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Mike Leven, CEO of Georgia Aquarium, to Headline SJF Campaign “Main Event”

Michael Leven, Chief Executive Officer of the Georgia Aquarium and Vice Chairman of the Marcus Foundation, will be the keynote speaker at the Savannah Jewish Federation's Main Event for the 2009 Annual Campaign, to be held on Wednesday, November 5th, at the JEA. Leven has been a trustee and a member of the board of The Marcus Institute since 2003. In his capacity with these organizations, he works hand-in-hand with Bernie Marcus, the co-founder of Home Depot and one of America's most generous philanthropists.

In announcing that Leven would be speaking in Savannah, Sharon Galin, chair of the 2009 Federation campaign said: “We are truly honored to have Mike Leven coming to Savannah to energize our annual campaign as

it gets underway. As vice-chairman of the Marcus Foundation, and as a personal philanthropist, Mike has had a tremendous impact on the social welfare needs of the Atlanta Jewish community as well as many other charitable causes. We look forward to hearing about how his commitment to his community helped shape his experiences in business and life.”

Leven's personal commitments to philanthropy and public service include having served as vice president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, chair of the marketing and public relations committee for United Jewish Communities (UJC), general chairman of the Atlanta State of Israel Bonds Committee, and as a member of the National Board of Governors of the American Red Cross, its Executive

Committee and chairman of its Biomedical Services Board.

When he wasn't serving his community, Mike Leven found time to become a hotel industry icon and one of the franchising industry's most innovative leaders. Leven was formerly President and CEO of US Franchise Systems, Inc., the company he founded in 1995 that franchises the Microtel Inns & Suites and Hawthorn Suites hotel brands. Prior to that, he was president and COO of Holiday Inn Worldwide. From 1985 to 1990, he was president of Days Inn of America, where he led initiatives to hire older workers, people with dis-



Mike Leven

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Have You Tried the New [savj.org](http://www.savj.org)?

Meeting with the approval of all who were there, the Savannah Jewish Federation unveiled its new website at its 65th Annual Meeting held on September 10th at the JEA. The website, still located at www.savj.org, received a much-needed face-lift (OK, a few other parts had some major work done, too) with the help of Laura Kellogg, our web master, and a United Jewish Communities website building tool commonly known as “FedWeb.”

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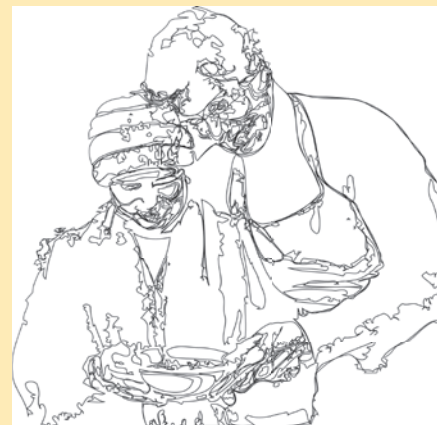
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The Times They Are a Changin’

I was high when I wrote this—36,000 feet high—being inspired by Israeli material (the movie *You Don’t Mess with the Zohan*) on a British Airways flight no less (the airline of a country not usually known for its appreciation of things Israeli... or Jewish).

While the movie does perpetuate the image of Israeli Mosad agents, and by extension the IDF, as superior soldiers (“Rembrandts with a grenade”) and takes that image to farcical extremes, it is not so far removed from the image we grew up with in the 60’s. These were heady times when America was reshaping its own image and young American Jews were inspired by the self-confidence and prowess of a young Israel, proving to the world it was here to stay (and Americans do love winners).

We tend to see ourselves as we were in our early lives and frequently we still see Israel in the same way. But of course we have changed and so has Israel and so must our relationship with Israel. Israel is much more our economic partner than a dependent. No one doubts its ability to see to its own security. Israel’s military concerns are no longer local and mirror America’s. Unrest in the Middle East is now a global problem. In the 60’s, we were concerned about the welfare of the Jews in Israel; now, Israel expresses concern for the future of Jews in the Diaspora.

Our community has changed over the years as well. This is obvious to me—a newcomer of only twenty-two years—and must be all the more obvious to those more tenured members of our community. Jews have many more options than they used to have in terms of where they spend their time and money. Local needs have largely supplanted overseas needs as

the leading priority in most communities. Volunteerism is a challenge everywhere. We must be prepared to accept changes in the dynamics of our Jewish community. The opposite of change is not sameness—it is stagnation.

Change is inevitable. The trick of course is to always change for the better. There are a lot of reasons we sometimes fail. Like children, we sometimes do not recognize what is best for us because it seems hard or painful. Sometimes, try as we might, we just lack the insight or information to make the best decisions. Sometimes we know the right answers but find the status quo more comfortable.

As we approach 5769, we will all try to seek guidance to change ourselves for the better as well. We need to see the realities of our Jewish world as it is in the 21st century, to see clearly the changing priorities of our global and local communities, and to be ready to embrace new strategies and technologies to respond to them. We need to be prepared to cope with changes in our traditional relationships.

Changes are coming. The Democrats and Republicans have both endorsed it. The only question is how we respond. The Israel of the 1960’s and Savannah of the 1990’s no longer exist. Both are different. Both are better. Both are changing. On behalf of the officers and the Board of the Savannah Jewish Federation, I wish for you a year of health, happiness and peace and changes for the better. Carol, Harris, Stephanie and I wish you and your families a Shana Tova.



Dr. Joel Greenberg
President,
Savannah Jewish
Federation

An Easy Fast?

As Yom Kippur is almost upon us I am reminded that most Jews part company with the simple wish “have an easy fast.” It seems so incongruous to say “have an easy fast” in the context of what we are supposed to be doing. Is anything worthwhile really so easy? No - I wish you many things: success and friendship, health and happiness, love and joy, peace and contentment. I don’t want you to get sick from your fast, because that also defeats the whole purpose. But I don’t wish you to have an easy fast... I wish you to have a meaningful fast.

This is hardly a new idea. In fact, this lesson comes straight out of the Haftorah on Yom Kippur. Isaiah pleads, “*Have I chosen such a fast? A day for man to afflict his soul? To bow down his head like a bulrush, to sit in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, an acceptable day to God?*” (Isaiah 58:5)

Isaiah suggests such a fast would be a meaningless fast, a big show. It does nothing for the soul. It contributes nothing to the world, makes nothing better, and helps no one. That’s not a fast we would choose, either. So how do we make it a meaningful fast?

The Haftorah continues with the words that resound as clearly for us today as they did back then: “*Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To lose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bonds of oppression, to let the crushed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and to take the outcast poor into your home? To clothe the naked and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?*” (Isaiah 58:6-7)

Our Savannah Jewish community strives to better the world; we use Tikkun Olam as our clarion cry. Our role in the world is to repair those elements that were either left unfin-

ished, or have since broken. We do just that when we provide crucial funds to Israel, to the Former Soviet Union, and to 56 other countries around the world.

We do that when we assist single mothers with critical services. We do that when we support education for



Adam Solender

“Our Savannah Jewish community strives to better the world; we use Tikkun Olam as our clarion cry.”

our children. We do that when we maintain a community center that is a place for all Jews throughout our area to call home, where they can maintain their own physical, spiritual and cultural well being. We do that when we help other Jews throughout the world. With a single gift to the Federation’s Annual Campaign, we do all of this and more. You may not always see it that way; but that indeed is what we are doing. Our actions transform a mere ritual into a force for good throughout the world.

Our heritage is to be the “rebuilder of broken walls” – an exquisite way to describe the work of the Federation. It is said that our prayers and fasts are given meaning by our actions and it is through our actions that we restore a broken world.

I wish you a meaningful fast.

G’mar Tov!

Vital Statistics

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*A son, Andrew Logan, 4 lbs., 14 oz., to Michael and Jodi Rosenberg of Charleston, SC, on September 13, 2008. Grandparents are Stanley and Brenda Rosenberg of Savannah.

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A New Start; Everything We Wish

Shalom dear friends,

I am glad and excited to say that I am here, in Savannah, Georgia. The long anticipation was worth it! Today when I entered the JEA I noticed a big rug with the word Israel in the middle and I felt warmth in my heart. It is so good to know that even though Israel is located far away, we are still in your hearts. I feel that this tie between Israel and the Jewish communities in the States is so important — and to be here my self in Savannah is very significant to me. This community is warm and loving, and although I am new in town I can feel the family warmth around me. This is a new start for me, a new place, new friends, and a new year.

The Jewish calendar makes a lot of sense; we always begin new things at this time of the year. The possibility to open a new year with the marvelous atmosphere around of a fresh start coming from the high holy days is unique. We take special time to look back and reflect on the year we had, learn from it and begin a new year stronger and wiser. The more I think about it, the more I am amazed by the experiences the Jewish holy days are guiding us to take; start the new year together, clean ourselves from remorse in order to be happier the next year, gather around and sit together in a Sukkah, outside, in nature. Sit with family and friends, invite guests, feel inspired by the Ushpizin and be together, in the community.

In Israel now, people are also preparing for the holy days; the pomegranates are appearing on the trees, you can find figs next to the streams in the north and in the lowland the palm trees are beginning to give dates;

stores are offering different “happy new year” “Shana Tova” cards.

Dear friends, I wish you for the New Year, “shana tova vemetuka”— may we all have a happy and sweet new year, may we be head and not tail, and most important may we all have health and joy this year. Adam told me a lot of Shlichim use songs from different poets. I always thought it is wonderful when you want to describe your feelings to find someone who describes the same things in poetic words. I believe that a personal prayer is very meaningful and I would like to share with you a translation of a song by Neomi Shemer who some people would describe as “the national poet” in Israel:

*There’s still a white sail bravely gleaming,
Though the clouds are black and low,
Everything we wish let it be.
And when at evening by the window,
Sabbath candles softly glow.
Everything we wish let it be.*

*Let it be, Let it be,
Only let it be,
Everything we wish-let it be.*

*And when a distant star in heaven
Lights our darkness from above,
Everything we wish –let it be.
Oh, give them strength and give them quiet,
Those we cherish, those we love,
Everything we wish-let it be.*

Happy New Year, I look forward to a lot of happy new experiences with family and friends and with the community!



Maia Koiller

Letters to the Editor

Dear Joel and Adam,

On behalf of the Charleston Jewish Federation, we would like to thank you for your generous offer of assistance in the event of a catastrophic hit from Tropical Storm Hanna. We were truly fortunate that Charleston was spared direct impact by Hanna.

We do appreciate knowing that we can count on our friends in Savannah; please know that, should the need ever arise, your offer of help will be reciprocated.

Again, thank you. We would like to also take this opportunity to send our wishes to you and your families, your staff and board of directors for a happy, healthy and safe New Year. L’shana tova!

Sincerely,
David Odle, President
Ellen Katzman, Executive Director
Charleston Jewish Federation

To the Editor,

On behalf of Synagogue Emanu-El in Charleston, South Carolina, I would like to send my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Savannah Jewish Federation for the use of your Israel @ 60 photo display.

Charleston is having a series of “Israel at 60” events and our synagogue was able to bring Savannah’s display to the community. The exhibit was a perfect way for people to gather and socialize while celebrating Israel’s very special birthday.

The display was truly well done and reached a diverse audience. Moreover, working with your Federation and your community was a pleasure. It is a wonderful experience to be able to have a special connection with a neighboring community.

We wish you and the Savannah Jewish Community a happy and healthy new year.

With Sincere Appreciation,
Abby Levine, Executive Director
Synagogue Emanu-El

To the Editor,

Thanks to the JEA and Federation for another excellent summer camp! As working parents, we have to hand off our kids for at least part of the day, and we deeply appreciate the care and attention our children received from the counselors and staff. Learning Hebrew with the Israeli shlichim, spending time in the wild backwoods of the soccer fields and forging friendships with children from all over the community – some Jewish, some not – strengthened their Jewish identities simply because they were positive experiences in a setting promoting Jewish values. Extra kudos to Ashley Frankel, Johanna Hopkinson and Dawn Tanis for their endless enthusiasm, creativity and patience!

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Shana Tova from the Campaign Management Team

I am honored to wish the community a Happy New Year on behalf of the 2009 Campaign Management Team.

We have willingly assumed a task this year that has been done in this community for the past sixty-five years — a task we do not take lightly because we know that at its heart is the responsibility of assuring Jewish continuity. This task tops the agenda of every Jewish community throughout the United States: the launching our annual Federation Campaign.

We are approaching the New Year, 5769. The Jewish calendar has given us the month of Elul to prepare ourselves for Rosh Hashanah. The shofar has been blown everyday to wake us up — to make us think about our actions, so we are ready when we stand before G-d.

As we celebrate our joyous holidays, reflect on the year that was and take stock of our personal situations, please join us in taking a few minutes to also think about the Jewish community we want to live in. The money we raise in campaign 2009 will be the realization of our community vision.

The infrastructure we call the Savannah Jewish Community is here today only because of the generosity of those who lived here before us — those

who came to America with much less in terms of financial security, but with strong beliefs in the value of Jewish community. Their vision has been enlarged, updated and maintained by our generosity and commitment. But we are facing new challenges, and we must renew our commitment and our generosity so that we may maintain the infrastructure, or more importantly, create a new one that meets the needs of the twenty-first century.

We have chosen "People Helping People, Every Gift Matters," as our campaign theme this year. No gift is too small (or too large!), but every gift will touch thousands of lives. We hope you will help us make this the year that everyone participates in the Federation's campaign.

So, on behalf of Jerry Konter, Men's Division Chair, Carole Cohen, Women's Division Chair, David Byck and Amos Timna, Men's Division Vice Chairs and Sally Krissman and Peggy Yellin, Women's Division Vice Chairs, I would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, Sweet and Prosperous New Year.



Sharon Galin

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Helene Herman Harris
Who died August 30, 2008

She is survived by her son Stephen H. Harris, daughter Lucile H. (Kayton Jr.) Smith and her granddaughter Rebecca Lynn Smith, all of Savannah, several nieces and nephews, as well as grand nieces and grand nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Julian B. Harris, and her brother Samuel Herman and his wife Archee.

Remembrances may be made to the charity of choice.

Audrey Galkin Levin
Who died September 4, 2008

She is survived by her daughter Ilene (Michael) Friedman and son Greg (Gayle) Levin both of Atlanta; son Eric (Beth) Levin of Bloomingdale; granddaughter Mindy of Atlanta; sister Shirley (Arthur) Diamond of Atlanta; brother Joseph (Selena) Galkin of Orlando; companion Arthur "Bubba" Horovitz; several sisters-in-law; a brother-in-law; many nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Max Levin.

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Mike Leven..... cont. from page 1

abilities and the homeless, and was recognized by AARP as Outstanding Employer. Among many other distinctions, Leven is a former international president of the Hotel Sales & Marketing Association International and currently serves on the boards of the Las Vegas Sands Corp. (The Venetian) and Hersha Hospitality Trust.

Leven is a native of Boston, is a graduate of Tufts University and has a Master of Science from Boston University. He and his wife, Andrea, reside in Atlanta and have three sons and five grandchildren.

Joanne Kooden and Cathy Nagelberg, who chaired last year's very successful Women's Division campaign luncheon, are working together again this year to plan the Main Event. For the occasion of the Federation's sixty-fifth anniversary, the program this year will also take a few moments to recognize the past presidents of the Savannah Jewish Federation and will feature a family-style fried chicken dinner. Watch your mail for invitations to this special event and be sure to RSVP early – reservations are a must and we're expecting a crowd.

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Leadership Learning with BBYO Your Campaign Dollars at Work

From Sheeri Bornstein

The Bnai Brith Youth Organization is an organization that provides numerous opportunities in leadership and friendship within the community and beyond. One of these opportunities is the International Leadership Training Conference, a summer program where Jewish teens come together for two weeks in order to improve their leadership skills within their BBYO regions and beyond. Located in Starlight, Pennsylvania at the Bnai Brith Perlman Camp, ILTC is an absolutely amazing experience in gaining leadership skills and life skills.

In the two weeks that I spent at ILTC, I took classes ranging from social justice and public speaking to Jewish values and arts and crafts. I received these lessons from alumni who helped me gain knowledge in the International order of BBYO that will help me make my region the best it

can be. I grew in my Jewish identity with the help of educators that gave me an entirely new view of my beliefs and my faith.



Sheeri Bornstein

Despite the amazing experience that the program itself gave me, what made me grow the most as a person were the people that I met in those two weeks. Meeting an entirely new group of 200 teenagers was intimidating at first, but it was an amazing lesson in being myself and being open to new ideas and new people. My fellow participants at ILTC left a mark within me that will last forever, and able to visit almost any state in the USA and finding a close friend is something that I know I will be grateful for in the years to come. The summer of 2008 was absolutely the summer of my life because of ILTC, and I

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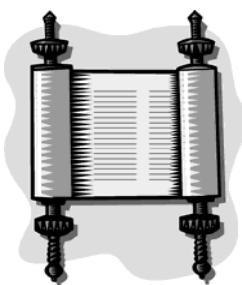
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Savannah Jewish Federation



Rosh Hashanah Greetings from Our Rabbinical Leaders

From Rabbi Arnold Mark Belzer
Congregation Mickve Israel

And what kind of year was it? Don't ask! Some might say: "Oy vey!" Yes, we all watch the news. As every year, there was a lot to complain about. There were monumental problems, two wars (America's, not to mention violent conflicts of various sizes, across the globe), extreme weather, economic woes, sickness, death, disappointments; the litany of what has gone wrong is very, very long. But I can tell you that for so many, it was a year of growth, of learning, of love, a year of triumphal moments, a year of sublime insights. I have been blessed, as you have been blessed. As we sit in our synagogues with friends (new friends and old friends), and with family, and with children, grandchildren, great grandchildren—we know we are truly blessed.

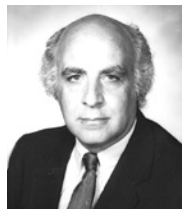
Last year I asked members of Congregation Mickve Israel to lift their voices and acknowledge the multitude of God's blessings. With full voices we

declared to God in the presence of our fellow Jews and in unison with them, "We are a truly BLESSED generation!"

So too, this year we have so much to be thankful for. Some may choose to reflect and complain—but I am convinced that there has been no better time in history to be alive. It is not a perfect world, far from it, but it is a time of incalculable blessings and everyday miracles. As we begin this New Year 5769, in the 275th year of Congregation Mickve Israel and our Savannah Jewish community let us say, "Thank you God! We have been showered with so many blessings!"

This Rosh Hashanah, we begin again, as we come home to our truest selves and our ancient traditions, may we all find the shelter, the haven, and the understanding we seek.

Welcome home, and Shanah Tovah!



Rabbi Belzer

How inspiring it is to see so many on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur! The sense of family and the special bond of joining together for these holy days defies verbal description. The hakafos, circling the Torah with Lulav and Esrog, the rejoicing on Simchas Torah are but a sample of the feeling of contentment that awaits those who take advantage. The youth activities, Shabbatonim and Shabbos dinners are an invitation to solidify the bond with generations past and future.

The threats to our faith and family values are blatantly evident. The constant criticism of Israel and media bias erodes our confidence and distorts our vision of this remarkable beacon of democracy. The college campuses are a den of anti-Israel propaganda and politicians are reluctant to incite the Moslem world with honest and truthful perspectives. It is during this drought of honesty and truth that the Shul is a true oasis of inspiration and clarity. Why limit ourselves to a few days during the year? Why relegate our heritage to just Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur? Every member is precious and beloved and helps to forge the powerful force of our faith as we gather together, recognizing our faith while enjoying the unique B.B. Jacob Family.

May we join in unison for the Days of Awe and may we continue throughout the entire year. May 5769 bring its blessings of good health, success, nachas and shalom for all of Klal Yisroel.



Rabbi Slatus

From Rabbi Kenneth R. Leitner
Congregation Agudath Achim

From the beginning of the month of Elul until the end of the holiday season we add Psalm 27 to our liturgy. Recited every day it is part of our spiritual preparation for the ten days of repentance that proceed from Rosh HaShanah to Yom Kippur.

This year I find myself focusing on individual phrases within the Psalm, taking time to reflect on the deeper lessons conveyed in a phrase or an individual word. One such phrase, taken out of context, was part of my early Rabbinic experience working in camp and youth-group settings. We would sing with great gusto; "Achat shaalti me-et HaShem, oto avakesh; shivti, shivti, shivti [hands flung skyward and a great shouted 'whooooo'] shivti be vet HaShem, kol yemei chayai, kol yemei chayai...yai...yai". What great fun! And how little did the profundity of the message reach us: "One thing I ask of God, one thing do I request, that I may dwell in God's house all the days of my life." As we approach the High Holy Days we should appreciate the uniqueness of these words.

First is the modesty of the request. There is only one thing sought, not a multitude of requests. The Psalmist

seeks a place in the presence of the Holy, and in any ideal world, that presence would be life-long. How modest are our requests on these High Holy Days and how permanent do we wish them to be? What interest do they serve and to what end do they bring us? Do they reach beyond the self and bring benefit to others?

In counterpoint to modesty is the majesty of vision. An ideal life is lived in Kedusha – in the presence of holiness – but that is the prayer, the desire. How are we to break through our mundane needs, our daily responsibilities, which all seem so overwhelming? Work or school, children or parents, where are we to find the strength?

It is in the question that the answer is found: The Psalmist is eternally hopeful. In the simple request to experience the sacred, the sacred is open before us.

On these High Holy Days may we be imbued with modesty, aware of the majesty that lies within our grasp, and know that the path of the sacred is always before us.

With wishes for a sweet New Year.



Rabbi Leitner

From Rabbi Avigdor Slatus
Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob

In Parshas Eikev 10:20 we are presented with the mitzvah to be in awe of and serve Hashem. However, this mitzvah is presented in the singular whereas in Parshas Re'eh 13:5 the identical mitzvah is presented in the plural. The great sage, the Geron Rebbe, states that indeed the mitzvah is for each individual, however, the context of Chapter 13 speaks of the false prophet or dreamer who seeks to cause us to stray from Judaism and the path chosen by G-d. When the effort is made to threaten our faith, to weaken the commitment towards our Torah, then it is a show of unity, a joint expression of the masses to reaffirm our dedication and thereby silence the "dreamers."

Strength has always been found in numbers and especially when we congregate together spiritually. Complacency is the great enemy for those who assume that Jewish life does not require their personal participation. There exists too many obstacles and "dreams" that threaten the family values and Torah ideals for anyone to assume that they will not be affected. Synagogue attendance on a regular basis, Jewish education for children and adults and participating in Synagogue functions are a means of combating these external influences. The daily minyan, Shabbos and Yom Tov services, various Torah classes, Brotherhood and Sisterhood functions and especially youth programs are a great opportunity to experience the delight of our faith and the strength of our units.



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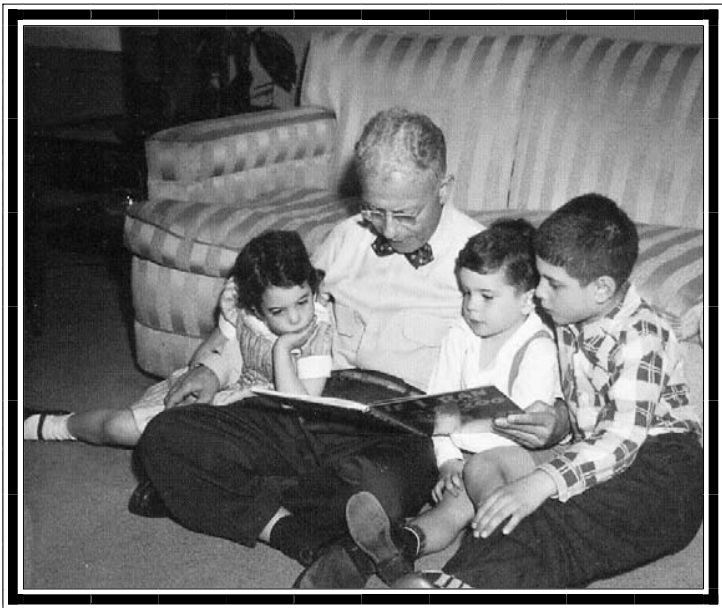


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Ethiopian Émigré to Speak at Women’s Division Luncheon

Bizu “Riki” Mullu immigrated to Israel from Ethiopia at the age of twelve. She arrived there alone, ended up in boarding school, and after graduation worked with other young Ethiopians who immigrated to Israel in 1984 as part of Operation Moses. Riki will be speaking at the Savannah Jewish Federation’s Women’s Division Campaign Luncheon to be held on Tuesday, November 11th at 12:15pm at the JEA.

As a child in Ethiopia, Riki spent endless hours watching her father, a blacksmith, shape metals into farm tools and jewelry. Though her father never wanted for her to do what he did for a living, she loved watching him and her interest developed into a career in jewelry and Judaica design. Her work reflects both her Ethiopian life and her-itage and her life growing up in Israel.

Riki has since moved to New York,

but she splits her time between Man-hattan and Israel, where her parents and siblings all have been resettled. She also has formed an organization to help Ethiopian Jews who have left Israel to assimilate into the Jewish community in America and keep their connections to Israel. She speaks all over the country about her experiences and the challenges facing Ethiopian Jewry.

The mother/daughter team of Joan Bloom and Stacey Schlafstein are co-chairing the Women’s Luncheon this year and are hard at work on a special event. Babysitting will be available at the JEA during the event so that every-one will be able to attend.



Riki Mullu

New savj.org Website.....cont. from page 1

After years of hardly having a web presence, the Federation has made a bold move into the twenty-first century with a website that gives visitors a comprehensive picture of both our vibrant Savannah Jewish community and our active Jewish Federation. The new website includes extensive information about the community for people considering relocating to Savannah, including links to all of our local synagogues and Jewish schools, links to articles about Jewish life in Savannah, as well as links to information about area attractions, festivals, arts and culture and more.

More importantly for Savannah-ians, the website allows us to find out what’s going on right here at home — what kind of programs the Federation has coming up, what other community programs are on the calendar, what vol-unteer opportunities are available — as well as what’s going on in the Jewish world at large. The website has a won-derful community calendar, where local organizations can submit events online to be added to the listings. The site has detailed information about Federation programs and initiatives such as The PJ Library, including online registration. Also included on www.savj.org are recent and archived copies of the Sa- vannah Jewish News and a news page updated daily with links to the most important articles of the day about Israel and Jewish life throughout the

world. One of the most significant new fea- tures of the website is the addition of e-commerce. Using our totally secure electronic payment processing system, you now can make and pay for pledges to the annual campaign online or make testamentary gifts to Federation funds using the online system. You no lon- ger have to come to the JEA to fill out a form – simply go online to www.savj. org and select “Ways to Give” then “Donate to a Specific Fund” and fill out the form. You don’t even have to get dressed! When you’re all done, we’ll mail the card to the person being hon- ored or the family of the person being memorialized like we always do.

But we’re not done with the site just yet. Watch carefully, because in the next few weeks, the “Under Con- struction” signs will be coming down and we’ll be unveiling the JEA side of the website.

As with everything we do at the Savannah Jewish Federation, we re- ally would like to know what you think! We’d love your feedback about the website and your suggestions for how we can improve it to make it more useful for our community or for visi- tors from other places. You can click on “Contact the Webmaster” on the homepage of the website or send an e- mail to lynn@savj.org or adam@savj.org with suggestions or comments.



Dr Robert Friedman, GILEE
Director at last year’s presentation
at Agudath Achim

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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.

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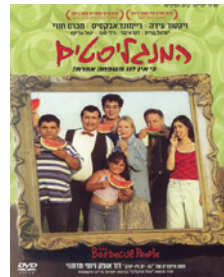
Oct. 2nd - *The Policeman* (HaShoter Azulai) - Constable Abraham Azulai, of the Jaffa police department, is at the end of his contract and hoping for a renewal and promotion, both of which his superiors are determined not to grant. Azulai's incompetence is not a result of lack of skill, but rather that of a soft heart and kindness. When he stops a driver for some kind of traffic violation, he writes him up, but it's not the driver who ends up paying the fine; it's Azulai himself. Obviously, having such a cop around is very, very good for the crime business, and once word gets around that they are about to retire Azulai, an emergency meeting of the Jaffa criminals' "board of directors" is called to "save his job."



Oct. 16th - *Only Dogs Run Free* (Rak Klavim Ratzim Hofshai) - A successful lawyer who has traumatic memories from his army service is testifying against his best friend from his unit. His wife, a social worker, is trying to save a poor family named Siton. The couple's life collapses when the wife gets raped by a gang.



Oct. 30th - *The Barbecue People* (HaMangalistim) - A family of Iraqi-Israelis, each with his or her own weaknesses and determinations, gathers for an Independence Day picnic. Their background stories are presented, reaching back as little as a few days or as far back as the War of Independence and the old country before that. The stories interlock in ways that even *they* never realize.



All movies begin at 7:00 pm
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Movie & Beer Night sponsored by Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein

Challenging the
Myth of
the Perfect Child
A Look at Personality and
Applications for Parenting

October 28th - 7:00 p.m.

FREE and Open to the Public

There is no one "right way" to productively communicate with our children. Good parents come in many styles, each one bringing strengths to parenting. Keeping in mind that a child's personality may be different than his or her parents begs the question: how does a parent's personality interact with their child's and therefore impact parenting techniques and strategies?

Joan Dane-Kellogg, LCSW and Louisa Laird, LCSW will help guide participants through the basic concepts of the Myers-Briggs Personality Inventory (MMPI) and how to apply them to the parenting process. Discussed will be how each of the 16 personality types has a distinctive way of relating to the world and making decisions. Understanding these can bring insight to ours and our children's attitudes and behavior. With practical ideas and real-life examples, participants will focus on recognizing traits among the types and how to adapt parenting styles and communication accordingly.

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Tuesday, November 11th
7:30 pm

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teen piece student jazz ensemble. The
program will be a mix of historic and con-
temporary music for big band. Renowned
saxophonist Joe Eckert will be the fea-
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was Musical Director of the group from
1998-2004.



The band will perform big
band arrangements of stan-
dards and tunes from the
small group of jazz tradi-
tion.

Upcoming October &
November Concerts

All are FREE and Open to the Public

- ♦ Harpist, Leslie Adair—Thursday, Oct.
16th at 1:30 p.m. (After the Senior
Adult Lunch). JEA
- ♦ The Carolina Klezmer Project with jazz
musician Bill Averbach—Sunday, Oct.
26th at Noon and 2:00 p.m. at Forsyth
Park. (Jewish Food Festival)
- ♦ The Arts Academy Skyclite Jazz
Band—Thursday, Oct. 30th at 7:30
p.m. JEA
- ♦ “The Life and Music of Johnny
Mercer,” program presented by David
Oppenheim & Ralph Price—Thursday,
Nov. 6th at 1:30 p.m. (After the Senior
Adult Lunch). JEA
- ♦ The Atlantic Armstrong State
University Student Jazz Ensemble—
Tuesday, Nov. 11th at 7:30 p.m. JEA
- ♦ Savannah Arts Academy Silver Winds
Ensemble—Tuesday, Nov. 18th at 7:30
p.m. JEA
- ♦ Folkman/Guitarist Hank Weisman—
Thursday, Nov. 20th at 1:30 p.m. (After
the Senior Adult Lunch). JEA

Member
Appreciation Day

Sunday, October 19th
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

What better time to reap the benefits that
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Please join us for brunch in the Sukkah
and enjoy family swim time and other ac-
tivities.



Kick Off a Year-Long Savannah
Celebration of the 100th Anniversary
of Johnny Mercer's Birth

Thursday, Nov. 6th—1:30 PM

Lyricist, composer & singer Johnny Mercer
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Firm It Up		8:30 AM		8:30 AM		8:30 AM
Zumba	10 AM			7 PM		
Pilates		7 PM	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		
Yoga for a Healthy Back					7 PM	
SWAP					10:30 AM	
BLT			10:15 AM		10:15 AM & 6:45 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						
Soccer	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Coach Wayne Gymnastics				2:30 PM		

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By Elaine Fox, Health & Wellness Director



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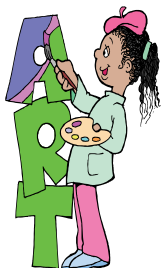


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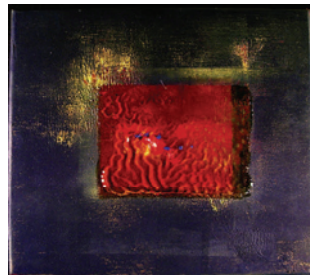
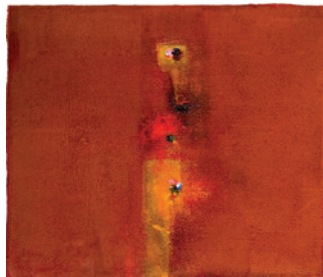


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Art at the JEA



Lilly Harms

October 1-31, 2008

Lilly is a 2005 MFA painting graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design. She attended Armstrong Atlantic State University in 1985 to major in art for two years and completed her BFA in Painting in 2001. In the interim of attending Armstrong University and Savannah College of Art and Design, she received private lessons from Mrs. George F. Dutton of Georgia.

Lilly says, “Being from the south, I respond to large trees and am drawn toward things involving water or flow; toward the organic. What I notice are the negative and positive spaces the figure-ground relationships create, the power of push and pull.”

She works primarily in oil medium on panel and most recently has developed a body of work using a small and large format. A minimal-abstractionist, her paintings are rich in color with a variation of texture and a focus on light and shadow. Color is experimental using many layers and glazes.

“The work I make is a product of my subconscious, where I have been and where I am. It is expressive of who I am. The work evokes the power in embracing the mystery of life. It is a trace of the traceless from a place of the placeless,” says Lilly.

Artist reception Sunday, October 5th
5:30-7:30 pm

October 2008	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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	5 <u>Zumba</u> -10 am <u>Art Gallery Reception</u> - <u>Lily Harms</u> —5:30 pm <u>JEA Speaker Series</u> - <u>Harvey J. Coleman</u> - 7:30 pm	6 <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	7 <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	8 Kol Nidre—Close at 4 pm <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	9 Yom Kippur—Closed	10 <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-4 pm <u>Aquasize</u> - 10 am	11
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	19 <u>Zumba</u> -10 am <u>Member Appreciation Day</u> -11 am	20 Erev Shemini Atzeret—Close at 5 pm <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	21 Shemini Atzeret—Closed	22 Simchat Torah—Closed	23 <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-9 pm <u>Pilates</u> - 8:30 am <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>Yoga for a Healthy Back</u> -7 pm	24 <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-4 pm <u>Aquasize</u> - 10 am	25 <u>Teen Late Night</u> - 8 pm
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Young Jewish Savannah

YJS recently held a happy hour at Bona Bella Marina on August 21st. More than 30 people turned out on a very rainy evening to be with friends, old and new!



Preston & Jana Feiler show off Brice, who came to the Sand Gnats event a few weeks earlier in utero!



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Shlogn Kapores

Shlogn Kapores is a ceremony for repentance conducted the morning before Kol Nidre between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The following are two extracts from oral histories in our collection describing this tradition as it was performed in Savannah decades ago:

...We were talking before about old customs and I mentioned a word that opened your eyes and I said shlogn kapores which I, between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur there is a custom and it is called shlogn kapores. When I was a child, maybe the advantage being that we had a grocery store, we had a coop full of chickens outside. There were certain prayers to be said and the chicken was swung over your head, yelling and screaming, but, and the children got hysterical for that, the children being us. The troubles, I guess, so all the

kapores was supposed to be going in that chicken, were going to the chicken and then that chicken was given away to a non-Jew.

Selma Dunn January 13, 1998 (JOH 7).

...I can tell you one custom that I think is probably discontinued. If it is not completely discontinued, it's dwindled, and that is before the high holidays, Mother used to get live chickens and would tie the legs together and would say a prayer as she waved the chicken over your head and the prayer was "zeir kuperusi" which means this is



Selma Greenberg Dunn, born in 1923.

Interviewed on

a sacrifice for you, and then of course we killed the chicken and ate it... When I say we killed it, we had it killed by a "shochet". A "shochet" was qualified to kill it and used a special knife and so forth, but I



Ben Silverman, 1911-2000.

Interviewed on July 6, 1997 (JOH 29b).

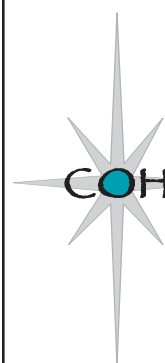
mean we used it, the chicken, for food later but that chicken was supposed to be a sacrifice for you just like in the Old Temple when you brought your sacrifice to the Temple, you brought a sheep or a goat... And the chicken didn't like it by the way. The wings would flap and the chicken would cluck. And they didn't like it at all but we went through this - all this was part of a custom that you asked about and people that may listen to this in future years probably will not even know what that is.

Ben Silverman

On The Personal Side

Rachel Rosenberg, daughter of Brenda and Stanley, sister of Michael, received her Doctorate of Physical

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New Year
Larry & Phyllis Mintz

Wishing Family and Friends
A Happy New Year
Sam and Barry Plotkin

A Healthy & Happy
New Year To All
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Brett, Elizabeth, Skylar, Madelyn

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Wishing the entire
Savannah Jewish community a
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laughter, and peace.

Sarah Denmark, Adam,
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New Year's Greeting 5769 from Marcy Konter, President JEA

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors of the Jewish Educational Alliance, I would like to extend our most heartfelt wishes for a Healthy and Sweet New Year!

Each year we wish, most importantly, for good health for our families and friends. Our good health and the well being of those we love and care about are paramount during our holiday reflections. Maybe this year we can try to keep our minds as well as our bodies in good health. Let's all strive to exercise our minds differently in the New Year. I believe branching out a little can result in a new outlook and a more positive attitude about our everyday world.

Take a class, join a club, volunteer, or attend an event that you've never been to in the past in an effort to "Sweeten Up" you life in the New Year.

You will learn new things, you will meet new and interesting people, and you may just feel a little more fulfilled.

As we wish for continued happiness, health, and success in the coming year, try going about it a little differently, with a new kind of zest. Being a part of the Savannah Jewish community is easy and welcoming! Check out the calendar at each of the synagogues and at the JEA and you will find an abundance of new ways to become involved Jewishly.

I look forward to seeing you at the "J"!



Marcy Konter

Shana Tova,
Marcy Konter

Meet Ben Kweskin

Arriving with the New Year, 5769, is the Savannah Jewish Federation's new Programming Associate, Benjamin Kweskin. Ben is moving to Savannah from Charlotte, North Carolina, to join the Federation staff, where he will be assisting Director Lynn Levine and Executive Director Adam Solender with all aspects of the Federation's programming and initiatives, including the annual campaign, the Savannah Jewish News, Trading Places, Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, Yom HaShoah, the Joan and Murray Gefen Memorial Jewish Film Festival and newer initiatives such as The PJ Library, Young Jewish Savannah and the continuing Jewish education program for teens.

Ben recently received a master's degree from the University of Denver with a concentration in Comparative Politics, Middle East, and also graduated from Appalachian State University with a degree in political science, where he was instrumental in the formation of a Hillel chapter on campus. While studying in Denver, Ben taught Hebrew at a local religious school.

Despite his relative youth, Ben already has a long history of involvement in Jewish and Zionist causes. He has held internships and temporary positions with organizations such as the Consul General of Israel in Philadelphia, the Movement for Quality Government in Jerusalem and the Zionist Organization of America. Ben also spent ten months in Israel on Project OTZMA, where as a volunteer he taught Ethiopian immigrants computer skills, tutored math to low-income students and trained other im-

migrants in English conversation. He is fluent in Hebrew and eager to use those skills whenever and wherever possible.

Please join us in welcoming Ben to Savannah and to the Federation staff!



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From The Shalom School

In this, my first article of the new school year, I wish to report that our Shalom School, the supplementary religious school in Savannah jointly sponsored by Congregations Agudath Achim and Mickve Israel, is off to a flying start. Classes began on September 7, 2008 with registration increasing slightly this year to more than eighty students.

This new year will be filled with exciting activities for Jewish learning. I am pleased to report that we co-sponsored with the Savannah Jewish Federation the first program in the Federation's emerging continuing Jewish education program for teens. Our initial program consisted this month of a two part series on Judaism and the Environment. On September 7, Melinda Stein presented a wonderful class on this timely subject at Congregation Mickve Israel. In attendance were our eighth graders as well as seven participants from other congregations in Savannah. We pondered Jewish teachings on our responsibilities for protecting the environment and discovered that Judaism has always

thought "it's cool to be green" even before the modern world finally caught up with our traditions. To follow up on our understanding of Judaism's link to the environment, the class took the second part of the program, a special kayak tour of the Tybee marshes, led by a trained naturalist, on Sunday morning, September 21. The tour was followed by a beach-side picnic at the home of Barbara and Philip Schwartz to conclude a wonderful experience for our new high schoolers. We are excited about this new program and are proud to have helped to get it underway.

Other new initiatives this year will be frequent "Breakfasts with the Board," to share new programs and gain parent feedback on school activities, including our newly integrated Hebrew program and continuing experiences with the CHAI Curriculum. This curriculum, which stresses the three cornerstones of Judaism: Torah,



Jules Kerness,
Shalom School
Principal

Avodah and G'milut Chasadim, was implemented school-wide last year with great success in the classroom.

Special hands-on Mitzvah projects will take place this year (stay tuned for future issues of the Savannah Jewish News) as well as our exciting "Shalom School for Parents," a Sunday morning mainstay for parents seeking to increase their knowledge of Judaism while their children learn.

I wish to offer a special welcome to Maia Koiller, Savannah's new Sh'lichah from Israel. I am pleased to inform you that she will be Shalom School's sixth grade Hebrew teacher this year. Also, congratulations to Degi Ruben, our

sixth grade teacher who is on maternity leave through October, after the birth of her and husband Jesse's daughter Ilana. Finally, thank you to Marie Dodson who will be standing in for Degi until her return to the classroom.

Even though classes have begun, we welcome the opportunity to serve your children. Please contact us at 656-1087 or at shalomschool@comcast.net to register your child. Our entire enrollment package can be downloaded at www.theshalomschool.com.

*Until next time,
B'Shalom.*

L'Shana Tova from Rambam

As we approach the High Holy Days, our Rambam students are preparing for this significant time as they are learning about the meaning of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. They are learning how these days of opportunity are a blessing as they encourage the Jewish people to look within themselves and grow. Not only is each class concentrating on some of the specific prayers, but as well, they are giving attention to the importance of using this time prior to Rosh Hashana to realize that there is room for change and how they should go about making these changes.

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Ester Y. Rabhan,
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golden chicken soup. The familiar taste
of bagels and lox and whitefish and her-
ring and hummus and pita salad are also
available for your enjoyment. And egg
creams are back this year!!!

Finish this off with fabulous stru-
del and sweets and coffee. Take home
a challah (or two or three) for later. We
even have homemade dog biscuits for
our canine friends. Eat all you can for
lunch, and then take advantage of our
take-out containers so you can enjoy
other specialties for dinner and later in
the week.

There is free musi-
cal entertainment for all,
as well as a special chil-
dren's booth for face paint-
ing, cupcake decorating,
games, and balloons. Our
Gift Shop will be selling
unique Judaica and var-
ied holiday items, and the
Mickve Israel Shalom Y'all
Cookbook is in its 5th
printing and is available
for sale.

We start at 11:00 am,
so bring your appetite and

enjoy the festivities with us. No RSVP
needed. Come on down and be part of
this fabulous and fun- and food-filled
annual event.

Avoid longticket lines. Pre-festi-
val tickets will be available from the
Mickve Israel office starting October 7,
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dering your tickets in advance. Contact
Debbie by e-mail at downen@mickveis-
rael.org or call 912.233.1547 ext 22 for
further ticket information.

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know I will use everything that I have
learned from this experience within
my community, always remembering
the wonderful memories that I ac-
quired along with skill in leadership.

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