

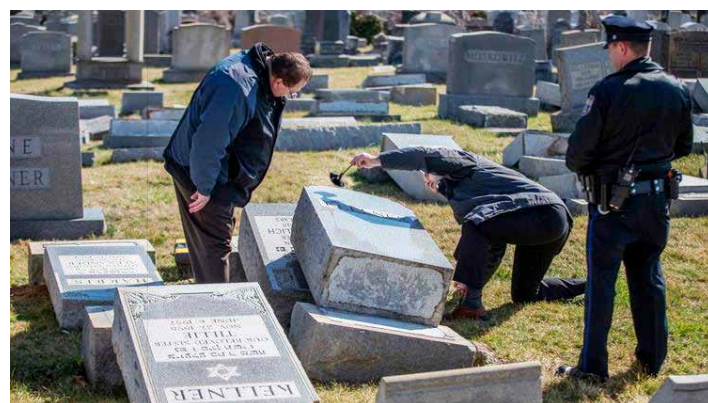
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Facing Hate & Anti-Semitism in 2017

While the number of criminal incidents remains difficult to quantify, there can be no doubt that overt anti-Semitism is on the rise in the United States. The New York Police Department, which does have numbers readily available, reports that for the first six weeks of 2017, hate crimes against Jews in their jurisdiction more than doubled from the number reported in the same period last year. FBI hate crime data for 2016 are not yet available.

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), reports that the number of hate groups operating in the U.S. rose, for the second year in a row, to 917 in 2016, after declining for four consecutive years from an all-time high of 1,018 in 2011. That number is up almost 17% in those two years. The SPLC maintains a 'hate map' on its website showing where the various hate groups are based. Fortunately, Savannah and the immediate surrounding Low Country do not appear to be home to any of the groups tracked on the map, though they can be found close by.

The SPLC attributes the rise to a significant increase in 2015 in the number of Ku Klux Klan chapters and black separatist hate groups. They say the Klan was invigorated by pro-Confederate battle flag rallies that took place after South Carolina removed the flag from its Capitol grounds following the massacre of nine black churchgoers by a white supremacist flag enthusiast at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church. On the other end of the political spectrum, SPLC says black separatist hate groups were fueled by the explosion of anger fostered by highly publicized police shootings of black men. But unlike activists for racial justice such as the Black Lives Matter movement, the black separatist



Police dust for fingerprints on a toppled headstone at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Philadelphia

groups did not stop at demands for police reforms and an end to structural racism. Instead, they typically demonized all whites, gays and, in particular, Jews.

The continued increase in the number of hate groups in 2016 was attributable to what SPLC called "the enormous leap in anti-Muslim hate groups," the number of which grew 197% in one year, driven they said, by radical Islamist attacks in-

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Yom HaShoah Observed April 23rd

Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, will be commemorated this year on Sunday, April 23rd. The community observance program, which begins at 5pm at the JEA, will feature Jeannie Opdyke Smith, who will tell the story of her mother, Irene Gut Opdyke, a Catholic Polish nurse who rescued Jews from the Nazis during World War II.

Like so many of her generation, Irene (born Irena) did not tell her story for many years, but once she did, she wrote a book, *In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer*, which also became a Broadway play, *Irena's Vow*, starring Tovah Feldshuh. Among the many accolades she received since telling her story, Irene has been recognized as one of the *Righteous Among the Nations* at Yad Vashem and her story is part of a permanent exhibit at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Irene Opdyke died in 2003, but her daughter Jeannie keeps her story and her mission alive. Jeannie trav-

els throughout the year on behalf of Jewish Federations, the Anti-Defamation League and others speaking to schools, churches and community events about her mother's commitment and the message that faith, love and hope can triumph over evil. She is part of the next generation of Holocaust speakers who share their parents' first-hand experiences.

The local Yom HaShoah Committee is pleased to again oversee the Savannah Jewish Federation's Annual Yom HaShoah Art and Writing Contests for middle and high school students as part of this year's observance.

On Yom HaShoah we remember the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. So as not to forget the personal devastation of the loss of each life taken, we will continue our solemn tradition of reading aloud names of children throughout

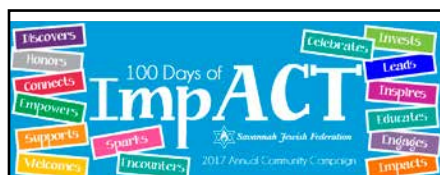


the day. Members of the community will read these names in the lobby of the JEA from 9am to 5pm. We speak and hear their names, and we recall them as full human beings, not just as "victims." To participate in this meaningful tradition please sign up at www.savj.org.

The Yom HaShoah Commemoration Ceremony begins at 5pm at the JEA on Sunday, April 23rd. The ceremony also will include the lighting of memorial candles, benedictions from our local Rabbis and recognition of the Art and Writing Contest winners. The ceremony is open to the public.

Candle Lighting Times

Friday, April 7	7:31pm
Monday, April 10	7:33pm
Tuesday, April 11	8:29pm
Friday, April 14	7:35pm
Sunday, April 16	7:37pm
Monday, April 17	8:34pm
Friday, April 21	7:40pm
Friday, April 28	7:45pm



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April 7

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April 30

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For grades 5-8

Sunday, April 2



Anti-Semitism.....from pg 1

cluding the mass murder of 49 people at an Orlando gay nightclub, the unrelenting propaganda of a growing circle of well-paid ideologues, and the incendiary rhetoric of President Trump.

And while not yet part of any statistics released by the FBI, there are the incidents with which the American Jewish community is becoming all too familiar. As of this writing, since early 2017 there have been 156 bomb threats at Jewish community centers, religious schools, cultural institutions and Anti-Defamation League offices throughout North America. Thankfully, no bombs have been found in association with any of these phone calls or emails, but

every single threat must be taken seriously, resulting in building evacuations, disruptions to school schedules, programming, and the business of agencies housed in the JCCs, as well as the potential loss of memberships. There has been one arrest thus far of an individual alleged to be responsible for threats to three JCCs and a few other

Jewish institutions, part of his bizarre attempt to frame a former girlfriend for the nationwide threats.

Sadly, 2017 also ushered in the newest form of anti-Semitism in the U.S. — desecration of Jewish cemeteries. In February, more than 100 headstones were toppled or damaged at both Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery in University City, MO, and Mount Carmel Cemetery in Philadelphia. In addition, synagogues are being defaced. In March, a day care worker found a swastika etched into the metal doorframe at Agudath B'nai Israel Synagogue in Lorain, OH, followed by the message, "We will rise and gas you (expletive)." A few days later, an off-duty police officer found "THE HOLOCAUST IS FAKE

HISTORY" painted on the side of Temple De Hirsch Sinai in Seattle. Senior Rabbi Daniel Weiner said a neighbor saw the vandalism and rushed to cover the graffiti with a "Love Wins" sign. He thanked the neighbor, but took their message down.

What to do?

Jewish leaders have been quick to praise the efforts of local law enforcement agencies in dealing with the multitude of anti-Semitic threats and incidents. On March 8th, the JCC Association of North America sent a letter, signed by 141 JCC movement leaders (including JEA Executive Director Adam Solender), to Attorney

sent a letter to Sessions, Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly and FBI Director James Comey asking them to assist local law enforcement agencies in their efforts to protect JCCs, synagogues and Jewish schools, and to help prosecute those responsible for threatening or vandalizing these institutions. The letter says, "It has become clear that threats of violence against individual JCCs are not isolated incidents. These cowardly acts aim to create an atmosphere of fear and disrupt the important programs and services offered by JCCs to everyone in the communities they serve, including in our states."

Nearby, the South Carolina General Assembly passed H. 3643 by a vote

of 103-3, which provides South Carolina institutions of higher learning with a definition of anti-Semitism (that of the U.S. State Dept.) to identify and fight discrimination against Jewish students. "Anti-Semitic incidents are on the rise across America and especially on our college campuses," said Representative Alan Clemmons,

the bill's author and chief cosponsor. "I believe this is an overdue and appropriate response that will strengthen our state's preparedness to deal with acts of anti-Semitism." The bill now moves to the state senate for consideration.

Last December, the U.S. Senate, in a show of bipartisanship, passed the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act by unanimous consent. Like the South Carolina bill, it gave the U.S. Department of Education guidance for determining intent when investigating anti-Semitic incidents. The companion bill in the House of Representatives was introduced too late for passage in the last Congress, but action is expected this year.

General Jeff Sessions that called local law enforcement "a beacon of responsiveness and professionalism." But the letter also said, "Still, we are frustrated with the progress in resolving this situation. We insist that all relevant federal agencies, including your own, apply all the resources available to identify and bring the perpetrator or perpetrators, who are trying to instill anxiety and fear in communities across the country, to justice." The group requested a meeting with Sessions "to discuss specific steps that will be taken to deter further threats, discuss security needs, and seek justice," and asked that the Department of Justice "treat this case with the utmost urgency it deserves."

On March 7th, all 100 U.S. senators



School children and employees at the JCC of Greater Orlando wait for the all clear signal after a recent bomb threat

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Sincerely,
Anita Feigenbaum
Executive Director

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new events each week!



Adam Solender,
Executive Director of
JEA/SJF

The Winds of Change

In early March, I took a little time away from the office for some needed R&R. It was done with much trepidation as JCCs throughout the country were under assault (that assault continues unabated to the time writing this column) from a series of bomb threats—some by phone, some by email. How could I be away from the JEA? What would happen if the JEA received one and I wasn't there?

The fact is, our staff is great. They have been briefed, they are in constant communication, they have a plan, and my worries were for naught.

Yet, I worried. We all worry. It is important to remain vigilant and concerned.

We've all seen the pictures of buildings being emptied, evacuation cribs sitting starkly in the snow, children huddled away from buildings. Thankfully, all 160+ threats have been just that, threats.

And there has been much more: desecrations of cemeteries in St. Louis, New York and Philadelphia, bomb threats to ADL offices and Israel Consulates, Holocaust denial graffiti on a Seattle synagogue, anti-Semitic graffiti on college campuses throughout the country... the list of incidents goes on and on.

At first it was reported as a rising trend in religiously-motivated hate crimes across the country, sometimes it was defined as "ethno-nationalism," but soon, even the media understood and reported it for what it is: anti-Semitism.

And these incidents have no geographical boundaries... they take place in big cities and small towns, among the most liberal communities and in deep conservative ones.

The Savannah Jewish Federation is very grateful to our 100 Senators, in a rare statement of unity, who issued a

public letter urging the Department of Justice, FBI and Homeland Security to protect Jewish institutions and to prosecute those responsible for terrorizing them.

And we are grateful to our local law enforcement officials who have supported us so completely. The local FBI office has had an agent at the JEA five times in the last two months. They have trained our staff, done a premise evaluation, and shared "best practices."

We met with our local Savannah Chatham Police Department to make sure that we have existing relationships.

The Department of Homeland Security has been a constant support with weekly phone calls, sharing of procedures, intelligence briefings, and a thorough review of the premises resulting in a written list of recommendations to "harden the premises."

All the security organizations applauded the JEA's initiative of installing doors at both sides of the lobby (in process) to limit access to the premises. They were very impressed by the biometric control of the Preschool wing with one of the agents stating, "You are light years ahead of most centers." They were similarly impressed with the camera coverage (both existing and being added) of the building and grounds.

We have been very thankful for the concern and support that we have received from community members. We are certainly all in this together.

It was just this afternoon that I was listening to NPR. A poet was talking about the state of the discourse in the country and the words really resonated on the challenges we are facing.

"The wind was blowing heavy
We may not be in the same boat
But we are all in the same ocean"

There are significant events threatening the national Jewish community and while we have not experienced them personally, a threat to one is a threat to us all.

Save the Date

The 28th Annual

Jack Malitz & Miriam Slotin
Levy Memorial Concert

Sunday, May 21st
2pm at the JEA



Survey Says...

If you receive the Savannah Jewish Federation's weekly eNews, you may remember being asked to participate in a survey of the Savannah-area Jewish community in October 2015. The survey was conducted by William Smith and Pidi Zhang, two sociology professors at Georgia Southern University, who were interested in comparing Jewish identity in the South with some of the findings of the Pew Research Center's 2013 study, *A Portrait of Jewish Americans*.

As the authors acknowledged, given that the only people surveyed for this study were those who responded to the email solicitation, they were not able to say that their "sample is representative of Jews in Savannah, the South, or the United States." They believed, "nevertheless, these respondents have provided us with very valuable data about themselves and their beliefs and practices."

So what did they learn? Of the 349 people who participated in the survey (a 29% response rate), 91% were Jewish, 70% were married, 82.5% were white, 52% were female and 48% male. Their average age was 61.6. Forty percent said they identified as Reform Jews, 31.4% as Conservative and 12.3% as Orthodox; the remainder either responded "other" or considered themselves non-denominational. The average age is older than that of the Pew sample (54.7), but the representation of Reform and Orthodox Jews tracks reasonably close (35% and 10% respectively). However, in sharp contrast to the local respondents, only 18% of those surveyed in the Pew study were Conservative Jews and 30% were non-denominational.

Almost half of the respondents



said that for them being Jewish was a combination of religion, ancestry and culture/ethnicity whereas in the Pew study only 18.8% reported being Jewish as a matter of all three indicators. In the national sample, the individual indicators polled stronger: ancestry, 27.5% (compared to 6.2% locally); culture, 24.5% (6.5%); religion, 16.2% (13%).

The authors also asked about a number of behaviors or traits and their first paper reporting the results of the survey is somewhat technical about the results of these questions, but generally speaking, the respondents seemed to associate leading an ethical/moral life, remembering the Holocaust, caring about Israel and being part of a Jewish community as most important to their Jewish identity followed by working for justice and equality, being intellectually curious, having a good sense of humor, eating traditional Jewish foods and observing Jewish law.

The survey and the authors' first report from it, *Jewish Identity in a Deep Southern City*, offer some interesting points for consideration. However, as they recognize, given the limitations of the methodology used, it is difficult to draw any full conclusions about the local or regional Jewish community or to make meaningful comparisons to the national Pew study.

WE REMEMBER



April 23, 2017

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In observance of Yom HaShoah, we read the names of children who died in the Holocaust, beginning at 9am and continuing in 15 minute shifts until 5pm. We speak and hear their names; we recall them as full human beings, not just as "victims."

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Four Questions for the rest of the year

David Eichholz is a native of Savannah who returned home to join The Eichholz Law Firm after graduating from Florida Coastal School of Law in 2006. Licensed to practice law in Georgia, Tennessee and South Carolina and now the Managing Partner of the firm, David is focused on fighting for individuals and families who have been injured through no fault of their own.

Under David's leadership, The Eichholz Law Firm has become very involved in a number of social service activities. In the past year, some of their projects have included a food drive for Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, a blood drive in conjunction with OneBlood, a partnership with Sweet Feet Soccer (a soccer and movement education program), sponsorship of local rap artist Flau'jae (recognized for her community service), a clothing and blanket drive for the homeless with Old Savannah City Mission, and their scholarships for high school and college students.

David's firm currently has about 65 employees and he says, "We have been able to employ more people because we've been able to help more people – we want to keep growing both of those."

David Eichholz is a past member of the Young Jewish Savannah steering committee and the Board of Directors of the JEA. He also is an avid supporter of the Coastal Empire chapter of the United Way.

Why is it important to you that your firm be involved in social service activities?

We like to get out in the community and help where we can. A lot of different needs arise and we like to be there to help, whether it's for charities or civic organizations and it different events. We have a lot of people who work here and different causes that are important to them and we just like to help.

How do you see these activities fitting into the mission of a law firm?

We have many, many clients that we help on a daily basis with their legal needs but we like to try to do more than that. We're paid for the legal work, but we like to give back, to be helpful to the community and to make a difference in people's lives. You could just go to work and be done, but that would be a lot less fulfilling.



David Eichholz (far right), Daniel Eichholz (general manager) and members of their firm with some of the proceeds from their food drive last November

We invite our clients to join us at events and get involved with us, if they're interested. But we really like having our employees join in at events and projects – they feel like they are part of something more than a business.

How do you choose the projects you get involved with? Are your employees part of that process?

We have one employee whose job is basically devoted to finding the right things for the firm to be involved in, but various employees bring us ideas for projects or areas where they've identified needs and we look at them to decide which ones we should be part of. We especially like projects and events that support less fortunate people, whether it's food or clothing or toys around the holidays, things like that – those are probably

the types of things that are most important to us.

Also, we sponsor some high school and college scholarships trying to encourage kids to pursue legal careers and those are very important to us, as well. That program started just for high school kids and we expanded it for college, too.

Please talk about your future plans for your social service activities.

I can't say that we have any specific plans for the future other than that we plan to continue these activities and hope to get more and more involved. The more organizations we can support and the more events we can do, the better things will be! We try to help whenever something is presented to us.

On The Personal Side

Rebecca "Becky" Portman joined the Atlanta office of the Humane Society of the United States as food policy coordinator for Georgia, focusing on improving the treatment of farm animals and advocating for compassionate eating. She says the Humane Society encourages the "three Rs": Reducing or Replacing consumption of animal products and Refining diets by choosing products that adhere to higher animal welfare standards. Becky and her husband, David Wolf, a pediatric neuro-oncologist, live in Decatur with their 10-year-old daughter. Becky is the daughter of Buddy and Roz Portman.

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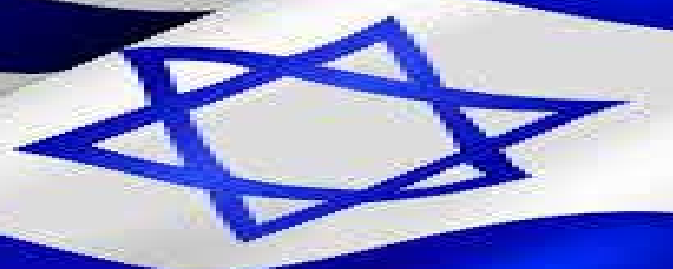
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I on Israel

Biggest Israeli Tech Sale

Mobileye, the Israeli developer of autonomous driving technology we wrote about in the recent January/February *I on Israel*, was just acquired by Intel Corp. for \$15 billion cash. The sale price represents an approximate 35% premium on Mobileye's market value and makes the sale the largest ever for an Israeli tech company. It also is said to be the largest deal to-date involving semi-autonomous and autonomous driving technology. Announced on March 13th, it is expected that the sale will take about nine months to close.

Mobileye was co-founded in 1999 by Amnon Shashua, a computer science professor at Hebrew University. Now the company's chairman, he and two other executives own almost seven percent of the shares; Shmuel Harlap, an early investor in Mobileye and Israel's biggest car importer, also owns about seven percent of the company.

As we previously reported, Mo-



Mobileye co-founder Amnon Shashua arriving at a Mobileye-Intel workers' meeting in Jerusalem on March 14th

bileye and its partner, Delphi, were collaborating with Intel for the chip maker to provide the computer parts for their off-the-shelf autonomous driving system. This investment thrusts Intel into this market, which is predicted to grow from about \$3 billion in 2015 to \$96 billion in 2025 and \$290 billion in 2035, according to Goldman Sachs.

According to CNBC, "Intel will give Mobileye unusual autonomy, integrating its own automated driving

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Rock On

It's a summer of rock n' roll in Tel Aviv and nearby with something for everyone, from teen pop to classic rock, according to Israel21c. Plan a trip to catch one of your favorites.

At Yarkon Park, you can keep company with **Justin Bieber** on May 3rd; walk their way with **Aerosmith** on May 17th; catch **Duran Duran** on June 1st; stay with **Rod Stewart** on June 14th; and get creepy with **Radiohead** on July 19th.

Announced for other venues are:

White Lies, April 17th at Barby Club in Tel Aviv; **Tears for Fears**, July 5th at Menora Mivtachim Arena, Tel Aviv; **Guns N' Roses**, July 15th, Tel Aviv (venue not specified); **Macklemore & Ryan Lewis** with LP, July 18th at Live Park in Rishon LeZion; **The Pixies**, July 25th in Caesaria; **Robbie Williams**, September 16th, Tel Aviv (venue not specified).

Not all performances were confirmed; check the artists' and/or venue websites for ticket information.



(l-r) Michael & Joanne Kooden, Richard & Merry Bodziner, Bobby Bono on their tenth annual trip together to Israel

Tradition

What do you give your husband for a 30th anniversary gift? I gave Richard the gift of study! Richard had asked a Rabbi in Savannah where he could study in Israel at his level and we made plans to go. Bobby Bono and another couple joined us. The men ended up with a Rabbi who was from Atlanta and his Yeshiva students. That was in 2005... Bobby, Richard and I returned the next year and two years later Joanne and Michael Kooden joined us; the five of us have been going every February ever since. We just celebrated our tenth trip together!

Richard, Bobby and Michael study for five days and then we tour places we have not been to after their studies. We have taken wine tours, been to spas, visited the Negev and we always visit friends!

We have met so many

wonderful people. We have Shabbos meals in their homes which makes Shabbos so special. And we love to look up any students from Savannah studying in Israel and treat them to a nice meal or two while we are there!

Savannah friends meet us there too! When Susan Timna is there visiting Amos's family she joins us in Jerusalem and on our trips! We have wonderful reunions! On one of our trips our daughter joined us with her boyfriend. They got engaged at the windmill in the Yemin Moshe neighborhood. The next year they crashed our trip to spend their honeymoon with us!

We encourage anyone to go to Israel. We have plenty of suggestions for you!

—Merry Bodziner



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April 2017



Children's Programming



JEA Camp Savannah June 5th-July 28th!

	Week 1	Purim Palooza June 5th – June 9th	Highlights: Purim Carnival Dress-Up Day: Wear your Favorite Costume Shabbat: Purim Carnival
	Week 2	Siesta Fiesta June 12th – June 16th	Highlights: All Camp Sleepover Dress-Up Day: Piñata Pride Shabbat: Cinco de Mayo
	Week 3	Shipwrecked June 19th – June 23rd	Highlights: Cardboard Boat Regatta/Trip to the Clubhouse Dress-Up Day: Hula Skirts and Hawaiian Shirts Shabbat: Hawaiian Luau
	Week 4	Color War: Go Bananas June 26th – June 30th	Highlights: Savannah Bananas Super Splash Day Dress-Up Day: Fan Wear Shabbat: Strikeout Café
	Week 5	The Camp that Never Sleeps July 3rd – July 7th (*Closed Tuesday for the 4th of July)	Highlights: Sleepover/Trip to Lovin' Spoons Dress-Up Day: From Geek to Chic; New York Fashion Week Shabbat: Big Apple Pizzeria
	Week 6	The Year of the Rooster July 10th – July 14th	Highlights: Trip to See <i>Despicable Me 3</i> Dress-Up Day: Tacky Tourist Day, Seeing Double Day Shabbat: Asian-Fusion Buffett
	Week 7	Waves in Atlantis July 17th – July 21st	Highlights: Atlantis Inflatable Water Park Dress-Up Day: Beach Bum, Pajama Shabbat: Saturday Morning Cartoon Brunch
	Week 8	Glee: Global Takeover July 24th – July 28th	Highlights: Glow-in-the-Dark Dance Party Dress-Up Day: Celebrity Look-Alike, Rep Your Flag Shabbat: Kids Choice

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



REGISTRATION

Registration opens for JEA members and returning camp families on Friday, March 31st at 3pm.

Registration opens to the community on Monday, April 10th at 9am.

\$50.00 registration fee per family due at the time of registration.

Days @ the JEA April 14th, 19th-21st

April 14th - Destination: Space Station (Pre-K to Kindergarten: Trip to Chuck E. Cheese. 1st Grade & Up: Trip to the Planetarium)

April 19th - A Picnic in the Park (Lunch at Forsyth Park)

April 20th - S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts & Math)

April 21st - Bowl-a-rama (A trip to Frames & Games)

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



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 2:00 pm to 4:00 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.



Food For Thought

Join us on each Thursday at 12:30pm

April 6 *Pre-Passover Insight*
Rabbi Robert Haas

April 27 *A Holocaust Survivor's Story*
Erwin Weiss

April 13 *Passover - NO Food for Thought*

May 4 *Savannah Voice Festival*

April 20 *Skin Cancer Awareness*
Dr. Josepha DeVaro



Visit with old friends and meet new ones, and enjoy a delicious lunch for only \$5, followed by an educational speaker or performer.

Don't forget to make your reservation at the JEA desk or by calling 912-355-8111.

The Savannah Jewish Film Festival Presents...

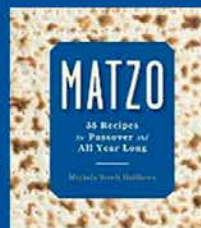


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Streit's Matzo and the American Dream is the story of the last family-owned matzo bakery in America during their final year at their historic New York City factory; the iconic Jewish institution which, for five generations, has been baking matzos from inside four unassuming tenement buildings on New York's Lower East Side.

Then, hear from **Mikie Streit Heilbrun**, co-owner of Streit's Matzos and recent transplant to Savannah, on her experience growing up as part of the Streit family and her brand new cookbook, *Matzo: 35 Recipes for Passover and All Year Long*.

Books will be available for purchase.



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Coming April 2017
April 2, 9, 23 & 30

Parent-Infant Swim

Introduction to Water Safety
6 months - 18 months
Classes held 9:30-10:00 am
&

Parent-Toddler Swim

Basic Water Skills
18 months - 3-years old
Classes held 10:00-10:30 am

Cost: \$75 for Non-Members
\$50 for JEA members

Contact Coach Kirby Southerland
(912) 355-8111 or aquatics@savj.org
to make your reservation



Health & Wellness

Children's Basketball Program has Great Success!



Kirby Southerland
Aquatics Director

This season, DJ Horton, the director of the Children's Department, and I partnered up to coordinate the children's basketball program at the JEA. We had both returning and new players coming together to create several different teams. We had teams for every age group from kindergarten to fifth grade! With several weeks of practice under our belt, we were ready to face the opponents - the players at Blessed Sacrament.

The first game jitters came to play with our basketball players on the first day, but our kids quickly found their groove and began driving the

ball up and down the court. Every Sunday our kids would be back at Blessed Sacrament for a fast-paced, fun-filled game. Although we didn't keep score for our younger teams, it was a joy to watch our kids displaying the principles we work so hard to instill. The program focuses on character development just as much as athletic development, so both practices and games were focused on getting to know teammates, as well as the sport. Our kids learned the importance of being a team player while learning how to shoot layups and free throws.

It was another great season with the JEA Basketball program, but none of it would have been possible without the help of our parents and support staff at the JEA.



Fitness Classes

Sunday

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

Monday

8:45 am - Firm It Up
9:45 am - Aquasize
10:00 am - Vinyasa Yoga
10:45 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
5:15 pm - Fast & Fit
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
7:00 pm - Savannah Fencing Club
7:00 pm - Aikido

Wednesday

8:45 am - Firm It Up
10:00 am - Sun Flow Yoga
10:30 am - Silver Step
4:30 pm - Fast & Fit
6:00 pm - Total Body Blast

Thursday

9:15 am - Barre Sculpt Express
10:00 am - Aquasize
10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
5:15 pm - Fast & Fit
7:00 pm - Savannah Fencing Club
7:00 pm - Aikido

Friday

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

From Cancer Patient to Triathlete



Elaine Fox
Personal Trainer

You may know her as one of our Silver Sneakers instructors, yoga teachers, and personal trainers for the past several years. Many may remember her as Director of Fitness, Health Education and Children's Sports Programming. Others may even know her as a former dancer, teacher and social

worker. Some of us know her as a Cancer Survivor. Elaine Fox is a living example of flexibility both in personality and physicality, packed with determination of will and a spritely spirit.

In February our Fitness Department sponsored a modified Triathlon that required participants to ride a stationary bike for 30 minutes, walk

on a treadmill for 20 minutes and swim for ten minutes. Specific distance was personal as was the competition. This diminutive 71-year old woman, having finished her chemo-radiation cancer treatment and dramatic major abdominal surgery at the end of June, 2016, completed this new physical challenge with flying colors. Elaine was determined to get back to her pre-illness fitness level. She is an inspiration to us ALL.

She says, "I felt that there was something seriously wrong with me at the initial diagnostic stages. With the help of excellent medical care and lots of love from family and friends, I knew that I would conquer the worst diagnosis ever. I was determined to win. My goal was complete recovery. I kept my eye on the prize and kept working on regaining strength and endurance."

Elaine's medical team agrees that her positive outlook and spirit gave her the physical and mental strength to go through all that was involved in the treatment of her stage 4 esophageal cancer. Her doctors said that her fitness level contributed to the pace of her recovery and is proof of how important exercise is.

Elaine is now available for Personal Training with clients at the JEA Fitness Center. She enjoys working with seniors as well as those who have physical challenges such as injuries and illnesses. All of Elaine's clients receive individual plans to help improve posture, build strength, trim the figure, add flexibility and renew wellness. Are you ready for a new challenge? Make arrangements at the JEA front desk and ask for Elaine Fox.



JEA Preschool Savannah News

Enroll Now 2017-18 School Year

- 2, 3 and 5-day options for toddlers and 2-year olds
- For full details, visit our website at www.SavannahJEA.org

Contact Jodi Sadler, Director, at
Jodi@savj.org or 912-355-8111

Upcoming Events

April 2nd, 7-9 pm
ECE Art Bash Fundraiser
Art Exhibit & Silent Auction

Beverages & Hors d'ouerves served

Coming Soon - Summer Camp!
"CRUISING THROUGH SUMMER!"
Enrollment for our Summer Program
has begun!

WEEKS 1 & 2: CLOWN FISH COVE
JUNE 5-JUNE 16

WEEKS 3 & 4: JOLLY JURASSIC
ISLAND
JUNE 19-JUNE 30

WEEKS 5 & 6: ICE AGE
IMAGINARIUM
JULY 3-JULY 14

WEEKS 7 & 8: TINY TASTES OF
ISRAEL
JULY 17-JULY 28

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JEA Preschool Savannah admits students of any race, color, national, racial or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

Providing for the social, emotional and cognitive growth of young children in a Judaic setting.



in the JEA Art Gallery

Robert Segall

Robert Segall is a native Savannahian. He has been involved in various aspects of art since a very early age; drawing, painting, etc., in many different mediums. He has been associated with a number of local art teachers including Carl Fugerosse from the Jepson and Telfair Academy, Zola Delburn, and Charlotte Segall, his niece and an honor-graduate of SCAD, who now works out of New York.

Robert's subject matter ranges from local land and seascapes, to portraits, still-lives and architectural renderings. Living in Savannah and growing up near the ocean has afforded him much inspiration, as well as the opportunity to observe the ever-changing ecosystem that has become so much a part of his work.

He has been fortunate over the past 15 years to have his paintings displayed in a number of galleries and group exhibitions, as well as having had numerous solo exhibits. Also, a long tenure as a member of the Savannah Art Association has brought him into contact with many of Savannah's finest artists, adding to the inspiration so necessary to an aspiring painter.



Artwork available for viewing April 2-30, 2017

Join us for the Art Gallery Reception April 6th, 6:00-7:00 pm



Bruce Feiler

April 2, 2017 - 2:00 p.m.
Jewish Educational Alliance

The JEA is excited to host Savannah's own Bruce Feiler. Join us as Feiler discusses his latest book, *The First Love Story, Adam, Eve and Us*.

After the discussion there will be a signing and books will be available for purchase.

Bruce Feiler is the author of six consecutive New York Times bestsellers.

Coffee & desserts will be served.



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 2/11/17-3/10/17)

Joe Barnett
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Corlel McBride
Robert & Susan Mills
Andrew Moore & Kara Simons
Philip Murphy & Nicole Trueblood
Serrone & Jessica Walker

Tech Sale.....from pg 8

group with Mobileye's operations under Mobileye Chairman Amnon Shashua, who will lead the unit from Israel. Intel Chief Executive Brian Krzanich said the acquisition was akin to merging the 'eyes of the autonomous car with the intelligent brain that actually drives the car.'"

Aner Ravon, cofounder and chief product officer at Zirra, a market and corporate analysis firm based in Tel Aviv, told Shoshanna Solomon of *The Times of Israel*: "Never before has an Israeli company been acquired by a foreign giant in which the Israeli technology will be playing such a significant part of its future strategy. This is a super strategic acquisition of which Israel can be proud."

The deal is good for both sides,

Steven Schoenfeld, chief investment officer of BlueStar Indexes also told Solomon. "Mobileye could have continued on the path it was on, but would have faced steadily increasing competition from Nvidia, Google, and others. Being part of Intel — with the Mobileye management running Intel's global autonomous driving business from Jerusalem — gives them scale and resources that they couldn't have achieved on their own."

This acquisition is not a "sellout," said Schoenfeld, but proof that Israeli companies can scale up to a \$10 billion-\$15 billion valuation, "where they have substantial control of their destiny."



Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director of
Early Childhood
Education

Ever Watchful

Once again this year, the teachers and staff at JEA Preschool Savannah had the opportunity to spend a whole day together to learn from and with each other during their Professional Development Day. There was a wide variety of topics presented and one which teachers have been addressing throughout the year — children's language and speech development. As children grow and change so quickly during the early years, it's important to pay attention to the milestones and markers for age appropriate behaviors.

Dvora Gottlieb, the program director at the Speech and Hearing Center, came to make a presentation to the teachers. The information she shared included a brief overview of the anatomy of the ear, red flags to look for in children's behaviors, and the steps that should be taken to help children and families.

Research shows that early intervention is vital in helping children overcome language and speech deficits.

The following is an excerpt from The National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center report entitled *The Importance of Early Intervention for Infants and Toddlers*:

Decades of rigorous research show that children's earliest experiences play a critical role in brain development. The Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University has summarized this research:

- Neural circuits, which create the foundation for learning, behavior and health, are most flexible or "plastic" during the first three years of life. Over time, they become increasingly difficult to change.

- Persistent "toxic" stress, such as extreme poverty, abuse and neglect, or severe maternal depression can damage the developing brain, leading to lifelong problems in learning, behavior, and physical and mental health.
- The brain is strengthened by positive early experiences, especially stable relationships with caring and responsive adults, safe and supportive environments, and appropriate nutrition.
- Early social/emotional development and physical health provide the foundation upon which cognitive and language skills develop.
- High quality early intervention services can change a child's developmental trajectory and improve outcomes for children, families, and communities.
- Intervention is likely to be more effective and less costly when it is provided earlier in life rather than later.

Screening, evaluation and assessments are the first steps that families can take to determine if their child may need language and speech therapy. Communication between families, teachers and the director is imperative in order to meet the needs of every child.

At JEA Preschool Savannah, we strive every day to have open communication with families and to stay abreast on the latest research in all areas of child development.

Come see for yourself, our dynamic preschool program! You are invited to visit, read, and interact with the children anytime!



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Three Haggadah Lessons

With Pesach upon us, I am sometimes overwhelmed. Another year with the cleaning rituals, the same meal, and the same story.

Eva Locker,
Principal,
Shalom School

However, every year, I tend to take away something different from our Seder nights. I always find something that makes me smile, something that made the food a little more delicious, and something from the story that makes me think even so I've heard it so many times.

As parents, Passover and the Seder nights offer multitudes of opportunities for lessons and teaching: from slavery to freedom, our commitment to God's covenant, etc. I choose this year to focus on 3 lessons for our children to take away from our Seder nights.

Lesson One— Learn how to ask: The Haggadah gives us not one but two opportunities to address the subject: the Ma Nishtana and the questions of the Four Sons. The Ma Nishtana conveys the message that as soon as possible the youngest of the youngest should take an active part in our storytelling; he should be encouraged and trained to ask. The focus on questioning is one of the things that makes Judaism so interesting! The Four Sons and the way they bring their questions are the opportunity to show to a child that yes, questioning is expected but much thought should be put into how we do it. Each of those four children represents a trait of character we each possess and by asking properly we can emphasize the better traits rather than more negative ones such as wickedness. We can all be wicked at times: how often did we, at some point, act out in frustration? We are sometimes simple; we need little explanation based on the lack of the knowledge we might have on a

new subject. We do not know how to ask. We start with a blank slate. The importance of these descriptions relies on the fact that, indeed, all of these children are different, but they all ask because the only way to knowledge is through exploration.

Lesson Two— Take action. Don't rely on divine intervention. The Haggadah clearly tells that B'nei Israel didn't wait for Hashem to provide for them. They acted: they gathered the minimum needed to leave and they baked hastily enough to survive; hence the delicious Matzah bread we now eat for eight days. Matzah that is now the opportunity to teach our children that when they see something needing to be done, they must step up and do it. Teach those needing to be taught, love those needing love and speak for those with no voice. Don't sit idly by and watch the world go by wishing to change it, rise up and be the change.

Lesson Three— Always be gracious. The Dayenu song in the Haggadah is nothing but a long list of deeds we are grateful for. Of course, we are grateful for having been freed from slavery but, if God had only destroyed the Egyptian's idols, that would have been enough — Dayenu. If only God had led us to the sea without splitting the water, that would have been enough — Dayenu... Over and over this song describes the importance of recognizing each and every life improvement so we can be gracious for it without expecting more. Be thankful for any level of help we receive. If it isn't what you hoped for, make it 'enough' — Dayenu. It is more than expected, share with others.

The Haggadah is full of teaching moments so as you gather around the table to retell the story, make it your own and choose the lessons you want to impart to your children with this year.

Wishing you a meaningful Haggadah reading.

What Are We Thinking?

I have walked into the first grade many times and they are singing the song, I'm Proud to be an American. It brings tears to my eyes each time I hear them sing the song. They sing it with such gusto and they love the chorus:

*"And I'm proud to be an American
where at least I know I'm free.*

*And I won't forget the men who
died, who gave that right to me.*

*And I'd gladly stand up next to
you and defend her still today.*

*'Cause there ain't no doubt, I love
this land, G-d bless the USA."*

The words resonate through my entire being as I listen to the innocence of my first graders' voices. The father of one of our first-grade students is a Ranger. So for her, the song has even deeper meaning.

And then the words I spoke to my staff echo in my head: "We have to be even more vigilant in our supervision of our students. We need to notice people who don't belong, objects out of place. While thus far all calls have been pranks, we can't rely on that."

And then the words I spoke to my middle school students reverberate in my thoughts: "Some of you may listen to the news or watch the news and have heard about the bomb threats. We're not go-

ing to talk in detail about that. I just want to make it clear to you that jokes about serious things are not acceptable nor funny. As always, we will do everything in our power to keep you safe, but I need you to do your part—pay attention. If you see someone moving towards you that you don't know, quickly come get a teacher. If you see a package or anything just sitting around and it's not familiar to you, get a teacher. Be smart." I expressed to the students some new rules about where book bags could be so they wouldn't look like something out of place. It was brief but I alerted them to be aware.

The irony of a song that infuses in one a pride for the country we live in; moves one's heart to feel for those who have given up their lives for our freedom. It impacts one to think about what our country stands for. And then, we must confront our students with the hard-cold facts of current events and they must struggle with the internal fight to make it all make sense. Who could be so sick? Who could hate so much?

Whoever thought we'd have to have these conversations with our children?

And yet, we can look closer to home than just one or two states over who have been threatened with bomb threats. We can look within ourselves and ask ourselves; how am I treating my next door neighbor? My fellow Jew? My fellow American?

Unfortunately, many things move us to thoughts that leave an impact; the problem is for how short a period of time we are impacted.

**Times may have changed
but Passover's message of redemption
and our greetings to you remain the same**



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Melinda Stein

It's a Funny Thing

by Melinda Stein

Amnon was suffering from a bad case of the flu, so he called his doctor in Tel Aviv to get an appointment.

When he was told the scheduled date of the appointment, he became outraged and bellowed, "Three weeks? The doctor can't see me for three weeks? I could well be dead by then!"

Calmly, the receptionist replied, "If so, would you have your wife call to cancel the appointment?"

Young David banged loudly on a drum in his front yard all day. He would not be quiet, no matter what anyone else said or did. Various attempts were made to do something, by his parents, neighbors, friends. Nothing worked.

Eventually, elderly Max Tennenbaum walked by wondering what all the ruckus was about. He surveyed the situation, handed the child a hammer and chisel, and asked, "I wonder what's inside that drum?"

Sol and Lina were living and working in Okinawa, Japan, and they were expecting their first baby. When the good news came, they called their parents immediately. Sol's father Melvin then called his brother Jake, announcing, "I'm a grandfather – baby boy, eight pounds!"

"Mazel tov! When was he born?" Jake asked.

Recalling the date his son told him, Melvin looked at the calendar on his phone and said in amazement, "Tomorrow!"

On the day Jeremy received his learner's permit, his father Leo agreed to take him out for a driving lesson. With a big grin, Leo hopped in behind the driver's seat.

"Why aren't you sitting up front next to me on the passenger's side?" Jeremy asked.

"Jeremy, I've been waiting for this ever since you were a little boy," his father replied. "Now it's my turn to sit back here and kick the seat."

Benjy the dentist was also a golf fanatic and would often take time off work for a round of golf. One day, he told his secretary to cancel all his appointments and to leave the following voice mail message on his phone:

"Dr. Benjamin is fully occupied today as he needs to fill 18 cavities. Please call tomorrow for an appointment. Thank you."

Mindy sits down next to an attractive man on the train and says, "Excuse me, but you look like my fourth husband!"

The man replies, "Your fourth husband? So how many times have you been married, lady?"

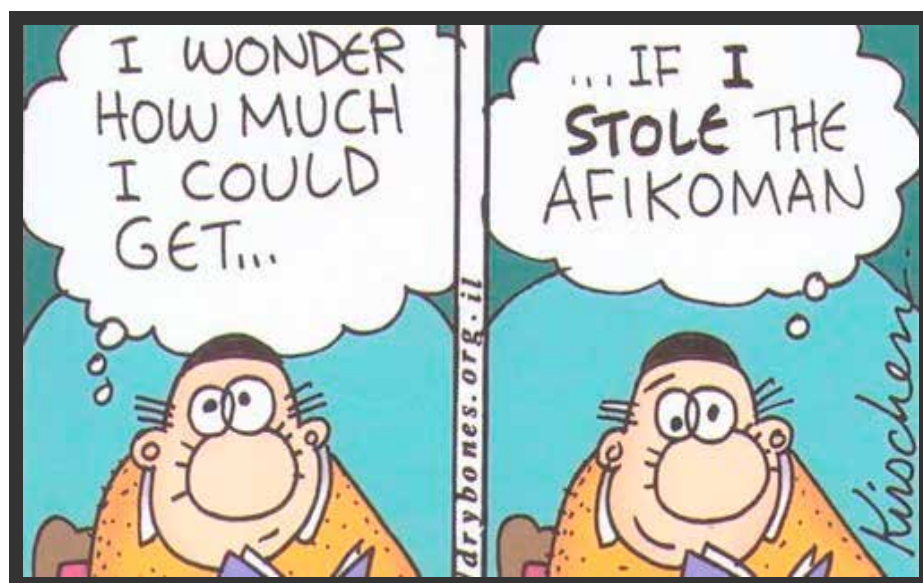
"Three," replies Mindy.

Jack bought a new refrigerator for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying: "Free to good home. You want it, you take it."

For three days the fridge sat there without even one person looking twice at it.

He eventually decided to change the sign: "Fridge for sale \$50."

The next day someone stole it.



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Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Joseph "Joe" Charles Smulevitz
Who died March 9, 2017

He is survived by his sister, Pearl G. Smulevitz; an aunt, and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Mooney Smulevitz.

Remembrances: A charity of the donor's choice.

Barbara (Bobbie) Smith Levy
Who died February 24, 2017

She is survived by her husband, Merrill A. Levy; three sons, Alan (Dena), Rob (Ann), and Bert (Linda) Levy, all of Atlanta; a brother, Kayton (Lucille) Smith, Jr., of Savannah; six grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Remembrances: Congregation Mickve Israel, P.O. Box 816, Savannah 31402-0816.



Attention 2017 Graduates

**Mazel Tov to the Class of 2017—
High School, College
& Post-Grad Students—
and Your Families!**

You are invited to submit your pictures and records of achievement for publication in our special graduation section of the June issue of the *Savannah Jewish News*.

To be included, please download the submission form from www.savj.org or pick one up at the JEA.

**All submissions must be received by the absolute deadline of May 8th, 2017.
Listings will be published only in the June issue.**

**Return forms & pictures to: sjnews@savj.org or
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young jewish savannah

*We want to get to know you!
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Want to help plan events?
Have ideas you want to share?
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Let us take you for coffee!*



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Young Jewish Savannah is made possible through the Savannah Jewish Federation.



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Sunday, June 11, 2017
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**Fun - Sun - Friends -
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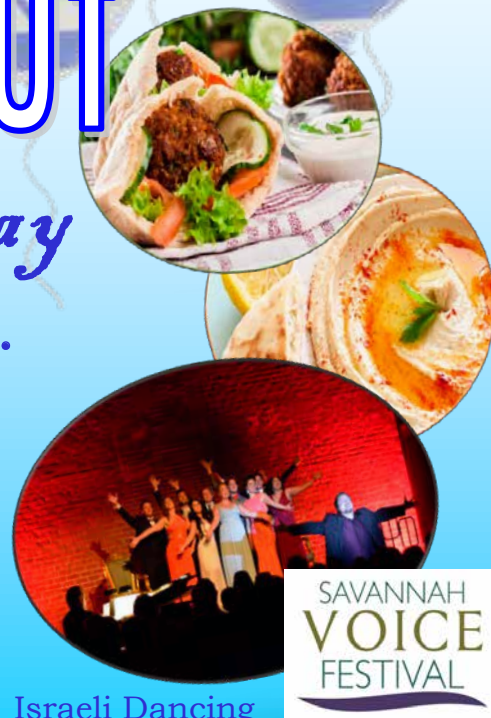
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With Special Guest

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