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One Gift Fulfills Need and Tradition

by Robin Reiner

She called it a "gift from heaven". Ariella Ben Hamu was relieved and grateful when she received the telephone call that she and her eight children would be taken from Netivot to Jerusalem for a day of respite from the rocket zone. Following the ceasefire agreement last November, The Jewish Agency For Israel (JAFI) organized a special relief project for children in southern Israel. More than 7,500 children, teens and parents boarded approximately 150 buses and headed into the central and northern regions of the country for a day of entertain-

ment and relaxation at venues such as the Biblical Zoo, the Ramat Gan Safari and the KifTzuba Children's Amusement Park. This was just one day in a week of days provided by JAFI to let kids enjoy some fun and quiet away from the range of rockets. In all, the agency took more than 25,000 children that week on those special day trips. The Mayor of Sderot, David Buskila, said that the respite trips organized by JAFI were "life-altering for the participants". As Ariella, the mother of eight, explained during their day, "We have all been stuck inside... it was very difficult for the children. The kids have finally been able to let off

steam today."

The Jewish Federations of North America provided financial funding to JAFI for these day trips of respite. Federations immediately pledged five million dollars for urgent needs related to the conflict. Natan Sharansky, Chairman of JAFI, said: "The assistance provided by the Jewish Federations of North America is a demonstration of the solidarity that Jews around the world feel with the residents of southern Israel. These Israelis have had to cope with an extremely difficult and painful reality on a daily basis."

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Yom HaShoah Program To Feature Author Nancy Wright Beasley

"The universe exists on the merit of the righteous among the nations of the world."
— The Talmud

The theme this year for Savannah's observance of Holocaust Memorial Day is "The Righteous Gentiles." A little known fact is that during World II, more than 24,000 non-Jewish individuals all over Europe risked their lives in order to hide or rescue Jews from the Nazis.

The community Yom HaShoah program, Sunday, April 7th at 4:30pm, will feature keynote speaker Nancy Wright Beasley, a journalist and author from Richmond, Virginia. Ms. Beasley has written a book, *Izzy's Fire*:



Nancy Wright Beasley

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Passover: A Time of Leadership and Unity

On behalf of the officers and Board of Governors of the Savannah Jewish Federation, I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy Passover. We hope you enjoy being with your families sitting around the Seder table recounting the story of Moshe and the Exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt.

The story of Passover and the symbols associated with this holiday always remind me of the importance of Jewish leadership and the unity of the Jewish people. In my opinion, there is no greater leader in the history of the Jewish people than Moses. It took incredible leadership skills to convince the Jewish people to pack up in the middle of the night and leave Egypt for the uncertainty of the desert and life beyond the Red Sea. From the time of Moses until the present, the Jewish people have been blessed with many great leaders, in Israel, in the United States and in our own community.

Recently, the President of the JEA, Bill Sand, and I decided it was time to call together all of the past presidents of the Savannah Jewish Federation and the JEA to meet with the executive committees of both organizations. We wanted their advice and experience on several important issues facing our community. The meeting notice was sent and 25 of the 33 past presidents attended the meeting. It was an incredible historical array of our community's past presidents who brought their collective wisdom and experience to the discussion.

The first issue we discussed was what to do about future leadership in our Savannah Jewish community. It is well known that both nationally and locally it is becoming increasingly difficult to find people to take leadership positions in organizations. The Federation Board discussed this issue at our January meeting where we examined the sources of the problem and potential solutions. It was very interesting listening to the past presidents talk about how they dealt with these same issues during their times in leadership. One of the lessons we learned is that the problem of getting people to take on leadership responsibilities is nothing new and dated back to the earliest past president's term (Ernie Friedman – Federation President, 1965-1967). The other lesson we learned is that the solution to the problem is one that changes with time and requires new and innovative thinking.

Towards that end, the Federation has invited a rising star in the Birmingham Federation system to come to Savannah

and meet with all of our community's leadership to share ideas about the principles behind Birmingham's success in engaging their young generation of Jews in their Jewish organizations and the solutions that have proved successful throughout the country. This rising star, Daniel Odrezin (yes, the grandson of Eva Odrezin), has close ties to Savannah and we are looking forward to the discussions and insights he can bring to this issue. We must find ways of engaging the next generation of Jews in our community's leadership process if we are to survive as a community.

Passover also reminds me of the unity of the Jewish people and what we can accomplish if we stick together. The Jews of ancient Egypt had faith in each other and survived 40 years in the desert by being a unified people. Obviously, everything was not perfect and even they had their internal conflicts. Despite the conflicts and disagreements, they had a common goal throughout those 40 years of wandering in the desert: surviving as a Jewish people. They did survive and reached the land of Israel because they were unified and worked together.

During this Passover holiday let us all remember that we are one community and despite our differences, everyone can agree that the survival of our community as a Jewish people is paramount to the mission of the Federation, the JEA, the synagogues, the schools and all of the other Jewish organizations in Savannah. As long as we each remember our common goal is the survival of our Jewish community we should be able to work out our differences no matter what the obstacle.

One final thought about Passover. Just as the manna from Hashem nourished and helped the Jewish people survive in the desert, so do your donations to Federation help those less fortunate Jewish people in Savannah and abroad survive their own struggles. As we reach the end of the 2013 Annual Campaign, if you have not yet given your gift, please reach deep in your heart and give generously. To those in need, your donation is like the manna from heaven provided to the Jewish people by Hashem during the Exodus. Wishing you and your family a wonderful and meaningful Passover holiday.



Jeffrey Lasky.
President,
Savannah Jewish
Federation

Hand in Hand

It began when professional leaders from 23 "small Jewish communities" met in a conference room in a Miami hotel, each laden with gifts, supplies, and medicines for the Cuban Jewish community. There were boxes shipped from Springfield, Illinois, a duffle bag schlepped from Northern Indiana, an obscenely oversized suitcase from Portland, Maine. There were cases of pencils, pediatric syrups, adult diapers, crayons, cold remedies, soaps, toothpastes, and dozens of other items identified as needed by the community.

Sarah and I entered into the room with our five suitcases of donations from the Savannah Jewish community which included more than 20,000 pills (over the counter and prescription), more than 500 toothbrushes, over 100 tubes of topical ointments, and dozens of other donations. For the next hour we arranged, moved and "balanced the donations" so that no individual had more than 22 pounds of drugs (Cuban law).

After an hour of rearranging all the donations we adjourned to another meeting room to share our backgrounds and trip expectations. All being from "small" communities, our stories about our home populations were similar—aging populations, children growing up and leaving, fear about future campaigns, and trying to do more with less. We then shared our anxieties about going to a Communist country, what we could say and do. Was it safe? (Yes.) Can you drink the water? (At your own risk.) Will the police interrogate me? (Only if you are doing something wrong.) What will happen when I go through customs? (They'll take your picture, stamp your passport and pass you on through).

The questions went on for about thirty more minutes until every single one was answered, until everyone felt more at ease.

The next day we boarded the plane in Miami. We deplaned in Cuba on the tarmac and got on line for the customs check. Even though I have gone through similar lines in a number of countries, this one felt different. The starkness of the customs hall and the serious faces that greeted us all lent to a nervous feeling. Then it was my turn. I walked into the cubicle and was greeted by a dour looking young woman... "Pasaaporte? Visa?" I could feel a little shudder in my hands as I passed them through the small opening in the thick glass window. "¿Por Que estas en Cuba?" (Why are you in Cuba?) Even though I can handle rudimentary Spanish, I could only mumble, "I don't understand." I could see my eleventh grade Spanish teacher "rolling over in her grave."

After what seemed to be a lifetime (it was really only 45 seconds), the door buzzed and I walked through to the other side. Next stop Havana.

From the get go, Cuba was a feast for the eyes—the many 1953 Chevys which were everywhere, the billboards proclaiming, "Revolucion Socialista," the crumbling infrastructure and architecture.

People had told me about how friendly the Cuban people are, and it is very true. Almost everyone will talk to you (albeit in Spanish) and the streets felt safe (and for the most part, they are).

Our first stop was at the Sephardic Center, one of three existing synagogues in Havana, where we received our first overview of the past and present Jewish community. From 15,000 (pre-Revolution) to 1,400 today, from a vibrant, diverse community to one learning "how to be Jewish" again, the Jews of Cuba are a proud, committed group of people.

With most people earning the equivalent of \$22 a month (retirees receive about \$12), the community exists thanks to the generosity of Diaspora Jewry. For three decades, the Jewish community of Canada has sent a trailer of Passover food to make it possible to observe the holiday. Jewish groups from around the U.S. bring needed drugs and toiletries (a group of 20 from Mickve Israel participated in a similar trip five years ago). With such a meager income, the cost of the drugs is prohibitive... if they are even available (mostly they are not).

The Cuban Jews are an inspiration—they are committed to learning about and sustaining the infrastructure that makes Jewish life possible: synagogues, a mikvah, Jewish cemetery, kosher butcher (yes, they have a kosher butcher!), a community center, daily minyans, and programs that enhance and define their lives. They have meals programs for those that need it, a Sunday school, senior programs, and more—all done with the support of Diaspora Jewry provided by JDC, ORT, Federations and individual, small-group missions. There is so much they need—basically, everything.

Yet through it all, despite the fact that the government owns everything (with the exception of the kosher butcher shop – another story), the people keep a positive outlook and



Adam Solender
Executive Director of
JEA/SJF

Calaniot Blooming

Every February in the south of Israel, flowers begin to bloom and cover the land for miles and miles. It is difficult to describe the usually barren looking Negev Desert's transformation into a vast sea of red flowers that is reminiscent of a van Gogh painting. I usually go with my family and friends to see the beauty and majesty of nature during this time.

For three years in college, I was privileged enough to live in the south and experience the flowers, called *calaniot* or poppy anemones. The word *calaniot*

comes from the Hebrew word *cala* which means bride. The flower got its name because its beauty evoked the image of a bride on her wedding day. *Calaniot* are native to the Mediterranean region.

This year, though I'm not in Israel, I've been able



Dorin Elhadad,
Savannah Jewish
Community Shlichah

to experience the *calaniot* in a different way. Through Facebook, email, and pictures I have seen the flowers bloom and have been reminded of home.

In Savannah, I have seen the *calaniot* bloom in the form high school students. I recently had a speaking engagement at Johnson High School where I had the chance to talk to freshmen about the diversity of the Israeli landscape among other things. They were amazed to see that Israel, in such a small space, had snow, fertile farmland, picturesque beaches, and a desert that blooms. They were intrigued; they believed Israel was

just one big desert.

We also spoke about the fact that Israel, like the United States, was built by a nation of immigrants. I could see the students begin to understand that the United States and Israel are more alike than they are different. The looks on the faces of the students made me realize, that through learning and understanding, they would bloom into something wonderful, like the *calaniot*.

Beasley.....from pg 1

Finding Humanity in the Holocaust, which tells the remarkable true story of five Jewish families in Lithuania who were hidden and saved by a Catholic farm family. As a result of her research into the world of Lithuanian Jewry, Ms. Beasley, a Christian, also founded the Vilnius Jewish Library in Lithuania.

Ms. Beasley will be available to meet informally with JEA visitors at 3:30pm and to sign copies of her book. Other aspects of the Holocaust Memorial observance will include the day-long reading of names of those who perished during the Shoah, and displays of Savannah students' writing and art projects. The formal program will

include, in addition to the keynote presentation, a Color Guard, lighting of memorial candles by children, recognition of local Holocaust survivors, participation by the local Rabbis, and announcement of the winners of the Writing and Art contests.

Please mark your calendar for April 7th and plan to participate in this unique day of remembrance.

Campaign.....from pg 1

When making charitable contributions, many people consider giving directly to a specific program or need, but in fact, giving to a centralized fund is a long-standing Jewish tradition. Historically, it was the custom of Jews, whether in large cities or small towns, to establish one address for a general, centralized giving fund. This *kupah* (community fund) supplied needed financial resources to multiple service agencies. In today's world, the Annual Campaign of the Jewish Federation is the *kupah*. This general community fund assures privacy to the poor and other needy individuals, allowing them to retain their dignity. A central fund disperses assistance to many specific services, while also providing a united front in responding to emergency needs such as rescue missions, anti-Semitism and terrorism.

In addition to the numerous local programs supported, and aid provided by the Federation to individuals, families, organizations, and for Jewish education, the Federation also provides support to Jewish agencies that administer assistance and care worldwide. The Jewish Agency For Israel is just one such agency. As JAFI's work is continually fueled by Jewish Federations, it reflects the importance of collective support and the grand impact of centralized giving.

At the Savannah Jewish Federation, our current Campaign leadership is making a last push for the 2013 Annual Community Campaign. These dedicated volunteers have worked for months soliciting community members and raising funds necessary to provide services to both our local and international Jewish communities.

The people of Savannah and neighboring areas have responded generously by pledging support for the work of the Federation and the many agencies and institutions it helps to sustain — Jewish Family Services, BBYO, Rambam Day School, Shalom School, Birthright Israel, JAFI, The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Hillel on four college campuses and more — collectively. The campaign has achieved more than \$934,000 to-date, and everyone in the community is urged to contribute at any giving level; every dollar counts as we strive to meet the one million dollar goal.

A single gift to the Federation will support all of our services, programs and partner Jewish agencies — reaching the most people, repairing the most need, and allowing us to respond as a unified Jewish people in the world. If you have not yet made your pledge, please visit www.savj.org or call 912-355-8111 today to do so.

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Bruce Feiler Appears March 10th

New York Times columnist, best-seller and Savannah native Bruce Feiler will be the featured speaker at the March 10th *Opinion Minyan* sponsored by the JEA. With the wonderful sense of humor and adventure that his readers have come to love, Bruce has written *The Secrets of Happy Families*, a new playbook for modern-day families trying to cope with the chaos of the digital age. He will be at the JEA on Sunday, March 10, at 10am to share some of the bold new ideas in his book.

Like so many of his generation, Bruce was feeling the pressures of being caught between aging parents and growing children. But it was when an annual family vacation erupted into arguments over texting, whining and manners that he knew the old rules just weren't working for them anymore and it was time to look for a new way of doing things.

Rather than turning to traditional 'family experts,' Feiler used his experience as an investigative reporter to seek out new sources — the most creative minds in business, sports, technology and even the military — and asked them what techniques from their professional lives they used at

home with their families. He then took those ideas home and test drove them with his own wife and twin daughters, sometimes to hilarious or disastrous effect. *The Secrets of Happy Families* recounts this terrifically funny and fruitful quest, and offers up more than 200 new ideas to make contemporary family life more functional, more meaningful, and best of all, more fun.

Bruce will talk about the process of writing his newest book and share some of the secrets he discovered for helping families find what works and what doesn't on the road to happiness when he appears at the *Opinion Minyan*, Sunday, March 10, 2013, at 10am at the JEA. The program cost is \$8 for community members; free for JEA members. Breakfast is included.

All Happy Families

Was Tolstoy right? Are all happy families alike? After starting out as a skeptic, Feiler now says there are common ingredients.

Adapt all the Time

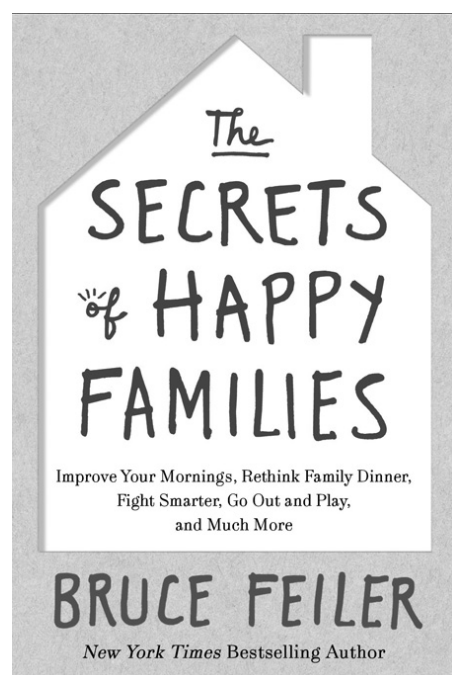
Strict rules that follow a set script don't work. Be flexible with everything, from chores to dinners to talking about sex. The strongest families know how to adapt and change.

Talk. A Lot

From mealtime to car rides, from money to sex, healthy families communicate effectively. They use stories to teach their kids resilience and values. They create a family narrative.

Go Out and Play

Invent games, travel, sing goofy songs, create corny traditions, go bowling, get lost, make a giant domino trail on the dining room table. Whatever makes you happy, doing it with your family will make your family happier.



Rabbi Robert Haas of Congregation Mickve Israel delivered the invocation at the February 8th meeting of the Chatham County Commission. Rabbi Haas was invited as part of Commission Chairman Al Scott's plan to rotate religious leaders of various faiths and denominations to deliver invocations at the Commission meetings.



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Who died February 3, 2013

She is survived by her two daughters, Susan (Lance) Friedland and Jodi Dawn Kazlow; one son, Gary (Lauren) Kazlow; four grandchildren; her sister, Carol Kerr; her brother, Morton Shapiro; and three first cousins.

Remembrances: Congregation Mickve Israel, 20 E. Gordon St., Savannah 31402.

Ruth Weiner Blacher

Who died February 1, 2013

She is survived by her son, Kayton (Cecil) Smith III of Savannah; two

daughters, Debarah (Ray) Holmer of New Windsor, MD, and Nancy Michelle (David) Mills of Auburn, AL; five grandchildren; two sisters, Sally (Mitch) Blankenstein of Potomac, MD, and Jean (Leon) Rudich of Charleston, SC, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Remembrances: A charity of the donor's choice.

Louise Gordon Zacks

Who died January 10, 2013

She is survived by her son, Richard G. Zacks (Kristine Dahl) of Pelham, NY, and two grandchildren.

Remembrances: Jewish Educational Alliance, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405.

Vital Statistics

Engagement



Dr. and Mrs. Michael Zoller of Savannah are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, **Rebecca Elizabeth Zoller**, to Mr. **Eric M. Stone**. Mr. Stone is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stone of Mesquite, Nevada, and Mrs. Carol Stone Glick of Cleveland, Ohio.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. David and the late Mr. David I. Kramer of St. Louis, Missouri, and Mrs. Harry and the late Dr. Harry Zoller, formerly of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Miss Zoller is a graduate of Savannah Country Day School and received her undergraduate degree from Washington University in St. Louis. She earned an MBA from The Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. Miss Zoller is Vice President of Partnership Development with the American Express OPEN division in New York City.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mrs. Bernice Yaspan and the late Mr. Marvin Yaspan of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stone of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Stone is a graduate of University School in Hunting Valley, Ohio. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania, a Masters degree from Harvard University, and an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Stone is Vice President of Sales and Marketing with MolecularHealth in New York City, and is the co-founder of two early stage companies. He serves on multiple company and non-profit boards.

A May wedding is planned.

Births



Leora Leah Gal

Sofia Mikhalyn Chernyak was born February 8, 2013; weighing 6 pounds, 19" long.

Parents are Mikhail and Nina Chernyak. Grandparents are Barbara Rahn, Yelena Chernyak.

Sofia is the sister of Victoria, Faith, and David Struble.

Leora Leah Gal was born January 18, 2013; weighing 6 pounds.15 ounces, 18" long. Parents are Erica and Raanon Gal, brother and sister are Judah and Maayan. Grandparents are Merry and Richard Bodziner, Sharon and Moises Paz and Haya and Gadi Gal.

Sports

In the Tybee Run Fest in February, **Faye Kirschner** placed 2nd in her age group and **Christine Addy** placed 3rd in her age group. Both ran in the 10k (6.2 miles).

On the Personal Side



Mazel tov to... **M. Keith Siskin**, who was appointed Judge of the 16th District Circuit Court of Rutherford and Cannon counties by Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam. A Savannah native, Siskin graduated from Savannah Country Day School, attended Vanderbilt University, and earned his law degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Georgia, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law*. Following a successful private practice, he became Juvenile Court Magistrate of Rutherford County in 2004. He is a past president of the Rutherford and Cannon County Bar Association and has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. Siskin currently resides in Murfreesboro, TN, with his wife Sheri and stepdaughters Micah and Shae. He is the son of Jim Siskin and Madeleine Varner.

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Four Questions for the Rest of the Year

Bruce Feiler

In advance of author Bruce Feiler's Opinion Minyan talk on March 10th, we took advantage of the opportunity to speak with him about several things including his new book and Pesach. He told us he's looking forward to being back in Savannah this month and his appearance at the JEA.

What, if anything, about the experience of growing up in a place like Savannah, or growing up Jewish in Savannah, do you think influenced your newest book, The Secrets of Happy Families?

I grew up in a close family in a tight-knit community so for me that sense of a high functioning family is the norm but for me and almost everyone I know it's much harder to have that today. This book grew out of a sense of frustration that the old rules no

longer apply but new rules haven't been written. I was hungry to get new voices into conversation, tired that parents are in straight jackets to only try ideas from family 'experts'; I was ready to try new techniques.

You tell a story about Passover being the national holiday of your in-laws. Given that Pesach is a holiday with storytelling at its core, what has it come to mean for your family?

I love this question because storytelling really is one of the most important things you can do in a family and what's particularly relevant for Passover is the story of overcoming hardship. Researchers at Emory found that if you play a simple "Do You Know"



Bruce Feiler

game with your children — *Do you know where your parents went to high school? Do you know where your grandparents grew up?* — you can give them a sense they belong to something larger than themselves; the "do you know" test was the single biggest predictor of children's emotional health and happiness. Passover is great because if you tell your children how their ancestors overcame difficulties you give them the confidence they can overcome hardships in their own lives.

You wrote last summer in The New York Times about the difficulty of confronting the problems of aging parents. Your family seems to be doing this gracefully. Can you offer any advice for others?

Here are three suggestions that I elaborate on in the new book:

1) Too few cooks spoil the broth. Families make better decisions when more people get involved in difficult decisions. Include as many people as possible, even if they don't seem to have specific knowledge. It helps to

have a group make decisions.

2) Divide up roles. Maybe someone who lives nearby has to stop by in person more, but someone who lives further away can do more research on the Internet. Share responsibilities.

3) One of my favorite tips from the whole book is to have at least two women in all difficult conversations. Research in many fields shows that if you have only one woman in a conversation, she will defer to the men; if you have more than one woman, the group will reach consensus quicker.

Are there any writers today influencing your writing or thinking or is there anyone you're reading that you just would like to recommend?

There were three books I read while working on *Secrets of Happy Families* that were helpful: *Thinking, Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman (an Israeli Nobel Prize winner), *Getting to Yes*, by Bill Ury and *Good to Grade*, by Jim Collins.

Seven Secrets of Passover

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After the publication of his book, *America's Prophet: Moses and the American Story*, Bruce Feiler offered up some selected Seder talking points to help you steer your Passover conversation away from the same tired jokes about matzah and constipation.

1. A quote from Moses appears on the Liberty Bell. Moses was an American icon long before there was an America. The Pilgrims described themselves as the chosen people fleeing their pharaoh, King James. When they set sail on The Mayflower in 1620, they carried Bibles emblazoned with Moses leading the Israelites to freedom. By the time of the Revolution, the Exodus was the go-to narrative of American identity. Thomas Paine, in *Common Sense*, called King George the "hardened, sullen tempered pharaoh." And in 1751, the Pennsylvania Assembly chose a quote from Moses for its State-House bell, "Proclaim Liberty thro' all the Land to all the Inhabitants Thereof - Levit. XXV 10."

2. The Founding Fathers proposed that Moses appear on the U.S. seal. The future Liberty Bell was hanging above the room where the Continental Congress passed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. As its last order of business that day, the Congress formed a committee of Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and John Adams to design a seal for the new United States. The committee submitted its recommendation that August: Moses, leading the Israelites

across the Red Sea. Three of the five drafter of the Declaration of Independence proposed that Moses be the face of the new United States. To them, he was our real Founding Father.

3. Moses was the national hero for slaves. If the biblical prophet was a unifying presence during the Revolution, a generation later he got dragged into the issue that most divided the country. For slaves, Moses was more than a just figure in the Bible. He became a leader of their people. The story of the Israelites escape from slavery became the single greatest motif of slave spirituals, including "Turn Back Pharaoh's Army," "I Am Bound for the Promised Land," and the most famous spiritual, "Go Down, Moses," which was called the National Anthem of slaves. Harriet Tubman freed so many people on the Underground Railroad she was called "The Moses of Her People."

4. The Statue of Liberty was modeled on Moses. When Abraham Lincoln died in 1865, two-thirds

of the eulogies compared him to Moses, because he had freed the slaves and, like Moses, been stopped short of the Promised Land of victory. Lincoln's death also initiated one of the more everlasting connections to Moses in American history. Americaphiles France wanted to pay tribute to the martyred president and the American journey of freedom by building a statue of liberty. Sculptor Frederic Bartholdi chose the Roman goddess of liberty as his model, but he imported two icons from Moses to bring her to life. First, the rays of sun around her head and

second, the tablet in her arms, both of which come from the moment Moses descends Mount Sinai with the Ten Commandments.

5. Superman was a modern-day Moses. With the rise of secularism in the 20th century, Moses might have melted away as a role model. But Moses superseded Scripture and entered the realm of popular culture, from novels to television. In 1938, two bookish Jews from Cleveland named Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, drew their character's back-story from the superhero of the Torah. Just as baby Moses is floated down the Nile in a basket to escape annihilation, baby Superman is launched into space in a rocket ship to avoid extinction. Both Moses and Superman were picked up aliens and raised in strange environments before being summoned to aid humanity. Superman's original name was *Kal-El*, which is Hebrew for "swift god."

6. Cecil B. DeMille turned Moses into a Cold War icon. The 1956 epic *The Ten Commandments*, which is the fifth highest grossing movie of all time, opened with DeMille appearing onscreen. "The theme of this picture is whether men ought to be ruled by God's law or whether they are to be ruled by the whims of a dictator," he said. "The same battle continues throughout the world today." To drive home his point, DeMille cast mostly Americans as Israelites and Europeans as Egyptians. And in the film's final shot, Charlton Heston adopts the pose of the Statue of Liberty and quotes the line from the third book of Moses — Leviticus — inscribed on the Liberty Bell: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all

the inhabitants thereof."

7. Moses is the Patron Saint of Washington. Today, forty years after Martin Luther King compared himself to Moses on the night before his assassination, the Hebrew prophet is as resonant as ever. There are six representations of Moses on the U.S. Supreme Court, and a bas-relief of Moses stares at the podium in the House chamber where presidents give the State of the Union. George W. Bush said in an Oval Office interview that he was inspired to run for the presidency by a sermon in Texas in which his preacher said Moses was not a man of words but still led his people to freedom. Barack Obama said in 2007 that the civil rights pioneers were the "Moses generation" he was part of the "Joshua generation" that would "find our way across the river." And this week Obama hosts the second White House seder.

From the sandy shores of Plymouth to the marble halls of Washington, DC, Moses has been an icon of American freedom because he embodies our greatest aspirations — leading people from oppression to freedom, creating a new Promised Land in the wilderness, and building a society that nurtures all of its people. But he also reminds us that not all of our dreams come true. As Martin Luther King said, "I've been to the mountaintop. And I've looked over. I've seen the Promised Land. And I may not get there with you, but I want you to know that we as a people will get to the Promised Land." These words capture what may be the most enduring lesson of Moses: The true destination of a journey of hope is not this year at all, but next.

Support Local AIPAC

by Dick Berkowitz

My unabashed support of Israel is evidence of the old adage about 'apples not falling far from the tree'.

When the ZOA (Zionist Organization of America) was more active, my father was president of the Southeast Region. In subsequent years, he was one of eighteen Jewish leaders who helped form the Sonneborn Institute, established by Rudy Sonneborn, a prominent New York industrialist, for the purpose of assembling and purchasing army surplus munitions, weapons and other material for the fledgling State of Israel.

I joined the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) at the encouragement of then-Senator Sam Nunn. AIPAC's mission is to strengthen the ties between the United States and its ally Israel. As America's leading pro-Israel lobby, AIPAC works with Democrats, Republicans and Independents to enact public policy that enhances the U.S.-Israel relationship. I became interested in what they were doing and I have been a member ever since – more than 30 years.

With the help of the late Leo Center and others, AIPAC had been active in Savannah at one time, but when I moved here from Atlanta nine years ago, I was surprised to learn that AIPAC no longer was actively supported. Atlanta has one of the most active chapters of AIPAC in the southeast.

I recently called upon a group of like-minded friends (supporters of Israel) and asked them to help rekindle local interest in AIPAC. We met at our home last year and have begun this effort.

The nucleus of our group includes: Leon Aronson, Merry Bodziner, Jerald Gottlieb, Paul Kulbersh, Alan Lowe,



Jerry Montana, Steve and Melinda Stein, Barbara Tanenbaum, Amos Timna, Paul Todtfeld, Stuart Weiner and Larry Zaslavsky. Rabbis Barkan and Haas have subsequently agreed to join with us in furthering interest in AIPAC in Savannah and we have added some 30 plus new and rejoining members. We are working with Joshua Karsh of Atlanta's AIPAC office and several are going to the AIPAC Conference in March being held in Washington, DC.

It is our hope that as we get more active and bring programs to Savannah more of the community will come to understand and appreciate the good work that AIPAC does on behalf of maintaining strong political and public support for Israel. AIPAC is non partisan, and is recognized as one of the most influential and effective lobbying organizations in the country.

We are planning a breakfast with Rep. Jack Kingston and several from our group. Our purpose is to thank him for his support of Israel and to express our concerns regarding Iran, the changing guard at State and Defense and other issues pertaining to Israel's safety and survival.

It is our fervent hope that in the coming months more members of the Savannah Jewish community will become familiar with AIPAC's accomplishments that have made us all safer. If you are not a member, please consider joining AIPAC so our community can have a more significant bi-partisan voice when it comes to matters pertaining to Israel.

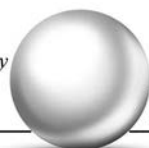
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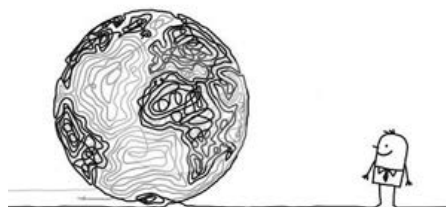


time in a program leading to a degree or certificate at an accredited institution that is located in the United States, be a U.S. citizen or have lawful immigration status in the U.S., and be able to demonstrate financial need (FAFSA application required). For more information, contact info@jelf.org or call 770-396-3080.

Be a Part of Allocations

At the December 2012 Savannah Jewish Federation Board meeting, the Governors approved a new concept whereby members of the community can nominate organizations to receive \$500 "mini-grants" as part of the 2013 Community Campaign allocations process.

Toby Hollenberg, Chair of the 2013 Campaign and Allocations Committee explained the rationale for this new opportunity: "Savannah is special in that year-after-year, this community shows a continued, particular concern for the welfare of our Jewish brethren in Israel and elsewhere around the world, so we thought that it would be nice to be able to offer as many people as possible a chance to influence how our funds are allocated worldwide. The Allocations process can only be enhanced with added, diverse voices and options." The Federation is looking to award a number of these grants to *overseas programs* that have a direct impact on sustain-



ing and improving the lives of Jewish people around the world.

The guidelines are:

- Nominations are due no later than April 19, 2013;
- There is a limit of two nominations per person;
- Grants will not be considered to other grant-making organizations.

The Federation encourages you to be a part of the Community Campaign Allocations process and nominate an overseas program that you know about for one of these mini-grants. Nominate your favorite organizations online at www.savj.org.

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Save the Date

March 2

Saturday Night Out. "A Blast from Camp Savannah's Past" 7:00 pm

March 3

Jewish Journeys Workshops. Various sessions 10 am-4:30 pm

March 6

Jewish Journeys Workshops. 4:00 pm

March 7

Movie & a Beer Night. *A Matter of Size*. 7:00 pm

March 10

Opinion Minyan with Bruce Feiler. 10:00 am

Jewish Journeys Genetic Health Fair Luncheon. 11:30 am. Various workshops 2:00-4:00 pm

Art Gallery Reception. Sheala Bacon, Margaret Clay & Xi Guo. 3:00 pm

March 13

Hadassah Workshop. 4:15 pm

March 14

Jewish Journeys Passover. 7:00 pm

March 15

Community Shabbaton Service & Dinner. 6:00 pm

March 20

JEA Preschool Savannah Meet 'n Greet. 5:30 pm

March 25

Erev Passover (1st Seder). JEA Closes at 5:00 pm

March 26-27

Passover (1st 2 days). JEA Closed

March 31

Erev Passover (2nd Seder). JEA Closes at 5:00 pm

April 1-2

Passover (Last 2 days). JEA Closed



Adult Programming



Bridge - Wednesdays 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Scrabble - Wednesdays 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Mah Jongg - Thursdays 10:30 am to 12:30 pm



JEA Mid-Week Garden Group - Wednesdays 9:00 am to 10:00 am
We meet twice monthly on alternate Wednesdays to tend our JEA gardens. We're now preparing our children's daffodil garden and edible garden. Feel free to bring your own garden gloves, tools, hat and water. Some tools are available.
We'll meet March 6th & 20th.



Thursday Lunch Bunch - Every Thursday 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Join us for Thursday Lunch Bunch! Visit with old friends and meet new ones, enjoy lunch followed by an educational speaker or performer.



Movie & A Beer* - Thursday, March 7th - 7:00 pm
A Matter of Size. In this film, Herzl has been struggling with his weight ever since he was young, and his overbearing mother made it no easier on him. His friends struggle with the issue of weight as well. When Herzl loses his job and starts washing dishes in a Japanese restaurant, he discovers the world of Sumo where large people are honored and appreciated. Herzl and his friends fall in love with the sport, but Herzl's dedication to this men-only sport threatens his budding relationship with a plus-size social worker.
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Movie & Beer Night at the JEA sponsored by Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein.



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Session 1 March 14 & 21- Word Processing - Go beyond the basics and learn to create flyers, greeting cards and word art. Learn to format letters and various text, mail merge, hypertext and more.
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Session 3 - April 11 & 18 - Power Point - Create presentations, slide shows, learn how to transfer items from word processing software, embedding files and video, creating hypertext and more.

Instructor: Bill Fox.
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Saturday Night Out

March 2nd, 2013 - 7:00 to 10:00 pm
"A Blast from Camp Savannah's Past"

Event Prices: \$20/a child
\$45/a family of 3 or more

Member value price \$15/a child
\$35/a family of 3 or more

Please RSVP and pay by the Thursday prior to the event. Only 30 spots available for each Saturday Night Out. There will be an additional \$10.00 late fee applied for those who register after the Thursday deadline. Please call (912) 355-8111 or email kids@savj.org for more information.

We've saved the best for last as we say L'hitraot to another wonderful season of Saturday Night Out. Get a preview of what Camp Savannah has in store for the 2013 summer season. A night filled with camp games, songs and even a dance will leave each camper wanting more!

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Lunges: Walking vs. Stationary



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Q: How does the walking lunge differ from the stationary lunge -- is one better than the other for leg development?

A: The walking lunge works the same muscles as the stationary lunge, but the emphasis and involvement of those muscles differs significantly between these two popular leg movements. Incorporate both variations into your leg routine

to avoid plateaus in muscle growth and keep your training fresh.

Lunging Forward

The lunge is a great movement for developing the thighs and strengthening the hips. Lunges target two primary muscle groups:

- 1) the hip extensors, comprising the gluteal muscles (glutes) and hamstrings, and
- 2) the knee extensors, made up of the four muscles collectively known as the quadriceps.

The muscles used in the lunge are the same as those utilized in the squat, but the lunge provides greater range of motion, allowing more substantial glute and hamstring development.

Bodybuilders are known to sometimes neglect less obvious muscle groups, especially as they become so focused on training the larger and more noticeable ones. The hip adductors (inner thigh) and abductors (outer thigh) are prime examples of overlooked muscle groups. Although they are relatively small and barely visible, they add to hip stability and overall thigh mass and are critical to athletic performance. Lunges contribute significantly to their development.

Stationary Lunge

The downward phase of the stationary lunge involves strong eccentric contraction of the glutes, hams and quads as your body is slowly lowered, its weight almost entirely supported by the forward leg. The trailing leg is not significantly involved, except for support and balance. On the way up, the glutes, hams and quads of your forward leg contract concentrically, straightening your leg and returning you to the upright position. At the same time, the glutes, hams and quads of the trailing leg contract to pull your body up.

Walking Lunge

The walking lunge mirrors its stationary counterpart during the downward phase, both in execution and muscle involvement. Yet the upward phase is markedly different, particularly with respect to muscle recruitment. All emphasis shifts to the forward leg, with the glutes, hams and quads of the front leg contracting maximally.

Performing the walking lunge requires that you stand straight up, so you are essentially doing a one-legged squat. The trailing leg is minimally involved, serving only to support and stabilize your body. The walking lunge hits all the muscles of the forward leg harder than the stationary lunge, but does not involve the rear leg muscles much at all. Each leg is alternately used as you literally walk the floor, making the walking lunge the apparent lunge of choice for maximal thigh and hip development. Even so, the significantly different muscle recruitment of the stationary lunge is enough to warrant including it regularly in your leg program.

Winter Fitness Classes

Sunday

9:15 am - Pilates
10:15 am - Total Body Blast
1:00 pm - Extreme Toning

Monday

5:00 am - Master Swim
8:30 am - Firm It Up
10:00 am - Aquasize
10:00 am - Slow Flow Vinyasa Yoga
10:30 am - Range of Motion SS*
6:00 pm - Zumba Toning
6:00 pm - Evening Water Aerobics

Tuesday

8:30 am - Pilates
10:00 am - Water Exercise SS*
10:30 am - Cardio Circuit SS*
5:45 pm - Zumba
6:00 pm - Savannah Kenpo
7:00 pm - Savannah Fencing Club

Wednesday

5:00 am - Master Swim
8:30 am - Firm It Up
10:00 am - Slow Flow Vinyasa Yoga
10:30 am - Range of Motion SS*
6:00 pm - Billy's Boot Camp
6:00 pm - Evening Water Aerobics

Thursday

8:30 am - Pilates
10:00 am - Aquasize
10:30 am - Cardio Circuit SS*
6:00 pm - Savannah Kenpo
6:00 pm - Evening Water Aerobics
6:30 pm - Yoga Flow
7:00 pm - Savannah Fencing Club

Friday

5:00 am - Master Swim
8:30 am - Firm It Up
10:00 am - Aquasize
12:00 pm - Noon Basketball

SS*=Silver Sneakers program

Jewish Journeys Art Show February 27 to March 17 Free Workshops and Events

Free events: - Feb. 27 (5 to 7 PM) Opening reception is a dual birthday party - Hadassah 101st and MStarArts' 24th Birthday
- Feb. 28 (12:30 pm - lunch \$5). At 1:15, premier of MStar's short documentary *Jewish Journeys*

- Sunday, March 3 (10 to noon, 2 to 4:30 with a noon lunch n' learn)
- Wed., March 6 (4 to 5:30 PM; 5:30 to 8:30 PM)
- Sun., March 10 (10 to noon, 2 to 4 with a noon lunch health fair)
- Thur., March 14 - Passover Event (7-8:30 pm)

Free workshop sign up opens February 5th with deadline: February 22, 2013

This exhibit is open during the 18 days of normal JEA business hours. Workshops are free and open to men and women, though space is limited and pre-registration is required online at www.savannahjea.org, by calling the JEA (912-355-8111), or filling out a registration form at the JEA.

This is an 18-day art exhibit presented by MorningStar Cultural Arts Group (MStarArts.org) in honor of their 24th birthday. It is free and open to the general public from the 5 PM opening reception February 27th until Sunday, March 17. Featuring the works and talents of two dozen artists, speakers, presenters and workshop facilitators, all free classes and interactive presentations require pre-registration required as workshop size is limited. Others will be wait listed. The event will feature the work and ideas of women who through their creativity have paved a road to their own path to Jewish identity. The works are as varied as large paintings of historical journeys to short performances and intimate workshops that explore Jewish spirituality through words, music and food.



JEA Art Gallery

March Artists: Sheala Bacon, Margaret Clay and Xi Guo

Sheala Bacon - Biography

Sheala has always been creative. She'll paint any object to see how it turns out and she loves trying new stuff, new media and new ideas. She grew up in California, then NY, and has spent time in the Southwest and London, England. She attended SCAD and it was one of her best experiences. Since college, Sheala has run her own business. She does painting, graphics, illustration and anything else that seems like it might be fun. She's happy enough to mix power tools with watercolors and computer chips. She tries to help the ideas that come to her find a good method of expression. She has received some print and web experience to complement her art and craft work.



Margaret Clay - Biography

Margaret has been writing for years. In 1999 some of her writings became known as "Monkeyminders: Loving Thoughts to Still the Monkey in Your Mind." In 2007, Margaret started what she calls Intuitive Painting. Many of these paintings have words in them and most of them have Monkeyminder messages associated with them.



In 2008 Margaret was voted Savannah Magazine's "2008 Best Emerging Local Artist." Her images and words have been sold as prints, greeting cards, bookmarks, journals, t-shirts, silk scarves and books. Her work, often described as full of color, energy, and inspiration, has jumped to a new level of brightness and energy through her hand painted scarves and prayer flags. Apparel with Margaret's "Pink Ribbon Dancer" design is available in long and short-sleeved t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and tote bags. Part of the proceeds is being donated to Young Survivors Coalition supporting young women surviving breast cancer.



Xi Guo - Biography

In 2002, Xi Guo received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Oil Painting from Shanghai Normal University.

Since 2003, her watercolor series, "Impression Chinese Yard" has been collected by galleries and private collectors in Hong Kong. Also in 2003, her oil painting, "Shanghai, Shanghai" was chosen to show in "The Youngsters Art Exhibition of China."

In 2005, she participated in the Shanghai Art Expo.

Xi arrived in Savannah, GA, in 2009. Here, she attends the Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD) where she is finishing her Master of Fine Arts degree majoring in Photography.

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- ★ Children as active and engaged learners.

The mission of JEA Preschool Savannah is to provide for the social, emotional, and cognitive growth of the young child in a Judaic setting in order to develop productive citizens.

JEA Preschool Savannah welcomes all children from ages 16 months - 4 years old.

Our doors will be opening August 2013.
Core program 8:30 am-12:30 pm.
We also have convenient extended hours for working families 7:00-8:30 am and 12:30-6:00 pm.

Contact JEA Preschool Director Jodi Sadler by phone at 355-8111 or by email at preschool@savj.org

New 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 12/17/12-2/10/13)

Joseph Bauer
Gerald Bluett
Zachary Burke
Emily Cardone-Dennis
Steve & Ethel Casini
Kenneth Chanin & Melinda Carter
Christopher Clarke
Eric Druker & Nicki Webber-Self
Aaron Glascock & Darcy Racoff
Andrew & Judy Green
Paula Hershman
Janice Hildenbrand
Lineon Irvin
Margo Jackson
Judith Leaptrot
Paul Martin
Renikko Minniefield
Talibah Onyebuchi
Richard Rehm
Eliza Schreiber
David & Maureen Smith
Lorenda Trobaugh
Jesse Valentine
Daniel Watkins
Thomas Williams
Martin & Angela Yate

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- Brand new exciting themed weeks
- Awesome & energetic staff
- New and improved 3 and 4 year old program
- Wacky & zany themed dress up days
- Comprehensive swimming program
- And of course, memories to last a lifetime!



Registration for 2013 summer camp will begin in January. For more information on everything camp browse our website at www.SavannahJEA.org



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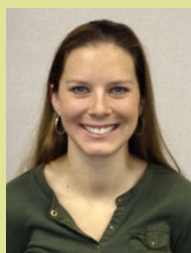


JEA Preschool Savannah News

March 2013

Monthly Spotlight

Two New Teachers Hired!



Maggie McManus
Lead 2y Teacher, 2013-2014

Maggie McManus has been hired to join the JEA Preschool Savannah staff and will be teaching the 2 year old class beginning this fall. Ms. Maggie has years of teaching experience in Early Childhood Education. She has taught at local preschools and has a true love for working with the very young child. She enjoys crawling around on the floor while engaging children in learning. She believes in hands-on experiences and is looking forward to meeting the children and families. We are very glad that Ms. Maggie will be joining our JEA Preschool Savannah family.



Sade Scott
Assistant Teacher, 2013-2014

Sade Scott joins JEA Preschool Savannah as an assistant teacher for the 2013-2014 school year. Many JEA members already know Sade as she is our regular babysitter who takes superb care of the babies and toddlers. Sade will be receiving her Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education from Savannah Technical College in December 2013. Sade, with her bright smile and loving personality, is a wonderful addition to the staff at JEA Preschool Savannah.

Engaging children in a nurturing, safe and inclusive environment, based in Jewish values.

Enrollment is Open!

To schedule your introductory appointment, contact Jodi Sadler at (912) 355-8111, or email preschool@savj.org. Tuition information and registration forms are available for download online at www.savannahjea.org.

JEA Preschool Savannah offers convenient Core Program and Extended Hours:

Core Program: 8:30am – 12:30pm
Extended Hours: 7:00am – 8:30am
12:30pm – 6:00pm

Opening August 2013, Serving children ages 16 months to 4 years old.

Want to be a part of a NEW dynamic Preschool program? JEA Preschool Savannah is looking for qualified teachers!



JEA Preschool Savannah, a brand new preschool in midtown Savannah, is seeking fully qualified toddler/preschool lead and assistant teachers to join our staff of warm, caring and devoted instructors.

We offer a variety of flexible working schedules: Part-time, Full-time, salaried or hourly, year-round or seasonal positions. Our program will run from 7am until 6pm, five days a week, throughout the entire year (Monday through Friday, 7am - 6pm) serving children from 16 months to 4 years of age.

We are seeking organized, loving, creative, patient and enthusiastic professionals to join our team. Lead teachers must have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in ECE or a related field. Assistant teachers must have a minimum of a high school diploma. Experience in toddler or Preschool setting required.

If you are interested in becoming part of JEA Preschool Savannah's staff you can apply online or download the application at www.savannahjea.org.

JEA Preschool Savannah to Host Meet & Greet March 20th

JEA Preschool Savannah will host a Meet & Greet for prospective parents and caregivers on Wednesday, March 20th at 5:30 p.m. The new preschool, located at the Jewish Educational Alliance community center at 5111 Abercorn Street, will open its doors to children ages 16 months to 4 years in August 2013.

During the Meet & Greet, attendees will have an opportunity to meet preschool director Jodi Sadler, tour the facility, and view architectural renderings of new classrooms and an outdoor learning space, which are currently under development. Free childcare will be available during the presentation. *Reservations are required; please call 912-355-8111 (ext. 228) or email preschool@savj.org to reserve a spot.*

JEA Preschool Savannah has been in the planning stages for the past two years. The school was created to provide for the social, emotional and cognitive growth of young children in a Judaic setting. The age-appropriate curriculum, led by qualified and experienced teachers, will focus on literacy, writing, math, science, music, art and movement all within the special facilities of the Jewish Educational Alliance.

"I am truly excited about the creation of our program of excellence, JEA Preschool Savannah," said Sadler, a longtime educator and former assistant principal at Chatham Academy. "When parents and children walk into the school, I want them to see and feel two things: love and security. I know that the quality of the program, excellence of the facilities, and perfect location will make this one of the most attractive and dynamic programs in the area."

Check it Out!

Literacy and Language for the Young Child

Early Childhood experts agree that language and literacy begins in the first three years of a child's life.

To find out more about the importance of early literacy for the development and growth of your baby and toddler, check out:

<http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/early-language-literacy/earlyliteracy2pagehandout.pdf>

For fun literacy activities, visit the Fred Rogers Early Learning Environment website:

<http://ele.fredrogerscenter.org/activity/talking-together-vocabulary>

Mix It Up Savannah

January 28th, students from Shalom School and Rambam Day School joined together for pizza, french fries and doughnut holes. They shared an activity of decorating pillow cases for the children in The Children's Hospital @ Memorial University Medical Center. The children enjoyed meeting each other and working together for a special cause, they also had some pretty interestingly creative ideas for what they drew on their pillow case covers with fabric markers and fabric paints.

January 31st, seven girls from St. Vincent's came to Rambam for a work shop with our eighth graders. The work shop was led by Mrs. Loring Wright (our assistant principal). The purpose of the work shop was to have students from another school with backgrounds

different from our students, come together with our students, and as a unified group explore bullying, religious intolerance, marginalization and prejudice.

As a 'get to know each other' exercise; each student had to write down five things about themselves; four true things and one thing not true. Then each student read what they wrote and the students not from their school had to guess which statement was not true. Through this exercise they learned in a humorous, relaxed manner some interesting facts about each other.

The students then discussed personal experiences or concerns. They shared circumstances where they themselves acted prejudiced towards someone or had prejudiced behavior shown towards them.

The atmosphere in the room displayed a willingness to get to know each other, discuss the issues with each other and meet again to further explore each other's thoughts. The group agreed to call their sessions, *Mix It Up Savannah*.

These two events demonstrated exactly what the professionals desired – knowledge breeds confidence, respect and tolerance.



Ester Rabhan,
Principal of
Rambam Day School



Rambam and Shalom School students enjoying their treats



Rambam and St. Vincent's Academy Students

I Was There ...

Even as a child I knew weeks ahead: Every closet was emptied and cleaned, curtains were washed and dust chased away from each and every corner. All this time of preparation leading to the day of the first Seder and the story of the Exodus from Egypt; by that time, my excitement was overwhelming.

The Passover tableware was on the table; my mother took a day off from work to finish those "once a year dishes" in the kitchen and I, I would get to drink from a silver cup tonight! That and more: I would get to stay with the grownups way past bedtime, I would get to put my elbows on the table and dip my pinky in my cup again and again without being reminded about my table manners. Everyone's eyes would be on me as I asked the Four Questions; actually, any of my questions that night would be praised.

The first matzah of the year always had this superpower: a time travel machine. As I crunched the first bite, the Passover story would unfold: the pyramids, the Egyptians and us, the slaves, the villains and the heroes. By the time the *maror* (bitter herbs) would

be passed around I would feel so empowered: if I could eat it, I could be a rebellious and fierce Hebrew too.

Then came the soup, the lamb and those huge beans (typical of a Sephardic seder meal) leading to the unimaginable promise: the *Afikomen*. What awesome power in the hands of a child! To ask for anything you wanted, *anything*! Sadly, my "reasonable" personality always took over and I never asked for that horse that was to live in our backyard.

How lucky I felt to be a Jew on Seder nights! To know that the story had happened for me. The frogs, and the lice and the darkness and the fury of God raining down on the Egyptians' heads.

Alas, today the temptation for shortcuts is very strong: who has time to polish 20 or more silver cups (if we own that many at all!)? Disposable silverware comes in so many attractive shapes and colors, and that new recipe is so much faster than grandma's. But I must resist so my children can, like me, feel the excitement of getting ready, getting closer to finally time travel on Seder night.

This year, we will again dust every corner, bring the dishes from the attic and cook for a couple of days so they are ready to experience that magical night. So they, too, can live the Exodus from Egypt. Experience God's hand over them and know how wonderful it is to be part of Am Israel.

Wishing you a magical Passover.

Eva Locker



Eva Locker,
Principal of
Shalom School



Why is this Different?

As our Jewish holiday of freedom, Pesach, approaches we think of the popular question "Why is this night different from all other nights?" Why do we have Seder with family and friends? Why do we prepare our homes and eat special foods for this eight day celebration to make it different from other days in the year? The answer to these questions is simple: Dor l'dor—from generation to generation. We are obligated to teach our children about the history of the Jewish people so they can carry on our traditions and heritage. JEA Preschool Savannah will be the place where that experience will happen for our youngest children.

JEA Preschool Savannah will be opening its doors in just six months and I want to share with you how this

preschool is different from all other programs in Savannah. Our program of excellence will have at its core the two concepts of love and security. When parents leave their children in our care, they will know that the teachers will love the children during their time with us. Parents also will know that security is on the top of the priority list as teachers provide a safe environment inside and outside of the classrooms. Moms, dads, and caretakers will breathe a sigh of relief



Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director of
Early Childhood
Education

as they walk out of the classroom door knowing that they have chosen the best place for their child.

During the core program, JEA Preschool Savannah will offer program enhancement opportunities for the children. The JEA is a wonderful facility that has much to offer for the development of the whole child. Our Preschoolers will participate in a schedule of activities to include introduction to water, physical movement, Israeli culture and language, and outdoor exploration. Children will spend time in the indoor pool with skilled instructors helping them to be comfortable in the pool. The development of the children's gross motor skills will take place in a specially designed area with developmentally appropriate materials and activities. Weekly Shabbat celebrations and Jewish holiday

programming will be an integral part of the curriculum. Our Israeli shlichah, or emissary, will provide learning opportunities about the land of Israel, its culture and Hebrew language with developmentally appropriate activities. Our children will explore the outdoor environment on acres of land in our back field as they touch bugs, leaves, and acorns.

Moving forward with the opening of our community's new program, I, along with my exceptional ECE Steering committee, will continue to let everyone know why JEA Preschool Savannah is the premiere preschool program in Savannah.

Wishing everyone a Chag Sameach, a happy and healthy Pesach!

Jodi Sadler

Director, JEA Preschool Savannah

Jewish Student Union forms at Savannah Arts

by Sophie Lichtman

Savannah Arts Academy, a local, public performing arts high school, offers a variety of after-school clubs and activities. You can join the Creative Writing Club, the Art Club, or maybe even the Quiz Bowl Team. In 2012, Savannah Arts Academy made a new addition to its long list of recognized after-school activities: the Jewish Student Union (JSU).

The JSU, a nationwide organization, advised locally by Rabbi Eli Lob, meets once a month to bring together the Jewish students for fun activities and (of course) great food. According to Rabbi Lob, "JSU Clubs present the perfect opportunity for Jewish teens of all backgrounds and affiliations to bond, hang out, and work on a Jewish activity together. There are currently over 250 JSUs across America."

Whether writing letters to Israeli soldiers, or making dreidels out of graham crackers and Hershey's kisses, the JSU always finds a fun and creative way to cel-



The Jewish Student Union at Savannah Arts Academy having fun making Chanukah candles

brate upcoming holidays and learn about Jewish culture. Upcoming events include a Purim Mishloach Manot event and a community service project.

When asked about the Jewish Student Union, current club president Hannah Slotin said, "With the amount of Jewish students we have at Savannah Arts Academy, the JSU was a necessary and amazing addition to the school. I'm so glad we could get it up and running and are able to give Jewish students the opportunity to stay connected to their Judaism." With a current count of 12 members and still growing, it seems as if the Jewish Student Union has a bright future at the Arts Academy!

Wonderful Days at the Old JEA

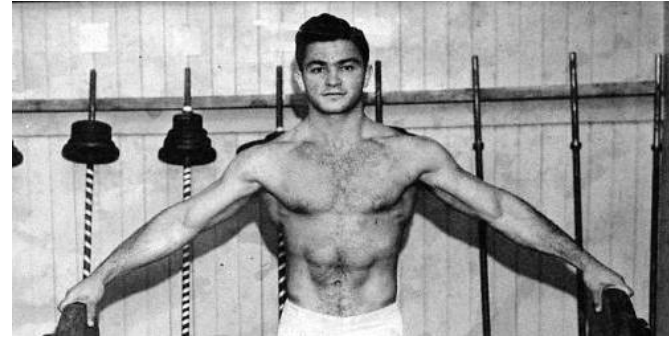
by Howard Cohen

In the late 30s and 40s, I spent most of my days at the old JEA. It was a wonderful place for a kid. There I knew everybody who came to the JEA. There I enjoyed playing ping pong, softball, basketball, playing handball and more.

I lived about 3 miles from the JEA and to get there I either walked or thumbed a ride (in those days it was safe) or when I could get a bus token, then I rode the bus to a stop off close by. At the JEA I joined AZA, and the Scouts. I met a man there, Mr. Alex Kaplan, who had his weight equipment there and he let me use it. That was my first experience working out with weights. I went to school at the 38th street school and then to Richard Arnold and then to Benedictine where I graduated in 1950. All of those years I was still going to the JEA on a regular schedule.

The JEA, at that time, was on the corner of Barnard and Charlton streets. It was a three story building with the 3rd floor being the basketball court with a large stage. We played basketball and softball there. I believe that the softball was really called an indoor and the ball was bigger and softer than a softball. On the stage, the JEA held a number of events such as plays and variety shows. Sometimes I took part in these events. On the second floor was the office, meeting rooms and ping pong tables and a lounge. The basement was the handball court, the showers and an exercise room.

In 1950s the National Guard unit that



Howard Cohen as a young lifter

I was in, was called into duty during the Korean War and after two years of service I returned to Savannah. The JEA was still going strong. They welcomed me and other veterans back home. They held dances for the service men stationed in Savannah and in Parris Island.

The old JEA was a wonderful place and I will always remember the time I spent there and the people that I met there. I knew everyone at the JEA.



Memory Lane

Albert Einstein once said: "The only source of knowledge is experience." Our Jewish community is full of people with interesting and thought provoking experiences. Do you have some Savannah memories you would like to share? Whether you are young or old, whether your experience took place fifty years or fifty months ago, we would love to take a stroll down Memory Lane with you. Please e-mail your story and picture to sjnews@savj.org or mail it to the Savannah Jewish News, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah, GA 31405.



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CLEANING YOUR KITCHEN FOR PASSOVER?

Help PassOver Hunger by donating your unused foodstuffs! Drop Boxes will be located at the entrances to the JEA, Rambam Day School, Agudath Achim, Mickve Israel and Bnai Brith Jacob Synagogues during the month of March.

Further Questions? Contact Sophie Lichtman
(912) 481-9333

PassOver Hunger is a service project of the Jewish Student Union. All donated foodstuffs will be distributed to families in need.

The Savannah Jewish Federation proudly provides space for a half-page ad to each local congregation in each issue of the Savannah Jewish News.

Join Us At Mickve Israel for these March Events

Our Worship Services

- Friday Night Fever Rocking Shabbat Service & Oneg on 3/1
- Young Family Shabbat Dinner followed by Service & Pajama Party on 3/8
- Shabbat Morning Service at Whitefield Chapel, Bethesda School, on 3/16
- Kabbalat Shabbat Choir Service on 3/22
- Kabbalat Shabbat Service on 3/29
- Shabbat Morning Services: 3/2, 3/9, 3/23, & 3/30

Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6 pm. Shabbat Morning Services at 11 am followed by a Kiddush lunch & Torah study.

Celebrate Passover with Us

Passover Morning Service, 3/26 at 10 AM

Second Night Seder, 3/26 at 6 PM (RSVP Required. Contact adam@mickveisrael.org.)

Passover Yizkor Service, 4/1 at 10 AM



Image by David Styles

Educational Opportunities

Movie Nosh, featuring *Billy Elliot*

- 3/10 at 4 PM (at Mickve Israel).

Passover Seder Workshop

- 3/17, 11 AM (at Mickve Israel).

Please RSVP. Space is limited.

Judaism 201 Class

- Saturdays at 9:15 AM (except 3/16)

Other Activities

Check out our e-news, Contact & Winter/Spring Program Guide for more details on these & other events:

- Women's Seder, 3/14
- JEA Community Shabbaton, 3/15
- Shalom School Service, 4/12

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Topics will include:

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- * Kosher Sex
- * How to read the Bible
- * Is Kabbalah Jewish?
- * Guess who's coming to dinner: Intermarriage - opportunity or challenge?
- * The State of Israel: Jewish Democracy

It's A Funny Thing

by Melinda Stein

All in good fun – humor about Jewish women, mothers, and grandmothers.

A grandmother was giving directions to her grown grandson who was coming to visit. "First, you come to the front door of my apartment complex. With your elbow push button 14T. I will buzz you in. Come inside the elevator and with your elbow hit 14. When you get out I am on the left. With your elbow, hit my doorbell."

"Grandma, that sounds easy," replied the grandson, "but why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?"

Grandma answered, "You're coming empty handed?"

A Jewish mother gave her son two sweaters for his birthday. The next time she visited, he made sure to wear one.

As she entered his home, she looked at her son and said, "What's the mat-

ter? You didn't like the other one?"

Mrs. Spiegel was called to serve for jury duty. The defense attorney asked if she believed in capital punishment. "Absolutely not," she answered. "So I guess that means I'm off the jury."

"Madam," he explained, "This is not a murder trial! It's a simple civil lawsuit. A wife is bringing this case against her husband because he gambled away the \$12,000 he had promised to use to remodel the kitchen for her birthday."

"Well, okay," agreed Mrs. Spiegel, "I'll serve on this jury. I guess I could be wrong about capital punishment after all!"

Dear Darling Son and That Person You Married,



Melinda Stein

Hello to you, and please don't worry about me. I'm just fine considering I can't breathe or eat. The important thing is that you have a nice life, thousands of miles away from your ailing mother. I've sent along my last ten dollars in this envelope, which I hope you'll spend on my grandchildren. G-d knows their mother never buys them anything nice. They look so thin, and so poorly dressed, in their pictures.

Thank you so much for the birthday flowers, dear boy. I put them in the freezer so they'll stay fresh for my grave. By the way, we had a 100th birthday party for your Grandma last week. I would have invited you, but I know that woman you live with would have never let you come. So self-centered,

I bet she's never even watched that videotape of my hemorrhoid surgery, has she?

Well, son, it's time for me to crawl off to bed now. I lost my cane beating off muggers last week, but don't you worry about me. I'm also getting used to the cold since they turned my heat off and am grateful because the frost on my bed numbs the constant pain. Now don't you even think about sending any money, because I know you need it for those expensive family vacations you take every year. Give my love to my darling grandbabies and my regards to whatever-her-name-is-- the one with the black roots and fake everything who stole you from me.

Your Loving Mother

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aspire to better lives. They are a proud people with very real basic needs for existence.

When it was all totaled up, our group of twenty-five directors left almost 2 1/2 tons of supplies with our Jewish family in Cuba, all brought in our (very heavy) suitcases. Our aching backs,

anxiety, and work in putting together the supplies meant very little when we met people who had tears in their eyes upon receiving a bar of soap, a pencil, or a bottle of shampoo.

It was one of the proudest days of my life — one Jew helping another.



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and Sunday, June 2nd - Casino Night at the BBJ



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Noted Sculptor joins Art Show Lineup

Award-winning artist Sheri Farbstein will be coming to the Jewish Educational Alliance in Savannah on Sunday, March 3, 2013 at 1:30pm for a one hour meet the artist and sculpture demonstration as part of the *Jewish Journeys* art exhibit. This and another two dozen workshops and events that are part of *Jewish Journeys* are free and open to the public, but require advance registration as space is limited, see below.

Skilled in pottery, sculpture and architectural ceramics, Farbstein also had a line of porcelain jewelry displayed in stores such as Saks Fifth Avenue and Gimbal's Department Store. She is the founder of Fine Art Craft Guild, a member of many associations and guilds and has had work displayed and commissioned for places as varied as

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Yam in Hilton Head, where she now lives, were created by her, as well as collections for the corporate offices at Publix and Rockwell International. She also sells sculptural menorahs and other Judaica.

The *Jewish Journeys* art exhibit was created by MorningStar Cultural Arts Group (MStarArts.org), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, in honor of its twenty-fourth year of donating cultural arts and health resource events. It begins Wednesday, February 27 at 5pm and continues to Sunday, March 17. In addition to her workshop, Ms. Farbstein will have a few pieces exhibited in the show itself. Complete workshop and exhibit details are available on the MStarArts.org website and Facebook page.

To RSVP, print registration forms, with class times and descriptions, from www.savannahjea.org (click on the *Jewish Journeys* icon), fill out a RSVP form in the lobby of the JEA (5111 Abercorn St.) or call Jennifer Rich at (912) 355-8111 with your RSVP options.



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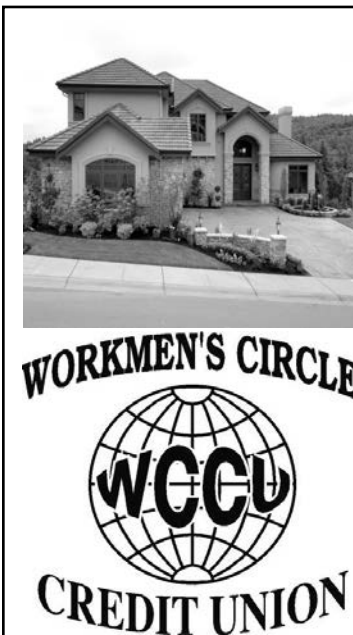
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Gehakte Leber... A Labor of Love

by Sally Karpf Krissman

When I was a little girl (many years ago), my brother Buzzy and I used to go over to our grandparents' for lunch every Sunday. The menu never varied. Chopped liver, lamb chops, probably a vegetable and always Coca Cola in little jelly glasses. Buzzy, being skinny and asthmatic, wasn't too interested in the food. I, on the other hand, couldn't seem to get enough! Especially the chopped liver. I could have eaten a gallon of the stuff. My grandmother (Ethel Karpf) was a business woman who helped my grandfather "Mr. B" in their ladies' store down on West Broughton Street. I seem to remember that they had constant household help, so I don't think she really cooked too much... in fact, I particularly remember her beloved Elizabeth who made lemon pies that could bounce off the ceiling!

At holiday time, all of my cousins would come down from North Carolina and after shul the whole family would gather at our grandparents' house for the gigantic meal. My grandmother would sit at the head of the table watching every morsel of food that went into each person's mouth. She would particularly glare at Buzzy, my mother, and a few others who she felt weren't eating "a thing." I never received any glares!

Once when I was 13 or 14, I asked her if she would teach me how to make chopped liver. She said she would, but first we'd have to render down the schmaltz. Already, I was becoming a little queasy, but I really wanted to do this so I persevered. She had a special bowl and chopper that she said were essential to making the perfect *Gehakte Leber*. So I learned how to make it, but of course, through my teen years that ended up being the last thing I was interested in doing. It had nothing to do with boys so my days of cooking didn't begin that quickly!

When I got married I really wanted to cook. My mother had never cooked in her life because my other grandmother (her mother) lived with us and the kitchen was her domain and I knew better than to try to mess with anything in "her kitchen"! My husband and I moved around for about five years and finally came back to Savannah and I still wanted to make chopped liver. When my grandmother passed away and we went to her house, I was determined



Sally Karpf Krissman with her 'Gammy's' wooden bowl

to get that bowl and chopper, which I still have and use all the time. I do not use schmaltz (how many Lipitors can one person take?) but my family and friends really do like my chopped liver. So here's the recipe:

- 2 lbs. chicken livers
- 14 hard-boiled eggs (slightly cooled)
- 3 or 4 large onions
- Canola oil
- Salt and pepper

I must admit that I do chop the hard-boiled eggs and the onions in my food processor, but the liver is chopped in "Gammy's" bowl with her chopper.

I broil the livers with a little salt and pepper (make sure they are really done because one time it was a little pinkish and neither of my daughters would ever touch it again!). Chop the hard-boiled eggs until fairly fine. Next, chop the onions. (Again, I do these in the food processor.) Then, I fry the onions in the canola oil and mix them up (complete with the canola oil from the pan) with the chopped eggs in a large bowl.

The next step is the chopping of the liver, which by the way has given me quite a muscle in my right arm! When the liver is chopped just right (not too mushy), I just mix everything together and taste to see if it needs a little salt... it usually does. One more tip: my grandmother always told me to save a handful of chopped raw onions and mix it in after it's all ready. I think that was her little secret!

Do you have an interesting and/or entertaining story about your family and a recipe to share? We would love to consider your submissions for publication in an upcoming Savannah Jewish News as part of this new, regular feature. Please send your story (not more than 400 words!) and recipe to sjnews@savj.org. Recipes should be kosher or adaptable for kosher preparation.



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