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Federation campaign chairs announced



The Columbia Jewish Federation is very pleased to announce that Joe Sharnoff has volunteered to head up the 2014 Columbia Jewish Federation Campaign. He is ready and excited to get the campaign underway. Joe served as the men's campaign chairman for 4 years and a long time campaign solicitor. He also served as treasurer for Beth Shalom Synagogue for four years. Joe is a financial advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors and has 35 years of experience as a financial advisor in Columbia. He is married to Wendy Sharnoff and is the proud father of Dr. Michael Sharnoff, founder and editor of Sharnoff's Global Views and currently



Associate editor of e School Media, living in Bethesda MD and Sara Sharnoff, who serves as director of the Charleston Jewish Family Services.

Chairing the women's division for the third year is Jackie Dickman Babcock. Jackie has worked on the women's campaign for many years and has been active in fundraising campaigns for other local charities. Jackie is the Deputy General Counsel for the S.C. Department of Health and 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.

The campaign kickoff will be Thursday, October 24 at the Distinguished Service Award presentation to Arline Polinsky. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the campaign please contact Barry Abels at 787-2023 extension 207.

Community mourns the loss of the first DSA honoree



Melton Kligman, Columbia Jewish Federation's inaugural recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award peacefully passed away on July 22, 2013. He was a beloved and prominent member of the Jewish Community his entire life. His leadership roles included President of the Columbia Jewish Community Center, he was an Emeritus member of the JCC Board of Directors, Campaign Chair of the United Jewish Appeal, and a lifelong member of the Beth Shalom Synagogue Board of Directors. He was awarded the highest honors from many organizations including Bnai Brith Man of the Year, the Mogen David Award from Beth Shalom Synagogue, Recipient of the Israeli Bonds Distinguished Honoree Award, as well as recognized for his work in the Anti-Defamation League. Hyman Rubin Jr. once said "Melton is the icon of this community.. there are few that can be called upon to give so fully of themselves"

Melton was born on March 6, 1929 in Columbia, SC. He was the only child to the late Louis and Ida Kligman. He graduated from Columbia High and was an honor graduate from the University of SC where he received



You are invited to the

Columbia Jewish Federation's 2014 Campaign Kickoff

and the presentation of this year's
Distinguished Service Award
to honor

Arline Polinsky

**Thursday, October 24, 2013
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his Law Degree. He served his country in the SC Army National Guard. His real estate practice of over 50 years was held in high regard by his peers. It was said by the late solicitor Jim Anders, "that Melton Kligman was one of the finest lawyers in Columbia".

Melton was raised in a traditional home and was a lifelong member of Beth Shalom Synagogue. As a young man he became very involved in Jewish and community organizations. He held many leadership roles in AZA to prepare him for future leadership positions. He was a member of the USC debate team that won national championships. He met the love of his life when he was 16 at a BBYO dance in Charleston. He and Helene share a passion

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

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for life and loved to celebrate every holiday, birthday and sporting events with their family. He was fortunate to have traveled around the world during his life, but his favorite place was Sullivan's Island, SC.

Melton left a wonderful legacy. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Helene Firetag Kligman; four daughters and a devoted son, Lyssa and Jonathan Harvey, Mindy and David Odle, Heidi and David Lovit, Kala and Ken Sheckler, Joe and Vanessa Kligman; 12 grandchildren, Eden Hendrick (Matt), Jordane Lotts, (Joe), Kyle Harvey, Melissa Cofar (Jason), Rachel Noyes (Dan), Aspen Odle, Adam Lovit (Shanna), Morgan Lovit, Rebekah Lovit, Kendal Sheckler and Karley Sheckler, and Louis Kligman; four greatgrandchildren Jack and Hannah Hendrick, Willa Cofar, and Molly Noyes.

Melton Kligman will be remembered for his integrity, justice, leadership, kindness and tzedakah.



Distinguished Service Award Recipients

2013 Arline Polinsky
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*

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What Will Be Your Legacy?

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



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

So how will you turn that passion into your legacy?

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

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

**Your dreams...your passion...
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A Wonderful and Welcoming Six Months

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



Recently I hosted several people involved with our Federation Young Adult Division at my home for dinner and a discussion. The Young Adult Division (YAD) has initiated a program of interviewing and video recording various community leaders about their community service and what motivates their involvement. I was honored to be one of their interviewees.

As a lead in to one question it was noted that I had now been in Columbia for over six months. I paused for a moment and then answered the question. But later on I reflected on that small fact and wondered at the way we perceive time. It seems like just a few weeks ago I was driving a truck to Columbia and moving in. Certainly, much of my perception of time comes from the "never a dull moment" environment. Within both the Federation and JCC staff roles and responsibilities have been changing, new and former staffers have been hired, programs and activities are increasing, we are addressing physical plant issues and this work continues. A good portion of the time, the Federation has been short two positions and I am thankful that after Sukkot, that will have been remedied and we will have a full staff on board. Another factor in this rapid passage of time is involvement within the whole of the Jewish community. Between attending services at all three congregations, The Big Nosh, the dedication of the Chabad Aleph House, the Beth Shalom Fundraising dinner that honored the Fillers, as well as other activities and many lovely Shabbat dinners in many different homes, I have been able to get to know so many of you beyond a formal acquaintanceship. This welcoming atmosphere, along with the numerous activities has really accelerated my sense of belonging, of family and of home.

It is that sense of community and of family that also underlies my feelings and philosophy as your Federation and JCC executive. Ensuring that the programs and services that we provide within both parts of your communal organizations are well run, meaningful and are of benefit, is the best way that I can return what you are giving me. Yet, that is what we should be anyway as Jewish communal organizations. Whether it is running the annual Federation campaign, producing our Jewish Film Festival, reinventing summer camp or providing a great fitness opportunity, we want to have you feel at home and that we are all part of the same family. I believe that we have done quite a bit to grow that feeling in the time that I have been here. In part it is due to changes we have made and in part it is due to the efforts of volunteers and board members who care greatly for our Columbia area Jewish Community. However, even with these strides forward, this journey continues. We have more to accomplish and we need to learn more about what we can do to better reach those who we have yet to serve in a meaningful way. As we move towards this New Year and observe our High Holidays, we will strive to do just that. I am pleased and thankful that many of you have told us we are on the right track and doing well. However, we will make mistakes along the way, and on some things, be too slow or too fast to respond. So as is the custom during this part of the year I, and we as your organizations, ask for your understanding and forgiveness as we move forward to serve you if we offend or fall short of your expectations. It will never be our intention to do so.

In the meantime, on behalf of myself and everyone on our campus, good health and happiness in this New Year and may everyone be inscribed in the Book of Life for a sweet and meaningful year.



MEET GINNA GREEN Columbia Jewish Federation's new Community Relations Director

Even though I'm a veteran writer and editor, I've been struggling with my first article for the Jewish News. "This is my grand introduction to the community," I thought. It must be perfect!

Perfection, however, appears to be out of my reach this week. And "don't force it" is apt advice in a variety of arenas: skinny jeans, construction, and writing, too.

I'll take that advice and won't force it; I'll just let you know where I'm from, where I've been and why I am so excited to join the Federation as the community relations director.

The Lowcountry is in my blood, but my family moved from Georgetown to Columbia when I was in high school. I attended Hammond and USC, and accepted a fellowship with the Congressional Hunger Center in Washington, D.C. after college in 2000. I've worked with the South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center and the Appleseed Foundation in D.C., and when I moved to Oakland, Calif. in 2004, I joined the progressive online magazine AlterNet. After my stint at AlterNet, I spent two years as director of public relations for Full Court Press Communications, working with foundations and nonprofits focused on social change. I joined the California office of the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) in 2007; it turned out to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work on financial policy at arguably the most important and tumultuous time in decades.

During my years at CRL, I also became very involved as a lay leader in Oakland. I chaired the Gan Mah Tov Preschool parent committee for several years; served on the Young Leadership Division Board of the Jewish Federation of the East Bay and organized marketing for the Federation's PicnicFest, the community's largest event. In 2010, I was selected for the intensive two-year Wexner Heritage Program, an initiative of the Wexner Foundation designed to strengthen Jewish leadership in North America.

Were it not for Wexner, I would no doubt still be at CRL, fighting 300% APR loans and empty promises from debt settlement companies. The Wexner experience germinated the idea that I could add more value to the community as a professional than I could as a lay leader, and increase my individual impact as well as that of the community. In the words of my fellow Wexner alum Gordon Hecker who is now CEO of the Columbus Jewish Federation, I've gone "from lay to pro."

I couldn't be more delighted to bring the skills I've honed outside the community—in fundraising, strategy, communications, outreach and coalition-building—to bear on this community. I'm excited for the journey, and looking forward to us making strides, impact—and mistakes—on the way.



L'Shana Tovah!
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Throughout the Coming Year!



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Jewish Family Service



It's September. It's Fall. It's the New Year. What does this mean? To many people, the New Year and a change in season, brings different emotions, senses and feelings. It's about this time of year, every year, that I get reflective and retrospective. To go from the happiness of a New Year, to follow by a day of atonement- ten days of rejoicing of the gift of life, to prayer and remembrance- it is a difficult week. Let us not forget also, the gift of Shabbat Shuva. It's a busy time of year. Sukkot, and Simchat Torah as well. Take this time to reflect. Look at your neighbor, and welcome them into your Sukkah. Think about the struggles that we have endured, and conquered, and rejoice. But don't forget that not everyone is capable of overcoming, and remember that we are here to help each other.



Beginning September 1st, please go daily to <http://www.daybreakcare.com> and vote for Jewish Family Service. Every month, Daybreak gives \$500.00 to the charity which has the most votes. Please help us win by voting once a day for the month of September! This \$500.00 could help someone in the Columbia Jewish Community get medication, medical attention, food, or even help pay rent! Please help!

JFS is lucky to have Candy True as an intern until December, 2013. Here is a little about her:

Candy True is an intern currently working on her master of social work from the University of Southern California. She is originally from Kentucky and spent six years in the Army. Candy earned her Bachelor and Master of music from the University of Louisville and has a Doctorate of Music in Trumpet Performance from the University of South Carolina. She plays with several groups around town including the Columbia Community Concert band, Die Lustigen Musikanten, Blue Serenade Orchestra, and the Capital Brass. She taught three years at the University of South Carolina Aiken. She was at DORN VA Medical Center in psychosocial rehabilitation which has prompted her interested in being in the helping field and pursuing the MSW degree. She plans to return to the VA once her degree is complete.

If you see Candy around the JCC or out in the community, please make sure that you say hello! As always, JFS is always taking food donations for the food pantry. Please make sure that food has not expired, as JFS can not give out food that is past due. Thank you to everyone who has given so very generously. JFS truly could not be what it is without the community's help. JFS is now a community partner with Kroger! Please go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and register your Kroger Plus card with Jewish Family Service!

Also, JFS is the recipient of a grant which will allow the Senior Transportation network to continue to provide low-cost rides on Senior Express! Call for more information (787-2023 ext. 220)

Finally, I want to wish everyone in the community a L'shanah tovah! Thank you for everything that you do!

Tuesdays with Friends

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

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.



Bar Mitzvah Project - A Wonderful Success Story



In July of last year, Leeam Stein began a campaign to raise awareness and funding for the Heroes Vest Fund organization, as his Bar Mitzvah project.

On Thursday August 8th, 2013, a packed auditorium watched as Leeam Stein presented a body armor protection vest to the Lexington County Sheriff's Department for K9 Officer Forest.

The vest was made possible by the Heroes Vest Fund, a non profit organization run by Elaine Henderson of Lexington. This organization provides specialized body

armor vests to K9 officers throughout South Carolina. The company is only able to purchase these vests through donations made by businesses and private citizens. Vest prices start at 2,500 dollars and are custom made to fit each dogs' body and their departmental assignment. It is Heroes Vest Fund's goal to see that each K9 officer has the protection that they are in need of and surely deserve.

Many large police departments are able to outfit their K9 units with the protective gear that is so greatly needed, other smaller departments throughout the state just do not have the funding for that.

There were so many people in and around our community who generously donated to this very worthy cause. Their generosity was influential in helping Leeam meet his goal of raising enough money to provide this body armor vest for a K9 officer.

This community minded young man continues to work with the Heroes Vest Fund organization. He is committed in his pledge to help these officers who are such an important part of our daily protection, to have the life saving protection that they are in need of.

During the presentation ceremony, Leeam was presented with a certificate of appreciation from Lexington County Sheriff James R. Metts. Leeam would like to thank the community for supporting his Bar Mitzvah project and for following his project as it came to fruition.

To learn more about the Heroes Vest Fund and how you can support this organization, please visit their website at www.heroesvestfund.org

Anne Frank Exhibit comes to Dent Middle School



The College of Education at the University of South Carolina, the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, the Anne Frank Center in New York City, the South Carolina Council for the Social Studies, and the South Carolina Council on the Holocaust have partnered together to bring the travelling exhibition Anne Frank- A History for Today to Dent Middle School August 19- September 25, 2013. Evening activities are being planned so that the community can visit the exhibition. Dr. Doyle Stevick in the College of Education, working with Barry van Driel of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, secured the exhibition for South Carolina. In May, 25 students from Dent were trained as peer guide facilitators. Their role will be to guide middle and high school students through the exhibition. Thirty teachers from around the state participated in a workshop designed to aid instruction about the Holocaust through analysis of historical documents.

South Carolina has been selected as one of three regions in the United States for a special traveling exhibit, Anne Frank- A History for Today. Currently, six sites have been selected to host the exhibit in the 2013-2014 academic year: Dent Middle School, Colleton County High School, Charleston County School District, Lugoff-Elgin High School, Riverside Middle School, and Easley County School District. The goal of this traveling exhibit is to educate visitors of all ages about the consequences of intolerance and urge taking action to create a society based on mutual respect. It invites visitors to engage with current events and to take an active role in their communities and government. The final exhibition panel tells the stories of ordinary persons, from all walks of life, who have experienced racism, intolerance, and discrimination on a daily basis. These stories allow the visitor to question how differences between individuals are addressed and inspire the visitor to work towards a more just, inclusive society.

The life story of Anne Frank is the centerpiece of this exhibition. The family's story reflects world events prior to, during, and after the period of Nazi dictatorship. The exhibit juxtaposes photographs of the Frank family with images

of historical events at the time to show how persecuted people such as the Franks were affected by political decisions and the actions of individuals.

Anne Frank: A History for Today encourages visitors to learn more about scapegoating, anti-Semitism, racism, ethnic cleansing, and genocide as well as human rights, democracy, and conflict resolution. Moreover, the exhibit challenges the viewer to learn about international human rights laws and standards as defined by such documents as the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights and Convention on the Rights of Children.

"I think this [exhibition] has a great potential for reshaping communities," notes Dr. Charles F. Vaughan, social studies teacher at Richland Northeast High School and state coordinator for the travelling exhibition. "Using Anne Frank and the Holocaust can be an entry point into a dialogue about very sensitive issues that are still pervasive in this state today. Racism, income inequality, scapegoating, xenophobia, you name it, it is all here in this state. It might not be out on the front porch so to speak, but it certainly drives what goes on here but hiding in the shadows." Vaughan spent two weeks this summer in residence in the International Department of the Anne Frank Stichting (Foundation) at the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. He was able to pull resources and curricular material for teachers to use while the exhibition is in South Carolina.

"Although we have been partnered with Florida, South Carolina is far ahead of them in planning and implementing the exhibition," noted Dr. Doyle Stevick. "It is our goal to generate enough demand all over the state that the exhibition never leaves. We are particularly interested in getting it into rural areas in the state." Two sites have already been secured for the 2014-2015 school year.

For more information on the travelling exhibition and evening activities at Dent, please visit <http://goo.gl/uG1oRr> for more information. To schedule a tour for students or to volunteer, please contact Marc Turner at Dent Middle School at mturner@richland2.org.



Holocaust Education Foundation Update

Semi-annual report

Three Year Campaign Successful!

The Selden K. Smith Foundation for Holocaust Education would like to thank all our supporters and provide an update on Holocaust educational efforts in SC. With your generous support, we have reached our goal of \$100,000. Thank you to all who have supported the Foundation during its three year campaign. Your dollars will be wisely used to fund various Holocaust educational projects in South Carolina.

To give you a little background, the Foundation was formed in May 2010 to further the programs of the SC Council on the Holocaust. The Foundation functions as a private source of funding for support of Holocaust educational activities and community awareness events in SC and has a 501 (c) (3) status. Current economic conditions and cutbacks in state appropriations have resulted in the need for private funding to ensure the future of various educational projects in our state. In 2010 a three year campaign to raise \$100,000 was launched. The Foundation is staffed by volunteers and less than 1% of funds raised goes to operating expenses.

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

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

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Although we are grateful to have successfully completed our initial campaign, we still need your continued support. If you have never given, please make a donation now. If you have given before, we thank you and ask you to continue to support our efforts. As we celebrate the High Holy Days, we remember survivors and liberators. What a nice way to honor or remember a family member or friend with your donation (acknowledgement cards sent upon request). Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Wishing all a Healthy & Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Minda Miller

Foundation Chair

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Greetings from Camp!

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

Dear Federation,

Thank you for the scholarship for camp. I had a blast! My favorite activity was tree climbing. Tree climbing is where you wear a harness and you are attached to a few ropes. You have your main rope that you climb up, a foot loop, a main knot, and a safety knot. You tie the safety knot so if you fall your safety knot will catch you. The way to climb up is you put your foot in the foot loop then pull yourself up with the main rope then slide your main knot up to go higher. You just repeat that till you get to the top. (You do a safety knot every 10 feet).



I met a lot of cool new people at camp. My SIT's (Staff in Training) were from France and Israel. My counselors were from Georgia. They were big Bulldog fans, but that's ok, I still liked them.

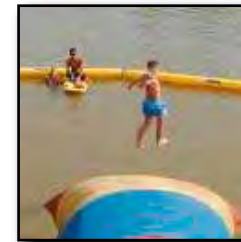
Thank you again.

Sincerely,

David Stark

Dear Federation,

Thank you so much for the scholarship. I had tons of fun at camp. I got to hike, rock climb, tube, go on a jet ski, and many other things that I would normally not get to do. One of my favorite activities was tubing. Although it was very hard to hold on, it was still very thrilling and very fun. The wind in your hair, and the water spraying your face made it an amazing experience. I also enjoyed this activity called "The Blob." It is a big air bag. What you do is jump off a 20-foot tower and then land on it. After that you climb to the end and the next person jumps. When he lands, you shoot up. When my counselor "blobbed" me, I went super high! Once again, thank you so much for this amazing scholarship opportunity.



Sincerely,

Aaron Stark

Isaac Dubinsky - Steve Turner Jewish Camp Scholarship Fund Recipient 2013

Camp Ramah Darom

My time at Camp Ramah was really, really, really fun. They had a 5K run this year, and I liked doing it. The great thing about Camp Ramah Darom is that you can be with your friends. Yom Sport this year was epic, because the theme was based on Dr. Seuss stories, such as "The Cat in the Hat", "Horton Hears a Who", "Sam I Am", and "The Lorax". Each sport team was one of the stories. My team was Tsahov (yellow) and dressed as "The Lorax". Our team won.



Isaac Dubinsky

Dear CJF,

Thank you so much for giving me a scholarship to go to camp Coleman this year. The reason I always want to come back to camp is to see old friends and make new ones. I also like all the counselors because they provide a nice and safe environment. The programs are always really fun and the food is amazing too. Thank you so much again for giving me a scholarship to go to camp Coleman.



Daniel Tedeschi

I had a great time at Camp Barney this summer. My favorite things at camp are the floating dock, the blob and horseback. I was happy that I got to go to this great camp!



Marlie Berger

Dear CJF,

Thank you very much for the scholarship that helped me go to Camp Coleman. I had a blast this year! During the session I took Guitar with Ari, Jewish Cooking with Nick, Ropes, and Self Defense with Brian. I tie-dyed, made sharshuka, learned some Jew-jitsu (get it?:D), and had a lot of KEF! Thank you again. I can't wait to go back!



Louis Tedeschi

This summer I went to Camp Barney. My favorite things were the floating dock, water fight, and tree climbing. I liked Shabbat. I appreciate that I was able to go to this camp and it meant a lot to me.



I can't wait to go back.

Lennon Berger

Dear The Steve Turner Foundation,

Thank you for the opportunity to send me to URJ Camp Coleman this summer. I had an awesome time and met some amazing people. I had an awesome unit and cabin. I played a lot of basketball and frisbee. I went to another camp to play these sports against them. We went on a unit trip to Tennessee. We went white water rafting and caving. Some activities we did this summer were Jewish Cooking, Ropes Course, and Video. Thank you again for the amazing summer and I hope to have another one next year. Thank you.



Sincerely,

Jared Kerner

If you would like to donate to the Steve Turner Camp Scholarship Fund, please contact CJF executive director Barry Abels at 787-2023.

Who had fun at Camp Gesher? WE DID!!!



Wine and Paint Afternoon at the JCC



Mazel Tov

Susan Levi Wallach, wife of Rabbi Philip Silverstein, had a poem in the summer issue of The Moth and a short story in the summer issue of American Athenaeum. In addition, her poem 'Epsilon' is a finalist in this year's Faulkner-Wisdom Writing Competition.

Engagement



Lyssa and Jonathan Harvey are proud to announce the engagement of their son Lieutenant Kyle Michael Harvey, MD. to Elizabeth Grace Barnett of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She is the daughter of Susan and Michael Barnett and the granddaughter of Kirby Randall and the late Evelyn Randall and Mr. and Mrs. Jean Barnett. Kyle's grandparents are Helene and the late Melton Kligman and the late Hannah and Irwin Harvey. Kyle is presently in his Family Medicine Residency at the Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida. Grace is completing her Doctor of Physical Therapy at MUSC. They are planning a May 2014 wedding in Charleston, South Carolina.

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BBYO News

The summer of 2013 was a banner summer for Dixie Council BBYO. 21 teens from Dixie Council (Savannah, Augusta, Columbia, and Charleston) joined teens from all over the world for a variety of leadership programs this past year. Whether participating in International Leadership Training Conference, International Kallah, Chapter Leadership Training Conference, International Leadership Seminar in Israel, or any one of our other incredible summer experiences, these teens had the summer of a lifetime and are ready to be the leaders of the future, and they are ready to start now!

The 2013-2014 school year is off with a bang for BBYO. We start the year off with our annual Labor Day Dance weekend, but with a twist. This year, we are opening our doors to welcome any Jewish teen, BBYO member or not, to join us for the Labor Day Dance. Our theme of "Proud to be Dixie" will be incorporated throughout the weekend as we return to our roots to celebrate our 50th anniversary. For 50 years, Jewish teens in Dixie have been learning leadership skills, celebrating our Jewish heritage and making friendships that will last forever through BBYO.

Also this year, we bring to you BBYO Connect. BBYO Connect is our program for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. BBYO Connect is a chance to get out of the house and make some new Jewish friends. We will be heading to the movies, bowling, ice skating, and many more events. Do you have a teen who is looking for something fun to do? Contact Tamar Sternfeld, Dixie Council Director at 843-619-3613 or tsternfeld@bbyo.org for more information.

On behalf of Dixie Council BBYO, we wish you all a happy and healthy new year. L'shana tovah, tikatevu v'techatemu, may you be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life.

**Many books have been taken from the BBYO lending library in the Zone.
Great to hear. Please be sure to return them. Thanks.**



Fourteen teens enjoyed themselves at the BBYO pool party August 18th socializing, swimming and chowing down on Schiano's pizza. (After three days of rain, Mother Nature cooperated with blazing sunlight and temperatures in the 80's)

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College, life experiences enhanced through BBYO

By Matthew Adam Baker



As collegiate admission standards continue to become increasingly more competitive every year, high school students, especially freshman, must be aggressive in their pursuit of proving to admissions officers and scholarship committees they have the right set of skills that deem them worthy of acceptance.

While parents ask themselves what formula is necessary for his or her child to stand out when looked at by academic institutions across the nation, the answer is simple: today schools are looking for innovative producers with tangible skill sets, students who can adapt and deliver results based on experience and individuals who can engage in thought-provoking debates both in and out of the classroom.

Even more importantly, universities are looking for students who have proven they are going to be successful not just for the next four years but also over the next 40 years.

The experiences gained from being a part of BBYO give high school students the necessary set of unique, life-long credentials that could not be obtained elsewhere through other youth organizations, student government associations or athletic programs. Today, a teen's resume must scream passion, not simply involvement!

BBYO is an organization which promotes innovation, fosters leadership and allows one to build a national and international network of friends who will also become colleagues and mentors.

The skills learned, the relationships gained, and the experiences shared through BBYO have allowed me to succeed today. The return on investment by becoming a part of BBYO is recognizable among the hundreds of thousands of alumni across the globe, especially the alumni within the local Columbia community.

To those Jewish teens in Columbia looking to experience unparalleled opportunities, I invite you to become an active member of the world's largest youth organization, BBYO.

Matt Baker is an Associate for Policy & Special Projects at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies in Washington, D. C., a national security policy institute where he focuses primarily on U.S. counter-terrorism efforts in the Middle East. He also serves on the National Next Generation Board of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as well as the Young Leadership Council of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs. Matt was a member of the Paul Schwartz chapter, AZA in Columbia from 2004 to 2008, was chapter president from 2007 to 2008 and served concurrently as president of Dixie Council from 2007 to 2008.

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Tree Of Life News

During the months of June, July, and August, children and adults from Tree of Life took advantage of the opportunity to participate in a variety of very special activities to assist in our efforts to, "letaken et ha olam"-repair the world. Our work with the Seeds of Hope Farmers Market and our relationship with farmer Louis Reid over many years, has helped protect and encourage small South Carolina farms to grow and sell their produce in the Columbia area. We very much thank our volunteers for their help, spearheaded by: Jean Ginsberg, Rick and Sandy Mendel, Ann Gatton, Linda Rodgers, and Maggie Valentine.

We have also assisted in the annual Cooperative Ministry School Supply collection. Todah Rabah to all who donated to this worthy cause. Pursuing justice - tzedek, in Hebrew is such an easy thing to do when taught from an early age. On Friday evening October 4, Religious School student, Faith Nudelman will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. All of our B'nai Mitzvah are responsible for their personal involvement with a mitzvah project. Yasher Koach, to all of our students and to all who give their time and energy supporting causes and philanthropies to help make the world a better place!

September Religious School Calendar

9/6: Kidz Shabbat, 6:45pm

9/8: Welcome Back to Religious School, 9am

9/15: Religious School, 9am

9/16: Pizza in the Hut: Sukkah Decorating, 4pm-6pm

9/18: Sukkot Dinner and Service

9/20: Religious School Consecration

9/22: Religious School, 9am, COFTY (

Youth Group for Grades 6-12 Info Meeting)

9/29: Religious School, 9am

Shalom and Shanah Tovah to all of our new and returning students! For more info about any of our Religious School offerings please go to www.tolsc.org or call Risa at 803-787-2182.



Tree of Life Farmers Market volunteers

YAD

YAD Pool BBQ in June!

by Justin Peterson and Mike Dojc

When you think of Jewish swimmers, Mark Spitz and Dara Torres are the first names that come to mind, unless you're really pool crazy and are a fan of four-time gold medalist Jason Lezak. In the Columbia swim party scene Alex Filler and Kimberley Richey are top of the podium. The fun loving and splash-happy couple were the gracious hosts for the June YAD social event. Between rainstorms we enjoyed a sun-filled cookout on the pool deck of their beautiful back yard oasis. Centered between towering palmettos and summer flowers, the pool cooled our growing Columbia YAD family: new members, charter members, and the increasing numbers of our YAD families' children! During the afternoon we noodled, rafted, held water-gun fights, and caught up on the latest news with friends. We had a very diverse turnout from singles and newlyweds to longtime YAD vets. Yom Huledet Sameach to Will Saltzman, who was honored at this occasion to celebrate a momentous number b-day.

High Holy Day Service Schedule for 5774

Wednesday, Sept. 4 **ROSH HASHANAH EVE**
8:00 p.m. Rosh HaShanah Evening Service followed by an Oneg Yom Tov & a Youth Oneg Chag (gr. 6-12)

*Childcare available from 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 5 **ROSH HASHANAH DAY**
10:00 a.m. Rosh HaShanah Morning Service
10:00 a.m. Young Children Service
11:00 a.m. Youth Service for Grades 1-4
2:45 p.m. Family Service
4:00 p.m. Tashlich (meet in front of TOL)

*Childcare available from 9:45 a.m. until conclusion of Morning Service

Friday, Sept. 13 **YOM KIPPUR EVE**
8:00 p.m. Yom Kippur Evening/Kol Nidre Service
*Childcare available from 7:40 p.m. until conclusion of service

Saturday, Sept. 14 **YOM KIPPUR DAY**
10:00 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service
10:00 a.m. Young Children Service
*Childcare available from 9:40 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m. Shiur/Study Session with Rabbi Sherman
1:45 p.m. Family Service
3:00 p.m. Afternoon Service
4:30 p.m. Yizkor & Neilah Services followed by Break-The-Fast

*Childcare available from 2:45 p.m. until conclusion of Yizkor & Neilah Services (prior to Break-the-Fast)

*Make your childcare reservations with Risa by Friday, August 30 for children age 0 - grade 3.

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Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us as celebrate the Festival of Sukkot and Simchat Torah in September.

Wednesday, Sept. 18
6:00 p.m. First Night of Sukkot: supper in the sukkah
7:00 p.m. Festival Service in the sukkah

Friday, Sept. 20
7:30 p.m. Special Service for the Sabbath during Sukkot, including our Ceremony of Consecration

Saturday, Sept. 21
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service & lunch in the sukkah

Wednesday, Sept. 25
7:00 p.m. Simchat Torah Service



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Richard Bernstein

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Columbia Jewish Day School

The Columbia Jewish Day School has started its twenty-second year of service to the community. The school began this year with 135 students. This is an increase of 10 children from the previous year. Two areas of enhancement include the addition of a new staff hours and improvements to the security system.

The school has added additional staff hours in the later afternoon. This has been accomplished by hiring lead teachers to stay later in the day, providing both an increase in staff and familiar teachers for the children staying for the full day. The staff is one of the most important components to a successful school and CJDS is proud to have increased staff or overall staff hours almost every year. CJDS boasts a staff of that includes all lead teachers holding a college degree and fifty percent of assistant teachers holding a degree.

For this new school year the school has also enhanced the security system. In its twenty-one year history, CJDS has never had a security incident. However, the school's security program is constantly reviewed. The school has always made the safety and security of the students a top priority. While numerous safety measures are in place, upgrades to the system have been added. The old keypad system has been replaced by an access system that will offer entrance through the use of individual numbered key fobs, an outdoor camera surveillance system has been added to our front door that will allow the office to see and speak to visitors, the system includes a number of panic buttons throughout the building, along with other measures including staff training.

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