

THE

BULLETIN

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Beth Shalom Synagogue

5827 North Trenholm Road * Columbia, South Carolina



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6:30 p.m.

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Celebrate the Miracle of Purim

Monday, March 9th

6 p.m.

Beth Shalom Synagogue

The entire community is invited to celebrate Purim with us!

*It will be a hopping night in Shushan with the Southern Klezmer Band.
Come in costume (adult costumes strongly encouraged)!*

Costume Parade and Megillah reading. Hamantashen & desserts will be served.

RSVP by calling the office at 782-2500 or email at BethShalom@bellsouth.net

*Purim Dinner will include spaghetti, garlic bread and salad.
Adults: \$6, Children (under 12 yrs.): \$3. Maximum cost per family: \$15.*

Happy Purim!

Community Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 8th
10 a.m.

Beth Shalom Synagogue - Social Hall

Tickets for unlimited games: \$5 per child (includes child's lunch)
Lunch: \$5 per adult (pizza, hamantashen & soda)

This is a joint program with Tree of Life Congregation.

Bring a dry or canned food item to the Purim Carnival to donate to the JFS Food Pantry.



9th Annual Columbia Jewish Film Festival at the Nickelodeon Theatre 937 Main Street @ Pendleton March 21, 22, 23 & March 28, 29, 30



Beau Jest ... March 21, 23 & 29
Beaufort ... March 21 & 29
Blessed Is The Match ... March 29
Cycles ... March 22 & 30
Noodle ... March 22, 28 & 30
The Year My Parents Went On Vacation ... March 22 & 28
TBA ... March 23 & 29



Film Prices: General Admission for each film is \$10.00
Students (with ID) - \$8.50
The special **Film Pass** for all 6 films is \$40.00



The **Annual Film Festival Brunch** will be on Sunday, March 29th at Hunter Gatherer at 11:00 AM. Following the Brunch will be a special one-time screening of "*Blessed Is The Match*" at the Nickelodeon. **This special event is \$30.00** (includes Brunch and the special screening of *Blessed Is The Match*).



Film Festival Passes and the Brunch Pass can be purchased by calling 254-3433.

For exact times please go to www.nickelodeon.org or check the Nick Calendar.

Yeshiva Night

Sunday, March 15

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Wine of Redemption from Purim to Pesach

Sponsored by Beth Shalom Synagogue

There are many rooms in the palace and many ways to seek our Creator, come and learn.

Join the entire community for a night of learning together, as our Rabbis and Jewish professionals each teach a course.

Rabbi Jonathan Case—7:45 p.m.

When will Redemption for me finally come? Ever? Is there such a thing?

A study of traditional and modern sources about God, giving and healing broken hearts. We will examine relevant Torah, Talmud, and Midrash in our exploration. No Hebrew knowledge is necessary.

Rabbi Hesh Epstein—6:45 p.m. & 7:45p.m.

Soul Maps an innovative look at human psychology using the teachings and insights of the Kabbalah.

Class 1: Soul Music – Listen closely to the music of your life and see if you can hear the music of your soul. We will explore key terms and constructs that allow us to speak about the soul. We travel to explore the source of inner conflict and discover why we succumb to temptations and explore strategies for gaining self control.

Class 2: Joyride – When passions pull in one direction and mind in the other the disconnect is agonizing. In this lesson we will learn methods for aligning reason and emotion to reduce stress and live more joyfully.

**Rabbi Sanford Marcus
6:45 p.m. & 7:45p.m.**

Great Thinkers of Modern Judaism, Part 1: Franz Rosenzweig and Martin Buber. Sample the thoughts of two of the most creative minds of pre-Holocaust Europe and how each created a framework for living a fuller, richer Jewish life today.

Great Thinkers of Modern Judaism, Part 2: Mordecai Kaplan and Abraham Joshua Heschel. Discover how two of the most thought-provoking ideologues have introduced some revolutionary concepts in post-World War II Jewish communities.

Rabbi Levi Marrus—6:45 p.m.

Comparative Studies between Talmudic and American Law

Rebecca Pinsker—7:45 p.m.

Are the Holidays Early This Year?

Explore the Jewish calendar, its history, development and comparison to the Roman calendar, and its relationship to the Zodiac.

Dr. Michal Rubin—7:45 p.m.

The Song of Redemption – Soul Transformation through Song

During the 18th century through the emergence and spread of the Chassidic movement in Eastern Europe, the Niggun, a wordless melody, became central to Jewish expression of emotions and communication with the Divine. This class will be an introduction to the Chassidic Niggun, its history and character. We will focus on the contemplative practice in singing a Chassidic Niggun. Learning it and then gathering our voices, gathering our souls, gathering our yearnings, so together we will breathe Life into a still Niggun and make it ours for just that hour.

Rabbi Daniel Sherman—7:45 p.m.
Preparing for Passover

With the fun of Purim behind us, now it is time to get serious and to get busy preparing for Pesach. We will explore ways to get ready for Passover and examine a variety of Pesach traditions and practices. Helpful hints as well as answers to frequently asked questions pertaining to Passover foods, *Seder*, and the Passover story, and more will be discussed.

Rabbi Philip Silverstein—6:45 p.m.

From Subjection to Freedom – A Military History

Subjection: To other rulers Ahasverosh of Persia and Media of the Purim story. **Freedom:** The story of Pesach as a military history. Military analysis of *Shirat HaYam* of Moses after Israel was rescued from the Egyptian armies at the Sea of Reeds (Red Sea). The exemplary verse is, “G-d is a Warrior,” a verse that is followed by the destruction of the Egyptian chariots and armies.

Rabbi Dr. Leon Spotts—6:45 p.m.

The Passover Seder as a Festive Sacrificial Meal

A historical and linguistical analysis of the purpose of the introduction (Kaddish, U'Ruchatz), what the introduction to the four questions really mean, why do we drink four cups of wine and what is the true purpose for the cup of Elijah?

Risa and Bill Strauss—6:45 p.m.

L'Shanah Haba'ah B'Yerushalayim-Concept or Reality?

An open discussion with sound bytes, pictures and the written word about the American - Jewish relationship with Israel and Zionism.

Dr. Katja Vehlow—6:45 p.m. & 7:45p.m.
Dayyenu! Passover & Christianity

Passover and Easter are both stories that begin in 'disgrace' and end in 'glory' with the promise of redemption. We will explore a number of Jewish responses to Christianity as they appear in the Passover Haggadah and, in a second class, think about what that means for our understanding of the Haggadah. No prior knowledge necessary.

Class 1: Matzah, maror, korech and other shared symbols.

Class 2: Dayyenu and Pour Out Your Wrath at our Seders.

From the Rabbi's Study....



Miracles abound in our people's past. Perhaps the most famous miracle of all was when the Sea parted allowing the slaves to pass through to newfound freedom. Celebrated each year at the Passover Seder we recall this powerful deliverance. Yet, there were others too. Think of the manna in the desert or the appearance of wells slaking the thirst of those on the forty year trek. What about the walls of Jericho? Or the famous walls of Solomon carved from rock without use of any metal?! Hanukka remembers another kind of miracle; great light generated from a miniscule amount of oil.

It is surprising that the birth of the universe is not accorded status as a miracle. Perhaps that is because no one witnessed the event. Note: something qualifies as a miracle only when people are involved.

Miracles are often abrupt. They happen swiftly and are over. A malignancy disappears: Life goes on. An accident is avoided and we drive from the scene shaken but unharmed. Miracles can happen on a small scale: A person walks away after a fall from a treacherous height. Miracles may occur in a grand way: The salvation of the Israelite nation after Hitler qualifies as miraculous.

Purim is almost here. We have many fun ideas already brewing for the holiday. A klezmer band will rock the shul. A Purim spiel will make you guffaw. Antics, food, and joy aplenty are planned. Yet, the holiday is built around the one Book which makes no mention of God. Nowhere in the tale of Mor-

decai and Acheshveros is God named. What exactly are we celebrating?

If a miracle is defined as something beyond the bounds of what is normal and expected, what do we make of the eclipse of the Holy One in the chronicles of Esther?

Perhaps the greatest mystery is also the simplest one to solve: a miracle only happens to us when we acknowledge it. Otherwise it passes unnoticed. In fact, if you think about it for more than a moment, you will realize that every miracle in the Torah can be explained away or ignored much in the same way. We can miss the grandeur of a birth or regeneration of nature. Maybe that is why the holiday of Purim will still be observed after the Messiah comes: we will still need to be reminded to find holiness and miracles that happen every day.

Rabbi Jonathan Case

What's Newish and Jewish This Month?

The holiday of Purim is about when Haman and his wife Zeresh crafted a plot to kill all the Jews of ancient Persia. Haman approached the king Ahasuerus to convince him to commence the killing of Mordechai and all the Jews in his land.

This is not the first time genocide is recorded in history but it is the first holiday that commemorates a genocide. In the Torah we read, "Remember what Amalek did to you as you were leaving Egypt. He happened upon you, and struck the weakest people trailing behind, when you were exhausted. And he did not fear God." (Deut. 25:17-18) Amalek was intent upon murder of an entire nation. Genocide. The Torah goes on to mandate that we repeat the story of near annihilation while, at the same time, trying to erase the name of Amalek from history.

The same applies to Haman.

The noisemaker called the *gragger* is used every time we

hear the name Haman mentioned. This is done to obliterate his name. Some Jews even took to writing Haman's name on the bottom of their shoes and as they walked, his name would gradually be worn off, erased.

In our time when the name Hitler is mentioned, it is usually followed by, *yemach shmo*, May his name be erased. Same as Amalek and Haman.

For twenty-three centuries, the festival of Purim is celebrated as we whistle, jeer, stamp out feet and grind our *graggers* each time we hear Haman's name in an attempt to drown it out.

Question: If it is so important to erase the name of Haman why have we preserved it by retelling the tale of genocide every year? And why does the Torah mandate that we delete the name of Amalek from our records when Torah itself ensures that he will be forever remembered? Why do we say *zachor* (remember!) when speaking of the Holocaust and then follow it with, *yemach shmo*, May his name be erased?



MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Margo & Karl Goldberg



Why did you join Beth Shalom?

Felix (OBM) and Bluma Goldberg joined Beth Shalom in the 1950's. Having been raised in an orthodox home, Beth Shalom was the best fit for them, upon settling here in Columbia, after surviving the Holocaust. Having been raised in Beth Shalom, it was a natural progression for Karl to follow suit. He joined soon after college, in the 1970's and remained a member after he and Margo married. Through the years, the family has celebrated many simchas here, from weddings, bar/bat mitzvot, and baby namings, to holidays and parties.

What do you like about Beth Shalom?

"I personally like the size of the congregation and that the services are very similar to what I grew up with in Fayetteville, NC. Our congregation there was at the most 100 families, half of which were related to me! Beth Shalom makes me feel like I am in

a big city synagogue, with the luxury of having both a Rabbi and Educational Director, yet it is intimate enough for me to know most members personally. Both of our children, Philip and Robin, had all life cycle events here and received an excellent education, under the direction of Dr. Spotts."

Margo Goldberg

"Being in Beth Shalom makes me feel closer to my Dad. I have so many memories of him here. I can close my eyes and see him blowing the shofar, or davening on the High Holidays. I laugh now when I remember him getting mad as heck at me when I climbed the fence at the Marion Street Synagogue and tore my new suit one Rosh Hoshana, trying to get to the pomegranate tree next door. Mostly, however, I can just feel his presence when I pray at Beth Shalom. I find that very comforting."

Karl Goldberg

Karl and Margo met in Myrtle Beach, SC while Margo was a senior at the University of North Carolina, and were married August 12, 1984. They have two children, Philip, a 5th year Architect student at Tulane University, and Robin, a junior at the University of Miami, majoring in Religion, Political science and history. Karl works at The Tile Center, the family business started by Felix and Bluma. He enjoys all sports and his favorite teams are the Gamecocks, NY Yankees and Dallas Cowboys. Margo's favorite hobby is Mah jong but she also loves to cook and bake. She too likes sports and remains devoted to her Tarheels.

MAZAL TOV!

- ◆ Diana Rubinger on the engagement of her son, Jordan Talmor to Gretta Rivero of Washington DC.
- ◆ Gail & Jack Lieb on the birth of their first grandson, Augustus Menachem Lieb.
- ◆ Carolyn & Stanley Greenberg on the birth of their grandchild, Penina Rachel Greenberg. Proud parents are Devorah & Jacob Greenberg.
- ◆ Carolyn & Stanley Greenberg on the engagement of their daughter Sarah Greenberg to Kevin Sachs.
- ◆ Lyssa Harvey on her election as Chair of the Keep the Midlands Beautiful Board of Directors. Lyssa has served on the Keep the Midlands Beautiful Board since 2004 and brings extensive leadership experience having worked with many nonprofit boards.

President's message....



It was a step back in time as Bruce and I joined 27 other Jewish people for a trip to Cuba. There were cars from the 1950's, homes built with magnificent porches-antebellum style, low sleek furniture, but what is most apparent are all of the signs of disrepair and aging, everywhere. The trip was sponsored by the United Synagogue, SE region and the purpose was to visit the remaining Jewish population in Cuba, hear their stories, support their rebuilding efforts and bring goods not easily obtained on the island. Our instructions were to bring 15 pounds of medical supplies, paper wares, clothing, batteries, etc. We were instructed to "mix" the supplies with our personal items as to not call too much attention to them. (As if bags and more bags of medicines, masks, sterile gloves were a normal part of our packing!!) If questioned by the Cuban authorities about the items, our response was to be that it was for personal use and for our family and friends. If confiscated by the authorities we were not to explain further or argue, but to know that "we did the best we could". Luckily, the 30 pounds of supplies from Bruce and I were not questioned and we passed through Cuban customs easily, as did the remainder of our group.

Cuba is the largest Caribbean Island, the size of England, with 11 million inhabitants and as we all know, only 90 miles from the Florida Keys. The island is 750 miles long from east to west and is 100 miles wide at its greatest width. So, because we were traveling with a special license as a "religious mission" we were able to leave from Miami on the short one hour flight to Havana. The charter flight was full with another mission group and with individuals visiting

Cuba. At the present time, the US is the only country in the world that does not allow travel to and from Cuba since there are political sanctions and an economic embargo in place since the early 1960's.

Cubans refer to time as "before and after" the January 1, 1959 Castro revolution in which Battista was overthrown and Fidel became the Cuban leader. What was happening before the revolution was strong economic growth, a large upper and middle class, but a political system that had moved from a "democracy" to a dictatorship with Battista. The terror and brutality of the government had caused most of the Cubans, both rich and poor, to "support" Castro in his attempts to overthrow the government, despite the continued US support of Battista. After several years the revolution was successful and as Battista fled to Bolivia, Castro came into power. Initially, every Cuban rejoiced, but within a short span of 2 -3 years, the reality of full government control became apparent, and the wealthier Cubans began to flee with whatever they could salvage. All businesses, properties, assets were taken over by the government as everything was nationalized. At that time there were 6 million Cubans and 2 ½ million left the country from 1960-1962. Of these, 15,000 were Jewish Cubans, who left and primarily arrived in Florida. There has been no building or rebuilding and little renovations in this country. Prior to the fall of the Soviet Union, there were a few large "sterile" structures built by Russia, but they also are now in disrepair. The overall infrastructure of Cuba is poor as are most of the people.

The Jews of Cuba arrived in 2 main waves: after the Spanish Inquisition in the 15th Century as "conversos" and again in 1898 after the War of Independence from Spain when the US occupied Cuba and the immigrating Jews were called "americanos". Cuba won their independence from the US in 1902 was set up as a democracy. There were 3 more periods of immigration, referred to by how the Cubans perceived their backgrounds: polacos (although not only from Poland but Ashkenazi Jews from Russia, Lithuania and Romania) sirios (Syrians) and turcos (Turks). Most arrived early in

the 20th century and planned to only temporarily stay until quotas were relaxed for entrance into the United States. This did not happen for most of these immigrants, so they made Cuba their home. By 1959, there were almost 20,000 Jews thriving in this Caribbean Island.

Today, there are less than 1500 Jews on the Island, primarily centered in Havana, although there are a few very small communities throughout Cuba. We visited with 4 Jewish groups: The conservative (Ashkenazi) synagogue, Patronata and the Sephardic synagogue in Havana; a small, but active Jewish group in the center of the island, Santa Clara; and another even smaller Jewish group in Cienfuegos, at the southern center of the Island. The people we met and talked to (with my broken and very limited Spanish) were all very committed to reviving Jewish life in Cuba. Castro dispensed with all religion in 1959 and until 1992, no religious practices, either Christian or Jewish was allowed. So there were almost 2 generations in Cuba that did not and could not practice Judaism. The intermarriage rate was 95% and remains so today. However, despite that, both synagogues in Havana are beginning a revival and gaining members. Many Cubans who did not realize their Jewish heritage are coming back to Judaism as witnessed by 73 conversions last year at the Patronata.

The Patronata is the largest and strongest Jewish synagogue at present. Initially built as an orthodox synagogue, it became conservative in the 1990's and houses the largest "non-government" pharmacy in the balcony, previously the women's section. The pharmacy is overseen by a Jewish woman, Rosa Behar Hazday who is a GI doctor and her pharmacist daughter. They volunteer their time to this project. Many missions from the US come to Cuba during the year (between 80-100) and all bring the same type of supplies that we did, primarily medicines. These free medicines are given to anyone who comes to the synagogue and needs them, Jews and non-Jews alike. Apparently, it is a widely known secret that if you cannot get your medicines from the government-owned

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pharmacies or hospitals, then come to the Patronata and one will probably be able to get them, at no cost.

The President of the Patronata is a Cuban born lady, Adela Dworin, who was one of the few who stayed behind during the post revolution years, because she felt a responsibility to oversee the synagogue that had just been completed in 1958 and remain with those who could not or did not want to leave. She had many stories to share with us in her perfect English and I could have stayed for hours listening to her encounters with Castro and other leaders. Because of her leadership, the Patronata is growing, now with 150 families and a rotating Cantor from Argentina. Argentina provides a training program for its Cantors and they come to Cuba for 2-3 years to teach and "intern". The young man that we met had been there for 20 months with his wife and 2 children and has done a wonderful job. There is no Rabbi in all of Cuba. We attended Friday evening services at the Patronata and then joined their congregation for a Shabbat meal. They have 14 children in the congregation and 7 were there to join in the services.

On Shabbat morning we attended services at the Sephardic synagogue, much smaller than the Patronata. It was a beautiful building, also completed in 1958 and with no mortgage. Because there was no mortgage, the Sephardic community was able to keep their building and ultimately had to rent out several areas of the building to secure moneys for building maintenance. As with most things Cuban, the service was contradictory, in that the women were in separate seating from the men, but the person leading the service was a woman and women were allowed aliyots. There are only 4 children in this synagogue, but strong leadership as well by a woman, also a gastroenterologist. We shared a Shabbat Kiddush luncheon with them. While there, another mission came in from Chicago with supplies, gifts and foods for the congregation.

Everywhere we went, we were greeted warmly and everyone answered our questions, from religion to politics, without apparent reservation. We were also assured that they had never experienced anti-Semitism, since Castro

was completely anti religion, not anti Jewish. (Interestingly, Castro was raised in a Catholic family and attended Jesuit schools as a youth and received a degree from Havana University as an attorney).

In Santa Clara, a small town in the center of Cuba, there are only about 35 Jewish people, but perhaps the most passionate community I have ever met. The leader is a man David Romano, who speaks eloquently and passionately about his love of Judaism and his desire to educate those around him. His only son has immigrated to Israel and lives there with his wife and child. David has visited them (travel to Israel is allowed and even immigration is encouraged to those who can prove their Jewishness) but has chosen to stay in this small central Cuban town to educate the Community around him. There is a Jewish cemetery in Santa Clara and to my utter amazement, a most beautiful Holocaust memorial. This memorial is made of granite and has a "cornerstone" from the Warsaw Ghetto. It was dedicated in 2003 and the Catholic Bishop of the province attended and spoke at the dedication. I was lucky enough to be asked to present to David, on behalf of the mission group, a financial gift (that was given to all of our Jewish stops). We all joined hands sang songs and ended with Hatikva. Not a dry eye could be found from anyone.

Our final stop was in an individual's home, Raquel Mechulam. Although she was not at home, her home is used in rotation with other homes, as a place of prayer. There is a library, instruction of children, and a strong desire to keep the religion alive. I quote from her from a book by Maritza Corrales, "After the triumph of the Revolution, the important people of the community emigrated. The elderly who stayed have died and we, the youngest, did not have a very active life in the synagogue. So, the memory began slipping away; it was being lost. But there was always something, that little thread that never broke, like the arrival of the products for Pesach. At that moment we always reaffirmed that we were Jews, and we belonged to the Jewish people." At this home there was a young talented couple, he was a dance choreographer and she a dancer who

lived in Israel for a few years, but then returned to Cuba. This couple has made a DVD, which we purchased, about the story of the Holocaust in dance. I hope to be able to show this moving performance during Yom Hashoah.

We were able to visit many Cuban tourist sites, including a cigar factory, the Museum of the Revolution, Old Havana, Writer Hemingway's house and favorite restaurant-The Floridian, the Jewish Cemetery in Havana, the University of Havana and lots of shops. Most shops are government owned, but a few artists are now able to sell their own wares. Factory workers make \$12 monthly and physicians make \$35 monthly, but all health care and education is free, food is subsidized, and utilities are inexpensive for the Cubans. But most Cubans want relations with the US to resume, they live a modest life, and they do not have any incentive to work harder since it does not result in more money. The largest import into Cuba last year was "black market" money sent from the US to Cuban families in Cuba. We were not able to bring back into the US, Cuban cigars, coffee, or rum, but did manage to bring back some beautiful art, including an oil painting by a young Jewish boy of 17 years old from Cienfuegos. Although our accommodations were "4 star" by Cuban standards, the air-conditioning was intermittent, elevators were often broken, and no toilet paper was free, we had to bring our own. There was Latino music everywhere and the ambience of the island was like most other Caribbean ones, beautiful and laid back.

This was a wonderful and enlightening trip. The United Synagogue sponsors a mission yearly and anyone in our synagogue can participate. If you are interested, please let me know. It will make you humble to help our Jewish Cuban brothers and sisters and will rekindle your love of Judaism and your pride in the spirit of our people, everywhere.

Lilly Filler, MD

Kol HaChadashot

All the News from Beth Shalom Religious School

It was wonderful to see! Words cannot explain how fantastic the day was for so many students! Over 150 children from our entire Jewish community were able to spend the morning working in cooperation ‘*digging the past!*’ The day began with the older students at 9:00 in the morning with all ages coming to explore their connection to the past and to Israel throughout the day. After an introduction by Owen Chesnut, our guest archaeologist, the students were split into three groups. One group gathered around a table where Dr. Jonathan Leader along with teachers and graduate students in archeology, shared with them how the Hebrew language evolved. Once they saw the connections our students were given words written in Paleo-Hebrew and were able to translate them into modern Hebrew letters and then translate them into English! It was amazing to see how they all worked it out!



The next station was outside to the *Tell*. Set up like a real Israeli dig with sandbags to separate the quadrants, students were given small trowels and buckets. It was explained to them how to dig carefully so not to disturb artifacts and to wait for the archeologist to come if they found something! One group carefully, with brushes, uncovered the cooking area, complete with brick sides and shards of pottery and charcoal from where something had broken during cooking. Another group exposed the sides of an ancient wall and found coins, pottery, and beads!

Others really worked together to sift dirt and discover what was hidden amidst the clumps they had dug up!

There was still more to do as the day progressed. Once the dirt of the *Tell* was brushed off students progressed inside to restore pottery that was fragmented. Another graduate student explained that the work of archeology does not stop at the dig but restoring the artifacts is another step in understanding how those in the past lived. In front of these students were pots that were in pieces but with patience and careful gluing most of the small clay pots were restored to their former glory! Many were missing pieces that were just too shattered to repair but that only made the restoration process more realistic as many times we do not find all the pieces at a dig site.



For me personally, it was a dream come true, since arriving in Columbia, a little over two years ago, I have wanted to see our ‘student’ community come together to learn, share fun, and cooperatively build something. This special Sunday it happened! I know that many people helped this day occur and I wish to thank them! The ‘Dig the Past’ committee members: Dr. Jonathan Leader, Debra and Jon Stompler, Dave and Debra Tedeschi, Risa and Bill Strauss, Elizabeth Vardi, Rabbi Meir Muller, Rabbi Hesh Epstein, Jen Kahn, and Sheila Davis. I would like to thank the BOD and BOE from both Tree of Life and Beth Shalom for supporting us throughout this endeavor. To the Jewish Federation of Columbia goes my highest respect and my humble thanks for having the vision to sponsor this first time ever event! When I came home from Israel with this program fresh in my heart and mind I knew that working together, we could share this fun multi sensory learning program with our children. I also knew that the love and connection to Israel and Judaism that we feel would be transferred to these students and we succeeded!

Thank you, Rebecca Pinsker

Pictures from the re-creation of an Israeli archeological dig right here in Columbia! The *Dig the Past* program was a great success! This event was sponsored by the Columbia Jewish Federation—Todah Rabah!



Be Part of the Change

An Appeal to the Women of Beth Shalom

Beth Shalom has a new Rabbi. The Boards are working to change, improve and solidify our vision for the future. The synagogue looks forward to new ideas, better programming, exciting services, new events and fundraisers that will appeal to "all" our members.

This past year, under the leadership of Heidi Lovit, Sisterhood was revived, and we had some exciting programming. However, a new Sisterhood Board is needed, with fresh new ideas. Sisterhood has always been an important arm of the synagogue, and a big fundraiser, and the same people are in leadership roles and running programming. Are we doing what you want? Are we offering what you need? If not, we would like to have some informal "coffee klatches" with you: newly married, young professional, singles, the women with children and toddlers. Tell us what you need. Should we have day programs? Mixed sex programs? Day care? What are you looking for? We need to know what all of you want, what you would like to do.

Express yourself!

Take responsibility!

How can we engage *all* of you?

Let's have some informal gatherings, at the homes of some of the members. These gatherings will be intimate, open and short.

They could be morning, noon, afternoon or evening - no pressure, no soliciting, just an exchange of ideas **between** friends.

First coffee klatch at the home of Bobbi Matzner: 6039 Cedar Ridge Rd on Monday, March 16th, 2009 at 10:30 AM.

Please contact:

Doris Frank - 699-1464

Bobbi Matzner - 234-8726

Sharon Robinson 790-7977

We need you! We want you!

BE PART OF THE CHANGE!!

**Attention:
All Women 60 and Older**

**Come and enjoy a special
afternoon**

**Wednesday, March 18
1:30 pm**

Wildewood Downs

Event Room

Polo Road

**Musical Entertainment by
Marvin Bienstock**

Delectable Desserts

RSVP:

Doris Frank 699-1464

Sharon Robinson 238-1004

**Transportation provided
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the Synagogue

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During non-store hours see
Tonya in the office.

Or Call for Appointment:

Bobbi Matzner 234 - 8726

Ann Baum 790 - 1255

Ilse Sammon 787 - 6461

Ruth Rast 462 - 0008

*Come see us on Sunday,
March 8th for coffee and
danish while the school
children are enjoying the
Purim Carnival.*

Beth Shalom Sisterhood Book Club
Beth Shalom Synagogue Library



Wednesday, March 4, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Book of the month
"As a Driven Leaf" by Milton Steinberg

The age of the Talmud is brought to life in a breathtaking historical saga. Set in Roman Palestine, **As a Driven Leaf** draws readers into the dramatic era of Rabbinic Judaism. Watch the great Talmudic sages at work in the Sanhedrin, eavesdrop on their arguments about theology and Torah, and agonize with them as they contemplate rebellion against an oppressive Roman rule.

This masterpiece of modern fiction tells the gripping tale of renegade talmudic sage Elisha ben Abuyah's struggle to reconcile his faith with the allure of another culture. Steinberg's classic novel transcends its historical setting with its depiction of a timeless, perennial feature of the Jewish experience: the inevitable conflict between the call of tradition and the glamour of the surrounding culture.



אגודת נשים ליגה ליהדות שמרנית

Women's League for Conservative Judaism
Southern Region Spring Conference

Sunday, April 26 – Tuesday April 28, 2009
Camp Ramah Darom
70 Darom Lane, Clayton, GA 30525

SISTERHOOD...Naturally!
Relax, Renew & Rejoice @ Ramah

Join us for our region's Spring Conference at beautiful Camp Ramah Darom in Clayton, Georgia. The host Sisterhood is Congregation Adas Yeshurun from Augusta, Georgia. Since we will be at camp, dress will be more casual.

We are putting together a program that will challenge and inspire you to study, get involved and lead your Sisterhoods with enthusiasm into the future. We will also be honoring our Phyllis G. Weinstein Award recipient.

We are planning several activities to take advantage of our beautiful location. These will include an easy walk to the waterfall, an outing in the new tree house, and songs around the campfire.

Registration and Lodging combined for the 3 days and 2 nights will range from \$240 - \$330. Online registration and payment with Visa or MasterCard will be available this year at the Ramah conference website: www.tumblingwaters.org or call 404-531-0801 to register and pay by check or credit card.

SAVE THE DATE!

Oneg Shabbat

Friday, March 27th
Services will be at 7:30 p.m.



Followed by a scrumptious dessert Oneg Shabbat.

ADULT EDUCATION SEMINAR



Sunday, April 26th
10:00 a.m.
Beth Shalom - Social Hall

Speaker: Marlene Roth

Topic: *“Lessons From the Holocaust - How Victor Frankl and Other Survivors Applied These Lessons to Their Lives.”*

Bagel & lox breakfast \$4 per person.

TODAH RABAH!

- ◆ Arnold Pinsker, for making beautiful custom jewelry pieces for the teachers in Hebrew School and office staff for Hanukkah gifts.
- ◆ Bill Stern, for generously allowing us to store the Hebrew School's excess school desks and chairs in his warehouse over the last 7+ years and moving them for us to a new storage facility.
- ◆ Alan Kahn, for generously allowing us the use of a storage unit to store the excess school desks and chairs.
- ◆ Fred Seidenberg, for donating 6 steel posts for us to use to have installed to enhance the security of the synagogue and Jewish Day-school.

Camp Judaea Remains Strong

With help from Hadassah, first time campers will continue to receive a \$1000 incentive.



“We were worried that our son and daughter wouldn't be able to go to Camp Judaea this summer,” said Mrs. Goldstein, from Atlanta, GA. “They love Camp Judaea, it's an important part of their lives.”

Campers and parents have nothing to worry about. “Registration is actually up from last year!” said Sandra Bass, Director of Camp Judaea. “More new campers are enrolling this year than ever before!”

The spike in registration, even in a troubled economy, is in

part due to the Campership Incentive Program, funded through a partnership between Hadassah and the Foundation for Jewish Camp. The program provides \$1000 to all first-time campers. Hadassah continues to fund this program, helping new campers from all over the United States experience Jewish Camping at its five regional camps and Tel Yehudah, Young Judaea's National Senior Leadership Camp.

“Camp Judaea will be around for a long time,” said Sandra Bass. “We are looking forward to this summer and lots more!”

For more information about Camp Judaea, go to www.campjudaea.org or call Sandra Bass at 404-634-7883.

Camp Judaea is located in Hendersonville, NC. Camp Judaea's comprehensive approach to the camp experience engages campers in a way that adds meaning to everything that they encounter. By infusing Jewish values and community ideals into everyday life, our campers gain self-confidence, respect and a passion for fun.

BETH SHALOM COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER
BETH SHALOM SYNAGOGUE - SOCIAL HALL
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2009, SECOND SEDER
7:00 P.M.

A Community Passover Seder will be held in the Social Hall at Beth Shalom on the second night of Pesach, Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. Cost: Adults \$20.00 (over 12 years old), children \$12.50 (4-12 years old), children 3 years old and under are FREE.

Please return this application to Beth Shalom Synagogue by Friday, April 3, if you are interested in attending. Beth Shalom cannot guarantee spaces after that date. Reservations will be made for you upon receipt of your check and the completed application below.

Please note that this is not a fundraiser. Deadline is made so as to guarantee all reservations prior to April 3. After that, we will continue to accept reservations until all seats are filled.



DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Have a
Happy & Healthy
Passover

RETURN TO: BETH SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

Yes, do include me in the Community Passover Seder on Thursday, April 9, 2009.
 (please include a check to guarantee your reservation)

Name _____
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 Children & Ages _____
 Guests _____
 I would like to sit next to _____ if possible.

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This Passover, you can help make a difference in the lives of 35 million Americans at risk of hunger. Your support enables them to eat and provides them the tools they need to achieve a better future.

So join us. Together, we can make this night different.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

3/1	Morris Kurlat	3/19	David Kulbersh
3/2	Paul Kirschenfeld	3/19	Deborah Kahn Ritter
3/2	Florence Levy	3/19	Aaron Small
3/2	Aileen Sunshine	3/19	Jeffrey Stahl
3/3	Kathy Kline	3/21	Shep Cutler
3/3	Karol Ann Sribnick	3/21	Evan Gendil
3/4	Frieda Ritter	3/22	Selma Dickman
3/5	Irene Milliman	3/22	Peter Stahl
3/6	Melton Kligman	3/23	Penni Nadel
3/7	Charles Kahn	3/23	Lisa Sutker
3/7	Sandra Poliakoff	3/24	Erica Allison
3/8	Philip Levin	3/24	Emma Gendil
3/8	Joseph Rosen	3/24	Jerome Jewler
3/8	Gerald Schein	3/24	Caroline Mynda Sanders
3/8	Inez Tenenbaum	3/25	Frances Levin
3/9	Sarah Drucker	3/25	Faye Goldberg Miller
3/9	Dena Gelman	3/25	Michael Spevack
3/9	David Ryan Stark	3/26	Caleb Fins
3/10	Rebecca Walden	3/26	Rose Kline
3/12	Joshua Geffen	3/26	Rachel Milas
3/12	Catherine Morgan	3/26	Linda Schoen-Giddings
3/12	Lindsay Nadel Rabin	3/27	Bette Needle
3/12	Lindsay Talmor	3/27	Rose Needle
3/13	Natalie Steckman	3/28	Doris Frank
3/14	Eden Picow	3/29	Iris Balsar
3/15	Alex Baker	3/29	David Lovit
3/15	Matt Baker	3/30	Samuel Lourie
3/15	Shelli Charles	3/30	John Lowsky
3/15	Andrew Safran	3/30	Michael Safran
3/17	John Paul Palmer	3/31	Shayna Brannock
3/17	Neal Sutker	3/31	Joshua Morgan
3/18	Andrew Cherney	3/31	Emily Sheftman
3/19	Michelle Ehrlich		



Looking for wheels...

At Beth shalom we are seeking the donation of a van or small bus to help bring shut-ins and seniors to congregational events. *Do you have one that we could use? Is there one you'd like to donate?* Call the rabbi. He'd love to hear!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

3/3	Ben & Lisa Arnold	8 years
3/3	Robert & Barbara Kahn	41 years
3/3	Morris & Claire Kline	61 years
3/7	Mick & Nancy Lourie	55 years
3/7	Michael & Janet Safran	22 years
3/8	Peter & Elizabeth Vardi	16 years
3/9	Sol & Helen Silver	62 years
3/16	Bob & Jocelyn Burg	18 years
3/18	Samuel Baker & Meira Warshauer	37 years
3/18	Arnold & Rebecca Pinsker	14 years
3/19	Henry & Minda Miller	31 years
3/20	Hilik & Dana Shenkar	5 years
3/22	Beth Bernstein & Rip Sanders	6 years
3/22	Tristan & Ella Weinkle	8 years
3/25	Henry & Gloria Goldberg	37 years
3/26	Paul & Leah Cherney	21 years
3/27	Jay & Katherine Friedman	21 years
3/29	Richard & Kathy Kline	23 years
3/29	Joe & Wendy Sharnoff	29 years
3/30	Steve & Jenny Wagner	13 years



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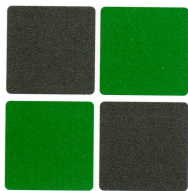


Afternoon on the Lawn Students Partner with Local Organization to Provide a Modern Twist on a Historic Garden Party Saturday, March 28 1 - 4 p.m. The Robert Mills House 1616 Blanding Street

University of South Carolina Honors College students Laura Golson and Sarah VanderWood will host "Afternoon on the Lawn" on Saturday, March 28 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the historic Robert Mills House, 1616 Blanding Street. Golson and VanderWood are organizing the community event as part of their senior thesis project. Families and guests of all ages are invited to celebrate the beginning of spring by experiencing an afternoon of entertainment inspired by the classic 19th-century garden party.

A variety of activities will be provided on the grounds of the Robert Mills House, including flowerpot painting, two rounds of historic trivia, a coloring contest, and learning to write with quill and ink. In addition, guests may participate in house tours of the Hampton-Preston Mansion, try their hand at croquet and badminton, take a short dance class on the waltz, and enjoy performances by the Dreher High School dance team and a classical trio from the USC School of Music. Refreshments, including cakes and finger sandwiches, will be provided. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 18 and college students, and includes all activities and food. Admission is free for Historic Columbia Foundation members. Donations are encouraged, and all proceeds will go directly to Historic Columbia to benefit its current projects, one of which is the restoration of gardens at all of its properties and the surrounding historic district. A second goal of this event is to simply raise awareness of the organization and all it has to offer to the community, so please attend and bring your family and friends. For more information, please call 803.252.1770, ext. 33 or visit the website at www.HistoricColumbia.org.

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3/1	Michael Gentile	Adar 5	3/10	Helen Rosensweig	Adar 14
3/1	Edith Lance	Adar 5	3/10	Yakov Volfson	Adar 14
3/1	Dr. Herbert Lourie	Adar 5	3/11	Henry Bratstein	Adar 15
3/1	Kay Politis	Adar 5	3/11	Thomas Charles	Adar 15
3/1	Sylvia Spotts	Adar 5	3/11	Dorothy Friedman	Adar 15
3/2	Morris Boriskin	Adar 6	3/11	Robert Gerard	Adar 15
3/2	Philip Datnoff	Adar 6	3/11	Betty Lewis	Adar 15
3/2	Augusta Goldberg	Adar 6	3/12	Bernard Fleischman, Sr.	Adar 16
3/2	George Alan Port	Adar 6	3/12	Alvin Levine	Adar 16
3/2	Hyman Rosen	Adar 6	3/12	Leo Rosansky	Adar 16
3/3	Pauline Morris Berry	Adar 7	3/13	Jean F. Gergel	Adar 17
3/3	Albert Fields	Adar 7	3/13	Anne Nagel	Adar 17
3/3	Herman Gerson	Adar 7	3/13	David Rogol	Adar 17
3/3	Eric Oppenheimer	Adar 7	3/13	Joseph Russ	Adar 17
3/3	William Rothstein	Adar 7	3/14	Danny Hyman	Adar 18
3/4	Frances Benson	Adar 8	3/15	Bessie F. Berry	Adar 19
3/4	William Fox	Adar 8	3/15	Sonia Bloom	Adar 19
3/4	Solomon Gelman	Adar 8	3/15	Joseph Firetag	Adar 19
3/4	Sadie Kordonsky	Adar 8	3/15	Elaine Gomberg	Adar 19
3/4	Robert Samet	Adar 8	3/15	Issac Greher	Adar 19
3/4	Victor Sherman	Adar 8	3/15	Selma Hyman	Adar 19
3/4	William Somerstein	Adar 8	3/15	Louis Lourie	Adar 19
3/4	Cecile Wolff	Adar 8	3/15	Murray Aaron Marcus	Adar 19
3/5	Fred E. Buck, Jr.	Adar 9	3/15	Celia Berry Rosen	Adar 19
3/5	Harry Getter	Adar 9	3/15	Fred Ferdinan Newman Silver	Adar 19
3/5	H. Bernard Kahn	Adar 9	3/16	Dr. Abram Berry	Adar 20
3/5	Nathan Lifchez	Adar 9	3/16	Rose Darling Levinson	Adar 20
3/5	Samuel Marks	Adar 9	3/16	Max Weiss	Adar 20
3/5	Milton N. Safran	Adar 9	3/17	Zelick Freed	Adar 21
3/5	Rabbi Marcus Wald	Adar 9	3/17	Anna Gordon	Adar 21
3/5	Wolfe Winter	Adar 9	3/17	Rebecca Resnick	Adar 21
3/6	Grant Anderson	Adar 10	3/18	Ethel Miller	Adar 22
3/6	Sam Berry	Adar 10	3/18	Michael Morris	Adar 22
3/6	Herbert J. Kriegshaber	Adar 10	3/18	Sophie Rudnick	Adar 22
3/6	Dora Meyers	Adar 10	3/18	Lena Sunshine	Adar 22
3/6	Ethel Anne Serbin	Adar 10	3/18	Hilda Ann Weiss	Adar 22
3/7	Rosa Chaplin Litman	Adar 11	3/18	Berta Wolff	Adar 22
3/7	Shimshon Markowitz	Adar 11	3/19	Ralph J. Friedman	Adar 23
3/7	LaBelle Tenenbaum	Adar 11	3/19	Pauline Halpern	Adar 23
3/7	Mariya Volfson	Adar 11	3/19	Philip Kline	Adar 23
3/8	Tillye Satsky Eisman	Adar 12	3/19	Dr. Philip Rosenzweig	Adar 23
3/8	Cela Miller	Adar 12	3/19	Bertha J. Scheininger	Adar 23
3/9	Minna Bensen	Adar 13	3/19	Abraham Siegel	Adar 23
3/9	David Galoob Gould	Adar 13	3/19	Rebecca Siegel	Adar 23
3/9	Rose Kahn	Adar 13	3/20	Phylis Firetag	Adar 24
3/9	Morris D. Laden	Adar 13	3/20	Bertha Katz	Adar 24
3/9	Paul H. Meyer	Adar 13	3/20	Alfred Lovit	Adar 24
3/9	Cheryl Reich	Adar 13	3/21	Sarah Balk	Adar 25
3/9	Simon Sorentrue	Adar 13	3/21	Miriam L. Pearlstine	Adar 25
3/10	Mary W. Bluestein	Adar 14	3/21	Aviva Joy Silverstein	Adar 25
3/10	Blanche Kordon Cooper	Adar 14	3/21	Sam Wengrow	Adar 25
3/10	Jennie Ginsberg	Adar 14	3/22	Meyer Bluestein	Adar 26
3/10	Rebecca Harris	Adar 14	3/22	Ellis Dribbon	Adar 26
3/10	Rudolph Wills Helmick	Adar 14	3/22	Murray Ehrlich	Adar 26
3/10	Katie B. Kahn	Adar 14	3/22	Yekha G. Lesov	Adar 26

YAHREZITS CONTINUED....

3/22	Steve Mesnik	Adar 26	3/27	Joseph Gergel	Nissan 2
3/22	Esther Feiga Silber	Adar 26	3/27	Dr. Shirley Morris Lovett	Nissan 2
3/22	Joseph Elliott Winter	Adar 26	3/27	Edith Morris	Nissan 2
3/22	Sol Manuel Winter	Adar 26	3/27	Robert B. Solomon	Nissan 2
3/23	Bernard Kline	Adar 27	3/27	Sylvia Solomon	Nissan 2
3/23	Isadore Silver	Adar 27	3/27	Elsie Winter	Nissan 2
3/24	Abraham Ben Balk	Adar 28	3/28	Arthur W. Berger	Nissan 3
3/24	Jack Breger	Adar 28	3/28	Morris Goldsmith	Nissan 3
3/24	Gussie Lipitz Gottlieb	Adar 28	3/28	Annabell Lance	Nissan 3
3/24	Samuel Lance	Adar 28	3/28	Bea Norwick	Nissan 3
3/24	Florence Levinson	Adar 28	3/28	Jennie Selden	Nissan 3
3/24	Jean Silverstein	Adar 28	3/28	Minnie Spero	Nissan 3
3/25	Curt Behrens	Adar 29	3/28	Harry Zolin	Nissan 3
3/25	David Brotman	Adar 29	3/29	Morris Drucker	Nissan 4
3/25	Young Chill Kim	Adar 29	3/29	Martin Leffler	Nissan 4
3/25	Jacob Rivkin	Adar 29	3/29	Hanna Rose Riber	Nissan 4
3/25	Harold Solomon	Adar 29	3/29	Barbara Rosenberg	Nissan 4
3/25	Jules Witten	Adar 29	3/29	A. Ollie Stark	Nissan 4
3/26	Samuel Cooper	Nissan 1	3/30	Herbert Paul Kaplan	Nissan 5
3/26	Emanuel Osterweil	Nissan 1	3/30	Israel Irving Roth	Nissan 5
3/26	Dr. Benjamin Rubinowitz	Nissan 1	3/31	Ralph N. Buckler	Nissan 6
3/26	Kalmen Rusakov	Nissan 1	3/31	Jacob Katz	Nissan 6
3/26	Matthew Schechter	Nissan 1	3/31	Tessie Noble	Nissan 6
3/26	Benjamin Tucker	Nissan 1			



Café Tel-Aviv for Young Jewish Adults (20s/30s)

Jewish Grads and Professionals (J-GAP), a program of the Columbia Jewish Federation, is teaming up with Chabad to bring the Israeli experience to Columbia! The event will feature Israeli music (traditional and techno) and Israeli-style food such as a falafel-making station, Kosher barbecue. Beer and wine will also be served. Come meet new people, eat some great food, and schmooze with others. Mark your calendars now for the event! Sunday, March 22nd at the JCC from 4-6pm. This event is FREE! Contact Michelle Segal (segal@sc.edu) to receive an evite invitation or to be notified about future events.

Jewish Family Service Food Drive

Due to the current economic situation, Jewish Family Service has seen a sharp increase in visits to our Food Pantry. We are low on several staple foods. In order to continue to serve the needs of our community, we need your help. All food donations are welcome, but we are particularly in need of these items:

Hearty Soups, Boxed Meals, Prepackaged complete foods, Canned tuna and salmon
Peanut butter, Shelf-stable milk products (ex: Parmalat), Fruit Juice, Baked Beans
Healthy snack products, Canned fruit

All food donations must be of shelf-stable food: we do not have the capacity to refrigerate or freeze food.

Food Donations can be dropped off at the Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center. Thank you for your support!

Jewish Studies @ Carolina announcement:
Dr. Ranan Kuperman, School of Political Sciences, University of Haifa

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Place: Gambrell Hall 153

"Israeli experience in asymmetric warfare: What have we learned after 60 years?"

Friday, March 6, 2009

Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Place: Close/Hipp Building (BA) 855

**"How Norms of International Relations Influence Policy Adjustments:
An Experimental Study with the Aid of an Interactive Dynamic Simulator of a
Protracted International Conflict"**

Information about other upcoming events is on our website:

<http://www.cas.sc.edu/jstp/events.html>

**Limmud is back in Atlanta and the Southeast with another terrific
program at Oglethorpe University.**

Saturday, March 21 starting at 8 pm

Sunday, March 22 starting at 8:30 am until 6 pm

On March 21-22, 2009 Jews from Atlanta and all over the southeast will come together at Oglethorpe University for Limmud Atlanta + Southeast. In Hebrew, Limmud means "learning," and that's what it's about. Using local teachers, artists, thinkers and writers -- plus some special out-of-town guests -- Limmud is blazing a fresh new path to make Jewish learning informal, inspirational, and unforgettable. This year's presenters include Danny Gordis from Israel, Nigel Savage from Hazon, reggae/hip hop/singer songwriter Chana Rothman and many more.

This year we're starting off Limmud Atl+SE in a whole new way. We'll have our magical havdalah under the stars and then transform the campus into a sidewalk festival with entertainment including music, jugglers, magicians, artists and more. Bring your lawn chair to enjoy the festivities or wander around. If you are ready to start learning, we'll also have a showcase of presenters in the auditorium.

Come back Sunday for a full day of sessions -- classes, workshops and more -- with multiple choices at any given time. We've expanded our children's program.

Register now! \$36 for adults (\$45 after March 1), \$18 for teens and full-time students.

**To register or for more information go to our website at: <http://www.LimmudSE.org>,
call 404-524-1757 or email: LimmudATL@gmail.com.**

A Sampling of Confirmed Presenters as of January 30

Adam Frank . . . Amanda Abrams . . . Amy Bram . . . Amy Oppenheimer . . . Avram Reisner . . . Stephen Kutner
Brent Spodek . . . Daniel Gordis . . . David Raphael . . . Debbie Eillison . . . Dfraim Davidson . . . Eliot Mendes
Eva Grayzel . . . Ilise Cohen . . . Jack Wertheimer . . . Linda Nathanson-Lippitt . . . Lois Kravitz . . . Melissa Weintraub
Noam Sienna . . . Peter Berg . . . Rachel Tali Kaplan . . . Robbie Medwed . . . Stuart Rockoff . . . Wendy Lipshutz

Many more to come!

The congregation extends its condolences to:

Dean Bernstein and family on the loss of her husband, Arnold Bernstein.

Patty Tucker and family on the loss of her father, Norris Lewis.

Robert Hodges and family on the loss of his mother, Edna Hodges.

DONATIONS

Adinah Kitchen Fund

To Rabbi Philip Silverstein - Thank you so much for a beautiful naming ceremony for our granddaughter, Larissa Ugol.

By: Nancy & Howard Nankin

To Philip Kornblut & family - In memory of Moses Kornblut.

By: Ellen & Fred Seidenberg

By: Marcie, John & Gabbi Baker

To Howard Robinson & family - In memory of Annette Robinson.

By: Ellen & Fred Seidenberg

By: Linda & Daryl Giddings

By: Marcie, John & Gabbi Baker

In memory of my mother, Marcia Lachoff.

By: Frieda Ritter

To Irene & Harold Jablon - Mazel tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Sarasen Reese Jablon.

By: Marcie, John & Gabbi Baker

To Ellen & Fred Seidenberg - Mazel tov on Justin's engagement.

By: Marcie, John & Gabbi Baker

To Linda Blank - In memory of Fred Blank.

By: Marcie, John & Gabbi Baker

To Daryl Giddings - Mazel tov on receiving the Magen David Award.

By: Marcie, John & Gabbi Baker

To Charlotte & Alan Kahn - Mazel tov on the birth of your granddaughter.

By: Marcie, John & Gabbi Baker

To Melton Kligman - Thinking of you.

By: Marcie, John & Gabbi Baker

To Joanne Epley - Mazel tov on Matt's engagement.

By: Marcie, John & Gabbi Baker

To Lilly & Bruce Filler - Mazel tov on Alex's engagement.

By: Marcie, John & Gabbi Baker

To Booty & Henry Bedinger - Our deepest sympathy.

By: Gloria & Harold Rittenberg

To Kay Gross & family - In memory of your grandmother, Emma Stokes.

By: Linda & Daryl Giddings

To Rabbi Philip Silverstein - Wishing you many nachas in the future.

By: Barbara Berry

To Shelli & Tom Charles - Our deepest sympathy.

By: Gloria & Harold Rittenberg

To Joe Rosen - Our deepest sympathy.

By: Gloria & Harold Rittenberg

To Everett Ness - So glad you're feeling better.

By: Gloria & Harold Rittenberg

To Melton Kligman - Happy 80th birthday.

By: Gloria & Harold Rittenberg

To Ruth Bazerman - Wishing you a speedy recovery and good health.

By: Diana Rubinger

In celebration of my son's engagement, Jordan Talmor to Gretta Rivero.

By: Diana Rubinger

To Sura W. Wengrow - Congratulations on your 100th birthday.

By: Arlene & Ben Pealstine

To Dean Bernstein - In memory of Arnold Bernstein.

By: Linda & Daryl Giddings

To Susie Feldman - In honor of your Bat Mitzvah.

By: Linda & Daryl Giddings

To Moss Blachman - In honor of your superb job of leading the Strategic Planning Meeting.

By: Linda & Daryl Giddings

Beautification Landscape Fund

To Penni Nadel - In honor of you.

By: Sue & Joel Sussman

In memory of my father, Frank P. Russo.

By: Nancy & Frank Russo

To Josh Golson - In loving memory of Kate Bockman.

By: Barbara Berry

To Lycia & Joe Golson - In deepest sympathy.

By: Barbara Berry

To Rachel Golson - In deepest sympathy.

By: Barbara Berry

To Laura Golson - In deepest sympathy.

By: Barbara Berry

Ben Stern Cantorial

Memorial Fund

To Everett Ness - Wishing you a speedy recovery.

By: Linda & Bill Stern

To Philip Kornblut & family - In memory of your father, Moses Kornblut.

By: Linda & Bill Stern

To Lilly & Bruce Filler - In honor of you.

By: Sue & Joel Sussman

To Joe Rosen - In loving memory of your mother, Rose Boster.

By: Nancy & Mick Lourie

To Sharon & Howard Robinson - In loving memory of Annette Robinson.

By: Nancy & Mick Lourie

To Shelli & Tom Charles - In loving memory of your Dennis Charles.

By: Nancy & Mick Lourie

To Booty & Henry Bedinger - In loving memory of Judy.

By: Nancy & Mick Lourie

To Dean Bernstein - In memory of Arnold Bernstein.

By: Linda & Bill Stern

Betty & Marvin Brownstein

Torah Restoration Fund

In loving memory of my parents, Betty Jean & Marvin Brownstein.

By: Janet Brownstein

To Booty Bedinger - Sorry to hear of the passing of your daughter, Judith.

By: Lilyan & Nathan Picow

By: Janet Brownstein & Jim Jepson

To Irene & Harold Jablon - Congratulations on the birth of your granddaughter, Sarasen Jablon.

By: Janet Brownstein & Jim Jepson

In loving memory of my grandfather, Dave Rosen.

By: Janet Brownstein

To Abby Bluestein - Wishing you a happy and healthy birthday.

By: Janet Brownstein & Jim Jepson

To Ryan Bluestein - Wishing you a happy and healthy birthday.

By: Janet Brownstein & Jim Jepson

To Lilyan Picow - Thinking of you.

By: Arlene & Ben Pearlstine

To Dean Bernstein - In memory of Arnold Bernstein.

By: Lilyan & Nathan Picow

Cemetery Fund

To Hyman Karesh & family - In memory of your mother, Jan Karesh.

By: Wendy & Peter Stahl

To Kay Gross - In memory of your grandmother, Emma Stokes.

By: Wendy & Peter Stahl

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To Leon Spotts - In appreciation.

By: Gerald Miley

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By: Naomi Mart

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By: Ruth Burack

In memory of Seymour Katz.

By: Ruth Burack

In memory of Sarah Burack.

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To Ruth Bazeran - Wishing you a quick recovery.

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To Shep Cutler - Congratulations on your wonderful birthday.

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To Ronnie Frank - Happy birthday.

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To Barbara Blau - Happy birthday.

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To Diana Rubinger - Happy birthday.

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To David Reisman - Happy birthday.

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To Max Blachman - Congratulations on your new job in Ohio. We are so proud of you.

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By: Fran & Larry Weiner

To Sura W. Wengrow - Mazel tov on your 100th birthday.

By: Eleanor & Herb Niestat

To Melton Kligman - Best wishes for a happy birthday and many more.

By: Eleanor & Herb Niestat

To Bob Schulman & family - Our deepest sympathies on the loss of your grandson.

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By: Nancy & Howard Nankin

To Hyman Karesh & family - In memory of Jan Karesh.

By: Nancy & Howard Nankin

To Ruth Bazeran - Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

By: Eleanor Hammer

To Melton Kligman - Best wishes in honor of your 80th birthday.

By: Eleanor Hammer

To Dean Bernstein - In loving memory of Arnold Bernstein.

By: Eleanor Hammer

Endowment Fund

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By: Shirley & Everett Ness

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By: Shirley & Everett Ness

In memory of my father, Ben E. Ness.

By: Everett Ness

To Lilly & Bruce Filler - In honor of your Alex's engagement to Kimberly Richey.

By: The Stark Families

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By: The Stark Families

To Howard Robinson & family - In memory of your mother, Annette Robinson.

By: The Stark Families

In loving memory of Elizabeth Rubinwotz.

By: The Stark Families

In memory of Abe Robinson.

By: The Stark Families

To Joel Sussman - In honor of your special birthday.

By: Suzi & Scrappy Stark

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By: Shirley & Everett Ness

To Helen Coplan - Good wishes on your 90th birthday.

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In memory of my wonderful father, Moe Levy.

By: Arlene & Ben Pearlstine

To Joe Rosen - In memory of Rose Boster.

By: Arlene & Ben Pearlstine

To Hyman Karesh - In memory of Jan Karesh.

By: Arlene & Ben Pearlstine

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By: Helen Rothstein

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By: Paula & Hyman Karesh

To Joel Sussman - In honor of your 65th birthday.

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By: Wendy & Peter Stahl
By: Helen Kahn
By: Penny & Moss Blachman

To Helen Coplan - Happy and healthy birthday.

By: Doris & Ronnie Frank

In memory of my mother, Jean Gergel.

By: Shirley Ness

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By: Heide Golden

In memory of Harris Golden.

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In loving memory of my beloved mother, Fannie H. Greenberg.

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To Sura W. Wengrow - In honor of your 100th birthday.

By: Paula & Hyman Karesh

To Daryl Giddings - Mazel tov on receiving the Magen David Award.

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To Everett Ness - Wishing you a speedy recovery.

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To Carolyn & Stanley Greenberg - Mazel tov on the engagement of your daughter, Sarah Greenberg to Kevin Sachs.

By: Toni & Sam Elkins

To Gail & Jack Lieb - Mazel tov on the birth of your first grandson, Augustus Menachem Lieb.

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To Sylvia Cremer - Happy special birthday.

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Prayer Book Fund (Etz Hayim)

To Sura W. Wengrow - In honor of your 100th birthday.

By: Heide Golden

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

To Hyman Karesh & family - In honor of your mother, Jan Karesh.

By: Doris & Ronnie Frank

In loving memory of Gertrude Dribbon.

By: Heide Golden.

To Rabbi Jonathan & Rivke Case - Welcome to the Beth Shalom family.

By: Barbara Berry

To Rabbi Jonathan Case - Thank you so much for a beautiful naming ceremony for our granddaughter, Larissa Ugol.

By: Nancy & Howard Nankin

Yahrzeit Fund

In loving memory of our mother, Corinne Berliner.

By: Mildred & Al Berliner

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Hair Donation

Saturday, March 7th from 9am-3pm at Wella Professionals School, 105 Sparkleberry Crossing in northeast Columbia. Sarah Brotman, age 12, has organized a hair collection for those in need. The receiving organizations are "Wigs for Kids" or "Pantene Beautiful Lengths." The school has agreed to cut and style your hair at no cost when you donate your tresses.

To donate to Wigs for Kids, you need at least twelve inches, and to donate to Pantene Beautiful Lengths, you need at least eight inches.

Donation of your hair is an easy way to make somebody feel good about themselves, and it does not cost you a cent. This is a win-win situation giving everybody something to smile about.

Head on over to the Wella Professionals School on March 7th and do something that you will feel great about! For more information, contact Sarah Brotman at 790-4338 or email her at brotman.sarah@gmail.com

March Calendar of Events

3/3	Adult Education Academy - Winter Series. Lunch and Learn. Board of Education meeting in the library.	11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
3/4	Beth Shalom Sisterhood's Book Club meeting in the library.	7 p.m.
3/5	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (year long course of study), in the library. Adult Education Academy - Winter Series. Session 1 Adult Education Academy - Winter Series. Session 2	5:15 p.m. 7 p.m. 7:50 p.m.
3/6	4th & 5th Grade Shabbat service	6:30 p.m.
3/7	Shabbat morning service Junior Congregation Informal Shabbat discussion group in the social hall following kiddush.	9:45 a.m. 11 a.m. 1 p.m.
3/8	<i>(Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time begins today!)</i> Preschool Program Community Purim Carnival in the social hall. \$5 per child for unlimited games (includes child's lunch). Lunch \$5 per adult (pizza, hamantashen & soda). This is a joint program with Tree of Life Congregation. 12th Grade Class meet at the Original House of Pancakes with Rabbi Case.	9:30 a.m. 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
3/9	"A Hoedown in Shushan." We will have a Purim Dinner, Megillah Reading, and a Purim Play. The Southern Klezmer band will play Jewish Klezmer music. Come in costume for costume parade. Spaghetti dinner: \$6/adult, \$3/child.	6 p.m.
3/10	Adult Education Academy - Winter Series. Lunch and Learn.	11:30 a.m.
3/11	11th Grade class & dinner with Rebecca and Rabbi Case. Executive Board meeting in the library. Board of Directors meeting in the library.	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
3/12	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (year long course of study), in the library. Adult Education Academy - Winter Series. Session 1 Adult Education Academy - Winter Series. Session 2	5:15 p.m. 7 p.m. 7:50 p.m.
3/14	Shabbat morning service Junior Congregation Informal Shabbat discussion group in the social hall following kiddush.	9:45 a.m. 11 a.m. 1 p.m.
3/15	Sunday school; 6th & 7th Grade Family Education Program—Jerusalem. Yeshiva Night at Beth Shalom. More details on page 3.	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
3/17	Ritual Committee meeting in the library.	6:30 pm
3/18	Sunday school; 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Family Education. Silver and Gold Tea at Wildewood Downs.	9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
3/19	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (year long course of study), in the library. AIPAC SOUTHEAST REGION PRESENTS: Israel Briefing. " <i>What Lies Ahead for the U.S. - Israel Relationship?</i> " Meeting will be held at the Gregg Park Clubhouse.	5:15 p.m. 7p.m.
3/22	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
3/25	NO HEBREW SCHOOL	
3/26	Harvest Hope Food Bank project. Volunteers will staff the emergency food pantry. Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Supper Club (location the TBA).	5 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
3/27	Late Shabbat evening services followed by a dessert Oneg Shabbat.	7:30 p.m.
3/28	Shabbat morning service Tot Shabbat Informal Shabbat discussion group in the social hall following kiddush.	9:45 a.m. 11 a.m. 1 p.m.
4/1	11th Grade class & dinner with Rebecca and Rabbi Case. Beth Shalom Sisterhood's Book Club meeting in the library.	6 p.m. 7 p.m.
4/2	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (year long course of study), in the library.	5:15 p.m.
4/3	3rd Grade Family Shabbat Services.	6:30 p.m.



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Israel Briefing

What Lies Ahead for the U.S. - Israel Relationship?

Thursday, March 19th - 7:00 p.m.

Location of meeting will be:

Gregg Park Clubhouse
(off Forest Drive)

Hosted by John Baker

Featured Speaker: Ambassador Reda Mansour

Consul General of Israel to Southeastern United States

Please join us for an up-to-date briefing regarding the recent U.S. Israeli Elections, as well as current issues that affect the U.S. - Israel Relationship.

Please save the date and plan on standing with the pro-Israel community of Columbia for this informative event. For additional information, please contact Seth Baron in AJPAC's Southeast Office at 770-541-7610 or sbaron@aipac.org

Candle Lighting Times



March 6	6:04 p.m.
March 13	6:10 p.m.
March 20	7:16 p.m.
March 27	7:21 p.m.

Schedule of Services



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



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