"KOL T.O.L"
The "Voice of the Tree of Life"
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Tree of Life Congregation Monthly Newsletter
Columbia, South Carolina

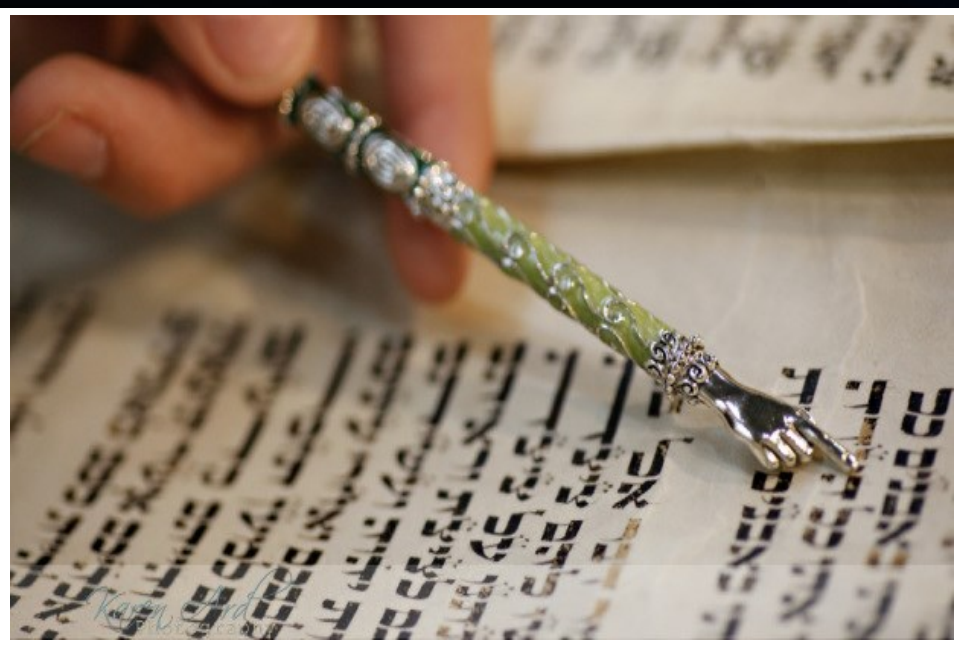
Join us the second Friday of each month, for Friday Night Live!

Friday, January 13th
6:30pm
Join us for Shabbat Evening Services, featuring our house band, The Four Fathers

JANUARY WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, January 6 7:30pm	*Vayigash* Genesis 48:18-47:27
Friday, January 13 7:30pm	*Va-y'chi* Genesis 47:28-50:26
Friday, January 20 7:30pm	*Sh'mot* Exodus 1:1-6:1
Friday, January 27 7:30pm	*Va-eira* Exodus 6:2-9:35

Adult Hebrew classes are now forming!
2nd & 4th Thursday nights
Cost $100 (covers materials fee)
See our website to register.



Fifth Grade B'nai Mitzvah Workshop
Sunday, January 29th
9:00am to 10:0am

Shabbat Morning Service Schedule

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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From the President

Happy new year! We've had a busy 6 months at the Tree of Life. Rabbi Eric Mollo guided us thru High Holidays and his wife Rabbi Carolan Glatstein has the Sunday school going full steam. We have incurred some unexpected expenses this year. We had a mini-flood with the water pipe under the office breaking, which flooded the religious school office. David Potter and Ernie Magaro are busy repairing plaster and installing new flooring. The roof has been repaired several times and we are still having some leaks. Two of the large pine trees on the property had to be removed before they fell and caused any property damage.

I would like to thank Rick and Debbie Cohn for planning the Rick Recht event and the Piano & Pastrami concert which was a huge success. Not only did they bring in some needed funds, but it also created a lot of energy in the Temple. The installation of Rabbi Mollo and the comments and sermon by Rabbi Wolfman was inspiring. We have two fundraisers planned for the next 6 months. Amy Scully along with Alan Carr, Ned and Julie Strauss are planning a wine tasting event in February, and of course the Big Nosh will be in the Spring. If you would like to volunteer for the Big Nosh, please contact me either by email at Boobird2008@gmail.com, or give me a call at (803) 479-0306.

David Potter and Ed Hertz are working hard on getting the tribute plaques mounted in the sanctuary. I want to thank all of the volunteers and my board for all of the support and help that they've given me over the past 6 months.

I'd like to offer my condolences to the Mollo family for the recent loss of Rabbi Eric's grandmother.

Sincerely yours,

Alan Brill

Temple President

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From the Rabbi

Job 14:7 There is hope for a tree; If it is cut down it will renew itself; Its shoots will not cease.

Dear Friends,

With the New Year comes new opportunities at TOL. We are six months into this new chapter for our community. Rabbi Carolan and I could not be more excited to share in the upbeat energy around our temple. In these past months we have come together as a community to launch a new religious school initiative for all grades and to get the word out about our loving community. It has been a blessing to hear the sounds of students laughing and singing during religious school. I am proud of the example our community is setting for our children. When we come together for holy purposes, we share that light with our children and plant seeds for them to follow suit in the years to come.

In 2017, we will be expanding our educational offerings with an array of opportunities for adult education. We will also be involved in several opportunities to collaborate with Jewish and non-Jewish faith communities in our pursuit of social justice, education, and harmony.

Adult members and non-members will have the opportunity to sign up for several courses this year, including:

- Hebrew 101 and 102
- Monthly luncheons for seniors
- Intro to Judaism course
- Conversion course
- Rabbi Marcus's four-part series on Comparative Judaism – Comparing the Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist, and Reform Movements.
- Monthly Lunch and Learn sessions with Rabbi Eric on various topics including: textual analysis, Jewish superstition, archaeological finds in Israel, etc.
- Monthly parlor meeting discussions on the CCAR's new Machzor, Mishkan HaNefesh.

Stay tuned for more! Details for all classes can be found on our temple website and calendar.

Wishing everyone a very healthy and happy, secular New Year as we continue renewing our Tree and growing new shoots day by day.

From the Education Director

As a family, we welcomed the first and last nights of Chanukah by lighting with the residents of Waterford. More than 100 years separate the two individuals captured in this photograph. But their hearts were equally captivated by the glow of our symbol of hope.

Our adventures continued as we joined the entire Jewish community of Columbia at the State House Menorah Lighting. Senator Joel Lourie, Representative Beth Bernstein, and Mayor Steve Benjamin joined us as well as half a dozen rabbis!

Religious School Schedule

Sunday, January 15th

No Religious School

Sunday, January 22nd

9:00am Religious School

11:30am Hebrew School/Imagination Station

Sunday, January 29th

9:00am Religious School

9:00am Fifth Grade B'nai Mitzvah Workshop

11:30am Hebrew School/Imagination Station

Youth News

Our first Chanukah in Columbia was absolutely magical – with all thanks due to our new Southern family. It began with the Chanukah Happening, organized and executed by our very own 7th & 8th grade students. They took immense pride and pleasure in recreating a fond memory of their own childhoods and converting it into a fun afternoon for their younger peers. Many thanks to the Brotherhood for providing a festive lunch!

Brotherhood

Brotherhood Soup Sale

There is nothing like a nice bowl of hot soup on a cold winters day. The Brotherhood will make the soup for you and you will be supporting the Brotherhood through this fund raiser. This is on a Pre-Order basis only. Please see the included Soup Sale Order Form or go to the Temple website to place your order. The deadline to place your order is Thursday, January 19th at 5:00 PM. All orders must be paid for in advance by either cash or check made out to TOL Brotherhood. We will be making two soups, Chef Eric's Matzo Ball & Chicken Soup and Rabbi Marcus's Cabbage Soup. Soup is being sold in quart containers at a cost of $8 per quart. Pick up is on Sunday, January 29th from 10:00 – 12:00 in the social hall. Orders will be refrigerated unless the order specifically indicates to freeze.

Annual Red Cross Blood Drive

Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 29th with the Annual TOL Red Cross Blood Drive. Please visit the Temple website and look for the information about the blood drive. You will see a link "Click Here" which will take you to the Red Cross website where you may schedule your donation time. To be eligible your last donation must be prior to November 25, 2016.

Thanks,
David Carr
TOL Brotherhood President

WRJ / Sisterhood Book Club

On Sunday afternoon February 19th, Tree of Life Women of Reform Judaism (Sisterhood) will be sponsoring a class in self-defense, open to all TOL women and daughters over 12 years old. It won't make you a black belt, but it will teach you some basic moves, as well as awareness tips to avoid trouble in the first place.

It's dangerous out there!

Come and learn how to be safe."

More Information to come!!

Green Team

The Green Team is well on our way to finishing the Water Shield application for GreenFaith certification. We will be sending our Water Shield application to GreenFaith this month – if you are planning to sign your family up for the water pledge, please turn in the forms by January 10.

We appreciate everyone who brought in gently used winter wear for our Coat Drive. These will be taken to JFS and given to those in need.

Next time you're at temple, take a stroll down the new paved Rain Garden walkway.

We look forward to new and interesting "green" projects throughout the upcoming year. Stay tuned for details!

Detailed information about GreenFaith, the Water Shield, and ways you can get involved are all available online: *http://www.tolsc.org/green/water-shield*. Download your own Household Water Pledge today, and help us work towards earning the Water Shield together.

Tree of Life Green Team

To learn more about the Green Team, please visit http://www.tolsc.org/about-us/associations/green-team

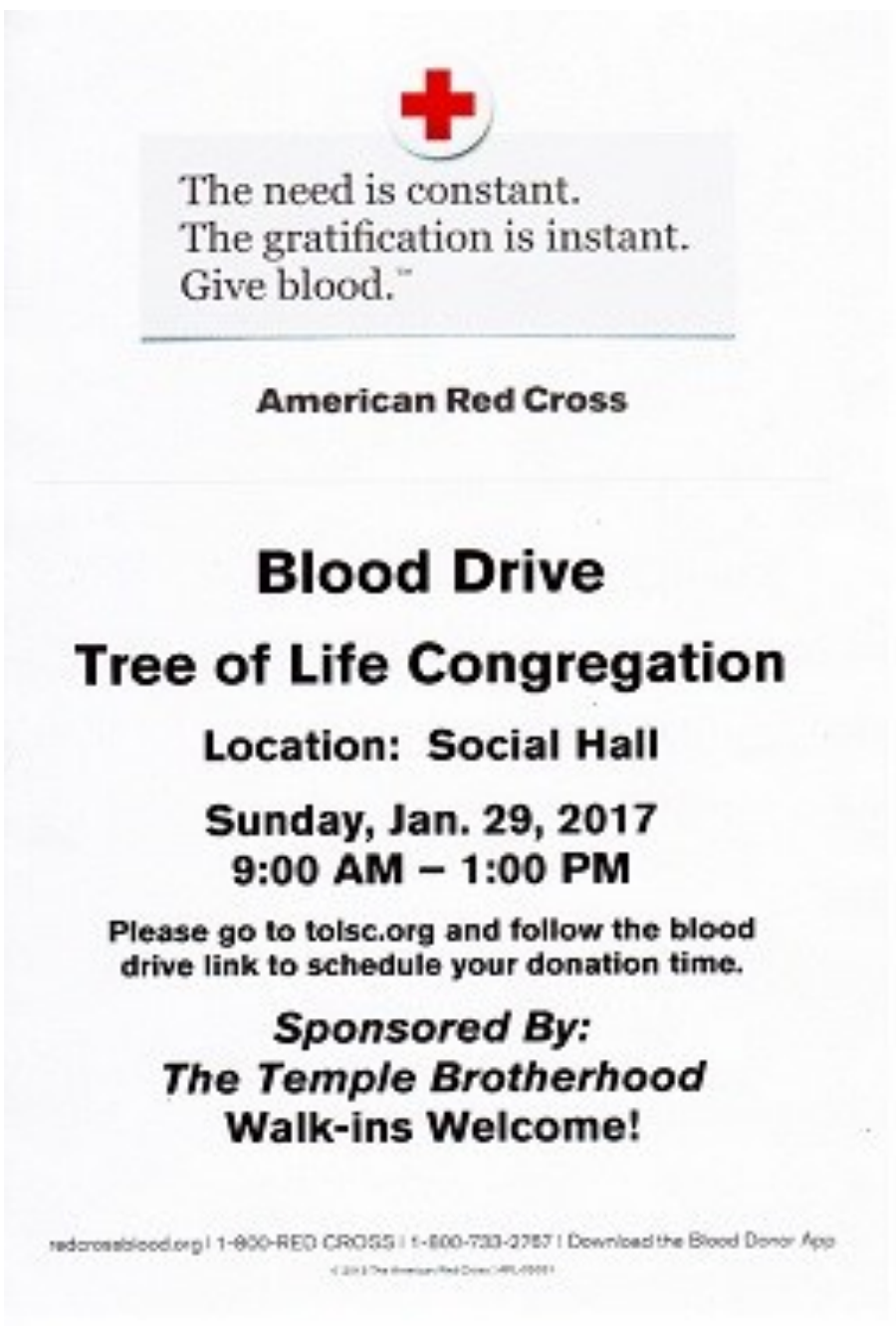
Contact us at *green@tolsc.org* if you would like to be added to our email list or have questions.

Please consider earmarking a donation for the Green Team.

Remember to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

Upcoming Bat Mitzvahs Ceremonies

Upcoming Events



Speaker: Barry Abels, Federation Director

Topic: What the Federation and the JCC has to offer Seniors

Date: January 22, 2017

Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Location: Tree of Life Temple Social Hall

Reservations can be made by email at info@tolsc.org or by calling the TOL office at 803-787-2182.

2017 Brotherhood Soup Sale

Soup Sale Order Form

January is the perfect month for soup. Let the Brotherhood make you soup to keep you warm during this cold month.

Name: _____

Contact Information: (e-mail or phone) _____

How to place your order: Turn your completed order form into the Temple office along with your payment. **Make check out to TOL Brotherhood and write "Soup Sale" in the memo line.**

Payment Method: Check [ ] Cash [ ]

Deadline for Ordering and Payment: Thursday, January 19th by 5:00 pm

The soup is sold in quart containers at a cost of $8.00 per quart. Enter the number of quarts you wish to order next to each soup.

_____ Chef Eric's Matzo Ball Soup _____ Rabbi Marcus's Cabbage Soup

Y / N - Select "Y" to have your order frozen and "N" to have it refrigerated.
No response will be treated as a "N and the order will be refrigerated.

Total Purchase: $_____

Pick-up: Sunday, January 29th from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm in the Tree of Life Social Hall

Member News

Condolences to

Leeds & Katherine Barroll and family, on the loss his mother Rayna Aschaffenburg.

Marina Lomazov and family, on the loss of her mother Sanna Lomazov.

January Birthdays

January 2	January 4	January 5	January 6	January 7	January 8
Matt S. Chisling Joan McGee H. Robert Burg	Revera Wayburn	Bradley Wile	Maryann Lapine	Cheri Shapiro Naomi Nudelman	Paul Westfall
January 9	**January 10**	**January 11**	**January 12**	**January 13**	**January 14**
Benjamin Crawford	Cindy Saad	Steven Langer Hayden Grace Cohen	Todd Weiss Jonathan Artz	Zoe Kaplan	Rick Chapman Emma Iskhakov Cedar Coffman
January 15	**January 16**	**January 17**	**January 18**	**January 22**	**January 25**
Larraine Moses Adam Mullis	Diane Mellitz	Benjamin Altschul	Charles Mullis	Debra Cohen Peggy Miller Rayton Fisher Samuel C. Zivony	Scott Kaplan
January 26	**January 27**	**January 30**	**January 31**		
Jacquelyn Dickman-Babcock Donald Bowen	Jan Savitz David Tedeschi	Naomi Amado Ylon Stout Michael Coffman	Katherine Barroll		

Bimah Flowers

December 2, 2016

Charles Reyner, Sr., Martin Lefkowitz in loving memory of Betty Lefkowitz, Jan Barkan in loving memory of Carol Barkan, Marcia Geers in loving memory of Herbert Stern, Richard & Debbie Cohn in loving memory of Honey Halpern, Family of Art & Barb Levy in loving memory of Robert Allen Levy

December 9, 2016

Feliks & Sarra Rabinovich and Family in loving memory of Sonia Rabinovich, Linda Ackerman, Rene Dunlop and Natalie Picow in loving memory of George Helman, Harvey & Beth Helman in loving memory of George Helman, Jocelyn & Bob Burg in loving memory of Selma Levin, Richard & Ellen Helman in loving memory of George Helman, Lois Gibson in memory of Laura Zaidman

December 16, 2016

Lewis & Maryann Lapine in loving memory of Jack Lapine, Barbara Paul in loving memory of Libby Paul, Ernie & Donna Magaro in loving memory of Christopher Magaro, David& Dori Nudelman in loving memory of Sheila Nudelman, Bradford, Jenny, Delaney, Rutledge Smith, Stephen & Jennifer Savitz in loving memory of Sylvia Savitz, Jan, Philip, Zack, & Erin Savitz in loving memory of Sylvia Savitz

December 23, 2016

Cheryl, Allan & Brody Nail in loving memory of Michael J. Glantz, Bea, Jean & Jack Ginsberg in loving memory of Joseph H. Ginsberg, Joan Tucker in loving memory of Sarah Schwartz, Jeannie, & Hyman Rubin, Jr in loving memory of Hyman Rubin, Sr., Revera Wayburn in loving memory of Myron B. Kahn, Marcia & Frederic Medway in loving memory of Arnold D. Lutz, Rosann Schwartz Canady in loving memory of Albert Schwartz.

December 30, 2016

Revera Wayburn in loving memory of Marian Waxelbaum, Deborah Salzberg in loving memory of Sarah Plavin, Roberta & Steve Friedland in loving memory of Joseph Nifoussi, Philip Wittenberg in loving memory of Rhea S. Wittenberg, Ellen & Richard Helman in loving memory of Herbert Young, Larraine & Jeff Moses in loving memory of Solomon Lourie, Walton, Jeff & Sam Selig in loving memory of Marvin Selig.

Yahrzeits

January 6

Arthur Gross, Benjamin King, Frances Berry, Gertrude Coplan*, Hanna Messer, Isidore Circus*, Joseph Groeschel*, Lillian Helman*, Louis Coplan*, Moe Finkelstein*, Morris Sheftman*, Nathan C. Bass*, Joseph Foglia, Bertha Schwartz*, Celia Greenfield, Jeffrey Wander, Robert N. Rosichan*, Ben Levin, William Y. Rast, Betty Kaplan, Mollie Blatt*, Philip Posner*, Rita Wasserman*, Sadie Wainstolk, Elsie Wolff*, Patricia-ann F. Schwab*, Rose Josephs*, Ann Weiss, Dorothy Weingarten*, Mackie Firetag, Raymond Polen, Rochelle Cooper

January 13

Isaac Donen*, Lucile S. Heyman*, Simpson Robert Walker, Jr.*, Beverly Lichterman, Daniel Cooper Reyner*, Samuel Meyer Gladstone*, Stanley Weiss*, Joseph Rabinovich, Marvin Bienstock, Moses Kornblut, Stanley Abrams*, Herman Mischner*, William L. Scott*, Mariam Kaplan, Rabbi Milton Schlager, Ada Berman Daniel*, Frank Bruck*, Gertrude "Gigi" Becker, Judith Weinberg Thompson, Marion Rosenman Rothstein, Mortimer Burger*, Raymonde Jaffe*, Myron H. Cohn, Roy B. Mitchell

January 20

Abraham Schulman*, Eddie Linzer, Julia Nathanson, Sophie Madoff Edward E. Rothstein*, Murray Buchsbaum, Nathan Mandell*, Sylvia Rosh, Morris Chernikoff, Norman Rotholz, Seymour Bermak*, Betty Scully, Eleanor Alpert, Ella Garlick Gabriel, Herman Erlichson, Lorenz Kronrad*, Zachary Moses Bazerman*, Alfred Weiss*, Leo Silverfield*, Sandra Leavitt Barshop, Sylvia Berger Brown, Helen Poole Womersley*, Stanley Sidenberg*, Vaughn A. Hill

January 27

Benjamin Dunay*, Eugene Emanuel Stiglitz, Frank Spencer, Lillian K. Burger*, Stephen Echlov, Arthur G. Gibson*, Bryan McMullen, Charles "Dan" Daniel*, Lillian Herman*, Harry H. Blecker, Joe B. Berry*, Lyle Kenneth Segal*, Sara Carr, Freeda M. Siskin*, Hedva Fried, Marie Wheeler, Maxie Alpert, Samuel Ginsberg*, Frances B. Rothschild*, Keith Saul Miller*, Minnie Brady, Ralph Segal, Ann Lieder Savitz*

February 3

Edwin Nathan Mittle*, Josephine T. Specter*, Oscar Alexander, Roy K. Diamond, Larry Newton, Charles Thide, Clara Levin*, Darrell Cooper*, Joseph Lipsitz, Sol Kohn*, Anna Bornstein, Bernard Lefton*, David Richman*, Mathilde Nover Gruber*, Meyer Love*, Molly Korash, Susan Epstein Furman*, Elias Stiglitz, Jerry Berez, Rebecca Blenner, Rose Wildman Stern, Sylvia Cohen, Mira Volynets

Oneg Shabbat

January 6	*Chair*: Annette Goldstein Roger & Faye Kuperman Steven & Sally Langer Jonathan & Bonnie Leader	**January 20**	*Chair*: Donna Magaro Ron Maris & Beth Troy Maris Leah Meador Fred & Marcia Medway Richard & Dane Mellitz
January 13	*Chair*: Donna Magaro Arthur & Barbara Levy Hilary Lichterman Marina Lomazov Ernie & Donna Magaro	**January 27**	*Chair*: Ilene King Bruce & LA Miller Faye Miller Jeffrey & Peggy Miller Marvyn Milman

To make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, please notate the fund in which you wish to contribute in the memo portion of your check. You may drop it at the Temple Office or mail it to:

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6719 North Trenholm Road

Columbia, South Carolina 29206

To pay by credit card, go to temple's website www.tolsc.com/giving

If you do not find the fund in which you wish to donate, you may donate your money under membership dues and fill in the special notes at check out, note where and to whom the donation should be accredited.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to your favorite TOL General, Sisterhood, or Endowment fund. Donations make wonderful gifts.

- General Funds ($5.00 minimum donation)
- Building Fund ($10 minimum donation)
- Choir Fund
- Green Team
- Foyer Leaf Fund ($72)
- High Holy Day/Passover Fund
  (to help cover holiday operating expenses)
- Library Fund
- Memorial Board & Plaque Fund ($500)
- Prayer Book Fund
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Rabbi Emeritis' Discretionary Fund
- Religious School Fund
- Religious School Neil Cartiff Memorial Fund
- Youth Activities Fund

WRJ/<u>Sisterhood Funds ($5 minimum)</u>

- Reyner Convention Fund
- Courtesy Fund
- Evelyn & Dan Daniel Leadership Development Fund

<u>Endowment Funds ($25 minimum)</u>

- Jeanette Birch Endowment Fund
- Diane Brown Sobel Endowment Fund
- Marian D. Fleischman Endowment Fund
- Ralph & Sarah Levine Endowment Fund
- Sylvia & Sam Savitz Music Enrichment Fund
- Jonathan Train Youth Group Endowment Fund

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 7pm: Family Caregiver Support Group	4	5	6 6:30pm: Tot Shabbat 7:30pm: Shabbat Evening Service	7
8 9am: Religious School 11:30am: Hebrew School/Imagin. Station	9	10	11 6pm: Executive Committee Meeting 7pm: Board of Directors Meeting	12	13 6:30pm: Friday Night Live	14
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