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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER*

MAY 2014 / IYAR – SIVAN, 5774

MAY WORSHIP SERVICES

- Friday, May 2** **Early Shabbat Eve Service**
6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Torah: *Emor*, Lev. 21:1 – 24:23
- Friday, May 9**
6:45 p.m. KIDZ Shabbat
7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Sabbath Service
Torah: *Behar*, Lev. 25:1 – 26:2
- Saturday, May 10**
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service & Torah
Study
- Friday, May 16**
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Eve Service led by
Kitah Alef (Beginning Hebrew class)
Torah: *Bechukotai*, Lev. 26:3 – 27:34
- Friday, May 23**
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Eve Service
Torah: *Bemidbar*, Num. 1:1 – 4:20
- Friday, May 30**
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Eve Service
Torah: *Naso*, Num. 4:21 – 7:89
- Tuesday, June 3** **Erev Shavuot**
7:00 p.m. Service for the Festival of Shavuot
- Friday, June 6** **Early Shabbat Eve Service**
6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Torah: *Behaalotecha*, Num. 8:1-12:16

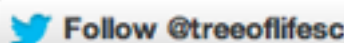


Tree of Life Congregation's 5th Annual THE BIG NOSH Jewish Food & Cultural Festival Sunday, May 4, 2014

On behalf of our entire congregation,
we want to thank all of our chairpeople,
committee members,
volunteers, and sponsors for helping to make
THE BIG NOSH
happen this year. Thank you so very much!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Fellow Congregants,

First of all, I would like to thank all the TOL members who attended the special Congregational Meeting in March. Your participation was greatly appreciated.

The last several weeks since our meeting have been very busy. We have worked tirelessly to adjust and make cuts to our budget without giving up the services that the Temple provides. Things will be different, but we will run more efficiently.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Thursday, May 29, 2014 beginning at 6:00 pm. There will be deli trays and refreshments prior to the actual meeting that will start at 6:30 pm. I hope everyone will attend.

In order to update all of you on our progress since that first congregational meeting, I am pleased to inform you that through a special fundraising drive, a new mortgage and reduced costs in operating the Temple, we are headed on the right track. All TOL families who do not have a child attending the Religious School will be encouraged to participate in a new Religious School sponsorship fund. We will be explaining the fund in greater detail at the annual meeting.

Our budget will be presented with a surplus for 2014-2015. This will only happen if all members pay their fair share of dues and pay on time. Through the efforts of congregational members, and through a special fundraising effort, the Temple has survived a major financial crisis. It is very important that everyone attends the congregational meeting in order to approve the budget that this board has worked so hard to present.

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard this year to make The Big Nosh a success. I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting.

As always warm regards,

Richard H. Cohn, Sr.
President

TEMPLE NEWS

JUNE-JULY 2014 NEWSLETTER

There will be one combined TOL Newsletter for the months of June and July 2014. The submission deadline for the newsletter is Thursday, May 15.

Thank you!

SCRIP/BUCKS BACK

Thank you to everyone who purchased gift cards in April. We are doing great – but we still need more people to give the TOL Bucks Back program a try. It's easy to do, it doesn't cost you anything extra, and it is a great way for the Temple to earn some needed funds.

Remember: this month Bucks Back cards make great end-of-the-year gifts for teachers and graduates.

The order deadline is Sunday, May 11, 2014.

If you are new to the program, visit www.tolsc.org/scrip to learn more about the Temple's easiest fundraiser. Have questions or need assistance?

Feel free to contact our Bucks Back coordinator, Amy Scully at 803-497-3319 or ascully.59@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!



SAVE THE DATE!

**Annual Meeting
of the Tree of Life Congregation
Thursday, May 29, 2014
6:00 pm Deli Dinner
6:30 pm Congregational Meeting**

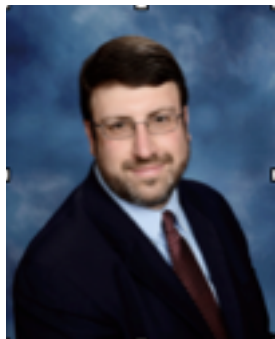
All members of the Tree of Life Congregation are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting on Thursday evening, May 29, 2014. The meeting is an opportunity for the members of the Tree of Life to come together, examine where we are as a congregation, look back on the highlights of this past year, and thank all of our leaders, wonderful members and volunteers who have worked so hard on behalf of the Tree of Life.

At the meeting we will elect new officers and board members, approve the Temple's 2014-2015 budget, and hear reports from the President, Rabbi, Education Director, and various committees.

If you have any questions for the meeting, please feel free to contact TOL president, Rick Cohn. Keep an eye on your mail for a packet of materials to be received prior to the meeting, including the proposed budget and slate of officers and board members.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, May 29. Thank you for your membership, participation, involvement, and support.

FROM THE RABBI



MAY HIGHLIGHTS

by Rabbi Daniel M. Sherman

As I look at the May calendar for this year, there is so much happening. So I thought I would go through the month and point out some of the many highlights:

THE BIG NOSH – Sunday, May 4: What a great day and great event here at Temple this year! THE BIG NOSH was wonderful. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this year's Jewish Food and Cultural Festival happen. Special thanks go to our hard-working chairperson, David Carr, for all of his efforts. I also want to thank TOL President Rick Cohn for all that he does. Thank you to all of our committees and committee chairpeople for handling everything from marketing to the grounds, to signing up volunteers, to getting our sponsors, to organizing the bake

sale. Thank you to everyone who cooked and prepared the delicious food – with special thanks to Bill & Sandy Sims, Bruce Miller, and everyone who cooked, baked, grilled, and fried. Thank you to Risa Strauss who organized all of the entertainment, as well as the wide variety of educational offerings for The Big Nosh. Thank you to all of the Friends of the Big Nosh for your support. Thank you to EVERYONE who volunteered: before, during, and after the event itself. The Big Nosh requires lots of hands and lots of people doing so many different jobs – it is only possible because of the wonderful people who make up our congregation. And thank you to everyone who came out and supported The Big Nosh with your participation and presence. Again, I thought it was a great day for the Temple with so many positive things happening here at the Tree of Life.

YOM HAATZMAUT – Tuesday, May 6: Happy 66th Birthday, Modern State of Israel! Israel's Independence Day is not just an Israeli holiday, but a very special day for Jews everywhere. There is a lot happening in Israel today, with many interesting developments over the past year. I am thrilled with the continued growth of Reform and Progressive Judaism in Israel today. This is a fascinating time to see the evolution of religious affairs in Israel, with a decrease in the control of the right-wing Orthodox Jewish parties. I am worried about recent political developments with the Palestinians – but, as always, I am optimistic and hope and pray that in this next year we might see further process towards peace for Israel and her neighbors.

SISTERHOOD SABBATH – Friday, May 9: Always one of our favorite services of the year, Sisterhood Sabbath gives us an opportunity to honor and thank the women of our congregation and the leaders of our Sisterhood/WRJ, which remains such an important part of the life of our congregation.

CLOSING DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL – Sunday, May 18: It is hard to believe that another year of Religious School is coming to a close. It has been an amazing year in so many ways. I want to thank most of all Risa Strauss, our hard-working, creative, caring, and oh-so-talented Education Director for all that she does – not only for our Religious School but for our entire congregation. I also want to thank all of our teachers, our teaching assistants, volunteers, parents, and Religious School Committee for all of their efforts and for the love that they bring to our students and families. There is a wonderful environment and spirit in our Religious School that makes people proud to be a part of the Tree of Life Congregation. For that, I am extremely grateful.

TOL CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING – Thursday, May 29: This is a very important day for our congregation. We will begin with a Deli Dinner at 6pm, followed by our Annual Meeting at 6:30pm. The Annual Meeting is a chance for us to take care of business – such as passing the budget for 2014-2015 and approving a slate of officers and board members. But it also gives us another chance to come together as a congregation and to hear about and discuss the highlights of this past year and plans for next year and the future. I hope you will plan on attending this important meeting.

ALSO: On Friday evening, May 30, as part of our worship service, we will have a special Conversion Ceremony for Melissa Seligman. This has been a long time coming for Melissa and her family. I am very pleased that Melissa has chosen to share this wonderful event with her congregational family and invite everyone to share in this *simcha*. And please mark your calendars for our celebration of the **Festival of Shavuot** next month. Our special Festival Service will be held on Tuesday, June 3 at 7:00pm.

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR

4 GREAT HOLIDAYS

by Risa Strauss



The Hebrew month of *Iyar* is wonderfully full of holidays and observances (besides the Big Nosh this year on the 4th of *Iyar*, May 4th). And you don't necessarily need to be in Israel to feel the excitement and enjoy the cultural sights, sounds, tastes, and aromas of Jewish and Israeli life.

Yom HaZikaron and *Yom Ha'atzmaut* are Israel's Memorial Day and Independence Day, in that order. This year May 5 and May 6 (the 5th and 6th of *Iyar*) are the designated days for celebration. In Israel, a siren will sound for one minute on Memorial Day at 11am, and the entire nation will stop what they are doing and stand at attention - even if they are driving and are on the highway. You can google YouTube "Israel Memorial Day Siren" and hear this tradition as if you were actually in Israel. On Independence Day, cook-outs, picnics, hiking in National Parks, and of course great food are the focus. When dreaming of Israeli food, one often thinks of the now ubiquitous falafel ball....but believe it or not, there is life beyond falafel. Just check out this link to an Israeli food tour! www.youtube.com/watch?v=4likb21iBbg

Lag B'Omer (18th of *Iyar*, May 18) is the 33rd day of the counting of the *Omer* – the name emanates from the letter *lamed*, which is the equivalent of 30, plus *gimel*, which is the equivalent of (3) equals 33. The *Omer* is determined by counting 49 days from the second night of Passover. On the 50th day we celebrate Shavuot – the festival of weeks (beginning on the evening of Tuesday, June 3 this year). An "*omer*" is really a sheaf of barley, and the *omer* period is traditionally a time of seriousness and mourning in Judaism. *Lag B'Omer* is a day of celebration in the midst of this period. We remember the Jewish teachers and students who, during Roman times, had to teach and study in secret because teaching Torah was forbidden. Rabbis *Akiva* and *Shimon bar Yochai* are specifically remembered. During the *Omer*, certain events like marriages and haircuts are traditionally forbidden. However, on *Lag B'Omer*, haircuts and marriages are permissible, so you will often notice many people especially in the Conservative and Orthodox traditions having a *Lag B'Omer* wedding date. It is customary as well to celebrate *Lag B'Omer* by having bonfires, picnics, playing games and pretending to hunt by carrying bows and arrows and hide in the woods as the Jewish students did long ago during Roman times, to hide that they were really studying Torah.

In Religious Schools we often celebrate *Lag B'Omer* by:

1. Enjoying a *Lag B'Omer* Scavenger Hunt
2. Honoring our teachers and learning about other famous Jewish teachers and Rabbis (Hillel, Rashi, Maimonides, Telushkin.....)
3. Think/Learn about other times in Jewish history when people have had to hide studying Judaism or being Jewish (during the Spanish Inquisition, Russian Pogroms, modern day Ukraine...)
3. Playing "*Shimon Omer*" – "Simon Says" and learning body parts in Hebrew
4. Making Biblical Fruit Salad

***Yom Yerushalayim* (28 of *Iyar*, May 28)** is Jerusalem Day and commemorates the reunification of the east and west sides of Jerusalem in 1967. Jerusalem has always been considered the heart of Israel and of the Jewish nation worldwide. It has served as the Jewish capital for 3,000 years, since the reign of King David. Three times a year (Sukkot, Passover, and Shavuot) the Jews of Israel would make a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem with thanksgiving offerings. Our prayer book is full of references to Zion and Jerusalem, and we face east, towards Jerusalem when we pray.

"A song shall be heard, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. The voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride." (Jeremiah 33:10-11)

*Od yishama b'arei Yehuda
Uv'chutzot Yerushalayim,
Kol sason v'kol simcha
kol chatan v'kol kala.*

Jerusalem is not just a city. It is a spiritual center for many religions. In world literature and song it is often referred to as utopia. It has been the banner cry of wars, and a sanctuary for peace.

Yehuda Amichai, a famous Israeli poet, describes this holy city with these words:

"Jerusalem is short and crouched among its hills, unlike New York, for example.

Two thousand years ago she crouched in the starting-line position.

All the other cities went out, for long laps in the arena of time, they won or lost and died.

Jerusalem remained in the starting-crouch: all the victories are clenched inside her – hidden inside her, all the defeats.

Her strength grows and her breathing is calm – for a race even beyond the arena."

The internet is a blessing when it comes to connecting to holidays and customs that are new to us, or that occur in far-away places. Just logging on to your computer, gives you access to a whole world of celebration – even Jewish celebrations. Enjoy!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

The end of the Religious School year always seems to come way too quickly and yet always brings with it so many activities and events that help celebrate who we are as a people and a nation. Smiling, engaged faces are our goal, and we know that the months of May and June will provide ample opportunity for all to strengthen their Jewish identity. During the Hebrew month of *Iyar*, we celebrate Israel's Independence on *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, we rejoice in our freedom to study and grow with the holiday of *Lag B'Omer*, and we observe the reunification of Jerusalem with *Yom Yerushalayim*. In the Hebrew month of *Sivan*, we celebrate Shavuot. This holiday is a summer festival, rejoicing in our first fruits and the receiving of the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai, so many generations ago.

Tree of Life looks forward to celebrating with our congregants in a variety of ways including appreciating our youngest Hebrew learners at a *Kitah Alef* Shabbat service, welcoming Shabbat with our Sisterhood, and honoring our moms and the women in our lives at the annual Brotherhood-sponsored, Mothers' Day Brunch, with guest speaker, congregant Dr. Debbie Greenhouse. (Men are welcome!)

May 4 is the date of THE BIG NOSH Festival – our annual celebration of all things Jewish. We invite you to “get your nosh on” and join us at Temple from 11am-3pm that Sunday for great food, great education, great entertainment, and great

Important Upcoming TOL Dates to Put on Calendar

5/2: 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
5/4: RS, 9am, 10:45am dismissal; **BIG NOSH** – 11am-3pm
5/7: Beginners Hebrew, 6pm; Intro to Judaism with Rabbi Sherman, 7pm
5/9: 6:45pm, Kidz Shabbat; Sisterhood Shabbat Service, 7:30pm
5/10: 10am, Shabbat Morning service and Torah Study
5/11: RS, 9am; Mother's Day Brunch with Sunday School for Adults guest speaker, Dr. Debbie Greenhouse, 9:15am
5/13: Beyond Beginners Hebrew, 6pm
5/16: 7:30pm, *Kitah Alef* Shabbat Service
5/18: **Last Day of RS, 9am; Lag B'Omer Festivities at JCC, 11:30am-Open To All!**
5/20: Beyond Beginners Hebrew, 6pm
5/21, 28: Beginners Hebrew, 6pm; Intro to Judaism with Rabbi Sherman, 7pm
5/29: Congregation Annual Meeting – 6pm: Deli Dinner, 6:30pm: Annual Meeting
5/23, 30: Shabbat Services, 7:30pm
****6/15:Sisterhood Silver Bowl Tea**
****8/23: Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Helman**

Our final day of Religious School for the 2014 year is May 18. We will meet at 9am as usual. As in past years, a special assembly honoring our volunteers, teachers, and students will be held for all of our parents, teachers, students and friends. Immediately following we will all journey together to the JCC at 11:15 a.m. for a *Lag B'Omer* Kosher Hotdog cook out, swimming fun, marshmallow roasting, gaga, archery, gym games, and competitions. There is NO FEE for this holiday event that we will enjoy with Beth Shalom and other folks from the community.

Please remember to patronize our Seeds of Hope Farmers' Market this summer every Thursday morning at Temple from June-August, 8am-12 noon. Many thanks to the Mendels, Ann Gaton, Linda Rodgers, Jean Ginsberg, and Joan Tucker for your efforts in ensuring another successful year for Farmer Louis Reid.

We look forward to seeing everybody on the first day of Religious School in the fall on September 7, 2014. *Todah Rabah* to one and all for all of your continued support, and enthusiasm! *Yasher Koach* to the Religious School Board and Room Parents for their efforts.

I wish the entire Tree of Life community a good end of the school year and a summer filled with Shalom.

TOL OFFICE UPDATE

For the past two months, the Temple office has been going through some transitions in staffing. We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to help out in the office – please know how much we appreciate your efforts. If you would be interested in volunteering on a regular basis in the front office, please contact the Temple. In addition to our volunteers, we have had some temporary help as we figure out the best way to staff the office for the future. Please be patient as we are trying our best to take care of all of the congregation's office needs. We apologize for any errors or oversights that have been made – thank you for your patience, understanding, and support.

TEMPLE HAPPENINGS

Sunday School for Adults: Mother's Day Brunch Sunday, May 11, 2014 9:15 am

Join us and celebrate Mother's Day with a delicious Quiche Breakfast brought to you by the TOL Brotherhood. Our speaker will be Dr. Debbie Greenhouse, who will discuss her involvement with Emma's Law and much more! All are invited! Please RSVP by Friday, May 9 to Risa at risa@tolsc.org or 803 787 2182.



SHAVUOT 5774 Tuesday, June 3, 2014 7pm Festival Service & Torah Study

Please mark your calendars for the **Festival of Shavuot**, one of the most important holidays of the year, which we will celebrate on Tuesday evening, June 3, 2014. Shavuot marks the anniversary of our receiving God's teachings at Mt. Sinai long ago and is one of the three Pilgrimage Festivals – along with Passover and Sukkot. Known as "the Festival of Weeks," Shavuot takes place seven weeks after the beginning of Passover. In place of our Confirmation Service (there is no Confirmation Class of 5774), we will celebrate with a special Festival Eve Service and Torah Study beginning at 7pm. Please join us as we stand once again at Mt. Sinai and read The Ten Commandments from the Book of Exodus. Please note that the TOL office will be closed on Wednesday, June 4, 2014. *Chag Sameach!*

Adult Education for May 2014

Introduction to Judaism with Rabbi Sherman will conclude this month with classes at 7:00 pm on Wednesday May 7, May 21, and May 28. Please contact Rabbi Sherman for more information.

Beyond Beginner's Hebrew with Risa Strauss – Using the text *Bet is for Breishit*, we will continue to explore the nuances of the Hebrew language as well as examine Torah text. 2 sessions: Tuesday, 6pm: May 13 & 20 (will continue through summer-dates TBD).

Beginning/Continuing Hebrew with Risa Strauss – Using a conversational Hebrew text as well as well as *Alef Isn't Enough*, we will continue to improve our conversation and prayer skills, grow our vocabulary and develop a better understanding of the language. 3 sessions: Wednesday, 6pm: May 7, 21, & 28 (will continue through summer-dates TBD).

YOM HA'ATZMAUT 5774

HAPPY 66TH BIRTHDAY, STATE OF ISRAEL!
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MEMBER NEWS

Refuah Shleima

Get well wishes to TOL members recently hospitalized or at home recovering: **Leah Meador, Bethany Sorenson, Alvin Steingold**

Condolences to:

Fred & Doris Davidson and family, on the loss of his mother Ann Klein

The family of **Nancy Reeves**

May they and their families be comforted

Mazel Tov to:

Robyn Bader on her recent engagement to Morgan O'Donnell

Honor Roll:

We acknowledge and thank our wonderful volunteers!

Office: Ann Gaton, Annette Goldstein, Donna Magaro,
& Marla May

Religious School Office: Joan Tucker

Hospital Patient List: Sandy Hertz

Green Team/Recycling: Carolyn Hudson and
David Potter

Oneg Shabbat Coordination: Laura Becker &
Annette Goldstein

Newsletter: Terri Sobel

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Spencer Amado	May 1	Carolina Rodgers	May 9	Jacob Cohen	May 16
Ruby Harris	May 1	Deborah Salzberg	May 9	Irina Plotkin	May 16
David Greenhouse	May 2	Aleka Selig	May 9	Marcia Geers	May 18
Ron Prinz	May 2	Lola Thompson	May 9	Jake Moses	May 18
Sara Wheeler	May 2	Elena Carr	May 10	Michael Ehmke	May 19
Linda Ackerman	May 3	Fred Davidson	May 10	Jennifer Savitz Smith	May 19
Amanda Hamilton	May 3	Caryn Helman	May 10	James Field	May 20
Jonathan Leader	May 3	Julia Youngstedt	May 10	Hyman Rubin Jr.	May 20
Shannon Jolles	May 4	Stephen Friedman	May 11	Howard Sheftman	May 20
Ann Posner	May 4	Alan Geers	May 11	Shai Sherman	May 20
Feliks Rabinovich	May 4	Myrna Cohen	May 12	Kim Rabinovich	May 21
Rachelle Rawls	May 5	Jane Friedman	May 12	Steven Terner	May 22
Susannah Echlov	May 5	Beth Helman	May 12	William Wheeler	May 22
Lauren Youngstedt	May 5	Richard Katz	May 12	Robert Scully	May 23
Marcia Zug	May 5	Kenneth Nelson	May 12	Melissa Vance	May 23
Lauren Cherney	May 6	Alan Conway	May 13	Myra Nelson	May 24
Stanley Gomberg	May 6	Matthew Marcus	May 13	Helene Selbiger	May 24
Kerry Reddy	May 6	Rabbi Daniel Sherman	May 13	Adam Volin	May 24
Pamela Weiss	May 6	Bethany Smith	May 13	Alaina Cutler	May 25
Sally Langer	May 8	Jack Selbiger	May 14	Jack Rubin	May 25
Barry Bornstein	May 9	Gavin Williams	May 14	Dana Cason	May 26
Mollie Crawford	May 9	Meredith Dunn	May 15	Erin Fisher	May 26
				Lauren Schwartz	May 30
				Rick Cohn	May 31
				Benjy Strauss	May 31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Jennifer & Stephen Savitz	May 2
Jill & David Carr	May 6
Pamela & Eric Feuerstein	May 10
LA & Bruce Miller	May 16
Helene & Jack Selbiger	May 18
Laney & Keven Cohen	May 19
Belinda & Richard Gergel	May 19
Erika & David Cutler	May 22
Sharon Weissman & David Reddy	May 22
Marilyn & Ian Picow	May 24
Amanda & Bill Hamilton	May 25
Barbara & Shahram Novinbakht	May 26
Lisa & Scott Kaplan	May 28
Helga & Steven Cohen	May 29

WRJ SHABBAT SERVICE REPS

May 02 – Annette Goldstein
 May 09 – Sisterhood Sabbath
 May 16 – Linda Ackerman
 May 23 – Marcia Geers
 May 30 – Abby Magaro

COMMUNITY NEWS

**The Jewish Historical Society of
South Carolina
Invites You to Our
20th Anniversary Celebration
May 17-18, 2014
College of Charleston
Charleston, SC**

The Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina – which is the largest statewide Jewish membership organization in South Carolina – is holding its Spring Meeting on May 17-18, 2014 in Charleston, SC. This year, the Historical Society will celebrate its 20th Birthday with a gala honoring past presidents as well as the newly established Pearlstine/Lipov Center for Southern Jewish Culture. All events will take place on the campus of the College of Charleston. For more information, go to the Historical Society's website (www.jhssc.org) or contact the Society at jhssc@cofc.org or 843.953.3918. Please consider becoming a member of the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina!

WRJ / SISTERHOOD NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 9 7:30pm Sisterhood Sabbath Service
Sunday, June 15 Annual Silver Bowl Tea to benefit the YES Fund

TOL WRJ BOOK CLUB

The WRJ Book Club focuses on books with a Jewish or Israeli theme. We meet at 7:00pm on the second Thursday of every other month. Upcoming dates:

- **June 8** – at Donna Magaro's home for a viewing of the movie, *The Book Thief*. We will compare the movie version with the book. Contact Donna Magaro or Amanda Hamilton for more information.
- **July 10 at 6:30 pm** – Join us at the Taste of Jamaica Cafe and Lounge on South Beltline to discuss Beverly East's memoir, *Bat Mitzvah Girl: Memories of a Jamaican Child*.

ISRAEL BONDS COLUMBIA

**Invites You to the
2014 Community Tribute Reception**

honoring
Ellen & Fred Seidenberg
Recipients of the Israel Bonds Star of David Award

Featured Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Schanzer
Author: *State of Failure: Yasser Arafat, Mahmoud Abbas, & the Unmaking of the Palestinian State*

Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Dessert Reception
The Columbia Marriott Hotel

Couvert: \$36 per person
RSVP & Information Contact:
Atlanta@israelbonds.com or 800-752-5649

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or Brochure for more information.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

YAHREZITS

Friday, May 2

Yafa Iskhakov, August Kohn, Jr.*, Bess Goldstein*, Minnie Schreiber*, Charles Madoff, Herbert Weisberg*, Wilfred Atran, Rebecca Brenner, Marguerite Brill*, Ann Hurwitz, Ida Aroneck*, Jerry Cooper, Simon Goldenberg, Raquel Leibman, Tessie R. Weinberg*, I. Albert Cohen, Fanny Gindman, Jason Oxhorn

Friday, May 9

Ruth Wilma Farber*, Sidney Elfman Reyner*, Esther Sutker, Esther Bass*, Marjorie Pearlstine Cooper, Sylvia Lefton*, Helen Rudman Polinsky, Harvey Jacobson, Zinovi Veytskin, Hugo Bruck*, Helen Cohen Donen*, Anthony Cypres, Bess L. Kantor*, Oscar Sobel, Sholim Perchonok, Mike Sullivan, Isadore Rothber*, Rose Rudnick Rubin*, Aaron Strasburger*

Friday, May 16

Minnie R. Ackerman*, Susan Craft, Esther Rotholz, Phyllis Love Silber*, Samuel Bienstock, Rose Friedman*, Tillie M. Garber *, Joan Markham Siebert*, Max Dickman*, Leo David Goldblatt*, Samuel H. Pearlstine*, Charles Green*, Diane Klein*, Gregory Kozlov, Ruth E. Sherman, John Breyer, Milton Hertz*, Fred Levy*, Elizabeth Andersen, Jacob Serbin, George E. Ackerman*, David Geoffery Kahn, Arnold Sidney Mann*, Jerome Nudelman

Friday, May 23

Rocco Bellino, Leon Blumberg*, Leonard Bornstein, Martin Langer, Herman Segal, Maurice Fischman*, Rachel Hertz *, Jennie S. Levkoff*, Albert Mandell*, Corinne R. Ellins, Lilyan Picow*, Max Zarek*, Geraldine Musarra, Nathan Berry*, Arthur H. Bush, Albert Haegele*, Julian H. Hennig, Sr.*, William Kemeny

Friday, May 30

Kate Bermak*, Sam Bogo*, Louis Herman*, Lela M. Kuntz, Ora Imogene Shivley, Mortimer A. Cohen, August Kohn, Sr. *, Mary Magaro, Maie Park, Nathan Sheftman*, Tillie B. Fleischman*, Edmund A. "Buster" Nachlinger

** indicates names that are included on our Memorial Boards in the Sanctuary*

BIMAH FLOWERS

April 4

Susan & Alan Brill, in memory of Oscar Brill
Ellen & Richard Helman, in memory of Sarah Young
Harriet Posner, in memory of Elliott Posner
Amy & Rob Scully and family, in memory of Elliott Posner
Morton Winter, in memory of Lewis Winter

April 11

Susan & Alan Brill, in memory of John Joseph Alion
Carolyn & Alan Conway, in memory of Shirley McLeod
Sandra & Gerald Euster, in memory of Jay J. Duni
Ann Gaton, in memory of Rose Silk
Judith Kalb & Alexander Ogden, in memory of William P. Green
Julie & Ned Strauss, in memory of Helen Strauss and Louise Foglia Hill

April 18

Jeannie & Hyman Rubin, Jr., in memory of William C McLain, Jr.

April 25

Jocelyn & Bob Burg, in memory of David Levin
Rick & Robin Chapman and family, in memory of Alvin H. Reyner
Joanne Hafter, in memory of Richard Hafter
Stephen Merlin, in memory of Elsie Turner

ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS

May 2: Chair – Richard Cohen, Carol Glass, Brian Glavey & Eleanor Stein-Glavey, Harry & Bonnie Goldberg, Mark & Karen Goldenfield, Stanley & Terry Gomberg, Eugene & Lois Green

May 9: Chair – Annette Goldstein, Marc Green, Bruce & Sherri Greenberg, David & Debbie Greenhouse, Dorothy Greeter, Steven Grosby & Naomi Farber

May 16: Chair – Bruce Miller, Joshua & Avni Gupta-Kagan, Russell Haber & Karen Cooper-Haber, Joanne Hafter, Amanda & William Hamilton, Carol Hansen, Ina Rae Hark, Lisa & Andrew Helfer

May 23: Chair – Yuliana Iskhakov, Gregg & Caryn Helman, Harvey & Beth Helman, Richard & Ellen Helman, Ed & Sandy Hertz, Suzy Herzog & Harvie Nachlinger, Alan & Bonnie Horn

May 30: Chair – Amanda Hamilton, Carolyn Hudson, Ellen Humphries, Arthur & Yulianna Iskhakov, Ericka & Vernon Johnson, Alan & Shannon Jolles, Diane & Sheldon Kall

Thank you to all of our Oneg Shabbat hosts. We encourage you to come to services on your Shabbat. Please note that homemade goods are always preferable. If you are unable to bake or purchase refreshments for the Oneg Shabbat reception, you may choose to donate \$20. Please send checks to the TOL office two weeks prior to your Shabbat date. Thank you very much!

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	3
4 9:00-10:45 am Religious School 11:00 am- 3:00 pm The BIG NOSH	5 Yom Ha'Atzmaut	6	7 7:00 pm Intro to Judaism Class	8	9 6:45 pm KIDZ Shabbat 7:30 pm Sisterhood Shabbat Service	10 10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study
11 9:00 am Religious School 9:15 Sunday School for Adults Mother's Day	12	13	14 6:00 pm Executive Committee 7:00 pm TOL Board Meeting	15	16 7:30 pm Kitah Alef Shabbat Service	17
18 9:00 am Last Day of Religious School Lag B'Omer	19	20	21 7:00 pm Intro to Judaism Class	22	23 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	24
25 No Religious School	26 Memorial Day	27	28 7:00 pm Intro to Judaism Class	29 6:00 pm Deli Dinner 6:30 pm Annual Meeting	30 7:30 pm Shabbat Services	31



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