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Just Say Yes to 2012 SJF Campaign and Main Event

Always accentuating the positive, co-chairs Merry Bodziner and Toby Hollenberg announced the theme and schedule for the upcoming Savannah Jewish Federation 2012 Annual Campaign. "Our theme for this year, **Just Say Yes**, is to remind us that the Federation is always here saying yes, supporting the needs of the Jewish community, and it is up to each of us in turn to say yes when called upon to do our part to support Jewish life," said Merry. Toby elaborated: "Our goal is to sustain the Jewish community, here and abroad. To do that, we aim to engage more of the community than ever and help everyone understand the value of giving to Federation, and also to increase personal giving to whatever extent possible."

The Campaign kicks off with a rise and shine breakfast and rally on Monday, October 10, at 8am. Campaign

workers, drop by the JEA before you start your day for a bite to eat (of course), a quick campaign orientation and a chance to get pumped up for the important work to be done.



William Daroff

On Thursday, October 27, the Campaign swings into full gear with the annual Main Event, which will be held at the JEA at 7:30pm and will include a dessert reception. The featured speaker at the Main Event this year is William Daroff, Vice President for Public Policy and Director of the Washington Office of the Jewish Federations of North America where he is a leading advocate for the American Jewish community's agenda

Just Say Yes



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in the nation's capitol. As the chief lobbyist and principal spokesperson on public policy and international affairs, William ensures that the voice

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Ride the Wave of the Community's Success

Last week's Federation Annual Meeting featured the investiture of President, Jeffrey Lasky. A fourth generation Savannahian, Lasky is the managing partner and lead litigator for Lasky Law Group. He has served for numerous years as a leader in the Savannah community. He previously was the JEA President, was Board Chair at Royce Academy, chaired the Jewish

community Strategic Plans in 2003 and 2010, and has held virtually all committee positions in the Federation over the last decade.

At the meeting, Lasky addressed the community speaking about recent successes. He envisions *riding that wave* to more Savannah Jewish community's successes. He spoke about the Federation's discipline in lower cost of administration, educational and identity programs, Young Jewish Savannah, and the JEA's recent Gala as just some of the wave(s) in our community.

Lasky is a firm believer in the mission of the Savannah Jewish Federation. Replete in a lifeguard shirt (along with the other incoming officers), Lasky stated, "These t-shirts are symbolic of the lives you save each and every day through your donations of time and money to our Federation and to all of the other Jewish organizations in Savannah. Saving Jewish lives and ensuring the future of the Jewish people



is Federation's paramount mission and is the focus of each and every Federation program." Unfortunately, the cost of saving lives has increased over the years." Lasky said, "Think about the fact that if your gift has remained the same over the last five years that in actuality, you are giving less and less to the campaign each year. These are difficult economic times, but for many of us, we are still fortunate enough to be able to help our fellow Jews who so

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As the sounding of the shofar calls upon your reflection of the past and contemplation for the future, we extend our best wishes as you and your family gather to enjoy the foods symbolizing the sweet year to come. Shana tova.

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Savannah Jewish Federation President's High Holiday Message

By Jeffrey Lasky

I am truly honored that my first official act as President of the Savannah Jewish Federation is to extend High Holiday greetings to all of you from the Federation officers and Board of Governors.

As we all know, the High Holidays are a time of reflection. We spend time reflecting on numerous aspects of our lives over the past year and what parts of our lives we want to change or improve in the coming year. We reflect on our personal behavior and how we have treated our loved ones and others in the community. We reflect on how we treated others in business. And we certainly reflect on our relationship to Hashem as we approach Yom Kippur, the judgment day.

We should also take this opportunity to reflect upon our community and all of the wonderful things we should be thankful for as a community. The Savannah Jewish community should be proud of its generosity and

our commitment to saving lives and perpetuating the Jewish people. We should also reflect as a community on how we treat each other

as organizations. The Federation is committed to embracing the diversity of our community and treating each organization and each of its members with respect. It is only through mutual respect and embracing our diversity that we, as a community, can reach our greatest potential. After all, I am sure Hashem expects no less from us.

On behalf of the officers and Board of Governors of the Savannah Jewish Federation, I want to wish each and every one of you a year filled with good health, happiness and a new found respect for each other and for our diverse community. L'shana tova. May we each be sealed in the Book of Life.



Fasting, Because You Have No Choice

Whatever I want for myself, I want the same for that other person. And whatever I do not want for myself or my friends, I do not want for that other person. This is the meaning of the verse, *'And you shall love the other person as yourself.'* Maimonides

"Imagine, in today's day and age, there are thousands in our community who suffer from a somewhat silent disease – hunger."

The Jewish community kicks off its annual Operation Isaiah this month. Simply put, it is a communitywide effort to gather food for those who just don't have it. The food drive benefits Second Harvest here in Savannah. Approximately 13,000 different people receive emergency food assistance in any given week. Over 1/3 of those people are making a choice between food and rent/medicine/utilities (Second Harvest Feeding America study, 2010).

Imagine, in today's day and age, there are thousands in our community who suffer from a somewhat silent disease – hunger. It doesn't make the front page of the paper very often, but once you start digging, reading past the headlines, you know that there is a fundamental issue in Savannah and throughout the United States.

Hunger is not an ethnic problem—no single group has more hunger than another. Hunger knows no racial barrier. You may not know it, but there is significant "food insecurity" in our Jewish community as well. We are certainly not immune. Every day we read about government initiatives to balance the budget "on the back" of social service programs like WIC - Women, Infants & Children (a program that provides food for pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to the age of 5), SNAP (Supplemental

Nutrition Assistance Program—food stamps), or direct funding cuts to area food banks.

Our community should be proud of its response to hunger:

--Backpack Buddies, a program developed at Congregation Mickve

Israel, annually prepares hundreds of backpacks filled with food for children who have been identified as "food insecure." The program was picked up by Congregation Agudath Achim and other churches in the area. It makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of children in our community.

--Not a week goes by that our Jewish Family Services program does not distribute food cards for area supermarkets to members of the community—they go to young families who are struggling, they go to seniors on a fixed income who are choosing between eating and taking their prescribed medications, they go to families you just wouldn't suspect are having a hard time.

--Our Lions of Judah (women who make a \$5K+ contribution to the Annual Campaign) are working at Second Harvest this Fall to help restock the shelves. They will be stocking the food collected in Operation Isaiah.

This Rosh Hashanah, each Congregation and the JEA will be distributing Supermarket bags (courtesy of Publix Supermarkets) to congregants. It would be a great mitzvah to fill the bag and bring it back during the holiday season. It will go a long way to help those in our community who fast, not in repentance, but because they have no choice.

"It is not what one says, but rather what one does, that makes all the difference in the world" Pirke Avot 1:17.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Several weeks ago I helped organize and participated in a Rally for Israel with a group of Christian friends who billed themselves as Coastal Citizens for Israel. Victor Styrsky of CUFI (Christians United for Israel) was our key note speaker. A representative group from Savannah's Jewish community joined with others to show public support for Israel at a critical time and I thank them again.

I have been a CUFI member for a number of years and after the rally Lynn and I took Victor to dinner at Vic's On The River. Victor is genuine and both talks the talk and walks the walk all on behalf of Israel.

I also just finished reading David Brog's: "Standing with Israel." In his outstanding book, David traces the volatile and historical relationship between Christians and Jews and why most Jews, cannot bring themselves to trust the transformation that has taken place among the Christian theological community. The book portrays the key players, both Christian and Jewish, through a series of vignettes that weave the story of Israel's establishment and the Christian transformation towards Israel and Jews.

Most Jews continue to question the veracity and sincerity of Christian Zionists because of their fear of the emergence of 'Christian soldiers' (The Martin Luther Syndrome) based on the sordid historical treatment of Jews at the hands of Christians. In his book, Brog cites Moses Maimonides' comment: "Men like the opinions to which they have become accustomed from their youth: they defend them and shun contrary views: and this is one of the things that prevent men from finding the truth, for they cling to the opinions of habit." to explain Jewish reluctance and distrust when evidence to the contrary is incontrovertible.

It took Abe Foxman, national director of The Anti-Defamation League, decades to finally acknowledge Christian Zionist support of Israel is genuine. That does not mean meaningful and divergent issues persist but Foxman has stated Christian Zionists offer their support of Israel unconditionally

and divisive issues need not perpetuate feelings of distrust.

I know writing this will not change the attitude of those who continue to harbor distrust. Having worked with many Christian Zionists, over the years, I am delighted to call them friends and to have their support of Israel. One of CUFI's new projects is organizing Christian college students to support fellow Jewish students on campus where hateful attitudes towards Jews and pro Israel speakers have reached anti-Semitic proportions among Muslim perpetrators and effete academics whose Mid-Eastern Studies courses are funded by Saudi money.

Israel and Jews are fortunate to have the growing support of Christian Zionists. I only wish more Jews were as fervent, politically involved and active in their support of Israel. It would be wonderful if a sufficient number of Savannah Jews were willing to start an AIPAC Chapter. If you are let's move forward.

Dick Berkowitz
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Dear Editor:

The article in the September edition by Mr. Solender refers.

Mr. Solender asserts, "For all the right reasons, we no longer have a common Jewish voice. No longer do we have to look to each other for common support or activities. No longer do we have to look to our communal leaders and rabbis for information and interpretation. The Internet has the same information and thousands of interpretations."

Mr. Solender's personal observations are open to debate, but what I found alarming is that he prefaces his observations with his approval of "for the RIGHT reasons."

I think of many times over the years I, my family and others I know well, have been helped, advised, comforted, directed by our Rabbi and other respected leaders. We could have all gone to the internet and got "an answer" to a question. The context of the question,

the personal relevance, etc., that question has, are all totally rendered meaningless in the absolute coldness of the screen we would be looking at.

I wonder if Mr. Solender would than agree that the JEA and its large expenses could be replaced having virtual meetings of the various gatherings it hosts, sending the gym members a fitness program for them to do in the comfort of their homes, etc.

Would he then agree that for all the "right" reasons we would have made our community more "efficient," less financially burdensome and if we lose some of our basic communal and human instincts, as well as interpersonal relationships in the process, then we can always get lots of diverse advice from the many self help sites available on the internet?

Michael Snaid
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Adam Solender, Executive Director of the JEA and Savannah Jewish Federation responds:

While I'm appreciative of Mr. Snaid's interpretation, he has chosen to take a "snippet" of my column and therefore lose some of its context.

The "right reasons" I refer to are the fact that we "have arrived." No longer are we the subject of virulent anti-Semitism in this country, no longer do we have to get our news from one newspaper-we can read many, we have choice in almost every phase of our lives. These are good things.

My column went on to talk while we have these great many freedoms, it is of even greater importance to "get out of our silos to one common meeting place to observe, celebrate, exercise, and socialize." That was the ultimate point of the article.

I, for one, am thrilled that we "have come far enough to have multiple and dissenting voices, multiple and dissenting opinions," (also from my column), and to provide you the chance to share in the Savannah Jewish News.

Dear Editor:

Almost twenty years ago, Federation's Russian Resettlement program helped families immigrate and adjust

to life in the USA. If you are a member of one of those families or a family that came even earlier in the first wave of immigration through the auspices of Savannah Jewish Federation, please contact Carol Greenberg and provide current contact information.

We are trying to update our records to locate some of our friends to invite them and you to a Reunion on December 4, 2011 from 4 to 6 at the JEA. Please pass this information on to family and friends who may have moved from the Savannah area.

Also if you participated by adopting a family or lending your resources of time, support or hospitality to this herculean effort, or sponsored this effort through donations to Federation for this project, please also consider yourself a person of interest and tell us about your experiences.

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Nancy Rosenthal, Diane Kuhr, and Peggy Harris volunteering to work on refreshing the plants at the Jewish Educational Alliance

Wishing Israel A Good Year

It has been interesting to watch the recent social protest in Israel over the past month. Hundreds of thousands of Israelis exercised their right to protest in a democratic society. Beginning with the high cost of cottage cheese (an Israeli staple) and extending to many social issues in Israel such as the cost of housing, transportation, etc. The protests were orderly and effective. I began watching the protests while I was still in Israel, continued in my first week, here in Savannah, and now I consider them in the context of the upcoming High Holidays.

The time of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is the opportunity for individuals to look back at their wrongs and repent. I think it's exactly what Israel did this last summer.

I skim the pictures from the demonstrations and see teenagers, students and families from all different sectors of Israeli society, all united for a common cause, sitting in tents like the sons of Israel in their Sukkahs in the desert

waiting to get to their Promised Land. But what is this Promised Land to them? What was that protest about?

Is it a list of economic demands and general disapproval of the challenges of living in Israel, or is there something else? Is this like other protests around the Middle East where people shout for change and renewal, or do they have a simpler request?

When I look at the pictures I see familiar characters peering at me from the signs of the protesters, Herzl, Ben Gurion and other great leaders from the past. It makes me wonder why we are so busy reminiscing about our early days as a state and talking about our lost values, instead of dealing with developments of the present. Then comes an answer from an unexpected source, the



Tal Bratman

Jewish religion. These are the Ten Days of Repentance for the State of Israel.

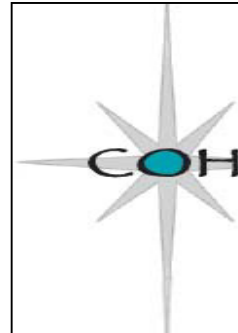
On the date of the Jewish new year, Rosh Hashanah, it is said that the first human being, Adam, was created. The "creation" of the state of Israel can serve as an allegory to this first man creation. We wanted to create a state in the image of man, the State of its citizens, a country that is not an institution but a human Jewish state where the laws of morality and social justice reside, where all the people of Israel hold a mutual responsibility for one another.

Somewhere we lost our way. The social protest in its turning to voices from the past is in fact repentance, back to the values that led us

at the establishment of the state of Israel, a return to mutual trust, a return to social justice and a return to a united society.. We woke up from a long sleep and now we fight for the future of our country. As on Yom Kippur, we examine the wrongs of the past and hope to change our way next year. This protest is our atonement day.

So for Rosh Hashanah we should all wish for Israel a good year, a year of peace and blessing, a year of hope for a better future, and that we find it in ourselves to be a better people.

To discuss this article or any other Israel topic or idea please contact Tal at tal@savj.org or (912) 355-8111 ext. 219.



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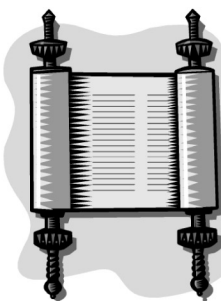
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why twice a year is not enough

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Rosh Hashanah Greetings from Our Rabbinical Leaders

Preparing for the Future

By Rabbi Avigdor Slatius

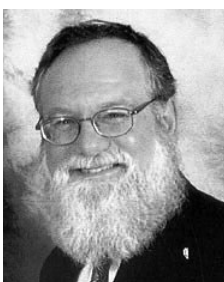
Rosh Hashona and Yom Kippur are a time for examination and renewal. We put aside the turmoil of our daily routine and the awe of these days become a living reality. The services become the focal point of the day and the sacred prayers dance from our lips as we remember our divine commitment. Memories of past High Holidays skate through our minds as we recall attending Synagogue with loved ones who are no longer with us. The feeling of awe of hearing the melodious special tunes from the Chazan, the soul-permeating sounds of the shofar and the serious nature of all of the Congregants; who does not remember standing next to a father or mother in total silence as we listened to the inspiring Tekiah, Shevarim and Teruah. Perhaps if we close our eyes as we hear these magnificent holy notes, we can sense our loved ones at our sides once again.

The Yom Tov meals, with all the traditional foods, remind us of a Bubby or Zaide watching eagerly as we experience the taste of a special Rosh Hasho-

na delicacy. The seat we occupy in Shule, the honor we participate in, the food, stories, tunes, Tashlich, all connect us to the past as we pray for our present. Indeed, generations of the past share with us these Holidays in their spiritual form.

As we examine our lives, the struggles and the blessings, as we gaze upon our character, strengths and weaknesses, as we renew and refresh our Jewish calling and mission. It is not just the past and present upon which we should focus. The future is the most significant element of these special days. To learn from the past and work in the present for the success of our future, this is the great opportunity that Rosh Hashona and Yom Kippur provide. Our children need the warm memories, the foundation of love, being with parents and grandparents that the Holidays offer.

The forces of assimilation are endless



and challenge us at every sector. Speaking Hebrew, visiting Israel, lighting a menorah, even attending a Jewish Day School, are no guarantee that children will appreciate or remain faithful to their heritage. All of these and more are necessary to create a foundation for our children that instills within them a desire to become active members of their Jewish community. Rosh Hashona is the perfect opportunity to forge this eternal bond. To some, one day of Rosh Hashona is enough, or coming just to hear the shofar releases them from quilt. Shabbos is a non-factor and Jewish practices are the substance of jokes and mockery. Is it any wonder that their children do not feel comfortable

with the timeless spirituality of the Torah and Mitzvos!

The message we can send to our children is one of respect and pride. Respect for a High Authority, respect for tradition, respect for the faith of our parents and grandparents. Pride in our faith, identity, destiny, Torah and Mitzvos. These are the fibers of which the fabric of Nachas are made.

May Rosh Hashona and Yom Kippur be the beginning of a year and life bonding with our children, helping them appreciate their past, enjoying the present and preparing for the future.

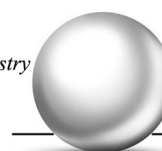
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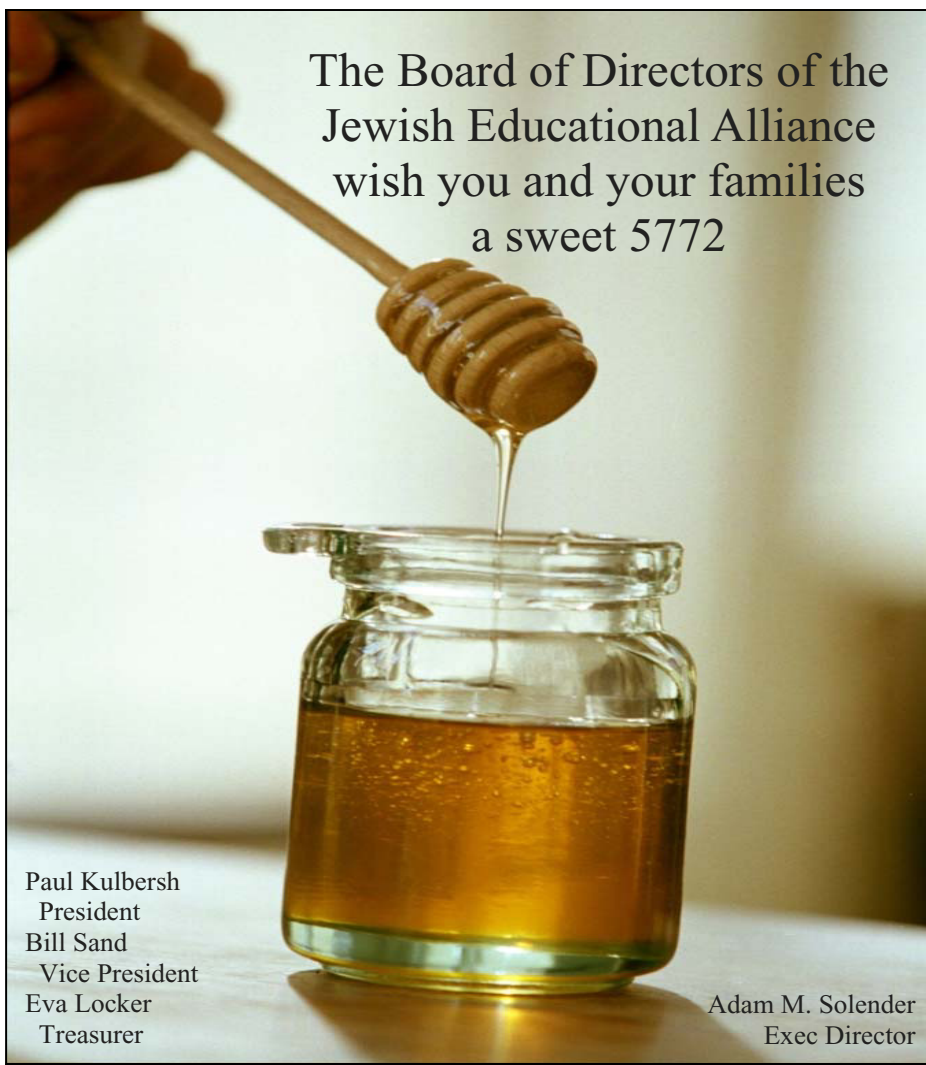
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Rosh Hashanah Greetings from Our Rabbinical Leaders

Seven Days for Renewal

By Rabbi Darryl Crystal

A student was asked to lead services for Rosh Hashanah. The student spent hours preparing. One morning the young person was walking with head buried in the High Holyday prayerbook and without watching the path bumped into the rabbi.

The rabbi said, "What are you doing?" The student replied, "I am reviewing every word of the prayerbook." The rabbi smiled and said, "The prayerbook has not changed since last year, if you want to grow take time and review yourself."

The High Holydays represent our time for renewal as individuals and as a community. We take stock of our lives, work to repair relationships, and

seek ways to bring wholeness to the world. In Jewish tradition, Rosh Hashanah is called, "Yom HaRa'at HaOlam – The Day of the World's Creation." In the Torah God created light on the first day and spiritual teachers believe there is a spark of Divine light in every soul.

We begin spiritual preparation for the Holydays a month before Rosh Hashanah. Based on teachings about Divine light, I would like to offer a guide for renewal based on the Seven Days of Creation:

1. "Let there be light." What is the



unique light of my soul? What are my talents, insights about life, and joys, I cherish for myself and give to others?

2. "Let there be a division amidst the waters." What are barriers that I have created or that have developed that conceal the light of my spirit? From whom do I need to seek forgiveness and whom do I need to forgive?

3. "Let the earth sprout seed bearing plants." What are the seeds of new beginning I can take to restore the light of my heart?

4. "Let there be lights in the space of the sky." A Hasidic sage wrote that the mightiest person who is in prison cannot release him or herself. Even a child with a key can open the strongest of locks. Who are the people that help restore the light to my life?

5. "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and birds that fly above the earth." What are my dolphins and my eagles? What are my dreams I once imaged or things I have always wanted to do?

6. "Let us make humans in the Divine image." The value of Tikkun Olam says the world is broken and humanity must work with God for healing. What will I do to fulfill my responsibilities to the world and other children of God?

7. Shabbat: God blessed the seventh day and called it holy. What will I do each week to renew my body, restore relationships with those I love, and reaffirm my spiritual being?

May you, your family and friends, and our world be blessed with a year of renewal, health, happiness, and peace! Shana Tova!

The Limit of Forgiveness

By Rabbi Kenneth Leitner

In our day, when 'instant news' is available through 'tweets', and 'instant opinion' is available on blogs, it seems odd to be writing with the knowledge that thoughts and reflections may take weeks to reach the reader. This year it is especially so, for submissions are due at the very same time that we mark the 10th anniversary of the assault on America which we have come to call 9/11. I must be honest and say that I wish one and all a 'Shanah Tova U'Metuka' with a heavy heart.

As the day of memorial unfolds there will surely be calls, if not for forgiveness – and these will be heard too – then for reconciliation and healing. We have no choice but to reconcile ourselves to the losses of that day for we cannot undo that which occurred. But reconciliation carries a deeper meaning: Adjusting our mind-set to bring about a sense of agreement or harmony.

We Jews, who work so hard to insure that the memory of the Shoah is never to be forgotten, must surely use the wisdom of our experience to teach our fellow citizens: We can reconcile ourselves to the facts, but the facts themselves preclude any attempt at 'harmonization'. Simon Wiesenthal, in his book "The Sunflower," relates that when he was a prisoner in a Nazi concentration camp he was summoned to the bed of an SS officer. The officer asked Wiesenthal for forgiveness. Saying nothing, Wiesenthal walked away. It was not within his power to forgive.

The deep and profound message that is central to the ten days of repentance that begin with Rosh HaShanah and

end with Yom Kippur, is that forgiveness, reconciliation, and healing require human action and initiative. In the Mishna (Yoma 8:9) we learn that "Yom Kippur atones for sins between man and God. Yom Kippur does not atone for the sins against another human being until one has placated the person offended." Put simply, God's forgiveness does not extend to those sins that have not been made right, which includes both restitution and the direct request for forgiveness. Maimonides expands on this basic idea to include the insight that anyone seeking forgiveness must make an in-



ternal change, so much so that he must become a 'new person', a new identity, until he is able to say: "I am no longer the same person that committed that sin (*Hilchot Teshuva, chapter 2*)."

We, the living, cannot grant forgiveness for others. As Wiesenthal so powerfully teaches us, we cannot give ourselves the power to speak on behalf of the victim. When the victim's have been murdered, none of us has the right to grant forgiveness.

To the best of my knowledge, no one has come forward to even ask for forgiveness.

To the best of my knowledge, those

responsible have continued to plan and execute murderous violence, without repentance or remorse.

On these High Holy Days, let us take the measure of our courage to teach the world, to demand of the world that they finally learn that forgiveness given cheaply is a wound extended, a hurt made worse.

And may we surely know this ourselves, for our families, our community, our nation, and for the people Israel and the State of Israel, for if we do this, then my wishes for a *Shana Tova U'Metuka* will come from a heart filled with joy.

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Jewish Educational Alliance President's High Holiday Message

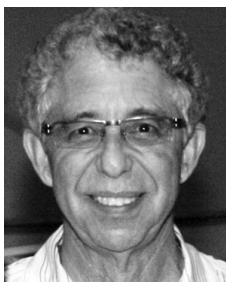
By Paul Kulbersh

A wise Rabbi once told me that there are three basic principles that go to the heart of us being human: NOBODY HAS IT ALL, NOBODY KNOWS IT ALL, AND NOBODY DOES IT ALL. Someone may have a great business but poor health. We all dislike dealing with a Mr. Know It All who has all of the answers. And no matter how much someone loves to shop, one cannot visit every shoe store on earth....with the possible exception of my daughter, Dana.

What does all of this mean? Well, let's talk about the "Nobody Has It All" part. Our Jewish community is unique in that, even though we do not have it all, we have a great deal. We have three vibrant Synagogues with dedicated congregants, a Day School, Afternoon Schools, the Jewish Educational Alliance, educational and social

service programs, recreational opportunities, community outreach, specialized programs for young and old, a Federation campaign that consistently ranks high in fundraising for small federations and dedicated lay and professional leaders who help make this dynamic machine run.

The reality is, however, that Savannah is changing as are most Jewish communities. We are aging, and the needs of our people are changing. We need to adapt and to plan for the future so that all that we have here can be passed to future generations. Those future generations may be our grandchildren or great grandchildren or they may be Jewish people that we will never know, but the Talmud teaches



us that we are responsible for one another. The strongest and smartest do not always survive. The ones who survive are the ones who are willing to adapt to changing needs, (i.e.) more adult programming, longer facility hours, early childhood education.

At the JEA, as with all organizations, whether they be synagogues, schools or social organizations, we are working diligently to increase our membership, improve our financial strength, and diversify our programs and services. Attracting young members and their families is the key to our survival through commitment to Jewish tradition and ritual. While some change is inevitable at the JEA, there are two core principles that will not be violated. Our programming, educational and social activities have always been and will continue to be Jewish in content and purpose. Secondly, the Kashrut standards of the food prepared in our

kitchen for community events will continue to be supervised by the Vaad Hakashrut of Savannah.

Let us come together in support of our local Jewish community, our synagogues, the JEA, Jews in need wherever they may be, Jewish education and Jewish values. We must understand that there are heartfelt differences of opinion on vital issues regarding the destiny of the Jewish people and our own community. We must not let these differences create barriers. In the spirit of mutual respect, we must assert our unity as a people.

A New Year beckons, filled with new opportunities for having and learning and doing. "M'bayit el bayit....from my house to yours", best wishes for a "Shana tova u'metuha"....a good and sweet day, today and everyday throughout the New Year.

L'Shana Tova from YJS!

Leadership News From



Are You Out of College and in search for a Jewish community connection? Try Reaching Out to Young Jewish Savannah!



Welcome, Congratulations & Thank You to
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Lauren and Adam have agreed to take on the role of the new leaders of Young Jewish Savannah.

To Learn about Young Jewish Savannah and get on the email list for events, community updates and a community connection, please email youngjewishsavannah@gmail.com

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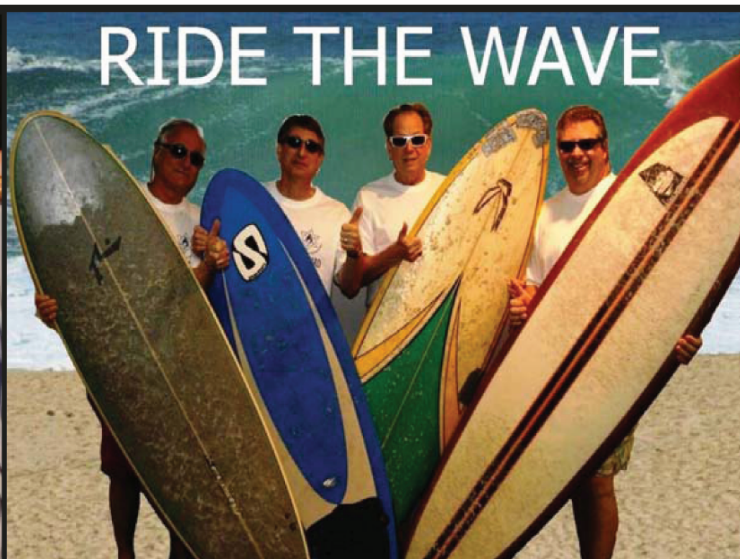
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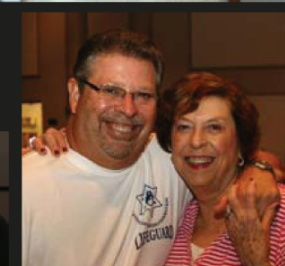


Kay Kole (above), Sherry Dolgoff (below) and Harold Black (right) receiving their President's Awards for their outstanding commitment to the Savannah Jewish Community



Thank you to All of Those Who Made the 2011 Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Meeting a continuation of Riding the Wave of the Community's Success!

Amanda Reeves (right) 2011 Young Leadership Award Recipient



Vivian Slotin, Sherry Dolgoff, Harold Black and Peggy Harris (left) awarded for their work as the 2011 Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Campaign Team



Photos by Adam Solender



Operation Isaiah

September 28—October 23, 2011

Drop Off Locations:

JEA, Congregation Agudath Achim,
Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob,
Congregation Mickve Israel, Rambam Day School

However, Feel Free to Drop Off Food at Anytime at the JEA for Jewish Family Services to Distribute to Those Who Need

Wednesday, September 28th begins Erev Rosh Hashanah and the celebration of the Jewish Holidays. This is also the start of the Annual Food Drive of the Savannah Jewish community known as OPERATION ISAIAH. The New Year is a time for self reflection and thinking about those less fortunate. The **Savannah Jewish Federation** teams up with the Second Harvest Food Bank to help provide food for those in need.

Drop off barrels are located at five locations in Savannah: The JEA, Rambam Day School, Congregation Mickve Israel, Congregation B'nai Brith Jacob and Congregation Agudath Achim. Thousands of pounds of food are donated each year and distributed through the Second Harvest Food Bank throughout Savannah.

Please join the **Savannah Jewish Federation** and **Jewish Family Services** in observing the mitzvah of providing for those less fortunate.





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Coming November 2011!
Saturday Night Out!

The Saturday Night Out Program is a JEA favorite during the school year (previously referred to as Parents Night Out). This program has seen an almost 50% increase in enrollees since 2009. Beginning in November 2011 and lasting until Spring 2012, the children will be treated to a Saturday night of fun and excitement (dinner also included) while their parents get to enjoy their own free time for a couple of hours. Each night will have an exciting theme to it, challenging the kids to learn the value of teamwork and good sportsmanship while being able to maintain the most important lesson; how to have fun!

Tween Night Out

Our newest edition to the Saturday Night Out programming will be the Tween Night Out. While there won't be as many as the SNO's, children from the 6th to 8th grades will embark on their own special adventure-filled activities that will be tailored just for this specific age group. This program is a staple favorite for both parents and children so keep an eye out as more information is to come!

For more information, contact DJ Horton at (912) 355-8111.

New JEA Members

The JEA would like to thank our members. Without your membership and support, we would not be able to offer all the services that we do. Our members are our most important asset! (New Members as of 8/10/11-9/12/11)

Angela Alcala
Mike & Jennifer Bailey
Brett Bradley
Lorie Corbus
Colleen Cunningham
Greg Geller
Andrew Jenkins
John Johnson
Mark Johnson

Melinda Matherly
William & Margaret McIntosh
Michael Patronik
Craig Powell
Jerry Rogers
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JEA Speakers Series
2011

Sunday, October 9th - 7:30 pm
A Special Evening of Classical Music

An very special evening—special musicians, special venue and special acoustics when the “best musicians” from Kennesaw State visit the Speakers Series for a musical evening hosted at Congregation Agudath Achim. Four of Kennesaw State’s most prodigious musicians will provide music for the soul featuring . . .

Helen Kim
Violinist



The recipient of over 100 national and international awards, Helen Kim has toured extensively throughout Canada and the US, performing with Cho-Liang Lin, Gary Hoffman, Andre Previn and the Orion String Quartet. She is currently the assistant concertmaster of the Atlanta Opera Orchestra.

Soohyun Yun
Pianist



Soohyun Yun has explored solo and chamber music from baroque to contemporary and performed in venues throughout Germany, Korea and the US. She has had solo recitals twice at Carnegie Hall. Her numerous awards include winning the American Protégé International Piano Competition Award, 21st Century Piano Commission Award, NY Dorothy MacKenzie Award and prizes of Bradshaw & Buono International Piano Competition.

2011 Tickets	\$10	Non Members At the Door
	\$6	JEA Members At the Door
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Proof of membership, military status, or school ID must be presented at the door.		

JEA Donations
(as of 8/8/11-9/11/11)

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JEA Aftercare Program

Aftercare Hours:

Mon-Thurs - 3:00-6:00, Fridays - 3:00-5:00

Open most days out of school

Cost: \$50/week \$12/day

Transportation from Jacob G. Smith,
Charles Ellis & Garrison

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- **Homework Help**
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- **Cooking**
- **Fitness Fun**
- **Art**



Call DJ at 355-8111 for more information.



Winter Camp 2011-2012

*December 19th, 2011 -
January 3rd, 2012*

Ages: 4 years - 6th Grade

Enjoy field trips, Movies, Wii, Arts & Crafts, Sports, Swimming and more!

DAILY RATE:

MEMBER	\$30
NON-MEMBER	\$40

WEEKLY RATE (all 5 days in either week)

MEMBER	\$135
NON-MEMBER	\$180

AFTERCARE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The start of the 2011-2012 school year marks the return of the JEA After School Enrichment Program. Monday through Friday, kids are picked up from Charles Ellis, Jacob G. Smith, Rambam Day School and the newest edition, Garrison Elementary. Upon arrival the children are treated to a healthy snack while they do their homework. Once completed, the children are able to participate in an array of different daily activities such as Fitness Fun, Swimming, Cooking, Science Experiments, Volleyball and even Live Action Mario Kart Racing.

As the numbers increase, we are constantly rearranging the rooms and programming material so the kids are continuously engaged and entertained in a safe, yet fun setting. This year the age groups have been split up between Pre-k to 2nd grade and 3rd through 6th grade. We have taken more of a Montessori approach to the younger kids' room which happens to follow a Monkey theme, with each section of the room being comprised of different activities. We developed a more character-building theme for the older kids' room. These children now have 5 new computers for their room to stimulate their minds and accommodate their homework demands.

The fun does not stop there. When the kids are off for ½ Days, Staff Planning Days and other random Holidays, the JEA offers the Extended Day Program where the kids can come from 8am-6pm for a day full of "camp like" excitement!

2011-2012 WINTER CAMP

Every year during the school Winter Break the JEA offers a Winter Camp to accommodate both private and public school children during their time off. The Winter Camp Program was the biggest surprise in the Children's Department by far. In the past the Winter Camp Program averaged around 20-30 kids a day, however last year the turn out showed a huge increase, averaging around 40 to almost 60 kids a day! The campers participate in activities such as ice skating, hockey, hot chocolate in the park, pajama party and even Greek games! This year, Winter Camp will begin on December 19th and run all the way through January 3rd!

Do Diet Sodas Make People Gain Weight?



Stephanie Johnson
HPER Director

It’s every dieter’s worse nightmare: The food or drink they thought would help their efforts may instead be contributing to their weight challenges. For diet soda drinkers, new research suggests that this nightmare is, in fact, a reality.

Two new studies found that drinking diet soda is associated with increased waist size and poorer overall health. Both studies were conducted by teams of researchers at the University of Texas Health Center at San Antonio and presented earlier this summer at the American Diabetes Association’s Scientific Sessions meeting in San Diego, CA.

The first study analyzed nearly 10 years worth of data collected from 474 subjects participating in the San Antonio Longitudinal Study of Aging. Individuals who reported drinking at least two diet sodas per day experienced waist-size increases that were six times greater than those who didn’t drink diet sodas. The fact that they gained weight around the middle is significant because abdominal fat has been associated with increased risk for heart disease, diabetes and other chronic conditions.

But the bad news doesn’t stop there: The second study concluded that aspartame—the artificial

sweetener most commonly used in diet sodas—raised blood-sugar levels in mice that were prone to diabetes. After three months of eating chow laced with aspartame, the mice had much higher blood-sugar levels than the mice that ate the plain chow.

“These results suggest that heavy aspartame exposure might potentially directly contribute to increased blood-glucose levels,” said lead researcher Dr. Gabriel Fernandes, a professor of rheumatology and clinical immunology at the university, “and thus contribute to the associations observed between diet soda consumption and the risk of diabetes in humans.”

Dr. Helen P. Hazuda, lead researcher of the first study and a professor at the university’s school of medicine, believes that these studies suggest that artificial sweeteners, which have been promoted as healthy alternatives to caloric sweeteners, may not be entirely harmless. “They may be free of calories,” said Hazuda, “but not of consequences.”

How to Kick the Artificial Sweetener Habit
Sweet cravings are very common for the simple reason that sugar is as addictive as cocaine. Unfortunately, switching to artificial sweeteners will neither reduce these cravings nor increase your satiety. On the contrary, as discussed above, you’re likely making matters worse.

Your body also craves sweets when you’re

denying it the fuel it needs. Sugar (and grain carbs) is very quick fuel and can give your body a boost when it’s running low. Again, using artificial sweeteners does not trick your body into thinking it has had its fill; rather it wants more sweets because it didn’t get the energy boost with that sweet taste!

Interestingly, nutrition and fitness expert Ori Hofmekler recently shared a fascinating benefit of caffeine that can be helpful here. If you like coffee, drinking organic black coffee (meaning without sugar or milk) can help eliminate sugar cravings because the caffeine is an *opioid receptor antagonist*.

As you may know, sugar binds to the same opioid receptors as cocaine and other addictive substances. But once an opioid receptor antagonist occupies that receptor, it prohibits you from becoming addicted to something else. Therefore, caffeine may attenuate the addictive impact of sugar.

There are a few caveats to using this strategy however, including:

- Only drink organic coffee (as it's one of the most pesticide-heavy crops there are)
- Drink it black, sans sugar/artificial sweeteners or milk
- Only drink coffee in the morning, prior to exercise
- Limit your consumption to one or two cups

JEA 2011 FITNESS CLASSES					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	5:00-6:30 am Master Swim		5:00-6:30 am Master Swim		5:00-6:30 am Master Swim
9:15-10:15 am Pilates	8:30-9:45 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:45 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:45 am Firm It Up
10:15-11:15 am Total Body Blast	10:00-11:00 am Aquasize	10:00-11:00 am SilverSplash		10:00-11:00 am Aquasize	10:00-11:00 am Aquasize
	10:30-11:45 am Gentle Yoga		10:30-11:45 am Gentle Yoga		
	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers MSROM	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers Cardio Circuit	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers MSROM	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers Cardio Circuit	
1:00-2:00 pm Extreme Toning					Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball
	4:00-7:30 pm Maxine Patterson Dance	4:30-5:30 pm Maxine Patterson Dance	4:15-5:45 pm Maxine Patterson Dance	4:30-6:00 pm Maxine Patterson Dance	
	5:30-7:30 pm Karate		5:30-7:30 pm Karate		
		5:45-6:30 pm Zumba	6:00-7:00 pm Boot Camp	6:00-8:00 pm SCPD Basketball	
	6:00-7:00 pm Evening Water Aerobics		6:00-7:00 pm Evening Water Aerobics	6:00-7:00 pm Evening Water Aerobics	
		6:30-7:30 pm Total Body Blast		6:00-7:00 pm Yoga Flow	
		7:00-9:00 pm Savannah Fencing Club		7:00-9:00 pm Savannah Fencing Club	

Art at the JEA



October Artist—Buddy Metzger

Although I have been the family photographer for many decades and still am, my early work on the creative side started with black and white (I even had my own darkroom in the house). One of my early photographs won First Place in a contest run by the New York Daily News.

My real interest has concentrated on color, particularly when my wife, Julie and I, and my cousin, Jim Zuckerman, a professional photographer, took several photography workshop trips together. Many of the photographs in the exhibit are the product of those trips. One of those trips to New York City we took some dramatic photographs of the skylines and particularly the Twin Towers. To get the images, we flew over Lower Manhattan and shot straight down (well strapped inside!).

We were in New York when the troops returned from Desert Storm, and you will see a photo of a woman standing on a light post waiving the American Flag, with the Towers in the background. This photo has gained particular significance as it was taken 5 months prior to 9/11.

The images from our trips with Jim were exciting, and I had so many good images that Julie inspired me to do my first exhibition, at my former prep school, The Hotchkiss School in Connecticut. I had previously worked with the photography teacher there and sponsored an annual photo contest, going there to judge the contest and present the awards.

When Julie and I moved to Savannah in 1991, Julie suggested I join the Artists Club (at The Landings). The Club had a project to create a “coffee table” book featuring the Golf Courses at The Landings. Aside from the aerial shots done by the Branniger organization, I contributed all the photographs in the book. It was fun to do, as Julie and I put a ladder on top of the golf cart and drove around different times of the day, photographing 108 holes of the courses. The book was a quick sellout and copies today are collector items.

My photography spans several technological generations, beginning with negative files, to slide film, and now to digital photography. I finally have the time to spend using some of my images and finding ways to enhance them with this breakthrough technology.

Artwork available for viewing October 2-31, 2011
Reception October 2, 2011, 2-4 pm

Camp Savannah 2011 Testimonials

See what two parents had to say about this years JEA Camp Savannah!

“I’ve been meaning to e-mail you, but have neglected to do so until now! I just wanted to let you know what a great time Reilly had at Camp Savannah this summer. In fact, as we were pulling out of the parking lot on the last day of camp, Reilly was getting teary-eyed and saying how he was going to miss you!

It was so encouraging to pick him up everyday and have him tell me he had a “great” or “awesome” day when asked how it was. I definitely felt vindicated since I’d had to defend the cost of the camp to my husband! It was so worth the few extra dollars – and, actually, it wasn’t THAT much more than what I was expecting to have to pay for somewhere else much less convenient.

I told Reilly he could come back some for Winter Camp and will keep looking to see when else you may offer camp that coincides with school holidays!”

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“Just a quick note to let you know that my kids are having an outstanding time at camp this summer. My daughter has been going to JEA camp since she was 5 (maybe even 4?), and by far, I’ve heard more raves from kids this year than any year prior. Harry Potter week is a tremendous hit, especially the Potions Class. Pick-up/drop-off is a breeze, we love the 5-6 pick-up time, things appear safe, DJ is full of fun and energy, and everyone is having a blast. I also appreciate the addition of Anna as registrar. Communication is great, and my billing questions have been answered as needed.

Yeah, and thanks to you all for a great summer!”

| October 2011                                                                  |        |         |                                               |                                    |                                         |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday                                                                        | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday                                     | Thursday                           | Friday                                  | Saturday     |
| Sept. 25                                                                      | 26     | 27      | 28 Erev Rosh Hashanah<br>JEA Closes at 4 pm   | 29 Rosh Hashanah<br>JEA Closed     | 30 Rosh Hashanah<br>JEA Closed          | 1            |
| 2<br>Art Gallery<br>Reception- 2 pm                                           | 3      | 4       | 5                                             | 6                                  | 7 Erev Yom Kippur<br>JEA Closes at 4 pm | 8 Yom Kippur |
| 9<br>PJ Library @ Railroad<br>Museum- 2 pm<br>JEA Speakers Series-<br>7:30 pm | 10     | 11      | 12 Erev Sukkot<br>JEA Closes at 5 pm          | 13 Sukkot<br>JEA Closed            | 14 Sukkot<br>JEA Closed                 | 15           |
| 16                                                                            | 17     | 18      | 19 Erev Shemini Atzeret<br>JEA Closes at 5 pm | 20 Shemini Atzeret<br>JEA Closed   | 21 Simchat Torah<br>JEA Closed          | 22           |
| 23                                                                            | 24     | 25      | 26                                            | 27<br>Campaign Main<br>Event- 7 pm | 28                                      | 29           |
| 30<br>Shalom Y’All Jewish<br>Food Festival                                    | 31     | Nov. 1  | 2                                             | 3                                  | 4                                       | 5            |



# Kaleijewscope

By Stephen Safer, MSW

"To everything- turn, turn, turn. There is a season- turn, turn, turn and a time for every purpose under heaven" (The Byrds borrowing a portion from Ecclesiastes).

Picture the lead singer in a heavy metal/punk rock band - dressed entirely in black, covered in tattoos, multiple body piercings and multi-colored hair styles ranging from dreadlocks to mohawks. Now picture a clean cut- well dressed- observant Jew practicing as a professional psychotherapist. Peering into the past to present a future...

As a psychotherapist, clinical acumen and sensibility work in tandem. As a Jew, intellectual candor and spiritual prowess are striven for and lauded. I have found that drawing upon both my past and present has had an impact on the treatment with my patients as well as making an imprint on my personal life. Metaphorically, I liken it to turning a kaleidoscope and creating a new pattern with the same pieces of stone. So too, each of us employ the fragments and the vicissitudes of the past and present to sculpt and design the future both professionally and per-

sonally. I greet the challenges of the profession and having observed the curative dawn and thaw of healing, march optimistically forward.

Whether with individuals, families or in a group forum the bedrock of counseling is about dispensing hope; that restorative-therapeutic pulse by invoking a range of modalities and transmitting it to those in need. This gives me a sense of participating in the perpetual act of creation with G-d. It links the professional with the religious/spiritual. As a corollary it assembles a bridge between heaven and earth on which the mitzvos travel. Thus, aiding in the celestial amelioration called tikkun olam (repairing the world) which encapsulates the role of humanity in the spiritualization of the cosmos.

Rebbe Nachman of Breslov elucidates, "If you want to return to G-d you must make yourself into a new creation." There is a palpable poignancy in being able to assist someone through a tempestuous period of life. Likewise,



it helps define me as a Jew. To play a part in quelling pain and anguish in whatever shape it may take imbues my life with chromatic significance. Being able to touch the lives of people in such a capacity is truly a bright blessing. It allows those in need to become a new creation, to reconstruct themselves, and it affords me the opportunity for introspection and self discovery; thereby bringing me closer to G-d.

Life is not merely a rotation of arbitrary patterns and events. There is glistening beauty and mesmeric symmetry that fills this field of vision. Turning from what I was to what I am is an ongoing kaleidoscopic process. Each turn has borne new patterns in my life. It is

the background light (of G-d) entering the scope of life that ultimately illuminates the creation of colorful patterns that now gyrate in the kaleijewscope. This fresh vivid view is multihued and ever-present; not aimless and evanescent. Behold! There is a time for every purpose under heaven. Have a look, take a turn and see what develops...

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## Savannah Jewish ARCHIVES

### The Tuesday Group

Twice a month, a group of dedicated volunteers -- known as "The Tuesday Group" -- meet at the Georgia Historical Society to research and document the history of the Savannah Jewish community by collecting and identifying old photographs and by interviewing members of the community.

Over the years, this group has, among other things, collected and stored the minutes and records of our major Jewish organizations, including those of our synagogues.

The volunteers are currently researching the role our Jewish community played in the development of Savannah's business and professional community by extracting information from city directories about businesses, reviewing obituaries, and searching for and scanning photos.

Thank you, Tuesday Group. You make a major contribution to the Savannah Jewish Archives.

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Suzanne Kartziper  
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Susan Lieber  
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Susan Lieber-Lozada and Diane Kuhr digitizing the archives photograph collection



Bobbie Levy and Marilyn Farley working on an index of Jewish-owned businesses



Sue Solomon researching incoming and outgoing donations in Congregation Mickve Israel minute books

The Archives is always looking for volunteers. Do you have a love of history? Contact Lynette Stoudt ( 912.651.2125 ) for more information.



# It's A Funny Thing

By Melinda Stein

As the Jewish New Year approaches, let's take a look at the lighter side of the High Holy Days:

A man approached the synagogue door on Rosh Hashanah, only to be turned away for lack of a ticket.

"Look, I only want to go inside for five minutes, to deliver a message to Mr. Levy."

The individual at the door answers, "Well, go ahead, but we better not catch you praying!"

A young child says to her mother, "Mama, we need to call the exterminator."

Mother asks, "Why, darling?"

"Because" answers the child, "the Sunday School teacher says that Roach Hashanah is coming!"

The rabbi was fed up with his congregation. So, he decided to skip the services on Yom Kippur, and instead go play golf. Moses was looking down from heaven and saw the rabbi on the golf course. He naturally reported it to G-d, and suggested that the Almighty punish the rabbi severely. The rabbi played the best game of his life, got a hole-in-one on the toughest hole on the course.

Moses turned to God and asked, "I thought you were going to punish him. Do you call this punishment?"

## Wave.....from pg 1

*desperately need our assistance.*

*Saving Jewish lives and ensuring the future of the Jewish people is Federation's paramount mission and is the focus of Federation programs. Whether it is providing food cards or rent payments for our Jewish brothers and sisters in need right here in Savannah or for the poor elderly Jews still living in the former Soviet Union, a day should not go by where we are not proud of the lives that we are saving and of the Jewish future we are ensuring."*

Lasky intends to accomplish a number of goals during his two-year term as President of the Savannah Jewish Federation. One of his top priorities will be the continued engagement of the next generation of leaders, many of them currently participating in Young Jewish Savannah programs and activities. Another will be the formation of a community Early Childhood Education program; which is so important and vital to the Federation's mission of ensuring the future of the Jewish people.

G-d replied, "Who is he going to tell?"

Congregant: "Rabbi, I believe that it's okay to eat at McDonald's on Yom Kippur!"

Rabbi: "What?? How could you think that?"

Congregant: "Because they serve fast food!"

An observant Jew traveling found himself stuck in a small Western town just before Yom Kippur. Finding a synagogue, he entered and realized that it was a very liberal service. He began reciting prayers to himself, and started to perform the tradition of gently pounding on his chest as he recited the list of sins.

Suddenly he was surrounded by the entire congregation – they thought he was having a heart attack!

True anecdote:

Jay Leno was performing his opening monologue the night after Yom Kippur. The audience response was flat and his material was bombing. He turned to his sidekick and said, "Man, it's impossible to get any good jokes during the Jewish holidays!"

A third priority for his presidency is to engender a communal understanding of our great local Jewish diversity. "We all know there are many ways to be Jewish and to embrace our Jewish identities... what is critically important to the Federation is not how you choose to be Jewish, but that you in fact identify yourself Jewishly in some way," stated Lasky.

A fourth priority is one of the recommendations of the 2010 Strategic Plan concerning the long-term fiscal health of the JEA. The Strategic plan recommended that the JEA expand and modernize it's Health & Wellness facilities in order to increase membership, and that the JEA utilize a portion of the property fronting Bull Street to retire the JEA debt.

His final priority is that the Federation engages in a meaningful endowment campaign in order to secure the financial future of the Savannah Jewish community.



Melinda Stein

## Campaign.....from pg 1

of Jewish Federations is a prominent force on Capitol Hill and in the Executive Branch.

William is a key player in foreign policy circles – advising policy-makers and elected officials on Jewish communal concerns, principally those related to the US-Israel relationship, the Middle East conflict, vulnerable Jewish communities across the world, and the fight to combat states that promote terror. In addition, William guides the Jewish community's advocacy efforts on the Federation movement's key domestic policy issues, principally on health and human services, such as Medicare and Medicaid, long-term care, and policies affecting older Americans, as well as homeland security programs and strengthening the capacity of the not-for-profit sector.

The Lions of Judah will roar into action on November 3<sup>rd</sup> when they will gather at the Second Harvest Food Bank to shelve the food collected during the Savannah Jewish Federation's annual Operation Isaiah food drive, followed by a luncheon at the home of Sharon Galin.

Mark your calendars for another Super Sunday/Funday on November 20<sup>th</sup>. More details will be available soon.



SJF Annual Campaign Chairs sing the Annual Campaign song

With the success of its annual campaigns, the Savannah Jewish Federation is able to provide yearly financial support to help sustain the following programs and organizations here in Savannah, in Israel and in Jewish communities throughout the world: American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; BBYO; Chanukah community celebration; community Purim Festival; Grants for teen travel to Israel; Hillel (GSU, SCAD, UGA); Jewish Agency for Israel; Jewish Educational Alliance; Jewish Family Services; Jewish Telegraph Agency; Operation Isaiah; Rambam Day School; Savannah Jewish Film Festival; Shaliach in Savannah; Shalom School; Yom Ha'Atzmaut; community celebration; Yom HaShoah community observance. Please plan to *Just Say Yes* to all of this and more with your gift to the 2012 Annual Campaign. If you would like to volunteer to help with the campaign, please contact Benjamin Bloom, 355-8111 or [programming@savj.org](mailto:programming@savj.org).

Did you miss the Campaign leadership team's performance at the Federation's Annual Meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>? They were too good not to share the act with everyone. You can sing along at home to the tune of Johnny Mercer's *Accentuate the Positive*:

*We've got to accentuate the positive  
Eliminate the negative  
Latch on to the affirmative  
Just say "yes" to our campaign team*

*We've got hard working volunteers  
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New faces young and old  
Just say "yes" when they call  
Jewish families and our youth need us  
Rambam and Shalom school need us  
Israel and JEA need us  
Just say "yes" to them all !!!!!*

*We've got to accentuate the positive  
Eliminate the negative  
Latch on to the affirmative  
Just say "yes" to our campaign team !!!*

## A *bissel* (little) Yiddish I always wondered what was said?

*Bob(kes)* - beans, nothing  
That means *bobkes* to me.

*Farklemt*– bummed out, bad mood  
She looks very *ferklemt*.

*Kakameyme*—crazy  
What sort of a *kakmeyme* story are you telling him?



## Savannah Jewish Federation 2012 Annual Campaign

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### **Monday, October 10th— Campaign Kick-Off Breakfast— 8am to 9am**

This breakfast is for those who are working for the Annual Campaign. The breakfast will be held at a private Habersham Woods home and will include an orientation and rally to get pumped to do the important work. Call the Savannah Jewish Federation for details, (912) 355-8111.

### **Thursday, October 27th— Main Event— 7:30pm**

This dessert reception at the JEA will feature William Daroff, Vice President for public Policy and Director of the Washington Office of the Jewish Federations of North America. He is leading advocate for the American Jewish community's agenda in our nation's capital.

### **Sunday, November 20th— Super Sunday/Funday**

Make sure to be at the JEA in the morning to make the phone calls that are vital to save Jewish lives and stay for a day filled with activities for the entire family and open to the entire Jewish community.

Reach out to Benjamin Bloom by phone, 912-355-8111 or by email, [programming@savj.org](mailto:programming@savj.org) with questions or about how to volunteer for these exciting Annual Campaign Events.

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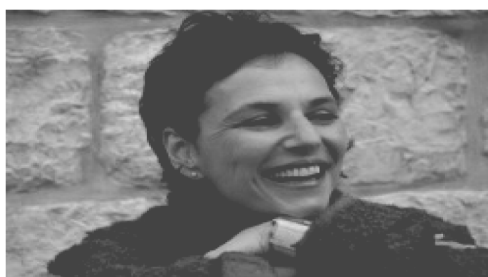
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# Four Questions for the Rest of the Year

Samuel Olenz,  
*Attorney General for the State of Georgia*



1. Even though our nation separates government and religion, we are in somewhat a product of our environment. Do your Jewish beliefs influence or impact your service to the State of Georgia? And how?

Religious precepts influence one's judgment, and religious beliefs concerning ethics and integrity play a role in decision making. However, decisions of the Attorney General are based on the laws of Georgia and not the personal opinions of the Attorney General. So while my religion most cer-

tainly impacts my service, I am guided by the U.S. and Georgia Constitutions which I am sworn to defend.

2. Having practiced the law for several years, what inspires you to still serve the people at the level of Attorney General?

I have had the honor of being in public service for the last 12 years. Serving as Attorney General is an ideal position because it allows me the opportunity to combine the practice of law and public service. Sir Winston Churchill

summed it up best when he said "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

3. What is a unique fact that a citizen of Georgia might not know about the position of Attorney General?

The breadth of the issues that come before the office on a day to day basis. My office represents each and every state executive agency so we see a vast array of legal issues. For example, a typical day could go from a meeting concerning the Department of the Corrections, to dealing with an issue before the

Board of Regents, to litigation by and against the state.

4. When did you know you wanted to become the Attorney General and what influenced you to pursue that level of service?

As Cobb County Chairman I missed the full-time practice of law. As I mentioned before, I enjoy the opportunity to mix public service with the practice of law. When former Attorney General Thurbert Baker announced that he would not seek re-election in order to run for Governor, I decided that it was time for me to run for the office.

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## Join Us At Mickve Israel

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

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

**To Eat:** The Shalom Y'all Jewish Food Festival will be held in Forsyth Park on Sunday, October 30, 2011, from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm.

For more information on the third oldest Jewish congregation in America founded in 1733, which is right in your community, contact Mickve Israel at 912.233.1547 or visit [www.mickveisrael.org](http://www.mickveisrael.org).



## A New Year For Rambam Day School

Rambam had a wonderful beginning to the school year of 2011-2012. We had a back to school evening with parents and children attending a spaghetti dinner. We had a wonderful turn out. Student council has already been busy partnering older students with younger students to have a big sister little sister, and big brother little brother buddy system. To welcome the Jewish month of Elul the student council had a treasure hunt that between clues and finding the right objects, places or person they hinted to the various topics of future activities of the student council.

The RDS volleyball team, the Lady Lions, are working hard. They have already begun the games for this season and they are giving the other teams a great run for the win!

Rabbi Landon's fourth grade class is using voicethread which is a website set up so a student can listen to the teacher read a passage, they can practice and then record the passage back for the teacher to listen to. It is pretty amazing! As well, through the Legacy Heritage Foundation, Rabbi Landon has also set up through their website a program which allows the children via computer to review their Hebrew vocabulary. Through this site the children can set up the vocabulary to review with them through various means, showing the English and they can flip the card to see if they knew the right answer, or they can set it up to show the Hebrew and then flip it to see if they knew the correct English meaning. Because it is through the technology, they have a blast and learn!

Rambam has met, Tal our new shaliach. By the time you read this article Tal would have already visited with a few of our classes. Tal has some wonderful ideas and projects that she plans to do with both elementary and middle school students. Rambam has had wonderful experiences with the shaliach program for the past few years. We look forward to an exciting year with Tal.

The students of all grades entered the doors of Rambam on the first day of school excited, (some of the two year olds were a bit apprehensive) and ready to begin a new school year. To date, all students are still happy (including the two year olds) and working hard!

Ten years ago on 9/11, nineteen terrorists from the Islamist extremist group, hijacked four commercial planes, deliberately crashing two of the planes into the upper floors of the North and South towers of the World Trade Center complex and a third plane into the Pentagon. Passengers in the fourth hijacked plane fought back, and the plane crashed into an empty field in western Pennsylvania.

The attacks killed nearly 3,000 people from 93 nations.

There are many lessons that have been taught through the devastation that took place on 9/11. One of the most integral lessons is what it means to have respect, tolerance and sensitivity from one individual to another. On the

sixth day of creation, the animals were created. On the same day but a half a day later, man was created. What separates these two significant creations of the Almighty? Man has the potential to grow within himself, tap into his strengths and talents and flourish. Man also has the ability to grow spiritually through the soul that G-d imbues within each of us when we are born. Man can use all of his elements and while he can become whatever his strengths and talents enable him to be, all of his being can assist him in being a *mentch*, a person of character. In this manner we are different from animals. The character of animals is imbued within them upon their birth. Animals are born with instinct and character traits that define their specie.

An animal sees a weaker animal in the distance and makes its move to capture and devour the weaker animal. All the stronger animal senses now is accomplishment. A human approaches this animal and asks the animal if it comprehends the devastation it caused to capture its prey? The animal responds and says, "I have no idea what you are asking. Look at what I accomplished!"

"Yes," says the human, "however, you destroyed a vegetable garden and you uprooted tons of bushes just to capture your prey. Why couldn't you just detour around the garden and the bushes? You could have accomplished the same goal."

The animal responds, "I don't know what you are talking about. It was time for lunch and I got my lunch!"

For an animal, the end justifies the means. For a human being, we must notice clearly how we choose to arrive where we wish to go. As a human being we must care about what and who. As a Jew, we must ask ourselves if our choices will bring pride to our Creator? Will G-d look at what I have chosen to do and see through me His purpose for creation being fulfilled. The world was created with kindness for us to come into this world and fill it with kindness, one to another.

In Rambam, throughout the day, the teachers set examples of noteworthy character, teach examples and lessons of noteworthy character and expect the students to personify what they see and what they learn. *The icing on the cake? An excellent Judaic and secular program.*



Ester Rabhan,  
Principal of  
Rambam Day School

## What would you do if God appeared to you?

Imagine you're sitting at home, and God shows up, what would you do? That's what happened to Abraham as he was sitting in his tent recovering from the circumcision he just had.

What did Abraham do? He looked away and ran to welcome three men who happened to walk by his tent. He invited them in, washed their feet and fed the strangers.

We might find this choice of priority surprising but the rabbis assure us of the righteousness of Abraham's actions, that the mitzvah of welcoming guests is greater than receiving the Presence of God!

Perhaps that should lead us to review our own perception of spirituality: not aiming to come closer to God by intense meditation on top of a mountain or in a secluded cave but, rather by inviting some stranger into our home.

Then we understand that the mitzvah of *hachnasat orchim*, of inviting guests, is not so much greater than welcoming the face of God, but really IS welcoming the face of God.

It's not difficult to see the king all dressed up in his fancy robes. But if you see the king alone in the forest, looking ordinary and even dirty, and you treat him with respect and awe, now that's something. Can we see the face of God on a stranger's face, and invite him in?

Anyone can be a spiritual person when God just shows up and appears to him, but a more meaningful measure of our spiritual depth is how we receive the stranger, even a dusty pagan, like Abraham did.

How well we welcome guests, all guests, is our highest spiritual practice. As we are all getting ready to celebrate

Rosh Hashanah, to repent before Yom Kippur and to take the tool box out for the Sukkah, let's remember that Sukkot is a holiday dedicated on the mitzvah of welcoming stranger.

According to tradition, we are expected to host guest Ushpizin, in our Sukkah every night. The mitzvah involves stepping out of our own comfort zone and welcoming the stranger in. Traditionally, the seven guests are: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, and David. In practice it could also be a new student or a retired couple that just moved to town.

Shalom School is also expecting guests, during these holidays and year round: we will host an Israeli Actress for a drama session with our older students and a Jewish camp fair will be held on November 6. We welcomed nine new families and a special needs teacher who joined our faculty. Of course, we'll make sure our new community *shlichah*, Tal, feels right at home every time she comes to visit and we'll keep looking around for more guests to welcome.

In the end, Abraham's three strangers turned out to be angels bringing a message from God, although he didn't know that when he brought them in. Had he not brought them in, who knows how the story might have ended.

Wishing you a year full of new friendships.

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Eva Locker,  
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# My Trip of a Lifetime

By Allison Hagan

For months before I even left for Israel I knew this was a trip that would change me. It did.

Ever since I was little, I dreamed about going to Israel. I learned all about it in Shalom School and at RamBam Day School. I knew that it was a place every Jew should go to. It's hard to put into words the feeling you get when you are in Israel, and the feelings that stay with you after you leave. Being there felt like "home".

When I arrived at JFK , I met my group, NCSY TJJ Bus # 5. Many of us



Allison Hagan on a hike in Israel

had already met on Facebook and Skype, so it was fun to meet face to face. The plane ride to Israel was 10 hours. No one slept. We were all too excited. When our plane finally touched down in Tel Aviv, everyone started screaming. We had made it to Israel!

Our group became like a family. The counselors were our teachers and each night we had "Chabura", small group learning time. We learned about Israel, ourselves, our religion, and the sacred places we would be visiting the following day. Each day I felt a little bit more Jewish, a little more connected to G-d.

We went to so many amazing places, and did so many incredible things. We went mountain biking down Carmel Mountain, hiking in the Golan Heights, rappelling at Amuka cliff, hiking down the Arbel Cliff, tubing and snorkeling in Eilat. We built rafts on the Kinneret River and kayaked on the Jordan River. We went to places like the Ancient city of Tzfat and learned how to scribe letters. We went to the site of the Yom Kippur War. We spent Shabbat in Jerusa-

lem at the Kotel, the Western Wall. We took a nighttime tour of the Kotel tunnels. We visited the site of the Battle of David and Goliath. We even did a cave-crawl at the Bar Cochba caves. And of course, spending four Shabbats in Israel was amazing.

One of the places that really moved me was Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial museum. Seeing the thousands of pairs of shoes that had once belonged to the children and adults who were killed, was something I will never forget. And as I learned that day,

no one should ever forget.

I want to thank the Savannah Jewish Federation for providing me with a scholarship for the most amazing experience of my life. My journey to Israel will stay with me forever!

*Allison Hagan participated in the NCSY Jerusalem Journey with the support of the Savannah Jewish Federation Youth Identity Initiative. Your generous gift to the SJF Annual Campaign makes it possible to assist young adults to experience the wonders of our Jewish homeland.*

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# 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Jewish Food Festival Oct. 30

By Nancie Meddin Clark

Does a bowl of matzah ball soup, a corn beef on rye sandwich and homemade apple strudel for dessert make your mouth water? Do you want some brisket, stuffed cabbage, a kosher hot dog, challah, latkes or blintzes? Maybe the new Sephardic pita delights are more to your liking.

On Sunday, Oct. 30 you can satisfy your cravings for these and other favorites at the Mickve Israel's Shalom Y'all Jewish Food Festival in Forsyth Park.

Lauri Taylor is chairman of the fund raiser for the second year and promises fun, friendly service and favorite Jewish foods to make you smile. She owns her own upholstery business, has a masters degree in organizational management and has worked in the restaurant business.

Entertainment chairman is Larry Dane Kellogg. Bill Averbach and his Klezmer Band will give the festival that old world flavor again this year.

Mark Friedman is handling logistics. That's no small undertaking when 10,000 people or more are expected in the park.

Food production chair for the event, Gail Dinnerstein is working hard to keep things authentic. While working in the kitchen she reminds her helpers, "We'll make more tomorrow!" Then she ferries some

of the homemade goodies to storage facilities some of which are nearly 30 miles away.

"I'm learning to be a master strudel baker," says Jules Kerness, former Shalom School principal. I always thought I was I was a fine chef, but baking strudel is different."

As she butters filo dough, fills and rolls strudel logs, Madeline Blank remarks, "I'm good with rugelach. I didn't think I would be good at strudel too, but this is a good method."

This year monetary donation booths will be set up for Second Harvest and Backpack Buddies. And several members of the Gottlieb family will be on hand to sign Michael's new Gottlieb's Bakery cookbook.

There is no admission charge for The Jewish Food Festival, but tickets to purchase booth offerings are \$1 each. Vast quantities of food are required for the festival as well as the services of a small army of congregants and corporate sponsors. They would all like to see you in the park. Savannah has enjoyed all their hard work, food and fun since 1988.



Gail Levitas, Gail Dinnerstein, Sue Solomon, Madeline Blank, Jules Kerness and Julie Hirsch prepare Strudel

## Apple Strudel

### Ingredients:

1 package Filo Sheets thawed  
1 stick melted butter  
1 tablespoon water  
2 tablespoons granulated sugar  
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 large can of apples  
2 tablespoons raisins  
Confectioners' sugar (optional)

### Directions:

Heat the oven to 375°F.

Plump raisins in sweet red wine. Stir the sugar, flour and cinnamon in a medium bowl. Add the apples and raisins and toss to coat. Unfold the filo sheets on a lightly floured surface. Use 3 to 5 sheets of Filo per log. Coat each sheet with melted butter.

With the short side facing you, spoon the apple mixture onto the bottom half

of the pastry sheet to within 1 inch of the edge. Roll up like a jelly roll. Place seam-side down onto a baking sheet. Tuck the ends under to seal. Brush the pastry with butter again. Cut several slits in the top of the pastry. Bake for 35 minutes or until the strudel is golden brown. Let the strudel cool on the baking sheet or a wire rack for 20 minutes. Sprinkle with the confectioners' sugar, if desired. Cut into one inch segments.



# AA Sisterhood's Paid Up Members Appreciation Event

By Ellie Galin

The Sisterhood at Congregation Agudath Achim welcomes all members to its annual Paid Up Members Appreciation Event. This will take place on Sunday, October 23, at 11:30 am.

Our program will feature Drs. Tassie and John Hargrove of the Holistic Health Center of Savannah on Hodgson Memorial Drive. Tassie and John are certified Clinical Nutritionists and Chiropractors. They are also diplomat eligible in Applied Kinesiology. Tassie received her BS degree from Clemson University and her Doctor of Chiropractic at Life University in Atlanta. John received his BS degree from Winthrop University in South Carolina and his Doctor of Chiropractic at Life University in Atlanta. Both doctors specialize in a wide range of physical conditions including general health, weight gain and loss, low energy, hor-

mone imbalances and many other challenges. Their presentation will feature Applied Kinesiology which is a system that evaluates structural, chemical and mental aspects of health using manual muscle testing along with other standard methods of diagnosis. Their highly informative presentation will help all attendees gain better health and well-being knowledge.

Harriet Ullman is in charge of the food and she will prepare our delicious lunch which will feature Asian food.

There is no charge for this event. Dues, if not paid in advance, can be taken care of at the door. The Sisterhood Judaica Shop will be open.

Chair of the event is Helene Friedman. Please RSVP to Helene at 238-5654 or wfried8560@aol.com. So that we'll prepare enough food for all, please respond by Sunday, October 16. We're looking forward to saving a seat for you.

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### The Challenge

The fund's creators have generously issued a challenge to the community to participate in the creation of the Tikvah Fund. For every dollar donated to the fund by members of the community (up to a total of \$20,000), the fund's creators will match the donations dollar for dollar!



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10,500 North American Students Participated in Birthright

By eJewishphilanthropy.com

Nearly 20,000 young adults participated in the Taglit-Birthright Israel trip program this summer, among them 10,526 registered students from over 712 colleges and universities across North America.

Students came from large universities with substantial Jewish populations to small colleges – representing approximately 20 percent of all colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

The University of Michigan had the highest trip representation with 326 students, followed by the University of Florida with 226 students, Indiana University with 200 participants, and University of Maryland and University of Pennsylvania both with 165 participants each.

Among student participants, 3,500 traveled together with students from their schools, on 89 campus-based buses. Some buses were affiliated with

or sponsored by local Jewish Federations, donors and foundations, in an effort to increase the number of participants from their respective communities. Their efforts produced a record number of community trips, with 65 buses representing more than 30 communities.

This summer more than 40,000 Jewish young adults in North American had applied for nearly 15,000 summer trip spots, a record number of North American applicants, filling available openings in the shortest registration period ever.

While the majority of this summer's participants came from the US and Canada, there was a significant number from other countries, such as Russia with 1,006 participants, Argentina with 449, and Germany with 439. In all, participants this summer came from 45 countries, including 35 participants from India, three from Finland and five from Cuba.

By the year 2013, Taglit-Birthright

Israel would like to send 51,000 young Jewish adults annually on the free, 10-day educational trip. This would mean that, at this participation rate, within a decade one in every two Jewish young adults worldwide would participate in a Taglit-Birthright Israel trip. In January, the Government of Israel announced it would contribute \$100 million in funding over the next three years to achieve the 51,000 goal, contingent on funds raised in North America and worldwide.

Registration for the Taglit-Birthright Israel winter trips has begun for young adults who have applied in the past and, if you apply in time, room for new applicants too. Visit [www.birthrightisrael.com](http://www.birthrightisrael.com) for more details.

*Taglit Birthright Israel is a beneficiary of the SJF Annual Campaign. Your support of the Annual Campaign has made it possible for over 80 Savannah area young adults to participate in Birthright Israel – Your dollars in action!*

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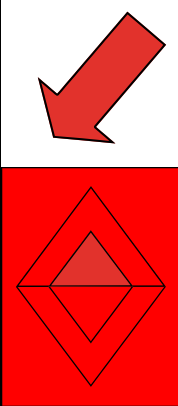
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**Wanna-be no more:** Life membership is on sale for \$100 until 12/31/11! This is the year to enjoy **Hadassah** events as President Joanna Rich and her board implement programs locally that cover all interests and ages based on members' requests, the national office has reduced lifetime membership to only \$100 until December 31, 2011, and the membership is planning to go to Israel as a group to celebrate the centennial in October, 2012! Join Hadassah and our newest member, SJF Shlichu Tal Bratman, in Sukkahs all over town (with a special Sukkah party for YJS members). See *Faces of Hadassah SJN Ad* to learn more.

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|                                                                                     | <b>Henrietta Szold</b> creates <b>Hadassah</b> in the same year Girl Scouts were founded in Savannah | <b>Frances Rabhan</b> leads Savannah Hadassah and Henrietta Szold heads Youth Aliyah saving German children | <b>Miriam Levy</b> leads Savannah when Mt Scopus Hospital is built to house Hadassah school of nursing & med students | <b>Sukkot Savannah Style</b> Pick a time and Hadassah will find you a place to relax in a sukkah and meet nice people! | <b>Women &amp; Wealth</b> Luncheon Series Guest speaker <b>Barbara Bart, Ph.D.</b> JEA noon to 1:30 Program free Lunch \$10 | Join us in <b>Israel with Hadassah:</b> <a href="http://hadassah.org">hadassah.org</a> to sign up today |                                                                                       |

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