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Allocations Decisions Difficult, Overseas Percentage Increased

The Savannah Jewish Federation's Allocation Committee is a committee of about 20 individuals, balanced from across synagogues and organizations and represents various interests and perspectives of the community. During these still challenging economic times and a period of changes in our Jewish community, raising the dollars and deciding how to allocate them was difficult.

Sitting on the Allocations Committee for many meant having to put personal loyalties to the side and focus on what is best for our Savannah Jewish community. The committee acted in a manner that was dignified and respectful towards each other in the process of determining where and how each dollar would be best placed.

"Ever since I left the JEA last night after the final Allocations meeting, a

song kept playing through my mind. "In this world of ordinary people, extraordinary people, I'm glad there is you." Finding songs to fit events is not unusual for me, but these words seemed to be set on replay, just like Johnny Mathis was at my house when I was a teenager.

Each person at the meeting was, to me, extraordinary. No one missed one of the three meetings. No one left early. As a teacher, used to looking at a group and seeing who is and who is not engaged in the discussion, I knew that every single person was paying very close attention. No one was happy because every one there knew there were real needs in our community and not enough money to fulfill those needs. However, there was no acrimony, no judgments, no harsh words and no anger. Frustration, Yes. Determ

"The Allocations committee did a fabulous job making the hard decisions. I applaud them"

ination? Yes!

Instead, I believe that we all were searching for ways to make next year's campaign more successful. Naturally, all of us hope that the general economy improves for more reasons than the Federation campaign. I hope that more new and enthusiastic people become involved, understanding the importance of the Federation and realizing that they can absolutely make a difference.

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Tikvah Fund Created as Source of Hope for Jewish Family Services

Your gift will be matched-dollar for dollar

The Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah, a program of the Savannah Jewish Federation, is proud to announce the creation of the Tik-

vah Fund to support Jewish Family Services in Savannah. An anonymous donor has offered to match every gift, dollar for dollar, up to \$20,000 to kick off this important fund.

In the past year, Jewish Family Services has supplied more than 125 food vouchers to members of the community, assisted with 17 utility bills, provided the counseling services of social workers to dozens of families and individuals, and provided shelter for those in need in the form of subsidized rents and mortgage payments. JFS also has granted funds for medicine, clothing, childcare and various scholarships. Working with area medical providers, JFS has made sure that community members have not had to go without vital dental, psychological and medi-

cal care.

In the last 18 months, JFS has provided almost \$140,000 in aid to members of the community and the needs are not abating. Recognizing these unfortunate circumstances, this generous member of our community, who chooses to remain anonymous, has created the Tikvah Fund -- a permanent endowed fund -- a source of hope and assets for the needs of Jewish Family Services in Savannah for generations to come.

Please make your tax deductible donation to the Savannah Jewish Federation Tikvah Fund, and know that each and every dollar contributed will be matched, doubling your charitable donation power.



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The Importance of the Jewish Peoplehood

"Kol yisrael arevim zeh bazeh" – "All Israel are sureties for one another" said our sages in the Talmud.

Peoplehood, a term so amorphous and abstract, it's hard to know where to begin dealing with it. The spelling check tells me that I misspelled "Peoplehood", maybe it is right. I didn't even know this term a year ago, let alone knowing what it means. The Hebrew word for it – *Amiut*, is not exactly a good translation.

Is there really a Jewish peoplehood? Are we really one people, carrying for each other? What is the connection between Shlomo the plumber from Petah-Tikvah and Jacob the lawyer from Mobile, Alabama? They don't know each other, they don't speak the same language, and they have a different set of values and views.

When you have two Jews, you have three opinions, how can we say we are one people? Our differences are numer-

ous, so what exactly unites us? How can we preserve the concept of the "Jewish People" when we are so diverse and scattered all around the world?

Even though I don't know the exact definition of peoplehood, I know that without it I wouldn't be here. My family emigrated from Moldova to Israel, during "Operation Exodus," a program of the Jewish Agency for Israel. The money that made it all possible came from the American Jewry; they believed that no Jew should be left behind. When I joined the youth movement and got a Zionist education, we worked very hard on getting the Movement's T-shirt, and on the T-shirt we had a logo of the Jewish Agency for Israel, as one of the sponsors, so part of my education was also a beneficiary of the American Jewry funds.

When I served in the IDF, we had a small room with a TV and some couches, so we can rest at the end of

our long days. I will never forget lying on the couch, exhausted and tired, and looking at a small plank in the corner of the room that says that this room was made possible by the "Friends of the IDF in Long Island". I remember lying there and thinking – "Do the Jews in Long Island have nothing better to do with their money?" When I finished my military service and was released, I had no doubt it's time for me to show my gratitude and give back. For me, being here in Savannah, teaching about Israel, is some kind of a closure. It is the embodiment of Jewish peoplehood at its peak.

Peoplehood is our future, the future of the world Jewry and Israel. The peoplehood concept is perhaps the only concept which we can all come



Gershon Peru
Israeli Shaliach

together around it – Israelis and Diaspora Jews, "Religious" and "Seculars", Orthodox, Conservative and Reform. I think that synagogues and Jewish Community Centers, like our JEA, are doing a great job keeping the flame of the peoplehood, but sadly it's insufficient. Israelis also need more than a sovereign state with a Jewish majority. There is a real need of a tangible Community: real relationships, shared responsibilities and hard work in fulfilling our people's ancient dream of social justice. We are depending on it, it will decide whether we will vanish or flourish.

Times are changing; the old formula of Diaspora equals Money for Israel is not the only way any more. It is up to us to work together, in collaboration, to take care of each other, to repair the world and make it a better place for us and for the next generations.

Errors and Omissions

In the last issue of the Savannah Jewish News, a mistake was made by not printing the entirety of Fred S. Clark's response to "What does it mean to be Jewish?" following is his response:

"Jewish tradition embraces joyous family gatherings so I'm family conscious and oriented. I'm also sentimental when attending synagogue services because I know that I am saying the same prayers and singing the same songs my ancestors said and sang for many generations. I hope that I've successfully instilled a similar attitude in my children and that they will carry it on to our descendants."

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On June 11th, several of Ed Wexler's friends both within and outside the Savannah Jewish Community, are sponsoring a Kiddush luncheon in Ed's honor to salute Ed for the fantastic work and dedication to the community. The event will be at Congregation Agudath Achim, immediately following services Saturday morning.

Everyone is invited for services as well as the luncheon.

Ed Wexler has been actively involved in the leadership of all Jewish organizations in Savannah, from Rambam, to the JEA, Savannah Jewish Federation and Congregation Agudath Achim for over 30 years, as an officer and Board member. With Federation, during his first 10 years in Savannah, he

was an officer and Board member, and Dr. Richard Bodziner appointed Ed to serve two years on the Executive Committee during the first Long Range Planning Committee. Serving as General Fund Raising Chair of Federation, Ed has been a consistent fund raiser and project chair on 30 of the 31 years he has been in Savannah. At the JEA, Ed served as Treasurer for 8 years, and as Chairman of the Personnel Committee for 8 years. Ed joined with Aaron Levy to found Rambam Day School and wrote the formative constitution. Ed assisted with then President Julian Friedman of Congregation Mickve Israel to organize their fund raising for the recently completed extensive renovation of their Temple.

At Agudath Achim, he served 6 and then 15 year terms on the Board of Di-

rectors. As an officer, he was elected Treasurer for several years, then Vice President for several terms before becoming President. He was also chairman of the Rabbinical Review Committee and co-chaired the Rabbinical Search Committee.

Ed will be leaving Savannah some time in June. He will be moving to Atlanta, where his children and grandson reside, and where he can be closer to immediate help with his difficult physical problems. Savannah will certainly miss him. Please join this opportunity to say a collective "thanks" to a man who has given so much to this community in so many ways.

Sincerely,

Buddy Metzger
Luncheon Chair

The letter Gimmel begins the phrase: *Gemlut Chasadim*—Acts of Loving Kindness

Through the Jewish Family Service a program of the Savannah Jewish Federation, we are able to serve those in need of assistance. Be it someone needing the services of Social Worker, financial assistance to buy groceries for the family or just need to make ends meet to make it through the month. The Jewish Family Service helps sustain our community. Please support this part of our Jewish community through supporting the Savannah Jewish Federation.



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... one bite at a time...

Delegitimization

Our Federation is a “bite” of an even larger elephant called the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Last November, I attended the General Assembly; the JFNA annual meeting affectionately called the “GA,” and learned how the work of our parent organization relates to what we do in Savannah.

Held in New Orleans, the GA offered three days of speakers, workshops, conversations, exhibits, entertainment, networking with other federations, and volunteering in the clean-up of hurricane Katrina. I even got to walk through a tent that was part of the famed Israeli field hospital used in Haiti after last year's earthquake. Speakers included Vice President Joe Biden, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, former Russian dissident Natan Sharansky, and Israeli Knesset opposition leader Tzipi Livni. For fun, there was a celebration of New Orleans in an enormous warehouse filled with Mardi Gras floats and paraphernalia, replete with beads, music, and New Orleans food! I was amazed how the New Orleans Jewish Community organized to sponsor such an exceptional event in the midst of the city's recovery.

The word heard over and over that troubled me the most was “delegitimization”. It is a term used to describe a broad spectrum of anti-Israel protests that differ from legitimate criticism of Israel. The Presidents' meeting dealt with it as did every subsequent speaker. Divestment campaigns (pressure to divest of Israeli securities) are a form of delegitimization. So are international boycotts of Israeli products; entertainers refusing to perform in Israel; and university boycotts of Israeli academics. Natan Sharansky referred to delegitimization as one of the “Three D's” that have emerged in the 21st Century, the other two being demonization and double standards.

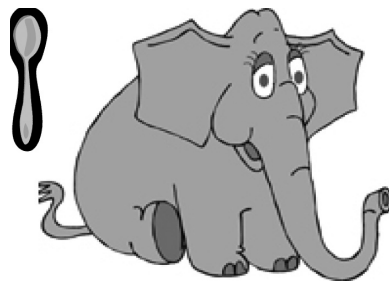
At the GA, JFNA announced the formation of The Israel Action Network (IAN) to combat the assault on Israel's legitimacy. Over the next three years \$6 million will be allocated to the initiative. It is a joint effort with the Jewish Council on Public Affairs (JCPA) in response to requests by federations

like Seattle, which had to counter an attempt to place stridently anti-Israel ads on public busses. While there are already organizations addressing threats to Israel's legitimacy through media and political arenas, the JFNA/JCPA effort will mobilize community leaders to respond to allegations at the local level. Jerry Silverman, President and CEO of JFNA, likened the proposed work of the IAN to that of the Centers for Disease Control. He said the Network will monitor and detect the assault on Israel's legitimacy, investigate and research it, develop interventions to prevent its spread, develop prevention and best practices to stem the outbreak, and train federations to involve key community leadership to stop it. He described delegitimization as “...our ‘1948 issue, ... our Soviet Jewry movement, ... our grassroots movement ... the opportunity for our next generation to stand up right now, show leadership, and stop it.” Since the GA, the IAN has been strengthening partnerships with college Hillels and recently helped De Paul and Princeton universities respond to efforts to boycott SABRA hummus on campus.

To me, delegitimization is an injustice and I don't understand why the world does not recognize it. However, it is a force to be reckoned with and I am glad JFNA is addressing the challenge. Want to know more? Go to <http://jta.org/news/article/2010/10/24/2741418/jfna-and-jcpa-create-6-million-network-to-fight-delegitimization-of-israel>. What a fine example of our Federation dollars at work!



Linda Zoller.
President,
Savannah Jewish
Federation



No Partner for Peace

The recent reconciliation agreement between Fatah and Hamas is a serious concern for those of us in Savannah (and throughout the world) who are committed to a peaceful resolution of the Israel-Palestinian conflict. Since the “Disengagement”, the United States, Europe and Israel have worked together with the Fatah-led Palestinian Authority in many different capacities. By renouncing violence and cooperating with Western powers, the Palestinian people governed under the PA have benefited tremendously. The newly announced unity government is a step in the wrong direction.

In 2010, the West Bank economy grew by 8%, a higher rate than in Israel (and the United States). Today, the streets of Ramallah feature coffee shops and new businesses. Jobs creation is at a breakneck pace. It's hard to believe, but last month there was an announcement of the first Palestinian venture fund, worth \$29 million-established together by an Israeli and a Palestinian. Even institutional money has recognized the significant change in the political landscape in the West Bank.

Security cooperation between the Palestinian Authority, Israel, and the United States also has been essential for improving the quality of life for Palestinians living in the West Bank. While there is still much work to be done, hundreds of checkpoints and dozens of roadblocks have been removed – a sign of the positive working relationship between Israeli and Palestinian security forces. Palestinians can now move more freely, while Israelis remain safe. Part of this improved relationship is due to U.S. military training and equipping of nearly 3,000 Palestinian security force members. This cooperation and progress are now on the line.

We must be clear – Hamas is no friend of the United States or Israel. While the rest of the world's leaders were busy congratulating the U.S. for bringing Osama bin Laden to justice,

Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal condemned the killing, calling bin Laden a “martyr” and “holy warrior.” This is the same Hamas that has taken responsibility for the thousands of rockets aimed and shot at civilians in southern Israel.

Hamas is the group that has held Gilad Shalit, an Israeli soldier in captivity for four years. Red Cross officials have been repeatedly denied access to Shalit.

Despite Hamas' terrorist tenets, Israeli PM Netanyahu has expressed his willingness to negotiate with them if they meet the Quartet's three principles: **renounce violence, respect past agreements and recognize Israel's right to exist.** These requirements have not changed, nor are they unreasonable.

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas has some serious questions to answer. At best, his decision to team up with Hamas is wrongheaded. A unilateral declaration of statehood will be a major step backward. Is he willing to oust Prime Minister Fayyad, the man credited with establishing a booming Palestinian economy and setting up institutions, to get into bed with terrorists? It seems like the answer is “Yes.”

Israeli leadership is between a rock and a hard place, and their response should be commended. They have vowed to continue working with the Palestinian security forces, only run by Fatah, so ordinary Palestinians do not have to suffer, while also stating their clear opposition to the unity deal.

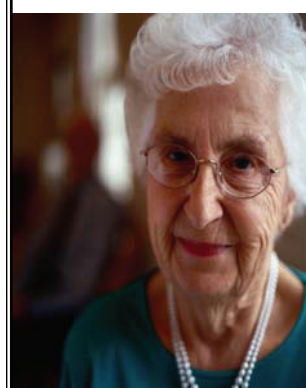
At the end of the day, Hamas is no partner for peace; Israel is. It's time for President Abbas – without the baggage of a coalition with terrorist Hamas – to return to the negotiating table with Israel.



Adam Solender
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Jewish GSU Grad Started Ultimate Mitzvah Project

By Ezra Salkin

When Andres Montes began the ultimate Mitzvah project—a free volunteer health and dental clinic in Statesboro, Ga., called The Heart and Hands Clinic—his greatest obstacle was making the community believe. “The word ‘college’ kind of acted as a hot button, meaning it triggered images of wild and irresponsible kids.”

Montes, a graduate of Georgia Southern University’s honors program, said that the community didn’t think that a group of outsider college students could really sustain that type of commitment. “One thing to take away from this whole experience is that we showed that we, the younger generation, really can do something.”

They reached out to the church community first, which Montes says was very welcoming to the idea. Pastor John Long of The Son’s Light Fellowship Baptist Church was the first responder, allowing them to occupy and renovate part of his church, which had its own humble origins as a renovated motel. Montes describes Long, a burly, motorcycle-riding man with a cowboy’s hat and mustache, as a rebellious Missouri pastor’s son also turned pastor. Montes remembers the moment when Long realized he was Jewish. “He told me: ‘Look, I think the Messiah already came, you’re still wait-

ing for him. That’s the only difference between us.’

“Another thing we showed with this project was how different groups of people can come together for the greater good,” he adds. “That’s something very important at such a divisive time in our country.”

Today, Hearts and Hands is a 501c3—or tax exempt—non-profit organization, operated completely through grants. It has donated over \$37,000 in dental care alone, and it boasts not only primary care but an ear, nose, and throat specialist and obstetrician-gynecologist, all free of charge, as well as a med bank, med coordinator, and pharmacist.

Those eligible for the Heart and Hands Clinic’s primary care services are the medically uninsured of Bulloch County who don’t have Medicare or Medicaid and whose income is 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level or below. It is open on the second and fourth Tuesday, each month.

The clinic was able to launch, thanks in part to the help of one of Long’s congregants who had his own construction company. He financed the operation. “He said he could either buy a new BMW or do this,” Montes’ laughs. “He got in on the Mitzvah.”

After they secured a site, they had to find physicians and a board of directors

willing to donate their time. They were fortunate to pluck most of them from the Statesboro community, helping to bridge the gap for doubters. Montes and his fellow students also appealed to the national non-profit group Volunteers In Medicine. VIM, which has one outlet in Hilton Head, consulted on start-up and sustainability.

Montes couldn’t help but be influenced by the news coverage during the 2008 election, when he and the other students were looking for a way to give back. “It didn’t hurt that President Obama was running on healthcare at the time. It kind of put the idea in ours heads.”

Montes draws much of his altruistic spirit from his second major, philosophy, at Georgia Southern, though it seems like an odd pairing with chemistry. He quotes a Plato proverb. “Justice is in the right of the stronger.” The stronger, he explains, are those whose will is to do good. An active member of Mickve Israel, Montes also quotes the Talmud, saying, “He who saves one life saves the whole world,” a verse that is shared in the Quran.

The rest of his inspiration, he says, comes from his father, Ishmael Montes. Ismael was born into extreme poverty in Mexico. The second youngest of nine children, Ishmael liked to joke that when he entered Pre-Med at age

15 he entered barefoot, as he didn’t get his first pair of used shoes until he was six years old, Montes relates. Today, Ismael is a successful practitioner of emergency medicine here in the United States. “He taught me to give back. He lived the American dream and now he helps others share in that dream.” Ismael is also one of the volunteers at the Hearts and Hands Clinic.

Where does Hearts and Hands go from here? They’re going to have to find a way to open two more days a month, to accommodate the extreme amount of traffic, Montes notes.

As for Montes, himself? “Well, I always thought I’d follow in my Dad’s footsteps and be a doctor. So did my parents. My Mom Cathy has a photo of me when I was six months old, wearing scrubs. But as a friend of mine puts it: You can try to heal from the inside or you can try from the outside. I think this experience has taught me I’d like to try from the outside. Anything could happen, but I think I want to study law, with a focus on social justice.”



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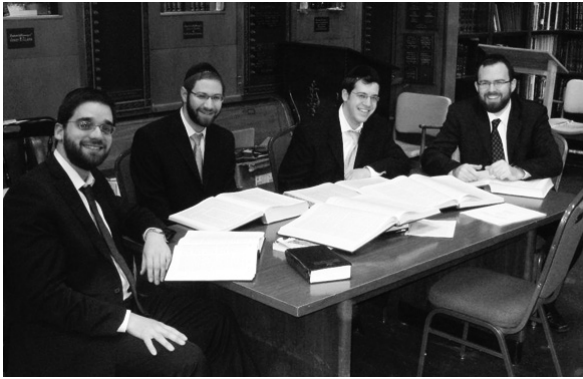
What is the Savannah Kollel?

By Nancie Meddin Clark

Would you like to learn more about Torah, services, prayer, Jewish thought and philosophy, Hebrew, Jewish heritage, Jewish women's issues, Torah for teens, or just the holidays? There may be a class for that. If not, maybe there could be one. The Savannah Kollel is here for you.

The Kollel participates in a Daf Yomi Class, as well. Daf Yomi is a program operated worldwide from Jerusalem to China and here in Savannah that studies Talmud one page at a time each day for seven years. For this program, people, wherever they are, are on the same page on the same day.

The Savannah Kollel is currently operated out of Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob (BB Jacob) and led by Savannah native, Rabbi Ephraim Rabhan. Its objective is to transmit Torah in the broadest sense with all it entails. All rabbis are teachers, but the four who currently comprise the Kollel are here for the Savannah Jewish community



(Left to right) Rabbi Maccabee, Rabbi Bauman, Rabbi Nitekman and Rabbi Rabhan

and their classes are open to the entire Jewish Community regardless of affiliation. They are Rabbi Ephraim Rabhan, Rabbi Yoni Maccabee, Rabbi Reuvain Bauman and Rabbi Avi Nitikman.

Rabbi Ephraim Rabhan was born in Savannah. After graduating from Rambam Day School, he studied at Yeshivath Beth Moshe in Scranton, Pennsylvania for eight years. He continued his studies in Beth Midrash Govoha for the next seven years. His wife Sara Brana (nee Slatius) also is from Savannah and they have two children, Chana Raizel and Moshe.

Rabhan considers his father-in-law, Rabbi Avigdor Slatius, Rabbi of BB Ja-

cob since 1981; the constant that guides the Kollel. His mother, Ester Rabhan, is the principal of Rambam Day School. One of his fondest memories is that of seeing his two grandfathers, Meyer Rabhan and Harry Yellin, each holding a Torah and flanking the Chazzan for Kol Nidre (the beginning service of Yom Kippur). "My family," says Rabhan, "taught me that I have a responsibility to the community, to give back to the community and to help people spiritually. They were never outspoken. They just led by quiet example."

Rabbi Yoni Maccabee grew up in Kingston and Monsey, New York. He studied at the Yeshiva in Scranton for nine years, then at the Lakewood Yeshiva for six years. His wife Rena (nee

Bulman) is from Washington Heights, New York. They have one child.

Rabbi Reuvain Bauman was born in Teaneck, NJ. After studying in Broyers Yeshiva and Yeshiva Beth Moshe of Scranton, he attended the Kollel in Elizabeth, NJ. He is married to Tzivia (nee Stern) from Washington Heights, NY. They have two children.

Rabbi Avi Nitikman is a native of Chicago, IL. He attended Yeshiva in Scranton for nine years, before moving on to Beth Midrash Govoha for two years. His wife, Ruchoma (nee Schwartz), is from Silver Spring, MD. They have one child.

To reach the Savannah Kollel you can call the BB Jacob office at 354-7721 or email Rabbi Rabhan at rabbirabhan@gmail.com.



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What does it mean to be Jewish?

A monthly query to members of our community



David Jacobson

"Being Jewish means that I have a belief system that I am comfortable with."



Phoebe Kerness

"To me it means to be Jewish if:

- either one of your parents is Jewish;
- you have been officially introduced into the faith via a Brit Milah or a naming ceremony for a girl;
- you have received a thorough Jewish education;
- you have become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah;
- and hopefully you have been confirmed as well."



David Durben

"Although history has not been terribly kind to the Jewish people, they have survived and contributed greatly to the

betterment of the community, wherever they reside. Often times there are disagreements and profound differences of opinions, but always maintain a familial connection with one another, here and everywhere. Considering how few in numbers we are (fifteen million) in the entire world, the contributions in science, medicine, the arts, literature, government and philanthropy is immeasurable. How could you not feel privileged and proud to be a part of the Jewish Journey."



Mark Lebos

"Being Jewish means being able to say that I am part of a very close family that is spread throughout the

world and the ages. That The Father of this family speaks to me, and that like most children, I am not always tuned in. Saying "I believe in God" is easier than showing I believe in God, though I see that His love for the Jewish people is complex and is evident in our complex story of pain and healing, sorrow and laughter, living and dying. I am more in touch with my Jewishness now than ever before and yet I still have no idea who God is or why he cares about us so, but it's enough to provide me with a great deal of comfort. I like being a Jew."

Submit your answer for "What does it mean to be Jewish" (100 words or less) with a head shot to sjnews@savj.org.

What is Classical Reform Judaism

By B.H. Levy

In its May 2011 issue Savannah Jewish News presented the first part of a two-part article on Classical Reform Judaism. Part 1 reviewed the historical development of Classical Reform. Part 2 describes its major theological principles and their enduring significance.

The fundamental principle of Classical Reform is that the eternal Jewish Covenant with God is at the heart of our identity and history as Jews. While our faith engenders and empowers many different understandings and interpretations of the Divine, it is the religious quest for faith and meaning that is at the core of our Jewish identity. We believe that Judaism is primarily a universal religious faith, rather than an ethnic, cultural or nationalist identity. As a spiritual community, we cherish the unique ties of history and destiny that link us to our fellow Jews throughout the ages and around the world today. We understand the Jewish People as a community of faith, bound together by our shared experience, and grounded in the distinctive teachings of the Jewish Religion. The rich and varied ethnic and cultural traditions of the Jewish experience throughout the ages offer meaningful dimensions for our religious identity, but our faith is timeless and universal in its aspirations. We uphold the historic Reform concept, linked to our emphasis on the ethical and moral vision of our Hebrew Prophets, of the "Mission of Israel." This belief holds that as Jews, we are called to be witnesses to the Unity of God and the unity of all humanity, and that we must work as individuals and as a community to bring justice and peace to the world. The leaders of the Classical Reform tradition have been in the forefront of these efforts and challenges, addressing the great social issues of American history with prophetic courage and action. We cherish the distinctive worship traditions of historic Reform – a meaningful, participatory liturgy that appeals to both mind and heart. This commitment embraces a primarily English language worship Service, enriched by the timeless elements of Hebrew texts and song that symbolically link us to our past and to our fellow Jews throughout the world. For us, what makes a worship experience truly "Jewish" is not its degree of Hebrew usage, but rather the ideals and values it reflects. Classical Reform worship also embraces the role of inspiring choral and instrumental music that elevates the spirit and reflects the highest artistic standards; it draws on both the great historic musical traditions that have been the distinctive heritage of the Reform synagogue, as well as the

compositions of contemporary creativity. Equally important to Classical Reformers is intellectually challenging preaching that offers the wisdom of our Jewish tradition in addressing both the pressing moral and social issues of our day, as well as our personal spiritual growth and the deeper meaning of our human experience. We believe that these characteristic qualities of Classical Reform worship services continue to offer a vital, creative option for many Jews today. This includes not only the members of our congregations who were raised in and cherish this tradition, but also countless younger people – who are searching for a meaningful and accessible form of Jewish identity and worship, based not on nostalgia nor ethnicity, but rather rooted in the realities of their experience in our contemporary, pluralistic society.

The question of our relationship as American Jews to the State of Israel is one of great importance and has a complex history in the development of the Classical Reform perspective, which embraces a broad diversity of opinion. However, there are a number of perspectives that many of us would share. The historic Reform position has always held that the national period in the early history of our people was an important formative chapter – creating the shared sense of experience and fostering the spiritual and ethical values that it was our destiny to proclaim and share with all humanity. While this dynamic view of Jewish history rejects the concept that we who live throughout the world today are in "exile," we affirm that our link to the land of Israel is a deep and historic one and that the State of Israel has profound significance for the Jewish experience. We share with all Jews – and with any other people of good will – the hope and prayer for a secure, prosperous Israel, living in peace and justice with its neighbors. We celebrate the rich diversity within today's changing Jewish community.

We are particularly committed to offering a warm, loving and uncondi-

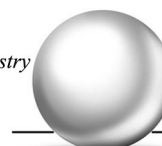


tional welcome to the ever-increasing number of interfaith and multicultural families in our midst. We believe that we must support our young people and their partners and spouses with "open hearts and open doors" – celebrating their weddings and offering them a spiritual community that respects both of their identities and integrity. We believe that Classical Reform Judaism's broad, universal message and embracing, accessible worship have a unique role to play in reaching out to our young people in interfaith relationships, empowering them to find a meaningful setting for sharing their experience of Jewish tradition together. Our contemporary Reform movement includes a broad diversity of interpretations and styles. The historic tradition of Classical Reform has enduring significance in the midst of the many rich streams of Jewish experience through the ages, and is recognized for its continuing vitality and potential to speak to a new generation of Jews today.

This article derives with permission from its original author, Rabbi Howard A. Berman, the Executive Director of The Society for Classical Reform Judaism. Founded in 2008 by a group of rabbis and lay leaders from congregations throughout the United States, the Society is the national voice of advocacy for the broad, universalistic ideals of the Classical Reform tradition. B.H. Levy, Jr is the Society's founding Board President.

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Savannah Jewish Youth Scholarships and Awards Announced

The Savannah Jewish Federation and the Jewish Educational Alliance have announced the recipients of the college and summer scholarships and the Harvey Rubin Award.

Jacob & Ida Ulman College Scholarship

The Jacob and Ida Ulman College Scholarship Fund is used to provide financial assistance to college bound, qualified Jewish students. This year Rachel Brody, Phillip Sadler and Natalie Eichelbaum received scholarships from this fund.

The Ulmans believed strongly in providing for the future generations of our Savannah Jewish community and their bequest makes it possible, year-after-year, for young adults to have a little something extra to help with their college expenses.

Henry W. Center College Scholarship Fund

The family of Henry W. Center and the Jewish Educational Alliance are pleased to inform the community that Natalie Eichelbaum and Phillip Sadler have been awarded grants from the JEA Henry W. Center College Scholarship Fund towards their college expenses at Bar Ilan University for the 2011-2012

academic year.

Henry Center, son of Leo Center and Miriam Center, died at the age of 15 and never had the opportunity to attend college. He was an excellent student with a terrific sense of humor who loved the JEA. His family established this fund in his memory.

The Center family and the JEA family are proud of Natalie's and Phillip's academic achievements and commitment to the Jewish people. The world today presents us with many difficult challenges. We know you will continue to use this opportunity to learn as much as you can so that you will be able to meet these challenges.

Jewish Teen Summer Leadership Programming Grants

The recipients of these grants; Aaron Solender, Elliot Kooden, David Sokolin, and Allison Hagan all are rising ninth through twelfth graders. These grants are offered through the Savannah Jewish Federation to provide subsidy for Summer Teen experiences that enhance Jewish identity and leadership amongst Jewish teens in Savannah.

Harvey Rubin Memorial Award

This prestigious award was established in memory of Harvey Rubin. Har-

vey spent the majority of his life promoting the importance of athletics in youth development. He felt that through athletics, a child learned the concepts of teamwork, self-discipline, leadership, and sportsmanship. Likewise, Harvey believed in helping the community, through involvement in JEA athletic programs and supporting academic achievement. This year's award winner is Louis Brody.

If you would like more information as to how the Savannah Jewish Federation and the Jewish Educational Alliance can help your teen or young adult or if you wish to make a contribution that would help to send more Savannah Jewish teens and young adults to Israel or college, please contact the Savannah Jewish Federation Executive Director, Adam Solender, adam@savj.org, or Benjamin Bloom, programming@savj.org. Or you may call them at 355-8111.

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The letter Dalet begins the word:
Da'at—Knowledge

The Savannah Jewish Federation supports the Rambam Day School and the Shalom School, which provide Jewish education to the young Jews of the Savannah area. To support Jewish education, support the Savannah Jewish Federation.



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Savannah Jewish ARCHIVES

Savannah's Society for Doing Good Deeds

by Lynette Stouff, Senior Archivist

The *Hebrah Gemiluth Hesed* (H.G.H.) Society -- the Society for Doing Good Deeds -- is a fraternal philanthropic society organized in Turner Hall on the southwest corner of Broughton and Jefferson streets on June 20, 1888 to carry out a principle belief of the Jewish religion: *tzedakah* (charity).

The society (also known as *Chesed Gemiluth Chesed* or *Gemiluth Chesed*) was created as an economic and social support system for Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe, helping them gain independence and become active members of their new community. Interest-free loans were available to members to start businesses and bring family members to the United States. Other membership assistance included sickness and death benefits.

According to W. Leon Friedman in 1926, the relief work of the organization extended far beyond Savannah as the society aided orphaned poor in Atlanta, tuberculosis sufferers in Colorado, World War I survivors in Europe, and the people of Israel (then Palestine).

Towards the end of the twentieth century, membership benefits were more social than financial. Still active today, the H.G.H. continues its mission as a philanthropic society by contributing to various charities and community organizations.

George Kramer,
H.G.H. Society President in 1941.



H.G.H. Society officers at B'nai Brith Jacob Synagogue on Montgomery Street, circa 1916. Left to Right: Hyman Horovitz, Alexander Sutker, unknown, Simon Goldin, Isaac Victor, David Weitz, Solomon Mohre, Benjamin Whiteman, and Wolf Steinberg.



Jewish Consumptive Hospital in Denver, Colorado, 1924. Endowed by H. G. H. Society, Savannah, Georgia. Isaac Victor, David Weitz, Solomon Mohre, Benjamin Whiteman, and Wolf Steinberg.

H.G.H. Society, April 1970.
Left to Right (front row):
unknown and Mrs. Black.
Left to Right (back row):
Nathan "Naftali" Tenenbaum,
Sophie (Richman) Black,
Harry Ginsberg, Louis Black,
and Benjamin Portman.



Mazel Tov to the 2011 High School and College Graduates

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Louis Brody
Savannah Country Day School

The son of Lawrence and Robin Brody, Louis played both football and basketball where he was chosen for the Football Regional 3A All-Region Second Team as a Linebacker and the Basketball Regional 3A All-Region Honorable Mention. He was on the Honor Roll and was Vice-President of the Student Government. Louis was a BBYO member, volunteered with the Special Olympics and was the Co-Chair of "Ping-Pong for Africa" (A program that raised money for awareness for kids whose parents suffer from AIDS in South Africa.) He plans to attend University of Georgia and attended Rambam Day School.



Rachel Renee Brody
Saint Vincent's Academy

The daughter of Jan Epstein and Jerry Brody, Rachel participated in the Key Club, Environmental Club and Swimming her junior and senior years. She plans on attending East Georgia College. Rachel attended Rambam Day School from Pre-K through eighth grade.



Natalie Eichelbaum
Islands High School

The daughter of Katie and David Eichelbaum, Natalie was a member of the Explorer Program, NCSY, Ronald McDonald Teen Board, and played soccer, softball and ran cross country. She graduated from the Explorer Program and was a Vice-President of NCSY Savannah. Natalie is planning to participate in a Gap Year Israel experience program through NCSY at Bar Ilan University in Israel and when she returns she will pursue a degree in pre-medicine at the College of Charleston with the ultimate goal of becoming a pediatric oncologist. She attended Rambam Day School for third, fourth, seventh and eighth grades.



Elisheva Tamar Gordon
Hanna Sachs Bais Yaakov

The daughter Rabbi Jeff and Shelley Gordon, Elisheva was in the school play for four years and was on the yearbook committee. She was on the student council, choir head in the school play, received the Chesed and Service Award for all four years of high school. Elisheva was a member of Yachad and Chai Lifeline. She plans to attend Touro College. Elisheva attended Rambam Day School.



Sarah Elise Hirsch
Savannah Country Day School

The daughter of Judy and Greg Hirsch, Sarah was on the volleyball and tennis teams and on honor roll and high honor roll through all of high school, and was the 2010 Homecoming First Runner-Up. She was a senior mentor to the freshman class, two-year Captain of the Savannah Country Day School Hornets for the Cure raising over \$3,000 each year for the Susan G. Komen Savannah Race for the Cure. Sarah was a BBYO member and received the Sima Radetsky Memorial Award for Most Outstanding New Member, attended weekly the "Advanced Judaism" class at Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, was a Trading Places and Habitat for Humanity volunteer, and counselor and lifeguard for Horizon's Summer Camp for low-income campers. She will attend the University of Georgia where she plans to major in Psychology. Sarah attended Rambam Day School from two-year through the eighth grade.



Matthew Ryan Klugman
Savannah Arts Academy

The son of Susan and Danny Klugman, Matthew played and coached ice and in-line hockey, was a member of the Savannah Arts Academy Historical Society and the Future Business Leaders of America and volunteered with a number of organizations such as Union Mission, Salvation Army, Youth Hockey and Buckingham South. He served in a variety of leadership positions in BBYO including Regional Vice-President, participated in CLTC Leader-

ship Conference and ILTC Leadership Conference. He was a member of the National Honors Society and received Academic Achievement Awards in Social Studies, Language Arts and Mathematics. Matthew plans to attend the University of Georgia in the fall. Matthew attended Rambam Day School from two-year through the eighth grade and Hebrew High School from ninth through twelfth grades.



Amy Robinson Kole
Savannah Arts Academy

The daughter of Jeff and LeeAnn Kole, Amy participated in the History Club, International Thespian Club and Student Council. She was Vice-President of her Junior Class, winner of the school Shakespeare Monologue Contest (2008), Dramatic Oral Interpretation District Winner (2009), Intern for Garrison Magnet Program and the Savannah Children's Theatre (2010-2011) and Director of the Junior Class show "Paper or Plastic." Amy was a member of the Savannah Children's Theatre Performance Ensemble for three years, docent at the Sorrell-Weed House, a featured extra in Pempollar Production of *Trumpet My Return*, lead in SCAD Graduate film *Forever Lucy*, performed in over two dozen musicals and dramatic productions including leads in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Rapunzel*, *Snow White*, *Anything Goes*, *Our Town*, *Antigone* and most recently, *Pippin*. She will be attending Shenandoah Conservatory to pursue a BFA in Theatre where she hopes to also work on her creative writing and visual arts while attending college. After college she hopes to find full time work as an actress and novelist. However, if all else fails, she hears they have great restaurants to work at as a waitress right near Broadway. Amy attended Rambam Day School.



Noah Luskey
Savannah Country Day

The son of Debby and Barry Luskey, Noah participated as the Photo Editor of the school magazine, was on the school tennis team and the school math team. He was a participant of the Cum Laude Society, National Honor Society and received the Rensselaer Medal Award. Noah was a member of BBYO and went to Camp Ramah Darom from sixth through twelfth grades. He will attend Georgia

Tech and major in Electrical and Computer Engineering. He attended the Hebrew Community School through the eighth grade.



Emily Rubnitz
Chatham Academy

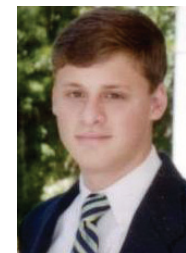
The daughter of Laurie and Jeffrey Rubnitz, Emily worked at Dr. Christopher Gall's veterinary office in afternoons during high school. She placed in several area horse shows and has been horseback riding since age six. Emily plans to pursue a career as a veterinary technician or as an equestrian veterinary assistant. She attended Rambam Day School from pre-kindergarten through third grade.



Phillip Barney Sadler
Richmond Hill High School

The son of Robyn McDowell and Alan Sadler, Phillip was active in Junior Varsity and Varsity Baseball, the World Cultures Club and the Future Business Leaders of America and was the Varsity Football Manager. He was a member of BBYO and the President of David Finn Chapter #206 AZA (2010-2011), Beau to Wexler-Clark BBG, and a Jewish Ambassador to a Hopi Indian Reservation as a part of IMPACT: Southwest 2010. Phillip is planning to participate in a Gap Year Israel experience program at Bar Ilan University in Israel. He attended Rambam Day School from two years old through the third grade.

Sam Slotin



Benedictine Military School

The son of Susan and Frank Slotin, Sam attained the rank of captain in the JROTC. He was a member of BBYO and NCSY. Sam will attend a Young Judea Year Course/Gap Year program in Israel beginning in the fall of 2011. The following fall he plans to attend Brevard College and intends to major in Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education. Sam attended Rambam Day School from two-year through eighth grade.



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JEA Pool Opens for the Summer!

Sunday, May 29th—11 am

Summer is almost here and with it, all that scorching heat! With the arrival of Memorial Day weekend comes the opening of the JEA Outdoor Pool—a great place to relax, cool off, have fun and play games. There are health benefits, too. Swimming is an effective cardiovascular exercise that has virtually zero impact. It builds endurance, improves muscle tone and strength, increases your heart rate and helps your body burn calories, all without putting additional strain on your joints.

Pool parties are a summer tradition at the JEA, and opening weekend is no exception. Join us at the pool and start your summer with a splash! Enjoy poolside music. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be for sale at the grill. Greet all your friends, work on your tan, get some exercise, play some water games or just cool off in our amazing pool. It's a great time for the entire family!

The pool hours are as follows:

Outdoor		Indoor	
Sunday	11am – 4pm	Sunday	9am – 4pm
Mon.–Thurs.	10am – 7:30pm	Mon.–Thurs.	6am – 8:30pm
Friday	10 am – 4pm	Friday	6am – 4pm

Congratulations Louis Brody Harvey Rubin Award Recipient 2011!



The Harvey Rubin Award was established in memory of Harvey Rubin, a warmly remembered member of Savannah's Jewish community. During his life Mr. Rubin was a strong athletic presence, both in his own activities and in his support of athletics, especially among our youth. Following his death his family wanted to continue his support of young athletes and they established the Harvey Rubin Award. Recipients of the award must be strong both athletically and academically, and maintain an active involvement in the Jewish community.

This year the honor goes to Louis Brody. Louis has grown up in Savannah's Jewish community, attending Rambam and being active in his synagogue, BBYO, and the Jewish community in general.

Louis has volunteered with the Special Olympics, Union Mission, Inner City Night Shelter, Buckingham South Nursing Home, the Humane Society, and the Second Harvest Food Bank. He also organized and co-chaired a ping-pong tournament at Savannah County Day School known as "Ping Pong for Africa" which was designed to raise money and awareness for children in South Africa whose parents have suffered from AIDS.

Louis started participating in athletics at an early age through the JEA. As his skills progressed, he took his athletic career to the next level playing with the Jenkins Boys' Club. Louis made the varsity teams (all 4 years) at Savannah Country Day school for basketball and football.

Louis has also achieved on the academic front. His high school GPA is 4.0 (on a 4.0-point scale) and he has been on the honor roll all four years of high school. Louis has taken many advanced placement classes during his high school career as well. He plans on attending the University of Georgia next year. Our entire community joins in congratulating Louis on receiving the Harvey Rubin Award and wishing him luck in the future.

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Starts June 13th

.....Coming This Month!

JEA SUMMER CAMP 2011

K'toni / Yeladim Campers

Week #1 - June 13th-17th
Around the World

Week #2-June 20th-24th
Spirit Week

Week #3 - June 27th-July 1st
Wet N Wild

Week #4 - July 5th-8th
Safari Adventure/Hockey

Week #5 - July 11th-15th
Harry Potter Week

Week #6 - July 18th-22nd
Knights and Princesses

Week #7 - July 25th-29th
Glee Week

Week #8 - Aug. 1st-5th
Soccer/Gymnastics

Week #9 - Aug. 8th-12th
Color War

Chaverim / L.I.T. Campers

Week #1 - June 13th-17th
Camp Invention (Create)

Week #2-June 20th-24th
Spirit Week

Week #3 - June 27th-1st
Wet N Wild

Week #4 - July 5th-8th
Safari Adventure/Hockey

Week #5 - July 11th-15th
Harry Potter Week

Week #6 - July 18th-22nd
Camp Invention (Spark)

Week #7 - July 25th-29th
Glee Week

Week #8 - Aug. 1st-5th
Lacrosse/Gymnastics

Week #9 - Aug. 8th-12th
Color War

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Meet new and return-
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old and new, enjoy a
cool ice cream treat,
get your camp shirt &
a dip in our pool!



Post Camp
August 15th-19th

Need that extra week of fun before school
starts? Stay for an extra week of fun and
games. Available for all age groups.



The Israeli Scouts will put the
“Spirit” in Spirit Week
for Camp Savannah!
June 22nd - 5:30 pm

As the school year comes to a close for 2011, this only means one thing for the JEA . . . It's time for Camp Savannah! Each year the JEA runs a full summer program that thrills kids of all ages. Many of the favorites are returning this year including the Israeli Scouts.

Every year more than 60,000 high school seniors from Israel travel across North America as emissaries to various camp sites. In their visit they spend a full day at camp, sharing their lives in Israel through song, dance, art and story.

Each teen in the Friendship Caravan (consisting of 5 male and 5 female Tzofim) is a member of the 60,000 member-strong Tzofim (Israel Scouts) Movement which in turn, is part of the International Scouting movement. The Tzofim Movement is the only non-political and non-sectarian youth movement in Israel. Everyone in the Tzofim Summer Delegation has gone through extensive interviews and a rigorous selection process. Each Delegate must exhibit leadership capabilities, a high level of scouting and extensive knowledge of Israeli and Jewish history. They must also be fluent in English and have strong communication skills.

This year the Israeli Scouts will return to Camp Savannah on **June 22nd, 2011**, to spend the day with the campers. They will enthrall us with songs, dance, games and much, much, more. At 5:30 pm that evening, the Scouts will put on a show for the community, followed by a Bar-B-Q, where we can all meet and greet the Caravan members.

Camp Savannah

Pre-Camp

Need more fun before Camp starts?

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Dates: June 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 & 10th

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How to Read a Food Label



Stephanie Johnson,
HPER Director

What's New About the Label?

It's Simple. Healthy eating has never been easier, thanks to the new nutrition label. Here's the good news:

- Most foods in the grocery store must now have a nutrition label and an ingredient list.
- You can buy with confidence. Claims like "low cholesterol" and "fat free" can be used only if a food meets new legal standards set by the government.

You are looking at a new label if it's titled *Nutrition Facts*. Old labels may still be around for a while, so don't be surprised if you see them.

Why Read the Label?

Read the label to help choose foods that make up a healthful diet. Eating a healthful diet can help reduce your risk factors for some diseases. For example, too much saturated fat and cholesterol can raise blood cholesterol (a risk factor for hear disease). Too much sodium may be linked to high blood pressure. High blood pressure is a risk factor for heart attack and stroke. No one food can make you healthy. In addition to eating healthful foods, stay active, don't smoke and watch your weight!

You Can Rely on the New Label

Rest assured, when you see key words and health claims on product labels, they mean what they say as defined by the government. For example:

- Fat Free- less than 0.5 gram of fat per serving
- Low Fat- 3 grams of fat (or less) per serving
- Lean- Less than 10 grams of fat, 4.5 grams of saturated fat, and no more than 95 milligrams of cholesterol per serving
- Light (Lite)- 1/3 less calories or no more than ½ the fat of the higher-calorie, higher-fat version; or no more than ½ the sodium of the higher-sodium version
- Cholesterol Free- Less than 2 milligrams of cholesterol and 2 grams (or less) of saturated fat per serving

The Food Nutrition Label

1. **Title:** When you see the title "Nutrition Facts," you know this is the current information label approved by the Food and Drug Administration.
2. **Serving Size:** Is your serving the same size as the one on the label? If you eat double the serving size listed, you need to double the nutrient and calorie values. If you eat one-half the serving size shown here, cut the nutrient and calorie values in half.
3. **Calories:** Are you overweight? Cut back a little on calories! Look here to see how a serving of the food adds to your daily total. A 5'4", 138-lb. active woman needs about 2,200 calories each day. A 5'10", 174-lb. active man needs about 2,900. How about you?
4. **Daily Value:** Feel like you're drowning in numbers? Let the Daily Value be your guide. Daily Values are listed for people who eat 2,000 or 2,500 calories a day. If you eat more, your personal daily value may be higher than what's listed on the label. If you eat less, your personal daily value may be lower. For fat, saturated fat, cholesterol and sodium, choose foods with a low % *Daily Value*. For total carbohydrate, dietary fiber, vitamins and minerals, your daily value goal is to reach 100% of each.
5. **Total Fat:** Aim low: Most people need to cut back on fat! Too much fat may contribute to heart disease and cancer. Try to limit your *calories from fat*. For a healthy heart, choose foods with a big difference between the total number of calories and the number of calories from fat.
6. **Saturated Fat:** A new kind of fat? No--saturated fat is part of the total fat in food. It is listed separately because it's the key player in raising blood cholesterol and your risk of heart disease. Eat less!
7. **Cholesterol:** Too much cholesterol -- a second cousin to fat -- can lead to heart disease. Challenge yourself to eat less than 300 mg each day.
8. **Sodium:** You call it "salt," the label calls it "sodium." Either way, it may add up to high blood pressure in some people. So, keep your sodium intake low -- 2,400 to 3,000 mg or less each day.* The AHA recommends no more than 3,000 mg sodium per day for healthy adults.
9. **Total Carbohydrate:** When you cut down

- on fat, you can eat more carbohydrates. Carbohydrates are in foods like bread, potatoes, fruits and vegetables. Choose these often! They give you nutrients and energy.
10. **Dietary Fiber:** Grandmother called it "roughage," but her advice to eat more is still up-to-date! That goes for both soluble and insoluble kinds of dietary fiber. Fruits, vegetables, whole-grain foods, beans and peas are all good sources and can help reduce the risk of heart disease and cancer.
11. **Protein:** Most Americans get more protein than they need. Where there is animal protein, there is also fat and cholesterol. Eat small servings of lean meat, fish and poultry. Use skim or low-fat milk, yogurt and cheese. Try vegetable proteins like beans, grains and cereals.
12. **Vitamins & Minerals:** Your goal here is 100% of each for the day. Don't count on one food to do it all. Let a combination of foods add up to a winning score.

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Serving Size 1 cup (253g) ♦ 2			
Servings Per Container 4			
Amount Per Serving			
Calories 260 ♦ 3 Calories from Fat 70 ♦ 5			
♦ 4 % Daily Value* ♦			
Total Fat	8g ♦ 5		13%
Saturated Fat	3g ♦ 6		17%
Cholesterol	130mg ♦ 7		44%
Sodium	1010mg ♦ 8		42%
Total Carbohydrate	22g ♦ 9		7%
Dietary Fiber	9g ♦ 10		36%
Sugars	4g ♦ 9		
Protein 25g ♦ 11			
Vitamin A 35% ♦ Vitamin C 2%			
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*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily ♦ 4 values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs:			
Calories: 2000 2,500			
Total Fat	Less than	65g	80g
Sat Fat	Less than	20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than	300 mg	300 mg
Sodium	Less than	2,400mg	2,400 mg
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Art at the JEA



Play Time



Someone to Lean On



Amy

June Artist—Edward Jones

All the wood that I carve is recycled from trees that have fallen or had to be taken down. The cedar that I've carved is from sign or fence post. Hug a tree; feel its energy.

My name is Edward Richard Jones and I'm working hard at being an artist. I work as a regional maintenance supervisor for five apartment complexes. What I want to be doing is art full time. I've studied art, metal smiting and design at Rhode Island College and worked as a jewelry designer. I left the jewelry business because my head was going to explode. I was the only designer for the company and they seemed to suck the creativity out of me. I still make and sell jewelry, but I have to really be in the mood for sterling silver to be creative. What I work hard to do and think about is carving wood. The wood that I use for my art is recycled wood. That is, it is from trees that have fallen or had to be taken down. I also use cedar fence or sign post. I love to work with the figure and that is what I carve the most. I also love to work with geometric shapes in wood as well as in my jewelry designs. Last year I had my first One Man Show at Savannah State University. The show was even more than I expected; a great show.

Last year, I had an abbreviated one-man show at the JEA and it was so successful, we're doing it again!

Artwork available for viewing June 1-30, 2011
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June 2011	June 2011						
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	May 29 JEA Pool Opens– 11 am	30 Memorial Day JEA Fitness open 9 am-5 pm	31	June 1 Yom Yerushalayim RDS Graduation– 7 pm	2	3	4
	5 JEA Art Gallery Reception– 12 pm PJ Library Pool Party– 11 am	6	7 Erev Shavuot JEA Closes at 5 pm	8 Shavuot JEA Closed	9 Shavuot JEA Closed	10	11
	12 Camp Savannah Meet-n-Greet– 1 pm	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19 Father's Day Pool Event– 11 am	20	21	22 Israeli Scouts– 5:30 pm Caravan Bar-B-Q– 6 pm	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	July 1	2

Mazel Tov to the 2011 High School and College Graduates

COLLEGE GRADUATES



Alexa Cohen
Savannah College of Art and Design

The daughter of Ruth and George Cohen, Alexa graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design with a degree in Fine Arts studying Motion Media Design. During college, she was in the SCAD swing dance club for four years, the Motion Media Club and in 2010 had a summer internship at Jump (motion graphics) in Atlanta. She made the Dean's List and was the Treasurer and an Officer of the SCAD Swing Dance Club. Alexa plans on pursuing a career in motion graphics and the arts while continuing her food blog and online jewelry store. She hopes to be located near a huge swing dance scene and you can keep up with her at alexagcohen.com. Alexa attended Rambam Day School from kindergarten through sixth grade and she attended Shalom School from seventh through tenth grade.



Sara Hofstein
Barnard College of Columbia University

The daughter of Marian and Michael Hofstein, Sara graduated from Barnard College of Columbia University with a degree in Medieval and Renaissance Studies. During college, she worked at the *Columbia Daily Spectator*; she was an Associate A&E Editor, a Staff Writer, and a Senior Staff Blogger. Sara was also the TV Editor at *The Eye*, Columbia's weekend arts magazine. She was elected to Full Membership of the Philolexian Society and later became its Keeper of the Halls. In her sophomore year she served as Vice President

of Columbia University Quiz Bowl. Sara was on the Dean's List and the recipient of the Saint Agatha-Muriel Bowden Memorial Prize for superior proficiency in the study of Medieval Literature. The summer after her freshman year she received a full scholarship from Columbia to study at Freie Universität in Berlin. She also was a four-year recipient of the Screen Actors Guild's John L. Dales Scholarship and Wells Fargo's Judge William F. Cooper Scholarship. Also, during the school year, she worked at ABC Daytime, NBC's "Kings," and RDF Media USA, a production company. Sara continued to work in the summer as a production assistant on the films *The Last Song* and *Mean Girls 2* and on The Food Network's "Chopped" and BRAVO's "Rocco's Dinner Party." If she does not receive any job offers she'll return to Savannah and work to complete a Master's degree at Savannah College of Art and Design. She also is planning to apply to the University of York's Centre for Medieval Studies in a couple of years to continue work on her thesis, which discussed Sir Thomas Malory's *Le Morte Darthur* as a commentary on the Wars of the Roses. Ultimately, however, Sara wants to become a film producer or an executive at a studio.



Shira Malka Gordon
Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus

The daughter of Rabbi Jeffrey and Shelley Gordon, Shira graduated with a degree in Nursing from Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus. Shira served as President of the school's chapter of the National Student Nurse's Association. She plans on furthering her education by attending a Master's level nursing program. Shira attended Rambam Day School from Kindergarten through eighth grade.



Halle Michelle Rubnitz
College of Charleston

The daughter of Laurie and Jeffrey Rubnitz, Halle graduated from the College of Charleston with a degree in Arts Management and a minor in Studio Art. She participated in Charleston Student Advocates for the Arts, the Jewish Student Union and the Visual Arts Club. Halle was the Marketing Director for the Visual Arts Club, Secretary of the Visual Arts Club and Outstanding Arts Management Student, Faculty Nominated and Awarded in 2011. Halle was a volunteer with YoArt Project and an intern with SCOOP Studios and Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art. She is currently the Media Relations Assistant in the Marketing and Public Relations Department of Spoleto Festival USA, America's premier international performing arts festival. Following the festival, Halle is interested in continuing to pursue opportunities in the non-profit arts world. Her long-term career goal and mission is to create connections between people and arts. She attended Rambam Day School from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.



Beth Sadler
University of Georgia

The daughter of Jodi and Kenneth Sadler, Beth graduated from the University of Georgia with degrees in History and Sociology. During college, she participated in HandsOn Northeast Georgia, Athens Clark County Mentoring Program, Friends for Life Mentoring, Washington Semester Program, Sigma Delta Tau, Maimonides Jewish Leaders Fellowship, Invisible Children, Bet-

terWorld Books and Dawgs for Israel. Beth graduated summa cum laude, was a member in Phi Beta Kappa, Blue Key Honor Society, Charter Scholar and a Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She plans on pursuing a career in social justice non-profit work and/or public policy. Beth attended Rambam Day School from two years through the eighth grade.



Tarryn Sandler
College of Charleston

The daughter of Helese and Dan Sandler, Tarryn graduated Cum Laude from the College of Charleston with degrees in Studio Art and Psychology. She was inducted into the National Psychology Honor Society and attended a mini-semester in Poland and Germany studying the Holocaust. Tarryn participated in Hillel at the College of Charleston and is hoping to pursue a Master's degree in Art Therapy. She attended Rambam Day School from two years through the eighth grade.



Karli Zuckerman
University of Georgia

The daughter of Elaine and Joel Zuckerman, Karli volunteered at the Sexual Assault Hotline, the Boys and Girls Club and with the Oasis Catolico. She graduated Magna Cum Laude. Karli plans to pursue a Ph.D. in School Psychology at Teachers College at Columbia University in New York City to be a practicing Clinical Psychologist. She attended Rambam Day School from third through fifth grades and the Shalom School from sixth through eighth grades.



Mazel Tov to Congregation Mickve Israel! 2011 Recipients of the Irving J. Fain Award

For Backpack Buddies Program

The Fain Awards were established in 1983 to honor those Reform congregations across North America and URJ camps whose work in the area of social justice proves exemplary in activities designed to *l'taken et ha'olam*, to mend the world.

The award was presented at the Religious Action Center's *Consultation on Conscience* held by the Religious Action Center in Washington, D.C., May 1-3.

Pictured left to right are: Mark Pelavin, Associate Director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism; Cheryl Guttman, M.D., Chair, Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism; Norman Hirsch, Chairman, Social Action, Congregation Mickve Israel; Toby Hollenberg, Vice-President, Congregation Mickve Israel; Julie Hirsch, former Para-Rabbinic Fellow, Congregation Mickve Israel

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The community is welcome and invited to come celebrate the establishment of the holy Congregation Mickve Israel 278 years ago.

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Saturday, July 9, 2011 at 11:00 am
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Kiddush luncheon to follow Shabbat Morning Anniversary Service
this year honoring all Confirmands from the classes of 1880
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are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Reservations required for lunch by Wednesday, July 6 to Temple office
at 912.233.1547 extension 22 or dowen@mickveisrael.org.

For more information on the third oldest Jewish congregation in America founded in 1733,
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Four Questions for the Rest of the Year

John Young

Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob Head Custodian



1. What's most rewarding about working for Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob?

The most rewarding part about working for Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob is feeling and experiencing the love of the people as they conduct their worship on Shabbat and on the High Holy Days.

2. What's the funniest thing that ever happened to you at work?

One of the funniest things that has ever happened was the one time we had to call the Bomb Squad to come and investigate a suspicious package. It turns out that after they blew up the package that it was a case of mezuzahs.

3. Working in a Jewish house of worship, what's the most challenging part of the job for you?

The most challenging part of the job is getting the teaching congregation to communicate about important holidays.

4. You've been there for a number of years; what have you learned that you want to share with our readers?

From my time spent working for Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, I've learned to love the Torah for G-d.



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It's A Funny Thing

By Melinda Stein

Seen in a newspaper under Birth Notices:

"Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Rosenbloom announce the birth of their son, Dr. Jonathan Rosenbloom."

Jewish parents have high expectations and hopes for their offspring, not only in terms of profession but also when it comes to finding an appropriate mate.

A young Jewish woman returned from several years in the Peace Corps in Africa. "Mama," she says excitedly, "I'm engaged, and I want you to meet my fiancé."

In walks a man wearing native attire, a massive headdress, a bone through his nose, and holding bags of strange-smelling roots.

Mother exclaims, "Oh, no! Daughter, you weren't listening . . . what I always told you was, marry a rich doctor!"

Jewish romance today commonly begins over the Internet. Websites that act as online matchmakers include JDate, Frumster, and Jewishcafe. The newest site is called, JMOM: *Jewish Matchmaking Mom's Way*. The mothers connect to one another to find their child's Mr. or Ms. Right. The website poses such irrefutable logic as; *is it such*

a crime to ask for her help in getting your mother some grandchildren? and The perfect place for yentas to finally meddle in their kids' love lives.

A young man calls his mother and announces he's met the girl of his dreams. Just for fun, he says, he'll bring three young women home and Mama can try to guess which of the candidates is his beloved.

Mama chats with each girl and then announces, "The middle one, the redhead, is the one you're planning to marry."

"Right! Mom, how did you know?"

"Because she was the one I really couldn't stand!"

A Jewish mother's doorbell rings, and it's her son standing next to a young woman and two older folks, all in Native American garb.

"Mom, I want you to meet the girl I want to marry, and her parents. This is Singing Dove, and her father Running Bull, and her mother Laughing Sparrow."

Mama says, "So nice to meet all of you - Singing Dove, Running Bull, Laughing Sparrow. I'm Sitting Shiva."



Melinda Stein

CONGREGATION BNAI BRITH JACOB

Our Installation Dinner for our new officers will take place on Sunday, June 12th.

The cost will be \$15.00 per person.

Please contact the B. B. Jacob office - 354.7721 - for further information.

Following is the list of our new Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob Officers and Board Members:

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Rambam Happenings

Rambam and the JEA are still working diligently to collaborate our efforts on behalf of an ECE preschool program. All those involved deserve a big applause for their time, effort and concern for the Jewish community.

Rambam is busy as we approach the end of the school year. The 8th grade with the assistance of other middle school students presented the play, Cinder-Ella. It was a spin on the original version of Cinderella, only in this play it was a young man that was being mistreated. We had a wonderful turn out, over a 150 people in the audience and about 15 volunteers, among which we even had a grandparent. It was smashing success and the reviews were terrific.

May 11th our girls' choir (grades one through four) performed with the assistance of our recorder group. The choir was under the direction of Peshy Russ, our 2y, 3y and 4y Judaic teacher and the recorder group was under the direction of Kerith Earlix, a member of the Jewish community. The performance was well attended and absolutely very much enjoyed.

Gershon, our community shaliach visited with the preschool children to teach them all about Israel so they could enrich their celebration of Yom Haatzmaut. Gershon handed out Israeli flags, played Israeli music and the children marched around. Gershon also taught the children some Hebrew words and showed them pictures of Israel.

Rambam's PTO, the week of May 1st, celebrated Teacher's Appreciation Week. They showered the staff with food, gifts and a great finale of the PTO president, Wendy Cohen gathering all the students and teachers together expressing appreciation to all the staff and reading a poem that certainly boost the staff's ego and sense of accomplishment.

Pre-K celebrated Mother's Day by dressing their Mommies in pretty, flower hats that they made. They sang songs to their Mommies and then presented to them a beautiful flower pot.

All of Pre-School enjoyed their Pesach vacation and were thrilled to share all of their wonderful Pesach projects with their families. The older children also took home projects and Torah thoughts to share at the seder.

The 7th & 8th graders made a Holocaust presentation to Savannah Christian's 5th grade class. The students showed a power point and explained each picture depicted on the power point. The children were very informative and not at all intimidated by all the questions. They were however, disappointed that most of the questions were about the Rambam students being Jewish and not about the Holocaust. They were quite comfortable answering the questions and I and Mrs. Wright (the assistant principal, responsible for setting up the visit) interjected very little. I have included a letter from the 5th grade teacher at Savannah Christian;

Loring, the power point presentation today was spot on. Our class really enjoyed it and wanted more of it. I think we should keep it this way every year. BUT, next year I'll try to do better about getting y'all here sooner to present to us so we have longer for Q & A.

It was so good to see you.

Angie

Great things are happening at Rambam. Please feel free to come by and see for yourself.

Perception is often a misperception of reality.



Ester Rabhan,
Principal of
Rambam Day School

Stay In Touch

As summer is here and school ends, I wish that we'll look for chances to make this special time another spiritually growing experience and find ways to show different aspects of our Judaism to our children.

Summer offers opportunities to do so many things that can be both enjoyable and meaningful. It could be going to new places or pursuing activities we did not have time for during the year. Arranging the family albums and adding new pictures to the collection is a good example. We Jews value our history and, more importantly, its transmission. Take time with your children to acquire or recall your family history through stories, pictures and artifacts. Often getting their version of our memories can be so surprising.

Many of us will be traveling this summer. Our journeys will take us to places in our region, in the United States and perhaps around the world. Jewish life is present nearly everywhere. Look for synagogues in the places you'll be passing through. Show your children that Jews live everywhere and that Friday night services are not that different, even if in China. Or even look for the neighborhood Jewish grocery store: I promise you'll get a lot of information about the local Jewish "folklore" in there!

Historical sites are another source to access our history and legacy. Your child might learn about it in his school books, but nothing is more rewarding than being able to say "I know, I've

been there". Even Valley Forge has Jewish heroes, just look for them.

Summer is a great time for reading. Add books of Jewish content to the reading list (characters like Sammy Spider cannot be trusted to be by themselves all summer!).

Summer can also be a time for acquiring new skills. Learn how to read Hebrew and let your child have a turn at being your teacher; learn how to chant Torah, or just learn a new blessing. And because arts and crafts are inevitable when you have kids at home, make sure to include a Jewish ritual object in some of your projects -we can never have enough Shabbat candlesticks!

Most important of all: let them show off! When sharing a Friday dinner with the grandparents or the cousins visiting from Ohio, let your children help with the Kiddush or the HaMotzi! Nothing better than a Grandpas' praises to keep them going.

Summer offers days filled with opportunity to include a Jewish component to almost any situation. Let's look for them and let's stay in touch!

Wishing you a fantastically Jewish summer.

Eva Locker



Eva Locker,
Principal of
Shalom School

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Enzo Krah

Who died on April 28, 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Anne Krah; one son, Edward; one daughter, Katherine (Thom) Thacker; and two grandchildren, Emma and Nina Thacker.

Remembrances: Jewish Educational Alliance and Hospice Savannah.

Larry Homansky

Who died on May 10, 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Anita Joyce Goldman Homansky; one son, Eric (Kristy) Homansky of Smyrna, GA; one grandson, Benjamin Noah Homansky; one sister, Bette (Jack) Homansky Kaye of Boynton Beach, FL; and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Remembrances: Hospice Savannah or a charity of the donor's choice.

Vital Statistics

MAZEL TOV – Walter Jospin, son of Sam & Sara Jospin, was named to the 2011 edition of Who's Who of Mergers & Acquisition Lawyers. He is an attorney with Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP.



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Coronation Chicken Salad from Gefilte Girl

Chai y'all!
The Royal Wedding got me thinking of one of my favorite salads, Coronation Chicken. It was originally prepared for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, and is still frequently served at British high tea (along with scones, smoked salmon, little cakes and crust-less tea sandwiches.) I got to know this dish at one of my favorite pubs, The Blue Anchor, in Delray Beach, Florida. They serve it with greens, fresh fruit and extra mango chutney on the side. It is delish! My version of Coronation Chicken is a bit different from the original given to the Queen- which included sherry, red wine, bay leaf, tomato paste, etc. I prefer this lighter and fresher version, and I suspect that you will to.

CORONATION CHICKEN SALAD

For the dressing:

1/2 cup mayonnaise

1 Tbs. curry powder (adjust it to your taste)

2 Tbs. mango chutney (if you can't find it, substitute peach or apricot pre-

serves)
juice of 1/2 lemon
salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients and refrigerate.

4 boneless and skinless chicken breasts- boiled, chilled and diced
1/2 red onion, fine dice
1/2 stalk celery fine dice
1/4 cup currants
1/4 cup sliced almonds
1/2 granny smith apple, diced

Combine all ingredients and then coat with the dressing. Season with salt and pepper. Serve at your own high tea, or just keep in the fridge for a snack after a day at Tybee! Cheerio!

Elizabeth Hale Ratner is a proud Savannah resident and member of Congregation Mickve Israel. Visit her website at savannahcitycater.com.



Gefilte Girl
Elizabeth Hale



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“Welcome Home” – A Journey to Israel

By Kevin Richman

“Welcome Home, we’ve been waiting for you for over 2,000 years.” These were the first words spoken to us by our guide as 35 soon-to-be friends from across the USA settled into a bus which would be our means of transportation across Israel for the next 10 days. The journey would be a blur of joy, adventure, spirituality, bonding, and exhaustion as we trekked from the northern border with Lebanon to Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Masada, the Red Sea, and much more. Since returning, I’ve been asked the same question: What was your favorite part?

I have thought about this question a lot. My favorite part wasn’t floating in the Red Sea, hiking Masada, bonding with our 8 Israeli soldiers, partying with new friends, putting my face against the Western Wall on Shabbat with joyous singing echoing through the night, or the emotions of the Holocaust museum Yad Vashem. My favorite part was simply a feeling; a feeling of community. I have had the wonderful ability to travel around the world, but this was the first time I have traveled half way across the world, and felt absolutely accepted. Walking the streets of Jerusalem, I made eye contact with an old man passing by. Limited by my lack of Hebrew in which to communicate, I smiled and simply waved hello. He looked back at me, smiled and simply said in his best English, “Shabbat Shalom, welcome to Israel.”

I cannot fully explain that feeling. The feeling of curiosity, wonder, blind acceptance and understanding, and connection all revolving around one central theme – Judaism. I was not ultra-religious before this trip and am not now since my return, but I have gone to Shabbat services since returning and searched for young professionals’ events for Jews in the DC area. I want



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to recreate that feeling of community, I want to feel – home.

I encourage anyone between the ages of 18-26 that qualifies to go on Birthright. There are programs for everyone that provide unique experiences and perspectives that you can read more about here: <http://www.birthingrightisrael.com>. More importantly, I encourage everyone to get involved and help create your own Jewish community, no matter where you are or how active the current community. Create your own home.

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So, even though I was only five when the song was written, the words have personal meaning for me as Chair of the campaign. “In this world of over-rated pleasures, of under-rated treasures, I’m so glad there is you.” These words are sent from me to you, thanking each of you for your gift, your hard work, and your being a part of the process of helping Savannah’s Jewish community succeed. I think you are extraordinary,” said Sherry Dolgoff about her Annual Campaign experience.

During this year’s allocations meetings in early May, many organizations came before the committee to present their organization’s successes from the past year and their anticipated upcoming needs.

In addition to learning about our local organizations and communal needs, the committee heard a presentation from our Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) Regional Representative, Yael Shmookler. She explained the history of JAFI, described its programs, and how lives are touched by those programs. For instance, within the past few years and the year coming up, nine individuals from Savannah will have been on a MASA Gap Year program. MASA programs are six months to a year in length, where individuals live and learn in Israel studying a variety of topics and have life changing Jewish and Israeli experiences.

With the 2011 Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Campaign results down from the previous year, difficult allocation decisions had to be made. With a shortfall of funds raised, the Allocations Committee agreed upon a fifteen percent reduction from last year’s allocations across all organizations except for Israel and Overseas. The Israel and Overseas allocation comprised about twenty-eight percent of the allocable dollars, an increase from the previous year’s campaign. It includes Savannah’s “core” allocation to the Jewish Federations of North America, distributed on our behalf to the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) the American Jewish Joint Distribu-

“I hope that more new and enthusiastic people become involved, understanding the importance of the Federation and realizing that they can absolutely make a difference.”

tion Committee (JDC), and Birthright Israel.,

Linda Zoller, President of the Savannah Jewish Federation, “Allocations is always a challenging process but in a year that we had \$780,590 in requests and only \$575,066 to meet all the requests it was extremely difficult. We were not able to fund over \$200,000 in legitimate needs, which was very troubling. The Allocations committee did a fabulous job making the hard decisions. I applaud them.”

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

Even though the allocations process has come to a conclusion, there’s still a huge need in our community and time to give. Please consider the possibility of what more can be done if you donate or increase your 2011 gift. For more information about the Savannah Jewish Federation, to make a gift or increase a gift, please contact Adam Solender, adam@savj.org or Benjamin Bloom, programming@savj.org or by phone at 912-355-8111. Also, you may visit or make a donation through our website, www.savj.org.

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Sunday, June 12th

4:45pm—Meet at stadium flag poles for a bring-your-own picnic pre-game dinner in Daffin Park.

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RSVP to Benjamin by
Thursday, June 9th.

We want to know who to expect.

Email him, programming@savj.org

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after the game!



**Volunteer Opportunities with the Jewish Educational Alliance
and Savannah Jewish Federation**

**Wanted: People with Open Hearts Who Want to Help by
Serving the Savannah Jewish Community**

Thursday Senior Lunch - There are volunteer opportunities to help with Senior Luncheons including greeting, taking payments, assisting with serving and providing company to our wonderful seniors. No previous experience necessary, just a desire to help. Thursdays from 11:30-1:30. If you are able to assist please contact Benjamin Bloom at programming@savj.org or by phone, 355-8111.

Publications Committee - Are you an ideas person? Interested in writing occasionally? The SJF Publications Committee which publishes the Savannah Jewish News is looking to add new members. The Committee meets once a month to critique the past edition and make plans for upcoming issues. We'd love some individuals who would occasionally write for the paper. Whatever your interest in the paper, we can accommodate you. Contact Lynn Levine by email, lynn@savj.org or Benjamin Bloom by email, programming@savj.org or call 355-8111 for volunteer details.

Control Desk Volunteers - JEA Health & Wellness Department is looking for volunteers to man the Control Desk entering the Health & Wellness facilities. Volunteers would be greeting members, checking membership cards, distributing equipment (basketballs, yoga mats, etc). Opportunities are available six days a week with 2-4 hour shifts. No lifting or physical exertion. Contact Stephanie Johnson at 355-8111 or stephanie@savj.org.

Youth Sports Coaches - Within the Youth Sports Department, we are always looking for Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Score Keepers. If you have an ambition to make a difference in a child's life, then this is a great place to start. Contact Stephanie Johnson at 355-8111.

Administrative Assistance - From time to time the JEA and Federation have need for volunteers to help with campaign administrative functions, labeling the Savannah Jewish News for mailing, filing in the Finance department, etc. If you have a few hours to give from time to time, contact Office Administrator, Vicky Lunick at 355-8111 or vicky@savj.org.