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The Path of Progress and Continuity

Scott Samuels

As I look back at the first year of my presidency, I've seen many things. I've seen the completion of a long range strategic plan in which 30 of our community's leaders spent 18 months looking at the needs of the community and its future. I've seen the growth of our Aftercare and Camp programs. I've seen a Finance Committee that has made significant and hard decisions to help balance our budget; I've seen our committed community professionals providing more programming and support with fewer resources.

Unfortunately, I've also seen an increase in the JEA's accumulated debt, an increase in our operational deficit and an aging building that continues to need capital repairs. I've also heard a lot of talk that the JEA was "dead," that the JEA was closing and that we would not survive our current economic condition.

But what I have seen in the past 60 days is not only exciting and energizing, but it also proves that, once again, when faced with a crisis, the Savannah Jewish community rises to the challenge to take care of their own. I've seen nine past leaders of both the JEA and Federation step up to oversee and mentor four of our major committees. I've seen the community step up and contribute to our revitalized Donor Dues campaign. I've seen members of the JEA asking other members of

the community why they don't belong to our JEA and when they are going to become part of the solution. And lastly, I've seen a new Board of Directors ready to roll up their sleeves and work hard to save our JEA. Not only will it take the dedication of the Board, but it will also take the hard work and commitment of the entire community.

I've heard people say that their one membership won't make a difference, won't help the JEA out of its current financial deficit. But those people are wrong. Every single member helps us to reach our goals of balancing our budget, retiring our debt and continuing to provide quality Jewish programming for

the entire community.

The JEA has existed for nearly 100 years because of the path laid by those who came before us. It is our responsibility and privilege to pave the path of Jewish continuity for our current generation and generations to come. I'm counting on you to be a part of the solution. (See page 9 in the Centerpiece)



Scott Samuels

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From Generation To Generation

We are now preparing the
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to the Savannah Jewish Federation 2010 Annual Campaign
for publication in the Savannah Jewish News, the SJF Annual Report
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An Old New Circle

In two months we will read the last *Parasah* in the Torah, “*Vezot Haberacha*” (and this is the blessing). We will finish and then start to read the Torah again on the very same day, the infinite circle of the Jewish year will come to an end and start again.

Vezot Haberacha tells about one of the most important moments in the Torah – Moses’ death. A few mesmerizing moments happened when Moses stood on Mt. Nevo, above Jericho—G-d revealed the Promised Land to Moses, from the big sea to the *Gilad* Mountains. Moses is almost there, looking at the horizon, than he hears the last words from G-d, “*You shall not pass*”, and dies.

It is an interesting thought that greatest prophet never made it to the Promised Land, not even a short Birthright trip. I try to think what Moses felt in his last moments on the mountain. Was he sad because he was so close but did not make it? Was he

happy and peaceful to see the Promised Land, knowing that the Israelites will start a new life and a new circle in the Promised Land?

Right now, during summer camp, it is hard to think about what I’ve seen and done in the last year here in Savannah. Right now I live in the present and am unable to have a perspective on the past. However, sometimes I think about the future.

In two months, I will be back in Israel and I am excited to think about having the *chagim*, the holidays with my family and friends. On *Sukkot*, I will go to Jerusalem to the Kotel and after that go and get a good hummus.

When I get back to Israel it will already be September, autumn time in Israel. I will probably sit on my parents’ porch in Sha’arey Tikva, looking



Udi Tsemach

at the autumn clouds descending upon the olive hills of Samaria, bringing the first rain. On my parents’ porch, with cup of hot herb tea in my hands I will slowly start to realize and comprehend my last year and Savannah. I will start to miss walking in beautiful squares in downtown Savannah, miss awesome holiday celebrations and programs with the community, miss Shabbat dinners, miss teaching and being with the children in Rambam and Shalom School. But most of all, I will miss y’all people that shared many beautiful moments with me.

It is not the last time you will hear from me, still there are few things that need to be said.

First, please hug the next Shaliach as you hugged me. Help him (or her) as much as you can to be part of this community, invite him or her and share your thoughts and experience with them.

Rosh Hashanah and *Yom Kippur* is time for self examination, it is also time to

forgive. Sorry to everyone who I hurt along the way, sorry for the times I did not pay much attention, that I was too hasty and angry.

Thank ya’ll for being there for me, for helping and supporting me. Thank you for inviting me again and again to be part of your family, thank you for sharing with me.

Thank you to my families and friends who were there for me when I needed you, I had awesome time with you. Thanks to all the teachers, Rabbis, committee members and volunteers, without you I could not have done anything.

Thanks to the Savannah Jewish Federation and JEA staff and board members for your participation and support and who believe and work for this community to have a quality and a meaningful Jewish life.

In two months I will sit on my parent’s porch in Israel. I will start to walk in a new road, new path, we will all do. However, the new road will stretch along in an old timeline circle, the circle of the Jewish year.

Shanah Tova, Udi



Seated (l-r):Debbie Rotkow, Sandy Goodman, Brenda Ellman Salter, Sydney Solomon Ratnow, Gail Alpern Ginsberg, Iris Diemar Ginsberg, Simone Broome Wilker, Lynn Rabhan Owens; Second Row: Allan Tanenbaum, Ellen Schneider Goodrich, Pat Rosenthal Miller, Renee Wagner Shoob, Bonnie Stapen Bock, Harvey Sussman, Mitzie Kantziper Faurest, Jerry Portman, Hedda Center Ginsberg; Third Row: Bobby Segall, David Gottlieb, Sammy Sutker, Arthur Geffen, Marvin Waldman, Michael Boblasky, Moses Robbins, Jerry Kaminsky, Barry Stoller, Harvey Kanter, Ronnie Ginsberg, Harold Heyman, Barbara Sutker Rubin, Melvin Haysman, Marsha Tenenbaum Kessler, Billy Alpert, Sara Canter Wheeler, Janet Cohen Koppel

‘65ers’ Return to Savannah

By Debbie Rotkow

They came from Bubbes and Zaydes, chicken soup, matzah balls, brisket and gefilte fish; from mom and pop retail stores: the Agudath Achim, B’nai Brith Jacob, and Mickve Israel; and from Benedictine, Savannah Country Day and Savannah High. They had played, prayed, and learned together from birth and beyond. These “kids” spent their lives together in school, afternoon Hebrew classes, JEA Day Camp, and at Bar Mitzvahs. They rocked ‘n rolled to Motown and Elvis at the JEA Canteens. These teenagers formed an unusual bond that lasted until today. Then, in 1963, with President Kennedy in charge

of Camelot and Irv Giffen heading the Savannah Jewish community they went off to college in their weejuns and saddle shoes.

And together, on June 11, 2010, fifty-six years later, they returned to Savannah for their 65th birthday celebration. Nearly eighty people from New York to Florida, from the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi Delta, and the Texas Gulf Shores gathered in Savannah where it all started. They had come full circle.

As one former Savannahian said, “When I try to explain the connection between us to someone who didn’t experience growing up or living in Savannah, I have a difficult time. They just don’t get it. That’s why we keep coming

back for more, because we do get it.”

They shared old memories and made new ones. Like being home for college break, they picked up where they left off. Along with their spouses, the conscientious brought pictures and memorabilia to jog memories. One woman had saved all the monogrammed napkins from the Bar Mitzvahs and gifted them to the Bar Mitzvah “boys.”

Eighty people ate all their *old* favorites, listened to the *old* music, and reestablished their *old* relationships at Bobby Segall’s and Harold Heyman’s Tybee homes. One returnee said, “It was good to feel young again. We are so lucky to have grown up with such warm and loving life long friends. It was like getting to know everyone all over again.”

Plans for a 70th birthday celebration are already floating around Facebook.

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Reflections on the 2010 Campaign

The Federation Campaign ended in late April when the Allocations Committee completed its work. In June, the recommendations were voted on by the Federation Board. The economic times made raising the dollars and deciding how to allocate them difficult.



Linda Zoller
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Allocations is a large committee of over 20 people, balanced across synagogues and organizations, who represent various interests and perspectives of the community. Having acknowledged that, committee members are asked to put aside their personal loyalties and make decisions that are the best for the community as a whole. The Overall Campaign Chairman, David Byck, chaired the Allocations Committee and did an outstanding job.

It takes three meetings to get to a recommendation. At the first two, the dollars available for allocation are explained and presentations are made by or on behalf of each requesting organization. At the final meeting, overseas needs are presented and deliberations are completed.

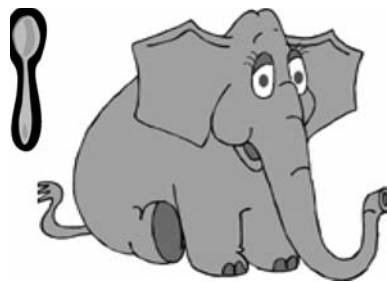
Allocable funds are determined by taking the amount of pledges received during the campaign and subtracting a percentage for bad debt. Then, the Federation budget for the upcoming year is subtracted, donations made to SJF over the year are added back in, and any Federation budget savings from the previous year are added. Federation does not roll over unused budgeted dollars; Federation puts the dollars back into the community the next year. Budget savings usually come from salaries saved when personnel positions are vacant. Federation's is a bare-bones budget.

Thus, the equation for allocations is:
Campaign Achievement

- minus bad debt reserve
- minus Federation budget for upcoming year (includes Jewish Family Services, Savannah Jewish News & programming)
- + plus General donations to Federation received over the year (in honor of; in memory of)
- + plus any Federation budget savings from the previous year
- = Funds Available for Allocation

This year, we knew early on that \$208,000 of the requests could not be funded. Perhaps for the first time in Federation history, the Federation Board amended the Allocations Committee recommendation by finding 18,000 additional dollars the night it voted on the committee recommendation. The funds came from adding to the allocable dollars a recently received refund from JFNA (Jewish Federations of North America), lowering the reserve for bad debt one half of a percent, and cutting an allocation to the JCC Association of North America usually made on behalf of the JEA.

It was a tough year at the allocations table. An amazingly dedicated and hard-working group of volunteers did a wonderful job. I want to thank everyone who donated and worked on the campaign for his or her support in making it a success. I want to thank our staff (Lynn, Benjamin, and Adam) for their diligence in supporting our volunteers. They were behind the scenes, making sure everything went well. I want to thank David Byck, his campaign management team of Amos Timna, Sherry Dolgoff, Paul Kulbersh, Peggy Harris and all the division chairs, their solicitors and the Allocations Committee members. I want to thank the Federation Board for its decisive action in unprecedented times. More than 80 volunteers worked on the campaign this year. All were tireless in their efforts and did an outstanding job. How fortunate we are to have such a large cadre of strong and dedicated volunteers!



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If You Could See What I See

One of the core missions of the Savannah Jewish Federation is to provide assistance for those most vulnerable in our community. Many of these people are "invisible" to most of us, but they exist in numbers much greater than you might guess.



Adam Solender

Over the past two years, I often have spoken before groups and used the phrase, "If you could see what I see, you would give more, do more, and feel more." You would give more because you'd see what a difference your dollars make to one of your neighbors who are struggling. You would do more because you would see the very great need that exists in our Jewish community. You would feel more because you would better know how, "There but for the grace of G-d goes"

Our community has an answer for those who need a hand up, who need someone to advocate on their behalf, or someone to provide context to an overwhelming issue. That answer is Jewish Family Services.

Last year, the Federation's Jewish Family Services adopted a new model of service delivery. Instead of having an "in house" practitioner, we now have a number of social workers on retainer who provide case management for many challenges including housing issues, substance abuse, mental illness, medical concerns, and financial counseling. Our MSWs (therapists with Masters of Social Work) also provide direct counseling for all family situa-

tions including individual, couple, and child therapy on a sliding scale (ability to pay) basis. Each of our social workers has a different strength—community resources, hospital issues, direct therapy, etc. By adopting this model, we are able to refer our clients to that provider best suited to meet the needs presented.

Jewish Family Services also is the local administrator for the Jewish Educational Loan Fund (which provides interest-free loans to qualified Jewish students in the area); provides a three-day-a-week Kosher Meals Program (at the JEA and home-delivered where necessary); and organizes community programming such as food and blood drives, AAA Defensive Driving courses and social programs.

The program is guided by the Jewish Family Services Committee, a group made up of 14 volunteers, nine of whom are MSWs or physicians. It is a committee that recognizes that our core mission is to "strengthen the individual, enhance the family and protect the vulnerable in our community with human services based on Jewish values." They take this sacred responsibility seriously and are working to continually provide for those who need a hand up.

You can be proud that a community of our size provides reference and referral, case management, counseling and more to those who need it. You can rest assured that when someone in the community needs a hand, a professional will provide the services needed. I hope that when you receive our annual appeal for Jewish Family Services, you will give generously. But for the grace of G-d...

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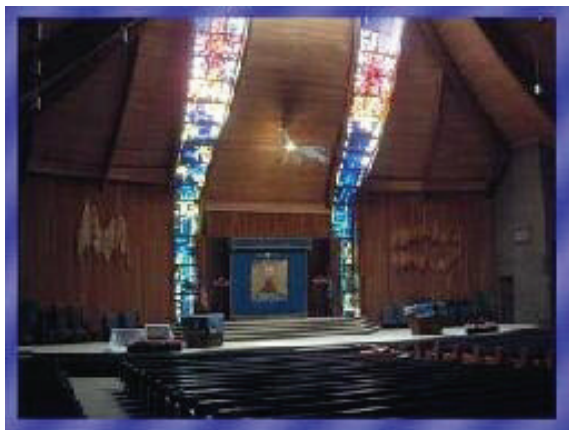
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Saturday 9:30 am Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon

See you in Shul

Join Us At Mickve Israel

Mickve Israel extends to you an open invitation!

To Worship: In addition to special children services and holiday events, we have Shabbat services on Friday evenings at 6:00 pm. From June 25 through September 3, our Friday evening services will be held at 6:30 pm. Instead of being held in our historic sanctuary, these Exotic Resort Location services will be hosted at member homes around the community. Our Saturday morning services are at 11:00 am and are followed by a Kiddush lunch.

To Tour Our Historic Sanctuary and Museum: We offer docent-led tours Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and again from 2:00 to 4:00 pm with the last tour starting approximately 30 minutes before the end of the session. The suggested donation for a tour is \$5 per person.

To Shop: Our Judaica Shop is stocked with a variety of items for children and adults. If we don't have what you are looking for, we can order it for you! The shop is open during tour times and other times upon request.

To Eat: The Shalom Y'all Jewish Food Festival will be held in Forsyth Park on Sunday, October 31, 2010, from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm.

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 or visit www.mickveisrael.org.



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Be a part of JFS Mitzvah

A group of fourteen volunteers has begun meeting regularly as the re-invigorated Jewish Family Services Committee of the Savannah Jewish Federation. The committee is devoted, on behalf of the entire Savannah Jewish community, to making sure that those who are in need, whether families or individuals, receive the proper assistance to help them improve their situations.

The committee — comprised of a number of doctors, attorneys, experienced social workers, and others, but most importantly, entirely of thoughtful and caring individuals — has been busy reviewing policies and providing guidance to staff on a number of issues regarding the problems that confront and threaten to overwhelm certain members of our community. But Jewish

Family Services also has seen a number of successes over the years, as highlighted by the recent call from a client: "I just wanted to thank you for everything you've done for me. I can't believe I'm finally on my own two feet again. I really don't think I could have made it without the help from Jewish Family Services and Federation. It means more to me than I can say."

The JFS Committee considers their work for the community a mitzvah; each one of them does it because they are committed to improving the lives of others. But they cannot do it by themselves and they ask, as they begin their annual "Friends of JFS" campaign, that when you receive your letter asking you to contribute, that you will choose to be a part of their mitzvah and give generously.

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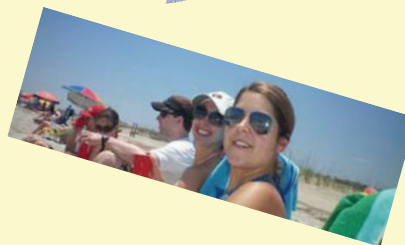
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Four Questions with...

Glenda McNew, Welcome Specialist and Tour Guide, Congregation Mickve Israel

1. What is the most commonly bought item by tourists who visit Congregation Mickve Israel?

Shalom Y'all t-shirts are by far the best selling item we have. Actually, anything with Shalom Y'all sells well...hats, aprons, shirts, mugs, tiles....I even have color changing mood pencils! I tell everyone that we call it "Southern Jewish Hospitality." They love it and it draws them deeper into the shop to see what else I have. It's a great conversation starter.

2. How did you begin working at Congregation Mickve Israel and what keeps you at CMI?

I found an intriguing ad that simply said something about a historic museum gift shop needing a manager. I had no idea it was for Mickve Israel until we set up an interview. I talked to the Temple administrator several times during the day, and I interviewed that evening after work. It was such an obvious perfect fit that they hired me that very day, and I have not regretted the decision. I was hired to buy for, manage and run the Judaica shop primarily, but over the past 4 years, the position has expanded into additional responsibilities including booking large tour groups and handling the daily security for the Temple. As for why I stay....they pay me to play with the merchandise in the Judaica shop and talk to people. What is there not to like? The people here are friendly, the tourists are interesting and the history is awesome. I am honored to be allowed to be a part of Mickve Israel's history.

3. What is the strangest or most unique question you have been

asked from a tourist?

I have certainly had odd questions over the years. It is difficult to pick the most unique one. Some of the funniest ones that come to mind are "Why don't you have a Christmas ornament shaped like the Temple?" Another funny one was the lady who saw the covered opening for the stairs in the middle of the Bima and asked "Is that the baptismal font?" The docents get the best ones though. One of the docents was describing the Eternal Light to a church group of 8 year olds, telling them that the light was always on, signifying the presence of God. One of the children got a very concerned look on his face and asked, "What happens when the light bulb goes out?" I guess he thought God left the building when the light bulb went out!

4. What do you hope visitors take away from their visit of Congregation Mickve Israel?

I hope they take with them knowledge of history, an awareness of what an important part the Jewish people play in Savannah's history. I want them to feel the sense of community and welcoming charm that Savannah has to offer and to know that it extends to all...Jews, Christian, Muslim, or any other religion or nationality....we are all part of the same family. And I want them to feel that they have left friends here at Mickve Israel.



Glenda McNew

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Harris Greenberg, 1997

College(s):
George Washington University, May 2005
BA in Archaeology, Minor in Music, Cum Laude
University College London, Institute of Archaeology, September 2007
MA in the Archaeology of the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East, Dissertation accepted with distinction
Boston University, 2009
Completed Ph.D. Comprehensives in Archaeology
Projected dissertation completion 2012

Academic Enrichments: Conference Presenter: Notre Dame, 2010, Teaching fellowship: Boston University, 2010

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Shalom Udi, B'hatzlacha!

It's hard to believe that the time has come for our Shaliach, Udi Tsemach, to leave Savannah. Udi came here with the intention of bridging the gap of an ocean between Israel and Savannah and to form a link between "between Jew and Jew", as he put it in the first column he wrote for the *Savannah Jewish News* one year ago.

Udi is not completely certain about his future plans. After a couple of months traveling in the United States, he will return to Israel and next year he may attend university or, if he decides to wait a short time longer, might travel in his home country for two months. However, he's really excited about his plan for when he first arrives back in Israel; he's looking forward to enjoying his mom's home cooking and catching up with his family and friends. And after those activities are done he plans to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to the Old City to get his favorite hummus.

When asked about what he will miss most about Savannah, his response was two-fold. He claimed he'll miss the many squares and beautiful downtown Savannah. However, he says that what he'll miss the most is "that people here [in the Savannah Jewish community] really care in a very unique way." "Savannah has a sense of community and the Jewish community, in particular, that can't be found elsewhere, even in Israel," said Udi.

Udi accomplished what he intended and so much more; he did an



Udi with students from Charles Ellis Elementary

outstanding job with the students at Rambam and Shalom School; taught an extremely successful conversational Hebrew class for non-Jews as a way to build a connection to Israel and Israelis; used his IDF background and service experience for a lecture about terrorism at the University of South Carolina – Beaufort; put together and ran numerous wonderful programs for holidays and festivals at the Jewish Educational Alliance; assisted with programming for the seniors at their weekly Lunch and Learn sessions; lead the Movie and a Beer series; helped with the Speakers Series; developed friendships with people involved with The PJ Library and Young Jewish Savannah; and became a great asset to the staff and campers of the JEA Summer Camp.

What does Udi wish for the next shaliach? Udi hopes, "that the next shaliach will continue the work started by those before me, continue to answer more of the needs in the community and to just have fun." We wish him the same on the continuation of his journey through life.

2010-2011 Allocations Set

At its June 9, 2010 meeting, the Board of Governors of the Savannah Jewish Federation approved the allocation of grants totaling \$674,448 for fiscal year 2010-2011 to various local, national and international agencies. Dr. David Byck, Chair of the Federation's 2010 Annual Campaign and Allocations process, commented: "The campaign team, fundraising volunteers and the allocations committee have worked hard this past year to complete this process and now we are proud and pleased to announce these grants. We all look forward to seeing the money go to work both here at home and for our Jewish brethren in Israel and around the world."

In the category of Education, the Federation approved the following grants totaling \$166,415: Rambam Day School, \$145,583; Shalom School, \$18,832; local BBYO, \$1,000; Hillel at Savannah College of Art & Design,



\$500; Hillel at Georgia Southern University, \$250; Hillel at University of Georgia, \$250.

In the category of Overseas Needs, the Board approved total spending of \$189,185, which includes Savannah's "core" allocation to the Jewish Federations of North America, used to make distributions on our behalf to the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC); a grant to Birthright Israel; and annual funding for the local Shaliach program. "At a time when some might suggest that our local needs outweigh the needs overseas, our community will always find a way to show its commitment to our fellow Jews around the world," added Byck.

The Jewish Educational Alliance this year will be receiving a grant of \$317,623. Various national agencies will be receiving grants totaling \$1,225.

Federation Awards First of Annual Teen Scholarships

The Savannah Jewish Federation's long range Jewish Education Committee is proud and happy to announce the first three recipients of financial grants to offset the expenses of a summer Jewish learning experience. Awards have been made to Phillip Sadler, Daniel Sokolin and Aaron Solender.

Phillip, who attended Rambam Day School through third grade, will be part of the BBYO summer program, *Impact: Southwest*. A rising high school senior, he previously has attended Camp Ramah Darom, and is the current president of David Finn AZA #206 in Savannah.

Daniel, a graduate of Rambam Day School and also a rising high school senior, will be going to

Israel with NCSY. He previously has attended Camp Judea.

Aaron, a veteran of eight years at Eisner Camp (Union for Reform Judaism), will enter 11th grade in the fall. He will attend BBYO's two-week long Chapter Leadership Training Conference at the American Hebrew Academy in North Carolina.

It is the Federation's hope that Jewish enrichment by means of summer educational/social programs will strengthen our teenagers' love of and attachment to the Jewish Community. We look forward to hearing about their experiences upon their return.



School through third grade, will be part of the BBYO summer program, *Impact: Southwest*.



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MEET THE 2010-2011 JEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Scott Samuels
President

My vision for the JEA is to have a vibrant Board of Directors that moves the JEA through increased programming, fundraising, membership, and brings awareness to the general community of the continued relevance of the center.



Eva Locker
Treasurer

My vision is that the JEA is a place that will grow to answer all Jewish social and cultural needs, while becoming financially independent. Most of all, a JEA that will be once again the obvious gathering place for all Jews in Savannah.



Marcy Konter
Past President

My vision for the JEA is to see a community center that is enjoyed by all facets of our flourishing and vital Jewish community and for a lifetime to come, be it social, educational, or recreational.



Jodi Sadler
Past President

*My hope for our JEA is that as a community we will be able to help solve the financial & human capital problems which we have at this time. **Together** we can work to solve these two issues. If we are successful our Jewish Community and our Savannah Community will be stronger and a very special place to live.*



Linda Zoller
SJF President

If more Jewish households joined the JEA our financial challenges would disappear. I envision a thriving JEA where 75% of our community belongs because they know how a central meeting place across religious streams enriches the entire community.



Dana Braun
At Large

My vision is for the successful resolution of the numerous issues that the JEA faces so that the JEA will remain a central component for the Savannah Jewish community where all in our community feel welcomed.



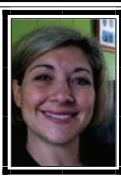
Rusty Bridges
Building & Grounds

The JEA has been a central part of the Savannah Jewish community for many years. My vision is for the JEA to again become the hub of the Jewish community.



Carole Cohen
Membership

My vision is for the JEA to be a viable institution in our community for future generations



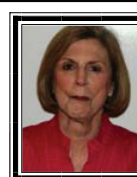
Wendy Cohen
Children's & Camp

I would love to see the community come together to save the JEA. Its going to take time, money, and a commitment to the greater good. If we want it here for future generations we have to put the work in now. No one will do your part for you.



AD Garfunkel
At Large

I want the JEA to be an environment for Jewish children to have a "home away from home" to augment the educational experience available at RDS. This would allow my children to have the same feelings that I shared with my peers while "roaming" the building in our spare time.



Sandy Goodman
Membership

I hope we can maintain the tradition of the JEA in Savannah communal life. I hope the JEA can help our children feel pride in their Jewish heritage. I hope the love affair with the building will continue forever.



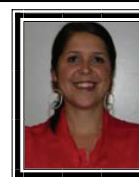
Sally Greenberg
Health & Wellness

It is my vision that over the next 12 months that the Jewish Community realize that the JEA is an invaluable institution and rise to its support.



Gale Hirsh
Cultural Arts

I envision a true Jewish Community Center with programs, opportunities, and financial stability. Looking forward to a very good year.



Allison Konter
Health & Wellness

My vision for the JEA is it will become a state of the art facility that promotes a healthy lifestyle and togetherness for the Savannah Jewish Community.



Joanne Kooden
Center for Jewish Living

I would like to see the "Jewish" brought back to the JEA by getting as many Jews in Savannah to become members. Then the JEA will thrive and be around for future generations. Without the support of the JEWISH community, how do we expect to have a JEWISH community center ?



Alan Lowe
Cultural Arts/Membership

I joined the JEA board (after a long hiatus) because I believe we have strayed from our original purpose of providing Jewish programming for the Jewish community. While welcoming non-Jewish members, we must return to our roots as a viable Jewish institution worthy of our name and proud heritage.



Martha Pike
Membership

I am excited for the new Board of the JEA. We look to be a cohesive group right from the start. I'm hoping the JEA maintains all it's programs while putting an extra special emphasis on programs for our seniors.



Joshua Reeves
Fundraising

My vision for the JEA is to increase our fundraising, improve our financial position, get our community to recommit and be more involved with the JEA and help introduce the JEA to anyone who has not experienced it before.



Tricia Rosenthal
Center for Jewish Living

As members of the JEA we need to increase our membership, improve our financial situation, and reclaim our place in the Jewish community so that we can play, once again, an integral role in the education of old and young alike.



David Rubnitz
Health & Wellness

My vision of the JEA is a place where all members of the Jewish community can bring their children to play sports, a place that members of the different synagogues can get to know each other and a place where members of the community can come to stay healthy.



Bill Sand
Finance

Members of the Savannah Jewish community will find something about the JEA to be relevant to their lives today, and as a result want to belong and become a member



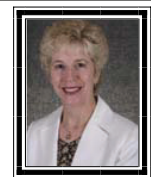
Susan Slotin
Children's & Camp

My vision is for the JEA to become financial stable while maintaining it's Jewish identity



Kayton Smith, Jr.
Buildings & Grounds

My vision is to make the JEA a desirable and comfortable place to be in for members of the entire Jewish community and the at-large Savannah community.



Barbara Tanenbaum
Membership

I encourage each of you to support the JEA. Members are urged to take advantage of the many programs and services. Former members are encouraged to join so that together we can continue building a vibrant center that will be here for us and future generations.





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Sally & Steve Greenberg

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In honor of Norman Dolgoff's 75th Birthday
By Sandy & Skippy Goodman; Don & Kaye Kole; Debbie & Joel Rotkow; Dayle & Aaron Levy; Esther & Aaron Buchsbaum; Lori & Paul Robinson



Art at the JEA



August Artist—Dennis Roth

Dennis Roth, Landscape Watercolorist, came to Savannah from Pittsburgh after retiring as a consulting structural engineer. He then found himself cruising the Bahamas and Caribbean aboard his sailboat “Second Wind.” The third phase of his life now finds him painting in watercolors from Studio Phase 3 in City Market.

Having always been drawn in his travels to galleries where he could view watercolors, Roth determined to “dabble” with the medium himself. Studying with several fine watercolorists, he quickly found his own voice. “I love watercolor paintings. And, I love painting in watercolor.” His style is fluid and free and his paintings evolve as a unique partnership of artist, paper, water and paint. Roth goes on to say, “We each have our own special influences and, when all goes well, a beautiful painting appears.”

He is a member of the Landings Art Association, The National Watercolor Society, The American Watercolor Society and The Georgia Watercolor Society and his works appear in collections in Savannah, as well in other cities throughout the United States and Europe. Landings Art Association Awards include 1st place Watercolor, Spring Show 2007 and 3rd place Pencil Drawing, Spring Show 2008.

Artwork available for viewing August 1-31, 2010
Art Reception August 5, 2010, 5-8 PM

2010-2011 JEWISH COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Please complete the information below for the NEW Jewish Community Directory. All information must be received by August 5, 2010 for September publication. Please contact Kim Thebo for more information.

☐ **OK to use 2009 listing** ☐ **Please update** ☐ **New listing**

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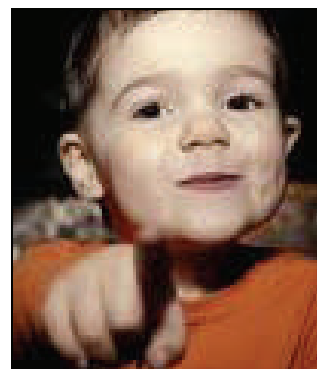
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Summer Camp 2010



Post-Camp:

August 16th-20th

August 23rd—27th

Games, Swimming,
Field Trips & More!

Contact Ashley at the JEA for more
information, 355-8111.

K'Toni / Yeladim Campers

Remaining Weeks:

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

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

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

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

Save 5% off each summer camp
tuition when enrolling multiple
children from the same family

Chaverim / L.I.T. Campers

Remaining Weeks:

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

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

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



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

** Field Trip's EVERY Wednesday

** Overnight Week #7 (Thursday)

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



Health & Wellness / Youth Sports
Important Dates 2010 -2011

July 2010

- 1st Soccer Registration Opens
- 4th Independence Day (Pool Event)
- 19th Soccer Registration Close

August 2010

- 9th Soccer Practice Starts

September 2010

- 1st Jr. Swim League Registration Opens
- 30th Jr. Swim League Registration Closes

October 2010

- 1st Basketball Registration Opens
- 5th Jr. Swim League Begins

November 2010

- 28th Soccer Award Banquet
- 30th Basketball Registration Closes

December 2010

- 5th Basketball Practice Begin

January 2011

- 1st Baseball Registration Opens
- 9th Basketball League Begins

March 2011

- 1st Baseball Practice begins
- 6th Basketball Playoffs
- 13th Basketball Award Banquet

April 2011

- 1st Swim Team Registration Open
- 30th Swim Team Registration Closes

May 2011

- 3rd Swim Team Begins
- 29th Outdoor Pool Opens

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 May 18, 2010)

Timothy Andrews & Stephanie Erberich
Alyson Beasley
Deloris Blige
Maria Burns
Mary Coll
Robert Curtis
Robert & Irene Dupont
Richard & Theresa Feldstein
Martha Ferris
Jackson Garner
Michael Ginsburg
Richard Gottlieb
April Graves
Michael Greene
Jamie & Kristen Gwaltney
Georgia Haggray
Gerald Hargrove
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Craig & Amber Martin
Steph Nash & Crystal Pelton-Nash
Karen Osvald
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Eduardo Rivero
Kaitlin Rosenblum
Mary Santiago
Denise Scardino
Karlis Stephens
Joan Waite
Lynda White



2010 Maccabi Games!

Team Savannah Maccabi will be leaving in 2 weeks to compete against and with other Jewish teens from throughout the country in Richmond, VA. Show your support for them by purchasing a sneaker (see the wall outside of the gym), a Krispy Kreme gift card or hot dogs and hamburgers while enjoying the JEA pool on Sundays!

All money earned helps defray the costs of sending out teens the Maccabi Games.



Young Jewish Savannah Events

Aug. 15th 2-6 pm– Beach Day—Join us for YJS's Second Annual Beach Day at Ross Kaminsky's house. Enjoy an afternoon of sun and fun with paddle boards, bocce ball, beach games and more! Families are welcome! Evite will follow.

July-August 2010							
July-August 2010	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Daily Calendar Events On-Going Programs	AquaSize -10 am Gentle Yoga -10:30 am SilverSneakers -10:30 am Senior Lunch -12:30 pm Water Aerobics -6:30 pm	Pilates – 8:30 am Kibitzers Kafe -10 am SilverSneakers -10:30 am AquaSize -10 am Step & Weight Aerobics – 6:30 pm	SilverSneakers - 10:30 am Gentle Yoga -10:30 am Senior Lunch -12:30 pm Bridge -1pm Water Aerobics -6:30 pm Scrabble -6:30 pm	Pilates – 8:30 am AquaSize - 10 am Mah Jongg - 10:30 am SilverSneakers - 10:30 am Senior Lunch -12:30 pm Senior Program -1:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics - 6:30 pm	AquaSize -10 am	JEA Closed
	July 18	19 Erev Tisha B'Av Basketball Camp	20 Tisha B'Av Basketball Camp Voting Primary	21 Basketball Camp	22 Basketball Camp -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program	23 Basketball Camp	24
	25 Goodbye Udi Cookout– 11:00 am	26	27	28	29 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program	30	31
	August 1	2	3	4	5 Art Gallery Reception– Dennis Roth—5:00 pm Movie & Beer Night– 7:30 pm	6	7
	8	9	10 Voting Runoff	11	12	13	14
	15 YJS Beach Party– 2:00 pm—Ross Kaminsky's House	16 JEA Post-Camp	17 JEA Post-Camp	18 JEA Post-Camp	19 JEA Post-Camp	20 JEA Post-Camp	21
	22	23 JEA Post-Camp	24 JEA Post-Camp	25 JEA Post-Camp	26 JEA Post-Camp	27 JEA Post-Camp	28
	29	30	31	Sept. 1	2 Movie & a Beer Night– 7:30 pm	3	4



BBYO Installs New Board and Presents Awards

Savannah BBYO holds an Annual Awards Banquet and Installation Ceremony for the Wexler/Clark BBG and the David Finn AZA. The event this year was held at the home of Matt Klugman on the 12th of May. Each year there are three special awards given to current BBYO members; the winners are selected by local Savannah families and voted on by the members of each chapter. This year the Janet M. Clark Member of the Year award went to Sheeri Bornstein and was presented by Fred Clark; the Sima Radetsky Goldfarb MIT of the Year award was presented by Elaine Radetsky and went to Sophie Longwater and Hannah Slotin; and Karen Cranman presented the Matthew J. Cranman Member of the Year award to Elliot Kooden.



Hannah Slotin and Elaine Radetsky



Karen Cranman and Elliot Kooden

for the 2010-2011 term:
N'siah – Sarah Segall

MIT Moms – Sophie Longwater and Hannah Slotin

Mazkirah – Rachel Brody

The David Finn Aleph Zadik Aleph Boys installed the following officers for the 2010-2011 term:

Godol – Philip Sadler

S'gan – Aaron Solender

Moreh – Matthew Freedman

Mazkir – Matt Klugman

Shaliach – David Sokolin

Gizbor – Ben Adler

In addition to the new local BBYO leaders, the Savannah Jewish community has three individuals who will sit on the regional Dixie Council Board; Matt Klugman will be the Council Moreh, David Sokolin will be the Council Shaliach, and Ben Adler will be the Council Gizbor.

BBYO is the leading pluralistic teen movement involving Jewish teens in meaningful Jewish experiences. For more than 80 years, BBYO has provided exceptional identity enrichment and leadership development experiences for hundreds of thousands of Jewish teens. BBYO's local chapters are supported by the Savannah Jewish Federation. For more information locally, contact Joanne Kooden at THEERED@aol.com or check-out www.savj.org.



Sheeri Bornstein and Fred Clark

Rambam Graduates Another Class

Tuesday, June 1st, the 2010 eighth grade class of Rambam graduated from middle school. I would like to share with you the thoughts they shared with those in attendance at graduation.

What significance will our Jewish education have on our lives? This strong Jewish identity is to provide us with the strength of character need to make good decisions when faced with the many challenges of the secular world. This strong Jewish identity will hopefully always guide us in the direction of constant growth within our Judaism. – Tzvi Rosen, Isaac Freedman

What makes our 8th grade class unique? Our class is an exceptional blend of crazy, lazy, trouble seeking, serious and fun individuals. Another unique quality that our class possesses, is the ability to make each other laugh, cry and yell all in the same minute. As the years go by, we will never forget our Rambam classmates and the special connection that we share with each other. – Sophie Lichtman, Marissa Levine, Mandy Salmon

What does the future hold for the class of 2010? Each of us has dreams of becoming great people. Our Rambam education has given us the confidence to be anyone we want to be. The education at Rambam is one of a kind. We have been taught that one of the main keys to success is to know who you are and to respect others. We have learned about these ideas on a daily basis in our Judaic studies. Lena Hirsch, Sara Gold

What qualities make a teacher

someone you remember? A love of teaching, a love of humor and fun, a love of creativity, a love for appreciating the serious side of life. A love for each students growth, a love for joking around, a sincere commitment to helping others, and a dedication to a positive attitude. We want to thank All of our Rambam teachers from throughout our years in Rambam, for touching our lives both through their teaching and example.

Yehuda Schochet, Alexander Fleming, Josh Goldstein

What will we miss most about Rambam? We'll miss no water fountain usage to protect us from the swine flu. We couldn't use the water fountains for months and the swine flu only lasted for weeks. We'll miss each other. We'll miss our teachers who have put up with us and cared about us. We'll miss our years in Rambam. – Daniel Lewis

What will we remember about Rambam even years from now? We will remember how Rambam isolated us from society that now awaits us with open arms as we move on to high school. We'll remember how the isolation protected us, and gave us a chance to strengthen our characters and instill within us the necessary tools to make good choices. – Brianna Alkofer



Ester Y. Rabhan, Rambam Principal



Wexler Clark Girls and David Finn Boys



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Galin to Receive National LOJ Recognition

Sharon Galin will be recognized at the 2010 International Lion of Judah Conference as a recipient of the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award. The Lion of Judah is a giving level first established in Miami in 1972 by Norma Kipnis-Wilson and Toby Friedland to recognize the strength, caring and commitment of women's annual gifts of \$5,000 or more to Federation campaigns.

The award named for Kipnis-Wilson and Friedland honors women with continuous involvement and commitment to their Federations and annual campaigns, who have created a Lion of Judah Endowment, who exhibit leadership in their community, offer encouragement to others and embodies the spirit and vision of the Lion of Judah through tzedakah and tikkun olam.

Sharon Galin has held almost every position in the local campaign cabinet, most recently as General Chair of the 2009 Annual Campaign. She has served on the Boards of the JEA,

Shalom School and Agudath Achim as well as the Union City Mission. In addition, she and Murray have traveled to Israel on a Federation mission.

Please join the Board of Governors of the Savannah Jewish Federation in wishing Sharon a hearty *mazel tov* on this well deserved recognition.

The Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Awards will be presented at the 2010 International Lion of Judah Conference in New Orleans, November 8-10, which will overlap with the annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Jewish Federations of North America, also in New Orleans, November 7-9. For more information on attending either of these meetings, go to www.jewishfederations.org.



Sharon Galin

Jerusalem chosen Africa/Mideast's best city; Tel Aviv No. 3

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Jerusalem was voted the Number One Best City in Africa and the Middle East and Tel Aviv Number Three by the readers of Travel + Leisure magazine.

Jerusalem reached the top spot for the first time since 2000. Tel Aviv, which was behind Cape Town, South Africa, made it to the top three for the first time.

The results are published annually in the magazine's August issue.

"We are thrilled by this result because it underscores the growing realization by sophisticated travelers that our two main cities are unique and extraordinary places to visit," said Arie Sommer, Israel's tourism commissioner for North and South America.



Jerusalem

The news comes as a record-setting 1.6 million tourists visited Israel in the first half of 2010, according to the country's Tourism Ministry.

The total represents a 39 percent increase over the same period in 2009 and ten percent above 2008, Israel's previous record year for tourism, according to a news release from the ministry.

According to ministry estimates, the income from tourism only, excluding air travel, reached about \$1.55 billion in the first six months of this year.

Tourism Minister Stas Misezhnikov said the increase in tourism "is the result of massive investment in marketing activities around the world with significant budgets, especially against the background of the public diplomacy challenges that Israel is facing."



Tel Aviv

Have you marked your calendar for these upcoming events?



July 25th — Shalom Udi
11am—1pm

Say Good-bye to Udi. Come and thank Udi for his time as our shaliach and help send him off with a cookout at the JEA Pool.



August 5th—Art Gallery Reception
JEA Art Gallery, 5:00pm—8:00pm
Dennis Roth, Landscape Watercolorist, came to Savannah from Pittsburgh after retiring as a structural engineer.



August 8th — PJ Library Pool Party
12:30pm—2:30pm
\$3 per person, \$15 per family
Includes: one hotdog, one bag of chips, watermelon and a cold soda. Come and enjoy family fun at the JEA Outdoor Pool. And, as usual, a story will be shared!



August 15th— Young Jewish Savannah Tybee Island Beach Day
2:00pm—6:00pm
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Mema's Macaroons from Gefilte Girl

Chai y'all!

My article this month is based on a food that is bittersweet to me; on the one hand I've always thought of these cookies as celebratory- always present at holidays and considered special treats. On the other hand, they also remind me of my dear Mema, who just passed away last week. She was an amazing cook and she loved to bake. She was always baking breads, cookies...all kinds of treats. She LOVED sweets. She wolfed down anything that even had a whiff of chocolate in it. She was also quite the gourmand- having me taste mission figs stuffed with gorgonzola, entreating me to try her homemade marinated olives and nibble on crackers laden with chicken liver pate. I miss her so very much, for her palate and for the generous and adventurous woman she was. The world was her brisket, and she ate it with hot sauce. Here's a recipe from her cache...I hope you enjoy and share them with your family!

ALMOND MACAROONS

(yields about 45 cookies)

(takes about 30-40 minutes total)

2 cups ground almonds
1/4 cup whole almonds, coarsely chopped
1 packed cup light brown sugar
1 tsp. vanilla extract
Whites of 5 large eggs
1/2 tsp. salt
almond halves to top the cookies (sometimes I cheat, if I can't find halves I use whole ones or slivers)

1. Preheat oven to 375°. Line two bak-

ing sheets with parchment paper, set aside.

2. In a large bowl, mix together the ground almonds, chopped almonds, brown sugar and vanilla.

3. Place the egg whites and salt in a medium bowl.

Whisk (or use hand mixer) until the egg whites are stiff, but not dry.

4. Stir the egg whites into the nut mixture, one tablespoon at a time (pain in the butt, but worth it!), until the mixture is stiff but not too wet. (you might have some egg whites left over, just toss 'em)

5. Gently drop 1 tablespoon of the mixture, space about 1 inch apart, onto the baking sheet. Push one almond half onto the top of each macaroon (it should flatten slightly).

6. Bake 20 minutes or until the macaroons are golden brown and just set (they harden when they cool).

7. Transfer to a cooling rack....then eat!

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

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



Gefilte Girl
Elizabeth Hale

Mid Summer's Stress Relief Tips De-Stress and Get Thin

These days, everyone's stressed. Kids, traffic, gas prices, and work add up to a prescription for headaches and grinding teeth. Another side effect of stress is weight gain.

How Stress Makes You Fat

During ongoing stress, the body's adrenal glands create more of the hormone cortisol than is normally needed. Too much cortisol can make you depressed, which can trigger comfort food binges. Cortisol also stimulates your appetite for fat and sugar and tells your body to store fat around your stomach. All of this combined is a recipe for weight loss disaster.

How to Reduce Stress

The best weight loss plan includes getting rid of stress. Stress may seem impossible to get rid of, but there are some things that you can do to reduce the stress in your life, making it easier to lose fat fast:

-Exercise releases hormones that can naturally calm you. It is a dual-edged

sword that helps you lose weight by burning calories and de-stressing you. Find an exercise that you like and think of it as a treat from your day.

-Before bed, take five minutes to think about your day. Then, when the five minutes are up, imagine locking the thoughts behind a door and go to sleep.

-Try getting a relaxing massage once a week. If you are strapped for cash, find a family member that gives great massages.

-Use aromatherapy to fight stress. Use lavender candles around the house and office to lessen headaches and frazzled nerves.

Once your stress is lowered, you will find that it is easier to lose weight -- and not worrying about your weight is one less thing to be stressed about. Couple these tips with a solid diet plan. As you reduce the stress in your life you'll find it gets easier and easier to stick with your diet.

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Oral History Excerpts

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

BESS (EISENMAN) CENTER
(1912-2006) interviewed in 1997



Bess Center

...I remember, on Sundays, everybody went to Tybee on the train... and everybody packed a lunch to take to Tybee, consisting, of course, of boiled eggs and sandwiches and things like that. You had a little shoe box with your lunch and you

went on the train. And, of course, the cinders and things would get in your eyes from all the smoke and everything. But anyway, we'd ride to Tybee and the kids would run and get a rocking chair for Momma. Miss Lillian Bragg, who was a physical ed. teacher in Savannah, wrote a cute commentary, "Run and Get a Rocking Chair for Momma." All the kids would run ahead with the shoe boxes in their hands with the lunches, and we'd all run to the Pavilion and get a table and chairs or whatever, and everyone would sit around and eat their lunch. Then after that, they'd get in their suits... The dressing rooms were downstairs below the Pavilion... Anyway, everybody would get into their bathing suits and go out and swim... The parents would go, too. Everybody knew everybody. It was just like Old Home Week. There wasn't a stranger about because everybody that was there was everybody that you

knew. And then after a while you got tired, and you got packed up, and you came back on the train, and all of the kids were asleep. Everybody was so sleepy and tired. And then you had to ride the streetcar back... You rode the E & W Belt - that was the name of the streetcar - and that went around like that, and it would drop you off near your house, and you shlepped home with your packages and kids and all that.

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

The Archives Board was recently formalized and adopted

by-laws. The Board currently consists of the following members:

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Jane Kahn, Harriet Meyerhoff, and Nancy Slotin recently retired from the Board. We thank you for your service

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Shalom Savannah!

I have been chosen to be your new Shaliach, and I will tell you a bit about myself and my background, so that you get to know me a little before I come to your community.

Well, my name is Gregory, but in Israel they call me Gershon. I live in Beer-Sheva which is a big city in the south of Israel, the capitol of the Negev. My family came to Israel in '89 from Moldova. We were part of the big Aliyah from the former USSR. In my youth I was in an expedition to the death camps in Poland in the memory of the holocaust and participated in the March of the Living to Auschwitz, it was a very formative experience for me and helped me establish my Jewish and Israeli identity. I also was in a "youth leading change" movement, that its main goal is to foster and develop young leadership and social involve-



Gregory "Gershon" Peru

ment among teenagers. When I finished high school I decided to postpone my draft to the IDF and volunteer for a service year. A service year is about giving to Israeli society for a year before the army, and the possibility to contribute, change and influence the environment in which you live. I was in Jerusalem in this year living in

a commune with four more guys like me. This year helped me mold myself as better person and a better citizen. I was recruited to the army in 2006 and I served in F16 fighter jets squadron as a head of a squad of weapons technicians. When I was about to finish my three years of required duty, I decided to continue in the regular army another year because I loved the army and I thought that I can contribute a little more before my release. I love books, music, sports and movies. But my big love in life is traveling and hiking. I love nature and especially the desert. I walked across my country from north to south, and I know all the real cool places in Israel, so I'm inviting you to come hiking with me in the Promised Land. I love Israel, and I always lived my life contributing and giving from myself to my coun-

try and my society, so to be a Shaliach is something that I always thought about and it was an easy decision for me. I wish us a successful year. I hope that we learn to know each other and learn from each other as much as we can. Thank you and see you soon. Yours truly, Gershon



Gregory "Gershon" Peru

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Israel Dombrow Fund for Jewish Children Established

A new, endowed fund was recently established in the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah by Isser Gottlieb and Arlene Jaffie in honor of their late uncle, Israel Dombrow of Birmingham, Alabama. The Israel Dombrow Fund for Jewish Children is to be used to help provide assistance for Jewish children. The fund was established because Isser and Arlene wanted their children to realize their uncle's concern for charity, love of children and to recognize his character. He died on January 16th this year.

Some of the uses contemplated for the Fund include scholarships for Jewish children to partake in camping and after school or sports programs sponsored or provided by the JEA or Jewish community.

Throughout his life of giving to various causes, Israel Dombrow had a unique philanthropic quality in that "he liked to participate very quietly," said his nephew, Isser Gottlieb. Israel had a deep love of children and wanted only the best for the next generation and was very charitable to that end. He always wanted to donate to a place where the nieces and nephews in his family could play and

grow. And so, to keep his memory alive and to honor him, this fund was established by his Savannah family.

Mr. Dombrow was a life-long bachelor and according to his niece, Arlene Jaffie, "a truly wonderful man". He was born on July 9th, 1917 and served as a Lieutenant in the United States Army in England during World War II. Israel then went on to become one of the owners of Standard Furniture Company where he became a successful businessman. For hobbies, he loved playing golf and once even made a hole-in-one. He was an avid fan of Alabama football and he enjoyed to travel.

If you would like to remember the Jewish community in your estate plans or would like information on establishing a Fund for a cause that is important to your family, please contact Adam Solender or Lynn Levine at the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah (355-8111; adam@savj.org or lynn@savj.org).



Israel Dombrow

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Michael Louis Sutker

Who died on May 27, 2010

He is survived by his two sisters, Sherry Tillinger, of Atlanta, GA and Debbie (Tommy) Waldrop, of Midlothian, VA; five nieces and nephews, Laurie (Bob) Carlton, Lisa (Roy) Johanson, Mark (Theresa) Tillinger, Dr. Kim (Robert) Kirschner, and Todd (Jane) Waldrop; five great-nieces and great-nephews, and his devoted friend Eileen Ward.

Remembrances: The Humane Society for Greater Savannah or Hospice Savannah.

Klara Chernyak

Who died on May 28, 2010

She is survived by her two daughters, Matilda Shkirenko and Alisa Balakhashvili; two grandsons, Alexander Shkirenko and Lenny Shkirenko; one sister, Tauba Berezhinskaya; and three nieces and one nephew.

Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob.

On the Personal Side

MISCELLANY: Aron Weiner was recognized by the State of Georgia for having completed 50 years of service to the legal profession. Each year the State Bar of Georgia acknowledges the contributions of those attorneys who have committed a career to the profession, the public and the judicial system. This year ninety individuals were recognized throughout the state of Georgia.

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Silbert-Greenberg



Susan Silbert & Greg Greenberg

Nancy and Gary Silbert of New Orleans, Louisiana, announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Margaret Silbert to Gregory Isaac Greenberg, son of Sally and Steve Greenberg of Savannah.

Susan is the granddaughter of Alana Seelig and the late David Seelig of New Orleans and Sandy and Leonard Silbert of Orlando, Florida. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia with an ABJ in Public Relations. Susan is currently enrolled in the Graduate Speech Pathology program at New York University.

Greg is the grandson of Harriet Konter and the late Larry Konter of Savannah and Geraldine Greenberg and the late Marvin Greenberg formerly of Waycross, Georgia. Greg received his ABJ degree in Journalism from the University of Georgia and a Masters degree in Mass Communications from

Brandcenter at Virginia Commonwealth University. He is currently employed as a copywriter at Ogilvy and Mather in New York City.

A January, 2011, wedding is planned in New Orleans.

WED

Shernoff-Klein

Amanda Erin Shernoff and Michael David Klein were married on Sunday, June 6th at the Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort in Phoenix, AZ. Rabbi Arthur Lavin-sky of Beth El Congregation in Phoenix, AZ officiated. Parents of the bride are Dr. and Mrs. Neil (Beth) Shernoff of Scottsdale, AZ. Grandparents of the bride are Mrs. S. M. (Zelda) Newman of Scottsdale, AZ and the late Mr. S.M. Newman and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shernoff of Savannah, GA. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Steven Klein of Old Bridge, NJ and grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Anton Farkas and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Klein. After a honeymoon in Rome, Italy, the couple will reside in Tucson, AZ where both are pursuing their career in Pharmacology.

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