

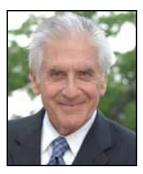


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Shepherd "Shep" Cutler's philanthropy in the Columbia Jewish community is legendary. This, along with many leadership roles, has earned him the 2012 Columbia Jewish Federation's Distinguished Service Award.

Always a people person, Shep learned the value of hard work selling sodas at the ballparks in Los Angeles. When

his family moved to South Carolina in 1956, he took a part-time job marketing hospital insurance while attending college. He was immediately successful and decided to make this a full-time career.

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You are invited to the

Columbia Jewish Federation's 2013 Campaign Kickoff

and the presentation of this year's **Distinguished Service Award**

Shep Cutler

Thursday, October 18, 2012 6:30 p.m.

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Federation's Annual Campaign is underway! Shep Cutler to be honored at the kickoff on October 18

As the 2013 Columbia Jewish Federation Campaign gets underway with the theme "Power of Community," I want to encourage everyone to keep the strength of our people alive.

Just how powerful is our Columbia Jewish community?

We were strong enough to build a fabulous Jewish Community Center seven years ago and to see USC launch a successful Jewish Studies Program. We have seen big improvements and student expansion at Hillel. Our religious schools and Jewish Day School are top notch. We have a strong community of caring and scholarly Rabbis and thriving congregations. Our teenagers are national leaders in our youth groups, and our young adults are returning to Columbia to raise their families. Our Jewish Family Service has grown strong and helps our community in need. Our seniors are getting love and attention from our organizations and caring people. We have remembered organizations and getting tove and attention from our organizations and caring people. We have remembered our Holocaust families with dignity and honor. Our community is working together and supporting each other with Mitzvah Day and collaborative events.

Our Jewish community is succeeding because of a commitment from our members to keep it strong. Your dollars to the Federation campaign are spread throughout the community, Israel, and to countries in need around the world. Please answer the call and be part of the Power of Community. We need each of you to share in the privilege and responsibility to keep our community strong for our past, present, but most of all, future generations.

Thank you in advance for your gift to your Columbia Jewish Federation. Together, we can continue to do extraordinary things

· Šhelley Kriegshaber, CJF president

Experience Jewish

Donor Spotlight Dr. Emmanuel Farber

Internationally renowned cancer researcher and Jewish philanthropist By Shelley Kriegshaber



What an honor and joy to spend time getting to know Dr. Manny Farber!

Dr. Farber has been a generous donor to the Columbia Jewish Federation since he moved to Columbia in 1999. He also continues to give to the Toronto Jewish Federation, where he was born and lived much of his life. Manny feels strongly that as a Jew, it's his responsibility to support Israel and Jewish causes. While he is very generous to many charities, he makes sure he always gives more to Jewish causes.

What many people don't know about Manny Farber is that he was a pioneer in cancer research. In the 1940s and 50s, when most people in the field were trying to find a cure for cancer, his biochemistry background led him to research how cancer developed. His major finding early on was that smoking was a major factor in the development of many kinds of cancer, particularly lung cancer. He served as a member of the Surgeon General's Committee on Smoking and Health. He has published 354 papers on related topics. In his early research days, he observed it was mostly men who smoked and developed lung cancer, but now women are smoking more and therefore getting smokingrelated cancers more frequently.

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Live in Concerts

CJF, the JCC, and JFS invite you to bring your friends and family to a FREE inspirational, all-ages concert with Rick Recht, the toptouring artist in Jewish music on October 20th.

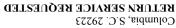
Can't wait to see you there!

See pages 4-5 for details.



summer camp through the eyes of Columbia's youth on page 8.





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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.

We've helped over 275,000 young Jews strengthen their roots in Israel. Thanks to donors like you, here's eight of our own.

USC Hillel Birthright May 2012



From farm-focused, eco-Israel experiences to Birthright and MASA programs, Jewish Federation is actively supporting innovative new projects that inspire a deep love of Israel and Jewish life. It's a successful strategy we apply to every issue we tackle. From feeding the hungry and helping the unemployed to supporting local Jewish education, together we do a world of good. Donate. Volunteer. Make a difference today.



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> It's not too late to give to our 2012 Campaign or send a General Donation! Contact the Columbia Jewish Federation Office (803) 787-2023 or cjfoffice@jewishcolumbia.org



* Of Blessed Memory

Shep (from page 1)

Two years later, in 1958, he and his father Lester Cutler founded what is now Cutler & Associates. This was the beginning of an organization that today is licensed in all 50 states and enjoys great national prominence with over 15,000 agents. As he likes to tell it, they started their business selling insurance "door-to-door and store-to-store."

Shep and his lovely wife, Joni, were married in 1972, and today the Cutlers continue to be pillars of the community. Through the Cutler Foundation, the couple has given generously to many charitable, cultural, and education organizations. The Columbia Jewish community has been a fortunate beneficiary, especially the children who attend the Columbia Jewish Day School and the organizations under the umbrella of the Columbia Jewish Federation. Through their donations, the Cutlers have enhanced every Jewish organization and have made the Jewish community in Columbia a better place to live.

Shep has been honored as the recipient of Israel's Gates of Jerusalem Award through Israel Bonds and the March of Dimes Man of the Year. He serves on the boards of the Columbia Jewish Federation and Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center. He and his wife Joni served as honorary chairpersons of the Federation campaign for several years. Shep has also received many national honors, including being recognized as Man of the Year by Pioneer/Conseco. He was also highlighted in Senior Market Advisor, appearing on the cover.

Shep's high energy level and enthusiasm for life are evident in his work and play. An early riser, he enjoys daily workouts at his gym before tending to the responsibilities of the business. Shep also enjoys traveling with Joni and has found a special joy and passion in visiting the State of Israel. He is thankful that his late parents instilled in him a joy of life and knows how proud they would be of his involvement and contributions to the Columbia Jewish community.



In memory....

The Columbia Jewish Federation extends its deepest sympathy to three members of the board who lost their parents this summer.

To Abe Wandersman, in memory of his father, Holocaust survivor Irving Wandersman of Bayside, New York. He was 91.

To Jane Kulbersh, for the loss of her father, Judge Aaron Cohn, 96, a well respected judge, decorated war hero, and leader in the Columbus, Georgia community.

To Jerry Kline, along with his sisters Peggy Jacobs and Cathy Kline, on the loss of their mother, Sarah Kline, 96, a matriarch of our Columbia Jewish community (see obit below).



Sarah Schwartz Kline, 1916 - 2012

Sarah Kline celebrated her 96th birthday in May. She grew up in Charlotte and was the oldest of five siblings living in a household that reflected the strong commitment of her grandparents (both grandfathers were Rabbis) and parents to their community and faith. Her school years reflected her

outgoing nature, as being voted Miss Mischievous and Miss Popular in High school, with BBG, cheerleading, girls band, Zeta Phi Eta (national speech honorary), various roles in college plays, a member of the SDT sorority, and serving as president of the Pan-Hellenic board. She received degrees in Speech and Drama from the University of Illinois.

Marrying her beloved late husband of 61 years, Bernard Kline, in 1939, they were active at Beth Shalom Synagogue, the Jewish Community Center, UJA, B'nai B'rith activities, and traveled to Israel several times. Over the years, Sarah's considerable talents were put to work individually at Beth Shalom Sisterhood, as chairman of the UJA for two years, as president of Hadassah, and as a volunteer at Providence Hospital from whom she received a 2,500 service pin.

In 1998 Hadassah created the "Sarah" award in honor of her outstanding service to the organization. Local Community Theater also benefited from her enthusiasm, as she performed in assorted starring roles to the delight of her many fans, including her family.

Sarah is survived by her son, Jerry Kline and his wife Sue; daughters, Susan Neider and her husband Shelly, Cheryl Love, Peggy Jacobs and her husband David and Cathy who was her constant companion; and her beloved dog, "Buddy Boy." She is also survived by her sisters, Zena Weinkle and Barbara Kline. Her family has increased her direct descendents to 27. Sarah was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to all who knew her. She was as free with her laughter as she was with her red lipstick kisses and hugs on tiptoe. She was truly Miss Firecracker. She will be lovingly missed. She was truly an angel.



Distinguished Community Service Award Recipients

2012	Shep Cutler
2011	Lilly Filler
2010	John Baker
2009	Jerry Kline
2008	Edward Poliakoff
2007	Bernard "Nard" Fleischman Jr.
2006	Shelley Kriegshaber
2005	Fred Seidenberg
2004	Heidi Lovit
2003	Norman Arnold
2002	Dr. David Lovit
2001	Barbara Blau
2000	Frank Lourie
1999	Dr. Morris Blachman
1998	Dr. David Kulbersh
1997	Jane Kulbersh
1996	Hyman Rubin, Jr.
1995	Meta Miller*
1994	Dr. Herbert Niestat
1993	Eleanor Niestat
1992	Senator Isadore Lourie*
1991	Samuel Tenenbaum
1990	Alan Kahn
1989	Senator Hyman Rubin, Sr.*
1988	David Baker*
1987	Helen Silver
1986	Lee Baker*
1985	Dr. Hilel Salomon
1984	Pat Baker*
1983	Arnold Bernstein*
1982	Howard Weiss
1981	Melton Kligman

Farber (from page 1)

It really disturbs him to drive by local high schools and see so many teenagers puffing on cigarettes, knowing they could be cutting their lives short.

Dr. Farber earned his medical degree in 1942 and seven years later was one of the first medical doctors to get his PhD. In addition to Canada, his career has taken him to Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Illinois, England, and New York. He also served as a Captain in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. A prestigious list of awards and honors, fellowships and scholarships has been bestowed upon Dr. Farber.

Dr. Farber moved to Columbia in 1999 to be close to his daughter, Dr. Naomi Farber, her husband Dr. Steven Grosby, and their son Sam. Naomi is coordinator of the MSW Program at the USC College of Social Work. Steven is a Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Clemson, and Sam is a sophomore studying voice at the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester. Widowed in 1993, Dr. Farber remarried in 2000 to Henrietta Schleider, mother of Ruth Marcus and mother-in-law to Rabbi Sandy Marcus. She passed away last year.

At 93 years young, Dr. Farber stays very active, walking several times a week at the JCC, playing bridge, keeping up with current events, and keeping busy socially with the other Jewish residents at Wildewood Downs. He has taught Yiddish at Tree of Life and enjoys speaking it with his dinner companions.

A source of great pride to him is the involvement of his daughter, Naomi, in the Jewish community. She serves as vice president and president elect of the Columbia Jewish Federation, chairs the Jewish Family Service Advisory Committee, and is a co-chairperson of the Federation campaign. In the greater community, she is a member of the S.C. Foster Care Review Board and serves on the Board of the Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands.



On behalf of the Columbia Jewish Federation, I'd like to thank Dr. Farber for his generosity. The money he donates to Federation is spread throughout our Jewish community in Columbia, Israel, and to Jews in need around the world. According to the Talmud, "Whosoever practices Tzedakah finds life, prosperity, and honor." L'chaim and continued good health and happiness to Dr. Emmanuel Farber!

Dr. Farber and his daughter Dr. Naomi Farber at a recent Columbia Jewish Federation event.



Campaign chairpersons enthusiastic to return to lead fundraising efforts









pictured L to R: Dr. Naomi Farber, Jackie Dickman Babcock, Harvey Helman and Dr. Henry Miller

The Columbia Jewish Federation is very pleased to announce that last year's Federation campaign chairpersons are back for a second year, ready and excited to get the campaign underway.

Co-chairing the women's division are Dr. Naomi Farber and Jackie Dickman Babcock.

Naomi is coordinator of the MSW program at the University of South Carolina College of Social Work. She is married to Dr. Steven Grosby, professor of religion and philosophy at Clemson University, and their son Sam is entering his sophomore year at Eastman School of Music. Naomi presently serves as president-elect of Federation and the advisory committee chair for Jewish Family Service.

Jackie is the Deputy General Counsel for the S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control where she is chief legal counsel for environmental matters. She was born and raised in Columbia, is a lifelong member of Tree of Life and CJCC, and is a past member of the Boards of the Temple and JCC. She is married to JCC president Keith Babcock, and they have two sons, Michael and Max. Jackie has worked on the women's campaign for many years and has been active in fundraising campaigns for other local charities.

Dr. Henry Miller and Harvey Helman are co-chairing the 2013 Federation campaign men's division.

Harvey Helman is a realtor, retired from the apparel industry, where he was president of the Swansea Group and past-president of SEAMS (Southeastern Apparel Manufacturers and Suppliers Association). He is a CFP and enjoys buying and renovating homes. Active in soccer for 40+ years, he was a founder and past-president of the SCAASA (South Carolina Adult Amateur Soccer Association). He is married to Beth Helman, and they have two children, Mrs. Nora Budman (Kevin) and George. Harvey is on the Board of the JCC and a board member of the Columbia Jewish Foundation.

Henry Miller, a Columbia native, has been practicing optometry for 35 years. The son of Holocaust survivors, his family has been members of the JCC and Beth Shalom since the 1950s. Henry is a past board member of the JCC and Beth Shalom and a current board member of the S.C. Respite Coalition. He and his wife Minda have two children, Dawn, a lawyer in Washington, D.C., and Bret, a financial analyst in New York City.

Harvey and Henry, along with Naomi and Jackie, are working hard for a successful campaign.

Federation Campaign Checklist:

- ✓ Attend Federation Kick-Off Dinner and Distinguished Service Award Tribute to Shep Cutler. Thursday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center. Cost is \$36, Young leaders under 40 are \$25. RSVP today! 787-2023 ext. 204.
- ✓ If you have given a gift to the Federation campaign before, we thank you! Your gift makes a difference for Jews in our community and around the world. Volunteers will be calling you for a contribution to our 2013 campaign. Please save us a call and send in your pledge: Columbia Jewish Federation, 206 Flora Drive, Columbia, SC 29224.
- ✓ If you haven't given to the Federation Campaign consider giving a gift...PLEASE! Ally & Eloise Bakeshop on Forest Drive is donating free cookies to those who are new to the campaign or increase by 10 percent. Thank you Aleka Selig for your addition to the Federation Campaign. Your bakery is awesome!

Give to Federation for the first time or increase 10 % and enjoy free cookies courtesy of:



Donate early. Supplies are limited.

Rick Recht Live in Concert!

Join us October 20th for a FREE inspirational, all-ages concert with the top-touring artist in Jewish music.

The Columbia Jewish Federation, Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center, and Jewish Family Service are proud to bring you Rick Recht LIVE on Saturday, October 20th for a free community-wide Havdalah concert. The Columbia Jewish Community's religious school students, youth groups, college students, rabbis, musicians, and board members will perform with Rick Recht, "the ultimate in Jewish Rock," beginning at 6:30 PM at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center. Join us before the concert at 6 PM for a free pizza dinner, made possible by the generosity of CiCi's Pizza at Sandhill Station.

Rick Recht is the top-touring musician in Jewish music playing over 150 concerts a year in the United States and abroad. "The stage is definitely our home," says Recht. "The energy and voices of the audiences, whether they're little kids, teens or adults, are indescribable. That's the magic of Jewish music - the interaction, the singing, the dancing, and the powerful community connection. For me, it's a dream come true to create and share in these powerful experiences."

Recht is the national music spokesman for The PJ Library and the Executive Director of Songleader Boot Camp, a national leadership development immersion program held annually in St. Louis, MO. Recht is also the founder and Executive Director of Jewish Rock Radio, (501c3), the first high-caliber, 24/7, Jewish rock internet radio station, which broadcasts contemporary Jewish rock music, interviews with Jewish celebrities, and interviews featuring youth from communities around the world speaking about exciting experiences they have had engaging in Jewish life.

Born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, Recht developed a strong Jewish identity attending Traditional Congregation, a conservative synagogue. In high school, Recht joined NFTY, where he was deeply influenced by Jewish music. After graduating USC (Los Angeles, CA) and Music Institute (Hollywood, CA), Recht hit the road touring nationwide from LA to New York playing at clubs, colleges, and amphitheaters. Recht has shared the stage with national acts such as Chris Rock, America, Supertramp, Three Dog Night, and many more. After releasing two critically acclaimed secular albums, *Good Thing* and *Reality*, Recht returned to his Jewish roots with his debut Jewish album, *Tov*, in the summer of 1999. His shift to Jewish music marks the birth of a unique blend of pop, radio-friendly music with Hebrew, Jewish text, and social responsibility. Recht is the Artistin-Residence at United Hebrew Congregation in St. Louis, Missouri and enjoys spending time with his wife, Elisa, 10-year-old son, Kobi, and 7-year-old son, Tal.

For more information about the concert, visit www.jewishcolumbia.org.



PJ Library Reading Contest for preschoolers through college

How many minutes can you read during the month of September?

The Columbia Jewish Federation's PJ Library and Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center's Book Festival want you to share your love of reading. Throughout the month of September, record how many minutes you read each day. Turn in your log by October 4. Fifteen winners (one from each grade level, preK through college) will receive a free Rick Recht CD and their names printed in the November/December edition of the *Columbia Jewish News*.

Visit www.jewishcolumbia.org for details and to download your reading log.

PJ Library® provides age-appropriate books to Jewish children in Columbia each month as a gift from the Columbia Jewish Federation.

To enroll your child, go to www.pjlibrary.org.



Live in Concert! ric (rei

Saturday, October 20, 2012 • 6:30 PM

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> ■ News, events, FREE music, fun activities, and more!

Join us for a FREE Pizza Dinner at 6:00PM

Admission Price: FREE

This concert opens the Columbia Jewish **Book Festival October 20-24, 2012**

Visit www.jcccolubia.org for a full schedule of the Book Festival event! Presented by: Columbia Jewish Federation, Katie & Irwin Kahn JCC, Jewish Family Service, and CiCi's Pizza at Sandhill Station

> Katie & Irwin Kahn JCC 306 Flora Drive Columbia, SC 29223

For more information call the Columbia lewish Federation at 803-787-2023 x219.



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By Laney Cohen, Director

In honor of the New Year, Jewish Family Service will be focusing on several areas in this article: "Head to Toe"; Tzedakah; and well wishes.

Head To Toe: Wellness for the mind, body, and soul. Without these three things, we as a people are not whole. On October 11th, from 10-2, Jewish Family Service, along with the JCC, will be presenting an entire day focusing on "you." We will have everything from food, entertainment, and vendors to help you learn how to heighten your sense of well-being. The Merry Hearts will once again perform; Eggland's Best will be cooking; Walgreens will be performing blood pressure checks; we will have a fashion show; and Fleet Feet will be on hand to monitor walking! Many others will be available to answer questions on how to take care of yourself and your loved ones. There will be several opportunities for wellness and celebration for the body as a whole. Come out for a fun afternoon with friends!

In addition to programming for the community, Jewish Family Service wants to remind you of the Tzedakah Fund. This fund is used to help our community members who may be having a rough time financially, who may be in need of a little extra help. Though our community is generally one filled with hope and prosperity, there are times when families struggle, especially in today's times. The Tzedakah Fund has been a refuge for people who are in desperate need to pay their bills and has even allowed some families in our community to keep their homes. Right now, the Tzedakah fund needs YOUR help. In order for Jewish Family Service to continue to help our families in financial straits, JFS is asking that you consider a donation to the Tzedakah Fund. Not only will you be helping your fellow community member, a Jewish family, but also you will be helping yourself. What a Mitzvah to start the New Year!

Due to the overwhelming support of the Alan Feinstein Food Challenge, Jewish Family Service received a check for \$251.56! This will go into the food pantry! Altogether, you helped raise \$230,664,187.65 along with 1850 participating antihunger agencies nationwide! Mazel Tov and Toda Raba!

On June 28th, the community lost someone who some of our volunteers worked with very closely. She was a survivor of the Holocaust, mother, grandmother, and a dedicated volunteer at Moncrief Army Hospital with the Red Cross. May we remember Edith Currie as she will be missed by the lives that she touched.

Jewish Family Service wants to wish the entire Jewish Community a wonderful and healthy New Year.

Head to Toe Extravaganza

Come to the JCC October 11 from 10-2 for Food, Music, Information and Fun!

We are so excited to host this experience for the Actively Aging! There will be health screenings, fitness demos and a fashion show, lots of health information, food by Eggland's Best and The Good Life Café, and the Merry Hearts will be providing entertainment. Come join us for this energetic and fun-filled experience for your mind, body, and soul!

Sponsored by JFS and the JCC

Something's fishy at Jewish Family Service!

JFS wants to thank Costless Outlet in Lexington for its generous donation of over a quarter of a ton of gefilte fish! Thanks to them, our congregations will be able to save some money next Passover.







Senior Program—Everyone Welcome

Come Enjoy the Fun, Food & Friendship

All for just \$4 bucks!

Tuesday, September 4, 2012 11:30 am-1 pm

Beth Shalom Synagogue, 5827 N. Trenholm Road

Featuring: Bill Campbell and Mira Bobrov will be performing Klezmer clarinet and piano.

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

NO October program due to the Jewish Holidays.

Next Tuesdays with Friends will be on November 13th (2nd Tuesday).

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



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



- COMING SOON -JELF Spring Semester 2013 Loan Application

Traditionally, JELF has awarded interest-free, need-based loans for higher education once per year, at the end of the summer, for the upcoming school year. To meet the increased need, JELF, in partnership with Jewish Family Service, will now accept applications this September from students attending school Spring Semester 2013. Just learned about JELF? Academic program starting early next year? Arrived at school and realized you couldn't quite make ends meet? It's not too late! Visit the JELF website September 2 - 30 to apply for a loan for Spring Semester 2013. Questions? Contact info@jelf.org or 770-396-3080.



JELF AWARDS RECORD \$675,000 IN INTEREST-FREE STUDENT LOANS FOR THE 2012-2013 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Jewish Educational Loan Fund (JELF) has awarded more than \$675,000 in interest-free loans to Jewish students throughout Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia for the 2012-2013 school year. A record number of applicants came to JELF seeking to fill the gap between the resources they assembled through grants, loans, and scholarships and the real cost of their education. JELF responded to the rising need by loaning more than ever before in a single year. JELF loaned over \$13,000 to students in the Columbia area.

While JELF currently administers over \$3.6 million in outstanding loans, it has maintained its impressive 99-percent repayment rate. As students repay their loans, JELF uses those payments to make new loans, creating a circle of tzedakah. JELF loans are need-based and can be used for full-time undergraduate and graduate degrees, as well as vocational programs. As one loan recipient recently expressed to JELF, "I just wanted to say thank you to JELF for another generous loan for my next school year. I will use the support to its fullest capacity in my path to my career and life!'

For additional information, contact JELF Executive Director Lara Dorfman at 770-396-3080 or visit www.jelf.org. Applications for a JELF interest-free loan for the spring 2013 semester will be available September 2 - 30, 2012. Applications for the 2013-2014



Ask a Rabbi Rabbi Leah Doberne-Schor

What preparations should I start making now to have a more meaningful Yom Kippur?



This is a wonderful question. And it's a great question to ask now, before Yom Kippur and, for that matter, the entire High Holy Day period -- usually thought of as the 10 days between Rosh Hashanah (the beginning of the Jewish year) and Yom Kippur. Indeed, many Jews begin the process of spiritual preparation during the Hebrew month of Elul, the month immediately before Rosh Hashanah (beginning this year the eve of August 18).

While there are some physical preparations for the High Holy Days, the most important preparation for these days is, by and large, a spiritual, inner one.

The spiritual preparation is so important because this is the season when we wrestle with some of the biggest questions, questions such as:

How can we improve our lives, ourselves, our community, our relationships in the coming year?

- · What would we like to achieve in the new year?
- · How can we be better friends, colleagues, children, parents, etc.?
- · What would we like to learn in the coming year?
- How can we turn (and return) to our best selves?
- · (And please feel free to add your own questions.)

This process of turning and returning to our best selves and to God (called *teshuvah* in Hebrew) is the central task of the High Holy Days. But how do we begin? Below, I offer a few suggestions.

- 1. Take stock: Many Jews engage in this preparation through taking a *Heshbon Ha-Nefesh*, literally an "accounting of the soul." The idea is to examine what we did (and didn't) do, what we said (and didn't say) over the past year. What are our accomplishments? Where did we miss the mark? How would we like to live better in the coming year? It's hard to take an honest accounting. But unless we know ourselves, we will be unable to turn our lives.
- 2. Ask forgiveness: A core theme of Yom Kippur is that we seek to be forgiven for the wrongs we have committed, and we seek to forgive those who have wronged us. We are taught that when we miss the mark in our relationship with God, that God can forgive us. But when we miss the mark with our fellow human beings, we need to ask their forgiveness -- we need to work to mend that relationship. Each of us has painfully missed the mark with our loved ones, our friends, our colleagues. Now, in the period before Yom Kippur, we can reach out and ask their pardon. While we may not be able to mend all fences overnight, we can take the first step.
- 3. Give tzedakah: The High Holy Day liturgy speaks of the importance of tzedakah. While often translated as charity, tzedakah at its root is about creating a more just and righteous world. In the new year, we think not only of how we can repair ourselves, but how we can do our part to repair the world. In my childhood congregation, the youth group set out grocery bags on Rosh Hashanah, which we would return, full of non-perishables for the food pantry on Yom Kippur. Consider making a donation to your local congregation, Jewish community, or a national Jewish organization like Mazon, our communal campaign against hunger (www.mazon.org).
- 4. It doesn't happen overnight: This sort of spiritual preparation takes time. During the month of Elul through Yom Kippur, many Jews engage in some moments of reflection each day. It is traditional to read and reflect on Psalm 27. Consider attending a *Selichot* service (the eve of Sept. 8), a beautiful service that formally begins the High Holy Day season and during which the shofar will be sounded, the call of which awakens us to teshuva.

High Holy Day reflection is now online: Sign up through Jewels of Elul (http://www.letmypeoplesing.com/jewels) to receive a meditation to your inbox each day of Elul. "Do You 10 Q" (www.doyou10q.com) offers an online tool for self-reflection during the 10 days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

However you prepare, may you have a meaningful High Holy Day season and a good and sweet new year.

Rabbi Leah Doberne-Schor is the Campus Rabbi for Hillel at the University of South Carolina (the Jewish student organization). She also serves as a part-time rabbi at Beth Israel Congregation in Florence, South Carolina.

Have a question? Ask a rabbi!

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

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

Milestones

Mazal Tov to...

- * Matthew Beymer, son of Roy and Geri Beymer, on his Bar Mitzvah.
- * Rabbi Hesh and Chava Epstein on the birth of their first grandchild Zalman. Parents are Avremi and Samantha Epstein.
- * Dr. Harold and Clarke Friedman on the engagement of their son Andrew.
- * Zackary Kaplan, son of Scott and Lisa Kaplan, on his Bar Mitzvah.
- * Adam Lovit, son of Heidi and David Lovit, on his Master's Degree in Applied Systems Engineering from Georgia Tech.
- * Dr. Henry and Minda Miller on the engagement of their son Bret to Caroline Lampen.
- * Alexander Perales, son of Robert and Bari Perales, on his Bar Mitzvah.
- * Alan Port, son of Ron and Melissa Port, on his Bar Mitzvah.
- * Leeam Stein, son of David and Lora Stein, on his Bar Mitzvah.

Community Voices



The Book of Kings King Solomon by Rabbi Philip Silverstein

What kind of a king was Solomon? What kind of government did he preside over? There is no question that he loved the luxurious life; he had great wealth. And he built palaces - the palace for his wife, daughter of neighboring Pharaoh; he built his own palace with a gigantic throne up on high with sculpted lions on each side as you go up to his throne, and finally his own throne. But even more than that, Solomon built the Temple to the Lord; and what a structure it was.

His wealth! Where did it come from? It came from taxes, not only taxes the way we think of them, but taxes in terms of people to build. Solomon hired labor - some say three shifts of laborers of 30,000 people per shift. The way it worked was that each shift worked one month on palace grounds, and then took two months off to go home to family. The 30,000 laborers meant close to 100,000 people to do Solomon's bidding.

In simple terms, the taxes were enormous.

The Bible and the ancient Rabbis, who commented on Solomon's doings, were no doubt impressed, but Solomon had to pay for all of this, and the people paid.

The reactions to such governmental policy came after he died. The people had enough taxation. They didn't want anymore. National policy just had to change. The people were tired of glories, Solomon's glories.

The stage was set for the reaction, in national policy and in foreign affairs.

THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON

Before we get into his death, let us discuss his wisdom, his foreign allies, and the visitors to his nation. In order to build the Temple to the Lord, King Solomon asked King Hiram of Tyre and Zidon (Phoenicia) for his cedars in what is today Lebanon ("for thou knowest that there is not among us any that hath skill to hew timber like unto the Zidonians"). Hiram was most happy to comply, and practically used up all his cedars to build the Temple. His workers cut the trees and put them on rafts, sailed the rafts to Jaffa, from where they were carried by land to Jerusalem. That too was an enormous undertaking, and Solomon paid Hiram plenty for it.

His wisdom then, where can it be found? He had Hiram ruin his natural environment; he paid as we have said enormously. Taxes kept going up, and there seemed to be no end to expenses.

The wisdom is found in his judgment of people and in his poetry. Solomon's subjects were proud of him, because he was always able to discern the truth in the arguments between people. Two mothers came to him, one with a dead child, and the other with a live one. Each mother claimed the live one as hers. Solomon said: "Let's be fair. Let's cut the live one in two so that each mother could claim half. The mother of the live child said to Solomon: "Oh King, don't do that. Let her keep the live one." Solomon forthwith identified her as the real mother who pitied on own child.

All the nations around him heard of his wisdom and of his riches. He wrote poetry about all things, trees, stones, and animals, and was admired throughout the whole Middle East.Kings from all over the Middle East brought him gifts and tribute.

This is the first segment of Rabbi Philip Silverstein's book, The Book of Kings. The Columbia Jewish News looks forward to sharing more of his work in future editions.

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Community News Greetings from Camp!

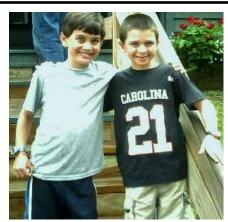
Thanks to the Columbia Jewish Federation Steve Terner Camp Scholarship Fund, 28 campers received supplemental funding to attend overnight Jewish camps. Campers were eager to share highlights of their summer experiences:

Dear Columbia Jewish Federation,

Thank you for giving me a scholarship for camp. I had a super fun time at Camp Barney Medintz. The camp is a Jewish camp in Cleveland, GA. This is my first time going so everything was new to me. I learned how to play a few games like: Rafterball and Bonkers. I went horseback riding and learned archery. There were a lot of cool water activities like The Blob, the Hurricane water slide, tubing, fishing off the dock, and swimming. I did a few arts and crafts like: clay art and making tie die shirts. Once we went in the woods to do a cookout and made a fire. It rained but we still had fun. Thank you again for helping me to get to camp.

David Stark









Thank you so much for the scholarship to Coleman. I had tons of fun there and made friends with many nice people. I have never seen or experienced anything like Coleman in my entire life. I want to go back to Coleman with my little brother, Nate, next year because I enjoyed it so much. I learned more Hebrew, I learned to cook Jewish foods, and I learned about some of the places in Israel. Some of the other things I enjoyed doing at camp were going on the zip line over the lake, the outdoor services at the Hillman and Strauss chapels, the MAC competitions and races, the giant swing, the blob (a giant inflatable pillow on the lake that launches you into the air), roller hockey, soccer, karate, and all the other sports and activities I did. Again, thank you so much for the scholarship. I will never forget my first year at Coleman. It feels like a home away from home to me now.

Will Cason

Dear Members of the Columbia Jewish Federation,

I want to thank you for providing me with a scholarship from the Steve Terner Jewish Camp Scholarship fund. I went to second session at Camp Coleman this summer and had an AWESOME time like I have the past 2 summers. I met a lot of new friends and had an amazing time with my old ones. Being in an older unit this year has given me a lot more freedom. We got to have more advanced activities. My favorite activities are the pool and sports because we can choose what we want to do and hang out with friends. Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to go this summer and build my Jewish connection. I am planning on going back to camp next year and many more to come.

Sincerely, Jared Kerner







Coming back for my third year at Camp Ramah Darom was a wonderful experience for me personally. Some might think that doing the same thing year after year would become dull. This is simply not the case with Camp Ramah. Each year brings new and exciting activities and changes while the fantastic staff there makes sure each year is even better than the last. Also, the friendships made at camp are some of the strongest friendships I have. There are simply not enough words to describe how much I value Camp Ramah Darom.

Elijah Dubinsky

This summer I went to Camp Barney Medintz. I had fun! I went tubing and went in the bog. Also, I did archery. It meant to me that I got to do things that I never got to do before.

Lennon Berger

Community News

Camp Ramah Darom (Machane Ramah Darom) was very big, and there's a lot of places there that are fun. My favorite friends were Devin, Sam, and all of Bunk #24. My counselors were the coolest. They say that "everybody's a winner in Machane Ramah Darom."

One of the best things we did was Yom Sport, which has different color teams for different Israel universities, and they fight each other different

sports. I was in the Team Tzahov (Yellow Team). We were Ben Gurion University, but Team Adom (Red Team) for Hebrew University won the Yom Sport.

They also have a "Blob" there! "The Blob" is a big pillow of air at the lake. One person sits on one end, right above the water. Then, somebody jumps on the other end, and the person above the water goes flying out over the lake and into the water. I love Ramah Darom and definitely want to go back next year.



Isaac Dubinsky

Dear Jewish Federation:

I want to thank you for the scholarship to my URJ Camp Six Points. I had lots of fun and made lots of friends that I will remember for a long time. It happened because of you.

I want to share my experience with other families in the community so that they can know what a great experience I had. So , I want to thank you for making it possible for me and the other families for helping to send us to Six Points.

At Six Points I improved my basketball skills and learned new things. Not just about sports but about Judaism. I hope to go back next year for the same experience.

Sincerely, Dan K.



Camp is a home where I can escape from reality & meet other Jewish kids & bond with them. I have a really fun time meeting new friends and seeing old friends from past years. I always like to get letters from my parents because I miss them so much. I really like Friday Shabbat because I can get closer to G-d every time I pray. And that's what Camp Coleman means to me.

Daniel Tedeschi



Camp Coleman, to me, is my second home, my home away from home, especially this year. This year was the best. This year it wasn't the things that made it for me, not the activities and certainly not the food.;) This year it was the people who made it for me. My counselors, David and Brett, were the best ever this year. My best friends, Andrew and Adam, supported me no matter what I did. I had the best time with them and I know they had the best summer too. The people are why I will continue going back year after year to the place I love. To the place I call home.

Louis Tedeschi



Camp Chaverim at the Katie & Irwin Kahn **Jewish Community Center**





L'Shana Tovah! May You and Yours be Blessed with Health and Happiness Throughout the Coming Year!



The Board of Directors and Staff Columbia Jewish Federation

Beth Shalom

5773 / 2012 High Holy Day Schedule

Community Selichot Svs. (TOL) Erev Rosh Hashanah First Day of Rosh Hashanah Tashlich Service

Second eve of Rosh Hashanah Second day of Rosh Hashanah Shabbat Sérvices Shabbat Services/Shabbat Shuvah **Kever Avot Services**

Kol Nidre Yom Kippur-Yizkor Minha and Neila

8:30 p.m. Saturday evening, September 8 Sunday evening, September 16 Monday, September 17 Monday, September 17

At the home of Dr. Steven Rosansky - 526 North Trenholm Road of Rosh Hashanah Monday, September 17 8 - 9 p. Tuesday, September 18 Friday, September 21 Saturday, September 22 Sunday, September 23

Arcadia Lakes Cemetery Whaley Street Cemetery Hebrew Benevolent Cemetery Tuesday evening, September 25 Wednesday, September 26

8 - 9 p.m. 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 8 - 9 p.m. 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 9:45 a.m. 11 a.m. 12 p.m. 1:15 p.m. 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.

9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 5 - 8 p.m.

Beth Shalom Shabbat Playtime

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



October 20 November 17 December 15 January 19 February 16 March 16 April 27 May 18

For children ages 18 Months to Kindergarten



Columbia Jewish Day School



The Columbia Jewish Day School has once again gained accreditation from the National Association of Education for Young Children's (NAEYC).

With close to 100,000 members and over a million children in accredited schools, NAEYC is recognized as the leading early childhood organization. As far as accreditation, experts consider NAEYC the gold standard. To earn NAEYC Accreditation, the school went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services through more than 400 related Accreditation Criteria. The program received NAEYC Accreditation after an on-site visit by NAEYC Assessors to ensure that the program meets each of the ten NAEYC program standards. NAEYC-accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits during their accreditation, which lasts for five years.

School Principal Rabbi Meir Muller stated, "We're proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC, which puts us in the top 8% of all early childhood centers." Ms. Kelly Stanton, Assistant Principal, noted that accreditation was only possible due to incredible teamwork between staff members, parents, and the board of directors. She commented that "NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our school are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible."

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FOOD! GLORIOUS FOOD!

BETH SHALOM SYNAGOGUE PRESENTS: BUBBIE'S BRISKET and BAKERY A JEWISH FOOD EXTRAVAGANZA!

This annual event is November 18, 2012 at BETH SHALOM SYNAGOGUE from 11:00 AM to 3:00PM. There will be a preorder pick-up 8:30-10:00AM. Preorder forms are available at the synagogue, in the weekly email newsletter, or by calling (803)782-2500.

We cornered Bubbie in the kitchen at Beth Shalom where she was busily directing her helpers putting up pickles so they will be ready by November.

"Oy Vey!"said Bubbie. "Have I got some goodies for you, boychik!"

Bubbie went on to describe the menu for the day: "ALL HOMEMADE and Kosher! You should know! Well, homemade in the house of Ha'shem! And that's good enough for me,' she said leveling me with a "look" over her glasses.

Some of the prepared foods include: Brisket, Corned Beef Sandwiches, Tzimmes, Matzah Ball Soup, Falafel, Stuffed Cabbage, and Israeli Salad. Also, there will be Baba Ganoush, Challah, Bubbie's Pickles, and other bakery and kosher surprises. This year, Bubbie decided to make special "for the kinderlach some lighter plates, so they shouldn't starve." Oh that Bubbie! Always thinking of the kinder.

Bubbie also wants to remind you that this Jewish Food Extravaganza will help sponsor many of the activities for the Synagogue, as well as community projects like Habitat for Humanity, Harvest Hope Food Bank, and Bubbie's personal favorite, Tuesdays with Friends!

There are a few opportunities still to help Bubbie with her Jewish Food Extravaganza! You could sponsor a food station, like the Matzah Ball Soup table in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. (Bubbie wants to thank all the Dentists who offered to sponsor the sweets table, "but elsewhere, I think, is better for you should give.") "Actually," Bubbie whispered, "that nice Nathan Picow is sponsoring an expanded Lilyan's Bakery again this year, in memory of his beloved Lil. When I see him, Bubbie's going to give him such a kiss! Now, get out of my kitchen if you aren't making pickles, eh?"

And so we left Bubbie elbows deep in brine and such so she can do her magic. And magical it will be! So join us Sunday, November 18th 11 am - 3 pm at Beth Shalom Synagogue, 5827 N. Trenholm Rd., Columbia! Bring your appetite! Remember, many of the desserts and dishes will be great for your guests at Thanksgiving!



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Instructor: Dr. Federica K. Clementi, USC Instructor: Dr. Alan Weinberg, Columbia

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Fall 2012

Instructor: Mr. Larry Needle

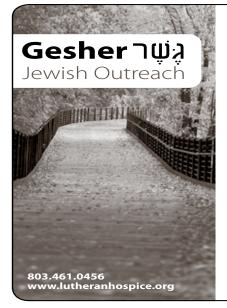
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Tree of Life

Fall Holy Day Calendar for 5773

SEPTEMBER 2012 Saturday, Sept. 8 Sunday, Sept. 16

Selichot Service Rosh HaShanah Eve Rosh HaShanah Day

Monday, Sept. 17 Friday, Sept. 21 Shabbat Shuvah Service Sunday, Sept. 23

Kever Avot/Cemetery Memorial Ceremony

Tuesday, Sept. 25 Yom Kippur Eve (Kol Nidre)

Wednesday, Sept. 26 Yom Kippur Day Sunday, Sept. 30 1st Night of Sukkot

OCTOBER 2012

Friday, Oct. 5 Shabbat Chol HaMoeid Sukkot & Consecration Ceremony

Sunday, Oct. 7 Simchat Torah Eve

HIGH HOLY DAY INFORMATION

TICKET POLICY: All Temple members "in good standing" financially are entitled to High Holy Day seating. This applies also to their immediate dependent children. "In good standing financially" means that all membership pledges, Religious School tuition, and other such financial obligations from all prior years are paid in full. If you have any questions, please contact the TOL office or a member of the Finance Committee. Please contact the TOL office to make arrangements for out-of-town guests and family or if you will be away from Columbia and are in need of reciprocal High Holy Day passes in another city.

CHILDCARE: Childcare for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services will again be available by reservation. Please call the Temple office or email Risa Strauss to secure a spot for your infant through third grader. Donations are accepted to offset our childcare costs.

For more information and for service times, please check the TOL website.

The *Columbia Jewish News* is excited to present a new feature in the next issue: Ask a Bubbe. If you would like the advice of a bubbe from our community, email your question to crc@jewishcolumbia.org.



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The opening day of Religious School for all children ages 3 through Grade 10 is on Sunday, September 9. Registration packets will be in the mail the second week of August. Online registration will NOT be available, but tuition payments will be able to be made online. As an FYI, a "Hebrew Refresher" program with Risa will be available to students who feel they need some extra support before returning to Religious School in the fall.

IMPORTANT TEMPLE DATES for the BEGINNING of SEPTEMBER

September 1: Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Weissman 10am, Mazal Tov to the

Weissman-Reddy Families

September 5: Religious School Open House and Make-Your-Own Fall Holiday

Craft, 4:30-6:30pm

September 6: Sisterhood Opening Meeting, 6pm

September 7: Kidz Shabbat, 6:45 and Back to School Shabbat, 7:30pm

September 9: Opening Day of Religious School, 9am

For more information about Temple, please call us at 803 787-2182, and/or visit our website at www.tolsc.org.

SHANAH TOVAH U'METUKAH! Have a Happy, Healthy, and Sweet New Year!

JOINT SELICHOT SERVICE

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012 Tree of Life Congregation 8:30 PM: Coffee & Dessert Reception 9:00 PM: Havdalah and Selichot Service

On the Saturday evening before Rosh HaShanah, we gather together for a very special service to help us prepare for the upcoming High Holy Days. The service is called "Selichot," named for our prayers for forgiveness that we begin to offer at this time. The Selichot service introduces us to the themes, liturgy, and music of our Yamim Nora'im (the Days of Awe), thus helping us to get ready for this most holy and important time of year.

Once again, Tree of Life Congregation and Beth Shalom Synagogue will join together for this special evening, to be hosted by TOL. We will begin at 8:30 p.m. with coffee and dessert in the Reyner Family Social Hall. At 9:00 p.m. we will make Havdalah, marking the end of the Sabbath day, before we enter the sanctuary for our Selichot service.

Selichot is a wonderful way to prepare for the High Holy Days. We hope that you will join us for this special evening.

feeam Stein's Bar Mitzvah Project

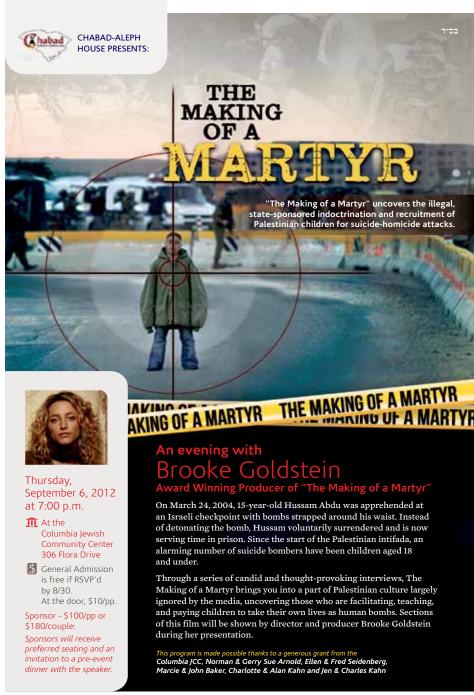


Leeam is involved with helping the non-profit organiza tion Heroes Vest Fund. Heroes Vest Fund is a non-profit that operates in South Carolina. They help raise awareness and funding for the purchase of bullet-proof pro-tection vests for K-9 officers. The K-9 officers face the real dangers that their human counterparts face when it comes to the day-to-day tasks they must perform Heroes Vest Fund works with several police departments to provide vests for these K-9s. Through com nity projects and fundraisers they help inform the comties about the dangers K-9 officers face. meaningful organization has been Leeam's focus for his

Leeam's immediate goal is to raise awareness in the community mostly by performing projects in school related to the organization. His hope is to help the organziation raise enough funding to vest 1 more K-9 officer this year. As a part of his continuing commit-ment to community service, he is working towards joining the organization as a teen ambasador, pre-senting in schools throughout the state, to further awareness and insure that every K-9 officer who is in



Want to know more? Heroes Vest Fund has set up a special page for Leeam's efforts! You can visit it at www.heroesvestfund.org



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Holocaust Education

The Selden K. Smith Foundation for Holocaust Education would like to thank all our supporters and provide an update on Holocaust educational efforts in South Carolina. The Foundation was formed in May 2010 to further the programs of the SC Council on the Holocaust. The Foundation functions as a private source of funding for support of Holocaust educational activities and community awareness events in SC and has a 501 (c) (3) status. Current economic conditions and cutbacks in state appropriations have resulted in the need for private funding to ensure the future of various educational projects in our state. In 2010a three-year campaign to raise \$100,000 was launched. As of September 2012, we have raised over half our goal. Volunteers staff the Foundation, and less than 1% of funds raised goes to operating expenses.

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

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

We have been active and want to share what has taken place since our last update six months ago. Our website was created, and now PayPal is available to donate online. The Greenville campaign was initiated, and we are pleased with their support thus far. We located several survivors in our state who were previously unknown to us, and we look forward to working with them in the upcoming months. In April, Holocaust remembrance programs were held throughout the state. In Columbia a weeklong schedule of events created by Janet Hopkins, USC music department, and the Opera-tunity Foundation brought in two survivors. Musical performances included the Defiant Requiem and the childrens' opera Brundibar, both originally performed by prisoners at the Thereisenstadt concentration camp. These programs were well attended and brought Holocaust awareness to the community at-large, including many school children. The 18th annual teachers' weeklong Holocaust workshop was held in July at Columbia College, and grants were awarded to teachers throughout the state.

This fall we will continue our campaign in Columbia, Charleston, and the upstate, as well as begin our efforts in Hilton Head, Bluffton, Beaufort, and Florence. On October 19 a teacher workshop in Columbia will feature a presentation of Echoes and Reflections, a multimedia curriculum guide for teachers, along with Joey Korn who will share his father's story of survival.

It is extremely important to continue teaching and reminding both children and adults the lessons of the Holocaust, especially now, since so few survivors and liberators are alive to give first-hand testimony.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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

Best wishes for a Healthy & Happy New Year! Minda Miller Foundation Chair 803-788-1280

To donate visit our website:holocausteducationfoundation.org Or mail your contribution to: The Selden K. Smith Foundation for Holocaust Education PO Box 25740 Columbia, SC 29224

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L'Shana Tova!



Happy New Year From Our Family To Yours!

September and October Happenings at the JCC

Jam Canning Class

Come learn to preserve a jam perfect for Hanukkah treats Tuesday, September 4 at 6:30 pm; RSVP required | \$25

My America

A Toe Tapping Musical Review Sunday, September 9 at 3 pm - \$7 advance, \$10 at door

Deck the Hut

Help us decorate the JCC's Sukkah! Sunday, September 30 at 2 pm - FREE

Columbia Jewish Book Festival - October 20 - 24

Rick Recht Concert Kick off and Pizza Dinner

Saturday, October 20, 6 pm - FREE

Dramatic and Interactive Storytelling -

2 pm (preteen literature) and 3 pm (preschool and kindergartners) Sunday, October 21 - FREE

Media Literacy Seminar with Frank Baker

Tuesday, October 23, 7 pm - \$2



September 5 | 8 pm

Elie Wiesel | Return to the Akeda: Why I Love Isaac

Don't miss the opportunity to learn from Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel as he shares his insight on this most timeless and relevant biblical tale. Discover the deeper meaning of Abraham's almost sacrifice of his son Isaac and the broader context of this pivotal story.

October 16 | 8 pm

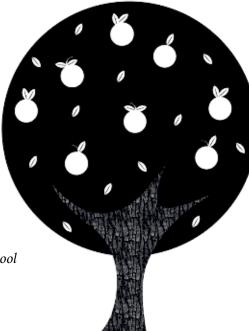
Walter Isaacson on Steve Jobs

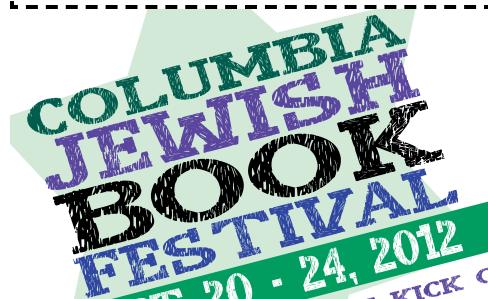
Walter Isaacson, author of a new biography of Steve Jobs, discusses the significance of Jobs's contributions to the business world and explains his drive as it revolutionized six industries: personal computers, animated movies, music, phones, tablet computing and digital publishing.

December 5 | 8 pm Madeleine Albright

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BBYO



It's Columbia's dance. Do you recognize these AZA members and their sweetheart from April 18, 1997?

Members of BBYO held a picnic at Finlay Park on June 10 despite a light drizzle. Members includ: Grant Kilgore, AZA advisor Jerry Emanuel, Sarah Shtessel, Sarah Brotman, Hannah Greenhouse, and Bethany Smith. With the leftover



food, chapter members were able to feed more than 20 homeless people gathered at the park. Photo by David Greenhouse

BBYO members began filling the calendar with new programming for the coming year for the Paul Schwartz chapter, AZA, and the Lena Karesh chapter, BBG.

BBG members gathered at the JCC on August 19 to make baskets for the High Holidays. Members of both chapters went to Port City to attend Charleston's annual Labor Day dance, a tradition in Dixie Council for decades.

The annual new members pool party and social will take place September 8. This is a chance for the newer members and potential members to meet the officers of the chapters and to learn about upcoming programs, both local and council-wide.

AZA is planning a food drive to help Harvest Hope Food Bank fill its shelves by placing receptacles at the JCC for a three-week period beginning in September.

The first true convention of the year, AIT/MIT convention, will be held once again at the Bob Cooper

4-H camp in Summerton, S.C. in October. It's open to all new members and those who have never attended. New members will be formally inducted into BBYO and will learn about the history, traditions, and songs of the order. They'll also take part in icebreakers, religious services, and social activities and meet the officers of the council.

In mid-September both chapters, with the help and advice of the beau and sweetheart, will begin planning Columbia's dance weekend which is scheduled for January 11 - 13.

Membership in BBYO is open to all Jewish teens entering the ninth grade through 12th grade regardless of religious affiliation. For more information contact Bethany Smith (BBG) or Grant Kilgore (AZA).

BBYO now has a program for pre-teens, middle school youngsters in grades 6 - 8. For more information about *BBYO Connect*, or to volunteer as an advisor, contact Rona Goldstein, Dixie Council director, at rgoldstein@bbyo.org.





Summer 2012 NEWSFLASH!

Hillel at the University of South Carolina is

.....ACTIVE ON CAMPUS.....

- There are regular Shabbat dinners!
- Rabbi Leah Doberne-Schor has developed relationships across the USC community.
- The student executive board is meeting regularly to plan programming!
- Rabbi regularly meets with the campus chaplains
- Students had their first sukkah on campus!
- Hillel and Jewish faculty broke bread together!
- USC Parents Weekend featured a Shabbat Dinner at the Tree of Life!
- 10 USC students were sent on the same trip to Israel through Young Judea!

...accessing RESOURCES,

- Rabbi met with students for counseling and provided the connection to the campus counseling center
- Rabbi helped students access other Jewish resources such as how to become a camp counselor at the JCC, find out more about Jewish Studies courses, and learn more about summer opportunities
- Rabbi has connected Jewish students with resources at Hillel International to obtain and share resources

......and staying connected in the COMMUNITY!

- Rabbi and the students took part in Mitzvah Day!
- Hillel at USC is regularly in the Columbia Jewish News!
- Rabbi Leah has been the focal point of contact for parents of prospective students!
- Jewish students continue to teach Religious School at local synagogues!
- New and improved website (<u>www.hillelatusc.com</u>) is now regularly updated!

Show your support for Hillel at USC through a donation to the Columbia Jewish Federation, 306 Flora Dr, Columbia, SC 29223. Be sure to specify "HILLEL" in the "for" section of your check! A gift of \$300 may be equivalent to a nice Shabbat, \$500 may equate to a guest speaker invitation, and \$1000 might go toward a catered holiday dinner.

Are you the parent of a Jewish Gamecock?

You and your student(s) are invited to a Parent's Weekend Shabbat dinner Friday, Sept. 21 6 p.m.

Shabbat Dinner

Tree of Life Congregation, 6719 North Trenholm Road Enjoy a catered Shabbat dinner hosted by Hillel!

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For more information, contact Hillel's president, Zach Roth at rothz@email.sc.edu or 240-320-2195.

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Grillin' and Swimmin'



By Meredith Engler (Allan) **Young Adult Division** of the Columbia Jewish Federation

As summer comes to a close, several members of the Young Adult Division (YAD) of Columbia's Jewish Federation made a splash at another great party. More than 20 young Jewish adults came out to Kimberly Richey and her husband Alex Filler's new home for a

pool party in July! Despite sweltering temperatures, great barbecue and good schmoozing were enjoyed by all. A special treat that everyone enjoyed was the spectacular landscaping found poolside in the back yard. Alex's landscaping business has exploded thanks to the support of the Jewish community and friends, and Kimberly says, "He's not off duty at home." And while many of the adults enjoyed drinks and appetizers under the Palmetto trees, several kids also enjoyed fun in the sun and the pool. For those who missed out, please follow us on facebook (www.facebook.com/yadcjf) so you know what is coming up!

Birthright's NEXT Havdalah

By Ryan Panitz **Young Adult Division** of the Columbia Jewish Federation

Anyone can nosh and kibitz in a social setting. But, throw 16 young Jewish adults together with a home-cooked meal and a bunch of "Yai lai lai's," and you've got a complete Havdalah experience.



Through Birthright Israel's NEXT initiative, Columbia's young professionals and graduate students gathered for food, fun, and friendship on Saturday July, 28. As overheard in the background, "That was some darn good brisket." Another remarked, "The chance to get together with other Jews my age really helps me find my Jewish identity here in Columbia.'

Many thanks to Justin and Michelle Peterson for hosting such a wonderful evening, a great way to end Shabbat. If you are a Birthright Alum and interested in hosting a Shabbat or Havdalah dinner, learn more at http://www.birthrightisraelnext.com/shabbat.



The Shalom Baby program of the Columbia Jewish Federation would like to say Mazal Tov to Marci and William Saltzman and Carmit and Sahar Zigdon on the recent births of their children.

As part of the program, parents of Jewish newborns or newly adopted Jewish children receive a Shalom Baby bag welcoming their new addition to the Columbia Jewish community. Todah rabah to Carolyn Kressler Greenberg, Debbie Greenhouse, and Cindi Stark for volunteering their time to deliver bags. Contact crc@jewishcolumbia.org to submit a name to the Shalom Baby program.

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