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ADL to Educate High School Students in Savannah

The Anti-Defamation League is bringing one of their leading youth programs, *Confronting Anti-Semitism*, to Savannah on Thursday, November 11th. The program is designed for eleventh and twelfth grade students and their parents, who are asked to accompany their teens for this program. It will be held at the JEA at 7pm and due to program size limitations, is restricted to the first thirty-five teens and their parents to register.

The ADL's program is renowned for helping its participants and their families develop essential skills needed to confront insensitive or hateful comments and behaviors, challenge anti-Semitic myths with facts, respond to hate-motivated incidents in school and the community at large, and utilize national and regional resources to fight anti-Semitism on all levels.



For those heading to college soon, *Confronting Anti-Semitism* can equip students to lead the fight against bigotry and hate on our college campuses and fortify them to stand up for one's identity, belief and faith in the most mature and responsible way possible.

The program will be led by educators from the ADL's Atlanta office. It is sponsored by the Savannah Jewish Federation's Community Relations Council, chaired by Jerald Gottlieb, with assistance from Joanne Kooden, chair of the local BBYO Adult Board. Their hope for this program is to better equip those that soon will be heading to college or leading a more grown up



life with the tools necessary to combat anti-Jewish and anti-Israel rhetoric and abuses.

To register for *Confronting Anti-Semitism*, on Thursday, November 11 at 7pm, please contact Benjamin Bloom at 355-8111 or programming@savj.org.

The Anti-Defamation League, founded in 1913, is one of the nation's premier human relations and civil rights agencies and is dedicated in purpose and program to combating anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry, defending democratic ideals, and protecting civil rights for all. The ADL is a partner of the Savannah Jewish Federation.

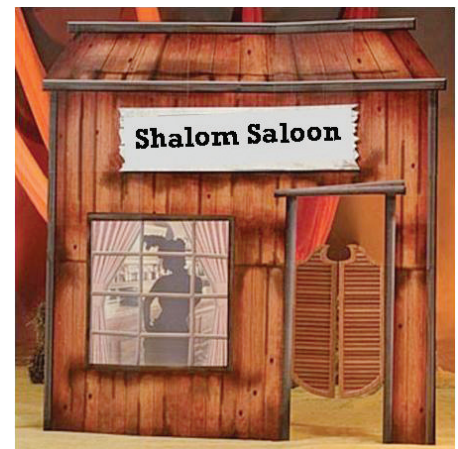
Saddle up for Super Sunday/Fun Day November 21

The Savannah Jewish Federation's Super Sunday/Fun Day will be held on November 21st at the JEA. The Super Sunday Telethon portion of the day begins at ten in the morning and lasts until twelve noon and will be directly followed directly by a Fun Day from twelve noon until three in the afternoon. The day will include activities

and fun throughout the Jewish Educational Alliance for children and adults of all ages.

This year's Super Sunday/Fun Day, chaired by Amanda and Josh Reeves, and is bound to be a blast. The chairpersons worked tirelessly to see to the success of the telethon and to making sure everyone in the community feels welcomed and has an enjoyable time at the Fun Day. Come and learn what the Savannah Jewish Federation does for the Jewish community, both here and abroad; all while having a great time at the JEA.

The theme for the Fun Day this year will be *The Aleph Bets of the Wild West*. What do the Aleph Bets have to do with Wild West? To learn the answer to this question, don't miss this wonderful day. There will be a moon bounce, loads of fun and some great games for all and stories and crafts just for kids too. Also, don't forget to check out the Shalom Saloon where you can



purchase your hamburgers, fries, and of course, root beer. There will be prizes for those best dressed to fit the theme so, everyone get out your best western wear and come on down!

If you would like to be a ranch hand at the telethon or a rodeo clown at The Aleph Bets of the Wild West or just need some general information, please contact Benjamin Bloom at 355-8111 or programming@savj.org.



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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The Palestinians won the propaganda war against Israel a long time ago. Now the Arab/Muslim community is effectively working to delegitimize Israel.

Paul Kulbersh wants to establish an AIPAC group in Savannah and I wholeheartedly support his effort.

I first met Sam Nunn in 1964. I wrote telling him I was coming to DC and wanted to meet. He graciously acquiesced to my request and took me to lunch in the Senate Dining Room accompanied by a staff member. During the course of our conversation he inquired whether I was a member of AIPAC and I said no. He urged me to call Harriet Zimmerman when I returned to Atlanta and join. Why? Because he said it was the most effective organization in all of DC and his staff relied upon their objective and truthful advocacy on behalf of Israel.

I have been a member of AIPAC for over 40 years.

Elections cost money and yes, we may have the best Congress money can buy but if we care about Israel, if we Jews believe we are better off, safer, more accepted and respected because Israel exists then we need to make modest contributions, which collectively, will provide us influence and a place at the table to defend Israel from unwarranted and false attacks.

Jews need to build and maintain influence and contact with their respective representatives and AIPAC is the best way to

do so. I can tell you that American Muslims are gaining influence both with members of Congress and most particularly through their growing pro Arab Study Departments on our University Campuses.

J Street, financed by Soros and others, is becoming a force to be reckoned with and their advocacy against Israel is creating a schism in the minds of influential members of Congress. Often Jews are Jews worst enemies.

When Paul and others call upon you for a modest contribution please respond positively. The money we collect will be equally divided among our two local representatives. AIPAC is non political and the work they do on behalf of American Jews and Israel is outstanding.

Sincerely,
Dick Berkowitz

Dear Friends:

Pekuach Nefesh - saving lives - is a most important precept in Judaism. I urge you to please vote yes on Ballot Amendment 2 on November 2nd.

Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to impose an annual \$10 trauma charge on certain passenger motor vehicles in this state for the purpose of funding trauma care? This \$10 car tag fee will raise about \$80 million per year for trauma care in Georgia.

Trauma is the No. 1 killer of Americans between the ages of 1 and 44. In Georgia, car crashes are the leading cause of traumatic

injuries. In fact, deaths from traumatic injuries in our state are 20 percent higher than the national average because access to trauma care is severely limited.

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By voting yes, you can help save 700 lives in Georgia every year.

Dr. Linda Sacks

To the Editor:

The family of Milton Towbin wishes to thank all the members of our Savannah community for welcoming our dad into their homes and hearts and for providing us support and comfort now at the time of his passing.

Thank you,
Carol & Joel Greenberg, Marla Towbin, Linda Rosen and Davie & Albert Perez, our children and extended families

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How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time ...

I've had fun with the elephant theme and its endless connotations. This month, I'd like to look at how much of the elephant we've eaten this year; meaning, what our Federation has accomplished.

Using the directives in the community Strategic Plan, we've started new initiatives. The plan directs us to assess the effectiveness of the programs we provide. We have evaluated five programs to-date, assessing their content, the numbers of participants engaged, ways to improve them, and whether or not each one should be continued.

The Strategic Plan directs us to promote supportive and collaborative relationships among our Jewish organizations. A council of Jewish organizational presidents was formed to foster communication among the major Jewish groups. The Council works in areas where our challenges and concerns overlap. Composed of the presidents and presidents-elect of the three congregations, Rambam Day School, Shalom School, the J.E.A. and the Federation, it has met quarterly since last December.

The plan directs us to develop a strong Jewish identity in the community. Y'ALL (Young Adults Learning Leadership), our young leadership group, began last winter and will finish its programming in March, ready to take on responsibilities in the greater Jewish community. The Communications Committee has worked actively to shape the look and content of the Savannah Jewish News and has developed new strategies to increase the advertising revenue. You may recognize the "Friends of the Savannah Jewish News" drive as one of those strategies.

We now have an official Welcome Wagon and have offered our first round of teen grants, which encourage youth to be involved Jewishly over the summer. We have attended programs sponsored by Christian groups in support of Israel.

While we moved forward with new initiatives, we continued our ongoing projects. Our strategic plan directs us to work towards the community's financial solvency, and to that end our campaign volunteers raised almost \$1.1 million and allocated it to our local organizations, human service programs in Israel, and Jews in need all over the world. We allocated \$413,000 to the

J.E.A., \$153,000 to Rambam, and \$24,000 to the Shalom School. We supported the SCAD, Georgia Southern, and UGA Hillels, and managed some small donations to various national Jewish agencies. We allocated

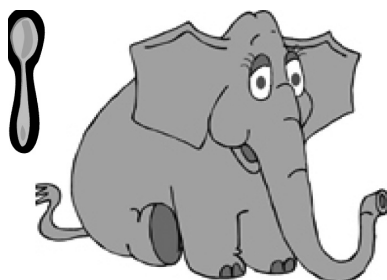
\$124,000 overseas and \$418,000 to run the Federation, which includes Jewish Family Services, the Savannah Jewish News, community relations, the Jewish film festival, PJ Library, and our Young Leadership program, as well as expenses and/or staff support for campaign. Similarly, our Endowment Committee is studying the feasibility of coordinating a community-wide endowment campaign to supplement the Federation yearly campaign as well as endowments of other Jewish organizations which would like to be involved.

So what's left to do this year? Plenty. The campaign, as always, will offer challenges. We will continue to evaluate and fine-tune programs. We will scrutinize our logos and improve our overall message to the community. We will review and update Jewish Family Service policies. And of course, we will continue to do all the things we must do every year to run the organization.

To accomplish all of this, I am fortunate to have officers who give above and beyond of their time and wisdom, a committed board that just won't quit, and wonderful staff to guide and support our work. Indeed, we have been accomplishing small tasks leading to our vision of a dynamic, viable, and united Jewish community. I look forward to working with all of you this coming year to eat even more of the elephant... ONE BITE AT A TIME.



Linda Zoller.
President,
Savannah Jewish
Federation



A Return to Civil Discourse

What happened? When did it change? How did we get to where we are? Are words like *mutual respect, civility, graciousness* things of the past? Do we no longer have the capacity to *listen, disagree, and learn* from each other?

It seems like we have an epidemic in the Jewish community, no, make that Jewish world. Around the country, communities large and small are grappling with communication breakdown. There is a whole new industry of consultants to the Jewish community on "How to Speak to Each Other." The Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco has actually put together an entire task force and is in the midst of a "Year of Civil Discourse." The Rabbinical Assembly (Worldwide Association of Conservative/Masorti Rabbis) adopted a multifaceted "Resolution on Civil Discourse." At the Jewish Council for Public Affairs Annual Meeting there is a special panel discussion, "Towards Civility: A Community Conversation," featuring the likes of Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, Professor Amy-Jill Levine, Blu Greenberg, and Dr. Carl Sheingold. The organized Jewish community leadership has looked in the mirror and they don't like what they are seeing: discord, not discourse.

The genesis of much of the conflict is from differing points of view on Israel and the peace process. While we are all bound by *ahavat Yisrael* (love of Israel), there is much strident dissension on how we should be supporting Israel and what is the "right path" to peace. The public (and private) conversations have become increasingly implacable. We see this in letters to the editor, conversations around the JEA, and in presentations made by public speakers.

Was it only in the conversations about Israel. We are seeing this throughout the Jewish world; preclusive statements about anything and everything have become commonplace. **Statements are made and there is no possibility of discussion, no give and**

take. In following down this road we risk tearing the fabric of our community.

Our history expects, make that, demands that all voices are to be heard from. One hundred and fifty rabbis in San Francisco signed on to the following statement, "Our Sages saw the fruit of arguments that were conducted *l'shem Shamayim*, "for the sake of Heaven." They fervently believed that great minds, engaged in earnest seeking, could lead to better and richer solutions. They refrained from insisting on uniformity, seeking always to preserve minority as well as majority opinions. Emphasizing the importance of retaining multiple points of view, they coined the phrase, *Eilu v'elu divrei Elokim chayim*, "both these and those are words of the living G-d." Hillel and Shammai, frequent disputants of the First Century, were the model.

No matter how you view yourself on the spectrum of observance or congregational denomination, no matter where you view yourself politically, no matter which group you associate with, we have a common heritage and a common destiny. The serious challenges we face as a Jewish people over the coming decades—a secure and democratic Israel, strengthening the bonds of Jewish peoplehood and Judaism, the survival of Diaspora Jewry, all demand that we do better amongst ourselves. Ultimately, our survival will demand it. Like the tides, we will rise or fall, together.

The issues are real. **We can do better and must do better** in listening to each other and learning from each other. However deep the wounds, how ever hurtful the rhetoric, it is not too late to take a step back and assert our unity as one people and as one community, with respect and with dignity.



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Fifteen Years Later, What Have We Learned?

This month we mark the 15th memorial of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination. The assassination of Yitzhak Rabin is a political murder that occurred on November 4, 1995 in Tel Aviv, after a rally supporting the Oslo Agreements. The killer, Yigal Amir, believed that the Oslo Agreements were a threat to Israel's existence and hoped that the murder of Rabin, Israel's Prime Minister would prevent the realization of the agreements. The murder had many implications on the political situation in Israel, and is experienced by many as a crisis in the relations between right wing and left wing factions in the country.

Fifteen years can really blur one's memory. I hardly remember that exact day, and what exactly happened. From the eyes of 9 years old boy that didn't really understand what it all means, the things that are etched in my memory are the general atmosphere

and feelings back in those days. The shocking announcement of the murder in the television, the posters we did in school that said "Yes to peace, No to violence" the days after, the shocked and sad faces on the street, the quiet songs on the radio, Rabin's "Song for the Peace" copy covered in blood, Rabin's granddaughter's tears, teenagers sitting in a circle, weeping, hugging, and playing the guitar, the thousands of candles spread around King of Israel Plaza in Tel Aviv. It was one of the most tragic events in the history of our young country.

The question is what will be remembered in another 15 years? 30 years?

The organizing committee of the traditional annual memorial rally has announced that next year the rally will not take place in the same format. According to organizers, the event in its current form, which includes speeches and performances, played itself out,

and we should find a new way to commemorate the anniversary. The political message has been lost, and educational activities to strengthen to democracy will replace the rally.

The organizers are trying to keep Rabin's Memorial Day relevant in every way they can.

Myths are constantly changing—several decades ago in Israel there was a national memorial day for Yosef Trompeldor and Benjamin Ze'ev Herzl, heroes in the Zionist movement history, but no longer. The only way to keep Rabin's Memorial Day relevant for years to come is to commemorate the universal message. With the highest respect possible for Rabin's amazing lifetime achievements and his infinite contribution to the state of Israel and



Gershon Peru

his tireless pursuit of peace, the focus should be on all the major implications and meanings of the assassination. Every nation and generation in any period of time can learn a lot from this event. The importance of the right for a free speech and its essence to a healthy democracy, but also putting the boundaries when free speech is abused for incitement, and understanding the dangers to the society when crossing this borders. The necessity of disagreements and disputes in a society, but also using dialog and conversation in order to bridge the gaps, with an eradication of the violence as a way of conflict solving. Teaching tolerance towards people with different thoughts and opinions. And the hopeful acceptance of those differences.

I hope that we'll be able to commemorate this Memorial Day by remembering the meanings and the universal message that we learned from this event.

Congregations in Service Brings Community Together

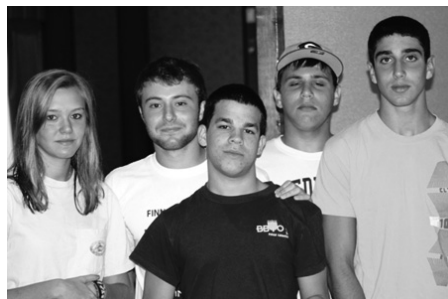
By Sarah Demark

Tikkun Olam, *repairing the world*, has come to connote social action and the pursuit of social justice. In Savannah, Congregations in Service is committed to bringing all faiths together to perform Tikkun Olam and make a difference in the community. Although Congregations in Service has existed since 2004, 2009 marked the first year of involvement for the Jewish community.

On Sunday, October 10, 2010, sixty volunteers from Christian, Muslim and Jewish congregations gathered at Congregation Mickve Israel to break bread and offer prayers before participating in community service. Adam Solender, Executive Director of the JEA and Savannah Jewish Federation, represented the Jewish Community; Imam Maajid



Chris Polizzi and Joan Dane Kellogg at the meal before working.



BBYO teens "serious" about Tybee clean up

Ali represented the Muslim faith from Masjid Jihad Mosque and representing the Christian faith was Reverend Dr. John Finley from the First Baptist Church. The single message that was spoken by all was coming together to make the world a better place.

Participants expressed how wonderful the program has been because it brings religious circles together that seldom overlap. One of the BBYO volunteers shared how it felt good not only to participate in community service but to do it with people of other faiths who are similarly committed to making a difference.

Projects included making blankets and pillowcases for children, making greeting cards for a nursing home, gardening, cleaning up the beach at Tybee, and preparing a meal and cleaning up for residents at the Ronald McDonald House.

Anti-Israel Boycott Movement Gaining Ground

Simply stated, the global Boycott, Divest & Sanction (BDS) movement can be defined as those nations, states, organizations, institutions, and companies who wish to boycott, divest and/or issue sanctions against Israel. This movement is gaining ground everyday throughout the world.

One of the scariest breeding grounds of the BDS movement are colleges and universities. Established as havens for free speech and intellectual exchange, our campuses have become virulently anti-Israel. It is not unusual to hear about "apartheid fences" being erected on college greens, speakers who are "shouted down" at presentations, and information distributed with longtime anti-Israel canards. What happened to the free exchange of information?

It's not only on the college campuses, there are countries who wish nothing more than to see Israel "wiped off the face of the earth." In the past there were rumblings outside of the public forum. Now it has become perfectly acceptable to rail against Israel in government chambers.

The de-legitimization canards about Israel are most often well received in some mainline Protestant churches, mosques, among labor unions and even within the performing arts/cultural arena. A number of musicians have

cancelled performances in Israel this year under pressure from the BDS movement including Elvis Costello, Santana, the Pixies, and Jill Scott Heron.

The sum goal of the BDS movement is to de-legitimize Israel. The de-legitimization assault is global, sophisticated and well-funded. The idea is to try to make Israel into an isolated, pariah state, the 21st century version of apartheid South Africa.

Savannah has not seen much of the anti-Israel attacks either on a campus setting or by local companies but, this issue is very real. Israel is under a severe diplomatic, economic and public affairs assault from governments and NGOs, with intent to delegitimize and demonize, particularly, from NGO initiative, through the use of boycotts, divestment and sanctions.

The Jewish community and those that care about Israel are working to present the story of the democratic miracle of Israel. Please read and learn more about the issues, learn about what it happening in the BDS movement throughout our country and around the world.

The more the Savannah community is educated about this issue, the more can be shared with others.





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JEWISH 11TH & 12TH GRADERS

November 10, 2010— 7pm
Jewish Educational Alliance

"My daughter benefitted immeasurably from attending the Confronting Anti-Semitism seminar. She was prepared to handle anti-Semitic issues in her school and then at college where anti-Israel rhetoric is rampant. Don't miss this opportunity!!"

-Atlanta area parent

**Limited Space: 35 teens and their parents
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Duo Dmitri to Perform at Women's Luncheon

The Savannah Jewish Federation's annual Women's Division Luncheon to be held on November 16th at the JEA will feature a performance of Duo Dmitri. In between playing music, Duo Dmitri will share their story of making Aliyah to Israel with the help of the Federation's partner, the Jewish Agency for Israel, and their eventual move to the United States. The luncheon this year is chaired by Helese Sandler and Peggy Yellin.

Duo Dmirti is comprised of Luba

Agranovsky and Dmitri Kasyuk. They both graduated from the Gnesin Academy of Music in Moscow and have won many musical competitions in countries such as Russia, Italy, and Israel. They have performed on Israeli radio and television and with all of the top Israeli orchestras. Also, they have performed either together or solo on the flute and piano in Europe, Canada and the US to much success. They moved to the United States in the late nineties to continue their study of mu-

sic and have performed more than 200 recitals in the US alone.

To RSVP for the Women's Luncheon please make your reservation online at www.savj.org, send your check for \$18 to the JEA or call 355-8111 to pay with a credit card



Duo Dmitri

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Women's Division Luncheon with *Duo Dmitri*

Luba Agranovsky & Dmitri Kasyuk are winners of many Russian piano and flute competitions. They moved to Jerusalem in 1990 with the help of your campaign dollars and the Jewish Agency. They tell their compelling story interwoven with their beautiful music. Join is for our annual luncheon. Watch the mail for your invitation or RSVP online at www.savj.org



Super Sunday—Fun Day

Telethon from 10am—12pm Family Fun 12pm—3pm

Join all your friends from around the community for a day of fun at the JEA. November 16 at 12:15pm, JEA There will be activities and games for kids of all ages at the Aleph Bets of the Wild West. Hitch your ride to the post and come on in for root beer, food and fun. Come to raise funds and stick around for the fun! To volunteer, email or call Benjamin Bloom, programming@savj.org, 355-8111.

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Still Meeting Challenges, Day by Day

Despite her severe arthritis and limited mobility, Norma's world is rich with family and full of life. You can tell from the sprightly way she greets you when you visit. Not one to sit in a chair, and say "come in" when you knock, Norma [not her real name] peeks out of the doorway with a cheery "this way" almost before the front door closes. Her demeanor reflects her personality - open, friendly, 'can do' - honed during a lifetime that's seen its share of challenges. "My husband left after six years of marriage," Norma explains, "and we had three children."

Raising those three children alone was the biggest challenge she ever faced, Norma admits. But, like she says, "you do what you have to do."

That's an attitude that Norma and Jewish Family Services have in common. Maybe that's why they seemed well suited to one another. Through the years, Jewish Family Services has seen Norma through some difficult times, beginning with the period after her divorce. Already familiar with the Jewish Educational Alliance where she used to participate in water aerobics classes, Norma doesn't remember exactly when she first engaged the services of JFS. But she does remember the companionship of her social workers - first, Hillary (Norma doesn't remember Hillary's last name) - "She kept me sane," Norma said - then Marilyn, and, most recently, Elizabeth.

Jewish Family Services is a program of the Savannah Jewish Federation and assists all those in need regardless of financial means. From finding therapists to helping to pay a bill to keep the lights on for a family in need, campaign dollars are used to support these worthy causes in our Savannah community.

"They are always checking up on me," Norma says with a smile. "It's nice to have someone to talk to."

Originally from Maryland, Norma has spent a lifetime being responsible for herself and others. She worked for the Air Force before coming to Savannah and being hired as a secretary at an insurance company, from which she retired. "I always took care of everything and everybody," Norma says proudly. "I worked, I took care of the family - there

was always a full meal on the table." Living alone now, she doesn't have the responsibility she had before, although she values her independence just as much as ever. Norma's children visit when they can, but with jobs and children of their own, she doesn't see them as much as she did in their earlier years. They're glad to know that someone else is monitoring their mother, too. Her son Steve recalls that the JFS social workers were very good at connecting his mother with the resources she needed to stay independent.

Due to medical and financial difficulties, Norma eventually had to leave the house where she raised her family. After sharing a home with her daughter for a while, she now lives in a cozy apartment that speaks of a life well lived and a family that's still very much the focus of her life.

Norma is a happy grandmother, and a happy person, despite the hardships and handicaps in her life. She stays connected to the world through her children, and via the Internet, which she calls "a wonderful thing." Although she has her own kitchen, meals are often available at the apartment complex, there are numerous planned activities, and Norma can always go down to the common room and visit with the other residents if she's feeling lonely. Of course, her social work still keeps in touch, too.

In Savannah, Jewish Family Services is entirely funded by the Savannah Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign and additionally by the Federation's "Friends of JFS" Campaign. These funds make it possible to provide social workers and social services for cases such as "Norma's" and many others needing such assistance, as well as emergency financial assistance in the form of mortgage and rent assistance, utility payments, medications, food and much more. Your one gift to the Savannah Jewish Federation touches hundreds of lives, here in Savannah and around the world.



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My Experience at BBYO IMPACT: Southwest

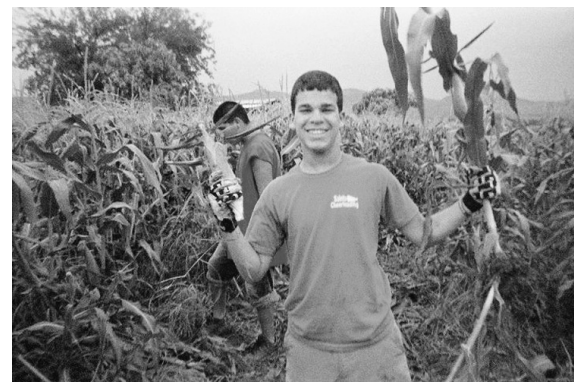
By Phillip Sadler

When my mom asked me about making summer plans before my senior year of high school, I never imagined I would go on BBYO's IMPACT: Southwest.

Starting in Colorado, my BBYO group traveled to Arizona, where we spent most of our time with the Hopi Nation. Our Hopi leader was Kenny, a native to the land. We lived in tents on Hopi land and prepared our own food. Each day, Kenny taught us new ways to be more responsible for ourselves like how to live without showering for 10 days and to always drink as much water as we could to stay hydrated. It was meaningful to discover the similarities between Judaism and the Hopi culture. Every day we had lessons built around this idea.

We woke up at 6 AM daily to start our Community Service projects. On some days we collected trash or cleaned around the reservation, while other days we harvested corn for the sacred Homedance that happens only twice a year. One day we woke up at 4 in the morning just so we could see what they did at their Homedance, which was on Shabbat so we walked to the dance.

Our group played basketball with some of the Hopi children and we were even given the chance to meet with elected tribal officers to get another view of life on the reservation. The work we did on the Hopi reservation



Phillip Sadler harvesting corn for the Homedance.

was extremely fulfilling and an experience that I would recommend to other teens.

When it was time to leave the Hopi land and go back to the Rockies in CO, I felt as if I was losing a part of me. After setting up base camp, we climbed to the top of Mount Sentential. Hiking to the 14,000 ft peak, I felt on top of the world. What a life changing moment!

I especially liked how our group had only 17 teens from all over the US with 5 advisors. Jessica Schlafstein was in my group and knowing her made it easier for me to get to know the girls, as I'm sure it was easier for her to become friends with the guys knowing me. Making forever friends is a great feeling. I want to thank the SJF for supporting me on this unforgettable, once in a lifetime experience.

Without your generosity to the Savannah Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign, I would never have been able to go on this trip.

Phillip Sadler's BBYO IMPACT experience was made possible in part due to a generous grant from the Savannah Jewish Federation.









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Mind Your Manners in the Gym

By Stephanie Johnson

Nobody wants to be a dumb bell when working out at their local gym. That is why remembering some basic fitness etiquette and following some simple rules is so important.

Rule #1: Leave no trace evidence behind

Criminal investigators will always look for tiny bits of evidence at a crime scene to help catch their crook. Trace evidence includes things like hair, nails, blood, and sweat. At the gym, you should only leave enough behind that only someone working in the FBI could find. This means that you should always wipe your machine down after every set and use a spray if one is available. This seems like such an obvious rule, but you would be surprised how often it is broken. It is utterly gross, so keep this one in mind at all times.

Rule #2: Don't monopolize a machine.

We have many types of workouts

that influence people to sit and rest at one machine or bounce around to five at the same time. No matter which workout you do, always be aware of people waiting or wanting to use a machine. If you machine-bounce, than be open to sharing. The most annoying habit is when someone lays their towel, water and personal belongings around several locations. If you spend a great amount of time at one machine, look around when you are at rest to see if anyone else needs to work in. Remember, we are all paying members with time restrictions. To share is to care.

Rule #3: Please, no cell phones here.

Most gyms have banned the use of cell phones in the workout area. Even if it is allowed at your gym, it is really looked down upon. Sitting at a machine on a phone does not look like resting -- it looks rude. The gym is a place to put life on hold for a bit, so unless it is an emergency, keep it in the locker room or car. If it is an emergency, use it away

from the equipment. It wasn't long ago that cell phones didn't even exist, and we managed just fine without them. One hour in storage won't kill you.

Rule #4: Rack those weights when you are done.

This is the most often-broken rule in the gym. It is a true sign of laziness at a time when laziness shouldn't be present. It can be very frustrating when someone who lifts 200 more pounds than you leaves their weights on when they are done.

Yes, we do get an extra workout removing them, but for some it can be dangerous. For example, someone who weighs 120 pounds shouldn't be bending over trying to pickup 45-pound weights and 80-pound dumbbells. It either puts them at risk for injury or makes them avoid the machine entirely. Remember to put your weights back where you found them.

When working out at the gym, keep these four simple rules in mind to demonstrate proper gym etiquette.

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All movies shown at 7:30 pm
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FREE Beer, wine, beverages and popcorn

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December 20th: M: \$25/ NM: \$35
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December 22nd: M: \$25/ NM: \$35
December 23rd: M: \$30/ NM: \$40*
December 24th: M: \$25/ NM: \$35

Week 2: December 27th - 31st:

December 27th: M: \$25/ NM: \$35
December 28th: M: \$30/ NM: \$40*
December 29th: M: \$25/ NM: \$35
December 30th: M: \$30/ NM: \$40*
December 31st: M: \$25/ NM: \$35

Camp Hours: 9am-5pm. Extended care available.

Rise-n-Shine: 8:00am-9:00am add \$2/hr

Stay-n-Play: 5:00pm-6:00pm add \$2/hr

Ages: 4y-5th Grade (Older Kids May Help)

Activities: Sports, Swimming, Arts & Crafts, Ice Skating, Field Trips and So Much More!

* Field Trip Day - please arrive no later than 9:30am (admission covered in daily fee)



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Beginning November 13th, 6 PM

For children 4 yrs to 5th grade. Older kids can come and help.

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Sign up for ALL nights and receive 5% off

Schedule:

Raiders of the Lost Ark—Nov. 13

Under the Sea Movie/Penguins & Polar Bears—Dec. 4

Iron Chef—Dec. 18

Olympic Games—Jan. 8

Game Show Mania/Fear Factor—Jan. 22

WII Challenge—Feb. 12

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The Introductory Class will begin on Monday, November 1st and run from 7:30-8:30 pm.

This is an intro class to see if Aerial Silks is for you! The cost is \$20 per class.

The Beginner Class will begin on Wednesday, November 3rd and run from 7:30-8:30 pm. This is a four-week class.

Cost for the Beginner class is \$100 for Members, \$125 for Non-Members. All classes held in the small gym.

Your instructor will be Kayla Dyches. Please contact Stephanie at 355-8111 or Stephanie@savj.org to enroll.



Upcoming YJS Events

November 11—"Oy Vey! Pub Crawl". Enjoy Savannah with fellow YJS'ers while enjoying a ghost tour/pub crawl starting at the Pirates House. \$10 per person. Please RSVP to Rachel Raab at raabstract@mac.com.

November 14—"Second Sunday"- November is playgroup month! Mark your calendars for a fun playgroup with YJS families! More details to come via Facebook and our YJS e-newsletter.

November 24—Our 5th annual Sweet Potato Schmooze Cocktail party the night before Thanksgiving at Kasey's Gourmet Grille.

Keep your eyes open for emails about YJS Game Night Happy Hour and a Brotherhood event!

December 8—Hannukah wrap-up event at the JEA. Details to follow.

December 12—"Second Sunday"- This year's first book club!

NOVEMBER GROUP FITNESS CLASSES					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	5-6 am Master Swim		5-6 am Master Swim		5-6 am Master Swim
9:15-10 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	10-11 am Aquasize	10-11 am SilverSplash		10-11 am Aquasize	10-11 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	
1-2 PM Billy's Boot Camp	Noon-2 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball
	3:45-5:45 pm Maxine Patterson Dance	4:30-5:30 pm Maxine Patterson Dance	4:30-5:30 pm Maxine Patterson Dance		
	5:30-7:30 pm Karate		5:30-7:30 pm Karate		
	6-7pm Step & Weight Aerobics	6-7 pm Yoga Power Hour	6-7 PM Billy's Boot Camp	6-7 pm Total Body Blast	
	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics		6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics	
		7-9 pm Savannah Fencing Club	7-8 pm Yoga Flow	7-9 pm Savannah Fencing Club	
	7:30-8:30 pm Intro to Aerial Silks		7:30-8:30 pm Beginners Aerial Silks		



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Important Dates 2010 -11

November 2010
28th Soccer Award Banquet
30th Basketball Registration Closes

December 2010
5th Basketball Practice Begins

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

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Art at the JEA



“The Rabbi” -
Rochelle Frank



“Bee Hive Ovens” -
Karl Kotheimer

November Artists—Rochelle Frank & Karl Kotheimer

Rochelle Frank - Biography

Born in Germany and emigrating to Israel at the state's inception has tremendously influenced Rochelle's life and art. At twelve, she came to the U.S., and plunged into life in Brooklyn, NY.

Having gotten her degree in fine art at CCNY, Ms. Frank's career was steeped in the graphics industry, designing and creating logos and marketing materials for corporations. In that capacity, she developed tremendous abilities for different forms of artistic expression and mediums.

Rochelle was instrumental in getting the Chester Art Association up and running and served as its Vice President and President. This group had annual outdoor art shows where Ms. Frank received various awards. After several job transfers and moves, Rochelle arrived in Savannah. Here, Ms. Frank has been inspired by the marshes and Low Country scenes. Although she loves painting in oils, she also has time for acrylic watercolors and digital paintings.

Her current web site, www.rochellefrank.com where she creates, markets and sells her ketubot (Jewish wedding contracts), is constantly evolving. She has had one-woman shows at the Mt. Olive Library (NJ) and at the Landings Club. The monthly shows at the Merrill Lynch Atrium Gallery on Skidaway Island were started by Ms. Frank and she displays her works monthly there as well.

Carl Kotheimer - Biography

My first "serious" camera was a time-weathered 2 1/4" twin lens Rollie my father handed down to me when I was 15 years old. Using the Rollie and a hand-held light meter, I learned a lot about exposure by making every mistake in and out of the book. Like many of my photographic generation, I grew up admiring the work of Edward Weston, Paul Strand, Alfred Stieglitz, Edward Steichen, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Man Ray and, of course, Ansel Adams. Like many, I was awestruck by Adams' work and hoped some day to make photographs and prints that approached his level of technical quality and creative insight. The distillation of my work during that period was featured in an exhibit called *Shadows Distinct* in New York City in 2001. After 35 years of chemical darkroom work, I began transitioning to "the digital darkroom" in the late 90's, and began working exclusively in the digital domain with the start of the new millennium. The culmination of my life's photographic passion is represented at Goldeneye Gallery in Savannah and on the web at www.goldeneye-gallery.com where I sell framed, limited edition artwork.

Artwork available for viewing November 1-3, 2010

Art Reception November 4, 2010, 5:30-7:30 PM

November 2010	November 2010						
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Daily Calendar Events	Nov. 1	2 Elections	3	4 Art Gallery Reception-- 5:30 pm Movie & A Beer-- 7 pm	5	6
	7 Speaker's Series-- 7:30 pm	8	9	10	11	12	13 Saturday Night Out-- 6 pm
	14 YJS "Second Sunday"- Playgroup	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21 Super Sunday Fun Day-- 10 am PJ Library-- 1 pm	22	23 Israeli Art Show Begins	24 YJS Sweet Potato Schmooze @ Kasey's Gourmet Grille	25 Thanksgiving JEA Offices Closed. Fitness Center Open 9 am-3 pm	26	27
	28 Soccer Awards Banquet-- 4 pm	29	30	Dec. 1	2 Community Hanukkah Celebration & PJ Library Hanukkah Party-- 6 pm	3 BBYO Dance Weekend	4 BBYO Dance Weekend



Meet the JEA Personal Trainers

Billy Johnson, CSCS, SAQ, has 12 years of fitness experience and specialized sports training. He has and continues to train high school through professional athletes for many different sports! Billy works with a variety of clients of all ages and abilities. He is always challenging his clients to achieve their optimal fitness level. Billy strives to provide specialized training programs to anyone that needs to be helped and/or change their physical abilities.



Billy Johnson

His training philosophy is to provide specialized training programs for changing lifestyles through mental, nutrition and physical training and to achieve optimal health through physical fitness training by setting fitness goals. **Work SMART!**

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M = Measurable

A = Attainable

R = Realistic

T = Timely

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David Collison, our full-time trainer at the JEA for the last seven years. He has more than twenty years experience in personal training. David came to us from the 1/75th Ranger Battalion where he was a Ranger Instructor, and cross trained with many of the elite forces around the world. David decided to continue with fitness as a profession. He became a trainer through the ISSA – International Sport Science Association and is also certified in reflexology massage therapy. He offers a personalized approach for each client and trains many JEA members. David uses a variety of training methods to keep clients motivated and on track; weight training, strength and conditioning, TRX Suspension, kickboxing, kettlebells, and more. He will challenge you in every workout. You'll catch yourself wanting to come back for more.



David Collison

Elaine Fox has a varied history as a manager, school teacher and fitness instructor. Her background blends a unique set of skills in education, social services, and the fitness industry. Her experience spans the generations from nursery school to senior fitness. Elaine is certified as a Personal Trainer through AFAA, plus as a Kripalu Yoga Teacher, Silver Sneakers® Instructor, Osteoporosis Prevention Instructor for the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, and Tai Chi for Arthritis Instructor. Elaine has two specialties: Yoga and Senior Fitness. You may sign up for 1-1 personal training in either of these areas with her, or attend the Silver Sneakers classes Monday through Thursday at 10:30 AM.



Elaine Fox

In addition she is a former director of state and national alternative education programs for specialized populations, at-risk youth, and displaced homemakers. Elaine has managed fitness centers including ours at the JEA. She had been a professional dancer in New Jersey.

Janice Steirn holds certifications from the American Council on Exercise (ACE) in both Personal Training and Weight and Lifestyle Management Consulting. Janice also has a Ph.D. in Psychology with a specialization in Learning (Behavioral Change) and is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Georgia Southern University. Janice is eager to help anyone who would like to work out and/or meet for Lifestyle Management consulting. Because she has weight struggles of her own, Janice is able to identify with the emotional correlates of being overweight. Personal training is available for individuals or pairs. Weight and Lifestyle management Consulting is available for individuals, pairs, or small groups (including families).



Janice Steirn

If you would like to learn more about the

Jewish Educational Alliance Fitness Center, its trainers or you wish to sign up for time with one of the Personal Trainers, please call Stephanie Johnson, JEA Health and Wellness Director, 912-355-8111 or email her, stephanie@savj.org. She will be happy to put you in contact with one of the Personal Trainers.

Mark Lebos, M.A. is an Exercise Physiologist and ACSM Certified Personal Trainer with 20 yrs experience in the health and fitness industry. He specializes in cancer recovery, orthopedic rehabilitation, functional/core training and weight loss. Mark's education and experiences underscore his commitment to helping his clients get in shape and out of pain. He has worked with people of all fitness levels from celebrities to competitive athletes, seniors, new moms, old dads, youth and those recovering from injuries and illness.



Mark Lebos

Mark's accomplishments include creating and hosting his own fitness show for Discovery Channel, "Fit TV's Housecalls," and hosting a fitness DVD for Discovery Health's National Body Challenge that is available in Discovery Stores nationwide. Growing up in Savannah, Mark spent many years competing on the JEA playing field. Now he helps others get fit to meet the challenges of life. Mark stays in shape surfing, coaching JEA soccer and keeping up with his busy family; his wife

Jessica and kids, Abraham and Liberty. His own busy life has given Mark a real understanding for all things practical, including how to fit exercise into our busy lives.

Stephanie Johnson, MS, CPT, HFS is the JEA's Health and Wellness Director. She has her Master's in Exercise Science and an Athletic Training background. She has been a certified Personal Trainer (ACE) and Health and Fitness Specialist (ACSM) for the past 10 years.



Stephanie Johnson

Stephanie has worked with clients of many different levels of fitness and many different ages. She takes the time to get to know her client and designs programs to fit their individual needs and abilities. With Stephanie's background in athletic training, she prides herself in designing programs for those that are injured and wanting to continue their journey to a healthier and fit lifestyle. She has worked with youth, athletes, expectant mothers, new mothers, men, and the elderly.

Stephanie not only works out the client, she is always encouraging them to make better eating choices. You can find Stephanie utilizing many different conditioning techniques within her workouts that include; fitness ladders, kettlebells, TRX Suspension, and plyometric activities.



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Timely Treats from Gefilte Girl

Chai y'all!
Who else loves this time of year? The air begins to chill, we pull out our sweaters and start making those much loved holiday family recipes. I adore going to the Farmer's Market in fall just to buy winter greens and gourds...there are so many recipe options especially with gourds- roast them, make soups or breads. Today I'm sharing two of my favorite family recipes, roasted acorn squash (great side dish and so so easy!) and my mother's pumpkin bread (makes a great holiday gift). Please enjoy and Happy Thanksgiving!



Gefilte Girl
Elizabeth Hale

3 cups sugar or 3 cups of Splenda OR a 50:50 mix of the two.

4 eggs, beaten

1 cup vegetable oil

1 and 1/2 tsp. salt

2 tsp. cinnamon

2 tsp. nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon allspice

1 cup chopped pecans (optional)

1/2 cup raisins (also optional)

Water:

1/2 cup water if you are using fresh cooked pumpkin

OR

2/3 cup water if you are using commercial canned pumpkin

1. Preheat oven to 350° F.

2. In a large mixing bowl, stir together the flour, soda, salt, cinnamon, allspice, nutmeg and sugar (or Splenda).

3. Add the eggs, water, oil and pumpkin. Stir until blended.

4. If desired, add the raisins and/or nuts. Mix well, either by hand or with a mixer.

5. Pour into two lightly greased and floured 9x5" loaf pans.

6. Bake approximately 1 hour at 350° F (175° C). The test for doneness is the knife test: when a clean knife can be stuck in and removed cleanly.

7. Remove from the oven and cool slightly (10 minutes).

8. Then take out of pans to let cool on a rack.

Like banana bread, pumpkin bread tastes better if you wrap it in plastic wrap (Saran wrap, cling film), refrigerate it and wait until the following day to eat it. It keeps well in the refrigerator and can be frozen.

Elizabeth Hale Ratner is a member of Temple Mickve Israel, please visit her website at www.savannahcitycatering.com, and for any questions or cooking tips e-mail her at gefiltegirlsavannah@yahoo.com.

ROASTED ACORN SQUASH

*serves 2, approximate cooking time 25 minutes

1 acorn squash

2 Tbs. butter

cinnamon

brown sugar

Cut the squash in half, clean out all the seeds (using a tablespoon works best for me). Microwave the halves for 5 minutes. Preheat oven to 350°. Spread one tablespoon of butter on the inside and the edges. Sprinkle with cinnamon, and put 1-2 Tbs. of brown sugar inside it. Wrap in aluminum foil and bake 20 minutes or until the flesh is fork tender.

SPICED PUMPKIN BREAD

*yields two loaves

2 cups of fresh cooked pumpkin

OR one 16 ounce can of canned pumpkin

3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour (not self-rising flour)

2 tsp. baking soda

Savannah Jewish ARCHIVES

Oral History Excerpts

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

MEYER "JOHNNY" BECKER
(1922-1992) interviewed in 1991



Meyer "Johnny" Becker

And I worked in the garment center but was very unhappy. I didn't like it. My cousin Ed Waldman was visiting, and he could see I was upset, and he said, "Why don't you come to Savannah? We'll go and my brother Ben and I are going to go into the

floor covering business, and you can work for us." So I came down to Savannah. At that time you had the old Union Station... I came in and it was like 98°, and the full power of Union Bag was in the air. But it didn't bother me. I fell in love with Savannah and... My cousin Ed took me to Morrison's on Whitaker Street at that time. I thought that was the greatest meal I ever ate. I think it cost about a dollar. Kay and I, Kay my wife now, were engaged at that time. Now I

was going to go home, go back to New York, get my stuff and come back. My cousin Ben said, "I have a store on West Broad Street that's empty. Why don't you buy me out?" And I said, "I don't have any money." And I said, "I don't know anything about the business." He said, "Well, you can learn the business, and all you have to do is make a down payment." So I went back to New York. I went up to my old employer and I said, "Listen, I need \$1,000 as a down payment to buy this little business." And he says, "I think you're crazy." But he gave me \$1,000... and I brought the thousand dollars to my cousin Ben, and that was the down payment, and that's how I started on West Broad Street, right opposite the Union Station. The store at that time was called General Store, but I changed it into an army store, and I eventually called it the Old Army/Navy Store... From there I moved up to Broughton Street. I had two stores, then I closed one. And then I took another store on Broughton Street, blocking other competition... And I'm at the same place now that I was almost 40 years ago.

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 SCAD tour that was given on the 15th of October for members of the Savannah Jewish Archives was a huge success. We hope to offer more special tours in the future for members only.

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the family of:

Milton Towbin

Who died on October 15, 2010

He is survived by four daughters, Linda Rosen of Miami, FL, Marla Towbin of Miami, FL, Carol Towbin (Joel) Greenberg, Davie Towbin (Albert) Perez of

Miami, FL; six grandchildren, Mark (Natasha) Rosen, Drew (Meredith) Rosen, Harris Greenberg, Stephanie Greenberg, Anthony Perez and Savannah Perez; and two great-grand children, Chelsea Rosen and Chandler Rosen.

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Thoughts from Rambam

On Simchas Torah I watched as all the children gathered under the talis while the Torah was being read and then the song Hamalach Hagoel was sung. This yearly, Simchas Torah tradition, brings tears to my eyes each time; especially as all the fathers and grandfathers sing the verses of Hamalach which are words that beseech the Angels Above to protect our children from harm. It is a father, grandfather and children and grandchildren moment. I did not feel the least bit left out of this momentous moment. In fact, I was very much a part of it, as I appreciated every second of what my eyes beheld.

As I watched this scenario unfold, and the children were so excited to be a part of it all, I thought to myself, this is shalom; this is peace at its best. Everyone cherishing their role, even if that role was just to observe and appreciate. I felt a bond with those fathers and grandfathers, (even the ones not related to me). They were holding tight their little ones while dancing and singing.

I was reminded of Har Sinai when the Jews all gathered, adults and children to receive the precious Torah from our Father, our King, the Almighty. The verses are written in singular tense when describing the Jewish people gathering for this occasion, and then the verses switch to plural tense. The reason for this is because we came as **one** to accept this gift from the Almighty. We felt the bond that connected each of us to the other. In that moment, there was true Shalom between each Jew. There was nothing that divided us; we were all equally present, all equally receiving the gift of the Torah.

There is another strong bond that binds the Jewish people and that is our forefather Avraham. Avraham

was referred to as Avraham Halvri, which translates to mean, Avraham the Hebrew. However, literally, the word Ivri means the *other side*. This description was apropos for Avraham, because he stood on one side imparting the oneness of G-d, G-d's greatness and His awesomeness; while all the other people stood on the other side. Avraham did not cower under pressure, nor did he cower because he was in the minority. Avraham stood fast in his beliefs.

There is nothing more vital to success then pursuing it through a respectful, tolerant, peaceful manner. We owe this code of honor to each other, because we are bound by brotherhood, and we should feel a sense of obligation to that bond.

The great Chafetz Chaim, Rabbi Yisroel Meir Kagan, the great author of the laws of Lashon Hara, (speaking ill of others) was heard to say that he wanted to change the whole world to a better place. He tried and then said, "This undertaking is too great for one man. I will try to change my country." He tried and then said, "This undertaking is too great for one man. I will try to change my city." He tried and then said, "This undertaking is too great for one man. I will try to change my community." He tried and then said, "This undertaking is too difficult for one man. I will try to change myself." And he did. In so doing, the Chafetz Chaim impacted the whole world with his example of not talking about others and respecting all of mankind.



Ester Rabhan,
Principal of
Rambam Day School

Getting to Know Shalom School

I have been teaching at Shalom School for 5 years, so I felt I knew the school. I knew most of the students and, if not, I had often taught their siblings. But now, as the principal, I wanted to know more. And, if like me, you did not grow up in Savannah, you always feel a little awkward when you look surprised that you did not know that "X's grandmother's sister, who was married to Y's brother-in-law's cousin," had taught the 4th grade for 10 years and could be a great source of advice. (Which is always welcome and should not be confused with criticism). There are lots of other confusing family trees, but that is for another conversation.

So today I'd like to share with you some historical findings as well as the current news.

Things you should know:

- Shalom School is the combined supplementary school of Agudath Achim and Mikve Israel synagogues.
- Our program covers pre-K to 9th grade.
- 82% of our faculty members are educational professionals during the rest of the week as well (ranging from BA to PhD).

Things you might want to know:

- The school today has about 80 students, from both synagogues.
- Since our approach is about the family as a whole, Shalom School offers a Parent Class that grown-ups love so much that they refuse to graduate.
- Some of our teachers have been teaching Jewish education for over 20 years – passionate, that's what they really are!
- School is held Sundays (all grades) and Wednesdays (3rd-6th grade)
- Our students come (and leave) the

building smiling.

Things you wish you could do:

- "party time": on top of formal classroom time, our 7th, 8th and 9th graders meet once a month for a "social gathering". Last month they went kayaking around Tybee and took a break to learn that "green and ecology" are and always have been a core value in Judaism.

- Join the preK and Kindergarten classes for Alef-Bet yoga every Sunday morning.

- (Re-) Visit the Holocaust Museum in Washington. The 8th and 9th graders will be there in February. And while "up north", they'll visit Wash U. to get a better understanding of Jewish institutions on campus. So, hopefully, they'll make the best choice when looking at colleges.

- Listen to the Torah Portion of the week while eating a bagel and cream cheese (sorry no lox – not "financially responsible") with the 3rd-6th grades.

The picture wouldn't be complete if I didn't tell you that the school was created 18 years ago when Mikve Israel and Agudath Achim decided to combine their respective schools. The idea was revolutionary at the time and has been adopted since then in dozens of congregations over the country.

Looking forward to an inspiring (and successful) additional next 18 years. And who knows, by then, I might even have the various family connections figured out.



Eva Locker,
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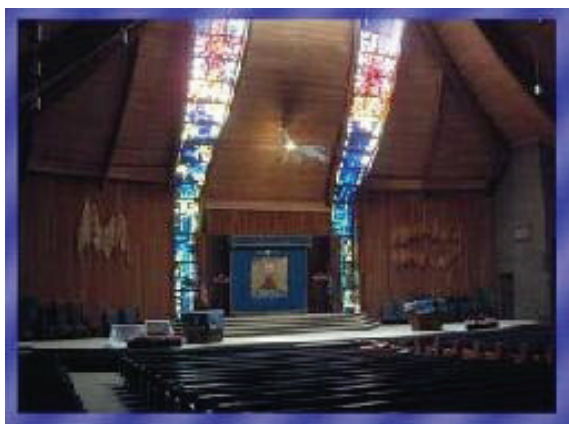
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Four Questions for the Rest of the Year

Eva Locker

1. What did you hope to bring to the Shalom School to make it even better for the students who learn there?

I hoped to see my passion for Judaism and my enthusiasm about education help making the school into a place where the learning experience is meaningful, relevant and fun at the same time.

2. How do you see your role as the principal of the Shalom School?

My predecessor has been very successful in building an exceptional faculty staff; I hope to provide a setting that's always inspiring to those teachers. I also hope to build close relationship with our students; going from pre-K to 9th grade, the school definitely provides the time opportunity for that!

And then, I do plan to be a little

creative in some specific part of the curriculum!

3. What do you find the most rewarding about your position?

There are the little things like to see the excitement of a five years old when, after weeks, it's finally his turn to be "Daddy of Shabbat" in the classroom. And then, there is the bigger picture like when a senior give the Jewish component a serious thought when choosing a college.

4. What do you hope the students learn, know and/or understand when they graduate the Shalom School?

I want our students to leave with core knowledge of their Jewish Heritage, a love for Judaism and an appetite for further learning.

Triathletes Update

As we reported last month, Danny Nagelberg and Jerry Roth competed in the Age Group National Triathlon Championships in Tuscaloosa as we were going to press. Danny finished 9th in his age group (top 10 in the country!). Jerry also competed in his Age Group and did not finish where he would have liked, but he's proud of his completion and we are too. *Kol Hakavod* to both of them and may they continue to go from strength to strength as they pursue this sport!

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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.

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Women Give More to Charity Than Men, New Study Shows

Women are more likely to give to charity and give more on average than men across nearly every income level, a new study conducted by the Women's Philanthropy Institute at the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University finds.

According to the study, Women Give 2010, in every income bracket, a higher percentage of women than men give to charity. Moreover, women in the lowest (\$23,509 and under per year), middle (between \$43,501 and \$67,532), and top income brackets (more than \$103,000) give nearly twice as much as their male counterparts. The exception is women in the second-lowest quintile (between \$23,510 and \$43,499), who are 32 percent more likely to give than

men but also give 32 percent less.

Using data from the Center on Philanthropy Panel Study, the report analyzed giving by households headed by single men and women — as data on giving by married couples can obscure the effects of gender — and controlled for factors including income, age, race/ethnicity, education, and number of children. It found that never-married and divorced women are more likely to give — and give more — than men of the same marital status. However, widowers are more likely to give and give more than widows.

“These findings have the potential to affect both donors and charities significantly,” said the report's author, Debra J. Mesch, director of the Women's

Philanthropy Institute. “Understanding the power of their giving may encourage more women to consider the difference they can make with their giving. Nonprofits may see this as a reminder to pay closer attention to the philanthropic power of women and the

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