



Annual Campaign Schedule

Oct. 1, 6pm: Campaign Briefing

Susan Moray, VP, Philanthropic Advancement, Jewish Federation of Atlanta will take campaign volunteers through the ins and outs of raising money for Federation. Do you think you have something to contribute? Please plan to be there. RSVP to 355-8111 or rsvp@savj.org.

Oct. 15, 7pm: The Main Event

Best-selling author Bruce Feiler speaks on his new book, *AMERICA'S PROPHET: Moses and the American Story*. Watch your mail and e-mail for more details.

Oct. 28, 12pm: Women's Luncheon

Mark your calendars now for this always inspirational event, supported generously this year by Mathews Seafood. Details coming soon.

Nov. 15, 10am: Super Sunday

It's time for our annual Telethon. If you make your gift earlier you can save us the call.

TBA: Lion of Judah event

Hear the mighty roar of Savannah's Lions at a specially planned event.

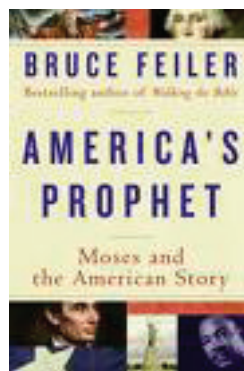
Bruce Feiler to Headline Campaign Main Event

The Savannah Jewish Federation's 2010 Annual Campaign will kick off on Thursday, October 15th at the JEA with a family-style dinner featuring best-selling author and native son, Bruce Feiler. Feiler will be talking about his newest literary venture, *AMERICA'S PROPHET: Moses and the American Story*, which will be released the previous week. In his new book, Bruce reveals how the story of Moses, the greatest prophet of the Jewish people, has pervaded American culture and shaped our nation's core values more than that of any other figure. He will take us on a journey through our country's history and demonstrate how Moses' "presence" throughout it and the creation of this Promised Land parallel that of our people's history thousands of years ago.

David Byck, chair of this year's annual campaign, said: "We are thrilled that Bruce has chosen to come home

to Savannah to kick off the tour for his new book. Its lessons about the leadership of Moses and its ultimate messages of hope and challenge to Americans to build a better world could not be more timely as we embark on our annual duty to raise funds for our community and our fellow Jews in Israel and around the world."

Federation Past President Merry Bodziner will chair the Main Event. Other upcoming campaign events include a Campaign Briefing for all campaign solicitors and event workers on October 1st with Susan Moray of the



Jewish Federation of Atlanta; the annual Women's Division Luncheon, chaired by Barbara Aronson, will be held on Wednesday, October 28th, and the Lion of Judah event, chaired by Ellen Byck, and Telethon are planned for Sunday, November 15th.

Women's Division Chair Sherry Dolgoff and Vice Chair Peggy Harris, along with Men's Division Chair Amos Timna and Vice Chair Paul Kulbersh, are in the process now of forming the various solicitation divisions for the campaign. If you are interested in helping out on Campaign or any of the events, please call or write Lynn Levine at 355-8111 or lynn@savj.org.



Bruce Feiler

Young Jewish Savannah's Latest Event – A Wedding

Special to the Savannah Jewish News
By Matthew Allan

Young Jewish Savannah was founded in the summer of 2008 as a community-building device for Jewish professionals 21-40 years of age. Faithful readers of the *Savannah Jewish News* have followed the accomplishments of YJS and its participants ever since. We're happy to report that YJS has taken community building to a

new and literal level, with the first YJS wedding.

On July 19, Matthew Allan wed fellow Young Jewish Savannah steering committee member Michelle Russo in an afternoon ceremony at 45 Bistro, at the Marshall House downtown. Facing advancing years and impending elimination from the YJS demographic, Matthew was thus able to assure himself continued participation in the group. Rabbi Kenneth Leitner of Congregation Agudath Achim officiated at the ceremony. Seven



Matthew and Michelle Allan



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You Are Cordially Invited to Attend
The 66th Annual Meeting of the
Savannah Jewish Federation

Wednesday, September 9, 2009
7:30 pm

Jewish Educational Alliance

Installation of New Officers
and new members of the Board of Governors

Linda Zoller, *president*; Michael Kooden, *president-elect*,
Jeffrey Lasky, *vice president*; Stephen Greenberg, *secretary/treasurer*,
Neil Brecker, David Byck, Jerald Gottlieb, Janis Javetz, Harvey Lebos,
Allan Ratner, Amanda Reeves, Laurie Rubnitz, Helese Sandler
Joel Greenberg, *immediate past president*
Meredith Bodziner, *past immediate past president*

Special Recognitions

Honoring the 2009 Campaign Management Team

Sharon Galin, *Chair*,

Jerry Konter, *Men's Division Chair*

David Byck and Amos Timna, *Vice Chairs*

Carole Cohen, *Women's Division Chair*

Sally Krissman and Peggy Yellin, *Vice Chairs*

President's Special Recognition Awards

Young Leadership Award

Retiring Board Members

Nancy Feldman, David Kahn, Michael Konter, Jeff Neil, Fred Rabhan



High Holidays Issue





(REBIRTH)

In observance of Rosh Hashanah, 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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Lessons Learned Abroad

The very first passport I owned featured a quotation from Benjamin Franklin, who was, among other things, a very seasoned traveler. Though I don't remember it in detail, the gist of it was that travel broadens your horizons, educates you in the ways of others and gives you a better appreciation of home. As is frequently the case, Franklin was correct.

Carol and I recently returned from a wonderful vacation to Scandinavia. Twice we celebrated Shabbat aboard our cruise ship... once in a force 9 gale and once on calmer seas. We sang z'mirot, lit candles and recited the blessings with a small number of our fellow Jews from both sides of the Atlantic. Forget for a moment that on a small cruise ship setting sail from Copenhagen the only religious service mentioned in the daily bulletins was Erev Shabbat; or that they set out challahs, kosher wine and siddurs for us unsolicited each Friday. We had different melodies for L'Cha Dodi and (of course) Adon Olam, but we were all comfortable nonetheless. We played Jewish geography afterwards—the international version. The four Londoners did not belong to Bevis Marks (the three hundred year old synagogue whose members sailed here 276 years ago to found Mickve Israel) but one had a sibling who was married there. They told me that for weddings and Selichot they light the sanctuary with candles only (as we currently do for Selichot services at the Temple). One had a daughter at a summer program in Israel. (I have a son digging for artifacts in the Jordan Valley). Small world...

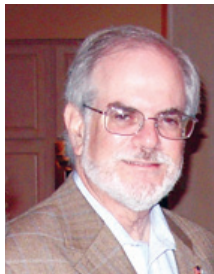
Back on dry land, we visited the Danish Jewish Museum. The story of Jewish immigration in waves, first the Sephardim, then the Ashkenazim, closely paralleled the Savannah experience. So too did their minor disagreement with their first rabbi. They dealt with it rationally by moving his chair off the bimah and locking him out. Here in Savannah when the first rabbi went out of town to perform a brit milah, our predecessors changed the lock on the temple door.

And then it was time to come home. Of course there will always be differences in customs: Europeans cue up spontaneously and generally are unfamiliar with the recipe for ice. But whenever I

am away, I'm surprised to see just how many things are the same... which makes it that much more surprising when I see how often we choose to emphasize our differences here at home. To the European and British passengers I met, I was an American. If they were Jewish, I was an American Jew. It frankly took some work to explain what the differences between the various religious streams meant.

I suppose internecine squabbling is part of being a member of any family; and one can make a very good case for our Jewish family being as dysfunctional as any other. But rest assured that to the ninety-eight plus percent of the population which is not Jewish, we are all pretty much peas in a pod. We would all do well to remember this when we deal with community issues: whatever our differences of opinion regarding how we observe, or what our priorities should be, we are a family. We tend to magnify our differences when we are all together, which is not altogether a bad thing. Innovation and progress come from working out ways to satisfy the needs of a variety of people at the same time. It is when we look at these differences as insurmountable that opportunities turn into obstacles and diversity becomes divisiveness.

As my time as President of the Savannah Jewish Federation comes to an end I continue to believe that there is nothing so dangerous that it cannot be discussed. I continue to believe that those things which unite us are stronger than those which divide us. I believe that men and women can have differences of belief and opinion and still find ways to accommodate those with whom they disagree. We have been finding ways to overcome our differences for years, for centuries, for millennia. Our future demands that we continue to do so in the future, and I have complete faith that we shall. As we say in Hebrew: "Viva la familia."



Dr. Joel Greenberg
President,
Savannah Jewish
Federation

A Time for Reflection

Given the heat of the last few weeks it feels like summer is kicking in again, but with children going back to school, it is clear that summer is coming to an end... and the community agenda is once again bulging with activity.

We are gearing up for a new Federation Annual Campaign, a campaign that will hopefully surpass last year's numbers. While the economy continues to be of great concern, we have incredible capacity to give. The needs could not be more poignant as our Jewish Family Services is assisting members of our community who find themselves in need, many for the first time.

There is a super team lined up for the campaign with David Byck, Sherry Dolgoff, Amos Timna, Peggy Harris, and Paul Kulbersh leading a cadre of division chairs and workers. Events are in the planning stages and we are all very excited. Young Jewish Savannah has a full plate of activities scheduled, The PJ Library is really coming into its own, a new Shaliach will be arriving in two weeks—there are dozens of Federation and JEA activities and events in the works. At the Federation Annual Meeting, the Strategic Planning Committee will be making recommendations to the entire community.

It's nice to be busy... and it's nice to be busy doing things that have a really positive impact on the quality of Jewish life in Savannah. However, I continually ask myself: "are we are doing the right things... and are we doing them at the right time?"

Our community is rapidly changing: in total numbers, in age, in employment and income levels, in geographic distribution, etc. If we keep "doing what we've been doing" in the face of all this change, how do we know we

are truly meeting the current needs and expectations of a new generation of Jewish Savannahians? The Savannah Jewish community has always "been small and acted large." Given our limited resources, it is more important than ever that we begin to think about our work, both in terms of the changes so rapidly taking place and in terms of the new priorities they may now present to us.

However, before we do so, we need to demonstrate the willingness to be genuinely and broadly inclusive. We can begin this process by simply talking and listening to each other, about the kind of community we really want—now and in the future—the kinds of programs and services we really need—now and in the future—and the kinds of commitments we are prepared to make in order to have the results we seek.

We are now entering the season of our High Holy Days. This is a period for reflection, self-assessment and renewal. As busy as we are, this would seem a most appropriate time for the Federation and the JEA, and for every individual responsible for these organizations, to step back and appreciate our successes, acknowledge our shortcomings and re-commit ourselves to creating a meaningful Jewish future for ourselves, our children and our entire community.

May the New Year be one of Blessings, Peace, Health, Prosperity and Awareness for all of us.



Adam Solender

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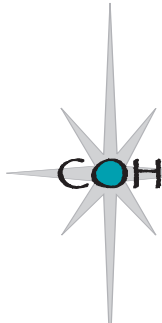
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When approached by Savannah Jewish Federation leadership this summer concerning chairing the annual campaign, my first thought was "how are we going to raise money in this declining economy?" I feel certain that the 66 chairs before me had similar concerns and problems. What became apparent is that this community has always risen to the occasion. So I guess that the obvious need for this service as well as the generosity of our community talked me into accepting the role.

I have had the honor of serving on the allocations committee the last two years, and the process is very enlightening. Not only do we provide resources to our own here in Savannah, but we provide critical funding for regional, national, and international organizations. Thus this year's campaign theme was born! Our gifts to federation truly are doing a "World of Good."

As the New Year is upon us I ask you all to join me in celebrating our collective success and help support others that have not been as fortunate. It is unlikely that any one of us has not

faced some difficulty with some aspect of finances this past year. It is also unlikely that any one of us does not personally know others that faced more challenges than we. It is our duty, rather it is commanded, that we step up to help others.

I have a wonderful management team to introduce to you. The men's chair is my long-term colleague and friend Amos Timna. His vice-chair is Paul Kulbersh. Our women's chair is Sherry Dolgoff and Peggy Harris is the women's vice-chair. They are in the process of building their teams and I am proud to say that everyone we have called has been willing to help in some fashion. Of course we also have our professionals, Lynn and Adam, who are guiding us and providing support.

On behalf of the entire team I wish you a Happy New Year. Please help us provide for others. The one gift you give to SJF will provide a "World of Good."



David Byck

JELF Loans Nearly One-Half Million In Time Of Greatest Need

The Jewish Educational Loan Fund (JELF) has awarded more than \$450,000 in interest-free loans to 126 Jewish students throughout the southeast for the 2009-2010 academic year. JELF received a record number of applications this year. To the Savannah area, JELF loaned more than \$5,000.

"The economy has certainly impacted the need in our communities," says Jerry Riemer, Loan Review Co-Chair. Co-Chair, Kathe Brown adds, "In the greatest time of need, JELF is proud to be here for the Jewish students in the southeast who would not be able to pursue higher education without JELF's assistance".

While JELF currently administers approximately \$2.9 million in outstanding loans, it has maintained its impressive 98 percent repayment rate. As students repay their loans, JELF uses those payments to make new loans, creating a circle of *tzedakah*. Applications for the 2010-2011 academic year will be available on JELF's website at www.jelf.org in February 2010.

Before JELF's interest-free loans are awarded, students must demon-



strate that they have sought funding through other sources, including loans, scholarships and grants, and have come up short in meeting their needs. Students also must maintain a minimum grade-point average to continue to receive

their loan.

The Jewish Educational Loan Fund, a non-profit organization based in Atlanta, grants interest-free loans to Jewish students from communities in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia for post-secondary study at accredited institutions. JELF loans are "last dollar," meaning they supply the final funds that a student needs to attend school. These loans can be used for study at a college or university, graduate school or professional/vocational school that leads to a degree or certificate.

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And we also thank the more than 30 donors who chose to make their contributions to this year's Friends Campaign anonymously.

Letter to the Editor.....

Dear Savannah Jewish News,

I just want to rave about how wonderful The PJ Library is for my son, and the whole family. We are a military family, and my son is used to being in an overtly secular culture. It is very meaningful and affirming to him to get Jewish-themed books, addressed to him, in the mail every month. He is always excited about these books, and wants to read and re-read them right away. It is much more meaningful to him than when I try to take books out of the library. I strongly believe that this program supports and affirms my son's Jewish identity, and makes a difference in our lives. Thank you for this wonderful program.

Sincerely,
Kathy Roth-Douquet

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Try the 2009-2010 JEA Speakers Series

Dick Berkowitz

My wife, Lynn and I moved to Savannah for many reasons and we love it here. Because Lynn is a native Savannahian and because we have been coming back to visit over the past 37 years we have been married, it was, in a sense, coming home even for me. We also have made a host of wonderful friends at the Landings where we live – many like family – and have deepened our friendships among the local community in general. We have become involved with the Jewish community and we both believe in giving back and actively participating in community events and programs. I did not come here just to play tennis though I love doing that.

I was asked to join the JEA Board of Directors and subsequently I began the JEA Speaker Series three years ago. My purpose was to bring outstanding experts and speakers in their respective fields of endeavor and for the topics to be of such varied range that they would attract Jews and non-Jews alike. With the wonderful support of local patrons I have been able to attract a significant number of interesting speakers to speak about a variety of issues of local and national interest. Some of the topics have been political, some have been educational, some have been religious — all have been enlightening.

While the Savannah Jewish community is a small community, it also is a very involved and active one. The Speakers Series strives to bring the community together and provide unique opportunities with an educational framework, stimulating conversation, and a way to connect or reconnect people with the JEA.

We have a great lineup for the upcoming year and I hope this article will encourage you to come to some of these programs. You should find

them both surprisingly enjoyable and stimulating.

[Editor's note: Unless otherwise noted, all presentations are Sunday evening at the JEA at 7:30 pm. Additional details on each program are published in corresponding issues of Savannah Jewish News.]

- October 25: Dr. Annie Anton - Identity Theft.
- November 8: Dean Eva Brann - Is a Liberal Education Necessarily Secular?
- December 6: Harvey Coleman - Would You Like To Pass The Unwritten Rules of the Game To Your Children? (second appearance)

2010 schedule:

- January 31: Elliot Chodoff - Middle East Update. (third appearance)
- February 21: Kim Strassel - *Wall Street Journal* editor speaks on current political issues.
- March 21: Bob Weinbauer, Dave Smith - Final Four Basketball Analysis.
- April 18: Kennesaw University Student/Faculty Musical Program - The Speaker Series goes musical. This program will be held at Mickve Israel. Introduced by the Dean of the Kennesaw Music and Arts Department, Joe Meeks, pianists Robert Henry (faculty) and Angela Anzai (student) and violinists Helen Kim (faculty) and Adam van Housen (student) will perform.
- May 9: David Lowe (Savannah's own) - Was Churchill Right about Democracy?
- October 17: Jane Nagle - Pine Woods Project. (second appearance)
- November 7: Avi Jorisch - Understanding Islamic Theology and Philosophy and its Impact on World Affairs.
- December 5: John Morrison - How my Software Identified The 9/11 Perpetrators.

Savannah BBYO Holds Annual Awards Banquet/Installation

Wexler/Clark BBG and David Finn AZA held its annual awards and installation ceremony at the home of Sam Slotin in May. There are three special awards given each year by local families and voted on by the members of each chapter. Fred Clark presented the Janet M. Clark "Member of the Year" award to Frances Klein. Donna Eichholz (on behalf of the Radetsky family) presented the Sima Radetsky Goldfarb "MIT of the Year" award to Maddie Leffler, and Karen Cranman presented the Matthew J. Cranman "Member of the Year" award to Matthew Klugman. Congratulations!

The Wexler/Clark BBG chapter installed the following officers for 2009-2010:

N'Siah: Sheeri Bornstein
S'Ganit/Mazkirah: Frances Klein
MIT Mom: Maddie Leffler
Gizborit: Caroline Eichholz

The David Finn AZA chapter installed the following officers for 2009-2010:

Godol: Matt Klugman
S'Gan: David Sokolin
Moreh: Ben Adler
Mazkir: Elliot Kooden
Shaliach: Sam Slotin
Gizbor: Phillip Sadler

Savannah BBYO is proud to have two members on the Dixie Council Regional Board. Caroline Eichholz is Council Gizborit and Matt Klugman is Council Moreh. Also, congratulations

to Wexler/Clark BBG past President Emily Kahn and David Finn AZA past President Ross Kooden for being named the JEA's 2009 Harvey Rubin Award winners.

BBYO is a youth-led organization for teens in grades 9-12. For more information, contact Joanne at THREERED@AOL.COM.



Frances Klein and Fred Clark



Maddie Leffler and Donna Eichholz

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

Jason Hunter Doyno on July 11. Jason is the son of Kim and Ian Donyo of Long Island, NY. Grandparents are Pat and Howard Cooper of Savannah and Fran and Stu Doyno of Long Island, NY. Uncle is Daniel Scott Cooper of Thomasville, GA and Adam Doyno of Long Island, NY. Great-grandmother is Anne Hummel of Sunbury, OH.

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Dr. Annie I. Antón

A frequent expert witness before Congress on issues of security and the Internet, Dr. Antón is a national leader in the computer science and personal privacy field. A professor at NCSU in Raleigh, Dr. Antón is the founder of theprivacyplace.org, a research group working with politicians and policy makers in meeting the electronic challenges of the 21st century and beyond. Her research focuses on methods and tools to support the specification of complete, correct behavior of software systems used in environments that pose risks of loss as a consequence of failures and misuse. Prior to joining the NC State faculty in 1998, Antón received all of her degrees from the Georgia Institute of Technology: a doctorate in 1997 with a minor in Management & Public Policy, an M.S. in 1992, and a B.S. in 1990 with a minor in Technical and Business Communication.

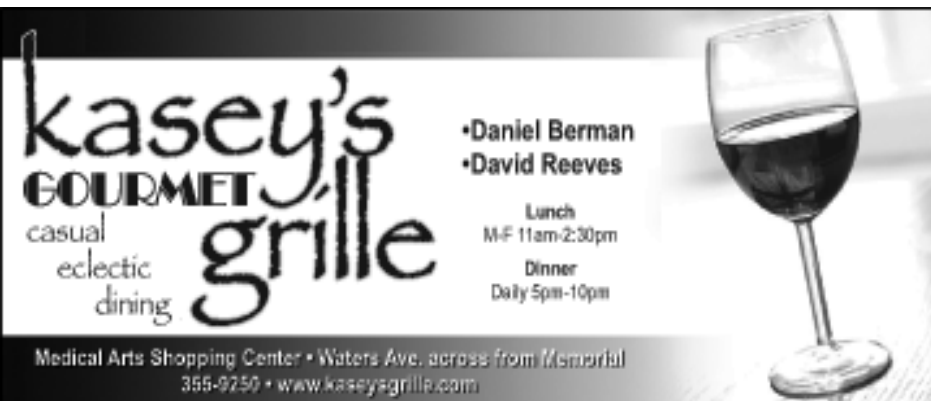


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members of YJS were among the attendees. Family members from Alabama, Arizona and New York mingled and compared the relative merits of humidity and dry heat.

Michelle and Matthew met at Young Jewish Savannah's Pizza in the Hut Sukkot event in October 2008. Michelle is a first-grade teacher at Juliette Low Elementary School; her

deep understanding of early childhood behavior will serve her well in married life with her husband. Matthew is a partner and broker at Keller Williams Realty and would like to remind you that it's a great time to buy. The Allans enjoyed a honeymoon in New York and Barcelona and are looking forward to contributing to the growth of Savannah's Jewish community.



Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Karen Lynn Bradley
Who died July 19, 2009

Preceded in death by her grandparents, Rose and Raymond Hirsch and Hannah and Aaron Bradley. Surviving are her parents, Riette and William (Deanie) Bradley; two brothers, Paul (Mindy) Bradley and Mark (Amy) Bradley, all of Savannah; nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins and her loving caregiver.

Remembrances: Coastal Center for Developmental Services, 1249 Eisenhower Dr., Savannah 31406.

Anne Pollock Richman
Who died August 2, 2009

Preceded in death by her parents, Aaron and Bertha Pollock and her husband, Harry Richman. Surviving are one daughter, Arlene (Allan) Ratner, of Savannah; two sons, Steven (Regina) Richman, of Richmond, Virginia, and Eric (Corrine) Richman, of Atlanta; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, the Jewish Educational Alliance, or the charity of one's choice.



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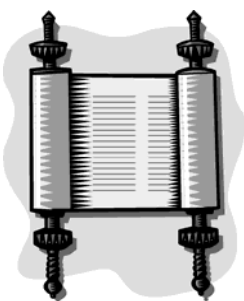
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Rosh Hashanah Greetings from Our Rabbinical Leaders

Financial Earthquakes and the Meaning of Life

From Rabbi Arnold Mark Belzer
Congregation Mickve Israel

One of the reasons that earthquakes are so frightening (even when you are in a safe place relative to falling structures and debris) is because the very ground upon which you always assume to be solid, still, quiescent, can no longer be counted on. The events of last fall, the near melt down of our economic system, challenged our sense of security and for many caused an emotional earthquake. For some who were counting on the steady growth of their portfolios for their retirement, their children's college funds, or just "the future," it seemed like all they had believed in had just failed. For many of Madoff's clients, who were completely wiped out, who had been lured to trust especially because of his Jewish connections, the tragic circumstances brought about a questioning of the very basic underpinnings of their lives. What is this life all about? Is there really meaning in living? (I experienced a real sadness to note that according to the testimony of some of Madoff's clients; it was only money that gave meaning to their lives.)

I am sure many of you have heard the following story:

There was a man who became obsessed with finding the meaning of life. He read many books, traveled the world, and sought out many teachers, but none of their explanations satisfied him. Finally, he heard of a very holy hermit who lived in a cave high in the Himalayas and was said by many to be the only man who truly understood the meaning of life. At once the man set out to find this holy teacher, and, after many adventures, he finally arrived at a cave high on a steep and forbidding mountain, where he saw an old man seated in the lotus position.

He asked the old man, "Honored sir, I've been told that you alone understand the meaning of life. Please be so kind as to share this secret with me." The old man answered, "Life . . . is a fountain." Perplexed, the seeker questioned back, "Life is a fountain?" And the old man answered, "You mean . . . life isn't a fountain?"

Surely at this time of the year as we contemplate the year that has passed and anticipate the year to come, the eternal question: "What is the meaning of life?" emerges from the depths of our souls. And if asked aloud as a serious question it is guaranteed to stop a conversation. All small talk, all political talk, all intellectual discussion pale in comparison to the very weight

of that question!

The Talmud teaches: *Just before a baby is born, an angel shows it everything there is to know and learn on Earth. Then at the moment of birth, the angel touches just above the infant's upper lip (the origin of the indentation), and the child forgets everything. We spend the rest of our lives remembering what the angel showed us.*

Just what did the angel show us? Well, if life isn't "a fountain," just what is the meaning of life? On the High Holy Days some rabbis often attempt to give a short pithy answer. "Life is about living 'in' Mitzvah." This is not bad; for some it's more than enough.

I really like this one. The meaning of life is: "everything counts!" We could call a meeting of the entire community to discuss the "meaning of life" (if it is not disrupted by those who believe that President Obama was born in Kenya and that reform of health care is a descent into a fiery hell). We could spend many fruitful hours in discussion. Some would quote from the sages and prophets of our Jewish tradition, our neighbors would undoubtedly speak from their diverse religious traditions, still others would paraphrase from secular sages, and some would speak articulately (or not) from their hearts and their souls. In the end, I am sure it would have been an entertaining, and hopefully, uplifting experience.

"So, Rabbi Belzer," you might ask, "do you have THE answer?" Perhaps, I do for myself. But we all have to ask the question. We all have to work through the process. We all have to do a "heshbon nefesh," an accounting of the soul. That is one of the most important themes of these Days of Awe.

A contemporary writer put it this way: Our tradition tells us that when God created the world, it was left unfinished. We are God's partners, assigned to finish the work of Creation. The world that we encounter is a mixture of chaos and order, of good and evil, of darkness and light. It is our job, as God's partners, to bring order to the chaos, to bring good out of evil, to cast light into the darkness. **There is a corner of the world that only you can fix.** You must find that corner, and applying your energies, imagination and intelligence, bring wholeness and healing. In that direction you will find the meaning of your life.

A million blessings to y'all in 5770!



Rabbi Belzer

Listening to ourselves, listening to each other

From Rabbi Kenneth Leitner
Congregation Agudath Achim

I have the privilege of writing to you from Israel shortly after the conclusion of the World Congress of Jewish Studies. While the Congress focused on academic subjects, the talk at lunch and more importantly, on the streets and in the restaurants, in shul and in people's homes, inevitably turns to the perception that "No one is listening." The reference, of course, is to the number of 'suggestions', for lack of a better term, of what Israel must do to achieve peace with its neighbors: Israel is being lectured - told - by those who do not have to live directly with the results what steps they must take. When Israelis have something to say they find that no one is interested in their message. This feeling becomes pervasive and begins to effect self-perception. Let us pray and do all that we can to insure that those who need to pay attention to Israel's message will, indeed, do so.

The perception that "No one is listening" is of utmost importance during the High Holy Days, when we engaged in *Cheshbon HaNefesh*, our accounting before God for the previous year, and give voice to our hopes and prayers for the coming year. How often do we leave a conversation, an encounter, where we have given voice to some deep need, or expressed some deep

feeling, only to leave with the feeling that words have left our mouth and fallen on deaf ears or an unfeeling heart? None of us can fix all things, but we have an obligation to be sensitive, to acknowledge - even if we can do nothing - the righteous need or sincere pain of the other.

This sense that "No one is listening" also affects our community. Too often there are exchanges, meetings, encounters, where words are spoken with sincerity and nobility of purpose, and too often, we are left with the feeling that "No one is listening." In our Savannah community, with all its richness and all the liabilities of size and distance from larger centers of Jewish life, we cannot afford to be a community where such a perception is given any credence. Indeed, we must be a listening, feeling, and caring community in which all have a vested interest.

As the High Holy Days approach, let us be the model of the "Good Listener". In turn, we can trust that when we speak, our needs, our concerns, our pain and our joy will be shared authentically. If we do this, the Holy One will surely inscribe us for a good year.



Rabbi Leitner

Just a Reminder

From Rabbi Avigdor Slatus
Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob

"Six years shall you sow your land and gather in its produce. And in the seventh, you shall leave it untended and unharvested, and the destitute of your People shall eat, and the wildlife of the field shall eat what is left; so shall you do to your vineyard and your olive grove."
(Ex. 23:10-11)

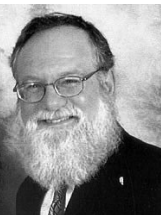
This is the mitzvah known as Shemittah; where the land of Israel is given a Sabbatical, or Shabbos, and whatever produce grows is available to all. The great sage, the Ramban, (Nachmonides) comments that this mitzvah is completely unrelated to theories of crop rotation or other means of preventing soil depletion of its nutrients. The Shemittah year laws enable us to recognize the sanctity of the land of Israel, as this law does not apply to land of the Diaspora but to Israel exclusively.

At first glance, these laws might appear to be strange or outdated; however, the Heavenly word is intended for all locations and every generation. The Divine mitzvah is eternal and immutable! Certainly there must be a profound message for one to leave his fields in Israel "unattended and unharvested" every seven years. Without question there are scoffers who deride this observance as some antiquated ritual of ancient man with no modern relevance.

In Exodus chapter 23 the verse immediately following the Shemittah laws states

"six days shall you accomplish your activities, and on the seventh day you shall desist" etc. (Ex. 23:12). The juxtaposition of these two mitzvas is obvious! The Shabbos day is sacred, the Shabbos year is sacred, the land of Israel is sacred. The great gift of the Shabbos is to replenish and rejuvenate both physically and spiritually. Families join together and enjoy the Shabbos blessings and even more important is the reinforcement of the knowledge that Hashem created the universe and all that exists and sanctified the seventh day. We reflect that as mortals, we are created for the sole purpose of serving our Creator and indeed, despite our accomplishments and achievements, we are thoroughly dependent upon Him. The Shemittah year reminds us that this earth and everything in this universe belongs to G-d and we are mere tenants. The land is His, the economy is His, the debts and credits are His, life is His. Perhaps this message is more relevant today than ever before. The scoffers are many because it requires character and immense strength to submit to a higher authority.

May 5770 be a year of blessing, prosperity and peace and may the "reminder" of the Shemittah year guide us throughout our lives.



Rabbi Slatus

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Team Savannah Represents the JEA in San Francisco Maccabi Games 2009

After a four-year hiatus from the JCC Maccabi Games, three athletes represented the JEA and Savannah in the Games that took place in San Francisco, August 2-7. Matthew Freedman, Elliot Kooden, and Jared Samuels joined athletes from around the world — delegations from all corners of the US as well as Great Britain, Mexico, Guatemala, and Israel. The JCC Maccabi Games are international sporting events for Jewish teens ages 13-16 that provide an environment for mutual respect, sportsmanship, health, physical fitness, and fun, and present young people with athletic, cultural, and social opportunities with other Jews from around the world. All athletic abilities are encouraged, as the experience is so much more than just sports competition.

The Opening Ceremonies of the San Francisco Games were held in the Cow Palace — home of the largest rodeo in the West — and the spectacle included a parade of 1,500 teen athletes, a tribute to the Munich Eleven, the lighting of the torch and a performance by the Israeli hip hop band Coolooloosh.

Athletic events continued all week, and our Savannahians competed well. Matthew Freedman, 15, played tennis (individual and doubles) and held his own in the recreational division. Elliot Kooden, 15, also played tennis-table tennis. He brought home a medal from the doubles round and lost in a competitive bronze medal match to a British ace. Jared Samuels, 14, joined forces with the home team San Francisco in flag football and played an integral part of the team as wide receiver.

All athletes were hosted by local families, giving them a more at-home feel to being in the city. Activities throughout the week included themed parties/dances in the evenings with lots of food, free video games, caricature drawings, photo booths, obstacle courses and other fun activities. Down time in between competitions was spent at Hang Time, where there was food, games, and Israel-themed activities led by visiting *shlichim*. Also as a way to give back to the host community, all athletes participated in the Day of Caring & Sharing, where they were dispersed to many of the city's parks and playgrounds to help clean

and beautify them.

The Closing Ceremonies took place at AT&T Park, home of the San Francisco Giants, where the athletes and coaches enjoyed great food and a party on the infield. The party included a dance floor and DJ, a giant

screen with live camera action, blow up bouncers, a laser tag maze, batting cages, whiffle ball, a highlight film, and a passing of the torch to next year's host communities by Lou Seal, the Giants' mascot.

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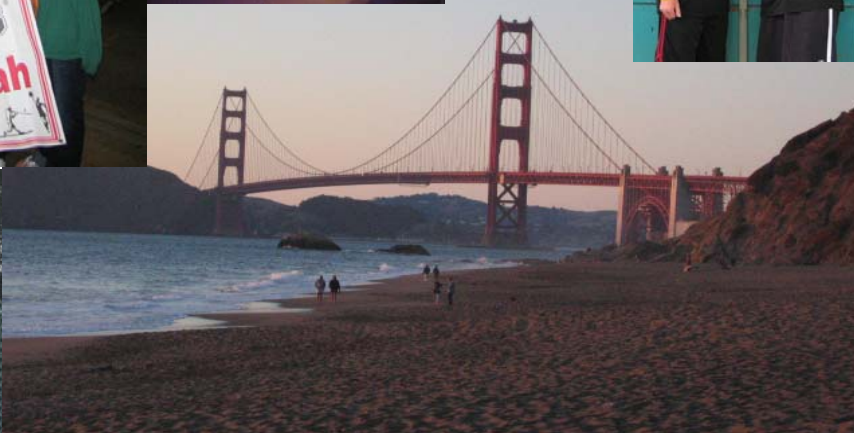
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San Francisco Maccabi Games 2009





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**Shana Tovah from
Scott Samuels
JEA President**

It is my honor as the 50th President of the JEA to wish you all a Shana Tovah on behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the Jewish Educational Alliance.

With each New Year come new challenges and opportunities. This year will be no different. We are faced with the very difficult issues presented by a facility whose core systems are almost sixty years old and just about everything else in it is almost twenty years old and ready for replacement. The good news, our membership is expanding. The bad news, it is not growing at a rate that can begin to keep up with the financial needs of our aging facility.

Where does that leave us? In the coming year our community will be required make some tough decisions if we want to maintain a Jewish community center for future generations.

The JEA was created almost 100 years ago to take care of Jews coming to America for the first time: a place where they could have a hot shower and a hot meal; a place where they would feel welcomed. And as our Jewish community became established, families joined and the JEA became the place where Jewish children forged life-long memories at the pool, in the game room, at camp and in after-school programs. We became the place that is recognized throughout Savannah as the Jewish home of Savannah. And over the years we've also become something more for the entire community, for which we can all be proud.

For more than a year I have been part of the community strategic planning committee that is looking at this issue and others and while we are exploring as many options as possible to help alleviate the JEA's financial situation, NOTHING WOULD HELP MORE THAN IF THE ENTIRE SAVANNAH JEWISH COMMUNITY WERE MEMBERS OF THE JEA. If you are reading this and you are a member of the JEA, thank you for your support! If you are not a member of the JEA, please make it your Rosh Hashanah resolution to join. We have membership categories to suit all needs and a policy that anyone who wants to be a member shall be a member. (Confidential financial assistance is available.)

We have an opportunity to bring our Jewish community together for one common goal—to keep the JEA open for future generations and to provide an example for our children as to what is important and why it is important for Jews to support other Jews. My hope for all of us is to have a sweet, prosperous year.

A MOVIE & BEER!

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

Sept. 3rd—Eight Candles—In the 16th century, Spanish Jews arrived in Mexico trying to escape Spanish Inquisition. In 1984, several families from the port of Veracruz began to investigate their origins and they discovered themselves to be descendants of these original immigrants. Thus began the fascinating adventures of the community of Beth Shmuel, a congregation of Jewish converts that has been fighting with the religious establishment in Mexico for acceptance. Eight Candles recounts the history of eight of these families.



**All movies shown at 7:30 pm
FREE to Members with ID * \$7 for Non-Members
FREE Beer, wine, beverages and popcorn**

Movie & Beer Night sponsored by Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein.

Please Join us
**Savannah Jewish Federation
66th Annual Meeting
Wednesday, September 9th
7:30 PM**

Dairy Desserts will be served

Installation of New Officers and
Board of Governors

Please RSVP to 355-8111 or
rsvp@savj.org

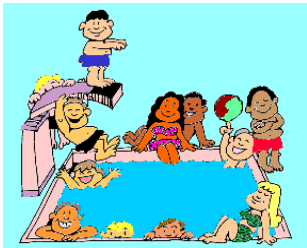
Labor Day Party at the Pool!

**September 6th
Labor Day Pool Closing
Baseball & Swim Team Awards**

As summer comes to an end, join your friends and family at the annual pool closing party at the JEA on Sunday, September 6th.

Enjoy great food, pool games and fun in the sun one last time!

We will also be hosting the Baseball and Swim Team awards.



Join Us!

Additional JEA Members

Below are additional JEA members who were inadvertently left off last month's roster:

Pam Eichholz
Anita Karnibad
Vivian Slotin

*The JEA Staff Wishes
You and Yours a Very
Happy Rosh Hashanah*



Art at the JEA



Bess Ramsey



Carol Duggar



Dottie Farrell

September Artists—Carol Duggar, Dottie Farrell & Bess Ramsey The City Market Artists - "Three Broads with a Brush"

Carol Duggar - Carol Duggar was born in Pembroke, GA. After living and traveling around the U.S. and other countries, she is planted again. An old tobacco barn has been renovated and serves as her art studio. Art has always been a part of her life, and her love of nature and traveling has her always observing and learning.

Carol chooses subjects that have meaning to her, whether it's an animal portrait, the local landscape or flowers from her garden, she finds inspiration from the connection she feels with a painting. Carol considers herself a colorist and a contemporary realist - painting in a realistic style that captures detail, as well as form and color without striving for photo realism.

"When I'm not painting, I am thinking about painting and the process - taking photographs, working on compositions and experimenting with colors," says Carol, "My intent with each painting is to reveal the power and presence of a subject, and a 'spirit' in a place or person."

Dottie Farrell – Growing up in rural North Carolina, Dottie developed a great appreciation for the beauty in the flowers and nature around her. While taking a "kiddie art" class in college, she discovered she had a real love and talent for art. She graduated from East Carolina College with BA and MA degrees in Elementary Education. While living in Japan for three years, Dottie had the opportunity to study oil painting. In 1998, Dottie discovered the wonderful world of watercolor. Over the next few years, she developed her talent through study under local artists Rebecca Willis and Kim Miller. Her work hangs in homes and offices throughout the U.S. and abroad. In 2005, Dottie joined Bess Ramsey in Studio One at the City Market Art Center in Savannah.

Today, Dottie paints with vivid colors in a very realistic style, paying close attention to detail and often with a touch of whimsy. She tries to capture the beauty and vivaciousness of "life" in this wonderful world where we live.

Beth Ramsey – Award-winning artist Bess Ramsey, recently retired, is now a full-time artist in Studio One in The City Market Art Center.

In 2002, Bess decided to concentrate on her first love, painting. With an art background, the former SCAD student is now showing and selling paintings in her studio in City Market. She was a successful interior designer in Savannah for many years, owning her own design business. The skills learned in that trade are evident when you see the manner in which she presents her work. Bess has attended numerous workshops here and abroad and has studied under many well-known artists. Her paintings hang in offices, homes and private collections of patrons in the United States and abroad.

Her work can be described as realistic with a strong design sense and a liberal use of color. She is a skilled draughts person and artist. Her paintings evoke strong emotion from her dramatic style and color.

**Artwork available for viewing September 1-30, 2009
Artist's reception on September 3, 2009, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**



The Jewish Educational Alliance Recycles!

Most of us have inkjet printers at home or work. Next time when you have an empty cartridge, don't throw it away! Just put it in a Ziplock bag or the original box and bring it to the JEA. We have a special recycle box next to the doors leading into the fitness center and babysitting room.

The JEA will be paid up to \$4 for each cartridge with a print head. We receive prompt payment when a box is filled and returned to Empties4Cash.

The benefits are 1) Reduced pollution—Cartridges do not decompose for 1000 years; 2) Save energy. Empty ones can be remanufactured and reused.

What cartridges qualify? Cartridges with a print head. That includes most of Hewlett Packard, Lexmark, Compaq, Canon, Dell, Brother and Apple. Please note: We do not except laser toners.

If everybody helps, we can make a difference. On average, a person uses 2 print cartridges a year! The potential is huge. Help us raise funds to support the JEA!

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Youth Soccer @ the J.E.A.



OPEN SOCCER PRACTICE / SIGN UP DAY

w/ Coach Dawn & Coach Mark
Sunday August 23, 2009 1-2pm
Kids ages 5 & up!



6U / 8U	10U
(Play @ Hunter)	(Play in City League)
\$50 Members	\$ 50 Members
\$75 Non-Members	\$ 75 Non-Members

Our program emphasizes the teaching of fundamental soccer skills, provides an introduction to competitive play, and stresses the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship.

**Practices will be on Sunday afternoons
Games will be played evenings during the week**
Games run for 8 weeks from Sept. thru Nov.
Call Coach Dawn for more info 355-8111

JEA Donations

(as of 8/13/09)

ARKIN-CLARK GARDEN FUND

In memory of Anne Richman
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Yoga for Kids
at the JEA

Who: Kids ages 4–12
When: Monday afternoons
*** Starts August 24th ***
Ages 4-7— 3:45–4:30pm
Ages 8-12 - 4:30–5:15pm
Where: Jewish Educational Alliance
Instructor: Dawn Tanis, RYT
Cost: \$20/ 4 classes (JEA members)
\$30/ 4 classes (Non-members)



- Benefits of Yoga:**
- Improves balance & flexibility
 - Improves focus & self-awareness
 - Builds strength & self-confidence
 - Encourages playfulness
 - Provides useful tools for managing moods (i.e. deep breaths)

- Classes include:**
- Yoga songs and games
 - Yoga Art - coloring, drawing, painting etc.
 - Breathing exercises
 - Yoga postures & movement (strength, flexibility, balance)
 - Focus/Meditation
 - And having LOTS of fun!!!!

Need After School Activities?

Join us at the JEA
After School Program!

Our program is available to all children ages 4years-5th grade. Our college-degreed instructors will offer homework help in all subject areas to every age.

In addition to homework help, we have gymnastics with Coach Wayne, Kids Yoga, art, cooking, sports, swimming and much more!

We will provide transportation from most local schools to the JEA (Heard Elementary, Jacob G. Smith, Charles Ellis)

Minimum Participation Required

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

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



FALL 2009 FITNESS CLASSES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	5:00-6:00 am Master Swim	8:30-9:15 am Spin Class	5:00-6:00 am Master Swim	8:30-9:15 am Spin Class	5:00-6:00 am Master Swim	
9-10 am Pilates	8:30-9:30 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:30 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:30 am Firm It Up	
10-11 am Total Body Blast	10:00-11:00 am AquaSize	10:00-11:00 am AquaSize		10:00-11:00 am AquaSize	10:00-11:00 am AquaSize	
	10:30-11:30 am Gentle Yoga		10:30-11:30 am Gentle Yoga			
	10:30-11:30 am Senior Fitness		10:30-11:30 am Senior Fitness	10:30-11:30 am Senior Fitness		
	Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball	
	3:45-5:15 pm Yoga for Kids					
	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-5:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	
	5:30-7:30 pm Karate		5:30-7:30 pm Karate			
	6:00-7:00 pm Spin Class					
	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics	6:30-7:30 pm Step & Weight Aerobics	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics		
	7:00-8:30 pm Aikido	6:30-7:30 pm Badminton	7:00-8:30 pm Aikido	7:00-8:00 pm Total Body Blast		
	7:00-8:00 pm Yoga Power Hour	7:00-9:00 pm Savannah Fencing Club	7:00-8:00 pm Yoga Flow	7:00-9:00 pm Savannah Fencing Club		



Jewish Family Services



Senior Adult Page



The Truth about Trans Fats

From the Ohio State Univ. Ext. Family Nutrition Program, v. 7, Issue 5, May 2009

Trans fats are formed when liquid vegetable oils are hydrogenated to make them solid. You find them in vegetable shortenings, some margarine, crackers, cookies, snack foods and baked goods to help them stay fresh longer. Studies show that trans fat raises the level of LDL cholesterol (not good) and can reduce the level of HDL cholesterol (the “good” cholesterol) in the blood. These two cholesterol changes may increase your chances of getting heart disease.

To lower total fat, saturated and trans fat in your diet try making these changes:

- Use liquid vegetable oils like canola, soy bean, corn oil or liquid sprays instead of solid fats.
- Choose tub, liquid margarine or vegetable oil spread instead of butter, lard, fatback, solid shortening and stick margarine.
- Buy light, low-fat or fat-free margarine and salad dressings.
- Eat less cookies, cakes, pastries, crackers, potato chips and snack chips.
- Substitute applesauce for part of the fat in brownies and quick breads.



Eat a Healthy Breakfast

(taken from the Ohio State University Ext. Family Nutrition Program bulletin)

Breakfast means “break the fast.” Why is breakfast so important? It has probably been at least 10 to 12 hours since dinner the night before. Would you expect your body to go that long between meals during the day?

Compare your body to a car. The car (and your body) can only go so far before it needs to be re-fueled. Our bodies, like cars, perform better with the right kind of diet. The benefits of eating breakfast include:

- Being more alert and doing better at school or work
- Being more creative and performing better
- Having a longer attention span and increased memory
- Having fewer headaches and stomachaches
- Being late less often and missing fewer days at work or school
- Having better attitudes and behavior
- Having better total nutrition for the whole day



If you skip breakfast to save time, have foods on hand that you can eat on the run.

If common “breakfast foods” don’t sound appealing, try something else. Leftover pizza, a peanut butter and banana sandwich, a breakfast burrito, or a fruit smoothie will be fine for breakfast. Eat breakfast as a family, if possible, and help everyone start the day right!

More Tips for Improving Your Memory

Don't smoke

Smokers perform worse than nonsmokers in studies of memory and cognitive function. Smoking increases the risk for stroke and hypertension, two other causes of memory impairment. No one knows whether smoking directly impairs memory or is merely associated with memory loss because it causes illnesses that contribute to poorer brain function.

Drink alcohol only in moderation

While heavy drinking can harm your memory, moderate consumption of alcoholic beverages may actually be beneficial. Research suggests that moderate drinking reduces the risk of dementia. But excessive consumption of alcohol is toxic to neurons and is the leading risk factor for Korsakoff's syndrome, a disorder that causes sudden and irreversible memory loss. If you have been a heavy drinker, cutting back can prevent further memory loss and will usually lead to some recovery of damaged memory function.

September 2009							
September 2009	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Daily Calendar Events  On-Going Programs	AquaSize -10 am Gentle Yoga -10:30 am Sr. Fitness -10:30 am Senior Lunch -12:30 pm Water Aerobics -6:30 pm Yoga Power Hour – 7 pm	Pilates – 8:30 am Kibitzers Kafe -10 am AquaSize -10 am Step & Weight Aerobics – 6:30 pm	Sr. Fitness - 10:30 am Gentle Yoga -10:30 am Senior Lunch -12:30 pm Bridge -1pm Water Aerobics -6:30 pm Scrabble -6:30 pm Yoga Flow – 7:00 pm	Pilates – 8:30 am AquaSize - 10 am Mah Jongg - 10:30 am Senior Fitness - 10:30 am Senior Lunch -12:30 pm Senior Program -1:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics - 6:30 pm	AquaSize -10 am	JEA Closed
	Aug. 30 Great Gala with a Goal– 6 pm	Aug. 31	1	2	3 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program Art Gallery Reception– 5 pm Movie & Beer Night– 7:30 pm	4	5
	6 Labor Day Party at the Pool	7 Labor Day JEA Offices Closed	8	9 SJF Annual Meeting– 7 pm	10 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program	18 Erev Rosh Hashanah JEA closes at 4 pm	19 Rosh Hashanah (Day 1)
	20 Rosh Hashanah (Day 2) JEA Closed	21	22	23	24 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program	25	26
	27 Kol Nidre JEA Closes at 4 pm	28 Yom Kippur JEA Closed	29	30	Oct. 1 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program Movie & Beer Night– 7:30 pm	Oct. 2 Erev Sukkot JEA Closes at 4 pm	Oct. 3 Sukkot



Taking a Good TRiP in Savannah

Dr. Benedict Benigno, M.D. of Southeastern Gynecologic Oncology, LLC of Atlanta will join Dr. Donald Gallup, M.D. in presenting grand rounds at the Anderson Cancer Institute September 11, 2009 as part of MorningStar Cultural Arts Group's Teal Ribbon Project and with special thanks to an anonymous donation in honor of September being National Gynecological Cancer Month.

As there is a special cancer risk to people of Ashkenazic -Jewish descent because of a high rate of the BRCA genetic mutations that can cause cancer, MorningStar's Teal Ribbon Project (TRiP) is hosting this as part of their year-long Cancer Answers public awareness initiative that will include a health fair next spring sponsored in part by Savannah Jewish Federation's Greenberg Health Resources Fund.

Believing that cancer is not a life adventure that anyone wants or needs to travel, MorningStar's board created the initiative as a "TRiP" that survivors' stories and professional advice might help others to avoid. TRiP began last January and has since completed a dozen programs such as free health



seminars, lunch-n-learns and fairs about BRCA gene cancers.

All events were held in conjunction with the Lewis Cancer Research Pavilion, the American Cancer Institute, the Anderson Cancer Institute, the JEA and Hadassah Medical Organization. The events

were offered free to the general public in an effort to arm coastal citizens with the tools needed to understand the symptoms that could lead to early diagnosis of BRCA cancers (male & female breast, colo-rectal, prostate and ovarian cancer) and to be able to better determine their own risk for these diseases.

Any health care professional interested in attending is invited to attend grand rounds for this exciting event. Though Dr. Benigno's visit is intended for the professional staff, the exchange of information will be useful in interpreting recent breakthroughs in patient diagnosis and care. Comcast will interview Dr. Benigno for its Cancer Answers Health Talk cable television show which airs Tuesday and Thursday at 6 pm on Comcast Channel 7.

Ethical Kashrut, Not Such a New Idea

The joke is that there can't be Jewish functions without food. But what's really behind Jews and food? In recent decades not only has there been a steady push toward kosher food but also toward food that's "ethically kosher," emphasizing not only traditional laws, but consideration of issues like treatment of animals, workers' conditions, and environmental impact. Concerns for these issues came to a head last year when reports of allegedly deplorable conditions for both the workers and animals at the Agriprocessors' kosher meat packing facility in Postville, Iowa, came to light.

The translation of the root of kosher is "fitness." Some have taken the fitness of the food as being directly dependent on how *ethically* it was produced.

There is precedence in the Torah for prohibiting maltreatment of animals as well as workers. Environmental precepts are found in agricultural *mitzvot*. Nahmanides, a Jewish scholar in the 1200s, argued that if people consume food that's kosher from a ritual perspective but don't embrace the ethics that go along with consumption they are "despicable with the permission of the Torah." Rabbi Yisrael Salanter (1810-1883), the founder of the Mussar movement, stated, "Another person's physical concerns are my spiritual concerns."

The Conservative Rabbinical Assembly recently endorsed a proposed certification, originally called Heksher Tzedek, for identifying food produced under safe and ethical working conditions; it is an additional certification, rather than a replacement for kosher certification. Products will be evaluated in five main categories: employees' wages and benefits, health and safety, product development, corporate transparency and environmental impact. Says Rabbi Morris Allen, the founder and director of Heksher Tzedek:



"We believe we have now demonstrated that it is indeed possible to have verifiable standards...allow[ing] us to demonstrate an enhancement to ritual certification of kosher food; you can ensure that kosher observance is mindful and sensitive to God's creation...we have always believed that in the observance of kashrut, our actions are...at the core an act of sanctification. And we want to make sure as Jews that act of sanctification is not just a ritual act."

B'Maagalei Tzedek, an Israeli NGO, launched their Social Seal to ensure workers in restaurants are treated according to the minimum standards required by Israeli law. They have certified more than 350 restaurants; 250 of these are certified as kosher.

A similar project in the U.S., Tav HaYosher, is spearheaded by Uri L'Tzedek, an Orthodox Jewish social justice organization, which launched their Ethical Seal in 2009. The group aims to secure workers' rights, fair pay, and safe working conditions in kosher restaurants. The Conservative movement initiative, Magen Tzedek (the newly renamed Heksher Tzedek), will soon begin to certify kosher factories that have quality labor practices. Both organizations have argued the laws of kashrut are not to be confused with Jewish ethics but can be intertwined with Jewish perception of consumers' responsibilities. (For more information, visit the organizations' websites at www.uriltzedek.webnode.com and www.magentzedek.org.)

However these changes have posed several dilemmas within the Jewish community. Many believe providing kashrut certification shouldn't be involved in the politics of labor. The debate over ethical kashrut is one more way that the issue of kashrut in general continues to spark interest among Jews and generate interest in learning.

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Oral History Excerpts



H. Sol Clark

Our Archives holds an excellent collection of oral histories. In the coming months we will showcase excerpts from the early interviews. Other excerpts appear in our publication, *Voices of Savannah*.

H. SOL CLARK (1906-2003) interviewed February 1997

During my growing up years, we had a grocery store - first opposite the City lot on Magnolia Street. . . . Then the second home, the second place where my father had a store (we always lived over the store) was on Bryan and Montgomery Street. . . . At that time, Bryan Street was considered the Jew street. As an example, I forget the term, but the gentleman who would cut chickens and make them kosher and so forth, was on the corner of Bryan and Montgomery Street. My father's barroom and grocery store was directly across the street. There was also Gottlieb's Bakery in that block and Nugent's Bakery was there. All the other businesses, including second-hand clothing stores and so forth, were owned

and operated by Jews. The square that existed there, which was also in front of the First African Baptist Church, was really our playground and the Jewish boys and girls would play their games there. If you went to kindergarten - at that time there was a Jewish kindergarten operated by Miss Amram that was over on what is now West

Broughton Street but west of what was West Broad Street. Of course, the synagogue was on Montgomery Street. West Broad Street is now Martin Luther King Drive. Those years, and for many years thereafter, in fact the cause of the independent merchant being more numerous - so much more in fact, that the change really began during this period of time. When we had Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah, Broughton Street and West Broad Street, which were occupied by the stores that were owned by Jewish merchants, were closed. It was like a holiday for everybody because of

the Jewish souls observing the High Holidays.

If you wish to read more from this oral history or from another in the collection, or if you wish to purchase a copy of *Voices of Savannah*, contact archivist Lynette Stoudt at (912)651-2125 or lstoudt@georgiahistory.com

Thank you

The Archives also wishes to thank intern, Katherine Tepper, for several months of translating Hebrew and Yiddish documents in the Congregation Agudath Achim records. Best of luck in your future endeavors!

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Rambam Day School

Friday, September 18th begins the celebration of the Jewish Holidays. This is also the start of the Annual Food Drive of the Savannah Jewish community known as OPERATION ISIAH.

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, 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.

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Our Cup is Half Full

There is an old adage, "the cup is half empty or the cup is half full". There is a great deal of merit to this idea as it completely defines a person in a given situation. Rambam is a cup that is half full and yet there are those who wish to insist that it is a cup that is half empty. Rambam Day School is a community school and therefore accepts the responsibility to make its mission non-threatening to any facet of Judaism. The only way to accomplish this ideal is to be sensitive to all students that attend our school. To be sensitive, our Judaic faculty must be well versed in their curriculums and very aware that all children do not come from the same background. The role of Rambam Day School faculty is to be encouraging, informative and worthy examples of individuals who wish to represent our people in a positive manner.

Our faculty understands that our students come from homes that vary in their level of practicing the mitzvot set before us through our sacred Torah. A student's synagogue affiliation has no bearing on this understanding. Within the walls of Rambam the children are exposed to their heritage, the commandments found within the Torah and the history of our people. There is no hidden agenda and none of our goals include encouraging our girls to be rebbetzins or our boys to rabbis. I will tell you that we do emphasize the importance of knowledge about

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To ensure that every student is comfortable we do make decisions that will not cause a student to withdraw from an activity due to their own personal standards of observance. This sensitivity may easily be viewed as Rambam favoring one sect of individuals over others. There could be nothing further from the truth. This, my friends, is where the adage of a cup is half empty or a cup is half full comes into play. Rambam sees this commitment of sensitivity as a way of life that we are responsible to impart to all of our students. No one should ever feel uncomfortable or excluded due to their personal choices within our Jewish faith.

I have been offering for ten years for members of our community to come and visit the school. It is frustrating to know that people have opinions but have not come and seen for themselves what Rambam really represents; a cup that is half full and continues to strive for excellence in all areas so as to uphold the opinion of peer schools who look up to our success.



Ester Y. Rabhan,
Rambam Principal

Open House at Mickve Israel

Come to brunch (blintzes, bagels and all the fixings) in the Mickve Israel Sukkah on Sunday, October 4 to meet old, new, and prospective congregants, celebrate Sukkot, and interact with the chairs of all the various committees of congregational life at Mickve Israel. This Open House, from 11am to 1pm, will provide an opportunity to speak with our many involved congregants and learn how you might further enrich your Mickve Israel connection.

If you are considering membership at Mickve Israel, this is a special opportunity to ask questions and meet Rabbi Belzer, board members, and many long-time and new members. Singles, couples, and families are encouraged to attend.

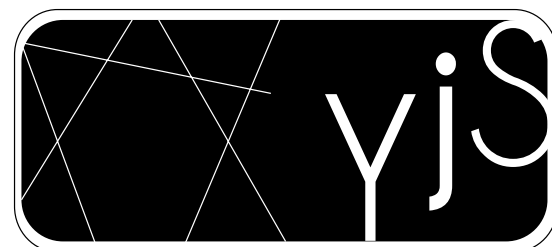
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Reservations are required. Kindly contact the Temple office, 233-1547, to let us know you'll be attending (how many adults and how many children). We look forward to sharing this Sukkot Open House with you and your family and getting to know you better so you can know us better.

What's up with YJS?



young jewish savannah

Young Jewish Savannah is looking forward to another exciting year of programming. By the time you read this, we should have completed another successful happy hour at the Bona Bella Yacht Club (hopefully without the torrential rains this year). On Sunday, September 13, join YJS for a "Welcome Back to the Year" kickoff event which will be a "Schmooze and a Schmear Brunch" at the home of Miriam and Jake Hodesh. This will be the rollout of a new, more 'intimate' program series of YJS with the goal of educating the YJS community on a different topic every time.

On Thursday, October 8, YJS will hold its second annual Sukkot program in honor of the holiday at the JEA. Keep your eyes peeled for the e-vites for these events as more details are to follow!



Dan Chapman, Debbie Sorkin, Lindsey Fenton and Mike Bossak at the YJS Pool Party at the JEA on August 9th



Nadav Kessous and David Eichholz enjoy refreshments provided by Team Maccabi.

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Come out and celebrate at the Shalom Y'all Jewish Food Festival!

Arlene Belzer

Mickve Israel's annual Food Fest, now known as The Shalom Y'all Jewish Food Festival™ (the largest Jewish Food Festival in the world) will take place on October 25, 2009, in Forsyth Park. We start at 11:00 am, so bring your appetite and enjoy the festivities with us. No RSVP needed. Come on down and be part of this fabulous and fun- and food-filled annual event.

Delicious Jewish foods from around the world will be offered once again. We have it all. Just close your eyes and remember the wonderful aroma of latkes frying; hot dogs cooking; hot corned beef, pastrami, and tongue steaming; brisket, stuffed cabbage, and cholent warming; ah mein lo mein being stir-fried on three woks right before your eyes.

In your mind's eye, taste the richness of our homemade blintzes and kugels and chopped liver. Lick your lips as you remember matzah balls floating in golden chicken soup. The familiar taste of bagels and lox and whitefish and herring and hummus and pita



salad are also available for your enjoyment. And egg creams are back again this year, too!!

Finish this off with fabulous strudel and sweets and coffee. Take home a challah (or two or three) for later. We even have homemade dog biscuits for our canine friends. Eat all you can for lunch and then take advantage of our take-out containers so you can enjoy other specialties for dinner and later in the week.

There is free musical entertainment for all, as well as a special children's booth for face painting, cupcake decorating, games, and balloons. Our Gift Shop will be selling unique Judaica and varied holiday items, and the Mickve Israel Shalom Y'all Cookbook is in its fifth printing and is available for sale.

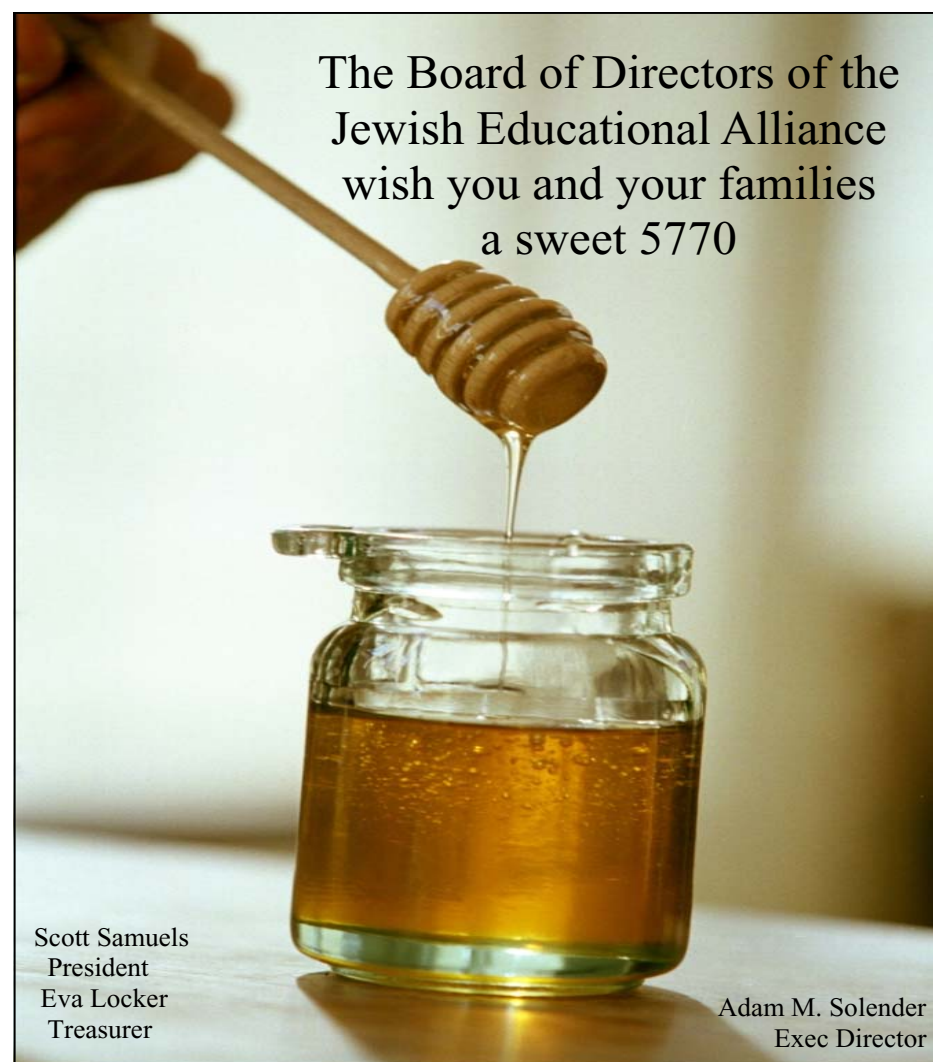
Avoid long ticket lines. Pre-festival tickets will be available from the Mickve Israel office starting October 9, 2009, and there is a 10% discount for ordering your tickets in advance. Contact Debbie by e-mail at dowen@mickveisrael.org or call 912.233.1547 ext 22 for further ticket information.

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