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Funds Allocated from Successful 2016 Campaign

For the third consecutive year, the Savannah Jewish Federation's Annual Community Campaign raised more than one million dollars to provide aid and services to the local and global Jewish community. Thanks to the successful efforts of Campaign Chair Stacey Schlafstein, everyone who worked on the most recently concluded campaign, and the generosity of the community, the Board of Governors was able to approve the distribution of funds for 2016-2017.

The details of the 2016-2017 Allocations are presented in the accompanying chart, but here are some highlights about the beneficiaries this year:

The Savannah Jewish Federation (SJF), in addition to distributing the money it collects to other organizations, is concerned and responsible in *many* other ways for the welfare of our Savannah Jewish community. Through Jewish Family Services, SJF provides food for the hungry, medication and access to medical services for those in need, case management for individuals and families, housing assistance for those in jeopardy and countless other services.

Using professionally-driven programs and services, the Federation also provides outreach to all ages and generations of the Jewish communi-

Savannah Jewish Federation 2016-17 Allocations	
As approved at the June 8 Board of Governors meeting.	
Total Campaign	1,048,023
-2% reserve for pledges uncollectable	20,960
-SJF programs and services	526,625
+General donations (<i>non-campaign</i>)	2,244
+Budget surplus from FY 2013-2014	67,358
-Donor-designated gifts (<i>unallocable</i>)	39,333
Total Funds Available for Allocation	530,706
<u>Allocations</u>	
Shalom School	23,000
Teen Jewish Identity/Experience Fund	5,000
BBYO	3,500
SCAD Hillel	5,000
Taglit/Birthright Israel	7,000
Overseas (JFNA--JAFI, JDC)	168,206
Overseas Investment Grants	6,500
Jewish Educational Alliance	278,000
special allocation for additional bus	25,000
Jewish Educational Loan Fund	2,000
Jewish Council for Public Affairs	1,000
Israel Action Network	1,000
Jewish Telegraphic Agency	500

ty, from birth to the 'well-seasoned.' Community programs designed to focus on building Jewish community and identity, beginning with PJ Library and including BBYO, BBYO Connect, SCAD Hillel, Food for Thought, Young Jewish Savannah and more, are all now staffed or over-

seen by SJF professionals. Participation in all of these programs, measured both by quantity and quality, is increasing as a result of the new professional oversight.

SJF provides grants for area Jewish

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PJ Library Receives Grant for New Programming

Savannah's PJ Library program received an \$8,000 grant to support its new initiative, *Shabbat Across Savannah*, announced Jamie Cahn, Savannah Jewish Federation Campaign and Community Outreach Director. Shabbat Across Savannah is planned as a year-long immersion program in which PJ Library Savannah will reach out to, engage and empower young families in the Savannah area to develop deeper relationships with their Jewish community and identities through Shabbat and holiday observances.

Shabbat Across Savannah will begin with a community Shabbat dinner for the participating families to meet each other. Then, four times throughout the year, four different families will host Shabbat in their homes and invite another four families to join them. The groups will

stay the same throughout the year of the program.

PJ Library Savannah recognizes that participating families come from varied backgrounds and levels of observance. Information will be available to the host families, if needed, to help facilitate their Shabbat observances. A program-wide Shabbat Ritual Workshop also is planned.

In addition to the program-wide events, funds from the grant may be used to provide each home-hosted Shabbat dinner with a 'Shabbat box' that may include items such as candlesticks and candles, a Kiddush cup and grape juice, challah, an age-appropriate activity for the children attending the dinner, PJ Library books about Shabbat, questions and conversation starters about Shabbat, and gift cards to help offset food costs.

During the year, all of the families participating in Shabbat Across Savannah will be invited to come together with the larger community to celebrate Jewish holidays at community events such as the Chanukah Party. There will be special PJ Library storytelling and craft components to these events.

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youth to attend programs that create and enhance Jewish identity, including Jewish overnight camp, teen travel to Israel and leadership development programs.

SJF is the source of Holocaust remembrance and education through its Yom HaShoah and Kristallnacht observances and programming, both for the Jewish and secular communities. SJF keeps you informed about Jewish life in Savannah and around the world through the eNews, *Savannah Jewish News*, Facebook and periodic mailings. And it provides dozens of other advocacy, social service, cultural and other programs and services to the community throughout the year.

Shalom School received its core allocation at the same level as the previous two years to continue to provide supplementary Jewish education to local children.

Reflecting the organization's continued improving financial performance, the core allocation for the Jewish Educational Alliance is

down from last year. The SJF Board did approve a special allocation for the JEA to use towards the purchase of another bus that will provide transportation to support a variety of programs.

For the fourth straight year, Savannah was able to increase its financial support for the concerns of our fellow Jews in Israel and elsewhere around the world. SJF increased its contribution to **Birthright Israel**, the initiative to send each and every young Jewish adult in the Diaspora to visit Israel, as a "birthright." And again, SJF will be funding programs that provide services to Jews overseas that were handpicked by members of the community to receive **Overseas Investment Grants** (see the accompanying list).

The SJF's historic overseas partners, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), through the Jewish Federations of North America will receive 31.7% of the campaign's allocable

dollars, the fourth consecutive year of increased funding for them, in recognition of the peril Jews face throughout the world. This is a proud achievement for our community. As anti-Semitism spreads and Israel offers safe refuge for the world's Jews, their work is as important as ever.

The grant to the **Jewish Educational Loan Fund** was maintained this year at its recently increased level. JELEF, based in Atlanta, provides interest-free loans to Jewish college and graduate students throughout the Southeast. Many Savannah students have benefited in recent years from the availability of these loans.

Grants to **Jewish Council for Public Affairs** and the **Israel Action Network** were increased this year, reflecting the importance of the work they do responding to various types of hate directed at the Jewish community and Israel.

In other campaign news, Stacey Schlafstein, who will chair the Annual Campaign again for 2017, announced that the Main Event will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 6:30pm at the JEA, featuring award-winning violinist Yevgeny Kutik.

Vital Statistics



BIRTH: Mazel tov to Ron and Tal Bratman Feiner, of Tel Aviv, on the birth of their son, **Yonatan Feiner**, on June 5th. Tal, *shlich*a (emissary) to our community from Israel in 2011-2012, reports that Yonatan weighed in at 3 kg (6.6 lbs.) and is "just cute and calm and makes us very happy."

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Savannah Jewish Federation **Mission Statement**

Charged with raising, collecting and distributing funds, the SJF seeks to "advance the welfare of the total Jewish community." The Federation strongly supports Israel and world Jewry. Additionally, the organization strives to "preserve the civil, political, economic and religious rights of all Jews" to develop an articulate, intelligent and constructive Jewish community and to promote mutual understanding with the community at-large.

2016 SJF Overseas Investment Grant Recipients

Each year, the Savannah Jewish Federation invites supporters of the Annual Campaign to recommend overseas agencies to receive overseas investment grants. These grants allow community members to direct funds to organizations that are personally meaningful to them and for whom the impact often is significant. These are the 2016-2017 recipients:

Arava Institute

A leading environmental and academic institution in the Middle East, dedicated to preparing future leaders from Israel, Palestine, Jordan, and around the world to cooperatively solve the regional and global challenges of our time.

Atlit Ma'apalim Detention Camp

A camp established to prevent Jewish refugees from entering Palestine. Tens of thousands of Jewish immigrants were interred here. The camp now is a museum of the history of *Ha'apala* (the immigration of Jews to Palestine/Israel as a result of the Nazi era/Holocaust).

Chimes Israel

An organization that helps people with disabilities become independent and lead as normal a life as possible.

Comunidad Hebrea Hatikva

Helping to support a small and poor, but vibrant Jewish congregation in Santiago de Cuba that remains committed to Jewish life in Cuba.

Dental Volunteers for Israel-The Trudi Birger Dental Clinic

The largest free dental clinic in Israel, offering state-of-the-art treatment to Jerusalem's at-risk children and youth, regardless of race or religion.

Guantanamo Jewish Center

A small but active Cuban congregation in dire need of funds to perpetuate their communal life.

Havaya International-J-Tag Teen Fellows

A leadership program for Israeli and American teens entering 10th-12th grades. Teens spend several weeks in Israel and then in the U.S., including in Savannah, where they develop, staff and run a camp for under-served kids.

IsraAid

A NGO committed to providing life-saving disaster relief and long-term support to areas around the world in crises.

JDC's Baby Help

Provides essential support such as food, medicine and daycare services to nearly 600 vulnerable Jewish babies and children up to age 5 in Argentina whose families are struggling to make ends meet in the face of persistent unemployment and stubbornly high inflation.

JDC Winter Relief Program in the FSU

Provides much-needed warm clothing and blankets throughout the former Soviet Union (FSU).

JNF's GO NORTH Beit Sha'an Initiative

A consortium of organizations and institutions working together to encourage the development and settlement of the Galilee region in Israel.

Meshi Children's Rehabilitation Center

Located in Israel, it helps children from around the world who suffer from Spina Bifida.

Yad LaKashish-Lifeline for the Old

A non-profit that empowers and supports nearly 300 elderly Jerusalem residents daily by providing them with creative work opportunities in artistic workshops.



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For more information about PJ Library, please contact Devra Silverman, Community Engagement Coordinator at pjlibrary@savj.org or 912-355-8111.



MISSION: To create a pluralistic community of Jewish high school teens. More Jewish Teens, More Meaningful Jewish Experiences.

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BBYO has meant so much to me these past four years. I have met some of my best friends through it. Being on both council and chapter boards taught me so much. We accomplished so much for Dixie Council these past four years, and it was awesome!

These next few years for our council are so important. I was happy to see Savannah's Weekend turn into a success. That weekend was amazing and brought so many new members to BBYO. I hope to see our member numbers exceed expectations. I wish all the best to the new board hope they continue to thrive.

-Sophie Guggenheim,
recent SCDS graduate and BBYO alum

Join your fellow AZAs and BBGs as we get ready to kickoff of the BBYO year! Keep a lookout for more information to come!

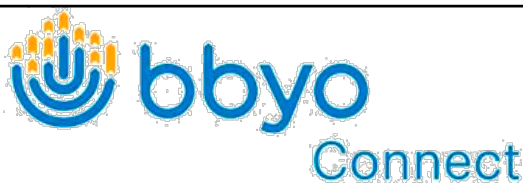
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BBYO Kickoff Party



Contact Devra Silverman, Community Engagement Coordinator
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MISSION: To create a community of Jewish 5, 6, 7 and 8 graders through social and meaningful experiences that will serve as a gateway to continued involvement in Jewish life.

For more information about BBYO or BBYO Connect, please contact Devra Silverman, Community Engagement Coordinator at engagement@savj.org or 912-355-8111.

August 27

September 25

November 20

January 8

February 4

April 29

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The year will culminate in a special Havdalah celebration with all of the participating families coming together to bid farewell to the sweetness and light of the Shabbat, and the year of observing together, just concluded, and to take that sweetness and light with them into the new week and the lives of their families.

“We are excited that our community has been given this great opportunity. With this grant, Savannah PJ Library is able to continue to connect families and children together with programming centered on Jewish culture and literacy, social engagement and support, continuity and community,” said Lisa Mackowiak, Chair of PJ Library Savannah’s advisory committee. “We can’t wait to give young Jewish families the chance to participate in many new fun programs and activities in the near future. Make sure you don’t miss out!”

The PJ Community Shabbat Dinner that will inaugurate Shabbat Across Savannah is planned for Fri-

day, September 23rd. For more information or to enroll your family in Shabbat Across Savannah, please contact Devra Silverman, Community Engagement Coordinator, engagement@savj.org or (912) 355-8111.

This award is a PJ Library Alliance Engagement Grant for Implementing Partners. These grants are part of a five-year strategy to extend Jewish engagement in North America through the support of the recently-formed PJ Library Alliance. The partners in the Alliance are the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (founders of The PJ Library); William Davidson Foundation; the Jim Joseph Foundation; the William and Audrey Farber Philanthropic Fund; the Howard and Geraldine Polinger Family Foundation; Walter, Arnee, Sarah and Aaron Winshall; the Susser Family Trust; and an anonymous partner.

The PJ Library in Savannah is made possible with generous funding from Jane Slotin, Nancy and Leon Slotin, The Ceceile Richman JEA Fund and the Savannah Jewish Federation.

On the Personal Side

AWARDS & HONORS: Julie Lowe Blumenfeld was presented last month with The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore’s 2016 Fred Walpert Young Leadership Award, which recognizes growing leaders within The Associated community. A pediatric dentist, Julie recently was appointed to The Associated’s Board of Directors and is chair of its IMPACT 365 giving society. She also sits on the Maryland Hillel Board of Directors, is an active member of AIPAC in Baltimore and serves as a parent ambassador for her children’s school, Ohr Chadash Academy. Julie is the daughter of Candy and Alan Lowe and the granddaughter of Lillian and Walter Lowe.



Julie Blumenfeld (left) and co-recipient Josh Frederick (right) received Baltimore’s Young Leadership Award from The Associated chair Mark Neumann.

Faye Kirschner was honored in April by the Student Government Association at Armstrong State University as an “Armstrong Hero.”

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Holding Out for a Hero

Do you know the song Holding Out for a Hero by Bonnie Tyler? Here's the chorus:

I need a hero
I'm holding out
for a hero 'til the
end of the night
He's gotta be strong
And he's gotta be fast
And he's gotta be fresh from the
fight
I need a hero
I'm holding out for a hero 'til the
morning light
He's gotta be sure
And it's gotta be soon
And he's gotta be larger than life

I began writing this article around Memorial Day while thinking about the brave men and women of the military who died in service to this country. The idea of heroes and what makes a person a hero has been on my mind. So has Alfred Platt.

When I was around nine, my parents opened a store on Lyons Avenue in Houston. There was another store on the same block, owned by Sol and Molly Platt, who became lifelong friends with my parents. The Platts had three children, one of whom was Alfred (who went by Fred).

Fred graduated from The University of Texas business school, joined the Air Force and entered pilot training. Eventually he volunteered for The Ravens, a specialized secret group operating in Laos. Fred, a captain and one of the group's leaders, flew over 700 missions and reached hero status, being awarded 48 medals including the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters and three Purple Hearts. At 29 he received the Silver Star.

Fred crash-landed multiple times when his plane was hit by enemy fire. One crash left him with a severe neck injury that plagued him the rest of his life. It took over a year to be able to walk again, but despite constant pain, he led an active life. The Ravens, by Christopher Robbins, detailed the real-life exploits of this unique group of military men, and featured Fred. When he died earlier this year, Fred was eligible for burial at Arlington National Cemetery. However, he insisted that he be buried in Texas soil, so his military funeral was held on May 18th at Houston's National Cemetery.

When I have thought of Fred over the years it was with a mixture of pride and awe. Fred was an extraordinary person, a true hero. What

constitutes being heroic? A hero is not born, he or she is self-made. Essential qualities that come to mind are courage and wisdom. People who are recognized for heroism generally exhibit self-sacrifice and honor. We also look for a sense of humanity, honesty, unrivaled determination, and compassion in our heroes. These people are elevated in our history, in our society, and in our minds, and rightfully recognized for their noble qualities and actions that have greatly exceeded the norm. We are privileged to know some of these people or just learn about them from afar. We or others are the beneficiaries of their unimaginable acts of courage, of their selflessness, of their wisdom.

Heroes are often held on a high pedestal and thought of as "larger than life." Despite that, there are others who walk in our midst – people I know or may never meet – who are heroes as well. They are unsung heroes. They are not looking for glory. They may or may not have risked their lives on a battlefield, the stories of their heroism, in one instance or ongoing, may never be known, or may be known by only a few. Not every hero fits perfectly into a pre-defined mold or stereotype. Most aren't recognized publically. These everyday heroes, because of circumstances, planned or unplanned opportunities, or crises, have reached beyond their comfort zones. They have stepped up, above and beyond what would have been expected of them or what they may have expected of themselves. These individuals have done something that has meant the difference in others' lives. No one or only a few may know the sacrifices the individual has made on someone else's behalf. There are also those who provided a gift or carried out an action that may not have been a hardship for them, but was of such a tangible or meaningful nature, that it made a monumental difference to another individual, group or community.

We will continue to applaud the public heroes, put them in the history books, and give them medals. But we are incredibly honored and equally fortunate to have unsung heroes in our midst, too. We can strive to emulate the examples they set for us by sharing our talents and strengths with the world, by stepping out of our comfort zones, by redirecting our course, time and attention, when possible, for the benefit of others. Who knows if we will ever be considered someone's hero? We can try our best and hope we make a difference.



Adam Solender
Executive Director of
JEA/SJF

A Just Life

It was Saturday afternoon of the 4th of July weekend, a beautiful, relaxing Shabbat. As Shabbat should be, it was a total separation from the rest of the week. The calm of the day was pierced when my wife walked in and said to me, "Elie Wiesel has died."

I was stunned. How could one of the most important voices of the Holocaust be dead?

I immediately turned on the TV to hear a statement from President Obama, "*Elie Wiesel was one of the great moral voices of our time, and in many ways, the conscience of the world... Memory has become a sacred duty of all people of goodwill.*"

The words resonated with me: "...one of the great moral voices of our time." It was true. Elie Wiesel was a man, a movement, an idea, an ideal.

He never looked for the fame. In fact, his opus manuscript, *Night*, was rejected by dozens of publishers.

Once you heard Elie Wiesel speak you never forgot it. His gentle demeanor and thoughtful choice of words were like poetry to the ears.

My first opportunity was October, 2004, when Sarah and I were lucky enough to be invited by the New Hampshire Humanities Council to their annual dinner when Wiesel was the keynote speaker.

After the obligatory cocktail hour, "rubber chicken" meal, and fundraising pitch, they introduced Wiesel. The audience was in rapt attention from the moment he stood up to go to the podium until he finished his talk. Even though more than a dozen years have passed, I remember it like it was yesterday. While most people thought he'd speak of his experiences and what he learned, he barely spoke of his suffering or loss... he spoke about eliminating the suffering of others.

His message, which he shared repeatedly over the years, was, (para-

phrasing) "*You must raise your voice when an injustice is being done anywhere... failure to do so makes you a part of the problem.*" In his entire speech he never spoke the word "*Holocaust*," referring instead to historic tragedies, madness, victimization, dehumanization, and dominance.

He spoke about the tragedy of the African AIDs epidemic, beheading of innocents by terrorists, Armenian, Sudanese, and Rwandan genocides... always referring to human indifference as a "disease."

It was educational, it was inspiring, it was a testament to the incredible strength of a human being.

After the speech, a member of the Humanities Council guided Sarah and me to meet Elie Wiesel. What an honor when he asked to take his picture with us (only milliseconds before I could make the request of him). What a gentleman! That picture sits proudly on my office bookcase at the JEA as a reminder to never be indifferent.

He was someone who made a huge impression on my life, and I suspect, on the lives of everyone who ever met him.

The loss on the July 4th weekend also harkened me back to another loss. It was just three years ago when our dear friend, Amos Timna died tragically.

In his own way, Amos made a similar impression on me and those who knew him as did Elie Wiesel.

Amos helped me form my views of Israel and the entire world. He was a living bridge between the establishment of the State of Israel and modern Israel. He opened my eyes to so many things.

Amos didn't go on large crusades, speak to thousands of people, and wasn't knighted by the Queen, but to those who knew him (and there were many), their lives are better for having known him.

When he died three years ago, I wrote about Amos... those same words echoed when I thought of Elie Wiesel dying... they "*led a life of service, a life of meaning, a life of honor, a just life.*"



Adam Solender, Sarah Denmark, Elie Wiesel



Amos Timna and Adam Solender

From Tel Aviv to Savannah

The New Normal

by Grace Parker

All too often I hear the phrase, “the world is falling apart at the seams.” I hear it in offices and grocery stores, among Europeans and Americans, from generations old and young.

And in a sad way, it makes sense. When we are relentlessly pummeled with news of one terrible tragedy after another— Brussels, Orlando, Tel Aviv, Istanbul — it’s only natural that we mourn not only for the lives lost, but also for more peaceful times seemingly long gone.

For many in America, the current wave of vicious terrorism seems like a new phenomenon; the introduction of an era that we neither want nor have the ability to undo. However, for Israelis the threat of terror has been an everyday reality for some time. A reality that Israelis refuse to let take control over their present lives and future ambitions.

I moved to Israel almost three years ago, fresh out of college and with little to my name but a guttural hunger to “eat” the world. Nevertheless, I was determined; determined to see the heart of the conflict and the birthplace of so many conflicting views that define our human existence, for better or worse.

Jerusalem. A place of untamed extremes. A place of reverent beauty matched by palpable tension. A place where history reverberates in the ancient stone walls as much as ideological conflict hangs thickly in the air.



Grace Parker upon her arrival in Israel with the 1,000th group of Olim brought there by Nefesh b’Nefesh, a non-profit that helps facilitate people’s efforts to make Aliyah.

From the beginning, it wasn’t easy. But, nothing prepared me for the outbreak of violence that ignited in summer 2014, ultimately resulting in Operation Protective Edge.

Until this point, I’d had it good, you might say, having only experienced Israel for its awe-inspiring historical sites, beaches, hiking trails and more. But by the summer of 2014, I couldn’t ride a bus without being on high alert for potential attackers. From stabbings to routine missiles, my daily reality in Israel was almost unrecognizable.

That is until I met a group of local Israelis studying in the nearby Hebrew University. When asked if I wanted to meet them at a bar one evening, my jaw-dropped, utterly shocked and appalled. What could possibly inspire them to go to a bar during dangerous times like these? After asking this very question, I was

told something that has stuck with me ever since.

Shrugging, yet determined, they said, “You cannot limit yourself from fear or the terrorists have won.”

It seems so simple. Yet, every time I would hang out with friends at a bustling café or dash onto a crowded bus, I felt the overwhelming weight and importance of that statement. It’s a mentality and a spirit that defines the people of Israel from the Negev to the Golan Heights, from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

But it’s more than mere defiance. It’s a deeply-rooted and indestructible zeal for life that is present in every corner and in every citizen of this bite-sized nation. It’s what makes Israel feel so incandescently alive despite death and destruction lurking at every border. It’s the collective soul of the Israeli people proudly laid bare for all to feel and love.

On June 8, 2016, I saw the Israeli spirit once again put to the test as two gunmen opened fire at the popular Saron Market in Tel Aviv. The narrative has become increasingly familiar around the world, but it was jarring all the same.

A friend of mine, hidden in the back closet of a nearby restaurant as the attackers took aim, recounted feeling utter helplessness and paralyzing fear. She told me the full story of what happened two weeks later, at a bar across the street from the very spot where she had prayed for her life. The bar was packed with fellow survivors and local Tel Avivians alike who had all come out to smile in the face of ruthless hate.

You see, in Israel, unity stems from ardent perseverance undeterred by exhaustive animosity. To laugh, love and ultimately live regardless of terror. To reject the toxicity of fear and fear mongering in favor of optimistic ambition and pure vitality. To embrace sadness, but also to counter it with the pursuit of happiness. This is the Israeli way.

Four days later, news broke of the Orlando shooting and my heart broke once again. Watching the horror story unfold, I wondered how Americans would react. I found myself wishing that I could somehow translate the narrative of Israeli fortitude against years of such terror for my own people back home.

Like it or not, such events have become normal. But all I can say is that perhaps, if we too call upon our own sense of community spirit, we can create a new normal, one in which fear and terror are unequivocally eclipsed by unity and an enduring American spirit.

Grace Parker was born and raised in Savannah. After graduating from Emory University in 2013 with a double major in Political Science and Business Administration, she moved to Israel to pursue a career in private security. Much in love with the unique spirit of the Israeli people, two years later she made Aliyah. Today Grace works at a public relations firm in Tel Aviv. She is the daughter of Terri and Barry Parker. Grace will be checking in with her hometown on these pages from time-to-time with her reports, From Tel Aviv to Savannah.

‘I on America’

NEW YORK (JTA) — Instead of visiting the Western Wall, they visited Ellis Island. Instead of hiking in the Negev Desert, they took a day trip to a Habonim-Dror summer camp. Instead of basking in the sun on the Tel Aviv beach, they saw *Fiddler on the Roof*.

And instead of Birthright, a 10-day trip meant to acquaint American Jews with Israel, 25 Israeli graduate students participated in a 10-day trip last month to get to know American Jews.

The trip is the annual highlight of a yearlong master’s degree program at Haifa University, the Ruderman Program for American Jewish Studies. The program teaches 25 students about American Jewish history, religion and culture. It was created by the Ruderman Family Foundation, which works to strengthen ties between Israel and U.S. Jewry.

“In Israel they don’t teach about Jewish Americans,” said Haifa Uni-

versity history professor Gur Alroey, who runs the program. “American universities are full of Israel studies departments. It’s important that Israelis will understand that they live in Israel but they’re not alone.”

Students attend class all day once a week, allowing them to work on the side. Classes cover everything from American Jewish immigration and American Zionist movements to American Jewish culture and contemporary issues.

Along with history books like Arthur Hertzberg’s *The Jews in America* and Jonathan Sarna’s *American Judaism*, students read excerpts from *Portnoy’s Complaint* by Philip Roth and watched Three Stooges films from the late 1930s. They also looked at how Hebrew translation to English changed as American Jews grew more assertively Zionist.

Omri Asscher, who teaches a course on American Jewish culture and identity, said students already

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Jewish Things to Know about Rio



Officially called the Games of the XXXI Olympiad, the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro begin August 5th. And while they certainly are not the Maccabiah Games, there are a number of interesting Jewish things to know about the upcoming Rio Olympics.

Who's the Boss?

The three top officials at the Rio 2016 Organizing Committee all are Jewish: President Carlos Arthur Nuzman; CEO Sidney Levy (no, not the one who grew up in Savannah); and Deputy CEO Leonardo Gryner. For better or worse, the three have been overseeing Rio's preparations for the Games almost from the start.

Nuzman has deep connections to the Games and the Rio Jewish community. He was a member of Brazil's first men's volleyball team when the sport debuted in the Olympics in 1964 and has been president of the Brazilian Olympic Committee since 1995. His nephew, Rabbi Nilton Bonder, leads the

Conservative Congregacio Judaica do Brasil, and his late father, Izaak, headed the Rio Jewish Federation, the Hebraica Club and the local Keren Hayesod-United Jewish Appeal.

Levy and Gryner are local businessmen considered prominent members of the Jewish community. They have been charged with managing a \$2.2 billion budget and overseeing the business aspects of the Games.

Remembering Munich

In 2012, on the 40th anniversary of the murders of Israeli athletes and coaches by terrorists at the Munich Olympics, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) rejected pleas for a moment of silence at the opening ceremonies of the London Games. Events held at other venues did not

appease the thousands of people who had signed petitions requesting the opening ceremony recognition, nor will there be a moment of silence in 2016.

However, this year the IOC will remember all Olympians who have died at the Games with a special area in the Olympic Village and with a "moment of reflection" during the closing ceremony.

IOC President Thomas Bach said: "We want to give the athletes the opportunity to express their mourning in a dignified way and environment in the Olympic Village where representatives of the whole world are living peacefully under the same roof. At the Closing Ceremony, the Games come to an end and many people feel that it is a moment to remember people who have died at the Olympic Games."

The Jewish trio leading the Rio 2016 Committee is the driving force behind a memorial ceremony to be held on August 14th at Rio City Hall that will feature the widows of Israeli weightlifter Yossaf Romano and fencing coach Andre Spitzer, both killed by the Black September terrorists in Munich. Israeli Minister of Culture and Sport Miri Regev will attend the event which symbolically falls on Tisha b'Av, one of the saddest days on the Hebrew calendar. Eleven

candles will be lit in memory of each of the murdered athletes.

Also, Rio school children from four Jewish schools and four municipal public schools are producing a book about the Munich murders and the Olympic spirit. "Children must understand the evil caused by terrorism," Sergio Niskier, one of the project organizers and a former Jewish federation president told JTA. "It's fantastic to see Jewish schools and public schools... working hand in hand in this project."

Who Better?

Approximately 12,000 athletes and 500,000 visitors are expected in Rio for this summer's Olympics, so naturally, security is a grave concern. Israeli company International Security and Defense Systems (ISDS) was selected to oversee the safety of the Games.

Coordinating crews in Brazil, Israel and Europe with a security budget

of almost \$2.2 billion, ISDS is providing services that include everything from consulting on facilities construction to security supply systems.

"It's an honor for ISDS to be the very first ever Israeli group to be part of the Olympic family," Leo Gleser, ISDS president (and a former Mossad agent) told JTA.

ISDS will get some additional Israeli help in its surveillance of Olympic venues and surrounding areas – it will be accessing Israel's Eros-B satellite for high-resolution reconnaissance of the city.

Jewish Stars

As we were going to press, many of the American team trials still were underway so the athletes going to Rio still had not been finalized. Aly Raisman, the gold medal-winning Jewish gymnast from four years ago, now 22, is considered 'mature' for her sport. But she still ranks at or near the top and is a good possibility to make the team again. If she does, look for the music accompanying her floor routine to "reflect her heritage" (last time it was Hava Nagila).

One young woman born in the U.S.A. who for sure will be there is swimmer Andi Murez, but she will be wearing a star of David on her swim cap as she represents Israel. Though very competitive, Murez decided to change her sports citizenship after graduating from Stanford, realizing it offered her a great way to achieve her Olympic dream. She says the idea first came to her after visiting Israel to swim in the 2009 Maccabiah Games.

Israel is scheduled to bring a total of 47 athletes (22 men, 25 wom-

en) to Rio to compete in 15 different sports. This will be the country's 16th appearance at Summer Olympics games. Their rhythmic gymnastics team won a historic gold medal for the clubs and hoops category at last month's European championships and also won silver for their ribbons routine and bronze in the all-around competition, giving them high hopes going into the Olympic competition.

Shabbat and Jewish Life

Two 'official' celebrations of Shabbat are planned during the Summer Games. Rabbi Bonder's Congregacio Judaica do Brasil will host an official Shabbat ceremony at which about 300 guests, including Minister Regev, are expected. Chabad will host an official Shabbat program for the Israeli Paralympics delegation, including providing accommodations for athletes and staff who are Sabbath observant.

Chabad also plans to convert its three Rio de Janeiro centers into "welcome centers" for the estimated 40,000 Jewish visitors expected for the Olympics and Paralympic Games. The sites will provide kosher food and prayer minyans, as well as help with other Jewish or general information. Rabbinical students from New York staffing the centers will welcome guests in English, Hebrew, Spanish, French and Russian.



The Jewish trio in charge of the Rio Olympics (l-r) Sidney Levy, Carlos Arthur Nuzman, Leonardo Gryner



Andi Murez



The Israeli Rhythmic Gymnastics Team with their gold medals at the European Championships last month



I on Israel

Come & Listen to a Story...



Yuval Steinitz

Pointing to estimations made by Israelis, Americans and Europeans, Israel's Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz told

attendees at the annual Herzliya Conference last month that there is a 50% likelihood that Israel has 2.2 trillion cubic meters of natural gas undiscovered in its territorial waters in the Mediterranean Sea. This is approximately four times the amount discovered in 2010 in what now is called the Leviathan, previously Israel's largest-known offshore field.

Steinitz told the conference — billed as "Israel's primary global policy annual gathering... to address pressing national, regional and world strategic issues" — that new exploration opportunities should be available between September and November of this year using some kind of new competitive bidding process that the Energy Ministry still is finalizing.

The Leviathan site is to be developed by a partnership of Texas-based Noble Energy and Delek Drilling, a subsidiary of Israel's Delek Group, with most of its production earmarked for exports. But six years after its discovery, the field has yet to yield any gas. It has been tied up in regulatory and legal conflicts, which hopefully were successfully

addressed in May of this year when the Israeli cabinet approved a deal they believe will stave off further challenges.

Yossi Abu, chief executive of Delek Drilling, told Reuters in May that the government approval gives "tremendous tailwind to our continued activity to promote the development of Leviathan, in order for Israeli gas to flow from the reservoir by the end of 2019."

Steinitz, a former finance minister, further told the Conference: "It's no secret that Israel is in the midst of declining growth, in investment in real assets, and in exports, and that's worrying. I have no doubt that promoting development of the gas fields and the introduction of natural gas in factories and transportation will be a huge growth engine. I have no doubt that in the coming two years what will save us from entering a recession and zero per capita growth and actually restore us to a reasonable level of growth is progress in developing the gas fields."

Also speaking at the Herzliya Conference was Dror Strum, a former antitrust commissioner, who sharply criticized the Energy Ministry's practices under Steinitz. "I would have wanted to live in a country that learns its lessons, that doesn't nurture private monopolies and doesn't undercut professional staff, one after another... If we are looking for foundations for growth or new economic activity, they relate to gas that needs



Natural gas fields discovered off Israeli shores

to be available and at a low price. Our resources don't need to be devoted to export, but instead should first of all go to building the Israeli economy for the coming 30 years."

Strum's position was countered by Abu, of Delek Drilling, who told attendees that local markets were not being ignored, that the company was helping to develop use of natural gas in Israel's transportation sector and that Delek had invested \$20 million in a compressed natural gas facility in Ashdod.

Let's Talk Turkey

One fringe benefit of Israel's vast natural gas reserves is that they proved to be a key piece of the puzzle in the country's efforts at rapprochement with Turkey. Diplomatic relations between the regional neighbors fell apart six years ago when nine Turkish activists were killed during a raid by Israeli forces of a ship bound for Gaza. But on June 27th, the two countries announced that they had reached an agreement to restore relations that along with provisions for compensation of Turkish families and humanitarian aid to Gaza in-

cluded initial talks for a natural gas pipeline between Israel and Turkey.

The former ally of the Jewish state currently imports most of its gas from Russia, but relations between those two also have been severely strained, especially over the conflict in Syria and Turkey's taking down of a Russian fighter jet last November. Turkey cut back on its imports of Russian gas last year, much to Moscow's annoyance.

In an interview with the *Forward* just after his appearance at the Herzliya Conference, Minister Steinitz confirmed that he met privately with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Washington this March while both were attending a nuclear security summit. In addition to talking about the war in Syria, Iran's involvement and terrorism, they discussed natural gas.

Steinitz would not reveal details of their meeting, but speaking about the ongoing negotiations told *Forward*: "We have resolved 80 to 90 percent of the difficulties, or gaps, and now with a little bit of goodwill and flexibility on both sides we can reach the remaining items," Steinitz said. "I think we are pretty close [to normalizing relations]." The diplomatic agreement was announced within weeks of the interview.

Israel wants to build a pipeline to Turkey both to serve consumers there and as a conduit to Europe. The resumption of normal relations with Turkey was seen as central to Israel's current strategy for maximizing the wealth potential of its natural gas reserves.

Everything Bible (and then some)

After five years in development and almost \$4 million in investment, *Google of the Bible* launched last month. Created by Herzog College in Alon Shvut, Gush Etzion, in the West Bank, the new project is designed to provide optimal online access to the Bible. (In case you are wondering, the developers secured permission from Google to use the name.)

The website holds a wealth of knowledge in English and Hebrew.

Plans call for the content to be translated into five additional languages by the end of 2017.

In addition to a complete text of the Bible, Google of the Bible contains biblical-era maps that can be compared to contemporary satellite pictures, thematic cross-references, an exhaustive terminology index, biblical idioms and contextual information, various commentary,

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Lasting Legacy

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is the beneficiary of the largest bequest ever in Israel and one of the very largest-ever private gifts to a higher education institution anywhere. The university's American fundraising organization announced the \$400 million gift by the estate of Dr. Howard and Lottie Marcus of San Diego on June 24. It is designated in large part for water research.

Lottie Marcus died this past December at age 99; Howard, a retired

dentist, died in 2014 at age 104. The family made its fortune investing with Warren Buffett. The bequest represented the bulk of their estate.

The gift will establish a permanent endowment that is expected to yield assets that more than double the size of the current university endowment, according to American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (AABGU). A substantial portion is

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Children's Programming



JEA Camp Savannah Through July 29, 2016

	Week 6	Anchors Away - The Magic of Disney July 11th – July 15th	Highlights: Magic Mark Dress-Up Days: Tacky Tourist Day, Tutus and Ties, Disney Character/PJ Dress Up Shabbat: Disney "Character" Breakfast and PJ Party
	Week 7	Camp Ruach July 18th – July 22nd	Highlights: Ninja Training Course, Extreme Obstacles, LIT/CIT Sleepover Dress-Up Days: Bandana & Boa Bonanza, Fan Wear Shabbat: Military Appreciation Cook-Out
	Week 8	The Summer Sizzle July 25th – July 29th	Highlights: Movie Field Trip & Glee Performance Dress-Up Days: Beach Bum & Celebrity Look-Alike Shabbat: Pizza Party & Ice Cream Social

Visit www.SavannahJEA.org to download camp brochure and registration paperwork.

Shalom Summer

August 1st-12th

Summer fun at the JEA isn't over yet. Help us send off summer in true JEA style as we recreate some of 2016 Camp Savannah's biggest moments.

Age: Children Pre-k to 8th grade

Cost: Member - \$35/day
Non-Member - \$45/day

Children must be registered at least 1 day in advance. A \$5 late fee will be charged for all those signing up the day of an event.

Register in person at the JEA at 5111 Abercorn St.
Phone (912) 355-8111
or email Mary at kids@savj.org



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- ☐ At the JEA's After School program, your pre-k through 6th graders will participate in activities such as swimming, sports, homework help, daily snacks, cooking, fitness fun, art and much more!
- ☐ After School hours are Mon.-Thurs., 3-6 pm, Fri. 3-5 pm. We pick up from Garrison, Charles Ellis Elementary and Jacob G. Smith Schools.

**Aftercare Prices: \$18/day plus transportation
\$75/week plus transportation**

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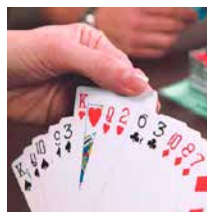
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Adult Programming



Bridge - Wednesdays 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Scrabble - Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Mah Jongg - Mondays 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Thursdays 10:30 am to 12:30 pm



Community Garden

Love to garden, but don't have the space? Be part of the JEA Garden Club and help work one of the 18 garden boxes at the Midtown Miracle Community Garden, three blocks north of the JEA. Excess produce and herbs will be donated to Second Harvest to aid them in their mission to feed up to 6000 children daily. For more details, "like" **Midtown Miracle Community Garden** on Facebook or email Carol Greenberg MStarArts@gmail.com.



Don't forget to call and make your reservation at the JEA Front Desk

Join us each Thursday at 12:30 p.m. for **Food For Thought!**
Visit with old friends and meet new ones, enjoy a delicious lunch for only \$5, followed by an educational speaker or performer.

July 14	<i>Today's Health, Dr. Martin Greenberg</i>
July 21	<i>The Salt Table, David Legasse</i>
July 28	<i>Jewish Humor, Rabbi Robert Haas</i>
August 4	<i>Romeo and Juliet, The Savannah Voice Festival, Live Performance</i>
August 11	<i>My Famous Apple Strudel, Harriet Ullman</i>
August 18	<i>Savannah Historic Preservation, Sarah Ward</i>
August 25	<i>How To Play Bridge, Steve Myers</i>

Junior Swim Registration Starting Soon!

The JEA's junior swim team is designed to enhance competitive swimming techniques and abilities. Our young swimmers practice for an hour executing drills for all four competitive strokes. Our goal is to achieve personalized goals for each individual swimmer; goals range from time and technique to stroke knowledge and lap completion.

Registration begins this fall.



Welcome to the Team!



Kirby Southerland
Aquatics Director

The JEA is lucky to have a team of dedicated, confident lifeguards that are empowered to handle any situation that is thrown their way. They are admired by campers and swimmers every day at the JEA. It makes it a little more special when those campers are finally old enough to be one of the lifeguards.

Lifeguard training is no simple task. Typically spread over a 24-hour class, lifeguard candidates

are put through a rigorous test of water skills and hours on end of classroom learning. At the end of all of it, the lifeguard candidates have to prove their skills in lifelike scenarios in which they have to demonstrate the skills that they have learned, confidently and without error.

Julianne Haynes and Liam Boggs, two former campers with JEA Camp Savannah and long-time members of the JEA, left behind their easy days of being campers to join the ranks of the lifeguards at the JEA. We couldn't be happier or more proud to have them on our team.





Health & Wellness

The History of Pilates

Joseph Hubertus

Pilates was born in Monch-engladbach, Germany, in 1883. As a child Joe had asthma and other ailments. He turned to exercise and athletics to battle these and was always studying various exercise regimens to expand his knowledge base. He became enamored by the

classical Greek ideal of a man balanced in body, mind, and spirit, and he began to develop his own exercise system based on this concept.

Growing into adulthood, Joe was no longer a sickly child and became an avid skier, diver, gymnast and boxer.

In 1912, Joe went to England, where he worked as a self-defense instructor for detectives at Scotland Yard. At the outbreak of World War I, Joe was interned as an "enemy alien" with other German nationals. During his internment, Joe refined his ideas and rigged springs to hospital beds, enabling bedridden patients to exercise against resistance, an innovation that led to his later equipment designs. An influenza epidemic struck England in 1918 killing thousands of people, but not a single one of Joe's trainees died. This, he claimed, is a testament to his training method, known today as "The Pilates Method."

After his release Joe returned to Germany where his exercise method became popular in the dance community. German officials asked Joe to teach his fitness system to the army. This is when he fled to the United States in 1926. During the voyage he met Clara Zeuner, whom he later married. Joe and Clara opened a fitness studio in New York where they trained many dancers from the New York City Ballet.

By the early 1960s Joe and Clara were well known in the dance community across the country.

Kathy Grant and Lolita San Miguel were also students of Joe and Clara and they became teachers. They are believed to be the only Pilates practitioners ever certified officially by Joe.

Other students known as "The Elders" include Eve Gentry, Bruce King, Mary Bowen and Robert Fitzgerald who all opened studios across the US.

Pilates Finds Hollywood

In the 1970s, Hollywood celebrities discovered Pilates at Ron Fletcher's studio in Beverly Hills.

Once the stars discovered it, the media began to cover Pilates extensively and business boomed.

No longer the workout of the elite, Pilates has

entered the fitness mainstream. It has become a vital component to elite athletes all over the world including the NFL crucial training, NBA, MLB, MLS, NHL and many Olympic athletes. Today, over 10 million Americans practice Pilates and the numbers continue to grow.

The new trend is Featured Studios, located in fitness facilities and community centers all over the US.

Did you know that the JEA has a Private Pilates Studio with apparatus for Personal Training? Contact Kat Ackerman at fitness@savj.org for more information.

JEA Pilates Training Fees:

1 – 1 Hour Session
Session Price: \$65.00
Member Value Price: \$55.00

4 – 1 Hour Sessions
Session Price: \$260.00
Member Value Price: \$200.00

My favorite Joseph Pilates Quotes

- A few well-designed movements, properly performed in a balanced sequence, are worth hours of doing sloppy calisthenics or forced contortion.
- Everyone is the architect of their own happiness.
- It's the mind itself which shapes the body.
- Never slouch as doing so compresses the lungs, overcrowds other vital organs, rounds the back, and throws you off balance.
- Physical fitness can neither be achieved by wishful thinking nor outright purchase.
- Not only is health a normal condition, but it is our duty not only to attain it but to maintain it.
- Above all, learn to breathe correctly.

"I'm fifty years ahead of my time," Joe once claimed. He was right.

Joseph Pilates died on October 9, 1967, at the age of 83. Clara Pilates died ten years later in 1977.



Fitness Classes

Sunday

9:15 am - Power Pilates
10:30 am - Total Body Blast

Monday

8:45 am - Firm It Up
10:00 am - Aquasize
10:00 am - Vinyasa Yoga
10:30 am - SilverSneakers Classic
6:00 pm - AquaDance
6:00 pm - Total Body Blast

Tuesday

9:15 am - Power Pilates
10:00 am - SilverSneakers Splash
10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
5:45 pm - Zumba Glow
6:00 pm - Savannah Kenpo
7:00 pm - Savannah Fencing Club

Wednesday

8:45 am - Firm It Up
10:00 am - Sun Flow Yoga
10:30 am - SilverSneakers Classic
6:00 pm - Total Body Blast

Thursday

9:30 am - Barre Blend
10:00 am - Aquasize
10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
6:00 pm - Savannah Kenpo
7:00 pm - Savannah Fencing Club

Friday

8:45 am - Firm It Up
10:00 am - Yoga
10:00 am - Aquasize

Soccer Sign-Ups Coming Soon!

Soccer is the world's most popular sport and your child can get in on all the exciting action with the JEA Youth Soccer League. Children start by learning the most basic soccer fundamentals and progress to more advanced techniques and skills as they build speed, endurance and stamina. Through carefully guided practices, our coaches strive to help your child develop individual skills and gain an intellectual understanding of and love for the game while learning essential values like teamwork, responsibility and good sportsmanship.

- Registration begins the end of August. Season runs September-November.
- Ages 4 to 10
- Cost: \$50 for Members, \$75 for Non-Members
- Need to bring water, shin guards and cleats (preferably)



JEA Preschool Savannah News

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Contact Jodi Sadler, Director, at
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Weeks 7 & 8: A Child's Garden July 18-July 29

Get your hands dirty and watch your green thumb grow. We'll do outdoor planting and create indoor gardens such as an art garden, book garden and photo garden!

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- Your child will enjoy weekly shabbat celebrations, swimming lessons for 4-year olds, special guests and activities and hands-on experiences!
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August 2016 Artist Rob Summerlin

Robert Lee Summerlin was born in North Carolina in 1988 and grew up in Savannah, Georgia. In 2012, he graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design with a BFA in Painting.

The main focus of Summerlin's artistic expression is portraiture. With his work, he attempts to honor the vitality of the human spirit. All of his paintings are completed in oil alla prima on wooden panels.

His work has been featured in many group shows, both in Savannah and in Austin, Texas. He recently had his first sell-out showcase at the East Austin Studio Tour in 2015. Summerlin lives and works in Austin.

Artwork available for viewing August 1-31, 2016
Art Gallery Reception August 28, 2016, 3-5 pm

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 5/7/16-6/17/16)

Sony Agrawal
Gregory & Julia Araya
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Jarrod & Kristina Johnson
Olivier & Yvonne Jouffrault
Dale Karacostas
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Marian Marshall
Ari & Heather Martyn
Stephen Murphy & Lauren Poser
Michael Nowers
Jennylyn Pawelski
Brendan Polk
David & Louise Romero
Phillip Sheppard & Elizabeth Barber
Joshua & Dana Smith
Martin Smith & Emily Eisenhart

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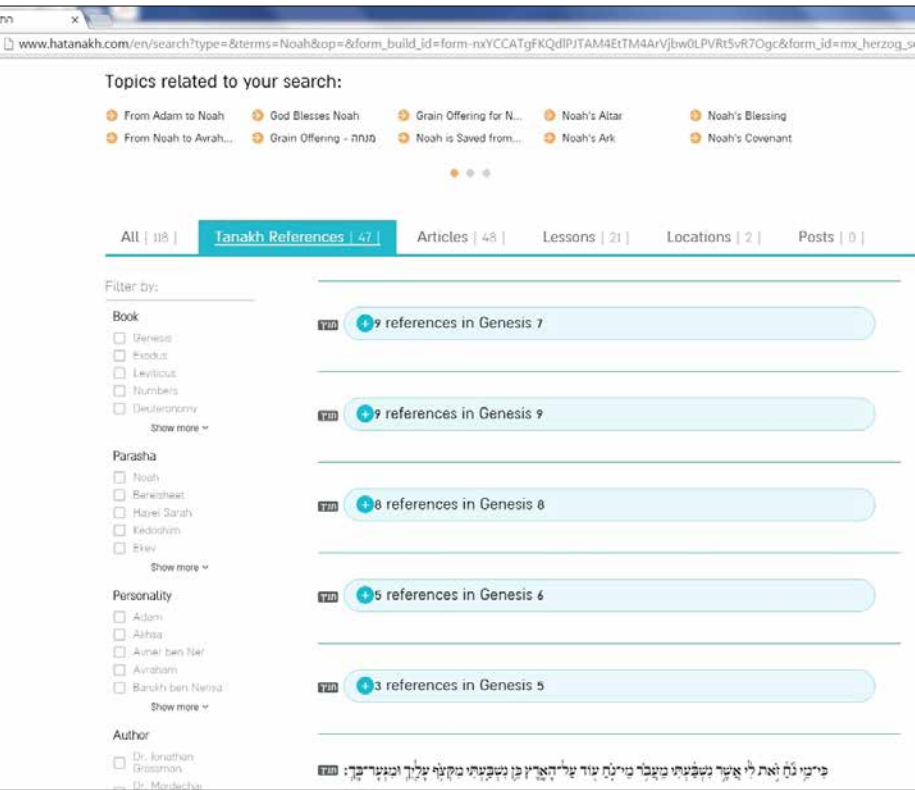
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Everything Bible.....from pg 8



Screen shot of a search for 'Noah' on Google of the Bible

articles, videos, teaching curriculums, literature and artwork — all of which can be accessed with the site's comprehensive search engine. The project was developed by a team of biblical scholars, Bible aficionados, academics, rabbis and artists. Google of the Bible can be accessed at <http://www.hatanakh.com/en>.

Legacy.....from pg 8

earmarked for BGU's Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research, which studies sustainable use of water resources, desalination technologies, water quality and microbiology.

The Marcuses each fled Germany in the 1930s and met in the U.S. "Both Howard and Lottie lost nearly all members of their German-Jewish families — families that were annihilated by the Nazi Holocaust. Their legacy is a triumph over the forces of evil that very nearly erased them from the face of the earth more than 70 years ago," said AABGU president Lloyd Goldman. They became involved with BGU in 1997 and were fascinated by the university's work in desalination and desert farming. "They believed that peace could come to the Middle East if water scarcity could be addressed," said AABGU's Southwest regional director Philip Gomperts in a statement.

In the statement announcing the gift, Buffett recalled meeting the



Lottie and Dr. Howard Marcus during a 2005 visit to the Ben-Gurion University campus named for their family.

couple in the early 1960s through Wall Street investor and Columbia Business School instructor Benjamin Graham. "We hit it off, and they joined my investment partnership. Knowing them, it comes as no surprise that they elected to use their financial success to enhance the lives of thousands of Israeli young people," said the chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway.

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Transitions and New Beginnings

Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director of
Early Childhood
Education

It's hard to believe that the summer is almost over and it is once again time to get ready for the 2016-2017 school year. Even though the weather is still quite hot in August and it feels like summer, parents are beginning to think about preparations for new beginnings.

Anne Zachry, a writer for *Parent's Magazine*, has some suggestions on how to prepare your child for Pre-school.

1. **Don't over prepare**—Time is a difficult concept for young children so don't begin too early to talk about their new classroom or teacher. When passing a playground, mention to the child that he/she will have an outdoor space like that at his/her new school.
2. **Establish a set schedule**—Have a consistent routine at home will help your child to adjust to the structure of a classroom schedule.
3. **Set up daily chores**—Even the youngest toddler can learn to pick up toys and throw trash away while tidying a room.
4. **Make time for reading**—Readily available books in all spaces including bedroom, kitchen, car, and outside provide the rich language children need to be successful in school.
5. **Plan a sneak peak of the school**—Plan a time to vis-

it the classroom with your child to meet the teacher and become familiar with the surroundings. Explain what is going to happen there: making new friends, eating lunch, taking a nap, painting, exploring the dramatic play area, etc.

6. **Separation anxiety**—Your child may have a difficult time separating from you during the beginning of the school year. Be prepared for a few tears but stay positive. Reassure your child that you will be back to pick him/ her up after you finish your day. Keep your goodbyes short and sweet.



This is a lot to absorb and to remember so if you can focus on two or three of these suggestions, the start of the new school year will be smooth and easy for you and your child. However, even if you follow these suggestions, children may still cry and be sad at drop-off. Rest assured, given time and patience, they all adapt to their new environment.

Providing love and security remain our top priority for our children and families at JEA Preschool Savannah. The teachers and staff are looking forward to another school year filled with meaningful learning experiences and love!



JEA Preschool Savannah's 2016 'graduates' at their Oh the Places You'll Go Ceremony in May



Ester Rabhan,
Principal of
Rambam Day School

The End Always Brings New Beginnings

Rambam Day School ended the year in full gear. We had a ballet show, Summer's Garden, which included pre-school through eighth grade students. Under the direction of Joanna Bender, the girls' performance was wonderful. It was quite moving to have the older girls do various scenes with the younger ballerinas. The audience was mesmerized and dazzled.

Under the supervision and guidance of Charlotte Souzzo, our middle school art teacher, various middle school students participated in an art show called Once Upon a Time. The children crafted garments and props made from donated, recycled and repurposed goods to create "junk" inspired fashions and props following a fairytale inspired theme. The various costumes were: Rapunzel, Glitter Green Fairy, Beautiful Blue Fairy, Medieval Hero, Grand Griffin just to name a few. There were judges and each participant was acknowledged for some aspect of their creativity. Second place winner overall was Moshe Simcha Landon and first place was Chana Raizel Rabhan.

The eighth grade had its closing ceremony with the seniors of Buckingham South to acknowledge our third wonderfully, successful year for our Better Together Program which is a project supported through a Better Together™ Grant from a well-renowned national foundation. We are grateful for their generous support. Their support allowed the seniors of Buckingham South and the eighth grade students to once again bond and learn to appreciate what each group can give to the other; thus enriching each other's lives.

Graduation as always was bittersweet. The graduates chose once again this year to speak about each other rather than concentrate on the theme of graduation. They depicted one another as friends who are close while applauding each other's strengths and acknowledging each other's imperfections which only made their years together a lot more fun and a lot more interesting.

Quoting a pre-school student of Rambam Day School, "Mommy, I don't want to grow up because I want to stay in this school."

Partially quoting a parent of an elementary student, "...I am of the opinion that while I am the parent raising my child, Rambam Day School and its staff are also raising her. Whenever someone comments on my child's manners and demeanor, I give credit to Rambam and her every day environment."

Quoting a pre-school parent new to our school this past year, "I walked into my child's room and just saw the happiness. He was painting and smiling and today at the program, he was so excited to be in the room. I cried when I left."

Rambam Day School has children from all walks of Judaism and we are proud of our parent body. We are proud that we are trusted to present Judaism in a non-threatening man-



Rambam's 2016 graduates (l-r): Jordan Jaffie, Leah Landon, Hannah Boblasky, Nathan Pritzker, Marc Saul, Max Eichelbaum, Baruch Mordechai Garfunkel

ner and simultaneously ensure the academic, secular success of every child.

We are grateful for the opportunity to fan the flames of our tradition and be a part of ensuring our traditions continuity and vibrancy.

We have four new families whose children will be in elementary and middle school grades, signed up to attend Rambam next year. When these families came to visit the school, I found it fascinating they already had knowledge that Rambam has an excellent educational program. I wondered if even though they had made the effort to come and see the school; if "feeling comfortable religiously" would come up in our conversation. It never came up. And we are excited and look forward to sharing the unique Day School experience with our new families during the coming school year of 2015-2016.

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appreciated cultural touchstones like “Seinfeld,” or superheroes like Batman and Superman, before knowing or caring that they were created by American Jews. But Asscher said a cultural disconnect remained. His students, for example, had trouble appreciating the role decorative objects — *tchotchkes* like a cup with Hebrew writing or even a Jewish National Fund charity box — played in solidifying communal Jewish identity.

“We talked about how being a Jew in America is a question of choice,” Asscher said. “You can choose to be, and you can choose not to be. And if you choose to be, you need to be active in that regard. That’s not a given in Israel.”

The program attracts some 100 applicants each year, but the 25 students don’t necessarily reflect the average Israeli. Many have had experiences with non-Orthodox movements, which have a scant presence in Israel. A few are studying to be Reform rabbis. Others have lived abroad for long periods of time.

The trip, billed as a “reverse Birth-

right,” aims to get Israelis to like American Jews in the same way Birthright aims to create pro-Israel Americans. But Birthright has brought more than half a million young Jews to Israel; the master’s program is orders of magnitude smaller.

On the trip, which takes place entirely in New York, the students hear from leaders of all four major denominations and meet with a range of Jewish organizations. They explore the history of Jewish immigration to America, visiting Ellis Island as well as the Tenement Museum on Manhattan’s Lower East Side. Along with “Fiddler on the Roof,” they attend a Yiddish theater performance and see a documentary on American Jews in film. The trip also includes a lecture by journalist Peter Beinart, a self-described liberal Zionist.

A few students said they were surprised by how much American Jewish movements have in common, even as they emphasize their differences. Almost everyone they meet, said student Yehuda Lahav, speaks positively about the LGBT commu-



A cohort of Israeli master’s degree students studying American Jewry visited New York on their program’s annual trip last year.

nity.

“I don’t know if they realize that the direction all the streams are going is the same,” he said. “Some have been there for a while; some will get there in the future. None of them see a contradiction between Jewish life and American life.”

The students are largely bullish about the American Jewish community and the values it represents. Some praised American Jewry’s pluralism and downplayed the challenges and divisions that afflict its subgroups. Israelis, a few suggested,

have much to learn from Judaism’s success in America’s free market of religion.

“American Judaism, despite the challenges and problems it’s facing, can embody a different and in many ways positive model of Judaism that is very important for us in Israel to know,” student Assaf Gamzou said. “Israelis a lot of the time have a very monolithic sense of themselves and our place. Sometimes we think Israel is the center of Jewish experience, but it is not necessarily so.”

Violent Anti-Semitism On the Rise

(New York, NY) —The number of violent anti-Semitic assaults in the U.S. rose dramatically last year, according to new data from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL).

ADL’s annual *Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents*, issued last month, recorded a total of 941 incidents in the U.S. in 2015, an increase of about 3% from the 912 incidents recorded in 2014. Fifty-six incidents were assaults — the most violent anti-Semitic category — representing a more than 50% rise from the 36 assaults reported in 2014.

Another troubling finding: anti-Semitic incidents at colleges and universities nearly doubled last year. A total of 90 incidents were reported on 60 college campuses in 2015, compared with 47 incidents on 43 campuses in 2014. Campus anti-Semitic incidents accounted for 10% of the total incidents reported in the U.S. in 2015.

“We are disturbed that violent anti-Semitic incidents are rising,” said Jonathan A. Greenblatt, ADL CEO. “And we know that for every incident reported, there’s likely another that goes unreported. So even as the total incidents have remained statistically steady from year to year, the trend toward anti-Semitic violence is

very concerning.”

According to the Audit, Georgia saw an increase of 23% in total reported anti-Semitic incidents in 2015 (16 vs. 13 in 2014). None of the incidents here were assaults.

“The good news is the number of anti-Semitic incidents overall are much lower than we witnessed in the mid-2000s,” [when they peaked at 1,554 in 2006] said Marvin D. Nathan, ADL National Chair. “While that decrease is encouraging, it is troubling that on average there is one anti-Semitic assault reported in this country every week, and at least two anti-Jewish incidents on average every single day. These numbers do not even account for all of the online harassment we see every hour on social media, which is so widespread it is difficult to quantify.”

ADL witnessed an explosion of hate online in 2015, especially on social media platforms. While the Audit includes incidents of online anti-Semitism reported to ADL in which an individual or institution is explicitly targeted, it does not count general anti-Semitic expressions online.

“Online hate is particularly disturbing because of the ubiquity of social media and its deep penetra-



tion into our daily lives, plus the anonymity offered by certain platforms which facilitates this phenomenon,” Greenblatt said. “The issue has grown exponentially in recent years because the Internet provides racists and bigots with an outlet to reach a potential audience of millions. We plan to adapt future versions of the Audit to account for such online harassment.”

ADL recently launched a *Task Force on Online Harassment and Journalism* to investigate the issue of anti-Semitism directed at journalists through social media and to develop recommendations on how to respond to it. Advisors to this group include thought leaders from academia, industry, journalism, law enforcement and non-governmental organizations. The Task Force will report publicly on its findings and recommendations in the next three months.

ADL also said it continues to receive a troubling number of complaints about children, adolescents and teenagers engaging in

anti-Semitic behavior, both on and off school grounds. These incidents include physical assaults, threats of violence, and verbal and written taunts promoting anti-Semitic stereotypes or evoking disturbing Holocaust themes.

ADL’s *Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents* identifies both criminal and non-criminal acts of harassment and intimidation, including distribution of hate propaganda, threats and slurs. Compiled using information provided by victims, law enforcement and community leaders and evaluated by ADL’s professional staff, the Audit provides an annual snapshot of one specific aspect of a nationwide problem while identifying possible trends or changes in the types of activity reported. This information assists ADL in developing and enhancing programs to counter and prevent the spread of anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry.

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- July 15: Summer Shabbat Service, 6:30pm Off Site
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- July 29: Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:30pm
- July 30: Shabbat Morning Service & Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Rich, 11am
- August 5: Summer Shabbat Service, 6:30pm Off Site
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Melinda Stein

It’s a Funny Thing

by Melinda Stein

Max and his wife, Miriam, were arguing about their vacation destination.

“It’s called ‘Hawaii’, I’m telling you!” Miriam said.

“No way! ‘Havaii’ is how it’s pronounced by the locals!

I read about it!” he snapped.

And so it went. As they finally got off the plane in Honolulu, Max stopped a passerby and asked, “Excuse me, would you settle an argument between my wife and me? Is this place called ‘Hawaii’ or ‘Havaii’?”

“This is Havaii,” the man replied.

“Ha!” Max gloated to Miriam. “See, didn’t I tell you never to argue with me?”

As they began to walk away, Max turned back and called out to the man, “Thank you!”

“You’re velcome!” he called back.

A customer was hassling an El Al agent at the ticket counter in Tel Aviv – yelling and threatening. But the agent was polite, pleasant and smiled while the customer continued to harass her.

When the man finally left, the next person in line said to the agent, “Does that happen often? I can’t believe how nice you were to him.”

The El Al agent smiled and said, “Well, I took care of it. He’s going to Detroit. His bags are going to Bangkok.”

Josh was applying for a job and the employment application clearly stated: “Age of father and mother (if living).” He wrote down 104 and 99 in the spaces provided.

“Wow, your parents are really that old?” the interviewer asked Josh.

“No,” came the reply, “But they would be if they were still living.”

A guide was showing a group of Israeli tourists the world famous Niagara Falls. “I’ll bet you don’t have anything like that in Israel!” said the tour guide.

“You’re right, we don’t,” said one Israeli. “But we’ve definitely got the plumbers who could fix it.”

Al Klein went to visit his dentist, Dr. Goldstein, about a bad tooth.

Dr. Goldstein: I have to pull it, but don’t worry; it will take just five minutes.

Klein: And how much will that cost?

Dr. Goldstein: It’s \$150.

Klein: \$150 for just a few minutes of work??

Dr. Goldstein: I can extract it very slowly if you prefer.

Sam Shuster spent many years in Yeshiva, and then decided he should take some college courses.

For his final exam in Philosophy, the professor presented only a single question. He picked up his chair, plopped it on his desk, and wrote on the board: “Prove that this chair does not exist.”

Some students wrote over 30 pages in one hour attempting to refute the existence of the chair. Sam, however, was up and finished in less than a minute.

Weeks later when the grades were posted, most of the students scored low grades. Sam, however, got an “A.”

The others asked Sam about his answer and he responded that it only contained two words:

“What chair?”

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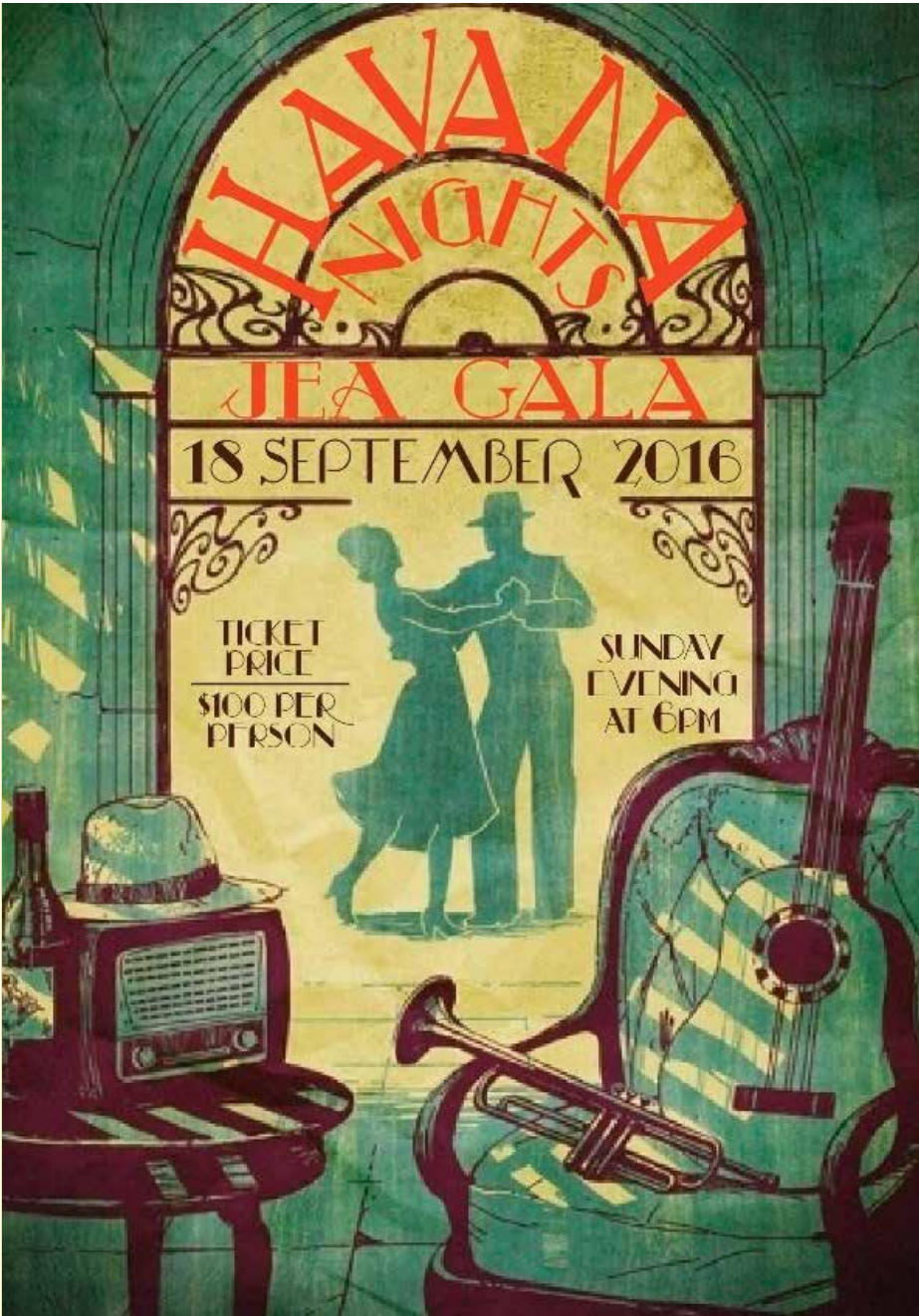


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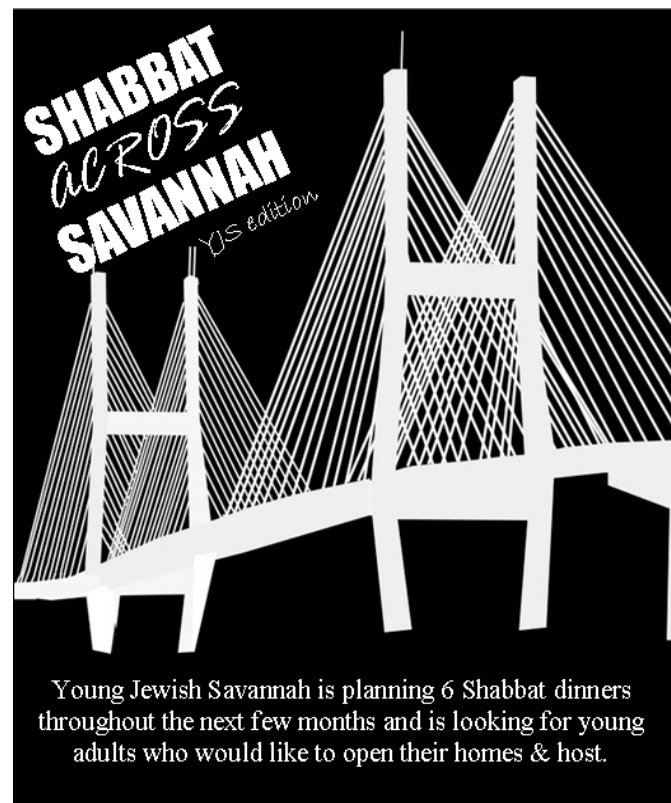
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Growing the Savannah Jewish Archives

By Jeremy Katz

In July 2015, the Savannah Jewish Archives (SJA) moved from the Georgia Historical Society to the Cuba Family Archives for Southern Jewish History at the Breman Museum. One of the major objectives tasked with the Cuba Family Archives was to continue to grow the SJA. Over the past year, we have added significant items to the collection, most recently of which was "Dr. Nunez in Savannah" pen and ink on artists' board by renowned Georgia artist, Wilbur Kurtz.



Kurtz created this illustration for a column he wrote for the Atlanta Journal Magazine and the Atlanta Constitution in the 1930s and 1940s. As an artist and a historian, these articles focused on Georgia's history such as prominent individuals, events, building, governors, Civil War battles, and train depots. Sometimes his wife, Annie Laurie Fuller, wrote the articles while he created the illustrations.

Another significant collection the Cuba Family Archives recently accessioned is the Beirne Prager Family Papers. Born in Savannah on July 30, 1897, Beirne was the third child of Savannah native Sara Boley and German immigrant Mose Prager. Mose died when Beirne was a young child, leaving Sara to raise the children on her own. Beirne was sent to the Pennsylvania Military Institute in Chester, Pennsylvania, and eventually enlisted in the Georgia National Guard.



When America entered World War I, Beirne served as a First Sergeant in an artillery company for the Georgia National Guard. Although he was offered a commission into the Federal Army during the war, Beirne demurred in order to stay with his troops. His papers consist of his army issued helmet, portrait in uniform (on metal; color), military discharge papers (photocopy), and a short biography written by his descendant, Nancy Prager.

The Cuba Family Archives looks forward to continuing to grow the SJA, as well as making the collections available to the public through online and physical exhibitions in the near future. The public is encouraged to reach out to archives staff to explore the SJA or make suggestions on possible new collections that document Jewish life in Savannah and Chatham County. Please contact Jeremy Katz, jrkatz@thebreman.org or (404) 870-1862.

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