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JEA, Community Approaching New Phase

As the Jewish Educational Alliance approaches its 100th anniversary as an institution, it is facing a number of challenges. "But I am optimistic about our future," said Scott Samuels, who is beginning his second year as the organization's President. "A number of our past leaders have stepped up to mentor new leaders and oversee committees as we transition through a difficult phase in our history."

One of the primary challenges facing the JEA is that of continuing to fulfill the organization's mission — promoting the mental, moral and physical welfare of its members, seeking to preserve the cultural and spiritual values of Judaism, and working for the best interests of the Jewish and general community — while at the same time keeping up with the financial demands of an aging, deteriorating building. Despite a membership that has been trending upwards for more than a year and a growing, successful camp program, revenues have not been able to keep up with expenses and the JEA continues to operate at a deficit.

The leadership of the JEA and the Savannah Jewish Federation met with a number of community leaders on May 13th to present to them the JEA's current fiscal situation, its leadership deficit (there is no President-elect to succeed Samuels) and to immediately begin to solicit their input on possible



Jewish Educational Alliance

solutions to the problems facing the institution. What became clear to all at the meeting was that the JEA is at a critical crossroads. Many people in attendance spoke and offered suggestions for "next steps" regarding the future of the JEA.

The officers of the JEA and Federation, along with the JEA Finance Committee, met the following week to begin to act on what was offered at the meeting. There were some suggestions that could be acted on immediately and those are:

- Further step-up the membership campaign; including publishing the JEA membership list more regularly in the *Savannah Jewish News* so that members can be aware of friends/family who are not members to help solicit them.
- Reinvigorate a Donor Dues program with giving recognition.
- Establish a Past-Presidents mentoring program using past presidents of both the JEA and Federation to help lead four critical JEA committees: Fundraising, Membership,

Health & Wellness and Children's & Camp. This will help rebuild the leadership lineup.

· Continue to move forward with the recommendations of the Community Strategic Planning process.

Already, five past presidents of the JEA and Federation have volunteered to work with the JEA committees. And the JEA membership list is published in this issue of the *Savannah Jewish News*. If you are a member of the JEA, the JEA and Federation leadership thank you for your support and ask you to look for a friend or family member who isn't and see if you might be able to convince them to join you in a membership.

Other, more long-term options that were discussed and still are being explored include:

- Developing a capital fund by leasing or selling the rear of the current property.
- Selling the JEA's current location and buying or building a smaller facility.
- Creating a "turn around" committee, with or without controlling authority.

The JEA and Federation leadership are committed to working through these challenges and they welcome the input and participation of the community in the process. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Scott Samuels, President of the JEA (jeapresident@savj.org) or Linda Zoller, President of the Savannah Jewish Federation (sjfpresident@savj.org).



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The Reintroduction of the Torah

During my army service, my friends and I used to sit and study “*Parashat Hashavua*” on Tuesdays. We would gather though some of us needed to get up for another shift six hours later. We met in a small stone building called “Miss Carey”. Alice May Carey, a Protestant nun, built “Miss Carey” 70 years ago as an inter-religious temple; in 1948 the IDF conquered the mountain and the building. We “conquered” Miss Carey on Tuesday nights with our Torah study.

When you invite people to study Torah the many “*Datieem*”, modern religious Jews, will usually come and participate. My friends and I feared that we will have only *Datieem* and we wanted “*Hilonim*”, secular Jews, to take part as well. We decided to make an offer that no man can refuse — hot tea and cookies. In the end we were pleased since we gathered a mixed group, half *Datieem* and half *Hilonim*.

These Torah study sessions were fascinating for me: on one hand the *Datieem*, highly educated in Torah and the different interpretations, shared their enormous knowledge; on the other hand, the *Hilonim* approach was much more unexpected and fresh. Many of the *Hilonim* were dealing with the text for only the first or the second time in their life. They gave immediate personal interpretations that brought the ancient words back to life. Together we discussed morals and discovered how much the Torah is deeply rooted in our culture.

It is not easy to introduce *Hilonim* to the Torah, even in the Jewish state. Many *Hilonim* have unpleasant associations with the Torah. They were forced to learn it, like any other subject in school. Moreover, the Israeli media and



Udi Tsemach

public often criticize the ultra-Orthodox for being a burden on the society, for not working or serving in the army, saying “they sit and study Torah.” Therefore along the years many Israelis became resentful by the limited groups in the Israeli society they associate with Torah.

However, in the last ten years the Torah made a comeback. Many young people, most of them third generation in Israel, show new interest in Torah. Secular alternative Torah study institutions flourish, new mainstream Hebrew music is highly influenced by Jewish origins, and there are even successful TV shows about Jewish life. Many people start to demand their share in the Torah.

The secular moving back to the origins can exist only in special conditions. The most important thing is exposure and mixing with other Jewish groups that constantly deal with the Torah. Direct encounters out in the world between *Hilonim* and *Datieem*

often lead religious people to become more secular, but these study sessions also lead many secular people to a second acquaintance with the Torah.

Last Shabbat, a group of six Jewish people gathered in Forsyth park, learning and discussing Parashat *B'har Behukatai* which deals with ideas of Shabbat and Shmitta. In the end of the discussion we asked “what is the message relevant to our life today?” It is a very good question. But there is something even bigger than that — learning Torah is a good cause just by itself. Studying Torah develops a Jewish character, a Jewish state of mind, which is reflected by our language, our deeds and our decisions and most of all it makes us regain our ownership of our origins.

We just celebrated Shavuot. According to the tradition God gave the Torah on Shavuot. One legend tells that when Moses came down with the Torah the people of Israel were asleep and he needed to wake them. Today, large groups in Jewish society start to awaken and relate with Torah again; I hope that the many others who are looking will join them.

PJ Library National Conference is Motivating Experience

Benjamin Bloom, the Savannah Jewish Federation’s Community Programming and PJ Library professional, attended this year’s annual conference sponsored by The PJ Library for its member communities and funders. While at the conference, Benjamin had the opportunity to meet and share ideas with other professionals who create and manage PJ Library programs nationwide. He also was able to make valuable personal contacts with the program’s national staff and even had a few opportunities to chat with the program’s founder and principle funder, Harold Grinspoon.

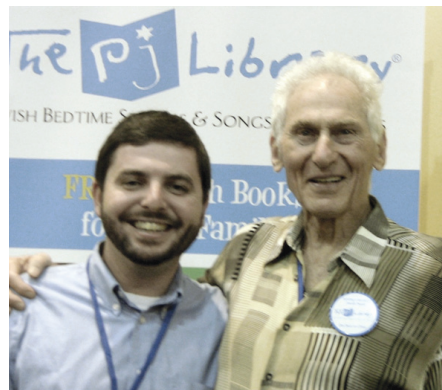
Upon returning home, Benjamin had this to say about the conference: “Being able to meet so many PJ Library professionals and volunteer leaders from across the country providing programming to PJ Library participants was great. It gave me new inspiration to try different ideas and approaches as to how The PJ Library can be implemented in Savannah.” The conference was held April 25th – 27th at the peaceful and pastoral Pearlstone Retreat Center, in the rolling hills 30 miles northwest of Baltimore, MD.

While at the conference Benjamin participated in seminars covering a number of topics; seeking out “unengaged” Jewish families, new program ideas and ways to connect PJ Library families to each other and to

other institutions the Jewish community, making meaningful connections with newly-discovered local Jewish families, and best practices for technology use.

The Director of PJ Library, Marcie Simons, in her opening remarks made mention of the great progress that the PJ Library has made over the past year. She talked about the fact that the program has grown from 200 children in December 2005 to more than 55,000 in more than 125 communities in North America as of December 2009. She expressed interest in expanding sponsorship of the program, particularly seeking partners at the national level. She also talked about the invaluable increase in Jewish connections, experiences and affiliation that result from family participation in the PJ Library program.

The PJ Library is now an international program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. This year the PJ Library has expanded to Israel with *Sifriat Pijama*, which aims to engage the secular Jews of Israel, allowing them to connect with their Judaism by provid-



Harold Grinspoon and Benjamin Bloom

ing PJ Library books in Israeli public schools. This program is an expansion of the PJ Library’s mission to provide free Jewish themed children’s books to Jewish families with the underlying intent of engaging those “unaffiliated/unengaged” families.

For more information about the PJ Library, please feel free to contact Benjamin Bloom, Community Programming, at the Savannah Jewish Federation, (912) 355-8111 or email him, programming@savj.org. If you would like to check out the program either in Savannah or elsewhere you may go to www.pjlibrary.org or www.savj.org.

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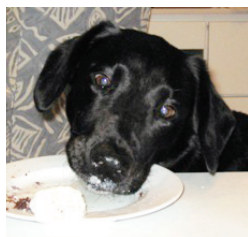
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Goodbye Sweet Pepper

I am writing this article three days after putting our almost 15-year-old dog to sleep. Pepper was the pet Michael and I refused to have but we gave in to a 12-year-old boy who had overcome his fear of dogs and wanted one. Pepper was mischievous, sneaky, and obstinate at times; far from the perfect pet, but for some reason we adored her.

She destroyed the house... chewed on everything! There were accidents on the rugs that infuriated me. "It's *schmutzic* (Yiddish for much worse than dirty)," I overheard Michael tell a relative on the phone, bemoaning my decision to make Pepper an "indoor" dog.



Pepper sneaking a piece of cake though she knew better!

"We used to have a nice house but now we can't invite anyone over!"

However, Pepper brought us together in ways I never

imagined. She dissipated rivalry between a brother and sister who found themselves laughing and fussing over the dog instead of bickering. She gave Michael a walking partner whenever he needed one. She provided comfort and companionship for me when the children went off to college.

Yesterday, my freshly cleaned house looked better than it had in years. It was bright, airy and immaculate. The crate and the gates had disappeared. Missing were dog beds, dog hair on everything, and that subtle whiff of pet upon entering the room.

It was the house and life we had been waiting for. We could travel whenever we wanted. I was free of

having to walk her when I had other things to do. And, no more trips to the back yard on hot/cold/rainy/busy days when she needed to go out.

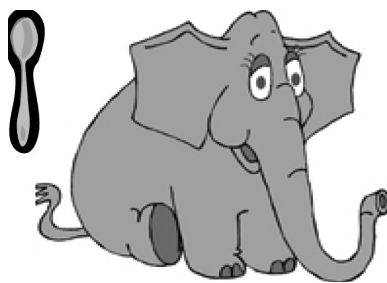
And yet something was missing. The house was sterile in a way I never imagined and I didn't like it.

As President of the Federation I think a lot about this community. The vision we adopted in our strategic plan is to be a community that is dynamic, viable, and united. And yet, sometimes I see our components pulling into themselves because of the success of their own endeavors. And then I think of this house I am sitting in, cleansed of imperfection—just what I thought I wanted—and it is terrible.

In Savannah, there is closeness among us that one wouldn't find in larger cities. Yes, there can be tensions, but we handle them. We have a treasure in this small inter-related Jewish community, where everyone knows so many people and shares one another's celebrations and sorrows. Let's not wish for what we consider to be ideal only to find we have lost the essence of what made us great. What we have is very special.



Linda Zoller
President,
Savannah Jewish
Federation



Born Anew

Last week I had the honor of being a witness to a conversion ceremony held at the Bnos Chesed Shel Emes Mikveh here in Savannah. It was one of those rare and special events in the life of a Jewish professional: witnessing someone become a part of the Jewish people. It is not only a religious act; it is an expression of choice and commitment.

Converting to Judaism begins with study—this part of the process can take a year or more and usually begins by establishing a relationship with a rabbi who becomes the "guide" for the journey. Typically, the rabbi requires regular meetings, attendance at formal classes, readings about Jewish history and theology, learning and living customs, rituals, prayer, and holidays, and other ways of connecting to Jewish community. Not only do the different denominations of Judaism vary in their requirements, but each and every rabbi has their own process. Even rabbis within the same "stream" vary significantly in their expectations of the convert.

What does not vary is that the rabbi (and the beit din) performing the conversion must be convinced that the convert (*ger/giyoret* in Hebrew) is sincere in the adoption of their new faith. At the ceremony, there were questions that focused on the journey to this day, a question about their commitment to the Jewish people, a commitment to raising children (should they be so blessed) to raise those children in the Jewish faith.

The Mikveh plays a very important role in the process. It is a symbolic rebirth. It is a beginning and a promise for the future. Submersion in the mikveh is a deeply spiritual experience.

To my knowledge, there is no other symbolic act in Judaism that so totally envelops a person—every part of the body, every strand of hair is submersed. The water of the mikveh is meant to ritually cleanse a person from the past, and as such, the convert is considered by Jewish law to be like a newborn child. By spiritually cleansing the convert, the mikveh water prepares him or her to confront G-d, life, and people with a fresh spirit and new eyes—it washes away the past, leaving only the future.

The convert immerses themselves a total of three times, each time the entire body must be totally immersed. This process is followed by everyone in attendance reciting the Shehechyanu: "Blessed are you, Lord our G-d, Ruler of the Universe, who has granted us life, sustained us and enabled us to reach this occasion."

It was a few moments until the new member of the Jewish people dressed and joined those in attendance. We burst into smiles and sang Siman Tov U'Mazel Tov in congratulations. Kisses and hugs were shared.

I had a smile on my face as I watched the person come out, hair wet, cheeks flushed, eyes sparkling, with a smile on her face, as she had joined her loved ones and the Jewish people. And in that moment, I too, felt a sense of rebirth, as I sensed and shared another person's joy in their choice to join the Jewish faith.



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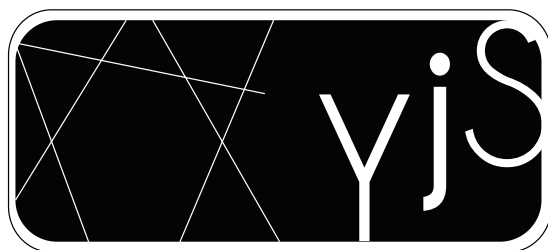
Young Jewish Savannah Celebrates Second Birthday

By Amanda Reeves

Young Jewish Savannah is about to celebrate its second birthday. I am proud to say our group has grown tremendously – not only in numbers but in the types of events we have held. When we first started, our group was pretty much exclusively social – holding happy hours and the annual Sweet Potato Schmooze that is held the night before Thanksgiving. In the last year, our group has expanded and become more organized. We have a great logo, thanks to Debbie Sorkin, an organized board with functioning positions, a somewhat regular newsletter, and a growing base of members!

Our mission states: *Young Jewish Savannah's purpose is to enhance the community for young Jewish professionals through a variety of programs including Judaic, social, community service, and leadership programs.* This year, although we have clung to our “social” roots – we have held Judaic, community service, leadership, and other programs. We even started a book club! And we reached out not only to current YJS members by helping them get acquainted in our community and finding places to celebrate the holidays but also to potential YJS members by providing information to young people thinking of moving here.

Also, we are working to build and strengthen our involvement with the



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Savannah Jewish community. Last August, twenty-two YJSers banded together to purchase a party at the JEA's Great Gelt Gala to benefit the JEA. We held the party on May 8th at the home of Stacy and Jeff Lasky who very generously opened their home for the event. Sixty or more friends who had met through Young Jewish Savannah ate, drank, and enjoyed being pool-side while listening to great live music!

Although the summer is a quiet time for most organized groups, YJS is striving to keep the energy and momentum going during these next few months. We have a happy hour planned for the end of May, a “Schmooze & Schmear” brunch featuring an open forum discussion about YJSer's vision of the community, beach day, and a Sand Gnats game.

A new YJS steering committee will be formed this summer. This committee will consist of mostly YJSers who didn't participate in last year's committee to allow new leaders to step up. I know that a year from now, the next YJS chair will be able to look back and reflect on the continued growth of our group and the progress made.



Amanda Reeves

Grilled Herb Crusted Salmon with Lentil Couscous Salad from Gefilte Girl

Chai y'all!

All the signs are here...the rising humidity, the subtle change from cool evenings to warm Savannah nights...yes folks, get your sunscreen ready because summer has arrived! It's the time of year when I begrudgingly put away my grandmother's heavy bottom pots that make all those wonderful winter soups and stews, in lieu of getting my charcoal grill ready to prepare summer's lighter fare, specifically our bathing suit friendly pal – the grilled fish. Fish and I are old friends, except for one...my old nemesis, that's right, I'm talking about you Mr. Salmon! (you Mr. Lox I have always loved, just so you know).

My first “real” chef job was at a Mediterranean restaurant in downtown Charleston, SC, called Sermet's Corner, where I was the grill cook. One of Sermet's signature dishes was a citrus and tahini crusted grilled salmon, a dish that I was responsible for preparing- sometimes forty fillets in one dinner service. Let me just say that whatever feelings I had for salmon previous to this job were totally amicable, but after four years of standing over a hot grill cooking it, going home and having to shower before bed because I reeked of it, I began to develop some deep seated animosity towards our Omega-3 fatty acid rich pink fleshed fish friend. It has been ten years and last week I decided to give salmon a go again, I'm relieved to say that I was really happy I did. Here's the recipe that renewed our friendship.

GRILLED HERB CRUSTED SALMON WITH LENTIL COUSCOUS SALAD makes 6 servings

For the salmon:

2 Tbs. finely chopped parsley
2 Tbs. finely chopped basil
2 Tbs. finely chopped thyme
kosher salt
fresh cracked pepper
4 Tbs. olive oil
1 Tsp. soy sauce
6 salmon fillets (skin on), 1 inch thick (fresh salmon fillets sometimes contain small “pin” bones, remove with tweezers if you feel them in the fish).

-Combine the herbs, salt, pepper, olive oil and soy sauce to make a paste. Set

aside, then fire up your grill! (a stove top grill pan is also perfectly acceptable).

For the salad:

1 cup green lentils, washed and sorted for any small stones, drained
1/2 cup quick cooking couscous
3 Tbs. extra virgin olive oil
2 Tsp. minced garlic
2 Tbs. lemon juice
1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
2 roasted red bell peppers, finely diced
3/4 cup thinly sliced green onions
1 carrot, finely diced
kosher salt
fresh cracked pepper

-Combine olive oil, garlic and lemon juice, salt (about 1/2 Tsp.) and pepper (about 1/4 Tsp.) set aside.
-Bring 3 cups of water to a boil, add lentils, simmer 20-30 minutes or until tender but not mushy.
-Drain lentils and add olive oil mixture, set aside.
-Bring 1/2 cup of water to a boil, add couscous, stir, remove from heat immediately and cover. Let stand five minutes and then fluff with fork.
-Add couscous to lentils. Add basil, roasted peppers, green onion and carrot. Toss and mix well, adjust seasonings if necessary.

Grilling the fish:

-Evenly spread the olive oil/herb mixture over the fish. Place the fish (flesh side down) directly over medium heat. Cook about 5 minutes, then flip over to skin side, cooking an additional 5 minutes (or until opaque). Serve with the lentil couscous salad!

***If you have any questions, need any dinner ideas or simply want to drop a note contact me at gefiltegirlsavannah@yahoo.com

Elizabeth Hale is a member of Temple Mickve Israel, a graduate of Johnson and Wales Culinary School, professional chef for 15 years, and has owned several restaurants in South Florida. She currently resides in Bluffton, SC where she is the proud owner of Savannah City Catering.



Gefilte Girl
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Joel Greenberg, Chair of the Trustees

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2. What do you recommend as the best vehicle for leaving a legacy gift?

One of the beauties of creating a Legacy Gift with the Foundation is that there are a variety of vehicles at your disposal. For those wishing to create or underwrite a specific program of the JEA or Federation, or one of the schools, that can be done through a restricted gift. If you would prefer to provide funds for the general use of the community in years to come, you can choose to make an unrestricted gift to the endowments of the Federation or the JEA. Donor advised funds allow you to request your funds be used for specific charitable causes. Some people choose to fund their gifts through their estates, which allow you to provide a future gift with little or no expenditure of your money now.

3. Now that you have created a fund to support a cause that is important to your family, what other thing in the community would you hope to have endowed?



Joel Greenberg

Almost any need of the Jewish community, or its organizations, can be funded. Annual programs, meal programs, a fund to provide the upkeep of the offices, scholarships, the pool, the grounds... whatever floats your boat. ANY endowed funds provide the first dollars used each year and it translates to making more JEA and Federation dollars available for unmet needs.

4. What is the one most important thing you hope to accomplish before your term is up?

Creating a Jewish Legacy for Savannah is more than any one endowment chair can create in two years. I hope that by the time I turn the reins over to Linda Zoller that we will have embarked on a legacy program to help see our Jewish community into the future.

Editor's Note: *Pesach may be over, but watch the Savannah Jewish News each month for this new feature where we pose Four Questions about a person or topic of interest. If you have suggestions for someone we should interview, please send them to savannahjewishnews@savj.org.*

On the Personal Side

SPORTS: Ryan Salmon, a senior at Benedictine Military School and captain of the BC Swim Team, as well as a member of the Georgia Coastal Aquatics Team



Ryan Salmon at the Georgia High School State Swim Meet

(GCAT), placed second in the 100 yards breaststroke at the Georgia High School State Meet in March and made finals at the NCSA Junior National Championships, where he was invited to swim for the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. Ryan is the son of Nadine and Richard Salmon... MISCELLANY: Eric Homansky, son of Anita and Larry Homansky, was chosen as Teacher of the Year at Nickojack Elementary School for the 2009/2010 year and is in the finals for Teacher of the Year for Cobb County, near Atlanta... Michael Stein, son of Melinda and Steve Stein, was named Director of the Cancer Institute of Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

Vital Statistics



Samuel Isaac Raskin will become a Bar Mitzvah on June 12, 2010 at Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob. He is the son of Michele and Alex Raskin and the brother of Elie Raskin. Sam is the grandson of Sidney Raskin and the late Anita Raskin of Savannah and of the late Leah Marks and Jeff Marks of Philadelphia. Sam is a 7th grader at Rambam Day School.

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Sherri Bornstein
Savannah Country Day

The daughter of Danit Bornstein and Dr. Ilan Bornstein, Sherri participated in Mock Trial, placed in the Top 50 in the Georgia High School Drawing Competition and was a participant in BBYO. She plans on attending Loyola University in New Orleans. Sherri attended Rambam Day School from the middle of fifth grade through eighth grade.



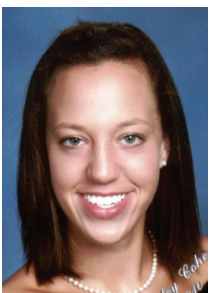
Elle Byck
Savannah Country Day

The daughter of Drs. Peggy and David Byck, Elle played on the Varsity Basketball team as Team Captain and Most Valuable Player and played on the Varsity Volleyball as Team Captain. She will be attending the University of Georgia this coming fall, majoring in Biology. She attended the Shalom School from pre-kindergarten through the ninth grade. In addition, she became a Bat Mitzvah and was confirmed at Congregation Mickve Israel.



Ashley Cohen
Nicole Savannah Country Day School

The daughter of Lisa and Dr. Scott Cohen, Ashley played Varsity Basketball and Varsity Soccer. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Cum Laude Society and participates in BBYO. In the fall, Ashley will be attending the University of Georgia. She attended Rambam Day School from the second through eighth grade.



Haley M. Cohen
Savannah Arts Academy

The daughter of Donna and Ron Cohen, Haley participated in Student Ambassadors,

National Honor Society, Nu Delta Alpha, Spanish Honor Society and was President of the Beta Club. Also, she danced and was a company member at Gretchen Greene School of Dance. Haley will be attending Georgia College and State University in the fall, majoring in Biology and wants to become a Registered Nurse or Physicians Assistant. She attended Sunday School from pre-kindergarten through ninth grade, Hebrew School from third grade through sixth grade and taught pre-kindergarten and kindergarten at Sunday School from tenth grade through twelfth grade.



Grace Garfunkel
Saint Andrews School

The daughter of Amy and Charles Garfunkel, Grace was President of the senior class, on the Headmaster's List, recipient of various departmental awards and an International Baccalaureate Inaugural Top Honor Graduate. She also was a member of the National Honor Society, treasurer of the National Spanish Honor Society, served on the Yearbook staff and played varsity girls soccer where she was a member of the 2009-2010 South Carolina Independent Schools State All Star Soccer Team. Grace was a member of National Conference of Synagogue Youth, served on the Backus Children's Hospital Teen Board and volunteered at Saint Mary's Orphanage. She will be attending New York University in the fall. Grace attended Rambam Day School from two years old through the eighth grade.



Phillip Geffen
Chatham Academy

The son of Marla and Dr. Morris Geffen, Phillip has been a volunteer at the Humane Society and at Riverview Nursing Home. He will be attending the Savannah College of Art and Design and is currently undecided but is thinking of majoring in advertising.



Tilly Rose Isaacson
Savannah Arts Academy

The daughter of Nancy and Bob Isaacson, Tilly Rose participated in Students for Cultural Diver-

sity; Youth Futures Authority; Young Voices; Georgia Youth Understanding Pregnancy Prevention; Jefferson Awards and Coastal Animal Advocacy. She played softball and was on a crew team. Tilly Rose was on the Executive Board of the Chatham County Youth Commission, 2008-2009 and Chairperson of the Commission for 2009-2010. She plans to attend the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. Tilly Rose attended Rambam Day School from two years old through the sixth grade.



Stephen Lasky
Chatham Academy

The son of Stacy and Jeffrey Lasky, Stephen played football at Chatham Academy and also played flag football and basketball. He made the Dean's List and received various other academic and leadership awards in school. Stephen was a member of BBYO's AZA and worked as a flag football referee. He will be attending Life Development Institute in Glendale, Arizona to major in criminal justice. Stephen attended Rambam Day School until second grade and then Shalom School.



Ryan Salmon
Benedictine Military School (BC)

The son of Nadine and Richard Salmon, Ryan was on the BC Swim Team, National Honor Society, JROTC (9th-12th grade), Spanish Club and attended the West Point Ethics Conference. He held leadership positions as; the BC Swim Team Captain, BC Varsity Letterman, Treasurer of the National Honor Society, Lieutenant Colonel [Brigade S-4 Officer] in JROTC, and President of the Spanish Club. Ryan was also valedictorian of his graduating class. His swimming achievements include Georgia High School State Championships Runner-Up in the 100 yard Breaststroke, 3rd Place in the 200 yard individual medley and GHSA 1st Team All-State Winner. He plans to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology to major in Civil Engineering and swim for the Yellow Jacket's Varsity Swim Team. He attended Rambam Day School from kindergarten through eighth grade.



Ryan Wade Sandler
Savannah Country Day

The son of Helese and Dr. Daniel Sandler, Ryan was Editor of the school newspaper; guitar player in the jazz band; President of Student Council; lawyer on mock trial team; member of the tennis team; head of "Ping pong for Africa"; helped with Special Olympics; helped with Habitat for Humanity; active on the World Affairs and Volunteer Councils and BBYO. He was in the Cum Laude Society; National Honor Society; achieved High Honor Roll; and received a "Foundation Fellowship" for University of Georgia. Ryan will be attending Harvard University in the fall. He was attended Rambam Day School from the age of four through eighth grade.



Sara Jane Schlafstein
Savannah Country Day

The daughter of Stacey and Dr. Barry Schlafstein, Sara was a member of the National Honor Society and a member/Editor of the High School section of the Yearbook. She was a member of BBYO and a counselor at Horizons Summer Camp. Sara plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall. She attended Rambam Day School from pre-kindergarten through the first grade and the Shalom School through the eighth grade.



Kayla Zuckerman
Savannah Country Day

The daughter of Elaine and Joel Zuckerman, Kayla was President of the student Honor Council, a member of National Honor Society, Honors Choir, the Georgia All State Choir and the varsity tennis team. She participated in Students for Cultural Diversity, theatre, the school newspaper and the recycling program and was a student mentor for younger students. Kayla will be attending the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami where she plans to major in music therapy and vocal performance.

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2010 JEA Members

The JEA would like to thank our members. Without your membership and support, we would not be able to offer all the services that we do. Our members are our most important asset! (New Members as of Jan. 1-May 17, 2010)

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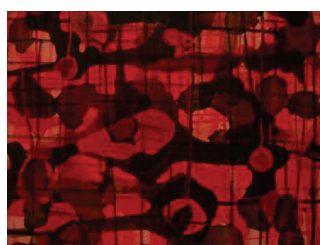
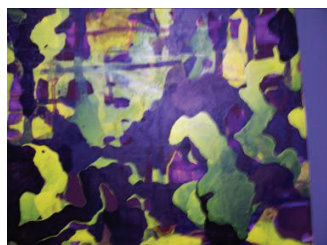
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Art at the JEA



June Artist—Calvin Thomas

Calvin Thomas was born in Wrightsville, GA. Growing up in his small hometown, there weren't any art programs in the public school system so he wasn't exposed to art at a young age.

Calvin never dreamed of becoming an artist, however, he knew he loved art with a passion. "I loved the way it made me feel and how I reacted to it. In a sense, I was always drawn into the paintings as if I were a figure in the paintings. As I now know, art is a powerful thing and it can change your mood instantly." When he moved to Savannah in 1990, he discovered SCAD. He was surrounded by a like-minded group of people who were open to new and different ideas and ideals, and it was the first time that he truly felt as if he belonged somewhere.

He enrolled in a Master of Fine Arts program at SCAD majoring in Fashion Design. As a former fashion major, when painting, he focused his attention on abstracts. Because art is his passion and abstract art is his favorite genre, this passion has determined his true calling in life.

Artwork available for viewing June 1-30, 2010.
Art Reception June 24, 2010, 6-8 PM

JEA Basketball Camp



Coach Trason Teaster is here to improve your skills with Basketball Camp. Coach Tra grew up in Arkansas. In High School his team won over 100 games, all while being one of the smallest schools in the state. Teaster made all-region and all state, then played for Mississippi County Community College.

From beginner to advanced, he is here to help your game!

Ages: 8 to 16 (3 groups: 8-10, 11-13 & 14-16)

Camp dates: July 19 - 23

Camp time: 1 pm to 5 pm

Where: Large gym at JEA

Early Bird: \$100 per member until May 31st

\$125 per non-member until May 31st

Late registration: \$125 per member until July 19th

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Contact 355-8111 or Stephanie@savj.org

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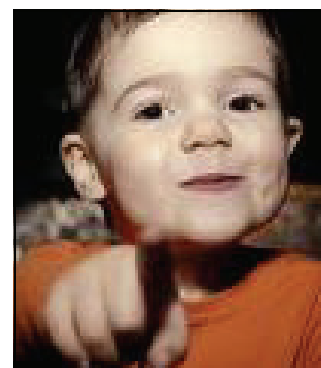
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Pre-Camp: June 7th-11th & June 14th-18th
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Contact the Ashley at the JEA for more
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K'Toni / Yeladim Campers

Week #1 - June 21-25
Dinosaur Discovery—Dinosaurs, big and small, where did they come from? Dig for dinosaur bones, put them together and make your own fossils.

Week #2-June 28-July 2
Golf / Mixed Media Art—Improve hand-eye coordination while learning the game of golf with our PGA Pro. Also, create artwork in a wide variety of media: marsh-mallow sculptures, spin art, mosaics and more.

Week #3 - July 5-9
Journey to the bottom of the Sea—Swim with sea creatures and transform our rooms into an underwater haven.

Week #4 - July 12-16
Puppet World—Puppet crafts engage the imagination and draw on child’s artistic talents. Campers will bring to life favorite characters from children’s literature.

Week #5 - July 19-23
Outdoor Adventure—Join us as we travel to far-away places to learn and explore: each day a new country! Each destination will bring opportunities to experience the food, culture, landmarks and animals that make that place special.

Week #6 - July 26-30
Super Hero’s & Fairy Tales—Celebrate our heroes both real and make believe. Transport yourself to a world of princesses, magic and dragons. Have a blast making superhero costumes, swords and magic wands.

Week #7 - Aug. 2-6
Dance / Cooking—Following steps, timing, patience and consistency will all be worked on in this week. Refuel in the kitchen while learning to bake.

Week #8 - Aug. 9-13
Maccabiah Games (Color War) - An opportunity to promote camp spirit through engaging in physical and mental team challenges.

Chaverim / L.I.T. Campers

Week #1 - June 21-25 **Camp Invention**
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Week#2-June 28-July 2
Golf / Mixed Media Art—Improve your golf game with our PGA pro. Focus on hand-eye coordination through golf activities. Learn to putt, drive and chip.

Week #3 - July 5-9
Ocean Commotion—Dive into this underwater adventure week. Learn to scuba dive, check out a coral reef or clean up an oil spill.

Week #4 - July 12-16
Wii Challenge YOU! - Wii week will allow campers to take on different personas, from Robin Hood at an archery competition to an Olympic skier in a downhill race.

Week #5 - July 19-23
The Great Outdoors—Rock Climbing, Fire Building, Archeology and more. Campers will explore different aspects of the outdoor world.

Week #6 - July 26-30
CSI: Forensic Science—Learn how to take teeth impressions, remove fingerprints, distinguish a mystery powder and calculate a criminal’s height and weight based on a footprint.

Week #7 - Aug. 2-6
Dance / Floor Hockey—Learn the robot, work, running man and hip hop. Then we’ll learn how to shoot and pass with our floor hockey expert.

Week #8 - Aug. 9-13
Maccabiah Games (Color War) - These games are an opportunity to promote camp spirit. Campers will engage in physical and mental team challenges.

**** Field Trip’s EVERY Wednesday**
**** Overnight’s Week #4 & #7 (Thursdays)**

SUMMER FITNESS CLASSES						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	5:00-6:00 am Master Swim	8:30-9:15 am Spin Class	5:00-6:00 am Master Swim	8:30-9:15 am Spin Class	5:00-6:00 am Master Swim	
9:15-10 am Pilates	8:30-9:30 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:30 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:30 am Firm It Up	
10-11 am Total Body Blast	10:00-11:00 am Aquasize	10:00-11:00 am Aquasize		10:00-11:00 am Aquasize	10:00-11:00 am Aquasize	
	10:30-11:30 am Gentle Yoga		10:30-11:30 am Gentle Yoga			
	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® MSROM	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® Cardio Circuit	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® MSROM	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® Cardio Circuit		
1-2 PM Billy’s Boot Camp	Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball	
	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	
	5:30-7:30 pm Karate		5:30-7:30 pm Karate			
	6:00-7:00 pm Spin Class		6:00-7:00 PM Billy’s Boot Camp			
	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics	6:30-7:30 pm Step & Weight Aerobics	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics		
		6:30-7:30 pm Badminton		7:00-8:00 pm Total Body Blast		
	7:00-8:30 pm Aikido	7:00-9:00 pm Savannah Fencing Club	7:00-8:30 pm Aikido	7:00-9:00 pm Savannah Fencing Club		



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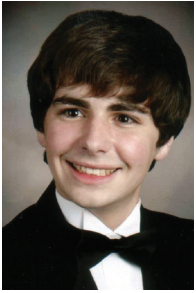
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June 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daily Calendar Events  On-Going Programs	Aquasize -10 am Gentle Yoga -10:30 am SilverSneakers -10:30 am Senior Lunch -12:30 pm Water Aerobics -6:30 pm	Pilates — 8:30 am Kibitzers Kafe -10 am SilverSneakers -10:30 am am Aquasize -10 am Step & Weight Aerobics — 6:30 pm	SilverSneakers - 10:30 am Gentle Yoga -10:30 am Senior Lunch -12:30 pm Bridge -1pm Water Aerobics -6:30 pm Scrabble -6:30 pm Yoga Flow — 7:00 pm	Pilates — 8:30 am Aquasize - 10 am Mah Jongg - 10:30 am SilverSneakers - 10:30 am Senior Lunch -12:30 pm Senior Program -1:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics - 6:30 pm	Aquasize -10 am	JEA Closed
May 30 Outdoor Pool Opens	May 31 JEA Offices Closed	June 1 Rambam Graduation— 7:30 pm	2	3 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program Movie & a Beer— 7:30 pm	4	5
6	7 JEA Pre-Camp	8	9	10 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program	11	12
13	14 JEA Golf Tournament	15	16	17 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program	18	19
20 Father's Day Pool Event— 11 am JEA Camp Savannah Meet-N-Greet— 1 pm Baseball Awards— 4 pm	21	22	23	24 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program Art Gallery Reception— 6 pm	25	26
27	28	29	30			

July 2010						
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4 Independence Day JEA Offices Closed July 4th Pool Party	5	6	7	8 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program	16	17
18	19 Erev Tisha B'Av Basketball Camp	20 Tisha B'Av Basketball Camp Voting Primary	21 Basketball Camp	22 Basketball Camp -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program	23 Basketball Camp	24
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Mazel Tov to the 2010 High School and College Graduates



Evan Alexander Mills
Auburn High School

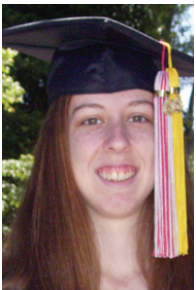
The son of Nancy (Smith) and David Troy Mills and grandson of Lucille and Kayton Smith and Ruth Blacher and David Mills, Evan has held a leadership position in the Auburn University Spirit of Auburn club and is the recipient of the Presidential Scholarship. He has been learning and training in Mixed Martial Arts. He plans to double major in Business and Engineering at Auburn University.

COLLEGE GRADUATES



Daniel Brody
University of South Carolina

The son of Robin and Lawrence Brody, Daniel graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Experimental Psychology. During college, he mentored seventh graders in the Columbia Public School system and volunteered weekly as a Nurse's Aid in the Emergency Room. Daniel hopes to pursue either medical school or another career in the medical field. He attended Rambam Day School through the eighth grade.



Donna Boucher
University of Georgia

The daughter of Marcia Silverman and granddaughter of Irene and Ramon Silverman, Donna graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Georgia with a B.S. in Cellular Biology. She made the Dean's List every semester during her time at UGA. Donna plans on applying to medical school, for entry in the fall of 2011.



Jessica Byck
University of Georgia

The daughter of Drs. Peggy and David Byck, Jessica graduated from University of Georgia with a B.S. in Finance with a Minor in Spanish. During college, she worked as a transla-

tor for Spanish speaking parents in the school system. Jessica graduated Magna Cum Laude, a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Alpha Phi Society. She is considering law school after working for a year or two. She attended Shalom School from pre-kindergarten through ninth grade and became a Bat Mitzvah and was confirmed at Congregation Mickve Israel.



Aaron Kooden
University of Hartford

The son of Joanne and Michael Kooden, Aaron graduated from University of Hartford with a B.A. in Communications and Broadcast Journalism. He played for four years on the UH Men's Tennis Team, was a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Council and wrote a sports column for *The Informer* – UH's school newspaper. Aaron was Co-Captain of the Tennis Team his sophomore year and Captain his junior and senior year. He will teach tennis at the Wilmington Island Club this summer, while actively looking for a job in the Journalism field. Aaron attended Rambam Day School from second grade through eighth grade.



Darryl Lasky
University of Colorado – Boulder

The son of Stacy and Jeffrey Lasky, Darryl graduated from University of Colorado at Boulder with a B.S. in Sociology. He played intramural basketball in Boulder and participated in Young Democrats for Obama and Greenpeace. Darryl made the Dean's List while in college. Darryl will be touring with his band – *Celestial Hoedown* – and plans on attending law school down the road. He attended Rambam Day School until sixth grade and then the Shalom School.



William Levine
University of Maryland

The son of Lynne and Mark Levine, William graduated from the University of Maryland with B.A. in Government and Politics and a B.A. in Judaic Studies. He participated in College Democrats and was a member of the Golden Key

Honor Society and Primannum Honor Society. William was employed by Maryland Fund for Excellence. In the future, he would like to work in the government in politics. William attended Rambam Day School through the seventh grade.



Harry J. Portman
Yeshiva University

The son of Myra and Jerry Portman, Harry graduated from Yeshiva University with a B.A. in English. He was a member of the Student Medical Ethics Society and the Academic Standards Committee; he was features editor for *The Commentator* – official student newspaper of YU; volunteered at New York Presbyterian Hospital and the Elizabeth Anderson Cancer Institute in the Oncology Research Laboratory. He was on the Dean's List from 2007-2010; a participant in the Jay and Jeannie Schottenstein Honors Program; received the Joseph and Lena Hoeing Memorial Award for Excellence in Talmud Study; and received the Joan G. Haahr Award for Excellence in Early English Literature. Harry was an advisor for the Southern Region of NCSY and organizer of the Carlebach Minyan at YU. He will be working and volunteering in New York while applying for Medical School. Harry attended Rambam Day School.



Heather Rubnitz
South University

The daughter of Rene and David Rubnitz, Heather graduated from South University with a degree in Business. She made the Dean's List and President's List and previously was a member of the Sigma Delta Tau Sorority. Heather is a member of the Savannah Jaycees, an Ambassador for the Chamber of Commerce, and a member of Coastal Empire Association

of Health Underwriters. As of September 2008, she became a licensed health and life insurance agent and has been working with her father. She plans to get a RHU designation to increase her knowledge in insurance, where she is making her career.



Josie Streiff
Armstrong Atlantic State University

The daughter of Pepi and Dr. Irwin Streiff, Josie graduated from Armstrong Atlantic State University with a B.S. in Education, Special Education general curriculum. She was a member of University Chorale and was Vice President of Student Council for Exceptional Children. Josie plans to teach in Savannah or nearby and would like to exclusively teach children with autism. She plans to work on a Master's degree in the future with the ultimate goal of getting a Doctorate in education. She also will be the Shalom School pre-kindergarten teacher this fall. Josie attended Shalom School from kindergarten through eighth grade, Hebrew School from third through sixth grade and Hebrew High School.



Steffi Yellin
Brown University

The daughter of Peggy and Harold Yellin, Steffi graduated from Brown University with a Bachelors degree. She played as a goalkeeper on the Brown Women's Soccer Team and played intramural basketball. Steffi received the Dobson-Kay Coaches Award and was a two-time Ivy League Player of the Week in soccer. While at Brown, she participated as a volunteer with Students for the Humane Treatment of Homeless Animals. Steffi attended Rambam Day School from the age of two through the eighth grade.

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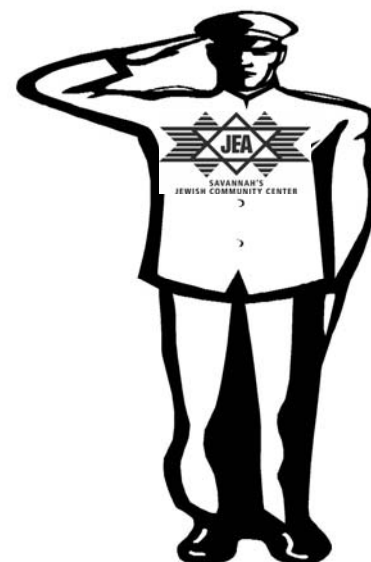
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End of the Year for Rambam

On May 3rd the seventh and eighth graders put on the play, "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood". We had a full house and everyone had a wonderful time. The students' performance was fantastic, and the play was humorous! On the night of May 3rd, Rambam shined!

Over the last few months Rambam has had several quiz bowls which have reflected the knowledge gained by our students. The following are the topics of the various quiz bowls; which blessing to make on various foods, general Secular knowledge, general Judaic knowledge and knowledge about the Portions of the Week. Parents who were able to join us enjoyed the children's enthusiasm and became as caught up in the excitement as the children.

Another school year is coming to a close and as I look back, not only did the year fly by, but Rambam has

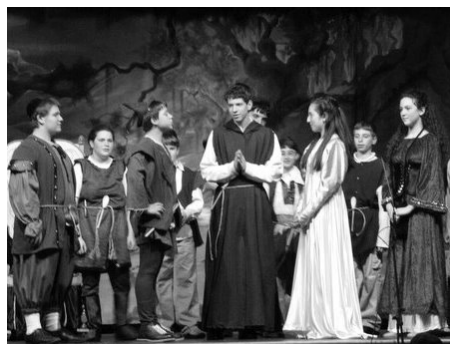
many reasons to be proud. Another year of dedication to our students will hopefully be reflected in their accomplishments. As we hear the news of where graduates from Rambam have been accepted for college, we take pride knowing we were an integral aspect of their lives.

We look forward to 2011, so we can hear more wonderful news about more Rambam graduates. As well, we look forward to another successful year of imbuing our students with an excellent Secular education and a thorough understanding of their Jewish heritage. As long as there are those who wish to learn, Rambam will continue to teach!

Enjoy the pictures from the play.



Ester Y. Rabhan,
Rambam Principal



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“Rambam gave me great friends and a great education. It prepared me well for high school and beyond and was an integral part of forming a strong Jewish foundation.”

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A Letter of Gratitude

Dear Jules,

It hardly seems that a decade has passed since you assumed the leadership role as principal of Shalom School. How fortunate we were that you and Phoebe chose Savannah to “retire”, and now ten years later, you are retiring again. You have implemented positive changes, leaving Shalom School in an excellent position for the next decade and new leadership. You encouraged students who graduated from the school to return as teacher aides, giving them the opportunity to continue their involvement with Jewish education.

Jules, during your tenure as principal, you initiated new programs and many were highly successful. Just to name a few; you moved to a weekday prayer-based curriculum that gave our students greater confidence when they participated in Shabbat and Holiday services. The parents' program on Sunday mornings, while waiting for their children who were in Sunday School, allowed parents to learn while at the same time demonstrating to their children the importance of continuing Jewish education. Jewish music and dancing were also important aspects of the program that you promoted. You encouraged students who graduated from the school to return as teacher aides, giving them the opportunity to continue their involvement with Jewish education. We thank you for being open to suggestions and keeping the teachers motivated to carry out new programs.

Some of your students said the following about your tenure as principal:

“Thank you for being our principal. You were really good at it! Everyone at the school is going to miss you.”

“He listened and considered all of our ideas, including our request to do a musical Shabbat Service.”

“He wants us all to learn and continue to learn because he cares about all the Shalom School students.”

“He always helped and was available to us, even when recovering from surgery.”

“He was gracious to every single student.”

“Mr. Kerness is a great, kind man and has helped me learn and benefit from the Jewish religion.”

“He is a good story teller and he teaches Torah in a fun and interesting way.”

Teachers and parents are also appreciative:

“Mr. Kerness is a deeply committed Jewish educator. He has been a wonderful and supportive mentor to me as a new teacher.”

“For the three years that I have been a teacher under Jules, he has demonstrated his love for and dedication to Shalom School. From supporting the teachers and always being accessible to them, to getting to know each Shalom School student, to being on top of all the administrative details, Jules has been the consummate principal. His warmth, humor, loyalty and wisdom will no doubt be missed by the entire Shalom School community.”

“Mr. Kerness allows teachers the flexibility and creativity to allow Shalom School to be the best.”

“He understands that keeping kindergarteners engaged in Torah and Jewish tradition can require a bit of a mess and noise - but it is worth it. He leaves a lovely legacy.”

“Jules has been the constant in our students' Jewish education. Our kids move from grade to grade, teacher to teacher, but he has always been there for our current students.”

What more can be said, Jules? You will truly be missed. Thank you for all that you have done for Shalom School. We know you will be here for us as we move on with a new principal and hope you will come to visit on a regular basis.

Stay well and enjoy retirement for real this time around,

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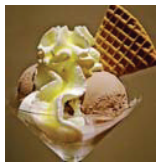
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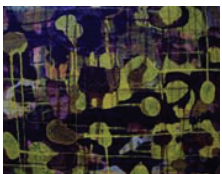
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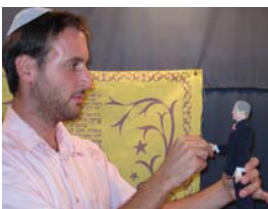
June 6 – 2-4pm JEA Auditorium
Norman Dolgoff's 75th Birthday,
Please drop in for a very casual ice cream social to wish Norman a happy birthday. No presents, please!



June 14– Crosswinds Golf Club
4th Annual Golf Tournament. Great Fun, Great Prizes, Great Outing!
Chairs: Mark Konter & Ross Kaminsky.
Contact Kim Thebo for more info at 355-8111 or kim@savj.org. Register through www.savj.org/local_includes/downloads/41610.pdf. JEA Fundraiser



June 1st–30th – JEA Art Gallery
June Artist – Calvin Thomas. Georgia born and local artist presents his works in the art gallery. He found his passion later in life and shares it with all today. His Art Reception is June 24th from 6-8pm.



August 1st – Shalom Udi
Say Good-bye to Udi. Come and thank Udi for his time as our shaliach and help send him off with a cookout at the JEA Pool. Watch the eNews and the July/ August issue for details.

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Norman Dolgoff's 75th Birthday

Please drop in for a very casual ice cream social to wish Norman a happy birthday!

Sunday, June 6
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
JEA Auditorium

Sherry Dolgoff & Daughters
– Marcey, Karen, Laura and their families –

NO presents, please!

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Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Helen C. Kandel

Who died on April 16, 2010

She is survived by her daughter, Simone K. (Leo) Center; her son, Phillip (Donna) Kandel of Vieques, Puerto Rico; her grandson, Eric S. (Jennifer) Robinson or Berkeley, CA; her granddaughters, Lisa M. (Ken) Robinson of Tucson, AZ and Lori S. Robinson of Annapolis, CA; and several great-grandchildren.

Remembrances: American Heart Association or Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob or Hospice Savannah.

Selma G. Dunn

Who died on April 30, 2010

She is survived by her daughters, Joan (Edwin) Moore and Barbara Dunn Pope of Granite Bay, CA; one son, Joseph (Waynah) Dunn of Atlanta; a sister, Betty Soskins of Valley Village, CA; four grandchildren, Sarah and Michael Dunn and David and Steven Pope and

many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Remembrances: Congregation Agudath Achim, Hospice Savannah or a charity of the donor's choice.

Ellen Halperin

Who died on May 4, 2010

She is survived by her daughter, Stefanie Halperin and son, Scott Halperin, both of Atlanta; one aunt, Helaine Strauss, Manhattan, NY; and many cousins and extended family.

Remembrances: St. Joseph's Hospital – Atlanta, GA, the American Lung Association or Hospice Atlanta.

Ruby Gail Frenkel Perlman

Who died on May 11, 2010

She is survived by her husband, Phillip; her sons Lance (Gina) and Aaron (Tessa); daughter Lacy Perlman Chivers; a brother Lawrence (JoAnn) Frenkel of New Jersey; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Kenneth Frenkel.

Remembrances: Congregation Mickve Israel or Hospice Savannah.

Isadore Karpf, 1919-2010

Isadore M. Karpf, who served as President of the Jewish Educational Alliance from 1961 to 1963, died on May 14, 2010. Karpf was a member of the JEA all of his adult life and also had served as a chairman of the annual campaign for the Savannah Jewish Federation/ United Jewish Appeal. He was a member of Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob and a veteran of the United States Army, having served during World War II.

In addition to his commitment to the Jewish community, Karpf, who retired from Punch and Judy, also was a former President of the Greater Downtown Business Association, a member of the Savannah District Authority (now the Port

Authority), and a founding member of the Coastal Jazz Association.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-eight years, Edith Shoob Karpf; his three children: Sally Karpf Krissman, Michael L. Karpf and Eric S. (Linda) Karpf, all of Savannah; his sister, Florence Karpf Alterbaum; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Remembrances: The Jewish Educational Alliance; Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob; Hospice Savannah.



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Jewish Legacy Forum Helps Build Endowments

Legacies Provide Important Funding Source in Down Economy

Eighty-five Federation and Foundation professionals and lay leaders from 26 communities gathered in Tucson, Arizona, last December for the first ever Jewish Legacy Forum.

The two-day conference focused on sharing best practices and innovations to help participants build and promote legacy programs. A legacy is a gift left for the future of the community, to carry on the donor's wishes beyond his or her lifetime. This typically includes an endowment — a permanent fund that provides perpetual support to an organization from the income earned. This type of fund is especially important during tough economic times, when other funding sources may be decreased.

"We encourage communities to use endowments and planned gifts as a long-term strategy for building and sustaining the Jewish community," said Joe Imberman, associate vice president of Planned Giving and Endowments at The Jewish Federations of North America.

Sponsored by The Jewish Federations of North America, Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego and Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona, the forum covered such topics as creating a legacy culture in the community, partnering with agencies to build endowments, and helping each donor fulfill their own philanthropic vision through legacy planning.

"We need to both engage the soul and engage in business planning to reach a golden age of philanthropy we could only have dreamed of a few years ago," said opening speaker Jeffrey Solomon, president of the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies and

co-author of *The Art of Giving*. He also addressed the need to help donors be as purposeful about their giving as they are about other areas of their lives, such as education, career and finances.

The importance of nurturing relationships — both with donors and with partner agencies — was addressed repeatedly throughout the conference. This involves developing trust and confidence that the Foundation or Federation will keep faith with the donor's wishes years down the road. Key components in this process include utilizing robust and customizable documentation, maintaining personal contact over the years, and working closely with partner agencies to create a united, community-wide approach toward endowment building.

The Trustees of the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah currently are exploring the steps necessary to launch a campaign to significantly increase the number and size of endowed funds that benefit the various Jewish institutions in Savannah.

"I never realized the extraordinary depth of creativity and experience in our smaller communities," said Laura Lauder, Allocations Committee chair of the Jewish Community Endowment Fund of San Francisco. "The larger cities can learn tremendous lessons from the pros and dedicated lay leaders in Tucson, San Diego, and many other cities who have followed their lead."

Keynote speaker and award-winning columnist Amy Hirshberg Lederman summed up what many of the participants sensed, "We are all here for a reason. We believe in the future of the Jewish people and we can make a difference in that future."

Savannah Jewish ARCHIVES

Oral History Excerpts

Our Archives holds an excellent collection of oral histories. In the coming months we'll continue showcasing excerpts from the early interviews. Other excerpts appear in our publication *Voices of Savannah*.

LENA (FEINBERG) ROSENZWEIG (1906-1997) interviewed April 1996



The weddings. I remember if we were invited to a wedding, a horse and buggy would come to pick up the guests to take them to the wedding. People didn't just go in.

The horse and buggy was run by a man named Mr. Kravitz. He was in charge of it.

I remember when we lived on the four hundred block of Broughton Street, there was a Jewish doctor. His name was Dr. Fischer, and he lived in Yamacraw, on Fahm Street. He didn't have a car. He'd come in on a bicycle to the four hundred block, and the mothers would bring the children, and he would vaccinate us. You know, we'd get vaccinated before we went to school, and that was done by Dr. Fischer. Mothers

gave birth, but they never used a doctor. Most of them, the majority of them, used a mid-wife. Of course, when a bride was going to get married, I remember that all the brides fasted the day of their wedding. It was a lovely community. Savannah was a close community, very close.

Gaston Street was like the city limits. People went to the bay for recreation, to the river. It was beautiful, just as it is today. Of course, another memory I have from when I lived on Broughton Street at five years old, I would hear the black people singing. They had a church on West Broad Street, West Broad and Bolton. They had on white robes and they would march down West Broad Street singing, on Sunday morning, to be baptized. And they walked from Bolton Street all the way down to the bay to where the river was... I used to walk on the side of them to watch them be dunked and prayed for... It was just like being in another world. But I can hear their voices and see their white robes, marching in a group... all the way down to Bay Street.

If you wish to read more from this oral history or from another in the collection, or if you wish to purchase a copy of *Voices of Savannah*, contact Archives staff at (912) 651-2125, ext. 34 or lstoudt@georgiahistory.com.

Save the Date!

Join us at the JEA on the afternoon of Sunday, October 3rd, 2010 to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Savannah Jewish Archives.

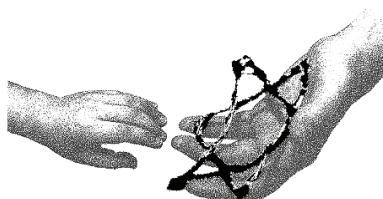


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