KOL T.O.L.
The “Voice of the Tree of Life”

February 2019 / Sh’vat- Adar I 5779

Shabbat Worship Services

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My fellow Congregants,

The rabbi search committee is working hard. Please lookout for information about candidates visits.

I want to assure you that the Religious School is not being forgotten. I am working with Dr. Laura Kagan, Elisa Westfall, and Jordan Henry to arrive at a plan for our school that will assure its continued dynamic, child-centered and Judaically meaningful programs. They are working with Rabbi Carolan to continue the current curriculum. We hope the transition of our Religious School Administration will be relatively seamless. We should be able to provide a definitive update to you in the very near future.

The Board of Directors would like to thank all of the TOL Volunteers, committee members, and our office administration (Rabbi Mollo, Rabbi Carolan, and Charlotte) for maintaining our Temple's smooth operations.

I look forward to seeing all of you very soon.

Very Kindly,

Bruce Miller
Dear Friends,

The secular New Year kicked off beautifully with another wonderful performance by Jack Williams & The Waterline Band as part of our Tree of Life Coffeehouse series. On January 18th we held a Special Shabbat service honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Most fortunately for us, we were able to welcome Civil Rights Activist and Philanthropist, Samuel Jay Tenenbaum, to speak about his experience marching with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through the streets of Atlanta in 1965. Samuel’s remarks were from the heart and carried a message of courage and hope that there is much work to be done as we march towards fulfilling King’s vision of equality. Finally, on Saturday, January 26th, our own COFTY board created, constructed, and led a beautiful mostly-farm-to-table Tu B’Shevat Seder. Between the special meal, the inspiring readings, the prayers, and the music, the COFTY board crafted an incredible evening in celebration of creation that we won’t soon forget.

Looking into February, there will be several events coming up that will keep our Temple abuzz until Purim and Passover:

• February 2, 2019 – TOL Coffeehouse Presents: Jonathan Byrd
• February 8, 2019 – Friday Night Live
• February 9, 2019 – Shabbat Morning Services
• February 22-25 – Confirmation class trip to Washington DC for L’taken

Wishing you a Fantastic February!

Rabbi Eric
Even though Family Shabbaton did not take off this year as expected, the foundation is laid for such a program to happen in future years. However, I wanted to extend a huge thank you to Rabbi Leah and Adam Schor for hosting a camp-fire dinner and s’mores havdalah for the families who signed up. While a full day’s get-away would have been really nice, we still treasured some quality time together and got to savor Shabbat in the great Outdoors.

Registration is open for NFTY-SAR Spring Kallah!
April 12 - 14, 2019
URJ Camp Coleman, Cleveland, GA
Grades 8-12

- **Wrestle** with hot topics and challenge your assumptions during interactive teen-led programs
- "**Unplug**" from the stress of the semester and enjoy the peace and beauty of the outdoors at camp
- **Sing** your heart out at song sessions
- **Reconnect** with your NFTY friends

**COST (includes all meals!)**
- $185 until Feb. 20
- $205 until March 20
- $225 after March 20 if space available

**Travel equalization** If you have spent over $300 to attend LLTI, Fall, Winter, and Spring, you are eligible for a $100 credit toward your tuition for Spring. Please email nftysar@urj.org and include the details of your travel expenses for the school year.
Brotherhood

On behalf of the Tree of Life Brotherhood, I would like to thank all who came out to support the blood drive. We were able to secure 18 pints of life saving blood for the American Red Cross. We are looking at dates for next year. Any feedback on the blood drive would be greatly appreciated, especially as to the time we traditionally have it. Would you be more willing to donate on a weekday versus a Sunday morning? Feel to reach out to me at treeoflifebh@gmail.com. We are looking at Sunday, March 10th for the Brotherhood spring meeting and cook out. Please be on the lookout for more details coming soon.

-Eric Feuerstein, TOL Brotherhood President

Green Team

Please participate in our GreenFaith Home Energy Pledge. Forms are available at the TOL office.

For those who have not visited our award winning rain garden, there is an ADA compliant walkway near the right side of the building.

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

Please consider earmarking your TOL donations for the Green Team.

Caring Committee

The Caring Committee is here to provide meals and other support to our members when they need help. If you are in need of assistance or would like to join our “army of volunteers”, please contact either Annette Goldstein or the Rabbis. One volunteer need not do all!

You can sign up to prepare all or part of a meal or to deliver. You can pick up food rather than cook! Your donations to support this endeavor are graciously welcomed.

WRJ/Sisterhood

Happy 2019 from WOL WRJ/Sisterhood!

We had a great Ladies Night Out in January! We had about 18 ladies total, with wine, cheese, munchies, and lots of conversation. Our task was to make Tree of Life pendants with wire wrap and gemstone chips, and every lady finished a pendant! Everyone had a great time.

You will soon be seeing flyers and information everywhere about our spring campaign for Jewish Women’s Breast Health. We have renamed our kickoff event “Brunch for the Battle” to underscore the serious nature of this challenge. We have also moved the event to February 24 due to a speaker conflict. Our speaker will be Whitney Dobek, a genetic counselor from USC Health, who will discuss the genetic link between women of Ashkenazic heritage and vulnerability to breast cancer. Whitney will answer your real-life questions including “What is genetic screening?” “Who should get tested?” “If I’m positive, what are my options?” We are inviting all of the ladies in the Midlands Jewish Community to this vital and informative event!

Then on May 21 the Palmetto Health Mobile Mammogram Unit will spend a day in the TOL parking lot, so that as many ladies as possible can conveniently get their mammogram. We will be spending the time between the February event and May 21 signing up ladies – we are especially encouraging those who know they should have a regular mammogram, but have been hesitant or just too busy. No doctor’s order is needed! Proof of insurance is required.

In between, we also have our annual Women’s Seder on April 23rd. There are more events planned, including the annual Sisterhood Shabbat and possibly another Ladies Night Out with dinner at a local restaurant, so stay tuned!
Kugels & Collards
Presents

King Solomon’s Table with Joan Nathan

Please join Historic Columbia and the History Center at USC as we welcome

Joan Nathan

James Beard award-winner and internationally-renowned cookbook author

Lecture and Reception
Sunday, February 3, 2019
2 - 3:30 p.m.

To be held at Beth Shalom Synagogue
5827 N. Trenholm Rd. Columbia, SC 29206
General Admission $20 | Historic Columbia Members $15

Following the presentation, enjoy a culinary reception featuring Jewish recipes from Ms. Nathan’s cookbooks, and a book signing of her most recent book, “King Solomon’s Table: A Culinary Exploration of Jewish Cooking from Around the World.” Kugels & Collards is a southern Jewish culinary blog launched by the Columbia Jewish Heritage Initiative (CJHI). All proceeds from this event support CJHI.

Tickets: HistoricColumbia.org/JoanNathan
The Shalom Y’all Dinner Series is a monthly event hosted by the Columbia Jewish Federation (CJF) as a way to meet individuals and families who are new to Jewish Columbia and/or the Federation.

The event takes place at the home of CJF Board Member. Guests enjoy dinner in an intimate setting, mingling with other newcomers and learning a bit about what Jewish Columbia has to offer. Some sessions are geared toward singles and couples, while other sessions are more family-oriented.

If you are interested in attending a future Shalom Y’all Dinner, whether you are new, want to get more involved, or are already active, contact Michelle Peterson at Michelle.S.Peterson@gmail.com.
Save the Date!

Dr. Eric Goldman
Film Educator, Critic and Historian

Sunday, March 3
5:30 p.m.
Light dinner, wine & beer selection

This event is sponsored by Beth Shalom Synagogue and made possible by the Sidney Krauss Charitable Trust Fund.
Save the Date

March 24th at the Katie and Irwin Kahn JCC! JFS is offering a one-day opportunity for girls and women ages 6 on up, to learn ways to empower themselves in dangerous situations.

This course will take place in two sessions:
1:00-2:30 girls ages 6-11 and their moms, bubbies, grandmas, aunts, friends, or guardians
3:00-5:00 girls and women ages 12 and up (to 100)
Cost is $18.00 per family
Space is limited, call Laney at 787-2023 ext 220 or email jfs@jewishcolumbia.org for more info or to sign up

Starting at age six, girls are trained to use foresight to reduce risk, intuition to recognize danger, their voices to stand up for themselves and physical strength to back up that voice, should safety be threatened or violated. Far more than self-defense class, this is a movement spanning generations and leading us into a world free from violence against women and girls, now and forever.

Brought to you by Jewish Family Service, Columbia Jewish Federation, Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center, and the Leon Levine Foundation
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## February Anniversaries

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### Yahrzeits

#### February 1
- Minnie Brady
- Darrell Cooper*
- Susan Epstein Furman*
- Mathilde Nover Gruber*
- Sol Kohn*
- Bernard Lefton*
- Joseph Lipsitz
- Meyer Love*
- Keith Saul Miller*

#### February 2
- Morris Alion*
- Abram Aroneck*
- Philip Bernath
- Henrietta Block*
- Elsie Hayman Bruck*
- Marshall Diamond
- Henrietta Schleider Farber*
- Hilda Fischman*
- Gertrude Segal Furman*
- Sandra Gaffney

#### February 8
- Edwin Nathan Mittle*
- Larry Newton*
- David Richman*
- Frances B. Rothschild* Henrietta Block*
- Ann Lieder Savitz*
- Ralph Segal
- Josephine T. Specter*
- Charles Thide
- Ida Lee Weisberg*

#### February 15
- Rabbi Harold Gelfman
- Bella Kalb
- Solomon Korash
- Julius Lichterman
- Helene Lipsitz
- Esther Magrill
- Mabel Mann
- Charles Robert
- Meador
- Alfred Mischner

#### February 22
- Samuel Savitz*
- Ethel Ann Serbin*
- Sherschel Sims
- Florence Snyder
- Kenneth Sorenson
- Paul Spector
- Marc Sunshine
- Harry Vigodsky*
- Nellie Levine Winter*

#### March 1
- Jean F. Gergel*
- Alvah Hope Gould
- Herbert Grosby*
- Charles M. Herzog
- Dorothy Berlin Herzog
- Nancy Bedord
- Milman*
- Kay Politis*
- Ethel Radin

#### February Oneg Shabbat

#### February 1
- Paul & Elisa Westfall
- Barbara Willens
- Lee & Jennifer Williams
- Russell Haber &
- Karen Cooper-Haber
- Linda Ackerman

#### February 8
- Alice Kasakoff Adams
- Cheri Dawson
- Ira & Kay Radin
- Jonathan & Jessica Artz
- Keith & Jackie Babcock
- Rachel & Ari Streisfeld

#### February 15
- David & Kim Bannister
- Craig & Marilyn Barkan
- Jan & Joanne Barkan
- Barbara Becker
- Laura Becker

#### February 22
- Gail Beinstock
- Barry & Eleanor Bornstein
- Michael & Rachael Rawl
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Bimah Flowers

January 4
Ellen & David Potter
in loving memory of Hanna Messer
Marc & Elizabeth Posner
in loving memory of Philip Posner

January 11
Gail Bienstock
in loving memory of Marvin Bienstock
Feliks & Sarra Rabinovich
in loving memory of Joseph Rabinovitch
Lisa Helfer
in loving memory of Irwin Zucker
Jeanie and Hyman Rubin Jr.
in loving memory of Jeannie A. McLain
Lea Weiner
in loving memory of Rose Josephs
Barry and Eleanor Bornstein
in loving memory of Ana Bornstein
Amy & Robert Scully
in loving memory of Clara Levin
in loving memory of Betty Scully

January 18
Cindy Saad
in loving memory of Eleanor Calver-Alpert
Connie and Leon Ginsberg
in loving memory of Marion Mooney

January 25
Cindy Saad
in loving memory of Maxie Alpert
Vernon & Ericka Johnson

General Endowment Fund
Amy & Rob Scully
In memory of: Sarah Brett

The Caregivers Group
In honor of: Naomi Farber’s Leadership

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
Vladimir & Tat’Yana Shtessel
Rachelle & Michael Rawl
Sam Baker & Mira Warshauer
In memory of: Sarah Brett

January 4

General Fund
Marlene Meltz
In memory of: Jessie Stern

In Memory of: Sarah Brett
Rob & Shelley Kriegshaber
John & Marcie Baker
Richard & Laura Kagan
In honor of: Ira & Kay Radin’s 50th Anniversary
In memory of: Susannah Feinstein
Jerry & Lois Gibson
Judith & Rick Miller and Arthur Cohl
In memory of: Hilda Cohl

Caring Fund
Phil Wittenberg

Religious School Fund
Frank & Melanie Baker
In memory of: Sarah Brett

Building Fund
Ira & Kay Radin
Robert Feinstein & Jessica Elfenbein
In honor of our volunteers

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

wish list

If you’re looking for a reason to donate, here are a couple of projects we’re working on:

• A new Torah cover (Goal: $500)
• Replacing lighting with LEDs (Goal: $4,000)
• Repainting the lobby (Goal: $1,000)

TOL Fund Directory

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to your favorite TOL fund.
Donations make wonderful gifts!

• General Funds ($10 minimum donation)
• Building Fund ($10 minimum donation)
• Choir Fund
• Caring Committee
• 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 Emeritus’ Discretionary Fund

WRI/Sisterhood Funds ($10 minimum)
• Reyner Convention Fund
• Courtesy Fund
• Evelyn & Dan Daniel Leadership Development Fund

Endowment Funds ($25 minimum)
• 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

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