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The Jews and the Pope

Fascinating topic open to the public - Thursday, May 2 at 7 p.m.



Join us at the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center at 7 p.m. on May 2 for a stimulating program on "The Pope and the Jews," co-sponsored by the Columbia Jewish Federation Community Relations Committee and Chabad of South Carolina. Dr. Lawrence Schiffman, Professor of Judaic Studies at Yeshiva University and Chairman of the Jewish Liaison to the Vatican will join us after just attending the installation of Pope Francis.

The relationship of the Pope with the Jewish World community from the years preceding World War II, through Vatican 2 to today, as well as the relationship between Israel and the Vatican, will be topics of Dr. Schiffman's remarks.

Admission is \$10 and can be paid at the door or reservations can be made by calling Melissa at the Federation at 787-2023 ext. 204 or Rabbi Levi Marrus at 237-7330.

You may also become a program sponsor for a donation of \$100 which includes admission to the program with preferred seating and a special pre-program reception with our speaker.

Major Donors Recognized

On April 16th, many of the Columbia Jewish Federation's major donors gathered at the home of Sue and Jerry Kline and received recognition and thanks for their support of the 2013 Campaign. With the 65th anniversary of Israel's independence as a theme, Federation President Naomi Farber and Executive Director Barry Abels greeted everyone with special 65th anniversary pins and a briefing about the positive impact of the Federation system within Israel and around the world. The Federation would like to thank Sue and Jerry for opening up their beautiful home and hosting a wonderful affair.



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What Will Be Your Legacy?

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



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

So how will you turn that passion into your legacy?

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

Contact the Columbia Jewish Federation at 787-2023 or cjoffice@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.**

Irving Roth Brings Holocaust To Life During Yom Hashoah Program

Holocaust survivor Irving Roth captured the attention of the Columbia Jewish community during the annual Yom HaShoah program as he spoke about his experiences growing up in Nazi occupied Czechoslovakia and in Auschwitz and Buchenwald concentration camps. The event took place on April 7 at Tree of Life congregation. The solemn program also featured a violin/piano duet by Meira Warshauer and violinist William Terwilliger performing Warshauer's original composition “Bracha.” It also included candle lighting by Holocaust survivors, their families and liberators, the chanting of El Male Rachamin by Cantor Michael Rubin, special tributes by religious school students, the blowing of the shofar by Dr. Jonathan Leader and the presentation of colors by the Ft. Jackson Color Guard. The Yom HaShoah program was organized by the Columbia Jewish Federation and the Yom HaShoah Committee, chaired by Dr. Abe Wandersman.

The following day, Roth spoke to University of South Carolina social work students and faculty. The students are studying public policy and social justice.



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The Power of Community

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



When you open the Columbia Jewish Federation website one of the first things you may see is our theme, "The Power of Community." In the context of philanthropy and community support the idea that we are stronger as a collective group, verses individually, certainly holds true. Whether we are leveraging our dollars or advocating a position, together we can make more of an impact within our own community and beyond.

Our Federation campaign is a prime example of impact. Each year we raise money that provides additional or primary funding to our local programs and institutions. We supplement the important work of our congregations' religious schools and BBYO, as well as that of the Columbia Jewish Day School. This impacts most, if not all of our community's children. We help to educate them and add to their Jewish experiences. Together we support programs for Jewish students on the USC campus through Hillel. We not only provide a small taste of home by helping to organize and ensure a great Seder experience, we also provide funding for programs that help affirm their Jewish identity when such a small presence on campus. Together, through Federation, we do this.

Jewish Family Service, funded in vast majority by campaign, provides an important lifeline to those in our community who are not sure where else to turn in a crisis. We help provide food and financial assistance when needed. We provide counseling and referral services; provide reduced cost transportation for seniors; and partner on many programs for the actively aging. JFS facilitates local applications to the Jewish Education Loan Fund for our college students needing extra help meeting their college expenses. Your

support of Federation makes this happen.

Our partnership with the Jewish Federations of North America help us to leverage our funds in support of projects in Israel that assist at-risk youth or in the former Soviet Union that supplement the often meager diets of elderly still living there.

Thousands of people here and throughout the Jewish World benefit from the funds we raise through our campaign. Our ability to fund programs and impact lives is only limited by the money we have available to provide. For the last few years we have kept a steady pace raising nearly \$500,000 annually. However our current 2013 campaign has not kept up resulting in reduced funding available for some of our programs and recipient organizations. Working with our campaign chairs, we began to review the campaign concerned about the impact of the economy. Surprisingly we discovered it was not primarily the economy, but instead, it is more a result of both staff transitions and new tracking strategies during the campaign. Quite simply, over 100 supporters who donated during the 2012 campaign fell through the cracks this year. We have identified the gaps and many of you have already been contacted. This is where the Power of Community can again come into play. For those we still have yet to contact, simply take a few minutes and call the Federation. Make your pledge. By making your call to us you will ensure that our campaign is completed, our \$500,000 goal will be reached and those who benefit from our funding and programs will be served. Thank you in advance for heeding this call to action showing how the Power of Community continues to be alive and well in Columbia.



You Belong Here!



Like other JCC's all over the country, we have adopted the national slogan "You Belong Here." This is not a hollow boast, but a true feeling espoused by staff, board members and Center members throughout the JCC system, and the

Katie and Irwin Jewish Community Center is no different. As your executive, but also as a newcomer who has experienced JCC's around the country, I too hold this value to be true. It is not only because we do have one of the finest fitness and aquatic centers in the country, along with an excellent and dedicated staff, but we are so much more. One of the many challenges I have heard is, "there is not much there for me," and "there is not enough Jewish programming going on here." Often it seems these comments are from folks who have felt this way for awhile, but have not been to the campus lately. We recently offered the renowned "Shalom Sesame" series for our younger members, a fun education series with Sesame Street characters teaching about our holidays, culture and Israel. Our weekly game day, co-sponsored by Federation, is popular and a great way to spend the afternoon. Our lobby features the excellent and moving exhibit about the Holocaust and those survivors who settled in Columbia and South Carolina. We've hosted lunch and learn programs and are looking at more, and we are working on a series of painting classes. Laurie Slack has just returned from maternity leave and will be ramping up more Jewish programs and we will be doing more in partnership with Federation and JFS. For those of us with various levels of physical challenges, there is no better place to improve mobility and physical health than our JCC, with trainers knowledgeable in corrective exercise, yoga, stretching and water aerobics. Our re-imagined Camp Geshet has

been well thought out and not only will feature great standbys like sports, art, swimming and drama, but Gaga, a really fun Israeli style of dodge ball.

Additionally some of our programs occur off campus like our excellent Jewish Film Festival, a special performance on May 9th of "Miss Saigon" at the Town Theater, and in a few weeks a theater road trip in partnership with Federation to Charlotte.

Working collaboratively, the JCC and Federation staff are brainstorming and planning new and varied programs and we want you to hear from you. My door is open for your feedback and ideas and I will be holding a series of informal gatherings at the JCC or other venues to discuss your thoughts or concerns. You will also see a new group of Volunteer Staff giving tours and greeting you at the front desk. They will also be giving us ideas for programming and be available to listen to yours. So, if you are a current member you will see us working to give you more. If you are not a member or have left the JCC, we are working hard to help you see that indeed, "You Belong Here," at the Katie and Irwin Kahn JCC.



JCC Member Appreciation Breakfast



Columbia Jewish Federation 2013 Honor Roll of Donors



Donors as of April 10 are listed below. Those who are new to the campaign or increased at least 10 percent are highlighted. Those donors also receive a coupon for delicious cookies from Ally & Eloise Bakeshop on Forest Drive. Donors who gave in honor of Shep and Joni Cutler are noted with double asterisks.

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2013 CJF Allocations

By Joshua McDuffie, Ph.D. - Allocations chair

The Columbia Jewish Federation is happy to announce allocations for 2013. Our Federation allocated \$243,000 to fund activities and investments in the Columbia community including Jewish cultural programming, education and wellness. Federation was also able to provide support to The Jewish Federations of North America to enhance the lives of Jews around the world.

Education: The Columbia Jewish Day School was allocated \$25,000, which will help provide need-based scholarships for Jewish primary school students. The Tree of Life and Beth Shalom religious schools were each provided \$3,000 to help support programming and religious education for students, ranging from pre-kindergarten through high school. The Jewish Educational Loan Fund was awarded a \$2,500 allocation, which helps to provide interest-free loans for local Jewish undergraduate or graduate students.

Youth Programming: Our local BBYO chapters were awarded an allocation of \$2,000 to help provide Jewish teens (8th-12th grade) with meaningful Jewish experiences. Columbia is well represented at regional and national events, and Columbia's BBYO chapters create regional, national and international BBYO leaders. Federation is proud to support their continued success. Columbia was also able to provide \$4,000 to the USC chapter of Hillel. Our local Hillel chapter has been growing and has helped to create a strong and vibrant Jewish presence on the USC campus. The allocation funding is leveraged by Hillel to receive additional funds from the university.

Our JCC: This year Federation was able to allocate \$145,000 to the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center. The JCC provides a focal point for Jewish cultural life, learning and health in Columbia, and is widely used by both Jews and non-Jews in the community. Federation is proud to continue to allocate to the JCC, which provides fantastic facilities and enriching programming to our community.

JFNA: Federation was able to allocate \$58,500 to The Jewish Federations of North America. JFNA is our parent organization, and provides valuable support and resources to our community, and also to Jews worldwide. JFNA continues to support social welfare, education, social services, and to protect Jews worldwide. We are proud to join them in promoting the values of tzedakah, Torah, and tikkun olam.

Thank You! CJF is able to make annual allocations because of the support of our members. When you donate to Federation's Annual Campaign you are helping to support these and many other worthwhile programs which enhance Jewish life in our community and worldwide. On behalf of the recipient organizations, I would like to thank all of the members and supporters of the Columbia Jewish Federation who made this year's allocations possible.

Jewish Family Service

Written by Laney Cohen, director



I love what I do at Jewish Family Service. It's a 24/7 "labor of love". You're always on-call because you never know when someone in the Jewish community will be in crisis, in need of food, in need of a friend. It might surprise many is that it is not

at all uncommon for someone in our community to face serious difficulty. Many people, both Jewish and non-Jewish have developed an almost-stereotypical view of Jewish people:

"They're Jewish....you know they have money. Jewish families are so stable right? How bad can it be?"

It's time for people to stop living in denial (especially in our community). Crises don't discriminate. Jewish people go through hard times like anyone else does. A lot of us live in a cocoon and think what happens to others, doesn't happen to the "Jewish family". In the last year we have helped families dealing with everything from abuse, to bankruptcy, to divorce and even incarceration. It does happen to our people. It happens to people you know. My own husband lost his job in November. Crisis happens in our community.

Enter JFS. We are here for our Jewish Community. The first key to understanding how JFS can thrive is to accept that JFS is genuinely needed. We are not an organization for a once-in-a-blue-moon situation. A bad economy impacts all people. Divorce statistics or domestic abuse can occur in any household. Everyone can be in need.

The moral of this piece is to let you know that JFS is here for you or anyone you may know in our community that is in need. It might be your family. It might be a friend. It might be a neighbor. Please don't believe that just because someone is Jewish---that bad things cannot happen in their household. Remember JFS when you hear of someone who needs a friend. Remember JFS when you hear of someone in our community who needs food, or a place to go. Jewish Family Service is for the community. We are here to help.



Tuesday with Friends was awarded \$500 from Day Break Adult Care Services

Calling All Knitters

(and those interested in learning)!

Mitzvah Knitters will be meeting every Monday at 10:30 in the Multi-Purpose Room at the JCC! Come eat, schmooze, and knit! Start a new project for a soldier (afghan squares will be created to be connected to be sent to soldiers serving overseas), or finish a project you are working on!



Tuesdays with Friends

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

11:30 am-1 pm

Beth Shalom Synagogue, 5827 N. Trenholm Road

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Featuring: 282nd Fort Jackson Army Band

This month's event is being sponsored

In loving memory of our parents: Sarah & Bernard Kline

By: Jerry & Sue Kline, Peggy & David Jacobs and Cathy Kline

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Featuring: Program to be announced

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In loving memory of our parents: Cela & David Miller

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By: Minda & Henry Miller

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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.



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You belong here.

Drop in; No RSVP required!



every Wednesday | 1 - 4 PM

Camp Gesher: A Bridge between Summer Fun and Jewish Identity

A great summer day camp experience is just a few weeks away for your children and grandchildren. Camp Gesher is the new re-imagined summer program offered by the Katie and Irwin JCC and is guaranteed to be full of old favorites and new experiences. The creative energy for our new Camp Gesher comes from Risa Strauss and Alon Segal, Religious School Directors for Tree of Life Congregation and Beth Shalom Synagogue and Elisa Westfall, an elementary teacher in the Lexington 5 District. In addition to various sports, games, swimming, drama, music and arts and crafts; Camp Gesher activities will also

include gardening and nature, and Jewish Life and world cultures. Another highlight will be the new JCC GaGa Pit for playing Israeli dodge ball. Each week we'll also have a value based theme such as respect, teamwork and courage and each week will end with a Shabbat celebration. The new garden area is now being prepared and the GaGa Pit construction is getting underway. If you would like more information or would like to help with the new garden, contact Risa at 803-787-2023 ext. 210 or to register, Adrienne at ext. 216.



Camp Gesher *building bridges*

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BBYO

BBYO held its spring convention March 22 - 24 at the W. W. Long Leadership Center in Aiken. Teens from Columbia, Savannah, Charleston and Augusta gathered to elect new council officers and take part in a variety of programs and religious services.

The program coordinator for the weekend was Bethany Smith who did an outstanding job planning exciting and interesting things to do.

Joining the teens was Sarah Minion, BBYO's International BBG president, who took part in the weekend activities and led a program on "how to create successful programs."

In spite of the rain, spirits were high and the business of Dixie Council was completed with the election of new officers. Columbia continued to be represented on the Dixie Council board as Hannah Greenhouse was elected BBG Mazkirah, secretary.



New Dixie Council director Tamar Sternfeld talks with Ethan Cohen



Program coordinator Bethany Smith



Sarah Brotman shows off Chapter of the Year award and Hannah Greenhouse shows her individual award for her work with BBYO.

BBYO now has a program for middle school children called BBYO Connect. Activities will be planned by an advisor and the group will meet at regular intervals. For more information contact Hannah Greenhouse at fastpitchgirl28@yahoo.com or the new Dixie Council director Tamar Sternfeld at tsternfeld@bbyo.org



Sarah Minion, International BBG president, participates in discussion

YAD Masquerade on Main Purim Ball



Alex Filler and Geri Lynn Miller



Justin and Michelle Segal Peterson

YOUNG ADULT DIVISION (YAD)

By Robin Goldberg

The Young Adult Division (YAD) of the Columbia Jewish Federation had a great Passover event! The group convened for the second night Pesach Seder at Rosso on Forest Drive. After reading through the Haggadah, the group was served a Kosher for Passover meal, and then completed the Seder after the meal. What a great treat it was to be able to eat out at a restaurant during Passover!

If you would like to be added to the YAD listserve or have a question about the group, please email yadcola@jewishcolumbia.org



Hillel

Hillel recently observed Passover together with a Seder on campus. Current students, along with alumni, future students, and community members joined together for this fun evening. The Seder was filled with singing and activities. Tradition continued as the freshmen stood together and recited the four questions. Following the Seder everyone enjoyed a catered meal and the students began looking for the afikomen. Hillel was very excited to have over sixty people in attendance. With the school year coming to a close it was nice to see Jewish students spending time together before summer vacation. Hillel looks forward to a Shabbat dinner in the coming weeks and an exam breaker at the beginning of May.



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Tree Of Life News

Tree of Life Religious School: End-of-Year News

The end of the Religious School year always seems to come way too swiftly and yet always brings with it a flurry of activity. Smiling, engaged faces are our goal, and we know that the month of May will provide ample opportunity for all to strengthen their Jewish identity. In the Hebrew month of Iyar, we observe the reunification of Jerusalem with Yom Yerushalayim. In the middle of May, in the Hebrew month of Sivan, we celebrate Shavuot. This holiday is a summer festival, rejoicing in our first fruits and the receiving of the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai, so many generations ago.

Tree of Life Congregation looks forward to celebrating with our congregants in a variety of ways during the next month, including appreciating our youngest Hebrew learners and our teachers at a joint Kitah Alef and Teacher Appreciation Sabbath. The weekend of May 4 and 5 is also the Shabbat that Nicholas Perales will become a Bar Mitzvah at Temple Sinai in Sumter. All of Tree of Life Congregation is honored to be a part of this "Sumter Simcha." During the month of May, as well, we are lucky to have Dr. Debbie Greenhouse, who in recognition of Mother's Day, will present a very special Sunday School for Adults: "Be the Best Mom You Can Be—Safety Tips and Child Health Open Forum." Get your questions answered on Mother's Day. A Quiche Breakfast will be served by Brotherhood. All are welcome, male and female!

Please join us as we recognize our 10th graders when they become Confirmands and lead our Erev Shavuot service on May 14 under the tutelage of Rabbi Sherman. We will enjoy a festive *Oneg Chag* following this special life-cycle event.

And on Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 25 at 10:00 a.m., Carolina Rodgers will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

Our final day of Religious School for the 2012-2013 year is May 19. As in past years, a special assembly will be held for all of our parents, teachers, students, and friends at 10:00 a.m. with a Brotherhood-sponsored cookout at 11:30 a.m. At this time, as well, we will wish the Contino Family (Pat, Nina, Gabe, and Nick) a heartfelt goodbye as they travel to Germany with the US Army to begin a new chapter in their life.

We wish the entire Columbia Jewish community a summer filled with *shalom* (peace) and say to all, *LeHitraot* (see you soon)! The first day of Religious School in 5774 is September 8.

Kol Tov,
Risa Strauss
Tree of Life Religious School Director

Tree of Life Religious School Teacher Appreciation and Kitah Alef Shabbat Service



Join us on Friday evening May 17 at 7:30 PM as we recognize our
2012-2013 TOL Religious School Teachers:

Lead Teachers (Morim): Linda Rodgers, Robyn Bader, Dori Nudelman, Hannah Goldberg, Leah Numbers, Adam Fields, Nina Contino, Abby Magaro, Scott Kaplan, Zack Roth, Shani Browdy, Cheryl Nail, Dr. Jonathan Leader, Kitra Monnier, Marla May, Elise Westfall, Evelyn Gaton, Rabbi Leah Doberne-Schor
School Director and Administrative Assistant: Risa Strauss, Joan Tucker
Rabbi: Daniel Sherman

Assistant Teachers (Madrachim): Hannah Amado, Simi Rodgers, Hannah Greenhouse, Bethany Smith, David Blue, Sarah Brotman, Elena Carr, Agnes Barroll, Bailey Koller-Schmidt, Taylor Katz, Jessica Jacobs, Maddy Wassermann, Sarah Feuerstein, Josh Stomblor, Justin Stomblor, David Bowen, Julien Katz, Keya Novinbakht, Sam Molofsky, Ben Kline

Art, Music, and Cooking Teachers: Marvin Bienstock, Dori Nudelman, Linda Kerner, Terri Sobel

This Shabbat service will be led by Rabbi Sherman with help from our first-level Hebrew learners: the *Kitah Alef* Hebrew Class.
Please share in an *Oneg Shabbat* immediately following the service sponsored by the *Kitah Alef* Parents and the Tree of Life Religious School Board.

"Educate a child according to his path; then even as he grows old, he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

The Tree of Life Sisterhood is beginning its 60th year of its Holland Bulb Sale. This is one the Sisterhood's major fundraisers that helps to support various community services, such as the Woodyard Fund, Sistercare, Harvest Hope Food Bank, and the Cooperative Ministries. If you haven't received your order form, please visit www.tolsc.org or call the Temple Office at 787-2182. Orders due June 1, for delivery in October. FREE BONUS! For all orders over \$30 and received before May 15, you will receive eight Puschkinia Libanotica.

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For more information on all these events & much more visit www.tolsc.org, www.facebook.com/tolsc.org, or www.twitter.com/TreeofLifeSC.



In April, Religious School students enjoyed making and then eating homemade matzah with Benjy Strauss and Dr. Jonathan Leader.

Join us this Mother's Day, May 12, for a special Sunday School for Adults

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Justin Stomblor
Maddy Wassermann
Tuesday, May 14
Erev Shavuot, 5773
7:00 PM
Oneg Chag to Follow

Beth Shalom Religious School News

In honor of Mitzvah Day, 2013 the Beth Shalom Religious School students put together fleece blankets. These blankets were loving handcrafted by the students ages 5-14, and will be presented to residents at National Health Care Center & Atria Forest Lake. As a part of our ongoing commitment to Tikkun Olam, our students are always on the look out for ways to help in our community.

Making bricks from straw and clay, making Matzah over an open fire and navigating an obstacle course to cross the Red Sea. These were all activities that took place as Beth Shalom religious School students celebrated Passover. Every student, from our Pre school class to our post Bar/Bat Mitzvah students enjoyed a morning of fun and games before sitting down to a beautiful participatory Seder.



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Israel Begins Harvesting Organs Even After Donors' Hearts Stop



Posted on April 9, 2013 by JNS.org.

Inspiring hope among patients waiting for life-saving organ transplants, the Israel medical community is expected to launch a pilot program in which organs will

be harvested from donors whose hearts have stopped beating. Until now, organs have only been harvested from donors who were classified as brain-dead, but whose hearts were still beating.

The main objective of the program is to reduce the number of patients waiting for organ donations on transplant lists. In the first stage of the program, organs will only be harvested from deceased individuals who had consented to organ donation in life, and only in large hospitals where organ transplants are also performed.

About 50 percent of the Israeli public has consented to donate organs, a percentage that has remained relatively

steady over recent years. But in the last year, there was a decline in the number of brain deaths, and a consequent decline in organ transplants.

Dr. Hadar Merhav, head of the organ transplantation surgery unit at Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem, said, "There is a bigger advantage to using an organ harvested from a brain-dead donor [than from a heart-dead one], because there is blood flowing to the organ up until the very last minute. Without blood flow, gangrene can develop, or other types of damage, some of which is irreversible. Despite all that, when presented with the question of whether it is preferable for a patient to be hooked up to dialysis or get a kidney that will only last five or 10 years, the answer is clear."

An Israeli Health Ministry official said, "In the event of a heart death, tracheotomy tubes can be inserted into the donor's groin, through which a freezing agent is pumped into the body to help preserve the organs. Within a two-hour timeframe, if the family's consent is obtained, a procedure is performed to harvest the organ."



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Chabad

When US Army Chaplain Rabbi Henri Soussan suggested the idea that the Aleph Institute might be interested in partnering with Chabad of SC, none of us had any idea of what the final results would be. Who could have imagined that on Tuesday March 12 over 200 people would gather in a luxurious setting with the most delicious gourmet food and cut the ribbon on the brand new Chabad Aleph House?

The evening was dedicated to honorees Shep and Joni Cutler, Jeff and Kay Gross and John and Debra Lowsky. Each of whom have made significant contributions of time, effort and resources to help accomplish this dream.

The merger between Chabad of South Carolina and the Aleph Institute brings together two organizations with over 50 years of experience between them in the area of Jewish education and outreach.

Based in South Florida, Aleph specializes in reaching out to the men and women in the US Armed services with Passover supplies, kosher meals, chaplain training and endorsement. With the arrival of the Center for Chaplain Training at Fort Jackson just a few years ago, it was only natural that Aleph would look for a partner in the area to help serve the military community.

Two years ago the opportunity arose, when a Blockbuster Video Store on Decker Blvd came on the market. After some skillful negotiations by the acquisition team the deal was made and Chabad of SC which had searched for a home for so long had finally found it.

Programming at the Chabad Aleph House will include the Jewish Learning Institute, guest speakers, weekly services, Talmud classes, children's educational programs, holiday parties and events. The Chabad Aleph House is a place for making friends and feeling a part of something bigger than ourselves.

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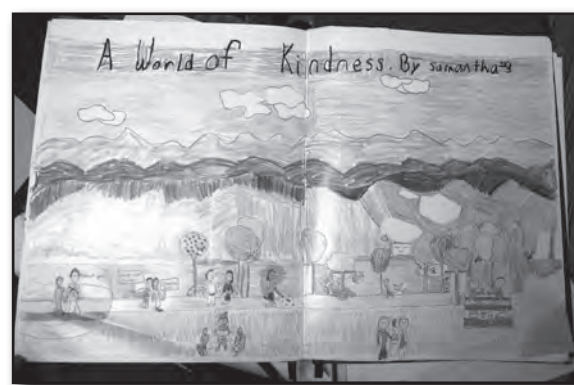
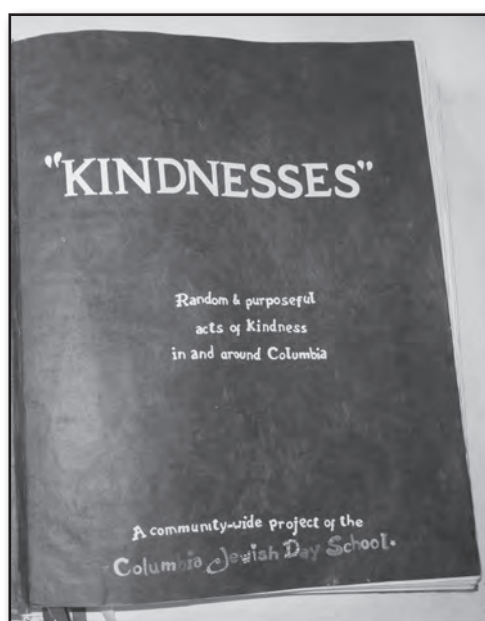
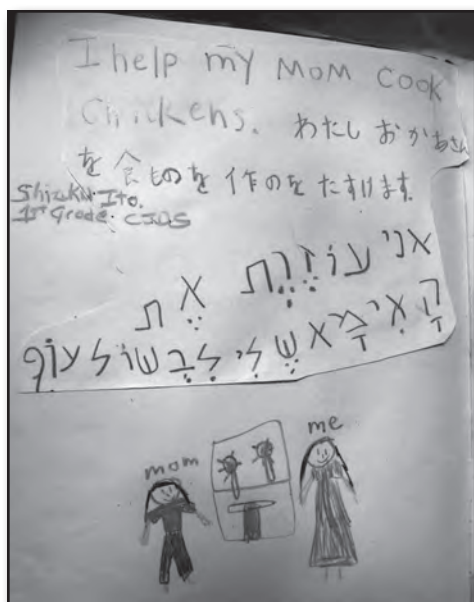
Columbia Jewish Day School

Columbia's Book of Kindness

This exciting Columbia Jewish Day School project centers on increasing the local dialogue about acts of kindness. Morah Sheindal, CJDS Judaic coordinator, has created a 1000 page hard covered book (approximately 12" x 15") to house testimonies of kindness from our Columbia community. The cover of the book features gears showing that acts of kindness can be interlocking and lead to further acts. Columbia's Book of Kindness will circulate to a variety of locations in our community over the next couple of months. Morah Sheindal has introduced the book to CJDS students who have entered descriptions and depictions about an act of kindness that they have done or about

an act of kindness that someone did for them. Other locations that have expressed interest are stores, libraries, schools, attractions (like the zoo) and art venues like Open Studio and galleries. At each location, people will be invited to add their comments on the book's pages. Descriptions might take the form of writing, poetry, drawing, collage, photographs, etc. The goal is to have at least 1000 individual entries by community members of all ages and socioeconomic groups by the time of completion.

Information about the book can be seen on www.janesmuller.com and <http://www.facebook.com/ColumbiasBookOfKindness>.



ADHD Alternative Treatments Discussion To Be Held At The JCC

Recent national studies have found that ADHD medications are being overprescribed and misused. But there are alternatives. The Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center is hosting an evening of lectures by several experts in the field who will discuss Complementary and Alternative medicine. Complementary medicine works along with traditional medicine and Alternative medicine works without standard medication.

The event is Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, located at 306 Flora Drive in Northeast Columbia. The program is free and open to the public.

Well known Columbia developmental pediatrician Dr. Joel Sussman will moderate the event and discuss non-prescription supplements, lifestyle issues and the interactive Metronome therapy that can treat a host of problems from ADHD to autism to learning disabilities and many other disorders.

Brad Benik, a certified massage therapist and a physical trainer at the Jewish Community Center will discuss massage therapy and its benefits, along with how exercise is effective in treating ADHD, depression and anxiety and other problems.

Tia Gamelin is an Occupational Therapist in Lexington District I. She has a 15 year experience in Sensory Processing disorders. These disorders make people oversensitive to various stimuli, such as touch, sound, visual, taste, smell and positioning stimuli. These problems can make some people very anxious and treating them can make medicines for anxiety much less necessary.

Dr. Frederick Mau is a licensed hypnotherapist. He is well known in the Columbia area for treating anxiety, insomnia, weight control, smoking cessation and many other conditions. He has helped people with Tourette's Syndrome and other tic disorders.

Interested in reading family stories and about Jewish History in Russia?

You can find Jacob Lesov's memoir titled "Legendary Patriot from a Forgotten Shtetl" on the website of the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina. Access it at: <http://www.jhssc.org/legendarypatriot.html>.

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Carolina Rodgers, daughter of Linda & Tom Rodgers, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Dan Kline, son of Sheryl & Peter Kline, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Caroline Matson Lampen and Bret Alec Miller will be married on May 11, 2013 in Miami. Parents are Susan and Richard Lampen of Miami and Minda and Henry Miller of Columbia. The couple met while attending Duke University. Bret, 27, is a vice president at Lazard Asset Management in New York City. Caroline, 25, is the assistant to the executive director of Amnesty International USA, in New York City.

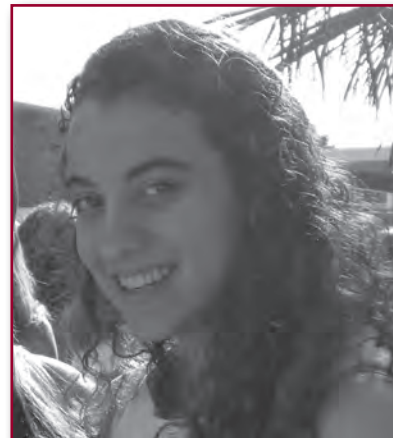
Esther and Ira Greenberg are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Leah Stephanie Greenberg, to Richard Jay Davis, son of Ann and Jay Davis, on June 1, 2013 in Atlanta. The couple was introduced by Richard's first cousin, Emily Sonenshine, daughter of Nancy and Gerald Sonenshine of Columbia. Richard and Leah will live in Atlanta.

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History Major Receives Scholarship To Study In Israel



COLUMBIA, S.C., (Apr. 5, 2013) - The Study Abroad Office is pleased to announce that Sandra Godbold, a third-year history major with a minor in International Studies, received \$2,500 from the Jewish Studies Travel Grant to study abroad in Israel this summer.

Godbold will spend a month studying at the Rothberg International School, an institute of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Her courses will focus on Israel, particularly on its relationships with neighboring states. In her application for the grant, Godbold described her desire to become immersed in the Israeli culture and to learn the basics of Hebrew.

"I also hope to leave with a greater understanding of Israel as a nation, as well as Israel's role throughout history and in an international context," wrote Godbold.

A Capstone Scholar, Godbold excels in academics and is no stranger to awards. She is also a recipient of the LIFE Scholarship, a South Carolina state scholarship that awards money based on merit. Godbold says she hopes to pursue a career as either a government analyst or a high school teacher. She recognizes the advantages a study abroad program could provide in securing a job.

The Jewish Studies Travel Grant is a financial award to help fund a study abroad experience or research travel in Israel for five undergraduate or graduate students who have an established interest in Jewish studies. This year's grant was made possible by a gift from the Henry and Sylvia Yaschik Foundation, a nonprofit foundation in Charleston, S.C.

For more information on this and other scholarship opportunities for study abroad, visit the Scholarships & Financial Aid section of the Study Abroad Office's website at studyabroad.sc.edu.

Dr. Emmanuel Farber was elected as a Fellow of the inaugural class of the American Association for Cancer Research Academy. The Academy recognizes and celebrates distinguished scientists whose major scientific contributions have propelled significant innovation and progress against cancer. Dr. Farber's research looked at the causes and prevention of cancer, especially cancer caused by tobacco. He was honored in Washington D.C. at an Induction Ceremony and Celebration Dinner.

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