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The luckiest people in the world will be at the JEA's annual Great Gelt Gala on Sunday, August 24, 2008. Will you be one of them? Under the watchful eyes of JEA President Marcy Konter and JEA Fundraising Director Kim Thebo, a blue-ribbon committee of volunteers is planning a festive, fun-filled evening — Italian style. This year's event will feature cash drawings (for \$3,600, \$1,800 or \$600), live and silent auctions, a very special "Evening with Barbra Streisand" and a delicious Italian meal prepared by Matt Cohen and Murray Gottlieb.

Among the items to be auctioned this

year at the ever-popular annual JEA fundraiser are: Tickets to University of Georgia football games; tickets to a University of North Carolina basketball game; a weekend in a lovely Manhattan apartment; a beautiful Mediterranean dinner; a dock party; a year's worth of challah for Shabbat and more (see below for details).

Come prepared to bid early and often on your favorite items and as you're bidding, don't forget that the proceeds support all the outstanding programs of the JEA. Did you know that membership dues at the JEA cover less than 25% of the annual operating budget? Your support of the Great Gelt Gala is vital to ensuring that the JEA can continue to offer a wide array of programs and services, including a modern fitness center, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a varied selection of health and wellness classes, a shaliach

from Israel, cultural events like the JEA Speakers Series, coffee houses with noted authors, children's programming and much, much more.

Beginning with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30pm, the 2008 Great Gelt Gala promises an evening of good food and good fun. Once again, Matt Cohen and Murray Gottlieb are teaming up to prepare a special menu of Italian treats and they will be ably assisted by the food and beverage team made up of some of the finest Southern Jewish hostesses we know. Lynn Reeves and her expert design team will turn the JEA into a charming Italian trattoria to set the festive mood. You can do your part to maintain the atmosphere — attire for the evening is dressy casual (no jeans or shorts, please).

At 8:00pm, Carla DelVillaggio brings

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Federation Launching Continuing Jewish Education Program for Teens

The Long Range Jewish Education committee of the Savannah Jewish Federation is pleased to announce a continuing Jewish education program for area high school students. The 2008 - 2009 schedule will be comprised of four experiential programs that will examine current topics and issues of interest to teens from a Jewish perspective:

Premier event: Eco-Judaism and Kayak

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Two-part program for all area Jewish students between grades 8 - 12. Judaism and Ecology (\$50 per person, includes kayak trip and bar-b-q)

Part I

Sunday, September 7, 2008, 9:30am - 12pm

Congregation Mickve Israel

Explore environmental concepts and responsibilities with Shalom School instructor and local lecturer, Melin-



da Stein. Test your knowledge about critical issues such as need-less waste, keeping animals from experiencing needless pain, or land rest and renewal. Learn and share about the Jewish traditions of caring for the environment.

Part II

Sunday, September 21, 2008, 10am - 2pm

Sea Kayak Georgia, Tybee Island

Paddle your kayak as you explore the

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At special services commemorating the 275th anniversary of the arrival of Jews in Savannah and the founding of Congregation Mickve Israel, Rabbi Arnold Belzer lifts the Sefer Torah carried to Savannah by the original Jewish settlers in 1733. Looking on are Steve Gordon, Parnas (president)-elect, Mandy Patinkin and Marjorie Levy, current Parnasit. More pictures on p6.



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Meet Maia, Our New Shlichah!

Dear Friends,

Shalom from Israel! I would like to introduce myself. My name is Maia Koiller. I am writing from Israel. I am very excited because I am going to have the pleasure to come to Savannah in August as the new Shlichah in the community.

I heard that it's a beautiful city, with warm and welcoming people. I would like to be a part of Savannah's family.

I will try to tell you a little bit about myself. I am almost 23 years old. My parents come from South America. My father, Marcos, is from Brazil and my mother, Galia, is from Argentina. They got married in Israel and built a home here. My father's family lives abroad. This is one of the reasons why this shlichut is so important to me. I have a younger brother, Dan, who will be released from the army soon.

I think I have a good sense of humor. I love trips, music, reading, arts. In high school I studied theater and it still remains a wonderful hobby for me.

I served in the Israeli army in the Nahal nucleus as a guide for the Israel Nature Preservation Society. In my pre-army service I was a volunteer in

kibbutz, working in agriculture and a kindergarten. I also was responsible for the organization of events during the holy days celebrations in the kibbutz.

In the two following years I spent most of my time working with old and young people, children and families from different economical backgrounds. I guided some really interesting groups: for example, I was an instructor of children coming from Russia and Ethiopia, and I worked with a group of children from families who were former settlers from Gush Katif. I guided tours around the country. I learned a lot from those years. Right now I am working in a kindergarten and it's fun!

I love good food, good company, and am always ready for a good conversation over a cup of tea or coffee. Well, I can keep talking about myself but I better leave some surprises to tell you when we will meet.

I am very excited to come to Savannah. Now you know me and I can't wait to know you...

Regards from Israel!



Maia Koiller

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some people have questioned whether it is possible to increase our local Jewish population. After all, the overall Jewish population appears to be decreasing. The National Jewish Population Survey's census indicated in 1990 there were 5.5 million Jews in the United States and (using the same method of survey collection) only 5.2 million Jews in 2001. This is a five percent decrease in our population. Half of all Jewish women aged 30 - 34 have no children. Overall, our population is aging and shrinking while our birthrate has drastically fallen. The situation is grim.

In the South these negative developments may be worse. Small towns that used to have dynamic Jewish populations are drying up. Savannah and other mid-size cities are only able to keep a stable population by constantly recruiting new people. We are particularly good at attracting folks who want to retire in the South. These additional people might keep us alive in the short run, but the ephemeral infusion of retirees isn't self-sustaining.

In order to establish a growing population we need to keep our children Jewish. Many of our children stop active participation in their religion after they finish their Bar/Bas Mitzvah. Only half come back as actively involved Jews when they are adults.

The best way of combating these negative dynamics is to provide our children with a solid Jewish education, particularly in their vulnerable adolescent years. Studies show supplemental school programs for teenagers are poorly attended and have minimal impact, while 97% of children who attend a full time Jewish high school will stay actively Jewish as adults. These day school graduates tend to marry other Jews and have larger families. ("Will Your Grandchildren Be Jews?" Gordon and Horowitz. '08)

Savannah Jewish Academy intends to provide a quality education for our teenagers while increasing their identity, sense of belonging and overall Jewish commitment. When our children graduate, they will be competent, knowledgeable Jews. This is the best way of providing Jewish continuity and growth.

If you want more information concerning the plans for this school, please call Marcia Silverman at 231-1080 or check the Jewish Academy website at www.savannahjewishacademy.com.

Devorah Giffen

rating the fall of Jerusalem and the loss of our holy Temple three weeks later on the ninth of the Hebrew month of Av (T'ishah B'Av [Aug. 10]), I was thinking of including special personal prayers for the returned and missing Israeli soldiers and their families. Living in a military town, here in Savannah, we feel the movement of American troops—the comings and goings and losses. Still, front pages of newspapers do not even report military news—the wars are so commonplace.

In Israel, the daily defense of the land is also routine, but these highly publicized tragedies jar us to remember the human cost of defending those stones today just as it has always been. The ancient temple was the center of religious life in Israel's early history, just like its remaining Western Wall remains as a focus for the Jewish people and was identified as important to all Jews even before we fought to reclaim it in 1967. But today with the burial of the two Israelis returned from Lebanon, I was thinking that this Jewish national period of mourning seems a fitting time not only to think of the temple but those that defend the land itself. In case you would like to include some of these people or their loved ones in your thoughts, here are the names.

Killed & Bodies returned two years later:

Ehud Goldwasser
Eldad Regev

Missing in Action:

Zachary Baumel—an U.S. citizen.
Yehuda Katz
Zvi Feldman

All three were captured in the Battle of Sul-tan Yaakub on June 11, 1982 and paraded in public in Damascus.

Ron Arad—shot down over Lebanon on October 16, 1986.

Guy Hever —missing since August 17, 1997, disappeared patrolling the Syrian border.

Magdi Halabi—a Druze soldier who disappeared on May 24, 2005.

Gilad Shalit—held by Hamas.

Carol Towbin Greenberg



Summer Shlichim Adi Miller & Tamar Bar-Sade are welcomed to Savannah by Callie & Josh



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The Road Ahead

By the time this issue of the Savannah Jewish News goes to press, Congregation Mickve Israel (and therefore, by definition) the entire Savannah Jewish community, will have celebrated its 275th anniversary. By any yardstick, this is a venerable landmark for any institution in America, which celebrated its 232nd birthday this year. The power of institutions is in the fact that they outlive individuals. Lay leaders and professionals, whether exceptionally gifted or not, whether they face difficult challenges or smooth sailing, leave footprints in the sand which fade with time... but the institution lives on.

It is frequently pointed out that one of our greatest strengths as a Jewish community is our longevity and stability, and this is undoubtedly true. Jews are a respected component of the greater Savannah community and we are secure, confident and proud of our place here. We have every reason to take pride in what we and our predecessors have accomplished here.

Of course, there is always a fine line between satisfaction and complacency. It is easy to become convinced that what has been successful in the past must work in the future, and it is surprisingly easy to take one more step and become suspicious or fearful of change. Very few people embrace change easily. Most of us do so only when we have no alternatives, or when the status quo becomes intolerable. Very few people have the foresight to know when to make changes. I know I am not one of those fortunate few who stay ahead of the curve, except for a few lucky guesses.

Yet just as we celebrate 275 years of success, the Savannah Jewish community faces several challenges which will require us to embrace change, at least to some degree. An uncertain economy promises to make our next campaign challenging. Changing demographics and changing needs in our community have forced us to reexam-

ine what services our members want and how best to provide them. Competing priorities and opportunities raise real issues of relevance for all our Jewish organizations and make it ever harder to recruit and retain volunteers. Even the benchmarks by which many people define their own Judaism are changing.

How do we deal with these challenges? For one thing we can take some solace in the knowledge that many of these challenges are not brand new. Many of our senior community leaders remember similar times and were there to work through them. A reading of Third to None reveals just how similar synagogue board meetings were in the 18th and 19th century to the way they are today. We have a Planning Committee working under the joint auspices of the Federation and the JEA which has been tasked to propose solutions to our most pressing needs. We have been in the process of changing the way we allocate our funds to bring this in line with the priorities of our donors. We are enhancing our website and our paper to increase our ability to communicate with the whole community. Now that Adam Solender has learned his way around town, we are asking him to help be an agent for change and bring fresh points of view to our leadership.

Every challenge is an opportunity. As we celebrate 275 years of success, we should all try to take the best of what we have done well, and discard those things which no longer meet our needs and be willing to try new ideas (or new approaches to old ideas) and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I'm sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming sooner than you think.



Dr. Joel Greenberg
President,
Savannah Jewish
Federation

Teach Your Children

It's what many of us live for. And it's what keeps us up at night. We go to meeting after meeting. We drive to activity after activity, work overtime, go into debt, cajole, encourage, and reinforce.

What am I talking about? Our children. What could be more important than the next generation? It is our most tangible legacy in this world.

Every parent looks at their children and wonders, "Have I transmitted what is important? Has my child adopted the important values of being a human being?"

My oldest son David has a summer job at the UPS store on Wilmington Island. It's his first "real" job and he is doing very well (the proud father says). He applied for the position on his own. Even when they told him that they were going to offer the position to someone else, he kept going back to convince them that he was the best candidate. Obviously, he can be persuasive. He is learning how hard it is to earn money, how much the government takes from everyone's paycheck, how to provide customer service, how to deal with boredom, how to "sweet talk a difficult customer" and how to rise to the occasion when it gets busy. He has done so well that the owners already entrusted him with the keys and allow him to "open and close" the store on his own. It used to be that when other people described him, I wasn't always sure they were describing my child. But it makes me very proud that he can handle this job so competently and confidently.

Two weeks ago David came home and told us a story. It seems the owners of the store offer a bonus to all the employees based on sales volume and accomplishing a high transaction average (average sale dollar). Each

employee who averaged twenty hours per week during the specified period is eligible for their share of the bonus. David told us that they had earned a \$400 bonus and that it was to be split between him and one other person. Because a third coworker (pregnant) had not surpassed the minimum hour threshold, she was not eligible to share in this bonus. David went on to tell us that he thought that it was unfair and that he had approached the woman with whom he was splitting the bonus and told her, "I'm going to give her (the third co-worker) a portion of my bonus and I think you should too. It would only be fair."

In one brief moment I understood that all the shlepping, cajoling, driving, sacrifice, loss of sleep, anger, and encouragement were well worth it. David "got it." We have raised a mensch.



Adam Solender

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The Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2008

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Savannah BBYO Awards Banquet/Installation Ceremony

Wexler/Clark BBG and David Finn AZA held their annual awards banquet/installation ceremony in June at the home of Jonathan and Sarah Hirsch. There are three special awards given each year by local Savannah families, and voted on by the members of each chapter. Fred Clark presented the Janet M. Clark member of the year jointly to Brooke Bradley and Caroline Eichholz. Elaine Radetsky presented the Sima Radetsky Goldfarb MIT (Member in Training) of the Year to Sarah Hirsch, and Karen Cranman presented the Matthew J. Cranman member of the year to Ross Kooden.

The Wexler/Clark girls installed the following officers for 2008-2009:

N'siah	Brooke Bradley
S'ganit	Sophie Arkin
Mit Mom	Emily Kahn
Mazkirah	Mallory Owens
Orechet	Frances Klein

The David Finn boys installed the following officers for 2008-2009:

Godol	Barney Sadler
S'gan	Ross Kooden
Moreh	Matt Klugman
Mazkir	Jonathan Hirsch
Sh'liach	Ben Adler
Sopher	Noah Luskey

BBYO is a youth led organization for teens in the 9th-12th grades and is a beneficiary agency of the Savannah Jewish Federation. For membership information, contact Joanne Kooden at threered@aol.com.



Fred Clark presents Member of the Year award named for his sister to Caroline Eichholz (l) and Brooke Bradley



Elaine Radetsky presents MIT of the Year award named for her daughter to Sarah Hirsch



Ross Kooden accepts Member of the Year award from Matthew Cranman's mother, Karen, and sister and brother, Erin and Jordan

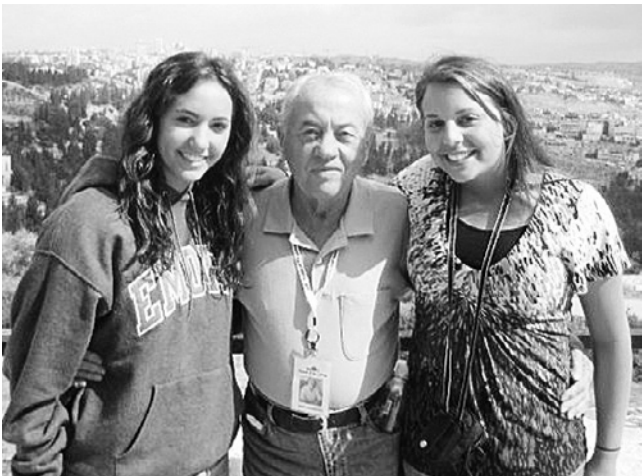
Two Savannah Youths Attend BBYO March of the Living

Two members of Dixie Council BBYO in Savannah — Emily Kahn and Brooke Bradley — were among 165 BBYO teens attending the March of the Living as part of not only the largest teen delegation of the program, but also the largest delegation in BBYO's history. The March of the Living, held this year from April 28 to May 11, is an international, educational program that brings Jewish youth from all over the world to Poland on Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, to march from Auschwitz to Birkenau, the largest concentration camp complex built during World War II. The group then travels to Israel to observe Yom Hazikaron, Israel Memorial Day, and Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day.

BBYO is the only youth group that has participated in March of the Living since its beginning. This spring, the BBYO delegation traveled the "March of Death" arm-in-arm, from Auschwitz to Birkenau, the same path that hundreds of thousands of Jews were forced to take on their way to annihilation. The solemn two-mile procession occurs on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, and concludes with a memorial service held in the very confines of the death camp. BBYO also toured areas in Poland such as Warsaw, Krakow and Lublin; and in addition to Auschwitz, they visited the death camps of Treblinka and Majdanek.

"While I was walking through Majdanek, I saw this quote, 'Remember the past, live in the present, and believe in the future.' and that is when I realized why I am on March of the Living," said Kahn, president of the Savannah BBG Chapter. "In 20 years, there will be no Holocaust survivors able to tell their story of the Holocaust. The people living now need to remember the atrocities that happened during this massacre. March of the Living is a mere reminder that Hitler did not succeed; attending the March makes you become a living memory of the decimation of the Jewish souls. You feel obligated to teach generations upon generations and the friends around you about the Holocaust."

She continued, "At Majdanek, my teary eyes widened when I saw the barracks filled with shoes, the mausoleum containing 17 tons of ashes of cremated victims, and its location. At Majdanek there are four barracks that



Brooke Bradley (l) and Emily Kahn with Andy, a Holocaust survivor

are completely filled with victim's shoes. As you walk inside, you are engulfed in the smell of old leather. All you can see are shoes. It is disgusting to think that two shoes represented one human. I became sick to my stomach when I saw that any Jewish soul could have been in these shoes, if they were born 60 years ago. I realized I am a survivor, Hitler did not kill me.

"Majdanek was the extermination camp that connected everything I had learned about the Holocaust to becoming real. Majdanek was built literally in the middle of Lublin, Poland; you can see the skyline of Lublin from anywhere in the camp. The people of Lublin surrounded this camp. They saw the beatings, the gas chambers, and the lifeless starving souls. Yet they decided to sit and watch rather than save what could have been millions of people," said Kahn.

"Majdanek was not the only concentration camp that we went to, but they were all basically the same disgusting place. It is called March of the Living because 20,000 Jewish people from all over the world come and march from Auschwitz to Birkenau. When I saw the thousands of Jews marching, my heart filled with the warmth of knowing that the Jewish people are still here remembering what went on not even 100 years ago.

"After the one week of touring the concentration camps, we went to Israel. Right when we landed, for some reason I felt happier. Leaving the gloom of Poland and the heart ache of the concentration camps I never felt as relieved as when I walked off the plane onto Israel. In Israel we went to different tourist sites like the Western Wall, Masada, the Dead Sea, and many more. I loved Israel more than any place I have ever been to. I felt more at home than ever."

To learn more about the March of the Living or BBYO, Inc., contact Rona Goldstein, Dixie Council Director, at RGoldstein@bbyo.org or visit bbyo.org.

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Next JEA Candlelite Dinner is Sept. 23

Jewish Family Services will hold a Candlelite Dinner for members of the Jewish Educational Alliance on Tuesday, September 23rd, featuring a screening of the documentary film, *A Great Day in Harlem*. The program will be held at the JEA. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. and costs \$8.50 per person for JEA members, \$12 per person for non-members.

The film begins at 7:30 and is free and open to the public.

Back in 1958 New York City clubs boasted nightly performances by the greatest players in jazz. Their music and their lives spanned four decades and linked styles and origins from across the country. A young photographer paced nervously in front of a Harlem brownstone. He had spread word that he hoped to take a picture for a special edition of *Esquire magazine* commemorating the golden age of jazz.

A Great Day in Harlem brings to life a remarkable moment in the history of jazz — a moment in which dozens of America's jazz legends unexpectedly gathered together for a photograph that would become emblematic of the

golden age of jazz. By illuminating this single, historic event, *A Great Day in Harlem* is a window to an unprecedented era in music history which addresses broader issues of creativity and community in our own time.

Through this photograph, viewers will come to know some of the century's most influential musicians. We meet such luminaries as Count Basie, Coleman Hawkins, Lester Young, Charles Mingus, Marian McPartland, Gerry Mulligan, Mary Lou Williams, Maxine Sullivan, Thelonious Monk, and many more.

David Oppenheim, who is a Johnny Mercer historian and past president of "Friends of Johnny Mercer," recently spent an afternoon with the film's producer, Jean Bach, and will introduce the film.

For more information, please call 912.355-8111.

(The showing of this film is a collaboration of the Savannah Jazz Festival, the Jewish Educational Alliance and the Psychotronic Film Society. The Savannah Jazz Festival is funded in part by the City of Savannah Department of Cultural Affairs).



Famous photo from "A Great Day in Harlem"

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MYTHS AND FACTS A Guide to the Arab – Israeli Conflict

By Mitchell G. Bard

MYTH

"Iran's nuclear program threatens only Israel."

FACT

Israel is not alone in its concern about Iran's nuclear weapons program. In fact, the nations most worried about Iran are its immediate neighbors who have no doubts about the hegemonic ambitions of the radical Islamists in Tehran.

Former Bahraini army chief of staff Sheikh Maj.-Gen. Khalifa ibn Ahmad al-Khalifa said Iran stirs trouble in many Gulf nations. "[Iran] is like an octopus – it is rummaging around in Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Gaza and Bahrain," al-Khalifa proclaimed. The Crown Prince of Bahrain was the first Gulf leader to explicitly accuse Iran of lying about its weapons program. "While they don't have the bomb yet, they are developing it, or the capability for it," Salman bin Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa said.

At least 12 Arab countries have either announced new plans to explore atomic energy or revived pre-existing nuclear programs between February 2006 and January 2007 (Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, Syria, Yemen, Iraq, Libya, & the GCC) in response to Iran's nuclear program, according to a report released by the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS).

The trend continued in 2008 as many Middle Eastern countries sought to strengthen their nuclear cooperation with other Western nations, such as the United States, Russia and France. Both Saudi Arabia and UAE signed nuclear cooperation accords with the United States, and Russia and Egypt have laid the groundwork for Russia to join a tender for Egypt's first civilian nuclear power station.

Kuwait, Bahrain, Libya, Algeria, Morocco, and Jordan announced plans to build nuclear plants as well. Even Yemen, one of the poorest countries in the Arab world announced plans to purchase a nuclear reactor.

Iran's neighbors have good reason to worry.

In October 2007, a senior Iranian general said that suicide bombers were ready to strike at targets throughout the Gulf "if necessary." The threat was aimed at Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Earlier in 2007, a close associate of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad resurrected an old claim on Bahrain as Iran's 14th province, which Bahrain's foreign minister said "touched on the legitimacy of our country." The effect of Iran's saber rattling, Giles Whittell wrote, "is especially chilling in Bahrain as the only Sunni-led country with a Shia majority that is not at war or on the brink of war."138

European leaders also clearly see Iran as a threat to their interests. French President Nicolas Sarkozy has said, for example, "Iran is trying to acquire a nuclear bomb. I say to the French, it's unacceptable." France has indeed recently signed a nuclear framework agreement with the UAE.

Similarly, German Chancellor Angela Merkel has stated, "I'm emphatically in favor of solving the problem through negotiations, but we also need to be ready to impose further sanctions if Iran does not give ground."

Great Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown proclaimed, "We are absolutely clear that we are ready, and will push for, further sanctions against Iran....We will work through the United Nations to achieve this. We are prepared also to have tougher European sanctions. We want to make it clear that we do not support the nuclear ambitions of that country."

President George W. Bush has been even more emphatic, "I've told people that, if you're interested in avoiding World War III, it seems like you ought to be interested in preventing them from having the knowledge necessary to make a nuclear weapon."

"But the true realism is that Iran is a menace — potentially a great one — and that its Revolutionary Guard is engaged in the dirty business of killing Americans and others. The fact that the Bush administration says so does not make it otherwise. The Senate's resolution [to label the al-Quds Force of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps a terrorist organization] was a necessary step toward tightening sanctions on Iran — a way to avoid war, not the overture to one."

— Washington Post Columnist Richard Cohen

The international concern that has prompted a series of UN resolutions and ongoing condemnation of Iranian behavior has nothing to do with Israel. Most of the world understands that a nuclear Iran poses a direct threat to countries inside and outside the Middle East, raises the specter of nuclear terrorism, increases the prospects for regional instability, and promote proliferation. Israel's detractors, such as professors Stephen Walt and John Mearsheimer, portray Israel and the "Israeli lobby" as campaigning for military action against Iran. In fact, Israel and its supporters have been the most outspoken in their desire to see tough measures implemented to stop Iran's nuclear weapons program to avoid war.

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Mickve Israel and Savannah Jewish community Celebrate 275 Years

Congregation Mickve Israel, along with the entire Savannah Jewish community, celebrated the 275th anniversary of the arrival of the first Jewish settlers to Savannah during the weekend of July 11-13. Mickve Israel coordinated a full schedule of activities including speakers, special services, tours and festive meals and played host to the descendants of many of the original settlers and to other special guests and dignitaries.



275th Anniversary Celebration Chair B.H. Levy, gala Emcee Mike Schneider, Baroness Ruth Deech and Marjorie Levy

Photos by Becky Smith
To view all of the pictures from this event, go to www.photosbybecky.net, click on "clients" and then on "Mickve Israel's 275th."



Sharon Galin (center) leads anniversary celebrants on a tour of the Mordecai Sheftall Cemetery and historic Jewish burial sites.



The Jewish Holiday & Lifecycle quilt, started in 2000 by the CMI Sisterhood and hand sewn by more than 100 community members, was completed and hung in time for the 275th community celebration.



John Sheftall, direct descendant of original settler Benjamin Sheftall, speaking at Friday evening Shabbat services



(l-r) Ed Feiler, U.S. Rep. John Barrow, Jane Feiler, Phillip & Cathy Solomons at Saturday evening festivities

Continuing Education..... cont. from page 1

Tybee marshes with a local naturalist. A bar-b-q follows at the Tybee home of Barbara and Philip Schwartz.
Payment for the Eco-Judaism program is due before Part I (by Sept. 7) for all not enrolled in Shalom School (Shalom School students will pay the school). Payable by check to Savannah Jewish Federation (5111 Abercorn St., Savannah, GA 31405) or by MasterCard or Visa (call Lynn at 355-8111 or pay at the JEA front desk).
Now, what shade of green are YOU? Attending? Maybe attending? Check Facebook for more info (see below).
Interactive Politicos. Now consider the effects of red, white and blue!
Week of October 28, 2008 (final date TBA)
Grades 9 – 12
Stand up and be heard. Should Barack Obama care that you are Jewish? What about John McCain? Should you care when deciding to support a candidate? This is a chance for you to share your thoughts on this year's presidential election. Will being Jewish affect the way you choose a president? Should it?

The schedule will continue in

2009 with a February program that will allow college track attendees and others to look at various types of encounters and confrontations they may face on college campuses that attempt to challenge and influence personal choices about religion, Zionism and more. What is it that YOU believe?
Then, in the spring, students will have the opportunity to reacquaint themselves with our own local Jewish history. We'll take a tour of Jewish Savannah with some of the best guides around. Write on the Facebook wall with your suggestions for Jewish points of interest for the bus tour in SAV.
For more information, contact Lynn Levine (355-8111 or lynn@savj.org).
Parents and grandparents, please let your students know that they can access the group through Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=31715164728> (GROUP: Savannah Jewish Federation Teens)
Then Click on Events
Upcoming Events
Eco-Judaism & Kayak Tour

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy to the families of:

Rosalie Cotler
Who died Monday, July 7, 2008.
She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Allan Cotler of Savannah; their son, Richard Cotler and his wife, Judy, of Hollywood, Florida; two grandchildren, Justin Matthew and Amanda Elizabeth Cotler of New York City, and her sister and brother-in-law, Mildred and Daniel deLaPenha of Sun City, South Carolina.
Remembrances: Congregation Agudath Achim – 9 Lee Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 31405 or Hospice

Savannah – P.O. Box 13190, Savannah, Georgia 31416-0190.

Albert J. Ullman
Who died Friday, June 13, 2008.
Surviving are his wife of almost 61 years, Harriet Birnbaum Ullman; his daughter, Susan Slotin and her husband, Frank; his son, Jeffry Ullman and his wife, Ellen; four grandchildren, Sam and Hannah Slotin and Zachary and Sasha Ullman, and several nieces and nephews.
Remembrances: Congregation Agudath Achim – 9 Lee Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 31405 or Rambam Day School – 5111 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405.



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Local, State and National Hurricane Resources

Local Emergency Telephone Number is 911.

Chatham Cty. Emergency Mgmt. Agency-CEMA

Director: Mr. Clayton Scott
Phone : 912-201-4500
<http://cema.chathamcounty.org>

Georgia Emergency Management Agency
Phone: (404) 635-7000
www.gema.state.ga.us/

FEMA and Disaster Aid Hotline :
Phone: (800) 621-FEMA (3362)
www.fema.gov/

***Seniors, If your emergency contact information has changed since 2007 or you believe we do not have your information, call Larry Dane-Kellogg at 912-355-8111 so we can keep our files current. STAY SAFE this hurricane season.

Important Hurricane/Emergency Information

The Hurricane season is upon us. The Savannah Jewish Federation (SJF) is evaluating our emergency system so that we can respond quickly and efficiently in the event that it becomes necessary to evacuate the city of Savannah. In case of an evacuation, the SJF wants to make sure you are kept informed about issues pertinent to the Savannah Jewish community—and we want to keep updated about where you are and how you are doing.

Emergency Website and Contact Information
SJF has set up an emergency website (geocities.com/savannahjewishfederation) that you can check for information and will also send out periodic informational emails during an emergency when the community has been instructed to evacuate the city.

For this reason, during an emergency SJF is asking Jewish community members to provide information that we will use to maintain contact with you or to give you updated information of necessary instructions. Everyone who is interested, should go to geocities.com/savannahjewishfederation during an emergency and complete and submit the requested information. Individuals who might be potentially at risk, should follow the instructions below:

Help Us Help You!

- The SJF maintains an up-to-date list with emergency contacts and other pertinent information for individuals in the Jewish community considered to be elderly or at-risk. If you do not have a way to evacuate on your own, JFS will work with you, your family and government emergency officials to ensure a safe, timely evacuation.
- In the event that the local Chatham County Emergency Management Administration or the local government announces that an evacuation from the coast is either recommended or required, The SJF will call the Jewish at-risk population and their emergency contacts (if available) to ensure (and if necessary, assist with) that appropriate evacuation plans are carried out.

Let Us Know!

- Will you need assistance during an evacuation? SJF is asking that Senior Adults contact Larry Dane-Kellogg at 912*355*8111 or larry@savj.org and let him know where you plan on going during an evacuation and how you plan to get to your destination. *This should include the necessary contact information.* Or . . .
 - Can you provide assistance to a community member during an evacuation? Please let Larry know at 912*355*8111 if you can be a resource to help evacuate a community Senior Adult.
- Hopefully, these plans will never need to be put into action, but in the event of an emergency evacuation, it is important that we stay connected.

Area Youth Participate in Regional Jr. Olympic Skills Competition

Four young JEA athletes participated in the Regional Jr. Olympic Skills Competition on May 31st, 2008, in Springfield, GA. This free, grassroots youth participation program allows boys and girls, competing separately, the opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities in four athletic events – basketball, soccer, tennis, and track & field. The program is designed to encourage participation in sport while promoting sportsmanship.

After participating and winning events at the local competition held here at the JEA on May 4th, Jordyn Stoltzman, Abraham Lebos, Max Cohen, and Joseph Marshall traveled to Springfield to show off their athletic prowess in a Regional Competition. Jordyn competed in the Rapid Rally Tennis event, where he brought home a first place medal in the 9-10 yr old boys group. Max honed his track & field skills (50m Dash and Standing Long Jump) to receive a first place medal in that age group as well, and Abraham brought home the gold in the Soccer event. Joseph competed in two events for the 12-13 year old age group. He earned first place in the Track & Field event and placed second in Basketball. Great job to these young athletes!

The top four winners in each age group throughout the country will advance to compete in the National Finals on July 24 - July 26, 2008 in Chicago.

Thanks to all who came out to show their support for this event. Let’s hope to make it even bigger and better next year!



Joseph warms up for the long jump



Max Starts the 50m dash



Max, Abraham, Joseph, Jordyn and Liberty at the Jr. Olympic Skills Competition



Showing off their medals

Jewish Family Services Of Savannah presents:

Grief: Healing The Broken Heart Walking The Pathway of Loss

Dr. Owen E. Tucker, Grief Coordinator at Island Hospice

Grief: Healing The Broken Heart offers four weekly sessions of an hour and a half each. These seminars discuss the patterns and processes that lead to healing from loss and provide opportunity for discussion by participants.

Grief is the natural human response to loss. Grief attaches itself to all kinds of loss in varying degrees: the death of a loved one; miscarriages; divorce; empty nesters; loss of a limb; and more. While this series of seminars will focus primarily on loss by death, those experiencing other types of loss will also find it helpful.

Normal Grief Reactions Tues., Aug. 5, 7:30-9:00.
The healing of the human spirit involves typical patterns and processes that are natural, normal and necessary. This seminar discusses what's normal and to be expected as a basis for healing to begin.

How Men and Women Grieve Tues., Aug. 12, 7:30-9:00
Everyone experiences grief in his or her own way and men grieve differently from the way women grieve. This seminar explores those differences and underscores why a person must do their "grief work" to get back in the game.

Recovery is Possible! Tues., Aug. 19, 7:30-9:00
Every person who grieves will experience down days and difficult times. But, as time goes on, your grief will become less intense and less painful. There are four tasks a person must accomplish for this to happen. This seminar explains those tasks and what you can do to help yourself recover.

Finding Meaning in Death Tues., Aug. 26, 7:30-9:00
Humans are incurably "makers of meaning." Death brings us face-to-face with the ultimate meaning of life and the faith by which it is lived. This seminar will discuss how to utilize one's spiritual resources to make meaning out of death.

Thanks to the sponsorship of Island Hospice, these seminars are free and open to the public.



Healthy Tip

By Elaine Fox, JEA Fitness & Wellness Director

Shoes

The most important piece of exercise equipment you can buy is a pair of good fitting shoes. Your athletic shoes ensure that your feet, ankles, knees, hips and spine are supported.

When buying new shoes, shop at the end of the day when your feet may be at their largest from working for you all day. Take a pair of socks that you would be wearing during your workouts and wear them as you try on the shoes. Once the shoes are on and tied up, wiggle your toes to make sure that there is enough room in the toe box. Your longest toe (not always your great toe) should be about a thumbnail width from the end of the shoe. When laced, there should be one inch of space across the tongue of the shoe.

I know this may make you feel silly, but take a jog or walk around the store and jump up and down a few times to test the cushioning and comfort of the shoe and to see if there are any places that pinch. Your heel should not slip. The arch of the shoe should support the arch of your foot. Check to see if the shoe holds your foot and ankle in a neutral position that feels safe and comfortable. Athletic shoes are constructed according to the way the foot strikes the ground in different activities. For example, a running shoe may not give you the lateral support you need while playing tennis. Check the tread pattern and side wall construction to be sure it will support you for the kind of activity you enjoy.

Decide to buy new shoes when you notice signs of wear inside as well as outside the shoe. If the insole looks compressed, it will no longer absorb the shock of your foot hitting the ground in your specific sport. If the heel is getting worn down, your joints and back will be at risk. Pain in your hips or shins could also be signs that your shoes need to be replaced.



A Special Thank You!

The JEA Fitness & Wellness Center would like to thank Leftwich and Ursula Kimbrough for donating the clock for the outdoor pool! Many thanks!

Fitness Schedule

Activity	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Adult						
Indoor Pool	9 AM-5 PM	7 AM-9 PM	7 AM-9PM	7 AM-9 PM	7 AM-9 PM	7 AM-4 PM
Outdoor Pool	11-5 PM	11-7:30 PM	11-7:30 PM	11-7:30 PM	11-7:30 PM	11-4 PM
Master Swim		5-6 AM		5-6 AM		5-6 AM
Spin Class			8 AM & 7:15 PM		8 AM	
Peddle Off Pounds		1 PM			1 PM	
Awesome Abs		9:30 AM & 6:45 PM	9:15 AM 5:45 PM	9:30 AM 6:15 PM	9:15 AM & 6:45 PM	9:30 AM
Firm It Up		8:30 AM		8:30 AM		8:30 AM
Zumba				6:30 PM		
Pilates			8:30 AM		8:30 AM	
Open Basketball		12-2 PM		12-2 PM		12-2 PM
Aquasize		10 AM	10 AM		10 AM	10 AM
Gentle Yoga		10:30 AM		10:30 AM		
Gentle Flow Yoga					7 PM	
Dynamic Yoga		7 PM				
DaTonGa			6 PM			
Sr. Aerobics		10:30 AM			10:30 AM	
Fencing			6 PM		6 PM	
Eve. Water Aerobics		6:30 PM		6:30 PM	6:30 PM	
Women's Self Defense			6 PM		6 PM	
Karate		5:30 PM		5:30 PM		
Wallyball			6:30 PM	7:30 PM Men Only	6:30 PM	
Open Court Racquetball		4-6 PM	4-6 PM	4-6 PM	4-6 PM	4-5 PM
Kids						
Swim Team		5:45 PM	5:45 PM	5:45 PM	5:45 PM	
Coach Wayne Gymnastics				2:30 PM		



There’s still time for your child to enjoy summer camp! Check out what we have waiting for them!

Weekly Camp Themes

Week 6: Gymnastics & Floor Hockey (Jul. 21-25)

Week 7: Volleyball & Pottery (Jul. 28-Aug. 1)

Week 8: Color War (Aug. 4-8)

SWIMMING:

It’s not summer without SWIMMING! All campers will receive lessons four times a week, plus daily free swim. Swim class will be divided by age and ability and will run for 30 minutes. It is not only instructional, but also fun. The K’toni campers will learn basic skills as well as water safety. The Ye-ladim campers will learn basic skills - stroke development, as well as Red Cross age-appropriate water safety skills. The Chaverim campers will learn stroke development, deep-end skills and conduct junior lifeguard drills.



Healthy Exercise

By Elaine Fox, JEA Fitness & Wellness Director

The most frequently occurring cause of death in the United States is heart disease, which includes high blood pressure, heart attacks and hardening of the arteries. Pretty scary stuff, especially if you have even one parent who died of heart disease. Some people get so scared that they never leave their couch and that’s not the answer! Getting off that couch and into the Fitness Center for some good healthy exercise *is*. For some of us, that is our biggest challenge.

Exercise means asking the body to do work. It takes effort. Consistent effort will bring results such as a leaner look, more energy and improved mood. Too little effort and we do not see results. Too much and we get sore, tired and may not want to do any more. Recognizing normal responses to the effort can help us decide how much exercise we need to be healthy and to get results. Also, knowing when it is too much for us is just as important so that we do not risk creating problems.

While you are exercising, the first sign that something is happening is that your heart rate will quicken. The heart will automatically pump more blood to the muscle cells to help you utilize the oxygen in the blood stream to do the new work you are asking of your body. Next, you may notice that you are breathing deeply. You need to take in more oxygen to let the heart do its job. As you continue to work out you will breathe faster in order to keep up with the demands placed on the heart to keep the muscles moving. Then, you sweat! Sweat keeps the body temperature normal. Sweating also helps to rid the body of toxins. All of these lead to a healthier lifestyle, weight loss, a toned figure, improved mood and self-esteem.

There are some things to be aware of that are not “normal” while working out. Mostly it’s plain old common sense. One of the first signs may include chest pain. If you experience chest pain, STOP your routine and rest. See a doctor. Extreme fatigue is another common symptom of exercising too hard. Listen to your body. An irregular pulse during or after your workout means that you have over-exerted. You need to cut back and do lighter weights or fewer repetitions. Nausea is another sign that you have overdone it. If any of these signs occur during or just after your exercise session, slow down, drink plenty of water and rest. Discuss your symptoms with one of our trainers or see your doctor.

A simple way to know how you are doing is to take a Rate of Perceived Exertion test. This works on a simple scale of 1-10, with 1 being “nothing at all” and 10 being your maximum effort. Work within a range of 5-7 to keep the effort without strain. Within this range you will keep your heart rate up in a safe zone, you’ll be breathing hard, but not gasping for air, you will sweat and feel as though you have worked out.

Take care and be good to yourself!



Art at the JEA



Rachel Raab

August 1-31, 2008

Rachel Raab was born in Montreal, Canada, and moved to the U.S. in 1990. She received her first camera at the age of 14 and taking photos has been a passion ever since. She graduated from Daytona Beach College with a degree in Photographic Technology and was then appointed a Merit Award in 2004 from PDN (Photo District News). She is currently attending Savannah College of Art and Design under an artistic scholarship and plans to graduate in spring 2008 with a major in Photography and a minor in Graphic Design. She loves photographing families, bands, and fashion, and is always open to any personal requests.

Raab does everything from start to finish. Shoot, edit, print, frame, exhibit, plan and design.

Artist’s Reception Thurs., Aug. 7th
7:00-9:00 PM

August 2008	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	July 27	July 28 <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-9 pm <u>Aquasize</u> - 10 am <u>Gentle Yoga</u> - 10:30 am <u>Sr. Fitness</u> - 10:30 am <u>Senior Lunch</u> - 12:30 pm <u>Mah-Jongg</u> - 1 pm <u>Water Aerobics</u> - 6:30 pm	July 29 <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-9 pm <u>Pilates</u> -8:30 am <u>Kibitzers Club</u> - 10 am <u>Aquasize</u> - 10 am <u>Open Court B'ball</u> -4-6 pm <u>Fencing</u> -6 pm <u>DaTonGa</u> -6 pm	July 30 <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-9 pm <u>Gentle Yoga</u> - 10:30 am <u>Senior Lunch</u> - 12:30 pm <u>Bridge</u> - 1 pm <u>Evening Water Aerobics</u> - 6:30 pm	July 31 <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-9 pm <u>Aquasize</u> - 10 am <u>Mah-Jongg</u> - 10:30 am <u>Senior Fitness</u> - 10:30 am <u>Evening Water Aerobics</u> - 6:30 pm <u>Sr. Lunch/Program</u> – 12:30 pm <u>Gentle Flow Yoga</u> -7 pm	Aug. 1 <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-4 pm <u>Aquasize</u> - 10 am	2
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	10 Tisha B'Av (Fast Day) Regular JEA hours (dairy food only)	11 <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-9 pm <u>Aquasize</u> - 10 am <u>Gentle Yoga</u> - 10:30 am <u>Sr. Fitness</u> - 10:30 am <u>Senior Lunch</u> - 12:30 pm <u>Mah-Jongg</u> - 1 pm <u>Water Aerobics</u> - 6:30 pm	12 <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-9 pm <u>Pilates</u> -8:30 am <u>Kibitzers Club</u> - 10 am <u>Aquasize</u> - 10 am <u>Grief Seminar</u> - 7:30 pm	13 <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-9 pm <u>Gentle Yoga</u> - 10:30 am <u>Senior Lunch</u> - 12:30 pm <u>Bridge</u> - 1 pm <u>Evening Water Aerobics</u> - 6:30 pm	14 <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-9 pm <u>Aquasize</u> - 10 am <u>Mah-Jongg</u> - 10:30 am <u>Senior Fitness</u> - 10:30 am <u>Evening Water Aerobics</u> - 6:30 pm <u>Sr. Lunch/Program</u> – 12:30 pm	15 <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-4 pm <u>Aquasize</u> - 10 am	16
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Neil & Jennel Little, Beth VanTosh,
Kenneth Richards, Adi Miller, Tamar Bar-Sade

Young Jewish Savannah

On Thursday, July 10, thirty-five Young Jewish Savannahians gathered at Grayson Stadium for a picnic and to watch the Sand Gnats play. It was a great evening for everyone to meet and get to know each other and a fine kick-off event for a planned year of programming. If you are (or know of someone) 21-40 years old and would like to be informed of upcoming events, please e-mail lynn@savj.org for more information.



Lisa Seago, Dan Chapman, Eric Posman, Matthew Allen



Allison Konter,
Amanda Reeves



Lauri Waldman,
Ross Kaminsky, Kasey Berman



Preston Feiler,
Josh Reeves, Mark Konter

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her uncanny tribute, "Barbra Streisand, Then and Now," to the JEA stage. "Simply Streisand" in every way, Carla recreates the excitement and high energy vocals of Streisand's most powerful numbers, singing with the beauty and purity of sound so closely associated with this greatest of all singing actresses.

Do you have your tickets yet? Don't miss this entertaining evening to support the JEA, a home for all of the Savannah Jewish community!

Partial list of silent and live auction items:

- * Two nights in a beautiful Manhattan apartment (courtesy of Murray Perlman) and two round-trip tickets to New York (courtesy of Air Tran)

- * A fabulous Mediterranean dinner for 10 people at the home of Lynn and Dick Berkowitz (co-hosted by Merry and Richard Bodziner)

- Two preferred parking spaces at the JEA (by popular request, we've added another one — they will be auctioned separately)

- One year of challah for Shabbat (four challahs once each month) prepared by some of Savannah's finest challah bakers

- Two tickets to the University of Georgia football game on September 6, 2008, hotel included (courtesy of Marcy and Jerry Konter)

- * A dock party for eight people on the

dock at Peggy and David Byck's home (co-hosted by Diane and David Kahn, LeeAnn and Jeff Kole)

- * Four tickets to a University of North Carolina men's basketball game (courtesy of Dayle and Aaron Levy)

- A "Dessert of the Month" for one year prepared by some of Savannah's favorite amateur 'pastry chefs' — treat yourself or a friend

- Two tickets to the University of Georgia football game on November 29, 2008, hotel included (courtesy of Harriet and Paul Kulbersh)

- A package of dance lessons from the Maxine Patterson School of Dance (more details?)

- A golf package at the Savannah Westin Hotel and Resort

- A beautiful gift from Levy Jewelers

* To be scheduled at a time mutually agreeable to the donor and winning bidder

What: JEA's annual Great Gelt Gala

When: Sunday, August 24, 2008, 6:30pm

Where: JEA, 5111 Abercorn St.

Attire: Dressy casual (no jackets, but no jeans or shorts either, please)

Tickets: \$75 per person, including one raffle ticket; \$360 patron (includes admission for four, six raffle tickets); \$1,800 table sponsor (includes reserved seating for ten, champagne, 18 raffle tickets); additional raffle tickets, \$50 each.

Information: Please call Kim Thebo, 355-8111, ext. 211

Guest Hazzan at Agudath Achim Announced for High Holidays

Galeet Dardashti, who has performed as guest hazzan in the past at Congregation Agudath Achim for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, will again be the hazzan at the synagogue for this year's holiday services.

Galeet pursues her passion for Jewish music as an accomplished singer, anthropologist, and cantor. She is the founder and leader of the internationally renowned all-female Middle Eastern Jewish ensemble Divahn. Through their edgy arrangements, the group creatively underscores common ground between diverse Middle Eastern cultures and religions. In addition to her work with Divahn, Galeet has performed as a soloist both in the US and Israel with numerous ensembles. She was recently awarded a Six Points Fellowship to pursue her project Voices of Our Mothers: A Middle Eastern Musical Midrash for Today.

Galeet's grandfather, Yona Dardashti, was one of the most highly acclaimed singers of Persian classi-



Galeet Dardashti

cal music in Iran. Together with the Dardashti Family, Galeet performed international Jewish music throughout the U.S. and Canada for 19 years during her youth and has served as the cantor for Congregation Shomrei Emunah in Montclair, NJ, for the past three years.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, August 1
Art Gallery Opens with New Artwork
 Rachel Raab is the artist
 of the month.
JEA Art Gallery

Tuesday, August 5
Normal Grief Reactions
 First of a series of seminars
 about Grief: Healing the Broken
 Heart sponsored by Jewish Fam-
 ily Services of Savannah
JEJ; 7:30-9pm. Series of Seminars
are free and open to the public.

Thursday, August 7
Reception for JEA Art Gallery Artist
JEA Art Gallery; 7-9pm

Thursday, August 7
A Movie and A Beer
 "The Secrets (HaSodot)"
JEA; 7pm; free to members;
Adults 21 and over only please.
Sponsored by Nancy and
Lawrence Gutstein.

Monday-Friday, through August 8
Camp Savannah – Summer 2008
 Various programs offered
 through Camp Savannah
*JEA; call 355-8111 for
 more information*

Tuesday, August 12
How Men and Women Grieve
 Second of a series of seminars
 about Grief: Healing the Broken
 Heart sponsored by Jewish Fam-
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Tuesday, August 19
Recovery Is Possible
Third of a series of seminars
about Grief: Healing the Broken
Heart sponsored by Jewish Fam-
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are free and open to the public.*

Thursday, August 21
A Movie and A Beer
 "One of Us (Ehad Mishelanu)"
 JEA; 7pm; Free to members;
Adults 21 and over only please.
 Sponsored by Nancy and
 Lawrence Gutstein.

Sunday, August 24
The Great Gelt Giveaway
 Enjoy an evening with Barbra Streisand, tribute artistry performed by Carla DelVillaggio. Several drawings are planned.
JEA: 6:30-9:30pm

Tuesday, August 26
Finding Meaning in Death
 Fourth and final lecture of a series of seminars about Grief: Healing the Broken Heart sponsored by Jewish Family Services of Savannah
JEA; 7:30-9pm. Series of Seminars are free and open to the public.

Monday, September 1
JEA offices closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2
Art Gallery Opens with New Artwork
 Scott Griffin is the artist of the month.
JEA Art Gallery

Sunday, September 7
Reception for JEA Art Gallery Artist
JEA Art Gallery; 4-6pm

Wednesday, September 10
Savannah Jewish Federa-
tion Annual Meeting
JEA, 7-9pm

Sunday, September 14
2008 JEA Speakers Series
 Education for Freedom
 Christopher B. Nelson, President of
 St. John's College in Annapolis, MD.
*JEA; 7pm; Tickets are \$10 at door;
 \$5 for students, Free for military.*
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*We've begun planning
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in 2009.*

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Committee Meeting**

**Monday, August 11
6:30pm at the JEA**

Let us know if you'll be there
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On The Personal Side

GRADUATES .
Kelsey Winters, the daughter of Ellen and Patrick Winters, graduated from St. Andrew's School in 2008. She was vice president of the National Junior Honor Society, representative from her Freshman and Sophomore Classes to the Student Council, secretary of the Senior Class and captain of the swim team. She also is a member of the National Honor Society having been regularly on the Headmaster's List or Honor Roll during her entire high school career, a member of the Math Club, and on the varsity swim team. Kelsey also was on



Kelsey Winters

the Georgia Coastal Aquatics Team under Coach Bill Forrester. She will be swimming for Auburn University beginning this fall where she will be a pre-med major with a special interest currently in neonatology...**Amanda Erin Shernoff**, the daughter of Beth and Dr. Neil Shernoff of Scottsdale, Arizona and granddaughter of Zelda Newman and the late Sol Newman, Rosalie and Raymond Shernoff (all of Savannah), graduated cum laude from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor's degree in Nutritional Sciences and a minor in Chemistry. In August, she begins a four



A black and white portrait of Amanda Shernoff, a young woman with long dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark top. The photo is positioned to the right of the text.

Amanda Shernoff



Amanda Shernoff

year Doctor of Pharmacy program.

MISCELLANY. **Dr. Y. Idó Friedman**, who is involved with the newly established chapter of the Israel Medical Association World Fellowship in the USA, is inviting all physicians to attend the IMA world fellowship conference in Tel Aviv in April 2009. He co-chaired a session about the Holocaust and Medicine at the last conference....**Julius Rudikoff** was recognized recently by the Free and Accepted Masons of the Grand Lodge of Georgia as having been a Master Mason for more than 50 years...**Cantor Sheldon Feinberg** of Port Royal, SC received a commendation from the commanding

general of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island for “exceptionally noteworthy performance and unsurpassed professional expertise” while serving as the guest speaker during the Holocaust Remembrance Documentary Event held there in May, 2008. The Cantor’s outstanding and distinctive presentation highlighted the importance of the Holocaust, the commendation said. The commendation came from Brig. General P. E. Lefebvre.

SPORTS. Faye Kirschner won in her age group in the Savannah Sand Gnats 5K (3.1 miles) Home Run Trot. Christine Addy placed second place in her age group.

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SAVANNAH'S BROUGHTON STREET, 1935-1942

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Abro Robinson and Fannie (Estroff) Mirsky, circa 1929.



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BORN

*A daughter, Elana Suzanne Ruben, on July 15, 2008, weighing 7 lbs., to Deganit and Jesse Ruben of Savannah. Grandparents: Melinda and Steve Stein of Savannah.

ENGAGED



Bracker- Bergethon

Mrs. Nancy Asher Bracker of Savannah is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Susan Amy Bracker to Ross Warren Bergethon. The future bride is the daughter of Mrs. Bracker and the late I. Henry Bracker and the granddaughter of Re-

gina Berman Asher and the late Mr. Julius A. Asher and the late Mr. David S. and Pauline Gold Bracker, all from Savannah. Miss Bracker is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Business Administration in International Business and a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law. She currently serves as Chief Corporate Development Counsel of McKesson Health Solutions, located in Alpharetta, Georgia. The future groom is the son of Mr. Glenn E. Bergethon and Joyce Barron Bergethon of Rossville, Georgia. Mr. Bergethon graduated from the University of Georgia where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, with a minor in Art History, and from the University of South Carolina Law School. He is currently completing a two-year clerkship for a federal district court judge in Atlanta and has accepted a clerkship on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit for the 2008-09 term in Memphis, Tennessee. The couple plan to marry in Savannah on January 17, 2009 at Congregation Mickve Israel. A reception will follow at Savannah Station.



Senior Lunch Bunch celebrates June Birthdays: (l-r) Reuben Grunin, Minda Brownstein, Marcia Lebos, (not so senior) Alex Kovensky, Dr. Norman Kaplan

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Graduation: A Night To Remember

May 28, 2008 was a night to remember for thirteen Rambam graduates. They graduated and left their places from Rambam with the following thoughts.

A story was told by Benjamin Garfunkel of a man who sold his furnace one cold winter, to be able to afford a tutor for his son. Through this gallant sacrifice, the father was able to pay for his son's Judaic studies. Benjamin went on to thank all those who have made sacrifices for Rambam, and especially the graduates parents for their sacrifices to ensure Jewish education in Savannah.

bos all wrapped into one, was very special".

Allison Hagan used a poem to express her thoughts. "I'll always be there for you, and I'll always stay true. You are a part of me that everyone will see. You are my best friends and we'll be that way until the end".

Sarah Segall reached out to her friends that were graduating with her. "We have come to know each other so well, that we know each other's



*Ester Y. Rabhan,
Rambam Day
School Principal*

Jesse continued that thought and said, "What has taken place in our lives that is so wonderful? We have been born to wonderful, caring parents. We have been showered with their love, their devotion and their wonderful concern. It is due to these very character traits that we found ourselves placed in Rambam Day School."

Janna Sullivan spoke about what Rambam means to her. "Rambam has become a second home for me. Sometimes I have taken for granted the warm and nurturing environment that exists here. Now as I move on, when I am no longer nestled securely within the warm walls of Rambam, I know I will miss the security that greeted me

will soar through many accomplishments. The lessons we have learned we hope all Rambam students will learn at some point".

Elliot Kooden expressed gratitude to all the teachers. "We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all the teachers who have touched our lives and enriched our education. We could not and would not be who we are today, without each of you".

Bari Sadler spoke about various teachers specifically. "Ms. Fields, you made Social Studies so much fun. You made mid-evil times come to life when we built our castles. When we learned about tolerance, we went to Jenkins High School which was a great experience. When we learned about the United States, we made our own board games which reviewed our knowledge of Canada and the U.S. Thanks for being such a great Assistant Principal to whom we could turn to for any reason any time".

Shayna Rabhan also spoke about specific teachers. "Mrs. Niager, in fourth grade you were insistently trying to prepare us for middle school. Now look at us—we are graduating. Are you surprised? We loved Star of the Week and when your husband came in to make balloons. We have so many fun memories from our three years we had you'. (Just for the record they did not repeat the fourth grade three times, they had Mrs. Naiger in 5th and 6th grades for Social studies).

I charged the eighth grade with the responsibility to bottle up the feelings they were feeling right at that moment, the feelings of appreciation for how fortunate they have been to receive a Jewish education. I told them to take those bottles out as they camouflage themselves into their new surroundings so they could be showered with these feelings and be reminded that they have a right to be different and a right to be proud of themselves and a right to make choices that will make G-d proud.



The Rambam Day School 2008 Graduating Class (l-r): Benjamin Garfunkel, Elliot Kooden, Sarah Segall, Shayna Rabhan, Sara Fay Goldstein, Allison Hagan, Jesse Warshaw, Miranda Leichtner, Janna Sullivan, Taylor Robertson, Alexa Moore, Bari Sadler and Daniel Sokolin

Sara Fay Goldstein expressed how Rambam's patrol has impacted her life. "Many of us have served on patrol together. It taught us to be respectful to others, have pride in our school, and to take responsibility for others seriously".

Alexa Moore commented on a student council activity. "We spent two Shabbosim together as part of our middle school experience. The camaraderie, the fun and the feeling of shab-

strengths and weaknesses. The value of that is knowing how to work with each other and make things happen."

Daniel Sokolin and Jesse Warshaw acknowledged the parents of the graduates. Daniel said, "The Hebrew expression for gratitude is Hakaras Hatov, literally translated means, recognizing the good. One cannot have true appreciation or gratitude without first recognizing that something wonderful has taken place."

each day for 12 years".

Taylor Roberson said, "Don't be sad that it has ended, be happy that it ever happened. Growing up with each other has meant so much to all of us. We are the future of the world and we need to set an example for those that will follow in our path".

Miranda Leichtner shared the following: "The knowledge that we have gained in the time attending Rambam, will prepare us for a life in which we



Congregation Mickve Israel held its confirmation on June 8, 2008

Pictured (l-r) are: Laila Cohen, Elle Byck, Dylan Guggenheim, Rabbi Arnold Mark Belzer, Ben Adler, Caroline Eichholz and Frances Klein. Grace Lang Klein also was confirmed, but was not pictured

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When it became time to get married and raise a family, Savannah was the only choice.

Ever involved in a myriad of philanthropic activities in the secular and Jewish communities, Jeffrey and Stacy want to leave a legacy to the community that has given so much to them and their sons, Darryl and Stephen.

As an attorney, Jeffrey gives advice to hundreds of people, as a committed leader in the Jewish community, he takes some of his own advice. To celebrate Stacy's 50th birthday, he purchased an insurance policy to endow Stacy's annual Lion of Judah gift to the Savannah Jewish community.

Jeffrey purchased a \$100,000 life insurance policy in Stacy's name and assured that their commitment to Jewish values will last in perpetuity. A gift to the Savannah Jewish Federation will be made in Stacy's name forever.

It is a lesson that they have taught to their sons: To give back to the community that has given so much to them.



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