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Unprecedented Opportunities to Learn About Israel

Beginning on Sunday, March 1st and continuing through Wednesday, March 11th, Savannah will have an extraordinary series of opportunities to hear from a variety of experts about the current situation in Israel and about their experiences in Israel over the years. At this time when Israel is at a critical juncture in its relations with the rest of the world, we have a rare succession of speakers who will address the human, academic and political ramifications of the constantly changing state of affairs in Israel.



Yale Roe

On Sunday, March 1st, at 7:30pm, the JEA Speaker Series presents former ABC Television executive Yale Roe, author of *I Followed My Heart to Jerusalem*. In this candid memoir, Roe recounts the life-changing effects of his decision

to make aliyah with his family to Jerusalem. He recounts how he and his family came to terms with the unfamiliar language, laws, and cultural expectations of the modern State of Israel and how their frustrations even verged on trauma during the the Yom Kippur War in 1973, when many of Roe's new neighbors and friends lost sons, husbands and fathers. Still, Roe firmly stood by his decision of living in the land of his ancestors.



Kenneth Stein

The next weekend, Congregation Agudath Achim's Scholar-in-Residence program will be held on March 6-8, 2009. This year's guest speaker is renowned Professor Kenneth Stein, Director of the Institute for the Study of Modern Israel at Emory University. Throughout the weekend Professor

Stein will be speaking on the following topics: The Essence of Zionism and Israel's Origins (Friday, services at 6pm); the Intellectual Assault on Israel (Saturday morning, services at 9:30am); and Israel and the Obama Administration (Sunday, 10:00am at JEA).



Ra'anan Gissin

At Emory University in Atlanta, Dr. Stein is the William E. Schatten Professor of Contemporary Middle Eastern History, Political Science and Israeli Studies. Since coming to Emory in 1977, he founded and developed the International Studies Center and was the first director of the Carter Center (1983-1986). Professor Stein is the author of numerous books and articles. Among them are *Making Peace Among Arabs and Israelis: Lessons from Fifty*

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The Water is Fine!

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Educational Alliance is pleased to announce that following the Town Hall Meeting of February 12, 2009, a small but concerned group of donors stepped forward with generous donations for repairs to the outdoor pool.

The Board was then able to commit to making the necessary repairs to the outdoor pool for this season. At a special Board meeting on February 18th, the Board voted unanimously to initiate the contracts to have the work done this year and to begin in earnest raising the remainder of the funds needed to pay for the repairs.

Marcy Konter, JEA President, said: "Nothing makes the Board happier than to provide our members with a fully operating facility and we are thrilled that the outdoor pool will be open this year, with no interruption. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank those members and donors who are leading the way with their contributions to make this happen, but I do want to remind everyone that we've made a 'leap of faith' here and we still have a considerable way to go to com-



plete the fundraising to pay for this project. We hope that, when asked, everyone who expressed their concern for this piece of our history will give what they can to help maintain it."

The repair project for the pool includes the installation of federally-mandated new drain covers (which in this case must be custom-made), re-surfacing of the pool and installation of a new filtration system. A contractor has been selected and work is scheduled to be completed in time for a grand opening of the pool on Memorial Day Weekend.



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Live Generously - Your Gift is Our Future

Faces of Israel

By Maia Koiller

We just hosted a panel of Shlichim in Savannah. The shlichim all came from Florida: Gainesville, Pensacola, and West Palm Beach. We went to a couple of local Universities: Savannah State University, and Georgia Southern University. We met with the GSU Hillel and were very fortunate to meet the Jewish community through programs with the three synagogues. We decided on a name for this panel, calling it "Faces of Israel." We realized that we are a group of people coming from different backgrounds who share passion for Israel. The purpose of this project was to talk more about the life in Israel, especially its multicultural aspects.

For four days, we woke up, took a lap top and went to different programs. It really felt like we were a delegation. The panels were very well received and people asked us lots of interesting and challenging questions. We spoke about ourselves and the stories of our families. We told how in 1948, when Israel declared independence, there were only about 600,000 Jews, and the importance of immigration to Israel. Of the four of us, I am a first-generation Israeli and only one

other was more than second generation and only on one side of her family. And we told about how small Israel is – most people didn't realize that Israel will fit almost 7 times inside of Georgia.

The more we talked, we learned more about our own identity as Israelis, and our thoughts went in new directions and sometimes the points of view were new even to us. At Savannah State University we felt like all the "walls" fell down. We had a genuinely honest conversation with the students and professors. We

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talked about everything, even topics that are painful in Israeli society and our audience really opened up, and also spoke about the wounds in their lives. At Georgia Southern we enjoyed



Maia Koiller

talking to professors and students, and it was so good to get to know better the members of Hillel there. And off course it is always good to be surrounded by the warmth of the community. Maor (the Shaliach from Pensacola) told Yifat, our supervisor at the Jewish Agency in Israel, that this was the most meaningful experience he had this year. And I was so happy to hear it, because I know it was special to all of us.

It is not an easy time for Israel. We have just learned that Netanyahu from the Likud party will build the coalition of the government, but the "borders" of the political map are far from final. What kind of coalition will there be? What is the best way to handle the security situation? What will be with the ceasefire in the Gaza Strip? What will happen to Gilad Shalit, our soldier that was captured by Hamas? What will happen to our economy, health and education? It is clear that the citizens are asking these questions, though society is not clear about what is the right answer. We had 34 parties running for these elections. Every one wants to be represented.



L-R: Korin Weinstock, Maor Perry, Rotem Paz, Maia Koiller

At the panels with the shlichim, the more we talked between us, with students and with people from the community, the more we learned that the Israeli experience is different for all of us. The important thing is the bond and love we have for the country, something we always share with the Jewish communities outside of Israel. It is the flame in our hearts. Israel is not a perfect country. It symbolizes different things for different people. We have different challenges, difficulties, disagreements and problems – but also a lot of achievements. What is beautiful is that at the end of the day, we all hope for a bright tomorrow, together. Thanks to all who helped me coordinate these programs and made them into a huge success.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation,
The Executive Board and staff of EOASavannah-Chatham County Area, Incorporated would like to thank you for participating in its 37th Martin L. King, Jr. Program. With your attendance, we accomplished our goal of recognizing citizens of our community for their work in Civil Rights and Human Relations. "IF WE FORGET- WHO WILL REMEMBER?"

Thanks again for your support and we will keep you informed of future EOA activities and programs.

Sincerely,
John H. Finney
Executive Director

Dr. Wesley J. Ball
Chair, Board of Directors

To the Editor:

A Palestinian State, even if formed, is unlikely to be economically sustainable. In fact, there are those who argue it would increase Palestinian dependence upon Israel for employment.

More radical Arabs/Muslims seek the destruction of Israel and Israel's destruction is possible if Iran becomes capable of and seeks to destroy it, Egypt decides to re-arm and renounce its tepid peace agreement and/or the West decides to abandon the

only democracy in the region. The former is a growing existential possibility the second a potential future threat and the last is not unthinkable.

There are also reasons why the above may not come to pass:

Israel is strong and unwilling to participate in its own demise, surrounding Arab nations have never really bought into the idea of a Palestinian State and finally abandoning Israel creates a moral dilemma even for feckless relativists.

However, in a world that embraces relativism there is little room, if any, for moral absolutes - politically correct hypocrisy rules. By twisted and amoral logic, the world appears to constantly judge Israel unlike it would/does other nationals.

Radical Islamist propaganda dictates any response by Israel, to wanton attacks, must be proportional and an appeasing world buys into this garbage by demanding Israel cease firing, return its troops to its borders and await another series of unprovoked rocket launches, ie. pathologically toothless agreements.

The world has constantly pulled Palestinian chestnuts out of the fire



BBYO members, Federation board members and staff marched in the 2009 MLK Day Parade

and to what avail? More unwarranted and brutal terrorist attacks perpetrated by a democratically elected thuggish government of haters sworn to Israel's destruction who act, also, in total disregard of their own citizenry's welfare. Worse, Palestinian text books are filled with lies designed to hurl their own future generations into more hapless plights.

Hamas has complete control of Gaza and what have they done for their own people - less than nothing. They have devoted resources to - rearming, digging tunnels, sending rockets into Israel and to what end? More tragedy for their people and the region.

And what has Egypt done to uphold its commitment to Israel to prevent Hamas re-arming - nothing!

Yet, the U.N. blames Israel and accuses it of disproportionality when

defending itself against an enemy that hides behind its own children and fires from homes, mosques and hospitals while building weapon tunnels

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Community Judaism: A Course Guide

If you are reading this, you probably don't need to. If you have opened up your Savannah Jewish News to an inside page and are actually reading the features and opinion columns, then you are already among those who care enough about our community to keep informed about it. Well done! You have passed Community Judaism 101.

Some of you have taken the next step. You have realized that having a Jewish community means supporting it. That means supporting the Federation Campaign, paying for a membership at the JEA, joining a synagogue and supporting Jewish charities. It means supporting community activities, and as many as you can: the film series and speaker series at the JEA, the fundraisers at all the synagogues, the benefits of both of the community-supported Jewish schools. You have come to understand that all Jewish activities invigorate and strengthen the health of our community and deserve support. You have passed community Judaism 200.

There is an old adage that it is expensive to be Jewish. You know what? It's true. Even with over \$300,000 in Savannah Jewish Federation funds for the JEA and nearly \$200,000 for our schools, JEA membership fees and school tuition fees don't come close to covering the expenses of these organizations. We are all indebted to those of you who give so generously to both the Federation campaign and our other Jewish causes.

There is another level of participation. This is the 300 level course. I spend a lot of my time asking for money. When all is said and done, I have found that unless you ask for donations, you are unlikely to receive them. But this money does little good without people who are willing to volunteer to make things happen. Whether it is serving on a board, working on a committee, manning a booth at Kid's Day or Food Fest or a Purim carnival, spending a day Trading Places, serving food at Rambam or senior meals,

preparing meals with a brotherhood or sisterhood, volunteering with BBYO or a youth group... it doesn't matter which you choose. We all have the opportunity to give our time to support our community, no matter how busy you may be (take my word on this one—I do have some experience here).

"...all Jewish activities invigorate and strengthen the health of our community and deserve support."

Finally, I would like to encourage you to enroll in "Advanced Community Judaism." Get involved in leadership. Become engaged in an organization you care about: Hadassah, a school, a synagogue — your choice. Your efforts will be noticed quickly. Soon you will be in a position where you are part of important decisions that shape your organization's future. That is the kind of experienced leadership we need for boards of the JEA and Federation, particularly in times like these — people who can bring their own skills and experience to bear on communitywide issues.

So if you already are doing all these things, thank you. Please just pass this along to someone else. However, on the off chance that you are not participating to the fullest in the life of our Jewish community, yet are interested enough to have read this, please consider stepping up to the plate and taking on your responsibility. Financial support, participation, leadership—our Jewish community needs all three. Writing your Federation check is important (especially now), but that should be the beginning of your involvement, not the end. Take the challenge of a higher level course, and get some extra credit.



Dr. Joel Greenberg
President,
Savannah Jewish
Federation

The Safety Net

As we come to the close of the Savannah Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign, I have been reflecting on many of the discussions with contributors. When a solicitation is made it always centers on "what our donors want," judging relative need here in the United States, in Israel, and in 56 countries around the world. I am always impressed by the amount of passion that people have—"we need to keep all the money here in Savannah, our community needs it" versus "we have a responsibility to help our brethren in Israel and throughout the world."

So little of our time is spent on discussing social service needs right here in Savannah. I guess it is because there is a history of helping those in our community in the most dignified and quiet way. People receive assistance wherever they are from. When someone approaches Federation's Jewish Family Services for help, the calls go out, people respond, and help is provided. I can't help feeling that we may not be sharing the story — a very important one.

Imagine how difficult it is to ask for help in a small community like ours. Yet, it happens all the time. A 62-year-old man is laid off from his hourly job, he has no savings, no family, and his rent is due. Who can he turn to? A couple is trying to move their elderly

father from Chicago into congregate housing in Savannah so he can be near his children. They have no idea of where to go. Where do they turn to? A family is traveling from Florida on their way to Maryland when the father loses his wallet with all his money and identification. A single mother of two with no health insurance needs help with medical expenses. Who do they turn to?

They all turn to the Federation and its Jewish Family Services. With appropriate grace, JFS provides guidance, referral, and emergency funds to help people get through the hard times. It is what we have done for decades and will continue to do in the future: When the need is there, Federation provides the help.

Most often, people in need are unseen in our Jewish community. But you can be sure they exist. There are people who are hungry; there are people who struggle every day for the basic needs in life. They are someone's Grandmother, Father, and children. Your generous support of the Federation and Jewish Family Services provides a lifeline, a safety net for the aged, the vulnerable, and the needy.



Adam Solender

About Israel..... cont. from page 1

Years of Negotiating Experience, "Israel's Disengagement from the Gaza Strip: Precedents, Motivations, and Outcomes," and more recently "My Problem with Jimmy Carter's Book."

Friday night's service will be followed by dinner. The cost is \$18 per person and \$5 for children under age 10. The community is invited. Please RSVP to AA Synagogue at 352-4737. This program is sponsored by the Ernie and Mary Weitz Friedman Fund for the Study of Conservative Judaism and the Tenenbaum Family Lecture Fund in Judaic Studies of the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies at Emory University.

On Wednesday, March 11th, the Jewish National Fund is sponsoring an appearance at the JEA at 7pm by Ra'anana Gissin, senior advisor to former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. Gis-

sin is a frequent spokesman for the Israeli government on CNN, MSNBC, Fox News Channel and in many other media outlets. He currently serves as a strategic consultant, commentator and lecturer on a variety of topics related to the Middle East, Israel and the war on terror. In 2003, he received the Louis D. Brandeis Award for outstanding contributions to Zionism.

Though sponsored by a variety of organizations, all of these events are open to the public and offer the community a chance to receive the latest analysis on the efforts to form a national unity government in Israel and many more issues confronting Israel today. The Savannah Jewish Federation and the JEA hope that you will join us and take advantage of this opportunity to be with and learn from these renowned experts.



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Ariel and Penina Herskovitz

Ariel Herskovitz and Penina Adler were married on January 12, 2009, at Young Israel of Greater Cleveland in Beachwood, Ohio. Officiating as the Mesader Kedushin was the Rosh Yeshiva of the Talmudic University Yeshiva v’Kollel Bais Moshe Chaim of Miami Beach, Florida, Harav Yochanan Zweig. Ariel is the son of Ellen Stern and Stephen Herskovitz of Savannah. Penina is the daughter of Lisa and Eli Adler of Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Attending the wedding were the groom’s grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Hirsh and Evelyn Stern of Manchester, New Jersey and the bride’s grandparents Mrs. Naomi Adler and Mr. & Mrs. Fred and Norma LaBrie, both of Cleveland Heights.

Eitan Herskovitz, the brother of the Chosson, interrupted his studies at Yeshivas Kodshim in Jerusalem to celebrate with his brother at his Auf Ruf in Miami Beach and to join with his family for the week of festivities. In addition, the Kallah’s siblings, Miryam, Batsheva, Yehuda, Sholom, Yona and Chayim Tzvi, were also present at the wedding. In the week following the wedding, Sheva Brachos dinners in honor of Ariel and Penina were hosted in Cleveland, Savannah and Miami Beach.

Ariel studied at the Derech Institute of Torah Studies, a division of Ohr Somayach, in Israel for two years and earned a Bachelor of Talmudic Law degree from the Talmudic University of Florida. In addition to continuing his Judaic studies, he is a graduate of Florida International University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering. Penina studied at Neve Yerushalayim in Israel and has been a preschool teacher for the last five years, most recently at the Hebrew Academy of Cleveland. The couple resides in Miami Beach, Florida.

Annual Goldstein Bowl in Its Third Decade

By Dawn Tanis

When Melvyn and Reggie Goldstein moved to Savannah in 1985 with their three sons, Joe, Doug and Eric, they brought a tradition of football with them. True, this tradition might be on a bit smaller scale than the good ol’ Red & Black of Georgia, but it could be considered just as important for some members of the JEA.

Often times the game splits into two, where the younger generations of boys play amongst themselves so they can beat up on each other instead of their parents.

This year’s game included three generations of Goldsteins and several other families from the community, ages ranging from 4 to 65. The weather was perfect, and there were smiles all around, and when the game finished



Pictured (l-r): First Row Reggie Goldstein, Abigail Kahn, unidentified Goldstein, Melvyn Goldstein, Aaron Goldstein, Josh Goldstein, Aaron Kooden, Carson Burton Second Row Jami Goldstein, unidentified Goldstein, Sara Fay Goldstein, Joe Goldstein, Lisa Goldstein, Doug Goldstein, Harold Yellin, Elliot Kooden Third Row unidentified Goldstein, Josh Reeves, Ross Kooden, Jonathan Zoller, Greg Greenberg Fourth Row Brett Burton, David Byck, David Kahn, Diane Kahn, Chris McGee, Eddie Kilpatrick, Matt Greenberg

On Thanksgiving morning for the past twenty plus years, the Goldstein family has brought both friends and kin together for a good old fashioned game of football where men, women, and children alike participate. “The best part about it,” says matriarch Reggie Goldstein, “is that any age is included” — even papa Melvyn Goldstein gets on the field as all-time center. The kids get out there, the adults get out there, and even though there might be some soreness for a few days afterwards, everyone has a great time.

around noon, everyone was ready for their Thanksgiving dinners.

Sharon Hughes, who has worked at the JEA for nearly 20 years, has seen this game year after year. “Other things [at the JEA] have ended,” she says, “but this has been a tradition regardless of what, and I think that’s kind of neat.”

Editor’s note: Due to space considerations, we have not been able to run this story earlier.



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Sunday, March 1st 7:30 Yale Roe A Yankee in King David’s Court Author of “I Followed My Heart to Jerusalem,” veteran ABC TV executive and an award-winning producer of film and video documentaries that have appeared on PBS, ABC, A&E and abroad, Roe met and filmed Israel’s top leaders of the last generation, such as Ariel Sharon, Shimon Peres, Teddy Kollek and others. Roe’s memoir takes the reader on a roller coaster ride of emotions through anecdotes that are terribly funny and others that can break your heart. You will gain new insights into the political issues of Israel’s efforts to survive as a Jewish state ‘midst the anarchy of a hostile Middle East. 	Sunday, April 19th 7:30 Rep. Burke Day Special Discussion of Security: Thinking Globally-Keeping it Local: Needed Paradigm Shifts Chairman of the Public Safety Committee of Georgia’s House of Representatives and a former Police Commissioner, Rep. Day knows how law enforcement, fire, EMS work with each other and Federal entities. Rep. Day currently serves on the Federal Cybercrime and Global Terrorism task forces, formed post 9/11, where he works with the FBI, US Secret Service, I.C.E, Office of Homeland Security, and the US Attorney’s office. The Tybee Island resident is also a member of the Appropriations, Retirement, and Ways & Means Committees. Rep. Day as served in the House for 10 years, first being elected in 1993. Rep. Day has spent 10 years in the House as the ranking Member of the House Public Safety Committee. 
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Marvin Walter Arkin (1922-2009)

Marvin Arkin, President of the Jewish Educational Alliance from 1970-1972, died Saturday, February 7, 2009, surrounded by his family. A native Savannahian, Arkin graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a degree in Textile Engineering. After graduation, he served in the Navy as a Lieutenant in the Pacific theatre during World War II. When the war ended, he joined his brother-in-law, Ben Kantsiper, in co-owning and operating Alan Barry's men's clothing store, a fixture on Broughton Street for 43 years. As well as having been President of the JEA, Arkin was a life-long member of Congregation B'nai B'rith Jacob and was a member of the Downtown Merchant's



Marvin Arkin
JEA President,
1970-1972

Association as well as the Jaycees.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Helen Paderewsky Arkin; his parents, Benjamin and Yetta Arkin; sister Claudia Arkin Kantsiper, and brothers-in-law Benjamin Kantsiper and Harold Seeman, all of Savannah.

He is survived by his daughter, Beth (Richard) Bosman of Largo, FL, and his son, Steven (Liz) Arkin of Savannah; grandchildren, Cindy Bosman, Zachary Arkin and Sophie Arkin; great-grandson, Elijah Smith; sister, Marilyn Arkin Seeman; brother, Dr. Murray (June) Arkin; as well as many nieces and nephews. Arkin was buried on Sunday, February 8th, in Bonaventure Cemetery. The family requests that remembrances be made to the Arkin-Clark Garden Fund of the Jewish Educational Alliance, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah, GA 31405.

Gale Hirsh's Hamentaschen Recipe

4 Eggs
1 Cup Oil
1-1/4 Cup Sugar
2 tsp Vanilla
5-1/2 Cups Flour
3 tsp Baking powder
1/2 tsp Salt

Fillings: Apricot, Prune, and/or Raspberry (I use Solo brand ready-made)

Beat eggs. Add oil, sugar and vanilla. Separately combine the flour, baking powder and salt. Gradually add

the dry ingredients to the egg mixture. Mix thoroughly until smooth. Roll out dough on floured surface. Cut into 3"

rounds. Place filling in center of each circle and then pinch to make three corners.

Bake for 25 minutes at 350 degrees. Yield: 4-5 dozen.

Enjoy!



What can we take from Purim in our time?

One of the happiest days in the Jewish calendar, Purim, celebrates the Jewish people's victory over those who tried to oppress us, the victory of good over evil. The holiday is characterized by public recitation of the Book of Esther, giving gifts of food and drink (mishloach manot) to family and friends, giving charity to the poor, and enjoying a festive meal (se'udat Purim); other customs include drinking lots of wine, eating delicious cookies called Hamentashen (ozney Haman in Hebrew) and wearing costumes. It's also common that communities put on carnivals; and children perform plays and parodies of the holiday, called Purim shpiels.

The story, in a nutshell, is as follows: the royal advisor to King Ahasverus, Haman (boooo!), planned to kill the Jews because Mordechai (the Queen's uncle) would not bow down to him as Haman passed by in the street. These terrible plans were foiled by Mordechai, who told Queen Esther (his niece) to make sure this would not happen. After Queen Esther told the King to protect the Jews from Haman's evil decree against them, the Jews were instead allowed to destroy Haman and his allies; and the day after

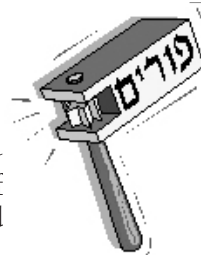
this battle was designated as a day of great feasting and rejoicing.

An interesting fact about Purim is that the Megillah (the written version of the story we read to commemorate this occasion) does not mention God's name even once!

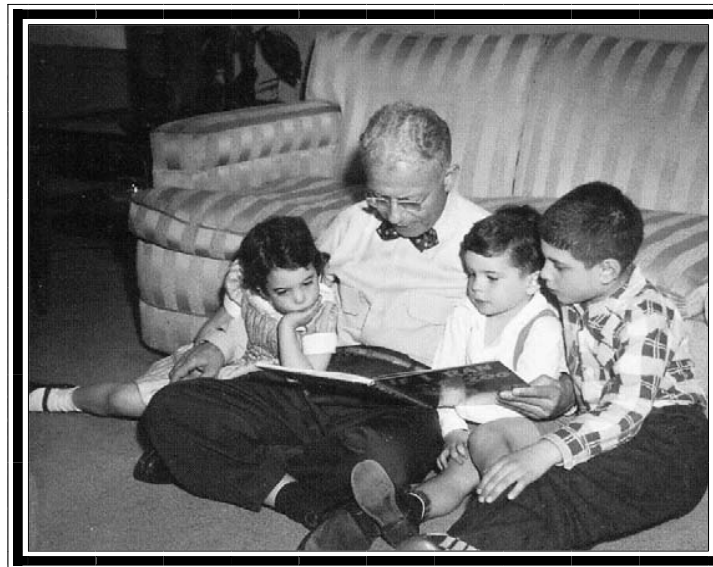
It may come as a surprise to many that the city where this took place, Shushan, still exists today as the city Shush, in Iran, and holds the Prophet Daniel's remains. About two hundred miles away, in Hamadan (in Iranian Kurdistan) lay the graves of Queen Esther and Mordechai. Jews, Christians, and Muslims alike regard Hamadan as a holy site.

Is it a coincidence that Haman wanted to get rid of the Jews in the same place that in modern times is the place where the President of Iran calls for the eradication of the "Zionist entity" and questions the whether the Holocaust took place?

Purim is a time to celebrate our victory over our oppressors and that the Jewish people are still here and determined to keep our traditions and heritage alive.



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Sunday, March 1, 2009 - 3pm

Encounter Point

Special Free Screening & Discussion
Funding Provided by City of Savannah

Caught in the crossfire of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict are civilians who seek to build a secure, peaceful future. Their stories seldom make the headlines. This award-winning documentary follows the lives of everyday leaders who sacrifice their safety, public standing, communities and homes in order to press for a grassroots movement for nonviolence and peace.

Director/Exec. Producer Ronit Avni will introduce the film and afterwards answer questions from the audience. This show is free and open to the public.

Documentary, Unrated, 2006, 89 minutes. Arabic, Hebrew, English subtitles

Trustees Theater

Monday, March 2, 2009 - 7:30pm

Double Feature

Song of David

A 16-year-old soul-searching yeshiva student feels alienated by his social boundaries. In reaching out to the broader world, he discovers artistic freedom and honest self expression.

Short narrative, Unrated, 2007, 20 minutes, English

Yippee

American Jewish director Paul Mazursky follows a Hassidic pilgrimage to the Ukraine on Rosh Hashanah and returns with this humorous examination of a "journey to Jewish joy." *Yippee* is an infectious road movie filled with electricity and awe, and Mazursky is a splendid guide: funny, curious, and generous.

Documentary, Unrated, 2006, 74 minutes, English
Jewish Educational Alliance

Tuesday, March 3, 2009 - 2pm

The Powder and the Glory

Includes a special Southern Tea Party!

The story of two of the first highly successful women entrepreneurs in America, **Elizabeth Arden & Helena Rubinstein**. These women immigrated to the U.S. and created the \$150 billion health and beauty industry. Although they lived and worked only blocks apart in New York for more than 50 years, the two women never met! Their competition drove them to creativity and success.

Documentary, Unrated, 2006, 96 minutes, English
Jewish Educational Alliance



Tuesday, March 3, 2009 - 7:30pm

First Basket

Bob Weinbauer, former head coach of the U. of Penn. and Asst. Coach for Atlanta Hawks & Minnesota Timberwolves, will introduce the film

On Nov. 1, 1946, in the first game of the Basketball Assn. of America, Ossie Schectman scored the opening basket for the N.Y. Knickerbockers, now considered the first basket in the NBA. *First Basket* tells the rich history of Jewish love of basketball, from its embrace by immigrants on New York's Lower East Side to its continuing immense popularity in Israel today.

Documentary, Unrated, 2006, 86 minutes, English

Jewish Educational Alliance

also Thursday, March 5, 2009, JEA, 1:30pm

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 - 2:00 pm

Double Feature

Advice and Dissent

After five years in a loveless marriage, a businessman and his wife have reached a crossroads. She would like to salvage their relationship by having a child; he would like to end it with a divorce. He turns to a famed Rabbi, whose advice brings unexpected outcomes.

Starring Eli Wallach

Short comedy, Unrated, 2002, 21 minutes, English

Love Comes Lately

An utterly enchanting tale of an old Jewish writer whose fiction is always getting confused with his "real" life. Based on three Isaac Bashevis Singer short stories, *Love Comes Lately* keeps Max Kohn and his alter egos mixed up with manuscripts, murder and younger women.

Starring Rhea Perlman, Barbara Hershey, Tovah Feldshuh
Comedy, Unrated, 2008, 86 minutes, English

Jewish Educational Alliance

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 - 7:30pm

Surfwise

Co-sponsored by Psychotronic Film Society
Abandoning a successful medical practice in the 1950s, Dorian "Doc" Paskowitz sought self-fulfillment by taking up the life of a surfer. But unlike other American searchers, Paskowitz took his wife and nine children along for the ride, all eleven of them living in a 24-foot camper.

Documentary, Rated R, 2007, 93 minutes, English
Jewish Educational Alliance

**Tickets for each movie are available
45 minutes prior to screening**

General Admission \$9
JEA Members, Seniors (65 & older) and Students* \$7
*Membership cards, senior and student IDs
required for discount

Thursday, March 5, 2009 - 7:30pm

Black Over White

Follow the Israeli pop/world-beat band, The Idan Raichel Project, on their 2006 tour to Ethiopia. Enjoy the exotic scenery and groove to the music that will have you dancing in your seats as this popular group travels through the uncharted territory of their past and present.

Documentary, Unrated (strong language & adult content), 2007, 54 minutes, Hebrew & Amharic w/English subtitles

Jewish Educational Alliance

In Case You Missed It Friday — March 6

All shows at the JEA

Toots	10:00 am
The Case for Israel	12:00 pm
Song of David/Yippee	2:00 pm

Saturday, March 7, 2009 - 8:30pm

Double Feature

888-Go-Kosher

Who knew there was such a thing as a rapid-response kitchen koshering service?

Docu-comedy, Unrated, 2007, 11 minutes, English

Circumcise Me

Yisrael (born Chris) Campbell converted to Judaism not once, but 3 times — Reform, Conservative and Orthodox — each one requiring a separate circumcision. *Ouch*. So what's to laugh about? It's the way he tells it.

Docu-comedy, Unrated, 2008, 48 minutes, English

Westin Savannah Harbor

OR

Saturday, March 7, 2009 - 8:30pm

Making Trouble

Molly Picon, Fanny Brice, Sophie Tucker, Joan Rivers, Gilda Radner and Wendy Wasserstein made an indelible impact on the entertainment world and the times they lived in. All shared the gift—and burden—of being funny, Jewish and female. *Making Trouble* is a loving tribute to them from the Jewish Women's Archive.

Documentary, Unrated, 2007, 85 minutes, English

Jewish Educational Alliance

Sunday, March 8, 2009 - 4pm

Sixty Six

It's the summer of 1966 and England is consumed by World Cup fever. For Bernie, the biggest day of his life is looming—his Bar Mitzvah—and the Cup Final will take place the same day. Bernie's family seems distracted, but he's envisioned a perfect ceremony and reception. Bring your family to celebrate with Bernie and his.

Starring Helena Bonham Carter
Comedy, Rated PG-13, 2006, 93 minutes, English

Victory Square Stadium 9 Cinemas

Sunday, March 8, 2009 - 7:30pm

One Day You'll Understand

As the trial of Gestapo head Klaus Barbie plays out, a French businessman is obsessed with piecing together his family's history. But his mother has closed away her past. As he begins to reconcile himself with his family's fate, she decides to confide her past to members of her family who may have a chance at shaping the future.

Starring Jeanne Moreau
Drama, Unrated, 2008, 90 min., French w/Eng subtitles

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2009

Speaker's Series

**Sunday, March 1, 2009
7:30 PM at the JEA**

Yale Roe
A Yankee in King David's Court



Author of "I Followed My Heart to Jerusalem," veteran ABC executive and an award-winning producer of film and video documentaries that have appeared on PBS, ABC, A&E and overseas. Roe has met and filmed Israel's top leaders of the last generation such as Ariel Sharon, Shimon Peres, Teddy Kollek and others. Roe will present an in-depth analysis of the challenges facing Israel, illuminated with his own personal experience and anecdotes.

Tickets: \$10 at the Door, \$5 for Students, FREE for Military.

The 2009 Speakers Series is made possible with generous support from the JEA Phillip Hoffman Memorial Fund of the Savannah Jewish Community Foundation, The Savannah Jewish Federation and members of the community.

March 22, 2009
Kids Day 09

Saturday, March 22, 2009
12 - 4 P.M. Savannah Civic Center
A Day of Educational, Cultural, & Social Enrichment

Admission: One non-perishable item.
All non-perishable items will be donated to the American Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia

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Currently classes are held Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm. New classes may be added. There will be a small cost for this program. Contact Maia Koiller - Israel Shlichah - to RSVP and reserve your spot in the JEA conversational Hebrew class:

355-8111 or Maia@savj.org

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In honor of Ronald Fagin's retirement
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In memory of Madeline Rubin
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Health Talk Series



MorningStar Cultural Arts Group, as part of their Teal Ribbon Project, is partnering with Savannah Jewish Federation Family Services to present a series of **Cancer Answers Health Talks** offered at the JEA. All presentations are free and open to the public. Save the following dates:

Sunday, March 29 at 12:15 p.m.—**Finding Out & Facing Up Luncheon** presented by Dr. Pamela Gallup, MD. Cervical and breast cancer prevention for the under 25 crowd (ages 12 to 25). Lunch and learn is **free**, but requires pre-registration on our website [www.morningstararts.org/Teal Ribbon Project](http://www.morningstararts.org/TealRibbonProject) or through the JEA, 355-8111. Guardians and parents of attendees welcomed.

Sunday, March 29 at 1:00 p.m.—**Cancer Answer Health Fair**. Everything you ever wanted to know about your health and then some as presented by local agencies, hospitals and treatment centers. Guest lecturers will present throughout the day.

Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.— **Hot Flashes: Cutting Edge Research in Detection and Treatment of Cancer** as presented by Hadassah. Hadassah trained, Genetic researcher Dr. Laura Tillinger Benjamin is scheduled to introduce the program. Daytime hospital grand rounds presentation and physicians’ seminar as well.

May—Hot Mamas Fundraiser for BRCA Gene testing Support and Ovarian Cancer Awareness tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday May 19**.

Contact for more information: Carol Greenberg 912-927-9922/ MStararts@aol.com
Cancer Blog at: www.morningstararts.org Teal Ribbon Project.

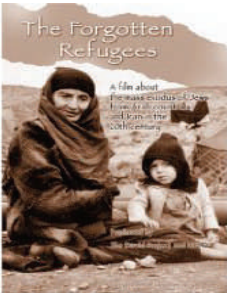
A MOVIE & BEER!

Adults 21 and Over— Join us at the JEA for a movie & a beer!



Mar. 12th – Circus Palestina - A dark comedy chronicling the trials and tribulations of a small circus troop who visits the West Bank. When a lion escapes the camp, an unlikely alliance is forged between a Russian lion tamer, an Israeli Sergeant and a young Arab boy, who join forces in an effort to find the beast before it can injure any unsuspecting townspeople.

Mar. 26th – The Forgotten Refugees - This film chronicles the exodus of Jews from Arab countries during the 20th century. It explores the attrition of Middle Eastern and North African Jewish communities. Employing testimony of survivors from Egypt, Yemen, Libya, Iraq and Iran, the film recounts the stories that a million individuals have carried with them for so long.



Segments on the contributions of Middle Eastern Jews to politics, business and music, testify to the rich cultures which fleeing Jews left behind. The film weaves personal stories with dramatic footage of rescue missions, images of exodus and resettlement, and analysis by scholars, to tell the story of how and why the Arab world’s Jewish population declined from one million in 1945 to several thousand today.

Middle Eastern snacks will be provided.

Afterwards, there will be a short program about personal stories of families who left their homeland during this exodus.

All movies shown at 7:00 pm
FREE to Members with ID
FREE Beer, wine, beverages and popcorn

Movie & Beer Night at the JEA sponsored by Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein.



MorningStar Arts Finding Oneself Events:

Free Youth Workshops—Open to Ages 12 to 20 by pre-registration only by web <http://www.morningstararts.org/find3.htm> or paper application (call 912-652-3582 and ask to sign up for *Finding Oneself* Youth Workshops). All Thursdays 3:30 to 5:30 at different locations.

March 5, April 2 & May 7—Be a Storykeeper with Dottie Kluttz. Savannah Entrepreneurial Center (801 East Gwinnett Street)

March 12—Using Film to Get the Story with Michael Hofstein—JEA

March 25—The Power of C.H.A.N.G.E with Miller Bargeron, Jr. Savannah Entrepreneurial Center (801 East Gwinnett Street)

April date TBA—A Worldview with Maia Koillel—JEA

May 21—Meet, Talk & Dine with Mimi Gan—JEA

Finding Oneself Adult Events—Also FREE and open to the general public:

May 21—Mimi Gan’s With Honors Denied—JEA 7 pm. MStar Art’s tribute to the Savannah Asian Festival.

YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE

****REGISTRATION ENDS MARCH 25th****

6 & Under: T-ball
Members: \$50
Non-Members: \$75
Practices: Sundays @ JEA
Games: Mon., Tues., Wed., or Thurs. evenings @ HAAF



**** 8, 10, 12 & Under age groups will play with the City of Savannah -- Registration includes the following:**

- **JEA Sports Registration form**
- **City of Savannah Parent Consent Form**
- **Copy of birth certificate (Cut-off date is May 1st: ex. 10U athletes may not turn 11 before May 1st)**

8 & Under: Coach-Pitch
Members: \$75
Non-Members: \$100
Practices: Sundays
Games: TBA weekday evenings

10 & Under: Machine-Pitch
Members: \$75
Non-Members: \$100
Practices: Sundays
Games: TBA weekday evenings

12 & Under: Little League
Members: \$75
Non-Members: \$100
Practices: Sundays
Games: TBA weekday evenings

**** VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED FOR ALL AGE GROUPS ****



New Programs at YOUR JEA

SENIOR FITNESS

Not new, but a new additional class. This popular class is adding an extra day by popular demand. Set to Big Band music, this class starts with aerobic dancing (standing or seated) for cardiovascular health, and strength exercises with weights to fight osteoporosis. Class also includes balancing to prevent falls, and Kegels to prevent incontinence.

Monday Wednesday & Thursday at 10:30
Instructor: Elaine Fox

KRAV MAGA - ISRAELI SELF DEFENSE

The name in Hebrew means "close combat." It refers to combat involving physical contact as opposed to combat using a weapon from afar, and all the techniques focus on maximum efficiency in real-life conditions.

Instructor Roger D'Onofrio is a defensive tactics specialist and consultant and has over 40 years experience in this field. He is acknowledged as a certified Krav Maga instructor by the International Krav Maga Federation, Krav Maga World Wide and the International Krav Maga Association. In addition, he has been awarded the teaching rank of Professor by the American Teachers Association of America.

Registration fee of \$29 (waived for JEA members)
Cost: \$60 JEA Members, \$90 Non-Members, \$80 Student/Law Enforcement/Military/Fire Dept.

Your monthly fee enables you to attend up to five classes per week - There is no monthly limit!

For more information and to register, please call Roger at (912) 308-7109 or by email roger@ccs-savannah.com. You can also check out his website: www.ccs-savannah.com.

Mon., Tue., & Thur. - 7:30 pm
Tues. & Thurs. - 11:45 am
(one hour classes begin Feb. 2nd)



ALL LEVELS YOGA FLOW

Increase your strength, balance and flexibility with all levels flow yoga. You can expect to work on standing and seated poses, forward folds, backbends and even inversions. This class is appropriate for any level of yogi, even newcomers to the practice, as modifications will be made for individual needs.

Wed. 7 - 8 pm for Eight Weeks
Instructor: Amanda Westerfield

Cost: Free to Members, \$8 per class-Non Members, \$50 for a 8 session Class Card (save \$14!)

Harvey Rubin
Memorial Award
2009

Applications due by April 20th

Do you know a high school teen who has exceptional athletic ability AND leadership in the community?

Nominate him or her for the Harvey Rubin Memorial Award!

Applications are available at the JEA front desk or contact Dawn Tanis, 355-8111 or dawn@savj.org.

Fitness Classes at the JEA

Indoor Pool Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 7 am-9 pm
Friday 7 am-4 pm
Sunday 9 am-5 pm

Master Swim

Mon., Wed. & Fri. 5-6 am

Firm It Up

Mon., Wed. & Fri. 8:30-9:30 am

Spin Class

Tues. & Thurs. 8:30-9:15 am

Pilates

Tues. & Thurs. 8:30-9:30 am

Zumba

Sun. 10-11am
Thursday 7-8 pm

Aquasize

Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 10-11 am

Gentle Yoga

Mon. & Wed. 10:30-11:30 am

Senior Fitness

Mon. & Wed. & Thurs. 10:30-11:30 am

Krav Maga

Tues. & Thurs. 11:45 am-12:45 pm
Mon., Tues. & Thurs. 7:30-8:30 pm

Open Basketball

Mon., Wed. & Fri. 12-2 pm

Coach Wayne Gymnastics

Wednesday 2:30-5 pm

Open Court Racquetball

Mon. Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 4-6 pm
Fri. 4-5 pm

Maxine Patterson Dance

Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 4-7 pm

Winter Swim League

Mon. & Wed. 4:15-5:15 pm

Karate

Mon. & Wed. 5:30-7:30 pm

Fencing

Tues. & Thurs. 7-9 pm

Women's Self Defense

Tues. & Thurs. 6 pm

Evening Water Aerobics

Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 6:30-7:30 pm

All Levels Yoga Flow

Wednesday 7-8 pm

Community Purim Carnival!



Sunday, March 8th
12:15 - 3:00 pm @ JEA

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Costume Contest



Games & Prizes

Pony Rides



Hotdogs & Hamburgers

And much, much more . . .



Israel through Savannah's Eyes

We are collecting pictures of you and your family taken in Israel throughout the years for a special exhibit. This exhibit will be held during Yom Ha'atzma'ut - Israel Independence Day - April 26!

This exhibit will be a wonderful opportunity to see Israel growing up during the years and see the memories and experiences that the families in our community have had with Israel during the years.

Have a picture you want to share?

Write a short paragraph including the year the picture was taken, who is in the picture, where it was taken, or any memory or detail you can share with us. Add your address and contact number and drop it off at the JEA front desk. The pictures will be scanned and returned to you afterward.

We will be happy to see Israel through your eyes! For questions contact Maia Koiller - Community Shlichah, 912-355-8111 or maia@savj.org.

Want to volunteer?

We are looking for volunteers to help plan Israel cultural and social activities!
Contact Maia! 912-355-8111

Art at the JEA

March Artist—Ian Aleksander Adams



Born in 1986 in New York City and raised in Massachusetts, Ian Aleksander Adams fled to the south to study art and escape the ice. Among other things, he creates large scale information centric installation work and tiny word-light photo books. Ian's work has been featured internationally in exhibitions, publications and competitions. Recently he's shown in Paris during the PX3 exhibition and in NYC through Commercial Photographers International and the Adobe Design Achievement Awards. This year he graduates from Savannah College of Art and Design with a BFA in photography, after which he plans to pursue his MFA and a teaching career. More information, a blog, and many viewable projects can be found at his website, www.ianaleksanderadams.com.

Artwork available for viewing March 1-31, 2009

Artist Reception March 5th, 5:30-7:30 pm

March 2009	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 <u>Jewish Film Festival- Encounter Point-</u> Trustees Theatre- 3 pm <u>JEA Speakers Series-</u> Yale Roe, <i>A Yankee in King David's Court</i> - 7:30 pm	2 <u>Gentle Yoga-</u> 10:30 am <u>Sr. Fitness-</u> 10:30 am <u>Senior Lunch-</u> 12:30 pm <u>Mah-Jongg-</u> 1 pm <u>Jewish Film Festival-</u> <i>Song of David-</i> 7:30 pm <i>Yippee-</i> 8 pm	3 <u>Pilates-</u> 8:30 am <u>Kibitzers Club-</u> 10 am <u>Jewish Film Festival-</u> <i>Powder and the Glory-</i> 2 pm <i>First Basket-</i> 7:30 pm	4 <u>Gentle Yoga-</u> 10:30 am <u>Senior Lunch-</u> 12:30 pm <u>Bridge-</u> 1 pm <u>Jewish Film Festival-</u> <i>Advice & Dissent-</i> 2 pm <i>Love Comes Lately-</i> 2:30 pm <i>Surfwise-</i> 7:30 pm <u>Zumba-</u> 7 pm	5 <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>Jewish Film Festival-</u> <i>First Basket-</i> 1:30 pm <i>Art Gallery Reception-</i> 5:30 pm <u>Evening Water Aerobics-</u> 6:30 pm <u>Jewish Film Festival-</u> <i>Black Over White-</i> 7:30 pm	6 <u>Aquasize-</u> 10 am <u>Jewish Film Festival-</u> <i>Toots-</i> 10 am <i>The Case for Israel: Democracy's Outpost-</i> 12 pm, <i>Song of David-</i> 2:00 pm <i>Yippee-</i> 2:30 pm	7 <u>Jewish Film Festival-</u> <i>888-Go-Kosher & Circumcise Me-</i> Westin Hotel- 7:30 pm <i>Making Trouble: Three Generations of Funny Jewish Women-</i> JEA- 8 pm
	8 <u>AA's Scholar-in-Residence,</u> Ken Stein- 10 am <u>Purim Carnival-</u> 1 pm <u>Jewish Film Festival-</u> <i>Sixty Six-</i> Victory Theatre- 4 pm <i>One Day You'll Understand-</i> JEA- 7:30 pm	9 <u>Gentle Yoga-</u> 10:30 am <u>Sr. Fitness-</u> 10:30 am <u>Senior Lunch-</u> 12:30 pm <u>Mah-Jongg-</u> 1 pm	10 <u>Pilates-</u> 8:30 am <u>Kibitzers Club-</u> 10 am	11 <u>Gentle Yoga-</u> 10:30 am <u>Senior Lunch-</u> 12:30 pm <u>Bridge-</u> 1 pm <u>Zumba-</u> 7 pm <u>JNF Presentation-</u> 7:30 pm	12 <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>Sr. Lunch/Program-</u> 12:30 pm <u>Finding Oneself Workshop-</u> 3:30 pm <u>Evening Water Aerobics-</u> 6:30 pm <u>Movie & Beer Night-</u> <i>Circus Palestina-</i> 7 pm	13 <u>Aquasize-</u> 10 am	14
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	29 <u>Cancer Answer Luncheon and Health Fair-</u> 12:30 pm	30 <u>Gentle Yoga-</u> 10:30 am <u>Sr. Fitness-</u> 10:30 am <u>Senior Lunch-</u> 12:30 pm <u>Mah-Jongg-</u> 1 pm	31 <u>Pilates-</u> 8:30 am <u>Kibitzers Club-</u> 10 am <u>Cancer Answer Health Talk-</u> 7 pm	April 1 <u>Gentle Yoga-</u> 10:30 am <u>Senior Lunch-</u> 12:30 pm <u>Bridge-</u> 1 pm <u>Zumba-</u> 7 pm	2 <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>Sr. Lunch/Program-</u> 12:30 pm <u>Evening Water Aerobics-</u> 6:30 pm	3 <u>Aquasize-</u> 10 am	4



Your Campaign Dollars At Work:

Hosen Trauma Center, Sderot

Since January 2001, when Qassam rockets started falling on the blue-collar development town of Sderot, between 15 and 25 percent of Sderot's population has fled for safer conditions. In all, close to ten thousand rockets have landed indiscriminately, killing twenty five Israelis. But most people in Sderot cannot afford to leave or are unable to sell their homes (prices have fallen up to 50 percent). Twenty to thirty percent of area businesses have had to relocate or shut down, and children and their grades have suffered.

Sderot, a town of 23,000 has been on the receiving end of most of the Qassam rockets that have fallen on the southwest Negev region, close to the tumultuous Gaza Strip. In attempts to alleviate the danger, the Israeli government installed an early-warning "Red Color" alarm system to warn citizens of impending rocket attacks, though it does not sound on cold or rainy days when radar cannot detect the rocket launches. Citizens



While in Israel in February, past Presidents Merry and Richard Bodziner visited Sderot and presented the Savannah Jewish Federation's allocation to the Hosen Trauma Center to Talia Levanon, director of the Israel Trauma Coalition, and Dalia Yosef, director of the Trauma Center

have only fifteen seconds to reach shelter after the sounding of an alarm. The alarm system has been used thousands of times since it was instituted, resulting in a staggering number of cases of shock and Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in the Sderot area. Some statistics cite that up to thirty percent of the adult population of Sderot suffers from PTSD; in addition an estimated

seventy to ninety percent of the area's children suffer from PTSD symptoms.

As part of its allocations for 2008-2009, the Savannah Jewish Federation made a directed allocation of \$4,000 for immediate needs in Sderot and selected the Hosen Trauma Center as the recipient of this grant.

In June 2006, Sderot municipal employees and local mental health clinic workers came up with the idea of opening Hosen in coordination with the Health Ministry and other government ministries to answer needs created by the increasingly volatile situation. But the Center was soon in danger of closing due to a serious lack of funding. However, in 2007, the Health Ministry agreed to continue funding the part-time staff that tirelessly treats hundreds of patients each month for shock and PTSD.

The Hosen staff goes on call immediately after Qassam rocket strikes hit the area. Having the Center in Sderot allows victims to be treated immediately and locally, as opposed to having to wait to be transferred to Barzilai hospital in nearby Ashqelon (Hosen's 'parent' facility).

More than one hundred children

currently are undergoing long-term mental health therapy at Hosen. But Dalia Yosef, the director of Hosen, says the number of children aged one to six who are in need of long-term treatment is increasing daily. An im-



Sderot children seeking shelter from Qassam rockets during a 'Red Color' alarm

portant question raised was one she posed even before the recent conflict in Gaza: "How do you treat and prevent post-traumatic stress when it is not 'post' [but present]?" Due to the continuing conflict over the border the government has said it also will establish similar centers in other communities near the Gaza Strip. Perhaps one day, the government will not have to choose between investing in shelters, trauma centers and schools, universities, and community centers.

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Savannah Natives Reunite to Celebrate Their 60th Birthdays Together



A number of Savannah natives recently gathered on Tybee Island to celebrate their 60th birthdays. If you hadn't 'fessed up' ladies, we would have sworn you were 29! Pictured are: Bottom row: Muriel (Rabhan) Varon, Celia (Palefsky) Dunn, Sherry Jacobson, Janis (Barnett) Javetz, Laura (Becker) Blumberg, Rita (Halpern) Asher, Nancie (Meddin) Clark, Diane (Charnovitz) Cummings, Charlotte (Lipsitz) Black; 2nd row: Nancy (Asher) Bracker, Elaine Tross, Chrissie (Kaplan) Karp, Mona Meddin; Top row: Janet (Rubin) Brand, Lynn (Rudikoff) Berkowitz.

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A Different Perspective

By Sophie Nagelberg

I went on my Birthright trip to Israel at the end of December 2008 through early January 2009: a time with particularly high political tension. On our last night in Jerusalem the group took a bus over to Ben Yehuda Street, which was crowded with tourists wandering in and out of the many shops and restaurants. Everyone was in high spirits, excited to finally purchase cheap souvenirs with shekels no one actually bothered to convert. What I couldn't help but notice, however, was the fretful look on one of the soldier's faces. Her name was Hadas and her eyes were glued to the screen of her cell phone as she rapidly sent and received messages. Her friends were about to enter the Gaza Strip and this was her last chance to contact them; to know they were okay. This was the night the invasion began.

This girl was just my age, though her life was nothing close to resembling mine. As she put on a smile for us American college students on winter vacation, decked out in her IDF uniform, I felt a wave of naivety seeping through my body. I think few of my fellow travelers were aware of what exactly was going on, and it seemed our Israeli guides spared us much information to avoid any worry. My mood quickly became solemn. I thought about how this soldier must feel, how the other soldiers accompanying us must feel. I thought about the soldiers about to risk their lives for Israel, about their friends and families. I thought about my life back home in America, and I felt true admiration for these young soldiers. I felt great respect for the undeniable bond these soldiers share. They are not only soldiers; they are like brothers and sisters, fighting not only for Israel, but also for each other.

Upon my return back to Chicago, I applied for a job in a small, homey restaurant just down the block from my apartment. It is a family business, owned by nine brothers. Each one is kind and pleasant to be around. They treat their employees and customers

well. I enjoy observing the interactions between the brothers. Moe is the most serious, a bit of a perfectionist. Amjad or "AJ" has the best sense of humor and he never fails to make me laugh. What I learned after meeting this family was where they were from: the Gaza Strip. I discovered that they still had family in Gaza, including their mother.

During the invasion, which had carried on since I had returned home, the brothers crowded around the computer in the kitchen as Arabic headlines flashed across the screen. More recently, one of the brothers brought his eight-year-old son into the restaurant. I overheard him talking to Javier, the waiter from Mexico. Javier asked the boy about his home, and what I heard him respond with was, "The Jews have evil in their hearts." I felt a pain in my stomach. It truly saddened me to hear this boy not only say this, but to ignorantly believe it. Clearly this child learned this from his parents. While I felt it would be inappropriate to begin a heated political debate with an eight year old, what I wanted to tell him was that the Jews are people, just like him. They have families and homes they wish to defend. I wanted to tell him that Qassam rockets were probably launched right from his grandmother's neighborhood into Israeli cities.

As I bit my tongue, I thought about the pride I had in the IDF soldiers. My trip to Israel provided me with the opportunity to get to know these soldiers who courageously fight to defend the Jewish land. It is unfortunate that this boy cannot meet some of the Israelis that I met, much like I met his family. Then he would see the good that exists in the hearts of the Jews like I see the good in the hearts of his family.

Sophie Nagelberg, 19, attends DePaul University in Chicago and is currently a sophomore, majoring in Philosophy. Sophie is the daughter of Cathy and Dan Nagelberg.



Sophie Nagelberg

Your Campaign Dollars At Work

Savannah BBYO Has Had a Busy Few Months!

By Joanne Kooden

David Finn AZA and Wexler/Clark BBG sent twenty one members to the annual Southern Region convention in the North Georgia Mountains this past November. It's the one time during the year Dixie Council comes together with Atlanta Council for a convention of top notch programming, Shabbat services and activities, and individual chapter competitions. We are proud to say that for the second year in a row, our David Finn guys beat out all the competition (including the numerous chapters in Atlanta and throughout Dixie Council) to win first place in overall chapter competition!

This past December, Savannah BBYO hosted 60 kids for our annual Sweetheart/Beau Dance weekend. Shabbat services and programming were held Friday night at the home of Barney Sadler, and Saturday morning services were held at the home of Caroline Eichholz. The Saturday night "Dixie Council Country Club" themed dance was held at the JEA where the David Finn boys crowned Sheeri Bornstein as their 2009 Sweetheart, and the Wexler/Clark girls crowned Matt Klugman as their 2009 Beau. After breakfast Sunday morning at the JEA, the kids said goodbye to their friends from Charleston, Augusta, and Columbia who had come to town for this fun-filled weekend.

In January, we sent 15 kids to Columbia for a "Chai School Weekend" that included an all night danceathon



Sheeri Bornstein & Matt Klugman

that raised over \$1,800 for the American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), Columbia's Sweetheart/Beau dance, and the annual AZA intra-council basketball tournament.

Congratulations to our David Finn boys who won the basketball tournament (and bragging rights) for the first time in four years!

On February 1st, our Savannah AZA and BBG chapters held a super Superbowl party at the home of Matt Klugman. Over 20 kids attended, and stuffed themselves with pizza and snacks, played "the squares," and watched a very exciting Superbowl XLIII!

Next up will be Spring Convention, at Seabrook Island, SC, March 13th-15th, and the first ever Southeast BBYO Mega convention, April 17th-18th at Camp Barney Medintz in Cleveland, GA. This convention will include BBYO kids from Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville, Birmingham, New Orleans, and Atlanta as well as Dixie Council. With three different regions and ten different cities, it's sure to be an exciting weekend! For more information on these and other BBYO activities, please contact Joanne Kooden, THREERED@aol.com.

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which empty into them?

When the world comes to its senses, renounces hypocrisy, ceases applying double standards and quits saving Palestinians from their own self-defeating behavior then, and only then, will there be any hope of peace and justification for contemplating statehood.

Israel has given up land for peace, land it captured and then occupied in wars it did not seek. No peace came.

When will appeasing stop? When it becomes an accepted, irrefutable belief that feeding bullies only serves to increase their appetite.

Perhaps then reality will dictate solutions that are currently beyond contemplation and enactment.

Dick Berkowitz

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Savannah Jewish ARCHIVES Celebration of Purim

Contributed by Jane Kahn

Purim (celebrated from sunset of March 9 to nightfall of March 10) has

always been a favorite holiday, with all sorts of challenging opportunities: Costume parties, Purim carnivals, choosing the most beautiful Queen Esther, the most handsome King Ahasverus, and the most-wicked Haman.

Purim commemorates the rescue of the Jews of Persia from Haman's plot to exterminate them.



Purim Queens, JEA Teen Board, 1955-1956 (JVM 003, no. 520)

Seated (left to right): Mickey (Ginsberg) Katz, junior queen and Nancy (Robinson) Zenoff, senior queen. Standing (left to right): Dale Rosenstein (in front), junior queen contestant; Sally (Karpf) Krissman, junior queen contestant; Sandra (Kantsiper) Goodman, 1955 junior queen; Robert Martin, chairman of Purim carnival; Robert Hirsch, host to the queens; Rebecca (Marcus) Nirenblatt, 1956 senior queen; Sydney (Solomon) Ratnow, junior queen contestant; and Brenda (Robinson) Wolchok, junior queen contestant.



Purim Queens, 1956 (JVM 003, no. 521)

Left to right: Marcia (Rosen) Schwarz, Miriam (Kantsiper) Movsovit, Eleanor (Wolson) Fried, Nancy (Robinson) Zenoff, and Harriet (Perlman) Karlin Mintz.

Meet Community Member Extraordinaire, Toby Hollenberg

By Jane Kahn

What Toby Hollenberg has accomplished during her 11 years in Savannah leaves the rest of us breathless.

She has thrown herself into so many worthwhile projects and taken on leadership roles in so many non-profit organizations that her hundreds of friends wonder how she has time for her activity of choice, her grandchildren.

She does that, too, often doing first-string babysitting for daughter Melissa's and her husband Jeff's two young daughters. Jessa is 5 and Ellie is 3.

How do you come into town and accomplish so much?

"It's what I do. It's what I have always done," she says, simply, explaining that her husband's job (Steve was with GE) required relocating many times through the years. Savannah was their tenth corporate move. "Moving around the country as we did, I have to take the first step." Toby's successful modus operandi was to look around a community, find the things that interested her and get involved.

Her involvement in a project practically guarantees its success. She thinks in channels that haven't been tried and she brings new insights into projects already in the works.

For starters, the ambassador relocation program of the Savannah Jewish Federation has depended on her organizational skills. That program contributed to Melissa and Jeff's move to Savannah. It not only helps newcomers make the decision to move to Savannah, but it shepherds them through the entire process. Toby's enthusiasm, and been-there-herself empathy, sees it through. (Since the program got underway, there have been hundreds of inquiries, and some 40 families have moved here.) And it's the centerpiece of Toby's involvement as a member of the Federation's Board of Governors.

At Mickve Israel she was co-president of Sisterhood, working her way through the many projects that organization supports—outreach and membership, Temple docents, Backpack Buddies, Jewish Food Festival, and currently, Nominating Committee. She also serves on the Temple Board.

Next year will be her third year at the helm of Memorial University Health Center's Waiting on a Cure luncheon, which annually raises some \$75,000 to benefit Cancer research

here.

"I guess I am a communicator," she shrugs, implying no big deal. This energetic volunteer is on the phone constantly, and when she's not—check your e-mail—she's sending out organization emails. Toby goes out of her way to stay in touch with hundreds of friends, mostly "new" friends in Savannah, but also with people she has known around the country.

And this enthusiastic non-stop talker is an organizer. She ticks off her moves, remembering her activities: In Connecticut, she was president of the League of Women Voters; in Houston, as a stay-at-home new mom, she was involved with New Neighbors, in Rome, GA, in a program to help at risk kids with homework, in Kansas City, mental health; in St. Louis, Jewish Family Services and their temple; in New Jersey, educational programs for teachers. That's just some of them.

While Steve was undergoing treatment for a fast moving pancreatic cancer, the couple came to grips first hand with the tragedies of the disease. Steve wondered, "How do people afford this if they don't have insurance?" How do they face the chemotherapy and radiation when they are not able to pay for pain medication, nausea medication, antibiotics or special braces and equipment? He concluded, "I want to help them."

Six months after Steve's death in 2004, Toby established the Steven Hollenberg Memorial Fund to help needy cancer patients at Memorial's Anderson Cancer Institute. "I can't solve all of their problems," Toby says, but the Fund has helped patients, screened by Memorial, more than 1,000 times with the little extras they cannot afford. For them "it's just knowing someone's there to help."

Toby has found Savannah to be very welcoming, "if you embrace it," she says emphatically. And, she advises, "since it is an old, established community, don't try to tell them how you did it" (up north). Toby was born in Brooklyn and raised on a chicken farm in New Jersey by two step-mothers. Her mother died when she was 7—not an easy childhood.

"The best way to enhance the value of your life is to get involved," she suggests.

As for Toby, she is the first to say that "I get as much from volunteering as I give. I'm now living a life that is so full of blessings."



Toby Hollenberg



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Thoughts from Rambam

Tuesday morning, February 3, without warning, an announcement was made and suddenly over the loud speaker the song “Hokey Pokey” was playing. The whole school was out of their classrooms hokey pokeying away! This was a student council event planned to instill some school spirit on the spot! It worked! The winners for the most participation were the R a m b a m faculty!



Tzvi Rosen,
Science Fair Winner

It was snow day in the 4y class; everyone was bundled up and there was a snow storm in the classroom. Somehow, someway, Mrs. Diane Robinson, the 4y teacher had

snow blowing from a fan! The children had a blast and nobody suffered from frost bite.

Rambam Day School had five winners for the school Science Fair which is judged by outside professionals. First Place winners; Mandy Salmon, Tzvi Rosen, Lena Hirsch, Hannah Slotin and Jared Samuels will go to the city Science Fair and compete for the state Science Fair.

Seventh and Eighth Graders have made a dessert cookbook. There are some delicious desserts in the cookbook; banana split boat, chocolate balls, cookie ice-cream cake, frosty freezes mud pie in a cup and many more! The cookbooks are on sale in the school office. Each recipe is demonstrated with a picture created by the students and the cover design was created by Lena Hirsch.

Enjoy the pictures below and come visit Rambam.



Ester Y. Rabhan,
Rambam Day
School Principal



Mandy Salmon,
Science Fair Winner



Rambam students and faculty doing the hokey pokey

Shalom School and the Spirit of Giving

Dear Readers: During these past months, I have written to you at length about Shalom School's current CHAI Curriculum, which was introduced last year after considerable study by our Board and its curriculum committee chaired by Tricia Guggenheim. It is time to share with you the sorts of experiences that goes on in our classrooms. The following are the words of our wonderful third grade teacher Sarah Kovensky. Sarah grew up in Savannah, and is the daughter of Drs. Martin and Doris Greenberg. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in Teaching from The Johns Hopkins University and has been a teacher with Shalom School for 11 years. Sarah is married to Seth Kovensky, a financial planner with Live Oak Financial Services, and they are the proud parents of Hannah and Alexander. Here are her words:

“The Third Grade curriculum is filled with the idea that anyone, no matter what age, can do his or her part to make the world more kadosh or holy. We follow this idea through the Torah, avodah, and g'milut chasdim strands of the Chai curriculum. The overarching idea is that learning Torah is a lifelong pursuit that anyone can take part in, and that by understanding it, we can help to make the world a better place.

In our Torah studies we have touched on the concepts of keeping kosher, observing Shabbat, caring for others, and taking care of the earth. Students have worked in small groups, or chevruta, to learn from each other the significance of things like the section of Pirkei Avot that tells us not to put a stumbling block in front of a blind person or curse a deaf person. Moreover, the students learned the importance of telling a person when they've done something wrong in a way that you don't end up doing something wrong yourself. The students have addressed many of these concepts through writing poetry, drawing pictures, and discussing them with their peers.

In our G'milut Chasdim studies we have taken the ideas of making the world a holier place and created an action plan for how we, as individuals, can take little steps to achieve this monumental task. For example, we played a decision-making game where the students were asked to make tough choices and explain why they made them. We talked about how we can clean up the earth and the environment through planting trees and recycling, and how we can do our part to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Participating in the Backpack Buddies program helped hammer this idea home for many of the students.

In our Avodah studies, we address the same concepts from the angle of making our own connections to Gd, community, and family to help with making our lives more kadosh. We played a game called “Cracking the Holiness Code” where we discussed many of the same issues of treating others with kindness from the perspective of prayer as part of the action that a Jew can take. We talked about the role of prayer and synagogue in community building and spirituality and explored the concepts further through art, music, and poetry.

As one student said, “What we're learning is to treat others the way we want to be treated,” which I believe is the basis of it all. We want to make the world better for others and ourselves, and the steps to make that happen begin with each of us.”

Until next time, with more from our teachers.

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Joel Zuckerman, local writer, speaker and “vagabond golfer,” was honored with first place in the book category for 2008 at the International Network of Golf 16th Annual Media Awards. Joel picked up the honor at the recent PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando for his highly-acclaimed book, Pete Dye Golf Courses, Fifty Years of Visionary Designs, which Golf World magazine called “a must-read for Dye fans as well those who desire insight



Joel Zuckerman and Pete Dye

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Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles on Sale

The Savannah Jewish Federation again will join families throughout North America by participating in the Yom HaShoah yellow candle program. Every family in the Savannah Jewish community is encouraged to light at least one yellow candle on the night of Tuesday, April 21, 2009, to observe Yom HaShoah.

Yom HaShoah candles are a highly visible symbol for keeping the flame alive. Their color recalls the yellow stars Jews were forced to wear in Nazi-occupied Europe, but their flame inspires hope that we can make our world a tolerant place to live.

The Savannah Jewish Federation will apply the funds raised from the

sale of these candles towards the establishment of a library to be housed inside the JEA. This library will contain books and videos pertaining to the Holocaust that will

be available for loan to local educators in the hopes of preserving the history and memories of the Holocaust.

The Yom HaShoah yellow candles will be sold at the JEA for \$9 each. Please purchase your candle to be lit on Tuesday evening April 21 and plan to join our annual Yom HaShoah program at 7 pm at the JEA.



Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Alvin Lawrence Slotin

Who died January 21, 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian; daughters Jan (Henry) Miller of New Orleans, Renee (Rabbi Lewis) Kamrass of Cincinnati, son, Frank (Susan) Slotin, and grandchildren.

Remembrances: Rambam Day School, Bnai Brith Jacob Synagogue, or the charity of one's choice.

Celia "Ceil" (Agranat) Kane

Who died January 24, 2009.

Preceded in death by her husband, Raymond, and daughter, Lee Elizabeth Kane. She is survived by her daughters, Gloria (Murray) Simons, of Peabody, MA, and Marcia (Sandy) Berens, of Savannah and grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Remembrances: Hospice Savannah.

Philip Irving Barbanel

Who died January 29, 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Triebitz Barbanel.

Delores Lehwald Kaminsky

Who died Thursday, February 5, 2009.

Preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Lawrence Kaminsky. She is survived by her daughters Gay (David) Udinsky, of Savannah, Ivy

(Gary) Silbiger of Akron, OH, son Britt Kaminsky of Atlanta, brother, Hank (Marie) Lehwald of Coral Springs, FL; and five grandchildren.

Remembrances: Humane Society or the American Cancer Society and Fairhaven Funeral Home.

Miriam Cooper Michigan

Who died February 7, 2009.

Preceded in death by her husband, Norman Michigan.

She is survived by her two sons, Alan (Teri) Michigan, of Pelham, NY, and Dr. Stephen (Eileen) Michigan, of Savannah, and four grandchildren

Remembrances: American Diabetes Association or Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

Frances Sheikovitz Hirsh

Who died February 7, 2009.

Preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Charles Hirsh. She is survived by her daughter, Linda (Eric) Karpf of Savannah.

Dorothy Louise Maslanko

Who died February 15, 2009.

Preceded in death by her husband Robert Meyer Maslanko. She is survived by her daughter, Carole Lieber of Germantown, MD, and son, Jerald (Jane) Maslanko of Glendale, MO, and one granddaughter.

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