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Summer fun throughout the community - See inside!

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# Arline Polinsky Named Distinguished Service Award Honoree



The Columbia Jewish Federation is proud to announce that Arline Polinsky has been selected for the 2013 CJF Distinguished Service Award. The selection committee included past winners and was headed up by last year's honoree Shep Cutler. Arline will be honored at the Federation Campaign Kickoff this fall. The next issue of the Columbia Jewish News will have details of the event.

Arline has been actively involved in the Jewish community and the community at large for many years.

In 2000 at a meeting of the Jewish Cultural Arts Committee of the Columbia JCC, Arline proposed that the Committee initiate an annual Jewish Film Festival for Columbia. Arline arranged a partnership with the Executive Director of the Nickelodeon Theater to set aside one week during each Spring for such a festival.

For each of the first twelve years, Arline served as principal Director and fundraiser of the Festival and

it attracted larger and larger audiences and more and more patrons, with Arline and her husband Gerald being among the major supporters.

In 2003 Arline attended the National Conference of Jewish Film Festivals in San Diego, bringing back new ideas to enhance the Columbia Festival. At this conference she learned that Columbia was the smallest metropolitan area in the United States to have an annual Jewish film festival. Following the 2012 Festival, Arline retired from active leadership of the Festival.

Other accomplishments:

- Initiated and coordinated the Tree of Life Congregation's Columbia Jewish Food Festival from 1986 thru 1990.
- Is a current and long-standing member of the Board of Directors of Tree of Life
- Congregation, serving on such committees as Ritual, 1985 Rabbi's Search
- Committee, Interior Design and Cultural Arts.
- President of Tree of Life Congregation Sisterhood from 1990 to 1992.
- Member of the Organizing Committee and a Charter Member of the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina. Was a Board Member of the

- Society from its inception and also serving a term as Secretary of the organization.
- Member of the Planning Committee for the 100th anniversary celebration of the Tree of Life Congregation in 1996.
- Member of the Organizing Committee and Charter Member of the Jewish Cultural Arts Committee of the Columbia Jewish Community Center.
- Member of Hadassah since 1951 and is a Life Member. Member of Jewish Women's International.
- As a member of the Women's Symphony Association of the Columbia Symphony Orchestra, was Chairperson of it's first Designer Showhouse in 1978. She also organized a sellout performance for a Kinderconcert benefitting the Columbia Symphony Orchestra in 1981.
- Member of the Organizing Committee and Charter Member of EdVenture Children's Museum.
- Member of the Board of Director's of the Columbia Film Society and a member of its Film Selection Committee for the Nickelodeon Theater.

Arline and her husband, Dr. Gerald Polinsky, will be celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary this year. They have 2 married daughters and 3 grandsons. Mazel Tov Arline!

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## JCC Moving Into Chai Society

New Upgraded Category Designed to Enhance Financial Support for the Center While Providing a Unique Experience for Donors



For several years, the JCC Board and its membership committee have been searching for ways to secure additional resources to maintain its high quality of programming and service without further burdening the general

membership. That effort has included many successful fundraisers, generous contributions, and maintaining a strong membership of over 1,600 families and individuals.

Keith Babcock, President of the Center, has recognized these efforts while challenging the board and committee to develop a more sustainable program that would also give something back to the donors. Thus, the idea for Chai Society was born. The goal is to launch it this fall.

The Chai Society will be an upgraded family membership category for the cost of \$150.00 per month or \$1,800.00 per year. Chai Society members will be given the opportunity to attend six to eight special breakfasts each year. Each membership will

have two seats at the breakfasts that will also serve as forums for members to interact with top figures in business, politics, sports, culture, and other areas of interest. With a new political season approaching, we expect to attract candidates for state and national offices, including presidential candidates. The breakfasts are included in the membership and will feature bagels, lox, eggs, onions, and other typical Jewish breakfast favorites.

Several current patron and board members have already indicated their interest in joining the Chai Society, and we invite everyone to consider becoming a founding member. However, to make our breakfasts more special and create a more intimate and meaningful interaction with our speakers, only 60 Chai Memberships will be available. To join, or for more information, please contact Debbie Cohn, Director of Marketing and Membership; Barry Abels, Executive Director; or Adrianne Conner, Office Manager at 787-2023. The patron membership will also remain as an option for those who prefer to provide support at the current \$1200 level.



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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.

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

Your dreams...your passion... your legacy.

# **Audience Captivated By** Presentation on the "Jews and the Pope."



At a program co-sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of the Columbia Jewish Federation and Chabad of South Carolina, more than 80 members of our community, along with many guests, some from as far as Aiken, listened with great interest to the remarks of Dr. Lawrence Schiffman. Dr. Schiffman chairs the International Jewish Liaison to the Vatican. Starting first from an historical perspective, he covered Papal relationships predating the Crusades, during the Crusades, through the inquisition and up to WWII. He also discussed the rumors regarding Temple artifacts being hidden in the Vatican, which he debunked,

while at the same time informing the audience about the extensive archives of Jewish texts that do exist. He closed his remarks with a conversation about Pope Benedict, as well as expectations about the kind of relationship we should expect from recently installed Pope Francis.

# Federation and JCC Boards Hold 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Joint Meeting and Dinner

The Boards of Directors from the Columbia Jewish Federation and the Katie and Irwin Kahn JCC met together on Monday, June 10. Led by Federation president Naomi Farber and JCC president Keith Babcock, both organizations presented various reports and information about current activities. Also presented was a report from new executive director Barry Abels about how well both organizations' staff members were working and supporting each other as they transition back to a joint executive director model. It was not just all reports as everyone also enjoyed a delicious dinner, door prizes and participated in a fun trivia quiz about members of both boards, presented by Shelley and Rob Kriegshaber.



Stan Dubinksy and Andy Zalkin



Minda and Henry Miller, Andy Safran and



Shep Cutler brings his ladder of success.



Barry and Naomi draw for door prizes.



## No Lazy Days Of Summer At The Federation And JCC

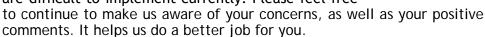
By Barry Abels, executive director of the Columbia Jewish Federation and the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center



It seems like yesterday was still spring and I was discussing closing out the 2013 Federation campaign and preparing for the new Camp Gesher. Yet, with this issue of the Jewish News we are fully into summer, as camp and the JCC Jaws swim team are going strong and I am meeting with Federation volunteers to begin planning the 2014 campaign. At the same time, staff from both the Federation and JCC have been working with me to determine how we can support each

other, share work where appropriate and collaborate on programs and activities. The result is greater efficiencies and cost savings which we hope to translate into more programs and services for you, our community. The management staff for both organizations now meets together weekly to discuss issues and concerns that need to be addressed to provide improved customer service. On the JCC side, we have initiated regular in-service training for our front desk and fitness staff, and quarterly training and recognition meetings where all of our staff participates. Many of you have pulled me aside to comment on a positive change in the atmosphere around the center and a friendly attitude. Thank you for your comments.

It helps to know that we are on the right track. Others have also been willing to share with me comments and concerns about issues they would like to see addressed. We have been able to address many of those concerns, discuss others and plan how they can be addressed in the future, or when necessary, explain why some ideas are difficult to implement currently. Please feel free



Other actions resulting from staff ideas and board committees include the upcoming theater trip to Charlotte being arranged by our Jewish Family Service; a Klezmer music concert being scheduled for later this summer, and the series of recent member appreciation events this past spring, including the program featuring an ensemble concert by members of the South Carolina Philharmonic. I would like to think we are just getting started. We are continuing to consider new ideas for programs and your input regarding program ideas is certainly welcome. I look forward to working with you and ensuring that through both our Federation and JCC we continue to serve and contribute to our community in new and meaningful ways.



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# **Steve Terner Camp** Scholarships Awarded

The Columbia Jewish Federation is pleased to announce the awarding of 10 scholarships for overnight Jewish camps for this summer. Congratulations go to Marlie and Lennon Berger; Isaac Dubinsky, Evan and Emma Gendil; Jared Kerner; David and Aaron Stark and Louis and Daniel Tedeschi.

Our campers will be having great experiences at Camp Barney Medintz, Camp Ramah Darom and Camp Coleman. Watch for some interesting essays in our next issue of the Jewish News and read their stories.

The Steve Terner Camp Scholarship Fund was established to encourage sending our children to these wonderful Jewish overnight camps. Studies have shown that one of the most meaningful ways to ensure Jewish continuity outside of home life is attending Jewish summer camp. You can help continue this important tradition by contributing to the Fund. Any donations are welcome.



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## Jewish Family Service; A Need **Fulfilled**



The Columbia Jewish community is fortunate to have a Jewish Family Service (JFS). JFS is there if you need food assistance. JFS is there to help your family if you need shelter. JFS is even there to help you if you



need a ride to an appointment or the store. JFS is our community's mechanism to HELP and support our Jewish

neighbors in need. Limited only by funding and a single staff person, we strive to address the diverse needs of our community. However, we also depend heavily upon the community to pitch in when needed. Often, JFS needs help stocking the food pantry (which everyone is more than willing to help with! THANK YOU). We also need help providing rides. Although we have the Senior Transportation Network in place, it's expensive to operate. This means that not everyone has as much access to it as they need or like. Since there is not always enough funding for this project, JFS depends on the kindness of others to pitch in and help our seniors make it to their doctor appointments. Please consider volunteering for this critical service

JFS also plans and implements some special programs. Coming in August, we will have our very first social trip. We will be heading to Charlotte, to see "I Love Lucy" at the Knight Theatre at the Levine Center for the Arts. We will depart from the JCC at 9 a.m., have brunch upon arrival at Phil's Deli and be at the show by 1:30 p.m. Please join us for this fun filled day. There are a limited number of tickets available, so act fast!

Game On will resume August 28th. Due to summer camp, and space limitations, we will take the summer off. A huge thank you to all those who have made this a successful program. It has been great to see people make new friends, and learn new games! Mitzvah Knitters will also begin again in August. I encourage all who enjoy knitting and getting to meet new people to come out and give this group a try.

Finally, every other Monday, we will be having Rebuilding. This is a group designed for those who are going through a period of loss in their lives. For participants 25 and older, it is led by Debbie Cohn who is a Certified American Group Psychotherapist. She has her Masters in Group Analysis from Birkbeck College, University of London, and was trained at the Institute of Group Analysis in London, England. Please see the ad on page 6.

## YAD Interviews



Lyssa Harvey talks about what keeps her coming back to volunteering in Jewish organizations with Young Leader Meredith Engler. If you're interested in inviting young Jewish Leaders to your home for dinner and discussions contact us at JewishColumbia.org. The full interview video will also be posted at JewishColumbia. org. In July, Heidi and David Lovit will host the program.

### Shalom Sesame: Grover Learns Hebrew

When: Sun, July 14, 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Description: Come learn about the Hebrew language with a focus on families with small children (pre-school and early elementary age) featuring a showing of Shalom Sesame's "Grover Learns Hebrew". Families will watch the film on our big screen, enjoy a PJ Library book about Hebrew, and create a Hebrew craft as they snack. You don't have to be Jewish to attend! Everyone is welcome! FREE for JCC Members | \$2 material fee per child for non-members We would appreciate a RSVP to lauries@jcccolumbia.org so we make sure we have enough supplies and snacks to go 'round!

# Tuesdays with Friends

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

\*Tuesday July 9, 2013 (\* Please note change of date)

#### Join us for BINGO!

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Tuesday, August 6, 2013

Program to be announced

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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 Colum bia 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 mis-sion in accordance with Jewish practices and beliefs.



## Shalom Sesame: The Sticky Shofar

When: Sun, August 18, 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Description: Come learn about Rosh Hashanah with a focus on families with small children (pre-school and early elementary age) featuring a showing of Shalom Sesame's "The Sticky Shofar". Families will watch the film on our big screen, enjoy a PJ Library book about Rosh Hashanah, and create their own hand print apple tree decoration as we snack on apples and honey. You don't have to be Jewish to attend! Everyone is welcome! FREE for JCC Members | \$2 material fee per child for non-members We would appreciate a RSVP to lauries@jcccolumbia. org so we make sure we have enough supplies and snacks to go 'round!

## JNF Says Goodbye To Israeli Emissary Ronnie Porat With Gift To Yerucham



Atlanta -- Lt. Col. (Res.) Ronnie Porat, who has served the Jewish National Fund's Southeastern region as an Israeli Emissary since 2007, will be moving back to Israel at the end of September. Ronnie contributed significantly to forging meaningful and significant relationships with the community and expanding the message of JNF's voice in Israel throughout the Southeast. In his honor, friends are invited to contribute to JNF's investment in the Negev town of Yerucham; a part of JNF's vision for the area that is close to Ronnie's heart.

"After six years devoted to JNF, it will be sad to say goodbye to Ronnie," said Beth Gluck, JNF SE Region Director. "Our region is honoring Ronnie with a plaque on the Wall of Honor at Ammunition Hill in Jerusalem as a tribute to

his service to Israel and to JNF. The Wall of Honor at Ammunition Hill recognizes the heroism and courage of Jewish soldiers who, throughout history, have fought

to defend their countries. Ronnie served in the Israel Defense Forces and as an Israeli diplomat overseas, and a plaque on Ammunition Hill is a very fitting tribute.'

Ronnie holds a Bachelor's Degree in computer science and economics from Bar Ilan University in Ramat Gan, Israel. Following his military and diplomatic career from 1995-2001, Ronnie generated and ran business initiatives between Israel and Arab entities in Egypt, Jordan, and the newly established Palestinian Authority. Prior to being JNF's Israeli Emissary, Ronnie was recruited back into the military service and as a civilian, he served (2001-2007) in the Southern Command Military Headquarters in Be'er Sheva.

Ronnie and his wife, Tuti, a business consultant to Israeli nonprofit cultural organizations, have three children. His eldest daughter Shira, worked (2005-2008) as the executive assistant to the Ambassador of Israel in Washington, D.C. and now interns in Teva Pharmaceutical's Legal Department in Israel. His middle son, Omri, a former Golani Brigade LRRP fighter, studies at IDC. Noa, his youngest, is a Weber Jewish Community High School graduate and was recently inducted as an officer in the Israeli Air Force.

Friends interested in honoring Ronnie should contact Beth Gluck, SE Director at 404-236-8990 or BGluck@JNF.org.

## Why American Jews Matter

By ROGER COHEN New York Times Opinion Page

LONDON — New ideas are scarce on Israel-Palestine but Secretary of State John Kerry may have the semblance of one: If major American Jewish organizations are among Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's most important constituencies, perhaps those same groups can exert leverage over Israeli policy toward the Palestinians.

It is a long shot — these organizations have shown deep reluctance to criticize Israel — but then along came Kerry's trump card in the form of Naftali Bennett, the Israeli economy minister. This nationalist neophyte has performed a public service by clarifying the objective inherent in Israeli settlement expansion in the West Bank: "The attempt to establish a Palestinian state in our land has ended."

Speaking to a settlers' conference, Bennett urged Israel to "build, build, build" in order to establish an "Israeli presence everywhere," called for the rapid annexation of more than 60 percent of the West Bank, declared that the land had been Israel's for 3,000 years, and characterized the quest for a two-state solution as a colossal exercise in futility

In short, two states? Fuhgeddaboutit.

His comments followed equally dismissive remarks early this month from Danny Danon, the deputy defense minister. He said most Israelis had "given up the idea of land for peace" and urged Israel to annex wide swaths of the West Bank.

Bennett and Danon were being explicit about an aim implicit in Israeli actions as opposed to words — since the lightning victory in the 1967 war delivered all the land between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River and ignited a strong vein of Israeli religious nationalism. The "miracle" of annexation of East Jerusalem and control of the West Bank was proof of a mission to hold all of Eretz Israel — the biblical "Land of Israel" to which Bennett referred. (At the age of 41, Bennett has never lived in an Israel that did not exercise humiliating dominion over West Bank Palestinians.)

This Messianic view of the Jewish state's destiny has grown for the past 46 years, despite undertakings from various leaders, including Netanyahu in 2009, to seek a two-state peace. If the number of Israeli settlers in the West Bank, outside East Jerusalem, has almost doubled in the past dozen years to over 350,000 (Bennett put the number at 400,000), it is because the notion that all

the land belongs to Israel by divine decree has been ascendant and compromise increasingly seen as a deficit of faith. Construction has spelled out what official government policy could not quite say: We have no plans to leave.

It is in this sense that Bennett's statement is a true public service. Far better to have clarity about the meaning of Israel's actions in the West Bank than to have a fait accompli — the growing settler presence — cloaked in governmental opacity about the ultimate objective. If the aim is known then a judgment can be made, not least by American Jewish organizations.

Kerry, in a speech to the American Jewish Committee (A.J.C.), laid out what holding all the land means: "Israel will be left to choose between being a Jewish state or a democratic state, but it will not be able to fulfill the founders' visions of being both." That is no less true for being a tired refrain. Then, after evoking a menacing future in the absence of peace, he made his pitch: "No one has a stronger voice in this than the American Jewish community. You can play a critical part in ensuring Israel's long-term security. And as President Obama said in Jerusalem, leaders will take bold steps only if their people push them.'

The A.J.C. executive director, David Harris, decided to push — with a punchy denunciation of Bennett. The minister's remarks, he said, were "stunningly shortsighted," must be "repudiated by the country's top leaders" and offer "only the prospect of a dead-end strategy of endless conflict and growing isolation for Israel.'

Nothing would advance the just cause of Palestinian statehood faster than the irrevocable renunciation of violence by all factions and reconciliation between them on the basis of territorial compromise with Israel. But Israel must make up its mind. Netanyahu has distanced himself from Bennett, saying he sets foreign policy. The fact is, however, that Bennett has articulated the policy that exists. He is not an outlier.

Harris deserves applause for his stand. American Jewish organizations must go further if Israel is ever to turn its back on the maximalist territorial temptation that inflicts on disenfranchised Palestinians the very exclusion Jews lived over

Irish-Americans played a significant role in the Northern Ireland peace. American Jews can have similar influence on Israel-Palestine.



# **Are Jews Naturally Funny?**

In 1978, psychologist Samuel Janus conducted a study which found that although Jews constituted only 3% of the U.S. population, 80% of the nation's professional comedians were Jewish.

## Camp Gesher

The first week of Camp Gesher was truly amazing. Our campers and staff enjoyed learning about each other and our facility! 76 campers explored the theme of Respect each of the 5 days that we shared. We learned about what it's like to be a Police Officer with Deputy Curtis Wilson, how Firefighters protect our lives with Firefighter Sky Haynie and her colleagues, and why and how we respect our uniformed service professionals. We met 3 very special grandparents: Mrs. Gail Bienstock, Mrs. Pat Lovit, and Mr. Gad Matzner who helped us understand who they are by reading to us and sharing their life stories and wisdom.

Of course we also went swimming, enjoyed fitness with Megan, learned how to play Ga-Ga, and much more, more! Friday was very special day. Not only did we celebrate Shabbat, but we all got to make our own Challah with our cooking specialist, Evelyn!

We Love Our Campers, We Love Our Staff...Join Us at Camp Gesher, where we build bridges through values and leadership! Register Your Child Today. Our weekly program continues through August 16! We look forward to hearing from you,

Camp Directors: Risa, Alon, and Elisa









# South Carolina Philharmonic Ensemble Performs At JCC Member **Appreciation Event**

The South Carolina Philharmonic (SCP) Ensemble performed at the most recent member appreciation event May 23rd. A Wine & Cheese reception was attended by board members from the JCC and the Columbia Jewish Federation, along with SCP board members and other guests. Cabot Cheese helped sponsor the reception and donated the cheese. Attendees were able to meet & greet Morihiko Nakahara, SCP

Music Director, and Rhonda Hunsinger, SCP Executive Director. Morihiko Nakahara spoke about the next season, the 50th Anniversary season for the South Carolina Philharmonic after a delightful music performance from the ensemble, a string trio of viola, violin and cello. Approximately 100 guests enjoyed the concert. Thanks to Debbie Cohn, Marketing and Membership Director of the JCC, for arranging the event.









#### **Wine and Paint: Hamsa For Your Home**

Love art but don't fancy yourself an artist? Are you the next Picasso? Either way, you'll have a great time at our first ever Paint & Wine afternoon here at the JCC. Come create a fabulous piece of art for your home, instructed step by step by a professional art instructor from Unwine Paint and Sip Art Studio. We'll be painting a colorful and funky hamsa. Everyone gets to take their masterwork home. Refreshments are included in the admission fee.

August 4 • 4 - 6 pm

Tickets: \$25 members • \$35 non-members -Tickets at Front Desk



# The Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center's 11th **Annual Golf Classic**



Even with a deluge of rain our 11th Annual Golf Classic was a lot of fun and a great success. This event raises funds to support the various programs and services at the Jewish Community Center that celebrate family, foster health and well-being, embrace tradition, create friendships, and expand cultural horizons. This year's event raised over \$12,000. Thanks to all our sponsors and players.

The community support for the JCC's 11th Annual Golf Classic was extremely positive, with many returning sponsors and several new sponsors. Special recognition goes to rarker rue and mid careased Steel & Recycling Co., who repeated their Title Sponsorships, and their sponsorship this year to Reception Sponsor.

Thanks also goes to event chair David Tedeschi, Howie Weiss and the event committee for all of their hard work and many of the JCC staff who helped keep the tournament running smoothly and supported our golfers with snacks and beverages. Eleven teams showed their support

and enjoyment through the pouring rain. During the corned-beef and pastrami dinner, players received their prizes. The team of Matzner, Matzner, Cooper and Goldberg won low net score. Gottlieb, Gottlieb, Stewart and Horn won low gross score. Prizes were also given for closest to the pin, and longest drive.

Join us next year for the 12th Annual Golf Classic.

We would like to sincerely thank the sponsors of our 11th Annual Golf Classic. We greatly appreciate their support.

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## GO JAWS Swim Team!

The first week of the Columbia Swim League was a busy one for our JAWS team. We opened the week with a preliminary B class meet with Forest Lake Country Club. All swimmers participated in time trials and received ribbons.

The Team won its Opening A class swim meet on Thursday, June 13 against

Jeep Rogers YMCA by 306 to 209. Congratulations to all of our swimmers and our coaches Mia Hahn, Sarah Long, Christina Sabin, Will Long, Taylor Gaton, and Nathan Posey. The team has won all of its first three A class swim meets.



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# Arnold Family to Help Renovate Social Hall

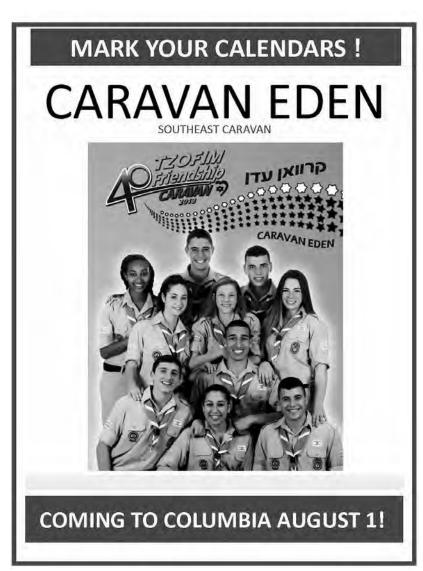
The Social Hall at the Chabad Aleph House will be renovated thanks to a generous gift from the Arnold family. The Chabad Aleph House held its official grand opening this past March and has been busy with a flurry of renovations and upgrades to its landscape design, sanctuary and now the social hall.

Norman and Gerri Sue Arnold, already renowned for their generosity to all facets of the community, have now added the Chabad Aleph House to their grateful list of recipients. This summer the social hall will undergo a radical change with new ceilings, lighting and flooring as well as curtains, furnishings and other renovations.

"It is our goal to complete the first phase of the renovations in

time for the High Holidays and celebrate this wonderful gift with a special evening in honor of the Arnold family in late October", said Rabbi Hesh Epstein, executive director of Chabad of SC. "This is such a special honor to be so generously supported by the Arnold family and we look forward to inviting the community to come celebrate with us when its completed."

The Chabad Aleph House hosts weekly JLI classes, Talmud study, Thursday Afternoon, Friday evening, Shabbat and Sunday morning services as well as Holiday and social events. It is located at 2509 Decker Blvd. For more information and to become a member please go to chabadofsc.com or call Rabbi Hesh Epstein at 467-3456.





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# Tree Of Life News

I cry often at Temple. I'll admit, it's not difficult for me to cry...I do it at movie previews.

During B'nai Mitzvah my tears begin to well up when the parents speak to their child and then start to flow freely when the Torah is passed from generation to generation. You should know that they are not tears of sadness, but tears of joy and elation that we have been able to reach this wonderful time in our Jewish journey together. I cry too when putting together the end of the year slide shows for the Confirmation program and the last day of Religious School. These pictures are a true affirmation of the AMAZING things that we all do at Tree of Life and the meaningful impact we have in each others lives.

In words and photographic memories, this is Tree of Life:

- Tree of Life is the center of Reform Jewish Life in Columbia, S.C.
- TOL means Friendships
- TOL means Rabbinical guidance, life cycle support, direction, and counseling
- Brotherhood gatherings, initiatives, creativity, and eating extravaganzas
- Religious School and Tree Tumbler Experience on Sunday
- Adult Education offerings, and Sunday School for Adults
- Sisterhood Programming like the Women's Seder
- Shabbat Services, Music, and Oneg Shabbat delicacies
- Scholars in residence like Josh Nelson, Rick Recht, and Rabbi Miri Gold
- Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur Observances
- High Holyday programming for our children and grandchildren
- Our Sukkah Rocks!
- Our annual Chanukah Dinner
- Congregational Seders for Tu B'Shvat and Passover
- B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmation one on one interaction with Rabbi

# Important Tree of Life Congregation <u>Dates in July and August</u>

- 7/05:..... Independence Day Shabbat Service, 6:15pm Picnic Supper, 7pm Shabbat Service
- 7/11:..... Seeds of Hope Farmers Market, at TOL 7:45am-11:45am, Sisterhood Book Club meeting at Mellow Mushroom focusing on: He, She and It, by Marge Piercy
- 7/12, 19: . Shabbat Services, 7:30pm
- 7/18: ..... Seeds of Hope Farmers Market, at TOL 7:45am-11:45am
- 7/20: ..... Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study, 10am
- 7/25:..... Seeds of Hope Farmers Market, at TOL 7:45am-11:45am
- 7/26: ..... Special Summer Shabbat Service, 6pm
- 7/27:..... Dinner, Havdalah, and Trivia: Join us for an adult evening beginning at 6pm!
- 8/2: ...... Shabbat Services, 7:30pm
- 8/8: ...... Seeds of Hope Farmers Market, at TOL 7:45am-11:45am (last of season)
- 8/9: ..... Shabbat Services, 7:30pm
- 8/10: ..... Bat Mitzvah of Addison Blackmon, 10am
- 8/16: ..... Shabbat Services, 7:30pm
- 8/17: ..... Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study, 10am
- 8/23: ..... Shabbat Services, 7:30pm and New Member Icecream Social
- 8/24: ..... Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Ginsberg, 10am
- 8/30:..... Special Summer 8/31: Selichot Services at Beth Shalom Synagogue Shabbat Services, 6pm

First Day of Religious School, Sunday September 8. For more information about Tree of Life, upcoming events and schedule of High Holyday Observances, please check out our website: www.tolsc.org, email us at info@tolsc.org, or call our Temple office at 803-787-2182.

and staff

- Our children attend the Union of Reform Judaism Camps
- Tree of Life helps support our children's summer camp experiences
- Our children learn how to teach at Temple
- TGIShabbat Programming
- Religious School Holiday Celebrations
- Temple Youth Group
- Kidz Shabbat
- We Love the Gift Shop and the special attention we receive from the proprietor
- We Celebrate Israel
- Our Social Action, Mitzvah, and Tikun Olam Projects
- We like to hear Hebrew
- Our teachers babysit our children
- Innovative Programming like Havdalah, Dinner, and a Movie, the Pancake Breakfast and Reading with Grandparents
- We Love Our Newsletter and E-blast
- Our students enjoy opportunities to spend time outside of Temple with Rabbi and their teachers
- As Congregants we enjoy collaborative Jewish Community programming

We support our congregation because we can call Tree of Life, our Jewish Home.

Tree of Life Congregation wishes you a safe, happy, and healthy summer!

Blessed are you, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, who has given us life, sustained us, and helped us to reach this moment

B'Shalom!! Risa Strauss, Tree of Life Religious School Director









# **Beth Shalom**

# Shirah And Meshorerim At Beth Shalom (Song And Singers At Beth Shalom)



Once a month, for the past three and a half years, a hundred plus people at Beth Shalom have been gathering for "not so traditional" Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcoming the Shabbat). The social hall is transformed, chairs are placed in concentric circles; in the center circle sit the Meshorerim

(the Singers) and with them are the violin player, the drummers, and the mandolin player. The congregation is led by this group of singers and musicians, Alon Segal at the piano, and Hazzan Michal Rubin. The text is traditional liturgy, the music is culturally diversefrom Yemenite to chassidic tradition; from contemporary American to contemporary Israeli melodies; from Hindu Kirtan chanting to traditional Nusach. The music is blended with the sound of children

"playfully" participating, running around, dancing, and drumming to their own beat.

The Meshorerim, this dedicated group of singers, have been practicing a few times a month for the past few years, have performed at Newberry Opera House, and recently have gone to Asheville to meet with and listen to a group of musicians from Israel whose music we have sung on many occasions. The Israeli musicians are from a Renewal Congregation in Jerusalem -Nava Tehila- who were on tour in the US. The great news is that this group will hopefully come to Beth Shalom this fall for an Artist in Residence weekend to work with our singers, to lead Shabbat services, and to bring with them authentic israeli spirit and song.

Meanwhile, comes fall, the monthly Musical Shabbat will resume, and everyone is invited to come join us in song on the following Fridays: September 20th, October 4th, and December 6th, 2013.

# **Beth Shalom Religious School**

"A family that screams together beams together," so says Alon Segal, principal of the Beth Shalom Synagogue Religious School. That is why he always plans an opening session with the children enrolled as an adventure. "Last year on Lag B'Omer we went and shot at each other with paintballs to re-enact the Roman-Jewish War nearly two thousand years ago. Now we head to the roller coaster." What, you may ask, is "Jewish about that?"

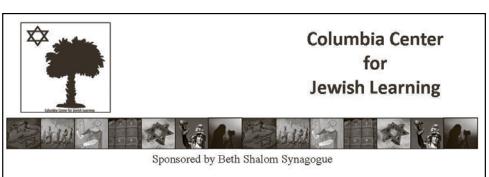
Answers Segal, "We go as a group, say the prayers before eating, (maybe a prayer or two before we get on the giant whirl-a-round) and form a strong cohesive bond. This is the group that will daven together, learn as a unit, and move upward through the grades. It is vital that they have a strong bond with one another."

Soon afterward there will be a Back to School party for our younger children at the JCC.

Beth Shalom Religious School is committed to offering a quality program that allows students to participate in their learning, discover meaning in their Hebrew and Judaic studies, and more deeply understand their Jewish identity. We offer programming for children ages starting at 18 months to Post B'nai Mitzvah students. Throughout our school year, our students have several opportunities to engage in Jewish themed events with students from the surrounding congregations. For more information about our school or to register for the 2013-2014 school year please contact the office at 782-2500.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

- August 18, 2013 3rd Grade & Above Back to School Field Trip to Carowinds
- August 25, 2013 Back to School Party at the JCC for our Torah Tot - 2nd grade students



Day of Learning/Day of Community Sunday, August 18, 2013 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Free Event

**Schedule of Events:** 8:30 - 9:00 Registration & Refreshments 9:00 - 9:30 Art/Mitzvah Project 9:30 - 12:30 Classes 12:30 - 1:00 Lunch 1:00 - 5:00 Classes 5:00 - 5:30 Musical Wrap-Up

Class Information: Israeli dancing, Kabbalah, Talmud, European Synagogue Architecture, Linguistics, Children's Literature, The Black Jewish Experience, Challah Baking, Archeology, Jewish Playwrights, Chabad, Transgender Issues, Baal Shem Tov, Genetics.

> Call to register today! (803) 782-2500

Pre-registration is preferred. Babysitting (9 am - 12:30 pm) Available by request. Challah baking class is limited; pre-registration is required.

#### OPEN TO EVERYONE

Beth Shalom Synagogue \* 5827 North Trenholm Road \* Columbia, SC 29206

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### YAD Visits a Retirement Center

By Joe Russ

On Sunday May 19, 2013, a small group of YAD (Young Adult Division) members, including myself, volunteered with Alzheimer patients at Still Hopes. I spent my afternoon talking to Katherine. Her short term memory had been greatly affected by the condition. Over the course of my afternoon with Katherine, I introduced myself about thirteen times. She explained that she was from New Zion, South Carolina just outside of Turbeville and had been a high school English teacher over a dozen times. I patiently listened every time. Each time we "met", she gave me more insight to her life at end of every conversation.

At our third introduction, that is when I learned she was a teacher. It just came out of nowhere and she started to become more lucid from that point on. While I have not been trained in working with Alzheimer's patients, I quickly realized that with a little patience and empathy, Katherine became more relaxed and cognizant. After the fifth time I reintroduced myself, I learned that she had three children. After the sixth time, I learned that she was the proud mother of two boys and a girl. The seventh time, I learned that her oldest is John and all they all still live in Columbia. Towards the end of my afternoon with her she began to give me dating and career advice, which any young Jewish boy can never get enough of.

I was very grateful that I got the opportunity to volunteer at Still Hopes. Working with Katherine refreshed my ability to appreciate the small things and helped me realize the challenges so many families face when their beloved family members begin to lose their memories. I am glad that YAD gave me the opportunity to be a part of this. I am glad to be a part of a group of young professionals who are willing to take time out of their weekend to give a little help and compassion to those in need in the greater Columbia community.



# **BBYO**











BBYO is the leading pluralistic Jewish teen movement providing leadership programs and identity enrichment experiences through conventions, awards, dances, religious programming, community service and more. BBYO in Columbia was chartered in 1936. Our new program, BBYO Connect, is for middle school children.

For more information: www.bbyo.org, www.freewebs.com/ps254, email: tsternfeld@bbyo.org, jemassoc@juno.com

We finished up our season of Council events with Spring Convention in March. Our own Hannah Greenhouse was elected Council Mazkirah. Hannah will help in the planning of our council events with our sister cities. We look forward to a canoe trip down the Congaree River in late June and an exciting fall starting with the Labor Day dance in Charleston.

Rona Goldstein, our Dixie Council Program Director, has moved with her family to Minnesota. We wish her well in her new, colder adventurer and thank her for her years of service to Dixie Council. We are pleased to welcome our new Program Director for Dixie Council, Tamar Sternfeld. She lives in Charleston.

A message from Tamar: Shalom! I'd like to take a minute to introduce myself. My name is Tamar Sternfeld and I am the new Program Director for Dixie Council BBYO. After spending the last ten years working for JCC's, I am excited to be back working for BBYO. BBYO is an incredible organization that teaches Jewish teens leadership and Jewish values through community service, social action, and real-world leadership opportunities. BBYO gives teens a voice. Columbia's teens need that voice and I am so excited to be a part of helping them find it. Columbia BBYO has a tremendous history and I look forward to helping it grow into the future. BBYO gives teens a chance to get together, regardless of religious practice, and take action in their community. In BBYO, it doesn't matter where you attend synagogue, or even if you don't attend at all. What matters, is that you are a Jewish teen who wants to be a part of your community. Jewish teens are our future and the future in Columbia is bright! I look forward to many visits to Columbia, getting to know all of you and helping Columbia BBYO continue to grow. Please feel free to reach out to me at any point. I can be reached at tsternfeld@byo.org or 843-619-3613.

If you are a Jewish teen or parent of a Jewish teen 6th grade and above and interested in BBYO please contact me. We are starting BBYO Connect for grades 6th to 8th. BBYO is open to any Jewish youth 9th to 12th grade. Check out the website at www.bbyo.org.

David Greenhouse Chair, Columbia BBYO Time really flies...

when you are able to have this much fun!

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