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Lyssa Harvey Named Distinguished Service Award Honoree DSA Reception October 30

The Columbia Jewish Federation is proud to announce that Lyssa Harvey has been selected to receive the 2014 CJF Distinguished Service Award.

Lyssa Harvey Ed.S. is a teacher, therapist and an artist. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor and owner of The Art and Play Therapy Center of South Carolina. Her private practice focuses on counseling children, adolescents and families. Lyssa graduated from the University of Georgia and completed her Masters in Art Therapy at The Hertsfordshire University in England and her Ed.S in Counseling at the University of South Carolina. Lyssa is a National Provider for the American Play Therapy Association and is a S.C. Department of Labor and Licensing provider for Licensed Professional Counselors. In her capacity as a supervisor for Licensed Professional Counselors, Lyssa has credentialed over 50 therapists for the State of South Carolina in the last 15 years.

Lyssa's interest in helping children and individuals with special needs led her to



Photo courtesy of Jay Browne

develop Art and Play Therapy programs in Richland School District I, Palmetto Baptist and Richland Hospitals, and The Palmetto Richland Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, where there is now a permanent Art Therapy exhibit entitled *The Children of Hope*. She has served on the Edventure Children's Museum task force to develop programs for children with special needs. Lyssa was appointed by Governor Hodges to serve as the Second District Commissioner for the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs from 2001-2006. She worked with the SC Arts Commission to develop a statewide arts program called Caring Colors for adults with dementia and Alzheimer's Disease and to provide Arts and Accessibilities training throughout S.C. Lyssa has recently created The Shalom Art Project, which is a community mural project. Many different groups have participated, such as the Wounded Warrior Program at Fort Jackson, The USC Dance Marathon, and the Young Adult Division of the CJF, creating murals that are hanging on walls in Columbia agencies and care facilities. Lyssa has presented at state and national conferences on Creativity and Counseling Children through Art and Play.

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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 11 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.

My Coleman Experience

First off, I would like to tell you about my summer at camp Coleman. My tsofim year would have to be my favorite year out of all my five years going away to this summer camp.

I loved my counselors, Ryan and Eric. They were athletic, funny, and nice to my bunkmates and me. Some of my favorite activities to do at camp were Ultimate Frisbee with my cabin, ropes course, and Friday night services. I even participated in one! At last I would love to thank you again for giving me a scholarship to camp year after year. I am very grateful to you.

Sincerely,
Daniel J. Tedeschi



My Camp Coleman Experience

To the CJF,
Thank you vey much for the scholarship to go to my second home, Camp Coleman.

During this summer I went camping, caving, white-water rafting, I cheered my heart (and voice) out in MAC, I got Super Sloppy, and I had the best month of my life. There's nothing you can't do at Coleman! They have everything: archery, the pool, the lake, a ropes course, every sport imaginable, dance, drama, drumming, cooking, and so much more! I had an amazing time. And thank you again for helping me to go to one of the best places on Earth. I [am] eternally grateful.

Sincerely,
Louis Tedeschi



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What Will Be Your Legacy?

Giving (tzedakah) is at the core of Jewish life. For millennia, Jewish dreamers have passed on that tradition to their children through their words and deeds. They have left their legacy in the organizations and services that have nourished us, strengthened us, guided us, and taught us during our lifetimes.

You learned well from their example. Through your generosity of spirit and resources, you have continued the sacred work of repairing our world. You have fed the hungry, educated the young, uplifted the lonely, protected the persecuted, and cared for the elderly. You have fought for justice and fairness and furthered scientific understanding. Whatever you have done, you have done with passion.

So how will you turn that passion into your legacy?

It's never too early to share your dreams and your passions with future generations. Call the Columbia Jewish Federation today.

Contact the Columbia Jewish Federation at 787-2023 or cjfoffice@jewishcolumbia.org to start a conversation about how you can join others in the *Create a Jewish Legacy* effort.

**Your dreams...your passion...
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*With great pride and joy
Cheryl & Allan Nail
invite you to celebrate
this special moment when
BRODY MICHAEL NAIL
is given his Hebrew name.
Friday, September 5 at 7:30 pm
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Mazal Tov!



FIRST “YADDIE” ENGAGEMENT

Dave Polen & Shayna Katzman
walk into a bar
(Pearlz on Gervais,
to be exact)
for a YAD happy hour...
and the rest is history!

Mazal Tov
on your engagement!



Happy 100th birthday, Hilda Kohl!

*Pictured above
at Tuesdays with Friends
with Molly Westfall
and Hayden and Jacob Cohen*

Mazal Tov to the following high school graduates!
We wish you the best of luck in college
& look forward to seeing you soon!

Daniel Bannister, US Naval Academy
David Blue, Wofford
Robert Bowen, Clemson
Sarah Brotman, UVA
Elena Carr, Clemson
Hannah Greenhouse, Washington University in St. Louis
Aaron Kandel, Penn State
Bethany Smith, Tulane
Alex Zalesne, Cornell

Mazal Tov to Heywood Horn, who graduated college
and is attending Gonzaga Law School this fall!

*If your child was inadvertently omitted from this list, please send information to
cheryl@jewishcolumbia.org for inclusion in the next edition.*

* Mazal Tov to Zach Helman, son of Caryn & Gregg Helman,
on becoming a Bar Mitzvah in August.
* Mazal Tov to Aaron Zalesne, son of Anny & David Zalesne,
on becoming a Bar Mitzvah in August.

Israel's Challenge — Its Right to Exist

BARRY ABELS, CJF and JCC Executive Director



Editorial Note: This article was written for The Free Times in response to a previously published article about the lives lost in Gaza.

The “quiet” continues for now, and delegations have returned to Egypt to try once again to come to terms and halt the violence. It won't be easy. While the technicalities of blockades and demilitarizing are thrown around and other details are argued, none of this addresses the root issues of this conflict: One side affirms life, and the other sacrifices their population in the name of hatred and destruction.

One thing that remains constant throughout this conflict is that Hamas continues to hold the destruction of Israel as its ultimate goal—not peace with Israel, just NO Israel. The destruction of Israel is a major element in Hamas's organizing charter. It would be a much simpler problem if it was just about the tragedy of body counts and lost lives. The impact on the residents of Gaza is terrible and painful. This is what the world sees through most of our media. I cry and mourn for those lives lost and the injured left behind. But I also know and see the damage and destruction in Israel from years of indiscriminate rocket fire. Yes, the current death toll is small on the Israeli side, but lives are just as disrupted, children are traumatized and everyone lives in fear of the next attack. My brother and his family live near Gaza, and running for shelter has been a continuous part of their lives for over 10 years. A neighboring family lives this tragedy every day. All three of their children lost limbs in a bus bombing. Yet their story is not told.

A major issue for Hamas has been the blockades, used to stop weapons, war materials and militants, which bar free movement back and forth between Gaza and Israel or Gaza and Egypt. Yet the very existence of tunnels used to raid and kidnap speaks loudly as to why Israel cannot trust an open border. The world and our media seem to have forgotten the terrible bombing of buses, restaurants and neighborhoods throughout Israel just a few years ago, killing and maiming thousands Israelis: women, children, Jews, Muslims and Christians alike. It was only by erecting fences and checkpoints that this senseless killing was stopped. Open access across borders cannot happen until there is a basis for trust, something the Hamas leadership does not exhibit. When Israel unilaterally left Gaza forcing Israeli citizens from their homes, it was hoped that this would help lead to a lasting peace. All it led to was years of indiscriminate rocket attacks that have become more numerous, not only striking towns and cities near Gaza, but now ranging to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa.

Israel will be a much more willing partner for peace when the leaders of Hamas worry more about their people and less about destroying Israel. How many millions of dollars could have been used for education and economic development for the people of Gaza, if they were not used to build tunnels for infiltration and destruction? How many children would still be playing on playgrounds if rocket launchers had not been placed next door and fired at Israel?

Israel has agreed to peace plan after peace plan, always to have them rejected by the Palestinian leadership. It is this attitude, along with continuing years of attacks that led to this current incursion into Gaza. This current cease-fire must not be marred by more rockets or incursions. Both sides must listen and take small steps along the road to building trust and, most of all, affirming the value of lives of all peoples in the region. Only then can we hope for peace.

As long as the goal of Hamas is to destroy Israel, both Israelis and Palestinians will pay the price.

Amigour Safe Rooms Provide a Safe Haven

JEWISH FEDERATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA
Contributor

Looking at the calm, smiling face of Avichai, you wouldn't guess that just one week earlier, his home in Sderot was hit by a rocket while his wife and children were inside.

Thanks to a massive safe room construction project from Amigour, The Jewish Agency for Israel's housing subsidiary supported by Federation, Avichai's family had a secure place to run to when the warning sirens sounded.

Residents of Sderot, located less than a mile from Gaza, live under the constant threat of rocket fire. When a siren blares, in the middle of the day or late at night, they have only 15 short seconds to run for safety. So in 2012, Amigour—Israel's leading sheltered housing provider—began retrofitting each apartment in the city with rocket-proof safe rooms. Today, each of the 5,000 shelters is also fortified with 2.5-ton metal awnings that screen rooms from incoming rockets.

Svetlana Fumin lives in an apartment with her daughter, Evelina, whose bedroom also doubles as their safe room. When sirens recently sounded, the two olim from Russia made it to their safe room just before a rocket hit their apartment. They were so well-protected they initially didn't realize that their home had been hit.

Amigour's assistance extends to post-attack reconstruction, removing debris, repairing windows and shutters and rebuilding their homes. When a rocket hit a nearby Amigour-run public housing facility, destroying one family's apartment, the organization immediately booked the family into a hotel, where they will live until reconstruction is complete.

Sderot once struggled to attract residents. Now, thanks to Amigour's safe room and fortified building projects, all apartments are occupied, the city is thriving and residents like Amichai, Svetlana and Evelina can feel safe on the streets—and in their homes.

The Kahn JCC Meets the New South State Bank

BARRY ABELS, CJF and JCC Executive Director

Earlier this year it was determined that the JCC would be looking for a new banking relationship and also refinancing the outstanding debt from the construction of our current facility. Our Debt and Finance committee, chaired by Ben Arnold, met with several banks and requested proposals. Jane Brissette and Montague Laffitte from South State, formerly South Carolina Bank and Trust, put together an aggressive proposal that was clearly our best option. The refinance program provides for more manageable and flexible terms, and their banking services are offered at lower costs, providing savings to our operating budget. Committee Chair Ben Arnold, as well as JCC President Keith Babcock and the entire Debt and Finance committee, were very pleased with the outcome, and the Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution at the June board meeting in support of the new relationship. Beth Bernstein handled the closing transaction on August 4. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with South State.



Pictured above are Keith Babcock and Jane Brissette, signing closing documents



Pictured are (seated, L-R) closing attorney Beth Bernstein; JCC President Keith Babcock; Jane Brissette, Senior Vice President for South State; (standing, L-R) JCC Treasurer Harvey Helman; and Montague Laffitte, Central Region President for South State Bank



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Lyssa has served on many community and State Boards, such as Workshop Theatre and The Family Connection, and has served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Keep the Midlands Beautiful. She presently is on the Board of Directors for 701 Center for Contemporary Arts, the Jewish Historical Society of SC, the Columbia Jewish Federation, and the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center, serving as a Vice President. She is the co-chair of the Columbia Holocaust Education Commission.

Lyssa has served Columbia's Jewish Community in many different capacities over the years. She was the Columbia Chapter of Hadassah President for three terms and was the recipient of The Lil Zalin Young Leader Award. She served as a Columbia Jewish Federation Women's Campaign Chair and was recognized with the Columbia's Young Leadership Award. She has been on the Beth Shalom Synagogue Board of Directors and helped to chair the Centennial Celebration of the Synagogue. Lyssa initiated the Jewish Cultural Arts Program and Committee for the Jewish Community Center in 1999 and was the chair of this Committee for over 10 years. This program was responsible for bringing in many national and local Jewish performers to Columbia and helping to launch and maintain the very popular Jewish Film Festival. Lyssa was one of the early members of The Jewish Historical Society of SC and served on the Executive Board. Lyssa also helped to develop the Columbia Holocaust Education Commission and the Holocaust Remembered Exhibit, which has been toured by over 3,000 SC school children.

Lyssa's work as a therapist and teacher over the years has paralleled her work as an artist. She has won awards for her watercolors, clay sculpture, and photography. She is a member of the SC Watercolor Society and has exhibited her work at Piccolo Spoleto, as well as in art galleries in Columbia and Charleston. She has paintings that are part of the permanent collections at Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center and Beth Shalom Synagogue. Her Hamsa Watercolor Blessing paintings can be found throughout the US. Her artwork can presently be seen at The Art Mecca of Charleston.

Lyssa is married to Jonathan Harvey. He is an attorney in Columbia. They have been married for 37 years. They met at the University of Georgia... and are Bulldogs fans (except when they are being Carolina Gamecock fans)! They are very proud of their three married children, Eden and Matt Hendricks, Jordane and Joe Lotts, and Dr. Kyle and Grace Harvey. They have three adorable grandchildren: Jackson, Hannah, and Jonathan.

Lyssa will be honored on October 30 at 6:30 pm at the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center at the Distinguished Service Award Presentation, the theme of which is **Circles of Gratitude**. Says Lyssa, "Being aware of the presence of good in the world and in your own life comes as a Blessing. I am conscious of my life as a gift. I am a guardian of this gift. My desire is to show love, kindness and gratitude in return."

Meet the CJF Board: JOSHUA McDUFFIE



In this regular feature of the *Jewish News*, members of the Columbia Jewish Federation Board of Directors will tell us about themselves. This month's featured member is Vice President Dr. Joshua McDuffie, who has been a CJF Board Member since 2008.

Community Leadership: I currently serve as the Vice-President of Federation, since 2013. I served as Secretary in 2011 and 2012, and I chaired the Community Relations Committee from 2009-2011. I served on the Federation Executive Director Search Committee in 2012, and when we weren't successful in finding a new Executive Director for Federation, I co-chaired the Joint Executive Director Search Committee that hired our current Joint Executive Director, Barry Abels, to lead both Federation and the JCC.

Jewish News: What's your day job, and how did you get there?

In my day job, I work as a defense contractor. I manage real estate in Southwest and Central Asia for the United States Air Forces Central Command. I am a part of the Installations Directorate, which includes civil engineering and contracting. It's very interesting work, and I have had the opportunity to travel abroad in support of our overseas operations and to work with a lot of outstanding people.

JN: How did you make your way to the CJF Board?

A family member who served on the Federation Board suggested that I consider serving. Since I was still a fairly new resident of Columbia at the time, I decided that it would be a great way for me to get involved in the Jewish Community and that service would be one way that I could make a contribution. I grew up in a family that was very involved in Jewish community life; my parents set a great example for me. Now I want to give back to the community to make sure that children growing up in Columbia today have the same opportunities that I had and that we have an environment in which Judaism and Jewish life can continue to thrive.

JN: What's going on at the Federation?

There's always so much going on with Federation and in the Columbia Jewish community! Barry's been putting together a great professional staff, and we've got a terrific volunteer board. Federation provides resources to support many of the programs offered by different organizations in the community, and there's really a lot going on, especially this time of year. The annual Distinguished Service Award banquet will be coming up soon, and of course Campaign will be kicking off. Last year's Campaign was very successful, and this year's will build on that success. I'm also very excited about the Young Adult Division, which seems to be growing and continuing to be successful.

JN: What's the best part of our community?

I like that even though there's a lot going on; Columbia is still basically a small-town. No matter where you are, you always seem to run into family, friends and neighbors, and this feels especially true within the Columbia Jewish Community. It's very tight-knit, but it's also welcoming and hospitable. Our community really has a lot of opportunities to get involved and to be a part of everything that's going on. I've had a really great experience being involved here so far.

Coming to the JCC



COUPONING WORKSHOP

Do you look at the deals and wonder what it all means? Does CVS baffle you? Learning how to save money you already have is amazing! Master Couponer Jenny Martin's family will show you how her family went from spending \$650 a month on groceries to only spending \$250 a month. What would you do with an extra \$400 each month? Come to this workshop and learn how to drastically cut your budget on your shopping expenses. The class is 3-3.5 hours long and cover basic and advanced topics. \$10.

Thursday, September 4th at 6:30 pm
Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center
306 Flora Drive | Columbia, SC | 787-2023

Jenny Martin, of Southern Savers, to Teach Class at JCC

If you're an experienced coupon-clipper or a wannabe extreme couponer, mark your calendar for Thursday, September 4 at 6:30 pm. Jenny Martin of the famed Southern Savers website will be at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center for one night only, leading one of her highly popular couponing workshops.

"I started couponing with a lot of skepticism but was quickly saving our family over \$400 a month!" says Jenny. "Now my goal is to make couponing easy and fun for everyone to save at least 50% off their household needs every week."

Everyone is invited to this extensive workshop that will guide you through the basics, leading all the way through advanced couponing techniques. Grocery store sales cycles, CVS Extra Care Bucks, and getting the most from your coupons will all be covered, along with much more. There is a \$10 fee payable online at www.southernsavers.com or at the door.

Plan to arrive early; Jenny's workshops are often sold out!

It's happening at the JCC!

Sept 4 at 6:30 pm | Couponing Workshop
Sept 14 at 2 pm | Card Making & Story time
Sept 21 at 3 pm | Klezmer Concert
Sept 22, 23 & 24 | Honey for members
Sept 27 at the Okra Strut: Color Me Calendar
Oct 5 at 2 pm | Deck the Hut
Oct 8 at Day at the J: Kid Sukkah Building
Oct 13 1 pm - 4 pm | Game On! in Sukkah
Oct 14 5:30 pm - 7 pm | Happy Hour
Oct 15 10 am - 11 am | Toddler Sukkah Party
Nov 2 - 7 | Jewish Book Festival
Nov 9 at 6 pm | Voices of the Generations
Early November | Judaism 101



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**Todah Rabah – Many Thanks – to parents, Gesher Staff,
JCC Staff, lay leadership, and ALL community presenters
for your enthusiastic support in helping to make “Gesher
Summer 2014” a great camp experience for our children!**

Stay Tuned for Camp Gesher Winter Camp & Reunion Dates

Shalom!



CHERYL NAIL
CJF Community Relations Director

Start Year 5775 with your friends at PJ Library®!

Columbia's PJ Library® Program is gearing up for a year of fun story times and activities:

- Partnering with the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center, we will kick off the year a little early, reading *Apple Days* and making a Rosh HaShanah card on Sunday, September 14 (see ad to the right for details).
- Be sure to stop by the Kids' Sukkah at the JCC during Sukkot to enjoy favorite PJ Library® titles.
- Throughout the fall and spring, we look forward to working with the local synagogues to bring PJ Library® books and activities to their children's programs.
- Beginning in September, enrolled families will receive PJ Library® emails, containing program announcements, as well as ideas for how to use the books you receive at home.

PJ Library provides age-appropriate books to Jewish children in Columbia each month as a gift from CJF.

To enroll your child, visit pjlibrary.org or call 787-2023 x.211.

You're invited to an all ages Rosh Hashanah Card Craft and PJ Library Story Reading

**Sunday, September 14 at 2 pm
At The Katie & Irwin Kahn JCC**



All ages are invited to this fun make-and-take craft afternoon; we'll show you how to make fun Rosh Hashanah cards for your family and friends and learn about the holiday with a PJ Library book. All materials are provided. Please RSVP at the JCC Front Desk so we have enough card bases for everyone!

**FREE for JCC Members
\$5 for the Community**



Jewish Family Service

Changes for the New Year

LANEY COHEN, JFS Director

Autumn is my favorite season. We get to celebrate Rosh HaShanah. We get to ask for forgiveness and atone during Yom Kippur. We eat in our Sukkah and



remember a time when our people were without home. We celebrate Shemini Atzeret, and we also celebrate the Torah, as we start over during Simchat Torah. It's the time of year that great reflection is had - remembrance of our struggles; remembrance of who we are as a people; and a remembrance of those who we have lost. It is also a time for us to start new and to ask forgiveness so that we may be better people in the New Year. The question, then, becomes HOW do we become better people? During my own personal reflection as I thought about this article, I started to brainstorm. What makes us change? IS change good? How do we, as people, change to make this world that we are in a better place? This is the list that I have decided to commit to in this upcoming New Year:

1. Pick up a new hobby.
2. Overcome my fears.
3. Get out of my comfort zone.
4. Identify my personal blindspots.
5. Stay focused with to-do lists.
6. Acknowledge my flaws.
7. Get into action.
8. Learn from people who inspire me.
9. Let go of the past.
10. Show kindness to those around me.

I believe that if I work on the above, my attitude, perceptions, and relationships with others will change - and that's okay.

Todah Rabah!



JFS would like to thank Camp Gesher for the generous donation from their food drive. Ay-ze-yofi!



Be on the lookout for new programs involving JFS!

Flu shot clinic at the JCC
September 11th and October 7th,
sponsored by JFS.

Culture Bus October 26th
Contact Laney at JFS for more info!

Volunteers are needed!
Please contact Laney if interested.

Remember that Jewish Family Service has transportation for our community's seniors.

Call Laney @ 787-2023 ext 220 for more information about the "Senior Transportation Network."

This program is funded in part with a grant from BJH Foundation for senior services.

JELF



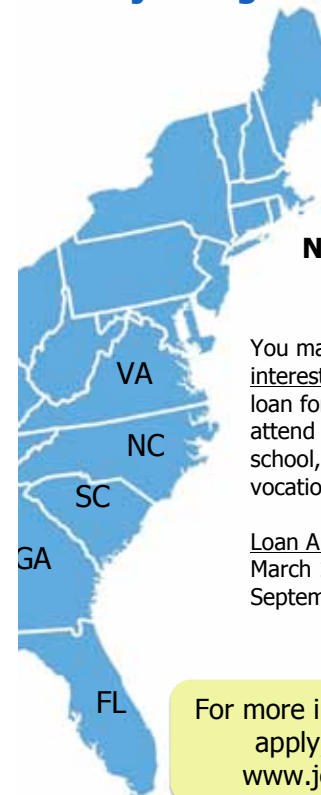
JELF Names
Jenna Leopold Shulman
as Executive Director

The Jewish Educational Loan Fund (JELF) is pleased to announce that Jenna Leopold Shulman has become its executive director. Shulman will lead the 125 year old non-profit organization, which provides interest-free loans to Jewish students in need who are pursuing secondary education. JELF, which maintains a 98 percent repayment rate, serves students from Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

"For many Jewish students in need, JELF has become an essential partner in meeting the increasingly higher costs of secondary education," Shulman said. "As the demand grows for JELF loans, we must widen our base of financial support within our communities, while continuing to operate an efficient and customer-focused organization."

For more information about JELF, please call 770-396-3080 or visit www.jelf.org

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Jewish?

Need Money For College?

You may be eligible for an interest-free, **need-based** loan for your "last dollars" to attend undergrad, grad school, professional and/or vocational school.

Loan Application Dates:
March 1 – April 30
September 1 – 30

For more info and to apply, visit www.jelf.org



JFS/JCC Culture Bus is Back!

STEVE SOLOMON: CANNOLI, LATKES & GUILT

Steve Solomon, the author and star of the three-time award-winning, critically acclaimed show "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm in Therapy," now brings you "CANNOLI, LATKES & GUILT...the therapy continues," Steve's newest project. Almost a million people throughout the United States and overseas have laughed till they cried at Steve's hit shows: "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm in Therapy," "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm STILL in Therapy" and his hilarious holiday show, "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm HOME for the Holidays"—(Steve's personal favorite!)

This show is a laugh-filled fest of everybody you know, have known and some you'd want to forget but can't! Each of the twenty or so characters is brought to life by Steve using the voices and dialects that they possess in real life. Close your eyes and you'd swear there were two or three people chatting on stage; all these people are created by comedian and master dialectician Steve Solomon.

Prepare to laugh, prepare to cry, and prepare to spend a wonderful side splitting evening with Steve and his wacky family and friends. You'll leave remembering why you left home in the first place; dinner for thirty five...one toilet and no plunger!

October 26th! Tickets are \$50 each and include transportation to Charlotte. We will have brunch at Phil's Deli. Tickets are limited. Please contact Laney Cohen @ 787-2023 ext 220 for more info!





Katie & Irwin Kahn JCC Jewish Community Center

Shake up Sukkot with the JCC!

LAURIE SLACK
Jewish Programs Director

It still feels like Summer, but the High Holidays are just around the corner, and we at the JCC are getting ready with our Sukkot plans. We hope that you'll take a few minutes out of your busy schedules to come to one (or more!) of our programs. Everything we do is for the community, and I always like to remind folks that everyone is welcome regardless of religious affiliation, knowledge of Judaism, community involvement, or age. The JCC is for YOU!

Let us supplement your Sukkot celebrations this year with some of our easy, pop-in activities. On Sunday, October 5 at 2:00 pm we invite families to come and help us "Deck the Hut"; we'll be making decorations and adorning the JCC Sukkah with our handicrafts. We'll also hold a scavenger hunt around the JCC to help us remember (or get familiar!) with all the special objects that we see during the High Holidays. If your child will be attending "Day at the J" during Sukkot, they'll help build a kid-sized Sukkah that will live in the JCC's lobby during the holiday. We'll fill the children's Sukkah with cozy pillows and great PJ Library books, so be sure to drop by and enjoy our cozy spot to read and relax.

Last year we started a tradition of celebrating with Appletinis in the Sukkah, and I'll be serving as your bartender once again on Tuesday, October 14 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. We'll have music and drinks (non-alcoholic appletinis will be available, too!) so bring a friend, shake the lulav, and enjoy some time in our festive Sukkah.

For our families with toddler-aged children, we'll be having a Toddler Sukkah Party on Wednesday, October 15 from 10:00 to 11:00 am. This will be a parent-child playgroup with guided activities as well as free play. We'll play games, sing songs, enjoy a PJ Library story and shake our sillies out in the JCC Sukkah.

Lastly, we'll be holding a supply drive for the Family Shelter the week before and the week of Sukkot with Jewish Family Services. While we enjoy residing in our temporary shelter for a week, it is important to remember those who do not have a permanent place to stay on a long-term basis. We will be collecting paper goods, trash bags, hygiene products, and more at the JCC; a full list of supplies the Family Shelter needs can be found on our website. Please drop off your donations in the JCC lobby.

I hope everyone has a sweet new year, and I hope that the JCC is able to share some our sweetness with you and your family in 5775. All our programs are for YOU. You are the reason we exist, and you are the reason we strive every day to be a friendly, welcoming, and open hub for the Jewish community. L'shanah Tovah to you and yours, and I'll see you at the Center!

Shake up Sukkot with the JCC!

DECK THE HUT | Sunday, October 5 at 2 pm

Come and help us decorate the JCC sukkah. We'll provide craft materials, instructions and snacks. We will also enjoy a fun scavenger hunt to find all the things we needed for the High Holidays! FREE

KID SUKKAH | Wednesday, October 8

"Day at the J" Campers will help build an awesome kid-sized sukkah to enjoy in the JCC lobby. Stop by and check out some great PJ Library books that we'll put inside. It's a wonderful place to relax! The Kid Sukkah will be up all of Sukkot, so stop by!

GAME ON IN THE SUKKAH

Monday, October 13 from 1 pm to 4 pm

We're bringing back your favorite afternoon of social gaming for a special afternoon in the sukkah. We'll provide snacks and games – or bring your favorite game to share! Bring a friend! FREE for members; \$2 community

SHAKE IT UP HAPPY HOUR

Tuesday, October 14 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm

Bring a friend and enjoy an appletini in the JCC sukkah. Drinks will be made to order; non-alcoholic options will also be available. FREE FOR MEMBERS; \$5 community

TODDLER SUKKAH PARTY

Wednesday, October 15 from 10 am to 11 am

Little ones and their parents are sure to enjoy this fabulous hour of songs, games, free play and Sukkot stories. FREE for members; \$5 community



Family Shelter Supply Drive October 5 - 19

Help those who don't have permanent shelter by donating supplies to the Columbia Family Shelter. We will collect trash bags, laundry detergent, paper goods, bath towels, sheets and more. A full list of needs is available at the front desk.



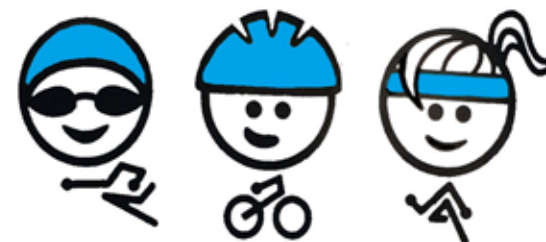
1st Annual JCC Kite Festival
Sunday, September 7 | 11:30 am - 4:30 pm

Join us for family fun, fabulous prizes, FREE beverages, and a food truck rodeo!
FREE entry with the donation of a non-perishable food item.

The first 50 kids get FREE kites!
Beth Shalom and Tree of Life Religious School students who come to the Festival AFTER Religious School will also receive a FREE kite!

Sponsored by the American Kitefliers Association & the Kahn JCC,
benefiting Jewish Family Service & Harvest Hope Food Bank.

SAVE THE DATE



Give it a Tri!

Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center
Kids Triathlon 2014

Sunday, October 12

For more information contact:
Lindsay Agostini, Race Director
787-2023 ext 306
lindsaya@jcccolumbia.org
www.jcccolumbia.org



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JAWS

LINDSAY AGOSTINI
Acquatics Director, JCC



The JAWS swim team had an impressive season with a 2-3 record. As winners of Columbia's Swim League Small Division last year, JAWS was bumped up to the Middle Division for the 2014 summer season. JAWS victories were against The Members Club of Wildewood & Woodcreek and Greenview. Rarely does a team that is moved up in a division post a win in the first year, and JAWS won twice!

Additionally, for the second year in a row, the JAWS swim team was recognized by CSL's Kids Kick Cancer fundraiser for having the highest percentage of participants kicking for KKC, which benefits Camp Kemo. Fifty-nine of our 95 swimmers kicked laps in the pool and raised over \$1800. Congratulations to our biggest fundraisers, Emma and Amy Gendil and Cate Lees, and thank you to all participants and donors!

Finally, the JAWS team would like to recognize its corporate sponsors. Without our sponsors, our team would not be possible.

JAWS Swimmers Thank

Dr. Debbie Greenhouse
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Voices of the Generations

DEBRA RUBIN
NJN Bureau Chief/Middlesex

Like many children of Holocaust survivors, Julie Kohner feels she has a responsibility to remind younger generations of the horrors of the Shoah.

However, in Kohner's case, that sense of responsibility is heightened by the knowledge that in 1953, in an era when many survivors resisted talking about the Holocaust — or felt they were discouraged from doing so — her mother, Hanna Kohner, shared with millions of people her story of surviving four concentration camps, including Auschwitz.

"My mother on May 27, 1953, was the first Holocaust survivor to have the story of her life told on national television, when she appeared on This Is Your Life," said Kohner.

For 19 years, Julie Kohner has been touring the country, telling her mother's story and her parents' tale of "love conquering evil" as part of a multimedia teaching experience that includes watching that landmark TV show featuring her mother.

She will present her program, Voices of the Generations, at The Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center on Sunday, November 9.

Kohner characterizes her mother's life as "the story of survival in a small town in Czechoslovakia" eight miles from the German border, where her mother and father, Walter, were childhood sweethearts.

[After a seven-year separation that included Hanna's arrest], Hanna was liberated by American troops from Mauthausen in Austria, "One of the soldiers asked her if there was anyone he could send word to to let them

know she had survived," said Kohner. "My mother said perhaps her old fiancé."

Unfortunately, Hanna could only recall that he lived on Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles, but had forgotten the house number.

"If you know Sunset Boulevard, you know how big it is," said Kohner. "It would have been a miracle for someone to find my father."

Yet that letter reached Los Angeles, where it was put in another envelope and sent to Kohner's father, who was then serving in the United States Army.

"As soon as he got that letter he set out to find her; they were reunited in Amsterdam," said Kohner. The two married and in 1946 moved to Los Angeles.

Hanna Kohner died in 1990, Walter Kohner in 1996.

Barry Abels, Executive Director of the Columbia Jewish Federation, said he wanted to bring Kohner to the JCC because "I saw Kohner in Texas when she first began speaking and found her mother's story to be riveting."

The program at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center will begin at 6:00 pm. For information, call 803-787-2023.

For more information on Kohner, visit her website, www.voicesofthegenerations.com.

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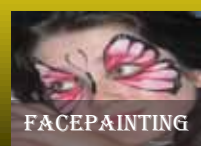
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Children's Program:

6:00 pm: Story & Dancing
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Adults:

7:00 pm: Evening Services
7:15 pm: Dancing with the Torah
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Thursday, November 20



Philip Bialowitz

Tree Of Life

Tree of Life Congregation Schedule of High Holiday Services Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur

Saturday	September	20	Selichot Reception and Service beginning at 8:30pm
Wednesday	September	24	Rosh HaShanah Eve 8:00 pm Rosh HaShanah Evening Service
Thursday	September	25	Rosh HaShanah Day 10:00 am Rosh HaShanah Morning Service 10:00 am Young Children's Service thru Grade 1 11:00 am Children's Service Grades 2-5 2:30 pm Family Service 4:00 pm Tashlich (meet at Temple)
Friday	September	26	7:30 pm Shabbat Shuvah Service
Sunday	September	28	Kever Avot/ Cemetery Memorial Ceremony
Friday	October	3	Yom Kippur Eve 8:00 pm Yom Kippur Evening/Kol Nidre Service
Saturday	October	4	Yom Kippur Day 10:00 am Yom Kippur Morning Service 10:00 am Young Children's Service thru Grade 1 11:00 am Children's Service Grades 2-5 12:30 pm Study Session 1:45 pm Family Service 3:00 pm Yom Kippur Afternoon Service 4:30 pm <i>Yizkor</i> /Memorial & <i>Neilah</i> /Concluding Service Followed by a Congregational Break-the-Fast

Childcare

Childcare will be provided for the following services:

Wednesday, September 24	Rosh HaShanah Eve	7:45 pm - end of service
Thursday, September 25	Rosh HaShanah Day	9:45 am - 12:15 pm
Friday, October 3	Yom Kippur Eve	7:45 pm - end of service
Saturday, October 4	Yom Kippur Day	9:45 am - 12:15 pm 3:00 pm - end of Service

Oneg Rosh HaShanah 9/24, Temple Teens in Grades 7-12
upstairs in the youth lounge.

*For More Information about High Holyday services at TOL,
please call the Temple Office at 803-787-2182.*

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Servings: Generations of Happy Jewish Kids

Ingredients: Students, Parents, Teachers, Tradition, Shabbat, Matzah Balls, Chummus, Yiddish, Latkes, Music, Hamentaschen, Israel, Natalie Portman, Hebrew, Prayer, Siddurim, Candles, Dreidels, Songs, T'fillah, Camp, History, Kiddush, B'nai Mitzvah, Golda Meir, Hora, Rabbi Hillel, Hannah Senesh, Tallit, Torah, Passover Candy, Pastrami, Chanukah, Knishes, The Big Nosh™, Megillah, Brit Milah, Adam Sandler, Ahava, Zac Efron, Eitz Chayim, Matisyahu, Sandy Koufax, Hank Greenberg, Shofar, Tikun Olam, NFTY, Moses, King David, Jerusalem, El-Al, URJ, JCC, Tel Aviv, Anne Frank, Wolf Blitzer, Matzah, Magen David, Mezuzot, Kippot, 10 Commandments, Mitzvot

Cooking Instructions: Place all ingredients in a slow cooker. Set the dial on "journey," low heat, so that the ingredients blend together. Stir occasionally, always keeping an eye on the pot.

AND register your child, ages 0-18, for Tree of Life Religious School! We offer Family Life Education, Adult Education, a caring and professional staff, and so much more! Make sure that TOL RS is part of your family's life today! Then RELAX and enjoy the delicious fruits of your labor: a proud and happy Jewish child!



**“Start children off on the way they should go
and when they are old they will not depart from it” Proverbs 22:6**

COFTY

We Are COFTY! The Columbia branch of the North American Federation of Temple Youth!



Our Temple Youth Group, or TYG for short, is up and running and raring to go at Tree of Life Congregation for the 2014-2015 School Year. Leadership, Jewish Music and Spirituality, Camping, Tikkun Olam-Social Action (making the world a better place), and much more are all part of who we are! We connect through a variety of social and informal educational programs with teens in Columbia, all over the south, and BEYOND! For more info about TYG, and NFTY programming for grades 7-12, or if you are just looking for a responsible babysitter for your younger child, call COFTY TYG Advisor Abby Magaro at 803-528-4366, or contact Micah Feinstein at micah.feinstein@gmail.com.

Beth Shalom

Tuesdays with Friends

Beth Shalom Synagogue, 5827 N. Trenholm Road

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

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

11:30 am-1 pm

Featuring the Beth Shalom Choir with a Holiday Musical Celebration

There is no charge to attendees thanks to the generous donation made by
Dolores Friedman and family, in loving memory of Sig Friedman.

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

11:30 am-1 pm

Program to be announced

There is no charge to attendees thanks to the generous donation made by
Ruth & Walker Rast, In loving memory of our mothers
Phyllis Buchman Schwartz and Sue Herring Rast.

We are happy to try to arrange transportation, upon request. We now can also offer the use of a
handicapped van, if needed. Requests for transportation must be made one week prior to the program.



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.*

Jewish Singles 21-50+

Meet and Greet
Wine and Cheese Tasting

October 2014
More information to follow soon

Sponsored by Beth Shalom Synagogue

Sukkot Family Cookout

Wednesday, October 8

5:30 p.m.

Beth Shalom Synagogue

Join us for a burger
& hotdog dinner in
the Sukkah.



Fun games and activities for all ages.
Bring the whole family!

Cost: \$7.50 adults
\$3 children (under 12)



5:30 p.m. Games, activities, music, dinner & dessert

6:30 p.m. Blessing of the pets

7 p.m. Erev Sukkot services

Please call the office to RSVP so we can make sure
we have enough food for everyone.

Don't forget to bring your pet for the
"blessing of the pets."

(Please make sure your pet is on a leash at all times.)



We need your presence at Harvest Hope Food Bank
2220 Shop Road

Thursdays: September 18 & October 30
5 p.m.

Come volunteer with us.

Providing for the needs of hungry people by gathering and sharing
quality food, with dignity, compassion, and education.

CJDS

RABBI MEIR MULLER, Ph.D.
Contributor



The Cutler Jewish Day School has started its 23rd year of service to the community. The school began this year with 141 students. This is a 5% increase in enrollment from the previous year and the highest enrollment to date. In addition to the great enrollment numbers, the school is excited to announce the plans to begin construction on the school's new expansion space.

In great partnership with the Beth Shalom Synagogue the school has signed a long-term lease. As part of the lease, CJDS will build expansions between 8,000-12,000 square feet. The school is hopeful that in January an 8,000 square-foot building will be started. Rabbi Meir Muller, school principal, stated, "This expansion is all for the children. The classrooms being built will be state-of-the-art rooms and afford more space for each child." The school plans to build the expansion during the school year and refurbish existing space during the summer. The school will gain an infant room, multi-media area, larger classrooms, and more outdoor space.

The school is excited to have served the Columbia community for over two decades and looks forward to continuing the award-winning care and education.

BBYO

RACHEL LOURIE
Contributor

My experiences at BBYO summer programs enhanced my identity as a Jew, a leader, and a member of the greater community. During my first summer at a BBYO program, I learned skills and acquired resources that would help me lead my fellow Jewish teens in the greater Columbia area. I also met Jews from around the world and was able to understand why my culture and heritage are links to something bigger than myself. I learned new leadership tactics, made new friends, heard new prayers, and came into contact with more types of Jewish people than I thought possible. It was an incredible experience.

My second summer at BBYO, as a program coordinator for 50 younger teens from across the country, I was able to put all I'd learned to the test. I was presented with an amazing opportunity to inspire these teens and help them come to terms with the importance of Judaism in their lives.

My experiences at these Jewish summer camps helped shape me into the person I am today, and I could not be more thankful.

For more information about BBYO and BBYO Connect, contact Jerry Emanuel at jemassoc@juno.com or 788-3759.



Shalom Baby welcomes Vivi Jefferies, pictured with mother Laurel, to the Columbia Jewish Community! Mazel Tov, Laurel and Craig!

Shalom Baby is a program of the Columbia Jewish Federation. As part of the program, parents of Jewish newborns or newly adopted Jewish children receive a Shalom Baby bag welcoming their new addition to the Columbia Jewish community. Contact cheryl@jewishcolumbia.org to submit a name to the Shalom Baby program.

Birthright Israel NEXT

STEFANIE CAVENDER
Contributor

On August 2, we were fortunate enough to be a part of our first Family Havdalah at The Peterson's Home. We enjoyed a home-cooked meal of brisket, with all the sides, followed by a short Havdalah service in which we all sang along, "Lai lai lai"! We had a great time being around so many of our Jewish friends whom we don't see often enough and meeting other Jewish families in the area. We hope this gathering was the start of something new, a tradition of sharing dinner, prayer, and laughter that our children will look forward to and remember for years to come.



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YAD



YAD enjoyed a pool party on July 20 at the home of Hannah and Joseph McGee.



YAD is the Young Adult Division of the Columbia Jewish Federation. For event info, visit facebook.com/yadcjf.

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