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Dr. Naomi Farber installed as the new president of the Columbia Jewish Federation

Installation of new officers at the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center and the Columbia Jewish Federation took place during the joint annual meeting of both organizations. Dr. Naomi Farber was installed as president by her father, Dr. Emmanuel Farber. She will serve a two year term. Keith Babcock continues his service as JCC president. Outgoing Federation president Shelley Kriegshaber said her two year term was filled with many accomplishments, including more collaboration among organizations.

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Keith Babcock begins his second year as JCC president.



Dr. Manny Farber installs his daughter Dr. Naomi Farber as Federation president.

Search Committee Update

Three finalists for the joint executive director position of the Columbia Jewish Federation and the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center visited Columbia in December. The search committee, chaired by Dr. Joshua McDuffie, is hoping to hire a new director in the beginning of the year. Receptions were held for the candidates so members of the community could meet them.



Jay Tenenbaum meets the community during a candidates visit.

Solidarity Rally for Israel

Columbia's Jewish community held a solidarity rally for Israel on November 25 at the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center. Those gathered remembered the Israeli civilians killed and wounded recently by Hamas missiles. The event was hosted by Columbia's three synagogues, Beth Shalom, Tree of Life and Chabad-Aleph House, as well as the Columbia Jewish Federation and the Katie and Irwin Kahn center.



Speakers included the Israel Special Emissary Ronnie Porat, Middle East scholars Dr. Josef Olmert and Dr. Michael Sharnoff, Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson and S.C. state lawmakers.



U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson speaks at the Solidarity Rally. See page 9 for more pictures.

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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?

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From the President

When I completed my freshman year of college in 1975, I went off to Europe with a friend, in possession of a backpack, a Eurail pass, and some traveler's checks. We had no particular plans except to have the kind of adventure that only a fearless 19-year-old can! We found ourselves in Amsterdam on a Friday afternoon, close to Shabbos, with barely any local currency in our possession; we had just enough for public transportation in the city. As we were discussing what to do, I noticed a flier posted on a pole advertising a kosher restaurant. On a whim—or, perhaps, guided by some deeper sense of direction—we got on a bus and went to the restaurant. Once there, we explained our dilemma to the Lubavitcher owner. He struck the following deal with us: We would first go to his shul and then return to join his family for dinner and lunch the following day. We went, of course, and I experienced a remarkable shabbos, including my first service in an orthodox shul, under the protection of an ostensible stranger in a strange land.

Fast forward decades, to 2012: Steven's and my son, Sam, completed his freshman year as a voice and opera student at the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester in New York. He decided to stay in Rochester for the summer and work, though at what sort of job he had no idea, and with no particular options in sight in a very distressed local economy.

On a whim, similar to that in Amsterdam so long ago, I contacted both the vice president of the Jewish Federation of Rochester and the Director of the JCC, to see if they had any ideas about how Sam might find work. Both of them immediately invited Sam to meet with them. Within a few weeks, Sam had the option of two summer jobs. He chose to work as a counselor at the JCC camp, which provided both income and a meaningful experience as a young Jewish person.

Within the last few weeks, a single mother from our community contacted JFS in a state of panic. She had missed the deadline for applying for educational loans through JELF, because of family crises, and, without the loan, her daughter would be unable to return to college. Laney Cohen, our JFS Director, responded immediately and, with characteristic excellent service that is made possible only through support of our Jewish community, was able to help the family secure the necessary funds for her daughter to continue her education.

Though many members of our community might be surprised to know this, over the last year, seven of our families who were on the verge of eviction or losing their homes through foreclosure were helped to keep their homes through the Federation's tzedakah funds and no-interest loans. In addition, they received financial counseling from JFS to help prevent such catastrophic loss in the future.

Whether in Amsterdam, in Rochester, in Columbia, today, last year, or nearly 40 years ago, apparent strangers responded to others' needs. They responded because in reality they were not strangers: They acted as family to other Jewish people in need of help and support, simply because they were asked.

What can we conclude from these experiences? We don't have to look far to find one important conclusion: We, in this community and beyond, believe that by virtue of being Jewish, we have both the obligation and privilege of providing the same kind of protection and care that Sam, the college student and the seven families who went to JFS, and I experienced to our immediate and extended family of Jews worldwide. That is the reason that I am so honored to serve as President of the Columbia Jewish Federation, why our Board members volunteer as lay leaders, and why so many community members support the Federation with their time, energy and financial resources.

Though I have not been actively involved in Federation as long as many community members who have given generously of themselves, I have had the advantage of serving Federation under three Presidents—David Lovit, Esther Greenberg, and Shelley Kriegshaber—whom I watched rise to challenges with creativity, dedication, and strong leadership. I have had the opportunity to learn from them, as well as from others who have served the community, to help prepare me to accept this responsibility and honor.

What do I see as the major issues and priorities for this time in our community's history? I want to preface this by observing that in attending the Federation General Assembly in recent years, it is unambiguously clear that just about all of the issues we need to address are shared widely, if not universally, among other small, as well as large, Federations across the country. Of course our community is unique in its history, identity, and membership, but it is important to keep a wide perspective on our own situation and learn from other communities' difficulties and successes in responding to these issues.

1. First, of course, we have to actively support successful efforts to engage younger members of the Jewish community. Our Federation Young Leaders are energizing and increasing the involvement of younger community members who represent the future of our community, but this continues to be an urgent priority.

2. Second, we must build on recent successes in expanding participation in our Jewish communal life. This has been happening in various ways, such as engaging a significantly larger donor base and providing support to a greater number of new and ongoing cultural, educational, and service programs. These programs draw and serve more community members and represent increasing collaboration, resulting in improving how we serve our community and greater visibility of the Federation's place in the community. Nevertheless, we have great strides yet to achieve.

3. Third, we must focus on developing strategies for sustaining a vibrant Jewish community, not just now but in the future. That will mean creating an endowment, working with donors to help them create the kind of long-term impact they want to have on the community, beyond the annual campaign, in the form of legacies.

4. Fourth, we need to explore new ways to engage our community with Israel beyond maintaining our financial commitment to her security and wellbeing. As an example of the sorts of collaborative impact the Federation has, this past year, in the context of an impressively revitalized Hillel, the first group of students from USC went on a Birthright trip. We can and will create new opportunities to make those connections with Israel.

5. Fifth is our immediate need to appoint a new joint Executive Director of the Federation and JCC. We now have an important opportunity to reflect on the kind of leadership that will carry us into the next period of development and to bring to our community a leader who will help us develop and realize that vision.

6. Finally, the significance of appointing a joint Executive Director of the CJF and JCC goes well beyond a new administrative structure. Several members of the Federation and JCC Boards are creating a proposal to consolidate the work of the major Jewish organizations into a new functional community alliance that will allow us to use our human and financial resources more efficiently, effectively, creatively, and result in a more unified Jewish Columbia. In coming months you will hear more about this, and we will seek the views and ideas of the entire Jewish community.

I want to express my genuine and deep gratitude for the opportunity to serve in this position. I look forward, with my colleagues at the Federation, the Jewish Community Center, and the many member agencies and organizations with whom we collaborate, to contribute to this exciting time in our Columbia Jewish communal life!

Respectfully,

Naomi Farber, naomif@mailbox.sc.edu

Federation Interfaith Outreach

By Kenny Berger,
Community Relations Chair
Columbia Jewish Federation



Father Paul Stricklin, along with congregants from St. Michael's & All Angels, welcomed members of our community for breakfast. We had the chance not only to break bagels together, but also to pray together. In addition to readings from the prophets and the songs we

know as Psalms, our friends at St. Michael's provided a window into their personal relationships with God.

Perhaps most importantly, the breakfast provided an opportunity to discuss our shared goals, among them: feeding the hungry and protecting those children who without charity have little. If you want to get involved with CJF's community relations and interfaith efforts, we welcome your participation. Please call Kenny Berger (803-360-6267) to learn how you can make a difference.

Pictured above: Moss Blachman enjoys getting to know members of St. Michael & All Angels Church.

Committee meets to discuss possible consolidation of Federation and JCC boards



Dr. David Lovit has been appointed chairman of a newly formed committee to look into the feasibility of merging the Federation and JCC boards into one community wide board. The first committee meeting was held in November. Lovit has contacted leaders of many Jewish communities that have merged their organizations to discuss the pros and cons. Merging boards is a growing trend in communities across the country. Major advantages of consolidation include better utilization of leadership, unification of the Jewish community, save money on overhead and to be able to put more of our tzedakah back into our community here and abroad. Both the boards of the Federation and JCC are in favor of beginning merger discussions. The community will be included in discussions as more progress is made.



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By Laney Cohen,
Director

At the start of every year, people around the world are faced with the same exact question running through their heads: "What will my New Year's resolution be?" This dilemma is one that is years old. According to Wikipedia—yes, I know, an extremely reliable resource—the ancient Babylonians made promises to their gods at the start of each year that they would return borrowed objects and pay their debts. In the Medieval era, the knights took the "peacock vow" at the end of the Christmas season each year to reaffirm their commitment to chivalry. Why do we, in 2013, do it? What is the purpose? Personal goals and changing habits often are seen as ways to new beginnings. The key to making it a worthwhile resolution is to make it so that it can be reached. This means that the resolution cannot be one that is so far fetched; one gets frustrated and gives up mid-attempt. Make your resolution attainable, realistic. Resolutions don't always have to be about losing weight, or making an unrealistic life change (not that losing weight is an unrealistic life change—just speaking from personal experience). Make a resolution to be a better person, give Tzedakah, do Mitzvot. Be a good neighbor or even just a good example for your neighbor. In March, the community will hold its second community-wide Mitzvah Day. Make it a goal to be there and support your community with your friends and family. It's a great way to be involved, set examples, and achieve a resolution to be a better person.

JFS wants to thank all who donated to Federation in 2012. Without the community's generous support, there would be no Jewish Family Service. This is a thank you for the financial help, as well as the volunteer hours which are given by the incredible JFS volunteers. These are community members who not only give up time to make and deliver bags to seniors and bake for events, but also have helped staff the Ronald McDonald House year after year. Without the volunteers, as well, Jewish Family Service would not be here. I thank you, and the community which you live in thanks you too.



December marked seven years since the very first PJ Library® book was mailed nationally, with nearly 109,000 children now receiving books throughout North America. Locally, we are proud to serve over 100 families in our third year of operation.

In 2012, PJ Library in Columbia, in conjunction with Federation's Shalom Baby program, gave 20 newborns their very first PJ Library book. We celebrated Israel's 64th birthday, as well as Shabbat, Tu B'Shevat, and Sukkot. The highlight of our year took place in October when we shared Havdalah with our PJ Library families, members of the community, and Jewish rocker Rick Recht at a special community-wide concert, for which we received national recognition from PJ Library and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation for creating a "collaboration gem" with the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center.

So what does 2013 have in store? We look forward to continued programming in conjunction with our community's congregations and Jewish organizations. We aim to place books in the mailbox of every Jewish child between six months and eight years of age in Columbia, increasing our membership by at least 10 percent. We also strive to continue regular communication with our PJ Library families through our eNewsletter and Facebook.

If your child or a Jewish child you know in Columbia is not currently receiving PJ Library, visit www.pjlibrary.org or contact Cheryl Nail at 787-2023 x. 219 to enroll today!

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Gil Hoffman Visits Columbia

Jerusalem Post chief political correspondent Gil Hoffman spoke to the community about the U.S. election impact on Israel and the Middle East. The event was co-sponsored by the Columbia Jewish Federation, the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center, and USC Jewish Studies. Congregants of St. Michael and All Angels Church were invited to attend as part of interfaith community outreach by the Federation.



The Columbia Jewish Federation would love more photographs of Jewish life in Columbia for use in its slideshows, brochures, and other marketing materials.

Please email photos to crc@jewishcolumbia.org. All photographs will be appropriately credited.

Ask a Rabbi

Rabbi Daniel M. Sherman



Q How many new years do we Jews observe?

A great question with which to begin the New Year of 2013! The Mishnah makes reference to four different New Years. *Rosh HaShanah 1:1* states: "... the 1st of Nisan is the New Year for kings and festivals; the 1st of Elul is the New Year for the tithing of cattle.... The 1st of Tishrei is the New Year for the reckoning of the religious year, of the Sabbatical years (every seven years), and of Jubilee years (every fifty years).... The 1st of Shevat is the New Year for the (fruit) trees according to the House of Shammai, while the House of Hillel says that it falls on the 15th of Shevat."

Allow me to explain. The 1st of Nisan (in the spring, usually March or April) can be considered the "legal New Year." Nisan is thus considered the first month of the year. This was the date around which the reign of Israelite kings was calculated. Passover, which begins on the 15th day of the first month, is thus the first festival of the year. Rosh HaShanah, meanwhile, is the first day of the seventh month.

The 1st of Elul (late summer, usually August or September) is the New Year for tithing. When the Mishnah speaks of cattle, it actually refers to all domesticated animals that are counted as part of the tithe. Any animal born before the 1st of Elul was counted as part of the tithe for that year.

The 1st of Tishrei (in the fall, usually September or October) is Rosh HaShanah -the "head of the year." This is the biblical Yom HaZikaron-Day of Remembering-on which we blow the shofar and marks the beginning of the religious year. This past Rosh HaShanah we welcomed the year 5773.

The 15th of the month of Shevat (in the winter, usually January or February) marks the beginning of the fruit crop in Israel. It is the New Year for trees. In Hebrew this is known simply as Tu B'Shevat-"Tu" is spelled with TET and VAV, which add up to 15 (9 + 6 = 15)-or Chamishah Asar B'Shevat (the 15th day of Shevat).

Tu B'Shevat, which falls on January 26 this year, is considered a minor holiday on the Jewish calendar, but it can teach us important lessons. First, Tu B'Shevat reminds us of our dependence on trees and nature. It provides us with the opportunity to thank God for our trees and for everything that grows out of the ground. We have an obligation to take good care of the earth we have been given.

Second, Tu B'Shevat connects us with the land of Israel. In Israel, it is still winter, but the very first blossoms (the almond tree) begin to appear. Traditions on Tu B'Shevat include planting trees, donating money for the planting of trees in Israel (particularly through the Jewish National Fund), as well as eating fruits-especially fruits that are grown in the land of Israel or fruits that one has not tasted in quite some time. The proper blessing for eating fruit is concludes: "*BORAY P'RI HA-EITS*," as we thank God who creates the fruit of trees.

Q Are Purim and Mardi Gras related?

These two days may not be related, but they do share some very similar practices. Both occur around the same time of year, in February or March (this year, Mardi Gras is Feb. 12 and Purim is Feb.24), at which time the worst part of the winter is behind us and we can look forward to the days beginning to get longer. Both days also anticipate holier seasons and holidays at the beginning of the spring. Thus, both Mardi Gras and Purim are very festive days: They share a large amount of celebrating, as well as traditions of wearing masks and costumes and throwing parties.

However, that is where the similarities end. Purim, the 14th of Adar, is perhaps the most fun Jewish holiday of the year. We read the Scroll of Esther from our Bible and celebrate with *Purimshpiels*, singing, carnivals, and general merrymaking-more so than at any other time of year. However, there is also a very serious message that comes with Purim. We are celebrating the survival of the Jewish people. At Purim we remember Haman and all those enemies of the Jews throughout the millennia who have targeted us for being different and plotted our destruction. We celebrate and give thanks for the fact that we are still here-and that is truly a reason to celebrate!

Rabbi Daniel Sherman has served as the spiritual leader of the Tree of Life Congregation since July 2006. Ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, OH in 1999, he served as Assistant and Associate Rabbi of Temple Shalom in Naples, FL for seven years before coming to Columbia. He is married to Morgan Sherman, and they are the proud parents of Shai and Janna.

Have a question? Ask a rabbi!

The rabbis of the Columbia Jewish Community write columns in response to questions submitted by the readers. We encourage you - whether or not you are a member of the Jewish community - to submit your queries on theology, morality, ethics, religious observances, etc. for response by one of our rabbis.

If you have an issue you would like to see addressed, please email it to crc@jewishcolumbia.org, and put "Ask a Rabbi" in the subject line of your email. (It may take quite a while until your question is answered; there is also no guarantee that your question will be selected for publication.) You will not be identified as the writer of the question to either rabbis or readers. Please note that you cannot specify which rabbi should answer.

Milestones

Mazal Tov to...

* Rabbi Levi and Devorah Marrus on the birth of their daughter, Batya Yehudis

* Max Miller, son of Bruce and LA Miller and Laura Friedman Miller, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to Beth Bernstein and Susan Brill

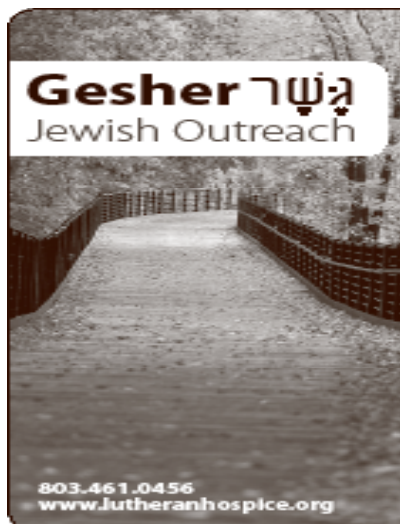


Beth Bernstein won in her first election and will serve as State Representative for House District 78.

Susan Brill was the top vote getter in the Richland Two School Board election and will serve another term as a Board of Trustee.

Congratulations ladies! Thank you for your public service.

Want to share a life cycle announcement or wish someone a Mazal Tov?
Email crc@jewishcolumbia.org.



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Come Light the Menorah!

Members of our Jewish community, who give so much of themselves, were honored at the JCC's nightly Community Menorah Lighting.

Pictured clockwise from top L: Debbie Cohn (JCC Marketing and Membership Director) and Rick Cohn (Tree of Life President), Jackie Dickman-Babcock (Federation Campaign Chair) and Keith Babcock (JCC President), and Dr. Naomi Farber (Federation President) and Dr. Steven Grosby with friends from the JCC



Linda Schoen Giddings—Community Mah Jongg Champion

The first Annual Community Mah Jongg Tournament was held at the JCC on December 2, hosted by Ruth Rast with organizational help from committee members Margo Goldberg and Ruth Marcus. Twenty-four players participated, raising \$1600 for JCC programming (100% of the proceeds went directly to the JCC as all tournament expenses and lunch were donated). “Our goal is to widen participation and create a wonderful annual fundraising event which is fun for both novice and experienced players,” says Rast.

Mark your calendar: Next year's Tournament is scheduled for December 8. For more information call Ruth Rast, 462-0008.



Pictured L to R: Linda Schoen-Giddings wins 1st place; Dorothy Eisenstadt, Blanche Feldman, and Myrna Cohen; Jocelyn Burg

—State House Lighting—

Rabbi Hesh Epstein of Chabad and Dr. Naomi Farber, Columbia Jewish Federation President, were on hand at the 10th annual lighting of the Isadore E. Lourie memorial Menorah at the State House.



—Solidarity Rally—



(from page 1) Clockwise from top: John Baker, Dr. Josef Olmert, Dr. Michael Sharnoff, and Rabbi Jonathan Case speak to the Columbia Jewish community at a solidarity rally for Israel.

This Travel/Study Tour is open to the general public with financial assistance offered to SC public school teachers. The Council's mission is to encourage and support Holocaust education.

Eastern European Travel/Study Tour on the Holocaust

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Sun 30 June – Mon 8 July, 2013
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- **Seven/7 nights:**
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- **All land transportation in deluxe motorcoach includes airport transfers**
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- **All breakfasts, four dinners and some lunches included**
- **All entrance fees included**
- **Air transportation will be arranged individually by Abbott and Hill Travel**

Scholar-Tour Leader:

Kevin Lewis, PhD, Dept of Religious Studies, University of South Carolina

Travel Escort:

Leah F. Chase, Chase Travel, Charleston, S.C.

Attention South Carolina Teachers

The S.C. Council on the Holocaust offers an \$800.00 subsidy to the first 12 public school teachers to sign up, commit and go on the Travel/Study Tour. Teachers must presently be working in a S.C. public school or holding a contract in a S.C. public school for the 2013-14 school year.

Teachers enrolled in the Travel/Study Tour, in addition, may enroll separately in a three-hour credit Independent Study Course directed by the Scholar-Director of the Tour, Kevin Lewis, Professor of Religious Studies at the University of South Carolina.

Those enrolled in this course, RELG 797, will be eligible for tuition fee grants from the S.C. Council on the Holocaust (amount to be determined).

Contact Kevin Lewis for details: kevin@sc.edu

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Sun 30 Jun – Mon 9 July 2013
Minimum participants required: 20

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Name 1st Passenger _____

Name 2nd Passenger _____

Mailing address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Tel _____ Cell _____

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A pre-Poland tour extension to Berlin, and a post-Poland tour extension to Prague, Budapest and Vienna are also offered, escorted by Leah Chase. Costs to be determined by number of sign-ups.

☐ I am interested in the Berlin pre-tour plans.

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☐ I am a public school teacher and wish to receive the \$800 subsidy provided by the S.C. Council on the Holocaust.

☐ I am also planning to register for graduate credit at U.S.C.

Passports must be current: issue date before 31 Jan., 2013 and expiration date after 31 Jan., 2014.

1. Include copy of passport photo page.

2. Include deposit check made out to CHASE INC. of \$300.00 per person to hold space. Deadline for complete refund if you decide to cancel: 01 Mar. 2013. After this date, contact Chase Inc. for cancellation penalties.

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Community Voices

Hebrew in the Village: Discovering the Abayudaya of Uganda

by Julie Kriegshaber



I recently returned from five months in Uganda. A large part of my experiences focused around acclimating to something new, between all the new foods to try to new words to learn. One experience, however, stood out as remarkably familiar to me, even though I was thousands of miles away from home—visiting a Jewish tribe in Uganda.

Yes, you heard that right—there are Ugandan Jews—and yes, they have a culture and story as rich as our own.

A brief history of Africa's first organically grown Jewish community*: In 1919, Semei Kakungulu, a powerful military commander in colonial Uganda, had a falling out with the British army. Since the army advocated Christianity to Ugandans, Kakungulu aligned himself with a sect that disagreed with the British on religious grounds. This sect believed that Saturday should be the Sabbath as was written in the Old Testament. As Kakungulu began to learn and teach himself more on the Old Testament, he became more convinced of the ways of the Jewish people. He became circumcised and demanded that all of his supporters follow suit and strictly adhere to the rules in the Old Testament. After his conversion, his followers, who are referred to as the Abayudaya Jews, spread throughout Uganda. After peaking in the thousands, the population was decimated after Idi Amin declared Judaism illegal after his fall-out with Israel in 1972. Today, there are around 1,000 Abayudaya Jews who remain in five communities throughout eastern Uganda.

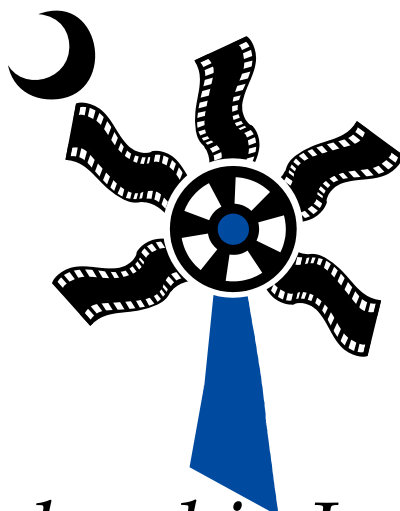
I visited one of these communities for a Shabbat service.



Not only were many of their melodies familiar, but afterwards we all had Kiddush with challah and wine! (The challah was baked over an open flame in a large tin because there are no ovens there.) There was plenty of local flair, however, with some of the prayers translated into the local language.

Today, many of the Abayudaya struggle as do most Ugandans. There are two Jewish international organizations working in various ways to help the Abayudaya—Be'Chol Lashon and Kulanu—if you would like to get involved.

*The Abayudaya Jews of Uganda have a fascinating history. Visit www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Judaism/uganda1.html for more info.



Columbia Jewish Film Festival

February 9 - 14, 2013



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Saturday, February 9:

7:00 pm *B'nai Mitzvah Party*
8:00 pm | Hava Nagila

Sunday, February 10:

2:30 pm | Freedom Writers
6:00 pm | Saviors in Night
8:00 pm | Nora's Will

Monday, February 11:

6:00 pm | A Matter of Size
8:00 pm | The Concert

Tuesday, February 12:

6:00 pm | Kaddish for a Friend
8:30 pm | Saviors in the Night

Wednesday, February 13:

6:00 pm | Colombian Love
8:00 pm | Kaddish for a Friend

Thursday, February 14:

6:00 pm | The Concert
8:30 pm | A Matter of Size

Colombian Love

90 minutes | Hebrew with English Subtitles

Rough, and terribly cool army officer Omer is finding it hard to follow his wife's procreation plans. She's his first love but is she his true love? Sentimental and soft Ori can't break away from his conservative father, until his new wife sets an ultimatum. Spiritual Zidan, not interested in any of the above, suffers from heart failure. His guru suggests he sets out on a voyage to find true love.

The Concert

119 minutes | French and Russian with English Subtitles

Twenty-five years after losing his position as the conductor of the Bolshoi Orchestra for his refusal to fire the Jewish musicians, a once-famous musical director attempts to stage a late-career comeback. More than two decades after the height of his career, he's working as a janitor in the same theater where he once conducted. When he happens across an invitation to Paris' famed Théâtre du Châtelet, he contacts his old orchestra friends in hopes of staging a performance that will bring the crowd to their feet for a standing ovation.

Freedom Writers with Educational Forum

123 Minutes | English

Based on real life experiences, teacher Erin Gruwell enters into Woodrow Wilson High School ill-prepared for the challenges of her at-risk students. Met with conflict at every stage she finally makes a connection with them through a discussion of The Diary of Anne Frank and encourages them to write their own daily journals. This inspirational story shows the ability of a dedicated teacher to truly change lives.

Kaddish for a Friend

February 12 at 6 pm with Educational Forum

94 minutes | Arabic, German, Russian with English subtitles

Growing up in a Lebanese refugee camp, 14-year-old Ali has learned to hate Jews before escaping with his family and relocating to public housing in Berlin's Kreuzberg quarter. He tries to gain acceptance among his Arab peers by targeting an elderly Russian Jew, vandalizing the old man's apartment and defacing the walls with anti-Semitic graffiti. Threatened with deportation, the teen is forced to apologize, sparking a feisty relationship which evolves from mutual distrust to codependence.

A Matter of Size

90 minutes | Hebrew with English Subtitles

When Herzl loses his job as a cook and starts washing dishes in a Japanese restaurant, he discovers the world of Sumo, where large people such as himself are honored and appreciated. Through the restaurant owner Kitano, a former Japanese Sumo coach (supposedly hiding from the Yakuza in Israel), Herzl and his friends fall in love with a sport involving "two fatsos in diapers and girly hairdos". However, Herzl's dedication to this demanding men-only sport threatens his budding relationship with Zehava, a plus-size social worker.

Nora's Will

90 minutes | Spanish with English Subtitles

When his ex-wife Nora dies right before Passover, José is forced to stay with her body until she can be properly put to rest. He soon realizes he is part of Nora's plan to bring her family back together for one last Passover feast, leading José to reexamine their relationship and rediscover their undying love for each other.

Saviors in the Night

97 minutes | Hebrew, French and German with English Subtitles

Saviors in the Night is based on the memories of Marga Spiegel. In her narrative, published in 1965, she describes how courageous farmers in southern Münsterland hid her, her husband Siegfried {named Menne} and their little daughter Karin from 1943 until 1945, thus saving them from deportation to the extermination camps in the East. The film tells this story of survival with a sense for the absurd in daily life and not without the typical Westphalian humor.

Hava Nagila (The Movie) A Documentary Special Feature Movie and B'nai Mitzvah Party

80 minutes | English

It is instantly recognizable – musical shorthand for anything Jewish, a happy party tune that you dance to at weddings, bar mitzvahs and even at Major League Baseball games. But as audiences will discover in Hava Nagila (The Movie), the song is much more than a tale of Jewish kitsch and bad bar mitzvah fashions. It carries with it an entire constellation of history, values and hopes for the future. In its own believe-it-or-not way, Hava Nagila encapsulates the Jewish journey over the past 150 years.

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Beth Shalom

Tree of Life



Shabbat Playtime

Save the Date!

Join us for a monthly Interactive Puppet Show with a rotating theme based on Jewish holidays & rituals. The fun starts at 11:30 am in the Chapel. Our next upcoming dates are:

January 19
&
February 16

Come Eat, Drink, and be Merry!

As we celebrate **Purim** with members of Tree of Life & Beth Shalom for a community Masquerade Ball at Beth Shalom.

Purim Masquerade Ball

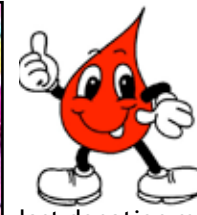
Saturday, February 23rd
7:45 p.m.

7:45 p.m. Live music from the Atlantic Coastline Band, heavy hors d'oeuvres, build-your-own sundae bar, costume parade

Bring the whole family. Babysitting will be available.

This is a joint event hosted by Beth Shalom and Tree of Life Congregation.

There is NO charge for this event. RSVP is required by February 20th, please call 782-2500.



Sunday, January 13th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the American Red Cross will be at Tree of Life for our Annual Blood Drive. Request a donation time at www.tolsc.org. Your last donation must be prior to Friday, November 16th to be eligible to give. *Please consider giving the gift of life.*

Support TOL Religious School's Annual Fundraiser

Bartons' Miss Chocolate Passover Candy Sale!

Starts January 13, 2013
Ends March 1, 2013



Passover begins on March 25.
We must have your order March 1!

Use an order form from the Temple lobby,
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Attention Seniors

Tuesdays with Friends

Senior Program—Everyone Welcome
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11:30 am-1 pm
Beth Shalom Synagogue, 5827 N. Trenholm Road

Tuesday, January 8, 2013
Program to be announced
(please note this month's event will be the 2nd week of the month due to New Year's Day holiday)

Tuesday, February 5, 2013
Program to be announced
Fun Fitness & Birthday Celebration!

To RSVP or make transportation requests, please call the office at 782-2500 by the **Friday before** the event.

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

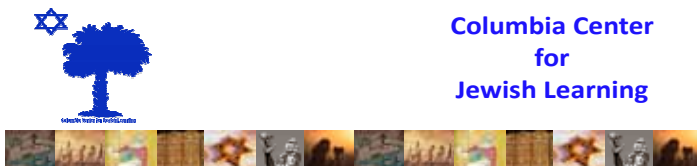
The BJH Foundation for Senior Services is a non-profit foundation exclusively committed to enhancing the lives of Jewish elderly residing in North and South Carolina through programs, activities and organizations that share their mission in accordance with Jewish practices and beliefs.

Save the Date!

Beth Shalom's
Traditions Dinner
Honoring: *Lilly & Bruce Filler*

Saturday, March 2, 2013
Embassy Suites Hotel

Plan to be with your Beth Shalom family as we honor Lilly & Bruce Filler and as we celebrate our traditions of old, and some, not so old. This will be a wonderful evening at the Embassy Suites Hotel. We come together to celebrate and honor the contributions given to Beth Shalom by Lilly & Bruce Filler over their many years here at Beth Shalom. You will not want to miss this occasion, so be sure to mark your calendars with the date - March 2, 2013. More information will be forthcoming.



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Spring 2013

January 17, 24, February 14, 21, March 7, 14, 21, April 4, 11, 18

Courses:

Course 1: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Archeology and the Bible

Instructor: Dr. Jonathan Leader, Professor of Archeology at USC
Dr. Jonathan Leader will be talking about the places we read about in the Bible, how archeologists have followed in its footsteps, and what they have found along the way.

Course 2: 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.

Kabbalah and our Daily Lives

Instructor: Rabbi Jonathan Case, Beth Shalom Synagogue
Rabbi Jonathan Case will be our guide through the ancient passages of Mysticism, Kabbalah, and how it intersects with our lives today.

Call for Registration Information Today!
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*One course is \$100 for ten classes
Two courses only \$150*

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The Big Nosh™ is coming! The Big Nosh™ is coming!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 21st.

The Big Nosh™ committee is hard at work on this year's event. You can follow us on Twitter (@BigNoshSC), friend us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/bignosh.org), and visit our website at www.BigNosh.org to get details on the food, educational activities, and entertainment.

Don't forget to place your pre-orders. The form will be available starting February 1st. Simply download the form from our website, fill it out, and send it with your check to the Tree of Life Temple. Your food will be ready for pick up the morning of the event.

Help spread the word by telling your friends, family and co-workers.

Come get your Nosh on at the 2013 Big Nosh™!

Don't have time for a trip around the world?

WRJ Come to Sisterhood's **Amazing Grazing**
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Saturday, February 2, 2013
6:00 p.m.
Ensor Keenan House
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\$30 per person

All proceeds benefit the TOL Women of Reform Judaism.

RSVP by January 13, 2013
via check (made payable to TOL Sisterhood) to the Temple Office
or online at www.tolsc.org/donate.

Important Dates in January, 2013

1/04: Kidz Shabbat, 6:45 p.m. with childcare
1/06: RS, 9 a.m.
1/13: RS, 9 a.m. & Sunday School for Adults
1/19: Bar Mitzvah of Max Miller, 10 a.m.
Mazal Tov to Max & his family!
1/20: NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
1/25: Kitah Dalet Seder & Tu B'Shevat Seder, 7:30 p.m.
1/27: RS, 9 a.m. & Tu B'Shevat activities and crafts

TOL WRJ Book Club

The TOL WRJ Book Club focuses on books with a Jewish or Israeli theme. We meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of every other month: Thursday, January 10, 2013 *Kosher Chinese* by Michael Levy, meeting at Miyo's on Forest. There is no charge to attend and no registration—just show up! All are welcome.

Keep an eye on your mailbox for the 60th year of Holland Bulb Sale flyer!

Columbia Jewish Day School

Passing the Can
by Rabbi Meir Muller

Growing up in New York I played a lot of “Kick the Can” (a street game that city kids play), so a few years ago when CJDS assistant principal Kelly Stanton suggested our school begin a “Pass the Can” tradition I thought it was a PE activity! However, I was soon to learn that it was a wonderful experience in the Jewish ideals of tzadakah.

Pass the Can began with families donating canned goods for Harvest Hope Food Bank. We collected cans for about a month. Children spent the month checking on the progress of the quantity of cans and estimating how many items of food would be collected in total. The excitement grew all month as the children’s estimates grew higher and higher. On the Pass the Can day the children lined the hallways from the two-year-old class all the way to the front door. Picture 128 children lined up giddy with joy as, one by one, cans were passed down our two halls, out the front door, and loaded into Ms. Kelly’s car (the car was decorated by the fifth grade).



This year the joyous atmosphere was added as our music teacher Ms. Natalie strummed her guitar as the cans were passed. The kindergarteners accompanied the cans to the Harvest Hope Food Bank drop-off location. The children received a tour of the location and were interviewed by a local television station.



I am always happy when an event can be a meaningful expression of charitable work as well as educational experience. One unexpected occurrence this year was the reactions of the one-year-olds in the passing of the cans. The ones grabbed the cans that they recognized and were very reluctant to pass them, chanting, “Corn, corn, corn,” or “Chips, chips chips!” The activity was enjoyed by all ages!

See the *Columbia Jewish News* in
COLOR at www.jewishcolumbia.org.

Chabad

Chanukah in Columbia
by Rabbi Hesh Epstein

Arnold Reichenthal recently shared with me the story of how he came to settle in Columbia. He was visiting our lovely city several years ago around Chanukah time, and with his family he visited the State House for the Menorah lighting ceremony. He was so moved by the open and proud display of community identity and cooperation that he did not stop telling his friends in his home state of Florida about this amazing Jewish event in Columbia. They finally told him, “Arnie, if you like Columbia so much why don’t you just move there?” So he did!

This year the streets of Columbia were aglow with a 30-car parade, followed by the 10th annual lighting of the Isadore E. Lourie memorial Menorah. There were Maseratis, Ferraris, BMW’s, Mercedes, and minivans, all lined up and ready to publicize the miracle of Chanukah to the residents of Columbia.

At the State House the guests of honor included Mayor Steve Benjamin, Representative Beth Bernstein, Chaplain Major Shmuel Felzenberg, JCC President Keith Babcock, CJF President Naomi Farber, and Honorary Chairman of the Annual State House Menorah Lighting Senator Joel Lourie. The weather was perfect, and the crowd of over 300 was in high spirits, cheering on Beth Bernstein’s children, Caroline and Izzy, as they lit the menorah with the help of their dad, Rip Sanders.

In the front row was Arnold Reichenthal, together with his family, schlepping real nachas and telling everyone there the story of how he came to live in Columbia.



This year, for the very first time, the lights of the Chanukiah, the smell of frying latkes, and the sounds of the Maccabeats were enjoyed at Fort Jackson. Thanks to the efforts of Chaplain Major Rabbi and Mrs. Shmuel Felzenberg, Chaplain Acuff, and the staff of the Chaplain office, 50 soldiers were able to celebrate Chanukah during basic training.

After a brief service in the Memorial Chapel, where they were reminded of the Chanukah story by Rabbi Epstein and listened to Rabbi Felzenberg read the famous letter from General George Washington to a Jewish Soldier, the soldiers received Chanukah gelt and made their way across the street to a Chanukah party complete with frying latkes, doughnuts, menorah lighting, dreidel, and Adam Sandler’s Chanukah song!

This year at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter lay-leader Gary Rudman organized the very first Menorah lighting ever at the Air Force Base.



Rabbis Epstein (front row, left) and Felzenberg (front row, 2nd from the right) posing with the soldiers at the Chanukah party

The lights of Chanukah are shining brightly this year throughout the Midlands!



YAD's Shalom Art Project

By Michael Anastasion
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A group convened at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center after work one Thursday evening in November. Lyssa Harvey, of SC Art & Play, brought art supplies to create a mural. Lyssa has been conducting the Shalom Art Project with various organizations to bring individuals together, make art, and donate the artwork to a cause. The YAD Shalom Art mural will be presented to Sistercare and displayed in their home. It was great to spend time with friends, paint, and bring our individual panels together for a completed project!



If you are interested in finding out more about the Young Adult Division (YAD) of the Columbia Jewish Federation, email us at yadcola@jewishcolumbia.org and become a fan of us at [facebook.com/yadcjf](https://www.facebook.com/yadcjf).



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Hillel Hosts a Faculty-Student Dinner

By Michelle Peterson
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of Hillel at USC

Jewish students at USC convened with Jewish faculty on the 17th floor of the Capstone building for a wonderful, catered Shabbat dinner. What a great finale for the winter semester! Student president Zach Roth announced that Rachel Miller will begin as the next student Hillel president beginning in January 2012 (see picture). A special thanks goes to The Community Foundation Mortimer and Josephine Cohen Fund for making this event possible! We appreciate the support of the Columbia Jewish community. To learn more about how you can be involved in Hillel at USC, contact Michelle Peterson (michelle.s.peterson@gmail.com), Hillel Community Advisory Board chairperson, Howie Scher (hscher@geol.sc.edu), Hillel Faculty Advisor, or Rachel Miller (mille542@email.sc.edu), student Hillel president.



The Columbia Jewish Disaster Response Team is a Jewish community organization dedicated to serving those in need of assistance during special times. Our disaster team offers help to anyone regardless of religious affiliation and encourages membership to anyone. The Disaster Team partners with the American Red Cross to assist and respond to emergencies in local, regional and national disasters. Living in our area we often see the risk of many disasters such as floods, house fires, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires and other disasters.

We have invited all of our Jewish community to become a part of this disaster team and at present we have over 50 who have volunteered.

We are assisting the Red Cross in Mass Care that includes Feeding, Sheltering, Disaster Mental Health, Counseling and Communication Ham Radio Operations. The Tree of Life Temple has approved the Temple's kitchen for preparing the food for Red Cross emergencies and the kitchen has been approved by DHEC.

When Hurricane Isaac hit the Gulf communities 20,000 were put in overnight shelters and 400,000 meals and snacks were served.

Our disaster team will be made up of volunteer members who will be trained by the American Red Cross.

If you are interested in helping our organization meet the needs of these people contact our Synagogue or Temple Office for more information.
Beth Shalom Synagogue office. 782-2500 or Tree of Life Office 782-2182.

Don't hibernate all Winter!



January:

9: Game On! | 1 pm - 4 pm

Join us every Wednesday for Game On!, our new weekly social gathering. We'll have nosh, a selection of board and card games, and friends new and old. Bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of friendly socializing. FREE for members; \$2 non-members.

13: OMG Klezmer! | 3 pm

Musicians William Campbell, David Reddy, and Mira Borbrova present a whimsical concert featuring the contemporary Klezmer songs of Israeli composer Daniel Galay. FREE for members; \$3 for non-members.

16: Game On! | 1 pm - 4 pm

23: Game On! | 1 pm - 4 pm

23: (Almost)Live: Walter Isaacson on Steve Jobs | 8 pm

Walter Isaacson, author of a new biography of Steve Jobs, discusses the significance of Jobs's contributions to the business world and explains his drive as it revolutionized six industries: personal computers, animated movies, music, phones, tablet computing and digital publishing.

24: Tu B'Shevat Celebration

Taste the sweetness of the New Year of the Trees with our JCC Fruit Stand! We'll have fresh fruits of several varieties for you to enjoy as you spend your morning at the JCC.

30: Game On! | 1 pm - 4 pm

February:

6: Game On! | 1 pm - 4 pm

9 - 14: Columbia Jewish Film Festival

Be sure to attend our 13th annual Columbia Jewish Film Festival. Once again we'll be bringing you films never before screened in Columbia -- all with a Jewish Twist. Screenings will be at the Nickelodeon Theatre at 1607 Main Street.

13: Game On! | 1 pm - 4 pm

20: Game On! | 1 pm - 4 pm

27: Game On! | 1 pm - 4 pm

Come join us for fun and friends!



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for our
11th Annual
Golf Classic**

Sunday, May 19,
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Members Club at
Wildewood

Shotgun start 1:00 pm

For more information and sponsorship opportunities contact Kaytina Haack, Community Relations Director at 803-787-2023 ext. 210 or kaytinah@jcccolumbia.org

BBYO

BBYO has started a Lending Library in "The Zone" at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center for teens and parents. Books are available to take home and read—just return them to the shelf when finished. Anyone wishing to contribute books to the library is encouraged to do so. Among the books now available include the following:

- *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*—the autobiography of a family in hiding from the Nazis during WWII.
- *My Awful Popularity Plan* by Seth Rudetsky—15-year-old Justin Goldblatt's plan to become popular in school "Besides the Jewfro and the 35 inch waist, there must be someone out there who'd find that attractive (hopefully Chuck). I have to make 8.3 kids a day not hate me."
- *The Blessing of a B-Minus* by Wendy Mogel, Ph.D.—using Jewish teachings to raise resilient teenagers (primarily for parents)
- *The Auslander* by Paul Dowswell—a superlative, at times almost agonizingly compelling, piece of historical fiction in the style of *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*
- *The Life and Opinions of Amy Finawitz* by Laura Toffler-Corrie—a young girl loses a contemporary friend only to find Miss Sophia, the little old lady down the hall
- *The Berlin Boxing Club* by Robert Sharenow—a Jewish teen bullied in school finds his worth when German professional boxing champ Max Schmeling teaches him how to fight (historical fiction)
- *The Hanukkah Trivia Book*
- *A German Life* by Bernd Wollschlaeger, M.D.—the story of a young man finding out that his father was a Nazi during WWII and his return to Judaism
- *Golda* by Elinor Burkett—a biography
- *The Jewish Book of Why* and *The 2nd Jewish Book of Why*
- *Dealing in Futures* by Max Baer—the story of BBYO

Shalom Baby!



The Shalom Baby program of the Columbia Jewish Federation would like to say Mazal Tov to Kelsey and Eric Marom and Devorah and Rabbi Levi Marrus on the recent births of their children.

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. Todah rabah to Carolyn Kressler Greenberg, Debbie Greenhouse, and Cindi Stark for volunteering their time to deliver bags. Contact crc@jewishcolumbia.org to submit a name to the Shalom Baby program.

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