



# KOL TOL

The Voice of Tree of Life

August 2020 / Av - Elul 5780



## Shabbat Worship Services



Fri., Aug 7	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Service Parshat Eikev
Fri., Aug 14	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Service Parshat R'eih
Fri., Aug 21	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Service Parshat Shoftim
Fri., Aug 28	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Service Parshat Ki Teitzei

## From the Board President



Shalom,

As August begins, lay leaders and volunteers at Tree of Life continue to work to strengthen our Reform Jewish community. Hats off to our Programming committee for putting together a variety of interesting on-line programs while our House and Grounds committee has completed remodeling the front offices. Thanks, too, to the members of our Religious School and Moving Forward task forces for planning health and safety protocols for in-person gatherings in the near and longer-term future. Our Membership committee is hard at work creating holiday packages to spread the hope for a sweet and healthy 5781. Elisa Westfall, our acting Religious School Director, along with

teachers and parents are planning for a fun and learning-filled Fall while a group of dedicated congregants is working to master our newly installed streaming equipment to provide us all with a meaningful worship experience in the weeks and months ahead. And, enduring volunteer-led programs like the Seeds of Hope farmer's market and the Scrip program continue, thanks to your support.

With deep gratitude, I want to thank Rabbi Sabine Meyer for her flexibility and adaptability in her first year with TOL. Who could have predicted that her responsibilities would so suddenly and fully shift because of the pandemic? It is my honor to work in sacred partnership with her and with our very able administrator, Charlotte Gibson. And, while on the topic of gratitude, I also want to thank Marc Posner for his committed service to TOL as he steps down from the role of treasurer and to welcome long-time congregant Scott Kaplan into that position.

As we begin preparing to enter the month of Elul and the holiest season of our Jewish calendar, I urge us all to think of the role that TOL plays in our lives. As the congregation prepares for its 125th High Holy Days, how might we each strengthen our connection? Are we engaged in the ways we wish to be? How else might we serve? What else might we do or give to our sacred community to keep Reform Judaism vital in the Midlands? If you have ideas about how the congregation might better serve the community, please contact any lay leader or committee member (contact information available via <https://www.tolsc.org>) to share your ideas and commitments.

Stay well.

L'shalom,  
*Jessica Elfenbein*

TOL Board President

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## From the Rabbi

**From Sorrow to Hope**

I'm writing on the afternoon of *Tisha b'Av*; and the haunting melody of *Eicha* – the Book of Lamentations - is still fresh on my mind. This year the somber holiday and its rituals seem to have a different quality. There is an urgency, and a more profound sense of loss than in previous years. *"Alas, lonely sits the city once great with people!"* (Lam. 1: 1) This year, like every year, we mourn the many tragedies and expulsions of our people by coming together in communal grieving. Yet this year we also mourn countless black lives lost to police

brutality and racism and more than 150,000 lives lost to COVID-19 in the United States alone. *"May it never befall you, all who pass along the road, look about and see: Is there any agony like mine?"* (Lam. 2:12) And, faced with uncertainty about the future, we mourn the loss of our old, familiar way of life.

The Ninth of Av - *Tisha b'Av* commemorates the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, and the end of the sacrificial worship cult. The destruction of the Temple in 70 C.E. marked the end of biblical Judaism, but out of that devastation came the Judaism we know today– rabbinic Judaism, the Judaism of mitzvot, prayer, and study. The Temple was destroyed, but Judaism was rebuilt and continued without it. The old structures became obsolete, and a new Jewish way of life emerged.

In our nation, COVID-19 has exposed centuries of systemic racism, economic injustice and inequality, and a threatening climate disaster. This pandemic-induced crisis will require a transformation of our society. We will have to figure out a new way of life that is more sustainable and equitable and that does not rob our children and grandchildren of their future.

But how do we move from sorrow to hope in a world upended? How do we overcome outrage fatigue and righteous anger? Jewish tradition encourages us to begin with kindness and respect. Next, we think globally, but start locally – in our own community. The Midrash teaches, "All of Israel is responsible for each other." We need to recommit ourselves to our Jewish community. Some of you may feel tempted to take "a year off," now that Shabbat services and religious school will be online for the foreseeable future. Some of you may feel that you have no choice but to "opt out" for financial reasons after job loss or furloughs. Some of you may question the spiritual value of a High Holy Day season without the warmth and connection of in-person gatherings and choose to "sit this one out." But what message would that send to our parents and grandparents? And to the folks who, 125 years ago, founded this community? What would we be teaching our children and future generations by suspending our membership and their Jewish education? Our parents taught us the value of community. Let us now teach our children about the importance of community and supporting each other during difficult times. Our membership committee is dedicated to working with you. Some 2000 ago, our great sage Hillel taught: *"Al tifrosh min hatzibur - Do not separate yourself from the community."* (Pirke Avot 2:5)

Judaism as we know it will be changed forever by the pandemic. Some of the old structures will become obsolete. And a new Jewish way of life will emerge.

The final verses of the Book of Lamentations express our hope for renewal: *"Hashiveinu Adonai – Take us back, Adonai, to Yourself, and let us come back, renew our days as of old."* (Lam. 5:21)

Your lay leadership, clergy and staff have been busy planning and innovating to come back and to renew, and to be ready for the challenges ahead. But to continue to reconstruct and innovate, to continue to offer a place for comfort, celebration, and connection post COVID, we need a solid foundation. We hope that you will join us in your ongoing commitment to our community. Help us to strengthen and support each other, to lift each other up, and to nourish our souls as we navigate these uncertain times. And please know that, at the Tree of Life, we are here with you. When you feel lonely and disconnected, know that there is a family here that embraces you. Like you, we eagerly anticipate the time when we can be back together again.

With love and prayers for health and safety,

*Rabbi Sabine Meyer*

Rabbi Sabine Meyer, Ph.D.

## From the Education Director



I am delighted to try on a new hat as Acting Religious School Director at Tree of Life through the 2020-2021 school year. I have taught Judaic Studies at TOL for 15 years while also serving several terms as the Religious School Board Chair. I am a Nationally Board Certified 6th grade ELA teacher at CrossRoads Intermediate School in Lexington School District 5. I earned both my BA and MA in Education from the home of the “Fighting Koalas,” Columbia College! During the summer months, you can find me at the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center where I serve as the director of Camp Gesher. I'm also a proud congregant as my family calls Tree of Life home.

I am excited to kick off the 2020-2021 school year knowing it will be different, but my goal is to keep the heart, soul, and laughter thriving as we learn together!

So, what's the plan? We have a new blended curriculum with both Judaica and Hebrew language components that will allow us to maximize Jewish learning at TOL in the upcoming school year. Our children and teachers will learn together on 22 Sundays beginning August 23rd, both virtually and in-person on designated Sundays and more often in-person as conditions permit. This year will also feature a new partnership with the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center to allow our children to meet face-to-face monthly on the JCC's property with plenty of room for social distancing and TOL fun.

Our religious school board will work with the Moving Forward Task Force to assess what learning will look like during our second semester. But rest assured, we will continue TOL Religious School in the safest way possible for the entire year. I will keep families informed via email, REMIND text group, and a new TOL Religious School Facebook page. Please feel free to reach out to me if I can be of assistance, anytime!

Looking forward to a terrific year,  
*Elisa*

Elisa Westfall  
[directors@tolsc.org](mailto:directors@tolsc.org)

### Values of the TOL Religious School



## Moving Forward Task Force

Our building has been outfitted with all necessary signage and supplies to allow for safe use when it is possible to have in-person gatherings. Access is still restricted to staff and those who need to be in the building to conduct TOL business.

Our new streaming camera is installed; and we are working on optimizing lighting and audio to ensure a beautiful and meaningful High Holy Day experience via live stream. We are excited about the long-term possibilities the new technology offers for future worship services, education and other TOL events.

Local prevailing conditions caused us to postpone our Ice Cream Social and Tail Gate Party. Our goal is to pilot in-person gatherings using outside venues and smaller numbers to build competency and ensure safety. Once conditions allow, our building, our people and our programs will be ready for us to gather safely.

## Membership Committee

### Join a Klatsch!

It's not just for coffee anymore! Klatsches are forming at Tree of Life! Are you interested in cooking, forming a book club, jewelry making, wine appreciation, hiking, or anything else that might benefit from group interaction? Or do you have expertise in an area that you would like to share with a group? Let us know your topic(s) of interest or expertise, by completing the Google form <https://forms.gle/uH63JbgiYyachbi59>, and we will set you up with other members with the same interest. Klatsches will begin on Zoom and can easily transition to in-person gatherings as soon as it is safe. We will get each group started and provide as much or as little continuing support as needed. This is a great way to enhance our bonds of community, especially now while we are unable to gather together at TOL. We are looking forward to receiving all of your responses and ideas for groups!

Let's Klatsch!

The Membership Committee

## Social Action Committee

Join us in Action! Watch for a survey—details soon on email—inviting you to show your interest in various areas of possible Social Action involvement: emergency fund-raising, food insecurity, civic engagement/voter turn-out, etc. We are looking to identify small groups that can “own” particular initiatives within the scope of their interests—both now and as they come up in the future.

Three particular causes to watch for this month:

### Every Voice, Every Vote: Reform Movement 2020 Civic Engagement Campaign

As Reform Jews, we believe democracy is strongest when everyone participates – and it suffers when citizens are shut out from the democratic process or choose not to engage. The Reform Jewish Movement's 2020 Civic Engagement Campaign encourages all U.S. citizens to exercise their right to vote and to break down obstacles that shut some out of the voting booth.

### Richland 2 Backpack Programs: Weekend Meals for Students

Eight schools in Richland 2 need sponsors for the 2020-21 school year, and they are looking for community organizations and congregations that can arrange food drives or coordinate financial support—any level of support appreciated! TOL would like to arrange full or partial support for one of the eight schools.

### MORE Justice

“MORE Justice”—The Midlands Organized Response for Equity and Justice—starts its 4th annual cycle in September. Member congregations work together to empower marginalized people and act powerfully to address serious community wide problems through direct action. Current initiatives address gun violence, school expulsions, mental health, and safe housing.

New network members are always welcome!

Interested in any of these 3 causes, or don't want to wait for the survey? Contact us now!

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## Safety & Security Committee

### Attention: Changes to the TOL Building Security

Do you have a key to the Temple door?

If you do, please contact the Temple office **ASAP**. We are in the process of providing new security codes for our alarm system. We need to hear from every person who has a key because they will need a new security code. The current security codes will be phased out, and you will not be able to access the building in the future. If you have a key, please contact Charlotte Gibson at the TOL office ( [info@tolsc.org](mailto:info@tolsc.org) or 803 787-2182) and she will issue a new security code for you. If you no longer need your key, please contact Charlotte so we can arrange to obtain your key.

Questions? Please contact Charlotte or David Potter (803 530-3798). Thank you for your volunteer service to our congregation and for helping us to keep our community secure.

## Meet Our Bat Mitzvah – Claire Sobel

Bat Mitzvah Date: August 1, 2020



Claire is a rising 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Heathwood Hall where her favorite subjects are history and science. She likes to play basketball and run track, and her favorite event is hurdles. Many evenings you can find Claire at the barn physically distancing with her horse, Frosty, while she practices jumping. What Claire likes best about TOL are the friends she has made and the fun events over the years such as Hanukkah Happenings and Purim.



## FARMERS MARKET

Last Market of the season  
Thursday, August 6 9AM-12PM

The Seeds of Hope Farmers Market is a huge success. The Thursday morning market has been packed with customers who are incredibly grateful for the supply of fresh fruits and vegetables. The farmers are having a banner year for both crops and sales, selling out almost every week. Special thanks go to David Potter and Rena Neiger for volunteering their time to make this happen.



Visit Israel LIVE  
From Your Living Room (and Kitchen) with a

### Kibbutz Hannaton Virtual Tour & Cooking Experience

Anat Harrel, Licensed Israel Tour Guide  
Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM

Nestled among the hilltops of the Lower Galilee, Hannaton is the only Jewish religious, pluralistic, multi-denominational, egalitarian, intentional community kibbutz in Israel. Established in the early 1930's by the Conservative Movement, Hannaton began a fascinating renewal in 2008 becoming a unique, privatized yet socialist kibbutz. Kibbutz Hannaton members work closely with their Israeli Arab neighbors, lead social action, educational and leadership causes and include eleven male and female rabbis among their families.



Anat will guide you on a walking tour through the kibbutz. Learn the story of the ancient Lower Galilee, the history of the kibbutz movement, and step into the one synagogue where everyone prays together and visit the unique mikveh on site. We will even walk past the winery and see the cows!

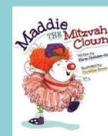
End the tour at the home of Reut Tzohar, professional baker and chef who lives on the kibbutz with her wife and three beautiful kids. Reut has created a lovely home-based restaurant she opens only on Thursday evenings, and specializes in catering for events and groups. She will be teaching us how to make several versions of a local culinary hit, the Sabich, which is an Israeli sandwich based on the traditional ingredients of an Iraqi Jewish Shabbat breakfast. The Sabich has become a go-to street food sensation on the culinary scene of the famous Carmel Market in Tel Aviv and Mahane Yehuda in Jerusalem. Anat will send us the ingredients before the tour so we can make a Sabich along with Reut Tzohar.

RSVP on the TOL calendar

## Razzle Dazzle Magic Show & Fun!

Razzle Dazzle Magic  
for New York City kids!!

Friday,  
August 7th  
10 am on Zoom



Join us for a fun filled, FREE, program for children ages 3-8. We will start with a reading of the PJ Library book, Maddie the Mitzvah Clown, and then introduce our very own magic performer and clown, Razzle Dazzle!

RSVP required. Please see the registration link for more information. Zoom link will be sent out in the confirmation email.



RSVP on the TOL calendar

This year we are embracing a new way of preparing for and celebrating the arrival of 5781. Our emphasis will be on the beauty and fullness of the season, beginning with the month of Elul (starting on August 21) with opportunities for text study, reflection and journaling as spiritual preparation for the High Holy Days, and our Selichot gathering on September 12. The culmination of this period of communal introspection will be our observance of the Ten Days of Awe (Rosh Hashanah, September 18/19 and Yom Kippur September 27/28) before we rejoice in the celebration of Sukkot (October 2-9) and Simchat Torah (October 10-11).

Our worship gatherings will be virtual this year, with opportunities for traditional prayer and interactive text study, a Tot family experience and, conditions permitting, a Tashlich walk (with social distance observed). While the length of services will be shorter, we will offer a variety of options to create a High Holy Day experience that is moving and meaningful in new and exciting ways.

Please mark the following dates, and watch for Zoom invitations and other details:

- *Saturday, Sept. 12: Selichot*
- *Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19: Rosh Hashanah*
- *Sunday-Monday, Sept. 27-28: Yom Kippur*
- *Friday-Friday, Oct. 2-9: Sukkot*
- *Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 10-11: Simchat Torah*

We hope you will join with us in our enthusiastic embrace of the changes being planned. We look forward to sharing with you in a meaningful start to what we all pray will be a sweet New Year full of good health and abundant blessings.

*Rabbi Sabine Meyer and the TOL Board*



## Save the Date



Wednesday | September 2nd | 7:00 PM | Zoom

### The Importance of Critical Thinking & Media Literacy in a Fake News World with Mr. Frank Baker

These are unprecedented times: more forces are at work now than in any other time in history working to spread fake news, conspiracy theories, hoaxes, and disinformation. They will even try to sway an election. Frank Baker has a 20+ year long history of teaching "media literacy" to students and teachers. Now, he says, everybody needs a dose of media literacy. So what is it? During this event, he hopes to engage you in some of the same ways he reaches his educational audiences. He will also entertain your questions, so come prepared. (There won't be a test!)





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**August 1**

Sheldon Coffman  
David Sella

**August 4**

David Cutler  
Larry Glasser

**August 5**

Keith Babcock  
Landon Williams

**August 6**

Alexander Zamdborg

**August 7**

Josh Gupta-Kagan  
Sarah Shtessel

**August 9**

Jeannie Rubin  
Michael Zamdborg

**August 10**

Meyer Drucker  
Kim Moses

**August 12**

Barbara Willens

**August 13**

Simcha Rodgers

**August 14**

Art Levy  
Ron Maris

**August 15**

Josh Cohen  
Ann Gaton  
Kiber Selig

**August 16**

Lew Lapine  
Marvin Kline

**August 19**

Ina Hark  
Linda Orgain  
Linda Rodgers  
Bradford Smith

**August 21**

Tessa Gonzalez

**August 23**

Eugene Green  
Terri Hornauer

**August 24**

Iris Elfenbein

**August 25**

Ana Sofia Buscemi  
Harry Goldberg  
Marc Rapport

**August 27**

Jack Sterne

**August 28**

Hannah Greenhouse

**August 29**

Scott Numbers

**August 30**

Eleanor Streisfeld

**August 31**

George Helman  
Adele Salzberg

## August Anniversaries

**August 1**

Jenny Savitz-Smith & Bradford Smith- 22 years  
Linda & Jack Sterne- 22 years

**August 13**

David & Dori Nudelman- 21 years  
Frederic & Marcia Medway- 15 years

**August 20**

Alan & Marcia Geers- 53 years

**August 7**

Randi & Scott Numbers- 32 years

**August 15**

Beth & Ron Maris- 44 years

**August 21**

Vladimir & Tat'Yana Shtessel- 38  
years

**August 9**

Gerald & Sandra Euster- 56 years

**August 16**

Keith Babcock & Jackie Dickman- 45 years

**August 23**

Leonid & Jiewei Zamdborg- 2  
years

**August 11**

Sanford & Ruth Marcus- 58 years

**August 19**

Ari & Rachel Streisfeld- 8 years

**August 26**

Leeds & Katherine Barroll- 43 years



Happy Anniversary

<b><u>August 7</u></b>	<b><u>August 14</u></b>	<b><u>August 21</u></b>	<b><u>August 28</u></b>
Evelyn Baker Alion*	JoAnn Baker*	Rudi Barnett	Raymond Bannister
Antonio Arbona-Bennazar*	Esther Brody	Edwin Bihari*	Dr. Charles Belove*
Henry Donald Bogatin, Jr.	Joseph L. Cohen	Jane Kalman Ginsberg*	Edward Circus*
Dolores Carr	Ethel Cohn	Isaac Greenberg*	Susan Goldberg
Lynda Picow Catlett	Charlene Davis*	Rabbi David Gruber*	Henrietta Halford*
Jack M. Cohen*	Selma Dickman*	Helen King	Norman Hansen
Bessie Fabra*	Morris Dickman	Irving Krauss*	Florence Silverman Reyner Kramer*
Emmanuel Farber	Albert "Ron" Garber	Herbert Levy	Hannah Cohen Loebee
Joel Fine Ginsberg	Gustave Gergel*	Lily Madnick	Hortie S. Reyner*
Frederick Hoffman	Laurence C. Hertz*	Sanford Mazer*	Marilyn King Sachs
William Korash	Dana Kelley	Philip Melnick	Rubeun Sonne
Anne Schultz Krauss*	Maxine Alpert Kline	Ida Rauch*	Sam Stern
Abraham Mellitz	Ruthie Linzer	Eleanor Berg Selig	Rabbi Jerome Gerson Tolochko*
Rose N. Mild*	Edythe Loryea*	Marilyn Tolochko Shapiro*	
Anna Berman Radin	Lev Luchin	Martin Weinberger*	
Max B. Ravdin*	Sadye L. Mann*	Max Wittenberg*	
Hyman P. Rothberg	Steven Phillips	Abraham Yazdanpanah	
Julian Stein	Patricia Rubin		
Minna Wallace*	Edward Scully		
Revera Wayburn	Maxine M. Sepulveda*		
Frank L. Weiner*	Rose Sheftman*		
Eve Werner*	Benjamin F. Vineburg*		
	Adele Volin*		

*We hope that you will continue to support our community with a donation in memory of your loved ones. Please make a donation to the fund of your choice.*

## July 2020 Contributions

### **Building Fund**

Susan & Alan Brill

*In memory of Kenneth Gomberg,  
Regina Bogatin, Arline & Gerald Polinsky,  
Leslie Cote, and Lorraine Moses*

*In honor of the birth of Ernie &  
Donna Magaro's grandson*

*In honor of Laura Kagan's  
leadership in TOL's Religious School*

Linda & Jack Sterne

*in memory of Lela M. Kuntz*

David & Kim Bannister

*in memory of Meyer Zellman*

Ira & Kay Radin

*in memory of Jacob Radin*

David & Ellen Potter

*in memory of George C. Potter*

Faye Miller

*in memory of Ivan Miller*

Bruce, LA, and Faye Miller

*in honor of the birth of Donna &  
Ernie Magaro's grandson*

Amy & Rob Scully

*in memory of Harriet Posner*

### **Building Fund Continued**

Jane Littmann

*in memory of Lewis E Littmann*

Fred & Marcia Medway

*in memory of Leonard Lutz*

Jeff & Peggy Miller

*in memory of William Dorf*

Linda & Jack Sterne

*in memory of Morris Kuntz*

### **CoFTY**

Gail Bienstock

*In honor of TOL's 2020*

*Confirmation Class*

### **Reyner Fund**

Carol Reyner Barnett

*in memory of Ruth Werblum Love*

### **Sisterhood**

Laura Becker

*in memory of Ruth Becker*

Melanie & Frank Baker

*in memory of Sheila King*

### **General Fund**

Harris & Meryl Rittenberg

*in memory of Lorraine Moses*

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*in memory of Nathan Sheftman*

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*in memory of Miriam Rapport*

Stephen Goldring

*in memory of Terry Goldring*

Melanie & Frank Baker

*in memory of Kenneth Gomberg*

Beth Troy Maris

*in memory of Mitchell J. Paul Troy*

### **Endowment Fund**

Jennifer & Hans Mykytyn

*in memory of Leo David Goldblatt*

Gerald & Sandra Euster

*in memory of Rita Trantham*

**Flower Fund**

Alex Ogden & Judith Kalb and Family  
*in memory of Max Kalb and William P. Green*

Maxine & Rayton Fisher  
*in memory of Leon Garber*

David & Debbie Greenhouse  
*in memory of Saul Wasserman*

Morton & Ellen Winter  
*in memory of Lewis Winter*

Jennifer & Hans Mykytyn  
*in memory of Blanche Glaser*

Jeannie & Hyman Rubin, Jr  
*in memory of William C McLain, Jr, Rose Rubin, & Hannah Rubin*

Joanne Hafter  
*in memory of Richard Hafter*

Jocelyn & Bob Burg  
*in memory of David Levin*

David & Ellen Potter  
*in memory of Jacob Fleischman*

Naomi, Steven & Samuel Grosby  
*in memory of Ruth Farber*

Janice Park Rivers  
*in memory of Maie Park, Art Rivers, and Blair Rivers*

Alan & Marcia Geers  
*in memory of Henry Geers*

Barry Bor  
*in memory of George Bor*

Terry Garber  
*in memory of Harold H. Eschen*

**Flower Fund Continued**

Donna & Ernie Magaro  
*in memory of Rachel Davidson*

Igor & Irina Volynets  
*in memory of Valeriy Volynets*

Meredith & David Sella  
*in memory of MM Weinberg, Jr*

Marcie & John Baker  
*in memory of Sarah Stern*

**Caring Fund**

Lois & Jerry Gibson  
*In memory of Lorraine Moses*

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*in memory of Joan Markham Siebert*

Sara Schechter-Schoeman  
*in memory of Ferdinand Schoeman*

Alan & Carolyn Conway  
*in memory of Betty Conway*

Philip Wittenberg  
*in memory of Samuel M Wittenberg*

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*in memory of Mildred Schwartz in honor of the birth of Steven & Sally Langer's granddaughter*

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*in memory of Gerald Tucker*

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*in memory of Marcelle Rodgers*

JB Sobel (Claire Sobel)  
*in honor of Ira Radin for his dedication to preparing the next generation of congregants and helping Claire prepare for her Bat Mitzvah*

Alice Adams  
*in memory of John Adams & Lawrence Kasakoff*

**Rabbi Discretionary Fund**

Debbie & Rick Cohn  
*In memory of Ted Solomon*

Sandra & Ed Poliakoff  
*in memory of Regina Bogatin*

Melanie & Frank Baker  
*in memory of Arline & Gerald Polinsky*

Our community is coming together in new ways to worship, study, heal, mourn, comfort, and celebrate during these unparalleled times. We are grateful for your donations. Your support of the Tree of Life matters now more than ever. Todah rabbah!

To make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, please note 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](http://www.tolsc.com/giving). If you do not find the fund to which you wish to donate, you may donate your money under General Fund and fill in the special notes at check out, note where and to whom the donation should be accredited.

**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
- 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
- Religious School Fund
  - Religious School Neil Cartiff Memorial Fund

**WRJ/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 Scott Train Youth Group Endowment Fund
- General Endowment Fund



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