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JEA Launches SilverSneakers® Senior Fitness Program

Beginning March 1st, the JEA is recognizing the unique needs of the older adults in the community in a new way by partnering with the nationally recognized Healthways SilverSneakers® Fitness Program. The JEA now will be able to offer a new and creative way for older adults a way to increase their levels of physical activity while motivating them to remain active. SilverSneakers is the nation's leading exercise program designed exclusively for older adults. As an added bonus, qualifying participants with qualifying insurance/Medicare health care plans may have their membership fees covered by the program.

"Research points to the significant health benefits of regular exercise for older adults," says Stephanie Johnson, the JEA's Director of Health and



Wellness. "In addition to helping our members stay physically healthy, SilverSneakers also offers a great way for them to socialize, meet new friends and have fun.

Our new SilverSneakers group exercise classes offer you the best opportunity to stay on track toward your health and fitness goals. Our signature classes are designed specifically for older adults and will be taught by specifically trained, SilverSneakers certified instructors, Elaine Fox and Dawn Tanis. The classes that we will be offering as part of this program are

SilverSneakers® Muscular Strength & Range of Movement (MSROM) and (2) Cardio Circuit."

SilverSneakers® Muscular Strength & Range of Movement

This class offers something for everyone, regardless of fitness level, and can help improve overall strength and flexibility -helping you stay healthy and independent. Elaine or Dawn will guide you through the exercises at your own pace.

Cardio Circuit

Aerobic or cardiovascular exercise is the highlight of SilverSneakers Cardio Circuit. The class features upper-body

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Levy Concert on March 7 to Feature Finkel Brothers

On Sunday, March 7, the annual Jack Malitz and Miriam Slotin Levy Memorial Concert will offer its audience its audience a charming break from its orchestral traditions with appearances by Elliot and Ian Finkel. Elliot is a renowned pianist, conductor and composer whose work bridges the gap between classical and pop music. Ian is regarded as the world's greatest xylophone virtuoso. The concert is at 3pm at the JEA.

Elliot has appeared on the great

stages of the world including Carnegie Hall, Hollywood Bowl, London Palladium and three appearances at the White House. Some of the symphony orchestras he has performed with include Los Angeles, Washington, DC (National), Baltimore, Dallas and the Queens Pop Orchestra, which he served as music director for two seasons. He has played hundreds of recitals across the globe, both as a soloist, and together with his brother. Three times he has costarred on Broadway with Michael Feinstein, Sid Caesar, and with Ian and their father, the actor Fyvush Finkel (best known for his roles in Yiddish theater and on television in *Boston Public* and *Picket Fences*). Elliot is proud of his eight-year association with the legendary tenor, Jan Peerce.

Ian has collaborated with Philip Glass and has heard his works performed by numerous orchestras such as the American Symphony Orchestra and the Little Orchestra Society. He has appeared on all major television stations, recorded for most record labels and has had successful concert



Ian Finkel



Elliot Finkel

tours in Japan, Korea, Canada, Mexico, England as well as the U.S. In addition to his work as a xylophonist, Ian is a writer and has penned many film and stage productions: *Rainbow Wars* (nominated for Academy Award), *It's Up To All Of Us*, *Second Avenue to Broadway*, *Michael Feinstein In Concert*, *Sophie Tucker in Person* (currently on US tour) Nick at Nite *Music of Vic Mizzy* (Adams Family, Green Acres), IBM Industrials, CNN Cable News, Port Authority, three novels and books of short stories.

The concert is free and open to the public and includes a dessert reception, all of which are made possible thanks to the Jack Malitz and Miriam Slotin Levy Memorial Fund at the Jewish Educational Alliance.



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One Gift ... A World of Good

Dedicated to my Saba

By Udi Tsemach

This column is dedicated to Eliezer Tsemach, my beloved grandfather of blessed memory, who passed away on 18 Shevat 5770.

Two weeks ago I was driving my car back from a Hebrew lesson at the JEA. Suddenly the phone rang; I saw “unknown number” on the screen. “Unknown number” means someone from Israel, but in Israel it was 4 am, who was calling me that late? It was my father. Even before he started to speak, I sensed that his broken voice carried bad news. Forty hours later, I entered my grandfather’s house in Israel. I entered but he was not there to welcome me.

As long as I can remember, my grandfather, *Saba*, had eyesight problems, but just like our forefathers when

they got old he was gifted with other senses. During vacations I used to spend days with him—he took care of me and shared with me his stories and I was his eyes. My favorite time was when we got into bed, in the dark, where there was no need to see and I sank with my imagination into his stories. Stories about Jacob taking care of Rivka’s herd, the wise King Solomon who made justice and the children of Israel crossing the sea. Everything was so alive in his stories, like he was there with our Fathers. It seems that our fundamental stories were not just part of him, he was part of them.

He seemed unbreakable to me after all he had gone through in his life, and he never mentioned his difficult times,



Udi Tsemach

only the good times. Stories from his childhood about the Jewish soccer team in Tripoli, Libya, or how he traveled to Jerusalem in the 30’s by train to see *his* grandfather, under the British mandate. Just after his death, relatives revealed more layers of the stories, how Saba traveled dressed like an Arab, fearing that the Arabs along the way would harass him.

He was a contractor and builder. He built many houses and institutions across Israel, the biggest of them that he worked on is probably “the one” in Dimona. Even when he was sick and almost blind, his builder instincts were sharp, when he entered an unfamiliar room he move his hand along the wall and checked the texture and the quality of the building.

His way of life belonged to another generation. A generation who was not always chasing time, the time was somehow endless for him. Like when

he prayed in synagogue, when most of the people read in order to get to the next page, he sang slowly (and mostly knew it by heart), enjoyed every word. In Yom Kippur noon, the hardest time of the fast, when everybody went back home for a nap, he stayed in synagogue and studied Torah with his fellows.

Family and tradition were different sides of the same thing for him. Shabbat, the family, the modesty, the smiles and the stories, all of them like endless fountains. My aunt, may she live long, took care of him in his last years. She says that when he went to sleep his last words were Ma Eztadak “מה אצטדק” – “how shall I be righteous?!” words from the Jewish confession. Do not worry grandfather, I am sure that they advocate for you in the sky. Here, we do not need to advocate for your life in the world to come, for you have eternal life in our souls. יהי זכרך ברוך

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strength workouts using hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles, and fitness balls. A chair is available for support and easy head-to-toe stretching. Elaine Fox will help each individual reach their goals within the class. Before you know it, you will be a new and improved you.

You will enjoy the extra mobility and energy that comes from joining one of our new signature classes. With the SilverSneakers program, in addition to the classes, members receive access to a variety of participating locations throughout the country. The JEA also offers amenities such as fitness equipment, treadmills and free weights. The JEA will launch the program with two

weekly MSROM (Muscular-Strength-Range-of-Motion) and Cardio Circuit classes, to be followed in a few months by additional signature SilverSneakers classes, such as YogaStretch and Silver-Splash®. In the meantime, all other JEA fitness classes, including Yoga classes and water aerobics, are available to SilverSneakers participants.

To find out if you are eligible for SilverSneakers, please contact your health plan provider. For more information regarding the SilverSneakers Fitness Program visit www.silversneakers.com or call Stephanie Johnson, JEA Health and Wellness Director, 912-355-8111, ext.223.

Letter to the Editor.....

To the Editor:

The board of the Savannah Jewish Academy is proud to announce the election of Susan Boblasky as our new President. We are looking forward, with much excitement, to working with her toward our ultimate goal of opening this much needed Jewish High School in Savannah.

We would also like to thank Fred and Paula Lewis as outgoing co-presidents for their dedication to the Savannah Jewish Academy. During their tenure, we have sent two delegates to the PEJE (Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education) conference in Boston almost two years ago, participated in the Israel at 60 event in Forsyth Park and have become more solidified as a board.

As everyone knows, last fall we sent out beautiful Tzedakah cans. The “Change Happens One Penny at a Time” Campaign is proud to announce that Julian & Jackie Toporek are the first ones to turn in a full can. We would like to give them a huge thank you as well as to everyone that is still adding money to the pushkies. The JEA has been very generous in becoming the drop off point for the full cans and will have empty cans to replace the full ones. Please give them your names so we can thank you as well.

Please watch your mail for more exciting updates with the “Change Happens One Penny at a Time Campaign” and the Savannah Jewish Academy.

We can open this high school if we work together as a community.

Marcia Silverman

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I Hope You Are as Proud as I Am

I take tremendous pride in the quality of services provided by the Jewish world. I know that is what led me to my interest in Federation work.

In graduate school, it didn't take long for me to realize that the best field placements for aspiring social workers, the ones with the most outstanding training, were in the Jewish agencies. In St. Louis, the Jewish Family and Children's Service, Jewish Vocational Service, Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Hospital – all offered the finest training in town.

My visit to Israel in the late 1980's confirmed the fact that the Jewish system provides a superb level of human services. I remember my admiration of the innovative immigration strategies used in an absorption center for Ethiopian Jews. The newly arrived Ethiopians were immersed in Hebrew lessons, job training, and various inventive ways of bringing people from an underdeveloped country (they had never even seen a light switch) into the 20th century. What other country resettles that way? I saw innovation again at a center serving troubled youth. Today, Israel is all too familiar with managing the aftermath of terror attacks when so many are killed and wounded. Her methods of triage and treatment are remarkable.

Recently, there was the tragedy in Haiti. Within days of the earthquake, Israel established a state-of-the-art field hospital in Port-au-Prince while it took other countries both larger and nearer to Haiti days to respond. Nearly a week after it was erected, Israel's hospital remained the best in operation. That Israel, a nation of only 7.5 million, has earned a reputation as perhaps the world's best first responder makes me very proud.

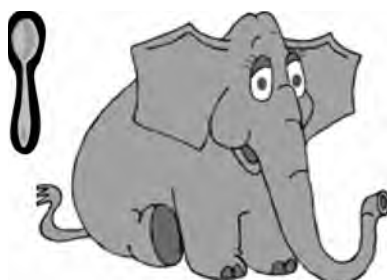
The Jewish Federations of North America (formerly the United Jewish Appeal, formerly the United Jewish

Communities) of which the Savannah Jewish Federation is a part, has raised over \$4.8 million to-date to aid Haiti and that total is growing. All monies raised by the Federation system go directly to Haiti relief. Federation funds are being leveraged with the \$5.25 million raised by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), an agency of which we can also be proud. The JDC is an international organization that assists Jews in over 60 countries, but it also provides non-secular humanitarian assistance for victims of natural and man-made disasters all over the globe. The Federation system raised over \$30 million when hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and the communities along the gulf coast. Our network mobilizes quickly, effectively, and maximizes its resources in doing so. There is no doubt in my mind where to donate when disaster strikes. I have the utmost confidence that my dollars are channeled properly in the Jewish world.

The Talmud teaches that he who saves a single life saves an entire world. That two percent of the world's population can accomplish so much, raise so much money for both Jewish and non-Jewish causes, and provide such high levels of excellence is mind-boggling to me. I hope you are as proud as I am.



Linda Zoller
President,
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Federation



How Did I Not Know About Her?

The opening film of this year's Savannah Jewish Film Festival, *Yoo Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg*, is an intimate look at the life and times of Gertrude Berg. Not only did Berg star in both the radio and television series, *The Goldbergs*, but she was the producer and writer of the shows. In its different incarnations, *The Goldbergs* ran for an astonishing 26 years. During that time, Gertrude Berg penned more than 12,000 scripts, balancing assimilation and old world values.

In a time when women were typically homemakers, Gertrude Berg was a savvy businesswoman. During a time when men primarily were the writers and main characters, Gertrude Berg was second to none. During a time of desemitization in business, sports, and especially Hollywood, Gertrude Berg wore her "Jewishness" with pride and honor. While "Jewishness" was not central to her scripts, neither was it hidden. *The Goldbergs* offered a gentle portrait of the domestic life of a second generation American family. While her stories were universal immigrant experiences, she rarely missed an opportunity to insert Jewish observance into her stories. She prepared gefilte fish for a Friday night dinner and had Jan Peerce sing Kol Nidre during the High Holidays. An especially poignant episode in 1939 addressed Kristallnacht and Nazi Germany. During their on-air Seder (led by a rabbi), a rock is thrown through their window. The Seder continued on with a parable about patriotism, tolerance and ignorance.

In watching the film I felt somewhat cheated to not have been a part of her performances. But more than that, I felt a little chagrined that I had learned so little about this woman and other women like her who played such a central role in our modern Jewish his-

tory. How is it that after having studied through twelve years of Hebrew school, a few college courses, dozens of seminars in Judaism, and reading countless books, articles, and Internet pieces that I had not known about her? And while Gertrude Berg was a kind portrayal of a "Yiddishe Mama," there were many other Jewish women who made significant contributions to American life. Women such as Rose Schneiderman who for twenty years was president of the National Women's Trade Union League; activist Emma Goldman, who spoke out against social injustice for half a century; Hannah Solomon, founder of the National Council of Jewish Women, who created mission schools and settlement houses and provided aid for newly arrived Jewish women and children; and Ray Frank, who became the first Jewish woman to preach formally from a pulpit in the United States.

March is National Jewish Women History Month in the United States. You can learn so much about Jewish women in books and on the Internet. One of the first and most comprehensive Internet sites is the Jewish Women's Archive (www.jwa.org) whose singular mission it is to uncover, chronicle, and transmit to a broad public the rich history of American Jewish women. March is a perfect opportunity to learn, whether for the first time, or to revisit and remember, the important contribution that Jewish women have made to our country, our culture, and our religion. They have woven a rich intricate fabric of what Judaism is today.



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Learning the Absolute Blessings of Children

By Carol Greenberg

Learning the ABC's is not always child's play: sometimes, as adults we have an opportunity to revisit life through children's eyes. In preparation for a meeting of Savannah Jewish Federation's Education Committee, I visited Rambam Day School and Shalom School to see how education has changed since my children attended and graduated from both programs.

As a member of SJF's Grow Savannah program, I know how important quality Jewish educational options are for people looking to make Savannah their home; in more than one case it has encouraged some to move with their children and grandchildren to this area. But the reality is that quality education is expensive and in this era of a downward spiraling economy, the Federation Campaign has to stretch each dollar to the maximum.

As a steward of community monies, I wanted to report on how dollars were being spent, whether the schools attempt outreach that benefits our community and what changes might be needed in these times of reduced charitable giving, to increase the return on the dollars spent for education.

Fact sheets on dollars and cents from Jules Kerness, Principal of Shalom School and Ester Rabhan, Principal of Rambam Day School, can be requested but as a retired educator and former class mother in both schools, I secretly missed the interaction with the children, so I booked appointments over several weeks in order to see different aspects of the school programs.

Both administrators were very gracious in giving me access to teachers, curricula, parents and classrooms. Sounds of Jewish music coming from sixth graders' clarinet and cello surprised me at Shalom School. I saw

age-appropriate activities on similar themes in Hebrew and English classes from experiential in the pre-school to text-based learning and discussion as part of the middle school.

Meanwhile, my first visit to Rambam Day School was like stepping off the pages of a history text: Ms. Loring Fields, the Assistant Principal, was dressed in 1733 garb and working with the 7th grade finishing off the decorations for their Georgia Day project. While there, I observed well organized classrooms with options for book-based or technology-enhanced lessons. I caught the enthusiasm of Rabbi Yisroel Gold as he spoke to students casually and then again as part of a formal lesson; and saw a well-organized art room that enhances each student's academic studies at cohesive sessions offered throughout the term.

The basic alphabet of my observation days were punctuated with smiles and excited responses of the children and a few surprising new facts. While the children were maxing out the space available at Shalom School, Phoebe Kerness, was teaching a free parent university parsha class, open to anyone who wanted to learn. Despite the difficulty of finding excess funds in this economy, both schools offer scholarships to accommodate anyone desiring a Jewish education for their child; but, I was ignorant to the fact that in an attempt to offer outreach to Jewish families living outside Savannah and traveling through town as part of our military corps, Shalom School offered one-on-one tutoring and flexible school scheduling for any child with these special needs.

But more than entertaining the odd adult who comes to observe, the schools' purposes are to provide stellar educational foundations for any child wishing to participate in a Jewish

learning experience.

I found both schools: **adaptable** to meet the needs of students with a variety of skill levels, **bustling** with activities to engage the interests of their students, **creating** an innovative environment for educational discovery, **determined** to provide fair treatment to children regardless of their religious beliefs, or affiliations, **educationally** sound despite their sometimes small class numbers or budgetary constraints, **flexible** in their approach to building limitations in their use of available resources, and **grateful** for the support of Federation and this community.

So, after studying my ABC's, what is the lesson I learned? If you are making decisions about school for your children, why not check what these fine schools can offer you and let them stand on their own merits against other public or private schools you evaluate; if you no longer have children in our schools, financially support them and Federation generously because a donation for our Jewish children is an investment that will reward you by keeping our community vibrant and strong; and if it has been awhile since you sat on a Jewish community committee, volunteer to



Georgia Day at Rambam

learn all about the new approaches and programs you have been missing.

The reality is that the campaign is down and that directly affects what can be allocated to the many causes in our own community because committees do what they have to do, while looking at the big picture. The truth is Rambam and Shalom School might have to live without smart board technology or educational conferences for their staff, but they cannot survive without the support of the parents and this community. So, whether it was Aleph-Bais or ABC, I learned volumes in the smiles of the children, and where Federation and education are concerned, my recommendation will be that dollars make sense.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!

The Miriam Slotin & Jack Malitz Levy Memorial Concert

Sunday, March 7th
3pm at the JEA

Elliot & Ian Finkel



Elliot Finkel is a pianist, conductor and composer of great magnitude and versatility. Not only is his six-foot plus stature commanding, but his unique talent bridges the gap between the classical and pop idioms.

Elliot has appeared on the great stages of the world including Carnegie Hall, Hollywood Bowl, London Palladium and three appearances at the White House. He has performed with Symphonies in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C. (National), Baltimore, Dallas and the Queens Pop Orchestra, which he served as music director for two seasons.

He has played hundreds of recitals across the globe, both as a soloist, and together with his brother, Ian Finkel, xylophone virtuoso. Three times he has costarred on Broadway with Michael Feinstein, with Sid Caesar, and with Ian Finkel and their father, Fyvush Finkel.



This free program is made possible by the JEA Endowment Fund in memory of Jack Malitz Levy and Miriam Slotin Levy

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Make Family Matters a Priority

By Carol Greenberg

Knowledge is power—but can it cure disease? Everyone knows a family that is strained by the care and uncertainty of children born with genetically transmitted diseases. Jews of Ashkenazic descent get pre-nuptial blood tests to inform them of their risk of Tay-Sachs. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could be equally as informed about the risk of other diseases—including some cancers—that can be detected genetically? Websites like *Chosson and Kallah* recommend genetic tests for up to nine diseases and centers such as the Dor Yeshorim Institute make testing available discretely even before marriage. Whether you are single or married, male or female, a younger or older adult, this information is important and will be available at a panel discussion Thursday, March 11, 2010 starting at 7:00 pm. Learn how your personal history, even if you are no longer considering having children yourself, can provide useful information that might save family members from illness.

Not one, but really a trio of events will be offered at the Jewish Educational Alliance for this one night only. A pre-event called *Healthy Girls' Nite Out* will take place from 5 to 7 pm; open only to women ages 19 and up (or teens attending with parents or parental permission only) will provide fun and food with a serious discussion about safety issues as they relate to sex, substances and smart behavior. Pamela Gallup, M.D. and Tamara Knapp-Grosz, Ph.D., APRN, are scheduled session leaders. A *Cancer Answer Health Fair* follows starting at 6:30 pm with free informational displays and resources provided by the American Cancer Society in commemoration of Colon Cancer Month and Sharsheret, the National Young Jewish Woman's Breast Cancer Association.

The main event, a panel discussion, follows at 7 pm entitled *Family Matters:*

Breaking the Pattern of Genetic Disease.

The panel has been specially selected to answer questions about genetic planning for you and your family that might help you detect a wide range of diseases and conditions. Local genetic counselor C. Shai Huffard-King of Anderson Cancer Institute will introduce her program, her local colleague Ashley Carlson of Savannah Perinatology Associates, and Genzyme Therapeutics specialist Helen Travers, as well as our keynote presenter Deborah Barbouth, M.D., FACMG of the Victor Center for Jewish Genetic Disease in Miami. This *Cancer Answer* format was developed as part of MorningStar Arts' Teal Ribbon Project (TRiP) to get direct answers from distinguished professionals as health resources for our community.

Believing of all the traditions we wish to pass on, genetic disease should not be one of them, MorningStar Arts worked in conjunction with the Jewish Family Services, and now the Greenberg Health Resources Fund, the Jewish Educational Alliance, Comcast and many local cancer and health organizations to produce several educational programs in the last year. *Healthy Girls' Nite Out* (HGNO), *Cancer Answer Health Fair* and *Family Matters: Breaking the Pattern of Genetic Disease* are free, though RSVP is required for the HGNO dinner and sessions by calling 912-355-8111 or e-mailing MStarArts@aol.com. All information is on the websites www.morningstararts.org and www.savj.org.



C. Shai Huffard-King



Dr. Deborah Barbouth
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Recipes and Cooking Tips from Gefilte Girl

Chai y'all!

It's always amazing to me that a simple manner of preparing cheap cuts of meat can yield the most delicious results. For this reason I've chosen to share my long toiled over and much loved recipe for an Italian classic, veal Osso Bucco. I know, it sounds fancy, and when you order it in Italian restaurants it tends to be expensive on the menu, but the truth that they don't want you to know is that the veal shank itself is relatively inexpensive— and the only difficult thing about preparing it is having the patience to let it slowly braise. What is a braise you might ask? Braising is browning a meat on all sides, adding liquid, then covering the meat to simmer until it's tender and moist.

A few tips: first, talk to your butcher and order your shank to the thickness desired. I frequently see pre-cut shanks that are sub standard in the meat case. Second, cooking sherry is fine for this dish— don't whip out the good stuff on this one!

VEAL OSSO BUCCO— serves four, total cooking time: approx. 3 hours

4 veal shanks (2"- 2 1/2" inches thick)
flour
olive oil
salt & pepper
4 carrots, peeled and chopped
4 celery ribs, chopped
1 large yellow onion, chopped
1 large can crushed tomatoes
2 cans beef stock
1/4 cup sherry
1/2 cup dry white wine
1 bay leaf, torn in half

Heat olive oil (enough to coat the bottom) in dutch oven or any heavy bottom deep pot.

Dredge veal shanks in flour seasoned with salt and pepper.

Brown the shanks in the hot oil on all sides; remove and let rest on a plate.

In the same oil, add and saute carrots, onion and celery until they start to soften.

Add bay leaf, can of tomato, beef stock, sherry and wine.

Put the shanks back in the pot with the liquid and vegetables, bring to boil then reduce to simmer, cover tightly.

Cook until meat is falling away from the bone, about 1 1/2 to 2 hours depending on shank size. If at any time during cooking, the liquid is getting too reduced, add some water.

Remove shanks from pan, set aside.

Remove vegetable mix from heat. Puree the vegetable mix in your blender in very small batches, otherwise you could get burned and we don't want that!

Taste, season the vegetable "gravy" with salt and pepper, it should be the consistency of tomato sauce— if it's too runny, put it back on the heat and reduce it a little more.

Put shanks and vegetable "gravy" back into your pot and heat through.

Serve over your favorite pasta.

Have any questions or need any tips? Contact me at gefiltegirlsavannah@yahoo.com

****Gefilte Girl is Elizabeth Hale,** a member of Temple Mickve Israel and a graduate of Johnson and Wales Culinary School. Elizabeth has been a professional chef for 15 years and has owned several restaurants in South Florida. She currently resides in Bluffton, SC, where she enjoys "fattening up" her fiancé, Brett Ratner.



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Rabbi Charles Simon is AA Scholar-In-Residence

Congregation Agudath Achim will be hosting Rabbi Charles Simon, Executive Vice-President of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs on the weekend of March 19-20, 2010, as a scholar in residence. Rabbi Simon has been the leader of the effort to respond to the changing marriage demographics of the American Jewish Community. He is the principal author of the Keruv series which examines current synagogue policy in light of this changing population.

This weekend will enable us to look at the reality the American Jewish communities are facing especially in small communities like ours. The weekend will include a Friday night dinner and lecture entitled "The Sup-

portive Non-Jewish Spouse: What Does This Mean?" Shabbat Program will include a sermon on "Understanding Inter-marriage in Light of Demographic Trends" and Kid-dush luncheon.

Through the weekend there will be opportunities for youngsters who are struggling with the issues of inter-marriage to discuss privately and in small groups with Rabbi Simon. This weekend is open to the entire community. Arrangements can be made through the AA Office at 352-4737. We would love to see you all.



Rabbi Charles Simon,
Scholar-in-Residence

JELF Interest-Free Educational Loans Available

Applications for interest-free loans for post-secondary education (college, graduate school, vocational and professional courses) will be available to Jewish students for the 2010-2011 school year from the Jewish Educational Loan Fund. The loan application will be available March 1 – April 15 on JELF's website at www.jelf.org.

JELF loans are need-based and offer "last-dollar" financing, meaning that JELF provides the final dollars that bridge the gap between a student's total financial resources and the cost of attending school. Applicants must be enrolled full time in a program leading



to a degree or certificate at an accredited institution that is located in the United States, be a U.S. citizen or legal resident, and be able to demonstrate financial need (FAFSA application required). Since 1985, JELF has granted more than \$5.8 million in interest-free loans to over 2,800 students throughout the Southeast. For more information, contact info@jelf.org or call 770-396-3080.

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**Good Genes...
Life's a...
Pass them on!**

Family Matters:
Breaking the Pattern
of Genetic Disease
Thursday, March 11, 2010
Health Fair begins 6:30
Speaker Panel 7 PM to 8:30
Jewish Educational Alliance

Starring:
C. Shai Huffard-King, MS, CGC
Genetic Counselor
Ashley Carlson, MS, CGC
Prenatal Genetic Counselor
Helen Travers, MS, CGC
Genzyme Therapeutics
Deborah Barbouth, M.D., FACMG
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(Teens with parental consent)

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Session Leaders beginning at 5:30:
Pamela G. Gallup, M.D.
Tamara Knapp-Grosz, Ph.D., APRN

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Free dinner (RSVP by calling)
Health Club & Pool Single Use Passes
Some transportation available

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Can You Help Replenish the JEA Library?

If you have gently used reading materials (fiction, biographies, autobiographies), DVDs, or VHS to share, JEA member Alex Raskin has volunteered to restock the shelves of our sharing library.

Please drop your books by or if you need help getting them to the JEA, call the front desk (355-8111), leave your name and number and Alex will call you to arrange a time to pick them up!





2009 Speaker's Series

Sunday, March 21, 2010—7:30 PM at the JEA

Bob Weinbauer & Dave Smith

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Tickets: \$10 at the Door (Non member),
\$6 at the door (Member),
FREE for Active Military & Students

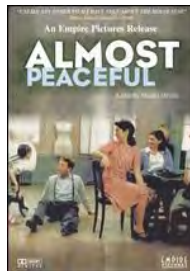
The 2010 Speakers Series is made possible thanks to generous support from the Judith Blumenthal Memorial Lecture Fund at the Jewish Educational Alliance.

A MOVIE & BEER!

Adults 21 and Over—
Join us at the JEA for a movie & a beer!

Mar. 4th—*Almost Peaceful*

A Jewish tailor and his wife are re-establishing their business in 1946 Paris. They hire 6 people, more than they need to meet current slow season demand, and all but one are Jews who somehow survived the occupation. Slowly, tentatively, they get to know each other as they cut, stitch, press, and fit men's and women's clothes. But, each has to re-establish his or her life and relationships among sometimes indifferent or hostile Parisians.



Drama. French with Subtitles

April 1st—*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*

This is a story seen through the innocent eyes of Bruno, the 8-year old son of the commandant at a concentration camp, whose forbidden friendship with a Jewish boy on the other side of the camp fence has startling and unexpected consequences.



All movies shown at 7:30 pm
FREE to Members with ID
\$7 for Non-Members
FREE Beer, wine, beverages and popcorn

Movie & Beer Night sponsored by Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein

JEA Spring Camp

March 29th—April 7th!

Mar. 29th— Horseback Riding
Mar. 30th & 31st— Closed - Passover
Apr. 1st- Crazy Science Day
Apr. 2nd— Tie Dye Extravaganza
Apr. 5th & 6th— Closed - Passover
Apr. 7th— Movie Day

Of All the Traditions You Wish to Pass On. . . Genetic Disease Should Not Be One of Them!

MorningStar's Teal Ribbon Project presents for one evening only:

Family Matters: Breaking the Pattern of Genetic Disease

Thursday, March 11, 2010—7-8:30 PM

Featuring: C.Shai Huffard-King - Genetic Counselor,
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Join us at the JEA After School Program!

- Who:** Our program is for all children ages 4yrs-5th grade. Our college-degreed instructors offer homework help in all subjects.
- What:** In addition to homework help, we have daily activities including Coach Wayne Gymnastics, Kids Yoga, art, cooking, sports, swimming and much more! We will also be doing appropriate holiday crafts.
- Where:** We pick up from Rambam and provide transportation from most local schools to the JEA (Heard Elementary, Jacob G. Smith, Charles Ellis) *Minimum Participation Required*
- When:** Our after school program ends at 6 pm Monday-Thursday and 5 pm on Friday.
- Price:** Members - \$50/week (\$10 per day). \$12 for individual days (\$5 additional for failing to preregister)
Non Members - \$75/week (\$15 per day). \$18 for individual days. (\$20 late registration fee)
- PickUp:** \$30/month or \$3 per trip.
- Supersaver:** All 1/2 days off from school are included for the regular price of aftercare.

For more information, contact Ashley Frankel, 355-8111, ext. 225.



Parent and Tot Swimming

Introduce your child to the water and swimming in this fun playful atmosphere. Little swimmers will learn basic water safety while singing songs, playing games and splashing around. Get your child "water ready" for summer. It is never to soon to start!



Parent and Tot Swimming lessons with Ms. Gail

Monday's @ 5:30 pm starting Feb. 22nd

Four 30 minute group programs
(you have 6 weeks to use the four lessons)

\$50 JEA Members/\$65 Non Members

Ages: 6 months - 36 months

All tots need to be accompanied in the water by an adult

Art at the JEA



March Artist—Margaret Brennan

Margaret Brennan - "Margaret Brennan: A Savannah Retrospective"

The retrospective will showcase a body of work photographed by Margaret Brennan, including her well-known floral portraits, award-winning landscapes and architectural photographs. It will also debut her recent series taken in France last spring.

Upon retirement from business, Brennan studied at ICP (International Center of Photography) in New York City. Since moving to Savannah, the Georgia coast has been a major inspiration, and she has photographed it in color, black and white and infrared, printing all in her digital studio.

Brennan's work has been exhibited in NYC, Martha's Vineyard and Savannah, has won numerous awards, and resides in many private collections, as well as corporate settings. Her work may be viewed in Savannah at the Goldeneye Gallery on Wright Square and Horizon Gallery on Factors Walk.

The past several years, Brennan has been a guest lecturer at the Telfair Academy Guild (TAG) and Women in Business in TAG (WIBITAG), presenting "Lest We Forget," a photographic journal that memorializes 9/11. This past spring, her work was chosen for inclusion in "Savannah Mandala," an exhibit at the Jepson Center highlighting the work of six photographers who documented the Tibetan monks during previous visits to Savannah. For the last three years, Brennan has been juried into the Telfair Art Fair.

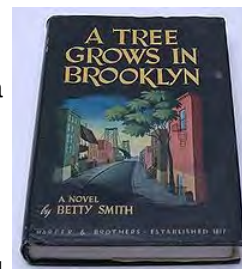
Artwork available for viewing March 1-29, 2010. Artist's reception on March 7th 2-4 pm.



YJS Book Club

An exciting event for Young Jewish Savannah — Book Club! Join us on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3 pm at the JEA for discussion, food and friends! Two authors, Jonathan Rabb and Herman Cranman, will be coming to speak at our meetings!

Mar. 21st-The beloved American classic about a young girl's coming-of-age at the turn of the century, Betty Smith's *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*



is a poignant and moving tale filled with compassion and cruelty, laughter and heartache, crowded with life and people and incident. The story of young, sensitive, and idealistic Francie Nolan and her bittersweet formative years in the slums of Williamsburg has enchanted and inspired millions of readers for more than sixty years. By turns overwhelming, sublime, heartbreaking, and uplifting, the daily experiences of the unforgettable Nolans are raw with honesty and tenderly threaded with family connectedness - in a work of literary art that brilliantly captures a unique time and place as well as incredibly rich moments of universal experience.



Young Jewish Savannah Events

March 14th (tentative)

Mommy & Me

March 25th 6pm

March Madness Happy Hour

JEA Summer Camp

12 Awesome Weeks of Fun!



Pre-Camp: June 7th-11th & June 14th-18th
Meet-N-Greet: June 20th, 1-3 pm
Post-Camp: August 16th-20th & August 23rd—27th

Kids, Enjoy Games, Swimming,
Field Trips & More!

Contact the Ashley at the JEA for more

K’Toni / Yeladim Campers

- Week #1 - June 21-25**
Dinosaur Discovery—Calling all dinosaurs, big and small. Become paleontologists for the week, digging up bones and building fossils.
- Week #2-June 28-July 2**
Golf / Mixed Media Art—Improve hand-eye coordination while learning the game of golf with our PGA Pro.
- Week #3 - July 5-9**
Journey to the bottom of the Sea—Swim with sea creatures and transform our classroom into an underwater haven.
- Week #4 - July 12-16**
Puppet World—Bring the characters from your favorite stories to life.
- Week #5 - July 19-23**
Outdoor Adventure—Grab your passport and pack your bag. Join us as we travel to far-away places to learn and explore: each day a new country!
- Week #6 - July 26-30**
Super Hero’s & Fairy Tales—Celebrate our heroes both real and make believe. Transport yourself to a world of princesses, magic and dragons.
- Week #7 - Aug. 2-6**
Dance / Cooking
- Week #8 - Aug. 9-13**
Maccabiah Games (Color War)

Chaverim / L.I.T. Campers

- Week #1 - June 21-25**
Camp Invention
- Week#2-June 28-July 2**
Golf / Mixed Media Art—Learn or improve your game with our PGA Pro.
- Week #3 - July 5-9**
Ocean Commotion—Dive into this underwater adventure week. Become Oceanographers and explore the vast undersea world.
- Week #4 - July 12-16**
Wii Challenge YOU! - Be who you want to be: everyone from Mario Andretti to Robin Hood. Show us your speed and agility while playing fun games on the Wii.
- Week #5 - July 19-23**
The Great Outdoors—Rock Climbing, Fire Building, Archeology oh my... Tikkun Olam (a Hebrew phrase that means *repairing the world*). Experience the outdoors while learning how to make it better.
- Week #6 - July 26-30**
CSI: Forensic Science—Learn criminology techniques and how to use them, solving your very own crime.
- Week #7 - Aug. 2-6**
Dance / Floor Hockey
- Week #8 - Aug. 9-13**
Maccabiah Games (Color War)

** Field Trip’s EVERY Wednesday
** Overnight’s Week #4 & #7 (Thursdays)

WINTER 2010 FITNESS CLASSES						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	5:00-6:00 am Master Swim	8:30-9:15 am Spin Class	5:00-6:00 am Master Swim	8:30-9:15 am Spin Class	5:00-6:00 am Master Swim	
9-10 am Pilates	8:30-9:30 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:30 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:30 am Firm It Up	
10-11 am Total Body Blast	10:00-11:00 am Aquasize	10:00-11:00 am Aquasize		10:00-11:00 am Aquasize	10:00-11:00 am Aquasize	
	10:30-11:30 am Gentle Yoga		10:30-11:30 am Gentle Yoga			
	10:30-11:30 am Silver Sneakers MSROM		10:30-11:30 am Senior Fitness	10:30-11:30 am Silver Sneakers MSROM		
2-3 pm JEA BB	Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball	
3-4 pm JEA BB	3:45-5:15 pm Yoga for Kids		4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball			
	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	5-6 pm JEA U12 BB	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-5:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	
	4:00-7:00 Maxine Patterson Dance	4:00-7:00 Maxine Patterson Dance	4:00-7:00 Maxine Patterson Dance	4:00-7:00 Maxine Patterson Dance		
	5:30-7:30 pm Karate	5:30-6:30 pm JEA U10 BB	5:30-7:30 pm Karate			
	6:00-7:00 pm Spin Class	6-7 pm Hunter U6 BB		6-7 pm Hunter U6 BB		
	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics	6:30-7:30 pm Step & Weight Aerobics	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics		
	7-8 pm Hunter U12 BB			7-8 pm Hunter U12 BB		
	7:00-8:30 pm Aikido	6:30-7:30 pm Badminton	7:00-8:30 pm Aikido	7:00-8:00 pm Total Body Blast		
	7:00-8:00 pm Yoga Power Hour	7:00-9:00 pm Savannah Fencing Club	7:00-8:00 pm Yoga Flow	7:00-9:00 pm Savannah Fencing Club		



Sign up for
JEA Youth Baseball!

Spring is right around the corner and that means JEA Youth Baseball! Dust off your mitt, start limbering up and get ready for a great season. The JEA will be fielding teams for four different age groups. **Registration ends March 25th.**

6 & Under - T-Ball

\$50 Mem/\$75 Non Member
Practices: Sundays @ JEA
Games: Mon-Thu Evenings at Hunter Army Air Field.



For the following groups we will play with the City of Savannah. To register you must provide payment and the following paperwork:

JEA Registration Form, City of Savannah Parent Consent Form, and a copy of child's birth certificate.

8 & Under - Coach Pitch

\$75 Mem/\$100 Non Member
Practices: Sundays Games: To be scheduled

10 & Under - Machine Pitch

\$75 Mem/\$100 Non Member
Practices: Sundays Games: To be scheduled

12 & Under - Little League

\$75 Mem/\$100 Non Member
Practices: Sundays Games: To be scheduled



Team Savannah will be attending the JCC Maccabi Experience this summer:

JCC Maccabi Games

Richmond, VA from Aug. 1-6th The JEA has been allotted 13 athlete spots. Must be Jewish and between ages 13-16 on July 31, 2010. Visit www.jccmaccabigames.org for more info and to view a promotion video. Since we are going to be in Richmond, VA, please take a look at their web site, as well as www.maccabirichmond.org.

Sports available there include:

Boys -

Basketball (Full team required)
Baseball, Soccer 7 vs 7, Bowling, Tennis, Golf, Swimming, Table Tennis

Girls-

Basketball (Full team required),
Soccer 7 vs 7, Bowling, Swimming, Tennis, Table Tennis

A \$100 deposit is required.

If you are interested, please contact Stephanie Johnson at 355-8111 or stephanie@savj.org!



March 2010							
March 2010	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Daily Calendar Events  On-Going Programs	Aquasize-10 am Gentle Yoga-10:30 am Sr. Fitness-10:30 am Senior Lunch -12:30 pm Water Aerobics-6:30 pm Yoga Power Hour- 7 pm	Pilates- 8:30 am Kibitzers Kafe-10 am Aquasize-10 am Step & Weight Aerobics- 6:30 pm	Sr. Fitness - 10:30 am Gentle Yoga-10:30 am Senior Lunch -12:30 pm Bridge-1pm Water Aerobics-6:30 pm Scrabble-6:30 pm Yoga Flow- 7:00 pm	Pilates- 8:30 am Aquasize - 10 am Mah Jongg - 10:30 am Senior Fitness - 10:30 am Senior Lunch -12:30 pm Senior Program-1:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics - 6:30 pm	Aquasize-10 am	JEA Closed
	Feb. 28 Purim	1	2	3	4 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program Movie & Beer Night- 7:30 pm	5	6
	7 Young Leadership Brunch- 10 am Art Gallery Reception- 2 pm Levy Concert- 3 pm	8	9	10	11 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program Cancer Answers Health Fair- 6:30 pm	12	13
	14 Jr. NBA Award Banquet- 4 pm	15	16	17	18 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program	19	20
	21 YJS Book Club- 3 pm Speakers Series- 7:30 pm	22	23	24	25 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program YJS March Madness Happy Hour- 6 pm Rambam Pre-Pesach Dinner- 7:30 pm	26	27
	28 Rambam Program for Kids & Parents- 11 am Rambam Pre-Pesach Dinner- 7:30 pm	29 Erev Passover- JEA closes at 5 pm	30 Passover-JEA Closed	31 Passover-JEA Closed	April 1 Movie & Beer Night- 7:30 pm	2	3



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- Honor Israel's loyalty to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- Raise funds for the "Lone Soldier" program.

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ADMISSION IS FREE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Robert Stearns



Robert Stearns is the founder and executive director of Eagles' Wings, a dynamic ministry involved in outreaches and strategic projects around the world. Robert is the visionary behind the global "Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem" the first Sunday of every October. This worldwide prayer movement now has coordinators in 175 nations with participation from nearly 300,000 churches, representing millions of Christians praying for Jerusalem the same day every year.

Robert has consulted personally with the present and three past prime ministers of Israel regarding Israel-Christian relations, and also meets regularly in Israel with Ministers of government, the Knesset, and the chief Rabbinate. He is the executive director of the Israel Experience College Scholarship Program, which gives non-Jewish college students an educated heart for Israel and brings them back to their campuses to defend Israel and fight anti-Semitism.

SPECIAL GUEST: Udi Tsemach



Udi Tsemach is the Israeli emissary to Savannah working through the JEA, the Jewish community center, and the Savannah Jewish Federation. For five years before coming here, Udi served in the Israel Defense Forces in different positions including team commander, and finished his service as a major sergeant. Udi's grandparents immigrated to Israel in the 1930's and participated in the Israeli independence War and the foundation of Israel.

WORSHIP LEADER: Claren McQueen



Claren McQueen is a minister and worship leader based in Florida. He lived in Jerusalem for twelve years, serving as the Music Minister at Christ Church, the oldest Protestant church in the Middle East. Claren also was the Music Coordinator and a Worship Leader for the Christian Celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem for ten years—an event which attracts thousands of pilgrims every year from over 100 countries of the world.

DANCERS: Benote Zion Dance Troupe



Led by Jean Mabry of Knoxville, Tennessee, these anointed and gifted worship dancers are a picture of unity showing forth the beauty of the Lord as they dance in colorful array and exuberant passion. Birthed in 1985 the team has been around the world, presenting dances and teaching dance, silk and banner workshops at all kinds of events and conferences.

For more information contact Susan Bartlett (912-656-4229 or 912-354-3175)

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Thoughts from Rambam

Mrs. Wright's, Rambam Day School Assistant Principal, eighth graders have been visiting with special needs students from Jenkins High School throughout the school year. They go to Jenkins and do various activities with the students, such as; reading, singing and all types of projects. The eighth grade went during Chanukah and made adorable dreidels with happy faces and googly eyes, lit the menorah and told the story of Chanukah. The Jenkins students sang a few verses from popular Christmas carols to the Rambam students.

Recently, Jenkins students came here to visit at Rambam. They made ice-cream from scratch with our pre-K students with the assistance of the eighth grade and actually ate it! I heard it was a bit salty and didn't personally try it. Our visitors from Jenkins ate lunch with us and toured Rambam.

The Jenkins students participate in Special Olympics each year both in the spring and in the winter. We went two years ago to the Special Olympics with the 2008 eighth graders. The spring Special Olympics is golfing. So we took our students to Jenkins one morning and practiced with the Jenkins' students and then on the day of the Olympics went to help them and cheer them on. The Special Olympics winter sport is bowling. This year's eighth graders were right there assisting our Jenkins friends. It was a great event and as always, when the two groups get together, everyone is so happy to see each other.



Marissa Levine and Daniel Lewis help at the Special Olympics



Rambam making Ice Cream with friends from Jenkins

I don't know how often in someone's lifetime they have the opportunity to be around an individual that you know has special needs. Rambam's eighth graders for the last couple of years have had the privilege to be around 10 young people with special needs, work with them, hug them, talk to them, play with them, and laugh with them. At the golf Special Olympics, the Rambam students saw at least sixty young people with special needs being catered to, various adults making every effort to ensure that they each had a good time. The Rambam students were among these (young) adults supervising the special needs students.

Morah Chavi Rabhan took her 7th and 8th grade students to visit at Buckingham South. This was a visit was not just to do the mitzvah of spending time with elderly individuals. The purpose of this visitation was to visit specific individuals who are living with challenging health situations. The children met a woman with Spina Bifida, a man who had a stroke and has no feeling on his left side, and a woman challenged with Macular Degeneration. These individuals were specifically chosen because despite their illnesses, they are always in great moods and greeting others with a smile. Morah Chavi had been teaching in class that while it is very important to accept what life brings your way, it is vital, that one also have appreciation for their life maintaining a happy disposition even while facing difficult challenges. When one feels appreciation, only then can they truly be happy! Mrs. Slatius, the owner of Buckingham South, told the children all about these individuals and their special dispositions. As well, Mrs. Slatius told the children stories of Holocaust survivors and how they faced the world with an appreciation for life even after all the atrocities they had witnessed and experienced.

These lessons are a vital part of the Rambam educational experience. These life lessons are as important to us as the children receiving an excellent academic education.



Ester Y. Rabhan,
Rambam Principal

From The Shalom School

Dear Readers: over the last few months, I have been showcasing our School's curricula for children approaching B'nai Mitzvah age and beyond. As you have seen, our programming is high quality and varied, and is filled with the sort of experiential learning designed to attract teenagers. But our numbers are small! Despite our efforts, children in Savannah, whether or not they attend Shalom School or elsewhere, often fall away from formal Jewish education during their early high school years, only to resume Jewish studies, if at all, while at college or as grown adults in later years.

Although this problem is not unique to Savannah, our Jewish Federation has tried as recently as last year to develop and implement community-wide Jewish high school programming, and its initiatives fell on deaf ears! We offer good programming and our teenagers just do not come! Why is this the case?

A number of Jewish organizations have studied this issue, most recently the Union for Reform Judaism, which last year undertook an extensive survey of its member congregations to determine the reasons for high religious school dropout rates throughout the United States. Its findings provide much food for thought for those of us here in Savannah who are seeking solutions to this dilemma. Their study pointed to a number of positive factors that contribute to Jewish teenagers' continuing Jewish studies after the age of 13:

--Congregations where children begin their Jewish education with early childhood programs, rather than waiting until later grades to begin Jewish studies, contributing to the formation of close peer groups in a Jewish environment which can strengthen Jewish commitment over time;

--Parents who overwhelmingly indicate that they either 'required or strongly encouraged' their children to participate in Jewish learning beyond Bar and Bat Mitzvah rather than giving them total freedom to discontinue

their studies after that goal was reached;

--Congregations that offer ongoing family education programs and retreats, where the educational focus is on the family and not the individual student, which enables parents to model for their children the idea of lifelong Jewish learning, rather than learning for a specific (Bar/Bat mitzvah) event;

--Where students have active roles in their congregations, via temple youth groups, service in social justice projects, singing in a choir, serving as class tutors or other activities, they are more likely to stay connected with Jewish education.

--Where congregational professionals offer students an ongoing personal relationship; and, surprisingly,

--Congregations where parents were not born and reared as Jews, but have made a decision to raise their children as Jews and therefore make a commitment to their children's Jewish education.

Another observation stressed the importance of Jewish camping as an added incentive which encourages participation in Jewish education post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Our schools and synagogues in Savannah measure up to these yardsticks to greater and lesser degrees but, more often than not, our children receive the message that their parents, schools, and synagogues give lip service to the importance of their Jewish education, but don't really care! It is up to us to rethink and reinvigorate many personal and organizational commitments in our quest to strengthen American Judaism. Our future depends on it.

L'Shalom,

Jules Kerness, Principal



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Camp Liberator to Speak at Yom HaShoah

Please mark your calendars; the Yom HaShoah Remembrance Program is April 11th, at 2pm. The program will be held at the JEA and is open to the entire community. This year there will be a prominent guest speaker, Columbus Juvenile Court Judge Aaron Cohn. He's coming to talk about the importance of never forgetting and standing up for what is right.

The Honorable Judge Cohn is a long time resident of Columbus, Georgia.

He's been practicing law for 72 years and was appointed Juvenile Court Judge 45 years ago.

Judge Cohn volunteered in 1940 for the Army and was a combat operations officer in the 3rd U.S. Cavalry under General George S. Patton. During his service in the European theater, he was in four major campaigns: Northern Europe, Central Europe, the Ardennes and the Rhineland and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. During the Euro-

pean campaign he was decorated four times. After coming back to Columbus, he spent 27 years as an Active and Reserve member of the military, retiring at the rank of full Colonel.

When Judge Cohn speaks at the Yom HaShoah program he will relate his experiences of the day he walked into Ebensee, Austria, a sub-camp to Mauthausen in May 1945. Judge Cohn brings his first-hand account of walking into a death camp. He understands

how quickly mankind forgets the lessons of the past.

Judge Cohn has been married to the former Janet Ann Lilenthal for more than 68 years; they have three children and many grandchildren.



Judge Aaron Cohn

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Irwin I. Mazo

Who died on January 23, 2010

He is survived by Julie, his wife of 57 years; sons Rick Mazo and Lewis Mazo; daughters, Melinda Mazo, Marcy Lindgren, and Faye Evans; sons-in-law, Chris Lindgren and Drew Evans; daughters-in-law Susan Mazo and Melissa Mazo; and seven grandchildren.

Remembrances: Hospice Savannah or Backus Children's Hospital.

Beatrice Soffer Rubin

Who died on February 9, 2010

She is survived by her niece, Lou Anne (Morley) Winters, of St. Louis, MO; her grandnieces and grandnephews, Gary (Suzie) Kopp and Bradley (Jill) Winters, of St. Louis, MO, Lori (Ted) Samuels, of Pasadena, CA and Susan (William) Townsley, of Viroqua, WI; and numerous great-grand nieces and nephews.

Remembrances: A charity of the donor's choice.

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2010 Yom HaShoah Remembrance Program

Jewish Educational Alliance

April 11th, 2010

2:00pm

Attention local teens and young adults!

Looking for an opportunity to be a part of this very special community event? Do you need more volunteer hours? Want to be a more aware Jewish community member? Please contact Sherry Dolgoff, sdolgoff@aol.com or Benjamin Bloom, programming@savj.org to learn how you can help to make this ceremony meaningful.

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Savannah Jewish ARCHIVES

Oral History Excerpts

Our Archives holds an excellent collection of oral histories. In the coming months we'll continue showcasing excerpts from the early interviews. Other excerpts appear in our publication *Voices of Savannah*.

DAVID ROSENZWEIG
(1917-2008) interviewed
March 1997

I went to Hebrew School. We didn't have a very strict requirement in those days for bar mitzvah, including so many years of Hebrew School. It was standard, traditional. The teaching was very poor. The students were worse, we gave no cooperation. We got kicked out almost every day... and we would go over to the Alliance, and then go home in the middle of the afternoon... I was bar mitzvahed. I had good training. We also took private lessons from Rabbi Geffen who was the chazan in the shul, and he was from the same town my mother was from, in Lithuania. My mother was Lithuanian, and he was from the same town, Kovna, a large town, so she knew Rabbi Geffen. He was the chazan at the shul and taught only bar mitzvah



David Rosenzweig

lessons... I got through it and had my bar mitzvah ceremony. None of the kids did as much as the present generation does with running all of the service. We did our haftorah and that was it. The celebrations were very minimal... Ten kids to Jerry George's... It was on Broughton Street, near Barnard, later the site of the Blumberg store. Probably where the Kress building is I think. You took ten kids, they had a limit of ten cents they could spend for a drink, and then you went to a movie, which probably cost another dime, and the gift - I well remember, we cherished them - were Tom Swift books, which cost twenty-five cents apiece. So at a bar mitzvah, you were with ten kids, you'd usually get the whole series of Tom Swift books.

If you wish to read more from this oral history or from another in the collection, or if you wish to purchase a copy of *Voices of Savannah*, contact archivist Lynette Stoudt at (912)651-2125 or lstoudt@georgiahistory.com.

The PJ Library

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Let's Get Ready for Passover

Sunday, March 21st
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Kids 8 and younger
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Welcome, too!

Come join us for...

Story reading and
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Jonathan Javetz, 1996

College: University of Georgia
Major: Real Estate
College Clubs: Member of the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity
Current City: Atlanta, GA
Volunteer: Co-Chair for the Young Professionals committee for the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival the second largest Jewish Film Festival in the country.
Profession: Sales, Property and Construction Manager

Rambam prepared me for high school, as well as college. I also had the added advantage of being around my friends and learning about my Jewish heritage. Learning about my Jewish identity on a daily basis meant it became more than just a label, it became a part of my life.

Do you know a Rambam graduate that we should profile? Please contact office@rambamdayschool.org

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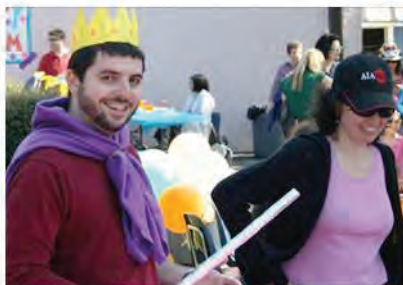
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Scenes from the 2010 Community Purim Carnival Kol HaKavod to the Children's Committee, Volunteers and JEA staff for a great Purim Carnival!



Save The Date

April 25, 2010



Community
Yom HaAtzma'ut
Celebration!

Camels! Camels! Camels!



At this year's Community Purim Carnival, there was a horse or pony for every size of attendee; everyone had their fill of burgers, hotdogs, sodas and even cotton candy. Faces were painted and prizes were won; games of chance and skill were played and all had their fun. Until

next year, we'll have to wait; but no one can doubt that this year's Carnival was great.



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