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JEA Annual Meeting Set for June 6th

The Jewish Educational Alliance will hold its 101st annual meeting on Thursday, June 6th, at 7pm. The meeting traditionally is an opportunity to commemorate the institution's recent achievements and to look to the future.

Bill Sand, now halfway through his two-year term as President of the JEA, remarked: "It's hard to believe that this time last year we were in the middle of a year of celebrations of the JEA's Centennial anniversary. What a great year it was—from the wonderful parties like the Evening with Billy Joel and the Annual Gala to the Shabbaton to the thought-provoking Opinion Min'yans to the showcase Open House at the end of the year—we thoroughly honored our mission and service to the community."

Looking ahead, Sand continued: "The JEA is in a pretty good place now, both financially and our physical plant. We're really looking forward to the energy and excitement that the opening of our new JEA Preschool Savannah will bring to the building and the organization. With the opening of the preschool we anticipate increased engagement of Jewish families. As a home for The PJ Library programming, the Savannah Jewish Film Festival, the Yom HaShoah Observance and countless other community-wide programs, the JEA will maintain its emphasis on

Jewish programming."

Asked if he had any additional personal goals for the JEA in the upcoming year, Sand replied: "I am always looking for ways to increase the value of a JEA membership, by providing services that members request and gravitate towards. Also, I am always hoping and trying to encourage younger members to assume leadership roles."

The Annual Meeting also includes recognitions to Board members and other community members who have

shown exceptional service to the JEA during the past year.

The meeting, again which will take place at 7pm on Thursday, June 6th, will include a desert reception. All JEA members are invited and encouraged to attend.



Bill Sand



Carol Greenberg, pictured with her proud husband, Joel, was honored as the 2013 Arts & Culture Volunteer of the Year at the United Way of the Coastal Empire Hands On Savannah Luncheon. Described in the program as "indefatigable," Carol was recognized for her decades of commitment to the JEA.



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“Earth Day” is Israel’s Way

In 1970, the American senator from Wisconsin, Gaylord Nelson, called for a day of protest and learning on April 22nd, as a response to what he felt was an environmental disaster — an oil spill off the coast of California the year before. Over 20 million people participated in that 1970 event. This year on April 22nd the world will celebrate again, for the 43rd time, “Earth Day.”

Communities, governments, groups and organizations all over the world will declare their concern for planet

Earth’s well being and will call for awareness and action. Israel is celebrating Earth Day, too. For the last few years, as a symbolic act of saving energy and raising awareness, Israeli cities shut down their electric power completely for a few hours on Earth Day. Jerusalem decided to join to this initiative and shut down the lights at the Western Wall and the city lights for a whole day.

On Earth Day, bands performing live shows in Tel Aviv get their necessary electricity from alternative energy

sources — for instance, the whole audience might pedal on stationary bicycles to create electricity. In Haifa one year, the science museum tried to demonstrate global warming to the public by creating a water vapor cloud. In the south, the day will be marked by sending up an air balloon to see the amazing



Dorin Elhadad,
Savannah Jewish
Community Shlichah

landscape and photograph what needs to be taken care of. In other parts of the country, economical light bulbs are given away. Schools all over Israel participate in a recycling competition that gets the students excited and eager to take part in the cause.

Israel has had to develop ecological and environmental inventions and solutions nonstop since the day it was established — things that can be used all year long. For example, to save water in agriculture, the smart drip system is installed and small holes are strategically placed along irrigation pipes to deliver water directly to each plant. Farmers can also measure precisely the hourly water flow quantity. They use a solar irrigation computer to set the exact amount of water they want to use during the most economic hour of the day. And Israel has been using solar panels in almost every house in the country to save electricity for many years now.

Let’s all make a decision to keep the Earth clean and save our resources all year long!



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The objectives of the Savannah Jewish News are to foster a sense of community among the Jewish people of Savannah by sharing ideas, information, experiences and opinions, and to promote the agencies, projects and mission of the Savannah Jewish Federation.

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MiniGrants – Major Impact

Over the past few months, the *Savannah Jewish News*, Federation website, and weekly eNews have all featured a new concept for funding from our community Annual Campaign – the MiniGrant. While it is not a sexy, clever name, it is a unique effort by the Savannah Jewish Federation Board of Governors to empower our donors to share overseas programs that are “near and dear” to their hearts by nominating them for a \$500 MiniGrant.

The idea behind the initiative was to harvest ideas from people in the community with the thought that grants would end up going to traditional and liberal Jewish organizations, from cutting edge to classic initiatives, from the wilds of Africa to Israel to the Former Soviet Union; we asked for recommendations of programs that make a difference in our Jewish world. A small group from the Board of Governors will meet in the next few weeks to review the submissions and make a recommendation to the entire Board for funding.

“...we asked for recommendations of programs that make a difference in our Jewish world.”

While the entire list was not available at the time of this article, we know that there have been nominations: supporting a Senior Citizen Initiative in Guantanamo, Cuba; an Israeli program for recently discharged soldiers suffering from post traumatic stress disorder; a basic nourishment program for infants and young children in Argentina; a sustainable development project with the Ugandan Jewish community; Yad LaKashish – a lifeline for the elderly in Israel; a Center for Independent Living in Beer-sheva; Project Keshet building Jewish women leadership in the Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, and Kazakhstan; JDC's Transforming the Lives of People with Disabilities in Israel program; and others.

Each of these programs was nominated by a member of the community who has some personal connection with the organization/program. Something about the program struck a chord with a member of the community.



Once these programs are “vetted” by the small committee, each will receive a \$500 minigrant. We will feature one of these programs in an issue of the *Savannah Jewish News* as a way of showing the impact of our overseas dollars. While these grants may represent merely a symbolic “slice of the program pie,” they should help you imagine what is being done and accomplished by the Federation's historic overseas partners, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) with their extensive programs and presence throughout Israel and the rest of the Jewish world.

Every day, JAFI and JDC are providing rescue and relief to areas of the world where most of us never go. They are the sole support for Jewish hungry in the FSU, Latin America, Africa, and in Israel. They have the experience and expertise to take our support, along with the support from hundreds of other Jewish communities around the world, and provide life giving, live changing aid. They work to create Jewish identity, provide for basic medical needs, assist with aliyah, aid victims of terrorism, rescue victims of global emergencies, twin diaspora communities with Israel, revitalize Jewish life, and empower individuals for the future.

When you read stories in the *Savannah Jewish News* in the coming months about our funded programs you'll know that they are just a small, representative sample of the hundreds, make that, thousands of programs that your gift to the Annual Campaign represents.

Peoplehood

Over the past few months I have been reading a fascinating series of articles, *The Peoplehood Papers*. *The Peoplehood Papers* provide “a platform for Jews to discuss their common agenda and issues relating to their collective identity.” Assembled online by The Center for Jewish Peoplehood Education, the articles date back to 2007 and include dozens of essays by well-known educators, sociologists, and theologians. They represent a diverse group of Jewish leaders and thinkers and cover philosophical aspects of Jewish “Peoplehood.” More than just rhetoric, these writings typically offer practical implications for the Jewish community.

There are those who believe this concept of an underlying unity that makes every individual Jew a part of the Jewish people as a whole, is a modern one, while others state that “Peoplehood,” or “Klal Yisrael” has been a part of Jewish life for millennia. There are those who believe *Peoplehood* should have its focus on Zionism while others describe it as a “sense of belonging and a commitment to the Jewish people.”

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Over the last fifteen years there have been dozens of organizations who have given new focus to the *Peoplehood* concept as an organizing principle or with high focus programming to help define and reflect their mission including Jewish Federations of North America, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Israel Ministry for Education. While every organization comes at the concept with different nuances, they all are in agreement that: a) there are many dimensions to the concept, b) they reject any one ideology that emphasizes one dimension of Jewishness, and c) they do not focus on individual identity, but on the nature of connections between Jews. In essence, they find the structure(s) that enable us to connect with one another on an emotional and social basis.

Of course, like in any good Jewish argument, there are many people who believe that “Peoplehood” is too abstract a concept on which to base Jewish identity, especially since it is not predicated on a religious or spiritual identity.

One of the most common themes that runs throughout the essays concerns the challenges of being Jewish in the 21st century. With unprecedented freedoms and a democratic Jewish state, there are unique challenges to the notion of a collective Jewish identity. We have a new sense of what it means to belong; we have new choices, shifting priorities, and new ways of thinking.

Where do you see the everyday practical changes? Birthright Israel, PJ Library, Moishe House(s), Jewish Service Learning opportunities, and dozens of other programs are broad Jewish community attempts to engage a new generation who have infinite choices on how to define themselves. Walk into many synagogues in North America and you'll find “something for everyone.” Tot Shabbat, Junior Congregation, Latke and Vodka, and age-specific study groups.

Our Savannah community, like communities throughout the world, is wrestling with engagement, *Peoplehood*, and what it takes to define the next generation of Jews. The bonds of *Peoplehood* are strongest when they represent the voices of all of us. To be the strongest community we can be, we need everyone around the table, no matter what your definition of *Peoplehood*, no matter what your synagogue, no matter how you practice, observe, identify.

Peoplehood, as a core concept of the Jewish Federation movement, has a responsibility to generate and reinvigorate relationships between people locally and with communities throughout the world, and to create a Jewish identity emphasizing our commonalities (values, tradition, culture, literature, etc.). There is a place for us all. Together, we are a stronger people.



Adam Solender
Executive Director of
JEA/SJF

A Rich Inheritance

In the Savannah Jewish community, caring for those in need has never gone out of style. Whether helping people in crisis, ensuring dignity for our elders, or assisting those in financial needs - Jewish values have always inspired us to act. Those same values teach us to care for the next generation, too. By making a legacy gift to the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah, you ensure the Jewish community stays strong and vibrant. You leave your children and grandchildren a precious inheritance, and a lasting testimony to your values.



Savannahians Tour Jewish South America

by Kaye Kole

Don and I recently returned home from a cruise around South America with Dayle and Aaron Levy and Judy Byck. Surprisingly, some of the sites that were of most interest to us were the places of Jewish interest.

In Montevideo, Uruguay, we went on a Jewish heritage tour. There we saw a square named for Golda Meir, and a monument to Albert Einstein. The most significant site was the only Holocaust memorial in South America, spread along a stretch of prime waterfront called the Rambla. The memorial is a promenade of tombstone-like stone slabs and pink granite.

While on the tour in Montevideo, we visited two synagogues. One is small and very traditional Orthodox. The other, set within a heavily guarded Jewish community center, is larger and more modern. When we arrived we watched some of the young boys who were playing soccer with a rag ball in the courtyard. The young Israeli-born rabbi spoke with us briefly, and then introduced his wife, born in the United States. She told us that every Friday night they invite 20-30 people into their home for a Shabbat dinner. She appeared to be warm and capable. Before we left Dayle gave one of the soccer players money to buy a real soccer ball.

In Recife, Brazil, we visited the Kahal Zur Israel Synagogue, the oldest synagogue in the western hemisphere, built during the 17th century, and demolished at the beginning of the 20th century. Located on Rua do Bom Jesus, previously called Rua dos Judeus (street of the Jews), a charming street, it is not far from the docks. Founded by Portuguese Jews who came from Amsterdam, the location now operates as an outstanding museum. The building exhibits its original foundation and walls, with a model synagogue on the



Reconstruction of the Kahal Zur Israel Synagogue in Recife, Brazil

second floor. Soon after the establishment of the synagogue, some of the Jews left Brazil and settled in the Caribbean Islands. Others went to New Amsterdam (New York City) where they founded the first synagogue in the United States, Shearith Israel.

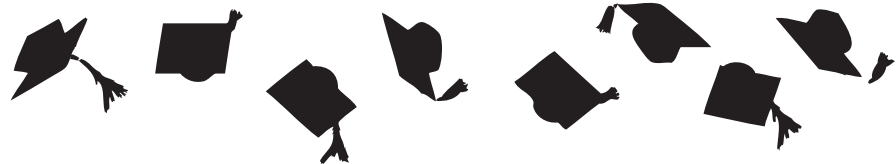
On the 21st of March, the ship sponsored a mini-seder, attended by 35 people, several of whom are not Jewish. There were people from Australia and England, and new Americans from Russia, as well as those from several states. We used the Haggadah entitled "30 Minute Seder." No meal was served, but all of the religious symbols were present, including matzo, maror, charosis, karpas, roasted egg, and roasted lamb bone, along with plenty of wine. The kosher-certified chef also served gefilte fish! No rabbi was present — the participants took turns reading.

Our last stop was Manaus, Brazil, in the jungle beside the mighty Amazon River. There we visited the Beth Yaacov Rebi Meyr Synagogue. In 1810 North African Jews began going to Brazil. The first synagogue in Manaus, Beth Yaacov, was completed in 1925. Synagogue Rebi Myer was established in 1937. The current Sephardic building was inaugurated in 1962, as a merger of the two previous synagogues. There are about 800 members of the synagogue, where women are seated separately from the men. Anne Benchimol, the first female president of the synagogue, gave us the tour, and as we left the synagogue, she gave each of us some of her homemade charosis. Anne epitomizes South Americans — they are very friendly people.

While we went to South America to experience the sights and cultures of each country, we were pleasantly surprised to have the added bonus of discovering former and current evidences of Jewish life.



Interior of the Beth Yaacov Rebi Meyr Synagogue in the jungle in Manaus, Brazil



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Member Spotlight

Savannah Lures Couple

by Leni Ram

Katherine and Aaron Vantosh were married in July, 2012, and never have they had to concern themselves with choosing the right mattress. Aaron, an Atlanta native, owned a mattress store there. Katherine was born in Atlanta, had lived in San Francisco for seven years, then decided to move home to Atlanta, where she met and married Aaron, and well, mattresses happened for her, too.

Aaron, with encouragement from his bride, decided to open an online mattress business in addition to his mattress discount store in Atlanta. And soon after they married, the young couple decided they wanted to leave Atlanta and chose to move to Savannah where they would open another mattress store. So along with their new 'actual' mattress store, *The Rest Stop*, Aaron and Katherine operate an online mattress business from their location in Savannah at 2125 E. Victory Drive (near Skidaway Road). They said they chose Savannah as their new home because of its proximity to the water and its relative convenience to Aaron's remaining business in Atlanta.

Aaron and Katherine say they love Savannah. He has a family history here. His grandfather, Norman Weitz, was born here and his sister, Beth Vantosh, and her husband, Ken-



Aaron & Katherine Vantosh with their two-year-old Bruno

neth Richards, have lived here for ten years. Beth, a commercial realtor, is on the Board of the Savannah Jewish Federation and is a past Chair of the Savannah Jewish Film Festival.

Both Katherine and Aaron have already committed themselves to becoming involved in the Savannah Jewish community, for they are new members at the JEA and are thinking of joining Congregation Mickve Israel. They also are planning to visit Israel for the first time this fall with the community mission.

It certainly seems a most fortunate "happening" for our Jewish community that this couple has chosen Savannah to be their home, to start a new business, and to contribute their time, energies, and interests in all that this location offers ... in addition, of course, to becoming part of Jewish life here.

Save the Date—Sept. 22

JEA Gala Plans Underway

Mark your calendars now for a magical evening of *Moonlight & Martinis* at the JEA's annual gala event, to be held Sunday, September 22, 2013. Full details will be announced soon, but the event's planners say that "fabulous" is the word for the night.

Look forward to a fabulous dinner, fabulous auction and perhaps best of all, Jeremy Davis and the Fabulous Equinox Orchestra Quintet, including renowned vocalist Clay Johnson, who are providing the truly special entertainment. Plan to dance the night away; you won't be able to stay in your seat.

For information on Gala sponsorship opportunities or to volunteer to help with the Gala, please contact Mindy Nash, mnash@mnashevents.com, (912) 224-7889.



Jeremy Davis & the Fabulous Equinox Orchestra Quintet



Jewish National Fund Israeli Shaliach Ronnie Porat (l) and JNF Southeast Region lay leader Lauren Gordon Mescon (r) present local attorney Barney Portman with JNF's Tree of Life Award at the April 16, 2013 community celebration of Israel's 65th Independence Day held at the JEA, sponsored by JNF with the JEA and the Savannah Jewish Federation.



Ernie Friedman was honored by the Coastal Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America on April 5, 2013, with their Outstanding Eagle Award in recognition of his lifetime support for scouting. Ernie first became a Boy Scout as a member of Troop #2 at the JEA. His wife, Mary, is looking on as he accepts the honor.



Yuli Tamir (center), of Shenkar College of Engineering, Design & Art, appeared with Savannah Jewish Federation Executive Director Adam Solender (back row, left), Mayor Edna Jackson (far right) and other city dignitaries at a press conference during her visit here last month. Tamir, the President of Israel's largest art school, visited Savannah to meet with local universities, including SCAD, Savannah State and Armstrong Atlantic, to explore opportunities for exchange programs.

Taking a Stand on the Higher Ground

As many of you, I have been to Israel many times and it was true for me that there is a sense of spiritual renewal I felt standing at the Western Wall and connecting the history I had learned to every place I stepped. But I never thought of Judaism as a religion of place—in fact one can pray to HaShem anywhere and I have always been encouraged by my Rabbis and my family to do just that. So recently, when members in our community have been questioning our need for common ground and have taken a stand through words and deeds about what makes our community building Jewish, I have started questioning my own position about bricks and mortar.

I never thought about why it was so necessary to have a place that functioned as a community building, but when I moved to this area, I was so glad Savannah had one. In making our decision to relocate, my family and I felt that having a center for all Jews said something to us about the dedication, commitment and worldview of the people in Savannah: they not only supported their own synagogues, but also sacrificed to maintain other Jewish

institutions including a strong Federation — the backbone of charitable Jewish giving.

As an extension of that idea, MorningStar Cultural Arts Group, my alter ego for the last 24 years, has been proud to host many of our hundreds of multi-generational events at the JEA and provide unique cultural and health resource programs from a Jewish or Israeli perspective. Our events (more than 820 at last count) also tried to bridge the gap between our community and the general population and to showcase the Savannah Jewish population to outsiders who might like to relocate to our area.

Jewish Journeys, our eighteen-day event, was created with these goals in mind. Over two-dozen Jewish artists exhibited and over two-dozen speakers and performers conducted sessions to educate and enlighten participants. We included members of all religious communities, kosher lunches, receptions and food demos, all free and open to the public. It was Jewish, the events were educational and the holistic whole created an alliance of presenters from 18

years of age to mature, from novice artist to professional. We had hundreds of people view the exhibit, yet our classes and workshops could have accommodated so many more.

I started writing this Higher Ground column a year ago because as a member of the JEA Board's building and grounds committee, I was trying to understand the history that brought this building into being as a necessary haven for Jews in Savannah, looking for ways to increase its relevance in an era when Jews were not limited to membership in Jewish organizations and recreational facilities, and was searching for areas of commonality between my Jewish friends who used this building preferentially over other rentable facilities in order to make sure everyone's needs were met. Lately there are issues that sadly have created barriers between us.

There are so many good things that will come from change. Each segment of our community will seek a path best for them. As we all turn the page on the politics and bruised feelings of the moment and envision a better future

for our children, I was thinking that as each segment of our community grows to their full potential, how much better it will be for all of us if we also work to find areas of commonality for mutual security and benefit, so that we each in our part help to fulfill HaShem's promise of creation. I am encouraged because despite our squabbles and individual needs, the yellow daffodils that Shalom School and Rambam students and JEA campers and garden club participants planted last year came up this year in time for Federation to honor the memories of the children who perished during the Holocaust.

I contend that even through this difficult experience "the world rests on three pillars: Torah, worship and acts of loving kindness." Maybe we can forgive and respect each other enough to find our way back to all three.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol M. Towbin Greenberg



Carol M. Towbin
Greenberg



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON A TOUR OF THE MORDECAI SHEFTALL CEMETERY, THE SECOND JEWISH CEMETERY IN SAVANNAH. THE TOUR WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE 19TH OF MAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The first Jewish cemetery in the city was located at the intersection of Bull Street and Oglethorpe Avenue. When there was no longer space for burials there, Mordecai Sheftall, a leader of the Savannah Jewish community, came to the rescue. In 1773 he conveyed land for that purpose, land that had been granted him by King George III in 1762. According to the deed of trust, it was to be a place of burial for persons professing the Jewish religion. Originally a smaller site than today, the cemetery was surrounded by a stone wall. As more burials took place, the wall was extended. The cemetery continued to be used until the mid 1850s, when Jewish burials took place in the Jewish sections of either Laurel Grove or Bonaventure.

Buried in the Mordecai Sheftall Cemetery are many of the earliest settlers to the colony of Georgia, some of whose descendants live here today. If only the stones could talk, they could tell us some wonderful stories about the history of our community.

Ellen Byck, one of the trustees of the cemetery, has graciously agreed once again to give a tour of this historic site. The cemetery gate remains locked most of the time, so this is a rare opportunity. The tour is free to members of the Archives, with a charge of \$18 to non-members.

(Checks to be made out to the Savannah Jewish Archives, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah, GA 31405)



Moredecai Sheftall Cemetery. (JVM 005)

Turn west on Jones Street from Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., then left at Selma Street. Continue straight, then around the bend past Savannah Station. The cemetery is on your left behind Savannah Station.

For information about SJA, contact the archivist, Katharine Rapkin, at 651-2125 or rapkin@georgiahistory.com

Four Questions for the Rest of the Year

BBYO – Natalie Ourhaan, Lena Hirsch, Max Strauss

BBYO is a Jewish youth group for teens from all streams of Judaism and from all over the world, offering them the opportunity to meet and bond through conventions and activities held throughout the year. Sophie Lichtman, a junior at Savannah Arts Academy, spoke with Natalie Ourhaan and Lena Hirsch (both juniors at Savannah Country Day School), who recently were elected to leadership positions in BBG, the girls' side of the organization, for the 2013-2014 year. Natalie was elected *S'ganit* (Vice President) of Dixie Council (an area including five cities in Georgia and South Carolina) and Lena was elected *N'siah* (President) of the Savannah BBG chapter for a second consecutive year. She also spoke with Max Strauss, a sophomore at Savannah Arts, who was elected *Gadol* of the Savannah AZA chapter, the boys' side of BBYO.

What drives your involvement in BBYO?

Natalie: Personally, BBYO is a home away from home for me. It drives Jewish teenagers closer to other high school students who have been

brought up with similar beliefs. I love that you can become close with people you never knew before BBYO, and the fact that it is an international organization led by teenagers is incredible.

Lena: Since I go to a secular high school, I am one of only a few Jewish teenagers in my grade. It was important to me that I find a place where I could be with other Jewish kids my age, where we could all understand each other on a deeper level and form that special bond. Seeing my mom and her BBYO connections inspired me to want to form those connections as well, so that I could have them now and in the future.

Max: My involvement in BBYO stems from my desire to form ties with other Jewish teens.

Why choose a leadership role in this particular organization instead of any other after school club?



Natalie Ourhaan (l) and Lena Hirsch (r) at a recent BBYO International Conference



Max Strauss

the process of providing activities for my friends that they will enjoy doing. It's just something I really care about; BBYO is honestly the only club that has ignited such a passion in me that I was driven to this role.

Lena: BBYO is the only Jewish youth organization that is solely youth led. We, the teenagers, lead all the programs. That means that to be a leader in BBYO, you are truly propelling the group, you are planning the activities, you are planning the conventions! Having the responsibility of how the organization grows on your shoulders, and not the shoulders of your parents or other adult figures, teaches you a sense of obligation. You get to learn how to be a leader and that's truly important.

Max: I chose to have a leadership role in BBYO because I've had other members of my family who were also involved in the organization. I love the fact that it's an all Jewish organization because my Judaism is a priority for me.

Now that you have accepted your roles as Vice President and President, what are your upcoming goals for this year concerning BBYO?

Natalie: As of right now, I'm working on planning conventions for us to have with other regions. My goal for our chapter is to make sure our local BBYO meetings are special and

meaningful. I want to make sure to make new traditions that will stick and continue and to cherish the old ones as well.

Lena: I want to make sure we reach out to all corners of the community when we are recruiting new members this fall. My goal is to make sure we are involving every Jewish teen in the area. I also am working on trying to plan programs in collaboration with the local NCSY chapter; it would be great to have members of both groups involved in as many Jewish events as possible!

Max: Wow! I'm glad you asked that question! I'm planning on having more programs and meetings, as well as getting as many new members as possible with the help of our new Moreh Gabe Adler. In general I want to continue to have the Savannah chapter be the best chapter in the region!

What would you say to upcoming freshmen about why they should join BBYO in the fall?

Natalie: BBYO is not just any other club, it's something special and unique. Kids your age genuinely want to get to know you and be friends with you. We always have a good time bonding over our similarities and learning more about our Judaism.

Lena: BBYO offers an escape from your normal circle of high school friends; it's the only place where you have the bond of Judaism. If you're looking for lifelong friends, BBYO is full of them.

Max: Well...it's BBYO so why wouldn't you join? In all seriousness, BBYO is an amazing way to be more in touch with your Jewish identity, to meet new people, and to participate in exciting and fun programs!

Natalie is the daughter of Tracy & Michelle Ourhaan. Lena is the daughter of Greg & Judy Hirsch. Max is the son of Brad & Jill Strauss. Sophie, a contributing writer to the Savannah Jewish News, is the daughter of Michael and Stephanie Lichtman.



Why twice a year is not enough



Remember that feeling?

Renewing your connection with the warmth of community, the richness of familiar tradition, the joy of celebration?

It doesn't have to be just twice a year.

You can share those feelings, and more, all the rest of the year, too.

Think what you're missing:

- The joy of renewing your spirit and energies in a circle of warm and friendly faces.
- The comfort of sharing your joys and sorrows in a community of friends.
- The excitement of learning and growing with like-minded adults.
- The gratification of helping others in your congregation and community.
- The satisfaction of passing on your faith and heritage to coming generations.
- The fulfillment of connecting to our tradition through worship in a congregation of active members.

Experience all this with people who share your feelings about life and faith.

There's a congregation near you of people who share your way of living in the world, who look forward to answering your questions about membership, who'd be happy to help your discover

Why twice a year is not enough

The Savannah Jewish Federation encourages you and your family to participate in the richness and beauty that our synagogues offer.

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On the Personal Side

Mazel tov to: **Judith Goldkrand**, daughter of AM Goldkrand and the late John Goldkrand, on being recognized by the *Silicon Valley Business Journal* as a Woman of Influence for her "leadership and contributions to community." Judith is a Senior Vice President, Business Banking Manager, for Wells Fargo.



In that position she manages Wells Fargo's business banking team in Palo Alto providing a full array of financial services to small- and medium-sized private businesses and nonprofits. She also leads the women's initiative for the West Coast business banking team, promoting women-owned businesses and creating strategies that address the unique needs of this rapidly growing market segment. Judith holds a national portfolio position in Women's Philanthropy at the Jewish Federations of North America.

POOL ★ PARTY

JOIN US ALL SUMMER FOR JEA POOL PARTIES

STARTING SUNDAY, MAY 26TH, 11:00 AM

Pool Hours: 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

Pool Side Grill: 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

What: JEA pool parties are a great way to spend your summer days with your family. Leave your lunch box at home and enjoy food at the JEA Pool Side Grill.

Where: Jewish Educational Alliance
5111 Abercorn Street
Savannah, GA 31405

★ **May 26th** - Memorial Day Cookout

★ **June 2nd** - Camp Savannah Meet-N-Greet
Pool games & activities from
1:30-5:00 pm.

★ **June 16th** - Father's Day Pool Party

★ **July 7th** - Fourth of July Pool Party

★ **July 28th** - JEA Preschool Savannah and
PJ Library Pool Party

★ **September 1st** - Labor Day Pool Party



The Jewish Educational Alliance presents a monthly program guide:



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Jewish Educational Alliance

May 2013



Children's Programming

We love Camp Savannah! It's a safe environment for kids and they're always begging to come back! The themes for the weeks are really creative as well.

- Kasey Berman, Camp Savannah Parent

I like going to Camp Savannah because we get to dress up, dance with a DJ. I can learn to swim and play games in the gym.

- Evan "EB" Bailey, Camper

NEW
3 & 4 year old program with rotations designed for your toddler & small group swim lessons!



Learn about Israeli culture with Dorin Elhadad & meet Israeli Scouts!

Color War week is my favorite because of all the dancing, silly challenges and the BIG show at the end. I like coming to Camp Savannah because it makes me happy and I have a great time.

- Sam "Rooskie" Allahverdi, Camper

Camp Savannah is a brand new experience each year! It's not only a place to bring your children, it's a place for them to grow, be challenged and have fun! Last year I saw many campers learn how to swim, overcome shyness and become leaders.

- Keymia Morrow, Counselor

Save the Date

May 5

Art Gallery Reception. Joshua Hill. 1:00 pm

Levy Concert w/Eddie Wilson & Strings of the South. 12:30 pm

May 8

Yom Yerushalayim - JEA open regular hours

May 9

Comm.Yom Yerushalayim Program. 7:00 pm

May 14

Erev Shavuot. JEA closes at 5 pm

May 15-16

Shavuot. JEA Closed

May 19

Opinion Minyan w/Bernie Schein. 10:00 am

May 22

City of Savannah/JEA Free Hands Only CPR Class. 6:30 pm

May 26

JEA Outdoor Pool opens. 10:00 am

May 27

Memorial Day
JEA Fitness open 9:00 am-5:00 pm

May 29

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

June 2

Opinion Minyan w/author Janice Rothschild Blumberg. 10 am
JEA Camp Savannah Meet 'N Greet. 1:00 pm

June 6

JEA 101st Annual Mtg. 7:00 pm

June 10

JEA Camp Savannah begins. 8:00 am



912.355.8111 | camp@savj.org
Register at www.SavannahJEA.org



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 on Wednesdays, May 8 and 22.



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.

**FAMILY
FRIENDLY
CONCERT**

The JEA presents the Jack Malitz and Miriam Slotin Levy

25th Anniversary Levy Memorial Concert

Featuring Eddie Wilson and Strings of the South

**SUNDAY,
MAY 5TH,
12:30 PM**

A Savannah classic, this musical gift to the community is perfect for all ages from 3 to 103. Join us for this special family friendly concert where you'll hear your favorite songs from Broadway to Bach, Disney to Charlie Daniels.

12:30 pm Complimentary Lunch (Salads, fruit, sandwiches & dessert)
RSVP Required by April 26th

1:30 pm Concert featuring Eddie Wilson and Strings of the South

This family friendly concert is **FREE** and open to people of all ages and backgrounds!

Sponsored by the Jack Malitz and Miriam Slotin Levy Memorial Fund at the JEA.

RSVP online at www.SavannahJEA.org or in person at the JEA.

Opinion Minyan is back!



Sunday, May 19th at 10 am

Keys to Bringing out Creativity & Intelligence in Yourself and Your Offspring



American education has it backwards. Emotion, not reason – true emotion, no more easily arrived at than the solution to a complex math problem – is the engine that drives the machinery of great works and great lives. Thought – great thought – is the PRODUCT, not the driver of that engine. Bernie Schein, educator, will share his views and lead a discussion on everything from the shortcomings of the SAT and No Child Left Behind to the need for students to be emotionally open and aware before true learning can take place.

Bernie Schein, a native Beaufortonian, received his Master's in Education and educational psychology from Harvard. He has been a principal, director of teacher training, and teacher of creative writing and literature at the middle and high school levels. He is author of *If Holden Caulfield Were in My Classroom* (with foreword by Pat Conroy).

Bring along engaging questions and your appetite on this special morning!

Admission is **FREE** for JEA members, and \$8 per person for non-members which includes the meal and speaker.

The Opinion Minyan is an interactive, participatory discussion series which includes a buffet brunch.

JEA Donations

(March 12, 2013-April 12, 2013)

ARKIN-CLARK GARDEN FUND

In memory of Marilyn Steinberg
Nancie, Fred & Jonathan Clark
In honor of Doris Klugman's speedy recovery
Marilyn Seeman

JEA BUILDING FUND

In memory of Marilyn Steinberg
Sharon & Murray Galin
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JEA GENERAL DONATIONS

In memory of Marilyn Steinberg
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ETHEL COHEN MEDDIN MEMORIAL FUND

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In honor of Dayle Levy's birthday
Merry & Richard Bodziner
In honor of Doris & Jack Levy's 50th Anniversary
Esther & Aaron Buchsbaum

PHILLIP HOFFMAN MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Annette Yesner
Thelma & Frank Hoffman

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In memory of Marilyn Steinberg
In honor of Louis Freedman's speedy recovery
Elise & Victor Shernoff
In memory of Annette Yesner
Elise, Victor & Heather Shernoff
Jason & Kristina Shernoff
Bernice Elman and Brenda & Patrick Salter
Marsha & Chuck Bernstein
In memory of Marilyn Steinberg
Brenda & Patrick Salter
Bernice Elman

HENRY W. CENTER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Janet Sunshine
In memory of Marilyn Wagman Steinberg
In memory of Sally Piell
Simone K. Center
In memory of Janet Sunshine
In honor of Tatsiana Shakmuts becoming a US citizen
Tony Center



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Health & Wellness

Exercise for Mental Fitness



Stephanie Johnson
Health & Wellness
Director

Many people are familiar with the physical benefits of exercise. Whether you exercise to control weight, prevent disease, look fitter or increase your energy levels, everyone can benefit.

Engaging in an exercise program can also improve your sleep, improve your sex life and

add fun to your life, but that's not all. Exercise can also have a great impact on your mental health. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (www.CDC.gov) reports the following about mental health:

- An estimated 1 out of 10 US adults reports feeling depressed.
- Millions of Americans are affected by anxiety disorders.
- Studies show that exercise can significantly reduce stress, anxiety and feelings of depression.

Why is exercise so good for mental health?

- Exercise helps to improve self esteem, cognition and intelligence.
- Exercise stimulates synapses that connect neurons - the more synaptic connections the better your brain functions.
- Exercise improves concentration.
- It causes the body to produce endorphins - chemicals in the brain that promote a sense of well-being. When endorphins are released, the body feels better along with the mind.

- Exercise increases body temperature, resulting in a calming effect and a significantly improved mood!

How much exercise do you need to experience benefits?

- Studies show doing exercise for at least 30 minutes, 3 to 5 times a week will help improve depression symptoms.
- Even 10-15 minutes of activity can benefit the brain. A short, brisk walk can make a difference!

How to get started?

- Find something you enjoy doing like dancing, cycling, running, or any other activity that will keep you motivated.
- Once you find your activity, set a goal for yourself. It can be to prepare for a 5k walk/run or doing that activity for 5 minutes each day.

The point is that moving more often will feed your brain! Take small steps to keep moving forward and if you experience setbacks then scale back instead of giving up. Your mental fitness is crucial for your overall wellbeing.

Some helpful resources:

<http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/help-information/mental-health-a-z/E/exercise-mental-health/>

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/depression-and-exercise/MH00043>

<http://serendip.brynmawr.edu/bb/neuro/neuro05/web2/mmcgovern.html>

Winter Fitness Classes

Sunday

9:15 am - Pilates
10:30 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 - 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
6:15 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

Spring Tips for Your Yard



Justin Robertshaw
Facilities Director

When you hear the word "spring" what comes to mind? A spring on a door? Watching ground animals spring from their feet? How about great looking flowers and green foliage?

Let me share with you some spring gardening tips that I have learned through the years from experience and college.

Around Savannah the Tall Oaks are changing their leaves for the coming season of growth. We are seeing a fair share of leaves dropping on grassy areas and in our planter beds, too. The Forsythia is also blooming now. It has a flower that blooms bright yellow then green leaves come out after the flowers bloom. All this growth takes place in Mid-Spring.

When these leaves fall onto grassy areas, you should rake them very soon. This will keep the

grass green and allow water to get to the roots. It also prevents rotting of grass blades and root rot. Ground that is clear of leaves also helps fertilizer get down into the soil.

Grass should be cut about 2-1/2 inches tall in the spring to help remove any dead grass cuttings that may still be deep in the blades of grass from the last season. If you have a mulching lawn mower, you can use it to cut the clippings into finer cuttings to recycle as nutrients back into the soil. When summer gets under way adjust your lawn mower to a 3-inch cutting depth. This will keep the grass green and the soil wet longer on hot dry summer days.

During the growing season, you might want to think about putting down a good blend of weed and feed fertilizer that is formulated for the southern grasses and weeds that grow around Savannah. Consult your local home and garden center for the blend best for where you live. I like to use a brand that lets me see results in just a

week. Just remember, you must apply the fertilizer just before it rains or water for about ten minutes after you fertilize. This prevents burning the grass with the fertilizer.

If you still have problems with weeds growing in your lawn, you can use a liquid weed killer. It will not hurt your grass or shrubs. You can get a premixed solution in its own spray bottle or a concentrate for a specially designed sprayer that attaches to your garden hose.

Always follow the written directions on the product you buy! And remember to ask your local garden center for the right product for **the right job**.



JEA Art Gallery



May Artist: Joshua Hill

Joshua Hill - Biography

Joshua Hill grew up in Athens, GA, and began drawing at an early age, copying the comics, comic books and album covers. At the age of sixteen, he toured Italy's great towns and galleries. Seeing the amazing art and architecture stirred his passion for art. It was this trip that inspired him to begin creating his own works and seeking a voice.

He studied the masters, but was heavily influenced by Van Gogh and Gauguin. Henri Matisse also played a major role in his development. For Joshua, a true painter at heart, it has always been about the process of creation and capturing color. "I like the creative process. I like having an idea and taking it from a concept in my mind to a completed art form."

In 1995, while studying painting at Barton College in North Carolina, he began a business of decorative painting. Painting murals, children's rooms, furniture and faux finishes using various techniques satisfied his sense of design. He still maintains his studies of the latest paint trends and does decorative and design work. "I am self-taught with a God-given talent that I am blessed to use every day in a variety of ways and settings."

Drawn back to coastal regions in 1996, he has been based in Savannah, but painted in Connecticut and New York, as well as all across the Southeastern United States. His latest paintings were inspired by Gerhard Richter and the Impressionists. Richter's "dragged" abstracted images and the Impressionist's striving to capture color in the moment has become his new motivation.

Experiencing different styles and the processes that drove those painters to develop those styles has encouraged him throughout his life as an artist.

Artwork available for viewing May 1-31, 2013
Art Gallery Reception May 5, 2013, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Days at the JEA: Pre Camp

June 3rd, 2013 8:00am-6:00pm

Mootastic Adventure- Get ready for a Mootastic Adventure as we celebrate the wonderful world of dairy by making milkshakes, moo goo and much more!

June 4th, 2013 8:00am-6:00pm

No Monkeying Around - It's time to let your inner primate shine as we head out to Monkey Joes for a day filled with high-energy fun.

June 5th, 2013 8:00am-6:00pm

Ants on the Run- Gather the Frisbee and pack the lunches for a trip to Forsyth Park for food, friends and fun!

June 6th, 2013 8:00am-6:00pm

Under the Sea Adventure-With the temperature rising it's a perfect time to head out to the Tybee Island Aquarium to learn about all the marine life here in Savannah

June 7th, 2013 8:00am-6:00pm

Shalom...Summer! - Camp Savannah 2013 is right around the corner and what better way to kick it off than by having a BBQ pool party! Leave your lunches at home and pack your bathing suit, towels and sunscreen as we say "Shalom Summer!"

Regular Price: \$40 a/day or \$180 a/week
Members Value Price: \$30 a/day or \$135 a/week

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 3/13/13 to 4/12/13)

Jimmy Abbott & Devlyn Torres

Dinshaw Anklesaria

Philip Brown & Geneva DeMars

Robert & Christina Corless

Monica Everett

Andrew & Krista Futch

Jason & Lindsey Jones

Gene & Elysia Kowel

David & Mindy Nash

Kieffer Parker

Steve & Gail Ray

Moshe Reuven Zada & Phoebe Reed

Melinda Stein

Ilona Warner

JEA CAMP SAVANNAH 2013

JEA Camp Savannah is back and better than ever!

- 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

Join the JEA!

Join the JEA and you will be glad you did when you take advantage of our special member pricing, FREE classes and events! The JEA provides many different types of memberships to accommodate everyone.

Types of Membership include:

Family Plans

Couple Plans

Individual Plans

Military/Law Enforcement (active duty only)

Visit us at 5111 Abercorn Street or online at www.SavannahJEA.org for more information!



JEA Preschool Savannah News

May 2013

Monthly Spotlight

Our Furnishings

We recently took delivery of samples of some of the furniture we'll be using in our JEA Preschool Savannah classrooms. Sourced from Community Playthings, these pieces are beautiful but strong and safe. The company has been around for more than 60 years and toy design visionaries have steered their design principles of keeping it simple, natural and open-ended. Just as Community Playthings believes that the quality they invest in their products is an investment in your child's future, so too are we looking forward to the investment we will be making together in your child with the instructive and nurturing education s/he will receive 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.

Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) position statement on developmentally appropriate practice (DAP) reflects the commitment to excellence and equity in educating the young child and a core understanding of how children learn and develop. DAP requires both meeting children where they are and enabling them to reach goals that are both challenging and achievable.

Best practice is based on knowledge of how children learn and develop. There are 12 major principles in human development and learning that form a solid basis for decision making in early care and education. These principles guide decisions made at all levels about how best to meet the needs of young children and to assist teachers, programs and families about the strengths and needs of individual children.

The first principle states "All the domains of development and learning—physical, social emotional and cognitive—are important and they are closely interrelated. Children's development and learning in one domain influence and are influenced by what takes place in other domains." For example, when children begin to walk or crawl, they begin exploring the world, and their mobility affects both their cognitive and emotional development. An interrelated curriculum and program will contribute to children's well being and success.



Some of the other 12 principles of child development include sequence of learning, secure relationships with adults and peers, and play as an important vehicle. We must continue to study the early childhood field as it is developing and changing as fast as the children themselves.

As Judaism teaches us, education is at the fore front of who we are and how we make the world a better place. As we go on with our learning about the world of the very young child, we will apply that knowledge to the development of our future generations.

Check it Out!

*Babies Whose Efforts Are Praised
Become More Motivated Kids*

We think our babies are so smart, so amazing. But please, say Stanford researchers, don't tell them that. "It's better to focus on effort and the action your baby is doing. This means saying 'You worked hard on that' versus 'you're so good at that,'" says Professor Carol S. Dweck. Dweck's study showed that the kind of praise that parents give their babies and toddlers influences the child's motivation later on. It also plays a role in children's beliefs about themselves and their desire to take on challenges five years later.

<http://news.stanford.edu/news/2013/february/talking-to-baby-021213.html>

Read this article to learn about the link between a child's home environment and reading achievement:

<http://eyeonearlyeducation.org/2013/04/04/early-experience-shapes-later-literacy>



Taking Stock

At the Yom Hashoah program, five students from Rambam Day School were recognized. Three for their writings about the Holocaust: Ora Damelin was a first place recipient, Tomer Locker a second place recipient and Jordyn Stoltzman a third place recipient. For their artistic depiction of the Holocaust, Yehudis Gold was a first place recipient and Ahra Glynn a second place recipient. We are very proud of our students' efforts and dedication towards putting their hearts and souls into their endeavors.

As I sat amongst those listening to Nancy Beasley and Allen Kupfer as they shared their experiences, I allowed my thoughts to wander and asked myself what so many others probably ask themselves, *could I risk my life or the lives of my family to save others?* One of my eighth graders asked himself this very same question in his Holocaust essay. The young student quotes the Talmud as stating that if you save one life it is as if you have saved the whole world. As well, he acknowledges that because of righteous Gentiles, thousands of Jews were spared the horrific experiences and deaths of the concentration camps. While my student doesn't actually answer his own question, "Could he give up his life for someone else's?", he does express his realization that though he is blessed to live in a

time when Jews are free and prosperous and have their own state, we must learn a lesson from those brave Gentiles who gave up their lives for people they didn't even know. My young scholar articulates that we as humans have a responsibility to be tolerant of our fellow man, no matter what race, religion or culture, and he conveys that a good place to start is right here at home.

A quote said by Nancy Beasley tenaciously resonates in my thoughts. "Be careful what you do, be careful what you say, because a child may be watching or a child may be listening and a child might be making up his mind".

This community is privileged to have a community Jewish day school. Even if there are those who choose not to place their children in a Jewish Day School, a community blessed with the opportunity of housing a Jewish day school must also embrace the responsibilities of this blessing: setting an example of tolerance, respect and sensitivity. While I am asking if I could give up my life for another human being, I must also ask if we as a community have lived up to our responsibilities?



Ester Rabhan,
Principal of
Rambam Day School

What Goes Around ...

JEA Preschool Savannah is on its way to becoming a reality when we open our doors in August. Activity is abundant as we plan for classroom renovations, employ staff, and create our outdoor learning space. Enrollment is open to all children in the Jewish and Savannah communities.

But while we are busy readying our facilities for our grand opening, this year JEA Camp Savannah's three and four year old program will be supervised by the Early Childhood Education Department. Our JEA Preschool Savannah teachers, who come to us with outstanding experience and talent in working with the young child, will oversee these youngest campers' daily plans.

The programming will follow closely with the older campers' designated weekly themes yet the activities will be developmentally appropriate for the preschool age group. Shabbat celebrations on Fridays will be an opportunity for families to come celebrate with us in a camp setting. Your young child will be excited to attend JEA Camp Savannah for summer days filled with fun and friends!!

I can remember my own special experiences as a JEA camp counselor, what seems like so many, many years ago.

At *Camp Chaverim*, my campers participated in many of the same activities as the children do today, with some differences. We swam in the JEA's huge outdoor pool, but we had low and high diving boards (remember those?). I was particularly fond of jumping, not diving, off of the high diving board! With great excitement and anticipation, my campers and I would all wait in line at the bottom of the ladder for our turn, and one-by-one they would follow me into the water. This summer, we'll just be jumping from the side of the pool!

I also remember singing camp songs like "David Melach Yisroel" and "Do Your Ears Hang Low"; songs that I also sang at home with my own children. JEA summer camp holds such great memories for me; memories that I want to help create for our future generation.

I am looking forward to once again spending the summer season at JEA Camp Savannah with the preschool children from our community. Talk about history repeating itself!



Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director of
Early Childhood
Education

Shalom School Teaching the Holocaust

Shalom School has for the last 12 years taken its 8th and 9th graders on a Holocaust journey that begins with study sessions and culminates in a weekend in Washington, DC, to visit the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

As in the past, the program was led by our 8th and 9th grade teacher, Melinda Stein, who is herself a child of Holocaust survivors. Combining her family's personal experience with her knowledge as a Holocaust educator, Melinda is a big asset to the program.

Eight Shalom School students and three of their parents embarked last February on this weekend long trip to Washington, DC. After settling in the hotel on Friday afternoon, our students headed to George Washington University, where they met a Hillel representative who explained the role of Hillel on campus and the importance of choosing a college with a vibrant Hillel. Following the presentation, our students joined the Hillel's Friday night service and dinner. A highlight of the evening was meeting with a group of teens from the Synagogue Emanu-El in Charleston, with whom our students spent more time with over the week-

end and hopefully will establish new friendships.

Shabbat morning started with a Shabbat service at the hotel before

walking to the National Mall to see the museums. Shabbat ended with a Havdalah service and then our students joined the Charleston group for a night tour of the Washington monuments.

Sunday was spent entirely at the Holocaust Museum. The visit, led by Melinda, started off with a talk about the rise of Nazism and the growing persecution of German Jews and continued with learning about life in the ghettos, the deportations, and the atrocities of the Holocaust; the tour culminated with the defeat of Nazi Germany and the birth of the State of Israel.

Despite having studied the Holocaust for months prior to the trip, nothing could really have prepared them for the intensity of that tour. Both students and parents found Mrs. Stein outstanding in her ability to connect her personal story to the museum visit and make it "an incredibly moving experience."

The group returned to Savannah late on Sunday. In the coming weeks they'll meet again with Melinda to share, process, and discuss this intense experience.

We all stood in commemoration of Yom HaShoah last month at the JEA, but this commemoration day has now a new meaning for the eight students we sent to Washington.



Eva Locker,
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The Shalom School group near the White House during their 2013 Washington trip

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He is survived by his wife, Veronica Gyulai Hoffman of Savannah; one son, Peter B. (Kim) Hoffman; one daughter, Judith Hoffman (Pierfrancesco) Ciacci; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Remembrances: The Lisa & Danny Kaminsky Holocaust Memorial & Educational Fund, c/o Savannah Jewish Federation, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405.

Carole Irene Wagman
Who died April 11, 2013

She is survived by her cousin, Gail Levites of Savannah.

Hilda Knobloch
Who died April 8, 2013

She is survived by her niece, Diane (Jerry) Rosenbluth of Long Island, NY; a grandnephew, a grandniece, five great-grandnieces; a great-grandnephew; and Horace and Rebecca Fleming and family of Savannah, whom she considered a part of her family.

Remembrances: The Rosenberg Fund for Children, 116 Pleasant St., Suite 348, Easthampton, MA 01027.

Dena Yaschik Bodziner
Who died April 5, 2013

She is survived by her daughter, Brenda Rabhan; two sons, Dr. Richard A. (Mer-

ry) Bodziner and Michael Bodziner (Gary McNatton); five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Remembrances: Dena and Lawrence Bodziner Foundation at the Savannah Jewish Federation, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405-5214; Savannah Jewish Federation, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405-5214 or a charity of the donor's choice.

Martha Durham Pike
Who died March 25, 2013

She is survived by her three daughters: Charlean Stewart (Donald) Smith, Sandra Stewart (Brad) Blastick, and Suzanne Stewart (Chris) Moccia; and four grandchildren.

Remembrances: Congregation B'nai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405.

Herbert "Herbie" Morris Schildkraut
Who died March 22, 2013

He is survived by his daughter, Robyn Schildkraut of Atlanta. He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine "Midge" Lasky Schildkraut.

Remembrances: Congregation Agudath Achim, 9 Lee Blvd., Savannah 31405.

Joseph Switz
Who died February 25, 2013

He is survived by his nephew, Jerry (Carolyn) Switz; his niece, Ellen Switz (Mario) Klappholz; his sister-in-law, Sara Switz Rigel, great-nephews and numerous cousins.

Hard Lessons

by Norman Dolgoff

When I was in the fifth grade at Barnard Street Elementary School, about 1946, I had a new teacher and she was Jewish. What a pleasant surprise! Well, needless to say, I fell in love with her. One day, in the spring of the year, she walked in and showed the class her brand new engagement ring. I was broken hearted.



Norman Dolgoff

It turns out that she was engaged to Edwin Mazo, an uncle of Elliott Robinson, a friend of mine. I would ride my bicycle to 54th and Paulsen from Whitaker and Taylor, to visit my friend Elliott. From there we would ride over to Victory Drive and Price Street where my teacher, Bernice Kravitch, lived. Her dad was a lawyer, Aaron Kravitch.

When I worked at the Alliance in the early 70s, Bernice Kravitch Mazo would bring her grandchildren to summer day camp at the JEA. Her sister, Sally Jessup, became an actress on Broadway. Her older sister, Phyllis, was a judge here in Savannah.

She was the only teacher who ever broke my heart.

I lived two and a half blocks from the old Alliance. I went there often as a child and being at the Alliance was a big part of my life.

Upon entering the main floor of the building, the ping pong table was in an open room to the left. I loved playing ping pong. When you won your game,

you could stay on the table for another game.

One day, when I was probably about eleven or twelve years old, some of the older guys in their early twenties, wanted to have the table for themselves so that they could just play against each other. They were going to bet on the outcome of the games and I was keeping them from playing right away.

Since I was in their way, they went to Jack Chilnik, a staff member, and somehow got him to remove me from playing and also suspend me from the Alliance for two weeks. Until this day I don't know why I was suspended, but it was the longest two weeks of my life! The only thing I can think of is that Mr. Chilnik wanted to make inroads with the older guys (I won't mention any names), getting them involved in other, and more productive activities.



Memory Lane

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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- ◆ Shavuot Service & Dinner, Tuesday, May 14 at 6 pm
- ◆ Shavuot Yizkor Service, Wednesday, May 15 at 10 am

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Tasting at the Temple, a five-course Italian Dinner featuring wines from Banfi Estates, May 16 at 6:30 pm. \$125 per person. *RSVP Required.*

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Everyone is welcome to join us for our services and special events! Sign up for our email list to have weekly event schedules sent straight to your inbox by contacting the office, or by texting CMI to **42828**. For more information or to RSVP for an event, contact 912.233.1547 or visit www.mickveisrael.org.



Services

Friday Night Fever Rockin' Shabbat & Oneg, May 3 at 6 pm
Young Family Shabbat Dinner followed by Service, May 10 at 6 pm. *RSVP Required for dinner.*
Mother's Day Shabbat Service, Sponsored by Sisterhood, May 11 at 11 am
Kabbalat Shabbat Services, 6 pm: 5/17, 5/24
Shabbat Morning Services, 11 am: 5/4, 5/18, 5/25
 All Saturday services are followed by a Kiddush Lunch.

Judaism 201 Class at 9:15 am: 5/4, 5/11, 5/18

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It's A Funny Thing

By Melinda Stein

Did you hear about the retired Rabbi who took a job in a Duracell factory? His job was to stand by the production line and as the batteries would pass by, he would wave his hands over them and say, "I wish you long life!"

Kaplan was speeding along the highway at 80 miles an hour in the middle of the night. A policeman stops him and asks, "Where are you racing to at this time of night?"

Kaplan responds, "To a lecture."
"Who could possibly be giving a lecture at this hour?"
"My wife!"

Morris was in the hospital, preparing to undergo heart surgery. His wife Sylvia noticed that he seemed nervous, distraught. She asked him: "What's the matter? Why are you getting so worked up?"

He replied: "I heard one of the nurses say, 'It's a very simple operation, don't worry, I'm sure you'll be all right.'"

"She was just trying to comfort you," said Sylvia. "What's so frightening about that?"

She was talking to the surgeon!"

Many years ago, an altercation took place at Buckingham Palace, between the Jewish philanthropist, Sir Moses Montefiore, and an anti-Semitic Russian Grand Duke. Shocked that a Jew should have been invited to an aristocratic gathering, the Grand Duke remarked to Sir Moses Montefiore that he had just heard that in Japan, there were neither Jews nor pigs.

Sir Moses calmly responded to the Grand Duke, "This is indeed quite interesting. Now, suppose you and I were to go to Japan, the country would then have one of each!"

Sarah's husband Max had passed away, and the widow could not get over her loss. "Oy, Max, my Max, how I miss you! How handsome you always looked in your waiter's tuxedo, how kind you always were, how we always did everything together..."

Finally, her daughter Jenny took Sarah to a séance. Six women sat around



Melinda Stein

the table invoking Max's name. Soon the table quivered, began to rise a few inches, and suddenly a voice in the corner called out, "Sarah? It's me, Max!"
There in the corner was Max, large as life, dressed as always in his waiter's

garb.
"Max? Oh, Max, come closer so I can see you," begged Sarah.
"I can't," Max said. "That's not my table."

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Hope for the Future

The Tikvah Fund was created a little more than two years ago by generous community supporters, who choose to remain anonymous, to help sustain the efforts of the Savannah Jewish Federation's Jewish Family Services. Tikvah, meaning *hope*, as an endowed fund, will provide financial support in perpetuity for the social service needs of the community, including rent/mortgage assistance, kosher meals, grocery vouchers, case management, monthly fuel bills, prescription medicines, clothing and other daily necessities for those who are unable to attend to themselves in times of need.

In addition to establishing the fund itself, the fund's creators issued a challenge to the community to participate with them in the formation of the Tikvah Fund. They promised that for every dollar members of the community donated (up to a total of \$20,000), they would match the dona-



tions, *dollar for dollar*. The challenge is still in effect.

We recently had the opportunity to talk with these local philanthropists about the Tikvah Fund and asked them about their interest in the social service needs of the community, why it was important that the Tikvah Fund be created as an endowment, the match challenge and why they chose to make this gift to the community anonymously:

"We believe that when the donor and the recipient are both unknown to each other it allows more dignity for the people

who receive the aid. This is accomplished by the anonymity that Jewish Family Services provides to its recipients."

"We are especially interested in helping people when they are not in a position to help themselves. There are many unfortunate circumstances that impact people in our community. These funds hopefully will provide a safety net during these times."

"At the time we established the Tikvah Fund, the economy was particularly bad and there was a compelling need for social services. At the same time, Jewish Family Services had to do more with less – they no longer had a social worker on staff. We were very concerned about the needs of the aging population, and we were becoming aware that more and more young people needed assistance, too."

"Though there are signs the economy is improving, the demands on Jewish Family Services continue to grow. We felt the Tikvah Fund was important, that we as Jews

need to take care of ourselves; we cannot rely on others to do it for us. But we have to remember, JFS is there to be the 'last dollar,' after all other resources have been tapped."

"We created the Tikvah Fund as an endowment because we saw a need for a fund that could grow and continue to spin off money, year-after-year. We saw this as an opportunity to plant a seed for something that will meet the needs of the community for many years to come."

"With the Matching Challenge, we are asking the rest of the community to join us with gifts of any size in creating this legacy that will make it possible for the Savannah Jewish community to better help itself in the future."

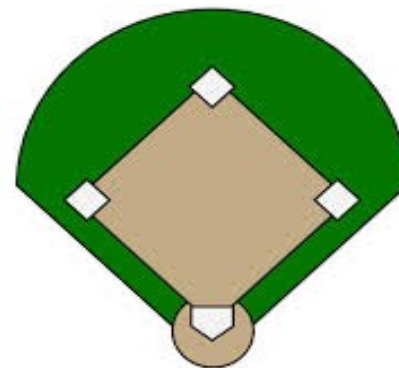
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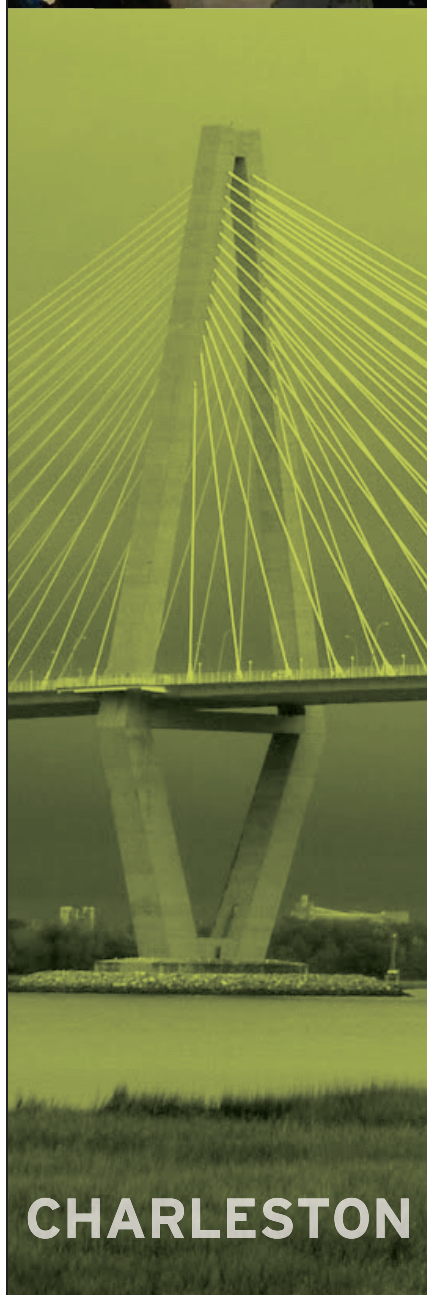
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