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Savannah Jewish Film Festival, January 29-February 6

Come for Reel Jewish Stories

Mark your calendar for January 29th at 8pm for the opening night of the 6th Annual Savannah Jewish Film Festival. Featuring another lineup of crowd-pleasing films that showcase the richness and texture of the Jewish experience in America, Israel and throughout the world, the 2011 Savannah Jewish Film Festival will run through February 6th at the Jewish Educational Alliance. The Festival is a project of the Savannah Jewish Federation and the Jewish Educational Alliance.

This year's Festival will include shorts, documentaries, light-hearted comedies and intense dramas. There are films from Israel, France, and Mexico. They are in English, French, Spanish, Hebrew, and Yiddish.

This year's films were specifically chosen based on a survey that was done at the end of last year's festival which



told us that our audience wanted a balanced mix of light-hearted fare, documentaries, and dramas. Come to this year's Savannah Jewish Film Festival and have your heart and mind opened to pieces of history you may not be aware of; experience new culture you may never have encountered.

If you want to be inspired or introspective at this year's Film Festival, there are certainly a wide variety of films at the festival to fit the bill. There are dramas like Nora's Will, and La

Rafle. And films that will make you smile and laugh like *Beau Jest* and festival opening night film, *The Yankles*. Some best of Festival films will be making their Savannah debut including, *Where I Stand: The Hank Greenspun Story*, and *Ahead of Time*, a very important film about the life and times of Ruth Gruber. Other films that we are showing include *a Night of Short Films*, *Letters for Jenny (Cartas para Jenny)*, *Blue & Grey: Jews in the Civil War*, and the Israeli film, *The Worst Company in the World (HaHevra Hachi Grua Baolam)*. Each of these films is well worth the admission price, but for a real bargain, buy a Full Festival Pass, it's the best value.

Following are brief synopses of the films to be shown at the 2011 Savannah Jewish Film Festival. All films will be shown at the JEA:

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Your Campaign Dollars At Work!

Community Chanukah Celebration is December 2nd

It has become a yearly tradition in Savannah for the Jewish community to celebrate Chanukah together at the JEA; much as it's our tradition to light the Chanukah menorah and eat greasy

latkes and yummy donuts. Come to the JEA on December 2nd and join us for the celebration set to begin at 6:30pm.

Just like every year, this year's Community Chanukah Celebration will be another special and awesome time to celebrate the miracle of commemoration. We invite you to bring your own

menorahs and light them with friends from throughout the community. The amazingly talented Rambam School 3rd grade students will sing a beautiful Hebrew Chanukah song and warm up the crowd for Savannah's own Ruben Formey, who goes by the handle - Prodezra Beats. He'll get heads bobbing and feet tapping and is sure to get the crowd up and dancing to his Jewish Hip-Hop beats.

Kids, are you ready to meet some of your favorite friends from Sesame Street? This year's program will have

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For eight days the candles burned. Light triumphed over darkness, spirituality over materiality. This year and every year, as you celebrate the miracle with foods symbolic of the oil, we wish you and your family a happy and blessed Chanukah.

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The Federation Mission

I blew it! The words should have rolled right off my tongue but I absolutely couldn't find them. For once, I didn't have the big blue notebook that I've lugged all over town since I became President, the one that contains everything I think I should know about Federation if asked. What a missed opportunity!

We were introducing some of our donors to Jerry Silverman, CEO of Jewish Federations of North America, who spoke at our Annual Meeting/Main Campaign Event on October 13th. During the Q&A, Dr. Murray Arkin asked the question that precipitated my frustration. Murray said he has been concerned over the years about the way we distribute our funds and asked Jerry how we as a Federation should distribute monies across recipients. Jerry answered that we should distribute funds in accordance with our mission statement, and that's when I couldn't rattle off our mission statement like every good president should.

I know our mission statement is the center of all we do. All year, I've had it printed at the top of our meeting agendas to remind the Board that all decisions need to be made with our mission in mind. So there I was, tongue-tied; though honestly, I don't think it would have answered Murray's question any better had I spouted it off.

Our mission statement reads: Charged with raising, collecting and distributing funds, the Federation seeks to "advance the welfare of the total Jewish community". The Federation strongly supports Israel and world Jewry. Additionally, the organization strives to "preserve the civil, political, economic and religious rights of all Jews" to develop an articulate, intelligent and constructive Jewish community and to promote mutual understanding with the community at-large.

What a mouthful. No wonder I hadn't mastered it. To summarize, our mission is to:

- Raise, collect and distribute funds.
- Advance the welfare for the total Jewish community.
- Support Israel and Jews around the world.
- Preserve the rights of Jews.
- Develop an articulate, informed and constructive Jewish community.
- Promote mutual understanding

with the community at-large.

It's pretty clear to me that we are addressing the above with our various committees and programs; however, advancing the welfare of the total Jewish community deserves a little attention. I think the word, "total" sometimes gets lost in the shuffle. That word instructs Federation to make everyone happy, which is not always possible; but, I think it also encourages us to make decisions that benefit and reach the majority of our residents and to engage those we are not serving.

It's no secret that tensions can run high in hard economic times when we are forced to make choices we usually don't have to deal with. In making decisions, I think Federation has to keep the word, "total," in front of us, knowing that if we can't please all, we must engage as many as possible and reach those we are not serving.

As far Murray's question about how we decide to distribute funds, we do it through the Allocations process. The Allocations committee consists of a cross-section of the community so that diverse perspectives are represented. Members are briefed on the pressing issues here and abroad so they understand the big picture. Budgets are scrutinized, hard questions are asked, and members are directed to put aside their personal preferences and make decisions that are in the best interest of the entire community. Someone once said that if everyone's a little unhappy after Allocations, we've probably done a pretty good job. Important duties can be thankless, can't they?

Now, I think I'll go and memorize the mission statement.



Linda Zoller.
President,
Savannah Jewish
Federation

The 'Odd Couple' and a Lesson for Us All

I was unable to attend the Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly this past month. It was held in New Orleans, a city that I've (embarrassedly) never visited. It would have been an opportunity to recharge my "Jewish battery," learn from my counterparts in other communities, and get to see the historic city of New Orleans. Luckily, Savannah was well represented by our Federation President, Linda Zoller, who returned from New Orleans brimming with ideas.

Thankfully, I was able to watch the highlights of the GA as all the main Plenums were broadcast live on Jewish TV and on the internet. While it is not a replacement for actually being there, it was an opportunity to hear from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Vice President Joe Biden, and a host of Jewish leaders from throughout the world. For three days, my computer had streaming presentations running in the background while I was taking phone calls and working on Federation and Alliance projects.

The opening of the General Assembly featured Vice President Biden. He spoke about his personal lifelong relationship with Israel, the United States' unbreakable bond with Israel, and the warm and deep relationship he has had with Bibi Netanyahu for decades. His speech was warmly received by the more than 4,000 attendees.

As the applause for the Vice President subsided, the announcer introduced local New Orleans Rabbi Uri Topolosky from the Orthodox congregation Beth Israel. I was about to click off the webcast, but his gentle manner and his youth held my attention. You could tell that many of the audience were streaming out of the hall on their way to other presentations. Bravely, the rabbi told those who remained that during Katrina, his congregation was inundated by ten feet of water. Their building was condemned, torahs ruined; they were left with no facility, no

place to go. Enter Congregation Gates of Prayer—a Reform congregation in Metairie. They opened their hearts and their doors for their displaced brethren. And for the better part of five years, the two congregations—Reform and Orthodox—have been sharing the same building, cooperating and compromising.

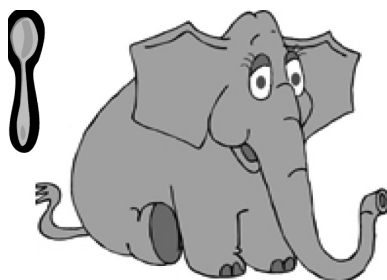
This 'odd couple,' wed out of a catastrophe, has brought together two very different congregations for social, educational, and even ritual programs. The two rabbis get together almost every Friday morning to study, compare sermons, and work to address the needs of the Jewish people of New Orleans. Over a period of months and then years, the dialogue between the congregants changed from a focus on differences to a focus on what they shared.

Rabbi Topolosky went on to tell the audience how excited he is that after five long years, Congregation Beth Israel has broken ground on a new building. He elatedly shared that they are building the new synagogue in a very special place—right next door to the Reform Congregation who sold them the land. They will, from this time forward, always be one people, one community, even if their ritual observance is different. AND to assure that this will continue to the next generation, the land between the two buildings is being developed as a children's playground for both congregations. The playground will provide a bridge, a "gesher" between their two congregations.

In a world where we seem to key in on our differences, two congregations, thrust together in times of need, emerged with a lesson for us all.



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Bringing the Light Together

This month we celebrate Chanukah, one of the most festive Jewish holidays and according to research, the favorite holiday in the Diaspora. Of course, who can say no to rich jelly doughnuts, delicious latkes, Gelt of chocolate coins, the growing light of the menorah against the darkness of the long nights, a miracle of eight day burning oil tin, a good story about how a few heroes beat an enormous army. Is it possible to not love this holiday?

I have only good memories of Chanukah from my childhood, but the times that really started me thinking about the ideas behind this holiday were in the trips of my youth movement. Every youth movement in Israel does a big trip to the Negev during Chanukah, and you're probably wondering what a trip to the desert has to do with Chanukah?

In a cold December night in the heart of the desert, sitting with your closest friends around the campfire, with a warm cup of sweet tea and a *Sufgania*, after a long day of walking in the Negev's hard terrain, you can really have enlightening conversations. You can discuss about if Chanukah was a religious miracle or national victory? Maybe it was both? What is the value of religious freedom? Is it something worth fighting and dying for? Is there still assimilation these days and what are the dangers of it? Is it a natural process or we should fight it in order to keep the Jewish religion alive? What drove the *Maccabees* to stand up and take action? What was so heroic about them? Who are the heroes



Gershon Peru

and *Maccabees* of our days? Were the *Maccabees* the first Zionist?

Of course, the only way to take a stand and formulate true opinions about these issues is a healthy and diverse discussion. We had different opinions, and we couldn't reach an agreement, but that's the beauty about it, and that's the Jewish way of argument.

Indeed, Chanukah is a bit controversial, for different people; parties and movements have interpreted it so it would fit to their agenda. But after all the arguments, we have to remember that we have to count on each other, and there is no other way. Chanukah is about rejoicing, bringing the light **together**, as a famous old children's Chanukah song, every one is a little shiny light, but all together we are one great light. It's important to stand up and take an action against injustice or discrimination, just like a little light in a dark room will banish the darkness

away.

We, as Jews, as the 'chosen people', have to be '*Or LaGoyim*' – a light unto the nations, just like in the prophecies of our prophet Isaiah. Our universal mission as '*Klal Yisrael*' is to be a spiritual and a moral guide to the world. The history was not spoiled us with force, wealth, large territories and a big nation, but she gave us an unusual feature of moral intellect, and it entitles and require us to be a light onto the nations. This is why the Menorah was chosen to be the symbol of the state of Israel, the light that lit in the menorah in the first and second temple spread light to the entire world, and now the menorah will return to illuminate people around the world.

I hope to see you all bringing the light together at our JEA community Chanukah party,

Chag Orim Sameach – Happy Chanukah Y'all!

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I was standing behind a gentleman and his daughter when he turned to me and asked if I had worked at the JEA back in the eighties. I said, "Yes, I did! I thought you looked familiar, too." Then he asked me the same question many people do. "Does Sharon Hughes still work there?" I told him that, yes, happily, she still works at the JEA several times a week.

The lesson here is that people always remember the friendly, caring people who speak to everyone. It seems that of all the people who have worked at the JEA the one most often remembered is Sharon. She is a goodwill ambassador for all of us. Thank you, Sharon, for being the special person you are.

Thank you,
Sherry

To the Editor:

A heartfelt thanks from the family of Julie Rudikoff to the Savannah community for your kindness, caring, support and friendship during this difficult time of his passing.

Thank you!
The Rudikoff & Berkowitz Families

To the Editor:

It is difficult to lose someone you love. In our case, Milton Towbin was the remaining parent of the 4 Towbin girls—our mom having passed away in 1971. I was too young to remember or understand the many kindnesses done in merit of my mother's untimely death due to cancer, but I am witness now to the incredible outpouring of help, support and affection by so many people in our community here in Savannah and my sisters' community in South Florida.

As I told many people during our shiva, Milton Towbin was born on the 13th of Heshvan, parsha Veyrah and died almost 84 years later the Shabbat before his birthday on Lech Lecha. As those two Torah portions suggest, in his life he truly went forth, married a Sarah, made a career of hospitality in the hotel and restaurant business and came full circle to make friends and study Pirke Avos and Torah in his last few years here in Savannah, for which

our family is grateful.

His final journey to complete the circle of Torah in his life provided an example that his four daughters, their spouses, six grandchildren and two great grands can follow. Shiva services were conducted and attended by Rabbis, Cantors and members of multiple congregations in Miami and community members of all three congregations and the JEA in Savannah. Donations given in his memory will provide support to all three Savannah congregations, the Savannah Jewish Federation, the JEA, Rambam Day School, Jewish War Veterans and Hadassah in this community as well as Jewish National Fund and several other Jewish institutions and charities around the country and the world. I began to think that the true measure of anyone's life is how that life impacts the lives of so many others and how lucky Milton Towbin was that he followed our move to such a warm and welcoming community like Savannah where the ac-

tions of his community translate his memory into multiple blessings.

Thank you,
Carol M. Towbin Greenberg

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Reform Judaism's Bicentennial Commemoration

By BH Levy

On July 17, 1810, an unprecedented milestone unfolded in the Westphalian town of Seesen. A decade earlier, the world's first modern Jewish preparatory school had been established by the Hebrew educator Israel Jacobson. Jacobson was a pioneer of a new, liberal expression of Jewish belief and practice, inspired by the Enlightenment, which had emerged in response to the emancipation of the Jews in Western Europe and their entry into the broader society as newly enfranchised citizens. This development would become the world-wide movement of Reform Judaism – which would soon transform Jewish life in America.

On that summer morning, it seemed as if centuries of persecution and discrimination melted away, as government, civic and religious leaders – including the kingdom's major Christian clergy – gathered in a remarkable demonstration of interfaith fellowship to dedicate the new synagogue for the Jacobson School. The beautiful edifice, complete with pipe organ, was dubbed a "Temple" – possibly the first use of this term for a Jewish House of Worship since the destruction of Temple

in Jerusalem. This was a profound affirmation that modern Jews no longer considered themselves in exile.

In July, 2010, a group of 56 pilgrims, including 16 rabbis, from the U.S., the U.K., Germany and Poland gathered in Berlin and travelled to Seesen and Hamburg to commemorate that auspicious beginning. The pilgrimage was organized by Rabbi Howard Berman of The Society for Classical Reform Judaism in cooperation with the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) and the Abraham Geiger College – a liberal Jewish seminary at the University of Potsdam. Rabbi Gary Zola of Hebrew Union College served as tour scholar-in-residence. My wife Margie and I were among the 27 American tour participants.

Three days of the tour were devoted to touring the major Jewish sites in Berlin, including the Jewish Museum and Wansee (site of the Third Reich's formal adoption of the Final Solution) and attending Sabbath services in the historic Pestalozzistrasse Synagogue, which utilizes a beautiful choir and pipe organ. We toured Jewish cemeteries housing the graves of Israel Jacobson and Moses Mendelssohn, attended lectures and participated in study sessions. We learned that with an estimated 120,000 Jews, Germany has the world's fastest growing Jewish population. We gathered for the dedication of a plaque on the site of Israel Jacobson's Berlin residence, where he held Berlin's first Reform services, along with the mayors of Berlin and Seesen, who eloquently paid tribute to Jacobson's role.



Plaque of Israel Jacobson's Berlin residence.



Municipal Building formerly the 1810 Temple.

On the fourth day, the tour visited Seesen, and as we entered this ancestral home of the Steinway family, we were immediately struck by what was clearly being proclaimed on billboards and banners as the major source of pride in this small German municipality – its role as the birthplace of Reform Judaism! The Mayor and other civic and religious officials gathered with us on the site of the 1810 Temple -- the original building was destroyed on *Kristallnacht* – now an open plaza dominated by the former Jacobson School, restored and used as the Seesen municipal building, on which hung yet another giant 200th anniversary banner. We shared, along with the citizens of Seesen, a deeply moving memorial ceremony at the Temple site – joining various local groups in placing floral tributes at the base of a monument marking the temple site. Passages were read from 1810 newspapers offering a first-hand

account of what had transpired 200 years earlier at that very site. City officials then welcomed us at a reception in the former school building.

We travelled on the last tour day to visit the former Hamburg Temple, now the broadcast studio of North German Radio. This Temple is the only synagogue in Germany that survived *Kristallnacht* relatively intact – probably being spared because the structure was new and a valuable resource to the Reich. In yet another emotional experience, our tour group conducted what is believed to be the first Jewish service held in the former Hamburg Temple sanctuary since that fateful night in 1938.

This commemorative tour helped us understand that Reform Judaism in Germany has come full circle from its founding 200 years ago, to its destruction in the Twentieth Century and now to its rebirth and resurgence.

Time to Order Mah Jongg Cards!

Attention Mah Jongg Players! It's time to order your 2011 Mah Jongg cards. The standard card is \$7.00; the large card is \$8.00. The deadline for placing orders is February 1, 2011. Make checks payable to the AA Sisterhood and send to:

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2011 Savannah Jewish Film Festival

January 29-February 6 Reel Jewish Stories

The Yankles



An ex-con finds redemption by coaching an upstart Orthodox Jewish baseball team in the bawdy but uplifting crowd-pleaser, *The Yankles*. A washed-up former pro player, Charlie (Brian Wimmer), is sentenced to mandatory community service for a drunk driving conviction. Attempting to rebuild his reputation by volunteer-

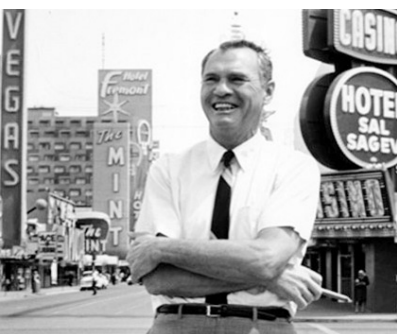
ing to coach baseball, he soon discovers that the only people willing to give him a second chance are equally desperate yeshiva students on a quest to start their own team. While striving to lead the Yankles to the league championships, Charlie works to mend fences with those he has wronged in the past. Mixing shtick with a surprisingly sensitive portrayal of Orthodox customs, *The Yankles* is a feel-good comedy about overcoming bigotry and self-doubt

Nora's Will

A divorcée plots to reunite family and friends by ending her life on the eve of Passover in this affecting, understated comedy set in Mexico City's close-knit Jewish community. As the film opens, José discovers that his ex-wife of 30 years has committed suicide. She leaves behind meticulously laid plans for a final Passover Seder, and inadvertently, a mysterious photo that may unlock a longtime secret. As curmudgeonly José reluctantly prepares for the funeral, a colorful collection of characters assembles in Nora's apartment, including disapproving rabbis, a devoted housekeeper, a half-blind aunt and the couple's grown son. Winner of numerous prestigious awards, including the 2009 Miami International Film Festival Audience Award for Best Film.

Where I Stand:

The Hank Greenspun Story



Where I Stand is a chronicle of the endlessly surprising life of the charismatic newspaperman, Vegas icon and real-life Zelig. Greenspun's epic journey from associate of

mobster Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel to maverick founder of the *Las Vegas Sun* (and its long-running *Where I Stand* editorial) features a colorful cast of characters including high-rolling businessmen and gangsters, movie stars, politicians, family and wheeler-dealer

friends. Following Siegel's murder in 1947, the crusading Greenspun rediscovered his Jewish heritage, and became a prominent guerrilla figure in Israeli politics and gun smuggling. Director Scott Goldstein combines archival stills, illuminating interviews, rare diary entries read by Anthony Hopkins, and atmospheric music to create a spirited, highly-stylized mosaic of Greenspun's legendary escapades.

The Worst Company in the World (HaHevra Hachi Grua Baolam)

Love and humor are plentiful, but success is scarce in a small Tel Aviv insurance agency where nothing runs as it should. Perennially on the verge of bankruptcy, the failing agency is run by three middle-aged, divorced, and not particularly successful men. They may be highly intelligent, well-educated, warm and good-humored, but they have no inkling about running a business. This award-winning and refreshingly entertaining documentary offers an amusing behind-the-scenes look at the operations of the firm over one fiscal year, as the manager's son – also the film's director – joins this motley crew in a last-ditch attempt to save his father's collapsing business. A personal documentary that is also an endearing father-son journey.

La Rafel (The Roundup)



A huge 2010 box office hit in France, Roselyne Bosch's star-studded and tense drama throws a powerful light on one of the most disturbing episodes in recent French history. Based on meticulous research

and told through the story of several Jewish families who find themselves taken unawares by the ferocious turn of events, the film portrays the few weeks in July 1942, when more than 13,000 Parisian Jews, including more than 4,000 children, were rounded up and taken to the now notorious Vel' d'Hiv stadium.

A powerful and gripping treatment of a story

ignored until relatively recently, Bosch manages to avoid some of the pitfalls of depicting the Vichy government era and treats the characters with great perception and insight. The prestigious cast includes Jean Reno (*The Da Vinci Code*) Gad Elmaleh (*Comme ton Père*) and Mélanie Laurent (*Inglorious Basterds*).

Cartas Para Jenny (Letters for Jenny)

This sensitively directed film depicts a young woman in love who must make life choices after learning of an unexpected pregnancy. Jenny's decisions cannot be made alone and it is only when she discovers three letters written by her mother before her death that Jenny is able to decide how to move forward. After reading her mother's first letter, Jenny decides to travel to Israel from Argentina and begin a new life. The journey to Jerusalem helps Jenny soften her personal pain, and discover new opportunities—including a new love—so that she can put her life in perspective. The story is moving, and the cinematography is stunning, with scenes of Argentina, Spain and Israel.

Beau Jest



Lainie Kazan stars as the classic Jewish mother obsessed with finding a "nice Jewish boy" for her disinterested daughter in this funny, warm movie. Based on an off-Broadway hit, "Beau Jest" offers a tale about falling in love that gets complicated when the

daughter's little white lies spin out of control. An upbeat crowd pleaser!

Ahead of Time: The Ruth Gruber Story

Iconic, Brooklyn-born Ruth Gruber is the vibrant subject of this documentary mix of archival footage and interviews. She was the youngest person in the world to earn a Ph.D. and the first journalist to enter the Soviet Arctic in 1935. During World War II, Ruth escorted 1,000 Holocaust refugees to Oswego, New York for the Interior Department; after the War, she covered the Nuremberg trials and the Exodus for the *New York Herald Tribune*. Marvel at elegant, spellbinding Ruth as she nears the century mark.

Full Festival Passes are available now! Once again, it pays to be a member. Passes cost \$50 each for JEA members. For non members the cost is \$65 per pass. Individual movies cost as follows: JEA Members: \$7 (Seniors 65+ & Students \$7). For non members, the individual ticket cost is \$9.

It's not too late to show your support for the 2010 Savannah Jewish Film Festival. Corporate and individual sponsorships are available. The Festival Angel level, \$1,000 includes 8 Full Festival Passes, name and/or logo on website, all advertising materials and (2) 1/4 page or (4) 1/8 page advertisements in the *Savannah Jewish News*; Producers Circle, \$500 includes 4 Full Festival Passes, name and/or logo on the website, all advertising materials and (1) 1/4 page or (2) 1/8 page advertisements in *Savannah Jewish News*; Director's Circle, \$360 includes four Full Festival passes; name and/or logo on the website, all advertising materials and Actor's Circle, \$180 includes two Full Festival passes; name on the website, all advertising materials. If you're interested in being a sponsor, contact Lynn at Lynn@savj.org or 355.8111.

See you at the movies; we've already started popping the popcorn!



Your Campaign Dollars At Work

Local Teens Learn to Confront Anti-Semitism

The evening of Wednesday, November 10th gave 20 teens and their parents an opportunity to learn about confronting anti-Semitism. The group convened for the first of a two-part program led by the Anti-Defamation League; the second will be in the springtime before seniors leave for university. ADL's Education Coordinator, Holli Levenson and her co-facilitator, Jessica Epstein, came from Atlanta to educate the group about the facts on the ground and on how to defend against bigotry and ignorance that exist in the everyday world and particularly on university campuses.

Teens and parents met in separate rooms for the first-half and then came

back together for the second half of the program. In the smaller groups, the parents and teens had more intimate conversations on topics such as the appropriateness of Jewish jokes (amongst Jews or anyone else), memories of the first time you experienced anti-Semitism and ways to handle anti-Semitic incidences. While the experiences that were shared are not so different in nature from one generation to the next, the perceptions of what constitutes anti-Semitism, along with attitudes of how to confront it are shifting.

The evening concluded with the beginnings of a discussion about anti-Israel sentiment on college campuses. That discussion, which will continue

in the spring will, focuses on the emergence of Apartheid Week, a week where rallies and exhibits against Israel are held on college campuses each year. With this topic broached, there were many questions from the audience on what to do when this week occurs. Who should students turn to? What should they say? How is someone that is participating

in this anti-Israel and, by extension anti-Jewish? As was brought up by the facilitators, what if a Jew is involved in these rallies?

After the event one parent in attendance said the program was valuable and "it was great for my teen to hear these things from someone other than me. Also, I never planned out how to handle these situations and we needed that. We will definitely be attending in the spring."

The second part of the ADL Confronting Anti-Semitism program will continue the conversation and give tips and tools on ways to effectively combat and disarm those who wish emotional, mental, or even physical harm to others who are different than one's self. If you were not able to attend the first session, you will still be able to attend the second session. The date will be announced shortly.

The ADL Confronting Anti-Semitism is a program made possible by the Savannah Jewish Federation. Without your support of the Federation's Annual Campaign, programs such as this would not be possible.



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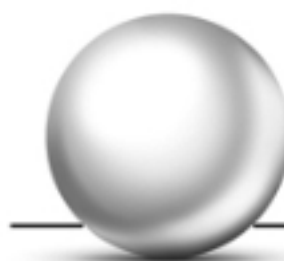
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Wanted: People with Open Hearts Who Want to Help by Serving the Savannah Jewish Community

Thursday Senior Lunch - There are volunteer opportunities to help with Senior Luncheons including greeting, taking payments, assisting with serving and providing company to our wonderful seniors. No previous experience necessary, just a desire to help. Thursdays from 11:30-1:30. If you are able to assist please contact Benjamin Bloom at programming@savj.org or by phone, 355-8111.

Publications Committee - Are you an ideas person? Interested in writing occasionally? The SJF Publications Committee which publishes the Savannah Jewish News is looking to add new members. The Committee meets once a month to critique the past edition and make plans for upcoming issues. We'd love some individuals who would occasionally write for the paper. Whatever your interest in the paper, we can accommodate you. Contact Lynn Levine by email, lynn@savj.org or Benjamin Bloom by email, programming@savj.org or call 355-8111 for volunteer details.

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The Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Women's Campaign Luncheon was held last week. Kudos to event co-chairs, Helese Sandler and Peggy Yellin for a "job well done." The room was beautifully decorated with centerpieces done by Donna Eichholz.

In what is rapidly becoming an annual tradition, men in the community donned white shirts, bow ties, and starched aprons to serve the women. Volunteers included Dick Berkowitz, Norman Dolgoff, Herb Sanders, David Hirsh, Jerald Cohen, Julian Good, Rich Leavey, Jerry Montana, Buddy Portman, and Arnie Ram. One of the women commented, "I wish I could motivate my husband to work like this at home."

The women were entertained by Duo Dmitri, husband and wife musicians, who shared their story of leaving the Former Soviet Union for Israel. Dmitri Kasyuk thanked the attendees, "If it were not for you and people like you from throughout the United States, Luba and I could have never experienced freedom."

The luncheon ended with a wonderful speech from Women's Division Chair, Peggy Harris who stated,

"It is important we sisters make a financial commitment in our own names. That is how we are role models for our children and grandchildren... so they will understand not only what mitzvah is but will join in and participate."

This is our opportunity to stand up and be counted."





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JEA Donor Dues

The Donor Dues program was begun to support the Jewish Educational Alliance and to provide funds for the next 100 years. A three-year donation is being requested, but you can make a one-time donation as well.

Donations can be made annually or by monthly withdrawal from your credit card or checking account (just like your membership dues).

To make your pledge, see the front desk. Following is a list of all who have pledged so far:

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2010

Speaker's Series

Sunday, December 5—7:30 pm
John Morrison

After a career in academia, John Morrison became Dean of a technical college in Phoenix, AZ.



In 1995, John returned to Seattle and founded a technology company that invented software to track terrorism, fraud and criminal ring activity. The technology he created played a key role in assisting many government agencies with their investigations following the 9/11 tragedy.

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.

New JEA Members

The JEA would like to thank our members. Without your membership and support, we would not be able to offer all the services that we do. Our members are our most important asset! (New Members as of Oct. 10, 2010)

Jill Bisberg
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Coming Soon!
JEA Art Gallery—March 2011

"Garage" Art Sale!

Got artwork you no longer have space for? Donate it to the JEA Garage Art Sale! We will re-sell it for you during the month of March, with all proceeds going to help support the JEA.

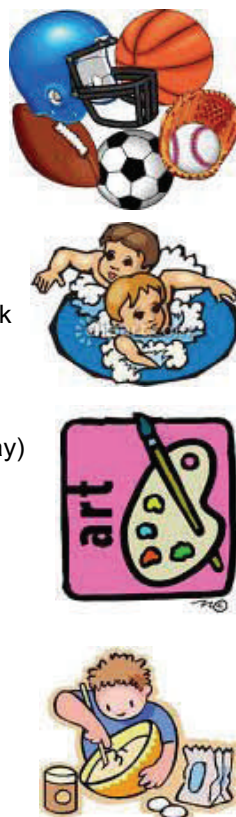
A Wine and Cheese Reception will be held as well. Watch for further details.

Contact Kim Thebo to donate your piece of art, 355-8111, ext. 211 or kim@savj.org.



JEA After School Care

- ★ **Ages** - Kids Klub: Pre-K to 1st grade
Club "U": 2nd-5th grade
- ★ **Activities** - Monday: Kid's Yoga
Tuesday: Mixed Media Art
Wednesday: Cooking
Thursday: Swimming
Friday: Crazy Game Day
- ★ **Transportation** - \$30/month or \$3/trip
- ★ **Transportation from** - Heard, Jacob G. Smith, Charles Ellis & Hancock Elementary Schools
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Late Registration Fee—Less than 24 hour notice:
Member = \$15 Non-Member = \$20
FULL DAYS OFF SCHOOL:
8 am-6 pm = \$25 (member) \$35 (non-member)
- ★ **Times** - Monday-Thursday—3-6 pm
Fridays—3-5 pm
- ★ Open all 1/2 days off of school
- ★ Vacation Camps
- ★ Certified staff
- ★ Snack / daily activities / homework help



GET READY! JEA WINTER CAMP



Campers—Enjoy weekly field trips, ultimate Frisbee, movies, soccer, floor hockey, arts & crafts, basketball and more!

Space is limited—Sign Up Today!!

Week 1: December 20th-24th:

December 20th—Game Day
December 21st—Flying Frogs*
December 22nd—Polar Express Day
December 23rd—Ice Skating*
December 24th—Hot Chocolate at Hull

Week 2: December 27th-31st:

December 27th—Sports Spectacular
December 28th—Ottawa Farms*
December 29th—Mad Scientist
December 30th—Bowling*
December 31st—Party in the USA

* Field Trip Day - please arrive no later than 9:30am (admission covered in daily fee)

Ages: 4 years-6th grade

Camp Hours: 8 am-6 pm

Daily Rate:

Member \$30 Non-Member \$40

Weekly Rate (all 5 days in either week):

Member \$135 Non-Member \$180

Teen Volunteers Welcome!

A great way to fulfill your public service requirement and have fun at the same time!

Call DJ for more information, 355-8111 ext. 225, or email camp@savj.org

KID'S YOGA

Mondays at 4 pm

Are you looking for a good outlet for your kids to release some of the stress of their everyday life? There is a solution; kid's yoga at the JEA. Dawn Tanis, a certified and highly respected yoga instructor in the community, created this class last year for the JEA Aftercare program. The kids will enjoy a variety of yoga-related activities tailored to their needs. Dawn mixes art, games and basic yoga to create a 30-45 min class that's fun for all! Some of the benefits for Kid's Yoga include increased flexibility, strength and coordination while improving health, finding inner peace and relaxing the kids. If you're looking for a great way for your kids to unwind and have fun, check out Kid's Yoga with Coach Dawn on Mondays at 4:00 p.m.

YOU'RE INVITED:

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

For children 4 yrs to 5th grade. Members Only + 2010 Campers.

Older kids can come and help.

Cost: \$7 per child, \$20 per family

Sign up for ALL nights and receive 5% off

\$10 late fee for those who register after the Thursday deadline

Schedule:

Under the Sea Movie/Penguins & Polar Bears—Dec. 4

Test how brave you are by enduring the polar bear swim, followed by a hot chocolate social with friends and a movie!

Iron Chef—Dec. 18

Have fun creating delicious desserts/entrees in multiple teams.

Olympic Games—Jan. 8

Game Show Mania/Fear Factor—Jan. 22

WII Challenge—Feb. 12

Saturday Night Extravaganza—Feb. 26

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More Details

Check Your Mail

Must RSVP by the THURSDAY prior to the event.
To RSVP, email camp@savj.org

A MOVIE & BEER!

Adults 21 and Over—

Join us at the JEA for a movie & a beer!

December 9th—Atash (Thirst)—A family of five lives in the middle of nowhere, far from their village home. The father and son return to their native village; the mother & daughters have not left this place in 10 years. One day the father decides to provide running water by illegally diverting water onto their land. The women recoil from the idea but the son obeys; anything to be allowed to continue school. The water surging through the pipe parallels the surging resentment the family feels towards the father.

All movies shown at 7:00 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 and also made possible with generous funding from the Savannah Jewish Federation.



Community Chanukah Celebration

December 2nd Thursday
6:30-8:00 pm

- Special performance by Prodezra Beats
- Enjoy the Chanukah premiere showing of the new “Shalom Sesame” —A new chapter of Jewish-themed Sesame Street
- Festive candle lighting
- Bring your family Menorah!
- Story by PJ Library
- Candle & Menorah making and prizes for children
- Sufganiot & Pizza

The event is free for the entire family
Pizza is \$1.00 per slice



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Your ad can honor someone, be in memory of someone or simply place your ad for the community to recognize your business or practice as a JEA supporter!
PLACE YOUR AD BY NOVEMBER 30TH
CONTACT Kim Thebo today



Upcoming YJS Events

December 5—Sisterhood Event—1 pm.
“Cookies, Cocoa and Coffee” cookie exchange.
December 8—6 pm. Hanukkah wrap-up service project at the JEA.
December 12—1 pm. “Second Sunday”- This year’s first book club! Start reading Jonathan Rabb’s “Shadow and Light”.
December 16—6 pm. “Third Thursday Happy Hour.”

ISRAELI ART SHOW

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OPENING NIGHT PREVIEW WINE &
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NOVEMBER 27TH - 7 PM

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GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	5-6 am Master Swim		5-6 am Master Swim		5-6 am Master Swim
9:15-10 am Pilates	8:30-9:45 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:45 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:45 am Firm It Up
10:15-11:15 am Total Body Blast	10-11 am Aquasize	10-11 am SilverSplash		10-11 am Aquasize	10-11 am Aquasize
	10:30-11:45 am Gentle Yoga		10:30-11:45 am Gentle Yoga		
	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® MSROM	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® Cardio Circuit	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® MSROM	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® Cardio Circuit	
1-2 PM Billy's Boot Camp	Noon-2 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball
	3:45-5:45 pm Maxine Patterson Dance	4:30-5:30 pm Maxine Patterson Dance	4:30-5:30 pm Maxine Patterson Dance		
	5:30-7:30 pm Karate		5:30-7:30 pm Karate		
	6-7pm Step & Weight Aerobics	6-7 pm Yoga Power Hour	6-7 PM Billy's Boot Camp	6-7 pm Total Body Blast	
	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics		6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics	
		7-9 pm Savannah Fencing Club	7-8 pm Yoga Flow	7-9 pm Savannah Fencing Club	



Health & Wellness /
Youth Sports
Important Dates 2010 -11

November 2010

30th Basketball Registration ends

December 2010

5th Basketball Practice Begins
12th Soccer Awards banquet

January 2011

1st Baseball Registration Opens
9th Basketball League Begins

March 2011

1st Baseball Practice Begins
6th Basketball Playoffs
13th Basketball Award Banquet

April 2011

1st Swim Team Registration Open
30th Swim Team Registration Closes

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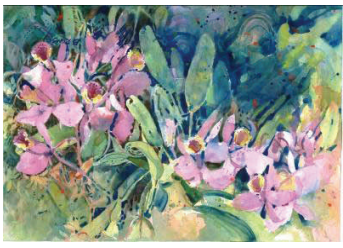
Art at the JEA



"Petit Jardin de Fleur"
- Carol Duggar



"Majestic Beauty (Flamingo)" -
Dottie Farrell



"What Would Tarzan
Say" - Bess Ramsey

December Artists—Carol Duggar, Dottie Farrell & Bess Ramsey
"Encore: Three Broads with a Brush"

Carol Duggar - Biography

Carol was born in Pembroke, GA, and resides at her ancestral place, Savage Creek Farms, a registered *Georgia Centennial Family Farm*. Her paintings originate from spending time in nature, photographing and appreciating wildlife in their natural habitats. Carol has studied and is accomplished in many different art mediums including watercolors, acrylics and oils. Most of her work is done in oils on canvas or linen.

Her favorite themes are the exquisite landscapes of the low country. She approaches each painting from an impressionistic standpoint, yet they develop into a realistic quality. She is most recognized for her light-filled coastal landscapes. She is intrigued by the pluff mud, the ever-changing colors of grasses, the wading birds and other waterfowl that frequent the marshes of the South Carolina and Georgia coastlines.

Carol describes herself as having a passion for wildlife, animals and nature and a conservation spirit. Although she has an art degree, she considers herself a self-taught artist. She has attended workshops with world-renowned artists including John Seerey-Lester, Douglas Flynt and Paul Luchessi. She is a member of many nature/conservation/wildlife organizations. Her work is held in both corporate and private collections throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Dottie Farrell - Biography

I have quite a few "former titles," including former kindergarten and first grade teacher, former private school music teacher, former private lesson piano instructor, former owner of my own monogram business, and former resident of Japan for three years. Now, my present title is full-time artist. From my days growing up in rural North Carolina, and all through my college days, art was my passion. Now, with a grown son and grandchildren, I am devoting my full attention to painting. Workshops with outstanding instructors have greatly developed my talents and I am privileged to have my work hanging in homes and offices throughout the U.S. and abroad. My style is realistic, with vivid colors, paying attention to details, often with a touch of whimsy.

Bess Ramsey - Biography

As a wearer of many "hats," my social calendar is full as a mother, grandmother, friend and full-time artist. After many years in Savannah owning my own successful design business, I craved a new adventure and enrolled at Savannah College of Art and Design. Now, I concentrate on my first love, painting. Studying locally and abroad, I continually work on improving my skills with vibrant color, drama and unique style. The old-world charm of Savannah is a common backdrop for much of my work.

Artwork available for viewing December 1-31, 2010

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Grounded from Flying but, Days Still Filled Up

By Jane G. Kahn

Bubba (Arthur) Horowitz doesn't pilot planes anymore (he has logged a lifetime of 1600 or 1700 hours). He doesn't fly gliders, either. But, he did until nine months ago, when because of age and vision, he lost his license. At 86, he shrugs; he doesn't let it bother him, as long as he keeps busy doing something.

"I don't know what I do all day long, but my days are all filled up," he smiles—luncheons with friends once or twice a week, partying on weekends at the same downtown bar and restaurant he has frequented for years, banking and financial projects on his computer, in the company of his Maltese dog, Piper, named for obvious connections.

Bubba works out at home every night—no trainer—doing mainly upper body exercises with weights. He



Bubba Horowitz 1943

admits to missing the tennis he played for years.

Bubba Horowitz, born and raised in Savannah, flew on bombing missions with the legendary Mighty Eighth Army Air Force toward the end of World War II. He and his older brother, Freddie, had enlisted in 1943. Classified as a radio operator gunner, after basic training in Miami he was turned down for flying, a dream of his since he was a small kid. Later, thanks to different examiners and a greater need, he passed the vision test and, after 75 hours flying, he was on his way.

At the age of 20, after college training courtesy of the Army Air Force, Bubba was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. Freddie was the first to salute the young officer, a tradition that netted him one dollar from his brother.

Bubba flew single and double engine planes—PT 17s, the more sophisticated night flying BT 13s. After crew training for B-24s, Bubba picked up a new plane in New York, flew to Goose Bay, Labrador, spent the night, refueled and flew to Iceland, blind flying on instruments in a terrible weather front. "I'll get killed before I get into the war," he thought to himself.

He piloted the B-24, carrying eleven 500-pound bombs on several missions into Germany and Czechoslovakia. "The first mission" he mused, "you're fat, dumb and happy." By the second mission, on the receiving end of flack from German artillery on the ground, "you were scared. You knew what was going on."

At the end of the war in Europe, in

May 1945, he expected to be reassigned to the Pacific Theater. Returning from England, with some 4,000-5,000 troops on board the ship, somehow, Lt. Horowitz got into the wrong mess hall, with former POWs on a special diet of mush. He heard a weakened voice, "Bubba. Bubba. Bubba, I'm hungry." Astounding both, it was Herman Cranman, his friend and schoolmate from Savannah. Bubba slipped Herman his own ticket for seating for the more substantial mess. (As a POW, Herman had been out of touch, but Bubba had heard in Savannah and told Herman that Helen had agreed to marry him!)

Meanwhile, Bubba, on leave for 30 days, married Jennie Javetz on June 10, 1945, with two months remaining until VJ day and the end of the War.

Back in Savannah, Bubba joined the family's Savannah Beauty Supply business. The Air National Guard talked him into several years flying P-47s.



Bubba Horowitz and his Steerman Byplane

Jennie has since died, but the couple had two sons, Michael, who is a PhD in chemistry and teaches in Savannah, and Paul, a Savannah podiatrist.

"Aging is thinking young and trying to do the things you did when you were younger. You may not be able to do all of them, but what you can do and what you can associate as being young will keep you younger," he is convinced.

"You've got to keep going, even if you have no place to go and nothing to do," Bubba Horowitz, a very young Savannah octogenarian, advises.

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By Hadassah -
Savannah Chapter

This year's *Hadassah Presents* will celebrate Savannah Chapter of Hadassah's rich history and look to the future. We will honor the chapter's past presidents and recognize its many multi-generational life members at a gala luncheon on March 22, 2011.

The goal of our fund-raising this year, said past chapter president Janis Javetz, is to support Hadassah's important work by dedicating a patient room in honor of our Savannah Chapter at the new Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower which is under construction at Hadassah's Ein Kerem Hospital in Jerusalem. This new tower is presently the largest construction project in Jerusalem, and will be the first to unite advanced medical technologies with a profound spirit of healing.

The 19-story structure being built with five floors below ground for security purposes and 14 floors above ground, will have 500 beds, 20 operating rooms, a 60 bed intensive care unit as well as an ultra-modern Heart Institute. The expanded Centers of Excellence will also include units for invasive angiography; the treatment of immune-mediated disorders; minimally invasive surgery; and computerized assisted surgery; as well as cell and gene therapy. Molecular Medicine will also be part of this state of the art hospital.

The Tower will house new expanded laboratories that will enable Hadassah to continue its trailblazing research to realize the promise of stem cell treatment to unlock the mysteries of many of the major diseases plaguing us today; such as heart disease, cancer, mul-



Julian, Jean and Michael Weitz visting the new Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower

tiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's. Advanced imaging in operating rooms, robotics with computer-guided surgery, cutting-edge monitoring, and telemedicine all will be possible because of this amazing facility.

"One could imagine looking out from the 14th floor at the magnificent view of Jerusalem and the surrounding hills. The international landscape of medicine will forever be changed with the construction of this in-patient Tower of Healing--truly a legacy we are building for Jerusalem, for Israel, and for the world," said the project's contractor.

For Hadassah, tomorrow is about a world of healthy people living in peace. It's a Middle East made more secure by breakthroughs in medicine. It's a Jerusalem that respects the past while embracing the best of the new.

For Hadassah Medical Organization, it's about putting a human face on the most advanced medical technologies.

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Please check your mailboxes in early January for your invitation to this wonderful event!

Florida, Debra (Martin) Berkowitz Darvick of Birmingham, Michigan, Amy (Steve) Berkowitz Trager of Louisville, Kentucky, and Lisa (Martin) Berkowitz Thaler of Chicago, Illinois; five great-grandchildren, Elliot and Emma Darvick, Kevin and Emily Trager and Henry Thaler; and several nieces and nephews.

Remembrances: The Julius Rudikoff Health and Athletic Fund at the JEA, Congregation Agudath Achim, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Hospice Savannah or a charity of the donor's choice.

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We express our sympathy to the family of:

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Who died on October 29, 2010

He is survived by his wife, Frances Perl Rudikoff; his daughter, Lynn (Richard) Rudikoff Berkowitz; his son, Stuart (Eva) Rudikoff of Bethesda, Maryland; seven grandchildren, Lisa (Matt) Flaherty of Westminster, Colorado, Craig Rudikoff of Washington, D.C., Daniel (Tamara) Berkowitz of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Abby (Brian) Berkowitz Nelson of Orlando,

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In 1995, John returned to Seattle and founded a technology company that invented and created software to track terrorism, fraud, and criminal ring activity. He sold the software venture to a database company which was acquired by ChoicePoint, Inc. The technology he created played a key role in assisting many government agencies with their investigations following the 9/11 tragedy.



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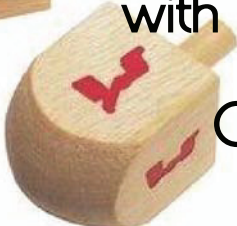
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Four Questions for the Rest of the Year

Dr. Paul Kulbersh,
President-Elect, Jewish Educational Alliance

1. I understand you are an avid bicyclist. Tell us a little about your passion for the sport and your accomplishments as a cyclist.

I am a recreational cyclist as opposed to a racer such as Lance Armstrong. I try to ride three to four times a week averaging from 25 to 50 miles per ride. Most of my riding occurs with groups of cyclists. For the last two years, I have ridden over 4000 miles per year including 8 Century rides which are rides covering no less than 100 miles per day. This year and last year, I participated in the Harvest of Hope ride which is a fund raiser for the Memorial Medical Hospital cancer center. This ride is from Augusta to Savannah and is completed in one day. The distance is 140 miles.

2. I am familiar with your zeal for "all things Israel". What inspires

and motivates this interest?

My Father was an avid World War II historian. As a result, I learned and read much about the war including extensive reading about the Nazi criminals who devised and implemented the final solution. In addition, I have studied the Jewish religion by attending the Fitzgerald, Georgia version of "Sunday School" and more recently, studying Jewish history with my good friend Rabbi Yosef Edelstein. I am keenly aware that persecution of the Jewish people has been consistent through out our long history. Israel is our biblical homeland, and I firmly believe that the presence of a strong and visible Israel will help to eliminate or at least minimize the attempts to destroy the Jewish people that have followed us for thousands of years.

3. You have previously been the president of the Federation and the JEA. What motivates you to serve as JEA President for a second time?

As most of our community knows, the JEA faces serious financial and leadership problems. Due to the demographics of the modern Jewish family and the financial restrictions that we all face, our community, like many Jewish communities throughout the United States, is facing a crisis of survival. And while these issues affect many communities, my concern is what is occurring in our community.

Unfortunately, after the term of our current JEA president, Scott Samuels, expires, there is no president elect or even an officer who is willing to take up the leadership of our Jewish Community Center. Fortunately, Federation is sponsoring an active Young Jewish Savannah group, and I hope and pray that within the year that I have agreed to serve as a "transitional" president, we will be able to identify leadership that will accept the responsibility of moving our community treasure known as the JEA into the future. Regardless of your

synagogue affiliation or non affiliation, the JEA remains a home for all of us. For many families, the JEA is the only source of Jewish learning and Jewish "family" in Savannah.

4. Can you draw any correlations between your bicycling and Jewish community leadership?

Safe and enjoyable cycling requires team work and attention to detail, hard work and many hours of training, all in attempt to achieve a worthwhile goal. The result of all of these factors usually results in an amazing sense of accomplishment combined with a feeling of camaraderie and support from all of those involved. Many times, the goals and challenges that lay before you appear unobtainable, but perseverance and the support of others can usually overcome most obstacles.

What I have just described really pertains to any worthwhile endeavor whether it be cycling, education, organizational work or whatever you choose. In the end, there are no short cuts. Find something that you believe in and work as hard as you can to achieve your goals.

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For more information on the third oldest Jewish congregation in America founded in 1733, which is right in your community, contact Mickve Israel at 912.233.1547 or visit www.mickveisrael.org.



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Thoughts from Rambam

I think talking about change is a great idea. However, you can't talk about change and not consider G-d's opinion. Sounds crazy? Well in reality it is not even close to being crazy. In fact, taking G-d's opinion into consideration creates great parameters for making changes.

It is without a doubt an absolute necessity to be conscious of the ever changing world around us. I think it is absolutely necessary to keep up with the 21st century. At Rambam we are very conscious of this necessity. Our computer lab is updated about every five years. Included in our computer lab is a color, laser printer for use by the children and staff. We also have internet access in the lab. We have purchased Mimio Boards which are interactive white boards which have brought an incredible enthusiasm to our classes for both teachers and students. Change and keeping up with the times is crucial.

Let's talk about the latest technology if we are going to talk about change. It's amazing what computers can do these days. I remember working in my father's office twenty years ago. Savannah Wholesale Company was one of the first big companies to go from paper cataloging to using a computer. The room for the computer was a nice size room, and the computer took up the *whole* room. Through computers we have access to anything we want. Recently my husband looked up a certain drug, and when he asked a doctor about what he read, the doctor was shocked to hear the information. He is a well read and excellent doctor! The internet opens the whole world to us.

Looking at it from a different angel; it also invites cyber criminals and predators into our homes. Just five years ago, Frank Katz spoke to our parent body about the dangers of the internet for our children. A main suggestion was to put the computer in the family room so parents could scrutinize what their children were doing. I suppose now we should tell our children no cell phones allowed in the bedroom!

Now cell phones are another great technological advancement. I remember my father insisting I have a mobile phone when they first came out. My father felt better knowing I could contact someone immediately if I was in any kind of trouble. It gave him peace of mind. Boy, were those things big and bulky! Without a doubt cell phones have saved lives and made our lives

easier. When we arrive at someone's house to pick them up, and they don't come out immediately when we beep the horn; we call them from our cell phone!

Texting modernized cell phones even more. You forgot to tell your husband one item for the grocery list and you are in the middle of a meeting – you text him! You're in a meeting and you're bored you text or play games. You're in a meeting and you have work to do – take out your cell phone. By the way, there is an increase of car accidents due to cell phone conversations while driving and texting while driving. But don't worry; many states have passed laws to protect us from our cell phones.

Personally, I don't like calling the pharmacy or a doctor's office. You never speak to a person! You spend all your time pushing numbers or talking to a machine. How often are we not paying attention to our children because we're playing with our phones? Paying attention, not being rude; these are not character traits of the 21st century.

What price are we willing to pay to keep up? For everything wonderful and modern there is a down side.

G-d commanded the Jewish people to leave their land fallow the seventh year. If this commandment is adhered to, G-d promises that the 6th year will flourish to provide for us in the seventh year. How is it possible for G-d to reward us for fulfilling a commandment prior to the commandment even being in place to be fulfilled? The sixth year, in modern math, comes before the seventh year.

G-d knows everything. It is just that simple. If we are seeking change, we really should refer to a source that is **all knowing**. The Torah was given to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai, and as applicable as it was then, so too is it now. The Torah was not outdated then and it is not outdated now. If we make sure **not to sacrifice the precepts of our heritage as we engulf the modern world, we will hopefully be protected from its dangers.**

G-d grant us the courage to **change the things we should change,**
the serenity to accept the things
we **shouldn't change**
and the **wisdom to know the difference.**



Ester Rabhan,
Principal of
Rambam Day School

Building Family Traditions

"Mommy, we *always* have ice cream after a pasta dinner" claimed Tomer, immediately echoed by his two siblings.

Whether I like it or not, my children have really grasped the idea of building family traditions. And, they're always looking for an opportunity to create new ones, preferably ones with a sugar component to it!

For us, it started with little things: a treasure hunt that always ends in the laundry machine tub before getting your birthday present; the jello mold cakes for the twins' birthday in Passover – because wherever we are, I can always handle that much 'baking' during Pesach; or a tooth fairy that doubles the reward for extra clean teeth.

Some traditions are inherited from past generations, like the religious ones, and those might come with a set of prescribed rules: such as the way your family has always celebrated Shabbat or Rosh Hashanah. Those traditions will create a cross-generational (vertical) connection and reinforce one's identity and feeling of belonging at the same time.

Last month, as our children were leaving us for the weekend, they were looking for the most appropriate time to receive their Shabbat blessing from us: should it be over the phone or before they leave for their trip? It is our Shabbat 'minhag', our Shabbat tradition, and they feel strongly entitled to that ritual.

Some traditions are born within our

own family. They create treasuries of warm memories that aren't necessarily made of grand plans. Indeed, the best ones are often made of silly and simple things, like our jello mold birthday cake. That collection of family rituals will set my family apart, making it special, unique.

As we celebrate Chanukah, we will sit together before bedtime and read once again a chapter of "Svevion Or" every night. And yes, my children are way too old to believe in a dreidel-shaped spaceship that takes off when you insert a latke in its computer. But that is our family tradition for those eight days and there is no way that they'll give it up.

There is something tender, sacred and very special about family traditions.

Values and beliefs are often reinforced through that process and either way, traditions create closeness and seal the ties that bind families together.

As for "*always* ice cream after the pasta dinner"... I'll pass. We'll have to settle for fruits this time.

Wishing you a Chanukah full of old and new family traditions.

Chag Sameach
Eva Locker



Eva Locker,
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On the Personal Side

MISCELLANY: Frank Katz, Commander of Savannah's JWV Post 320, has been appointed to the National Board of the National Museum of Jewish American Military History in Washington, D.C.



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Holiday Side Dishes from Gefilte Girl

C'hai'y'all!

Happy Chanukah to all of you. My husband Brett and I just recently made the big move from Bluffton to Savannah, and we sure do love it here- especially at this time of year. The smell of wood burning in the fireplace...the glow of Chanukah candles...the trays of sweets that friends and neighbors bring by, yes, it's a beautiful time to be here in the city. I was thinking specifically of those holiday sweets and rich foods that we enjoy during the holidays when I decided to offer two healthful options in this month's article. Here are two side dishes that I certainly hope you will enjoy!

Roasted Sweet Potatoes

(taken from my longtime friend Sarah Legg Meacham who served me these tasty morsels at her Heritage Golf tournament dinner)

Serves 4-6

4 sweet potatoes
Fresh sprig of Rosemary
Kosher salt
Olive oil

Preheat oven to 350*. Peel and dice sweet potatoes. Finely chop the rosemary. In a bowl, toss together potatoes, rosemary and drizzled olive oil until just coated. Place on a cookie sheet and sprinkle the kosher salt. Bake until fork tender, about 30-40 minutes.

Garlicky Green Beans and Tomato

(I've been making this dish ever since my absolute favorite sister-in-law Jami made this for us a few years ago!)

Fresh green beans, washed and ends picked off
Minced fresh garlic
Grape tomatoes, halved
¼ cup White wine
Olive oil
Salt and pepper



Gefilte Girl
Elizabeth Hale

Drizzle olive oil in a large sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add tomatoes and garlic, sauté until tomatoes start to soften. Add green beans, salt and pepper and wine, cover and reduce heat. Cook till desired green bean tenderness.

Elizabeth Hale Ratner is a proud new Savannah resident and member of Congregation Mickve Israel. Visit her website at savannahcatering.com.

Chanukah Celebration.....cont. from pg 1

a special premiere of "Shalom Sesame," a special chapter for Chanukah, and we've got a special treat for you! Come check it out and see the premiere episode, too! We will also have Arts & Crafts Stations where you can make menorahs and candles to take home and use for the remainder of Chanukah. Savannah's PJ Library will host a story reading, too! There will be Chanukah Gelt and prizes for the children, and of course traditional Sufganiot (jelly-filled donuts) and delicious slices of pizza for sale.

But most importantly of all, we'll have the entire community, y'all, bring-

ing the light together, rejoicing, and celebrating this wonderful miracle of a holiday!

For more information or to ask how you could be involved with this program next year call Gershon Peru, Savannah's Israeli Shaliach, 355-8111 or email him, Gershon@savj.org. Also, to learn how you can get involved with the Savannah Jewish Federation call, Benjamin Bloom, Community Programming, 355-8111 or email him, programming@savj.org. The Community Chanukah Celebration is an annual program made possible by the Savannah Jewish Federation. Your Campaign Dollars at Work!

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Archives Volunteers Valuable Work Noted by International Scholar

By Jane Kahn

"The people (in Savannah) should know of the amazing job your volunteers are doing," a doctoral candidate from Martin Luther University-Halle-Wittenberg in Germany told Savannah Jewish Archives members recently.

Anton Hieke, MA, who is not Jewish, spent three weeks in Savannah in 2008 researching first generation German Jewish immigrants in the South during the period of Reconstruction—"where German Jews were established at the time." He recently spoke on "The Jewish South in German Newspapers, 1860-1880" at a meeting of the Southern Jewish Historical Society in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Between sessions, Anton quietly thanked Kaye Kole, who heads up the Savannah Jewish Archives, and Don Kole and Jane Kahn. "Your membership needs to understand the very important and very much needed work they are doing for Savannah Jewish history," Anton said.

Anton is a graduate assistant at the Martin Luther



(L-R) Kaye Kole, Anton Heike, Jane Kahn

University Halle-Wittenberg Center for United State Studies (ZUZAS) and hopes to return to Savannah for additional research. His research is centering on Jews in Georgia and the Carolinas during the period immediately following the Civil War.



Archives 15th Anniversary Celebration a Great Success!

Thanks to the hard work of the event committee and volunteers, our wonderful speakers and singers, and over 300 attendees - our 15th anniversary celebration at the JEA was a great success! Event photographs are available at our website: <http://savannahjewisharchives.org/>. If you would like to purchase a DVD of the event, please call 236-5461. The DVDs cost \$10 each and must be ordered by December 10th.

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Festival Angel **\$1,000**
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Directors Circle **\$360**
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Actors Circle **\$180**
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Venue & Tickets

All films will be shown at the
Jewish Educational Alliance
5111 Abercorn Street, Savannah

Ticket Prices

General Admission	\$ 9
Seniors, Students & JEA Members	\$ 7
Full Festival Pass JEA Members	\$50
Non Members	\$65

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