

# BETH SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

May 2008

Nisan - Iyar 5768

## Yom Hashoah Memorial Service Thursday, May 1st



Service of Remembrance begins at 7 p.m.

**Featured Guest Speakers:**  
*Families of Henry & Minda Miller  
and Donna & Ernie Magaro*

**Special Presentation:**  
"The Holocaust Remembered" exhibit.  
6 p.m.

## Retirement Shabbat Services In honor of Dr. Leon Spotts



Saturday, May 3rd  
9:45 a.m.

The Board of Directors would like to honor Dr. Spotts as he retires, for his dedication and service to the Beth Shalom Synagogue community. Come and join us as we show our appreciation. Special kiddush luncheon following services, sponsored by the Beth Shalom Board of Directors and Board of Education.

Beth Shalom Sisterhood is  
Planning a Birthday Party to  
Celebrate 60 Years of the State of Israel.

Sunday, May 11

3:00 p.m.

Beth Shalom

Carol O. Bernstein Social Hall

*Entertainment by the fabulous musical duo  
from Israel, "Shorashim."*

Come make a toast of L'Chaim  
\$5.00 per person  
Children 15 and under free

Bring your family and join in the celebration!

## Beth Shalom's Special

### Presentation of "Tuesdays with Morrie"

By Mitch Albom at Workshop Theatre

Sunday, May 18th

Wine and appetizers: 6 p.m.

Curtain: 7 p.m. Sharp

The entire community is invited to a special showing at Workshop Theatre. We are "buying" the theatre for the evening and will be enjoying pre-show hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

Seating is limited. Mail your check for \$30 per person to Beth Shalom Synagogue by Monday, May 12th to receive tickets for this special evening.

*Please make plans for a lovely evening at the theatre.*

## President's message....



We are all complex beings with multiple parts that form the whole. So, if you are asked to describe yourself, how do you do it? Is it by gender, by marital or parental status, by occupation, by leadership abilities, or by family history? I guess it depends on who is asking, and what the circumstances are that

will provide the emphasis of your identity. If you are an American, you can choose almost any of the descriptors to identify yourself, but if you immigrated here, if you speak with an accent, and if you have a number tattooed on your arm, your identity becomes inexorably associated with your past. You have been identified as a Holocaust Survivor. The experiences of the Survivors (and Liberators) lives with them every minute, and consequently does identify how they will react to situations and deal with life.

And deal with life they did (do). My parents, Jadzia and Ben Stern, were Holocaust Survivors and almost everything that they did or thought to do was influenced by their experiences as youngsters separated from their families and then living the horrors found in the concentration camps. And how can we think that any other manner of coping with the world would have prevailed? Our experiences shape who we are and how we react to the world. What is amazing to me, is that my parents were able to live as "normal" people in this society, rear four children, become professionally successful, pay taxes, take leadership roles in the community and still be devoted to their religion. Despite all that happened to them and their families and despite all of their losses, they maintained a determination to prevail, live life and impart to their children that the world is basically good. My mother spoke of the inherent goodness in mankind and my father would often say, "Thank G-d for the USA and its armed forces" and "Be happy to pay taxes for your freedoms."

Adolf Hitler came to power in Germany in 1933, after years of political strife and economic collapse. Along with his swift efforts to stamp out dissent, he brought hope to Germans for a rejuvenated future, restoring order and bringing Germany close to economic prosperity. Early views of him, even those of foreigners, were generally favorable, if not reverent. However, Hitler perceived the Jews as a despised minority, responsible for all of Germany's problems. It frightens me when occasionally I hear that in the United States, Jews are "blamed for a liberal media" or that Jews "control all the money and financial institutions." Was this the rhetoric that Hitler started out with in the early 1930's? Do we have the ability to adequately squash this talk and return to reasonable dialog?

The optimism of my parents, and other survivors, amazed me as I grew older and realized the implications of WW II and the reasons that they lost everything they knew. Although, I have always found it hard to study the Holocaust or research the deranged mind of Hitler, there were some things that have always stayed with me. As Hitler's armies rounded up individuals and communities, it mattered not that many in these groups did not practice Judaism and/or some did not even know that they were Jewish. Some of these individuals were in areas of high society and considered themselves "immune" to the madness of Hitler. However, in the end, all that mattered was the association to Judaism. A German author and geneticist, Benno Mueller-Hill wrote in an essay, "The ideology of the National Socialists can be put very simply. They claimed that there is a biological basis for the diversity of mankind. What makes a Jew a Jew, a Gypsy a Gypsy... and the mentally abnormal, mentally abnormal, is in their blood, that is to say, in their genes. All these individuals, and perhaps others, are (seen as) inferior...(to preserve 'Aryan' culture) the inferior must be isolated, sterilized, rejected and 'removed' – a euphemism for killed."

The lesson to me is clear. We cannot hide who we are, we should not even try. So we need to strengthen our identity and our presence. Our strength is in our Jewish community and in our synagogue. We need to loudly celebrate each life cycle and we need not to fear the larger community recognition. We need to support our Jewish professionals, our teachers, and our Jewish facilities. We are all enmeshed in other secular causes, whether it is the Juvenile Diabetes Association or The Columbia Heart Association, and in other facilities, i.e. members of Spring Valley Country Club or alumnae of USC. These are worthy of our support and our time. But I ask you to search your heart and your mind. Are you as invested in your Jewishness? To the best of your ability are you supporting the Beth Shalom Endowment Fund or are you paying what you should be paying for synagogue dues? Are you recognizing from where your strongest allies will be? Felix Goldberg often stated "it's not easy being Jewish" and he was right!! We pray that we will never live through a time as my parents and other Holocaust survivors lived from 1933-1945. But they were unbelieving during that time as well.

My family now has been awarded a unique insight into the changing landscape of Europe in the 1930's. Through letters that have been saved (late 1920's-late 1930's) from Helen Lipton and Gabe Stern to the Stern family in Poland, Joe Lipton (with translation provided by Rabbi Philip Silverstein) has been able to provide some answers to long time questions related to the knowledge of the war preparation, the changes in the attitudes of Polish businesses and neighbors, and the quotas related to immigration. Most did not and could not believe what was to come. Germany was a civilized society, Jews were holding prominent positions in science, medicine, law, etc. However, these notions soon

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became replaced with the realization that danger and annihilation were imminent. Could this ever happen here, in these United States, or in other civilized societies? I would hope to G-d not, but we must be strong within ourselves and about ourselves as related to Judaism. We live in a wonderful country and a beautiful city. We need to commit ourselves to our terrific and active Jewish community.

We will be commemorating Yom Hashoah, The Day of Remembrance, at Beth Shalom Synagogue on Thursday, May 1, 2008. The Columbia Holocaust Education Commission with the help of the SC State Museum has developed an exhibit, "The Holocaust Remembered." This exhibit will highlight SC Survivors/Liberators with an emphasis on the Columbia Survivors/Liberators. It is the plan of the committee to "grow" this exhibit over the next years and highlight individuals who have their own story about the holocaust. The exhibit will be shown at Beth Shalom Synagogue at 6 pm on Thursday, May 1 and will stay at the synagogue until Monday, May 5 when it will be taken to the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center to be seen throughout the month of May. It will be shown again during the month of the High Holidays at the Center.

So how do I describe myself? I am a wife, mother, and grandmother. I am a physician and President of Beth Shalom Synagogue. I chair committees and work with varying organizations. But most emotionally of all, I am the daughter of Holocaust Survivors.

*Lilly Filler, MD*

## Holocaust Remembrance Exhibit



As part of its mission, the Columbia Holocaust Education Committee collaborated with the State Museum to produce a 12 panel visual display of Midlands survivors and liberators which chronicles the history of the Holocaust. This exhibit, entitled "The Holocaust Remembered" will be on display at Beth Shalom Synagogue May 1st at 6 p.m., an hour before the Yom Hashoah service. It will stay at the synagogue until Monday, May 5th. For the rest of the month of May, it will be available for viewing at the Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center.

## Rosh Chodesh Supper Club

**Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m.**

**At the home of Patricia Lovit**  
10 Zinnia Court, Columbia, SC 29223

**Bring your favorite dairy or vegetarian dish to share.**

RSVP to Patricia at 865-8166 or  
[PLovit37@bellsouth.net](mailto:PLovit37@bellsouth.net)

## Jewish Woman's Book Club Beth Shalom Synagogue - Library

**Tuesday, May 20th**  
**7 p.m.**

**Join us for two books to discuss this month:**

*The Collaborator of Bethlehem*  
By Matt Beynon Rees

**and**  
*Because They Hate*  
By Brigitte Gabriel

**All Jewish Women are invited**



## Beth Shalom Men's Club 1st Annual "Akiba"

## Poker Tournament

**Thursday, May 15**  
**7 - 9 p.m.**

**Beth Shalom Synagogue**

RSVP to Dan Matzner at 673-6813 or  
[dmbones@hotmail.com](mailto:dmbones@hotmail.com)



# Kol HaChadashot

During the tefilah service we say: Al sh'losha d'varim haOlam Omed, al HaTorah, v'al haAvodah, v'al Gimilut hasamim; The world rests on three things: on Torah, on Prayer, and on deeds of kindness. Beth Shalom students are always finding ways to achieve these goals. It is amazing to look back on a year that is just filled with ways our students have improved the world. They have donated time to Harvest Hope, collected food for animals and people. Collected DVD's for children overseas, and visited folks who are ill and at home. Students learned their prayers and equally important, learned *how* to pray! They studied the Torah, Prophets, the book of Ruth and Song of Songs. **Come see the displays that all our youth have done this year, on May 16 for Education Shabbat. Please join us as for student led services and dinner. All student awards will be given out after dinner.**

The Matzah Bakery was a huge success! We winnowed the wheat, then ground it, made it into dough, rolled it out and baked it! We ate it and it was pretty tasty!



Passover Seder's have a different look! We made matzah houses with Fluff, and chocolate [good eating] While the older students cooked charoset from 3 different countries! Some were yummy the others were 'different.' It was great fun!



## Sisterhood Happenings

The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Donor is the Sisterhood's biggest event of the year and we NEED the ENTIRE congregation to come out and support this exciting and unique opportunity. **"Israel at 60: A MUSICAL CELEBRATION" on Sunday, May 11 at 3:00pm.** We are fortunate to have a fabulous musical duo, *Shorashim* to come from Israel to entertain and delight all ages. This event is being funded by Sisterhood and the Scholar-in-Residence. Please make every effort to attend and make this an afternoon of celebration with your family and friends.

Congratulations to the 2008 recipients of the Rabbi Edward R. Kandel Scholarship. Sisterhood has awarded scholarships to three very deserving students: **Sarah Brotman**, a sixth grader who will be attending Camp Judaea. Sarah is planning her Bat Mitzvah project around Midland Hair Donation - Wigs for Kids and Pantene Beautiful Lengths, to benefit cancer patients. **Nathan Rubinger**, a ninth grader, will be attending Camp Tel Yehudah. Nathan is a board member of BBYO and the newly crowned beau of Columbia BBG. **Rebekah Lovit**, a tenth grader, will be attending BBYO Kallah. Rebekah is a BBYO board member as a Sh'lichah, the Jewish programming coordinator. We wish all of these kids a fun, safe and educational experience.

This year our Sisterhood is sending four women: Amanda Schlager, Catherine Morgan, Gail Schein, and me to the Annual Women's League for Conservative Judaism Southern Region Spring conference. The conference will be held in Savannah, GA on May 2, 3 and 4. The theme is "Sisterhood: Heart and Soul of the Synagogue" Attending conferences help to promote new ideas and network with other Sisterhoods in our region. This is a wonderful opportunity to help activate energy and enthusiasm to bring back to the Columbia Beth Shalom Sisterhood.

The Sisterhood Gift Shop is an important function of the synagogue. It provides a service to keep the latest Judaica merchandise to purchase for ritual items and for gifts. I would like to thank **Naomi Freedman** and **Lynda Laban** for helping to maintain the gift shop for over ten years. Also to **Ruth Burack**, who recently moved out of town. The gift shop is a fundraiser for the Sisterhood to help provide for the synagogue, and these ladies have volunteered hundreds of hours to keep the gift shop stocked with beautiful Judaica items. Thank you ladies for giving of your time and energy. The new Gift Shop Committee consists of a crew of dedicated women, Anny Zalesne, Bobbi Matzner, Ruth Rast and Amanda Schlager. I would also like to thank our weekly volunteers, Anne Baum and Ilse Sammon. These two women come in every week with a friendly smile ready to help customers make the perfect purchase. During the summer, the new committee will be working hard to learn the process of maintaining and making some exciting changes to promote the gift shop.

See you in Shul,

**Heidi Lovit, BSS Sisterhood, President**

## Beth Shalom Sisterhood Gift Shop Can solve your problems....

- Is your husband still wearing his Bar Mitzvah tallis?
  - Are your kiddush cups chipped and dented?
  - Are your mezuzzahs weather beaten?
  - Is it ok to replace Aunt Sadie's challah knife?
- If YES is the answer to any of these questions -  
**Beth Shalom Gift Shop - can solve your problems!**

- Are you looking to spend a couple of hours in a worthwhile activity?
- Are your days long, with nothing to do? Volunteer at Beth Shalom Gift Shop.  
**Beth Shalom Gift Shop - can solve your problems!**

### Hours:

**By appointment only. Please call one of our volunteers to make an appointment to meet you at the Gift Shop.**

Ruth Rast - 462-0008  
Bobbi Matzner - 234-8726  
Ann Baum - 790-1255  
Ilse Sammon - 787-6461





Television comes to Beth Shalom!

Our own Dancing with the Stars



With Beth Shalom Flavor!

Save The Date



Shag, Tap, Waltz, Swing

You'll see it all with our hometown pros!

Saturday, October 11, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Embassy Suites Hotel

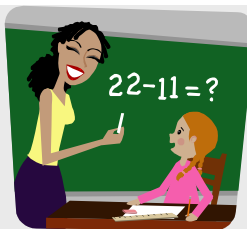


Invitation to follow

*A list of 2008 graduates will be highlighted in the June/July Bulletin. Please let us know of college & post college graduates.*

### Hebrew School Teachers Needed....

We are searching for dynamic, warm, and skilled men and women to serve as teachers within the school as well as community educators. Community educators give shiurim and learn with the school's parent body, offer Shabbat programming to students, and participate in a variety of extra-curricular programs according to their individual talents. We have a very strong social curriculum, and feel that it is our job to educate students not only with a strong general and Judaic education, but to also teach students to be menches. Fluency in Hebrew a plus. Competitive salaries and supportive environment. This is a wonderful opportunity for young teachers who can take advantage of a mentoring structure that will aid in their professional development.



We need Hebrew teachers, high school level, kindergarten teacher, and a pre-school teacher.

Call: 782-2500 and ask for Rebecca Pinsker, Director of Education or e-mail: [rebecca@bshp@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca@bshp@gmail.com).

### Have you ever wanted to participate in services? How about reading Torah or Haftorah?

We are looking for congregants who would like to participate in the services. We have a good core group of people that we know about, but we also know there are others out there that haven't been given the opportunity to participate. Now's your chance... even if you just want to do one page we can work with you to include you in the service. Can you read Torah or Haftorah? We are going to start scheduling readers up to months in advance to allow individuals that need time to prepare, time to do so. Would you like to learn a part, a whole service, learn to read Torah or Haftorah? We can work with you to make this happen. We will form classes or work one-on-one, whatever works best for you.

We are building a database of this information, so just let the synagogue office know who you are, what you can lead or would like to lead, and if we don't have your e-mail, please provide that as well.

# *Education Shabbat Service and Shabbat Dinner*

Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
After Education Shabbat Services  
(Student led services will begin at 6:00 p.m.)

Dinner menu to be announced.....

**Join your friends and family as we honor our teachers and students.  
Displays of student's work and certificates will be awarded during the evening.  
Thank you to the Board of Education, who will be hosting this event.**

Adults: \$10, Children (under 12 yrs.): \$5  
Maximum cost per family: \$25

Please Note: Your mailed-in check will be your reservation. Sorry, we cannot guarantee dinners for those without reservations. Checks need to be received by Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-pay basis, for the first 100 seats.

Make your checks payable to Beth Shalom Synagogue and  
mail your check and reservation form (below) to:  
Beth Shalom Synagogue, 5827 North Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC 29206

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Family Shabbat Dinner - Friday, May 16, 2008

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# RAMBLINGS AND RUMINATIONS ON JEWISH EDUCATION AND JEWISH LIFE

*Rabbi Dr. Leon H. Spotts, Beth Shalom Resident Scholar*

## ISRAEL'S 60<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY: PART 1 –



### **HOW THE STATE OF ISRAEL CAME INTO BEING**

It's hard to believe that on May 8, 2008 we will celebrate the beginning of Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> year of existence as a modern Jewish state. It seems only a relatively short time ago that the incredible drama surrounding the

founding of this state unfolded. The saga began in 1947 when Great Britain announced its plan to abandon, as of May 15, 1948, its mandate over what was then called Palestine. The League of Nations had awarded Britain the mandate to govern Palestine a quarter of a Century earlier in the distribution of the spoils of war following World War I.

Once Britain determined to withdraw from its role in governing Palestine, the newly formed United Nations Organization now assumed responsibility for deciding what would become of this land and its bitterly divided Jewish and Arab communities. Based on the deliberations of the specially appointed Committee on Palestine, on November 29, 1947, the UN promulgated what was known as the "Partition Plan". The Partition Plan proposed the establishment of two separate states in the territory referred to as Palestine – a Jewish State and an Arab State. The holy city of Jerusalem, however, would be an independent enclave under the direct governance of the UN. This plan was to go into effect on May 15, 1948.

With some misgivings, the designated representatives of the authorized Jewish bodies accepted the Partition Plan, while the Arab states unanimously rejected and denounced it. The tension built as the leaders of what was then Palestinian Jewry conferred with their coreligionists abroad and with key political figures in friendly countries as to whether they should unilaterally declare the founding of a Jewish state, irrespective of the Arab rejection of the Partition Plan. In this regard, the stance taken by the Administration of the United States would be critical in this decision-making process. The State Department in the American government of then President, Harry S. Truman

– and in particular, then Secretary of State, George Marshall --adamantly opposed American support or recognition of such a new political entity.

But in the days leading up to the May 15 deadline, a dramatic visit to the White House by the aged and ailing, but ever persuasive Zionist leader, Chaim Weitzmann, arranged by Truman's old business partner and lifelong friend, Eddie Jacobson, convinced Truman of the justice of the Zionist plea for a Jewish homeland. Over the strong objections of his closest advisors, Truman announced that the United States would support and recognize the soon to be established Jewish State.

So it was that on the eve of May 14, 1948, which corresponded to the Hebrew date of 5 Iyar, that Jewish Agency Chairman David ben Gurion declared the establishment of the new Jewish State of Israel (thereby enshrining the date, 5 Iyar, as Yom Ha'atzma'ut – Israel Independence Day). The next day, seven Arab armies launched a coordinated military assault on the fledgling Jewish State. Military experts speculated that with no standing army or arsenal of weapons, Israel would quickly succumb.

But the Israelis had their own plans for the outcome of this war. Contrary to all expectations, they not only blunted and turned back the offensive campaigns of the several Arab armies, but mounted their own counter offensive to repel and ultimately vanquish their Arab enemies. When the Arabs requested a truce in 1949, the Jews held significant areas of land beyond what the original Partition Plan had allotted to them.

Unfortunately, however, this first defeat of the Arab armies did not lead to security and international recognition for Israel. Over the ensuing 60 years Israel would fight many more wars with its enemies, while at the same time solidifying its standing as a productive contributor to the community of nations. These and other topics will be explored in this column in the months to come.

## THE PEACE CORPS AND PESACH

In the spirit of Tikun Olam, it is a joy to tell you that we sent 250 DVDs to the Peace Corps in Namibia. Beth Shalom's offering consisted of entertainment for all ages and tastes. There were dramas, documentaries, romances, mysteries, musicals, nostalgia, horror films and cartoons. There were very few repeats. We have, no doubt, filled a wanting void in the lives of our Peace Corps volunteers, and our contribution will add to the knowledge of numerous struggling youngsters in a far away land seeking to understand our culture.

Our enduring gratitude goes to those of you who gave so generously to this cause. We hope you had a sweet and happy Pesach.

*Jerry Breger*

## Candle Lighting Times



May 2	.....	7:48 p.m.
May 9	.....	7:54 p.m.
May 16	.....	7:59 p.m.
May 23	.....	8:04 p.m.
May 30	.....	8:09 p.m.





## MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

*Diana & Paul Woodrow*



### *Why did you join Beth Shalom?*

The seeds of our decision to join Beth Shalom Synagogue were actually planted more than a year and a half ago in the fall of 2006 when we brought a friend visiting us from Panama to attend services and to introduce her to the Rabbi. We had never been to Beth Shalom nor were we Jewish at the time. We were touched by the warm welcome and personal interest shown for our friend and for us! Both Paul and I were Christians at the time and had been in Bible study and prayer groups for over 20 years; however, approximately five years ago we experienced an increased yearning to studying our roots in Judaism. Amazingly, we were encouraged greatly by our parish priest at the time, who himself had begun reading a Hebrew translation of the Bible and attending synagogue services. After studying under Dr. Leon Spotts for over a year we converted in December 2007 and were remarried in a Jewish wedding by Rabbi David Siff. We officially joined Beth Shalom in January 2008 and feel we have “come home.”

### *What do you like about Beth Shalom?*

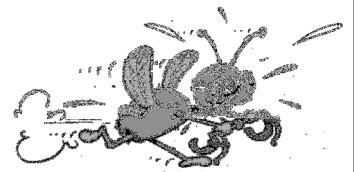
One of the most significant things we like about Beth Shalom Synagogue is the Shabbat morning services. The meaningfulness of the prayers and the reverence for the Torah are very moving as we sit in the house of peace. At the same time, we like the fact that there is joy and enjoyment during the service and warm greetings among the congregants that makes us feel we are a family. Being perennial students at heart, we appreciate being able to take part in informative adult education classes and seminars and continue to grow as Jews as well as practice and learn to speak more Hebrew. Further, we like the synagogue's active social programs, Shabbat dinners, religious holidays, and opportunities to interact and share good times with members who have become friends. Finally, we also like that there is opportunity for outreach both locally and globally and to make a difference in our community, such as helping with the Harvest Hope Food Bank.

*Paul and Diana Woodrow relocated to Columbia from the Republic of Panama in 2004. Both are retired, Diana from the Panama Canal Commission where she was an administrative executive with the Board of Directors and Paul from the U. S. Army as a colonel and legal counsel for the Panama Canal treaty negotiations and the director overseeing all deployments of active and reserve US military in Central and South America. They have two adult daughters. Both Paul and Diana enjoy exploring Columbia and the state's historical places of interest, cultural events, the beach, working out at the JCC, and travel. Paul enjoys classic cars and is restoring his baby, a 1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass 442 Convertible. Diana is active in Newcomers, a member of Sisterhood and will begin serving as Treasurer of the Mikveh Committee this month. They spend their winters in Panama at the beach.*

*Lyssa Harvey and Sharon Robinson, Membership Co-Chairs*

## KID-S TRIATHLON AND HEALTH FAIR

Columbia's chapter of Hadassah, The Junior League of Columbia, and Outspoken Bicycles have joined together again to present the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual *Kids Get Fit Triathlon* to be held on Sunday May 18, 2008 at 2:00 pm at the Columbia Jewish Community Center, located at 306 Flora Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29223.



For more information and/or for registration forms, please contact Lori Lapin at 513-2325 or [llapin@sc.rr.com](mailto:llapin@sc.rr.com) or Beth Bernstein at 799-7900 or [beth@bernsteinandbernstein.com](mailto:beth@bernsteinandbernstein.com).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5/1	Spencer Remo Amado	5/12	Gal Soltz
5/1	Harold Birch	5/13	Debbie Deutschmann
5/1	Ruby Harris	5/14	Matthew Strick
5/1	Tootsie Kline	5/15	Anna Strick
5/2	Stephen Batey	5/15	Michelle Strick
5/2	Heide Golden	5/16	Morris Blachman
5/2	Lycia Golson	5/18	Louis Friedman
5/2	Joyce Klein	5/18	Georgy Safran Martin
5/3	Murray Riebman	5/18	Fred Seidenberg
5/3	Hilik Shenkar	5/19	Larisa Aginskaya
5/4	Amy Berger	5/20	Emily Lobel Kahn
5/4	Bernard Levine	5/21	Robin Beck
5/4	Arielle Rapoport	5/21	Elizabeth Vardi
5/4	Benjamin Wagner	5/21	Aaron Zalesne
5/5	Basya Lesov	5/22	Ivan Gottlieb
5/5	Ben Pearlstine	5/22	Adam Lovit
5/5	Ilse Sammon	5/22	Lilly Riber
5/5	Michael Tucker	5/23	Herbert Drucker
5/6	Lauren Cherney	5/23	Eric Stahl
5/6	Nathan Haber	5/24	Lauren Bockow
5/6	Erika Swerling	5/25	Adam Arnold
5/6	Jay Tucker	5/25	Howard Nankin
5/8	Arthur Datnoff	5/27	Sarah Kline
5/8	Samuel Greenberg	5/28	Maxwell Aaron Raynes
5/8	Brenda Needle	5/30	Jack Swerling
5/10	Mildred Berliner	5/31	Harrison Davis
5/10	Neal Lourie	5/31	David Siff
5/10	Janet Safran	5/31	Alice Simmons
5/12	Melissa Port	5/31	Frank Volin
5/12	Michal Rubin		

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

5/2	Fred & Linda Blank	34 years
5/7	Sue Berkowitz & Harrison Palmer	19 years
5/13	Jonny & Christie Fins	19 years
5/14	Robert & Amy Berger	8 years
5/15	Ken & Laurie Walden	25 years
5/18	Fred & Ellen Seidenberg	33 years
5/23	Jeff & Kay Gross	21 years
5/24	Ian & Marilyn Picow	16 years
5/25	Randy & Cindi Stark	12 years
5/27	Morris & Penny Blachman	24 years
5/27	Martin & Lori Blum	7 years
5/28	Steven & Sheila Gendil	41 years
5/30	Bill & Linda Stern	26 years
5/31	Howard & Nancy Nankin	11 years

### **MAZAL TOV!**

To Rachel Rosansky, daughter of Erica Allison and Steven Rosansky, who will graduate from MUSC School of Medicine on May 16th where she will receive a degree of Doctor of Medicine. She will be doing her Residency at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, NY.

To Sue and Joel Sussman on the birth of their grandson, Cameron Jacob. The happy parents are Cary and Becky Sussman.

To Esther Warshauer-Baker, who is graduating Harvard Law School.

To Meira Warshauer & Sam Baker on the engagement of their daughter, Esther Warshauer-Baker to Jordan Bleicher of Wayne, New Jersey.

To Rabbi Dr. Philip Silverstein on receiving his Doctorate from the Lutheran Theological Seminary.

To Laura Golson, for being inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa at USC.

To Dr. Helena Solodar, sister of Lilly Filler and Bill Stern, who was recently honored at the American Academy of Audiology's national conference, "Audiology NOW!" by receiving two prestigious awards: The 2008 State Leaders Network Advocate of the Year Award and the American Academy of Audiology Presidential Award.

### **TODAH RABAH!**

To Carl Eisenstadt for tuning the synagogue's piano, in honor of his mother, Dorothy Eisenstadt.

To Bob & Jocelyn Burg for donating 7 cases of wine for the Passover Seder.

To Terri Hodges & Renee Bland for organizing another wonderful Seder!

**The congregation extends its condolences to:**  
 Diana Rubinger & family on the loss of her mother, Tessie Noble  
 Sharon Robinson & family on the loss of her mother, Charlotte Karesh

**Yahrzeits**

5/1	Goldie Filler	Nissan 26	5/23	Ronald Brotman	Iyar 18
5/1	Morris Ralph Filler	Nissan 26	5/23	Martin Langer	Iyar 18
5/1	Mollie Roth	Nissan 26	5/23	Samuel H. Lipton	Iyar 18
5/1	Bella Selden	Nissan 26	5/23	Joseph Marcus	Iyar 18
5/1	Sidney Volinsky	Nissan 26	5/23	Esther K. Sutker	Iyar 18
5/2	Arthur M. Arnold	Nissan 27	5/23	Daniel D. Weinstein	Iyar 18
5/2	Selma Smolowsky	Nissan 27	5/24	Rosa Sobol	Iyar 19
5/3	Annie Coplan	Nissan 28	5/25	Frieda Rebecca Fox Berger	Iyar 20
5/3	Sabina K. Goldstein	Nissan 28	5/25	Zofia Nowak	Iyar 20
5/3	Sylvia Prager	Nissan 28	5/25	Jacob Serbin	Iyar 20
5/4	John J. Alion	Nissan 29	5/26	Gabriel Stern	Iyar 21
5/4	Phyllis Betcher	Nissan 29	5/27	Rose Friedman	Iyar 22
5/4	Ida Volinsky	Nissan 29	5/27	Nuchal Lieberman	Iyar 22
5/5	Harriett Hoffman	Nissan 30	5/27	Seymour Seigel	Iyar 22
5/5	Pauline Rizinsky Horowitz	Nissan 30	5/27	Gilbert Sherman	Iyar 22
5/6	Joe S. Berry	Iyar 1	5/27	Jessie Steinberg	Iyar 22
5/6	Manya Kaufman	Iyar 1	5/27	Sydney Yudell	Iyar 22
5/6	Allan Spero	Iyar 1	5/28	Fay Fein	Iyar 23
5/7	William Bellah	Iyar 2	5/28	Edith From	Iyar 23
5/7	Libby F. Levinson	Iyar 2	5/28	Jenette Schwartz	Iyar 23
5/7	William Marks	Iyar 2	5/28	Rebecca Weinstein	Iyar 23
5/7	Ida Levi Sollod	Iyar 2	5/29	Annie Dribbon Benninger	Iyar 24
5/8	Fannie Bogen	Iyar 3	5/29	David Krevens	Iyar 24
5/8	Ezra Meir	Iyar 3	5/29	Sidney David Leader	Iyar 24
5/8	Ralph Spiro	Iyar 3	5/30	Esther Jeweler Cherner	Iyar 25
5/9	Max Dickman	Iyar 4	6/1	Samuel Pearlstine	Iyar 27
5/9	Ralph Milton Feldman	Iyar 4	6/1	Matthew Poliakoff	Iyar 27
5/9	Zelick Levy	Iyar 4	6/2	Ethel Katz	Iyar 28
5/10	Allan Spero	Iyar 5	6/2	Sheina Sapir	Iyar 28
5/11	Benjamin Swerling	Iyar 6	6/3	Tillie Schechtman	Iyar 29
5/13	Rose Rubin	Iyar 8	6/3	Louis Isaac Spevack	Iyar 29
5/15	Doris Blynes	Iyar 10	6/4	Dorothy Laibstain	Sivan 1
5/15	Myer Freed	Iyar 10	6/4	Nathan Simon	Sivan 1
5/16	Minnie Ackerman	Iyar 11	6/5	Irene Abend	Sivan 2
5/16	Paul Botwin	Iyar 11	6/5	George E. Ackerman	Sivan 2
5/16	Sidney Kayman	Iyar 11	6/5	Albert Deixler	Sivan 2
5/17	Esther Cohen Bass	Iyar 12			
5/17	David Goldfine	Iyar 12			
5/18	Pearle D. Winter Baker	Iyar 13			
5/18	Julius Slacter	Iyar 13			
5/20	Sam Bernstein	Iyar 15			
5/20	Jerome Nudelman	Iyar 15			
5/21	Esther Berger Ness	Iyar 16			
5/22	Ida Goldstein	Iyar 17			
5/23	Louis Berry	Iyar 18			

**Schedule of Services**



Friday	.....	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	.....	9:45 a.m.
Mon.-Thurs.	.....	6:15 p.m.



# DONATIONS

## Adinah Kitchen Fund

**To David Miller - In memory of Cela Miller.**  
By: Bluma Goldberg

**To Rafi Soltz - We were very sorry to hear about the loss of your father.**  
By: Linda & Daryl Giddings

**For the honor of an Aliyah on the yahrzeit of my father, Sam Wengrow.**  
By: Jean Brock & Henry Ray Wengrow

**In honor of our granddaughter, Abigail Fixel, who has learned the four questions at 3 1/2 and her mother and father, Rebecca & Alan, for teaching them to her.**  
By: Jean Brock and Henry Ray Wengrow

**To Diana Rubinger - My condolences on the loss of your mother, Tessie Noble.**  
By: Helen Kahn

**To Rabbi Philip Silverstein - Congratulations on receiving your doctorate.**  
By: Doris Kahn  
By: Nancy & Joe Lipton

## Ben Stern Cantorial Memorial Fund

**In memory of our dad.**  
By: Naomi Mart, Judy Hagan and family

**To Henry Goldberg - Glad to hear you are doing so well.**  
By: Claire & Morris Kline

## Beautification Landscape Fund

**To Sandra & Ed Poliakoff - Congratulations on the birth of your granddaughter, Sydney Reese Poliakoff.**  
By: Nancy McCormick

## Betty & Marvin Brownstein Torah Restoration Fund

**In memory of my parents, Betty & Marvin Brownstein.**  
By: Janet Brownstein

**To Gail and Robert Watson & family - In loving memory of your mother, June Bartholomew.**  
By: Janet Brownstein

**To Rochelle and Harry Laster & family - In loving memory of your mother and grandmother, Helena Laster.**  
By: Lilyan & Nathan Picow

**To Sandy Gottlieb - Wishing you a complete recovery.**  
By: Lilyan & Nathan Picow

**To Sue & Joel Sussman - Mazel Tov on the birth of your new grandson, Cameron Jacob Sussman.**

By: Penni & Larry Nadel

**To Jack Gottlieb - So glad you are doing so well.**  
By: Claire & Morris Kline

## Carol O. Bernstein Memorial Fund

**To Larry Nadel & family - In memory of your beloved mother and grandmother, Freida Nadel.**  
By: Michele, Danna & Rebecca Lewsky

**To Cydney Berry and the Berry family - In memory of your beloved sister and aunt, Sue Glasser.**  
By: Michele, Danna & Rebecca Lewsky

**To the Sunshine & Karesh families - In loving memory of Jeff Sunshine.**  
By: Michele, Danna & Rebecca Lewsky

**To the Katherine & Jay Friedman and the Politis family - In loving memory of Kay Politis.**  
By: Michele, Danna & Rebecca Lewsky

**To Bruce & Debbie Deutschmann - In memory of your beloved mother and mother-in-law, Alverna Deutschmann.**  
By: Michele, Danna & Rebecca Lewsky

**To Bill Stern - Mazel Tov on receiving the Magen David award.**  
By: Michele, Danna & Rebecca Lewsky

**To Sol Kline - Best wishes for continued good health.**  
By: Michele, Danna & Rebecca Lewsky

**To Henry Goldberg - Wishing you a full & speedy recovery.**  
By: Michele, Danna & Rebecca Lewsky

**To Penny Blachman and family - In memory of your beloved father and grandfather, Sam Siegel.**  
By: Michele, Danna & Rebecca Lewsky

**To David Lovit - Congratulations on receiving the "Lifetime Coach Award" from the JCC.**  
By: Michele, Danna & Rebecca Lewsky

**To Diana Rubinger and family - In memory of your beloved mother, Tessie Noble.**  
By: Michele, Danna & Rebecca Lewsky

## Education Fund

**To Jack Swerling - Mazel Tov on being inducted to the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.**  
By: Naomi & Carl Freedman

**In memory of Morris Drucker.**  
By: Ronnie & Herb Drucker

**In memory of Robert Carlson.**  
By: Ronnie & Herb Drucker

**In memory of Simon Markowitz.**  
By: Anna Fedrick

**To Gabbi Baker - Mazel Tov for being elected International VP of Programming (S'ganit) of BBYO.**  
By: Gail & Jack Lieb

**To Diana Rubinger - In memory of your mother, Tessie Noble.**  
By: Gail & Jack Lieb

## Endowment Fund

**To Florence Fox - In memory of Barry Meyers.**  
By: Shirley & Marlin Freedman

**To Sandy Gottlieb - Wishing you a speedy and complete recovery.**  
By: Dean & Arnold Bernstein  
By: Shirley & Everett Ness  
By: Claire & Morris Kline

**To Patty & Michael Tucker - In honor of the birth of your grandson, Grady Kenneth Tucker.**  
By: The Stark Families

**To Diana Rubinger - In memory of your mother, Tessie Noble.**  
By: Bobbi & Gad Matzner  
By: The Stark Families

**To Helen Kahn - So glad you are doing well.**  
By: Claire & Morris Kline

**To Harold Kline - So happy to see you on your own two feet again.**  
By: Claire & Morris Kline

**To Joni & Shep Cutler - Congratulations on a well deserved honor for receiving the Israel's Gates of Jerusalem Award.**  
By: Claire & Morris Kline

**To Rabbi & Chava Epstein - Congratulations on your 20th anniversary in Columbia.**  
By: Claire & Morris Kline

**To Robert Frank - Mazel tov on your 2nd Bar Mitzvah.**  
By: Michele, Danna & Rebecca Lewsky

**To Nancy & Howard Nankin - In honor of your newest granddaughter, Larissa Ugol.**  
By: Suzi & Scrappy Stark

**To Sue & Joel Sussman - In honor of the birth of your grandson, Cameron Jacob Sussman.**  
By: Suzi & Scrappy Stark

## General Fund

To Sandra & Ed Poliakoff - Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Sydney Reese Poliakoff

By: Ruth & Walker Rast

To Sheila Kaffee - Happy Birthday.

By: Eddie, David & Stan Ross

To Sidney & Sheila Kaffee - Happy anniversary.

By: Eddie, David & Stan Ross

In memory of Bill Dorman.

By: Patricia Lovit

To Marcie & John Baker - Mazel Tov for Gabbi being elected International VP of Programming (S'ganit) of BBYO.

By: Penni & Larry Nadel

To Jack Cherney - So glad you're doing well. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

By: Jeanette Wells

## George Port Memorial Kiddush Fund

To Sura Wengrow - Love and best wishes for a Happy and Kosher Passover.

By: Jean Brock and Henry Ray Wengrow

To Arnold Wengrow - Love and best wishes for a Happy and Kosher Passover.

By: Jean Brock & Henry Ray Wengrow

For the honor of being selected to give a Devar Torah on April 5, 2008 Shabbat Hachodesh.

By: Jean Brock & Henry Ray Wengrow

In memory of my son, Gerry P. Sammon.

By: Ilse Sammon

In honor of Nadia Vardi being called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

By: Thalia & Hal Birch

To Rabbi Philip Silverstein - Congratulations on earning your doctorate from the Lutheran Theological Seminary.

By: Meira Warshauer & Sam Baker

To Dr. Tanya Siff - Congratulations on earning your doctorate in Psychology.

By: Meira Warshauer & Sam Baker

To Rabbi David Siff - Thank you for your dedicated service to Beth Shalom and much success in your future endeavors.

By: Meira Warshauer & Sam Baker

## Library Fund

To Eveda & Dan Matzner - Mazel Tov on the birth of your new daughter, Chloe.

By: Penni & Larry Nadel

## Prayer Book Fund

To Sandra & Ed Poliakoff - In honor of the birth of your first grandchild, Sydney Reese Poliakoff.

By: Penni & Lawrence Nadel

To Patty & Michael Tucker - Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Grady Tucker.

By: Penni & Larry Nadel

## Prayer Book Fund (Sim Shalom)

In honor of Florence Levy's birthday.

By: Marjorie Cooper

To Nadia Vardi - Great job, you worked hard. Enjoy!

By: Tobie & Sarah Drucker

To Florence Fox - In loving memory of your dear son, Barry Meyer.

By: Claire & Morris Kline

To Diana Rubinger - Our deepest sympathies on the loss of your mother, Tessie Noble.

By: Sisterhood Bereavement Committee

To Henry Stern - Mazel Tov on your 90th birthday.

By: Michele, Danna & Rebecca Lewsky

## Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of my husband, Lawrence Koenig.

By: Sylvia Koenig

In loving memory of my beloved husband, Dr. Samuel Litman.

By: Judith Litman Lindau

In loving memory of my beloved grandmother, Gussie Lipitz Gottlieb.

By: Hilda Pearl Solomon

By: Arthur Solomon

In memory of Jean Krugman.

By: Irene Rudnick

In memory of my father, Martin Leffler.

By: Nancy & Gerald Sonenshine

In loving memory of my husband, Saul Kaplan.

By: Blanche Kaplan

In loving memory of my dad, Samuel Eventov Evens.

By: Eleanor & Joel Levy

## Bema Flower Donations

Gad & Bobbi Matzner

Toni & Sam Elkins

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## **ATTENTION SPRING CLOSET CLEANERS!!!!**

**Receiving men's, women's,  
and toddler clothes for our  
Fall "Gently Used Clothing  
Sale".....**

**Dates of Drop-off:  
May 5, 6, and 7 (Mon-Wed)  
4-6 pm**

Contact: Sandra Poliakoff  
or Gloria Goldberg

## **B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism *A Tapestry of Jewish Thoughts***

**Wild Acres Retreat  
Little Switzerland, NC  
August 11 - 14, 2008**

**Imagine:** Enjoy a variety of activities-religious services, visits to area folk art centers, enjoying the breathtaking beauty of the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, athletic pursuits such as hiking, tennis and swimming at nearby hotel—and just relaxing.

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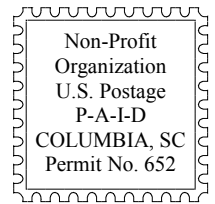
There are four lectures each day. Early and mid afternoons are reserved for optional recreational activities and "schmoozing." Entertainment is provided. Informal afternoon patio discussions with the speakers.

For more information call Bill Carr at (919) 781-4207 or check out their web site at [www.wildacres.org](http://www.wildacres.org).



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## May Calendar of Events

5/1	“The Holocaust Remembered” exhibit will be presented in the social hall.	6 p.m.
5/1	Joint Yom Hashoah Commemoration service at Beth Shalom	7 p.m.
5/3	Retirement Shabbat services in honor of Dr. Leon Spotts, with a special Kiddush luncheon following services.	9:45 a.m.
5/3	Tot Shabbat: Children ages 1-5, sing, dance and have fun with Rebecca Pinsker. Meet in the Kline Auditorium.	11:15 a.m.
5/4	Yom Hashoah Service - Family Program (Hebrew School)	10 a.m.
5/4	STAR Program	10 a.m.
5/4	Jewish Historical Society of SC will be at historic Temple Sinai in Sumter.	12 p.m.
5/6	Rosh Chodesh Supper Club at the home of Patricia Lovit.	6:30 p.m.
5/7	Ritual Committee meeting	6:30 p.m.
5/11	Sisterhood’s Annual Donor Event - “Israel at 60: A Musical Celebration.” The entire community is invited.	3 p.m.
5/13	Board of Education meeting	6:30 p.m.
5/14	Executive Board meeting	6:30 p.m.
5/14	Board of Directors meeting	7:30 p.m.
5/15	Beth Shalom Men's Club - 1st Annual "Akiba" Poker Tournament.	7 p.m.
5/16	Education Shabbat service (early service) followed by Shabbat dinner. RSVP form on page 7.	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>
5/18	“Tuesdays with Morrie” at Workshop Theatre.	6 p.m.
5/20	Jewish Women’s Book Club Meeting in the Library	7 p.m.
5/23	Late Shabbat services followed by a dessert Oneg Shabbat.	<u>8:00 p.m.</u>
5/29	Harvest Hope Food Bank project - volunteers will staff the emergency food pantry.	5 p.m.
5/29	Minyan at Harvest Hope Food Bank (2220 Shop Road)	6:45 p.m.
6/1	Lag B'Omer Picnic at Sesquicentennial Park.	10 a.m.