

TREE OF LIFE

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**“KOL T.O.L.” — THE “VOICE OF THE TREE OF LIFE”
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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APRIL WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, April 1

6:45 p.m.

KIDZ Shabbat Service

7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Eve Service *

Torah Reading: *Tazria*, Lev. 12:1 – 13:59

Friday, April 8

7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Eve Service

Torah Reading: *Metzora*, Lev. 14:1 – 15:33

Friday, April 15

7:30 p.m.

Shabbat HaGadol

Shabbat Eve Service

Torah Reading: *Acharei Mot*,
Lev. 16:1 – 18:30

Saturday, April 16

10:00 a.m.

Shabbat HaGadol

Shabbat Morning Service
and Torah Study

Friday, April 22

7:30 p.m.

Shabbat during Passover

Shabbat Eve Service

Sunday, April 24

7:00 p.m.

Last Night of Passover

Passover Festival & *Yizkor* Service

Friday, April 29

6:30 p.m.

Potluck Shabbat Dinner

7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service led by *Kitah Bet*

(2nd level Hebrew students)

Torah Reading: *Kedoshim*, Lev. 19:1 – 20:27

Friday, May 6

6:45 p.m.

KIDZ Shabbat Service

7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Eve Service *

Torah Reading: *Emor*, Lev. 21:1 – 24:23

* Childcare available. Please contact the Temple office for details.

HAPPY PASSOVER 5771

Chag Sameach!

(See page 9 for Passover Information)

Mon. April 18 – First Night of Passover

Tues. April 19 – Congregational Seder

Thurs. April 21 – Sisterhood’s Women’s Seder

Sun. April 24 – Last Night of Passover



THE BIG NOSH IS BACK!

Tree of Life Jewish
Cultural & Food Festival

**Sunday, April 10, 2011
11 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

HEY EVERYBODY, WE NEED YOU!

by Jeff Selig

Yes, this call is to YOU, our congregation, to step forward to become involved in your Temple! Your involvement can take on many forms. Attend the many enriching events that TOL has to offer – just last month we had excellent programming for everyone in our congregation, from the kids' Kallah, to the Josh Nelson Project experience, to the adult educational classes offered, and even the traditional things like Shabbat Services or Sisterhood/Brotherhood events or weekly Religious School activities. On April 10th, we have THE BIG NOSH, which is TOL's Annual Jewish Cultural Festival that promotes cultural education, outreach, and big time fund raising! As you can see there continues to be A LOT going on at the Tree of Life.

Many of you put in long hours to insure these successful events occur and contribute financially over and above your yearly pledges to keep the wonderful activities, events, and programs operating. On behalf of the Board, I want to again express my appreciation and offer a big THANK YOU! Unfortunately, with the advent of the bad economy that has impacted us all...our pledges and collections are down...and our expenses have been cut to the bone. The Temple is faced with a dramatic deficit that the Budget Committee is wrestling with, and many of our members have been asked to give more. If you have not been personally asked, please consider increasing your pledge beginning now for the remainder of

the year (2010-11) and into next year (2011-12). If you can donate or sponsor any of the upcoming or past events that you see that interest you, please do so!



The excellent reputation and success that the Tree of Life Congregation maintains does not come free. We are dependent on our pledges to make up the majority of our revenue; however, our fund raisers are critical to help generate revenue too. The majority of our expenses are associated with our staff that supports, maintains, and strengthens our Religious School, our many programs, and services that TOL members enjoy. We have an established staff starting with our Rabbi Sherman; our Religious School Director, Risa Strauss; Office Manager, Linda, and Custodian, Demitris. These folks are top flight professionals that "make it happen" at the Tree of Life!

We continue to add new members to our Temple family, and now in our 115th year of being in Columbia, we are asking YOU in this tough economic period to consider increasing your financial commitment long term, sponsor many of the wonderful Temple events, and give your time when asked to support the TOL so we may continue to thrive and celebrate from "generation to generation."

See you at THE BIG NOSH! Thank you and Shalom.

TREE OF LIFE "BUCKS BACK" FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

We've hit a milestone – TOL has participated in the Great Lakes Scrip Center's Fundraising Program for 2 years as of March. Thanks to your participation, we've earned approximately \$4,500 for the Temple with this easy fundraiser.

Our next Bucks Back order deadline is **Sunday, April 10**. The easiest way to order is on-line. All checks need to be in the Temple office by 5 p.m. Order forms are outside the Temple office or on the TOL website. Orders should be available for pick-up by Friday, April 15.

If you are new to the Temple or to this program, go to <http://www.shopwithscrip.com/> and click on the "Shop" tab to see the hundreds of retailers participating in this program. Our temple receives a percentage of each dollar spent on all gift cards.

Our enrollment code is ELLL34F52L571 (letters are capitalized).

NEW RETAILERS

Target is now available with a \$25 or \$100 gift card! Both cards have a 2% contribution.

SPECIAL DEALS

Go to <http://www.shopwithscrip.com/> and click on the "What's New" tab to see the current specials.

Remember to mark your calendars for the 2011 Bucks Back Program. The deadline to order is the **second Sunday of each month**. Order forms are available outside the temple office. Upcoming deadlines: May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 4.

YASHAR-KOACH, TOL!

By Rabbi Daniel M. Sherman

Often, when I sit down to write this column, I immediately pull out my calendar and focus on upcoming events for the next month. However, before I can focus on April, I really feel the need to reflect on the past two months. As I look at my calendar for February and March 2011, my first thought is “Wow!” We have been very busy with all sorts of activities and programs here at the Tree of Life. I am proud of our congregation, and I think we should all take pride in our accomplishments so far in 2011. We had hoped to offer even more and better programs for the entire congregation this year. I think it is safe to say that we are off to a great start – with more still to come.

We concluded February with a truly outstanding weekend, as we welcomed our artist-in-residence, Josh Nelson, to Columbia. Josh was simply great. He led an inspiring and energetic Shabbat evening worship experience for all who were in attendance. He and his band then followed services with an incredible concert in our sanctuary on Saturday evening. From Havdalah to the concert’s finale, Josh moved us, taught us, entertained us, inspired us, touched us, and much, much more. On Sunday morning, our Religious School had the opportunity to get to know Josh and his music – and they loved him and wanted more. We have heard so much wonderfully positive feedback from the entire weekend. Our goal will be to make such an inspiring musical weekend happen each year as we introduce the congregation to some of the most talented Jewish musicians in the country. I want to add a special thank you to the Columbia JCC, who cosponsored the concert. It was great working with the JCC, and I look forward to our working together again in the future.

One week later, we welcomed over 150 Jewish middle school students from across the Southeast to TOL for the NFTY-SAR Hatikvah Kallah. Again, I cannot tell you how proud I was of our congregation. I was proud of our Temple Youth Group for their participation in the weekend – they were excellent hosts for our visitors. I was proud of our 6-8th graders who took part in the kallah and learned so much about all that NFTY has to offer and had this great opportunity to meet kids and make new friends. And I was proud

of everyone who lent a helping hand. I want to thank everyone who contributed to the huge success that was Hatikvah Kallah. So many people worked diligently to make this weekend possible, especially our youth advisors and leadership. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to host our guests for the weekend. A huge thank you goes to the TOL Brotherhood: they truly went above and beyond by providing meals for the kallah and for all of their support and help throughout the weekend.

And it seems like we have been moving non-stop ever since. We had a fun and memorable Purim celebration (check out the TOL website to see some great pictures) for all ages. We wrapped up another session of our *Beit Midrash* for Lifelong Jewish Learning. Now, of course, we are focused on THE BIG NOSH. It is a huge endeavor that has required the tireless work of so many. I know it will be another fabulous event for our congregation. And then, a week later, we will welcome the Festival of Passover. Like I said: “Wow!” It’s been a great Spring thus far, and it’ll only get better. Thanks to everyone who has taken part in all of these great events – I know that you share in my pride and joy for the entire Tree of Life Congregation. *Yashar Koach!*



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A VERY
SPECIAL WEEKEND IN MAY
WITH ISRAELI RABBI MIRI GOLD**

Friday, May 13 – Sisterhood Shabbat, with guest speaker Rabbi Gold

Saturday, May 14 – Shabbat Services and Torah Study in the morning, followed by a special “Israel Night at Temple”

Sunday, May 15 – Come and learn more about what’s going on in Israel and kibbutz life with a special Sunday School for Adults.



THE PASSOVER SEDER: EXPERIENCING THE JOURNEY

By Risa Strauss

There are a number of things that I have no intention of ever doing in my life. Most of these things have to do with a “fear factor.” My bucket list of things that I will **never** do includes: bungee jumping, sky-diving, zip-lining through a rainforest, skiing, and anything that involves major white-water rapids. You may say, “That’s ridiculous, don’t be such a chicken. Nothing can happen to you.” Think what you want, but I can close my eyes and imagine quite vividly (both physically and mentally) that I have engaged in the entire activity without ever actually leaving the comfort of my own home, and guess what? I am totally okay with that.

My bucket list of scenarios that I never want to be involved in also includes scary happenings and events that I might have little or no control over. As you can imagine, knowing me, some of these situations have to do with Judaism, our occasionally difficult history and suffering. I can only imagine the horrors of living in Nazi Germany, in a concentration camp, a Jewish ghetto, or having to endure the torture of the Spanish Inquisition. And I am good with that – simply imagining. My imagination, however, must be vivid enough to ensure that I understand, that I feel in my heart and in my head what it must have been like, to make sure that those horrible events in our Jewish past never again become reality and to connect with those who suffered from them. My effectiveness as an educator depends on it. And our students depend on me not only to help them understand the history of the Jewish people, but also to develop empathy for other cultures, ethnicities, and religions that have experienced or are experiencing prejudice, racism, and destruction.

On Passover, year after year we are given a simple directive: “*Bechol dor va dor chayav adam lirot et atzmo keilu hu yatza mi Mitzrayim* – Each person in every generation must regard himself as having been personally freed from Egypt.” How do

we do that? Thankfully we have the most perfect and well thought out imagination stimulator to assist us in fulfilling this directive. You know what it is. Almost all of us participate in one every year. It’s called a Passover Seder. Not just a meal, a Seder is a wonderfully organized compilation of many different parts involving story, food, music, traditions, and symbols galore that lets us experience our people’s journey from enslavement to freedom. Stimulating all 5 of our senses, the Passover Seder is a vehicle that allows us to imagine ourselves as Israelites living under the cruelty of the Egyptian pharaohs and permits us to feel the ultimate in joy at our liberation. Navigating the Seder, whether at your home or congregational holiday celebration, using the Passover *Haggadah* as a guide can truly enable one to have a “You Are There” moment year after year and generation after generation. Experiencing and participating in a Seder strengthens our convictions about our people and our faith and our future. The Passover Seder is a wonderful ramification of this harsh moment in our history. It lets us imagine and connect with horrors in our past and yet at the same time encourages us to focus on the world around us when we say, “*LeShanah Haba’ah Be Yerushalayim* – next year in Jerusalem” and may the coming year bring freedom to the oppressed, peace to Israel, and redemption to our people and all human kind.

In Religious School, our students will enjoy a model Seder on Sunday, April 17. The first night of Passover is Monday evening April 18, and the Congregational Seder will be held at Temple on Tuesday evening, April 19. If anyone would like to borrow *haggadot*, or would like tips on how to make their home Seder more meaningful, please do not hesitate to give me or Rabbi Sherman a call.

For Seder activities, blessings, the Four Questions and songs with words and music go to: www.behrmanhouse.com/family or to www.urj.org and click on holidays and then Passover for more information.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Over the last few weeks at TOL, the congregation has come together in full force for a number of different occasions and events. Each member gave of themselves 100% to help our temple celebrate, congregate, and learn. Carol Burnett, an American entertainer, “hit it on the nose” when she would conclude her variety hour every week with these words: “I’m so glad we had this time together. Just to have a laugh or sing a song. Seems you just get started and, before you know it, comes the time you have to say, so long.” So much effort goes into putting these programs together, and it feels really good that we can all be here for each other and work together to make things happen.

The Religious School especially wants to thank all those who made our Temple and Religious School Purim celebrations a great success: Joan Amado, Kim Bannister, Jill Carr, Keven Cohen, Stacy Duty, Paul Feirstein, Eric Feuerstein, Jennifer Friedman, Evelyn Gaton, Gregg Helman, Ed and Sandy Hertz, Ellen Humphries, Yuliana Iskhakov, Scott and Lisa Kaplan, Greg and Cyndi Katz, Linda Kerner, Sheila King, Kelsey and Eric Marom, Marla May, Kim Moses, Dori Nudelman, David Reddy, Brad Smith, Eleanor Stein, Lora Stein, Bill Strauss, Joan Tucker, Todd Weiss, and Paul Westfall; David Carr and the entire Brotherhood;

our students, including our 11th and 12th graders; our Religious School teachers, and of course to Rabbi Sherman for his support and enthusiasm.

We also hosted a wonderful Hatikvah Kallah last month. *Todah Rabah* to all those who cooked (Brotherhood), schlepped, and organized (Debra, Billy, Nora, Jennifer), and to the following households for hosting the kallah participants: Amado, Bannister, Bowen, Budman, Carr, Duty, Feirstein, Feuerstein, Greenhouse, 2 Kaplans, Katz, Kerner, Kline, Magaro, Abby Magaro, Marom, Moses, Novinbakht, Nudelman, Parks, Richman, Rodgers, Smith, Stein, Stombler, Strauss, Tedeschi, Wassermann, Weissman-Reddy, and Wheeler.

Special thanks also go to the Tedeschi’s, the Carr’s, and Wassermann’s for hosting Family Life programs in the month of March.

I would like to mention, as well, the impact that “Jewish Rock Star” Josh Nelson made on our Religious School cannot be underestimated. Since his appearance at TOL, our kids have not stopped spontaneously singing and performing his music. That is truly wonderful. I am so glad that our Temple and Religious School were able to enjoy his love of Judaism and his musical talents.

UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS

- 4/01: Kidz Shabbat, 6:45 p.m., childcare with Robyn from 7:15 p.m.; Shabbat Services, 7:30 p.m.
- 4/03: NO Religious School – Spring Break
- 4/06: Adult Hebrew, 6--8 p.m.
- 4/10: NO Religious School – BIG NOSH at TOL
- 4/13: Adult Hebrew, 6—7:30 p.m.
- 4/17: Religious School, 9 a.m.; Model Seder, 10—11:30 a.m. with lunch; dismissal 1 p.m.
- 4/18: First Seder in the evening
- 4/19: Congregational Seder at Tree of Life, 6 p.m.
- 4/21: Sisterhood Women’s Seder in the evening
- 4/24: Religious School, 9 a.m. (*Matzah Brei* Breakfast); dismissal 1 p.m.
- 4/27: Adult Hebrew, 6—8 p.m.
- 4/29: *Kitah Bet* (2nd level Hebrew) Potluck Supper and Shabbat Service, 6:30 p.m.
- 4/29-5/01: NFTY Spring Kallah for Grades 8-12 in Charlotte, NC
- 5/01: Religious School, 9 a.m.—1 p.m. and *Binah* Book Club; *Yom HaShoah*/Holocaust Memorial Service at Tree of Life, 7 p.m.



TOL's Second Annual Jewish Food and Cultural Festival

**Sunday, April 10, 2011
from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need your help! We need volunteers for the day of the festival, as well as for several days leading up to The Big Nosh. Jobs include: preparing food, serving food and drink, setting up, selling tickets, welcoming guests, and staffing the various booths and stations inside the Temple and outside. Please contact Annette Goldstein (787-1652 or agoldstein@sc.rr.com) to volunteer. If you would like to help with the food, please contact Bill Strauss.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please consider becoming a sponsor of this year's BIG NOSH Festival. Bronze through Platinum Level sponsorships are available. Or sign up to become a "Friend of The Big Nosh" with your \$50 minimum donation. Thank you for your support! Please contact Jeff Selig (315-8600) or Rick Cohn (466-9835) with any questions.

WHAT TO NOSH AT THE BIG NOSH:

BUBBE'S KITCHEN

Brisket, corned beef, stuffed cabbage, kasha, kugel, tzimmes, latkes, chicken soup, cabbage soup, chopped liver, and more

THE NEW YORK DELI

Corned beef, pastrami, and brisket sandwiches, kosher hot dogs, & knishes

TASTE OF ISRAEL (Vegan)

Falafel, hummus, & Israeli salad

LATKE LAND

The best potato pancakes ever!

BAGEL CAFÉ

Bagel, lox, and a schmear of cream cheese

COFFEE KLATCH

Homemade Desserts (rugelach, cheesecake, mandlebrot), plus coffee & tea

BEVERAGES

Egg creams, soda and water, as well as beer and wine

PICKING UP PRE-FESTIVAL ORDERS

Pre-orders will be available before the festival from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 10. On-site 10 minute parking available for pick-up only. We recommend you avoid the crowds and pick up your orders early!

PARKING NOTICE: Please note that there will be NO PARKING at the Temple on the day of The BIG NOSH. Volunteers as well as the public will be asked to park at the Comedy House (at the corner of Trenholm and Decker). There will be a free shuttle to bring people to and from Tree of Life. Handicapped parking only will be available at the Temple.

IN THE SANCTUARY: Participants will be invited to join Rabbi Sherman and others in the TOL Sanctuary for a number of demonstrations and discussions, including: sanctuary tours, Torah displays, Question & Answer sessions, a Shofar demonstration with Jonathan Leader, as well as example Shabbat and Bar Mitzvah Services and a mock Jewish wedding.

EVEN MORE TO DO AND LEARN: In the chapel there will be cooking demonstrations – come learn how to make challah and matzah ball soup. We'll also have a class on keeping kosher and the history of kashrut. A model seder will take place in the TOL Library. And in Room 10, Marcia Geers will lead a demonstration of Jewish confectionary designs. In the afternoon, we will have a special kosher wine tasting.

KIDS ACTIVITIES: There will be lots for our kids to do this year, including: a bounce house & climbing wall, a Biblical Zoo, face painting, and more. THE BIG NOSH will be fun for the whole family!

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

Jewish Coalition for Japan Relief:

How you can help

In response to the tragic devastation of the earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on March 11, 2011, the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) has partnered with a number of North American Jewish organizations to form the Jewish Coalition for Japan Relief. Funds collected by the Coalition will be dedicated towards relief and recovery efforts in the affected region. This is one of a number of ongoing efforts around the world by the Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief, which allows a unified Jewish response to natural and man-made crises that occur outside of North America.

To learn more about this and other disaster relief efforts, please visit the URJ website (www.urj.org) or http://www.jdc.org/jcdr_main.html. To donate to Japan Relief, go to: <https://www.jdc.org/donation/donate.aspx?type=JCDR>.

Community Food Bank Shortages

It was reported to the Board and the Congregation last month by Risa Strauss that Jewish Family Services and Harvest Hope are in dire need of food for their food banks. Please continue to bring canned or boxed food items to TOL. A shopping cart (Thanks, Risa!) has been placed in the foyer for everyone's convenience. Thank you!

Habitat House Still Needs Your Support

Through the generosity of the six congregations that collaborated to build the green Habitat for Humanity house this past fall, approximately \$35,000 has been contributed toward the \$55,000 needed for full sponsorship of the house. **An anonymous donor has offered to match funds, up to \$10,000, that are collected during Passover and Lent by the six congregations who participated in the Green Habitat Building Project.** If our six congregations contribute \$10,000 between now and Passover and Lent, our donor's matching \$10,000 will complete the project.

If you wish to donate, please make out a check to Tree of Life Congregation and be sure to write "Habitat/Forest Acres Build" on the "for" line. Donations should be made by April 16. Thank you for your support!

TENTATIVE ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE OUTSIDE UNDER THE TENT



11:00 a.m.	Jewish Music provided by our DJ & Irina Plotkin on piano
11:30 a.m.	Southern Klezmer Band
12noon	Sababa – Jewish a capella singing group from UNC
12:30 p.m.	Israeli Dancing
12:45 p.m.	Mira Bobrova, piano
1:00 p.m.	The 4 Fathers – TOL's own Jewish rock band
1:30 p.m.	Sababa
2:00 p.m.	Belly Dancers
2:45 p.m.	Marguerite Brill, piano
3:30 p.m.	Marvelous Marvin Bienstock
4:00 p.m.	Music from our Sanctuary With Sharon Witherell & Rabbi Sherman

GREEN TEAM UPDATE

Big Nosh Preparations

The Temple Brotherhood will be sprucing up the rain garden in preparation for visitors to The Big Nosh. At The Big Nosh, the Green Team will be sponsoring an educational display about watersheds and will have plenty of rain garden flyers available for self guided tours. Additionally we will display information about the rain garden, the awards we've received, and our recycling program.

Smart Shopping

When shopping for new electrical appliances, make sure to look for the Energy Star logo. When shopping for new plumbing fixtures, make sure to look for the Water Sense logo. You will save both money and the environment.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Forty Sisterhood members and friends gathered together for an afternoon of **Mah Jongg Madness** Sunday March 6 at TOL. Players of every level enjoyed an afternoon full of fun, games, food, door prizes, and meeting new and old friends.

The **Chai Tea "Non-Event Fundraiser"** is still accepting donations. You may go online to <http://www.tolsc.org> to make a donation.

Sisterhood Holland Bulb Sale

The 58th annual Tree of Life Congregation Sisterhood **Holland Bulb Sale** is underway with top quality # 1 selected bulbs that are guaranteed to bloom. The Tree of Life Sisterhood has been selling Holland bulbs since 1954. Blooms from the Sisterhood grace many personal gardens, patios, and various businesses across the Midlands and all the Carolinas since mail order is available.

Many different varieties are available and prices vary. Even if you live in an apartment, bulbs grow beautifully in containers. They also make lovely gifts that last for a long time.

Orders should be placed by May 30, 2011 to ensure delivery by mid-October. Proceeds help support the Sisterhood's many community efforts such as Sistercare, Cooperative Ministries, and Harvest Hope Food

Bank. For information or an order form call Cheri Alexander at (803) 530-4307 or email cheri-donna@prodigy.net. The order form as well as photos of the flowers can be found at <http://www.tolsc.org> (go to the Sisterhood page).

Sisterhood Book Club

Sisterhood's Book Club met March 8 and discussed *Homesick* and *By Water, By Fire*.

The schedule for the rest of the year will be:

- April 12: *Wherever You Go* by Joan Leegant
- May 10: *A Safe Haven* by Ronald Radosh & Allis Rodosh
- June 14: *The Zoo Keeper* by Diane Ackerman
- July 12: *The Three Weissmann's of Westport* by Cathleen Schine

The Book Club meets at 7 p.m. in the TOL library. Everyone is welcome

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

- Thurs. April 21 – Sisterhood Women's Seder (details will be available on the web site)
- Friday, May 13 – Sisterhood Shabbat with guest speaker, Rabbi Miri Gold from Israel

MIXED CHOIR WANTED FOR SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Friday, May 13, 2011

Scholar-in-Residence - Rabbi Miri Gold

Featuring Music By Debbie Friedman

Rehearsals

Tuesday May 3, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday May 12, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Contact Suzy Herzog before April 17, 2011
803-419-0603 or suzytolwrj@sc.rr.com

Music will be distributed before the first rehearsal.

ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS

April 1 – Chair: Donna Magaro, Jerry & Judi Emanuel, Jerry & Sandy Euster, Paul & Audra Feirstein, Andy & Becky Fields, Fred & Irene Fields, Maxine & Rayton Fisher

April 8 – Chair: Julie Strauss, Nard & Pam Fleischman, Bonnie Foster, Yvette Frank, Steve & Roberta Friedland, Daniela Friedman & Michael Dojc, Sam & Jane Friedman

April 15 – Chair: Ilene King, Steve & Phyllis Friedman, Bill Gabali, Ron & Terry Garber, Ann Gatton, Alan & Marcia Geers, Charles Geffen & Gaynell Gavin

April 22 – Chair: Kim Moses, Richard & Belinda Gergel, Harry & Ellen Gindman, Jack & Jean Ginsberg, Brian Glavey & Eleanor Stein-Glavey, Harry & Bonnie Goldberg, Mark & Karen Goldenfield

April 29 – Chair: Suzy Herzog and the Parents of Kitah Bet Students

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



THE SEDER PLATE

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

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

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

Charoset: A sweet-tasting mixture of apples, nuts, and wine symbolizing the mortar between the bricks.

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

Chatzeret: Usually a bitter piece of lettuce to symbolize the difficulty of life as slaves.

Afikoman: The hidden or dessert *matzah* that is broken towards the beginning of the Seder.

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

Miriam's Cup: A special cup of water poured in honor of Moses' sister Miriam, who was instrumental in Moses' survival as an infant and in the successful Israelite Exodus from Egypt. After the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, Miriam led the people in song and celebration. The water represents the well that miraculously followed the Israelites through the desert until the day of Miriam's death.

**LAST DAY OF
PASSOVER SERVICE**

Sunday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Come join us for this special festival service marking the last day of Passover. The service includes our *Yizkor* Memorial Service (similar to the Yom Kippur *Yizkor* service), at which we will read the names of all those in our congregation who have died since the beginning of 5771.

CHAROSET RECIPE

This recipe is from the *Foods of Israel Today* by Joan Nathan. Yield: 4 Cups

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

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

PASSOVER — CONGREGATIONAL SEDER

**TREE OF LIFE CONGREGATIONAL SEDER
2ND NIGHT OF PASSOVER**

Tuesday, April 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Come and celebrate Passover with your TOL Community!

This is a family event for all ages led by Rabbi Sherman. The meal consists of all the traditional seder courses and foods, and is being provided by Classic Catering.

Your check made out to Tree of Life for the total payment along with the form below must be received by the TOL office no later than Tuesday, April 12, 2011. Your check is your reservation.

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

Sorry, we cannot guarantee dinners after April 12 for those without reservations.

Tree of Life Congregational Seder
2nd Night of Passover – Tuesday, April 19th

Name _____
Phone _____

Please make reservations for:
 _____ Adults: TOL members — \$25/person
 _____ Children (age 5-12) — \$10/person
 _____ Adults: non-members — \$35/person
 _____ Children under age 5 — no charge
 _____ College Students & Military — \$15 per person
 _____ TOL Family Maximum \$75

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Ck# _____

_____ I am available to volunteer to help with set-up.

Mail your check and reservation form to:
 Tree of Life Congregation
 6719 North Trenholm Road
 Columbia, SC 29206

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BROTHERHOOD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

By David Carr, New TOL Brotherhood President

Brotherhood Annual Meeting

The 2011 Brotherhood Annual Meeting was held Sunday, February 27 at which time we elected our 2011 Brotherhood Board. The slate of officers presented was President: David Carr, VP of Programming: Jerry Emanuel, Treasurer: Ed Hertz and Secretary: Marc Posner. The floor was open to additional nominations. None were offered, and the slate of officers was elected as presented.

As the incoming President of the TOL Brotherhood, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brad Smith and Ed Hertz for their years of dedication not only to the Brotherhood but to the Tree of Life. Without these two gentlemen, the Brotherhood would not be what it is today. They were both instrumental, along with several others, in bringing the Brotherhood back into existence. From a small group, led by Brad and Ed, the membership has grown to almost 50 members. The Brotherhood is now an integral part of the Temple and has developed several traditions, such as our annual Chanukah Dinner, the end of school year picnic, and coordinating the Temple's annual Blood Drive, just to name a few. These two men are primarily responsible for leading the organization and having the foresight to expand its role in the Temple, and for that leadership, we owe them a great deal of gratitude. Please take a few minutes the next time you see Brad or Ed at the Temple to shake their hands and tell them how much you appreciate what they have done for the Temple over the years. Their latest vision is the Latke Hut. The Latke Hut will be a building, outside by the kitchen, where we will store our cooking tools and also have a safe place to cook our famous latkes and other delicacies. Please see below for more information on the Latke Hut and how you can help make it a reality.

I am honored to have been elected the President of the Brotherhood and will work hard to keep the traditions Brad started going and hope to add to his legacy. I am lucky to have all these gentlemen on the board and know I can lean on them to benefit from their experience. I would like to welcome Jerry Emanuel to the board as VP of Programming. He will work to schedule speakers and other Brotherhood events. Ed Hertz will continue on as Treasurer and who can forget "Head Fry Master." We also welcome Marc Posner as Secretary. Marc will help us keep track of outstanding issues, send communications to the Brotherhood and be responsible for lining up volunteers for the various Brotherhood activities. Finally, Brad remains on the board as the Immediate Past President, continuing to provide his vision as well as help to recruit new Brotherhood members.

Once again, thank you to Brad and Ed and I look forward to serving as Brotherhood President for 2011.

Brotherhood Activities

March was a busy month for the Brotherhood. We prepared Friday night dinner, Saturday lunch and helped serve Sunday breakfast for the Hatikvah Kallah attendees. It was a big success, and I would like to thank Ed Hertz, Brad Smith, David Tedeschi, Peter Kline, Ben Lipton, Jim Braun, Eric Feuerstein, Paul

Feirstein, David Reddy and Lisa Kaplan for all the time they dedicated in preparing, cooking and cleaning-up for this event. We also made dinner for the Purim Extravaganza and had two work days to clean up the Temple grounds in preparation for the Big Nosh. In addition, we met at Thai Lotus for a social dinner, and we broke ground on our new Latke Hut. Thanks to all the Brotherhood members that participated in these activities and helped to make them a success.

We are working on the plans for the end of Religious School picnic lunch and the next play which will be performed in June. More information will be shared as the plans are finalized.

TOL Theater

The next play to be performed at the Tree of Life will be *Theophilus North*, a Thornton Wilder play. The performance dates are June 9, 11, and 12. Auditions for this play will be held **April 25-27**. Those interested in auditioning should call Michael Bailey, Artistic Director, at **803-834-1775**. Please visit the Temple website for more information on the play and reservations.

Brotherhood Bike Rides

Sunday, April 24 the next Brotherhood bicycle ride will leave at **10:30 a.m. (note the time change)** from the Temple. The course will be from the Temple to Fort Jackson and back; we will ride approximately 20 to 30 miles at a 15 MPH pace. All riders are welcome. It is recommended you contact [David Carr](#) if you are interested in riding so he can communicate any changes or updates.

The Latke Hut

The Brotherhood has broken ground on our new Latke Hut back by the kitchen. Thanks to Ed Hertz, Eric Feuerstein, Paul Feirstein, Ben Lipton, Sid Sasiene, Todd Weiss, Shawn Youngstedt, Harvey Helman and David Bannister for getting the pad ready for pouring. You can help the self-proclaimed "Latke Kings of Columbia" have a safe place to cook our latkes by making a donation to the Latke Hut. For as little as \$18 you can buy a board for the hut and make our dream a reality while at the same time improving the Temple. Donations may be made by check payable to Tree of Life and write Latke Hut in the memo line or online by visiting our Donation page on the Temple website.

International Night

Have fun and benefit TOL. We are excited about starting an "International Dinner Evening" one Saturday night a month for adults at the Tree of life. Anybody who enjoys cooking could enjoy serving their favorite ethnic meal for groups of 20 to 30 people at the Temple. We will all get to taste a variety of wonderful new foods. Previously we enjoyed Israeli, Chinese, Mexican, German & Spanish dinners. Anyone interested in cooking their favorite international dish, please e-mail the Brotherhood at Brotherhood@tolsc.org. We will give as much or as little help as you might want.

MEMBER NEWS

MAZEL TOV TO

Rabbi Leah Doberne-Schor & Adam Schor on the birth of their daughter, Ella Mae. The baby was welcomed home by her big brother, Micah.

REFUAH SHLEIMA

Get well wishes to TOL members recently hospitalized or at home recovering: **Hal Birch, Eleanor Hack, and Barbara Volin**

HONOR ROLL

We salute and thank our wonderful volunteers!
Office – Mary Helen Baum, Jerry & Sandi Euster, Ann Gatton, Sandy Hertz, Donna Magaro
Sunday School Office – Joan Tucker
Hospital Calls – Sandy Hertz

CONDOLENCES TO

Rabbi Leah Doberne-Schor & family on the loss of her great aunt Eve Dobkin
Aileen Sunshine & family on the loss of her sister-in-law Judi Swartz
 The family & friends of **Pat Baker**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TOL MEMBERS

Renée & Eric Bland

Thank you to all those who helped to sponsor the Josh Nelson Project concert at TOL:

David & Debbie Greenhouse
 Ernie & Donna Magaro
 Steve & Jennifer Savitz
 Rob & Amy Scully
 Jeff & Walton Selig
 Rabbi Daniel & Morgan Sherman
 Brad Smith & Cheri Shapiro
 Aileen Sunshine
 Howie Weiss
 Todd & Heather Weiss
 Paul & Elisa Westfall

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Amy & Rob Scully	April 4
Sally & Steven Langer	April 9
Caryn & Gregg Helman	April 10
Rachelle & David Blackmon	April 20
Bonnie & Jon Leader	April 27

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Carole Rothstein	April 2	Gaynell Gavin	April 12	Daniel Bannister	April 25
Daniel Sobel	April 2	Ericka Johnson	April 15	Andrew Fields	April 25
Jennifer Elkins	April 3	Travis Wheeler	April 15	Terry Gomberg	April 25
Peter Blue	April 5	Ariel Brandin	April 16	Ross Lynch	April 25
Marisa Kornblut	April 5	Alan Horn	April 17	Muriel Masur	April 25
Donald Portnoy	April 5	Carly Kraemer	April 17	Emma Miller	April 25
Natalie Peavy	April 6	Katherine Kessler	April 18	Andrew Wheeler	April 25
Molly Westfall	April 6	Maddy Wassermann	April 18	Charlotte Peavy	April 26
Lucy Westfall	April 6	Maggie Valentine	April 19	Karen Portnoy	April 27
Sophie Westfall	April 6	Sanford Daniel	April 20	Audra Feirstein	April 28
Anne Reyner	April 8	Sheryl Kline	April 21	Benjamin Kline	April 28
Brianna Rafferty	April 9	Jill Carr	April 22	Louis Tedeschi	April 28
Alice Terner	April 9	Lois Green	April 22	Adam Schor	April 29
Lauren Kuperman	April 10	Lainie Rubin	April 22	Gabi Baker	April 30
David Nudelman	April 10	Jerry Euster	April 23	Jane Littmann	April 30
Gwen Sasiene	April 10	Jack Ginsberg	April 23	Bryce Oberman	April 30
Journey Stein	April 10	Morgan Sherman	April 23	Arline Polinsky	April 30
Heather Weiss	April 10	Gail Bienstock	April 24	Harry Richman	April 30
Jonathan Friedman	April 11	Andrew Levy	April 24	Shu-Mei Richman	April 30
Elliott Chartock	April 12				

LUNCH & LEARN WITH OUR RABBIS
At the Katie & Irwin Kahn JCC

Bring your lunch and discuss current topics with
Columbia's Rabbis
2nd Wednesday of each month
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

**April 13: Rabbi Daniel Sherman,
Tree of Life Congregation**

For more information about this FREE program, please contact Benjamin Kranitz at 803-787-2023 ext 207 or benk@jcccolumbia.org.

TUESDAYS WITH FRIENDS

Tuesday, April 5, 2011
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Beth Shalom Synagogue

“Jewish Genealogy & Exercising”
with Kaytina Hack, Outreach Coordinator of the JCC

This program is funded in part with a grant from the BJH Foundation for Senior Services and the Columbia Jewish Federation.

All for only \$4

Please RSVP to Beth Shalom Synagogue at 782-2500

Mark Your Calendars:

2011 Columbia Israel Bonds Event
Honoring
Ruth & Rabbi Sanford Marcus

Monday, May 9, 2011
Columbia Marriott Hotel

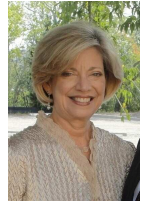
Please plan on joining us for this community event honoring Ruth & Rabbi Sandy Marcus and highlighting the wonderful work of the State of Israel Bonds. Invitations to follow.

**Community *Yom HaShoah*
Remembrance Service**

Sunday, May 1 at 7 p.m.
Tree of Life Congregation

On Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. our community will come together at the Tree of Life Congregation to commemorate *Yom HaShoah* – our Holocaust Memorial Day. This annual service is an important event for the entire community as we promise never to forget.

This year's guest speaker will be Eileen Chepenik, a leader of the Charleston Jewish community and an interviewer for Steven Spielberg's Visual History of the Shoah Foundation. Her topic will be "What I learned from Holocaust survivors – Reflections from a survivor interviewer."



News from the
University of South Carolina Hillel:

Hillel at USC is in the process of hiring a Hillel Professional. This professional will engage with the Jewish population on campus, work with the Jewish student leadership, and help Hillel grow. The Hillel students, faculty advisor (Dr. David Reisman), and members of the Columbia Jewish Federation are excited about this new position, which will help ensure a strong Jewish presence at USC. This process is going through the Hillel Community Adult Board (CAB) chaired by Michelle Segal (segal@sc.edu).

Show your support of this forward step for Hillel at USC! We need your help to fund this Hillel position. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Hillel position's fund by sending a check to:

Hillel at USC / University of South Carolina
1400 Greene St. PO Box SG001
Columbia, SC 29201

SAVE THE DATE...

Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center's
9th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Sunday, May 15, 2011
The Members Club at Wildewood

Presented by Mid-Carolina Steel & Owen Steel

For more information or to be a sponsor, please contact Shane Whatley at the JCC (803-787-2023 ext. 206 or shane@jcccolumbia.org)

YAHREZITS

April 1 – Anna Gordon, Elic Hyman, Samuel Lewis Rifkin*, Ralph J. Friedman*, Bessye D. Kantor*, Julius E. Love*, Samuel A. Specter*, David L. Slone, Susan Markel Starr*, Celia Foxman*, Jacob Foxman*, Sadie Dickman, Max Kalb, Sophie Revelise*, Joseph Gergel*, Bernard Hupert, Esther Politis, Sarah Young

April 8 – Woodrow Emanuel, Henry G. Levkoff*, Oscar Brill*, Ben Steingold, Boyd Haven Sulser, Barbara Jane Helman*, Rose Zellman, Ehrma Beattie, Jane Cypres, Sonia Davis*, Sara Fingerhut, Elliott Posner*, Robert Solomon, Sylvia Solomon, Laura Burnstein*, Samuel Burnstein*, Sidney Goodwin, William P. Green, Benjamin Hack*, Melvin Gergel*, Edith Hunter Krauss*, Harold Markel*, Michael S. Blick*, Herbert Sobel, Beatrice Stiglitz, Helen Strauss*, Florette Weitzman

April 15 – John Joseph Alion*, Jay J. Duni*, Samuel L. Sherman, Leon W. Love*, Rose Silk, MaryJane Workman, Charles F. Donen*, Dorothy Haegele, Barbara Rosenberg, Rakhil Veytskin, Miriam G. Kohn*, Gabirel Levy, Lenny Volin, Bertie Simmons*, Charles Solomon

April 22 – Ralph Lerner*, Helen Kohn Hennig*, Francis Oliver Musarra, Verna Mooney, Lewis Weinberg*, Pat McGee, Ida Abrams*, Harriet Hoffman, George Julius Mann*, Joseph Marton, Mordie M. Donen*, Alvin H. Reyner*, Joseph Weinberg*

April 29 – Richard Hafter*, Julius Morris, Harry Zalin*, David Levin, Anne Wadness Segal, Arthur Silber*, Elsie Turner, Theresa S. Vineburg*, Martha Levy, Isaac Simmons*, Ethel Dunay*, Yafa Iskhakov, August Kohn, Jr. *, Bess Goldstein*, Minnie Schreiber*, Mitchell Weiner*, Moe Harts, Abe Siskin, Herbert Weisberg*, Wilfred Atran, Rebecca Brenner, Ann Hurwitz

*name memorialized by a plaque in the sanctuary

WRJ SHABBAT SERVICE REPS

April 1 – Joan McGee
April 8 – Amanda Hamilton
April 15 – Yulianna Zulunova
April 22 – Marcia Geers
April 29 – Cheri Alexander

ANNUAL TOL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

BIMAH FLOWERS

March 4

Daniela Friedman & Michael Dojc, in memory of
Doreen Friedman
Lois Rauch Gibson & Jerry Gibson, in memory of
Morris Rauch
Stan Gomberg, in memory of Gary Gomberg
Joanne Hafter, in memory of Julius Jastrow
Alan Jolles, in memory of Howard Jolles
Feliks & Sarra Rabinovich family, in memory of
Mariya Volfson
Joan Tucker, in memory of Beatrice Kapilian

March 11

Bessie Garber, in memory of Nathan Brenner
Peggy, Jeff, & Danny Miller, in memory of
Paul B. Snyder

March 18

Jan Barkan, in memory of Andrea Barkan
Carolyn & Alan Conway, in memory of
Arline Wander
Carolyn & Alan Conway, in memory of
Myron Wander
Irene & Fred Fields, in memory of
Rachele Rothfeder
Nard & Pam Fleischman, in memory of
Marian D. Fleischman
Lois & Jerry Gibson and Dave & Nancy Gangemi,
in memory of Michael Sigel
Stan Gomberg, in memory of Elaine Gomberg
Muriel Masur & Annette Goldstein, in memory of
Jimmy Masur
Marvyn Milman, in memory of David Milman
The Reyner family, in memory of
William S. Reyner
Jan Rivers, in memory of Grier Park
Jerry Rothstein, in memory of Mary Rothstein
Howard Weiss, in memory of Nancy Love Weiss
Howard Weiss, in memory of Renee Rollins

March 25

Stephen & Phyllis Friedman, in memory of
Sam Friedman
Gerald & Arline Polinsky, in memory of
Edward Furman
Alice & Steve Turner, in memory of
Goldie Hoffman

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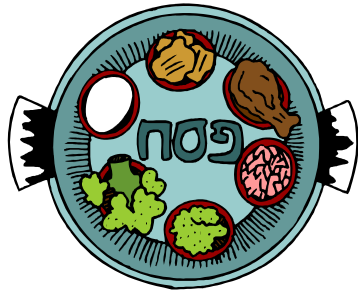
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April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>27</p> <p>8:45am TYG Bagel Breakfast Fundraiser</p> <p>Brotherhood Work Day</p> <p>4:00pm Grade 3 Family Life</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>4:00pm Israeli Dance</p> <p>7:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>Columbia Jewish Film Festival ends</i></p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:45pm KIDZ Shabbat</p> <p>7:30pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:30PM Big Nosh Committee Meeting</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>11:00am-5:00pm BIG NOSH FESTIVAL</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30pm Executive Board</p> <p>7:30pm Board of Directors</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00am Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Religious School Model Seder</p>	<p>18</p> <p>FIRST NIGHT OF PASSOVER</p>	<p>19</p> <p>FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER (Temple Office Closed)</p> <p>6:00pm Temple Seder</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Sisterhood Women'S Seder</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:00am Brotherhood Passover Breakfast</p> <p>7:00pm Passover Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p>LAST DAY OF PASSOVER (Temple Office Closed)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00pm Sisterhood Board</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>NFTY-SAR Spring Kallah In Charlotte</i></p> <p>6:30pm Potluck Dinner</p> <p>7:30pm Shabbat Service (Kitah Bet Students)</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>NFTY-SAR Spring Kallah In Charlotte</i></p>



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