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November 15th is Super Sunday

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The Little Girl Who Drank Four Cups at Her Passover Seder

Even though Chelsea had her Bat Mitzvah the year before, inside she was still scared and confused and not ready to be the woman everyone expected her to be. Uncomfortable

in her own skin and unsure of her place in the world, she would retreat for hours at a time. That is, until her family's Seder in 2003. "I drank four full cups—and for the first time, there was silence in my head. I wanted that feeling of peace all the time."

Chelsea also found peace in her art, her drawing and her music, but by the time she entered high school, she was binge drinking and going to class high on a regular basis. Then, when she was 18 and weighed just 90 pounds, perhaps delirious, perhaps still high, she had a dream that "I was literally and spiritually dying." On the advice of a school counselor, Chelsea found her way to Jewish Family Services and an alternative addiction expert who would save her life. With the help of Eve, her recovery counselor, Chelsea has made real progress. She reconnected with her Jewish community, began drawing again with renewed passion,

and last month, she celebrated 18 months of sobriety. "I take it one day at a time. Most of all, I just try to really love and enjoy being 19."

Chelsea is real, but as you may have figured out by now, does not live in Savannah. But our Jewish Family Services helps people like Chelsea every day of every week. We are seeing to it that families with young children who are having difficulty making their rent and mortgage payments get the stop-gap funding they need to stay in their homes with no interruption to their daily lives. And in those unfortunate and thankfully rare instances where the children need additional services, JFS is there to make sure that any necessary services are available to them. And of course, no family dealing with this kind of crisis should also have to worry about whether or not their utilities will be cut off. Every month we make available emergency funds to families and individuals that keep their



*Top to bottom:
Chelsea's journey to sobriety brought her back to the things she loved. Her art and her Judaism. With Eve, her alternative addiction specialist from Jewish Family Services.*

vital services turned on – electricity, water, gas, prescription medication, even automobile insurance, if necessary.

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Something to Cheer About

On October 15th, David Byck stood before 200 members of the community to kick off this year's Annual Campaign for the Savannah Jewish Federation.

The occasion was the campaign's annual "Main Event" and everyone had just heard a marvelous talk by hometown-favorite Bruce Feiler on his latest literary effort about the reluctant prophet Moses. Byck, as General Chair of the 2010 Campaign, rose to ask those present to make their commitments to the campaign. He talked about the needs here in Savannah, as well as in Israel and in Jewish communities in dozens of other countries throughout the world.

In the room that evening were people from all walks of our community. There were those whose families have been in Savannah for generations and those who have lived in the area for



David Byck at the Main Event

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2010 Federation Campaign Achievement Update

\$365,771

One Gift ... A World of Good



Hatred Between Brothers – Did We Learn the Lesson?

By Udi Tsemach
In memory of Yitzhak Rabin

October 4, 1995: I woke up on the couch and I saw my mother coming toward me silently and she seemed confused and sad. I asked “what happened?” She answered “some one killed our Prime Minister.” Sorrow and confusion hit me. My mother took me to school and I was numb during the ride. In school it was the same. No one knew what to say, the teachers also seemed confused and miserable.

Some people say that Israel lost her innocence that day when Yitzhak Rabin was killed by another Jew.

Two weeks earlier my father went to a demonstration against the peace process that Rabin was leading. Four hundred thousand people were there, it was one of the biggest demonstrations that Israel ever seen. (Later they named the square where it was held after Rabin.) Some people raised posters which showed Rabin dressed like Arafat; some showed him in Nazi uni-

forms. All the leaders of the right wing were there, even the current Israeli Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu. They said Rabin lost his mind when he planned to give back territories, when he thought that Arafat, *the terrorist*, would want to make peace.

But two weeks later my father lost his words when Rabin was assassinated. “By a Jew?! A Jew?”

Yigal Amir, who assassinated Rabin, didn’t hate him for nothing. He thought he sacrificed himself to save the land of Israel.

This is not the first time that a Jewish leader assassinated by another Jew. Gedaliah, King of Judea, was killed two thousand years ago by a pious Jew. We fast every year just after Rosh Hashanah in memory of that act.

According to the Midrash, the second Temple was destroyed because of hatred for nothing. I don’t believe that people hate for nothing, in some cases they have very good reasons for that.

But are those questions still relevant for today?

Today, after two thousand years of exile we don’t have a Temple but we do have Israel, the Jewish homeland, again. However, sometimes because Israel is fact we take it for granted.

We get angry when we see in the media how the Israelis treat the Palestinians. More than that, sometimes we are disgusted by the way the Jews in Israel treat each other. We ask ourselves: “Is that the light for the nations? What has become of our beloved homeland?”

In this beautiful community there are different kinds of Jews, all of them really caring about the community. However, sometime differences create conflicts. It is obvious there every group has different interests. Furthermore, people sometimes get angry about thoughtlessness of the other group. Sometimes the anger is so great that it makes you forget the fundamental truth, that after



Udi Tsemach

all they are your brothers.

We, the Jewish people, lost our Temple two times before. Two Jewish leaders were killed by their Jewish brothers.

Sometimes when we are angry we forget the worst of all – that we causing another separation, another ‘destruction of the Temple.’ Can you imagine what will happen if we will break apart? We need to remember that love is examined in bad times, when you are furious.

It is ok to criticize Israeli policy, but you can’t become apathetic to Israel and stop supporting your Israeli brothers. We should not forget that Israel is the only place that keeps its doors open to Jews no matter what.

Furthermore, it is relevant also to our everyday life in this community. We need to make our best efforts to come together and overcome our differences. We need to treat each other like brothers, treat each other with love and not from anger.

I hope that in this year we all stick together as one people, as one community, as brothers and sisters.

Campaign.....cont. from page 1

Your gift to the Savannah Jewish Federation’s Annual Campaign makes a critical difference in the lives of people like Chelsea and their families. Here in Savannah, the average rent or mortgage assistance provided is just over \$600/month per family; heating in the winter, \$125/month; a 50-minute counseling session for a child, \$60; monthly prescription medication not covered by Peachcare, \$60.

So whether it is by allowing us to provide a hand up to an individual or family during a difficult time or to continue providing ongoing programs and services like AARP driving classes and Senior Lunch and Learn; helping to fund Jewish Family Services is just one of the many ways that your one gift provides a world of good!

Main Event.....cont. from page 1

only a few months; there were people of wealth and people of more modest means; there were young people and people who are young-at-heart. All were asked to make the same commitment to the campaign this year: An increase of at least 10% over their previous year’s gift; or, for new donors, a gift of one dollar a day (\$365).

So how did we do? You be the judge. Not everyone was prepared to make their gift that evening and some had already done so (more on that in a minute), but most people in attendance made their commitments and among those who had given in the past, we raised \$206,676, representing a card-for-card increase of 11.75% (up from \$184,945 on those cards last year)! Fourteen new gifts were pledged at

the event with an average value of just under \$195 each.

Prior to the Main Event, a Briefing and Training program was held on October 1st for the Campaign Management Team and all campaign solicitors and workers where they were asked to make their commitments to the 2010 Campaign. The Federation Officers and staff also have made their commitments, as well as a few other members of the community. All told, the campaign currently stands at \$365,771, with an average card-for-card increase of 10.16% among those donors who also gave to the 2009 campaign.

The Savannah Jewish Federation is grateful for everyone’s support and for your commitment to making meaningful gifts that support the work of so many important organizations, including: The Jewish Educational Alliance, Jewish Family Services, Rambam Day School, Shalom School, BBYO, Hillel (at UGA, SCAD, Georgia Southern), the Jewish Agency for Israel, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs and more. In addition, we support or sponsor local programs and initiatives such as: The PJ Library, Young Jewish Savannah, Yom HaShoah, Trading Places, the Savannah Jewish Film Festival and more.

If you have not yet made your com-

mitment to the 2010 Annual Campaign and would like to call us before we call you, please contact Lynn Levine or Adam Solender at (912) 355-8111.

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Linda Zoller
President,
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of the Federation committees. Board service should flow from the work done on committees and we intend to make that happen this year. Federation work is not just for its board but for the entire community. Federation works not just when its board does, but when we all do.

Progress on the community strategic plan moves along. In October, it was presented to the Boards of Directors of the JEA and Federation. In addition, two town hall meetings were held by the JEA for community input. Eventually, each Board will vote to approve, or amend and approve, the plan.

There are various committee jobs you could do related to the strategic plan. You could raise money for the Annual Campaign, write or recruit writers and plan for the *Savannah Jewish News*, help coordinate Trading Places, Yom HaShoah, or the Martin Luther King events, help with the Jewish Film Festival or *The PJ Library*, recruit Jewish families to settle in Savannah and welcome them once they are here, set policy for Jewish Family Services and work on a JFS project, plan for the Jewish education of our teenagers, or help with leadership development. The opportunities are endless. Have any questions? Want to volunteer? Drop me a line at sjfpresident@savj.org, or in care of the Federation at 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405.

Committee participation leads to Board service and it is with great appreciation that I recognize the four members of the SJF Board who recently completed their board terms: Jeff Neil, Michael Konter, Nancy Feldman, and Freddie Rabhan. Board members may serve a maximum of three, two-year terms before they must rotate off the board for at least a year. The only way a member can stay on the board for more than six consecutive years is if he or she becomes a Federation officer, particularly President, which adds six years of service.

Jeff Neil just completed a year on the Federation Board, filling an unexpired term. Jeff added greatly to our



meetings and was an enthusiastic participant. Michael Konter completed a two-year term, served as the Federation representative to the Rambam Day School Board, and also helped with the annual campaign. Nancy Feldman just completed six years on the board. She has coordinated our welcome wagon, served as chair of Jewish Family Services, chaired the Women's Division and was the Overall Campaign Chair. One of our very best solicitors, Nancy has always gone above and beyond to make sure that the yearly campaigns run smoothly. Recently, Nancy helped coordinate the decorations for the Annual Meeting because she knows I hate decorating. She is a true friend as well as a great volunteer.

Freddie Rabhan must hold the record. In September, he completed 20 consecutive years of service on the Board. He has chaired the Men's Campaign, been the Overall Campaign Chair, and held every office, including President. Freddie is known for his financial understanding. He can recall a line item in a budget five or maybe even ten years ago. Mostly, he is known for his compassion, ability to listen, fair leadership, and loyal devotion to the Federation.

I thank all of them for their service. We have been fortunate to have individuals of their caliber working for Federation. Now we need YOU (everyone else) to step up and take their places. Please join a committee. And with that being said, I ask the four retiring members to join a committee as well. We need seasoned workers as well as new ones to do the work of the Federation. Freddie's already talked to me about it.

It's still campaign time and if you haven't already done so, please give what is for you a meaningful gift to the Annual Savannah Jewish Federation Campaign. It will help Jews in Savannah, Israel, and around the world. One Gift... A World of Good.

A Fine Weekend

Last week my son Aaron came home from a BBYO event that was held in Summerton, South Carolina. The van pulled up at the JEA on Sunday afternoon. It looked like one of those clown cars from the circus as the side doors of the van opened and out spilled backpacks, sleeping bags, pillows, duffel bags, wet towels, and nine, very tired teens. They had just spent 48 hours together with other Jewish teens from Charleston, Columbia, and Augusta who make up the Dixie Council.

After a few quick goodbyes (the Patriots were on TV in only 45 minutes and we had to be home for kickoff), we jumped into our car for the short ride home. Aaron laid his head back in the seat and closed his eyes to signal that he was exhausted and had no interest in talking. Doing my fatherly duty, I ignored all the signals. (Those of you who have teens will relate...)

"How was the weekend?" *Fine.*

"How was the football game?" *Good.*

"Was it cold?" *Freezing.*

"Did you meet any new kids?" *Yeah.*

"Meet any girls?" *Uh huh.*

It was as informative a conversation as you were likely to have with an exhausted teen who was looking forward to taking a shower and watching a football game on a Sunday afternoon. I posed one more question: "What schools do the nine of you from Savannah attend?" Through closed eyes and slurred speech he said, "Jenkins, BC, St. Vincent's, Country Day, St. Andrews, and Savannah Arts." His head then fell back and he slept for the duration of the trip home.

I got to thinking about what he had said—nine teens and six schools. It is

almost unbelievable that in a city the size of Savannah our children are so spread apart. It made me think about how appreciative I am to have an organization like BBYO

to bring our teens together. BBYO is a pluralistic teen movement that aspires to involve Jewish teens in meaningful Jewish experiences. Throughout BBYO's 85-year history, the organization has brought leadership and community service opportunities, Jewish education, a connection to Israel, and positive identity to thousands of Jewish youth in North America and beyond.

In a community the size of ours, BBYO plays an essential role in bringing our teens together from different congregations, different backgrounds, and different schools. I am proud that our Federation understands the importance of the organization and year after year, provides support funding from our Annual Campaign. It is a tangible display of your campaign dollars at work right here in Savannah.

Aaron and I arrived home. As we got out of the car, he grabbed his gear from the back seat and mumbled, "Thanks for picking me up." He stumbled into the house, I was right behind him. His mother, so happy to see him after the long weekend away knew enough to leave him alone and immediately queried me, "How was his weekend?" As I picked up the remote control to turn on the game I responded, "Fine."

Like father, like son.



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Iran Divestiture Legislation Passes

On October 14, 2009, the House overwhelmingly passed legislation that authorizes state and local governments to divest from companies investing in Iran's petroleum and natural gas sector. The Iran Sanctions Enabling Act (H.R. 1327), passed by a bipartisan vote of 414-6 and introduced by Reps. Barney Frank (D-MA) and Mark Kirk (R-IL), protects fund managers who divest from such companies from potential lawsuits,

thereby facilitating state efforts to divest from the Islamist regime. To date, 18 states have passed legislation divesting from Iran, including California, Florida, New Jersey, Ohio and Illinois. President Obama, who introduced his own version of the legislation as a senator in 2007, has stated repeatedly that the United States will impose sanctions on Iran if it does not meet U.N. Security Council requirements to end its nuclear program.

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*.

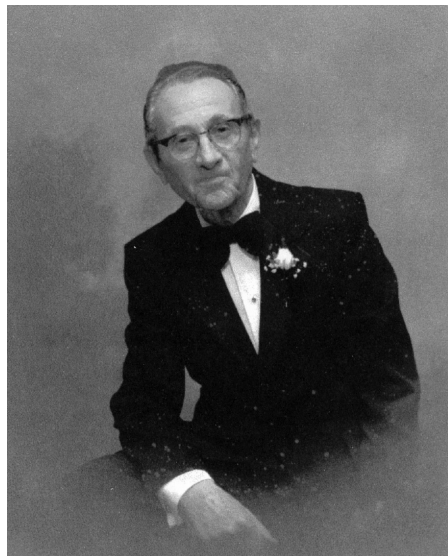
FRED ROTKOW (1901-2001)
interviewed June 1996

You were nine or ten years old. Eleven years old. So it was a simple life. But it was a life that we knew. We had to play baseball, too, you know... You ever heard of Franklin Square?... It was a rough and tumble playground... But it was pretty flat, there were no shrubs... There was no, there was not any schedule... Three or four kids got together. If they had a bat and ball, they'd play ball. Very often, we didn't have a bat and we didn't have a ball. We didn't have anything. If you had a penny in your pocket, you did well. Do you know what a penny is? Have you ever seen a penny? They were not easy to get. The average kid didn't get pennies. We didn't get anything. You could buy ice cream on the street corner for a penny.

We used to go to dances quite a bit... Public dances? You know where SCAD school is?... You know the building. That was the best. There used to be some fine orchestras there. And some of them were sponsored; some

of them you had to pay a fee, three or five dollar fee, to go to the dance. But before you could get that five dollars together, you had to be working somewhere. No one handed you that five, or three, dollars. So you worked and you spent your money that way... So we used to go to dances quite a bit. You didn't go dating. Once in a while you would take a date to a movie. But how would you get to the movie? You didn't have a vehicle. You had to ride the streetcar... If you had a friend who had a car, or could borrow a car from Momma or Poppa, you went with that friend. He had his date and you had yours. So we went couples, or three people, together. But that's the way it was. It was interesting. Those were your best friends. Those were your close friends. And you enjoyed life together.

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 archivist Lynette Stoudt at (912) 651-2125 or lstoudt@georgiahistory.com.



ADL Condemns Characterization of Jews by S.C. GOP Leaders

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) said that despite the apology of two South Carolina Republican Party chairmen for characterizing Jews as penny-pinchers, "they need to do more to publicly disavow their words and to understand why their remarks were so insensitive."

In an opinion piece published October 18 by *The Times and Democrat* newspaper, Bamberg County GOP Chairman Edwin Merwin and Orangeburg County Chairman James Ulmer defended the fiscal policies of U.S. Senator Jim DeMint, comparing him to "Jews who are wealthy [who] got that way not by watching dollars, but instead by taking care of the pennies and the dollars taking care of themselves."

"Their apology is a first step, but it doesn't go far enough," said Bill Nigut, ADL Southeast Regional Director. "Stereotypes about Jews' facility with money have survived through generations and have been inculcated into our culture. Mr. Merwin and Mr. Ulmer need to better understand the impact of their words, and how those words



will resonate and reinforce anti-Semitism."

ADL said it would gladly facilitate a dialogue between the two county chairmen and members of the South Carolina Jewish community.

"The seeming ease with which these Republican leaders invoked age-old stereotypes of the Jewish people makes it clear that they need to engage actively in meaningful conversation with the Jewish community to understand why their remarks were so insensitive," Mr. Nigut said.

"The best outcome of this sad episode would be for Mr. Merwin and Mr. Ulmer to learn more about the root causes of anti-Semitism. They need to do more to publicly disavow their words and to understand why their remarks were so insensitive."

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Josh Sandler, 2001

College: University of Georgia

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Sunday, December 6, 2009
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Harvey Coleman
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Tickets: \$10 at the Door, \$5 for Students, FREE for Military

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Art at the JEA



Croci



Murck



West

November Artists—Suzanne Croci, Sanford Murck & Charmaine West

Suzanne Croci - A graduate of Ohio State University with a Masters in Nursing, Suzanne is a retired nurse educator. She began painting in acrylic while her husband was a resident in Ophthalmology at Ohio State. She has studied drawing and painting with artists in Columbus and Athens, Ohio; St. Petersburg and Sarasota Florida; and Savannah. She has served on the Landings Art Association Board as Membership and Program Chairman and President.

The impressionist style is her favorite. The vistas and flowers of the low country provide constant inspiration for her, even just by looking out the window or sitting on her deck. She finds that, although it is difficult to capture the beauty she sees, it is worth the attempt.

Sanford Murck - Sanford Murck retired to Savannah in 1991. Although he had no experience in art, he had inherited an easel, a box of oil paints, and a few canvases and so he decided to try painting. His first work was a painting of a bowl of tulips. He decided he liked to paint and has been doing it ever since.

He enjoys painting flowers of all kinds. "Even a white flower has so much color, and the simplest bud has so much detail." He also paints other things including shells, birds, landscapes, still lifes and portraits.

While he began painting in oils, and tried watercolors as well, he now works solely in acrylics. They have the advantage of both oil and watercolor, he says.

Charmaine West - The arts have always been a part of Charmaine's life, but only after retirement has she been able to focus her energy so intensely. Attending classes at the American Academy of Art in Chicago, Illinois State University and various workshops allowed her to develop her skills.

Charmaine had her paintings displayed at the McLean County Art Center and was in partnership with a group of artists who opened the Waterfront Art Gallery of Peoria. She has participated in many shows, and was a member of the Illinois Art League. She has received several awards in artistic competition.

She now resides in Savannah, Georgia, where she has fallen in love with the landscape. Her areas of specialty include portraiture and landscape, but she also does commission work of the client's choice. All of Charmaine's painting experience had been in oil until she was introduced to pastels by a friend. It was a delightful success and she now works predominately in pastels.

Artwork available for viewing November 1-30, 2009
Artist's reception on November 8, 2009, 5:30-7:30 p.m.



Young Jewish Savannah Events

Thurs., Nov. 5th - 6:00 pm—Happy Hour Y'all!

Please join us for our monthly Happy Hour. We will be meeting at Avia (downtown—14 Barnard St.). Email youngjewsavannah@gmail.com for more information.

Wed., Nov. 25th - 8:30 pm—4th Annual Sweet Potato Schmooze

If it's the night before Thanksgiving, then it must be time for YJS to have their Annual Sweet Potato Schmooze. We are meeting at Kasey's Gourmet Grille at 8:30 pm. Enjoy Kosher desserts and a cash bar. Kasey's is located in the Medical Arts Shopping Ctr.—4829 Waters Ave.

Ongoing Events

YJS Book Club—Nov. 15th—3-4:30 pm. Join the YJS Book Club and read and discuss books about Judaism, with Jewish characters, Jewish themes and written by Jewish authors. Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of each month.

A MOVIE & BEER!

**Adults 21 and Over—
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movie & a beer!**

Dec. 3rd—Waltz with Bashir—This film presents an intriguing riddle:

Is a documentary still a documentary if it's animated? Israel's Ari Folman tried to wrap his head around 1982's Lebanon War: Why do disturbing dreams plague his former army colleagues while he remembers nothing? Fol-



man meets with nine of them to find out. As they speak, animators recreate their experiences. This graphic-novel approach suits their strange, surrealistic stories. If *Waltz with Bashir* isn't a documentary in the conventional sense, it doesn't resemble most animated efforts either. What matters more is the harrowing narrative he constructs from out of the minds of these haunted men.

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What: In addition to homework help, we have gymnastics with Coach Wayne, Kids Yoga, art, cooking, sports, swimming and much more! We will also be doing appropriate holiday crafts.

Where: We pick up from Rambam and provide transportation from most local schools to the JEA (Heard Elementary, Jacob G. Smith, Charles Ellis) *Minimum Participation Required*

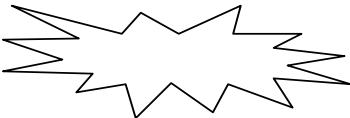
When: Our after school program ends at 6 pm Monday-Thursday and 5 pm on Friday (the JEA closes at 5 pm on Friday).

Price: Members—\$50 per week (\$10 per day). \$12 for individual days (\$15 late registration fee)
Non Members—\$75 per week (\$15 per day). \$18 for individual days. (\$20 late registration fee)

Transportation: \$30/month or \$3 per trip.

Supersaver: All 1/2 days off from school are included for the regular price of aftercare.

For more information, contact Ashley Frankel, 355-8111, ext. 225.



FALL 2009 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	
9-10 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 Senior Fitness		10:30-11:30 am Senior Fitness	10:30-11:30 am Senior Fitness		
	Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball	
	3:45-5:15 pm Yoga for Kids					
	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	
	4:00-7:00 Maxine Patterson Dance	4:00-7:00 Maxine Patterson Dance	4:00-7:00 Maxine Patterson Dance	4:00-7:00 Maxine Patterson Dance		
	5:30-7:30 pm Karate		5:30-7:30 pm Karate			
	6:00-7:00 pm Spin Class					
	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		
	7:00-8:30 pm Aikido	6:30-7:30 pm Badminton	7:00-8:30 pm Aikido	7:00-8:00 pm Total Body Blast		
	7:00-8:00 pm Yoga Power Hour	7:00-9:00 pm Savannah Fencing Club	7:00-8:00 pm Yoga Flow	7:00-9:00 pm Savannah Fencing Club		



Basketball Time



- ◆ Jr. NBA basketball registration will begin on **November 9th**.
- ◆ Stephanie needs all registrations in by **November 27th** so that teams and practice schedules will be ready for distribution on December 2nd.
- ◆ Practice will begin on **December 6th**.



Soccer Banquet

Youth soccer awards will be held on November 22, 2009, from 4-6 pm in the large auditorium.

Preventing Elder Financial Abuse More Ideas

Protect Your Passwords – Don't share your passwords! If you feel they may have been seen or used by someone else, change the passwords. Immediately notify the company or bank if, when reviewing your financial statements, you notice charges or transactions that you didn't make.

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Take care if someone asks to borrow money from you or discusses his/her financial problems and seeks your assistance. You may empathize with the person and want to help, but be cautious that the person is not exploiting your good nature and putting you at financial risk.

November 2009

November 2009	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Daily Calendar Events ➔ On-Going Programs	<u>Aquasize</u> -10 am <u>Gentle Yoga</u> -10:30 am <u>Sr. Fitness</u> -10:30 am <u>Senior Lunch</u> -12:30 pm <u>Water Aerobics</u> -6:30 pm <u>Yoga Power Hour</u> – 7 pm	<u>Pilates</u> – 8:30 am <u>Kibitzers Kafe</u> -10 am <u>Aquasize</u> -10 am <u>Step & Weight Aerobics</u> – 6:30 pm	<u>Sr. Fitness</u> - 10:30 am <u>Gentle Yoga</u> -10:30 am <u>Senior Lunch</u> -12:30 pm <u>Bridge</u> -1pm <u>Water Aerobics</u> -6:30 pm <u>Scrabble</u> -6:30 pm <u>Yoga Flow</u> – 7:00 pm	<u>Pilates</u> – 8:30 am <u>Aquasize</u> - 10 am <u>Mah Jongg</u> - 10:30 am <u>Senior Fitness</u> - 10:30 am <u>Senior Lunch</u> -12:30 pm <u>Senior Program</u> -1:30 pm <u>Evening Water Aerobics</u> - 6:30 pm	<u>Aquasize</u> -10 am	JEAClosed
	1	2	3 Election Day	4	5 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program Movie & Beer Night– 7:30 pm YJS Happy Hour– 6:30 pm	6	7
	8 Art Gallery Reception-5:30 pm Speaker's Series-7:30 pm	9	10	11	12 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program	13	14
	15 Campaign Tel-a-thon-10 am YJS Book Club-3 pm	16	17	18	19 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program	20	21 Parent's Night Out-7:30 pm
	22 Soccer Awards Program– 4 pm	23	24	25 YJS Sweet Potato Schmooze– Kasey's Gourmet Grill– 8:30 pm	26 Thanksgiving JEA Offices Closed. Fitness Open 9am-3 pm	27	28
	29	30	Dec. 1	Dec. 2	Dec. 3 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program Movie & Beer Night– 7:30 pm	Dec. 4	Dec. 5 BBYO Dance-6 pm



Thoughts from Rambam

A king's daughter married and moved away from the palace with her new husband. After several months passed, the king, missing his daughter terribly, went to visit her in her new home. After a week's visit, the king told his daughter he must return to his palace so he can address matters concerning his kingdom. The princess began to cry and begged her father not to leave. The king, seeing his daughter so distressed encouraged her to share with him the cause for such agony. The princess told her father that while he was visiting, her husband was kind, thoughtful and sensitive. The princess went on to explain that before the king's arrival her husband was NOT kind to her at all.

The king pondered the situation and told his daughter that she and her husband should come and visit with him. The king was confident that if his son-in-law spent even more time in the king's presence, feeling compelled to act appropriately towards his wife, that soon enough it would become natural for him to be kind, caring and sensitive all the time.

Despite the many opinions towards Rambam, ranging from; we have been an integral feeder into Savannah Country Day, our children get into the high schools of their choice, we have an excellent secular program, we have a dual program; to, we are too religious, there is too much Hebrew, classes are too small and there is not enough curriculum for the cultural arts.

One should take all the positives and all the negatives and look to Rambam with an open mind. It is difficult to be the only Jewish day school serving

all walks of Judaism. It is difficult to have all the financial means necessary to have additional curriculum for the cultural arts (especially when we make every effort to NOT turn anyone away due to financial restrictions). It is difficult to make everyone equally comfortable at all times. However, despite the many challenges, Rambam has embraced the priceless opportunity to teach Jewish children, with a sincere and genuine commitment to excellence. Our Secular program is a quality program and our Judaic goal is to give the children a flavor and knowledge of their heritage.

It is the hope, prayer and concern of the Rambam Day School staff, that our students should obtain such a strong familiarity with their heritage that being proud of it, sensitive to it and committed to it becomes an integral aspect of who they are for the rest of their lives. It is easy to look at any organization or institution and see its flaws. It is commendable to look to an organization or institution and see its strengths. If the organization or institution is one that should be significant to you, then it would be noble to evaluate what you can do to increase its strengths.

The Jewish education of a child is merely the tip of the iceberg to aggressively make every effort to ensure that our heritage links from one generation to the next.



Ester Y. Rabhan,
Rambam Principal

Join a TRiP for All "Exceptional" Adults

The Teal Ribbon Project (TRiP) has joined a tennis team—and you can too! MorningStar's TRiP, a non-profit initiative providing health education to fight cancer and local resources for patients has teamed up with Savannah Area Tennis Association (SATA) to offer tennis clinics for people with movement challenges. These clinics are being offered to older teens through mature adults who may be facing any number of disabilities or physical barriers, such as: neuropathy, diabetes, surgery recovery, energy level problems, balance, joint replacement, rotator cuff damage, coordination challenges & movement difficulties.

Though many of TRiP's Cancer Answers programs are the brain-child of MorningStar Creative Director Carol Greenberg, playing tennis as a means to mobility was not her idea, but that of her family. Carol was amazed at how quickly her muscles atrophied due to the effects of aggressive chemotherapy, and for several months wheelchair mobility or walking with someone's arm for support reduced her activity participation level and her quality of life. When her husband suggested they try to play tennis, she was skeptical but thought it might be worth a laugh. After less than three minutes of standing pigeon-toed on the court, she dropped her racquet and was exhausted, but a minute before that, she took a swing at the ball while her children cheered and she smiled.

After five months of trying at least once a week to use her non-focused hand movements to put sneakers on her non-responsive feet and going to the tennis courts, she is able to volley for up to 45 minutes. In September she squealed for the first time when, without thinking, she ran a few steps for the ball and returned her husband's serve. A month later she was able to raise her arm over her head to try to serve the ball. Though that hasn't happened yet,



it occurred to her that if this worked for her, there might be other people who could also benefit from tennis if the rules were bent a little to accommodate their limitations.

Meri Campbell and Phyllis Green of the Savannah Area Tennis Association, a non-profit group that promotes tennis and a healthy lifestyle, were more than happy to help. They established the first of what they hope will be many sessions of tennis for the "exceptional adult". Charging only \$45 for the six hour and half classes at Lake Mayer, these fun-filled programs will include basic instruction, beginner games, coordination goals and exercise. MorningStar will help arrange scholarships and sponsorships for people for whom the \$45 fee is an added challenge.

Unlike most of the events Carol participates in these days, "the good news is," she laughed, "you do not have to have a disease in order to participate!" The goal is to have fun and learn some skills while providing fresh air, good exercise and muscle motivation for healthier living. To register, contact ctcsavannahga@att.net or call 912-961-9862. The registration form is also at www.morningstararts.org under the Teal Ribbon events.

The clinics are offered Thursday mornings (10 AM to 11:30) and/or Saturday afternoons (1 PM to 2:30), will begin November 5th and/or 7th and run for six weeks.

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Remembrances: Congregation Agudath Achim; the Harvey Rubin Fund of the Jewish Educational Alliance; or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 400 Northcreek, Suite 300, 3715 Northside Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30327.

Sam Radetsky

Who died October 9, 2009

Preceded in death by his daughter, Sima Radetsky Goldfarb. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Radetsky; two sons, Richard Radetsky of Savannah and Michael (Rena) Radetsky of Atlanta; four grandchildren; numerous

nieces and nephews.

Ivan Melvin "Buddy" Kulbersh

Who died October 18, 2009

Preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Irene Kulbersh and his sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Murray Marcus. He is survived by his wife, Gloria Abrahams Kulbersh; one son Paul (Harriet) Kulbersh of Savannah; one daughter, Nancy (Alan) Sommers of Scottsdale, AZ; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Remembrances: Fitzgerald Hebrew Congregation, c/o Phil Perlis, 346 Main St., Tifton, GA 31794 or to Hospice of Tiftarea, P.O. Drawer 747, Tifton, GA 31793.

Allan Cotler

Who died October 20, 2009

Preceded in death by his parents, Anna and Samuel Cotler, and his wife, Rosalie Goldberg Cotler. He is survived by his son, Richard (Judy) Cotler of Hollywood, FL; two grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

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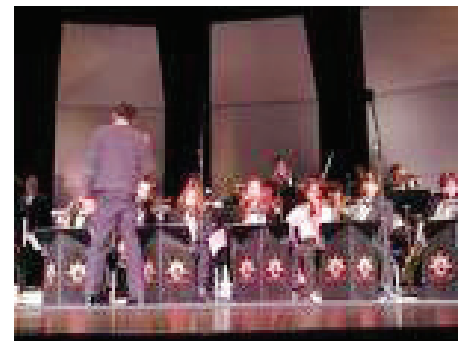
Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 13 years of age with a

cap of \$25 for a family. Tickets may be purchased from the synagogue office at 352-4737 or from Elise Shernoff at 355-2973 or Elaine Becker at 356-3826.

There will be a decadent dessert reception. The concert and reception are open to the entire community.

The Savannah Arts Academy Sky-

elite Jazz Band has performed throughout the United States and abroad. It has represented the State of Georgia at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D. C., as well as on the steps of the U. S. Capitol. It was invited to perform for the National Association for School Superintendents in San Francisco and at the Sydney, Australia, Opera House. Additionally, members of the band have performed in London and China. The band was also designated Ambassador of Goodwill by President Bill Clinton and Ambassador of Goodwill for the State of Georgia by



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Major: Finance

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