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Allocations Approved for Fiscal Year 09-10

The Savannah Jewish Federation, acting at its May 13, 2009 Board of Governors meeting, approved the allocation of grants totaling \$699,543 to various local, national and international agencies. Sharon Galin, who chaired the 2009 annual campaign and the allocations process for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, commented: "Despite the difficulties of raising funds in these challenging economic times, it was gratifying to work with so many committed members of our community who came together and found a way to still do so much good not only for our Jewish community but also for Jews in need in Israel and around the world."

Of particular note about the process this year, the Federation Board and the Allocations Committee, who met several times in April to prepare recommendations for the Board, responded strongly to a request from United Jewish Communities (UJC) to

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Sharon Galin



"hold the line" on overseas allocations. UJC, reacting to a number of changing conditions, including the weakening of the U.S. dollar and its purchasing ability overseas, as well as the growing trend of American Jewish communities to retain more and more of

their campaign dollars in their local communities, put out an urgent request to Federations to not reduce their "core" allocations to UJC and its primary overseas partners, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), by a percentage greater than what ever percentage their campaigns might be down.

After hearing a stirring presentation by National Young Leadership Cabinet member Seth Cohen of Atlanta on the importance of overseas allocations, the Allocations Committee recommended and the Board approved total overseas spending this year of \$233,759, 33.42% of allocable dollars (vs. 35.16% last year). The overseas grants included distributions via UJC to JAFI and JDC, a grant for birthright Israel and annual funding for the Shalich program. "Whether it is more

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Final Thoughts & Thanks from the 2009 Campaign Chair

I am privileged for having had the opportunity to serve Savannah's Jewish community as chair of the 2009-2010 Federation campaign. In a year that began with an economic downturn, many wonderful people in this community pulled together to help raise money for local agencies, for overseas and for Israel. A campaign of this

magnitude can only be accomplished with the help of many dedicated people. I thank Carole Cohen, Women's Division Chair; Jerry Konter, Men's Division Chair; and their co-chairs, Peggy Yellin, Sally Krissman, David Byck and Amos Timna for putting together a group of dedicated Division Chairs who in turn selected workers that would make "the ask" to raise the money. Everyone was called upon to solicit the community at large.

Thank you to the following Division Chairs who made the process come together:

AM Goldkrand, Harriet Kulbersh, Nancy Rosenthal, Lynn Berkowitz, Vivian Slotin, Peggy Harris, Laurie Rubnitz, Sandy Goodman, Barbara Kooden, Lowell Kronowitz, Fred Rabhan, Jerald Cohen, Sherry Dolgoff and Herb Sanders.

Without the strong assistance of Lynn Levine, Director of the Savannah Jewish Federation, none of this would have been possible. Almost everyday

phone calls from me asking for help in one way or another never appeared to phase her. She was always there for me and for that I am forever grateful. Adam Solender and Ben Kwe-skin assisted when they were called upon. Joel Greenberg, Federation president, Linda Zoller, president elect, and Merry Bodziner, immediate past president, were always there with their support, advice and solicitations. Thank you all so very much!

Thank you to Joan Bloom and Stacey Schlafstein who chaired the Women's Event, and Joanne Kooden and Cathy Nagelberg who chaired the Main Event. There are so many others who made solicitation calls and helped wherever possible. The list is too long to mention at this time but please



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Beautiful Inspirations

By Maia Koiller

During our Yom Ha'Atzma'ut- Israel Independence Day celebration, I found my self with my head held high and I couldn't stop smiling. This celebration was on par with celebrations I would have gone to in Israel; it was even a stronger feeling, knowing that this event is a fruit of our love and work as a community. And I say we, because all of you truly made me feel like I am a part of it.

People sent different pictures sharing their memories from Israel through different years: some of them are from places it's just not that simple to visit anymore, or I never go. Some sent old pictures, pictures I don't see in my family albums, because my parents were still in South America while these pictures where taken. Some sent pictures taken on past birthright trips. There where a few pictures that were historical, taken with figures that have been leaders in Israel. And when I looked at all the pictures together, I thought to my self: *How beautiful*. How beautiful it is

to see that people have so many memories, and that Israel symbolizes so many different things for so many people. How beautiful that this connection is something deep that we pass to our children. How good it feels to be a Shlichah in Savannah. Between the food, activities and the ceremony, it was so good to see so many families, how the schools participated and how so many different people in the community are helping, the young and the young in spirit and appearance (for some reason there are no old people in the community, everyone is so good looking and have such great spirits!).

I want to thank all who came to the event and also all who helped and put so much effort and time into the event, making it successful. This event made me think more about



Maia Koiller

what it means to live in a country that is only 61 years old. I know now a lot of people that were born before the declaration of Independence in Israel. They remember how it felt before there was an Israel, something I can't even imagine. I am a lot of who I am because of Israel. I think that we as a country are at a crossroads, still building our country, still defending the things we need to work on, fight for and improve within our selves.

This year there are a lot of celebrations marking 100 years of Tel Aviv, "The city that never stops." A lot has change since Herzl (known as the "father of Zionism") stood on a porch and envisioned Israel and wrote his book *Altneuland* (A new old country) which was an inspiration for Tel Aviv's name today (New Spring). A lot is different since children picked random seashells on the beach in Tel Aviv, marking which family will live in which *Achooza*- land when Tel Aviv was first founded. David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister, declared Israel's independence 61 years ago in Tel Aviv. Today this is a modern, developed city, an economic and cul-

tural center in Israel.

On a completely different note, I read in the paper that Israeli rowing champion Yasmin Feingold, 20, was seriously injured when her boat overturned in Tel Aviv's Yarkon River. The river is polluted, and can cause a lot of severe infections and deadly diseases as we learn from the infamous "Macabia disaster" when a bridge collapsed over the Yarkon River, and athletes fell into the water in 1997. People were afraid to jump into the water and help Yasmin, knowing how dangerous the polluted water is. A man named Avi Toibin, 62, finally jumped into the river and saved her life. She was unconscious when she got to the hospital, but she is awake now, even talking. President Shimon Peres wants to honor Avi, by giving him a reward as an honored citizen.

One can never know when one will need to demonstrate courage. Sometimes we don't realize how wonderful and significant the things that we do are. Sometimes we forget how wonderful it is to live also for other people, and be a community. You all are my inspiration.

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than 300 people coming together to celebrate Israel's sixty-first birthday, or this allocation, the evidence of Savannah's commitment to Israel and our fellow Jews everywhere is strong and we should take pride in what we have accomplished," added Galin.

Given that this year's campaign achievement is down from the previous year, the grants to all major recipients also are smaller this year. Acknowledging that this has the potential to cause some economic hardship for certain local agencies, the Allocation Committee recommended and the Board approved, that if necessary, the Federation would make available to the JEA, Rambam Day School and Shalom School, zero or low-interest loans. The loans would be available to each agency in amounts up to the difference between the value of their allocation grant this year and the amount that each had requested.

In the category of Education, the Federation approved grants totaling \$183,353 (26.21% of allocable dollars, vs. 24.59% last year). Rambam Day School received a grant \$156,600 and

would be eligible for a loan of up to \$23,400. Shalom School received a grant of \$20,253 and would be eligible for a loan of up to \$3,027. An additional \$2,000 was allocated to be used for grants for local teens to participate in qualified Jewish experiential summer programs. Also, \$2,000 was allocated to local BBYO, \$1,000 to Hillel at the University of Georgia, \$1,000 to Hillel at SCAD and \$500 to Hillel at Georgia Southern University.

The Jewish Educational Alliance this year will be receiving a grant of \$278,466 (39.81% of allocable dollars, vs. 39.06% last year). The JEA would be eligible for a loan of up to \$26,534.

National agencies this year received grants totaling \$3,930 or 0.56% of allocable dollars (vs. 0.59% last year). The national organizations and their allocations are: Jewish Community Centers of North America (JCCA), \$2000; Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), \$750; Hadassah, \$500; Anti-Defamation League (ADL), \$250; Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA), \$250; Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA), \$180.

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know that you were appreciated.

One of my goals for this year was to have programs at the JEA in which all of our families, children and adults, could comfortably participate. This was accomplished with two very successful community events, the Purim Carnival and the Israel Independence Day celebration. This happened because Maia Koiller worked successfully together with representatives from all three synagogues. These were great events due in large part to her creativity and persistence with new ideas. She put together a wonderful working committee who helped make it all possible. Thank you to Maia and her committee.

Thank you to the entire Jewish community who, in tough times, opened your hearts and wallets to raise over one million dollars. We hope the economy will improve by the time the fall campaign rolls around. Just remember, if we do not dig deep and help our own Jewish people here and abroad, there is no one else out there to

do it for us. Please let us all stay committed!!

Sharon Galin
Campaign Chair, 2009-2010

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Campaign Reflections

Leadership is about making difficult decisions. After a tough several months raising funds against the backdrop of the worst economic slump since the Great Depression, the process of allocating funds has drawn to its conclusion. Sharon Galin and her campaign management team did an exceptional job and, while the campaign total is down, it did better than my portfolio last year. Federation Leadership amended its budget to reduce expenses and, after deliberations by three separate committees, the Board of Governors arrived at a formula to provide as much support as possible to each of our recipient organizations.

In the end, we honored UJC's request to reduce our contribution to the UJC/JAFI core by no more than the overall percentage drop in our campaign achievement. We maintained our commitments to local Hillels and BBYO and gave as much support as possible to the JEA and our schools. In addition, we approved limited zero interest loans to help lessen the impact of reduced funding to the JEA and schools.

I have spent many hours looking over the budgets of our community agencies over the years. More than ever it is clear that there is no fluff or waste in any of them. In fact, our Jewish organizations provide an incredible variety of programs and services to the community, especially considering the expenditures. Fiscal responsibility is not the issue.

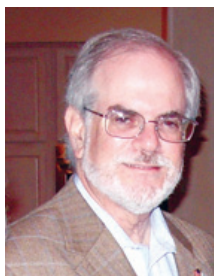
Income is the issue. Nowhere is this more evident than with the JEA. Program charges and special fundraisers can't make up for a shortage of memberships. If just half of the Jews in Savannah joined the JEA, the organization would be self-sufficient in terms of its fixed and programming expenses. Without more memberships, an even greater percentage of community funds will need to be earmarked to sustain the fixed costs of running our com-

munity center.

Income is the problem for our day school as well. Much of Rambam's shortfall could be offset through its food coupon program at Publix, Food Lion and Kroger. Most of us buy food, yet most of us do not avail ourselves of this program which, at no cost to an individual, would help reduce the school's dependence on community funds.

To those of you who contributed to the SJF campaign this year: thank you! Your generosity makes everything we do possible. If you did not or could not participate this year, I hope you can see your way clear to join next year's campaign. If you do not currently belong to the JEA, please consider joining this year and help keep our Jewish community center vital and vibrant. If you buy food, consider obtaining coupons to help support the day school. If you have children or grand children at either Jewish school, or in BBYO, or attending a college where there is a Hillel, step up with a gift of support.

Leadership is about making difficult decisions. I am proud of the job our Board of Governors has done making those decisions this year. Federation remains committed to doing whatever is necessary to maintain the health of our Jewish community. I invite each of you to join in this commitment and continue to do all you can to support and sustain all of our community organizations. Buy that raffle ticket, even if you know you never win. Buy the ticket to the big dinner, even if you have another engagement. Encourage friends who haven't joined the JEA to make the plunge. Lead by example.



Dr. Joel Greenberg
President,
Savannah Jewish
Federation

Federation 101

In a chance meeting I had this past week, a relative newcomer to the community said to me, "You know, when they called me for the Campaign, I made a gift. What did I give to?" In that honest, innocent question I realized that sometimes we take it for granted that people know what they are giving to and where their money is going. It was fortuitous timing that he asked me the question as the community has just finished its Budget and Allocations (B&A) process.

If you've ever been a part of B&A, you know how much work goes into the preparation – line by line consideration of each organization's expenditures, planning of each event for the upcoming year, anticipated revenues and expenses, etc. Its part fact and part educated estimation. Then a diverse group of community leaders considers each organization's needs, evaluates priorities, and weighs the relative merit of all. What percentage of the money should stay here in Savannah? What should go overseas? How much to the JEA, Rambam, Shalom School? And what about the other organizations that make a difference in our lives – Jewish Education Society of North America, Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Anti Defamation League and others? How does the group make (what seems to be) a Solomonesque decision on how to divide the money amongst them?

But back to the question, "What did I give to?" Many years ago when I was first getting involved in the Federation system as a lay person, I asked a friend, Joel Weiss (who was then the Executive Director of the Springfield, MA, Federation), what his definition of the Federation was. I haven't forgotten his answer:

Federation is in the business of raising Jews. It provides the financial resource development that supports the programs, activities, and services that allow people to live comfortably as Jews. Its goal is to have a committed, articulate, and excited Jewish community that other people want to be a part of.

I often think back to Joel's words to help me format my goals at the Federation here in Savannah. Our campaign does provide the funding for many programs that might not have ever happened except for your generosity and commitment. With the excitement and vision of strong board members and campaign workers, the financial resources of the community at large, and some hard work, we do make a difference in people's lives every day here in Savannah.

All the while we support Jews in need throughout the world with our financial support of The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). JAFI is our partner in Israel assisting in aliyah, rescue, and absorption, uniting a global Jewish people with Israel, and partnering with communities throughout the world. The JDC works everyday in places such as the former Soviet Union, Hungary, Ethiopia, and over 100 other countries. Imagine, for the first time in our history, we have the ability and financial capacity to rescue any Jew in peril throughout the world. Never before have we been able to do this. It is your financial commitment that makes this all possible.

So, after I said all that to the new donor (twenty minutes of "lecturing" later), he said to me, "I guess I could have given a little more, huh?" I thanked him for his generosity and said that if he really wanted to make a difference he could increase his gift next year and told him "Your gift can go even further if you give the gift of yourself. Your participation in programs, your ideas and dreams are what this Federation is all about. You have an open invitation ... come and make a difference for the Jewish community of Savannah, Israel, and the world."



Adam Solender

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What's up with Young Jewish Savannah?

On Wednesday, May 13, more than 40 Young Savannahians attended a Lag B'Omer BBQ at the JEA. Even the postponement due to the torrential downpour and subsequent power outage at the JEA that past Monday couldn't keep them away! The young adults devoured many grilled hotdogs and hamburgers and learned about the holiday from Rabbi Adam Singer, who gave an informative overview of why we observe Lag B'Omer. Everyone had a great time, new friendships were made and networking possibilities were also created.

Surf's up! On May 31st, YJS will be hosting a "Sunday Funday" at Tybee

Island. Ross Kaminsky's beach house on 10th Place is the gathering place but we'll be hanging out on the beach. Bring your own food for snacking; we'll provide beverages and beach games. The fun begins at 12:30pm and the whole family's invited. What a great way to start your summer! Call Allison (706-338-2886) or Lauri (941-586-8146) for more information.

Hey batter, batter ... swing! On June 25th, YJS invites you to come out and cheer for the home team Savannah Sand Gnat's while enjoying "Thirsty Thursday drink specials." The game starts at 7 pm. More details will be coming soon.

On the Personal Side

MISCELLANY: Dr. Harold Solomon, son of Lena Solomon, was recently honored by the College of Public Health at the University of Georgia for his commitment to the school. Harold, now practicing in Boston, recently established a "Maymester" course at the college to be taught each year by a public health expert from Israel. The first class was to be offered this May on emergency preparedness and taught by someone from the School of Public Health at the University of Haifa. Harold described himself to the College of Public Health Magazine as simply "a product of Georgia public schools" — he attended grade school and high school in Savannah, the University of



Dr. Harold Solomon

Georgia and the Medical College of Georgia — who wanted to give back to his home state a gift that would reflect his connection to UGA's Jewish community...

SPORTS: Mark Silvers III, a senior at the University of South Carolina, was recently named the school's Scholar Athlete of the Year, as well as the Southeastern Conference Men's Golf Scholar Athlete of the Year. Silvers was also named to the Second Team All SEC for Golf... Faye Kirshner won her age group and Christine Addy placed 2nd in her age group in the 32nd Annual Vidalia Onion Run (10K/6.2 miles). Faye also won her age group in the 10th Annual Sand Gnats Home Run Trot (5K/3.1 miles).



Mark Silvers III

Thanks to all my friends in the Jewish community, I was the top Bail Raiser and am sending 4 kids with Muscular Dystrophy to camp this summer. I couldn't have done without you!

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Savannah Hadassah Hosts Spring Conference

By Laura Kellogg

The first weekend in May, the Southeast Region of Hadassah held their Spring Conference here in Savannah, with Hadassah members from all around the region attending. The conference was held at the Hilton Garden Inn on Abercorn Street. It was a wonderful and informative conference, with several local speakers.

The theme of the conference was *Changing Times*, specifically dealing with our changing society and the things we must do to protect our health, and the new opportunities we have to take control of our own health.

Carol Greenberg, our own Savannah Hadassah member and past president, gave two exceptional and heartfelt lectures on ovarian cancer and genetic disposition. She emphasized the importance of listening to your body, knowing your body, and the need to keep fighting to be heard by the medical community.

A local OB/GYN, Dr. Dina Linfoot, spoke on "Preventing Cervical Cancer" and what symptoms to look for, as well as some of the possible causes of it. She stressed the importance of regular check-ups and self-care, as well as the importance of preventative measures.



Savannah chapter member Lynne S. Levine gives the delegates an update on what is happening with Hadassah's Young Judea program

C. Shai Hufford-King, a prenatal and preconception genetic counselor, explained how genetic factors come into play, and the need for people with family histories of cancer to get genetic testing. She explained how the testing works, as well as which factors determine risk.

On the lighter side, A.J. Cohen entertained the Hadassah Members with a detailed history of his ancestry and how he ended up here in beautiful Savannah. He was a big hit!

And, as a tribute to the Savannah Chapter's success with Hadassah Presents this past January, the movie *Golda's Balcony* was shown.

The regional conference was quite a success, with other members of the region visiting Savannah for the first time. It was truly enlightening, yet fun for all the attendees.

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Mazel Tov to the 2009 High School and College Graduates

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Gena Cohen
Chatham Academy

The daughter of Lisa and Dr. Scott Cohen, Gena was active on the Student Council, an Honor Roll, and Principal's List student in High School. She plans on attending college and majoring in fashion design. She attended Rambam Day School through her Bat Mitzvah year.



Hannah Cohen
Savannah Arts Academy

The daughter of Debbie Cohen and Jordan Cohen, Hannah is graduating with a piano major at Savannah Arts Academy. She was Tri-M in their Music Honor Society and a member of the volleyball team for three years and Captain her senior year. She also was active in Young Judaea. She will be attending Georgia Southern University this coming fall, majoring in Political Science. She attended Rambam Day School from Kindergarten through eighth grade.



John Gale
Savannah Arts Academy

The son of Jeri Rosenzweig Gale and Lamar Gale, John was a member of the Thespian Society, Odyssey of the Mind, Junior Statesman of America, and the Science Club. John was an Honor Thespian and his Odyssey of the Mind team won regional and state competitions all four years and placed in the international competition for three years. He was a teacher's aide at Shalom School and plans to attend Georgia State University where he will major in film. He attended Shalom School from pre-school through tenth grade.



Yehudis Devorah Gordon
Hanna Sacks Bais Yaakov High School of Chicago

The daughter of Shelly and Rabbi Jeff Gordon, YD was involved in school

productions throughout High School as well as a member of the math club. She was Student Council Vice President, Editor-in-Chief of the Yearbook, on National Honor Society, received a service award and the Chessed Award in tenth and eleventh grades. YD plans on attending Seminar Yerushalayim in Israel next year, and then attending university. She'd like to major in an area of the medical field where she'd also like to pursue a career. She attended Rambam Day School from the age of two through eighth grade.



Jonathan Hirsch
Savannah Country Day School

The son of Judy and Greg Hirsch, Jonathan was Varsity in Cross Country, participated in the Quiz Bowl, was a Student Council representative, and was organizational head of SCDS student guides. He was on the National Honor Society, Cum Laude Society, won the Brown University Book Award, Cross Country Headmaster's Award, and was a State Science Fair participant and award winner. Jonathan held the position of Secretary of David Finn BBYO, served as an intern for WABV (97.3 KISS-FM) for two years, and participated in the BBJ Synagogue High School Sunday Enrichment Class. He plans on attending the University of Georgia Honors Program as a Charter Scholar. He attended Rambam Day School from the age of two through eighth grade.



Emily Kahn
St. Andrew's School

The daughter of Diane and David Kahn, Emily played Varsity volleyball, Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball, and softball. She was the President of B'nai B'rith Girls (BBYO) for two years. Emily was on the Honor Roll throughout High School, was voted MVP and made First Region All Star Team and "Tip Off Tournament" Team her Senior year in basketball. She was Rookie of the Year for basketball her Sophomore year, and Most Improved player in volleyball her Sophomore year. She was also Best New member Freshman (Sima Radetsky Award) for BBYO. Emily was on the Chatham County Youth Commission, a member of BBYO, attended several National Leadership and Community Service programs, and participated in March of

the Living. Emily will attend the University of Texas at Austin where she plans on majoring in Communication with a Minor in Business. She would like to be involved in Advertising, or a related field. Emily attended Rambam Day School from second grade through eighth grade.



Ross Kooden
Benedictine

The son of Joanne and Michael Kooden, Ross played Varsity tennis all four years in High School and earned a Varsity letter each year, earned National Honor Society recognition, and was on the prom committee. Ross was Vice President of the National Honor Society, President of David Finn AZA (BBYO), held two positions on the Dixie Council Board, was named MVP of the 2009 BC Tennis team as well as the team captain, and was one of only five students at BC to receive the principal's Leadership Medal for 2009. He was greatly involved in BBYO, volunteered for numerous JEA programs including as youth basketball coach, Kid's Day, and was a referee for flag football. Ross will be attending the University of Georgia. Ross attended Rambam Day School from the age of two through eighth grade.



Rebecca Kramer
Hanna Sacks Beis Yaakov High School of Chicago

The daughter of Cheri and Andy Kramer, Rebecca was Dance Head in a school play and started a math club. She participated in school-wide Shabbatons. She was also a member of the National Honor Society and received Chessed and Community Service awards. She attended Rambam Day School from the age of two through eighth grade. She plans on attending seminary in Israel this upcoming year and then continuing to college. Rebecca plans on becoming a doctor.



Brett Levine
Savannah Arts Academy

The son of Lynne and Mark Levine, Brett participated in Young Judaea, SAA Theatre Depart-

ment, SAA Tennis Team, SAA Thespian Troupe, Junior States of America, and SAA Choir Department. He held leadership positions as Tsofie programmer for Young Judaea, SAA Thespian Troupe Treasurer, and Junior States of America Publicity Coordinator. Brett plans on attending Armstrong Atlantic University for a year and then will apply to a multitude of colleges. He intends on majoring in Theatre. After college he aspires to be a professional actor and/or to teach theatre. Brett attended Rambam Day School from the age of two through eighth grade.



Grace Parker
Savannah Arts Academy

The daughter of Terri and Barry Parker, Grace made the National Honor Society, was a member of the Beta Club, Spanish Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and a member of "Make a Difference" Club. Grace was part of the Governor's Honor program (2007), Assistant Concert Mistress (10th-12 grade), and SAA orchestra Vice President. She also was a member of the Armstrong Atlantic Youth Orchestra. Grace plans on attending Emory University where she will study music and literature. Grace attended Shalom School from fourth grade through tenth grade.



Barney Sadler
Savannah Country Day School

The son of Jodi and Kenneth Sadler, Barney was a member of the SCDS tennis team for three years, member of the National Honor Society, and employed at the JEA where he worked at an after school program and the Control Desk. He was inducted into the Cum Laude Society and was President of David Finn AZA (BBYO). He plans on attending UGA in the fall. Barney attended Rambam Day School from second grade through eighth grade.



Hannah Silverman
Chatham Academy

The daughter of Andrea and David Silverman, Hannah was on her Student Council, Yearbook

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NEW FITNESS CLASSES FOR THE SUMMER

EVENING SPIN

Instructor: Stephanie Yost

Come and cycle away the stresses of the day with a heart pumping ride. Follow along and peddle hills, peddle for speed, and work up a sweat that will leave your legs a-burnin'. Limited bikes available so it's first come, first served.

Mon. – 6:00 pm

Classes held in dance studio



STEP & WEIGHT AEROBICS

Instructor: Carol Gore

Increase your heart rate from the get-go with this step aerobics class! Pump it up with free weights for improved muscle tone and then work abs with isometric floor exercises and abs. All levels welcome; come ready to sweat!

Tues. – 6:30 pm

Classes held in dance studio



YOGA POWER HOUR

Instructor: Dawn Tanis

This yoga class emphasizes strength, flexibility and fluid movements synchronizing body and breath. Some yoga experience preferred, but classes are tailored to individual needs. Bring a yoga mat and towel and be prepared to sweat!

Mon. – 7:00 pm

Classes held in senior lounge



TAI CHI

Instructor: Elaine Fox

Enjoy this ancient form of fitness that improves balance, concentration and well-being.

Tai Chi is a slow, continuous series of flowing movements that is easy on the joints and helps with stress management. It's a relaxing, gentle form of exercise that works the entire body, can be done standing or seated, and is truly good for everybody!

Wed. – 12:00 pm

Classes held in dance studio



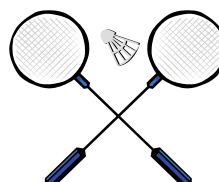
BADMINTON CLUB

Come and keep that birdie in the air with badminton fun...playing either singles or doubles.

Racquets and birdies available to check out at the fitness desk or bring your own!

Tues. – 6:30 pm

Large gymnasium



TOTAL BODY BLAST

Instructor: Christina Marmo

Get your heart a-pumpin' with this aerobic workout that uses a mixture of dance, steps, weights and beyond! Wear comfortable sneakers and be prepared to work it out!

Sun. – 10:00 am; Thurs. – 7:00 pm

Classes held in dance studio



Art at the JEA

June Artist—Robert Segall



Bobby Segall is a native Savannahian. He has been involved in various aspects of art all of his life, but has devoted all of his efforts in the past several years to oil painting. He is largely self-taught, but has studied with local artist, Zola Delburn, as well as with his niece, Lotte' Segall, an honor graduate of SCAD and accomplished artist now studying and residing in Florence, Italy.

His subject matter varies widely, from Savannah land and seascapes to portraits, still life, and famous jazz musicians. He has also been commissioned for architectural renderings. His love of Savannah and its surrounding waterways is evident in many of his works, as are the images he's created of the jazz music and musicians to whom he owes so much of his inspiration.

Bobby says, "For me, art is that joyous marriage of one's visualization and one's imagination, and for the artist, there can be no greater union."

Artwork available for viewing June 1-30, 2009

Artist Reception June 4th—7-9 pm



Pre-Camp 2009

Kids 3 years—6th grade



Camp Dates:

**June 4th & 5th,
June 8th-12th**

Hey kids, out of school and bored already? Can't wait for Summer Camp to begin? Sign up for the JEA's Pre-Camp 2009!

Pre-Camp will feature loads of activities: art, sports, free swim, cultural enrichment and also a daily-themed activity

Camp Hours are from 9 am-5 pm.

Cost: \$25/day for Members

\$35/day for Non-Members

Also available:

8-9 am Rise N Shine

5-6 pm Stay N Play

Cost of Stay N Play and Rise N Shine are both \$2/hour

BONUS: Sign up for the entire week of the 8th-12th and receive a 10% discount on the daily fee!

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K'TONI Ages 3 & 4 (must be potty trained). Our K'toni campers will enjoy special programming just for this special age. Campers will have water play, age-appropriate water instruction, art projects, Shabbat celebrations and more each week.

YELADIM For those going into Kindergarten. Too old for K'toni but too young for Chaverim, this division is for campers in kindergarten. Programming includes: age-appropriate swim instruction, Shabbat celebrations, sports, cultural enrichment, theme-related activities, cooking, art, singing, free swim and more. Campers will have a fun-filled summer that they won't want to miss.

CHAVERIM: Chaverim 1 (1st & 2nd grades) / Chaverim 2 (3rd & 4th) / Chaverim 3 (5th & 6th). Ready for some fun??? Campers will have a fabulous summer with field trips, music, art, sports, cultural enrichment, free swim, swimming instruction, overnights and so much more. Each week, Chaverim campers will participate in fabulous skill builders just for them.

Week # 1
June 15-19
Follows Camp Invention schedule

Week # 2—June 22-26
Tennis/Pottery
Field Trip: 5 Star Family Fun - Chaverim only (Wed.)

Week # 3—June 29-July 3
A.A.S.U. Basketball OR Cooking
JEA camp in the morning, break at 1 for specialty camp

Week # 4—July 6-10
Water Week
Field Trip: Tybee Island - Chaverim only (Wed.)

Week # 5—July 13-17
Coach Wayne Gymnastics/Soccer
Sleepover on Thurs. Night Chaverim only

Week # 6—July 20-24
Eco-Friendly Week
Field Trip: Skidaway Island/Marine Center - Chaverim camp (Wed.)

Week # 7—July 27-31
Maxine Patterson Dance/Floor Hockey
Sleepover on Thurs. Night Chaverim only

Week # 8—Aug. 3-7
Maccabiah Games (Color War)

All themes are designed for campers of all ages and abilities.

K'toni & Yeladim camp hours: 9 am-3:30 pm/Chaverim camp hours: 9 am-5 pm. To best fit the schedules of working parents we also have a rise-n-shine program (8-9 am) and a stay-n-play program (end of camp-6 pm).

Daily Activities:

ART - Encouraging children to enhance their creative mind in an environment rich with resources and full of encouragement and support.

SPORTS - Helping children develop their motor skills while learning fundamentals and advanced techniques in a teamwork building atmosphere.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT - Giving children an opportunity to learn about other cultures and religions and what makes each special.

FREE SWIM - Encouraging kids to be kids.

SWIMMING LESSONS - Promoting water safety and teaching a lifelong skill.

WEEKLY THEME - A way for children to experience various activities and discover their own hidden talents.

SUMMER 2009						
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	
	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	10:30-11:30 am Gentle Yoga	10:00-11:00 am Aquasize	10:00-11:00 am Aquasize	
	10:30-11:30 am Gentle Yoga		10:30-11:30 am Senior Fitness			
	10:30-11:30 am Senior Fitness		12:00—1:00pm Tai Chi	10:30-11:30 am Senior Fitness		
	Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball	
	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-5:00 pm Open Ct. Racquetball	
	5:30-7:30 pm Karate		5:30-7:30 pm Karate			
	6:00-7:00 pm Spin	6:30-7:30 pm Step & Weight Aerobics				
	6:30-7:30 pm Eve. Water Aerobics	6:30-7:30 pm Badminton	6:30-7:30 pm Eve. Water Aerobics	6:30-7:30 pm Eve. Water Aerobics		
	7:00-8:00 pm Yoga Power Hour		7:15-8:15 pm Yoga Flow	7:00-8:00 pm Total Body Blast		
		7:00-9:00 pm Savannah Fencing Club		7:00-9:00 pm Savannah Fencing Club		



Mazel Tov to the 2009 High School and College Graduates

committee, was on the Tennis team, participated in the SOAR program, and in the Coastal and Ecology Group. She plans on attending Abraham Baldwin College in the fall. Hannah attended Rambam Day School.



David Solender
St. Andrew's School

The son of Sarah Denmark and Adam Solender, David played piano in Manchester (New Hampshire) High School Central's award winning Jazz Band and was editor of the 2009 *Phrontistery*, St. Andrew's Literary Magazine. He was in the Music National Honor Society, and on St. Andrew's Honor Roll. David was a participant in a NFTY camp and traveled to Eastern Europe and Israel. He was a Hebrew tutor at Temple Adath Yeshurun Religious School (Manchester, NH); founder and drummer for the punk rock band IAMJAPAN for which he wrote and recorded original music; co-founder of an independent music label that released and distributed punk rock bands domestically and internationally; founder and operator of Yadda Yadda buttons; volunteer for many non-profit organizations; and has held paid positions at Snappy Auctions (Manchester, NH) and the UPS store Savannah. After a gap year of traveling and working, David plans on attending the Honors Program in Business at Southern New Hampshire University where he will build on his entrepreneurial success. David attended the Manchester Jewish Community School from preschool through tenth grade Confirmation.



Rachael Westmoreland
Savannah Arts Academy

The daughter of Leslie Camens Westmoreland, Rachael participated in Odyssey of the Mind where she was three time World Finalist, and has been involved in school productions in both acting and technical capabilities, is a member of the National Honor Society, BETA Club, the Thespian Society, and the French Honor Society. Rachael was winner of the Southeastern Theatre Conference Secondary School Scholarship, winner of the Dwight Gilstrap Technical Scholarship from the Georgia Thespian Society, and recipient of the Georgia

Certificate of Merit. Rachael has also volunteered her time and energy as an actor and production volunteer for community theatre. She plans on attending Emory University where she will study Theatre and will pursue a career in Arts Management. She attended Shalom School from Pre K through tenth grade.

COLLEGE STUDENTS



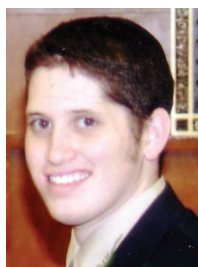
Jordan Arkin
University of Texas at Austin

Daughter of Drs. Eva and David Arkin, and granddaughter of June and Dr. Murray Arkin, Jordan is graduating with High Honors from the School of Communications. She is a member of two honor societies and Phi Lambda Delta. She will be in Dallas over the summer studying for her LSATs and then will move to Washington, DC to intern with Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA).



Rachael Cohen
Armstrong
Atlantic University

The daughter of Debbie Cohen and Jordan Cohen, Rachael received a BA in Economics. She has been employed at Outback Steakhouse since 2004. Rachael plans on looking for work and eventually returning to school to get her MBA. She attended Rambam Day School from Kindergarten through eighth grade.



Elliot Epstein
Pennsylvania
State University

The son of Norman Epstein, Elliot graduated Penn State with a BA in Math. Elliot was Math Club president and won the Math Scholarship Award. He graduated with Distinction and was also in the Penn State honors program. He graduated in the top 15 percent of his class. He plans on looking for work and then getting a Master's Degree. Elliot attended Rambam Day School from Pre-K to fifth grade.



Jeremy Friedman
Armstrong
Atlantic University

The son of Linda and Morris Friedman, Jeremy will graduate with a Bachelor's in Information Technology. He was a member of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and made Dean's List two semesters. Jeremy also was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Jeremy plans on getting a position in Information Technology or a related field. He attended Rambam Day School from Kindergarten through eighth grade.



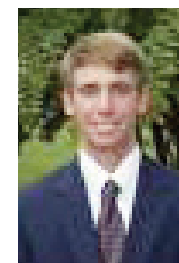
Joshua Sandler
University of Georgia

The son of Helese and Dr. Daniel Sandler, Joshua graduated from the Terry Business School at the University of Georgia Magna Cum Laude with High Honors with a BBA in Finance. He was the Director of the "Promote Africa" program, member of the Corsair Society, was on the Board of the Delta Prize for Global Understanding, was founder of the Qhaman'nade (Youth Development Center) in Cape Town, South Africa, and was member/coordinator of SHAWCO (teaching entrepreneurial skills to locals in townships) in Cape Town.

Joshua was part of the Honors College at UGA, Presidential Scholar, on

the Dean's List, member of the Blue Key Honor Society, member and Social Chair of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, and recipient of the Ash Service and Civic Engagement Award for Leadership and Service (2009).

Joshua participated in birthright Israel in 2005 and in High School Joshua was a member of BBYO. He attended Rambam Day School through the eighth grade. Joshua plans on working for Barclays Capital as an Investment Banking Analyst in New York City.



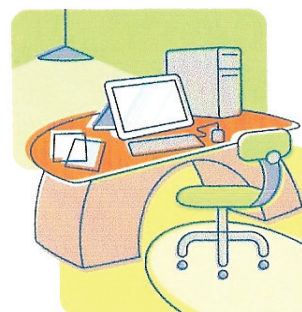
Mark Silvers III
University of South Carolina

The son of Mark Silvers, Jr., Mark graduated with a degree in Investment Finance. He was captain of the USC golf team, graduated Magna Cum Laude, Cleveland All American Scholar, USC Scholar athlete of the year, SEC Scholar athlete of the year, and 2nd team All SEC.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Delia Solomons
New York University

The daughter of Cathy and Philip Solomons, Delia received her Masters Degree in Art History from The Institute of Fine Arts (NYU), concentrating on modern Latin America and European Art. After graduating Summa Cum Laude from Washington University in St. Louis, Delia worked at The Guggenheim Museum, on a film series, and most recently as a writer and researcher for a curatorial project.



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2010 Savannah Jewish Film Festival Plans Underway

Attention moviegoers the Savannah Jewish Film Festival 2010 Committee is already preparing for next year's festival. Our first planning meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11th at 6:30pm at the JEA. Join the Committee and you will have an opportunity to plan great events and view dozens of films: documentaries, dramas, and foreign films — all with some kind of direct or indirect Jewish theme. Next year promises to be a great Festival and we need your help, input, suggestions, and creative ideas.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Festival Committee, please

call or email Benjamin Kveskin at 355.8111 or ben@savj.org to RSVP a spot at the table. Whether you are a movie buff or just have a casual interest, come on out and help support the upcoming Savannah Jewish Film Festival!



Local Artists Examine “Saltwater” Relations

Marking the twentieth anniversary of the protests at Tiananmen Square, local artists, professors and JEA members Sari Gilbert and Robert Batchelor have a new exhibit at the City of Savannah's Gallery S.P.A.C.E. The exhibition, running from May 15 through June 17, combines video installations and sculptural works and draws on themes as diverse as the influence of the Savannah River on the Gullah people and what they referred to as “saltwater” relations, the writings of the twentieth century German-Jewish intellectual Walter Benjamin, the importance of Savannah as a modern port city and the continuing relevance of the past to the globalization of the twenty-first century.

The exhibition consists of six installations that use images, sounds and materials to open questions about Savannah's relation to the world. Sari Gilbert is a professor of Interactive Design and Gaming in the school of Film and Digital Media at SCAD.



Looking into the gallery and exhibition

Robert Batchelor is an associate professor of history at Georgia Southern University. Sari's interpretive film, *Ready to Wear*, was featured as part of the community's Yom HaShoah observance in April.

What: Open Seas: Reflections from a port city twenty years after Tiananmen
Where: Gallery S.P.A.C.E., 9 West Henry St.
When: May 15 – June 17, 2009
Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

Local author to speak about his recently published novel, *Shadow and Light*

JEA Small Auditorium
Wednesday, June 3rd 7:00 pm

Jonathan Rabb will read from and talk about his latest novel, *Shadow and Light*. The murder-mystery and historical fiction novel is his second book in a planned trilogy set in Germany between both World Wars. After his talk and reading he will answer questions about his novels and writing process. His novels, including *Shadow and Light*, will be available for purchase and for signing after the reading.



The program is free and open to the public.

The *Washington Post* says of Rabb and *Shadow and Light*: “...brilliantly plotted narrative...the mood he creates is so haunting...”

The *New York Times* states: “...Rabb has a gift for capturing the intoxicating — and toxic — atmosphere of post-World War I Berlin.”

Barnes and Noble: “...a stunning historical thriller, created by a writer to celebrate — and contend with.”

Come and meet Jonathan and hear him talk about the creative process!

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Archives Volunteers Receive Statewide Recognition

At the 2009 annual meeting of the Georgia Historical Society, the Savannah Jewish Archives volunteers received the Sarah Nichols Pinckney Volunteer Award in recognition of

outstanding voluntary service toward the fulfillment of the mission of the Georgia Historical Society.

Many thanks to Archives volunteers Carole Cohen, Marilyn Farley, Suzanne Kantziper, Kaye Kole, Diane Kuhr, Matiel Leffler, Bobbie Levy, Susan Lieber-Lozada, Harriet Meyerhoff, Bill Raffel, and Anne Silberman for their many hours of service and dedication to preserving the history of the Savannah Jewish community. Congratulations on this well-deserved award!



Savannah Jewish Archives volunteers (l-r): Marilyn Farley, Matiel Leffler, Bill Raffel, Bobbie Levy, Diane Kuhr and Susan Lieber-Lozada. Not pictured: Carole Cohen, Suzanne Kantziper, Kaye Kole, Harriet Meyerhoff, and Anne Silberman.



Pictured, the volunteers conducting research in the collections at the Archives.

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Beverly Becker Cooperman-Gellins
Who died April 23, 2009.

Preceded in death by her parents, Irving Becker and Tina Klinger Becker Kauder and her first husband, Samuel Cooperman. Surviving are her husband, Donald Paul Gellins; her four daughters, Ellen (Arnold) Levin, of Charleston, SC, Sherrie Rose (Joel) Ertischek, of Nashville, TN, Lee Gellins of Bluffton, and Amy (Tad) MacMillan, and eight grandchildren.

Remembrances: Congregation Agudath Achim.

Ida F. Gold
Who died May 11, 2009.

Preceded in death by her husband, David J. Gold and her son, Kenneth M. Gold. She is survived by her son, Stephen Gold, daughter and son-in-law Linda and Herman Friedman, daughter-in-law, Anne Gold, sisters, Etta Singer and Bess Barnett, sisters-in-law Carolyn Gold and Helene Gold. Also surviving are four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Remembrances: The Savannah Jewish Federation's Kenneth M. Gold Fund for Children with Special Needs.

The next issue of the *Savannah Jewish News* will be our combined July-August edition

Deadline for columns and articles is
July 10th, 5:00 pm



Send them to Benjamin Kweskin
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Plays, Trips, Mothers and more!

Wednesday, May 6th, the JEA auditorium was filled with parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. Under the directorship of Mrs. Diane Kahn and the assistance of Mrs. Chavi Rabhan, Rambam students presented the play, "Whodunnit and To Whom"? The children did an excellent job of following the plot flawlessly and leaving the audience wondering Whodunnit? The play sounds like a mystery but the only mystery was who was really writing the play? The play was about thought forms, you know, your thoughts only they were part of a play being written. In reality, a *thought form* thought he was writing the

play. In fact, two thought forms each thought they were the one writing the play? Are you thoroughly confused? Next time come see the play and the story will be crystal clear! Enjoy the photos.

Mother's Day was celebrated by the 8th grade in Disney World! The children's mothers were home! Is there a better present? My assistant principal, Mrs. Loring Wright and I chaperoned the class to Orlando. We visited three different theme parks, survived the heat and had a wonderful time! The children, with the help of parents, raised all the money needed for every student to go on the trip. The only personal expenses were for additional snacks and souvenirs.

Speaking of raising money ... we are in difficult economic times and I wish to personally and publicly thank the Rambam Board of Directors for their tireless efforts to raise the funds needed to educate our students. With the priceless assistance of devoted and determined volunteers, they make things happen. How fortunate are the students of Rambam to have individuals who care so much and give endlessly of their personal time to ensure the success of their school?

We proudly applaud the efforts of all those who support and/or work with persistent determination on behalf of Rambam Day School.



Ester Y. Rabhan,
Rambam Principal



Harold Finnegan (Jared Samuels) struggles at his typewriter as he composes the next scene in his masterpiece, *Whodunit... And to Whom*



L to R - Tessie Finnegan (Hannah Slotin), Dirk (Josh Goldstein), and Mabel (Lena Hirsch) anxiously wait backstage for their cues

Shalom School's Trip to Israel

Here are the words of wonderful first grade teacher, Teresa Victor:

"The first and second grade classes at Shalom School went to Israel on April 26th and were issued passports and visas. After having both in hand, we were whisked away by El Al for our journey. Even though it usually takes about 12 hours from Atlanta, we magically arrived, via photos on a Power Point Presentation at Ben Gurion airport.

We traveled around Jerusalem. Our tour of the Old City took us from rooftops to archaeological digs and highlighted by placing notes into the cracks of the *Kotel*. Once we emerged beyond the walls of the Old City, the rest of Jerusalem became modern. Shopping is different along Ben Yehudah Street and in the *shuk* with their rows of tiny shops. What a selection of fresh fruits and vegetables and the smell of spices!

We headed north next. A quick drive took us through the Golan Heights. We saw the *Kinneret* and then went to Tzfat and their candle factory. We especially liked the carved candles that looked like Abraham and Sarah.

We're headed next to Masada and the Dead Sea. The desert looks so different from the mountains. The friezes painted on Masada's walls especially captured our attention. Even further south is the Negev. Of course there would be camels to ride. Below that is the city on the Red Sea, Eilat. Snor-

keling with fish looks fun!

We spent the day in Tel Aviv: it's like Atlanta, except on the Mediterranean Sea. We watched the sun setting across the sea before climbing aboard the plane and coming home.

It was truly an adventure to take these children on this trip. Until we look at things through the eyes of young children, we don't see the importance of small details."

Our children had an opportunity for a unique Israel experience on the last day of Shalom School; they were treated to a special program presented by Maia Koiller about different Jewish ethnic groups in Israel. Each group was presented with activities and presentations about Jews from Ethiopia, Morocco, and South America. Following the group presentations, the Shalom School students and their families participated in an end-of-year assembly and pizza party supplemented with ethnic snacks and desserts.



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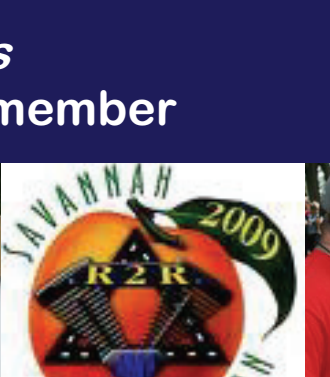
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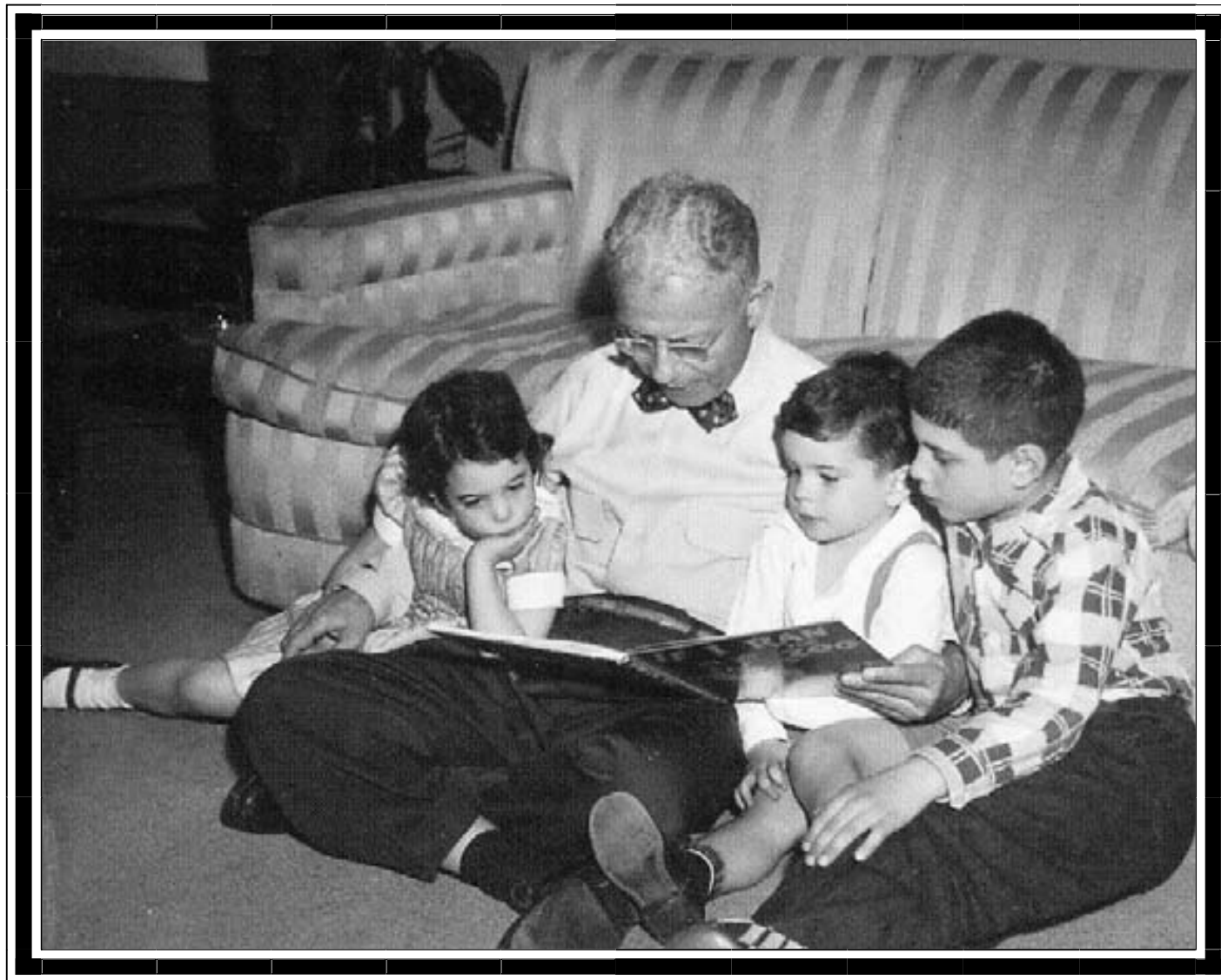
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