



COLUMBIA JEWISH News



Happy Chanukah
from the Columbia
Jewish Federation!

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Cutlers Honor the Community with \$100,000 Pledge to Federation

The 2012 Distinguished Service Award and Columbia Jewish Federation campaign kickoff will be remembered as a magical evening, but not just for honoree Shep Cutler's (a.k.a. The Great Sheppini) magic tricks. Shep and his wife Joni topped off the evening with a \$100,000 pledge to the 2013 Federation campaign. In addition, many of the Cutlers' friends who came in from all over the country contributed another \$6,000 to the campaign. And many others from the Columbia Jewish community made their campaign pledge that evening in honor of Shep and Joni.

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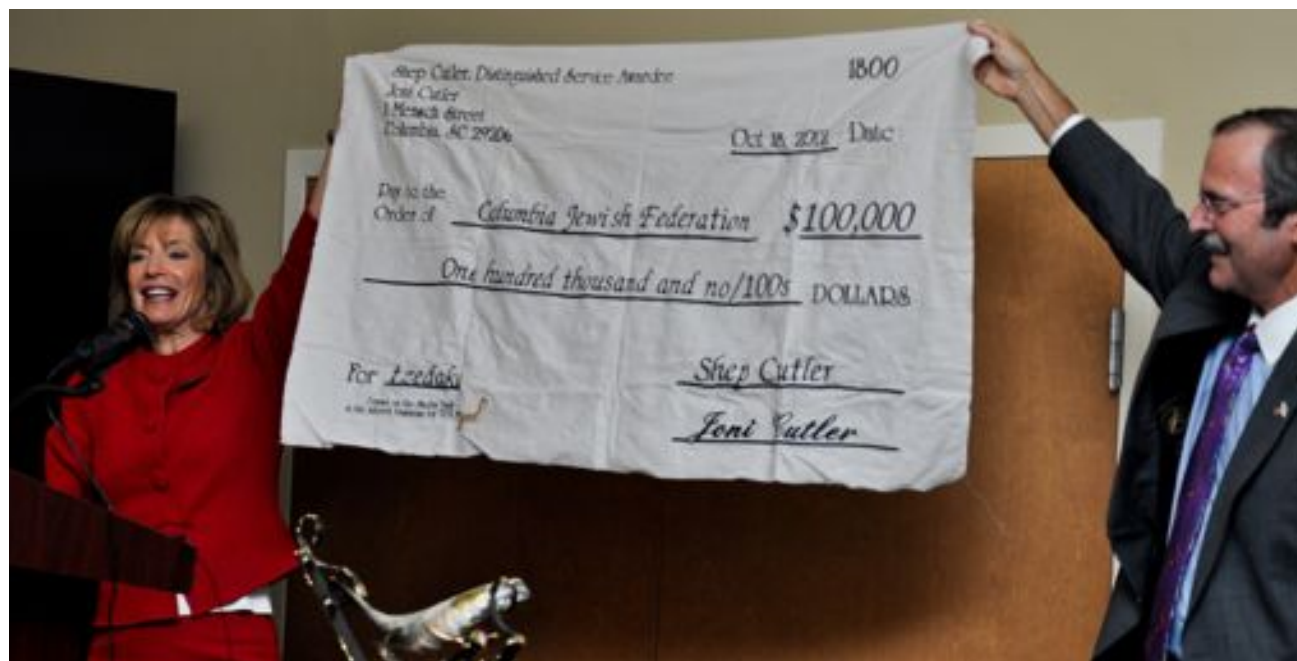


Search for Joint Executive Director of JCC and Federation Underway

Executive director vacancies at both the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center and the Columbia Jewish Federation have resulted in both boards joining forces to search for one Executive Director who will oversee both operations. A national search is underway, conducted by JCC Association Vice President Janet Elam in association with a local joint search committee, headed by Dr. Joshua McDuffie and Andy Safran.

Until two years ago the boards operated under one executive director, but upon Steve Terner's retirement, the boards voted in favor of each organization having its own director. Following extensive community discussion, the boards decided to return to the former arrangement of sharing one director.

Former JCC president Howard Weiss has been serving as interim director of the center on a volunteer basis until a director is found. CJF president Shelley Kriegshaber has been overseeing Federation operations.



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to your needy kin
in your land.

Tzedakah is not just a charity box.
Our homeless need a warm bed, too.

Help Columbia's Winter Shelter provide a safe,
warm haven for our community's homeless.
Donate clean sheets and towels today!

See page 5 for details.

We had a rockin' good
time with Rick Recht!
See page 11
for a photo recap.



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We welcome all voices from our community. If you would like to contribute to *Columbia Jewish News*, contact Cheryl Nail at crc@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.



We believe that no child should go to bed hungry. That every senior in our community has the right to live with dignity. And that all Jews should be able to live without fear of persecution—anywhere in the world. That's why the Jewish Federation's annual fundraising campaign is so important. With your support, we can help people in need, rescue people in danger and keep our Jewish community vibrant and strong. Together we can do extraordinary things to make the world a better place.



THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE.
THE POWER OF COMMUNITY.



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For a complete and up-to-date listing of community events, visit our calendar:
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General Donations

Kimberly Richey and Alex Filler in honor of Bruce and Lilly Filler
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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 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.**



***You are invited to the
JOINT ANNUAL MEETING
of the
Katie and Irwin Kahn
Jewish Community Center
and the
Columbia Jewish Federation
Sunday, December 9, 2012
2 p.m.
RSVP: 787-2023 ext. 202 or 204
Nomination and Installation of
officers will take place***

**JOINT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Columbia Jewish Federation
and
Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center**

The Columbia Jewish Federation (CJF) and the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center (CJCC) of Columbia, South Carolina are looking for a Joint Executive Director to provide professional leadership to our Jewish community. We seek an experienced leader with solid management skills and a successful background in fundraising as well as the ability to inspire and motivate both staff and lay leadership.

The Columbia community has a growing Jewish population of 3,000 individuals with a strong commitment to Jewish life and many accomplishments, including a \$500,000 annual Federation Campaign and a prominent, new JCC located in suburban Columbia, SC. The new JCC is 50,000 sf and includes a state-of-the-art fitness facility and an indoor pool. Since opening, the JCC has grown to over 1700 membership units, and has an annual operating budget of \$1.8M.

Columbia is a vibrant, welcoming, friendly city that is home to both the South Carolina capital and the flagship research institution, University of South Carolina. Columbia's Jewish community has three synagogues, a day school and offers a wide variety of religious, educational and social opportunities.

The executive director will be responsible for the day to day management of the CJCC campus and facility, as well as working with lay leadership to identify and achieve community priorities. The executive will serve as a leader for Jewish life in Columbia, coordinating the efforts of many local Jewish organizations including Jewish Family Services, Hillel at USC, the Federation Young Adult Division, BBYO, the Columbia Jewish Film Festival and the Holocaust Education Commission.

Candidates must have at least five years of experience with a JCC, Federation or comparable business/non-profit organization as well as strong financial and business management abilities. They should have a record of organizational development and achievement, including at least three years in a leadership role. Experience with facility management is preferred.

Competitive salary and compensation package offered. For consideration, please submit a resume and cover letter with salary requirements to Janet S. Elam, Vice President, JCC Association, janetelam@jcca.org. Responses by November 5, 2012 preferred.

Your Jewish community is rockin' and rollin'!

**By Shelley Kriegshaber,
President
Columbia Jewish Federation**



If you attended the Federation's annual Distinguished Service Award/Campaign Kickoff or the Rich Recht Jewish rock concert two nights later, you saw the best of our community - community members of all ages enjoying being Jewish in Columbia! It's what the Columbia Jewish Federation works hard to achieve - building community, bringing people together and improving our quality of life.

In the next couple of weeks, the Columbia Jewish Federation is co-sponsoring two national speakers about important Jewish topics - the Holocaust and Israel/US Relations. On Sunday, November 4 at 7 p.m., Dr. Bernd Wollschlager, author of "A German Life" shares his story of transforming from the son of a decorated Nazi officer to Israeli citizen and officer in the Israel Defense Force. On Monday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m., Gil Hoffman, the chief political correspondent for the Jerusalem Post, will discuss how the outcome of the U.S. election will impact Israel. We have invited a local church to join us as part of our community outreach. Community professionals and volunteers work hard to arrange interesting and informative events. Please do your part to take advantage of what is offered.

These events are being held at the beautiful Katie and Irwin Kahn JCC, the centerpiece of our Jewish community. The center is a hub of activity all hours of the day. JCC president Keith Babcock will proudly show you an impressive list of all of the Jewish activities offered to our community in the last year. It's important that you continue to support the "J" every way you can.

Joni and Shep Cutler's recent donation to the community is so exciting (see page 1). Their generosity and kindness are such a blessing to all of us. As I've said before, we have about 10 - 12 families who give the majority of our gifts. We ask them for so much, and they usually respond very generously. Please take time to thank them because our community could not be where it is without them. In addition, I am also very excited and encouraged about all of the new and increased pledges we have received this year. Thank you to everyone who gives to the Columbia Jewish Federation campaign.

I am very happy about our growing numbers of young leaders - they are beginning to take leadership roles in our community. We welcome them with open arms!

As my term comes to an end, I've had the unique situation of not only serving as Federation president, but also as interim executive director the last six months. I am excited that within the next few months we hope to have a new joint executive director of the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center and the Columbia Jewish Federation, which will provide unified leadership and cost savings to the entire community.

I offer very special thanks to my executive board for its hard work and compassion and to our dedicated Federation staff. All of you have helped me through the last two years. I wish Dr. Naomi Farber all the very best as she takes over as the next president. And to my husband Rob, all my thanks and love for your advice, patience, and understanding during my term as president.

Finally, what would our community be like without the Columbia Jewish Federation? Please visit www.jewishcolumbia.org and click on the "It's a Wonderful Jewish Community" video. It's a lighthearted look at the important work your Federation is doing in Columbia.

2013 Proposed Columbia Jewish Federation Executive Board

President: Dr. Naomi Farber

Vice President: Dr. Joshua McDuffie

Treasurer: Dr. David Lovit

Immediate Past President: Shelley Kriegshaber

Secretary and V.P./President-Elect

have not been filled as of the newspaper submission deadline.

Great start for Federation campaign!

Increased donations, a successful telethon, an organized campaign, and a surprise \$100,000 donation by Joni and Shep Cutler have kicked the 2013 campaign into high gear! "This is such a great feeling to see the community respond so generously this year," said Columbia Jewish Federation president Shelley Kriegshaber. "I think the theme of Power of Community is resonating with our community. Our organizations are all working together, we have more collaborative programming, and there's a great sense of community."

Special thanks go to campaign co-chairs Jackie Dickman Babcock, Dr. Naomi Farber, Dr. Henry Miller, and Harvey Helman and all of the solicitors who are helping to make calls this year. For the first time, many members of the Federation's Young Adult Division are working on the campaign, and they are bringing in support from their network of friends.

Donors as of October 25 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.



Columbia Jewish Federation 2013 Honor Roll of Donors

**The Power of
Community**

Men's Division:

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Frank Lourie
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Neal Sutker
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Herb Drucker
Steven Langer
David Polen *new

Women's Division:

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Sue Kline

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Help Columbia's Winter Shelter provide a safe, warm haven for our community's homeless. Donate clean sheets and towels today!

Most of us take clean sheets and towels for granted, but, to a person with no home, being provided with fresh sheets and towels means a great deal. Your donation of a sheet or towel is a seemingly small but surprisingly meaningful way to personally impact someone's life.

This collection is an interfaith initiative with the support of the entire Jewish Community: Tree of Life Congregation, Beth Shalom Synagogue, Chabad, the Columbia Jewish Day School, Jewish Family Service, the Columbia Jewish Federation, and the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center.

White sheets and towels are preferable, but any color is acceptable. The sheets must be twin, flat and towels regular bath size. Collection boxes will be located at Tree of Life, Beth Shalom, and the JCC.

The *Columbia Jewish News* received the following letter to the editor:

Dear Columbia Jewish Federation,

I am so disappointed that I cannot be there to share this very special night [the Distinguished Service Award presentation] with Shep. He and I have shared so many fabulous moments together as friends and as business partners, but this award is so special and speaks so much to the man that he is and his character of loving, giving, and sharing. I am so thankful that Shep walked into my life over 30 years ago and can assure you that my life has been significantly impacted and changed in very positive ways because of him. I say this knowing that there was a roomful of people there who each have similar stories and whose lives and the lives of their families and friends have been impacted because of Shep's caring and generosity. I have had the privilege of meeting many successful people in my life, but I don't know of any with any bigger heart and with any bigger "love of life" than Shep. His financial generosity is tremendous, but equally, if not more important, is his generosity of taking time with people of all walks of life and ALWAYS having an encouraging, positive, and uplifting comment for them. Although he may not know it, Shep's encouraging, positive comments are remembered by myself and all the people he touches for the rest of their lives.

Shep Cutler, I am proud to have you as my business partner, but much more important, to have you as my friend and mentor. Mazel Tov!

*Dan S. McNerney
President/CEO
MMG Inc.*

Thank you for your support and demonstrating the Power of Community! Thoughtful gifts of all sizes make a tremendous difference in our ability to care for our fellow Jews - from our children to our seniors. To pledge to our 2013 Campaign, please contact cjfoffice@jewishcolumbia.org or 787-2023 x204.

The Columbia Jewish Federation is working with many organizations to bring in two fabulous speakers. We hope to see you there!

Chabad of South Carolina & The Columbia Jewish Federation Invite You To...

"My Father Was A Nazi..."
"...I Am A Jew!"

Sunday, November 4th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

At the Columbia Jewish Community Center
306 Flora Drive

General Admission is free if RSVP'd by November 1st, subsequently \$10/pp

Sponsor: \$100/pp or \$180/couple

Sponsors will receive preferred seating and an invitation to a pre-event reception with the speaker.

The author of "A German Life" shares his story of transformation from the son of a highly decorated Nazi Officer to Israeli citizen and soldier in the IDF.

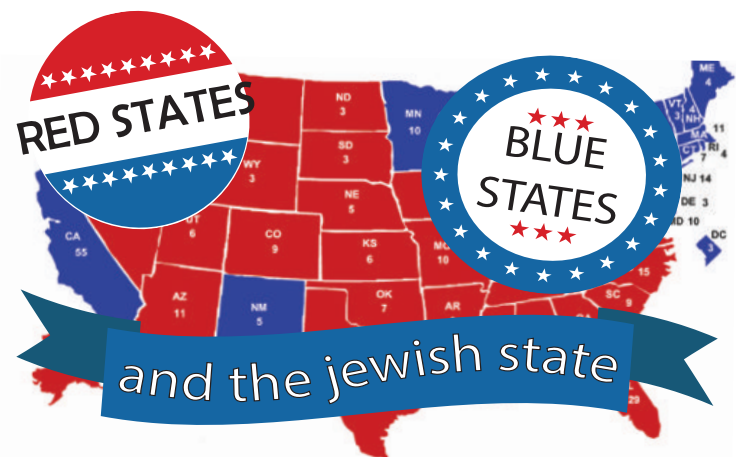
An evening with DR. BERND WOLLSCHLAGER
Author of "A German Life"

"When my children began asking about my parents and my past, I made the decision to tell them the truth. I wanted them to understand what so dramatically changed my life.

This forced me to explore the relationship between my father and myself, and the shadow cast on it by the Holocaust. The unresolved conflict between my father and myself, combined with his complete denial of any wrong doing, motivated me to search for answers. I found those answers in my newly acquired Jewish faith. And learned that against all odds, lasting change actually is possible."

This program is made possible thanks to a generous grant from: Gerry Sue & Norman Arnold, Ellen & Fred Seidenberg, the Columbia Jewish Federation, the Columbia JCC, Charlotte & Alan Kahn, Joe & Charles Kahn and The SC Holocaust Council.

To reserve a seat please visit our website www.chabadofsc.com or call Rabbi Levi at 803-237-7330



An insider's perspective from Jerusalem on the US election's impact on Israel

Less than a week after America chooses its president, Jerusalem Post chief political correspondent and analyst Gil Hoffman, who is an insider behind the scenes in the Israeli corridors of power, will speak about the impact of the election on Israel and the wider Middle East. He will focus on the international effort to prevent the nuclearization of Iran and its impact on relations between the Israeli government and the administration in Washington and give his insight into Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's way of thinking and what one of the world's most unpredictable leaders will do next.



Monday, November 12 at 2:30 pm
USC Carolina Coliseum
CEO Room
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(You can enter from the outside, from the Coliseum parking lot at the corner of Assembly and Blossom. Email PARDUNC@mailbox.sc.edu if you have any questions)

Monday, November 12 at 7 pm
Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center
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The Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center

The USC Jewish Studies Program in the College of Arts & Sciences and The USC School of Journalism & Mass Communication in the College of Mass Communications & Information Studies



PJ Library enjoyed celebrating Sukkot with some of our community's youngest members at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center Deck the Hut program on September 30.

Participants decorated the sukkah with pipe cleaner chains and leaf cutouts that they made themselves. They then listened to *Sadie's Sukkah Breakfast* during PJ Storytime. Finally, they made sock animals that they could celebrate Sukkot with in the sukkah.



PJ Library offers the gift of free, high-quality Jewish books and music each month to Jewish children 6 months through 8 years in Columbia. To learn more, or to sign up for notifications of local PJ Library programming, email crc@jewishcolumbia.org.



Jacob Deutschmann, who participated in our PJ Library read-a-thon and read just shy of 17.5 hours in the month of September, celebrated Sukkot with his sock bunny.



Deck the Hut attendees welcomed Sukkot in the JCC sukkah with their new sock friends.



By Laney Cohen,
Director

In thinking about this issue of the Jewish News, I tried to think about what I would want my message to be. I want to share what I wrote last year, as I don't think that my feelings have changed any since, and I really want people to remember what the true meaning is about. This year, like the years before, continues to be a battle for families everywhere to make ends meet, while making sure that children remain happy and healthy. I want to remind the community that it's not about "the latest and greatest" but about the quality and the memories. Here are some thoughts from last year:

I reiterate the question that I asked previously: How do you explain to the kids that this isn't the year for the greatest Lego set ever created? Let us remember our ancestors, not that long ago, who upon coming to this great land, had nothing. No money, and many no family or home. It was the ability to exclaim that they got to light a menorah that made the holiday so special. It was the time of family gathering and the smell of latkes that made the memories. Not the buying of the latest thing to come out of 1911. The memory of families spending time together learning to know each other. This year, I challenge all to bring the Hanukkah holiday back to the basics. Create a memory; have an experience. Your family will thank you for it later.

I want to also take this time to introduce Sabrina Ceballos. If you see her, please say hi!



Hello there! My name is Sabrina Ceballos, and I have the great privilege of being the JFS intern for the 2012-2013 school year. I hail from the great state of Texas and am currently enrolled in the Master of Social Work program at USC (and can now say I am officially a Gamecock). I look forward to meeting and working with everyone this year.

Sabrina will be with JFS for the year, and we are very lucky to have her! Shalom, Sabrina!

Thank you to Tree of Life Congregation for donating 254 lbs of food to the Jewish Family Service food pantry and 189 lbs to Harvest Hope!

Here are a couple of ways your generous gifts have helped the Columbia Jewish Community:

≈Certificate of Honor≈

To: THE COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA JEWISH COMMUNITY
THANK YOU FOR JOINING WITH US IN THE 2012 SPRING FEINSTEIN NATIONAL CHALLENGE TO FIGHT HUNGER.

TOGETHER WE RAISED A RECORD TOTAL OF \$230 MILLION- WITH OVER 1850 AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING FROM EVERY STATE IN THE COUNTRY.
YOU ARE A PARTNER IN WHAT HAS BECOME THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN OF ALL TIMES TO COMBAT HUNGER IN AMERICA. THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.
HUNGRY PEOPLE IN AMERICA ARE EATING TODAY- THANKS TO YOU.
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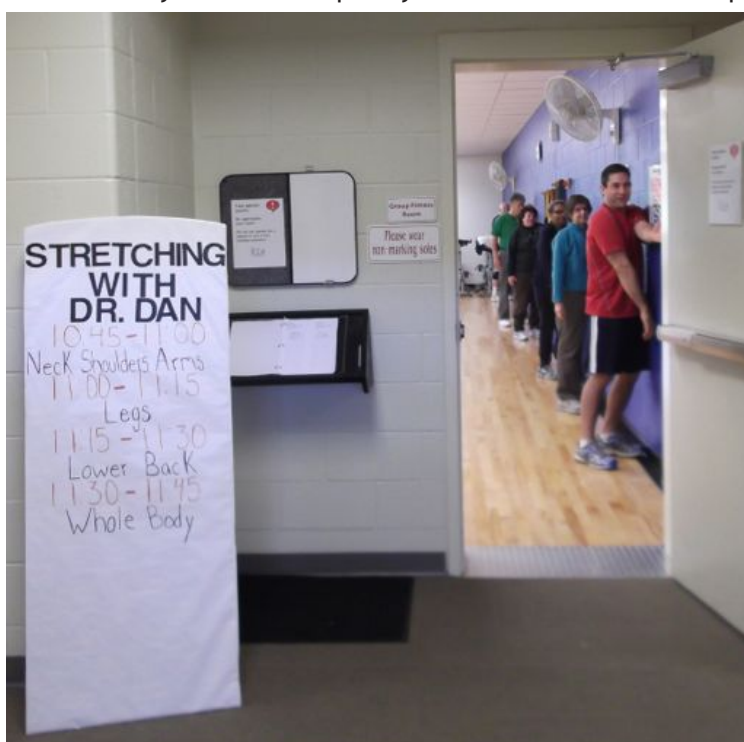
July 1, 2012

The Feinstein Foundation

We purchased tickets from Jewish Family Service for Senior Express Car Service. My husband Eddie Richmond fell in March 2012 and was not able to drive, and I am not driving now. We need your tickets to go to rehab and the doctor for both of us. Without this service and the savings to us, we would have spent much more for taxi cabs, which we could not afford. The Books you provided for us at \$5.00 for \$50.00 worth of tickets were a great financial help. We are seniors and on a fixed income. We hope you will provide this service again, as there is a great need for all seniors in the Jewish Community in Columbia, SC. As transportation is not good, the bus service is in financial trouble and cannot make all the stops in Columbia, SC. The cab service is very expensive, and our families are all busy working or taking care of children and cannot take us to doctors and shopping for food.

*Thank you for your help,
Greta and Eddie Richmond*

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Finally, thank you to all our vendors, participants, and attendees for making the Head to Toe Extravaganza a huge success!

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JFS is looking for people to help staff the Ronald McDonald House during the Christmas Holiday so that the staff may enjoy the holiday with their own families. Ronald McDonald House is a place where families find strength, and hope among each other while dealing with what is sometimes the most difficult situation of their lives.

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Monday December 24, Tuesday December 25, Wednesday December 26

JFS needs volunteers who can stay at the house two hours at a time starting at 8 am on the 24th and ending at 5 pm on the 26th. You *may* reserve two shifts at a time, and overnight shifts are from 10pm-8 am on December 24th and 25th. This is a great way for students to earn volunteer hours while providing a Mitzvah at the same time! Please contact Laney Cohen 787-2023 ext 220 for more information.



Ask a Rabbi

Rabbi Levi Marrus



A popular question among my non-Jewish friends is “What do Jews believe about the afterlife?” This is one I don’t know how to answer. What should I say when asked this?

The First Law of Thermodynamics is that no energy is ever “lost” or destroyed; it only assumes another form. If this is the case with physical energy, all the more with the soul whose existence is not limited by time and space.

The spiritual energy that is the source of our sight and hearing, emotion and intellect, will and consciousness does not cease to exist merely because the physical body has ceased to function; rather, it passes from one form of existence to a higher, exclusively spiritual form of existence.

From the Talmud to Maimonides, from Kabbalah to Chasidut, a universal theme in Judaism is that life does not begin with birth nor end with death. The Torah makes this clear in Ecclesiastes 12:7, “And the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to G-d, who gave it.”

Heaven and hell is where the soul relives its experiences on another plane, and experiences the good it accomplished during its physical lifetime as incredible happiness and pleasure, and the negative as very painful.

This pleasure and pain are not reward and punishment in the conventional sense—rather we experience our own life in its reality—a reality from which we were sheltered during our physical lifetimes. We experience the true effect of our actions; it can be intensely pleasurable or incredibly painful—depending on how we lived our lives. (Ethics of the Fathers 3:1)

The truth hurts. The truth also cleanses and heals. The spiritual pain of gehinom—hell—cleanses and heals the soul of all the stains and blemishes that its failings and misdeeds accumulated. Once freed of this negativity, the soul is now able to fully enjoy the immeasurable good that its life engendered and “bask in the Divine radiance” emitted by the Mitzvot that it brought into the world.

For a G-dly soul does far more good in its lifetime than evil. The core of the soul is absolute goodness; the good we accomplish is infinite, the evil is but shallow and superficial.

So even the most wicked of souls experiences, at most, twelve months of gehinom, followed by an eternity of heaven. Furthermore, a soul’s experience of gehinom can be mitigated by the action of his or her children and loved ones, here on earth.

Reciting Kaddish, Mishnah, and engaging in other good deeds “in merit of” and “for the elevation of” the departed soul in effect, continues to act positively upon the physical world, thereby adding to the goodness of its physical lifetime.

Rabbi Levi Marrus received his rabbinic ordination and Masters in Hebrew Letters from the CYS College of Jewish Studies in South Florida. Rabbi Marrus serves as the program director for Chabad of South Carolina as well as director of Camp Gan Israel summer program, provides Kosher-certification for local plants and is a JLI Instructor. Rabbi Marrus is the cantor at the Chabad-Aleph House and is currently enrolled at USC’s School of Music.

Have a question? Ask a rabbi!

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

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

Ask a Bubbie

Gail Ginsberg

Dear Bubbe, I’m a first-time mom and want to make our family’s Chanukah celebration extra special this year. What suggestions do you have for creating a memorable Chanukah?

The first thing that I would do is invite the “Bubbies and Zaides” in your family to your Chanukah celebration so that your child will learn to connect the holidays with family! Making a big deal out of our traditions for each holiday that we celebrate will help inspire and encourage your child throughout his lifetime and continue to inspire generation to generation. Reading special books about Chanukah, singing Chanukah songs, and talking about the holiday will give Chanukah added meaning.

A menorah just for your child will make him/her feel special. In our family, as we light each candle on our menorahs, we say something meaningful and special for each candle. Of course, some other usual Chanukah traditions such as cooking latkes, playing dreidel games, opening a present each night, and eating chocolate gelt make the celebration even more fun.

Hope your first Chanukah with your newest addition is a special one. Have a Happy Chanukah!

TZEVET LOMDIM

Sharing a meal at the Mediterranean Tea Room
Learning Together at the Solomon - Tenenbaum Lecture
October 4, 2012



Todah Rabah to a generous grant from the Columbia Jewish Federationfor making this opportunity for the BSS and TOL Religious School staffs possible.

Milestones

Mazal Tov to...

* Rachel Weissman, daughter of Sharon Weissman and David Reddy, on her Bat Mitzvah

* Rabbi Leah Doberne-Schor for delivering the invocation at the football game, USC v. UAB, on September 15th. What an honor to have the first female Rabbi bless this occasion at Williams Brice stadium!

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Community Voices

It's a Schor, Shure, Scher thing

Rabbi Leah and Adam Doberne-Schor, Meridith Goldstein and David Shure, and Emily and Howie Scher

Three young families have moved to Columbia in recent years...all with similar names. To avoid further confusion, we asked them to introduce themselves and send in a family picture.



The Doberne-Schor Family

We are Adam, Rabbi Leah, Micah (4) and Ella (1). We are natives of California (Leah) and Seattle (Adam) and have lived in Columbia for two years. Adam is a professor of history at the University of South Carolina, specializing in the ancient Mediterranean. Rabbi Leah serves as one of the part-time rabbis at Beth Israel Congregation in Florence, SC. Micah and Ella go to CJDS. Although Schor is a part of our last name, we as a family go by the combined Doberne-Schor (fyi Leah is the “Doberne” and Adam the “Schor”). This photo was taken last summer while visiting the Schor grandparents in Seattle, WA. We were at the Ballard Locks, watching the boats go up and down between Lake Washington and Puget Sound.

The Shure Family

In August 2010, the Shure Family relocated from Great Neck, New York to Columbia so that David could practice Nephrology with the physicians at Columbia Nephrology Associates. With the family's move, Meridith began to work remotely, so as to continue her position as a senior project manager with NY based firm, VTS Medical Systems. The vibrancy of the Columbia community made us feel right at home, so we purchased a house in Woodcreek Farms, making our move to Columbia a permanent one.

It is important to us as parents to three young children (Ethan 5, Liam 2 ½ and Abigail 5 months) that we be involved in our children's Jewish education and to be active members of our community. Meridith, following in her parent's footsteps, sits on the Board of Jewish Federation, and David on the JCC board. Additionally, we belong to Beth Shalom and feel a strong commitment to support the various organizations in the Jewish Community. We are thrilled with our decision to relocate to Columbia and grateful to the Jewish Community for the warm welcome that we received.



The Scher Family

Our family moved to Columbia in November of 2008, so I cannot introduce my family as newcomers to the area; however, the theme used for introducing new families (Scher, Schor, Shure) in this issue of the *Jewish News* appealed to our appreciation of alliteration. I will provide an example that summarizes our feelings towards our new-ish home in Columbia: Jews jumping joyously, juggling jobs.

After moving around the country for several years (Florida, New York, and California) we settled in Columbia when Howie was offered a faculty position in the Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences at Carolina. Emily, trained as a nurse practitioner, recently took a job at Lexington Medical Center as a clinical applications specialist in the information technology department. Our children, Elliot and Spencer, are in second grade and kindergarten at the Columbia Jewish Day School. We chose to live in downtown Columbia to be close to the cultural and intellectual heart of our city.

Emily and Howie met at the University of Rochester as undergraduates as the incoming and outgoing, respectively, president of Hillel. In 2001 they were married, officiated by Rabbi Ari, the campus Rabbi at Rochester. Hillel was a very important part of our lives in college, and Howie is honored to be able to serve the Carolina Jewish community as faculty advisor for Hillel.

With small children in our home our lives are very tightly connected to the Columbia Jewish Day School. We are thrilled that our children are able to spend their formative years in this warm, nurturing environment. Each day when we sit down to dinner the question is, “Who wants to start?” Then we go around the table and share what we learned that day. One of our family goals is to learn something new each day, and the Day School surely helps with that.

This week we joined several families at Beth Shalom synagogue in a rousing celebration of life, Torah, and family. We feel lucky to be part of a community with so many people willing to invest their time and resources for Jewish life. Thus we feel fortunate to reinvest the interest paid. Thank you for welcoming us.

Rockin' with Rick Recht!

Rick Recht, the top-touring musician in Jewish music, visited the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center on Saturday, October 20 to celebrate Havdalah and PJ Library with our community. Thank you to John Mood and Fred Davidson for capturing the night with these amazing photos!



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Cutlers (from page 1)

Federation campaign co-chair Dr. Naomi Farber officially kicked off the 2013 campaign and Young Adult Division leader Carrie Raines talked about the active young leaders in Columbia. The Cutlers gave everyone in attendance a silver flash drive “so they can stay connected to Federation.” The national Federation campaign video was on the flash drive so everyone could watch it at home.

To view all the pictures from the evening, visit the Federation's website at www.jewishcolumbia.org.



Pictured clockwise from top L: magical centerpieces created by Beryle Jaffe and Marcie Baker; the “Great Sheppini” performs a dangerous magic trick on his wife Joni; Joni Cutler and Ina Gottlieb; campaign chairs kickoff the Federation campaign; the JCC social hall held a record crowd; many young leaders were in attendance; Fox News anchor Heather Norby came to support her friend Shep; Rabbi Sherman delivers the invocation; Risa Strauss and Carla Davis; Dr. Manny Farber; Charlotte Kahn, Gail Lieb, and Barbara Blau enjoy the evening; Rabbi Hesh Epstein paid tribute to Shep; Ken Cutler and Joel Gottlieb; Columbia Jewish Day School alum Itai Almor dedicates the HaTikvah to Shep.



The Columbia Jewish Community enjoyed a very special Rick Recht concert on October 20. Thanks go to CiCi's Pizza at Sandhill Station for the pizza dinner they generously provided prior to the concert. Thank you to Best Western Plus Columbia Northeast, Jay King Music, John Mood, Fred Davidson, the wonderful staff, volunteers, and board members of the Columbia Jewish Federation, Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center, and Jewish Family Service for making the concert possible. A special thank you goes to Debbie Cohn for all her help with publicity; to Debby Mullen for organizing security; to Teresa Kelly for staying late on a Saturday night to staff the front desk; and to Federation president, Shelley Kriegshaber, and JCC president, Keith Babcock, for their support.

Special thanks are extended to Risa Strauss, Alon Segal, and Rabbi Meir Muller for organizing participation of the Religious Schools; to Zach Roth, Michelle Peterson, David Greenhouse, and Abby Magaro for mobilizing our youth groups, college students, and young professionals; to Rabbi Daniel Sherman, Rabbi Jonathan Case, and Rabbi Hesh Epstein for supporting community-wide programming; and to Richland County Sheriff's Office for making sure we had a safe night. Thank you also to the countless others who helped serve drinks, move chairs, hand out programs, and otherwise chipped in during the event.

Finally, a huge thank you goes to Baker & Baker Foundation and Sue & Jerry Kline for making PJ Library possible in Columbia for three years!

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Our Trip to the Ukraine

Heidi and Patricia Lovit

On Sept. 26, 2012, we left for Yalta, where we toured the peninsula along the Black Sea from stem to stern. The most interesting part of Yalta was the visit to the Livadia Palace, the summer retreat of the last Russian tsar, Nicholas II where The Yalta Conference was held in 1945. President Truman, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Stalin secretly met on Feb. 10-11, 1945 to discuss the problems after WW II ended. We left Yalta and flew to Kiev where, after a brief tour of the city, known as the greenest capital in the world with gardens, parks, and wide, tree-lined streets, we boarded our own river boat to start our ten days down the Dnieper River. One of the highlights of our short stay in Kiev was a concert by the National Men's Choir of the Ukraine.

We then headed down the river to Kremenchug, Zaporozhe, Kherson, and finally Odessa. Odessa was our favorite city, beautiful and filled with parks and flowers. We walked the famed Potemkin steps and past the beautifully renovated Opera House. On the way to Odessa, we passed through the town of Nikolayev where Heidi's grandfather, Louis Kligman was born and left in 1925. It was a major shipbuilding city on the river at that time and is now a thriving port city. Then back up the river to Dnepropetrovsk, Kaniv, and back to Kiev. After a full day of sightseeing in Kiev, we hired a private guide and driver to visit the Jewish sites. Kiev is a very large city with 4,000,000 people and very spread out with approximately 80,000 Jewish residents today.

We went to see the beautiful Podil Synagogue, which was built in 1895, now operated by Chabad. The Synagogue was closed, but a security guard unlocked the building so we could see the sanctuary. One of the amazing things was that the guard trusted us and didn't even ask for our passports. The Synagogue was lovely inside and it had gorgeous chandeliers. In 1929, the synagogue was closed, and the building was converted into a stable. The building was further defiled during World War II by the Nazis in 1945; it was renovated and used as a synagogue again in 1992. They have a Jewish Center of Learning and a hotel adjacent to the complex for visitors and congregants to stay in during the holidays when they need to walk to services.

From there we went to the Brodsky Synagogue which was built in 1898. The building was devastated during the Second World War by Nazis and was renovated in 2000. This is the Orthodox synagogue with a membership of many of the wealthiest families in Kiev. It was also closed during the communist regime and used as a puppet theatre for a long period. The Synagogue also had a marvelous Judaica shop and gorgeous chandeliers. An old man stopped us to talk and find out where we were from and where our families came from. He spoke in Yiddish which neither of us spoke, so it was difficult to communicate.

From there we saw the statue of Shalom Aleichem, pen name of Solomon Naumovich Rabinovich, a leading Yiddish author and playwright who wrote the musical Fiddler on the Roof. He married a Jewish Ukrainian woman, and in 1905, as pogroms swept through southern Russia, he resettled in New York City where he wrote most of his stories. He died of TB in 1916.

Our next stop was to Babi Yar where there was a large bronze Menorah donated by the State of Israel in 1991, 50 years after the first mass killing of the Jews to commemorate this tragedy. During the Nazi occupation in 1941, 33,600 Jews were the first to be slaughtered in two days on September 29th and 30th and pushed into the natural ravine - a mass grave. Approximately 200,000 Ukrainians including Jews, Soviet POWs, communists, and Gypsies were all slaughtered during the two-year occupation; this is considered the largest single massacre in the history of the Holocaust. The Ukrainians built a monument in 1976 a little further away from the actual site, but our guide wouldn't let us see it since it is considered propaganda and controversial and does not acknowledge the loss over 100,000 Jewish lives. The last leg of our trip really meant a lot to both of us. It was so interesting learning how our forefathers lived. The Ukrainians are now living in a peaceful environment, and our guide told us that there was no anti-Semitism in the Ukraine and all religions can live there in peace.

The Ukrainians have had a hard life over the years. They were in the middle of all the wars - Tartars, Cossacks, Turks, Greeks, Russians, and Germans. They have had their freedom since 1991 and are trying very hard to bring their country into the modern world. Hardly anyone spoke English, which could really be a problem, but we seemed to manage okay.

We both enjoyed the trip very much. We learned quite a lot about their history and culture. But, in the end, we were glad to be home and appreciate all the comforts that we are fortunate to have.



Clockwise from top L: Podil Synagogue; wash stations at Podil Synagogue; Pat in front of the Bimah at Podil Synagogue; Heidi and Pat in front of the Babi Yar Menorah; Torah blessings in Ukrainian and Hebrew; Pat in front of Brodsky Synagogue

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Tree of Life

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We are honored to be helping the City of Columbia Winter Homeless Shelter by participating in the community-wide collection of sheets and towels for the facility. Collection tubs are in the foyer of our congregation. We will, of course, continue to support the food banks at Jewish Family Service and Harvest Hope, which are desperately in constant need of food stuffs. Tree of Life is thrilled, as always, to be participating in the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Turkey Drive, which this year will be on Sunday evening, November 18 at Rehoboth United Methodist Church. For more information on any of our programming, please go to www.tolsc.org.

Tzedakah, our Hebrew word for November, is the perfect example of a word *b'Ivrit* that means so much more than any one-word translation. More ubiquitous than possibly any other Hebrew word in Judaism, the letters *tzadee*, *dalet*, *kuf*, and *hey* come together to form the following “concept”: that it is an act of justice to give to those in need and an obligation on all of us, as well as a responsibility. *Tzedakah*, often incorrectly translated as charity, is the Jewish way to pursue social and economic justice—and, as a means to an end, a way to create a more perfect world. Though in Hebrew, *Tzedakah* only has 4 letters—3 vowels and 3 syllables—its meaning is extraordinary!

Hebrew words with the root letters *tzadee*, *dalet*, and *kuf* are associated with righteousness and justice. Common expressions include “*Lirdof Tzedek*”—pursue justice—which is also the name of the URJ’s National Social Action Program. Between two people (especially shopkeepers in the middle of Jerusalem), it would not be uncommon to hear “*Ani Tzodek!*”—I am right. “*Lo, Ani tzodek!*”—No, I am right!



TOL WRJ Book Club

The TOL WRJ Book Club focuses on books with a Jewish or Israeli theme. We meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of every other month. Here is the current schedule:

Thursday, November 8, 2012 *All Other Nights* by Dara Horn, meeting at Devine Foods

Thursday, January 10, 2013 *Kosher Chinese* by Michael Levy, meeting at Miyo’s on Forest Drive

There is no charge to attend and no registration – just show up! New members are encouraged. All are welcome.

Questions? Contact [Amanda Hamilton](#) or [Ilene King](#).

Coming Soon!

CPR/AED Training - November 18th @ 10 a.m.
Watch the TOL website for details!

Important Dates in November-December, 2012

11/2: Kidz Shabbat, 6:45pm with childcare; Regular Shabbat Services, 7:30pm

11/4: RS Pancake Breakfast, honoring Lt. Col. Pat Contino: Husband, Dad, Teacher, and “Army Doc”

Adult Education: Sundays, 9am-10am: Beginning Hebrew with Rabbi Leah Doberne Schor and 11/13, 20, 27, and 12/4, 6pm-9pm: classes with Rabbi Sherman, Rabbi Marcus, and Risa Strauss

12/02: Sunday School for Adults: Keeping December in Perspective, 11:45am-1:00pm, Grade 7 Family Life

12/07: Kidz Shabbat, 6:45pm with childcare; Regular Shabbat Services, 7:30pm

Chanukah Excitement

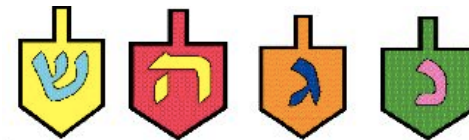
12/9: Religious School Chanukah Happening

12/14: Chanukah Dinner and Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Sherman with the help of Kitah Hey (5th level Hebrew)

12/15: JET-Jewish Education for Tweens Programming; Grades 4-6 from BSS and TOL... *Maccabiah* Competitions and Last Night of Chanukah Celebration! 6-9pm at Beth Shalom Synagogue

12/16: *Tzevet Lomdim* (Jewish Teacher Education), 1:15pm-3pm at Tree of Life Congregation, Chanukah Lunch and end-of-semester celebration for all BSS and TOL Teaching Staffs.

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Students at CJDS are currently exploring the election process. The third through fifth grade class each have a particular role. The third graders are tasked with voter registration. The children are studying who has the right to vote in our country. They are attempting to decide which classes at CJDS should take part in voting (can and should toddlers vote?) As we get closer to the election, they will “register” each school voter.

The fourth graders will represent different candidates. They will carefully read stump speeches, party platforms, and candidates’ remarks. They will use this information to inform other students in the school about “their” beliefs and goals. Unlike the general election, at CJDS there will be *no negative campaigning*.

Fifth graders will run the entire election. They began their work by exploring the role of the Electoral College. They will read about polling places and decide how the CJDS ballot will look. Election years have traditionally afforded the entire school to learn and take part in the democratic process and this year promises to be no different. Most school children will enter a voting “booth” (created by students) and cast their ballot.

We have found that children invariably vote the way their parents do. Great pains are taken to present a balanced view of both candidates in hopes to ensure that every student can feel proud of his or her choice.

At CJDS the topic of social studies is much more than just memorizing facts. Social studies is a hands on process where children learn history, civics, economics, anthropology and a host of other topics.

TUESDAYS WITH FRIENDS

Senior Program

Everyone Welcome

Come enjoy the Fun, Food & Friendship

All for only \$4

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m

Beth Shalom Synagogue
 5827 North Trenholm Rd

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

(program to be announced)

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Featuring Lyssa Harvey
 (creative hands-on activity)

Fun Fitness & Birthday Celebration!

To RSVP call 782-2500

This program is funded in part with a grant from the BJH Foundation for Senior Services, the Columbia Jewish Federation, SC Respite Coalition, and Day Break Adult Care Services.

Stay Warm this Winter at the JCC!

The days may be getting shorter, but we still have lots going on here at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center! From quality adult programming like special guest speaker Gil Hoffman and (almost) Live from the 92nd Y to great kids events like our Havdalah Hootenanny, we have something for everyone. Please join us at one or more of these events this winter. Our Jewish programming is for YOU!

**Check out our
great November and
December events!**

92YLive ((())) From NYC
Programs broadcast live via satellite

December 5 | 8 pm

Madeleine Albright

Hear Albright's story along with her interviews with contemporaries and newly available documents about the enormously complex events that took place during World War II.

\$8 single ticket (advance);

\$10 single ticket (door)

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT JCC
FRONT DESK**

Red States, Blue States, and the Jewish State

Guest speaker Gil Hoffman, Chief Political Correspondent and analyst for the Jerusalem Post, will provide an insiders perspective on the US election's impact on Israel.

Monday, November 12 at 7 pm - FREE!

Holiday Bazaar

Support your local artisans by shopping at our first annual Holiday Bazaar. We'll have something for everyone on your list.

Sunday, December 2 from 10 am to 4 pm - FREE!

Almost Live - Madeline Albright

Come enjoy a pre-recorded broadcast of the amazing Madeline Albright as the last of our 2012 92nd Y Series.

Wednesday, December 5 at 8 pm - \$8 advance; \$10 door

Community Menorah Lighting

Join us each evening as we light our community menorah.

December 8-15 at 5:15 pm (5 pm on Friday, Dec. 14) - FREE!

Havdalah Hootenanny

Come jam with us this Hanukkah! We'll sing, dance, celebrate Havdalah and light our Hanukkah candles. Perfect for kids of all ages!

Saturday, December 15 at 6 pm - FREE!

**Hanukkah is just
around the corner!**



Sunday, December 2 | 10 am - 4 pm

Join us for our first ever Holiday Bazaar; our one-stop-shopping event for all your gift giving needs! Admission is FREE and we'll have a wide range of shops for you to browse.

Interested in being a vendor? Contact Laurie Slack at lauries@jcccolumbia.org

Give it a TRI!

On Sunday, October 14th the JCC presented Give it a TRI kids triathlon on the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center Campus. Nearly 60 youth triathletes participated in the afternoon's events. Participants 5-10 years of age completed a 100-yard swim, 1.5-mile bike, and ½-mile run. Participants 11-14 years of age completed a 200-yard swim, 3-mile bike, and 1-mile run. Award winners included:

13-14 Girls

1. Tori Agostini
2. Breland Green
3. Cassidy Green

13-14 Boys

1. David Munn Carstensen
2. Joshua Rose

11-12 Girls

1. Lauren Schwarz

11-12 Boys

1. Tomas Robertson
2. Aaron Stark
3. Will Cason

9-10 Girls

1. Caroline Agostini
2. Helen Barthe
3. Tori Powell

9-10 Boys

1. Mark David Wild
2. Dan Todd
3. Thomas Livoti Jr

8 & Under Girls

1. Madi Powell
2. Anna Todd
3. Lauren Black

8 & Under Boys

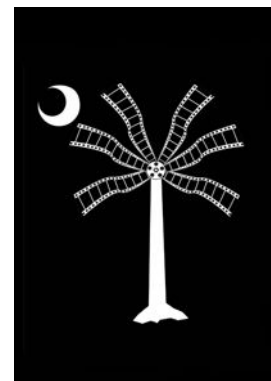
1. Wesley Black
2. Caleb Welsford
3. Colby First

JCC Kids Triathlon Proudly Thanks

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Zvejnieks Foundation of South Carolina
Ameris Bank
Mabry Engineering
Northpoint Heating and Air
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Columbia Jewish Film Festival February 9-14, 2013



The Columbia Jewish Film Festival celebrates its 13th year at the brand new Nickelodeon Theater, located on 1607 Main Street. A wonderful selection of movies for all ages will be showcased.

Visit our Columbia Jewish Film Festival website to see highlights of the films and to learn about sponsorship opportunities. There is also a direct link to purchase tickets to film showings.

www.columbiajewishfilmfestival.com

The Festival weekend will kick off with a B'nai Mitzvah Party on Saturday night, February 9, at the Nickelodeon, followed by a special documentary, Hava Negila.

Watch your mailbox and email for more information.

Mark your calendar NOW and make plans to attend!

BBYO



All BBYO members gather for a group picture at AIT/MIT convention.

Thirty-five members of Dixie Council BBYO met at the Bob Cooper 4-H camp in Summerton, SC the weekend of October 5-7 for their AIT/MIT newcomer's convention.

New AZA and BBG members from Augusta, Charleston, Columbia, and Savannah spent the weekend meeting the council board and special guest, Sarah Minion, the International BBG president. Sarah is deferring her freshman year at Oberlin College to fulfill her duties as president, which entails visiting cities and chapters throughout the world. The 19-year-old hails from Cherry Hill, New Jersey and is a member of South Jersey Region BBYO.



International N'siah, Sarah Minion leads a discussion group at AIT/MIT convention. Acting as spokesman, Columbia AZA member Harrison Lapin displays his team's project.

During the last 30 years at least 11 international presidents have visited Columbia and/or a Dixie Council convention, which shows that, even though our council is one of the smallest worldwide, it attracts the attention of the international youth leadership.

Billed as the Dixielympics, the AIT/MIT conventioners divided into teams and competed in a number of exciting and challenging events. Among the other programs during the weekend were Friday night, Saturday morning, and Havdallah services, a film and discussion about the 1972 Olympics in Munich in which 11 Israeli athletes and coaches died at the hands of Palestinian terrorists, and a social Saturday night. They were also able to watch the second half of the Carolina-Georgia football game.

Members are planning for their annual Beau / Sweetheart dance scheduled for January 12 during a BBYO weekend.

BBYO is a youth-led, adult-supervised program which programs in a variety of areas. For the girls, BBG, it's community service, social action, creativity, Jewish heritage, sisterhood and recreation. The boys, AZA, plan programs in community service/social action, Judaic, athletic, social and education. Membership is available to all Jewish rising ninth-graders through seniors. For more information contact Grant Kilgore or Bethany Smith.

BBYO now has a program for middle school students called, BBYO Connect. For more information, contact Rona Goldstein at rgoldstein@bbyo.org.

- Jerry Emanuel



The high holy days are a time filled with tradition. We spend time with family and friends as we celebrate the New Year and ask for forgiveness. As a college student, this is a time when we remember we are away from home during one of the most important days in our faith. As Hillel, we wanted students to feel like they were home again during these important days. Hillel decided to bring Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur on campus this year for the first time. In the past students were given the opportunity to go to a host house to observe the holidays, but this year we wanted to do more. We wanted to incorporate traditions that students were used to seeing back home when they observed the holidays. We once again offered the opportunity to go to a host family's house for Rosh Hashanah, but on top of that, Hillel hosted a catered dinner on campus in the Capstone Campus Room. New and old members from varying grade levels came out to celebrate with their peers. Before dinner, students were able to mingle and meet new people, and after dinner, students carpoled to neighboring synagogues to go to services. Tree of Life Congregation and Beth Shalom Congregation opened their doors to students during this time. Rosh Hashanah was a big success so we knew that we should do something on campus in observance of Yom Kippur. For the holiday this year Hillel hosted a break the fast. We had bagels driven down all the way from Maryland, and we enjoyed the company of our fellow Gamecocks while we talked about all the food we had missed in just 24 hours. Hillel was so happy to have a great student turnout to both events, and it was wonderful to enjoy the company of our peers while we observed the high holy days like we did back home. We are lucky to have such a wonderful Jewish community that opens their doors to us during these holidays, and we are thankful that we were able to observe within the community at school and in Columbia.

-Rachel Miller, Secretary

This month we take some time to meet Hillel at USC's Religious Chair: Jesse Totten (2015)

Hometown: Charlotte, NC

Major: International Studies and French

Campus activities: Hillel at USC Religious Chair; Honors College; Gamma Phi (sorority); USC Office of Admissions - telecounselor

How did you get involved with Hillel at USC?

"I was active in my high school youth group and I only considered colleges that had a Hillel... [Freshman year] I enjoyed the activities I did come to." Later in Jesse's freshman year, "I saw that Hillel at USC had a Birthright trip. It was a way to meet people and I wanted to go with USC students."

Tell us about that Birthright Trip:

"It was incredible." A special moment for Jesse was Shabbat in Jerusalem: "Nothing was open; no one was driving. I loved the concept that the whole country can shut down to celebrate a Jewish holiday... and that we all joined together and celebrated together. The trip made me feel so much ore connected to Israel... I didn't feel like it was my homeland until I went there."

Tell us about your plans as Religious Chair:

Jesse was thrilled that this year Hillel was able to have Rosh Hashanah dinner and Yom Kippur break-fast on campus. She noted that "there were a lot of freshmen at the Rosh Hashanah dinner" - what a great way to engage new students! She is also hoping to continue Hillel's tradition of Shabbat dinners and to work on holiday celebrations throughout the year. There was a sukkah on campus again this year, and Jesse is looking forward to the Passover seder on campus. Jesse notes: "I really liked Passover [on campus] because I couldn't go home." There was "so much socializing [at the seder] we almost forgot to do the end of the service... we were all excited about celebrating the holiday together."

Any final words about what Hillel at USC has meant to you?

"In high school I was really involved in my youth group." Coming to USC, where so many people come from other backgrounds, Jesse adds that it is meaningful to "go to Hillel and find people who say, 'I know what you mean.'" The relatively small size of the Jewish community on campus "makes it more special because the people who are there really want to be Jewish, and so they seek it out."



YAD Break the Fast

By Robyn Bader
Young Adult Division
of the Columbia Jewish Federation



Yom Kippur is a time to remember past love ones and to repent for our sins. We observe this holiday by going to temple services, fasting, and then breaking the fast with family and friends. As a young adult living in the Columbia area, I have little family in the Carolina's to spend such a solemn time with. Being a part of the Young Adult Division (YAD) group has become a wonderful way to continue to stay involved in the Jewish community and have a different kind of family to celebrate with for the High Holy days.

A wonderful part of Yom Kippur is the Break the Fast (BTF). This year, I had the joy of hosting the BTF with the YAD group. It was a great way to celebrate Yom Kippur that ends the celebration of the Jewish New Year for times of new beginnings, health and happiness. The lovely spread of bagels and lox was adjoined by new friends and old, sounds of Rick Recht, and Jewish stories.



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

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

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

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

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

If you are interested in helping our organization meet the needs of these people contact our Synagogue or Temple Office for more information.

Beth Shalom Synagogue office. 782-2500 or Tree of Life Office 782-2182.

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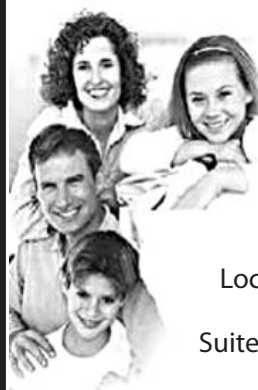
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