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2015 Columbia Jewish Federation Campaign Off To A Strong Start

BARRY ABELS
CJF and JCC Executive Director

Thanks to our Women's Lion of Judah Division and others from our Women's Division who made an early pledge, our board members who stepped forward at the October Federation meeting to make their pledges, and the leadership pledges from our Co-chairs, John Baker and Jerry Kline, the 2015 Campaign has recorded pledges of over \$160,000. John is joined by Steve Anastasion in making their pledge on behalf of the Baker and Baker Foundation. The Federation is honored to have the leadership of John and Jerry for 2015, not only because of their strong history of community support, but also due to the funding needs within our local community and the troubling world situation. This year, more so than any year in the recent past, we must reach our campaign goal of \$545,000. We have been given a great start, and now it is up to the rest of us to step forward for the betterment of our community and the support, and even protection, of our family abroad.

"I am honored and humbled to serve as the General Campaign Chair for the 2015 Columbia Jewish Federation drive. I am also honored that Jerry Kline has agreed to serve as my co-chair.

"As you all know, this past year has been a challenging one for all Jews in the United

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JCC welcomes all veterans November 9

Shelley Kriegshaber
Contributor

Veterans and their families are invited to spend the afternoon swimming, playing, eating, and relaxing at the Kahn Jewish Community Center on Sunday, November 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. The invitation is the JCC's way of saying thank-you to veterans for dedicating a time in their lives to serving their country.

The Kahn JCC is one of six Jewish Community Centers in the country selected to participate in a pilot program called Project Welcome Home, an outreach to men and women who are returning from military service and are transitioning into civilian life.

"With Fort Jackson in our backyard and Shaw Air Force Base nearby, it's a natural fit that our community was selected for this pilot project," said Barry Abels, Executive Director of the Kahn JCC. "We want to welcome those coming home from deployment, but we also want to want to acknowledge all veterans in the community."

The afternoon will feature an indoor swim party, bounce house, arts and crafts, and hot dogs with all the fixings. In addition, professionals will be available to talk to veterans about medical- and employment-related issues and transitioning back into the community. Photos from recent Honor Flights from the Midlands will be featured, and much more.

Members of the JCC will also participate in the Veterans Day parade on November 11 in downtown Columbia.

For more information on Project Welcome Home contact Laney Cohen at 787-2023.



From the President



DR. NAOMI FARBER
CJF President

My father, Mannie Farber, passed away recently, leaving a substantial bequest to the United Jewish Appeal of Toronto, the city in which he grew up and subsequently left because he knew that the virulent anti-Semitism of the 1940s would limit his opportunities as a scientist. When his grandson, Sam, learned of this gift, he commented, "That's really a wonderful gesture from Grandpa. I'm sure he felt it his duty and was happy to give." Indeed. He felt it was his duty, and he was happy to give.

In the months preceding my father's death at 95, as his health began to decline, I became more involved in assisting him with his daily affairs. I discovered that although he was living on a fixed retirement income, he had, for many

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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...
your legacy.**

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States and throughout the world," said Campaign Co-Chair John Baker. "In order to meet the growing needs in our community and worldwide, we need your support now more than ever. I hope and pray that when your doorbell rings or when you answer the phone, that you welcome each volunteer with your great support.

During 2014 we were able to fund our local requests and provide funding for Jewish Family Service, Young Adult Division, and small community grant funding around the same levels as 2013. Yet those allocations were at best one-third to one-half of the allocations requested locally, and our allocation to the National Federation System, the mechanism through which we most efficiently fund Israel and other overseas needs, was lower than in earlier years. Thanks to the Krauss Trust gift we will be able to do more prior to the year's end, but even with that generous addition, if 2015 requests are at levels similar to this year, our goal of \$545,000 must be achieved.

Several members of our community sent in an increased pledge upon receipt of our campaign letter earlier this fall. Anyone wishing to renew their campaign pledge may do the same. However, if you do get a call from a campaign volunteer asking you to meet for coffee, make your pledge over the phone, or invite you to their home to learn more about campaign, we hope that you will respond gladly and with generosity in your heart. When you do, you can feel good about what we all will accomplish together, strengthening our Jewish community, providing a hand up to those who need it, and helping the people of Israel through difficult and trying times. Together as a community we will do this.

The mitzvah of tzedakah, do it. It will make you feel good.

Shalom, Y'all!

The Columbia Jewish Federation is proud to launch Shalom Y'all, intended to welcome Jewish families that are new to the Columbia area. This program provides gifts, such as a mezuzah, to welcome them to their new home, as well as invaluable local resources to help make their transition easier. If you are new to Columbia or know a family who has recently moved here, please contact Cheryl Nail at cheryln@jewishcolumbia.org or 803.787.2023 x. 211.



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The truce holds, but it's not time to relax



BARRY ABELS
CJF and JCC Executive Director

It has been several weeks since the IDF and Hamas have clashed. Terrorists are not coming from tunnels, and rockets are not flying over Israel. Both sides claim some level of victory, and negotiations are ongoing to try and bring a lasting peace. Yet the same points of contention that never seem to resolve are still on the table. The Palestinian Authority objects to Israel continuing to allow new settlements in East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

They want a return to pre-1967 borders; East Jerusalem as the capital of the PA; the right of return for Arabs who left Israel after the declaration of the state; as well as control of the borders of Gaza, to name a few.

Israel wants (and deserves) official recognition of its statehood by the PA; a return to the PA as the sole governing authority for both the West Bank and Gaza and ending the inclusion of Hamas; the disarming of Hamas and assurances that no more tunnels are built or rockets fired into Israel;

If all or most of this sounds familiar, it should. Perhaps this time progress will be made. In the meantime Israel is also busy rebuilding infrastructure and lives disrupted by damage done during the Protective Edge campaign. Much of the ability to put things back in order, whether it is helping to provide food; temporary shelter; rebuilding or psychological counseling, has come from you and me and the rest of the Federation system through the Stop the Sirens campaign. System-wide we raised millions of dollars, and over 18 million dollars have been distributed to organizations throughout Israel. They were used to increase staffing in hospitals; train more volunteers for crisis response; for psychological and trauma counseling; to provide special activity kits for children in shelters; respite care; and now for rebuilding and economic recovery.

As important and helpful as Stop the Sirens was, Federations, and all of us at home, cannot rest. Worldwide we are experiencing increased crises impacting our extended Jewish families. The fighting in the Ukraine has endangered many, Jews and non-Jews, destroying homes, creating food shortages and endangering lives. Anti-Semitism has risen throughout Europe, and we are not left out here at home. Leonard Petlakh, director of the Kings Bay Y, said protestors shouting "Free Palestine" and "Your people are murderers," attacked him as he left a basketball game between the Brooklyn Nets and the Maccabi Tel Aviv team. Closer to home, the AEPi house at Emory University was painted with swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans. Both of these incidents occurred in just the last few weeks.

One of our roles as your Federation is to be an extra set of eyes and ears for our community, keeping tabs on world and local events and situations that could impact our community. To that end we monitor websites and news feeds, we work with the Secure Communities Network, a collaboration between the JFNA, JCCA and other Jewish organizations that monitors terror and anti-Semitic activities worldwide and sends us alerts, and we work with our local FBI special agents who visit with us throughout the year and remain accessible anytime we call.

At this time of year we have launched our annual campaign, beginning the activity that many of you may see as your main exposure to Federation. But it is campaign and your support that enable us to do the things we do: support and fund local and overseas programs, promote community relations, help keep you informed through the *Jewish News*, and also we listen and watch. Today, watching and listening may be one of the more important things we do.

A new year, a new website!

The Columbia Jewish Federation is pleased to launch its new website at www.jewishcolumbia.org.

More comprehensive and easier to navigate, the new website is designed to provide up-to-date information about Federation programs; community events and resources; and local, national, and worldwide Jewish news.

Perhaps the most improved feature is our community calendar, which is now fully searchable. You can even filter for events based on specific criteria, such as audience or host organization.

As we strive to continue improving your online experience, we welcome your feedback.



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years, been contributing at least 40% of his yearly income to charity. As a concerned citizen of the world, his donations went to American Indian education funds, veterans' organizations, the Democratic Party, the Southern Poverty Law Center, symphonies, animal shelters, and numerous other causes he felt represented urgent needs and were consistent with his Jewish values. His most significant support, however, went to Israeli orphans and medical institutions, the dissemination of Yiddish literature and culture, efforts to attain peace in the Middle East, the Holocaust Museum, and a host of other organizations, in Columbia and across the world, that tend to the immediate wellbeing and seek to secure the future of coming generations of Jews. When I asked him if he might consider reserving more of his resources for his own needs, he replied rather sharply, "There are so many needs in the world. Someone has to give, and I can, so I do."

In particular, he believed that ensuring the continued existence of the Jewish people was a paramount responsibility of ours, of his.

As I approach the conclusion of my term as president of the Columbia Jewish Federation, I reflect on many successes and frustrations I have encountered in the past two years of service. Happily, the incoming president of the Federation, John Baker, is beginning his term with a stronger, more stable and vital organization primarily because of the outstanding leadership of Barry Abels, who came to us just a few months after I became president. With the unwavering support and wisdom of the JCC president, Keith Babcock, the Federation has begun to recover from the recent decline in Campaign income and, more importantly, regain its rightful role of supporting and facilitating collaboration among Jewish organizations, providing an increasing range of important services through Jewish Family Service, and serving as a strong voice in and for the Columbia Jewish Community.

Less happily, however, we face ever greater threats to the security and future of Jews worldwide; in fact, in some respects, in some places across the world the threats are more widespread, more dire. So, the gains we have made here in Columbia should not reassure us that we have fulfilled our responsibility to the wider Jewish community now or for the future of our people. Over the past two years of my term, I have had the privilege of witnessing close-up the commitment and generosity of so many members of our community who recognize that a flourishing Jewish life is both a treasure in the present and a vital investment in our collective future. I am certain that John will provide visionary leadership that will build on these gains. However, his success depends upon our community not only continuing but also increasing our commitment to a strong future of Judaism through the work of the Federation locally and beyond. It has been a particular joy to see the members of the Young Adult Division (YAD) move toward taking their place as young leaders, but there is more to be done to ensure that the responsibility for the future of the Jewish community is passed securely from generation to generation.

Every week, without fail, my father would ask me how the Federation was doing and whether or not I was enjoying my work there. Occasionally, I would tell him about some challenge, or some positive development. Most often, though, I would simply tell him what I knew was the important answer for him, and for me as well: It is an honor to serve the Jewish community this way, and to make some small contribution to his grandson's future as a Jew in our world.



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Meet the CJF Board: DR. NAOMI FARBER



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 President Dr. Naomi Farber.

Jewish News: When did you become a CJF Board Member?

I became a Board member (I think) in 2008 in my capacity as Chair of the Advisory Committee of JFS.

JN: What leadership roles have you had in our community?

I began my involvement as a member of the JFS Advisory Committee. I then became the Chair. When Shelley Kreigshaber became Board President, the Nominating Committee invited me to serve as President-Elect....and here I am! I was [also] the Chair of the Advisory School Board at the Tree of Life.

JN: Tell us about your family.

My husband, Steven Grosby, is a professor of Religion and Philosophy at Clemson University where he teaches, among other subjects, Old Testament. Steven is closely involved in supporting academic and policy work in Israel. We have one son, Sam, who is a senior at the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester. He studies voice and opera. For the past two years Sam has sung, professionally, with the large Reform temple in Rochester for the High Holidays. I think that Sam's experience growing up Jewish in Columbia has given him a deep and lasting Jewish identity. Though he was, like other Jewish kids here, one of a very few Jews in his school, the close-knit friendships he formed at Tree of Life Religious School and BBYO have contributed to his commitment to Judaism.

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

I am on the faculty of the USC College of Social Work. I'm the MSW Program Director and currently serve as Interim Associate Dean. I've been in social work education for a long time! I got my MSW at the University of Michigan, practiced psychiatric social work in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and then returned for my doctorate at the University of Chicago to focus more on teaching and research. Steven and I met there when he returned for his doctorate at the Committee on Social Thought. Our path from Chicago to Columbia was significantly influenced by the challenges of finding two academic positions in the same place (at least the same state!).

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

By way of JFS, when Cheri Shapiro asked me to join the Advisor Committee. I continue to credit Cheri largely with the crucial change that brought JFS directly in the Federation as our "service arm."

JN: What's going on at the Federation?

A lot is going on at the Federation! Since the time that I became involved with the CJF, we have expanded the range of our programs in the community. As the Jewish community has become increasingly diverse, with new families moving to Columbia, and has developed a more visible presence, the Federation has had the opportunity to provide support to many traditional and new forms of Jewish life. I am so pleased, for example, with the growing presence of Jewish life on the USC campus with Hillel, AEPi, and the Jewish Studies Program. Part of the reason for this increased level of activity in the Jewish community is that a few years ago the Board requested all applications for funding through the Federation to demonstrate a clear effort to collaborate with other organizations. This has increased the synergy in our small but active Jewish community. Under Barry's leadership as Executive Director of the CJF and JCC, the two entities have created a special synergy of their own in providing leadership in an increasing variety of kinds of Jewish programming. Of course at this moment the CJF is gearing up for the 2015 Campaign, with plans for several exciting events! The DSA, honoring Lyssa Harvey, is coming up soon on October 30. In addition to celebrating Lyssa's remarkable contributions with an evening of artistic excellence, this event will officially kick off the Campaign. One of the indications of the CJF's vital presence in the community is the new website, which will make it easier than ever to stay up to date on the many programs and activities in Jewish Columbia!

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

Of course the best part is the people who make up the Columbia Jewish community. In every community there are bound to be strong differences of opinions and perspectives! Still, there is an amazing capacity for members of our community to come together to support individuals and families locally, and also as members of the larger community of Jews worldwide. It is a source of great pride to me to be a member of this community, and a deep honor to have served as the CJF president.



What is YAD?

We, the Young Adult Division of the Columbia Jewish Federation, are a group of Jewish Professionals, Grad Students, and Parents with young kids who get together on a regular basis to build Jewish Community through Leadership, Religious, Volunteer, and Social Events. We work with all of the Jewish groups in Columbia and encourage Columbia's 24-40 crowd to get more involved in Columbia's Jewish Community and assume leadership roles in areas that suit their interests.

YAD Leadership

President:	Brian Brodtkin
Vice President/Treasurer:	David Polen
Secretary:	Robyn Bader
PR/Marketing:	Shayna Katzman
Community Service Committee Chair:	Joe Russ
Leadership Committee Chair:	Joe McGee
Social Committee Chair:	TBD
Religious Committee:	Evan Lowsky

Upcoming Events

Nov 9, 1-4 pm: Volunteering at the Project Welcome Home event at the JCC
 Nov 16: Volunteering at Bubbie's Brisket in conjunction with Historic Columbia
 Nov 22: An evening with Scott Fried at Beth Shalom
 Nov 23: Working with TOL for Writing Letters to Soldiers
 Nov 28: Shabbat Dinner
 Dec 13: Channukah Party

Masquerade Ball, Relay for Life & Jewish Historic Columbia

We are already planning our annual Masquerade Ball around Purim in 2015. We are working with Historic Columbia to host the event at the Big Apple to make the event bigger and better this year. We plan to use some of the money raised to support our Relay For Life team event in May 2015. If you are interested in joining our Relay for Life team, please contact Brian.Brodtkin@gmail.com. We are also helping Historic Columbia create a program for Jewish Historic Columbia and are seeking members of the community with insight to share about Columbia's Jewish past. Please contact davepolen@gmail.com.

To join our listserve for event info, contact yadcjf@gmail.com.



Story, Snack & Shop at the Jewish Book Festival

Sunday, November 2, 2:00 PM at the Kahn JCC
 Families are invited to a special story time as we kick off the Jewish Book Festival. Then, shop titles from your favorite PJ Library authors!

PJ Library Author Visits Columbia

Wednesday, November 5, 6:30 PM at the Kahn JCC
 Grades 5-12 are invited to chat with PJ Library author Tilda Baisley about writing and getting published. FREE pizza dinner and dessert, provided by Sam's Club, Chick-Fil-A, and Rita's Italian Ice. RSVP at 787-2023 or cheryln@jewishcolumbia.org.

Global Day of Jewish Learning

Sunday, November 16, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM at Bubbie's Brisket
 Our local PJ Library is thrilled to participate for the first time in the annual Global Day of Jewish Learning (GDJL). PJ Library will be at Bubbie's Brisket at Beth Shalom Synagogue with family activities about courage, this year's GDJL theme.

Shabbat Playtime

Saturday, December 20, 11:30 AM at Beth Shalom Synagogue
 Be our guest as PJ Library book *The Chanukah Guest* is brought to life through puppetry! (through Grade 1)

Chanukah Celebrations

Thursday, December 18, Time TBD at Rosewood Market
 Parents can enjoy a special Chanukah oil tasting, while children enjoy holiday make-and-take crafts.
Sunday, December 21, 5:00 PM at the Kahn JCC
 Enjoy latkes, jelly donuts, hot cocoa, games and crafts before our community menorah lighting.

Want updates about PJ Library books and programs? Email cheryln@jewishcolumbia.org to sign up for our PJ Library eNews and/or to be added to our new PJ Library Facebook Group!

Jewish Family Service

A Season of Helping

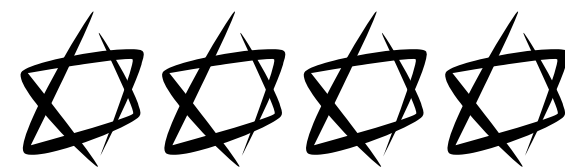
LANEY COHEN, JFS Director

It's Fall! My favorite time of the year. A time that we celebrate under the stars with Sukkot, and an end and beginning with Simchat Torah. Leaves are changing colors and falling. I love the change that Fall brings - the invigoration of the spirit. A time of reflection and, with the New Year having begun, a continuation of working on a new you. There is an energy around of wanting to help others, to make our community a better place. With this time of reflection, please consider helping JFS if possible:

Jewish Family Service is in need of a few things - things that I ask for your help with. The need for senior transportation is at an all-time high. If you have a few spare moments, and would like to make a difference in a senior's life, please consider being a volunteer driver for JFS. Also, the Christmas holiday is coming up, which means that we will once again be soliciting for volunteers to staff the Ronald McDonald House. This will be done in two-hour shifts over December 24th, December 25th, and December 26th. Last but not least, January 25th (I know its a little far away), the Columbia Jewish Federation, along with the JCC, will be hosting Mitzvah Day. Please mark your calendars and keep your eyes open for opportunities to get involved!

Jewish Family Service is always looking for food for the food pantry. Calls for food assistance are non-stop from community members. Please consider making a food donation to the JFS food pantry (you can drop off at the JCC, or call Laney, and a pick-up can be arranged)! Please remember to check for expiration dates before donating!

Thank you for the community support that continues to aid Jewish Family Service. We could not provide without your help!



Mitzvah Opportunity for All!

Please consider helping Jewish Family Service staff the Ronald McDonald House during the Christmas Holiday so that their staff can celebrate with their families. Volunteer shifts are in two-hour increments (but you are more than welcome to sign up for more). This is a fun and easy way to give back and help families in our community!

Volunteer shifts will begin Wednesday, December 24th at 9:00 am and continue through Friday, December 26th at 2:00 pm. There is one overnight shift on the 25th available.

Please contact Laney @ 787-2023 ext. 220 for more information and to sign up!

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. Here, scholarship recipients share their camp experiences.

Thank you for the grant that helped me go to Camp Coleman! I really enjoy being able to see my friends and learning more and more about Judaism. I'm really excited to go back, and I'm already counting down the days until I can go again. Later I might even go back to be a counselor! I really appreciate the opportunity to go.

Thanks again!
Will Cason



Dear Federation,

Thank you for helping me go to camp this summer. I had a great experience.

This year, I was in the unit "Tsofim," which means "scouts." In Tsofim, we get to have many interesting and different experiences. The main one is called "Appy," which is short for the Appalachian Trail. Appy is an out-of-camp, three-day hike along the Appalachian trail (a total of 21 miles). Though it was a physical challenge, it was a great bonding experience with my cabin. Another experience we got to do this year is a water-ski trip. The water-ski trip is another out-of-camp trip where we went to Lake Burton, and we got to tube behind a boat and swim in the lake. We also got to go on this thing called Rocket. The Rocket is another great cabin bonding experience and is a very thrilling activity. You are hooked into a harness, and your cabin pulls you up very high. When you are ready, you pull a string, and you are released by your cabin, and you swing back and forth over the lake. Finally, another great experience this year, specifically to me, was the Camp Barney Medintz Band. Three other kids and I performed at multiple shows and concerts, and we were known camp-wide. We hope to continue next year. But the best day of the week was Friday, Shabbat. Shabbat is very special at Camp Barney Medintz. The service is very interactive with music. And when my unit led Shabbat, we had someone get to read from the Torah. Shabbat at Camp is very special because it is a time where the whole camp can feel connected, and the bonds with your cabin become greater. Also, when my unit led Shabbat, I got the chance to read the prayer for Israel. This was really special to me with all that is going on there right now. But the best part of camp is that it's a Jewish environment. Everyone can relate to each other, and I feel that is special. And the Jewish friendships I made at camp are different than school friendships. I feel very close to my Jewish friends because I can relate to them, and because I only see my friends once a year, makes it that much more meaningful when I do see them.

Overall, I had a great camping experience this year at Camp Barney Medintz.
- Aaron Stark



Dear Federation,

Hi, my name is David Stark. I just recently went to Camp Barney Medintz, and I would like to thank you for giving me a scholarship to camp. This year I was in Shomrim, which means guardians. That also means we got to lead a Friday night Shabbat. There were different types of Shabbat groups from making challah to making a skit. But I was in the prayer group [that leads] all the prayers for the service. I [led] Lecha Dodi and the prayer for Israel. I would have done more if there were less people in the group. After the service we [participated in] an oneg, which is a unit program. In the unit program we learned that we need to protect our bodies and words. Playing games, such as telephone, [we learned] that if you spread a message around it could change into something hurtful to another person. This year in camp we got to do the flying squirrel, which is a rope connected to a tree in the air, and you are harnessed in, but your cabin mates are pulling you back so you fly into the air. This year we also got to do the tubing trip. It is a trip you take only in Shomrim. First you tube down a river for about one hour; then you take a bus to a water park where you spend the rest of the morning riding water slides.

I just want to thank you one more time for giving me a scholarship to camp.

David Stark





winter break at the JCC

You belong here.

Ages: 2-15
7:30 am - 5:30 pm
December 22, 23, 26, 29, 30, & January 2

Safe, fun, & professional.
Your kids will have fun with swimming, sports,
games, arts and crafts, Gaga, and more!

JCC Member: \$30 per day | Community: \$45 per day

Contact Melanie for more information:
melanier@jccolumbia.org | 803.787.2023 ext. 206

PROJECT WELCOME HOME



Honoring veterans at JCC Columbia

Join us for an event as we honor
and thank veterans & their families in our community.

Date: Sunday, November 9, 2014 | 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center, 306 Flora Drive

Come swim, play, eat, and relax. No charge for veterans & their families.
We thank YOU for your service!

We are proud to partner with the following
organizations for this event:



JWB Jewish
Chaplains Council



JCC Association
of North America

Contact Laney Cohen at 787-2023 x. 220 for more information or if you're interested in volunteering.



COLUMBIA JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 2-7

BOOK MARKETPLACE OPEN ALL WEEK
ALL EVENTS FREE FOR MEMBERS



PJ LIBRARY® STORY, SNACK & SHOP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 | 2 PM

Families are invited to a special story time, as we
kick off the Jewish Book Festival, and then shop titles
from their favorite PJ Library authors.

AUTHOR ITZHAK BROOK

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | 7 PM

Itzhak Brook, a veteran of both the Israeli Defense
Forces and the United States Navy, recounts his first
experience in war. He describes his own doubt and
misgivings of being a physician facing the daily struggle
of survival in the Sinai battle zone. Expecting to heal his
soldiers' physical combat wounds, Brook unexpectedly
must address his soldiers' psychological battlefield
trauma. In unvarnished details from the mundane to the
catastrophic, he describes his perspective of a war that
shaped his own life, and his nation's fragile identity.



DISCUSSION GETTING PUBLISHED

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 | 6:30 PM



Youth are invited to come and chat with PJ Library author
Tilda Balsley about the writing process and how to go
about getting published. A FREE pizza diner and Italian
Ice dessert sponsored by Chick-Fil-A, Rita's Italian Ice
and Sam's Club will be provided; please RSVP at front
desk.



KLIGMAN
Fund for Jewish Cultural Arts



JCC
You belong here.

Shofar Factory

Children from Cutler Jewish Day School and Beth Shalom and Tree of Life Religious Schools made their own shofars in anticipation of the Jewish New Year.



Enjoy a "Day at the J" during
School Breaks & Holidays!



Your kids will enjoy swimming, sports, arts and crafts, Gaga, games, and more!
Safe, professional, and fun.

Ages 2 -15

FREE early drop off at 7:30 and FREE late pick up at 5:30.
Camp day is 9 am - 3 pm

Member: \$30/day | Community: \$45/day

Dates for this School Year:

October 9, 10, 16, 17, November 4, December 22, 23, 26, 29, 30, January 2, 16*, 19, February 13*, 16, 17, March 27*, 30, 31, April 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

*Student holidays reserved for inclement weather make-up.

Visit www.jcccolumbia.org/day-at-the-j
or contact Melanie Pace for more information
803 787-2023 ext. 206 | melanier@jcccolumbia.org



Check out the Rosh HaShanah tree of goals for 5775 in the lobby of the Kahn JCC! We wish everyone the best of luck in achieving their goals for the new year.



"Day at the J" campers celebrate Sukkot
with PJ Library and the Kahn JCC.



Judaism 101

a class for people of different faiths to learn
about Judaism and the Jewish People

We invite you to learn about Jewish history, traditions, holidays and life cycle ceremonies in this FREE class series at the JCC, led jointly by Rabbi Sanford Marcus and members of the Columbia Jewish community. Judaism 101 is for those who are curious about Judaism and want to learn

more about this ancient religion in a no-pressure, casual environment. Come learn about what your Jewish neighbors believe and celebrate. This **FREE** class is intended for curious members of faiths other than Judaism; everyone is welcome!

November 6, 20, December 2, 18 and January 8 at 6:30 pm
at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center | 306 Flora Drive | Columbia, SC

Please RSVP your spot in the class by emailing lauries@jcccolumbia.com or calling 787-2023



The Kahn JCC's first annual Kite Festival



The 2014 Columbia Jewish Book Festival Starts November 2



LAURIE SLACK
JCC Jewish Programs Director

The High Holidays may be behind us, but the schedule at the JCC shows no sign of slowing down anytime soon. We're moving straight ahead into our Columbia Jewish Book Festival, which will run from November 2 to November 7 at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center. Curated by And Thou Shalt Read and Oy Toys, the festival will be making pit stops at Tree of Life and the Cutler Jewish Day School to share books across the community.

Here at the JCC we have two guest speakers coming into town in addition to the book marketplace. For adults, Dr. Itzhak Brook will be speaking on Tuesday, November 4 at 7 pm. He'll be recounting his experiences as a doctor while serving in the Israeli Army during the Yom Kippur war. Dr. Brook is an Adjunct Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington DC. He specializes in infectious diseases. He is the past chairman of the Anti-infective Drug Advisory Committee of the Food and Drug Administration and chaired the Committee when AZT was approved for the treatment of HIV/AIDS in 1987. We are honored to welcome him to the JCC!



For youth, PJ Library author Tilda Balsley will be leading a discussion for 5th grade through high schoolers about writing and getting your work published on Wednesday, November 5 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. We ask that participants RSVP, as the JCC will be providing a pizza dinner to attendees. Ms. Balsley will also be traveling to the Cutler Jewish Day School to speak to the older students about being an author.

The book marketplace runs from November 2 to November 7; it is without a doubt the largest selection of Jewish books the Midlands sees every year, so make sure you stop by the JCC to browse and shop. A portion of the proceeds go to the JCC to continue bringing quality Jewish Programming to Columbia. To RSVP to any event, or if you have any questions, please email Laurie at lauries@jcccolumbia.org.

A love story that survived the ashes of the Holocaust: special program on anniversary of Kristalnacht at JCC

Couple's story featured on classic 1950s TV show *This Is Your Life*

Hanna and Walter Kohner had one of the few Holocaust stories with a happy ending. The two were childhood sweethearts in Czechoslovakia before the war, with big plans for the future. When Hitler's armies closed in, Walter managed to get to the States, where his brothers were living. Hanna was arrested and miraculously survived internment in four concentration camps, including Auschwitz.

After the war, Walter learned from an American sergeant who helped liberate her that Hanna was still alive. He eventually found her in Amsterdam, and they were soon married. Settling in Los Angeles in 1946, Walter became a theatrical agent and, with Hanna, wrote their amazing story, *Hanna and Walter, A Love Story*, published by iUniverse Press in 2008.

Julie Kohner carries on their legacy by telling her parents' story to school and community groups throughout the country. Her presentation, *Voices of the Generations*, has won raves from rabbis and educators. Julie recounts the story, shows a video about her parents that was broadcast as an episode of *This Is Your Life* in 1953, and answers questions about her parents and the Holocaust. Join us as she visits the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center on Sunday, November 9 at 6:30 pm.

Chai Society Breakfasts

There will be two Chai Society Breakfasts in November. On **November 5** our guest speaker is Columbia Mayor Stephen Benjamin; and on **November 12** USC President Harris Pastides will be joining us.

Breakfast begins at 7:15 AM, with speakers beginning at 7:45 AM.

If you are not a member of the Chai Society and are interested in learning more, please contact Barry Abels at 787-2023.

Hanukkah Shines Bright at the JCC



LAURIE SLACK
JCC Jewish Programs Director

Bring in the warmth of the Hanukkah Lights this December with the Columbia Community at the JCC. As always, we'll be lighting our amazing giant oil menorah each night outside of the JCC's front doors. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy its glow. On Sunday, December 21, we'll be gathering in the JCC lobby at 5:00 pm for latkes, jelly doughnuts, hot cocoa, games and crafts for children with the PJ Library, and community fun before we light the community menorah at 5:30 pm.

Out and about during Hanukkah? Stop by the Rosewood Market on Thursday, December 18 to sample some delicious gourmet oils as the JCC, Columbia Jewish Federation, and the Jewish Outreach Institute partner together to bring "8 Days of Oil: Hanukkah Olive Oil Tasting" to Columbia. Look for more details on the JCC website and Facebook page!



Also in the works is a Hanukkah Celebration on the Irmo side of town. We know that for those of you out there it can be quite a schlep to make it to the JCC - but we want to celebrate with you, too! At the time of this writing we're still working out the details, but watch the JCC website, Facebook page, and eNews for all the info.

Of course, we here at the JCC wish you the brightest, warmest, most joyful Hanukkah yet, and want to remind you that you're always welcome at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center. No matter if you know the JCC well, are new to town, or perhaps just haven't gotten as involved as you'd like, we'd love to see you and spend time with you at one of our many events! Chag Sameach from our JCC family to yours!



Kahn JCC welcomes new Sports & Fitness Director, Ben Rosenberg



Ben Rosenberg is excited to serve the Kahn JCC as the new Sports and Fitness Director because it brings together a number of his interests. Ben has been passionate about wellness and about helping his community with health and fitness in a variety of settings for over nine years. He is a certified Master Personal Trainer through ASFA and has competed in multiple ironman triathlons and lived to tell about it. He received his undergraduate degree from Emory University with dual majors in Psychology and Sociology and minors in Visual Arts and Economics. Ben went on to receive masters' degrees in both business and healthcare administration from Georgia State University. He remains interested in learning and is looking forward to getting to know members, staff, and the broader JCC community. He is originally from Atlanta and has lived in Columbia for a little more than a year.

Smoothie Bar is now OPEN!

We're excited to announce that the Kahn JCC smoothie bar is now officially open for business! You can choose from three nutritious and delicious V8 Fusion flavors: Strawberry Banana, Raspberry Watermelon, or Peach Mango for only \$3. Add a shot of various protein powders and seeds for only \$1 each. We also feature a "Smoothie of the Day (\$4)," which is made with a variety of all- natural fruits, vegetables, and protein powders.

Visit the Fitness Desk to place your order!



Introducing Craft & Kvell at the JCC!

Do you have a pile of photos you want to get into your scrapbook? Have you been pinning things on Pinterest but haven't had a quiet moment to do any crafting? Is your yarn stash getting a little out of hand? Bring your projects to the JCC for a day of fun crafting with new and old friends at our Craft & Kvell. We'll provide table space, light refreshments, and a raffle to win a prize pack - you bring your paper, yarn, deco mesh, paints, die cutter - or whatever else you use to create! Sunday, January 11, 2015 | 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Please RSVP to lauries@jcccolumbia.org or call 803-787-2023 so we can have enough tables out for everyone! Invite a friend!

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, January 20th
at 6:30 pm



Dr. Adam Mendelsohn,
College of Charleston,
will present
"What did Jews think
about slavery at
the start of the Civil War?"



Give it a Tri!

Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center
Kids Triathlon 2014

Thanks its Sponsors:

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Lindsay Agostini helps four-year-old Sean Dalrymple run under the Spring Valley High School girls' cross country team bridge to the finish of Give it a Tri.



Sean and Ewan Dalrymple show their medals.

Give it a Tri! Kids Triathlon 2014 Results

Boys 8 & under

1	SPENCER SHEALY	0:17:34.12
2	JOSEPH FRYE	0:18:15.82
3	ANDERSON WALKER	0:18:24.17

Girls 8 & under

1	EMMA HOLLAN BUSBY	0:21:09.18
2	TAYLOR WILSON	0:21:30.98
3	ANNA STOCKWELL	0:23:09.28

Boys 9-10

1	SULLIVAN MCDANIEL	0:16:13.12
2	ETHAN SMITH	0:17:09.39
3	STUART ZOLLER	0:17:11.79

Girls 9-10

1	WESTON MANNING	0:15:25.48
2	CHRISTINA SMITH	0:18:02.62
3	REE WILLIAM ZOLLER	0:18:10.97

Boys 11-12

1	JOE GENTRY	0:34:43.42
2	JAMES BAPTIST	0:35:57.27
3	URI MONDINO	0:36:48.02

Girls 11-12

1	CAROLINE AGOSTINI	0:30:29.98
2	SARAH LIEBENOW	0:33:20.88
3	BROOKE HENRY	0:34:17.53

Boys 13-14

1	JUSTIN BUSH	0:26:26.95
2	PAUL DUBBERLY	0:31:58.80
3	CORY YINGLING	0:33:26.65

A gift that will keep giving Thank you, Sidney Krauss

BARRY ABELS
CJF and JCC Executive Director

After serving as a Marine captain in WWII and then working for many years in New York, Sidney Krauss moved to Columbia and went to work for J. Rubin and Son. He later became a sales representative for the Fruit of the Loom Company. He spent many good years with the company until his retirement. He was a member of Tree of Life and, as a former Marine officer, played golf at Fort Jackson. He met and married his second wife, Edith. After her passing from cancer, he later met and married Anne. His years here must have been full of meaning and good relationships, for prior to Sidney's passing he planned ahead and made provisions to support several area organizations that grew to be important to him. Through two different trusts, that also supported Anne prior to her passing, Sidney and his estate have made a wonderful impact on the lives of people in the area. Through these trusts Sidney chose to support a couple of Columbia community institutions, but closer to our Jewish community, Sidney left gifts to Tree of Life, Beth Shalom, and the Columbia Jewish Federation. Although the organizations became aware of these plans a couple of years ago with Anne's passing, the Federation did not have previous knowledge of Sidney's generosity, and the gifts were unsolicited. Although the Federation and the JCC are now working on legacy gift planning, at the time there was no organized effort to encourage gifts through estate planning. Although it does not happen extremely often, the receipt of a generous gift from an estate occurs like this from time to time.

The generosity of Sidney Krauss will go on for years to come. The gift is endowed by a substantial principal fund, and we will receive a portion of the income of this fund on an annual basis. Coupled with our annual campaign, this gift will extend the charitable reach of the Federation. In our case there are stipulations that we allocate a percentage consistent with our mission to needs within our local area or around the nation, a percentage overseas, and a portion to support the worthwhile work of the Anti-Defamation League.

With our first allocation received late this summer we were able to send \$10,000 to the Stop the Sirens campaign to aid Israel during this latest crisis, and here at home we invested \$1,000 in the Shofar Factory that provided a wonderful experience to all of the students of the Tree of Life and Beth Shalom Religious Schools and the Cutler Jewish Day School. The Federation board will explore how we will distribute the remaining funds in ways that will support Israel, our extended Jewish family worldwide, and our Columbia Jewish community. We humbly thank Sidney Krauss, his estate, and the trustees of the fund for including the Columbia Jewish Federation in his family's thoughtful estate planning. We will continue to work together with all of you to grow our annual campaign, and combined with this generous gift, we will be better able to meet the requests of our Jewish organizations, create more Jewish experiences for our children, and support the wide variety of programs and populations within Eastern Europe and Israel. Thank you again, Sidney, for your acts of tzedakah. Your memory and your actions shall be as a blessing on our Columbia community.

Call for Speakers: Columbia Holocaust Education Commission:

The Columbia Holocaust Education Commission is in the process of forming a Speaker's Bureau to fulfill requests for speakers about the Holocaust. If you have family members who are/were survivors of the Holocaust, or you are otherwise knowledgeable about the Holocaust, please consider volunteering your time to speak with students and community members. Most recently, Henry and Minda Miller spoke to eighth-grade students at Maywood Middle School in Sumter about his father's Holocaust experience. **If you are interested in being added to the Speaker's Bureau, please contact Esther Greenberg at 803-254-9338 or 803-736-3140.**

Call for Nominations: Jewish Cultural Arts Committee



The Jewish Cultural Arts Committee is looking for new members with an interest in bringing Jewish art, music, dance, literature, and speakers to the midlands area. The committee works to initiate, coordinate, and assist programming throughout the community - including events such as the Columbia Jewish Film Festival, The Columbia Jewish Book Festival, and the JCC's Summer Cultural Series.

If you have a desire to keep Jewish art and culture thriving in Columbia, an interest in arts and culture, and the enthusiasm to bring your ideas and energy to bear on Jewish community cultural and arts events, we would like to hear from you.

Nominations, including self-nominations, for this committee should be sent to Stan Dubinsky at dubinsky@sc.edu. Before nominating someone else, please insure their willingness to serve.

Nominations should include the nominee's name and contact information (email and phone), and a short (100 word) statement describing the nominee's interest in, and experience with, arts and culture.

Beth Shalom

*Tuesdays
with Friends*

Tuesdays with Friends

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

Tuesday, November 4, 2014
11:30 am-1 pm
Featuring Fred Davidson & Gad Matzner

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.*

Tuesday, December 2, 2014
11:30 am-1 pm
Program to be announced

There is no charge to attendees thanks to the generous donation made by Helen Silver - *In celebration of Helen Silver's 93rd birthday.*

Fun Fitness & Birthday Celebration!

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 Day-Break 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.

MAZEL TOV TO AARON SMALL!

MAGEN DAVID AWARD recipient—
Beth Shalom's Highest Honor

Saturday, November 8
9:45 a.m.

We are proud to announce that Aaron Small will be presented with the Magen David Award - Beth Shalom's highest honor.



Join us as we honor him
on Saturday, November 8th
for his many years of dedicated service
to Beth Shalom Synagogue.

A special kiddush luncheon will follow
services sponsored by Beth Shalom.



Be our Hanukkah Guest for a
Special Shabbat Playtime!



Shabbat Playtime featuring
The Hanukkah Guest
December 20th
11:30 am in the Chapel



This program is brought to you in partnership with
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BUBBIE'S BRISKET & BAKERY

Jewish Food Extravaganza

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

Sunday, November 16, 2014
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Traditional Jewish Foods and Baked Goods

Brisket
Corned Beef
Sandwiches
Stuffed Cabbage
Matzah Ball Soup
Sweet & Sour
Meatballs

Falafel
Noodle Kugel
Israeli Salad
Potato Knish
Tzimmes
Kasha Varnishkes
Baba Ganoush

Challah
Homemade
Kosher Pickles
Kid's Meals
Rugelach
Mandel Bread
Cakes and more!

All Food Purchases Are À la Carte



A weekend with

SCOTT FRIED

Scott Fried is an HIV/AIDS educator, international public speaker and author. Scott connects with the hidden world of young people, identifying their feelings of isolation and separateness while teaching them to embrace the difficult issues that arise as they grow toward full adulthood. No subject is off-limits if it is of concern to teens. His lectures cover such topics as sexual responsibility, drug and alcohol abuse, eating disorders, self-immolation and suicidal ideation, among others. In conversation with parents, Scott offers specific ideas and techniques on parenting a teenager through the difficult time of adolescence and as the newest members of the sexual community.

A Friday Night with Scott Fried
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

***6 p.m. Musical Shabbat services**
(*Please note the earlier service start time)
7 p.m. Shabbat dinner
8 p.m. Scott Fried
(will speak with college students)

Title: "Life Lessons for College Students:
A Frank Talk About Drugs, Sexuality, Abuse and More."

Topics: So much pressure on campus to conform, make good grades, and party with the best of them. This is an open talk following dinner (college students and military are on us - we just need an RSVP) to delve into taboo areas without judgment and with direction.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:45 a.m. Shabbat services
12 p.m. Special kiddush luncheon
1 p.m. Scott Fried
(will speak with 8-12th grade students and parents)

Title: "How to Talk to Your Teen:
A Survival Guide for Parents and Teachers."

7:30 p.m. Scott Fried
(will speak with young adults)
Title: "Facing Life's Issues."

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Special Program
(Details to come)

A safe environment framed
by Jewish values for youth
and their parents to talk
about self awareness, self-
acceptance, sexual identity,
and HIV/AIDS.

Beth Shalom Synagogue is
among the first institutions
to address issues of sexual
identity, self-awareness and
HIV/AIDS with adolescents
and teens in South Carolina.
Scott is partnering with Beth
Shalom parents, educators,
and students and one another,
in a safe environment
framed by Jewish values.

Scott Fried Books:

- ♦ If I Grow Up: Talking with Teens about AIDS, Love and Staying Alive.
- ♦ My Invisible Kingdom: Letters From the Secret Lives of Teens.
- ♦ A Private Midnight: A Teenager's Scrapbook of Secrets
www.ScottFried.com

Tree Of Life

RISA STRAUSS
TOL Education Director

Many of us are familiar with the proverb, "Give someone a fish and you feed them for a day; teach someone to fish and you feed them for a lifetime." Though most educators, I am sure, never actually have taught anyone to fish at a synagogue, it is analogous of what all educators try to do for their students in Religious School. Learning, scholarship, and doing are supremely valued in the Jewish tradition.

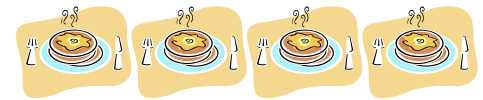
Every religion has ceremonies to mark rites of passage. At our Temple, Confirmation recognizes the approach to adulthood, the Bar/Bat Mitzvah the development of the emergent adolescent, and Consecration the beginning of formal Jewish study. How wonderful to begin a child's Jewish education with celebration!

Being Jewish is about making the journey and finding the path to connect to ourselves, our family, our traditions, our history, our ethics, and our community. At Tree of Life on Shabbat-Chol haMoed Sukkot, our newest of Religious School students, under the warmth of the Rabbi's tallit and with the Rabbi's blessing, began the journey of their Religious School education. As a congregation and community, we pray that these young people will always enjoy a shelter of peace - a sukkat shalom - and that the words of Torah will always be like honey on their lips.

Mazal Tov to the following children and their families: Lillian Altschul, Reuven Altschul, Sophia Decker, Cedar Coffman, Lucy Westfall, Sophie Westfall, and Miles Neven (not pictured: Delaney Smith and Rutledge Smith).



Tree of Life Religious School Presents



A Pancake Breakfast

(Sponsored with love by the Brotherhood of TOL)

And Jewish Book Fair for all Ages!



With Special Guest Speaker: Professor Alex Ogden

When: Sunday, 11/02 from 8:45am

Meet in the Social Hall by 9AM for a delicious breakfast, and discussion with Professor Ogden, Associate Professor & Russian Program Director

Department of Language Literature and Cultures
University of South Carolina

Jewish Book Fair for Adults and Children from 9am-11:45am
presented by:

Ruth E Levy of "And Thou Shalt Read"

***ADULTS, if you are joining us for breakfast, please RSVP to Risa at 787 2182, 476 7487 or by email.



COFTY

COFTY-Columbia Federation of Temple Youth has gotten off to a great start this year. For our home opener we enjoyed watching football, making Havdalah, and eating a great sub supper at the home of COFTY President, Micah Feinstein. We all also participated in collecting, sorting, and organizing canned and boxed food for JFS, Harvest Hope, and the RNE foodbank.

A highlight in October was bringing friends to join us for a meal in our Sukkah, and then assisting Zack Helman with beautifying the rain garden for his Mitzvah Project.

We are looking forward to NFTY Fall Kallah in Roswell, GA in October!





CJDS

RABBI MEIR MULLER,
Ph.D.
CJDS Principal

The Cutler Jewish Day School has begun a project of turning the wooded area around the school into a natural play scape. The school envisions that this multi-stage project will include an outdoor classroom, amphitheater, field, Torah and Israel garden, nature trails, and other areas. School principal Rabbi Meir Muller commented, "I have recently read *The Last Child* and believe that many children in our modern society experience what the author terms 'nature deficit disorder.' I am thrilled that at CJDS children will have more opportunities to play in nature."

Rabbi Meir also shared research reporting that the US schools that use outdoor classrooms and other forms of nature-based experiential experiences see significant student gains in social studies, science, language arts, and math. Students in outdoor science programs improved their science testing scores by 27% (American Institutes for Research, 2005). Ms. Kelly Stanton, CJDS assistant principal, shared that being allowed to play in nature reduces children's stress and helps with a host of social-emotional skills.

While this will be a long-term project with many phases, the school hopes students will be able to explore some facets of the project as soon as this month.



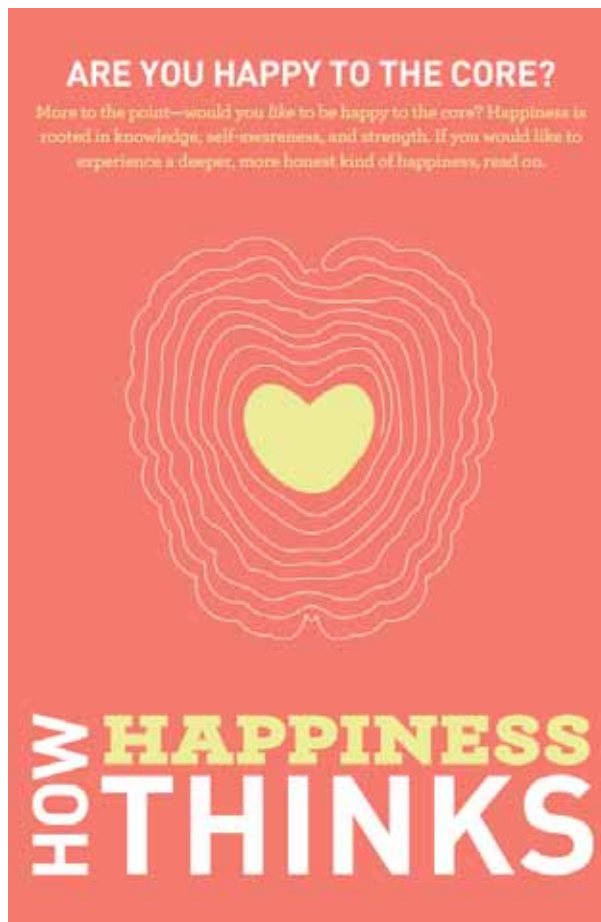
Shalom Baby welcomes Emilie Echlov (pictured below), daughter of Alexa Claremont & Elliot Echlov; Alexa "Lexi" Nadel Bressler, daughter of Leila & Jay Bressler; and Leah Lustman, daughter of Reshma and Joshua Lustman.



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.

Chabad

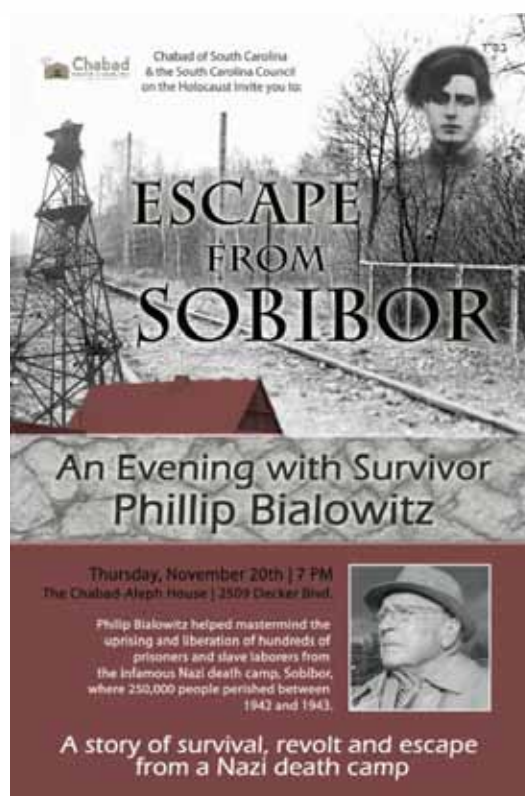
New six-week course
begins Wednesday, November 5th.
Call 237-7330 for more details.



Join us for a new six-session course
from the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute

How Happiness Thinks is a course of six 90-minute sessions of group discussions, readings, and inspired learning. More importantly, it's a course of action: a Jewish roadmap to finding lasting, deep, and resourceful happiness. You'll learn that happiness isn't just an emotion that visits by chance. Happiness is a state of mind that you can cultivate and nourish with practical steps—based on both Jewish learning and recent scientific observation—and take to levels you might have thought unimaginable.

How Happiness Thinks seeks the core happiness that we know is inside of you, just waiting to come out. Let's discover it together.



Thursday, November 20th | 7 PM
The Chabad-Aleph House | 2509 Clecker Blvd.

Phillip Bialowitz helped mastermind the uprising and liberation of hundreds of prisoners and slave laborers from the infamous Nazi death camp, Sobibor, where 250,000 people perished between 1942 and 1943.

A story of survival, revolt and escape
from a Nazi death camp



JERRY EMANUEL
Contributor

Members of Dixie Council BBYO met at the Bob Cooper 4-H Camp in Summerton mid-August to install new members to the order.

The weekend included religious services, icebreakers, songs, Israeli dancing, Jewish identity programs, brotherhood and sisterhood events, and a discussion of current events.



BBYO in Columbia will soon be reorganizing and reestablishing the adult committee while recruiting new members to the Lena Karesh chapter, BBG, and the Paul Schwartz chapter, AZA.

BBYO is the leading pluralistic teen movement aspiring to involve Jewish teens in meaningful Jewish experiences. For 90 years, BBYO has sought to provide identity enrichment and leadership development for hundreds of thousands of Jewish teens.

"It's important to emphasize that BBYO is a teen-led movement," said Brendan George, president of Leviticus AZA in Stamford, Connecticut. "With every program, event and fundraiser being planned by the members, it is inevitable that the youth involved gain skills essential to success in the world today."

"From public speaking, to motivating others, to assessing both the big picture and the intricate details, this is where our leadership begins," he said.

"Leadership experience as a teenager is an empowering sensation," said Rachel Katz, president of Tikvah BBG in Stamford.

"It inspires, provides confidence and leaves us with a desire to continue to achieve," she said.

BBYO also has a program for pre-teens in middle school called BBYO Connect. Programs are planned by their advisors.

To volunteer as a member of the Columbia BBYO Committee, or for more information about the Columbia chapters and membership, contact Jerry Emanuel (jemassoc@juno.com).



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