

"KOL T.O.L" The "Voice of the Tree of Life" December 2017 /Kislev-Tevet 5778

Tree of Life Congregation Monthly Newsletter Columbia, South Carolina

Tree of Life Chanukah Celebration Dec. 15th, 2017



Services & Consecration 7:30pm

Brotherhood: 🗹 make latkes. You: 🗹 bring & light a chanukiyah Rabbis: 🟹 "dedicate" first year religious school students.

> Register online at <u>www.tolsc.org/event/latkedinner</u> or by calling the temple office

December Worship Services

Friday, December 1

6:30pm

Tot Shabbat Shabbat Evening Service

	7:30pm	Shabbat Evening Service
		Vayishlach Genesis 32:4-36:43
Friday, December 8	6:30pm	Shabbat Evening Service
Saturday, December 9	10:30am	Shabbat Morning Service
		Vayeishev Genesis 37:1-40:23
Friday, December 15	7:30pm	Shabbat Evening Service
		Special Birthday Blessing
		Mikeitz Genesis 41:1-44:17
Friday, December 22	7:30pm	Shabbat Evening Service
		Vayigash Genesis 44:18-47:27
Friday, December 29	6:30pm	Shabbat Evening Service
		Bar Mitzvah of Nate Cason
		Vayechi Genesis 47:28-50:26

From the President



TOL Congregants,

The TOL Coffeehouse committee's second concert is scheduled for January 6th (doors open 6:30pm) in the Reyner Family Social Hall. Jack Williams is a wonderful singer-songwriter, and will highlight another great music experience for the TOL Coffeehouse concert series. Several of Tree of Life's members (and others) continue to work very hard to make this second concert as fun, successful, and entertaining as the first. Groucho's will have concessions available before and during the show. The proceeds from a portion of the tickets sales and all of the

concessions will go to the Tree of Life. Please try to attend. Some great Hanukkah presents can be found in the Tree of Life gift shop. Please check out Seth Wandersman's art slide show found in the Tree of Life atrium (Another great gift idea).



I hope to see you soon! Bruce Miller

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From the Rabbi



Dear Friends,

Since October we have had so many wonderful events at Tree of Life. Moving from the Hebrew month of Tishrei to Cheshvan is traditionally a time of some calm for the Jewish community but we have been moving full steam ahead throughout. Back in October we welcomed Rick Recht back to Tree of Life for a special Simchat Torah Shabbat and we celebrated the Bat Mitzvah of Kate Weiss among many other events therein.



In the month of November we also had plenty of cause for celebration as we enjoyed the first Friday Night Live service of the year featuring our temple band, Shorashim, and Tree of Life welcomed five new members to our community and to the Jewish people. It was a beautiful evening and we are so lucky to officially welcome them into our temple family.

Near the end of November we hosted the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service for the Trenholm Rd cluster of churches and synagogues. Nine clergy and over 200 congregants were in attendance at the service. It was a sweet and special event as we marked the 30th anniversary of the service which began at Tree of Life in 1987. Following our service, the Tree of Life Sisterhood and Brotherhood teamed up to provide a phenomenal Oneg that really showcased the importance of going the extra mile to make guests feel welcomed. Thank you to everyone who made this



beautiful service possible. We certainly did our community proud at this important gathering.

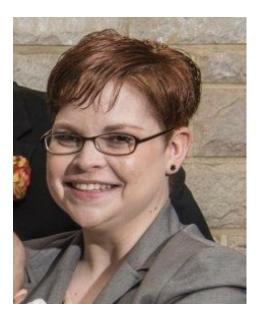
Now that Thanksgiving is behind us and we are entering December, it is time to look forward to our next major/minor holiday, Chanukah. Please see below for upcoming events to look out for in December.

- ♦ Lunch and Learn: Thursday, December 7, 2017 @ 12:00pm at Groucho's Deli in Five Points
- Friday Night Live: Friday, December 8, 2017 @ 6:30pm at Tree of Life
- o Chanukah Happening: Sunday, December 10, 2017 @11:00am at Tree of Life
- Public Menorah Lighting: Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 5:45pm at the State House
- Shabbat Chanukah and Consecration: Friday, December 15, 2017 at 6:30pm at Tree of Life
 - Bring dinner, matches, candles, and a Chanukah menorah for our Shabbat Chanukah latke dinner (made possible by the TOL Brotherhood) and candle lighting. Consecration will take place during our Shabbat Evening Service.

Wishing Everyone a Bright and Joyful Chanukah,

Barli Ci Mollo

From the Education Director



For decades now, the "December Dilemma" has been a hot topic amongst Jewish families and educators. Mistakenly, we used to think that how the winter holidays are celebrated is only an issue reserved for interfaith families to negotiate. As it turns out, Jews married to others Jews raising little Jews still have to contend with Christmas at school and work.

What works one year may not work another in terms of splitting time between families, distribution of presents – when, where, and how many – and the display of symbols and ritual practice.

Every year, we face new trends and challenges, and therefore have the opportunity to reevaluate our priorities and how we choose to express them. The common theme running throughout all of the holidays, however, is the focus on sacred time with family, making meaningful memories, and bringing light to a world that can seem dark and confusing. This can be achieved with all or none of the traditional components we typically think of – it all comes down to our intent.

Wishing you all a bright season, Rabbi Carolan

> Upcoming Youth Events <u>NFTY-SAR 678 Ski Trip</u> Tues. Jan. 2 – Weds. Jan. 3, 2018 Cataloochee Ski Area, Maggie Valley, NC Register before Dec. 6th \$270 Register after Dec. 6th \$295 (must be approved by regional director) <u>9th-12th grades: NFTY-SAR Winter Kallah</u> Friday, January 12 - Monday, January 15, 2018 Temple Beth El - Charlotte, NC Register before Dec. 20th \$210 Register after Dec. 20th \$230 (must be approved by regional director)

Find out more at www.southernarea.nfty.org



Savannah Teen Weekend January 19-21, 2018



Open to Jewish teens Grades 8 - 12 ● Make New Jewish Friends from Across the Southeast ● Organized Home Hospitality ● Fun & Transformative Jewish Programming ● Exciting Saturday Dance & Program ● All Meals Included!

> Cost: \$50 • Registration opens November 1 at www.savj.org

For more information, contact Devra Silverman, Community Engagement Coordinator, at 912-355-8111 or engagement@savj.org

The Savannah Teen Weekend is made possible through support from the 🐹 Savannah Jewish Federation

TOL In Action

WRJ / Sisterhood



Maybe someday we will offer a real photo safari; but, for now, just sit back in your favorite comfortable chair and simply imagine all those great exotic animal photos you would take while you help TOL Women of Reform Judaism support Temple by contributing to this non-event fundraiser!

Our support includes: Hospitality • Beautification • Bereavement • Youth Group (TYG) • Religious School • Sisterhood Donations to Jewish and Community Organizations

See page 8 for more details!!

Green Team

Please contact us at green@tolsc.org to volunteer.

To learn more about the Green Team, please visit http://www.tolsc.org/about-us/associations/green-team

Please contact us at green@tolsc.org if you would like to be added to our email list or have questions.

Brotherhood

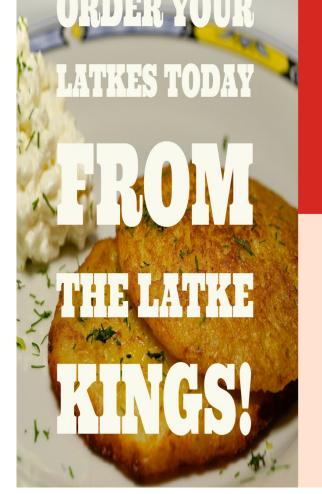
BAKER'S DOZEN (13) FOR \$15 OR SUPERSIZE AND GET A JEWISH DOZEN (18) FOR \$20

PICK-UP: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH BETWEEN 12:00 PM AND 1:00 PM

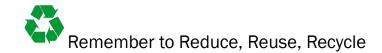
IN THE TREE OF LIFE SOCIAL HALL

Order form and details located on page 9.





Please consider earmarking your TOL donations for the Green Team.



green@tolsc.org

Community Involvement



Jewish Family Service and Ronald McDonald House Needs YOU!

JFS is looking for people to help staff the Ronald McDonald House during the Christmas Holiday so that the staff may enjoy the holiday with their own families. Ronald McDonald House is a place where families find strength, and hope among each other while dealing with what is sometimes the most difficult situation of their lives.

3 days for volunteer opportunities!

Sunday December 24, Monday December 25, Tuesday December 26

JFS needs volunteers who can stay at the house two hours at a time from 9 am-10 pm on 12/24, and 12/25, and 9 am - 4 pm on 12/26.

This is a great way for students to earn volunteer hours while providing a Mitzvah at the same time! Please contact Laney Cohen 787-2023 ext 220 for more information.

Community Involvement

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Join Tree of Life alongside 40 other congregations across the Midlands to Speak truth to power

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For more information about how to get involved, please e-mail any of our team leaders:

Amanda Hamilton: razmanda@gmail.com Alex Ogden: ogdenj@mailbox.sc.edu Josh Gupta-Kagan: jgkagan@mailbox.sc.edu WRJ/Sisterhood Fundraiser

TOL WRJ Presents:

Exotic Photo Safari* Fundraiser** (*NO: IT'S NOT A REAL SAFARI)

(**YES: IT IS A REAL FUNDRAISER)



Maybe someday we will offer a real photo safari; but, for now, just sit back in your favorite comfortable chair and simply imagine all those great exotic animal photos you would take while you help TOL Women of Reform Judaism support Temple by contributing to this non-event fundraiser!

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Choose your Dream Photo Op!

Selfie with Zebras:	\$90
Giraffe and Calf:	\$54
Savannah Sunset:	\$36
Happy Hippos:	\$18

OR, choose your own donation level for your personal favorite



photo safari idea!

Please send your contribution by check payable to:

"TOL WRJ Fundraiser" before December 29, 2017 to Terry Garber, 2501 Cardington Drive, Columbia, SC 29209-3213 Or, pay online at www.tolsc.org/donate Thank You!

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If you drop your donation off at the TOL office PLEASE be sure it is clearly marked for "TOL WRJ Fundraiser"

Brotherhood Fundraiser

You can order on line at https://www.tolsc.org/form/latkekings

The Latke Kings 2017 Latke Sale Order Form

The Brotherhood, aka Latke Kings, wants to make latkes for you. Our world famous Latkes will be sold as a Brotherhood fundraiser.

Name: _____

Contact Information: (e-mail or phone): _____

How to place your order: Turn your completed order form into the Temple office along with your payment. **When writing a check, please write "Latke Sale" in the memo line.**

Payment Method: Check [] Cash []

Deadline for Ordering and Payment: Wednesday, December 6th by 5:00 pm

Order: Baker's dozen (13) for \$15 or Supersize and get a Jewish dozen (18) for \$20.

Please indicate the number of dozens of each kind

Plain Latke ____ Baker's dozen (13 for \$15) ____ Jewish dozen (18 for \$20)

Jalapeño Latke ____ Baker's dozen (13 for \$15) ____ Jewish dozen (18 for \$20)

Mixed Latke (1/2 Plain and ½ Jalapeño)

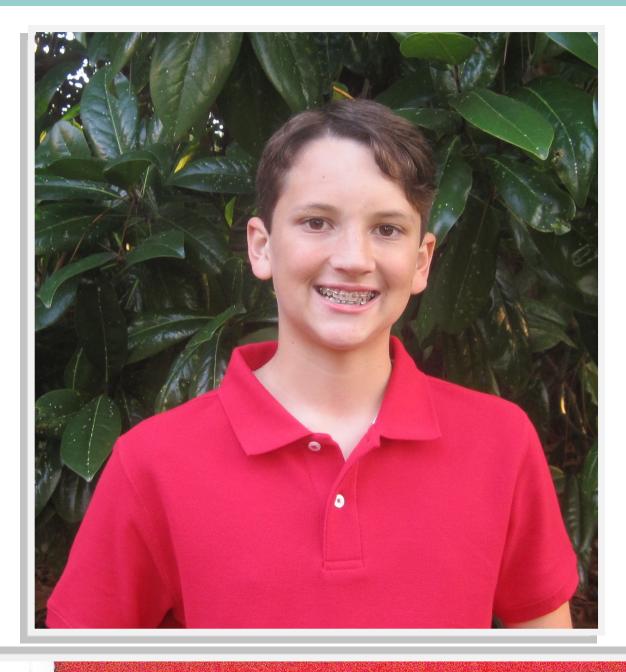
____ Baker's dozen (13 for \$15) ____ Jewish dozen (18 for \$20)

Total Purchase: \$_____

Pick-up: Sunday, December 10th between 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm in the Tree of Life Social Hall

Note: Any orders not picked up during the designated pick-up time will be placed in the freezer and may be picked up during normal Temple business hours.

Bar Mitzvah Announcement



Please join us and share our joy when our son is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

NATHANIEL GASON

Friday, December 29, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Tree of Life Congregation





Decmber Birthdays					
December 1 Eric Mendel Winston Carr	December 3 Jennifer Savitz	December 4 Ned Strauss Marilyn Barkan	December 6 Claire Sobel Joan Amado	December 7 Benjamin Ginsberg	December 8 Jeffrey Moses Max Miller Anselle Blackmon
December 9 Stephen Savitz Leeds Barroll Joshua Roodman Lucy Zug	December 10 Abigail Crawford Brian Glavey Lee Williams	December 11 Jean Ginsberg Alexander Perales	December 14 Joan Tucker Sadie Mae Cavender Harvey Helman Stefanie Cavender	December 15 Steven Cohen	December 17 Rosann Canady Belle Fields Carolyn Hudson
December 18 Roberta Friedland Walton Selig	December 19 Barbara Levy	December 20 Pamela Feuerstein	December 21 Riyler Coffman Hannah Roodman	December 23 Helga Cohen	December 25 Leah Doberne-Schor Judith Kalb

December 26 Boris Veytskin Hannah Amado December 27 Violette Chartock December 28 Marcia Medway Nathaniel Cason

Bimah Flowers

November 3

Richard & Ellen Helman in loving memory of Jean Helman, Harvey & Beth Helman in loving memory of Jean Helman, Janice Park Rivers in loving memory of Arthur Park.

November 10

Dr. Cathie Freibert in loving memory of Simon Belasco, Laura & Richard Kagan in loving memory of Arthur Schwartz, Feliks & Sarra Rabinovich and Family in loving memory of Volf Volfson, Jeff, Peggy, Dan, & Erin Miller in loving memory of Marion Miller, Marc & Ann Posner in loving memory of Arlene Posner Simons, Karen & Mark Goldenfield in loving memory of Pearl Atran, Ernie & Donna Magaro in loving memory of Rhea Edelsburg Stern, the Reyner Family in loving memory of Alan, Tobae and Jeffrey Reyner.

November 17

Rick & Robin Chapman and Family in loving memory of Wendy J. Reyner, Belle Fields in loving memory of Lillian Serbin, Marcia & Alan Geers in loving memory of Herbert Stern.

November 24

Mark & Karen Goldenfield in loving memory of Rae Goldenfield. David and Dori Nudelman in loving memory of Norma Nudelman.

December 1

Jeff & Walton Selig in loving memory of Trudy Selig, Barbara Rast & Family in loving memory of Muriel Masur, Art Levy & Family in loving memory of Robert A. Levy, Annette Goldstein & Family in loving memory of Muriel Masur, Martin Lefkowitz in loving memory of Betty Lefkowitz, Jan Barkan in loving memory of Carol Barkan. Lewis and Maryann Lapine in loving memory of Selma Lapine, The Reyner Family in loving memory of Charles Reyner, Sr.

Yahrzeits

December 1

Carol Barkan, Harold Birch*, Claire Boxt*, David Chimes, Jim Frea, Robert S. Friedman, Julius Garber, Max Gordon, Sadye C. Green*, Honey Halpern, Lillian Helman*, Ida B. Hymson*, Tillie W. Kaufman*, Al Kordon, Richard Lapidus*, Selma Lapine*, Betty Lefkowitz*, Viola W. Levenson, Robert A. Levy*, Beatrice P. Lindau*, Muriel Masur*, David Miller, Charles Reyner Sr.* , Jeannette Rosichan*, Pauline K. Schulman, Trudy Selig, Pearl Sulser

December 8

Roma Arov, Minnie Brown, Louis Burger*, Sam Cohen, Ida B. Drucker, Joseph G. Helman*, Louis Kohn*, Theodore Kole*, Max Krautler*, Selma Levin, Julia Merlin, Giza Nisenholz, Clyde F. Quick, Sonia Rabinovich, Ben Stern, Mamie K. Tolochko*, Laura Zaidman*

December 15

Sarah Bazerman*, Joseph H. Ginsberg, Sophie Goldblatt*, Hershel Hark*, Henry Hennig*, Lena W. Hennig*, Richard Herzog, Christopher Magaro, Israel Merlin, Shelia Nudelman, Libby Paul*. Betty L. Schlager, Russell Sheckler, Louis B. Simmons*, Helen Spencer, Jack Sullivan, Pauline Wheeler, Julius Winter*

December 22

Rayna Aschaffenburg, Clara Blick, Jacob Blick, Alfred Brauer, Eleanor L. Bush, Michael J. Glantz, Michael Goldberg, Anna C. Halprin*, Myron B. Kahn*, Eugene Kreiselman< Yefim K. Krupnik, Jack Lapine*, Meyer Loeb*, Sanna Lomazov, Arnold D. Lutz*, Stephen Mendel*, Joseph Nifoussi, Morris Rubenstein, Hyman Rubin, Sr.* Sylvia Savitz, Georgianne Schwartz, Sarah Schwartz, Albert Schwartz*, Paul Southard, Philip Turner

December 29

Stanley Abrams*, Tzila Arov, Charles Bradford, Jr., Ethel Brody, Ina Chernoff, David E. Cohn*, Jacob J. Freedman, Aaron Garbuz, Murray King, Bertha M Lole*, Ben Levin, Solomon Lourie, David Moss, J.T. Pearlstine*, Rona Russ, Ida R. Savitz*, Marvin Selig, Goldie Slone, Marian V. Waxelbaum*, Rhea S. Wittenberg*, Herbert Young

January 6

Nathan Bass*, Frances Berry, Mollie Blatt*, Hilde Brauer, Isidore Circus*, Gertrude Coplan*, Louis Ciplan*, Moe Finkelstein*, Joseph Foglia, David Freed, Celia Greenfield, Joseph Groeschel*, Arthur Gross, Julian Hennig, Jr. *, Rose Josephs*, Betty Kaplan, Benjamin King, Suni Leiber, Hanna Messer, Julia Nathanson, Abraham Nisenholz, Sarah Plavin, Philip Posner*, Robert N. Rosichan*, Abraham Schulman*, Patricia-ann F. Schwab*, Bertha Schwartz*, Morris Sheftman, Leona Sobel*, Hugo W. Terner*, Sadie Wainstolk, Jeffrey Wander, Rita Wasserman*, Elsie Wolff*

Dec1 **Board Host: Jackie Dickman**

Stephen & Jennifer Savitz Adam Schor & Leah Doberne-Schor Rob & Amy Scully Jonathan & Jessica Artz

Board Host: Josh Gupta-Kagan Dec 8

Cheri Shapiro Howard & Karyn Sheftman Vladimir & Tat'Yana Shtessel Jeffrey & Linda Silver Brad Smith & Jennifer Savitz Smith

Dec 15 Board Host: Jessica Elfenbein **Dec 29**

Jack & Linda Sterne Jon & Debra Stombler Ned & Julie Strauss **Aileen Sunshine** David & Deb Tedeschi

Dec 22 Board Host: Elisa Westfall

Andrew & Mindy Tucker Joan Tucker Boris & Jane Veytskin

Board Host: Scott Kaplan Richard & Nancy Wasserman Lea Weiner Todd & Heather Weiss Abe & Lois Wandersman Michael & Michelle Rawl



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 6:30p Tot Shabbat 7:30p Shabbat Evening Service	2 5:30p CoFTY Movie Night-Moana
3 9:00a Religious School 11:45a Hebrew School/Makom Chalom	4	5	6	7 12:00p Lunch & Learn @ Groucho's- Five Points	8 5:30p Pack-A- Picnic 6:30p Friday Night Live featuring Shorashim	9 10:30a Shabbat Morning Service
10 9:00a Religious School 11:00a Chanukah Happening	11	12 Erev Chanukah 5:45p State House Menorah Lighting	13 Chanukah 6:00p Executive Board Meeting 7:00p Board Meeting	14 Chanukah 7:00p Harmony School Winter Con- cert	 15 Chanukah 6:30p Latke Dinner 7:30p Shabbat Evening Service 7:30p Birthday Blessings 	16 Chanukah
17 Chanukah	18 Chanukah	19 Chanukah	20 Chanukah	21	22 7:30p Shabbat Evening Service	23
24	25 Christmas Day- Temple Office Closed	26 6:45p WRJ/ Sisterhood Board Meeting	27	28	29 6:30p Shabbat Evening Service 6:30p Bar Mitzvah of Nate Cason	30

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SC State House for a Community

Menorah Lighting

Tuesday,

December 12th

at 5:45pm

HELP SUPPORT THE TREE OF LIFE BUILDING FUND

Reserve your spot on the TOL Mystery Trip Guests will depart from the Tree of Life

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Saturday, February 17th @4:30pm. \$100/person, \$175/couple.

Only 50 spots available.

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Rob & Amy Scully	In Honor Of	Kate Weiss' Bat Mitzvah
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund		
Todd & Heather Weiss		
Religious School		
Drs. Laura & Rick Kagan	In Honor Of	Terry Garber's Speedy Recovery
<u>General Fund</u>		
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	In Memory O	f Roann Canady's Son Albert Bultman
To make a donation in honor or in memory of a	loved one, please	notate the fund in which you wish to contribute in the memo
portion of your check. You may drop it at the Tel	-	
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To pay by credit of	card, go to temple'	s website www.tolsc.com/giving
		/ donate your money under membership dues and fill in the
special notes at check out,	note where and to	whom the donation should be accredited.
	TOL Fund I	Directory
	-	e donation to your favorite TOL General, Donations make wonderful gifts.
 General Funds (\$5.00 minimum) 	donation) V	/RJ/ <u>Sisterhood Funds (\$5 minimum)</u>
 Building Fund (\$10 minimum dor 	nation) •	Reyner Convention Fund

- Choir Fund
- Green Team
- Foyer Leaf Fund (\$72)

- Courtesy Fund
- Evelyn & Dan Daniel Leadership Development Fund

- High Holy Day/Passover Fund (to help cover holiday operating expenses)
- Library Fund
- Memorial Board & Plaque Fund (\$500)
- Prayer Book Fund
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Rabbi Emeritus' Discretionary Fund 0
- **Religious School Fund** 0
- Religious School Neil Cartiff Memorial Fund
- Youth Activities Fund

Endowment Funds (\$25 minimum)

- Jeanette Birch Endowment Fund
- Diane Brown Sobel Endowment Fund
- Marian D. Fleischman Endowment Fund 0
- Ralph & Sarah Levine Endowment Fund
- Sylvia & Sam Savitz Music Enrichment Fund
- Jonathan Train Youth Group Endowment Fund
- General Endowment Fund



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