Historical documents and books cannot tell us everything about our past. Oral history fills in those gaps and gives us history that is much broader and more inclusive, and often more intimate and accessible. It is especially useful in expanding our understanding of social, religious, cultural and family history.

In collecting oral histories for CJHI the partnership with the College of Charleston has been key. Historic Columbia staff and CJHI volunteers can record conversations all day, but if they are not made accessible to the public they have very little benefit! Dale Rosengarten, curator of the Jewish Heritage Collection, and Alyssa Neely, JHC's oral history archivist, will transcribe, digitize and make the interviews accessible through the Lowcountry Digital Library (<http://lcdl.library.cofc.edu/content/jewish-heritage-collection-oral-histories>). In addition, the interviews will be incorporated into the Historic Columbia web-based tour of Jewish Life, which will premiere in May 2016.

To date, focus has been on more senior members of the community; however, with each interview and with meeting of the CJHI steering and education committees, the list expands to include additional families, generations and events. Telling your own story provides a first-hand experience for future generations to learn about the development of the Jewish community and family life in Columbia and Richland County.

If you are interested in participating in the Columbia Jewish Heritage Initiative by sharing your story please contact Robin Waites at 803.252.7742 ext 14 or at [rwaites@historiccolumbia.org](mailto:rwaites@historiccolumbia.org).

The collection of oral histories for CJHI has been made possible by the generous support of the Central Carolina Community Foundation, Mr. Ray Lifchez, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kline, the Columbia Jewish Federation and the Southern Jewish Historical Society.



*From a June 26, 2015 interview with Anne Solomon, CJHI learned that Henry Stern (pictured left) was in active military service from 1941 to 1946. Prior to taking on his station in Lakeland, FL, he served as the manager at Stern's Department Store, which was started by his father, Gabriel Stern (pictured right) in downtown Columbia in 1938.*

*When Henry Stern graduated from Lexington High School in 1936 he was the first Jew to do so. He went on to attend the University of South Carolina before taking on the management of the family business.*

*Image courtesy Marcie Stern Baker*

**To learn more about CJHI  
or to get involved visit  
[www.historiccolumbia.org/CJHI](http://www.historiccolumbia.org/CJHI)  
or like our Facebook Page:  
Columbia Jewish Heritage Initiative.**

## A Tale of Two Cities

### Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina

The Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina (JHSSC) travels to the midlands of South Carolina this fall with "A Tale of Two Cities – Columbia and Orangeburg." On Saturday, November 7, the Society will join forces with Historic Columbia Foundation to explore and examine Columbia's Jewish history. The Foundation has launched a long-term Columbia Jewish Heritage Initiative in partnership with the Columbia Jewish Federation and the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center, the College of Charleston's Jewish Heritage Collection, Richland County Public Library, and JHSSC. The project aims to record oral histories and to collect photographs, historic documents and Jewish memorabilia, while promoting awareness of the longevity and tenacity of Jewish life in the capital city. On Sunday, November 8, the meeting will move to nearby Orangeburg to unveil a historical marker on Russell Street, the heart of the business district, visit the Jewish cemetery, and listen to a panel on the region's network of Jewish families, many of whom looked to Orangeburg's Temple Sinai as a hub. We also will learn about local notables, such as Nobel-prize winner Robert F. Furchgott, whose parents ran a women's clothing store, and who discovered his passion for biochemistry while a student at Orangeburg High School.

For more information and to register, please go to [www.jhssc.org/](http://www.jhssc.org/)



*Construction site for Iceland U.S.A., Jeff Selig, Alan Kahn, and Jerry Kline. Irmo, S.C., 2000. Photo by Bill Aron. Courtesy of Special Collections, College of Charleston.*



**LENOIR-RHYNE  
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## Jewish Presentations at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

### Friday, September 25: Dr. Amy-Jill Levine

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine describes herself as a "Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominately Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt." A professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University, her books include *Short Stories by Jesus: the Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* and *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*. Dr. Levine combines historical-critical rigor, literary-critical sensitivity, and a frequent dash of humor with a commitment to eliminating anti-Jewish, sexist, and homophobic theologies. Dr. Levine will be on our campus to discuss her work and sign her books.

### Thursday, October 29 – Friday, October 30: Rev. Heidi Neumark

Rev. Heidi Neumark has made it her lifelong work to serve the marginalized and oppressed in New York City. It was only in the last six years that Lutheran Rev. Neumark began to reframe her work for social justice when she became aware of her own Jewish roots. In her latest book, *Hidden Inheritance: Family Secrets, Memory and Faith*, Rev. Neumark journeys into an unimagined past with life-changing repercussions for her future. She is shocked to uncover her Jewish roots and successive family loss and trauma through the Holocaust. On Thursday, Rev. Neumark will give a presentation to LTSS students, staff and faculty and discuss preaching the unmentionables from the pulpit. On Friday, the public will be invited to join the seminary community and engage with Rev. Neumark as she shares her work of grappling with anti-Semitism in the church and the role of the church in silencing trauma.

Call 803-786-5150 for more information.





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## A Sweet New Year at the JCC

*Laurie Slack,  
JCC Jewish Programs Director*

As we settle into the month of Elul, it is a time to reflect on the past year and assess how we did well and how we can do better in the upcoming year. It has been a busy year at the JCC – the busiest, in fact, since I started in this position nearly five years ago. We've started a preschool playgroup focusing on Jewish values and holidays, ran our largest Judaism 101 course to date, screened charming indie documentaries, ran a Senior Seder for members of our community who otherwise would have gone Seder-less, came together as a community to create heirloom painted Seder plates, built our largest Mount Sinai out of ice cream, played together as a community at our pizza and pool party, had an awesome time at the Tu B'Av Family Dance with over 150 attendees, and so, so much more. Yes, it's been a good year at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center, but there is always room to grow, to invite people in, and create even more meaningful Jewish experiences for our entire community.

I personally invite you all to come to the JCC in 5776 and see what we have to offer. No matter your affiliation, level of observance, or background, the JCC welcomes you with open arms and an open heart. If you have a preschooler, come and celebrate the sweetness of the New Year with our Play at the J playgroup on Wednesday, September 2nd at 10:30 am. We'll have a honey tasting for adults and make Rosh Hashanah cards and honey comb necklaces with kids on Thursday, September 10th. On September 27th, we'll decorate the JCC Sukkah at noon and nosh on a pizza lunch. On Thursday, October 1st I'll gladly make you one of my famous appletinis in the sukkah from 6:30 to 8 pm.

Be sure to visit the JCC webpage, at [www.jcccolumbia.org](http://www.jcccolumbia.org), as we're always adding more events and we'd be glad to have you at any of them. From all of us here at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center, we wish you a L'shanah Tova and a very, very sweet 5776.

## Big Tent Judaism Welcomes Professional Affiliate Laurie Slack

*Sharon Romang, Communications Associate, Big Tent Judaism*

Big Tent Judaism (formerly Jewish Outreach Institute) is proud to partner with Laurie Slack as a Professional Affiliate. Big Tent Judaism is a national, independent, transdenominational organization reaching out to unaffiliated Jewish families with an emphasis on engaging intermarried households and helping the organized Jewish community better welcome them.

The Big Tent Judaism Professional Affiliates program is a training series and collaborative network for Jewish communal professionals who want to "expand the tent" of their local Jewish community by reaching out to unaffiliated populations. The goals of a Big Tent Judaism Professional Affiliate are met by developing exciting Jewish programming that provides fun and meaningful Jewish experiential education in public spaces that anyone may benefit from, including those in less-engaged Jewish households.

Laurie Slack is the Jewish Programs Director at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center in Columbia, South Carolina. She is passionate about Jewish living and education and loves to find innovative and meaningful ways to incorporate Judaism into everyday life. Laurie studied visual art at Carnegie Mellon University and later studied supplementary Jewish education in Israel with a group of like-minded teachers. She organizes the Columbia Jewish Film Festival, the Columbia Jewish Book Festival, runs a monthly Jewish play group, hosts Jewish programs and classes throughout the year, and has even been known to throw in a little graphic design work on the *Columbia Jewish News* and for other Jewish organizations throughout the South East. Laurie is married to a wonderful man, has a beautiful little girl, and enjoys cooking, gardening and paper crafts when she finds a few free minutes.

For more information, contact Laurie at [lauries@jcccolumbia.org](mailto:lauries@jcccolumbia.org).



# ANNOUNCING THE FILMS OF THE 2015 COLUMBIA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL



## COLUMBIA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

**Sunday, November 1:**  
6:00 pm | Opening Night Party  
at the Kate & Irwin Kahn  
Jewish Community Center  
7:00 pm | Touchdown Israel

**Tuesday, November 3:**  
6:00 pm | God's Slave  
8:00 pm | Serial (Bad) Weddings

**Sunday, November 8:**  
3:00 pm | Student Short Films  
5:30 pm | Above and Beyond  
7:30 pm | 24 Days

**Monday, November 9:**  
Special Kristallnacht Films  
5:30 pm | The Last Mentsch  
Followed by Talkback with Author Edwin Black  
sponsored by Beth Shalom Synagogue and Tree of Life  
8:00 pm | Run Boy Run

**Tuesday, November 17:**  
5:15 pm | YAD Happy Hour  
6:00 pm | Dough  
8:00 pm | The Gett

*\*Films and times subject to change*

*All films (except opening night) are shown at the  
Nickelodeon Theatre, 1607 Main St, Columbia, SC.*

### TOUCHDOWN ISRAEL

November 1 at 7:00 pm

85 minutes | English

Touchdown Israel, a feature length documentary presents the broad religious and cultural diversity that is Israel, and illustrates how sports can be both metaphor and unifier for the world around it. Touchdown Israel brings light to Israel's complex, multifaceted society, offering a view of the human aspect of Israeli life, including the values of teamwork, unity, sacrifice and excellence.

### GOD'S SLAVE

November 3 at 6:00 pm

89 minutes | Hebrew & Arabic with English Subtitles

Inspired by true events, "God's Slave" is the story of Ahmed and David, two extremist characters, one Islamic and the other Jewish, who cross their paths while being in the opposite side of the conflict in the AMIA bombings that took place in 1994 in Buenos Aires.

### SERIAL (BAD) WEDDINGS

November 3 at 8:00 pm

57 Minutes | French with English Subtitles

The Vermeuls are Catholic. They are also a well-off, well-educated, well-intentioned, and well-thought of couple. Everything would be for the best in the best of worlds if three of their daughters had not married three young men... of different religions and origins. So, the day their fourth girl tells them that she is going to marry a Catholic they are on cloud nine...

### ABOVE AND BEYOND

November 8 at 5:30 pm

80 minutes | English

In 1948, a group of World War II pilots volunteered to fight for Israel in the War of Independence. As members of Machal — volunteers from abroad — this ragtag band of brothers not only turned the tide of the war, preventing the possible annihilation of Israel; they also laid the groundwork for the Israeli Air Force.

### 24 DAYS

November 8 at 7:30 pm

80 minutes | French with English Subtitles

In January of 2006 a beautiful young woman walks into a Parisian cellphone shop, looks around, and asks for the sales attendant's number. Later, she calls asking to meet. Who could have known Ian, the 23 year old man, was flirting with death? The next time his family hears from him is through a cryptic online message from kidnappers demanding ransom.

### THE LAST MENTSCH

November 9 at 5:30 pm

80 minutes | Hebrew, German, English with Subtitles

Manahem Teitelbaum, a survivor of Nazi concentration camps, has been running from his experience all his life. A young girl is deeply moved by his story and offers to drive him to Hungary, she knows exactly what it means to feel lost and uprooted. Together the two take off for the heart of old Jewish Europe and as two worlds, two visions and two eras merge, an unexpected bond evolves.

### RUN BOY RUN

November 9 at 8:00 pm

117 minutes | Hebrew, Polish, & German with Subtitles

Snulik, an eight-year-old boy, flees from the Warsaw ghetto in 1942. He attempts to survive, at first alone in the forest, and then as a Christian orphan named Jurk on a Polish farm. Throughout his ordeal, his Jewish identity is in danger of being lost. The story is based on the bestseller by Uri Orlev.

### DOUGH

November 17 at 6:00 pm

84 minutes | English

An old Jewish baker struggles to keep his business afloat until he hires a young Muslim apprentice who accidentally drops cannabis in the dough and sends sales sky high.

### THE GETT

November 17 at 8:00 pm

115 minutes | Hebrew, French, Arabic with Subtitles

In Israel there is neither civil marriage nor civil divorce. Only rabbis can legitimate a marriage or its dissolution. But this dissolution is only possible with full consent from the husband, who in the end has more power than the judges. Viviane Ansaem has been applying for divorce for three years. But her husband Eliahu will not agree. His cold intransigence, Viviane's determination to fight for her freedom and the ambiguous role of the judges' shape a procedure in which tragedy vies with absurdity, and everything is brought out for judgment, apart from the initial request.

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*Minda Miller, Foundation Chair*

The Foundation is proud to announce the generous donation of \$50,000 from Benjamin & Mary Griffin in honor of Dr. Selden Smith (Mary's uncle) and in memory of his siblings, Dr. Nat Erskine Smith, Mrs. Jennie Smith Leath (Mary's mother) and Mrs. Julia Smith Reid. This contribution is very special since the Foundation carries the name of Dr. Smith. Dr. Smith is a retired history professor from Columbia College who became interested in teaching the Holocaust over three decades ago. This 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 SC Council on the Holocaust and served as the chair for many years and still remains active on its board. The gifted \$50,000 life insurance policy will help insure future funding of grants in our state. On behalf of all who work so diligently to teach the lessons of the Holocaust, I thank the Griffins for their generosity.

Funding is awarded to schools, colleges, churches, synagogues, civic groups and individuals. Projects include teacher grants, classroom supplies, student field trips, teacher training, Holocaust speakers and exhibits, as well as programs related to issues of international conflict, genocide, prejudice and intolerance. An especially exciting project we are proud to sponsor is the Anne Frank Exhibit. This exhibit travels to middle schools in our state. It features chronological panels displaying historical information in telling Anne Frank's story. A documentary and books 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. This is just one of the many worthwhile projects your donations help fund.

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. Your gift will continue to honor our SC Holocaust survivors and our brave liberators.

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## Is it time to get into your genes?

**Dr. Janice G. Edwards, MS, CGC**  
Research and Director  
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*As an obstetrician, I am often asked about genetic testing: How important is it? Where do I go for testing? What will it all mean? We are lucky to be in an area where these questions can be answered with accuracy. Through Genetic Counseling at USC School of Medicine, these questions are handled daily. My friend, Janice Edwards, professor and director at USC Genetic Counseling, will conduct informative workshops where interested couples can learn and opt to be screened. This will be a valuable opportunity for the entire Jewish and secular community.*

- Dr. Lilly Filler



### WHAT DOES MY JEWISH ANCESTRY HAVE TO DO WITH GENETICS?

While there are many genetic conditions that occur in persons of all ethnic backgrounds, there are several conditions that occur more frequently in people of Ashkenazi, or Eastern European, Jewish ancestry. These genetic conditions are called autosomal recessive conditions based on the way they are inherited. In order for an individual to be affected by an autosomal recessive condition, they must have two genes or traits for that condition, one inherited from their mother and one inherited from their father. Each of us carries a few recessive genes that do not work properly. Because there are thousands of genes, the likelihood that we would meet and have children with another person who carries the same recessive gene that we do is small. However, that chance increases if we come from the same ethnic group as our partner because people from the same

ethnic group share common ancestors, and therefore, common genes.

In large ethnic groups it is difficult to pinpoint which genetic conditions occur more frequently, but some are known. For example, individuals who have African ancestry are at increased risk to carry Sickle Cell trait and individuals who are from Mediterranean countries (Greece, Italy, Turkey) are at increased risk to carry  $\beta$ -thalassemia trait. Because the Ashkenazi Jewish community is more close-knit, researchers have been able to identify more of the autosomal recessive genetic conditions in this population, so more extensive carrier screening is available.

### WHAT CONDITIONS AM I AT RISK FOR?

The first genetic condition that was shown to have an increased carrier rate in the Ashkenazi Jewish population was Tay Sachs disease. Currently screening is offered for up to 38 genetic conditions that occur more frequently among the Ashkenazi population. Most of these 38 are debilitating and may lead to early childhood death. Because so many conditions are tested, we estimate that one of every four Ashkenazi Jewish individuals carries at least one of the 38 genetic conditions.

### WHAT IF I HAVE A FAMILY HISTORY OF ONE OF THESE CONDITIONS?

If you have a family history of one of these conditions, such as a brother, sister or cousin, then you may have a higher chance of being a carrier. Your specific chance to be a carrier is determined based on how you are related to the person in your family with the condition. If the changes in the gene are known for your family member, then the testing can look for the familial trait and rule out whether or not you have inherited the change. Genetic counseling is recommended prior to testing for people who have a family history of an autosomal recessive genetic condition.

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***"[T]hink about if it's time to get into your genes. Mark your calendar now to meet us in 2016":***

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# That J stands for Jewish

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

On a recent tour of the CJDS elementary school a family asked if the school might consider teaching Mandarin instead of Hebrew. I gently pointed out the J in CJDS stands for Jewish and that Hebrew is our heritage language.

Over the past 23 years CJDS has done a great job in integrating people from many backgrounds. The school has nurtured and celebrated the children's religious, racial, cultural and national identities. This is all done through a Jewish lens and with a focus on Jewish teachings. Research shows that there are three childhood actions that can affect adult Jewish behaviors, visiting Israel, overnight Jewish summer camp and, the most effective, attendance at Jewish Day School. A day school education cultivates a strong engagement to Judaism and a strong connection to Israel, which results in positive involvement in Jewish life. Day School graduates also express a strong sense of responsibility towards addressing the needs of the larger society by influencing social values, helping those in need, volunteering their time to social change efforts and finding careers that allow them to be of service to the larger community.



CUTLER JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

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Whether it is to connect to Judaism or effect social changes CJDS works with each child and family. As one of the non-Jewish school families said, "Not only is my daughter learning to be a good citizen but we have become ambassadors of Judaism!" And, by the way, along with our daily Hebrew classes the school does now offer a weekly Mandarin club!



## Beyachad (Together)

Risa Strauss, Beth Shalom Synagogue Director of Education

One of the most popular songs taught in Jewish Religious Schools around the world is, "Heenai Mah Tov u'Manayim Shevet Achim Gam Yachad." The words are simple, and in English we translate them as, "Behold how good and pleasant it is, when we dwell together as brothers and sisters in unity." This is an easily sung song and often helps to set a happy, positive and comforting tone, whether at work, at home, at camp, at play or in school. The tune has actually been in my head a lot lately, and I have found myself humming away on supermarket lines, when I'm trying to fall asleep or stuck in traffic on Two Notch Road. And it's all good. This song for me is exciting and represents all the wonderful children, families and congregants that await every Jewish educator as the long hot days of summer evolve into a colorful autumn and the new school year.

*"[W]e celebrate, we learn, we pray, we grow, we rejoice: these are the things that make us a community."*

*Bet, yud, chet, dalet* are the Hebrew letters that form *Beyachad*, the Hebrew word for "together." The coming weeks and months will provide us with ample opportunity to embrace our traditions together, as congregants, as students and teachers, as a community and as friends. New beginnings are always a little difficult – especially after a very long and hot summer. But in September and October we will be able to meet, greet and get to know each other again. And it is that familiarity, as well as the anticipation of the end of summer, back to school and the High Holidays that will help guide and bond all Jewish educators with their students and their families in the months ahead.

At BSS we celebrate, we learn, we pray, we grow, we rejoice: these are the things that make us a community. In Deuteronomy 6:7 it is written, "*Veshinantam Levanecha*," "And you shall teach them diligently to your children." We recite these words as part of the *VeAhavta* prayer, and they represent an important Jewish tradition. Literally, we are directed as parents and adults to teach children the words of the Torah. If we expand upon that a bit, those ancient words charge all of us with the responsibility of living a life imbued with Judaism – not only passing it to our children, but to each other as well.

*Shanah Tovah u' Metukah* – May We All Enjoy a Happy and a Sweet New Year!

## Beth Shalom Synagogue 5776 High Holy Day Schedule

SERVICES	Saturday, September 5	9 p.m.
EREV ROSH HASHANAH	Sunday, September 13	7:30 p.m.
FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH	Monday, September 14	9 a.m.
Tashlich Services	Monday, September 14	1:30 p.m.
At the home of Steven Rosinsky, 526 N. Franklin St.		
SECOND EVE ROSH HASHANAH	Monday, September 14	7:30 p.m.
SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH	Tuesday, September 15	9 a.m.
KEVER AVOT SERVICES	Sunday, September 20	11 a.m.
Arctos Lakes Cemetery		12 p.m.
Whaley Street Cemetery		1:15 p.m.
Hebrew Benevolent Cemetery		
KOL NISIM	Tuesday, September 22	7 p.m.
(Please be seated by 6:45 p.m.)		
YOM KIPPUR	Wednesday, September 23	9 a.m.
(Vokor service at approx. 1:45 p.m.)		
MINHA AND NEILA	Wednesday, September 23	5 p.m.
SUKKOT FAMILY COOKOUT	Sunday, September 27	5:30 p.m.
BLESSING OF THE PETS		6:30 p.m.
& EREV SUKKOT SERVICES		7 p.m.
FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT	Monday, September 28	9:45 a.m.
SECOND DAY OF SUKKOT	Tuesday, September 29	9:45 a.m.
EREV SHEMINI ATZERET SERVICES	Sunday, October 4	6:30 p.m.
SHEMINI ATZERET	Monday, October 5	9:45 a.m.
(Vokor service at approx. 12:20 a.m.)		
EREV SIMCHAT TORAH	Tuesday, October 6	8:30 p.m.
SIMCHAT TORAH	Wednesday, October 7	9:45 a.m.

## Religious School Update

Join us for Open House on September 9, 2015

4:30 pm - 6 pm

Preschool - Grade 8

Come meet your teachers  
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We will have crafts, pizza, apples & honey,  
make your own challah and much more.

**Sunday School Kick-Off**  
**Sunday, September 13 | 9:30 am—12:30 pm**

*At Beth Shalom, we welcome all children  
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For registration information please call  
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# Creation, Spiritual Time and the Jewish New Year

*Rabbi Linda Joseph, Tree of Life*

The end of the year 5775 is near! 5775 is the year's date according to the Jewish calendar. In Judaism, this is understood not as literal time but as symbolic time. The rabbis reckoned this date by counting back the years written in the bible toward the time of Creation.

However, they understood that a day was not to be understood as a literal day as we know it, proof-texting Psalm 90:4, "A day is like a thousand years in Your sight." We Jews are not literalists when it comes to the Bible. So when Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year is celebrated on the evening of the 13th of September, which corresponds to the 1st of Tishrei on the Jewish calendar, Jews everywhere will be celebrating 5776 years since the Creation as reckoned in spiritual time.

Creation has become a matter of debate in this country, especially on how we teach it to our children. We often hear the debate in black and white terms: either the biblical version of how the world came to be or scientific knowledge of the creation of the universe including the Big Bang and Evolution. From a Jewish perspective, because we Jews are not literal interpreters of the Bible, most rabbis concur that the biblical understandings and science are not incompatible one with the other, we embrace gray!

Jewish mythology teaches us that God created several worlds that were unsatisfactory before this universe was created. Our mystics supposed a

withdrawal of God's self and a cosmic explosion in order to create the world as we have come to know it. Midrash Bereshit Rabbah teaches us that the days of creation were not a literal day, but long, long periods of time. Further, this world had a period of development before it could sustain life, as the Talmud teaches us, there are 974 generations before the creation of Adam. After the creation of humankind, there was an "energy" or "matter" of God in the universe, which allowed for continual development and creation.

Bahya ben Asher taught in the 11th century, by his calculations, that the world was billions of years old! The great medieval commentators Maimonides and Gersonides taught that the Genesis 1 version of creation was not to be read literally. Nahmanides, another commentator from the same time period, argued that the biblical account of creation was not literal, but an avenue to introduce spiritual concepts and ideas. Today we might understand this as the world developed over time, each natural system is co-dependent on the existence of another natural system, that humankind have a mission to be caretakers of this earth.

So from a Jewish perspective, when we celebrate the creation of the world at the Jewish New Year, we do not debate evolution vs. creationism. From our faith perspective, evolution is plausible and probable. Also from our perspective, the bible has much to teach us in the story of creation that speaks to our spirits and conscience today. As we enter a time of Jewish and personal introspection, it is for us to measure our role in the wonderful creation within which we find ourselves as humanity, 5776 spiritual time periods later.



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TREE OF LIFE CONGREGATION

## Rosh Hashanah Service Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 13   8:00 pm	Evening Service
Monday, Sept. 14   10:00 am	Morning Service
2:30 pm	Family Service
4:00 pm	Tashlich

## Religious School Starts

Sunday, September 20 | 9:00 am

## Yom Kippur Service Schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 22   8:00 pm	Kol Nidre Service
Wednesday, Sept. 23   10:00 am	Morning Service
12:30 pm	Study Session w/ Rabbi Joseph
1:45 pm	Family Service
3:00 pm	Afternoon Service
4:30 pm	Yizkor & Neilah Service



***"BBYO provides an outlet to find your Jewish identity, to meet Jewish teens from around the world..."***

## **What BBYO Means to Me**

*Arden Kuhne*

I'm a senior this year at Heathwood Hall and an active member of the Columbia B'nai B'rith Girls, the Lena Karesh chapter BBG, # 277. I love everything about BBYO!

During my time in BBYO I have met so many Jewish teens from all over the world, including Israel, France, England, Argentina and from so many other countries at our International Convention (IC). More importantly, I have met new friends by attending local and regional programming.

While we are currently very small in membership compared to the rest of the council, we are still actively involved with our community.

My first BBYO convention was scary. I had no idea what was in store for me when I walked through the doors of the Charleston Jewish Community Center. I only knew one other person. Looking back on that convention today I realize it was one of my favorites. Little did I know at the time I would meet two of my best friends from the Iris Baker chapter, BBG in Charleston.

BBYO provides an outlet to find your Jewish identity, to meet Jewish teens from around the world, leadership opportunities, summer programs and so much more. I could write a book about how much BBYO has impacted me and changed my life.

Since walking through the doors of the Charleston JCC I haven't looked back. It's been the smartest and greatest decision I made all throughout high school.

I understand it can be a challenge to go forward and join something unfamiliar, but I've been there, and I can say you won't be alone for long. Others will reach out to you; you'll find people with similar interests, and it will all happen so quickly you'll think you were friends forever.

Many eligible teens have parents, grandparents or siblings who were members of BBYO. Many of them held offices in the local chapters, on council or regional boards or at the International level. Others know friends who were members. Ask them about their experiences and then join the Paul Schwartz chapter, AZA or the Lena Karesh chapter, BBG and start making memories of your own.

**For more information contact Barry Abels at the Katie & Irwin Kahn JCC:  
803.787.2023**

# Jewish USC Welcomes the Class of 2019

Cheryl Nail, CJF Community Relations Director

Hillel, AEPI, the Jewish Studies Program, Chabad at USC, and the Columbia Jewish Federation enjoyed welcoming incoming freshmen and transfer students during Welcome Week in August. From the Faith Fair Charity Challenge to providing students with back-to-school treats at our "Meet the Religious Counselors" drop-in, we have enjoyed getting to know Jewish students and their families.

There is a LOT planned for Jewish life on campus this semester. For a full calendar of events, visit [www.jewishcolumbia.org/usc](http://www.jewishcolumbia.org/usc).

Do you have a Jewish student at USC? Stop by the Jewish USC Reception on September 25, 3:30-5:00 pm, during Parents Weekend.

Is your son or daughter feeling under the weather? Send them a Kosher homemade bowl of soup, thanks to the generosity of Chabad at USC! For more details, visit [www.jewishcolumbia.org/usc](http://www.jewishcolumbia.org/usc).



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## HOW DOES JEWISH GENETIC SCREENING WORK?

A blood sample is taken and the DNA that codes the genes being tested is analyzed for the most common changes. Please note that enzyme analysis is often performed for Tay Sachs disease instead of, or in conjunction with, DNA analysis. The detection rate, or chance of finding a change when someone really is a carrier, varies for each condition. Only the common mutations can be tested, so not everyone who is a carrier will have a "positive" carrier screen. For most of these conditions, the detection rate is very good if you are Ashkenazi Jewish. However, if you are not Ashkenazi Jewish the detection rate may not be as accurate.

## WHO MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER JEWISH GENETIC SCREENING?

Any adult whose parents or grandparents are of Ashkenazi descent can consider Jewish genetic screening, especially those considering or planning pregnancy. While we are all carriers of recessive traits, the value of carrier detection is for the couple that learns they are both carriers of the same condition. This couple can be empowered by the information. They may choose to take steps to understand better the 25% chance a child could be affected with Jewish Genetic Disease and may avoid the heartache by planning their family with this information in hand. This couple may consider prenatal diagnosis by CVS or amniocentesis to learn a pregnancy's status, may test a child at birth, or may consider alternative parenting options such as adoption, egg or sperm donation, or preimplantation genetic diagnosis.

Jewish Genetic Screening is offered to every couple where at least one member of the couple is Ashkenazi Jewish. When one member of the couple is a carrier for a specific condition, but the other member of the couple has a negative carrier screen for the same condition, the

chance for the couple to have a child with the condition is small. A genetic counselor can review the results, benefits, limitations and options for further testing with anyone who learns they are a carrier for a Jewish genetic condition.

## SHOULD I HAVE JEWISH GENETIC SCREENING?

The decision to pursue carrier screening is a personal one. Some individuals want to know if their chance to have a child with a genetic condition is increased prior to or during pregnancy. Others do not feel like the chance of these conditions is high enough for them to consider screening. Some couples may pursue screening if both members are of Jewish ancestry, while others may choose screening when only one member is Jewish.

It's up to you whether you get into your genes. Look for more education on Jewish Genetic Screening in upcoming issues of the *Columbia Jewish News* and throughout the fall.

And think about if it's time to get into your genes. Mark your calendar now to meet us in 2016:

Jewish Genetic Screening  
Sunday, February 7, 2016 | 9am to 2 pm  
at the Kahn Jewish Community Center  
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## Summer Shabbat

David and Shayna Polen



The Young Adult Division of the Columbia Jewish Federation hosted a Shabbat dinner in late June to welcome in the Sabbath. Fifteen people showed up at our home to join together to light the Shabbat candles, say the blessing for challah and have a sumptuous dinner. The evening was a great time for everyone there to unwind from a busy

week and enjoy each other's company. If you would like to know about future YAD events, email [yadcjf@gmail.com](mailto:yadcjf@gmail.com). We always welcome new members!

## What is YAD?

Brian Brodtkin, YAD President



The Young Adult Division (YAD) of the Federation is a group of young professionals (under 40) who get together on a monthly basis to enjoy social, religious, and community activities. Since the last edition we've had a Pool Party followed by Havdallah, as well as a trip to a local microbrewery. We're always welcoming new people, and there is no commitment to join. It's a great way to get involved with the Jewish community and meet some local Jewish professionals.

### Coed Kickball

Yad is participating in the Richland County Recreation Adult Coed kickball league under the team name Matzah Ballers. It's \$20 per person for the season and that includes a custom made T-Shirt to wear during the games. We'll play on Monday nights in downtown Columbia for about 10 weeks. Game start times range from 6-8pm. If you're interested in joining our team, contact [yadcjf@gmail.com](mailto:yadcjf@gmail.com)

### Want to get involved?

We're now taking nominees to sit on the YAD board. Contact [yadcjf@gmail.com](mailto:yadcjf@gmail.com) to join our listserv and hear about upcoming meetings and events.





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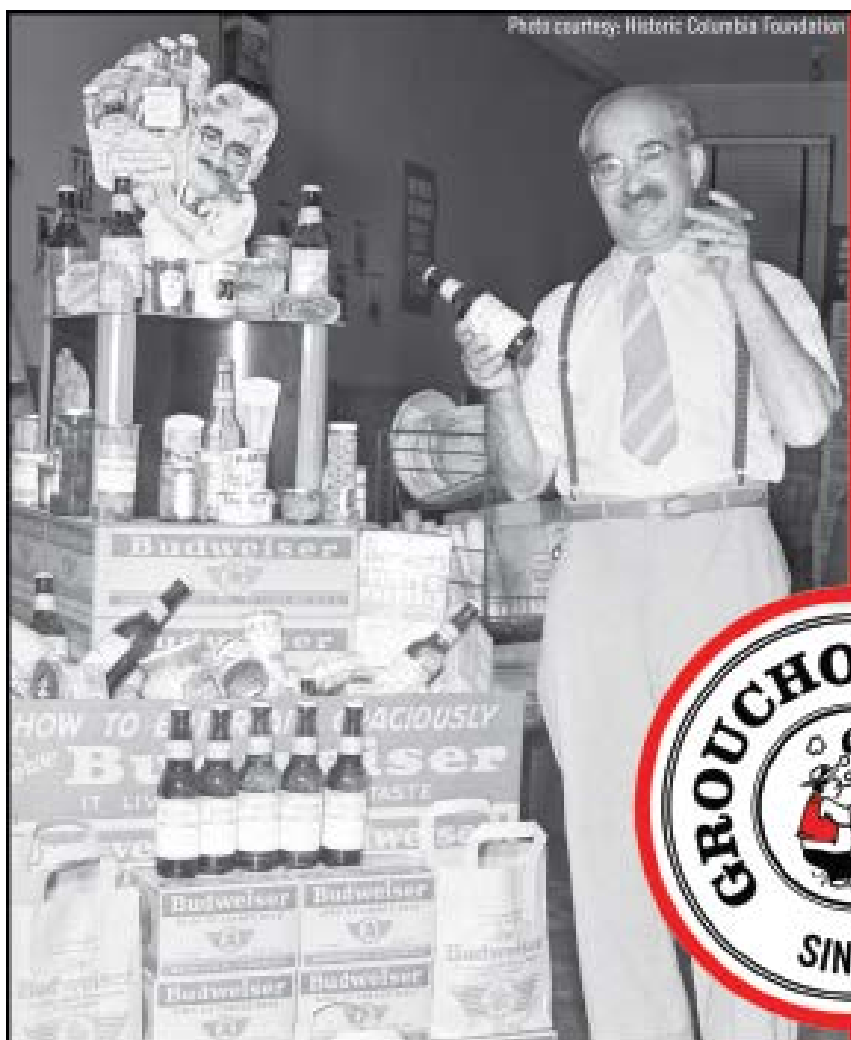


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