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Get your passport: YAD is heading to the Holy Land!

GINNA GREEN and LORI HOCH STIEFEL
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If you are a young Jewish adult from Columbia (or Charleston!), mark your calendars and grab a plane ticket to Tel Aviv: We're planning a mission of a lifetime for December 28, 2014 - January 5, 2015 and we want you there! With thanks to a generous donor in Columbia, subsidies will be available to young adults who make a meaningful donation to the Federation's Annual Campaign and pledge to get involved with the Federation, either through the Young Adult Division (YAD) or other committees and projects.

Columbia Jewish Federation and Charleston Jewish Federation generated the idea last year of designing a mission to Israel that would help unite young Jews from South Carolina's largest communities and provide them with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to connect with Israel, its land and its people—and each other. Thanks to recently joining forces with the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), which

hosts several missions annually for Jews of all stripes, we have planned an amazing adventure in the Holy Land that will delight your senses and expand your mind. This is just a taste of what we have in store:

- Enjoy the sights, smells and tastes of the ancient city of Jaffa and the thriving modern city of Tel Aviv
- Travel north to Haifa to see Charleston Jewish Federation's community-service projects in action
- Dine with the descendants of the founders of the first kibbutz
- Visit a groundbreaking program that prepares disadvantaged youth for service in the IDF
- Travel south to the Negev and see how science and technology flourish in the desert
- Visit the country's heart to experience the mosaic of today's Jerusalem, and tour its ancient streets to the sounds of Israeli poetry

And we will meet Israelis all along the way - young and old; religious and

secular; veterans and new immigrants; historians and politicians. We will have activities with them; dine with them; learn from them; be inspired and challenged by them.



This is just a taste of what we have in store for you. We promise that this trip will open your eyes, your minds and your hearts to an Israel that you have not experienced before. For more information about this mission, available subsidies or flight recommendations (travelers will make their own air reservations, and will meet at Ben Gurion Airport on December 28"), please call Ginna Green in Columbia at 803.787.2023 or Lori Hoch Stiefel in Charleston at 843.614.6497.

Making Dreams Come True *Let's Begin a Conversation about Legacy Giving*

ROB KRIEGSHABER and FRED SEIDENBERG
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A Talmudic story tells of a traveler who once saw a man planting a carob tree. He asked him when he thought the tree would bear fruit.

"After seventy years," was the reply.

"Dost though expect to live seventy years and eat the fruit of thy labor?"

"I did not find the world desolate when I entered it," said the old man, "and as my ancestors planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who will come after me."

Questions for you to consider:

Do you believe in the missions of our Columbia Jewish Federation and the Columbia Jewish Community Center?

How have these organizations directly impacted your life or the life of a loved one?

How have you been involved with these organizations and helped to see their missions realized?

How have you benefited from these organizations' programs and services?

Do you want these organizations' missions to continue past your lifetime for the benefit of your decedents and community?

Help plant a carob tree.

More to follow...

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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.

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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 cjc@jewishcolumbia.org to start a conversation about how you can join others in the *Create a Jewish Legacy* effort.

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A Controversial Alliance

BARRY ABELS, CJF and JCC Executive Director



Recently our Federation Community Relations Director, Ginna Green, learned that Ron Dermer, Ambassador to the United States from Israel, was paying a quick visit through the region. Coming through Spartanburg, Columbia, and then Charleston, it was a short whirlwind tour that was happening in a matter of days. His total time in Columbia included a speech to a Christian audience at Brookland Baptist Church and then a short meeting with the Governor. As we received more information, we learned that there was not going to be any time to invite the Ambassador to a meeting or even a coffee break with our community. However, the appearance at the church, although not broadly publicized, was open to the public and also featured remarks from Senator Lindsey Graham. Working with other Jewish community members, Ginna arranged for a group from our community to attend the event and also arranged for the Federation be a part of the program, presenting gifts to both the Ambassador and Senator Graham. Ambassador Dermer, the son of a former mayor of Miami Beach, grew up in Florida. Following Michael Oren, another American turned Israeli Ambassador, Ron Dermer retains the ability to present Israel's case. He is articulate, stimulating, and clearly understood. To this audience, he addressed the continuing assertion that Israel is an occupying force in a Palestinian land. Citing ancient and current history, he made the strong case of a continuous presence of Jews in the land since biblical times and that Israel cannot be considered the occupier within its own land. The audience responded heartily to these and other comments. They also applauded often for Senator Graham as he reiterated his strong support for Israel and noted the oft cited fact about Israel being the only democratic government and ally to the United States in the region.

It was an interesting crowd, and our Federation Executive Committee wanted us to be represented to show our support of Israel and of the Ambassador. His visit to Columbia certainly was the primary reason to attend; however, there was an additional sponsor of the visit that some in our community might consider a bit controversial. That sponsor, Christians United for Israel, was created by Pastor John Hagee from San Antonio, Texas. Over the years he has build a large organization of evangelical, mostly right wing Christians. Also referred to as Christian Zionists, this group is responsible for holding hundreds of "Night to Honor Israel" fundraising events that have successfully raised hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars for organizations throughout Israel. I was present at one event that raised \$100,000 for Youth Futures, a program of the Jewish Agency. This gift funded assistance to Israeli youth at risk around Tiberius. The Jewish Agency is a major international partner of the Jewish Federation system. Christians United as a group espouse a philosophy that Christianity did not replace Judaism, but owe their faith to a Jewish beginning; and conversion of Jews is not a goal, but that we both play a role in G-d's plan. What that plan may be, though, can be a point of divergence. Also, as mentioned above, the group is very conservative on several domestic issues that many Jews see in a different light, such as prayer in school and gay rights. Federations and Jewish communities throughout the country differ on how to relate to CUFI. Some believe that regardless of their main value of supporting Israel and the Jewish people, aligning with them carries the price of legitimizing their broader conservative agendas that bind them together outside of the CUFI umbrella. Others adopt the idea that Israel lives in a tough neighborhood and needs any ally it can get. Members of CUFI love Israel at a time when many seek its destruction. It is interesting to note that their executive director and many staffers of the organization are Jews who are committed to their Judaism, but believe in this alliance. This event may be the beginning of CUFI becoming more active in the area. If so, they will come calling on our community to be involved. This will be a discussion for our Community Relations Committee as to what our response will be.

Do some research and see what you think. We would be interested in your opinion. Send us a letter or email and we can continue this discussion in our next issue.

Sad news from Israel

BARRY ABELS, CJF and JCC Executive Director

As staff was putting the finishing touches on this issue of our paper the sad news came through that the bodies of Eyal Yifrach, Gil-ad Shaar, and Naftali Fraenkel, the teens missing in Israel since June 12th, had been found. It looks as if they were killed soon after they were abducted. It is always difficult to hear about terror attacks and shootings, but something about this kidnapping strikes me as even more heinous. There was no stated reason, no strategic purpose behind this despicable act. As horrible as all these acts are, typically there is some stated reason for terrorists to take their actions. Three boys hitchhiking, an activity so common around all of Israel, had no reason to foresee this coming. Now they have paid the price simply for being Jewish Israelis. Who knows what will happen next as security forces seek the perpetrators? Many of us have family and friends throughout Israel. I have three nephews near Gaza who have lived through dozens of rocket attacks in their young lives. I think about them and what their future holds as well.

I know our hearts and prayers go out to the parents of these boys as we also hope and pray for peace to someday be realized in this volatile region. I have to wonder, though, with the various factions killing each other in all of the countries that surround Israel, can we ever expect a two-state solution, or any solution, to bring an end to such horrible acts as the murder of these innocent boys?

Project Welcome Home

LANEY COHEN, JFS Director

Jewish Family Service has been given an opportunity to pilot a program to assist our U.S. service men and women and their families and to engage with their communities. This program is called Project Welcome Home. Though the program will be through the JCC, JFS will spearhead all programs within and all initiatives that apply to Project Welcome Home.

The project, which will be steered by JWB Jewish Chaplains Council, a program of JCC Association, incorporates the needs of veterans, their families and caregivers, as it helps ease their way back into community. The JCCs selected represent a cross-section of centers in size and location and include: JCC of Northern Virginia of Fairfax; Barshop JCC of San Antonio, Texas; Katie and Irwin Kahn JCC of Columbia, South Carolina; Addison-Penzak JCC of Los Gatos, California; JCC Chicago; and Robert E. Loup JCC of Denver, Colorado.

Jewish Family Service's part with Project Welcome Home will be to recognize the needs of veterans and their families and to coordinate with community organizations to engage in activities such as providing respite opportunities or other services. We will work to remove barriers to community engagement that isolates caregivers and those for whom they care.

JWB Jewish Chaplains Council is the first Jewish organization to work with the Elizabeth Dole Foundation in a coalition of public, private, non-profit and faith-based groups addressing the unmet needs of veterans and their caregivers. In early April, the Dole Foundation released results from a RAND Corporation study that found military caregivers struggling to shoulder enormous responsibility caring for wounded service members. The coalition hopes to address these needs and has cited Project Welcome Home as providing a template for other organizations wishing to do so.

"I am truly grateful that these six JCCs have stepped forward to receive training on how to incorporate caregivers into their veteran reintegration programs. There is such wonderful potential for this new resource to uplift caregivers in these communities and, in time, serve as a model for communities across our nation," said Sen. Elizabeth Dole. "As the first Jewish organization to join our national coalition, and one of the first communities of faith to pledge its support to our military and veteran caregivers, the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council has shown tremendous leadership and commitment to these hidden heroes. I look forward to the difference we can make on this critical issue together."

Look for opportunities to get involved and show support in the next few months with our veterans and their families. We are hoping to have a "Vet Together" in the Fall, as well as host and participate in various Veterans' activities and programs around our community. "Like" Columbia Jewish Federation on Facebook to make sure you get all of our programming announcements!



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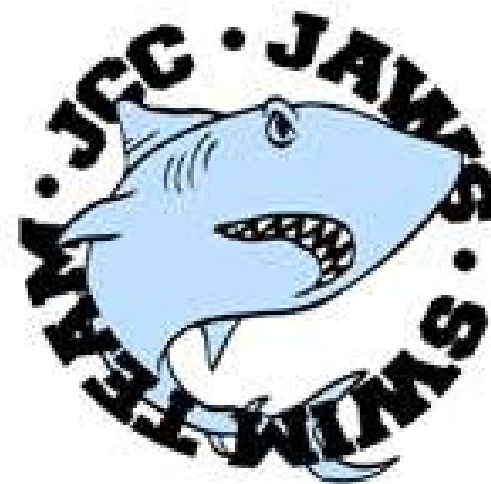
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Chai Society Breakfast
Features Inez Tenenbaum

Inez Tenenbaum, partner in Nelson, Mullins, Riley and Scarborough law firm, joined members of the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center Chai Society for their May breakfast meeting at the JCC. A Georgia native, Tenenbaum was appointed Chair of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission by President Obama in 2009, a position she held until joining Nelson Mullins in December 2013. She is perhaps more widely known among South Carolinians as an educator: Tenenbaum served as S.C. Superintendent of Education from 1998-2007, a tenure marked by improved academic standards, assessment and accountability in S.C. public schools.



The Chai Society is open to anyone who becomes a member of the JCC at a special annual membership of \$1,800. Members attend 6-8 power breakfasts featuring exemplary leaders from business, athletics, government and politics. To join, contact the JCC Membership Department at



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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 a piece 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!

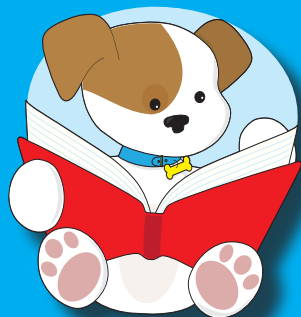
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Storytime & Picnic

Sunday, August 3 at 11:30 am

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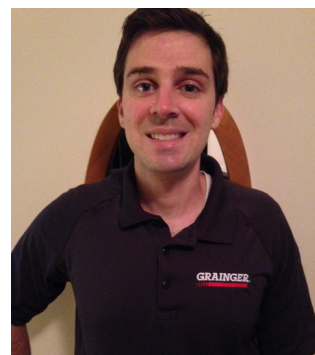
Meet the CJF Board: BRIAN BRODKIN

In this new, 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 Brian Brodtkin.

CJF Board Member Since: 2014

Community Leadership: Board Member of the Young Adult Division of the Federation (YAD), Columbia's Jewish young professional group

Family: Married to Ashley Brodtkin, a banker at BB&T, and we're expecting our first child, a baby boy in October!



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

I'm a Territory Sales Rep for Grainger Industrial Supplies, covering the I-20 corridor from West Columbia to North Augusta. I work with small and medium sized businesses to deliver cost savings and solutions for their maintenance, repair, and operations (MRO) needs. You might see me driving around town in a Jeep wrapped with GRAINGER on every side.

I've always been interested in business and entrepreneurship, from working odd sales jobs in high school and college, to graduating from UNC Chapel Hill '09 with a major in Management and a minor in Entrepreneurship. After school, I moved back to my hometown of Winston-Salem, NC to do international development for a local school supply distributor, and fatefully met my lovely wife. When she completed her leadership training with BB&T and was placed in Columbia, I found myself in this strange southern gem of a town.

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

When I moved to Columbia only knowing one person, my first thought was to go to the local temple to meet people. Risa was kind enough to connect me with Michelle Peterson, who introduced me to the YAD group. After attending a few events and volunteering to help out, YAD created a board to help provide structure, direction, and programming. I began to learn more about the Federation, attended a couple Federation meetings as a YAD representative, and thought it would be a great organization to support with my time and money.

JN: What's going on at YAD?

We're in the process of restructuring our board and plan to hold elections in the next couple of months. We have a great base group of professionals and are networking to engage new members of the community to come out to events. Along with our monthly happy hours and fun events, we're introducing our young professionals to the Federation as well as opportunities to volunteer and get involved with the various Jewish organizations. As the YAD group evolves and new members move in, we hope to cultivate a launching pad for long and happy Jewish lives of service and community.

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

Honestly, I think the JCC. I love working out at their gym and know it will be a great place to bring my son. It's a place where all of the Jews can go to be and feel culturally Jewish alongside non-Jews who go there to feel a similar sense of community. I see the JCC as Columbia's Jewish Headquarters and a facilitator of inter-Jewish collaboration. It's great to have a place [in addition to] the sanctuaries that is inclusively promoting Jewish identity and programming so proudly to the entire Columbia community.

Around the JCC



ABOVE: Yogi Steve Gold facilitated a hands-on yoga workshop, "Yoga and Judaism Body-Breath-Mind-Spirit Practices," in June.



ABOVE: JFS wants to thank Nathan Dolbir for all of his hard work and contributions to the Jewish Food Pantry. Thanks, Nathan, for your organizing skills, as well!



ABOVE: Celebrating Shavuot by making Mt. Sinai out of ice cream



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For more information on the YAD Mission to Israel, please contact GINNA GREEN at ginna@jewishcolumbia.org or 803-787-2023 x. 211

Camp Gesher is in full swing!

RISA STRAUSS, Camp Gesher Director

As you pass through the lobby on any given day this summer, you may hear the sounds of giggles, singing, and kids having fun. That's right, Camp Gesher is in full swing, and campers and counselors agree: this is the best summer ever! Weekly activities and guest speakers are centered around weekly values, such respect, healthy living, teamwork, and citizenship. Highlights have included visits from Pawmetto Lifeline, Richland County police department, Lexington County Library, and HOSA. The oldest group, known as the Galaxies, are enjoying weekly field studies with a leadership and career focus, including visits to the Columbia Museum of Art, the Fire Station, state Attorney General Alan Wilson's office, Benedict College, Columbia College, Chic-Fil-A, the State House, and Beth Shalom's Tuesdays with Friends program. Camp favorites include arts and crafts, swimming, yoga, kickboxing, cooking, singing, Quidditch, fitness, hula hooping, GaGa, sports, and drama. Our week culminates with a Shabbat Celebration as campers make their own challah, drink apple juice, and sing songs after we light the sabbath candles. Interested in joining us? Call Risa Strauss, Elisa Westfall, or Melanie Pace at 787-2023 ext. 210 for more information.





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Spring 2014 Columbia Holocaust Education Commission Events

LYSSA HARVEY, Contributor

Commission members:

Lilly Filler
Lyssa Harvey
Selden Smith
Kimberely Richey
Esther Greenberg
Marlene Roth
Barry Abels
Ginna Green

* Three new panels were added to the *Holocaust Remembered* Exhibit "Strike and Hold," telling the story of South Carolina's WWII Liberator Moffatt Burriss.

* *The State* Newspaper published the first ever 24-page Holocaust Supplement "Holocaust Remembered," produced by the Commission.

* The SC Legislature honored WWII Liberator Moffatt Burriss and presented him with a proclamation sponsored by the Columbia Holocaust Education Commission in both chambers.

* The *Holocaust Remembered* Exhibit traveled to the Columbia Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center, the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, Beth Shalom Synagogue and the SC State House.

* The *Holocaust Remembered* Exhibit was featured at this year's annual Yom Hoshiah Memorial Service at Beth Shalom Synagogue.

* Over 600 school students from all over the Midlands had the opportunity to hear the personal story of a SC Survivor and view the *Holocaust Remembered* Exhibit.

*Spring 2015 The Columbia Holocaust Education Commission and the SC State Museum will partner to exhibit the *Holocaust Remembered* Exhibit at the SC State Museum with accompanying programs and events.



WWII Holocaust Camp Liberator Moffatt Burriss being presented with a Proclamation from the SC Legislature from Senator Joel Lourie and Representative Beth Bernstein



400 Middle School Students from Pleasant Hill Middle School visit the Holocaust Remembered Exhibit at The Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center



Holocaust Remembered Exhibit at the SC State Capitol Lobby

Share your life cycle announcements in the *Jewish News*.

Email your announcement and photo to crc@jewishcolumbia.org.

Photos should be emailed as high-resolution jpeg files. Announcements should not exceed 100 words.



In Memory

LAPIDUS, Hazel Castore, 100, of Clearwater, FL., formerly of Columbia, SC., passed away of natural causes June 23, 2014. Predeceased by husband of 67 years, Dr. Bernard Lapidus MD, and son, Richard. Born in Masontown, PA. Graduate of Charity Hospital School of Nursing, Cleveland, Ohio. Served in US Public Health Service (USPHS) Baltimore and Boston. Resided in Columbia, SC for more than 50 years. Charter member of Women's Symphony, Columbia Women's Club, Bay Blossom Garden Club, Planned Parenthood, League of Women's Voters, Gray Lady, volunteer at Dorn VA Hosp. and Talking Books for the Blind. Jewish. Member of Beth Shalom Synagogue, Columbia, SC; Hadassah Life member, Chapter Pres., VP Southeast Regional and National Hadassah Leadership Awards. She and her husband co-chaired United Jewish Appeal, 1980 and were Hadassah Founders, 1998. She is survived by daughter Barbara (Mark) Birenbaum of Clearwater, FL; two granddaughters, Richelle (Kameron) Rabenou and Hylah Birenbaum; two great-granddaughters and two great-grandsons. Donations to Hadassah or charity of choice.

The Secret Shabbat Blessing

RABBI LEAH DOBERNE-SCHOR, Contributor

When I was an Assistant Rabbi, I would celebrate with the Early Childhood Program at their weekly Shabbat Party. A few parents would join their children for the festivities, and they would be invited to stay behind for a few moments with the rabbi.

The parents and students would gather with me in the front of the chapel, by the Aron (the ark that houses the Torah scrolls). Then came my favorite part of the morning: I would instruct the parents to hold their children close, maybe even place a hand on their children's head or shoulders. I explained to the parents that it is customary for parents to bless their children on Friday evening, often right after the candles are lit. I taught them the words of the traditional blessing.

I then asked them to whisper a "secret Shabbat blessing" into their children's ear. To go beyond the words on the page and find the blessing in their heart. The preschoolers kept wiggling and squirming, but the room became filled with laughter and smiles and indescribable sounds of happiness.

How often do we tell the people in our lives that we love them? And more than that, share with them how they are special to us?

This, in and of itself, is reason enough to bless each other. But there is another reason I think it important for parents to offer a "secret Shabbat blessing" of their own. We may be used to giving compliments. "That's a beautiful shiny bow you are wearing." "You sat so quietly today." "I like the truck on your T-shirt." While a compliment is a form of praise, most only touch the surface. A blessing, on the other hand, connects us to something deeper - to who we really are.

We can bless our children for so many reasons. A (very) partial list might include:

- because they tried their best (even if it didn't work out)
- because they worked hard and did better the next time
- because they learned something new
- because they acted as a good friend (sibling, helper)
- because they were kind
- because they were brave
- because they shared (even when it was hard)
- because they demonstrated a wonderful sense of humor
- because they were a team player
- because they were honest (even when it came at a cost)
- because they asked a good question
- because they learned how to make good choices

When we offer our children their own Shabbat blessing, one tailored just for them - based upon how we have seen them grow and learn and live in the past week - we show them that we notice them, we demonstrate that we value them, and we teach them that we love them for their successes and struggles and, indeed, their entire being, not just what shows up on the surface.

We teach them that we want them to grow up to be *menschen* (people of integrity and honor) and that we are there for them on that journey.

In essence, we teach them that they are loved and blessed because they have a beautiful *neshama*, a beautiful soul and spirit. That the Source of Life and Blessing flows through them - their breath, their life, their actions. That they are a gift from God.



Rabbi Leah Doberne-Schor serves Beth Israel Congregation, in Florence SC. She lives, writes, studies and teaches in Columbia, SC. This article first appeared on her blog: www.palmettorabbi.com.

Shock and outrage after discovery of bodies of murdered Israeli teens

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

JERUSALEM/NEW YORK - News that the three Israeli teenagers kidnapped by terrorists on 12 June 2014 from a hitchhiking point in Gush Etzion near the West Bank city of Hebron were murdered was met with shock and outrage by the leaders of the World Jewish Congress (WJC). WJC President Ronald S. Lauder said the thoughts of the entire international Jewish community were with the families of Naphtali Fraenkel, Gilad Sha'ar and Eyal Yifrach. The bodies of the three were discovered on Monday near Hebron.

The three bodies were found by security forces in a field northwest of Hebron on Monday afternoon. Police forensics officers were called to the scene to confirm the identities of the bodies. The discovery came after Israel's inland security service Shin Bet focused its efforts in the area over the past two days during searches for the three abducted Israeli teens.

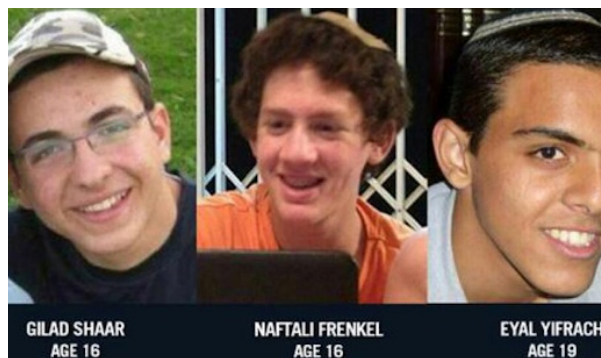
Israeli authorities have evidence that the abduction was done by members of the Islamist Hamas movement, which runs the Gaza Strip and recently entered into agreement with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah group.

"We are beyond shocked, outraged and heartbroken by these despicable murders. Once again, Hamas has revealed its true colors: This group blatantly disregards human life, and it doesn't even refrain from hijacking innocent

teenagers. Those who committed this heinous crime must be hunted down and brought to justice.

"Clearly, Hamas is a terrorist organization, and it must be dismantled, and it is the responsibility of Mahmoud Abbas to remove all Hamas-linked officials from his government immediately and fight terrorism vigorously and urgently. Abu Mazen must show leadership now," Lauder declared.

He also urged the international community, and in particular the United States and the European Union, to halt all financial support for the Palestinian Authority until Hamas is excluded from all government bodies. "This murder must spur the world into action, and the fight against fanatic, extremist groups such as Hamas must be stepped up urgently," said the WJC president.



PJ Library® Goes to JCC Day Camp

PJ LIBRARY

As part of our new 'PJ Library Goes to JCC Day Camps!' program, 49 JCCs (52 JCC day camp programs in total, including Camp Gesher!) received a complimentary set of PJ Library® books for the summer of 2014.

Through our JCC/Grinspoon Day Camp Project, started in 2010, the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) became our first national partner in our work to strengthen the field of Jewish day camp. 'PJ Library Goes to JCC Day Camps!' is one more way we are partnering to create additional opportunities for campers to connect with Jewish life, holidays, and values.

This grant is an example of the broad-based support we receive from HGF. In addition to marrying Harold Grinspoon's two passions (Jewish camp and Jewish books) the PJ Library® grant for day camps helps unite two great arms of our local JCC partners. HGF's camping program, JCamp 180, currently provides fundraising incentives and consulting mentors to 18 JCC day camps and 24 JCC overnight camps throughout the US.

Beth Shalom

Tuesdays with Friends

Beth Shalom Synagogue, 5827 N. Trenholm Road

Senior Program—Everyone Welcome
Come Enjoy the Fun, Food & Friendship
11:30 am-1 pm

Tuesday, July 1, 2014
Program to be announced

There is no charge to attendees thanks to the generous donation made by Sandra Annette Kandel & family.
In loving memory of my husband, Rabbi Edward Kandel.

Tuesday, August 5, 2014
Program to be announced

There is no charge to attendees thanks to the generous donation made by Doris and Ronnie Frank. *In loving memory of our parents Etta Frank and Kurt Lichtenstein and in honor of Robert Frank and Susi Lichtenstein.*

Fun Fitness & Birthday Celebration!

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, 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.

Religious School News

LORA STEIN, Contributor

As I begin to prep my garden for fall vegetable planting, I stop and once again realize how quickly the summer passes. It seems so recent that our children were anxiously waiting for the last school bell to ring, signaling summer's unofficial beginning.

Many students are still away at summer camp, some are off on a faraway vacation, or visiting relatives. Some of us are simply enjoying the last of the lazy days of summer relaxing at home.

Every year, Religious School directors, Education Boards and teachers work together to create an action plan for a school year that will surpass the last. This year is no exception.

Religious School registration is now being accepted; early registration is appreciated so that we can best accommodate student needs. For more information please contact the Beth Shalom office at 803-782-2500.

We at Beth Shalom look forward to the 2014/2015 school year with enthusiasm. Families are invited to join us for our Back-to-School Blast on August 24, 2014. Please look for the time and location of this event to be posted on our website and in our Beth Shalom Monthly Bulletin in the coming weeks.



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

The next two dates are:
June 26 and July 31

Please volunteer.

The needs of our community, neighbors, and friends are weighty.

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.

Tree Of Life

I-Spy Something Jewish...

RISA STRAUSS, Contributor

The end of the Religious School year always seems to come way too swiftly and yet always brings with it a flurry of activity. Smiling, engaged faces are our goal, and we know that the month of May provided ample opportunity for all to strengthen their Jewish identity with activities surrounding our very own Big Nosh, *Yom Haatzmaut* (Israel Independence day), and *Lag B'Omer*, which we celebrated in style with the entire Jewish community at the JCC. During the month of June we observe *Shavuot*.

Shavuot, mostly considered to be a "start of summer" festival, rejoices agriculturally in our first fruits and the receiving of the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai - so many generations ago.

But, what about the rest of June and the long hot months of July and August? Summer vacation looms! Does Jewish learning need to take a backseat to pool parties, day camp, sleep away camp and backyard barbecues? Most certainly NOT!

In many ways, the *Shavuot* celebration is a perfect starting point for the wonderful Jewish educational opportunities that summer can provide. Honoring a good harvest - our children, perhaps - and the Ten Commandments at the beginning of summer can certainly set the stage for only good things during the coming 12 weeks.

A fun way to support your family's Jewish experience year-round might be a summer "road trip" or cruise that has some Jewish content or focus. Playing I-Spy "something Jewish" during your vacation can very easily include sightings that go beyond the bagel and pastrami sandwich!

Please enjoy the following "Jewish TripTik" Road Trip and Cruise plans (kind of like the ones we used to get from AAA). Whatever you choose, PLAN EARLY! Before you know it, we'll be talking about back-to-school supplies and *Rosh HaShana* and *Yom Kippur*!

TOL TripTik Plan A: Travel to lovely Charlotte, North Carolina where you will discover in the middle of the downtown area the **Levine Museum of the New South**. This museum is an interactive history museum that provides the visitor with the most comprehensive interpretation of post civil war southern society in the United States. Many of the exhibits are hands-on, invigorating and thought provoking for all ages. Through September 14, 2014 there is a special exhibit that examines the relationship between Jewish professors who fled Nazi Germany and African-American students. The presentation entitled "Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars at Black Colleges" is powerful, insightful, and just up I-77, an hour and a half north of Columbia. For more information go to: www.museumofthenewsouth.org.

TOL TripTik Plan B: If you are planning to travel south to Georgia this summer, then please do not miss the wonderful collections and exhibits at **The William Breman Jewish Heritage and Holocaust Museum** located in Midtown Atlanta. The museum features a number of educational exhibitions including "The Absence of Humanity - the Holocaust Years" and "Creating Community: the Jews of Atlanta from 1845 - the Present." For more information, go to www.thebreman.org or call 678-222-3700.

TOL TripTik Plan C: Right in our own backyard, a mere 90 minutes down I-26 in Charleston, SC, is Congregation *Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim* - also known as KKBE. In the city that is known to be the birthplace of Reform Judaism in the United States, KKBE exists in an atmosphere of serenity, warmth, mutual acceptance and historical significance. This Reform congregation inaugurated in 1841 recently celebrated its sesquicentennial and is the oldest surviving Reform synagogue in the world. You can arrange a tour, attend a service, and visit their delightful gift shop. For more information go to: www.kkbe.org.

TOL TripTik Plan D: CRUISE! No Caribbean cruise or resort vacation would be complete with an excursion to a site with Jewish significance. Did you know that the Caribbean Islands are home to some of the oldest Jewish communities in North America and that Jews were among the first wave of European settlers to develop communities on the islands? Great vacation stops that enjoy Jewish communal life include:

Curacao, where the Jewish community dates back to 1651. Sephardic Jews from Portugal were the first to settle, followed by Ashkenazic Jews in the 1920's. You must visit Congregation Mikveh Israel-Emanuel, which boasts a famous sand floor inside the synagogue. Also on your must-see list is the Jewish Cultural Historical Museum and the Beth Haim cemetery, which has graves with tombstones, dating back to 1659, inscribed in Portugese, Hebrew, Spanish, English, Dutch, French, and Yiddish.

St. Thomas is another island with a sizable Jewish population and interesting Jewish history. A highlight of any visit to St. Thomas includes seeing the St. Thomas Synagogue (how many synagogue names have a Saint in them?). This shul dates back to 1796 and is the oldest synagogue in continuous use under the American flag (St. Thomas is part of the Virgin Islands, which is an American territory). Services have been held here on every Shabbat since 1833, except for one Sabbath in 1995, when Hurricane Marilyn struck. This synagogue also has a floor that is all sand.

If the **Bahamas** are on your itinerary, then you should know that these islands, which are just a hop, skip, and a jump away from the Florida Keys, are home to a Jewish community that dates back at least to the 17th century. There are congregations in Freeport and in Nassau. The shul in Nassau is named the Nassau Jewish Congregation and is affiliated with the Union of Jewish Congregations of Latin America and the Caribbean. In Freeport, on Grand Bahama Island, the Freeport Hebrew Congregation is affiliated with the URJ.

These are just a few ideas to supplement your summer Jewish experiences. Happy trails, don't get seasick, and *Nesiyah Tovah* - Have a good and safe trip.

Have a wonderful and safe summer. Mark your calendars!

*The first day of TOL Religious School is Sunday, September 7.

Registration Packets will be out the first week in August.

*Friday eve, September 5 is Tree of Life's annual new member ice cream social and "Back-to-School" Shabbat. Details are forthcoming. We look forward to seeing you!



**KEEP
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Dinner, Havdalah & Team Trivia

Who: Anyone & everyone!

What: Enjoy a mid-summer Temple activity: dinner, havdalah (beautiful ceremony ending the Sabbath and welcoming the coming week) & a fun, slightly competitive Team Trivia (all topics covered, great fun for all)! There will be prizes & childcare for up to Grade 5! Build your own team, or we will find a team for you! Only \$5 per person for dinner and \$5 PER FAMILY for childcare.

When: Saturday evening, July 12, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Tree Of Life Congregation with your hosts for the evening, Rabbi and Risa
For more info on dinner (pizza, salad, cake & ice cream bar—if you have dietary restrictions we will accommodate your needs) & to RSVP by July 10, call Risa at 787-2182 or 476-7487, or email at risa@tolsc.org.

Israeli craft beer heads stateside—to the Southern side!

GINNA GREEN
Managing Editor

Initially Sublime Imports was a one-man company. Mike Hammond, founder and owner, has familial and business ties to Spain. He began in the Spanish tile importing industry 20 years ago, but most recently got into the beer industry, starting Sublime Imports to import just one Spanish beer back in June 2012. Later that summer, a nice Jewish boy would help expand the company, and bring some of the best of Israel's beers to the U.S.

In August 2012 Austin Clar (whose father is a rabbi) joined the operation. He had lived and studied in yeshivah in Jerusalem from June 2011 to June 2012.

Upon his return to the US, Clar met Hammond and they began working together promoting La Socarrada, the Spanish beer that launched Sublime Imports. As Clar became more and more involved in the company as a whole, in combination with his personal ties to Israel, he suggested the company look into the Israeli craft beer with which he had become familiar during his time there. Over the early months of 2013 they reached out to Israeli breweries.

One thing led to another and Sublime Imports eventually became the first importer of Israeli craft beer in the US, beginning with one brand—**Malka Beer**. Soon the company expects to be working with another Israeli craft brewery, **Alexander Beer**, also one of the best craft breweries in Israel.

Here's a rundown of some of Israel's best beers now available in South Carolina (through Aleph Wines, which donated cases to the Columbia Jewish Film Festival earlier this year):

Malka Beer - Located in the upper Galilee town of Yehiam (pronounced YEH-HEE-YAHM), at the foot of the 12th century Montfort castle, Malka is one of the first microbreweries in Israel. Malka maintains a tradition of handcrafting small batches of beer, specializing in traditional Belgian, German, and English styles while imparting a local Israeli twist—using natural water from the Ga'aton Springs and local flavors.

Malka means “queen” in Hebrew. The brewery is located at Kibbutz Yehiam in the Western Galilee, Israel. Their beer is of course kosher, their hechsher/kosher certification being obtained from an Israel based mashgiach/kosher certifier.

Blonde - A Belgian influenced 6.5% Blonde Ale. Has notes of citrus and apple frutiness, biscuit malt, and a peppery bite. Very refreshing and inviting. Great beer.

Pale Ale - A Pale Ale with a nutty, biscuit, and woody-like malt, caramel/toffee notes, herbal hops, and forward and inviting fruit tones.

Dry Stout - Their best offering, a fantastic Dry Stout. Coffee/espresso, dark chocolate, nutty, and almost a burnt quality to it, all summed up with a pleasant dry finish. This beer won third place for best overall stout at an international beer competition in Australia.

Alexander - One of the best, and soon to be the second, craft brewery to be imported from Israel into the US.

Green - An Israeli IPA - an excellent IPA, blending American and English influence with the waters of the Sea of Galilee in Israel.

Amber - An Israeli Biere de Garde. A very interesting Israeli version of an amber colored French Biere de Garde.

Black - A Robust Porter, dark and rich with hints of espresso, chocolate, and dark fruit, brewed with waters of the Sea of Galilee. Won a gold medal in a European Stout/Porter competition.

MALKA מלכה

ISRAELI CRAFT BEER FROM THE UPPER GALILEE



BLONDE ALE

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Chabad

**Operation Thunderbolt Hero (Entebbe)
to visit Columbia
Tuesday, August 26th**



Sassy Reuven is a veteran of the Israel Defense Force. During the terror-filled years of 1973-1976 Sassi served in the IDF's elite "Red Beret" paratrooper unit. He participated in several covert operations in Israel's mighty struggle against Arab terrorism.

In July of 1976, Sassi participated in the famed Entebbe rescue mission code named "Operation Thunderbolt", flying thousands of miles over enemy territory to rescue Jewish hostages being held by terrorists in Uganda.



His story is Israel's story: courage, endurance, defiance and a willingness to sacrifice it all for the right to live in your homeland in freedom.

To Register: Call Rabbi Levi at (803) 237-7330

The event will be held at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center.

CJDS

RABBI MEIR MULLER, Ph.D.
Contributor

The children of the Columbia Jewish Day School gathered with friends, community members, and dignitaries to break ground for the new Cutler Jewish Day School. Mike Arnold, CJDS Board President, stated, "Our school is grateful to the Cutlers, grateful to long serving board members and major supporters like Kay and Jeff Gross, grateful to our partners at Beth Shalom, and grateful to all the wonderful families who send their children to CJDS."



At this event the school was also awarded first demonstration site for the South Carolina Program for Infant/Toddler Care, an organization that promotes best practices with children birth through three years old. Kerrie Schnake, SCPITC's Director, said teachers and administrators from around the state will be able to come to the school to see how faculty members develop babies and children into caring and capable youngsters. "CJDS provides the kind of nurturing environment that helps children develop into self-assured, inquisitive, caring citizens," said Kerrie Schnake, Director of SCPITC. "As the first SCPITC Demonstration Site, they can help show others what this kind of care looks like in action." Sen. Joel Lourie spoke about the partnership between the synagogue and the school and the school and community. The ceremony concluded with well wishes from Ms. Cutler who recognized that her late husband, Mr. Shep Cutler, was at the event in spirit and "Shepping nachus"

BBYO



Parents' Meeting and Pool Party!

Join us to learn about AZA and BBG, the world's largest Jewish youth group while your children socialize and have fun in the pool.

WHEN: Saturday, August 30 1 – 5 p.m.

WHERE: At the home of the BBG advisor,

Tammy Bergman – 308 Springwood Road

WHO: Any Jewish teen, 8th grade - 12th grade

RSVP: Jerry Emanuel (jemassoc@juno.com)



YAD



Jane Kulbersh was the gracious host of our June Young Leadership "An Evening With." series.

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