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Still Riding the Wave

The theme at the Savannah Jewish Federation's Annual Meeting/Main Event last month was "Still Riding the Wave." Whether it was the wave of success the community campaign rode in 2012 that led to increased funding once again for the Federation's beneficiary agencies or the wave being ridden now as the 2013 campaign gets fully underway with more than \$514,000 already pledged, everyone there (more than 160 Federation supporters) could feel the tide carrying the momentum.

After a classic and delicious chicken dinner, the business portion of the evening began with a D'var Torah by

Rabbi Robert Haas of Congregation Mickve Israel. He was followed by Adam Solender who gave the Federation Executive Director's Report.

Linda Zoller, Chair of the Nominating Committee, then gave her report. Linda thanked those retiring from the Board after six years (the maximum consecutive time a member of the community can serve), discharging Larry Zaslavsky, LeeAnn Kole, and Toby Hollenberg with the appreciation of the community for their service.

She then invested new Board members Stacey Schlafstein, the Honorable

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Jeffrey Lasky presents Savannah Jewish Federation Board resolution to Mayor Edna Jackson

JEA 100 Year Celebration Culminates in Open House

The JEA will conclude its 100th anniversary festivities on Sunday, December 2nd, with a day-long open house that celebrates all aspects of the JEA's mission. The JEA could not have enjoyed its successes the past 100 years without the support of the community and the Open House is a way for the JEA to say thank you. All day long there will be cultural and educational events for the community, fun-filled things to do for the kids and family, and fitness classes for your health and wellness. Even lunch will be served. All

events and classes are free and open to the public. See the ad on the back page for complete details.

For cultural and educational programming, start the day with coffee and bagels and a unique Jewish Georgia history lesson from Rabbi Saul Rubin. After all, he wrote the book on it! Follow that with a vibrant panel discussion on "What does Jewish People-

hood Mean?" Rabbis Robert Haas and Ruven Barkan will lead this discussion. After lunch our Israel emissary, Dorin Elhadad, will lead an interactive presentation on current Israeli cinema, exploring the contemporary themes that make Israeli films so provocative.

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One Year Ago

It was one year ago that the entire country of Israel found themselves glued to the television. We were tense in anticipation and scared, but most of all hoping and praying that nothing would go wrong. The entire country was “sitting at the edge of their seats” hoping that Gilad Shalit, (the soldier who had spent five years in captivity) would be released home, safe and sound.

I remember sitting in a middle of a work day with my entire family. Every

media outlet committed to “Shalit reports,” the entire time.....but they really had nothing to report. We all just sat there, watching and listening.

Gilad Shalit was taken away from every thing he knew at the age of nineteen. I was in my senior year of



Dorin Elhadad,
Savannah Jewish
Community Shlichah

high school when Shalit was captured. I enlisted in the IDF –Gilad was still in captivity. I served two years in the IDF followed by a few months of international travel, and then three years of college – and Gilad was still being held by Hamas in an undisclosed location.

Five years and four months, years of protests, endless negotiations, and national debate failed to get Shalit's freedom.

It all came down to that moment on my parents' sofa. Once I saw his face, I could feel the relief of the whole state. Israel got one of her sons back.

In exchange for Gilad's freedom, Israel released 1,027 prisoners into the West Bank, Gaza, and other areas under Palestinian control.

A year later it feels like a very old story especially in light of all the recent events in the Middle East. I choose to dedicate this column to celebrate a year of Gilad's freedom and to remind myself, my family, and the entire world that our freedom is a precious thing and that it should never be taken for granted, especially our Jewish freedom.

Letter to the Editor

Dear members of the Savannah Jewish community,

Hadassah's second annual *Sukkot in the City* was a great success! Savannah Hadassah offers free programs and projects every month, but this one event not only connects us to the holiday, but to each other and to each of the Jewish institutions in town. This

year we had approximately 100 people at six events in five locations. Each sukkah was unique in decoration, building materials, food served and the experience it provided to our guests. Thank you to all who planned, who hosted and who participated in the six sukkah events at different times and places around Savannah.

Henrietta Szold, the founder of Hadassah, said: "...Let us do something real and practical..." Hadassah members are practical Zionists with a love for the Jewish people, a commitment to Israel, and a mission to ensure Jewish continuity.

This year I urge people to come to our events and participate with your neighbors in a great organization. Next year I urge everyone to enhance your

Sukkot celebration by experiencing every different setting with our Hadassah members and friends. As Hadassah concludes its 100th year of mitzvah work, we wish everyone not only a good year—but a meaningful one!

Yelena Chernyak
President

Savannah Chapter
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On the Personal Side

Mazel tov to... Dale Gordon DeSena for the achievement last month of the 11th *Taste of Atlanta* food festival, which she founded. Dale recently told the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* “I think people have this perception that we're just like the typical ‘taste of festival, and we're not. We support local chefs and local restaurants. And our mission continues after 11 years, which is turning tasters into diners. But the festival has gotten more sophisticated about food, just as our patrons have gotten more sophisticated.” The festival also gives back to the community, this year sponsoring a silent auction that raised more than \$30,000 to benefit Cooking Matters Georgia, an initiative to combat the hunger problem within low-income communities in Georgia. Though she now lives in Atlanta, Dale credits her Savannah upbringing and participation in BBYO and other activities at the JEA with helping her to develop the leadership skills that make *Taste of Atlanta* and her other projects a success. She is the daughter of Margie Gordon and the late Ronald Gordon.

...Walter Jospin for having been selected one of this year's “Champions of Justice” by Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP). Walter was recognized for his lifelong commitment to the shared value of justice for all and his service as a member of the GLSP board from 1994-1998; and for helping recruit



and build a strong board and develop wise investment practices for GLSP's independent supporting organization, the Georgia Legal Services Foundation. Walter is a corporate partner in the

Atlanta office of the Paul Hastings law firm and also is board chair of the Zaban Couples Center, a board member of the High Museum of Art and general counsel for the Jewish Federation of Atlanta. He is the son of Sara and Sam Jospin.

... Vidor E. Friedman, of Orlando, FL, for having been elected to the national



Board of Directors of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). Vidor is a past president of the Florida branch of the ACEP. He is the son of C. Robert Friedman.



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Dale Gordon DeSena

Giving Thanks

For this issue of the Savannah Jewish News I decided to write about a subject that seemed to be very appropriate for this month of November: Thankfulness.

There is great value to taking a step back to appreciate who we are and what we do, as a community.

We Savannah Jews are a passionate bunch. This passion can be seen in everything that goes on in our Jewish social service programs, synagogues and commitment to high quality education — secular and Jewish. You can feel the passion whenever there is a program, community gathering, or a discussion that deals with one of our institutions' mission. This passion is at the core of why such a small Jewish community can do so many wonderful things for so many people. Our passion for Judaism and our community is something that has been passed on from generation to generation and is definitely worthy of our thanks, appreciation and gratefulness.

We should also be thankful for all of our community's leaders. There are many who have been the president of multiple organizations and have repeatedly chaired Campaign, and there are those who have led without ever having been an officer. People like Sherry Dolgoff, who has passionately been behind countless community programs, or Carol Greenberg and Toby Hollenberg, who have tirelessly "shepherded" dozens of people in making a decision to make Savannah their home. Or Norman and Julie Hirsch who created the "Backpack Buddies" program which has now been adopted by 26 area organizations. Our community has been blessed to have so many bright and committed Jewish men and women give significant amounts of their time and energy to making sure we have strong, effective and vibrant Jewish institutions. There are unique individuals who have been President of both the JEA and Federation: Aaron Levy, Don Kole, Paul Kulbersh, and Murray Arkin who have continually committed themselves to stay engaged in the inner workings of our community. There are "new" young leaders

like Steve Berwitz, Matthew Allan, Degi Ruben and Kasey Berman who have the same passion and commitment for our community's future as those leaders who came before them.

When discussing leadership, we should never forget to thank the families of our leaders who unselfishly "loan" their loved ones to our community. I can tell you from my own personal experience that I could not have given the time or energy to our community without the love and total support of my family. I know that every person who has stepped up to lead has a similar story of their family support. Finally, we should be very thankful for our community's generosity. It is truly amazing to think about all of the support that flows from our community to both Jewish and non-Jewish causes, both financial and time. It is hard to find an important enterprise in this community that does not have Jewish support.

Federation's 2012 Annual Campaign raised over \$1,000,000 for Jewish needs here in Savannah, in Israel, and throughout the world. We are working hard and are hopeful that we will raise even more money this year to meet the very real needs of our Jewish world.

Through Operation Isaiah, our community drive to meet the needs of the hungry in our community, we contribute thousands of pounds of food. And each week you will find volunteers at Mickve Israel and Agudath Achim working on the Backpack Buddies project which provides weekend sustenance for school children who are hungry. Our communal generosity is not only something that others are thankful for but something for which we should be very thankful.

As we reflect on all that we should be thankful for, let us always remember and appreciate all of the passion, leadership and generosity that allow us as a Jewish community to do great and wonderful things.



Jeffrey Lasky,
President,
Savannah Jewish
Federation

Respect for the Essential Humanity in Every Person

A few months ago I had the opportunity to represent the Savannah Jewish community at the Mayor's Tolerance Summit which was held at the Civic Center. It brought together a very diverse group of individuals from the community including representatives from the LGBT, Muslim, African-American, Christian, and disabled communities. It was a first step in establishing lines of communication, relationship building, and understanding of each other's challenges.

Over the last decade we have all seen a significant increase in violence, xenophobia, aggressive nationalism, racism,

Tolerance is respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of our community.

anti-Semitism, marginalization, polarization, and discrimination which have been directed against national, ethnic, and religious minorities, refugees, immigrants and other vulnerable groups.

We see it every day in a significantly divided electorate, we read it on the Editorial pages of our papers, and receive emails by the dozens laced with hateful invectives, preclusive statements, and venomous accusations. When did we all become so dogmatic?

Tolerance is respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of our community.

Tolerance is fostered by knowledge, openness, communication, and freedom of thought and belief.

Tolerance is creating harmony out of our differences.

Tolerance is recognition of universal human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Tolerance rejects absolutism.

Tolerance is hearing opinions different from ours, and disagreeing civilly, without being offended.

Part of my Jewish upbringing taught that we not only tolerate difference but value and welcome it. That does not mean living without opinion or beliefs, nor does it mean acquiescence to other's opinions. It means being comfortable with who we are and what we believe, defending the rights of others, and respecting other's differences. Honest acknowledgement of our differences is vital; it defines and enhances our own integrity.

Hebrew etymology teaches how complex the concept of tolerance is. An article I recently read spoke about how two very similar Hebrew words both come from the Hebrew root "sevel," which means pain. The word for tolerance in Hebrew is "soylanut." Another word from the same root is "savlanut" which means patience. With the change of a simple letter, these two words mean very different things, yet, they both have their genesis in "sevel" or pain. To tolerate other's opinions can be painful and takes an enormous amount of patience.

On the eve of the elections and as we continue to evolve as a community, we must remain steadfast in our commitment to remain civil and tolerant to and with each other. William Ury of the Harvard Negotiation Project said it succinctly: "Tolerance is not just agreeing with one another or remaining indifferent... but rather showing respect for the essential humanity in every person."



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Quilt Honors Legacy of Ruth Byck

by Jane G. Kahn

Ruth Ferst Byck, whose vision in 1957 launched the Golden Age Center at the JEA, and ultimately in Savannah, has been honored as a “Women of Valor” on a quilt displayed at the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum in Atlanta.

Mrs. Byck, the only Savannahian included, is one of 18 Jewish women whose contributions to “the Arts, Social Service, Politics and Social Justice in Georgia” are remembered through



The Ruth Ferst Byck panel in the Chai Quilt

the art of quilting. The Chai Quilt, dedicated at ceremonies at the Museum September 30th, honors women who “worked for the betterment of their communities and positively impacted the course of history.” The panel honoring Mrs. Byck depicts the Senior Citizens building on Bull Street.

Ruth Ferst Byck, 1905-1992, began helping senior citizens long before she, herself, was “elderly”. The JEA’s Golden Age Center led to the formation a year later of a city-wide Golden Age program, and ultimately to the highly successful Senior Citizens program in Savannah, now housed in the building shown on the quilt.

In 1967 Mrs. Byck was key organizer for the Meals on Wheels program, which today serves some 800 meals a day, as well as other programs. Because of her many years of leadership, Senior Citizens Inc. named its auditorium and day care center in her honor.

Mrs. Byck also served as president of the Savannah section of the National Council of Jewish Women, and on the Council’s regional boards. Through NCJW, Mrs. Byck became involved with the Savannah Mental Health Association and organized its first Friendship House and rehabilitation residence for women. She was awarded the Mental Health Association’s Bell

Award in 1969. Among her other honors, Mrs. Byck was named Jewish Woman of the Year by the Jewish War Veterans Post 320, area chairman for the White House Conference on Aging and a member of the Savannah Housing Authority.

She was married for 55 years to Savannah businessman, the late David A. Byck Jr. Her son, David A Byck III, is a retired Savannah realtor. Her daughter, Joan Loeb, lives in Montgomery,



Ruth Byck's grandson Edwin with his wife Mellinda and their sons Adam and David at the quilt dedication ceremonies

AL. Among her grandchildren are Dr. David Byck and attorney Edwin Byck of Savannah.

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A Personal Message from
Laura Becker Blumberg
September 9, 2012 Dothan, Alabama

Dear Savannah Family and Friends:

Congratulations on this 100th anniversary celebration!

Growing up in Savannah, the daughter of Johnny and Kay Becker, I have warm and wonderful memories of participating in the many opportunities and experiences that Jewish Savannah has to offer. My Dad was honored to serve as a JEA program chairman.

For me, the JEA was my personal Jewish anchor. I attended the JEA pre-school; summer camp; social events; was in the Brownie Troop, and was very active in the local BBG chapter. As it came to pass, my

husband Larry and I settled in Dothan where we raised our family and have been very active in our congregation (Temple Emanu-El) as well as life in the greater Jewish world.

Succeeding in business, we always kept close to our hearts the truly distinctive Jewish values of *areivut* (assuming responsibility for our fellow Jews) and *chesed* (performing acts of loving kindness).

Respecting those values, that I came to appreciate so well growing up here in Savannah, it is my pleasure to be working with the JEA folks to establish a fund, honoring my mother, to help send Savannah’s young Jews on visits to Israel. Soon, we also will be announcing an equally appropriate and exciting JEA initiative to honor my father.

And in Dothan, it’s also been a truly amazing

experience, for Larry and me, to establish an organization called Blumberg Family Jewish Community Services (the “JCS”). Again respecting the values I learned in Savannah, precepts that Larry also learned from his parents and Dothan’s congregation, we have established the JCS guided by a deep devotion to Judaism and a profound commitment to fulfill the Biblical imperative of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world).

Dothan’s JCS has put in place two very distinctive and rather prominent activities. Perhaps you have seen the many news articles describing:

- The Family Relocation Project-offers up to \$50,000 of financial assistance to Jewish families who qualify to move to Dothan, and
- Blumberg Scholars-offers a scholarship up to \$40,000 (i.e. \$10,000 per year for four years) to Jewish students attending the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine in Dothan.

Again, congratulations to Jewish Savannah on this wonderful 100th anniversary. May you move from strength to strength.

Most Sincerely, Laura

Shalom School Hits Enrollment Record

By Jane G. Kahn

One hundred strong!
Shalom School has reached an enrollment milestone: One hundred students, pre-kindergarten through 9th grade!

Shortly after the New Year, Shalom School Principal Eva Locker realized the school had registered its 100th student. She knew that the figure was approaching, but suddenly it happened, as Locker was beginning her third year at the helm.

The joint venture of Congregation Agudath Achim and Congregation Mickve Israel already had made history in its formation 20 years ago. It was the first in the country for a Reform and Conservative congregation to join forces for its religious school. Now, according to Locker, many Reform and Conservative congregations combine their educational programs. "Small congregations," she said, "can't do it by themselves."

Locker attributes the last enrollment boost to eight new families moving into Savannah and joining one of the two sponsoring synagogues.

There's "a lot of common ground" between the two congregations. The model is not difficult to make. Locker explained, "We choose curricula that can fit both trends." In the early grades, the curriculum is essentially the same. By the seventh grade, students begin focusing on the differences of Conserva-

tive and Reform, but there is one common teaching for all."

The school holds twice weekly sessions—on Sundays, from 9:30am-noon it meets at Mickve Israel, on Wednesdays, from 4 - 6pm at Agudath Achim. They hold services each week in the sanctuaries at each, using prayers common to both. All students learn Hebrew. (A Hebrew tutor is on staff for one-on-one help.) And beginning in the second grade, students lead the services.

Locker is excited about the school's "dynamic and young" staff, many drawn from the Savannah College of Art and Design, augmenting the professional teachers at Shalom School. The faculty also includes instructors in art and in dance.

The programs are planned for the children to have a good time and good experiences while learning Torah, *avodah* (worship), and *Gmilit Hassadim* (acts of kindness). "We want them to be excited about being Jewish," Locker said.

With a strong demand from parents, the Shalom School has begun focusing on social interaction among the students, trying to discover different ways to engage the children in Jewish life. They have hands on *aleph-bet* yoga classes, produce plays for the holidays, plan programs combining lectures and discussions with movies, swimming and social activities. They have met with Jewish soldiers, held discussions on

Jewish identity and Israel today, visited cemeteries and placed flags on the graves of Jewish veterans.

This year educators are hoping to develop a program for older Shalom students. Locker has implemented a new *madrichim* program (or teaching assistant) for 7th-12th graders to work in the classrooms. The program provides beginning hands-on training for would-be teachers, which could lead to jobs teaching religious school when they are in college. Seven students are volunteering their time this year for that track.

Locker is enthusiastic over the involvement of the two new congregational rabbis, Agudath Achim's Ruven Barkan and Mickve Israel's Robert Haas. They bring to Savannah extensive experience in elementary and high school educa-

tion, camping programs and youth programming, are committed to the success of the Shalom School and are anxious to interact with the students.

Locker's hope is to find scholarship money from the community. A strong board, led by Jeff Neil, she feels is key to Shalom School's success. The school is engaging in an outreach program for new students. "The more we grow, the more we can do," she believes.

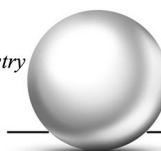


Shalom School children performing a play about Pesach

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Four Questions for the Rest of the Year

Dr. Harold Black

Savannah dentist Dr. Harold Black, along with Dr. Leon Aronson and Dr. Eugene "Bucky" Bloom, recently attended ceremonies at Emory University where the school apologized to Jewish former students for anti-Semitic practices at Emory's (now defunct) dental school from the late 1940s through the early 1960s. Dean John Buhler, who served from 1948-1961, was considered the person primarily responsible for the dental school's anti-Semitic quotas and policies. During that time, only 35% of Jewish students (of which Harold Black was one), successfully completed the program in the scheduled four years. The remaining 65% either failed out or had to repeat one or more years of the Emory program. Leon also completed the program but Bucky was told to leave; fortunately for his patients, Bucky went on to medical school where he was at the top of his class and he then had a successful career as a gastroenterologist.

What is the most distinctive memory you have of anti-Semitic treatment at Emory Dental School?

We were harassed every day. I had professors who would call me their

"Black sheep." But probably the worst incident I remember was when a professor told me that one of the teeth that I had turned in as part of a quadrant of carved ivory teeth was missing. I was sure that I had turned it in and told him so. He asked me if I was accusing him of being a liar. Of course not, I told him. I looked everywhere for that tooth and when I couldn't find it I stayed up all night in the lab redoing days' worth of work. When I went the next morning to turn in the new tooth, he was laughing, telling me it was all a mistake and he had found the original tooth. I knew he had it all along.

What were your feelings when you heard that this ceremony was going to be held and now that it is over?

I wasn't sure that I wanted to revisit this time in my life. I thought the ceremony was more for the ones who had failed out and had to tell their parents that awful news. But the president of Emory [James W. Wagner] made a beautiful apology. He actually said it was because you were Jewish that you failed out. I never thought that I would hear that. I felt sorry for my friends – that hadn't happened to me and I



(l-r) Doctors Perry Brickman, Leon Aronson, Harold Black and Eugene 'Bucky' Bloom at the Emory University apology ceremony

knew how much it bothered them, I knew their pain. The ceremony was a positive experience. The ADL was instrumental in making it happen and [Atlanta dentist] Perry Brickman really made it happen. He must have spent \$50,000-\$60,000 of his own money over the years on this and he hosted a beautiful dinner at the Emory Hillel House afterwards.

What would you say to Dean Buhler if you could speak with him today?

When I think of how my friends suffered, I can't use here the words that I

would say to him. The thing that really upset everyone is that it has taken since 1961 until now for Emory to face up to this. I just have to give credit to Perry Brickman and the ADL for making this happen.

Do you think this could happen again?

I really don't think so. Everything is so open today and information is so available that I don't think anyone could get away with those kinds of statistics again. Sixty-five percent of a group of students failing out? I don't see it happening. And I don't hold anything against Emory. The

dental school is gone, but both my son and daughter-in-law graduated from there undergrad and medical school and my daughter went to law school there.

For additional information, see <http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2012/10/13/shining-light-on-emorys-reign-of-terror-prompts-healing-and-for-one-man-questions/> and <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/07/education/emory-confronts-legacy-of-bias-against-jews-in-dental-school.html>.

Wave.....from pg 1

Michael Karpf, Edwin Byck, Lynn Berkowitz, and the Honorable Ronald Ginsberg, as well as returning Board members Charlotte Black, Morris Gefen, Mark Konter and Margie Levy, all for two year terms that will run through 2014.

The stage then went to Federation President Jeffrey Lasky. He began by talking about the "Successful Wave" the community rode this past year and recognized the 2012 Campaign Team —Toby Hollenberg and Merry Bodziner (Overall Chairs), Harvey



Paul Kulbersh accepts President's Award from Federation President Jeffrey Lasky

Lebos and Jerald Gottlieb (Men's Division) and Vivian Slotin and Arlene Ratner (Women's Division) — for their dogged determination and countless hours given to make the Campaign a success.

Lasky continued with

a special recognition of Mayor Edna Jackson. He read a Board Resolution recognizing the Mayor's incredible work in building economic, social, and educational opportunities between Savannah and the State of Israel.

His speech also spoke about the Federation's long history of meeting the Jewish educational needs of our community... the recent creation of Mazel Tots, the importance of Rambam Day School and Shalom School, and the PJ Library. "Over the last 10 years, the Federation has allocated over 1.7 million dollars to our two community school programs," he reminded the audience. Lasky also recognized Federation support of Jewish camping experiences, BBYO, and four different Hillel programs.

Lasky then spoke about how part of Federation's responsibility as a central planning agency is to recognize that "as our community grows and changes, the needs of our community change," and how that is an important element of the Federation's support of an additional Early Childhood Educational program: "Federation be-

lieves that...engaging ...Jewish families at an important time of their lives is central to our mission, critical to our future, and is the reason we took such an active role in the process."

Jeffrey then called on the Federation's retiring Board members and presented each of them with a plaque in recognition of their extraordinary service to the Jewish community. "Their insight and unique perspective on Federation issues will be missed at our monthly board meetings," he said.

The President's report ended with the presentation of the President's Award to Paul Kulbersh. When there was no one available to follow Scott Samuels as president of the JEA, Paul stepped up to do something that no one has done before: after already serving as President of the JEA and the Federation, Paul returned for a third stint, to guide the JEA when needed. "We all owe a great debt of gratitude to Paul for all that he has done and continues to do. It is with a great deal of pride, admiration and respect that I present the President's Award to my friend, Paul Kulbersh," said Lasky.

The Business part of the meeting concluded after Toby Hollenberg, 2013 General Campaign Chair, rose

to the podium and spoke about the incredible needs in our community, the good that your Federation gift does, and how those dollars can change the world. She asked members of the community to "make Jewish giving a priority. Our community gives to so many worthy causes, but only we give to Jewish causes."

Those in attendance who had not already done so — as the SJF and JEA Boards and some lead donors had already pledged — then were given the opportunity to make their pledges to 2013 Annual Campaign. More than \$92,000 was pledged at the Main Event bringing the total for the 2013 Campaign as of that evening to \$502,766, representing a card-for-card increase of 9.42%!

The evening concluded with a very informative talk on security issues regarding Israel and the threat of a nuclear Iran from noted historian Daniel Pipes.

To read the full texts of the Executive Director's Report and the President's Report, or to see the Savannah Jewish Federation's most recent Annual Report, go to www.savj.org.

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Finally, the day winds down with the opening reception in the JEA Art Gallery for the nature photography exhibit of members of the Meadows/Hudson family.

Kids and families, your programming kicks off with Mazel Tots, the popular Sunday morning singing, dancing and learning program for parents and newborns to 24-month old children led by Early Childhood Director Jodi Sadler. Afterwards, Jodi and other members of the ECE Steering Committee will be available at a Coffee Klatch to talk about JEA Preschool Savannah. In the afternoon, come for swim instruction with Aquatics Director Ashley Frankel and/or for Open Family Swim in the in-

door pool. It doesn't matter what the weather is outside — it's perfect at our heated pool! Don't feel like getting wet? Health and Wellness Director Stephanie Johnson is leading Open Family Gymboree in the gym (where else?) with every activity under the sun.

Are you too old for Gymboree? Don't worry; there will be a fitness class for you. The day begins with Pilates with Sanders — stretching and ton-



ing to strengthen the mind and body, designed for all levels of fitness. Then there's Total Body Blast, a medium intensity cardio and toning class that can be modified for all fitness levels. In the afternoon Billy Johnson leads Extreme Toning, a cardio circuit class in the weight room. He'll help each person work at your own level. Last but not least, Zumba — the Latin-inspired

cardio dance craze. You'll forget you're exercising.

In between it all, there will be time to grab lunch at Café JEA where there will be a delicious Salad and Soup Bar as well as PB&Js for the kids.

It's been a great first 100 years for the JEA. Please come enjoy the Open House on December 2nd and here's to the next 100!



When: Every Sunday at 10:00 am at the JEA

Fee: \$20 per month / \$7.50 per class **Members**
\$40 per month / \$15 per class **Non Members**

For safety and planning purposes, paid reservations are required! Space is limited to 12 families per session. Babysitting available, with reservations, for older siblings!

www.SavannahJEA.org | To make your paid reservations call 912-355-8111

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BBYO Launches Israel Gap Year

BBYO announced the launch of “Beyond,” a new pre-college, gap year program in Israel (www.beyondyear.org). The program brings BBYO together with four significant partners — Authentic Israel, Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, Masa Israel Journey, and Tel Aviv University — to offer a powerful academic experience along with service opportunities, leadership programming and travel. Beyond is BBYO’s first gap year offering under its Passport brand.

“Knowing the impact of a gap year experience in Israel, we feel compelled to leverage our expertise and experience in providing powerful Israel experiences to increase the number of young Jews engaging in long-term study in Israel,” says BBYO Executive Director, Matthew Grossman. “Our teens have requested a gap year experience, Israeli and North American Jewish leaders have called for more of these programs and we feel uniquely capable of delivering something scalable and life changing.”

Beyond applicants can choose between a 5 month and 9 month experience, both of which are eligible for an automatic Masa scholarship of \$1,000, with up to \$3,000 more being available based on financial need. With Tel Aviv University serving as the program’s home base, participants have additional opportunities to explore Europe, and



engage in community service in Africa.

“We know that teens who participate in BBYO programs are much more likely than their peers to seek out positions of leadership and contribute to the world around them. We are pleased to partner in the program and welcome them to our dynamic campus” said Pnina Gadai AGENCYAHU, Director of Hillel at Tel Aviv University.

BBYO is the leading worldwide, pluralistic Jewish youth movement, currently spanning 39 regions and reaching close to 40,000 teens annually. Authentic Israel is the leading provider of Taglit: Birthright Israel experiences. The largest Jewish campus organization in the world, Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life provides opportunities for Jewish students at more than 500 colleges and universities to explore and celebrate their Jewish identity. Masa Israel Journey connects Jewish young adults (ages 18-30) to gap year, study abroad, post-college, and volunteer programs. Tel Aviv University welcomes accomplished students from all over the world to embark on remarkable personal and academic journeys and consistently ranks as one of the top institutions of higher learning world-wide.

Sadler Wins Scholarship

JEA Preschool Savannah Director Jodi Sadler recently was awarded a “Building a Lasting Legacy” Scholarship by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The scholarship was established to allow “all future leaders to experience the many opportunities for professional development and networking at NAEYC’s Annual Conference.”

Sadler was chosen from dozens of applicants for the coveted scholarship which covers the cost of participation in the NAEYC Conference being held

this year in Atlanta, November 7-10.

In addition to all the sessions on the “best of educational practices, pedagogic development, and equipment and supplies,” Sadler will be hosted at several “special” sessions and receptions for those designated as the “best and brightest” recipients of the award.



Jodi Sadler

Time to Order Mah Jongg Cards!

Attention Mah Jongg Players! It’s time to order your 2013 Mah Jongg cards. The standard card is \$7.00; the large card is \$8.00. The deadline for placing orders is January 18, 2013. Make checks payable to the Agudath Achim Sisterhood and send to:

Betty Lasky
402 Wheeler St
Savannah, GA 31405
No extra cards will be ordered af-

ter January 18th; be sure to place your order on time! For additional information, contact Betty at (912) 355-2017.



Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of

Philip (Sonny) Scharf
Who died September 30, 2012

Surviving are his daughters Ellen Hagan of Savannah and Susan (Jules) Nissim of West Orange, NJ; his son Paul (Julie) Scharf of Charlotte, NC; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Lee and George Burnett of Walnut Creek, CA; five grandchildren; nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn, and four older sisters.

Remembrances: Disabled Veterans National Foundation, 1020 19th St. NW, Suite 475, Washington, DC 20036.

Leo E. Center
Who died September 30, 2012

Surviving are his wife Simone K. Center, sons Tony Center and Scott Center (Tatsiana Shakmuts) all of Savannah; stepchildren Eric (Jennifer) Robinson of Berkley, CA, Lisa Robinson (Ken Rosenthal) of Phoenix, AZ, and Lori Robinson of Sea Ranch, CA; three grandchildren, three step-

grandchildren, one great-grandchild, several nieces, a nephew and many cousins.

Remembrances: Henry Walter Center College Scholarship Fund at the Jewish Educational Alliance, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405 or Hospice Savannah Hospice Savannah, P.O. Box 13190, Savannah 31416-0190.

Estelle Lyon Goldberg
Who died October 4, 2012

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harris Goldberg.

Eugene Louis “Lou” Freeman
Who died October 5, 2012

Surviving are his wife, Bess “Bessie” Freeman of Savannah; sister-in-law, Sonya H. Diamond of Savannah; and several nieces and nephews.

Remembrances: Congregation Agudath Achim, 9 Lee Blvd., Savannah 31405 or Hospice Savannah, P.O. Box 13190, Savannah 31416-0190.



Hadassah Hospital!

Mission Possible

Thanks:



...to Sue Ruby and her 2012 Hadassah Presents Committee, Joanna Rich, Past President, all our fundraisers and supporters, our Savannah Hadassah Chapter raised enough money last year to dedicate a room at the new Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower at Hadassah Medical Center in Israel.

Current president Yelena Chernyak, Sue Ruby, Ina & Art Altman, Ronnie & Tom Rosen, and Carol & Joel Greenberg were present at Hadassah’s Centennial Convention to see the tower dedicated.

At any age, women and their men can be part of Hadassah’s mission to insure Israel’s future. Join for \$36 annual, become or gift a life member for only \$212 (sale ends December), participate in our local monthly events, support our January 2013 Hadassah Presents fundraising month, and stay informed on **Hadassah.org**.



Saturday Night Out Returns!

November 17th, 2012 "Snapology" 6:30-10 pm

Join us as we kick off Saturday Night Out with a multi-sensory building extravaganza. You'll rotate through

four Lego stations including: Lego robots, computer animation, catapults and free build. Don't miss this opportunity to partake in one of the best Saturday Night Out's to come!

December 1st, 2012 "The Great Cookie Caper" 6:30-10 pm

Professor Keebler has just invented the recipe for the world's greatest cookies. Before he could introduce them to the world, however, everything was stolen! Help us solve the mystery of the "The Great Cookie Caper" and locate the ingredients so that we can help Professor Keebler unveil the world's greatest cookie!

January 12th, 2013 "Wild and Crazy Angry Birds" 6:30-10 pm

A battle is brewing at the JEA as the popular children's game "Angry Birds" comes to life. A combination of battle station building and crazy chants will lead to the final showdown in crowning "The Last Bird Standing!"

February 2nd, 2013 "Shiver Me Timbers" 7-10 pm

Ahoy mates! Saturday Night Out is taking to the high seas. Complete with enthusiastic pirates, plank-walks, and a treasure hunt, this will be an adventure you don't want to miss! Bring your bathing suits and we'll supply the eye patches.

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

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!

Dinner included each time at no additional charge.

Ages: 4 years - 6th grade

Price:

Members:

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

Non-Members:

\$20/a child \$45/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.



JEA Aftercare Program

Aftercare Hours:

Mon-Thurs - 3-6 pm, Fridays - 3-5 pm

Open most days out of school

Cost: \$50/week \$12/day

Transportation from Jacob G. Smith,
Charles Ellis & Garrison

Transportation cost: \$30/month
\$3/per trip



- **Homework Help**
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- **Sports**
- **Fitness Fun**
- **Art**
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- **Much more!!**



Call DJ at 355-8111 for more information

Days at the JEA!

Is it difficult to take days off of work when your child is out of school? The JEA offers year-round vacation programming for children Pre-k to 8th grade. Your child will enjoy Days at the JEA, as each are packed with activities such as field trips, swimming, cooking, sports and crafts!

What to Bring:

- Swimsuit
- Towel (marked with name)
- Sack lunch (dairy or pareve)
- Change of clothes
- Plastic bag for wet clothing
- Positive attitude, ready to have fun!

Fees:

Single Days at the JEA: Members: \$30/day
Non-Members: \$40/day

Discount: Register two (2) or more children for the same day(s) and receive 5% off your total.

Contact the JEA:

DJ Horton
email kids@savj.org phone 355-8111

JEWISH EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE
CENTER

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 9/14/12-10/15/12)

Clinton Albert
Scott Center & Tatsiana Shalchmuts
Gregory Hartmayer
Harvey & Helen Weitz

Women & Health Lunchtime Forum

Sponsored by Savannah Hadassah

This year, Hadassah's Lunch n' Learn Series will focus on health and wellness. This two-part event hosted at the JEA on Wednesday, November 14th and January 9th from noon to 1:30 will focus on how to make the most of a lunch break for today's busy woman. Our November presenters are Stephanie Johnson, Director of Health and Wellness at the Savannah Jewish Educational Alliance (JEA) and Peter Brodhead, Certified Nutritionist and owner of Brighter Day Health Foods.

Stephanie is a certified Personal Trainer and a Health Fitness professional who specializes in exercising and wellness routines in order to maintain a healthy body and lifestyle. Peter is a certified nutritionist in natural health foods and

supplements and is known on both the local and national lecture circuit and on the radio as the health guru of Savannah.

Hadassah Program Co-Chairs, Frances Wilson and Madeleine Blank, organized this forum to combat the increase of heart disease among women. While Hadassah Hospital performs new treatments to lower blood pressure- another cause of cardio vascular disease in women- Hadassah's Health and Wellness national project, Women Take Heart, promotes education to fight the national epidemic in obesity caused in part by a lack of proper diet and exercise.

"Every minute, one woman in the US dies of cardiovascular disease (CVD). As was once

erroneously believed, it is not predominantly a man's disease. Since 1984, it has claimed the lives of more women than men each year. Despite known sex differences in symptoms, medical treatment of women has not changed significantly over time, contributing to more heart attacks." Come to one or both talks, but do not miss these free events for together we can have fun with a purpose!

As always, the Hadassah Green Grocer snack cart will be on hand for light lunch options. Suggested donation of \$5 will allow Hadassah to continue to provide snacks for select PJ Library programs. The program is free, but a called-in reservation is requested. To RSVP call the JEA a 912-355-8111.

CALL FOR ART WORK



exhibits historical, cultural, physical, and religious visions that help women pave the way for exploring their Jewish spirituality.

February 27th through March 17th 2013
at the Jewish Education Alliance

RULES and ENTRY GUIDELINES:

Participants must be women of Jewish heritage, ages 18 and over. Artwork may be in any medium, but must be a representation of a Jewish Journey, either personal, cultural, physical, historical, or religious. This is a juried show.

Required Materials:

- Completed entry form (available on Facebook at Jewish Journeys: An Art Show or print copies at the JEA)
- Artist Statement, explaining how your work relates to the show's theme
- \$18 entry fee payable by check to: MStarArts or through Paypal to JewishJourneys.Art@gmail.com
- 5-10 images, jpeg only, Mac readable
- 300 dpi, named according to the following convention firstinitial_lastname_imagename.jpeg
- Images must be on a CD or attached in an email and sent to JewishJourneys.Art@gmail.com
- Image list with title, medium, date, size and any hanging requirements
- All materials need to be submitted or postmarked by Monday, November 19, 2012.

MATERIALS WILL NOT BE RETURNED! This is a juried show. Applications will be given numbers and selected without bias based on her artistic representation of a connection to the theme. Participants will be informed of their acceptance by email or phone by January 7, 2013.

JEA Donations

(9/14/12-10/11/12)

ALLAN ULLMAN PLAYGROUND FUND

In honor of Dr. Leon Aronson
In honor of Harriet Ullman
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A generous donation
Michelle Solomon
In memory of Phil Scharf
Arlene & Allan Ratner

JEA GENERAL DONATIONS

In memory of Mark Fodor
Dr. & Mrs. Paul Jurgensen

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Join the JEA Mid-Week Garden Group

Alternate Wednesday mornings (9 to 10:30AM)

Come join the JEA Mid-Week Garden Group as we prepare our community vegetable garden and school rotunda area for fall plantings and the opening of the school year. We meet twice monthly on alternate Wednesdays for no more than 90 minutes to tend our JEA gardens.

Feel free to bring your own garden gloves, tools, hat and water. Some tools are available. There is no charge and it is a great way to start your day with outdoor exercise for a good cause!

For more info or the full schedule contact

Carol Greenberg at MStarArts@gmail.com or 912-352-1238.

Upcoming dates, weather permitting are November 14th & 28th.

Should You Go Gluten Free?



Stephanie Johnson
Health & Wellness
Director

Continuing our Series on
Gluten:

**Downsides and Challenges
of a Gluten-Free Diet**

Giving up gluten is not easy to do. It involves a complete overhaul of one’s diet, cooking techniques, kitchen set up and eating habits. It’s not without its downsides. People who need to avoid gluten due to celiac disease

and people who avoid it because they think its unhealthful can run into a variety of problems.

- Misdiagnosis and self-diagnosis. Reading about the symptoms of celiac disease online and then deciding your have it is not the same as medical diagnosis from your doctor. Many people assume they have gluten intolerance when the symptoms they experience could be caused by other conditions. Only a doctor can test for and rule out other conditions. If you think you have sensitivity to gluten, see your doctor. By avoiding gluten before you’ve actually been tested for celiac disease, you could mask the markers of the disease. Like an allergy test that exposes you to an allergen to see if your body develops a reaction, you have to have eaten gluten for these markers to show up when you are tested. People who may have celiac disease, but start a gluten-free diet before diagnosis or testing may receive a false negative on their test results.
- Nutritional deficiencies. People who follow gluten-free diet may develop vitamin and mineral deficiencies. Because so many foods contain gluten, it can be difficult to get those same nutrients when eliminating these foods from

your diet. You may also fall short of meeting your body’s needs for carbohydrates.

- Cost. An increasing selection and variety of specialty products make it easier to enjoy your favorite foods and still eat gluten-free. But it is going to cost you more than standard products, especially if you’re buying processed foods that are gluten-free. You may expect to pay two to three times as much for gluten-free breads or crackers, for example.
- Gluten-free doesn't mean healthy. Gluten-free foods are not always nutritious. Just because a cookie or bagel is gluten-free does not mean its healthful, low in calories or rich in nutrients. Many gluten-free packaged foods are highly processed and are best avoided.
- You can't trust every label. As mentioned above, the word “gluten” will rarely appear on a food package or nutrition label. Some foods can legally be labeled as gluten-free, but still contain gluten. In addition, food manufacturers can change their products at anytime without warning. The wheat-free pretzels that were on your safe list may suddenly change, and unless you’re reading labels every time you shop, foods that were once gluten-free might suddenly contain gluten. This doesn’t even get into the list of other products that contain gluten.

These are some of the reasons why you should not self-diagnose or avoid gluten unless necessary. So who does need to avoid gluten? Only people with diagnosed gluten sensitivities.

Gluten Sensitivity and Celiac Disease

Gluten sensitivity is an umbrella term for a collection of medical conditions in which a person experiences adverse reactions to eating gluten.

According to the Celiac Disease Foun-

dation, fewer than 1 out of 133 people in the United States have celiac disease (also known as celiac sprue, nontropical sprue, and gluten-sensitive enteropathy), a condition in which the body cannot handle gluten. This condition is even less common worldwide. Unlike allergies, which can develop over time, celiac disease is a genetically determined condition, the cause of which is still unknown.

When a person with celiac disease consumes gluten, an autoimmune reaction occurs in the small intestine, resulting in damage to the surface and painful stomach bloating, cramps, gas, diarrhea, and constipation. Fatigue, weight loss and malnutrition are common symptoms, too. Celiac disease may also present itself in less obvious ways, including irritability or depression, stomach upset, joint pain, muscle cramps, headaches and migraines and others. Because these symptoms are common to many other conditions, celiac disease is often overlooked or misdiagnosed as irritable bowel syndrome, chronic fatigue syndrome or fibromyalgia. If you exhibit any of these symptoms, talk with your doctor to discuss them and get tested.

Screening for celiac disease involves a simple blood test that your doctor can perform. A complete panel, tissue transglutaminase, anti-endomysial antibody, and total serum will yield the best results. The gold standard of celiac disease diagnosis is an intestinal biopsy. Because of a known genetic component, it is recommended that family members of a diagnosed celiac be tested, even if asymptomatic; people with other autoimmune diseases are at a 25% increased risk of having celiac disease, says the Celiac Disease Foundation.

JEA FITNESS CLASSES					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	5:00-6:30 am Master Swim		5:00-6:30 am Master Swim		5:00-6:30 am Master Swim
9:15-10:15 am Pilates	8:30-9:45 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:45 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:45 am Firm It Up
10:15-11:15 am Total Body Blast	10:00-11:00 am Aquasize	10:00-11:00 am SilverSplash		10:00-11:00 am Aquasize	10:00-11:00 am Aquasize
	10:30-11:45 am Gentle Yoga		10:30-11:45 am Gentle Yoga		
	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers MSROM	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers Cardio Circuit	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers MSROM	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers Cardio Circuit	
1:00-2:00 pm Extreme Toning					Noon-2:00 pm Noon Basketball
	5:30-7:30 pm Karate	5:45-6:30 pm Zumba	5:30-7:30 pm Karate		
	6:00-7:00 pm Zumba Toning	6:00-8:00 pm Savannah Kenpo	6:00-7:00 pm Boot Camp	6:00-8:00 pm Savannah Kenpo	
				6:30-7:30 pm Yoga Flow	
	6:00-7:00 pm Eve. Water Aerobics		6:00-7:00 pm Eve. Water Aerobics	6:00-7:00 pm Eve. Water Aerobics	
		6:00-8:30 pm Sav. Fencing Club		6:00-8:30 pm Sav. Fencing Club	

JEA Art Gallery



Exotic Brilliance



The Pier

November Artist Brad Hook

A self-taught watercolor artist, Brad Hook, has been painting for over 35 years. Often referred to as “The painter of trees,” his love of nature and botanicals shows in his life-like recreations of the sights of the area. Just looking at his paintings of many types of trees makes you want to reach out and feel the bark. His flowers, you can almost smell the sweet aroma. His birds are so lifelike that you can almost see the tiny feathers flowing in the wind.

Brad has dabbled in many mediums from oils to pen and ink to acrylics. When a family member gave him a watercolor set for Christmas in the late 1990s, his true passion came alive.

Hook grew up in Holly, Michigan, and attended Holly High School where he received numerous awards for his works. “Best of Show” and 1st place in the Holly Art Fair are just a couple of these accomplishments. His love of art has increased tremendously since moving to the Savannah area.

Hook spent most of his life in the Midwest; Michigan and Indiana; with a brief stint in Arizona. Since vacationing in the Southeast for the past 20 years, his love of Savannah and the surrounding area increased, especially for Tybee Island. “The coastal region and the history of Savannah have been a great influence in many of my paintings”, Brad admits.

“There is nothing more rewarding than creating a piece of work that brings a smile and some joy to others lives.”

Artwork Available for viewing Nov. 1-30, 2012
Art Gallery Reception November 4, 2012, 2:00-5:00 pm

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In honor of Dayle & Aaron Levy
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In memory of Phil Scharf
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A generous donation in honor of the JEA Centennial

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New Adult Programming at the JEA!

Computers Made Easy

Thursdays: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
November 1, 8, 15, 29, December 6, 13

Never used a computer before or have very basic computer experience? Then this class is for you!

Instructor Bill Fox makes learning fun and easy! You'll gain the knowledge to use the computer for communication with family and friends, day-to-day organization, education, games and even entertainment. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn at your own pace and in a small group setting!

Class size is limited to 10 students so register today at the JEA Front Desk or by phone 912-355-8111.

*Payment required at time of registration

Price: \$36 JEA Members, \$50 Non-Members

About instructor Bill Fox: Bill has extensive understanding of computer technology, voice and data communication and the internet. Bill is a graduate of New Jersey Institute of Technology with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He enjoys teaching computer skills to individuals and groups, plus helping business owners with technology solutions and support through his company YoGeek (www.yogeek.biz).

Make a good thing even better by joining us after class for Lunch!

Thursday Lunch Bunch - 12:30 am – 1:30 pm

Join us for delicious food, friends and a lecture or entertainment each week!



Opinion

Aspiring to Jewishness?

by Lynn Levine

I just finished reading in the online *Tablet Magazine* Rachel Shukert's essay about "A-Listers" and intermarriage (<http://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-arts-and-culture/113208/intermarried-a-listers-and-us>). Alas, I am not the pop culture diva that she is, though at least I was familiar with every 'star' referenced in her piece. Yet only by reading this did I learn for the first time that Mariah Carey named one of her children for the décor in one of the rooms in her home — what happens when she redecorates?

But I digress. The subtitle to Shukert's article is "Anne Hathaway's and other celebrity weddings suggest that in America Jewishness has become aspirational." The article spends quite a bit of ink cataloging recent celebrity interfaith marriages performed under a chuppah and much less (actually none) on aspirations to Judaism by any of the non-Jewish partners. To be fair, I'm quite certain that Shukert did not write the headline.

I have been to wedding ceremonies of a number of faiths and a few of two faiths, and I confess to remaining partial to a Jewish ceremony. The ancient traditions and possibilities for family traditions and the (usual) brevity all combine to make what hopefully will be a perfect union. I understand why anyone or everyone would want such a ceremony. But having a Jewish wedding and aspiring to Jewishness are very different things. You certainly can have one without the other.

Are Jewishness and Judaism even the same things? Where is the line? I don't know. I'm not a theologian. I am a fairly "big tent" kind of Jew myself. I may not subscribe to really radical interpretations of our faith, but generally am accepting of varying levels of observance and traditions. I am convinced it is how we survive. That said, I firmly believe that we must be more than a cultural society — good corned beef and lit-

erature will not ensure our future as a people.

What more is it beyond standing under the chuppah that adds Jewishness to one's life? I'll pose what I think are the next logical questions for these aspirants to think about. These are not the be all, end all questions of Jewishness/Judaism, just something to start them on their path.

Do you have a mezuzah on the front door of your home? There is no greater reminder of our faith, to us and others, than the mezuzah on the front doorpost of our home. It reminds us of one of the greatest miracles in our traditions — that G-d passed over the homes of the Jews in the slaying of the firstborn in Egypt and the Jews were allowed to make their exodus — and it contains the *Shema*, considered the most important prayer in Judaism.

Do you acknowledge Shabbat? You say you are Shabbat observant? Wow, that's great, but most people aren't. For the rest of us, it is really nice to still put some time aside for Shabbat. After all, it is a day of rest and a little rest is healthy for everyone. Take time to recognize the Jewishness of it, too. Try lighting the Shabbat candles, saying Kiddush before dinner, baking challah; make a point of having a family dinner at home on Friday even if you go out afterwards, go to shul on Saturday morning for no special reason other than Shabbat.

Do you observe the Commandments? There are 613 commandments in the Torah and beyond the Big Ten, I don't know most of them and I don't expect that you do, either. I do know the story from the Talmud of the sages Hillel and Shammai being approached by a Gentile stranger who asked to be taught the whole Torah while standing on one leg. The story has it that Shammai ran away but Hillel replied, "That which is hateful to you, do not unto another. The rest is commentary — go study." Hillel is not completely letting us off the hook; I think he meant it when he



said we should go study the rest. But I also think that, at least for me, he has distilled the rest into telling us to live an ethical life.

Do you give tzedakah? I'm not going to go into the spiritual reasons for tzedakah, but the word is rooted in justice and the tradition in righteousness. Our religion considers it a moral obligation, even if it is just a meager contribution from someone of modest means. Do you give to Jewish causes that help maintain the continuity of our people and institutions? We cannot rely on others to do it for us; they don't and won't. Do you have a JNF 'blue box' in your house? We all need a daily reminder of Israel in our kitchen.

Are you providing your children with a Jewish education and Jewish socialization? The very best way to create Jewish spirit in your child AND your family is to have your child enrolled in a Jewish daycare, preschool, day school, supplementary school, summer camp, and/or day camp. Beyond that, look for youth groups for them to join, whether independent like BBYO and

Young Judaea or synagogue affiliated. They're away at college? Look for Hillel or campus Israel advocacy groups. And the ultimate Jewish socialization experience? A peer trip to Israel. Yes, they are expensive, but what a feeling! I started saving for mine with the very first check I received for my confirmation when I was twelve. Seven years and a half-dozen summer jobs later — the most wonderful six weeks of my life. Today young adults 18-26 years old have the incredible option of a free, ten-day Birthright Israel trip. What an unbelievable opportunity and gift made possible by generous American donors and the State of Israel. Nothing beats sharing the experience with your peers and then bringing it home.

So if all these people Rachel Shukert says are aspiring to Jewishness really are doing so, I say now that you are out from under the chuppah, welcome to the Sukkah and the Seder and the many, many other beautiful traditions we have to offer, especially *you*, Daniel Craig.

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The JEA would like to recognize **Debbie Rotkow** and **Sherry Dolgoff** (oral history editors), **Jane Kahn** (writer and editor), and **Kaye Kole** (Savannah Jewish Archives historical photo editor) for their help with the creation and organization of the 100 Year Anniversary Journal. Without their help the journal would not have been possible, **thank you!**

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Simchas Torah is the culmination of the Succos holiday. Simchas Torah is when the Jewish people celebrate their appreciation for the special gift of the Torah given to them from G-d. The students of Rambam Day School learn that what makes this day so special is the simplicity of its celebration and its connotation. On Simchas Torah the only article needed to discern the meaning of this day is the Torah itself. Congregants sing and dance joyously holding the Torah Scroll close to their hearts to express their gratitude and appreciation for this priceless gift. Our willingness to rejoice with our sacred Torah Scroll defines our understanding that we feel privileged to have been bestowed the honor of safeguarding the Torah and all its words found within.

Every Simchas Torah, Bnai Brith Jacob auctions special prayers prior to removing the Torah from the Holy Ark. For the last fifty years this auction has been used to raise funds for day school education. The whole process takes about fifteen minutes. Most of the individuals who pledged towards the auction this year were parents of alumni students. I was so moved by the amount of money that was raised; however, I was more moved by those who contributed. With the cost of education always on the rise, I was astonished that parents of alumni would remain so incredibly dedicated to the vibrancy and success of Rambam Day School. I had to know why, and so I asked them. It is my esteemed honor and pleasure to share with you what these incredibly selfless individuals had to say.

“When your children begin learning about life and their heritage at two years old; graduate after eighth grade and are now profoundly prepared for high school and beyond...your gratitude doesn't stop at graduation.”

“What other organization in Savannah is more significant to the survival of our Jewish community? Our donation is not only an investment in our own children but in all the students who at-

tend.”

“My son was asked to lead the evening service Shabbos afternoon. I was so filled with pride that I could not wait to hug him and later share with his mother how well he did. Following that, I watched him as he was dancing and singing on Simchas Torah, and I was filled with emotion. I attribute his abilities and enthusiasm to Rambam Day School. Both my daughter and my son's secular scores in high school rank in the top 10% of their class. So in answer to your question, why do we continue to support RDS? How could we not want other children to experience and benefit from Rambam as our children have?”

“I give because Jewish education and Rambam are my first priority for charity, as I believe this is the most important component for the future of our Jewish community, and Jewish communities across the globe.”

“Outside of our own home, there was no single factor, other than Rambam, that had a lasting and real effect in maintaining a Jewish perspective within our children. Of equal importance for our family, was the desire for our children to have the foundation to succeed in the educational and secular world. We only find evidence to support the fact those goals were met with successes through the most challenging private high school, undergraduate university course load, and soon to be post graduate education. We continue our support of Rambam with the hope that other families and their children will benefit in a similar fashion to what we have experienced. There is no investment within the Savannah Jewish community that has the potential to provide a better return on your investment.”

These are just a few of the responses from parents of alumni students who



Ester Rabhan,
Principal of
Rambam Day School

gave on Simchas Torah night. Over twenty five years ago, my husband and I came back to Savannah to raise our children in the company of their beloved grandparents. I became a teacher in the day school and later on I became the principal. What could be more gratifying than giving of yourself towards ensuring the continuity of our people? What could be more selfless than being committed to every Jewish child and their growth emotionally, academically and Jewishly? I am not applauding on my own behalf; however, I am expressing my deepest gratitude to the Almighty for this opportunity. There are many communities all over this country with various day school opportunities. This day school, Rambam Day School is unique in that our leadership and our supporters care about every Jewish

child, no matter their background, and no matter their synagogue affiliation.

A parent shared with me that their child was playing with blocks pretending to make her various foods. Her son that attends RDS brought a block to her and told her it was a cupcake. She told her son how yummy it looked. Her son said, “Don't forget to make a bracha.” A bracha is a blessing. RDS students learn to make a bracha on their food to thank the Almighty for all they have. The mother expressed to me that she had no idea what a bracha was, but it was obviously something very important and meaningful to her son. She was deeply touched and grateful.

Simchas Torah night, in 15 minutes, \$53,000 was raised for Rambam Day School. We are touching lives, we are making a difference.

No Cranberry Sauce on Your Fish!

It was great, the high holidays one after the other in an ongoing succession of meals. So I cannot stop myself when going through my calendar to look for what comes next, Thanksgiving.

Even though my husband and I did not grow up in this country, it did not take my family very long to adopt this American holiday and its wonderful principle: to give thanks.

As Jews we give thanks every day, even 100 times a day if we follow Jewish law strictly.

We give thanks for a new day, for the meal we are going to have and again after we had it. We give thanks for our health, and for this world...

Thanksgiving might be “more Jewish” than we might think: it commemorates the Pilgrims' first New World harvest. As Jews, we commemorated the first harvest only weeks ago in the Sukkah. Sukkot was also the time that Israelites would bring their first harvest as an offering to the Temple in Jerusalem. Harvest is celebrated in both holidays; we just give thanks for something different and very special on Thanksgiving.

We specifically express our appreciation for being part of life in

America; part of the American dream, in which peoples of all races, ethnicities and religions can enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And of course, we eat!

This year, you might choose to (re)tell your family's immigration story to your children or read one together. *When Jessie Came across the Sea* is a great book about a girl, Jessie, who lives in an Eastern European shtetl. The rabbi in her town decides to give Jessie his ticket to America. There she works for years to save enough money to send for her beloved grandmother.

So this Thanksgiving, cuddle with the kids, savor the food, make conversation with the in-laws, and throw around the football. Take your time and breathe in deeply the sensation of true gratitude.

And if you are one of those who cannot celebrate without gefilte fish, leave the cranberry sauce for the turkey!

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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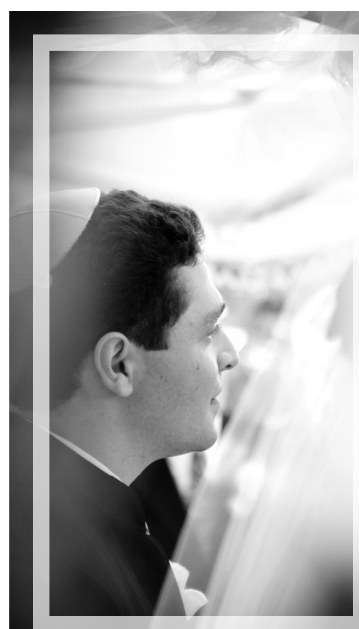
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Learning and Love

It's hard to believe that November is upon us. Plans for JEA Preschool Savannah are well under way. Many details including room and outside space renovations, tuition fees, and licensing are all moving forward.

In a few days I will have the opportunity to choose from nearly 1,000 sessions presented by experts from across the country and world learning the latest best practices to meet the needs of every child when I attend the National Association for the Education of the Young Child (NAEYC) conference in Atlanta. Included in the weeklong event is the National Jewish Early Childhood Network's one day conference where Jewish educators from across the U.S. will network and learn together about Jewish ideas and innovations in early childhood education. I am excited to participate in this learning opportunity and to share my knowledge and experiences when I return with staff, parents, and most of all, the children.

The cool November weather, even in Savannah, means that Thanksgiving will be here soon. Personally, Thanksgiving means family. I have special memories of not one, but two delicious meals with our families during this holiday. It's the only one, secular or Jewish, that has only one day to celebrate. So, we had the opportunity to have lunch and dinner with our whole *mish-pacha*. A vivid memory with the Sadler clan was making candy turkeys with Grandma Ruth. She

would have all of the necessary ingredients which included Oreos, frosting and candy corn. She gathered all the candy and laid it out on her kitchen table. Her eleven grandchildren would gather around and create their masterpiece turkeys. The older cousins would assist the younger ones which was always a joy to watch! The malted milk balls were very popular as most of those got eaten before they could become the heads of the turkeys! It was a special activity which all of the grandchildren would look forward to the whole year. My own children still talk about it to this day.

How will you create your family memories with your children during this season? Do some research and try out some of the ideas below. Life is all about creating those memories for you and your family. I hope you have lots of fun, joy, and love during this Thanksgiving season!

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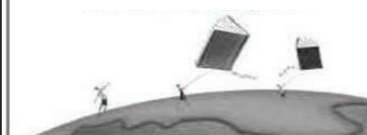
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For info: **Yelena Chernyak**, Savannah Hadassah President, welcomed12hadassah@gmail.com
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It’s A Funny Thing

By Melinda Stein

I met an acquaintance recently (not a native English speaker) who was wearing those dark plastic glasses given after eye exams. Before I could react, she said, “I have to wear these because I just came from the eye doctor and I had my eyes diluted.”

“The most beautiful words in the English language are not ‘I love you,’ but, ‘it’s benign.’”
(Attributed to Woody Allen)

Enjoy these medical jokes in good health!

Mrs. Goldberg goes to a diet doctor. He tells her that if she follows his diet exactly as prescribed, she should lose 10 pounds in a month. The woman is thrilled. The doctor explains that she must follow the diet, exactly as written, for one week, then skip a week, then follow the diet for a week, then skip another week, and then come back to see him at the end of the month.

In one month she returns. Miraculously, she has lost 20 pounds!

The doctor is shocked.
“Mrs. Goldberg,” he asks, “How did you do it?”

She answers, “I think it was the skipping!”

Jake the mechanic was working on a car when he spotted a famous heart surgeon who was standing off to the side of the garage. Jake beckoned to him and said, “So Mr. Fancy Doctor, look at my patient. Like you, I take valves out, put in new parts, close it up and this baby will be good as new. So how come you get the big bucks when we’re both doing basically the same work?”

The surgeon shook his head and replied, “Try doing your work with the engine running.”

Sol was just coming out of anesthesia, and his wife, Zelda, was sitting at his bedside. His eyes fluttered open, and he murmured, “You’re beautiful.” Zelda smiled as he drifted back to sleep.

Later he woke up and said to his wife, “You’re cute.”
“What happened to ‘beautiful?’”



Melinda Stein

Zelda asked.
“The drugs are wearing off,” he replied.

A Short History of Medicine: “Doctor, I have an ear ache.”

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For more information on the third oldest Jewish congregation in America founded in 1733, which is right in your community, contact **Mickve Israel** at **912.233.1547 extension 26** or visit **www.mickveisrael.org**.



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Teen Travel Builds Jewish Bonding

by Melanie Ourhaan

This past summer I had the chance to take part in an experience that very few teens have — I participated in *USY on Wheels Classic*. Unlike every other trip involving traveling, this one included Jewish high school students who traveled across the country on a bus. Some even called it the “family road trip, they had always wished for”. There were many other buses taking different routes, but ours started in New Jersey. We met up at Newark Airport, and started to meet new people that we would be spending every second of every day with for the next six and a half weeks.

That first night we arrived at the Double Tree Hotel in Sunset, New Jersey, and we were grouped into fours and assigned to a room. From then on, every day was different but followed the same routine. We would wake up and have *shacharit* (morning services) lead by one of our volunteering members. We would then load up all of our bags onto the bus and headed out for a new adventure. We all had the same Wheel's suitcases in order to make sure everything could fit under the bus. We would always spend different amounts

of time on the bus, but after the first few days, those hours on the bus became hours to catch up on sleep.

The first stop we went to was Niagara Falls, one of the most breathtaking sights I have ever witnessed. After traveling, we would hit at least one or two new places, such as a snow resort, sports event, amusement park, museum, or national park. Traveling from coast to coast gave us unlimited opportunities of places to stop. My personal favorite sites were Disneyland in California, where all the buses met up and I got to hang out with even more Jewish teens; and the only Jewish rehab center in the United States, where they gave us a tour. We volunteered our time by aiding the people and talking to the people who needed someone to listen.

After visiting each city, we'd hop back on the bus and stop at a truck stop/gas station and set up lunch. We had our Mincha (mid day services) and I chose to lead this service more often than the others. We would do an activity about our Jewish heritage/identity, have *chofesh* (a break) or watch movies after lunch. From there we would land at our hotel/houses and have an information session about life and healthy, effective ways to live it. We



Melanie's 'bus' at Niagara Falls; Melanie is fourth from the left on the second row

would meet back up for dinner, have another activity such as Ruach (spirit wars) or a song session and then back to *Maariv* (evening services). At every service everyone had the opportunity to observe it to their own extent, for example some used teffilin, and others didn't. Then we would go to sleep and do it all over again the next day.

I would just like to share with you all my experiences because the Savannah Jewish Federation gave me this wonderful opportunity to see places I most likely would have never seen without their help. I would recommend this to any Jewish teenager out

there, because there it builds strong bonds between any Jewish teens, and spending summers with them gives you those experiences that will never leave your memory and friends that last a lifetime.

Melanie Ourhaan traveled on *USY on Wheels Classic* with the assistance of a *Teen Jewish Summer Experience* grant from the Savannah Jewish Federation. Melanie is the daughter of Michelle and Tracy Ourhaan. For more information about *USY on Wheels* and other United Synagogue Youth summer programs, go to <http://www.usy.org/escape/>.

Dick Berkowitz has written a non-political booklet entitled:

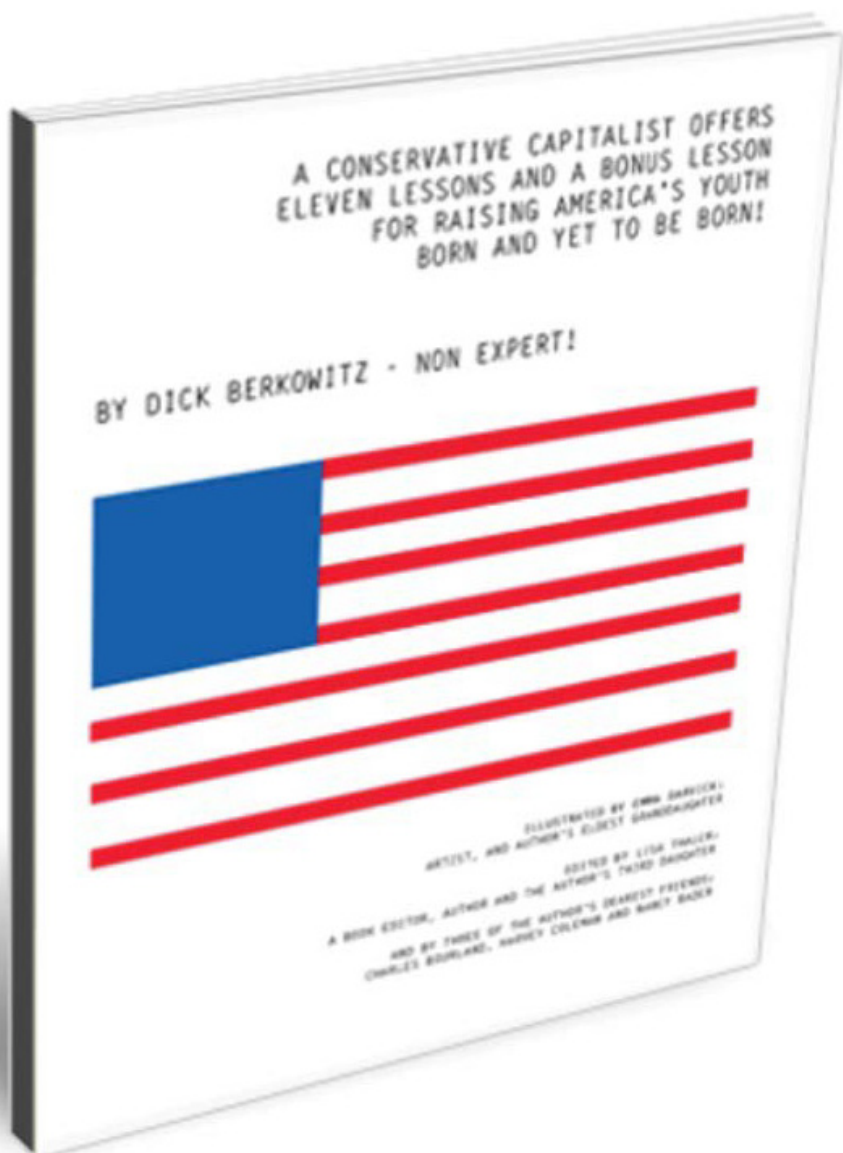
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For more information on ways to create a Jewish legacy using one of these ideas or another type of financial instrument, please contact Adam Solender at the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah, (912) 355-8111, adam@savj.org.

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Join us on Sunday



December 2, 2012

The JEA provides the Jewish and overall community a multitude of cultural, educational, social, and health & wellness activities for members of all ages. As a "100 Year Thank You" to the community, all classes, food, and lectures are free and open to the public on December 2nd. Take advantage of this "once in 100-years" opportunity to bring your friends and neighbors to experience our wonderful facilities and programs. Prizes and special offers throughout the day.



10:00 "Influential People & Places in Georgia Jewish History" - Join Rabbi Saul Rubin and discover unusual facts, unique characters, and whimsical anecdotes about Georgia's Jewish community.

12:00 "What does Jewish Peoplehood Mean?" A conversation with Rabbis Robert Haas and Ruven Barkan.

1:30 "What Makes Israeli Films Different?" An interactive presentation of film clips and discussion with Dorin Elhadad. As a communications major in college, Dorin explored the many different influences on Israeli cinema including the Holocaust, Arab-Jewish tension, multiculturalism, and comedy. Each theme will have a movie clip and discussion.

4:00 Artist Gallery Reception - Join Comer Varnedoe Meadows & Jennifer Meadows, Nancy & Becky Hudson (family all) as they present their unique love and appreciation of nature viewed through the camera lens.

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11:30 - 1:30 Lunch at Café JEA-Stop by for a nosh- Salad & Soup Bar plus PB&Js for the kids.

kids & family

10:00 Mazel Tots - Join ECE Director Jodi Sadler for a special interactive time of singing, dancing, and learning for Newborns through 24 months and their parents.

11:00 JEA Preschool Savannah Coffee Klatch - Come meet Jodi Sadler and other members of the ECE Steering Committee and learn about the JEA's newest initiative to serve young families in our community.

1:00 - 2:00 Swim Instruction with Ashley - Aquatics Director, Ashley Frankel will be on hand to consult with children and families on swimming skills, lessons, and swim teams. This is a great opportunity to meet Ashley, get a "mini-lesson," and learn more about water safety.

1:00 - 4:00 Open Family Swim - Brrrr it's cold outside! It's a perfect opportunity to go for a dip in our heated pool with your family and friends.

1:00 - 3:00 Open Family Gymboree - Join Health & Wellness Director Stephanie Johnson in the gym for "every activity under the sun." Practice shooting hoops, tumbling, balance beam, hula hoops, jumping rope, and lots of other fun activities. For all ages and their parents.



9:15 am Pilates with Sanders - Gentle stretching, toning, and core movements all designed to strengthen mind and body, led by Sanders Corbit. This class designed for all levels of fitness experience.

10:15 am Total Body Blast - A low impact, medium intensity cardio and toning class led by Khristine Hammond. Class can be modified for all fitness levels.

1:00 pm Extreme Toning - A cardio circuit class utilizing various pieces of equipment in the weight room. Trainer Billy Johnson helps each Individual to work at their own fitness level.

3:00 pm Zumba - Come out and experience this Latin inspired cardio dance class. You will get so excited by the music and movement that you'll forget that you are exercising with class leader, Starr John. No previous dance ability necessary.

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