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Barry Abels Hired As New JCC/Federation Executive Director

By Dr. Naomi Farber, president Columbia Jewish Federation
Keith Babcock, president Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center



Barry Abels

We are pleased to welcome Barry A. Abels to Columbia as the new joint Executive Director of the Columbia Jewish Federation and the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center! Barry joins the Columbia Jewish community from Tulsa, Oklahoma

where he and his family have lived since 2006. Barry's appointment to lead the CJF and the JCC marks the start of an exciting time in the history of these central Jewish organizations. The unanimous enthusiastic approval of Barry's nomination by the Boards of the CJF and JCC was the culmination of a careful and thorough search process, under the outstanding leadership of Dr. Joshua McDuffie, Vice President of the CJF supported by the hard work of the Search Committee, the respective Boards and many community members. Barry's talents and background promise to contribute

to a new era of vitality in Jewish Columbia.

Barry brings to the Joint Executive Directorship a wide variety of leadership experiences in non-profit and business organizations. A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, Barry holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's of Education in Organization Development and Leadership. Before recently founding an independent organizational consulting firm, Access Opportunities, Barry served as Executive Director of the Jewish Federation and Charles Schusterman Jewish Community Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Prior to accepting the in

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Irving Roth To Speak At Yom Hashoah

Holocaust survivor, writer and internationally known educator
Sunday, April 7 at 7 p.m. ~ Tree of Life Congregation

The Columbia Jewish Federation and the Yom Hashoah Committee are pleased to announce that Irving Roth will speak at Columbia's annual Yom HaShoah program. Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, is a day set aside to commemorate the lives and heroism of Jewish people who died in the Holocaust.

Roth was born in Kosice, Czechoslovakia on September 2, 1929 and landed in New York Harbor in 1947 via Auschwitz and Buchenwald. The memories of the Nazi death camps never faded and he devotes his time and efforts to educating young and old on the horrors of the Holocaust and the evils of prejudice and anti-Semitism.

Mr. Roth is the Director of the Holocaust Resource Center - Temple Judea of Manhasset and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Maine. He is a recognized speaker on anti-Semitism and the Holocaust and is a frequent lecturer at colleges and universities in the United States, Canada and Europe. As a Holocaust survivor, he provides personal testimony on his experiences during WWII.

Mr. Roth received the *Spirit of Anne Frank Outstanding Citizen Award* from the Anne Frank Center USA for promoting human rights, social justice and for conceiving, developing and initiating the *Adopt a Survivor* program. This program has been instituted nationally and internationally in public and parochial high

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Calendars
For Two Very
Important
Events In Our
Community!



Israel Bonds Community Event To Honor Steve Anastasion And Keith Babcock

The annual event will take place Thursday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the downtown Marriott honoring two stalwart leaders of the community, Keith Babcock and Steve Anastasion. "Keith and Steve were singled out as honorees by the Israel Bonds selection committee as two long-time Jewish Center board members whose dedication and leadership is and has been unsurpassed," said Israel Bonds Board member John Baker. "The fact that both are not of the Jewish faith only strengthens the fact that NOW is the time to say 'thank you.'"

South Carolina State Treasurer Curtis M. Loftis, Jr. will also be recognized for his support of Israel Bonds investments on a state level. Guest speaker for the evening will be Ed Turzansky, Senior Fellow with the Center for Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security at the Foreign Policy Research Institute (Philadelphia, PA).

For more information about the honorees, see page 7.

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We welcome all voices from our community. If you would like to contribute to *Columbia Jewish News*, contact Melissa Roof at cjc@jewishcolumbia.org. The editorial staff has the right to edit all articles submitted for publication. Articles should not exceed 500 words. It is not guaranteed that all submissions will be published.

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Tulsa, Barry was Executive Director of the Jewish Community Council of Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was awarded the 2005 Annual Humanitarian Award - National Conference for Community and Justice/Corpus Christi Region. Barry's expertise in Jewish communal leadership builds on work in other non-profits settings, especially in management of food banks in Corpus Christi and Austin, Texas and Chicago. On the business front, Barry's experiences include sales and management.

In addition to welcoming Barry as Joint Executive Director, we are delighted to greet the rest of the Abels family. Barry and Jackie Abels have been married for almost 24 years, after their involvement at the Food Bank in Austin brought them together. Jackie holds a Master's Degree from the University of Texas and is a Registered Dietitian. She specializes in renal care and works for a major area hospital with kidney dialysis and kidney transplant patients. She loves sewing, arts and crafts and, like Barry, also plays Mah Jongg. Their two sons, Leland, a sophomore at the University of Tulsa, and Koby, a sophomore at Jenks High School, are both excellent students. Leland is majoring in computer science and Cyber Security. He is active in various clubs and professional groups at the University and serves on the program committee of the local Hillel. In addition to his studies, Koby attends Midrasha, Tulsa's Jewish Studies program for high school students and is an officer of AZA. He is also active in Junior ROTC and has various hobbies, including Civil War re-enactments. He has participated in many events throughout the country and will participate in the 150th anniversary the Battle of Gettysburg this summer. Koby also got his mom and dad involved in the hobby!

We hope that you take the opportunity to get to know Barry at the JCC, through involvement in events in the Jewish community, and simply as a new neighbor!



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



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

So how will you turn that passion into your legacy?

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

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

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A Small Gesture Leads To A Great Opportunity

By Barry Abels, joint JCC/Federation executive director

It was just a few weeks ago when Janet Elam, a Vice President with the JCC Association sent me a short email regarding a position that I might want to consider. I had been looking at new opportunities from time to time, but I was concentrating on building my consulting business. However, I have great respect for Janet's intuition and upon seeing that the position was for a joint executive in Columbia, South Carolina, I wrote back that we should talk about it. As a family, we knew we wanted to relocate and the southeast was an area we were definitely considering. I also had several years of experience leading combined JCC's and Federations and enjoyed and missed those relationships and challenges.

After our conversation I agreed to submit my resume and waited to hear back. Little did I know that the small gesture on Janet's part would lead me to a great community, interesting and inspiring challenges and what is shaping up to be one of the most enjoyable periods in my career.

In what then seemed like a whirlwind process I was informed that I would have a phone interview, which not only seemed to go well, but was enjoyable; followed the next day with an invitation to come to Columbia for a more extensive interview. There was something in the tone of Josh McDuffie's voice that added to the excitement of the process and I anxiously awaited my visit. The New Year was in just a few days and I wondered if it would bring a new beginning.

I was met at the airport by Ruth Rast and we met David Lovit for lunch. We had a great and informative conversation which was followed by our arrival at the center. The next couple of days were a rush of meetings with the staff, the selection committee, board members and donors. There seemed to be some natural connection that had me at ease during each conversation and the interviews. Not necessarily a typical feeling during an important interview experience. I had meetings with John Baker and Shep Cutler and found both to be warm, welcoming and effusive in their love of the community. I could see a great relationship with both of them. Each activity built upon the next and provided me with a sense of a strong commitment by the community, to the community; a caring and genuine group of people; a great staff for both the JCC and Federation and even by the middle of the process



Barry and Jackie Abels are the newest Gamecock fans!

I knew that I wanted to be a part of this community and help lead us to greater accomplishments. I left in a great frame of mind, excited to tell my family about the experience.

I soon received another call from Josh McDuffie requesting that I return to Columbia with my wife to see more of the area and discuss a contract. It was a great opportunity to meet many more people and become more familiar with parts of town. During that visit my wife and I had the opportunity to meet Jerry Kline. He seemed genuinely interested in us and asked some great questions to get to know us. It was a short but delightful conversation. One of the shortest activities was the actual discussion of a contract. I met with Keith Babcock and Naomi Farber and we recognized this as a perfect fit. We all walked out of the meeting

with a great sense of each other and of creating a new dynamic to build on past success and create new futures. We ended our official activities by attending Shabbat evening services at Beth Shalom, followed by dinner at the home of Shelley and Rob Kriegshaber. Keith Babcock and Jackie Dickman also attended and my wife Jackie and I had a great time. We left knowing that accepting the position was the right decision.

In today's economic environment we have plenty of challenges to meet, both for the Federation and the JCC. We need to ensure our facilities are kept up, our programs are current and inviting and we meet the needs of all of you, our community. Working with our boards, our members and our community partners, Beth Shalom, Tree of Life and Chabad, we can accomplish a lot. We have an environment rich in resources, first of which is you, the members of this wonderful community. I look forward to working with you in making our Columbia Jewish community even more engaged, strengthened and as vibrant as any Jewish community in the country.

Many people were responsible for making us feel at home and desirous to be here. Many thanks go out to Shelly Kriegshaber, Keith Babcock, Naomi Farber, and Ruth Rast for their kindness, enthusiasm and especially schlepping me and then my wife and I all over town. Thanks also to Josh McDuffie who did an excellent job chairing the search committee. We are all well served by these community leaders. I look forward to meeting more of you in the days ahead.

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Mazel Tov:

Columbia native David Kline, son of Sue and Jerry Kline, will co-chair the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) Tribefest 2014 in New Orleans, LA March 16-18, 2014. TribeFest, an entertaining, interactive and educational celebration, will draw over 1,500 Jewish young adults (ages 22-45) from across North America to the Big Easy. David lives in Austin, Texas and is a member of the JFNA National Young Leadership Cabinet, is a graduate of the inaugural J-Lead Class and the first recipient of the Young Adult Division's Hineini Award. A graduate of the University of Texas, David is the president of Kline Properties, an Austin residential real estate development and property management company.

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schools and colleges. Mr. Roth edited and coordinated the publishing of a book titled *Adopt a Survivor - An Antidote to Holocaust Amnesia*. He and his son, Rabbi Dr. Edward S. Roth, co-authored and published *Bondi's Brother*, a book about his experiences before, during and after the Holocaust. They also published a *Holocaust Study Guide for Social Studies and Language Arts Teachers* which encompasses a complete curriculum on the Holocaust and is taught in conjunction with *Bondi's Brother* in elementary, middle and high schools as well as colleges. *Bondi's Brother* has been translated into Hungarian and Hebrew. Mr. Roth presented "papers" at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, The Scholars Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches, CAJE (Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education) and Facing History and Ourselves. He is the recipient of numerous awards for his work in Holocaust education and community service.

The entire community is invited and encouraged to attend this important program on Sunday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at Tree of Life congregation.



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Thanks to Henry Goldberg for reaching out to Maurice's Gourmet Barbeque. The company wanted to show its support to the Jewish community and made a donation to the Federation. We appreciate the company's generosity and look forward to its continued support.



Welcome Spring!

There Is A Lot Going On At Jewish Family Service!

By Laney Cohen, JFS director



Join us every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center for "Game On." Come for fun and friendship! Snacks are provided. It's free to JCC members and \$2 for non-members. Special game requests are taken!

Beginning March 1st- April 30th, the Jewish Educational Loan Fund (JELF) will be accepting applications for the upcoming Fall semester (2013). Go to www.jelf.org, for more information and to apply online.

It's time again for the Alan Feinstein Foundation's annual Hunger Challenge. Last year, the Columbia Jewish Community helped yield over \$600 in monetary and food donations. Let's try to beat that this year. Starting March 1st, there will be a community-wide challenge to fight hunger. Through the Feinstein Foundation, JFS will be eligible for matching funds for every dollar, and every food item donated to the Jewish Family Service Food Pantry. Here is an excerpt of the letter written by Mr. Feinstein about his mission:

Please use MY money to help your neighbors in need!

My name is Alan Shawn Feinstein. For the past 15 years, I have been giving away \$1 million each year to anti-hunger agencies throughout the country.

This year, I am doing it again...

Why am I doing this? Because I believe each of us was put here on earth to do what we can to help those in need. You got this letter because we feel that YOU believe that, too.

My money started this campaign but it is YOU who will help decide how many needy people in your city or town will be fed this year. *All that will matter to us someday is what we did while we were here to help those who needed us.*

This has become the greatest grass roots campaign ever to fight hunger in our country. Your donation makes you a partner in it with me! We Are Needed Now!

Please give whatever you can - I will gladly add some of my money to yours.

(My \$1 million will be divided proportionately in full among the agencies receiving donations toward my offer.). Thank you for sharing my heart, and the hope that—someday—no one will ever go hungry.

Sincerely Yours,

Alan Shawn Feinstein

The challenge will continue until April 30th. There will be drop off locations at BSS, TOL, and JCC for food (non-perishables please). If anyone in the community wishes to donate money, please make checks out to Jewish Family Service. JFS has been in contact with the Foundation, and the Food Pantry is registered and ready to go! In 2012, this challenge yielded over \$600 in food and monetary donations to the JFS Food Pantry. Let's surpass this in 2013!

The Brotman family says Thank You to the entire Columbia Jewish Community for the outpouring of love and support during their difficult time following a house fire. Thank you for all of the calls, letters, and concern. It has been a blessing to see the community come together in their time of need.



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To RSVP or make transportation requests, please call the office at
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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.



"ENHANCING LIFE FOR JEWISH SENIORS"

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Meet The Israel Bonds Honorees

Steven M. Anastasion



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Steve was born in Boston, Massachusetts and grew up in Newport, Rhode Island and Washington, D.C. prior to coming to Columbia in late 1972. He graduated from The George Washington University (BA 1970) and The University Of South Carolina School Of Law (JD 1975). He is the immediate past Chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, and is or has been a member of various other community boards, including Columbia Museum of Art Board of Directors, Columbia River Alliance Board, and Columbia Jewish Community Center and Columbia Jewish Federation Boards. Steve is a member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and a member of American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA).

Steve began his career at Baker and Baker Real Estate Developers in 1995 where he is co-managing partner with John D. Baker. Steve was a partner in the Columbia law firm of Callison, Tighe, Robinson and Anastasion from 1975 until 1995.

He is married to Gail Baker Anastasion, and he and Gail have two children, Michael David, who works with Steve at Baker and Baker, and Danielle Patricia, who is an independent film maker living in Washington, D.C. with her husband, Martin Thomas. Steve is the son of the late Eleni Anastasion and Capt. Steven Nicholas Anastasion (USN Retired).

Keith M. Babcock

Keith grew up in New Jersey and has practiced law in South Carolina for 35 years. He graduated from Princeton University in 1973 and George Washington University Law School in 1976. He serves as president of the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center and on the Board of Directors of the Columbia Jewish Federation. He is also active in the Greater Columbia Educational Advancement Foundation and participates in the Law School Mentoring Program for first-year USC law school students. For many years he coached JCC Boys Basketball teams in Interfaith Leagues and won many championships. Keith is a member of Tree of Life Congregation and St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

Keith began his career in the S.C. Attorney General's office. He has been in private practice since 1981 and is a founding partner of the Law Offices of Lewis, Babcock, Griffin. Keith is the only South Carolina lawyer who serves as a member of the Board of Directors for Owners' Counsel of America and has been selected for inclusion in the 2013 edition of Best Lawyers in America in the field of eminent domain.

He is married to Jacquelyn Dickman Babcock and they have two sons. Michael is a medical resident at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville and Max is a benefits manager with the Veteran's Administration in Columbia.



Keith M. Babcock

Hélène Berr: The Exhibition

HÉLÈNE BERR, A STOLEN LIFE

April 8 - May 10, 2013

Richland County Public Library

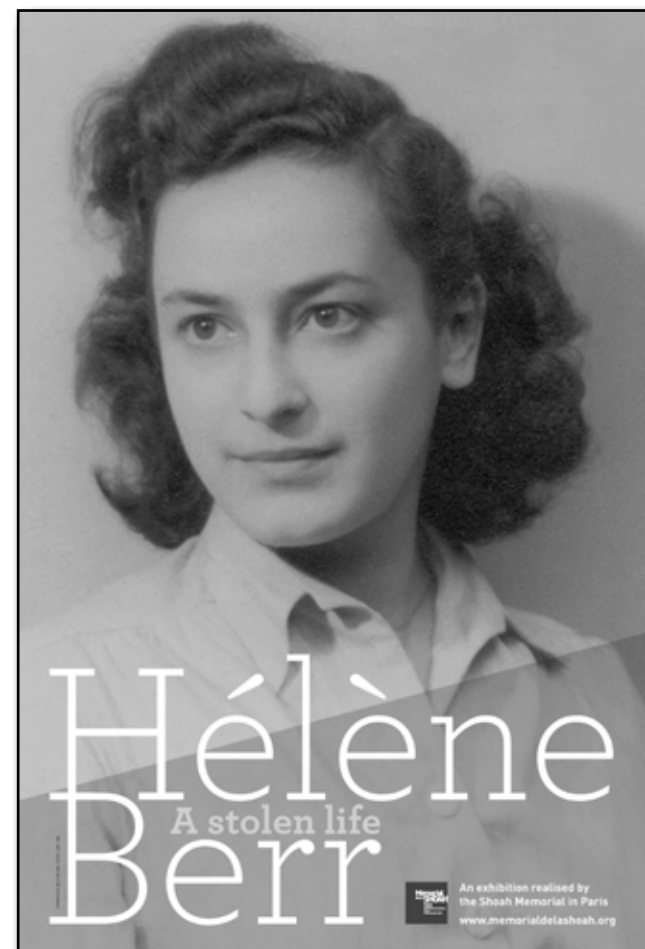
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An exhibition of great beauty and importance is coming to the Richland County Public Library in Columbia in April. It's called *Hélène Berr: A Stolen Life*. Hélène Berr was a student of English at the Sorbonne, in Paris, when the Nazis invaded France. In 1942, at age 21, she began writing a journal describing a world that ostracized her for being a Jew. She wrote in her journal every day until March 1944 when she was deported to Auschwitz. Like her contemporary, Anne Frank, Berr died in Bergen-Belsen in 1945, days before the camp was liberated. Berr's journal surfaced five years ago and instantly became a "classic" in France both for its exquisite language and the rare view of how French Jews perceived persecution during the German occupation.

Hélène Berr: A Stolen Life gives breath anew to the budding young scholar whose life was cut short in the Holocaust. Through texts and photographs, the exhibition, organized by *Memorial de la Shoah*, vividly portrays the life story of this accidental author and her stunning journal. This exhibition, curated by Karen Taïeb and Sophie Nagiscarde, was designed, created, and circulated by the Mémorial de la Shoah (Paris, France) and made possible through the generous support of the SNCF.

I am proud to assist with bringing this exhibition to Columbia and hope that you will take the opportunity to visit the Richland County Public Library in April.

Submitted by Erica Safran



Beth Shalom Singers perform at Newberry Opera House

By Hazzan Michal Rubin, Ph.D

On January 27, 2013 at the Newberry Opera House, the Beth Shalom choir (Meshorerim) sang to a packed house. The occasion was the first ever - interfaith arts program in the one-hundred-thirty-year-old history of the venerated Opera House. Ten faith groups showcased their prayers, song, style of worship and dance in a community of acceptance and joy.

After a few introductory words from Rabbi Jonathan Case about the meaning and source of the songs to be sung, the choir marched onto the stage, took their places and commenced.

Under the leadership of Cantor Michal Rubin, musical accompaniment of Alon Siegal, the baton of Tommer Hesseg, and the special appearance by Dikla Hesseg, the twelve members of the Meshoranim sang several songs and thrilled the assemblage with their exuberance.

Singing a few standards from their repertoires from Friday Night Music Shabbat (held the first Friday of each month at Beth Shalom Synagogue) the crowd cheered and clapped to V'Shamru - a familiar prayer from the Ten Commandments) and an excerpt from the Psalm 96. While Steve Rosansky kept time on the drum, the audience felt the raw power of the ancient prayers in Hebrew. People's reactions were extremely complimentary: "Fantastic"; "Beautiful"; "I was very proud of your songs and the Rabbi's information. You sounded wonderful and looked great."

This was the first public performance, outside of synagogue, for the Beth Shalom Meshorerim, and a beautiful debut for an extremely dedicated group of people who have been practicing and leading Friday Musical Shabbat services for the past three years.

The members, Everdell Davis, Bobbie Matzner, Gad Matzner, Shah Novinbakht, Carolyn Playfair, Frieda Ritter, Steve Rosansky, Marlene Roth, Michal Rubin, Linda Schoen-Giddings, Sara Schwebel, Alon Segal, and Roland Young were joined by Tommer and Dikla Hesseg for this special event. Tommer Hesseg is from Israel, spending this year in Columbia as a Ph.D. student in Choral Directing at USC. His wife, Dikla Hesseg, also from Israel, is a professional singer and an art therapist. The choir had the privilege of having Tommer joined Alon Segal in preparing the choir for this performance; and Dikla beautifully enhanced our group with her solo and harmonizing parts.



Choir at Newberry Opera House

The Steve Turner Camp Scholarship Fund Is Back!

Applications are available now for Jewish overnight camps this summer

Jewish children who live in Columbia and will be rising third graders to rising ninth graders this summer are eligible to apply for the supplemental funds. Award amounts will be based on the number of applicants and the funding available. Applications are available from your religious school, the front desk at the JCC, or by email to cjoffice@jewishcolumbia.org. All applications must be received by the Columbia Jewish Federation by April 1. For more information, contact Federation Executive Director, Barry Abels at 787-2023 ext. 207.

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You can donate to the Steve Turner Camp Scholarship Fund

Summers at Jewish overnight camps turn Jewish youth into spirited and engaged Jewish adults, laying the groundwork for strong Jewish communities. However, the camps can be expensive. The Steve Turner Camp Scholarship Fund hopes to alleviate some of the burden with supplemental funding. But we need your help to ensure its financial success. If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one, please send a minimum donation of \$10. We will acknowledge your donation to the recipient and in the Columbia Jewish News.

Send your donation to:
Columbia Jewish Federation
306 Flora Drive
Columbia, SC 29223

Holocaust Education Update

Semi-Annual Report



The Selden K. Smith Foundation for Holocaust Education would like to thank all our supporters and provide an update on Holocaust educational efforts in SC. The Foundation was formed in May 2010 to further the programs of the SC Council on the Holocaust. The Foundation functions as a private source of funding for support of Holocaust educational activities and community awareness events in SC and has a 501 (c) (3) status. Current economic conditions and cutbacks in state appropriations

have resulted in the need for private funding to ensure the future of various educational projects in our state. In 2010 a three year campaign to raise \$100,000 was launched. So far we have raised over \$84,000 towards our goal and hope to complete our 3 year campaign in May 2013. This goal can be accomplished with your support. The Foundation is staffed by volunteers and less than 1% of funds raised goes to operating expenses.

The purpose of the Foundation in South Carolina is to strengthen the Council's activities in memory, history and education. The Foundation will honor survivors who moved to our state and SC soldiers who liberated the concentration camps. It will also address related issues of international conflict, genocide, anti-Semitism, racial prejudice and intolerance. Funding is provided to schools, colleges, churches, synagogues, civic groups and individuals. Projects include teacher grants, classroom supplies, student field trips, teacher training, Holocaust speakers, exhibits and other related educational programs.

The Foundation carries the name of Dr. Selden Smith. Dr. Smith is a retired history professor from Columbia College who became interested in teaching the Holocaust over three decades ago. This special interest brought him in contact with survivors and liberators in SC. He acknowledges that these friendships have enriched his life. He was appointed to the Council and served as the chair for many years. Dr. Smith remains active on the Council and Foundation.

In conjunction with the Council, many Holocaust efforts are funded each year. The weeklong yearly Holocaust teacher's workshop each July held at Columbia College continues to provide intensive training to teachers throughout our state. Each fall a one day teacher's workshop is also held.

On June 30 a 9 day travel/study tour to Poland will offer graduate credit to teachers. The trip is also open to non-teachers who want to learn and seek out information on their family history. Seeing firsthand the horrors of the Holocaust provides a perspective that cannot be learned from books.

The Jewish Studies program at the College of Charleston is a major asset for Holocaust education in South Carolina. Funding is provided by a substantial grant from The Zucker/Goldberg Center for Holocaust Education. Likewise, our state is blessed by a major program in Jewish Studies at the University of South Carolina. These programs are complementary. Both have special strengths, resources, and offerings.

Two important features of Holocaust education in Columbia are the popular downtown stone Holocaust memorial and the traveling exhibit on the history of the Holocaust using the testimony of S.C. survivors. These panels were developed by the Columbia Holocaust Education Commission and the State Museum.

In April, Holocaust remembrance ceremonies will be held throughout our state. It is extremely important to continue teaching and reminding both children and adults the lessons of the Holocaust, especially now, since so few survivors and liberators are alive to give first hand testimony.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We still need your help. If you have never given, please make a donation now. If you have given before, we thank you and ask you to again support our efforts. With Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, approaching, this is the perfect time to remember and honor survivors and liberators and help fight hatred and intolerance. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Minda Miller
Foundation Chair

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Holocaust Remembered Exhibit March 22 - April 30 Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center



Holocaust Remembered is a unique Holocaust Exhibit that tells the personal stories of SC Survivors and Liberators. This exhibit was created to honor the memories of the survivors and victims of the Holocaust.



The 2013 Columbia Jewish Film Festival was a great success! The week kicked off with a sold-out B'nai Mitzvah party to commemorate the 13th year. A special documentary Hava Nagila was enjoyed by a packed house at the Nickelodeon Theatre. The singing group "Soul Aviv" entertained the movie goers before and after the show.

Columbia Jewish Film Festival Committees:

Chairs: Heidi & David Lovit
Film Selection: Melanie Baker, Linda Schoen Giddings, Lyssa Harvey, Heidi Lovit, Pat Lovit, Justin Peterson, Arline Polinsky
Opening Party: Debbie Cohn, Lyssa Harvey, Walton Selig
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Budget: Andy Zalkin
Grants: Naomi Farber, Heidi Lovit
Education Resource: Frank Baker, Risa Strauss, Katja Vehlow
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This was my first year attending the Columbia Jewish Film Festival. I found the movies to be both diverse and entertaining. The educational forums added a level of insight that enhanced the experience. I will definitely be attending again next year and in the future. - Joy Parks



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Beth Shalom Synagogue

It was a shindig! Remember that? It was a modern day shindig!!

On February 23 as dusk approached and settled on our village of Columbia, Beth Shalomers entered into the Synagogue as ghosts, Mordecais, Geishas, Demons, Darh Vader, and all manner of disguise. Purim is a night of masks and joy.

A skit (a.k.a spiel) was performed. The cantor was a he, the rabbi was a she, the educational director was androgynous, and hilarity fell like a summer thunderstorm at Beth Shalom on Trenholm Road. As the Megillah was artfully read by Cantor Anna Fedrick, Hazzan Michal Rubin, Professor Sam Baker, and Rabbi Jonathan Case, the sanctuary was punctuated with graggers, symbols, noisemakers, books banging, hands clapping, chimes ringing and so much more of a cacophony of sounds!

The Megillah reading depicted the age-old tale of Haman, the villain, and Esther, the up-and-coming heroine. Each time Haman's name was mentioned the volume of noise drowned out his name. At the climax of the tale the congregation broke into joyous song as deliverance came yet again.

As the happy crowd moved into the social hall after the reading they were joined by Tree of Life Congregation led by their Rabbi Daniel Sherman. We lost count after one hundred thirty people!

Together the two congregations became one as everyone danced to the rhythms of *Curve*, a powerful local band, headed by Alon Segal. Dancing to the music, drinking an assortment of beer and alcohol, Dan Matzner and friends arranged games for the children. Everyone had a great time for hours on end. The party was late in breaking up as there was great resistance to leaving this unforgettable Purim party.



Beth Shalom Schoolhouse Shabbat & Family Shabbat Dinner

The children are very excited to lead our service and sing for the congregation! All students will participate, so join us in making some memories!

**Friday, April 19
6:30 pm**

Our service will be followed by a Shabbat meal of: Baked ziti, tossed salad, Israeli salad, fresh fruit, garlic bread, and ice cream bar. Kid friendly option: Cheese Pizza

Cost: Adults: \$10.00, children (under 12yrs): \$5.00
Maximum cost per family: \$25.00

Please call the office to RSVP for this family Shabbat dinner by April 17th.

The Land of Music and Honey

Israeli Choral Music A Lecture-Recital

April 25th 5:45 p.m. Beth Shalom Synagogue

The Graduate Vocal Ensemble, USC School of Music

Conductor: Tommer Hesseg

We will begin the evening with a twenty-five minute lecture on the development of Choral music in Israel. At the turn of the 20th century, it was in the Land of Milk and Honey that West met East and resulted in the unique blend that is Israeli music.

Following the lecture there will be a twenty-five minute performance of Israeli choral repertoire. Among the composers will be the works of Paul Ben-Haim, Gil Aldema, Tzvi Avni, Menachem Wiesenberg and Avner Itai.



Join us at Beth Shalom
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Fridays:
March 8, April 5 and May 3
6:30 p.m.

BETH SHALOM COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER

Beth Shalom Synagogue - Carol O. Bernstein Social Hall

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013
SECOND SEDER
7:00 p.m.**

Cost: Adults \$30.00 (over 12 years old), children \$12.50 (4-12 years old)
children 3 years old and under are FREE.

Please return the form below with your check to Beth Shalom by **Wednesday, March 20** to RSVP. Beth Shalom cannot guarantee spaces after that date. This is not a fundraiser. This deadline is made so we can guarantee all reservations received by March 20. After the deadline has passed, we will continue to accept reservations until all seats are filled.



RETURN TO: BETH SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

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Geshem is the Hebrew word for rain, which connects heaven and earth.

Magash is the Hebrew word for tray, which is the vessel for servicing most often between two places. A common expression between a child and a parent could be, "Mah ata megish ha'erev? What is being served this evening (like for dinner)?" It connects one person to another... through food, of course.



The TOL Leadership Class planted in the rain garden on a cold Tu B'Shevat morning.



Grades 3/4 gave presentations on the prophets.



Grade 2 talked about the 10 Commandments and Parashat Yitro.



The Big Nosh™ is almost here!
Sunday, April 21, 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tree of Life Congregation, 6719 North Trenholm Road

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.

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Total			

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Express Pre-Festival Pickup Orders with 10-minute onsite parking will be available 9:00-10:30 a.m. on the day of the festival (April 21, 2013). We recommend you avoid the crowds and pick up your orders early!

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Columbia Jewish Day School

Columbia Jewish Day School

The Columbia Jewish Day School is embarking on becoming a demonstration site for the South Carolina Program for Infant/Toddler Network (SCPITC). This is a multi-year, highly competitive process. SCPITC will choose only three schools across the state to be demonstration sites. The Midlands, Low Country, and the Coast will each have one site.

The Day School submitted a successful application that merited an on-site visit. This past month four SCPITC representatives were in our school for two and half hours. The inspectors spent time in our youngest classes and met with the administration. The inspection was successful and the school has been officially entered into phase one of the SCPITC work. Assistant principal, Ms. Kelly Stanton, and two staff members half traveled to Greenville for an orientation session. Over the next year select staff members will have extensive training in Atlanta. After the year of training the inspectors will return for an on-site visit and make their decision on which school will be named the demonstration site for the Midlands. Being chosen for this honor signifies that the selected school has the highest quality infant toddler program. Teachers, legislatures, and staff from other schools will be invited to observe the demonstration sites.

The Jewish Day School plans to work very hard over the next year and half to gain this statewide recognition.



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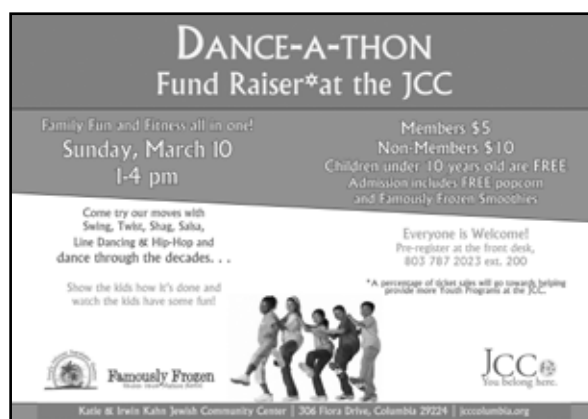
Group swim lessons ages 3-12 starting March 5

Group swim lessons for Adults starting March 5

Mommy and me ages 6months-3years starting March 12

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YAD Ski Trip to Beech Mountain

By Alex Filler

Who would have thought that there would be great skiing in Banner Elk, NC? Well, YAD did!!! Not only was the weather 70 degrees, but there were 4 lifts open and 10 runs available. The skiing was fun and it was just great to be outdoors. While some skied, others enjoyed the beautiful hiking trails on the mountain. The house was amazing, sitting atop 5000 ft on the mountain. We had a great time cooking together and playing games, as well as just chilling out. Ever since we went I have been monitoring the weather and yes, even real snow falls (quite often) on good weeks in January and February. Great times and many more to come. Until next time YAD Skiers.



HILLEL - Welcome Back Event

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Thank you Howard Weiss!



The JCC staff and Board of Directors are indebted to longtime community leader and past JCC president Howard Weiss for stepping up and voluntarily serving as JCC interim Executive Director for the past six months. His hard work and dedication

are greatly appreciated by the entire community. Thank you Howie!!!



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