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MARCH WORSHIP SERVICES

Fri., March 1

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Eve Bar Mitzvah Service of
Alexander Bernstein
Torah: *Ki Tisa*, Ex. 30:11 – 34:35

Fri., March 8

6:00 p.m. KIDZ Shabbat Dinner & Service
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Eve Service*
Torah: *Vayakheil-Pekudei*,
Ex. 35:1 – 40:38

Sat., March 9

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
and Torah Study

Fri., March 15 Youth Group Shabbat

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service
led by the members of COFTY
Torah: *Vayikra*, Lev. 1:1 – 5:26

Fri., March 22

6:30 p.m. Potluck Shabbat Dinner
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Eve Service*
led by *Kitah Bet* (2nd-level Hebrew class)
Torah Reading: *Tzav*, Lev. 6:1 – 8:36

Fri., March 29 Shabbat Chol HaMoeid Pesach

7:30 p.m. Service for the Sabbath during Passover

Sun., March 31 Last Night of Passover

7:00 p.m. Concluding Day &
Yizkor/Memorial Service

Fri., April 5 TGIS (Thank God It's Shabbat!)

6:00 p.m. TGIS Family Service
7:00 p.m. TGIS Shabbat Dinner
Torah: *Shemini*, Lev. 9:1 – 11:47

* Childcare is available for services.

Passover 5773

Monday, March 25 First Night of Passover
Tuesday, March 26 TOL Congregational Seder
(2nd night)
Thursday, March 28 WRJ Women's Seder
Friday, March 29 *Shabbat Chol HaMoeid Pesach*
(Sabbath during Passover)
Sunday, March 31 Last Night of Passover Service
Monday, April 1 7th/Last Day of Passover



Chag Sameach!

We wish you a very happy and meaningful Passover!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

by Richard H. Cohn, Sr.

As we enter the month of March, we have celebrated Purim and look forward to Passover, as well as a "Taste of the Big Nosh™."

I am pleased to report that we have hired a part-time Administrative Assistant, Bobbie Osborne, to handle the accounting activities and office support at Temple. The next time you come by Temple, please stop by the office and give Bobbie a warm welcome! I'm sure she will be a great addition to our office staff.

I want to thank everyone who purchased Israel Bonds. We are still a long way from 100% participation. Remember you can support this wonderful cause by contacting Tracy Bernstein at 404-857-1065.

Mazel Tov to all those who worked on the Columbia Jewish Film Festival in February. I attended opening night, which was a sellout! It was wonderful to see many Tree of Life members supporting the event.

I am very excited about something new that we are trying this year. I would like to encourage everyone to buy a ticket to the Taste of the Big Nosh™ on Saturday evening, March 16th. Enjoy a taste of the wonderful food featured at our upcoming Big Nosh™. In addition, you will be able to participate in a terrific silent auction, help honor our sponsors, and take advantage of this fun opportunity to socialize with fellow congregants. It will be a fun fundraiser and will help build up excitement for The Big Nosh™ in April.

I began the year with a simple message asking you to become "doers," not "talkers." If you look at all we have accomplished in the last eight months, I'd say we've done just that. Our list of accomplishments is growing, but we can't stop here. Let's finish the year on a high note! I know we will do it! Thanks to all of you, our Tree of Life family, we have a Temple to be proud of, and we can feel proud in saying that we made it happen.

If you have any questions or issues you'd like me to address, please plan to attend a TOL Town Hall Meeting on Monday, March 18 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Social Hall. I will look forward to greeting you there. And be sure The Big Nosh™ is on your calendars – we will need your help and your support to make it a success again this year.

As always, my best to all of you.

Just a reminder that the special New Year's promotion to join the Columbia Jewish Community Center has been extended due to popular demand. You can save up to 40% off all memberships, and there's no joining fee. Don't miss out – support the JCC!

FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR



JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE OF THE WEB

by Cheryl Glantz Nail

"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." ~Lao Tzu

Talking to my step-nephews during the holidays, I momentarily longed for my days of video gaming. I could hardly be considered a "gamer," and my serious lack of hand-eye coordination meant that I very rarely ever completed an entire quest (let's be honest: I usually didn't make it past the first few levels). Yet still I loved the thrill of those two words flashing across the screen: ACHIEVEMENT UNLOCKED! While adding a new online product to our website might not be as thrilling to some as saving Princess Peach from Bowser, each step we take on this journey of providing better communication and added convenience gives me the rush of an achievement unlocked and "leveling up."

Communicating with a weekly average of 315 people by email and 183 via social media, our online reach has increased by 31% in the last six months - but we're not done yet! We know there are people we have yet to reach. If you are not currently receiving our weekly online correspondence, please update your email address with the Temple Office, so that you can stay informed about Temple events and news.

While many of the steps we've taken in the last several months have been focused on the efficiency of our communications, we have also started to examine how we can use our media, such as our website, to not only provide useful information, but also add convenience to the lives of our members. Did you know, for instance, that you can now contribute to the Flower Fund online? Need to make a monetary donation to an Oneg Shabbat? You can do that, too! These and many other donations and payments can now be made online at www.tolsc.org/donate. Along the same vein, we are working toward making more reservation processes available online as well. If you need help with online payments and/or reservations, please feel free to call the Temple Office for assistance. I'm happy to help, as is Bobbie Osborne, our new Administrative Assistant. I'm delighted that Bobbie has stepped into this role and am looking forward to working with her as we continue along this journey.

We've taken many steps, but we have several more miles to go and achievements to unlock. I look forward to journeying through them with you!

If there's a step you'd like us to take, feel free to share your ideas with me at cheryl@tolsc.org.

✧ **Did you know?** The newsletter is in *full color* online. Read a prettier version of the newsletter and save trees at the same time! Sign up for a digital subscription to our monthly newsletter at www.tolsc.org.

✧ **Stay Connected!** Throughout this month's newsletter, you'll see a lot written about The Taste of The Big Nosh™. To stay updated on all the wonderful items up for bid at the silent auction, be sure to check out The Big Nosh™ website at www.bignosh.org, Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bignosh.org, and Twitter account at www.twitter.com/bignoshsc.

FROM THE RABBI



THE MITZVOT OF PASSOVER

by Rabbi Daniel M. Sherman

LAST MONTH/THIS MONTH

There were many highlights on the Tree of Life calendar in the month of February. Sunday, February 3 was truly a “Super Sunday” – and it had nothing to do with football. Risa Strauss arranged for a field trip to K.K. Beth Elohim, our sister congregation in Charleston, for the upper half of our Religious School. Our students had the opportunity to tour and learn some of the history of this great congregation, as well as meet their counterparts at their Religious School. In addition, we were introduced to Rabbi Noam Katz, a very talented singer/song-writer and performer, who spent the weekend in Charleston. I think everyone – our students, teachers, and families – enjoyed the trip and learned a lot (including an appreciation for our parking lot).



I want to thank my colleagues, Rabbi Sandy Marcus and Rabbi Leah Doberne-Schor. Rabbi Marcus taught a very interesting class in our Adult Education series. Rabbi Doberne-Schor is teaching Intermediate Hebrew and helped us to prepare for Purim with some wonderful lessons in the sermon she delivered during Shabbat services on February 22. It is great to have both rabbis involved in the life of our congregation. *Today Rabbah!*

I would also like to thank everyone who was involved in and helped with our Purim celebrations this year. We began with a festive Purim service and Megillah reading/skit, that was a lot of fun and showed off the many talents of our congregants. Afterwards it was nice to join with Beth Shalom Synagogue for a Purim Masquerade Ball celebration with live music and good food and company. In the morning, our two congregations – along with guests from Beth Israel Congregation in Florence – filled the Social Hall with an energetic Purim Carnival Extravaganza. Again, I think everyone had a fabulous time.

This month I am looking forward to attending the Central Conference of American Rabbis’ annual *kallah* in Long Beach, CA. I always enjoy spending time with colleagues and family and learning from many of the leaders within our Reform Movement. I hope that everyone is looking forward not only to next month’s The Big Nosh™, but also this month’s Taste of The Big Nosh™. It should be a nice evening altogether as we thank our sponsors, eat some good food, bid on items at the silent auction, and much more. Thank you to everyone who is helping to make both events happen. And remember – we will need your support and help to make them both successes.

PREPARING FOR PASSOVER

But really what I am most excited about this month is the Festival of Passover. (I know some of you may think it’s a little early this year, but it does indeed begin on the 15th of Nisan, as always.) To help us get ready for Passover, I thought I would review some of the *Mitzvot*, or Commandments/Religious Obligations, of Passover.

First of all, it is a Mitzvah to observe the Jewish Festivals, as the Torah commands: “Three times a year you shall hold a festival for Me” (Ex. 23:14). The Festivals are Pesach/Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot. It is also a Mitzvah to rejoice on the Festivals – they should be times of *simcha* or joy. Which means we need not only to remember the festivals, but we need to make time to make them special days.

There are many Mitzvot that deal with our preparation for Passover. It is a Mitzvah to search for leaven and to remove leaven from one’s home prior to the beginning of Passover. It is a great time for some spring cleaning and to clean up shelves and cupboards. After all, we will need some space for all of our Passover favorites.

It is considered a Mitzvah to prepare for the actual Seder to mark the beginning of Passover. The more people who help prepare, the better and less stressful your Seder will be. Remember, it is also a Mitzvah to invite guests to join in the Seder. We want to make sure that everyone has a place to go for Seder, and we invite the entire TOL family to join together for a special Congregational Seder on the second night of Passover.

Of course, one of the most important Mitzvot of Passover is also the simplest: It is a Mitzvah to eat *Matzah* at the Seder and on each day of Passover, as our Torah teaches us: “You shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread – eating matzah for seven days, as I have commanded you – at the set time of the month of Aviv, for in the month of Aviv you went forth from Egypt” (Ex. 34:18). It is also a Mitzvah to eat some *Maror*, or bitter herbs, and to drink four cups of wine or grape juice (though four sips work just as well, too).

Along with the eating and drinking, it is a Mitzvah for every Jew to participate in the recitation of the *Haggadah*, which recalls our Exodus from Egypt. We should all look upon ourselves as having experienced the Exodus – we say, “This is what God did for US, when WE were slaves in Egypt.” And as we read the Haggadah and tell our story, it is important to explain the symbols of the Seder and the Seder Plate, to sing songs, and to enjoy ourselves.

One last Mitzvah I would like to mention: It is a Mitzvah on Passover to remember. Not only to remember our story of long ago, but we remember all those who are still not free and commit ourselves to work on their behalf. And we conclude our Passover observance with a special *Yizkor*, or Memorial, Service on the last day. We remember our loved ones who used to sit around our seder tables and our homes, and who are no more. In addition, we remember all those in our TOL family who have died this year – all who have passed away since our last *Yizkor* service on Yom Kippur – and we recite their names as we remember them with words of *Kaddish*.

Passover is truly one of our most special, holy, meaningful, traditional, and fun holidays of the year. I hope that your Passover observance this year is all of this and more. *Chag Sameach!*

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR



A PASSOVER OVERVIEW FOR TREE OF LIFE CONGREGANTS by Risa Strauss

Passover is our major Jewish spring festival when we celebrate our deliverance from slavery in Egypt more than 3,000 years ago. The story is told in the second book of the Torah, Exodus, which means “going out.” Ritual observances center around a special home and sometimes temple service and meal (the *Seder*), the prohibition of eating leavened foods (*chametz*), and the eating of *matzah* (flat sheets of unleavened bread).

The *Seder*, meaning order in Hebrew, is a traditional feast at the beginning of the holiday where everything is done in a certain sequence. The *Haggadah*, the Hebrew word for telling, is the name of the book we use to guide us through the *Seder*.

Passover has five different names: *Chag HaMatzot* (the festival of unleavened bread), *Chag HaPesach* (the festival of the Paschal offering), *Chag HaAviv* (the festival of spring), *Zeman Cheruteinu* (the time of our liberation), and *Pesach* (Passover).

Pesach (Passover) is the most popular name of the holiday and is derived from Exodus 12:23 when Moses promised the Israelites that God would pass over their homes during the night of the slaying of all Egyptian first-born children, the tenth plague.

The Torah commands us to observe Passover for seven days, and this is the tradition of Reform Jews and Jews in Israel. Conservative and Orthodox Jews outside the land of Israel often celebrate Passover for eight days.

The tradition of eating *matzah* and not eating leavened products during Pesach is commanded in Exodus 12:34-39. There it is written that we eat *matzah* as a reminder of the haste with which our ancestors had to flee Egypt leaving them no time to bake leavened bread. In Deuteronomy and the *Haggadah*, *matzah* is referred to as the “bread of affliction,” the simple food of the Jewish slaves in Egypt.

Passover Vocabulary

4 Questions (*Arbah Kushiot*, in Hebrew): These are queries, traditionally, but not always, asked by the youngest child at the *Seder*. Usually chanted, the questions and subsequent answers refer to different parts of the *Seder* and basically are asking, “What is the reason for this Passover holiday?”

Seder Plate (Some have five spaces, some have six – is anything ever simple?):

Maror: Bitter herbs are a symbol of the bitter life we endured in Egypt.

Karpas: Parsley, or other greens, is a symbol of spring.

Beitzah: A roasted egg is a symbol of the new life the Israelites would have after leaving Egypt.

Charoset: A mixture of apples, nuts, and wine symbolizes the mortar between the bricks.

Zeroa: A roasted shank bone is a symbol of the paschal lamb the Jews ate during their first meal in the desert.

For a six-spaced seder plate:

Chazeret: Usually a bitter piece of romaine lettuce symbolizes the difficulty of life as slaves. But it is also sometimes considered another symbol of spring.

On the Table

Elijah’s Cup: To symbolize justice and perhaps the coming of the Messianic age, a special cup is filled with wine and placed in the center of the *Seder* table in the hope that the Prophet Elijah would visit the *Seder*.

Miriam’s Cup: A special cup of water is poured in honor of Moses’ sister Miriam, who was instrumental in Moses’ survival as an infant and in the successful Israelite Exodus into the desert. It is said that as the Jews left Egypt and crossed the Red Sea, Miriam led the people in song: “...God is my strength and my might; God will be my salvation.” The water represents the well that miraculously followed the Israelites through the desert until the day of Miriam’s death.

Matzah Holder or Bag: This is for the three pieces of symbolic *matzah* used during the seder.

Afikoman Bag: It holds the hidden or dessert *matzah*.

Bowl of salt water: We dip the parsley in it to remember the tears and the fears of the Jewish people as slaves.



Passover FAQs

Which Matzah is good to buy? Can I use Matzah from last year?

Most varieties of Matzah taste the same, but it is important to note that not all Matzah is labeled “Kosher for Passover” or “K le P.” If a matzah has been made in a facility where *chametz* is being produced, then it is not Kosher for Passover. On the displays specifically for Passover in Publix, Piggly Wiggly, and Kroger, the Matzah sold is Kosher for Passover (but always check if it is important to you). Matzah from last year can be used this year, as long as the box is unopened. This is important, as the taste tends to go bad. The same can be said for any Passover products that use matzah as an ingredient.



Is there such a thing as Gluten-free Matzah?

Yes, and there is a growing market for gluten-free Passover products as well! There are a number of places that sell gluten-free matzah (so important for individuals needing a gluten-free diet).

1. Glutenfreeoatmatzos.com is a company out of Manchester, England that distributes to specialty stores all over the United States.
2. Lakewoodmatzoh.com is a company out of New Jersey that distributes, as well, to specialty stores throughout the United States.
3. Yehuda Matzah, an Israeli company, produces gluten-free matzah squares.

Shalosh Regalim: Passover is the first of three "Pilgrimage Holidays." The Bible tells us that Jews would traditionally travel to Jerusalem three times a year to the Temple to offer a holiday sacrifice to God. The other times are *Shavuot* and *Sukkot*.

LeShana Ha Ba'ah B'Yerushalayim: The saying in Hebrew, "Next Year in Jerusalem," is traditionally recited at the end of the *Seder* expressing the hope that all Jewish people will be able to come together in the land of Israel.

Most Important Line in the Seder (in my humble opinion): *Bechol dor vador, chayav adam lirot et atzmo keilu hu yatza mi Mitzrayim.* "Each person in EVERY generation must regard himself or herself as having been personally freed from Egypt." These words help us and remind us to understand who we are, where we came from, and how we relate to other peoples and the world around us.

There are many traditions associated with Pesach – familial, regional, Ashkenazic, Sefardic...the list is long. I always think it's nice to incorporate new ideas but keep the main ideas intact so that the rituals associated with this holiday of freedom do not get lost in translation.

For more information on the ins and outs of Passover, the *Seder*, old traditions, new traditions, which *Haggadah* is the best for your household, please attend Rabbi Sherman's two-part Adult Education Passover Class on Tuesday, March 12 and March 19 at 8 p.m.!

For more information on the Passover holiday, please refer to *The Tapestry of Jewish Time* by Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin, *The Book of the Jewish Year* by Stephen Wylen, *The Jewish Home* by Daniel B. Syme, and *Chocolate Chip Challah* by Lisa Rauchwerger. *Chag Sameach!*

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

It could be perceived that the busiest time on the Jewish Calendar is during the High Holy Days, *Sukkot*, and *Simchat Torah*. These *chagim* (holidays) occur in the fall, at the beginning of the school year. Large services and "tickets" are involved – especially at some of our larger congregations – so it's easy to think that the Fall Holidays are potential major stressors in the lives of synagogue personnel. Actually, though, while these holidays take enormous effort to "produce," most educators would agree that it's the span of time between *Purim* and *Shavuot* that require a lot of work. Because we do not have a quiet summer to plan these celebrations and congregants are also not as "rested," it is always a wonderful surprise and relief when so many people volunteer to make these festivals at Temple a success.

We very much want to say *Todah Rabbah* to everyone who helped make the Purim Extravaganza so much fun. Thank you to Brotherhood, The 4 Fathers, Beth Shalom Synagogue parents and staff, Marla May, Dana Cason, Lora Stein, and all the teachers, parents, and grandparents for your enthusiastic assistance.

Yasher Koach to the "Not Ready for Purim Players" for their creativity and for making the *Kriyat Megillah* fun and memorable for all!

I especially want to thank the people I work with: Rabbi Sherman, Cheryl Nail, and Demitris Gilmore. Without their energy and talent we would not be able to do the things we do.

Kudos to Nina Contino for her special presentation on Modern Germany at February's Sunday School for Adults. It was interesting and informative. Thank you, Nina, for sharing your life with us. In March, at our next Sunday School for Adults, join us for a tasty foray into "Brisket and Beyond" and the hows and whys of Jewish Food.

Important Dates in March

3/1: Bar Mitzvah of Alex Bernstein, 7:30 p.m. Mazal Tov to the entire Bernstein Family!

3/3: RS, 9 a.m. (previously "off," but now a regular day)

3/8: KIDZ Shabbat Dino Dinner and Service, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Childcare available with Kali.

Hatikvah Kallah for grades 7 and 8 in Charlotte: Speak with Abby Magaro, TYG advisor, for more info!

3/10: RS, 9 a.m.; Sunday School for Adults, 9:15 a.m.

3/15: TYG Youth Shabbat, 7:30 p.m.

3/17: RS, 9 a.m.; Grade 3/4 Family Life Program

3/22: Kitah Bet Potluck Supper and Shabbat Service, from 6:30 p.m.

3/24: RS, 9 a.m.; RS Model Seder, 11 a.m. -1 p.m. with "Matzagna" Lunch

3/31: No Religious School, Spring Break

4/7: No Religious School, Spring Break



YOUTH NEWS

Please join us as we honor our son when he is called to the Torah on Friday, the first of March two thousand and thirteen at seven thirty in the evening at Tree of Life Congregation.

Charlene & Barry Bernstein

KIDZ SHABBAT DINO DINNER & SERVICE FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M.

It's a dino-celebration at a special KIDZ Shabbat Dino Dinner & Service!

Have fun welcoming Shabbat with your children and other parents and their kids... and, of course, dinosaurs! This Service is great for all ages through grades 3/4 (and for the young at heart).

Simply bring a Kosher-style dish that your family really loves to pass. We will welcome Shabbat, enjoy dinner, and then continue with a short Shabbat Service in the Sanctuary that will conclude in the chapel.

RSVP to Risa, and please have your child bring his/her favorite dinosaur to introduce to us!

If your child would like a part in this service, please email/call/text Risa at risa@tolsc.org, 787-2182, or 476-7487.

Childcare with Kali will be available from 7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service with Rabbi Sherman is at 7:30 p.m., with an Oneg Shabbat following.



JELF APPLICATION FOR INTEREST-FREE EDUCATIONAL LOANS AVAILABLE MARCH 1

Applications for interest-free loans for post-secondary education (college, graduate school and vocational programs) will be available to Jewish students in your area for the 2013-2014 school year from the Jewish Educational Loan Fund. The loan application is available March 1 - April 30 on JELF's website at www.jelf.org. JELF loans are need-based and offer "last-dollar" financing, meaning that JELF provides the final dollars that bridge the gap between a student's total financial resources and the cost of attending school. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a program leading to a degree or certificate at an accredited institution that is located in the United States, be a U.S. citizen or have lawful immigration status in the U.S., and be able to demonstrate financial need (FAFSA application required). For more information, contact info@jelf.org or call 770-396-3080. **Questions? Contact Risa. If you have already received a JELF loan, remember that you must apply each year.**



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Youth Shabbat Service

Friday, March 15, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Join us to welcome Shabbat
with a special service
led by
our Temple Youth Group.

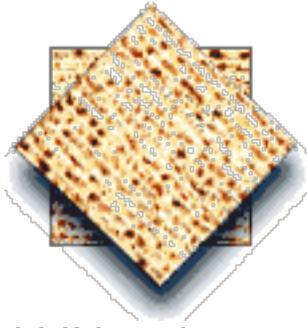


Kitah Bet Shabbat Service and Potluck Supper

Friday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us for a potluck supper and class Shabbat service, led by Kitah Bet, our 2nd-level Hebrew students, under the direction of their teachers and Rabbi Sherman, followed by an Oneg Shabbat. For more information please call Risa at 787-2182.

TOL BEIT MIDRASH FOR LIFELONG JEWISH LEARNING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES



Tuesdays, March 12 & 19, 8:05 – 9:00 p.m.
PREPARING FOR PASSOVER: UNDERSTANDING THE HAGGADAH
with Rabbi Sherman

For many of us, Passover is our favorite Jewish holiday. The Passover Seder is the most widely observed ritual in American Jewish life. In this class we will prepare for Passover by taking a closer look at the *Haggadah* in order to enhance your home seder. We will discuss this traditional Passover text, examining what's included and what is not. We will study the order, the story, the songs, and the questions, as well as how the *Haggadah* has changed over time – thus helping you to prepare for an even more meaningful Passover observance this year.

Register online at www.tolsc.org or via phone at 787-2182.

Adult Hebrew classes continue on Tuesdays, March 5, 12 & 19

6:00 – 6:55 p.m. CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW with Risa Strauss

7:00 – 7:55 p.m. BEGINNING HEBREW with Risa Strauss

Intermediate Hebrew continues on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. with Rabbi Leah Doberne-Schor



PINAT IVRIT: A MONTHLY CORNER OF HEBREW

Like so many other cultures, Israelis have adopted a variety of English words into their vocabulary – especially to describe foods from other countries. And why not? We have a global economy and foods – primarily American concepts, and fast foods reign supreme next to the chummus stand on every corner.

In 1979, when I was a student on the “Institute for Jewish Youth leaders from Abroad” in Jerusalem, this is one of the first songs we were taught:

Ochel

Chummus b'tzalachat, pita,
ve falafel

Hamburger ve steak

Chummus b'tzalachat, pita,
ve falafel

Hamburger ve steak

Yesh Coca-Cola

Ve Gam Ken Soda

Meetz Tapoozeem

Gam Zeh Tayeem!

Food

Chummus on a plate, pita,
and falafel

Hamburger and Steak

Chummus on a plate, pita,
and falafel

Hamburger and Steak

There's Coca-Cola

And Also Soda

Orange Juice

That's tasty too!

Being an 18-year-old living on a budget in Israel, those were the only foods we really needed to know. It is interesting to note that even the Israeli foods in the song have become quite ubiquitous on most American menus today. Just like in Israel you can find a Coca-Cola in every kiosk and a McDonald's hamburger in every mall. I am so looking forward to the Taste of The BIG NOSH™ and The BIG NOSH™ for some real Jewish food!



Coca Cola is spelled
קוקה קולה
Kuf, Vav, Kuf, Hay – Kuf, Vav, Lamed, Hay

– Risa Strauss

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

**Beyond the Brisket: A Jewish Foodie's Look
at the Beauty and History of Jewish Cuisine**

with Risa Strauss

Sunday, March 10, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

TOL Library

Tastings and Recipes Will Be Available!

YOM HASHOAH

Sunday, April 7

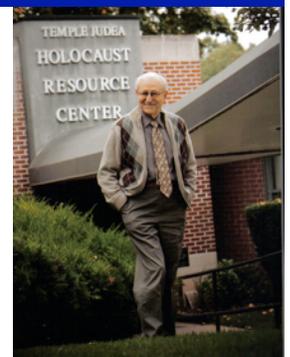
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Tree of Life Congregation

The Columbia Jewish Federation and the Yom HaShoah Committee are pleased to announce that Irving Roth will speak at Columbia's annual Yom HaShoah program. Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, is a day set aside to commemorate the lives and heroism of Jewish people who died in the Holocaust.

Roth was born in Kosice, Czechoslovakia on September 2, 1929 and landed in New York Harbor in 1947 via Auschwitz and Buchenwald. The memories of the Nazi death camps never faded, and he devotes his time and efforts to educating young and old on the horrors of the Holocaust and the evils of prejudice and anti-Semitism.

Mr. Roth is the Director of the Holocaust Resource Center – Temple Judea of Manhasset and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Maine. He is a recognized speaker on anti-Semitism and the Holocaust and is a frequent lecturer at colleges and universities in the United States, Canada and Europe. As a Holocaust survivor, he provides personal testimony on his experiences during WWII.



TASTE OF THE BIG NOSH™

GET A TASTE OF THE BIG NOSH™

*with select food,
beer & wine,
a silent auction,
and live music.*

*March 16, 2013
7:00 pm*



*Tree of Life Congregation
\$30 per ticket at www.tolsc.org
business casual dress*

Reservations are now being taken for the Taste of the Big Nosh™. This new event is Saturday, March 16 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. You will be able to sample foods which will be served at this year's Big Nosh™. We will have beer and wine, along with music, an ongoing slideshow from last year's festival, and a silent auction with many exciting items to bid on, including USC sports memorabilia. The cost is \$30 per person, and space is limited to 150 people. Reservations may be made online at www.tolsc.org/donate or by calling the Temple office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It's not too early to sign up to volunteer at The BIG NOSH™! Email your preferences to Lisa Helfer at mohnalisa3@yahoo.com.

BAKERS NEEDED!

We need you to put on your aprons and turn on your ovens to get ready for **The Big Nosh Bake Sale on Sunday, April 21st**. We need **ALL** bakers to report for duty because we are expecting 1000 + people to attend The Big Nosh™! A wide variety of items will be needed; muffins, cookies, pies, breakfast breads in small and large loaves, cakes, cheesecakes, bar cookies, cupcakes, etc. Jewish cookies, cakes and pastries were in high demand last year! So start filling your freezer...we have only one month to go!

Saturday, April 20th (9 a.m. - 12 noon) is the day we need you to drop off your items at the TOL. **If your items have been frozen, please thaw them at home and then package them for the sale.** Also, please indicate on the label whether your item is with or without nuts.



Please email us at ascully.59@gmail.com to let us know what items you are planning to bake. **The bake sale table made approximately \$5000 last year!** Our temple has the reputation of having some of the best bakers in Columbia, so let's make even more money this year!

Thank you for supporting the Tree of Life and making The Big Nosh™ a successful event!

Amy Scully, Walton Selig, and Julie Strauss

THE BIG NOSH™



The Big Nosh™ is almost here!

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, April 21st.**

The Big Nosh™ committee is hard at work on this year's event. You can follow us on Twitter (@BigNoshSC), like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/bignosh.org), and visit our website at www.BigNosh.org to get details on the food, educational activities, and entertainment.

Don't forget to place your pre-orders! Fill out the form below and send it with your check to the Tree of Life Temple, or order online at www.tolsc.org. Your food will be ready for pick up the morning of the event.

Come get your Nosh on at the 2013 Big Nosh™! Even Cocky will be here getting his Nosh on (1-3 p.m.)!

PRE-ORDER MENU 2013

Sponsored and cooked with love by Tree of Life Congregation

Item	Price	Qty.	Total
NEW ITEM Whitefish Salad (pound)	\$13.00		
Quart of Bubbe's Chicken Soup with Matzah Balls	\$10.00		
Quart of Rabbi Marcus' Special Cabbage & Beef Soup	\$9.00		
Stuffed Cabbage (package of 4)	\$10.00		
Noodle Kugel (9x9 pan)	\$15.00		
Beef Brisket (pound)	\$15.00		
Kosher style Corned Beef (pound)	\$15.00		
Kosher style Pastrami (pound)	\$15.00		
Chopped Liver (pound)	\$12.00		
Knish (each)	\$5.00		
Rugelach (dozen)	\$12.00		
Challah	\$5.00		
Ed's famous Apple Strudel (whole)	\$14.00		
Total			

All Items will be packaged refrigerated.

Please return this order form with payment (cash, check or credit card) by Monday, April 15.

Mail or Deliver: Tree of Life Congregation 6719 North Trenholm Road Columbia, SC 29206	Fax order form to 803-787-0309 Email order form to info@tolsc.org (do not send questions to this address)
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Express Pre-Festival Pickup Orders with 10-minute onsite parking will be available 9:00-10:30 a.m. on the day of the festival (April 21, 2013). We recommend you avoid the crowds and pick up your orders early!

Pre-Orders can be picked up during festival hours, but there will be no onsite parking.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____ Check #: _____ (please make check payable to Tree of Life Congregation)
 Credit Card #: _____ Type: _____ Expiration Date: _____
 Name on Credit Card: _____ CCID #: _____ (three numbers on back of card)

Looking for a sandwich or a blue plate special? **Take-out containers will be available at the festival all day! For more information visit our website at www.bignosh.org or call 803-787-2182.**

PASSOVER 5773



LAST DAY OF PASSOVER SERVICE Sunday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Come join us for this special festival service marking the beginning of the last day of Passover. The service includes our *Yizkor* Memorial Service (similar to the Yom Kippur *Yizkor* service), at which we will read the names of all those in our congregation who have died since the beginning of 5773.

Women's Passover Seder

led by Risa Strauss and TOL WRJ/Sisterhood
Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Reyner Family Social Hall (TOL)

\$5 WRJ Members; \$7 non-members
pay online or via check to the Temple Office (checks made payable to Tree of Life WRJ)



YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A CHALLENGED COOK ON PASSOVER!

YES! Passover can be fun...food-wise!

Cooking can be a challenge during Passover. But with a little thinking outside the box, the possibilities are endless! Google "Passover Recipes," and you will find a myriad of sites to peruse. Creativity can rule your kitchen, and a great social media site for Passover concoctions is Pinterest. We have wonderful cookbooks at Temple as well, if you still prefer actual paper! Visiting our URJ website, www.urj.org or www.reformjudaism.org, will also provide you with a wealth of information.

Charoset Recipe

This recipe, from the *Foods of Israel Today* by Joan Nathan, comes from an eighth-generation Jerusalemite and includes apples, dates, and raisins.

2 cups raisins	3 Granny Smith Apples, cored and cut into chunks
1 cup pecans, toasted	2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 cup blanched almonds, toasted	¼ cup sweet red wine or grape juice to taste
1 cup date paste or 1 cup dried dates, chopped	1-2 tablespoons lemon juice

Using a food processor, coarsely grind together the raisins and nuts, pulsing so as not to over process. Add the date paste or chopped dates and mix well. Add wine and lemon juice to taste. Yields 4 cups.

Passover "Rocky Road Matzah Crunch Bars"

From *Get Cooking! A Jewish American Family Cookbook* by Rachel Harkham and Doni Zasloff Thomas

½ c butter or margarine	8 pieces of matzah (crumbled tiny to make 3 cups)
½ c chocolate syrup	1 cup chocolate chips
2 tablespoons cocoa powder	¾ cup shredded flaked coconut, lightly toasted
4 cups marshmallows	

In a large saucepan, melt the butter or margarine, and mix in the chocolate syrup and cocoa powder. Add marshmallows and mix well until melted. In a large bowl, mix together the matzah crumbs and marshmallow chocolate mixture. Spread evenly into a greased 8" x 8" pan. Refrigerate until set, about 1 hour.

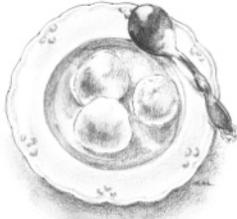
Melt the chocolate chips in microwave or over a double boiler. Spread the melted chocolate over the top of the Crunch Bars. Sprinkle coconut evenly on top. Yields 9-12 servings. Enjoy!

Did You Know?

At the Seder, during the singing of *Dayenu*, Persian Jews have a custom of (gently) striking each other with scallions to remember the whips of the Egyptian taskmasters and to echo the Israelites complaints in the desert about the lack of "leeks and scallions," which they had enjoyed in Egypt.

You can find Kosher-for-Passover ingredients at Publix or The Pig!

PASSOVER 5773



TREE OF LIFE CONGREGATIONAL SEDER
Second Night of Passover
Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.



Celebrate Passover with your TOL community!
This is a family event, led by Rabbi Sherman, for all ages.
The meal consists of all the traditional Seder courses and foods,
which are provided by Classic Catering.

**Your reservation and payment must be received by the TOL Office
no later than Tuesday, March 19th.**
Sorry, we cannot guarantee dinners after March 19th for those without reservations.

If you would like to participate but are unable to pay the full price please contact Rabbi Sherman.

**Make your reservation and payment online at www.tolsc.org
or mail the reservation form below with your check to the Temple Office:**

Tree of Life Congregation
6719 North Trenholm Road
Columbia, SC 29206

Tree of Life Congregational Seder
Tuesday, March 26, 2013

Name _____ Phone or Email _____

_____ I am available to help with set-up.

Please make reservations for:

_____ # Adults: TOL members (\$25/person)

_____ Children: ages 5-12 (\$10/child)

_____ # Adults: non-members (\$36/person)

_____ Children: under age 5 (no charge)

_____ TOL Immediate Family Maximum \$75
(please indicate number of people)

_____ College Students & Military (\$18/person)

_____ Additional Donation to help sponsor the Congregational Seder (please indicate amount)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Ck # _____

TEMPLE NEWS

TOL WELCOMES BOBBIE OSBORNE



In February, Bobbie Osborne joined our TOL Staff as our new Administrative Assistant. Bobbie will be working part-time in our office (Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.). Her responsibilities will include the Temple bookkeeping, as well as reception, maintaining the TOL database, and general administrative support.

Bobbie is originally from Akron, OH and has lived most of her life in the South. Bobbie and her husband, James, have lived in Columbia since 1991. They are the proud parents of four children and the grandparents of six. Bobbie has been a volunteer for the past several years at the Historical Columbia Foundation, Friends of the Richland County Library, Kensington Mansion in Eastover, SC, Congaree National Park, and Carolina Wildlife Center.

Her email address is bobbie@tolsc.org. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Bobbie next time you drop by the Temple.



**TOL Town Hall Meeting
Monday, March 18
7-8 p.m.
Social Hall**

Questions? Concerns?
President Rick Cohn will address these
in a special Town Hall meeting.

BUCKS BACK

**March is National Reading Month.
Use Bucks Back cards to get lost in a good book!
See the complete list of participating book retailers
at www.shopwithscrip.com.**

**The next order deadline is March 10!
12 PM if paying by check * 8 PM if using Presto Pay**

Visit www.tolsc.org/scrip for program & sign-up info.
Questions? Contact Amy Scully at 803-497-3319
or ascully.59@gmail.com

TGIS - THANK GOD IT'S SHABBAT

**Family Service and Shabbat Dinner
6:00 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2013**

It's time for another favorite Friday night at TOL: TGIS—Thank God It's Shabbat! Come to Temple for a different Shabbat experience. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a special early and more informal Family Service for all ages with lots of singing. After services, we will join together as one large Temple family for a traditional and healthy catered Shabbat dinner.

Cost for Dinner

Adults: \$10.00

Children (ages 3-13 yrs): \$5.00

Children under 3 yrs: Free

Maximum cost per family: \$25.00

Sorry, we cannot guarantee dinners for those without reservations.

Your payment must be received by the Temple office no later than Friday, March 29.

Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-pay basis.

Make your checks payable to Tree of Life Congregation, and mail your check and reservation form to:

Tree of Life Congregation, 6719 North Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC 29206

(or make your reservation and payment online at www.tolsc.org)

Tree of Life Congregation – TGIS Dinner – Friday, April 5, 2013

Name _____ Phone _____

Number Attending: Adults _____ Children _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Ck# _____

WRJ / SISTERHOOD NEWS



Bagels & Books WRJ Charity Book Sale

Do you have shelves and bags and boxes of books that need a good home? Well, you are in luck! The First Annual WRJ Pre-owned Charity Book Sale is coming on May 5, and we need your unwanted books. While you are cleaning out your *chametz* for Passover, why not also clean out all those dust collectors? Bring your books of all kinds, for all ages, to collection bins in the TOL foyer beginning the week of Passover. *A portion of the proceeds will benefit Turning Pages, a local nonprofit that promotes literacy.* **So bring in your books, and mark your calendars for book bargains galore on May 5!**

Todah Rabah to everyone who attended Sisterhood's Amazing Grazing! We raised several hundred dollars, which will benefit our many charities. Go to TOL WRJ's Facebook page to see photos from this fun event!

The TOL WRJ Book Club focuses on books with a Jewish or Israeli theme. We meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of every other month. Our next meeting is **Thursday, March 14, 2013** to discuss *Garden of the Finzi Continis* by Giorgio Bassani at Pasta Fresca on Forest Drive.

There is no charge to attend and no registration – just show up! New members are encouraged. All are welcome. *Questions?* Contact [Amanda Hamilton](#) or [Ilene King](#).

GREEN TEAM UPDATE



Thanks from the Green Team greenteam@tolsc.org

Thanks to Marc Rapport for assisting the older Religious School students with planting in the rain garden on Tu B'Shevat.

Thanks also go to Beth Maris for handling the cell phone recycling. We are now donating them to Sistercare, where they will be given to women for emergency protection.

A special thank-you goes to Demitris Gilmore, who has supported the Green Team in countless ways. Demitris assisted with the rain garden planning and has helped maintain it by removing debris, watering in summer, keeping the bird feeders full, and keeping the rain garden looking good for visitors. Some of this was done while volunteering on his own time.

Demitris handles much of our recycling. He makes sure that all materials collected by the county are recycled and helps monitor the other collections. In the near future he will help with coordinating the Oneg Shabbat receptions to ensure that less food is wasted.

The Green Team presented Demitris a certificate of appreciation at the Tu B'Shevat Seder.

A spring clean-up for the rain garden will be scheduled in late March or early April so that it will look good for the Big Nosh™. The date will be announced by email. Please consider helping us.



Remember to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

BROTHERHOOD REPORT

The Brotherhood would like to thank everyone who participated in the Pizza lunch fundraiser. We fed 80 students and teachers, made 25 pies, and helped raise money for our Religious School. Thanks to David Tedeschi for heading the work of making each pie by hand. Thanks to Jim Braun, Pat Contino, Jerry Emanuel, Eric Feuerstein, Ed Hertz, David Reddy, and Brad Smith for their work with lunch.



COLUMBIA JEWISH DISASTER RELIEF



A joint effort between Tree of Life and Beth Shalom Synagogue is underway to provide disaster support for people in need. Our team is working in conjunction with the American Red Cross to provide this support and to receive the necessary training. Our initial venture is to provide meals for local disasters such as house or apartment fires or power outages.

The Tree of Life Board has agreed to allow our team to use the Temple kitchen to prepare these meals. We also have people on the team who are interested in sheltering and will help with that need when it arises.

Eventually we hope to expand our focus beyond food preparation to coordinating a shelter, as well as providing psychological support. At this time, we are in need of people to help with our initial goal of food preparation. If you would like to help with food preparation, you may become a member of the response team, but it is not required. However, there is a free American Red Cross online food safety course everyone is required to complete before they may participate. If you are interested in becoming a member of the team or simply want to help with the food preparation, please email the Brotherhood at brotherhood@tolsc.org. You may also follow us on Facebook at Columbia Jewish Disaster Response Organization.

PURIM PICTURES



MEMBER NEWS

Mazel Tov to:

Howard & Karyn Sheftman, on the birth of their grandson Jackson Shellem Gardner, born to Amanda & Bill Gardner on January 3, 2013 in Shelby, NC

Jane & Boris Veytskin, on the birth of their grandson Maximilian Naum, born to Olga Veytskin in Charlotte, NC

Dr. Mannie Farber, on being elected as a Fellow of the inaugural class of the American Association for Cancer Research Academy

Laurie and Andy Slack, on the birth of their daughter, Orli Anne Slack, on February 21, 2013

Refuah Shleima

Get well wishes to TOL members recently hospitalized or at home recovering: **Eva Bernath, Marjorie Cooper, Ann Gatton, Yuliana Iskhakov, Bethany Sorenson, Ned Strauss**

Honor Roll

We salute and thank our wonderful volunteers!

Office –Joan Amado, Nancy Cartiff, Annette Goldstein, and Joan Tucker

Religious School Office – Joan Tucker

Hospital Patient List – Sandy Hertz

Green Team / Recycling – Carolyn Hudson

Baby-Naming on Friday March 8

Please join us as we welcome Lily Grace McElveen into the Jewish covenant during services on Friday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Lily is the daughter of Laura & David McElveen and the granddaughter of Hugh & Sara Wheeler.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Andrew Roper	March 1	Ed Hertz	March 10	Stacy Duty	March 21
Abe Wandersman	March 1	Sheila King	March 10	Selma Dickman	March 22
Aileen Sunshine	March 2	Laura Becker	March 11	Jerry Emanuel	March 22
Sarah Brotman	March 3	Elliot Echlov	March 12	Lory Bellino	March 23
Robert Feinstein	March 3	Beverly Kaplan	March 12	Andrew Greenberg	March 25
Eva Bernath	March 4	David Wile	March 13	Faye Miller	March 25
Samuel Helman	March 4	Eden Picow	March 14	David Schwartz	March 25
Ilene King	March 4	Shawn Youngstedt	March 14	Belinda Gergel	March 27
Craig Barkan	March 5	Pamela Crawford	March 16	Sharon Weissman	March 27
Vladimir Plotkin	March 6	Andrew Cherney	March 18	Samantha Marcus	March 28
Hannah Stein	March 6	Alan Reyner	March 18	Cheryl Nail	March 30
Jeffrey Silver	March 8	Daniela Friedman	March 19	Eleanor Bornstein	March 31
Wyatt Tucker	March 8	Debbie Ritter	March 19	Nancy Cartiff	March 31
Allan Ackerman	March 10	Elaine Cypres	March 20	Grady Tucker	March 31

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

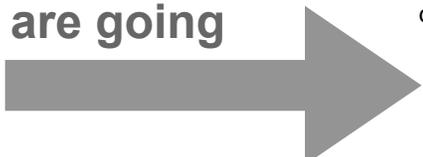
Marilyn & Michael Ehmke	March 6
Pamela & Dennis Cohen	March 8
Jocelyn & Robert Burg	March 16
Joanne & Jan Barkan	March 18
Sandy & Rick Mendel	March 18
Melissa & Timothy Vance	March 20
Carolyn & Alan Conway	March 22
Leah & Paul Cherney	March 26

WRJ SHABBAT SERVICE REPS

March 1	– Suzy Herzog
March 8	– Cheri Alexander
March 15	– Joan McGee
March 22	– Amanda Hamilton
March 29	– Amy Scully

COMMUNITY NEWS

Did you know that over 14 million people in America are going hungry?



It's Passover, Grover!

**Family Passover Celebration
Sunday, March 24 | 2 pm**

Come learn about the Jewish holiday of Passover with a focus on families with small children (pre-school and early elementary age) featuring a showing of Shalom Sesame's "It's Passover Grover!" Families will watch the film on our big screen, enjoy a PJ Library book about Passover, decorate their own seder plate, and make mini matzah pizzas to snack on!

**You don't have to be Jewish to attend!
Everyone is welcome!**

We would appreciate a RSVP to frontdesk@jccolumbia.org so we make sure we have crowns and snacks to go 'round!

FREE for JCC Members
\$2 material fee per child for non-members

at the Katie & Irwin Kahn
Jewish Community Center
306 Flora Drive | Columbia, SC
803.787.2023



Starting March 1st through April 30th, there will be a community-wide challenge to fight hunger. Through the Feinstein Foundation, JFS will be eligible for matching funds for every dollar and every food item donated to the Jewish Family Service Food Pantry. Here is an excerpt of the letter written by Mr. Feinstein for his mission:

Please use MY money to help your neighbors in need!

My name is Alan Shawn Feinstein. For the past 14 years, I have been giving away \$1 million each year to anti-hunger agencies throughout the country.

This year, I am doing it again...

Why am I doing this? Because I believe each of us was put here on earth to do what we can to help those in need. You got this letter because we feel that YOU believe that, too.

My money started this campaign but it is YOU who will help decide how many needy people in your city or town will be fed this year. All that will matter to us someday is what we did while we were here to help those who needed us.

This has become the greatest grass roots campaign ever to fight hunger in our country. Your donation makes you a partner in it with me!

We Are Needed Now!

Please give whatever you can - I will gladly add some of my money to yours. (My \$1 million will be divided proportionately in full among the agencies receiving donations toward my offer.)

Thank you for sharing my heart, and the hope that—someday—no one will ever go hungry.

*Sincerely Yours,
Alan Shawn Feinstein*

There will be drop-off locations at BSS, TOL, CJDS and JCC for food (non-perishables please). In 2012, the Feinstein challenge yielded over \$600.00 in food and monetary donations to the Jewish Food Pantry. Let's make 2013 a record year!

DANCE-A-THON Fund Raiser*at the JCC

Family Fun and Fitness all in one!
**Sunday, March 10
1-4 pm**

Members \$5
Non-Members \$10
Children under 10 years old are FREE
Admission includes FREE popcorn
and Famously Frozen Smoothies

Come try our moves with
Swing, Twist, Shag, Salsa,
Line Dancing & Hip-Hop and
dance through the decades. . .

Show the kids how it's done and
watch the kids have some fun!

Everyone is Welcome!
Pre-register at the front desk,
803 787 2023 ext. 200

*A percentage of ticket sales will go towards helping
provide more Youth Programs at the JCC.



Famously Frozen
Frozen Dessert Machine Rental



JCC
You belong here.

Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center | 306 Flora Drive, Columbia 29224 | jccolumbia.org



a WEEKLY OPEN GAMING SESSION FOR ADULTS

Come play, socialize, strategize, and have a good time
playing board games, mah jongg, cards, etc.

Tables & games will be set up, snacks will be
provided!

Members FREE | Non-members \$2

Drop in; No RSVP required!
Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center
306 Flora Drive | Columbia, SC
803-787-2023



JCC
You belong here.



**every WEDNESDAY
1 - 4 PM**

Yahrzeits

March 1 - David Becker, Ernest Ellis, Jennie Ginsberg*, Henry Steel*, Wolf Winter*, Henry Wolff*, Ruth Grossman Diamond, Libbie Wittenberg*, Annette Hark*, June Goldfein, Howard Jolles, Doreen Friedman, Dora Meyers, Samuel A. Mild*, Harold Weiss, Rita Bierfass Green*, Elaine Harris, Tania Paul, Edna Sims, Dr. Harold Schleider*

March 8 - Nathan Blatt*, Edward Davidson, Julius Feinstein, Anna Gordon, Morris Rauch*, Kate Posner*, Ben Stein*, Mariya Volfson, Gary Gomberg*, Beatrice Kapilian, Gertrude Pall, Adam LaQincy McKnight, Harold Beisin, Rhonda Brandon, Nathan Brenner, Sadie F. Horn*, Richard C. Shivley, Philip Winter*, Cecile Wolff*, Golda Rothberg Belove*, Eve Dobkin, Benjamin Radin, Rachele A. Rothfeder*, Terri Hertz*, Paul Snyder*, Elliott Posner*

March 15 - Julius Jastrow*, Julius J. Teskey*, Alan H. Leader, Hanna Pearlstine*, Rebecca Rogol Winter*, Joseph H. Bloom*, Maurice Marcus, David Milman, Martin Needles, Grier Park, Renee Rollins, Mary M. Rothstein*, Robert Solomon, Sylvia Solomon, Charlotte Steingold, Abraham Isaac Trager*, Frank J. Boxt, Rose L. Cohen*, William S. Reyner*, Elizabeth Auerbach Wilken*

March 22 - Sidney Conway*, Andrea Gerstle, Elaine Gomberg*, Ann Trachamofsky Leader, James Masur*, Michael Sigel, Reuben Brody, Marian D. Fleischman*, Hannah Frayda, Sara Garbuz, Rose Silk, Arline Wander*, Charles Ralph Daniel*, Nettie Hagenbuch, Celia Miller, Myron Wander*, Dorothy Haegele, Geraldine Kreiselman, Shep Pearlstine*, Jesse Weiner*, Ida C. Fidelholtz*, Fritzie Alene Mann*, Irving Schwartz, Nancy Love Weiss*, Edward Furman*, Goldie Hoffman*, Josiah Morse, Freda Benowitz, Charles Solomon

March 29 - Dr. Samuel Birch*, Jerry Brandon, Julia Krantz, Arthur Ginsberg*, Nettie Weisberg, Elic Hyman, Samuel Lewis Rifkin*, Ralph J. Friedman*, Gorman A. Garber, Bessye D. Kantor*, Julius E. Love*, Samuel A. Specter*, Ida Abrams*, David L. Slone, Susan Markel Starr*, Lillian Ravdin Zeller, Celia Foxman*, Jacob Foxman*, Pearl Heiden

Bimah Flowers

February 8

Dan, Lory & Rebecca Bellino, in memory of Barry Levey
Bessie Garber, in memory of Paul Garber
Terry & Stan Gomberg, in memory of Ruth Richmond
Ernie, Donna, Mark & Abby Magaro, in memory of Mac Davidson
Jennifer & Hans Mykytyn and Matthew Train, in memory of Jonathan Scott Train
Jan, Philip, Zack & Erin Savitz, in memory of Sam Savitz
Jennifer & Steve Savitz, in memory of Sam Savitz
Alice Turner, in memory of Isadore Jack Hoffman
Igor Volynets, in memory of Mira Volynets
Todd, Heather, Kate & Sam Weiss, in memory of Sam Savitz

February 15

Eva Bernath, in memory of Phillip Bernath
Emmanuel Farber, in memory of Henrietta Schleider Farber
Belle S. Fields, in memory of Ethel Ann Serbin
Judith Kalb & Alexander Ogden, in memory of Bella Kalb
Tom & Joan McGee & family, in memory of Rabbi Harold Gelfman
Jeff, Peggy & Danny Miller, in memory of Florence Snyder
Arline & Gerald Polinsky, in memory of Gertrude Segal Furman
Harriet Posner, in memory of Mabel Mann
David & Ellen Potter, in memory of Sandra Gaffney
Bill & Sandy Sims, in memory of Herschel Sims
Aileen Sunshine, in memory of Marc Sunshine
Judy & Fred Thibault & Dr. Paul Fischman, in memory of Hilda Fischman
Morton Winter, in memory of Nellie Winter

February 22

Steven, Naomi & Samuel Grosby, in memory of Herbert Grosby
Suzy B. Herzog & Harvie Nachlinger, in memory of Dorothy Berlin Herzog & Charles M. Herzog
Marvyn Milman, in memory of Nancy Bedford Milman
Murray Politis & family, in memory of Kay Politis
Margo & Peter Savitz, in memory of Maurice Savitz
Howard & Karyn Sheftman, in memory of Rena Sheftman
Feliks & Sarra Rabinovich & family, in memory of Yakov Volfson

ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS

March 1, 2013 - Chair: Marc Rapport, Terri Sobel, Bethany & Steven Sorenson, Linda & Jack Sterne, Jon & Debra Stompler, Lonnie & Steven Stout, Ned & Julie Strauss

March 8, 2013 - Chair: Debbie Greenhouse, Ronda Sullivan, Debra & David Tedeschi, Steven & Alice Turner, Andrew Thide, Lance & Barri Thompson, Svetlana Tsukhay & Anzhelika Jikhadze

March 15, 2013 - Chair: Todd Weiss, Andrew & Mindy Tucker, Joan Tucker, Melissa & Timothy Vance, Boris & Jane Veytskin, Abraham & Lois Wandersman, Richard & Nancy Wassermann

March 22, 2013 - Chair: Paul Westfall, G. Todd & Heather Weiss, Howard Weiss, Pamela Weiss & Murray Mitchell, Sharon Weissman & David Reddy, Dena & James Wessinger, Paul & Elisa Westfall

March 29, 2013 - Chair: Kim Moses, Hugh & Sara Wheeler, Travis & Lisa Wheeler, Lee & Jennifer Williams, Shawn & Teresa Berez Youngstedt, Marcia & Geordie Zug, Allan & Linda Ackerman

*Note: If you are unable to bake or purchase Oneg Shabbat refreshments you may donate \$20.00. Homemade goods are always preferable. Checks need to be sent to the temple office **two weeks prior to your Oneg Shabbat date.** Thank you!*

CONTRIBUTIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following thoughtful donations:

General Fund

Connie & Leon Ginsberg, in memory of Hal Birch
Connie & Leon Ginsberg, in memory of Elsie Wolff

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Alex Bernstein, in honor of Rabbi Daniel Sherman
in celebration of becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Alex Bernstein, in honor of Risa Strauss
in celebration of becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Foyer Leaf

Bernstein Family, in honor of Alexander Bernstein
becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Tobae & Hortense Reyner Fund

Carol Barnett, in memory of Elsie Wolff

Religious School Fund

Carol, Warren, Joseph & Laurie Kohn in honor of
Taylor Kohn being recognized as the State's
Overall Winning Reader in the Read with the
Gamecocks Reading Program for 2012-2013

Youth Activities Fund

Kellah Edens-Hult & Bud Hult, in memory of Elsie Wolff
H. Glenn McGee, in memory of Elsie Wolff
Meri Gergel, in memory of Elsie Wolff
Cheryl & Allan Nail, in honor of Max Miller and
Alex Bernstein becoming B'nai Mitzvah

*At the time of publication, we were in the process of updating our records in our database.
If we have inadvertently left off your contribution from this month's list, we will include it in the next newsletter.
Thank you for your understanding.*

SUKKAH PLAZA BRICKS

A Sukkah Plaza brick is a great way to commemorate a life event. Please consider purchasing an engraved brick to be installed in our Sukkah walkway. Some events you may want to commemorate include baby namings, consecration, B'nei Mitzvah, confirmation, weddings, anniversaries, and the blessed memory of loved ones. Bricks may be ordered through the Temple office, by filling out a form found in the foyer, or by downloading a form from the TOL website, www.tolsc.org.

TREASURES FROM THE TREE

Managed by Tree of Life Congregation's Women of Reform Judaism, Treasures from the Tree has everything you need to celebrate Jewish rituals, life cycle events, and simchas. The gift shop is open Sundays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and by appointment at 781-9791. All proceeds benefit Tree of Life sisterhood projects.

Get your Passover items! Now 40% off!

MATZAH MEAL POPOVERS FOR PASSOVER

These Passover popovers are good served warm with butter, and they're great for making kosher-for-Passover "sandwiches" with tuna, or whatever filling you like.

Ingredients:

1 1/2 cups of water
1/2 cup of oil
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
1 1/2 cups matzah cake meal
7 eggs

Directions:

1. Combine water and oil, bring to a boil.
2. Remove from heat, stir in the dry ingredients until it pulls away from the sides of the pan. Allow to cool slightly.
3. Beat in the eggs one at a time, until well blended. Allow to rest for 30 minutes.
4. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Grease a muffin pan, and fill the cups.
5. Bake for 30-40 minutes until brown and puffy. Remove from oven and turn out onto a towel to cool.
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Source: [Ima On and Off The Bima](#)





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30pm Shabbat Service & Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Bernstein	2
3	4	5 6:00-8:00pm Adult Hebrew Classes 7:00pm Taste of The Big Nosh Committee Meeting	6	7 7:00pm The Big Nosh Committee Meeting	8 6:00pm KIDZ Shabbat & Dinner 7:30pm Shabbat Service	9 10:00am Shabbat Service & Torah Study
10 DST Begins 9:15am Sunday School for Adults 12:00 noon Bucks Back Deadline	11	12 6:00-9:00pm Adult Education Classes	13 6:00pm Executive Committee 7:00pm Board of Directors	14 7:00pm Sisterhood Book Club at Pasta Fresca	15 7:30pm Shabbat Service led by the Temple Youth Group	16 7:00pm Taste of The Big Nosh
17	18 7:00-8:00pm Town Hall Meeting at Temple with President Rick Cohn	19 6:00-9:00pm Adult Education Classes 6:45pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	20	21 7:00pm The Big Nosh Committee Meeting	22 6:30pm Potluck Dinner 7:30pm Shabbat Service led by Kitah Bet	23
24 Religious School Model Seder	25 Eve of Passover	26 1st day of Passover 6:30pm Congregational Seder	27 2nd day of Passover	28 3rd day of Passover 6:00pm Sisterhood Women's Seder	29 4th day of Passover 7:30pm Shabbat Service	30 5th day of Passover
31 6th day of Passover 7:00pm Passover Service	1 Last Day of Passover	2	3	4	5 TGIS! 6:00pm Family Service & Shabbat Dinner	6 10:00am Shabbat Service & Torah Study



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