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Federation Board Approves FY 08-09 Allocations

At the May 14, 2008 meeting of its Board of Governors, the Savannah Jewish Federation approved allocation grants totaling \$845,174 for the 2008 – 2009 fiscal year. Michael Kooden, general campaign chair and chair of the allocations committee, said: "I am pleased to announce the distribution of grants for the coming year and am gratified by the hard work of the campaign team and the allocations committee to make these grants possible. We've implemented some new approaches in the allocations process this year that I'm excited about and that I hope will be meaningful for our community."

The amount of money available to be allocated was down 10% (\$95,000) from the previous year. The allocations committee carefully deliberated what effect the decrease in funds should have on the distribution of funds. "A

down campaign always makes the allocations process more difficult, but Savannah still is fortunate to be able to do as much as we do for our own Jewish community and for our fellow Jews around the world. After the heartfelt discussions that were held, I am confident that we have arrived at an appropriate allotment of funds of which we can all be proud," said Kooden.

The allocations committee used four general categories of agencies in determining the distribution of funds for next year: Education, overseas, local and national. Included in the overseas category are grants for birthright Israel (\$5,000 this year), the local Shaliach program (\$45,000) and our "core" allocation to United Jewish Communities (\$232,143) which includes funds distributed to the Jewish Agency for Israel and the American Jewish Joint

Distribution Committee. Recognizing the changing nature of philanthropy in the United States and a growing desire on the part of donors to see more specifically where their money is going; the overseas subcommittee recommended a new initiative for distributing grants from the Savannah Jewish Federation overseas.

Whereas in the past, almost all of the funds set aside for overseas needs were turned over to UJC (and thus JAFI and JDC) for distribution, the overseas committee suggested this year that a portion of the funds set aside for overseas needs be used to make grants directly to specific agencies for purposes deemed to be of interest to our local community. The Federation Board enthusiastically approved this approach and set aside

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Patinkin Heads List of Speakers at CMI's and Savannah Jewish Community 275th Anniversary Celebration

On the weekend of July 11-13, congregants of Mickve Israel, friends, and invited guests will mark the 275th anniversary of the founding of the congregation and the Savannah Jewish community with a wide variety of events. Approximately 300 families of descendants of the first settlers have been located and invited to attend the festivities.

The programs to celebrate 275 years of Jewish presence in Savannah



Mandy Patinkin

will include: special services with nationally known speakers, musical recitals, a special Kiddush luncheon, a grand banquet, and a brunch for the descendants of the original settlers. There also will be tours related to the Jewish history of Savannah, in addition to tours of the sanctuary and the Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein Museum at the Temple.

A special guest during the celebration will be Tony Award- and



Baroness Ruth Deeche

Emmy Award-winning American actor and renowned tenor Mandy Patinkin. There also will be a diverse group of speakers from the United States, as well as Great Britain, who will participate in the program for the celebration. Baroness Ruth Deeche, a life peer of the House of Lords, will commemorate the first settlers who set out from London. She is an academic, bioethicist, and former governor of

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Jewish Family Services Sponsoring Food Drive in June

For the month of June, the Savannah Jewish Federation's Jewish Family Services will collect non-perishable food items to assist efforts to fight hunger locally. Containers will be in the lobby of the JEA throughout the month for the convenience of those who would like to drop off donations.

Suggested food donations include peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, soups, cereal, rice, tuna, macaroni and cheese, powdered milk and other canned or boxed food items. The food will be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

According to the Children's Defense Fund, one out of every six Georgia children is at risk of going hungry at some point each month. Second Harvest is finding it difficult to meet dramatically increasing requests for food assistance and JFS also has seen increased requests for assistance.

Feeding the hungry is a fundamental Jewish value and we hope that all who are able to do will help with this effort. We also plan to hold our annual Operation Isaiah Food Drive in the fall to coincide with the Jewish holidays.

For more information, please call 355-8111.



SUMMER'S HERE – See You At The JEA Pool!



Always Keep Our Jewish Identity

Two weeks ago I was sitting on the bleachers at the Israel @ 60 celebration at Forsyth Park watching a group of non-Jewish children perform a traditional Israel folk dance and I realized that my time here is over.

I'm happy and honored that I had the opportunity to be part of Israel's 60th anniversary celebration in the park, an event that brought together the entire Jewish community and showed all of Savannah Israel's beautiful face.

Leaving my role after two years is more than accomplishing a mission, it's leaving home. After two years in a city, it becomes yours — you know that the fastest way to downtown is the Parkway or Drayton. You know that if you really want to eat a fine dinner you better do it before 9:30 p.m. and that the only place to find good Tahini is the El-Salam deli on Habersham. You even get used to seeing live broadcasting from the churches on Sunday. And I always knew it was Shabbat when I sat down with the Lichtman's for Friday night dinner.

It wasn't easy to come to a new country, knowing no one, but the community accepted me like nothing I ever knew before, and I doubt will ever know again. My first four weeks in Savannah were spent running from Synagogue to lunch and dinner. I remember that the first day of Sukkot I went to four different events. I packed two different shirts in the car just incase. My adopted parents here, Stephanie and Michel Lichtman and Jeff and LeeAnn Kole made sure that I wouldn't be

alone for a minute.

At the end of the day, the Shaliach role and goals are one in the same: Maintaining and enhancing the strong connection between the state of Israel and the Jewish community in Savannah and to be part of the Jewish community's effort to keep its Jewish identity.

In this era, America is one of the two best places to be Jewish. The modern society encourages people to pick and choose from what the world has to offer and it also lets us be Jews in many different ways. But however we choose to express ourselves we should always remember where we came from as Jews — our history and our common culture — and always work to keep our Jewish identity.

I hope I have been part of that process for everyone in Savannah through my work here the last two years. It has been a real honor for me to be the emissary from Israel to the Jewish community of Savannah — a community with such an impressive heritage. I thank each one of you for making it such a great journey for me and I hope for you, too. I encourage each one of you to continue this process within the Jewish community in Savannah and to also be part of this process with the Jewish people around the world, especially in Israel, which I hope you know is your second home. I invite you all to come visit me there!



Eyal Blank,
Community
Shaliach

Allocations

\$20,000 to go directly to the following agencies/causes: Yad B'Yad, an agency in Israel working with at-risk youth (\$4,000); immediate needs in Sderot (\$4,000); TALI Education Fund of the Masorti movement, which introduces religious education into traditionally secular schools in Israel (\$2,500); Israel Religious Action Center, the public and legal advocacy arm of the Reform movement in Israel (\$2,500); an as yet unidentified traditional/Orthodox cause in Israel (\$2,500); via JDC, the Central Sephardic Congregation of Cuba for a media center (\$1,500); Friends of Givat Hayim, an agency in Israel providing services to the disabled (\$1,000); Bayit Lepletot/Girls Town Jerusalem, which provides a home and traditional environment for girls needing shelter for whatever reason, often until marriage (\$1,000); the Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind (\$1,000).

In total, \$302,143 was allocated for overseas needs, representing 23.9% of the overall campaign achievement of \$1,262,792.

Included in the education category were local BBYO (allocated \$2,500 for 08-09), SCAD Hillel (\$800), Georgia Southern Hillel (\$500), University of

Georgia Hillel (\$1,000), Rambam Day School (\$179,784) and Shalom School (\$23,280). The education agencies allocations total \$207,864 and represent 16.4% of the campaign achievement.

The JEA is the only agency currently included in the local category. The JEA will receive an annual allocation of \$305,167 plus a \$25,000 special grant for the purchase of a new bus or van. Including the special grant, the JEA's allocation represents 26.15% of the campaign achievement.

The national category includes agencies for Jewish causes based in the United States. Grants from the Savannah Jewish Federation for 2008-2009 include: the Jewish Community Center Association of North America (\$2,000); Hadassah (\$1,000); Jewish Council for Public Affairs (\$750); Jewish Education Service of North America (\$250). As with the overseas grants, the Federation approved a set-aside of \$1,000 for directed donations to be used this year for grants to the Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish Braille Institute and the National Tay-Sachs and Allied Diseases Association. The grants in the national category total \$5,000 (0.4% of the campaign achievement).

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about Jewish Savannah in front of the
Victor Emmanuel Memorial in Rome, Italy



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April 21, 2008

Dear Eyal,

Thanks so much for visiting
our class and teaching us
about Passover and the Seder.
We enjoyed learning about Jewish
traditions and especially eating
the food.

Sincerely,
James Ferencsik

Don't forget!

There will be a July-August issue
of Savannah Jewish News.

Deadline for submissions
Is June 30, 2008

Because He Chose To

Almost two years ago a young man in Israel packed up his belongings to make a home in Savannah. He didn't know any of the people, had never been here before and would be speaking (almost exclusively) in a second language. He put his life on hold, delayed further education, and left a family business.

For the past two years, Eyal Blank has been our Community Shaliach. Armed with many ideas and programs, Eyal has labored tirelessly to build the bonds of everyone in Savannah with Israel and each other. And he did it all with sensitivity, maturity and boundless enthusiasm.

He has taught our children in Shalom School, visited St. Andrews, Country Day, and numerous public schools. He has organized Shabbat dinners with SCAD students. He reached out to Savannah State with programs that created new ties there. He has spent many hours with community seniors who have lived through the establishment of Israel, sharing stories, updating them on current events. He has effectively organized Yom Haatzmaut and Zikaron programs, supported the Speakers Series, and assisted with the Summer Shlichim integration into the Day Camp programs. This year Eyal mounted two large scale events—the Children of Jerusalem art exhibit held at the Bull Street Library and the Israel @ 60 Festival held last week in Forsyth Park. He has joined many of us in our homes for Shabbat dinners and in synagogue for festival observances—

he has become part of the family.

What you may not know is that Eyal is a volunteer. That's right; Eyal has given the Savannah community two years of his life as a volunteer. In the US, it's not typical that our children would give up two years of their lives to share their culture, their country, their world with others. Yet, that is exactly what Eyal has done.

Eyal is the fourth "volunteer" Shaliach I have had the pleasure to work with. There is a certain something in each of them that makes them extra special: Sometimes it is a sense of adventure—a longing to try something new and challenging—sometimes it is a sense of duty, sometimes an intense Zionist identity. Whatever it is, we are all better for having known Eyal.

The Jewish Agency program that helps bring the Shlichim to communities throughout the world is called "Arevim," a Hebrew word that means responsible. I'm sure it was taken from the Talmudic saying, "Kol yisrael arevim zeh lazeh—All Israel is responsible for one another." For the past two years, Eyal has been the embodiment of this saying. We will be gathering at the JEA on June 19th from 5-7pm for a Shalom Eyal BBQ. As Eyal gets ready to return to Israel, let us honor him as he has honored us by his presence for the last two years.



Adam Solender



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the BBC. She also is a member of the Jewish Leadership Council.

Mike Schneider, a news anchor with Bloomberg Television, will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Previously, he was an anchor for ABC and several other networks. Before joining Bloomberg, Schneider represented the Fifth District of New Jersey in Congress.

Speakers over the weekend include Michael Brandon, John Sheftall, E. Kinney Zalesne and Rabbi Howard A. Berman:

Michael Brandon, the former chairman of the Bevis Marks Synagogue in London, and main speaker at Mickve Israel's 265th anniversary celebration, returns to Savannah bringing special greetings. Bevis Marks is Mickve Israel's mother synagogue and was responsible for sending the original group of Jews to Georgia in 1733.

John Sheftall is a descendant of one of the first families. He is a partner in the Hatcher Stubbs law firm in Columbus, Georgia. His interests include history and historic preservation, as well as neighborhood revitalization



John M. Sheftall

and community planning.

Kinney Zalesne, with Mark Penn, recently coauthored *Microtrends: the Small Forces behind Tomorrow's Big Changes*. She has worked with Hillary Clinton on strategy and in Al Gore's office focusing on domestic policy and education technology. Ms Zalesne is the president of College Summit, a nonprofit organization that helps send children from low-income homes to college.

Rabbi Howard Berman is with Boston Jewish Spirit, a Progressive Reform Congregation, and is rabbi emeritus of Chicago Sinai Congregation. He has been active in numerous religious and civic organizations. Currently, he is the executive director of The Society for Classical Reform Judaism.

Bringing greetings from President George W. Bush will be Ari Fleischer, former press secretary. Mr. Fleischer now has his own consulting firm, Ari Fleischer Communications.

For more details visit www.mickveisrael.org and click on the 275th anniversary link or call the Mickve Israel's Assistant Director, Lauree San Juan, at 912-233-1547 extension *26 to request the required RSVP form.



Rabbi Howard A. Berman

Congregation Mickve Israel Confirmation on June 8

Congregation Mickve Israel will hold its annual confirmation program on June 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The young people who will be

confirmed are Ben Adler, Elle Byck, Laila Cohen, Caroline Eichholz, Dylan Guggenheim, Frances Klein & Grace Lang Klein.

AA Sisterhood Hosts Women's League, Southern Region Conference

For the first time in more than 15 years, Agudath Achim was selected to host the Women's League for Conservative Judaism Southern Region Spring Conference. Over the weekend of May 2-4, more than 80 women from seven states came to Savannah for the conference with the theme, "Sisterhood: Heart and Soul of the Synagogue". The conference was held at the synagogue. Savannahian Anne Scheer received a Light of Torah Award for her commitment to Sisterhood.

The women, with the assistance of Rabbi Kenneth Leitner, were able to share in a total Shabbat experience, leading Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat morning services as well as enjoying Shabbat dinner and a special Havdalah to mark the end of Shabbat and honor the Light of Torah Recipients.

Linda Tillinger, a co-president of the AA Sisterhood, thanked Rabbi Leitner on behalf of the Region, say-

ing: "The out of town delegates were singing his praises for his constant attention to details in order to make every part of the weekend special."

The Region installed their new officers and board which included Barbara Rubin as Treasurer and Linda Tillinger as an Area Director, both for three-year terms.

Harriet Ullman and her staff prepared an array of meals which helped to maintain Savannah's reputation as the Hostess City. Tillinger also thanked Harriet Meyerhoff for conducting a tour of Savannah for those who wanted to see more of the city as well and the women who made donations to help the Sisterhood defray its costs for the event.

Carol Greenberg of MorningStar Cultural Arts Group taped special greetings from the attendees to be used in a video for Savannah's Israel at 60 Festival.

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Jewish Entrepreneurs

New Moon of Savannah Is a Business with a Mission

Miriam and Jacob Hodesh came to Savannah over a year ago to start New Moon of Savannah, a business with a mission. They arrived from Boston, where Miriam was finishing her Masters in Business Administration at Brandeis. The two looked at several cities—Wilmington, NC and Charleston, SC for example—for a city that needed their type of services, and they have settled quite happily here in Savannah.

Miriam says the two made the right decision. They love Savannah and it is a great city to implement their mission driven business. Their goal is to use their business

to enhance the lives of people in the community. New Moon is a small business that organizes community events, and promotes the work of area non-profits.

Last month, for example, New Moon launched the Savannah Market Bazaar, the brainchild of the Hodeshes. The Bazaar brought more than 40 vendors of original items as well as antiques, to the parking lot of the old Sears and Roebuck Henry Street between Drayton and Bull. The Hodeshes would like the Market Bazaar to become a staple event held on the last Saturday of each month.

They also are working with the

Downtown Design District to further promote the District as a unified shopping destination.

Miriam and Jacob, who married in November 2007, chose to forgo wedding gifts and instead asked their friends to give to The Save Darfur Coalition. As a result, they raised more than \$20,000.00 to help the people of Darfur.

Miriam, on behalf of New Moon of Savannah, worked very hard on the Israel at 60 Festival held at Forsyth Park on May 18 for the Savannah community.

Miriam and Jacob can be reached at www.newmoonofsavannah.com.



Miriam and Jacob Hodesh

MYTHS AND FACTS A Guide to the Arab – Israeli Conflict

By Mitchell G. Bard

MYTH

“Palestinians no longer object to the creation of Israel.”

FACT

One of the primary Palestinian obligations under the road map for peace is to affirm Israel's right to exist in peace and security. How then does one interpret Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas's description of the decision to create a Jewish state in 1948 as a crime?

While Israelis will celebrate the 60th anniversary of their independence, Abbas and other Palestinians will mourn the establishment of Israel on what they call Nakba Day. Had the Palestinians and the Arab states accepted the partition resolution in 1947, the State of Palestine would also be celebrating its birthday, and Palestinians would not lament Al Nakba (“The Catastrophe”).

Palestinians are understandably bitter about their history over these last six decades, but we are often told that what they object to today is the “occupation” of the territories Israel captured in 1967. If that is true, then why isn't their Nakba Day celebrated each June on the anniversary of the Arab defeat in the Six-Day War?

The reason is that the Palestinians consider the creation of Israel the original sin, and their focus on that event is indicative of a refusal, even today, to reconcile themselves with the Jewish State. Abbas's comments on the occasion of Israel's 57th birthday, along with those by PA Prime Minister Ahmed Korei, who said “our wound is still bleeding 57 years later,” hardly inspire confidence in their willingness to end the conflict with Israel.

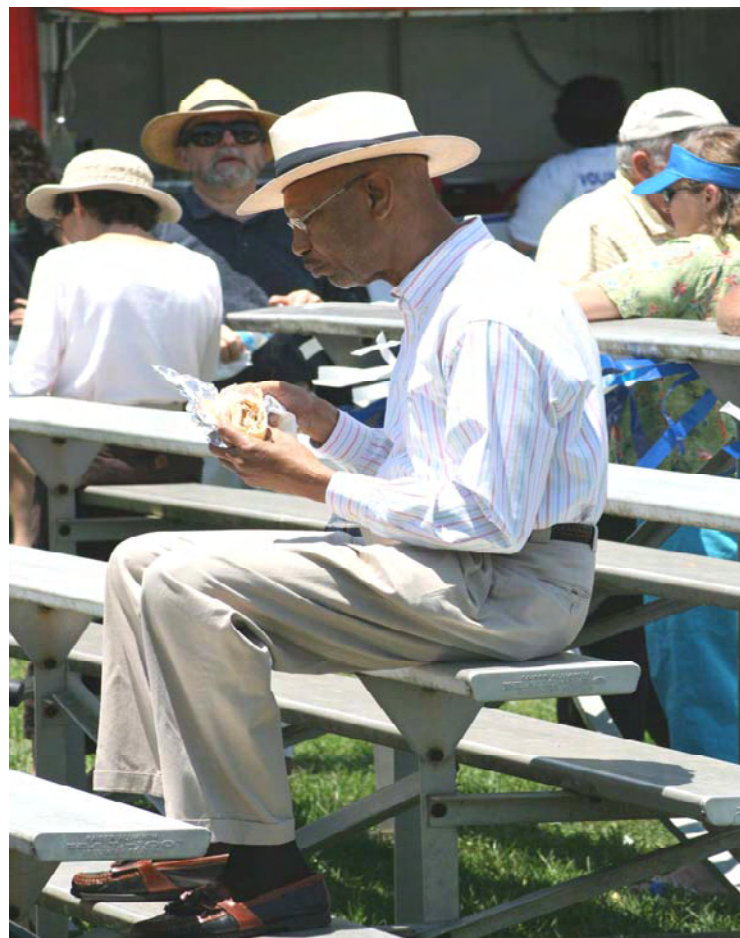
And Hamas, which continues to grow in popularity, has never left any doubt about its refusal to accept Israel's existence. Since winning the election, officials and spokesmen have repeatedly expressed their unwavering commitment to the Hamas Covenant's call for the destruction of Israel.

Another disturbing aspect of past observances of Nakba Day was that traffic stopped and people stood straight and silent as sirens of mourning sounded, intentionally mimicking the Israeli practice on Holocaust Remembrance Day. This was an insidious way to make the odious comparison between the Holocaust and the creation of Israel.

It may be that the current leadership does not truly represent the feelings of the Palestinian people. An April 2008 poll, for example, found that 61 percent of Palestinians support Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations. This is a hopeful sign; however, as long as the Palestinian Authority treats Israel's creation as a catastrophe on a par with the Holocaust, the prospects for coexistence will remain bleak.

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Jared Adler

Savannah Country Day School (SCDS)

The son of Margie Adler and William Adler, Jared played varsity basketball at SCDS. He was a member of Bnai Brith

Youth Organization (BBYO). He attended Rambam Day School from two years of age through the eighth grade. He plans to attend Georgia Southern University in Statesboro.



Jason Adler

Savannah Country Day School

The son of Margie Adler and William Adler, Jason played basketball at SCDS. He was a member of BBYO. He attended

Rambam Day School from two years of age through the eighth grade. He plans to attend the College of Charleston in South Carolina.



Lindsey Bailey

Savannah Arts Academy

The daughter of Lynn and David Bailey, Lindsey participated on the swim team, theatre, and Horsefeather and Applesauce Children's

Theatre Company. She also was active in the National Beta Club, having served as president from 2007-2008 and treasurer from 2006-2007, and in the International Thespian Society, serving as its treasurer from 2007-2008. She also was a member of Cheer Savannah. Lindsey attended Rambam Day School through the fourth grade. She will be attending the University of Georgia.

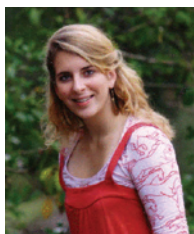


Seth Evan Brody

Carlsbad High School, Carlsbad, California

The son of Jan Brody of Savannah and Jerry Brody of California, Seth is graduating with honors and a 4.0 average. At Carlsbad

High School, Seth played racquetball and is sponsored by Gearbox Racquetball of San Diego. In Savannah he attended Savannah Arts Academy where he was a member of the varsity tennis team and cross-country team. He is a member of United Synagogue Youth in San Diego. He attended Rambam Day School from 3 years of age through the eighth grade. He will attend San Diego State University where he will major in kinesiology and study fitness, nutrition and health. He plans to become a certified personal trainer and continue playing racquetball.



Evan Cohen

Savannah Arts Academy

The daughter of Neil Cohen and Liz Gunn, Evan was active in the Thespian Club, Science Club, National Honor Society and on the swim team. She

also participated in community theatre. Evan attended Shalom School from kindergarten through the seventh grade. She plans on studying psychology and global studies at the Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina.



Jessica Cohen

Savannah Arts Academy

The daughter of Donna and Ron Cohen, Jessica participated in Beta Club. National Honor Society, Nu Delta Alpha, Science Club and cross-

county, track and field, and dance company. She received the coach's award for track and field. Jessica attended Shalom School from first through eighth grades and was an assistant teacher there from ninth until the 12th grade. She plans to attend the University of Georgia where she will major in biology. After obtaining an undergraduate degree, she is planning to attend dental school and then open her own practice.



Jordan Cranman

Savannah Country Day School

The son of Paul and Karen Cranman, Jordan participated in mock trial — and was named Best Attorney at the State Level —

Jenkins Boys Club basketball, and cross-country. He was the co-founder and president of Student Support for Darfur. He was the Relay for Life team captain and student representative for SCDS on the Honor Council. He also has been active as president and vice president of the David Finn AZA chapter in Savannah and vice president and secretary of the Dixie Council of BBYO. Jordan is planning to attend Indiana University, Bloomington, and major in Finance. Then he would like to attend law school.



Ali Lauren Klugman

Savannah Country Day School

The daughter of Susan and Danny Klugman, Ali participated in freshman basketball and volunteered at St. Mary's Orphan-

age. She participated in the Relay for Life and the Chatham County Science Seminar. She also has volunteered at the Kicklighter Academy and the Savannah Jewish Federation's Trading Places where she helped out at Union Mission. She was head of St. Mary's Volunteers and the Kicklighter Academy volunteer group during high school. She also

chaired the Federation's teen campaign in 2006. She has been active in BBYO and attended Rambam Day School from the time she was two years old through the sixth grade. She plans to attend the University of Georgia.



Bernie Kramer

Wisconsin Institute for Torah Study (WITS)

The son of Cheri and Andy Kramer, Bernie is the salutatorian for his graduating class. He participated in basketball and foot-

ball, as well as doing math tutoring. He was director of the senior play, liaison for the Senior Class and achieved honor roll status. He was active in youth activities at B'nai B'rith Jacob Synagogue and assisted with youth minyans. He attended Rambam Day School from age two years old through eighth grade. Bernie will attend Georgia Tech's Engineering Program and then plans to pursue a career in the medical profession. He will attend the Wisconsin Institute for Torah Study's Beis Medrash program next year.



Craig Phillip Novack

Savannah Country Day School

The son of Linda and Dr. Steven Novack, Craig played varsity football, basketball and baseball and was

the team captain for all three — in 2007 for football and 2008 for basketball and baseball. Other achievements in sports include: 2007-2008, baseball, 1st Team, Region 3A; 2005-2007, All Greater Savannah, punter; 2006-2007, First team, Region 3A, Quarterback; 2005-2007, First Team, Region 3A, Punter. He also was vice president in the upper school 2005-1007, and on the upper school Disciplinary Committee, 2007-2008. He participated in SALSA: Students Against Drugs and in a march for cancer. Craig attended religious school from third through the eighth grade. Craig plans to play football at Wofford College where he will be a pre-med major.



Leah R. Portman

Yeshiva of Greater Washington,

Silver Spring, Maryland

The daughter of Myra and Jerry Portman, Leah was the featured student speaker at the Annual Fund-

raiser and Dinner Gala for the school in 2008. She served as co-president of the Student Council and was co-editor of the school newspaper. She was the head of the Song and Dance Ensemble for the school's annual musical. She was a volunteer at Shema V'ezer Sunday School in a program for youngsters with special needs. She also was a member of NCSY and the Savannah Youth Federation. She attended Rambam Day School from age

two years old through the eighth grade. Leah will attend Michlalah Jerusalem College in Israel next year and after that Stern College for Women in New York.



Ashley Schlafstein

Savannah Country Day School

The daughter of Stacey and Dr. Barry Schlafstein, Ashley was editor of the school yearbook and a state science fair

finalist. She also was a cheerleader and participant in track during her freshman year. She was active in BBYO having served as president and SRC Coordinator. She attended Rambam Day School through third grade and Shalom School through the eighth grade. She plans to attend Cornell University in Ithaca, New York in the fall.



Jessica Paige Segall

Savannah Arts Academy

The daughter of Mona and Robert Segall, Jessica was a member of the school's Tennis Team for two consecutive years, the school's dance com-

pany, Nu Delta Alpha Dance Society and the Spanish Honor Society. She also was a BBYO member. She attended Rambam Day School from preschool through eighth grade. Jessica plans to attend the College of Charleston.



Jules Meryl Shelkoff

Statesboro High School

The daughter of Morrie and Leon Shelkoff, Jules participated in the marching band, symphonic band, The Miss Statesboro High School Pageant,

Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America and was a volunteer with the Humane Society. She also was president of the Students Against Destructive Decisions, was on honor roll and received an academic letter and pin. She also has been active in United Synagogue Youth (USY) and BBYO. Jules plans on attending the University of Georgia as a pre-med major in Genetics.



Janis Snaid

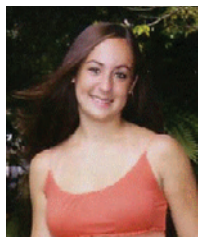
St. Vincent's Academy

The daughter of Lynne and Michael Snaid, Janis graduated with honors, was class president, a member of the National Honor Society,

and the National Society for High School Scholars. She also is a Columbia Scholar and a Moses Award Winner. She played intramural sports and was in the Spanish Club and was a chairman in the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Janis attended Rambam Day School from two years of age through the eighth grade. She plans on attending the University of Georgia.



Mazel Tov to the 2008 High School and College Graduates



Samantha C. Udinsky
Savannah Country Day School

The daughter of Gay and David Udinsky, Samantha participated in the Governor's Honors Program for Dance in 2008. She also was a co-captain for three years at the Relay for Life. She has taken ballet and other dance lessons for 14 years. Samantha attended Shalom School Sunday School. Samantha plans on attending University of South Carolina in Columbia where she has been accepted in the Dance Program.

COLLEGE GRADUATES



Brandon Adler
Oberlin College

The son of Margie Adler and William Adler, Brandon graduated with honors and majored in English. He was awarded the Dudley Tenney Prize at the graduation ceremony in May. This award is given annually to the English Honors student with the best academic record in courses in mathematics and natural science. He attended Rambam Day School from two years of age through the eighth grade. He will be working in behavioral neurosciences at the National Institutes of Health in Baltimore, Maryland, and eventually plans to attend medical school.



Jeremy Gordon
University of Georgia

The son of Karen and Bruce Gordon, Jeremy graduated from University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and Astronomy. He was a student grader in Introductory Astronomy and tutor in Introductory Physics. He also volunteered as a reader for the blind and dyslexic. In 2008, he was initiated into the University of Georgia Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, received the Alan J. Saworski Science Award and was Physics and Astronomy Student of the Year. He received the 56th Charles H. Wheatley Award for Excellence in Physics at the Senior Level. Jeremy attended Rambam Day School from the first through the eighth grade. He will be attending the University of Wisconsin PhD Program in Medical Physics.



Shira Malka Gordon
Touro College in Brooklyn, NY

The daughter of Shelley and Rabbi Jeffrey Gordon, Shira Malka graduated from Touro College in Brooklyn, NY, with a Bachelor of Arts in Judaic Studies and a minor in

Biology. She was a member of the Science Society. She attended Rambam Day School from kindergarten through the eighth grade. She plans on working in the healthcare field and obtaining degrees in Nursing and as a Nurse Practitioner.



Stephanie Rachel Greenberg

Boston University

The daughter of Carol and Dr. Joel Greenberg, Stephanie graduated from Boston University with Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitative Sciences. She is certified by the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America (AFAA) as a Group Exercise Instructor and has completed internships at both Harvard University and Boston University with their team weight training programs. She was a member of the Student Council and volunteers in student-run community health initiatives. She is certified in CPR and AED First Aid in a course administered by American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons and the American College of Emergency Physicians. Stephanie was inducted as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, the National Leadership & Honor Society, in 2006. She attended Rambam Day School, Shalom School and Savannah Country Day School while living in Savannah. She has been accepted to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program beginning this summer at Boston University.



Rachel Kohn
Tulane University

The daughter of Cyn-di and John Kohn, Rachel graduated from Tulane University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a double major in Anthropology and English. She is joining Teach for America in New Orleans. Teach for America is allied with Ameri-corps and trains and provides teachers in schools where children are underserved. She will be attending training this summer at Arizona State University in Phoenix before taking up a teaching position at a New Orleans elementary school in the fall.



Lauren Sarah Sadler
Agnes Scott College

The daughter of Robyn and Alan Sadler, Lauren graduated from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and Social Justice. She was a member of the Jewish Student Association (JSA), Tri Beta (the Biology Honor Club), the Religious Life Council, Safe Agnes Scott Sisters, Scotties Collegiate Chorale, Cross Country Team, Habitat for Humanity, Agnes Aids Walk, Stu-

dents for Fair Trade, Students for Living Wage Campaign and Scotties (Environmental) Going Green Team.

Among honors and leadership positions, Lauren listed Big Sister/Little Sister (Scottie Sisters), a founding CORE Sister in Safe Agnes Scott Sisters, and serving as President, vice president and secretary of the JSA. She interned at Oakhurst Community Garden in Decatur. Lauren served as "lay" rabbi on campus and led Friday night services once a month for students. There was also a significant increase in events hosted by the JSA for the campus community. She blessed the new campus Interfaith Chapel with a Shechianu in April 2008. Outside of her life at Agnes Scott, she worked at Camp Ramah Darom for summers and taught at Congregation Or Hadash in Atlanta for two years. She also was a member of BBYO, USY and NCSY. She attended Rambam Day School from pre-school through the eighth grade and Shalom School's seventh-eighth grade Sunday School program. She is planning to spend a month in Europe, then work at Camp Ramah Darom before going to Israel to study at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem where she has been accepted..



Rose Sadler

University of Maryland

The daughter of Jodi and Kenneth Sadler, Rose graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Maryland in May. She earned her degree in Sociology with a minor in International Development. During her four years at Maryland, she was involved in Hillel and taught Hebrew School at Adat Shalom Synagogue. Rose's future plans include staffing a birthright trip to Israel this spring and then relocating to Cambridge MA, where she will participate in a teaching program. She will earn her teacher's certification through an on the job training program at Shady Hill School and earn her master's degree at either Tufts University or Lesley University.



Danyse Solomons

Indiana University

The daughter of Cathy and Philip Solomons, Danyse graduated from Indiana University with a degree in elementary education. She was inducted into Pi Lambda Theta honors fraternity, was registrar and new member educator for Kappa Kappa Gamma, a member of the Indiana University Dance Marathon executive committee and recruitment counselor for the Indiana University Panhellenic Association. She attended Congregation Mickve Israel's Sunday School and Hebrew School programs. In the fall, she will be student teaching in Sydney, Australia.

POST GRADUATE

Brian Scott Friedenber
Medical University of South Carolina

The son of Barbara and Ricky Friedenber, Brian graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina with a Masters Degree in Healthcare Administration. He completed an internship at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee and the Backus Children's Hospital in Savannah. He achieved Dean's List and participated in numerous intramural basketball leagues while at MUSC. His undergraduate degree was from the University of Georgia in Consumer Economics. He graduated from Rambam Day School, attending from kindergarten to eighth grade. He hopes to work in a healthcare facility.



Harris Stephen Greenberg

University of London

The son of Carol and Dr. Joel Greenberg, Harris received a Master of Arts degree in Archaeology of the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East in 2007 from the University of London. His thesis was accepted with distinction. The conferring of his degree will occur in London in September 2008. Harris is an honors graduate from George Washington University with a degree in archaeology and a minor in music. Harris had the lead in several theater and musical productions while at GWU, performed in a student opera while in London and is performing in Boston as a member of the Boston University Choral Society. Harris has participated on many archaeological digs and will be in Israel on a dig this summer. He attended Rambam Day School, Shalom School and SCDS while living in Savannah. He currently is in a Ph.D. program in archaeology at Boston University.

GRANDCHILDREN



Jarrett Benjamin Arkin

Woodward Academy

The son of Drs. Eva and David Arkin of Atlanta and grandson of June and Dr. Murray Arkin of Savannah, Jarrett was a member of the National Honor Society, an AP Scholar and Gold Eagle at the Academy. He will be attending the University of Texas Business Honors Program.



Janine Jennie "J.J." Spevack
Coker College

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Spevack of Sumter, SC and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris H. Lamhut of Savannah, J.J. graduated from Coker College in Hartsville, S.C. in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a minor in dancing.





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2008

Speaker's Series



Sunday, June 29, 2008
7:30 PM at the JEA

Russia: Taking a Closer Look Professor Marshall Goldman

Author and internationally recognized authority on Russian economics, politics and environmental policy

Tickets: \$10 at the Door, \$5 for Students,
FREE for Military.

The 2008 Speakers Series is made possible with generous support from the JEA Phillip Hoffman Memorial Fund of the Savannah Jewish Community Foundation, The Savannah Jewish Federation and members of the community.

A Letter from the JEA President

Allow me to share something really eye opening with each of you; its a glimpse into a typical 72-hour time period at our JEA. Very recently, the JEA experienced a 3-day period of ongoing activity that I am sure cannot be matched by any other Jewish community center our size. I was amazed at the list of activities and think you will be, too.



During this quick few days Rambam Day School held rehearsal for their annual year-end play, a bar mitzvah party was held in the ballroom, there was a movie and a program held for Yom HaShoah remembrance, 3 different community-based organizations used rooms in the building for their meetings, senior lunch, girl's basketball tournament, and our normal schedule of spin classes, exercise classes, aquasize, and baseball team practice. WOW!

It is a monumental task for our staff to make sure that each meeting room, gym, auditorium and ball field is ready for the event taking place, many simultaneously. We are fortunate to have excellent staff in place at the JEA to meet the needs of our members and groups utilizing our facility. It is a wonderful thing to be part of an organization that has a facility used by so many members and organizations; that is what we are all about!

Now, alongside all of the activity of the JEA, one should be a little aware of some of the difficult financial matters that we were dealt with during this same 72-hour period. It is quite sobering. The outdoor pool was made ready for the annual inspection by the Chatham County Health Department. Hundreds of pounds of chemicals were purchased and a new impeller was purchased and installed.

Additionally, I signed a check to GA Power for \$11,000. That figure represents one, that's right, just one month's power bill and there will be much higher power bills when the hot Savannah summer arrives. The mounting expenses for ongoing repairs to the air conditioning system seem endless, and we will certainly worry about roof leaks as the hurricane season approaches, bringing the possibility of torrential rain storms.

The JEA is an awesome place, where awesome things take place, but we are always reminded what kind of financial commitment is necessary to keep it up and running. We will manage, we always do, but help is always welcomed. When asked, consider serving on a committee. When you read a flyer about an interesting program, come and participate. And, when we have a fundraising event, please make every effort to contribute in whatever way you are able.

Enjoy your summer; hope to see you at the JEA!

Marcy Konter

Meet your New JEA Board Members:

Following are the new Board Members inducted at the JEA 96th Annual Board Meeting. Each member will serve a 2-year term.

Dick Berkowitz	Sally Greenberg
Matt Cohen	Eva Locker
Jay Goldstein	Maxine Patterson
Sarah Gottlieb	Josh Reeves

A MOVIE & BEER!*

7:00 PM at the JEA. FREE to Members.
FREE Beer, wine, beverages,
popcorn and peanuts.

*Adults 21 and over only please

June 12th—Beaufort—The film is set in the southern-Lebanon fortress held by Israelis for eighteen years and in its final years frequently-and lethally-shelled by Hezbollah. The young Israeli men don't look much like hardened soldiers. But every once in a while one of them gets blown up-usually just after announcing plans for his future. You never see any Hezbollah fighters. It's hard to breathe as the men wait for the final evacuation.

June 26th—Yana's Friends—Yana is young, beautiful and pregnant. Soon after she and her husband arrive in Israel, her husband uses their immigration money to fly back to Russia, promising to come back rich. Yana then meets her neighbour, Eli, a twenty-something filmmaker. Eli is also a professional voyeur who uses his video camera to capture private moments in other people's lives. When the threat from Saddam Hussein's poison gas missiles force both of them into the same sealed bedrooms, their stories unite, sparks fly, and love flourishes.

Movie & Beer Night at the JEA is generously sponsored by Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein

JEA Donations

ALLAN ULLMAN PLAYGROUND FUND

In honor of the marriage of Greg & Mara
Harriet & Paul Kulbersh

JEA GENERAL DONATIONS FUND

In honor of Sylvia & Burton Udinsky's
Anniversary
Harriet & Eric Meyerhoff

JEA KITCHEN FUND

In honor of Marilyn Seeman
Miriam & Nathan Siegel

ETHEL COHEN MEDDIN MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Audrey Pearlman
Aron Charles (Chuck) Palefsky

HARVEY RUBIN MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Elsie Goodman
Barbara & Abram Rubin

JEA FITNESS FUND

In honor of Peggy Harris's Birthday
In honor of Diane Kuhr's Birthday
Harriet & Eric Meyerhoff

DAVE & BUNNY CENTER CAMPSHIP FUND

In memory of Mrs. Dave (Bunny) Center
Simone & Leo Center



JEWISH EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE

CENTER PIECE

April 15, 2008

JEA,

On behalf of the Savannah-Chatham Family Violence Council, I want to thank you and Laura and Thomas and the rest of the wonderful JEA staff for your involvement in last night's kick-off of Crime Victims' Rights Week, "Hiding in Plain Sight: Sexual Predators Among Us."

The JEA's willingness to host this presentation was essential to its success, and the support we received from everyone at the JEA was crucial. We received many positive comments regarding the program, and are grateful for your assistance in what FVC members believe was an important educational event for our community.

Thanks again for your help and support!

Sincerely,

Kris Rice
Executive Director, Coastal Children's Advocacy Center
Treasurer, Savannah-Chatham Family Violence Council



SCRABBLE- DABBLE-DO

It is certainly no secret that it is just as important to nourish the mind as it is the body. Wednesday evenings at the

JEA offers just the opportunity to rejuvenate your brain.

Did you know that **Scrabble** started as a game called Lexico invented during the depression by an unemployed architect? However, the game we know today debuted in 1948 when the original rules were refined and the name was changed to Scrabble. The game is also known as Alfapet, Funworder, Skip-A-Cross, Spelo-fun and Word for Word.

Although it also is sometimes referred to as the "War of the Words," we guarantee a friendly game at the JEA. Join us for a "spell" and have a scrabbulous time!

The **Savannah Scrabble Club** meets every Wednesday Night at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Educational Alliance. Call 355-8111 for more information.

Take the AARP Driver Safety Program

Please reserve both Sundays June 22nd and 29th, 1:00-5:00 PM (8 hrs. total) for AARP Driver Safety Program. The nation's first and largest classroom refresher for motorists age 50 and older. For Drivers who want a discount on their auto insurance. Materials provided by instructor. Participants must attend both classes. **Cost: \$10. Make checks payable to class instructor on the first day of class. Call 912-355-8111 to RSVP. Class size is limited.**

AREA YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN JR. OLYMPIC SKILLS COMPETITION

Local youngsters ages 8 to 13 participated in the Jr. Olympic Skills Competition. This free grassroots youth participation program allows boys and girls, competing separately, the opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities in four (4) athletic events – basketball, soccer, tennis, and track & field. The program is designed to encourage participation in sport while promoting sportsmanship. The JEA was proud to host a local competition on May 4, and following are the results. The champions in each age division have the opportunity to compete in the Regional event on May 31st in Springfield, GA. Come out and support these young athletes!

BASKETBALL

Boys -- 8-9 years old	1 st Place Tomer Locker 2 nd Place Jordyn Stoltzman
Boys -- 10-11 years old	1 st Place Sam Raskin 2 nd Place Moshe Schochet 3 rd Place Max Strauss
Boys -- 12-13 years old	1 st Place Joseph Marshall 2 nd Place Yehuda Schochet
Girls -- 8-9 years old (tie)	1 st Place Allison Samuels 1 st Place Chaya Schochet
Girls -- 12-13 years old	1 st Place Marissa Levine

TENNIS

Boys -- 8-9 years old	1 st Place Jordyn Stoltzman
Boys -- 10-11 years old	1 st Place Sam Raskin 2 nd Place Moshe Schochet 3 rd Place Max Strauss
Boys -- 12-13 years old	1 st Place Joseph Marshall 2 nd Place Yehuda Schochet
Girls -- 8-9 years old	1 st Place Allison Samuels 2 nd Place Chaya Schochet
Girls -- 12-13 years old	1 st Place Marissa Levine

SOCCER

Boys -- 8-9 years old	1 st Place Abraham Lebos 2 nd Place Max Cohen 3 rd Place Jordyn Stoltzman
Boys -- 10-11 years old	1 st Place Max Stauss 2 nd Place Sam Raskin 3 rd Place Moshe Schochet
Boys -- 12-13 years old	1 st Place Joseph Marshall 2 nd Place Yehuda Schochet
Girls -- 8-9 years old	1 st Place Chaya Schochet 2 nd Place Allison Samuels
Girls -- 12-13 years old	1 st Place Marissa Levine

TRACK & FIELD

Boys -- 8-9 years old	1 st Place Max Cohen 2 nd Place Abraham Lebos 3 rd Place Jordyn Stoltzman
Boys -- 10-11 years old	1 st Place Sam Raskin 2 nd Place Moshe Schochet 3 rd Place Max Strauss
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MAKE A SPLASH IN 2008!

JEA TORNADOES SWIM TEAM

Our program provides an environment where children of all talents can participate and feel as though they have contributed to the team's success. All children are welcome to join the team as long as they can swim safely. You don't have to be fast to be on the team, you just have to want to come out and have fun!

FOR KIDS AGE 5 AND UP

Registration:

After May 2nd: \$125 Members
\$150/Non-Members

Swimming builds strong bones & lean muscles, discipline, confidence and self-esteem.

First Practice: Wednesday, May 14th

8 & Under—5:45-6:30 pm

9 & up—6:30-7:30 pm



Jeff Burkhamer's
"Shooting for the Stars"
Basketball Camp Here at the JEA

June 30th-July 3rd

1:00-4:30 PM

Boys and Girls ages 6-15



Join AASU Head Coach Jeff Burkhamer and his players for a basketball skills camp! Camp highlights include a free camp jersey, individual instruction with emphasis on the fundamentals, team competition, daily contests and an individual workout program!

\$85/Members \$100/Non-Members

You are cordially invited . . .

Please join us for Senior Adult Lunch every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 12:30 pm. Good food, great conversation and a stimulating programs on Thursdays. Over 55? Make sure you are getting the Senior Adult Newsletter (355-8111).

Reservations: 355-8111.



JEA CAMP SAVANNAH MEET-AND-GREET

Sunday, June 15th
1:00-3:00 PM

All new and returning campers are invited to a pool party to meet this year's camp staff. While there, pick up your 2008 camp T-shirt!



JEA Drama Camp 2008

July 7-25, 2008

Registration Deadline—May 30th
Rising 4th-9th Graders
\$190—Full Day of JEA & Drama
\$100—Drama Camp Only

Choose from Acting Basics; Costuming, Stage Make-Up and Program Design; Dance & Movement; Set Design & Construction; Storytelling or Theatre Games/Improv.

Drama Camp is part of JEA camp and children can choose to do one or both.

Call 355-8111, ext. 225 for more information.



Weekly Camp Themes

Week 1: The Great Outdoors (June 16-20)

Week 2: Dancing and Soccer (June 23-27)

Week 3: Clown Camp (June 30-July 3)

Week 4: Water Week (July 7-11)

Week 5: Basketball & Cooking (July 14-18)

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

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

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

Fitness Schedule

Activity	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Adult						
Indoor Pool	9 AM-5 PM	7 AM-9 PM	7 AM-9 PM	7 AM-9 PM	7 AM-9 PM	7 AM-4 PM
Outdoor Pool	11 -5 PM	12-7:30 PM	12-7:30 PM	12-7:30 PM	12-7:30 PM	12-4 PM
Master Swim		5-6 AM		5-6 AM		5-6 AM
Spin Class			8:30 AM & 7:15 PM		8:30 AM	
Awesome Abs		9:30 AM & 6:45 PM	9:15 AM	9:30 AM	9:15 AM & 6:45 PM	9:30 AM
Firm It Up		8:30 AM		8:30 AM		8:30 AM
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
Yoga		10:30 AM & 7 PM		10:30 AM	7 PM	
Chair Yoga					11:30 AM	
Tai Chi				10 AM		11 AM
Zumba			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	
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						
Karate		5:30 PM		5:30 PM		
Swim Team		5:45 PM	5:45 PM	5:45 PM	5:45 PM	

SPECIALTY CAMPS—All specialty camps run on a different daily schedule.

JEA Theatre Camp: Let your dramatic side shine and have fun playing games, learning lines and meeting new friends. We have a troop of actors waiting to help you become a stronger and better actress/actor.

Armstrong Basketball Camp: Join Jeff Burkhamer and the AASU men's basketball team for a week of skills development and basketball fun!

L.I.T.: For campers 7th grade and up! Wondering what to do this summer? We have it covered. We will be going on 3 extended trips, daily trips and so much more. Our awesome trips will be to Orlando, Atlanta and Washington, D.C. This program will run from June 16th to August 8th. When teens are not going on trips, they will be aiding counselors.

Lunch: The JEA maintains a strict kosher facility so that everyone can participate in meals. Please send your child with a Kosher Dairy or Parve lunch Monday - Thursday. Fridays include a special cookout lunch for your child (hamburgers and hot-dogs).

SWIMMING:

It's not summer without SWIMMING! All campers

will receive lessons four times a week, plus free swim daily. 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 Yeladim 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 junior lifeguard drills.



Family Discounts: A 5% discount is offered for each additional child from the same family when enrolled in the same camp session. The discount will apply to the lower fee and does not apply to extended care or specialty camps.

Scholarships: Financial assistance is available so every child can come to camp, regardless of ability to pay. Submit your camp application, scholarship request form and a \$25 deposit. Requests are kept confidential and are awarded based on a demonstrated need basis. Applications for financial assistance are available at the JEA front desk.



New Summer Fitness Classes

Zumba!

Zumba! is a dance-based cardio workout set to Salsa, Rock-and-Roll and contemporary music. Shake your booty and loosen up your spirit! Instructor: CC Powell. Dance Studio **Tuesdays, 6:00 -7:00 PM.**

Evening Spin

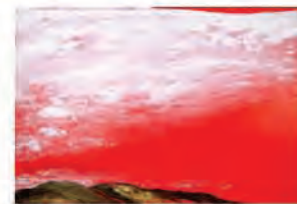
Take an imaginary spin through the countryside up hills and down lanes to elevate your heart rate, sweat like crazy, and feel better about life in general. Please pre-register. Space is limited to 7. Instructor: CC Powell Dance Studio: **Tuesdays, 7:15-8:00 PM**

Pedal Off Pounds

A fun class to burn off extra pounds using spin bikes in a private room. Perfect for beginners and is geared towards weight loss. Please pre-register. Space limited to 7. Instructor: Janis Steirn. **Mondays & Thursdays, 1:00-2:00 PM**

All classes get underway June 2nd!

Art at the JEA



Ching Levy

This artwork will be for sale and for viewing from June 1-28, 2008

Born in Taiwan, Ching's art has been influenced by Chinese culture, especially in calligraphy and paintings. Ching began her art career with traditional Chinese painting on rice paper, with calligraphic brush strokes. From there, she ventured into pastel, watercolor and acrylic. In recent years, she has expanded from Chinese style to Western style and arrived at an integration of the two cultures.

To combine Chinese and western ideas together and to find a new life for her paintings is what she had been pursuing. Last year she started using house paint, acrylic/latex on canvas and finished 130 paintings as a new adventure.

Artist's Reception -
Tues., June 3rd, 5:30-8 PM

Donate to your Fitness Center

Help us fill our long wish list! Your donations will help to purchase new equipment, new pool supplies for our fitness, aquatics and youth programs. Your donations are tax deductible and will be enjoyed by many!

Contact Elaine Fox for further information.
355-8111.

A Special Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to Fred & Nancy Clark for their donation of two benches for the ladies' locker room and indoor pool. These benches have been in use since April and are greatly appreciated!

June 2008

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Hundreds of Jewish Teens Going On BBYO Summer Programs

By Rachel Lourie, Dixie
Council Historian (Orechet)

This summer, hundreds of Jewish teens from across the world will be headed off on the most exciting adventure of their lives. No, they are not going to a typical summer camp, these teens will be attending a BBYO sponsored summer program at which they will learn leadership skills and Judaic history all while making amazing memories and lifelong friendships.

From the east coast to the west coast, and from Europe to Israel, BBYO summer programs are giving high school Jewish teens the opportunity to learn more about themselves, their religion, and how they can have a positive impact on their communities.

As Ross Kooden, Dixie Council's Trainer of New Members (Moreh), who attended Passport to Israel in 2007, said, "BBYO's Israel journey program was three of the best weeks of my life." The President of Charleston, South Carolina's BBG chapter, Molly Kalinsky, who attended BBYO's Chapter Leadership Training Conference, held at the American Hebrew

Academy in North Carolina, added, "The friendships that I made while at CLTC will last forever. It really is amazing how much CLTC impacts your life. The girls and guys that I met are my best friends, and I can call them up just to talk, if I have a problem, or even BBYO stuff! I know they will always be there for me and I will always be there for them. CLTC was the best thing I've ever done."

BBYO, Inc., the world's leading trans-denominational Jewish youth movement, is the first and the most dynamically inclusive organization of its kind, every Jewish teen, of any background, anywhere in the world, will find an experience that provides the foundation for a meaningful Jewish life.

To find out more about BBYO's summer adventures or to learn more about becoming a part of the BBYO family, which includes AZA and BBG (for high school students) and Teen Connection (BBYO's program for 6th, 7th and 8th graders), contact the Dixie Council Director, Rona Goldstein at RGoldstein@bbyo.org.

Savannah BBYO is a beneficiary agency of the Savannah Jewish Federation.



Marcia Silverman (left), secretary of the proposed Savannah Jewish Academy high school, and Devorah Giffen, fundraising chairwoman, attended the 2008 PEJE (Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education) Assembly held in Boston in April. The PEJE Assembly is the largest Jewish day school conference in North America, bringing together leaders from all denominations. It gives attendees the opportunity to explore and promote linkages, collaboration and relationships that strengthen learning at the core of the school and its periphery.



Holocaust survivors light memorial candles at May 1 Yom HaShoah Observance. (l-r) Nancy Isaacson (assisting); Chaim Melamed, Vera Hoffman, Enzo Krahl, Allen Kupfer

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Judy Hirsch reads the names of Holocaust victims on Yom HaShoah

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THE HARMONIE CLUB

Believed to be the first Jewish social club in Savannah, the Harmonie Club was formed on September 28, 1865. It was a Jewish men's social group and the first president was Mr. Wolf. On October 22, 1865, vice president Lawrence Lippman addressed the new club on the topic of the recent Civil War, calling on members to "sink personal spite in oblivion" and let "Harmonie" be their aim. In addition to social gatherings, the club sponsored events throughout the year to raise funds for a variety of Jewish causes.

The Club's constitution was adopted on December 11, 1865 and original charter on December 6, 1866. For many years the club occupied the Masonic Hall at Bull and Broughton streets, using Andrews Hall at Jefferson and Broughton Streets for special events. In June 1883, the club purchased 2-4 East Jones Street at Bull Street (Kanter Hall) for \$16,000 which the club held until 1959.

1895 to 1978 and include the visitor's register pictured above, meeting minutes, reports, bonds, the charter, and financial records. The Georgia Historical Society holds the earliest Harmonie Club minute book dating from 1865 to 1876 (MS 979).

Archives references:
Harmonie Club records (JMS 012)

LAUREL GROVE CEMETERY JEWISH BURIALS INDEXED!

We have completed indexing the Laurel Grove Cemetery's Jewish burials. The index dates from 1842 to 2007 and is available at the Savannah Jewish Archives. Burial information was also submitted to the JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry. This concludes the archives long-term project to document Jewish burials in Savannah. Other cemeteries previously indexed include: Bonaventure Cemetery (indexed 1906-1937), Levi Sheftall Cemetery (indexed 1828-1866), Jewish Burial Ground (indexed 1757-1881),

HARMONIE CLUB. VISITOR'S BOOK. <i>Book</i>			
DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE	BY WHOM INTRODUCED
1895			
Apr 14	M. Mendel	Midwood	M. M. Schaul
	B. Mandel	New York	E. Newman
	Joseph Davis	Midville	Alf. B. B. ang. E.
	E. Mandel	Richmond	
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20	A. P. M. M.	N.Y.	M. E. E. E.
	A. R. S. S.	Atlanta	"
20	C. H. H. H.	N.Y.	L. E. E. E.

First page of the Harmonie Club visitor's register, 1895.

The Harmonie Club records at the Savannah Jewish Archives date from

and the Original Burial Plot (indexed 1733-1765). Thank you to the archives volunteers for their work in completing this project.

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Isadore Epstein

Who died May 16, 2008.

Survivors: a son, Dr. Barney Epstein and his wife, Ellen, of Marietta, GA., two grandchildren, Robyn Salkin and her husband, Josh, and Scott Epstein; a brother, Albert Epstein and his wife, Sandy, of Savannah and a sister-in-law, Sara Epstein.

Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn St., Savannah, GA 31405.

Hilda Strauss Eichholz

Who died May 15, 2008.

Survivors: A son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Arlene Eichholz; daughters and sons-in-law, Lora and Harold Schroeder, Charlotte and Elliott Rich; grandchildren, Rachel Adam, Leah Eichholz and Michael, Shoshanna, David Schroeder and step-grandchildren, Michael, Rachel and David Rich.

Remembrances: Congregation Ariel, 5237 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338; Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob in Savannah; Weinstein Hospice, 3150 Howell Mill Road, Atlanta, GA 30327; or Yeshiva Atlanta High School, 3130 Raymond Drive, Atlanta, GA 30340.

Lee J. Meyer

Who died May 9, 2008.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Barbara Portman Meyer; his son Captain Samuel J. Meyer, daughter and

son-in-law, Tami Meyer Smith and Phillip Smith; daughter and son-in-law, Peri Meyer Kyriacos and Demetre Kyriacos; adoring grandchildren, Amber A. Smith, Jade M. Smith, Tiffany P. Smith, Benjamin S. Smith and Leita K. Kyriacos; sister, Barbara M. Platke of St. Louis, Missouri and brother, Julius M. Meyer of Atlanta, numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews, cousins, special clients and close friends.

Remembrances: National Multiple Sclerosis Society Research Fund, Georgia Chapter, Suite 210, 455 Abernathy Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30328.

Elsie Berger Harris Goodman

Who died April 26, 2008.

Surviving are her daughter, Lynn H. Goodman of Savannah; her son, Scott B. Harris and his wife, Deborah, of Atlanta; three grandchildren, Dr. Brad Goodman and his wife, Kristen, Joel Goodman and his wife, Julie, and Seth Goodman; and five great grandchildren.

Remembrances: Spanish Oaks Hospice, 8510 Whitfield Avenue, Savannah, 31406; the American Cancer Society, Suite 206, 6600 Abercorn Street, Savannah, 31405, or a charity of the donor's choice.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Art Gallery Opens with New Artwork

Ching Levy is the artist of the month.

JEA Art Gallery

Tuesday, June 3

Reception for JEA Art Gallery Artist

JEA Art Gallery; 5:30 – 8pm

Wednesday, June 4

Savannah Scrabble Club meets

The group meets every Wednesday night to play.

Everyone is invited for a “spell and to have a scrabbulous time.”

JEA; 7pm

Sunday, June 8-Tuesday, June 10

Shavuot

JEA closes at 5pm on Sunday, reopens Wednesday, June 11, normal hours.

Thursday, June 12

A Movie and a Beer

“Beaufort”
JEA; 7pm; free to members;
Adults 21 and over only please.
Sponsored by Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein.

Sunday, June 15

Pool Party

All new and returning campers are invited to meet this year’s camp staff. While there, campers may pick up their camp t-shirt.

JEA; 1-3pm

Monday-Friday, June 16-August 8

JEA’s Camp Savannah, 2008

First session of camp opens with The Great Outdoors, June 16-20; Dancing and Soccer, June 23-27 and Clown Camp, June 30-July 3.

JEA; call 355-8111 for more information

Thursday, June 19

Farewell to Eyal Party

Join us for a cookout and farewell to our Shaliach for the last two years, Eyal Blank.

JEA; 5-7pm; \$5 per person suggested donation; 355-8111 for more information

Sundays, June 22 and 29

Driver Safety Program

AARP Driver Safety Program is for motorists age 50 and older who want a discount on their auto insurance.

JEA; 1-5pm; call 355-9111 for reservations. Class size is limited. Pay \$10 to instructor on first day of class.

Sunday, June 22

Agudath Achim Art Auction

Preview at 4 pm; Auction at 7 pm. Highlight will be a drawing for a \$20,000 cruise and other items.

Agudath Achim, 9 Lee Boulevard; call the shul at 352-4737 or Ed Wexler, 598-0093, for information.

Thursday, June 26

A Movie and a Beer

“Yana’s Friends”
JEA; 7pm; Free to members;
Adults 21 and over only please.
Sponsored by Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein.

Sunday, June 29

2008 JEA Speakers Series

Russia: Taking a Closer Look
Professor Marshall Goldman
JEA; 7pm; \$10 at door; \$5 for students; free for military.
The Speakers’ Series is made possible with generous support from the JEA Phillip Hoffman Memorial Fund, the Savannah Jewish Federation and members of the community.

Monday, June 30

Basketball Skills Camp

Join AASU Head Coach Jeff Burkhamer for a basketball skills camp that will run through July 3. For boys and girls, ages 6-16
JEA; 1-4:30pm; \$100 per person.

Monday, July 7

JEA Drama Camp

Program is for rising 4th through 9th graders. Registration deadline is May 30th.

JEA; call 355-8111 for information

Friday, July 11-Sunday, July 13

275th Anniversary of Congregation Mickve Israel and Settlement of the Savannah Jewish Community

Several programs are planned with guest speakers. Mickve Israel; for information, call (912) 233-1547.

If you have an event that you would like included in the calendar, please submit it to Midge Schildkraut, mschildk@bellsouth.net or call 355-1839. Final determination is at the discretion of the editor.



On The Personal Side

MISCELLANY: Matt Cohen and his New South Café received the New and Emerging Business Award from the Small Business Chamber at an awards luncheon on May 6. The New South Café is a two year old gourmet cuisine restaurant that started out as a small catering company. Cohen is a fifth generation Savannahian who said he always dreamed of opening his own restaurant in historic Savannah. He is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in New York and has worked in leading restaurants in New York and Atlanta. Cohen returned to Savannah in 2000 when he established a very successful catering business. He launched the restaurant two years ago.... **Julian Miller** announced May 9 he is leaving the helm as the Savannah Morning News publisher to start a family real estate business in the Savannah area.

SPORTS: Faye Kirschner and Christine Addy placed first in their age groups in the 31st Annual Vidalia Onion 10k Run (6.2 miles).

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Eighth Grade Play Is Huge Success

May 5th was the eighth grade play production of "The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf". The play was fantastic and will be added as an integral aspect to the success story of Rambam Day School. It is such a highlight of our program to have creativity very much a part of what our students experience. In the process of preparing for the play, the children learned they had abilities and skills that they never tapped into before. They had a wonderful time and acquired feelings of pride and accomplishment. .

An exciting part of the evening was the presence of the eighth grade's friends from Jenkins High School. These were some of the same children that Rambam students assisted for the Special Olympics. It was an emotional evening for many reasons; the success

of the evening, the Jenkins High School students being there and the play signifying the end of the year being close. One student came over to me and said, "I am so sorry the play is over. It came too fast and we didn't appreciate the time we had together and now our time is almost over."

I was privy to be part of a conversation when a sibling in tenth grade told their brother who is graduating from Rambam this year, that when they graduate and move on to another school, they are going to miss Rambam.

Enjoy the pictures.



Ester Y. Rabhan,
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Jean Weitz to Chair Hadassah
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Savannahian Jean Weitz has been named a chair of the Hadassah National Convention in New Orleans next year. After 30 years in Hadassah, she will be taking on this new responsibility with her sister-in-law, Laura Weitz. The convention is attended by 2,000 to 2,500 women.

Jean is currently serving on the National Board of Hadassah, spending about 60 days a year in Hadassah's New York office where she has an office and a secretary. She has served on the National Board for three years and will be running for re-election. Jean and Sue Ruby, president of Savannah Hadassah, will be attending this year's convention in Los Angeles, California.

Jean served as president of Savannah Hadassah from 1993-1995 and

as president of the Southeastern Region of Hadassah for the next three years. (Ida Wilensky also is a Southeastern Region past president.)

Jean attributes her love and appreciation for Hadassah to June Arkin and former Savannahian Susan Rosenzweig Moray who now lives in Atlanta.



Jean Weitz

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