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Shalom Savannah

Adam Solender

Whether you attribute it to Thomas Jefferson, Ronald Reagan, or a myriad of others, they have all made a similar statement, "A government's first duty is to protect its citizens against imminent danger." We could very easily turn that same statement to Savannah, "The Savannah Jewish Federation's first duty is to protect our community against imminent danger."

Jewish Federations have always been dedicated to the safety and vitality of the Jewish community. And with antisemitism on a dramatic rise, securing our community is more important than ever. The threat against Jews is ever-present. It is our responsibility to protect our community. We say "our" responsibility because we are all involved.... Our entire community.

For the past 18 years, our Federation, and Federations around the country have relied on the work of the Secure Community Network (SCN) for security advice, information, and training. Founded under the auspices of the Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, SCN serves as the central organization dedicated exclusively to the safety and security of the American Jewish community.

Every morning, and often several times a day, we receive an email from SCN listing different threats or possible threats from around the country and throughout the world. Many of our congregational leaders are receiving these very same emails.

Whether it be in Poway, New York, or Pittsburgh, SCN has been in those communities preparing. When a rabbi in Colleyville was asked, "How did you know how to react when you were taken hostage" he responded, "I had training for an event such as this from SCN." Whether it be intelligence and information sharing, facility assessments, physical security solution support, training, exercise and education, working with law enforcement, or incident response and crisis management, SCN has been on the ground as an essential resource to address the unique needs of the Jewish community.



At the 2022 Allocations meeting, leaders from throughout the community endorsed the commitment of the Savannah Jewish Federation Board of Governors to pursue an Area Security Director to be a resource to everyone in this community. We anticipate that by the end of September we will have identified and have a Savannah area Director of Security. It is a significant expense and commitment of time and resources, but what could be more important than the security of our meeting places whether they be synagogues, community center, or in other public places? It is a commitment for the new year with a new priority.

May the new year bring us all health, happiness, peace, and safety.



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Charged with raising, collecting and distributing funds, the Savannah Jewish Federation 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.

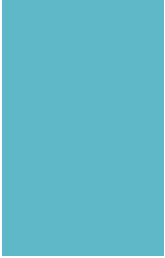
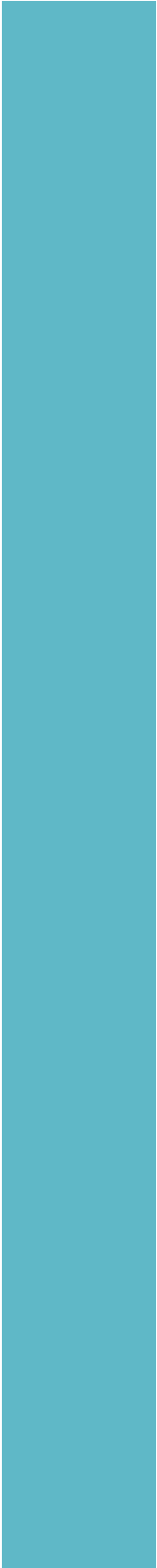


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L'SHANA TOVA TO ALL.

May the coming year be a sweet
one that brings happiness, joy,
and health to everyone.

Lori & Paul Robinson

May this New Year be filled with
Health & Happiness, Sweet
Moments for you and your
Family, and World Peace.

L'Shanah Tovah

Sarah Denmark & Adam Solender

Wishing our entire Jewish
community a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Shana Tova

**Harriet, Margo, Mark &
ERIC MEYERHOFF
(of blessed memory)**

Health, love and joy!
L'Shana Tova
Adelle B-Geffen & Ted Geffen

Wishes to all for good health, joy and
peace in the New Year

**Toby Hollenberg, Jeff, Melissa, Jessa
and Ellie Neil**

Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Fondly, The Kulbersh Family

Harriet and Paul,

Dana, Eric, Ross and Alyssa

Brian, Jennifer, Alex, Peri and Josie

L'Shana Tova

The Biners

Peg & Stan

Walt & Melanie

Sarah, Karla, and Jonah

Wishing you a healthy,
happy new year
Jane Winter

The Lasky family wishes all our family
and friends a very healthy and happy
New Year

L'Shana Tova

To family and friends alike,

Shanah Tovah Tikotevu

May your days be filled

with peace and health

Bob Friedman and Vernon Mosheim

Wishing our family, friends, and the
entire community a Happy, Healthy
New Year

Scott, Allison, Jared & Danielle Samuels

Happy, Health New Year to All!

The Adlers

John, Sue, Ben, & Gabe

**WITH WARMEST THOUGHTS AND
WISHES FOR A YEAR FILLED WITH
HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PEACE**

Marcia and Sandy Berens & family

Happy New Year To All
Marilyn and Jim Farley

L'Shanah Tova to our beloved community!
May your year be filled with simchas
Arlene & Allan Ratner
Jami, Scott, Jennifer, Brett,
Skyler, Madelyn, and Margot

Linda and Steve Sacks wish a "Shana Tova" to
all our friends in Savannah. We pray that 5783
will bring peace, good health, security, and
unity to our Jewish community.

Linda and Michael, Stephanie, Jonathan,
Lilly & Amelia Zoller; Becca, Eric,
Adeline & Zachary Zoller Stone wish
everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

We wish everyone a happy
and healthy New Year
Love
Sandy and Skippy Goodman and Family

Shana Tova to our family and friends
May your New Year be Sweet,
Healthy, and Happy!
Louise & Freddie Harkavy

Wishing all our Family and Friends a Happy,
Prosperous and Healthy New Year.
Sally & Steve
Greg, Susan, Eleanor, and Grant
Matt, Karina, Leo & Tomas Greenberg

Dayle and Aaron Levy along with their
children, grandchildren, and greatgrand-
children send wishes to all of their family
and friends for a New Year filled with
peace and good health.

Wishing all a Happy and
Healthy New Year
Michelle & Rodney Cohen

Happy Holidays

AM Goldkrand
Judith Goldkrand & Nancy Geenen
Lucy & Joy Goldkrand Cheskin
Howard Goldkrand
Beth Coleman and BZ

Wishing our family and friends
a healthy, happy, and peaceful
new year!

Shanah Tova!
Jodi & Kenneth Sadler

To our Friends and Family, a Healthy and Happy
L'Shana Tova! Peace!
Tami & Lenny Tishberg

Eva Odrezin wishes all her family and friends a happy
New Year filled with good health and happiness

Wishing Family & Friends
a Healthy & Happy New Year
Doris & Arnie Goldstein

A Happy & Healthy New Year
Sally Sanders & family

Shanna Tovah v'Gomar Tov to all Savannah Jewry. May
this year finally be one of happiness and success for all.
Ken and Ronnie Miller and all the multi-generational
extended Miller Family

Wishing you all a happy , healthy year
The Hoffman Family

La Shana Tova to my dear family and friends
Sarabel Stemer

L'Shanah tova to our family and friends at Agudat
Anshin and beyond
Walter, Lauren, and Derrick Fins



Rabbi Samuel Gelman

Congregation Agudath Achim



Being a bit of a theater nerd, I am quite interested in catharsis. I've known people to use the word to describe the feeling they get when they experience overwhelming emotion, and then relief. The word comes from the theatrical tradition, from Aristotle's description of theater in his Poetics. He uses it to describe how a

play, like medicine, if properly put on can make its audience feel better. We see a show, say Oedipus Rex or Les Misérables, and experience a whirlwind of emotions. We laugh at the comic characters, weep at the untimely death of the heroes, and ultimately leave the theater feeling lighter and better about ourselves. That is the power of theater.

In the 20th century, however, a playwright named Bertolt Brecht challenged the idea that theater should produce catharsis. He viewed catharsis as happening to a spectator of theater, but he wanted his audience to be actively involved with his plays. Instead of audiences leaving happy and contented, he wanted them to leave unsettled, disturbed, and aching to take what they had seen in the theater and turn it into action. Brecht's ideas don't always resonate with me theatrically. But they do contribute to my understanding of the High Holidays.

For many of us, the High Holidays are a source of great catharsis. We go into Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur thinking about the previous year, all we have achieved and all we have failed to achieve, and all that we want to set right. Hopefully, we have remembered the rabbinic instructions that true teshuva, repentance, requires setting things right with the people we have wronged. We make our amends, we go to services, we hear the Cantor chant "I have forgiven according to your word," and we leave the synagogue feeling lighter, feeling better, feeling emotionally relieved. It is part of the power of the High Holidays.

But perhaps we should not be seeking catharsis on the High Holidays. We should strive to be actors, not spectators. The famous Jewish philosopher and rabbi, Maimonides, wrote that true teshuva requires not only making amends, but never committing the same mistake again. Our lead up to the High Holidays, and the High Holiday themselves, only take us down part of that road. The danger of the High Holidays is precisely that feeling of catharsis, of leaving synagogue feeling accomplished and righteous. Instead, we should take a page out of Brecht's book. Let us leave High Holidays this year not feeling content, but feeling challenged. Let us see the New Year not as a release, but as a call to action. My challenge and blessing to you all is that this should be a New Year of continuous teshuva and action, not just in the High Holiday season, but throughout the entire year.

I wish you all a shana tova u'metuka, a happy and sweet New Year.

Rabbi Robert Haas

Congregation Mickve Israel



One of my favorite sports quotes comes from the Hall of Fame pitcher, Don Drysdale. Major League Baseball scheduled the first game of the 1965 World Series on Yom Kippur. The great Jewish Hall of Fame pitcher, Sandy Koufax, then memorably refused to pitch, and so Drysdale subbed for him and gave up seven runs in less than three innings, an incredibly poor outing. When manager, Walter Alston, came

to the mound to pull him from the game, Drysdale was quoted as saying, "I bet right now you wish I was Jewish too."

We label this time of year as the "High Holidays," because we view it as a time in which we review our past year and honestly ask ourselves metaphorically, "When did I hit the mark and when did I miss?" When did I follow through with a promise? When did I show love and support? When did I fulfill an obligation?

We also though view Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur as holidays of communal responsibilities. How did we take care of our own? I remember volunteering with the major homeless organization in Houston when I was asked by a board member how they could do more to help those in the Jewish community, when the director of the organization came over and said, "We don't need to worry about the Jewish community, they take care of themselves."

Still to this day, we continue to acknowledge our responsibility as a community to assist the members of our community. We have synagogue funds, Jewish Family Services, a Federation and so much more. As Rabbi Tarfon teaches us in Pirkei Avot, "It is not upon you to complete the work, but neither are you at liberty to desist from it." (Pirkei Avot 2:21)

Yet in the modern world, when we consider ourselves not just part of the Jewish community but representatives from the much larger community, should we not ask ourselves, "What have we done this past year to help people who don't sit around the Seder table each year?" What have we done to help combat the 24% of the population in Savannah living in poverty, when only a very small percentage of that population is Jewish? What have we done to help families who remain illiterate? How have we assisted the infirmed, the unemployed, the homeless in our non-Jewish communities?

The greater our inclusion into society the more meaning given to our High Holidays. Improving ourselves, our families, and our Jewish communities will always remain central to our observances at this time of year, but a portion of our time and efforts should too be given to people suffering from outside the traditional Jewish community. The famed, psychiatrist, philosopher and Holocaust survivor,

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Rabbi Robert Haas Continued from page 7

Victor Frankl wrote, "Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom."

We have the power to choose how to improve this world in new and greater ways, even as we improve ourselves and our Jewish community. We are part of the Savannah or Chatham County or South Carolina communities, not just the Savannah Jewish, Chatham Jewish or South Carolina Jewish communities. The High Holidays will remain essential to our religion only for as long as we wake up in the morning and freely acknowledge we can be better at helping others of all backgrounds. As Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel encouraged, "Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement...get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed."

Rabbi Zalman Refson

Chabad of Savannah



Let's face it; change is difficult!

We often speak about unshackling from the status quo and growing into a 'new me,' but inertia still seductively beckons.

There is a sense of vulnerability that comes with moving on to new behaviors and attitudes. As deficient as we may know it to be, the old way has the comfort that comes with familiarity. It may be

uncomfortable when we're in a tough spot, but at least it's our spot; we feel like we have a grip on who we are, for better or worse.

Moving from point A to point B is a journey, and journeys are inherently disruptive. We're neither here nor there. We're not in a settled place.

If we want to maximize the likelihood that we will achieve our growth potential by successfully navigating the journey from point A to point B, we need to chart a stable course that enables us to move away from the comforts of point A with the security and confidence that we will arrive intact at Point B.

That trajectory is found in the Holidays we now celebrate.

First, we spend an introspective ten days from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur. In that time, we painstakingly strip away the layers of self-image and ego and the defense mechanisms that have allowed us to ignore what we need to correct in ourselves and have served as barriers to self-improvement. We are

more self-aware on this side of Yom Kippur but also a little unsteady.

We know the 'old me,' but how will we relate to a 'new me'? Will our self-betterment plan work? Will it affect how we are accepted and loved?

It's a little scary initially, so 'training wheels' are needed to steady the journey.

With perfect timing, G-d gives us the Holiday of Sukkot. During this Holiday, we sit in a hut – the Sukkah – to eat, drink, study and celebrate with family and friends. Sitting in the Sukkah, we are nestling in G-d's haven, a place of emotional and spiritual security where we are encircled by G-d and hugged by his embrace.

We've left Yom Kippur cleansed of the spiritual baggage that fosters inertia and with a budding optimism about self-improvement. Yet, there is also trepidation about making the changes that will allow those buds of optimism to blossom.

In the safety of the Sukkah, we acclimate to our new perspective on life. We use the nurturing presence of G-d and our community to steady ourselves for the journey ahead.

Once Sukkot is over and we are walking steadily, we are ready to leave the Sukkah – to shed the 'training wheels' – and to implement our New Year's resolutions in everyday life.

What a wonderful transition to the year ahead.

From our family to yours, we wish you a Shanah Tova filled with happiness, love, and light!

Larry Silbermann

JEA President



For most people, Spring is the season they associate with rebirth and renewal. Shaking away the drab gray days as Winter goes out like a lion and spring comes in like a lamb. We bury our coats and gloves away, dragging out the shorts and flipflops in anticipation of warmer, sunnier days. We

plant seeds and reap the rewards of harvest a few months later. Yes, Spring brings hope for most people, but alas, I'm not most people. For me, Fall is the season of hope and faith for a multitude of reasons.

For one, it is the start of the new television season. And for me, TV is my life. I knew at a very early age (younger than my 13-year-old daughter, Hattie, is now) that I wanted to work in television, and I consider myself in the lucky few who have the job they dreamed about. Back in my youth, I was mesmerized by our 19-inch black and white TVa, much like kids today and their devices.

In the Broadway musical "Matilda," the second act opens

with a song titled "Telly." It's intended as a social commentary on the dumbing down of a society as people turned away from books toward television.

"All you need to make you wise is 23 minutes plus advertisements. Why would we waste energy turning the pages 1,2, 3 - when we can sit comfortably on our lovely burns watching people singing and talking and doing stuff?" While I get it was written ironically, I so get the point.

The Fall launch of the new television season always brings me joy. It's a time to renew relationships with those we haven't seen in a while. Or maybe it's a time of reflection as we are reminded of those shows or characters that are no longer parts of our life. But for me, the greatest joy of the new television season is the anticipation of what the new season will bring. What surprises are in store, what new stories are to be told. And what adventures are we going to be taken on.

The High Holidays are like my excitement about the new TV season: It is a time to renew relationships, a time for reflection, a time to mourn those who are no longer with us, and an opportunity to look at the past and plan for a better new year.

As President of the Jewish Educational Alliance, I will use these High Holy days to reflect upon all that we've accomplished this past year, to mourn those we've sadly said goodbye to, and to renew my hope that our best days are still ahead.

From my family to yours, I wish each of you a fruitful and sweet Rosh Hashanah and a meaningful holiday season.

L'shanah tovah.

Rabbi Avigdor Slatus

Congregation B'nai Brith Jacob



A MATTER OF FAITH

"Behold the Guardian of Israel neither slumbers or sleeps" (psalms 121:14). King David in just a few words captures the essence of our faith. The Creator of all that exists has a unique relationship with the children of Israel. He is our guardian who never rests from His special supervision of Klal Yisroel. From this verse we

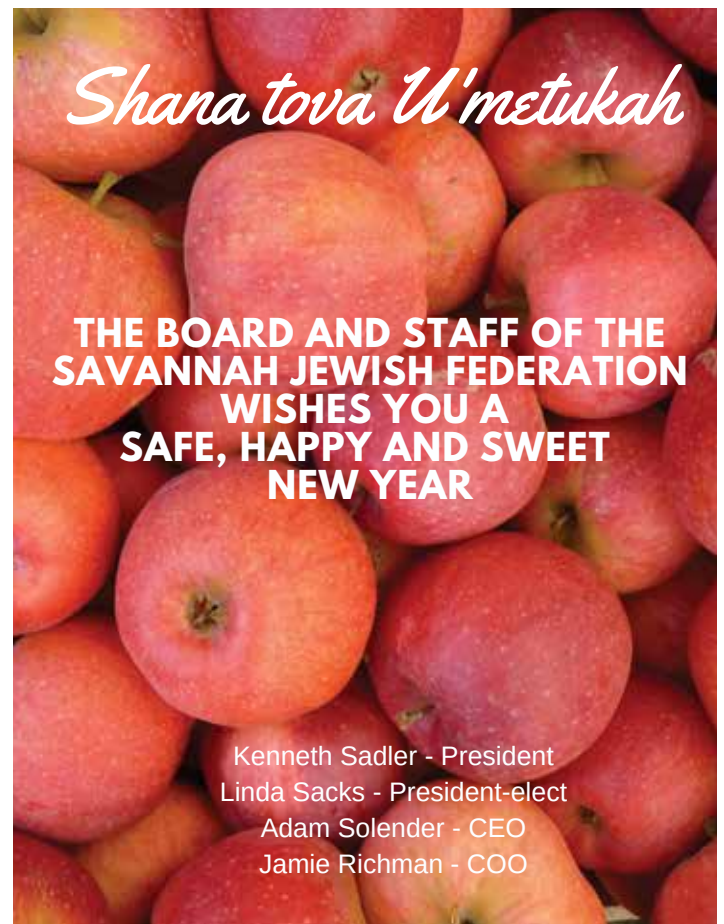
realize that without this constant Divine protection, we would fall prey to the machinations of our enemies, just as we were protected from the vile attempts of Bilaam and Balak to curse those who left Egypt to enter the Holyland, similarly in every generation the shield of Abraham restrains the efforts of our foes.

Even today, there are voices of blatantly corrupt thinking members of congress whose unfounded criticism of Israel is astounding. The "Squad" as they have been called, misinter-

pret facts and paint a portrait of total evil emanating from the Knesset. The facts and the truth are that a majority of Israeli Moslems prefer the Jewish state and the opportunities and freedom it provides. The standard of living, education, health care etc. of Israel are unequaled in the Middle East and throughout many countries in the world. Whereas no freedom of the press exists in the Arab orbit, the press (and everyone else) experiences total freedom to express its opinions. The accusations of the anti semetic voices in government are so absurd, they don't deserve any further info wasted upon them.

The bestial hatred of the Jews of WWII is once again revealing itself throughout Europe. Every possible opportunity to criticize and condemn Israel is seized with glorious passion. Israel has many friends here in our wonderful democracy and elsewhere, however, we would be naive to think that our security is truly provided by our allies. The Jewish nation, the Jewish people have suffered and thrived, despite the efforts of our adversaries, because of our faith and our unique bond with our Father our King. Our Guardian hears our prayers and neither sleeps nor slumbers as He nullifies the schemes of those whose seek to rise against us and "DRIVE US INTO THE SEA."

This message, fundamental to our faith, is instrumental for the next generation. WE are not, and never will be alone, for our guardian is on call and awaits our communication. May 5783 be a year of blessing, success, health and peace and may the coming generations sense the love, comfort, and security of the Jewish faith.



You Can Go Home Again

In the denouement of Thomas Wolfe's classic, *You Can't Go Home Again*, the main character of the novel says, *"You can't go back home to your family, back home to your childhood...back home to a young man's dreams of glory and of fame..."*

Lisa Bodziner has recently come home to her family, back to her childhood home, back to dreams of glory and fame, and Savannah Jewish Life took this opportunity to interview her:

SJL: Where have you been since you left Savannah?

LB: I left Savannah after graduating from Savannah Country Day and attended University of Wisconsin-Madison, receiving a BA in Comparative Religion and a minor in Jewish Studies. I was also a very serious street vendor selling handmade jewelry with my best friend. I fell in love with snow, beer and cheese, the three great reasons for living in the Midwest.

After graduation, I lived in Jerusalem for four years and attended the Pardes Institute where I received a Master's degree in Jewish Education. I had the privilege of becoming a Hebrew scribal artist and fell in love with Nachlahot (a cluster of neighborhoods in central Jerusalem) and Ethiopian cuisine. I wanted to experience California, so I returned to the US and moved to San Diego where I taught 6th-12th grade Jewish students for three years. My next adventure was a return to the East Coast when I moved to Reisterstown, MD where I worked at a Jewish retreat center as an experiential and outdoor educator. My last "adventure" in Maryland was as the Executive Director of Towson University Hillel. And now, at the age of 39 and 10 months, I have returned to my home, my roots, my family and the warmth of Savannah.

SJL: You have always worked for Jewish organizations. What makes working for the Jewish community special?

LB: I have always been passionate about being a Jewish professional and strive to be a professional Jew. I have been a classroom educator, had life changing conversations with 6th graders, had life changing moments living in a communal Jewish farmhouse, had transformative memories bringing my own children to programs, helped to connect other families searching for connection and community, felt moved by the power of college students on their own Jewish journeys and now, in my newest role, helping build bridges between Jewish communities and the larger populations with my work at Repair the World. Jewish vocational work is all I know and I am proud to be a Jewish professional and always have Judaism at core of my values, daily work ethic and personal rituals and passion.

SJL: Tell us more about your role at Repair the World.

LB: I am honored to now be the Southeast Development Director for Repair the World, whose mission is to mobilize Jews and their communities to take action to pursue a just world. My work will largely focus on cultivating and stewarding donors and financial support for this national Jewish nonprofit organization in Baltimore, Atlanta and Miami. I look forward to working and learning with people around the country on how inspiring it is to help the world and bridge Jewish concepts, values and educators with communities at large.

SJL: So, what about your family....

LB: I am very lucky to be married to Kenny Goldberg, a mensch of a man and jack of all trades. He is very good at all things I am bad at and is a wonderful father, husband and son (and son-in-law). Kenny is from Baltimore, lived in New York and is now taking the journey down South. He is excited about the Savannah Bananas, not so excited about the heat, loves the Ravens and roasts his own coffee. Kenny loves electric cars and high-quality backpacks. My son, Dovi is going to be entering Kindergarten. He loves nature, dinosaurs, animals, learning, Nonna's matzah balls and Zeidy's mandel bread. Lila, my three-year-old is a feisty, redhead who loves puppies, cuddling and all things pink and purple. They both will be attending Rambam Day School.

SJL: What are you looking forward to most about being "home?"

LB: Love, support, family, heat; the 25 people who have already offered to help us unpack; kindness and small-town community, just to name a few. I can't wait to explore all the new people, places and experiences that Savannah has to offer.

SJL: Tell us one thing that people might not know about you?

LB: I love jewelry and accessorizing! I have a small business, (you can view The Emerald Peach on Facebook or Instagram) if you would like handmade jewelry, a personal shopper or accessorizer or a jewelry-maker at your program, event, birthday party or house party!

Welcome home, Lisa!



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Federation Allocates Funds

Every year a very committed group of people wrestle with an extraordinarily difficult job: that of allocating a pool of money raised through the Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Community Campaign to beneficiaries, local, national, and overseas. Their mandate is to ensure that all the needs of the community are met and balanced between local and overseas needs; historic partners and emerging needs.

Choosing the committee is a very deliberative process. Every effort is made to include people who represent the diversity of our community. The Allocations Committee was skillfully led by Campaign Chair, Michelle Allan. Hats off to Michelle and Campaign leadership: Hilary Kronowitz, Women’s Campaign Chair and Benjamin & David Eichholz, Men’s Campaign Co-Chairs.

In breaking from the “COVID years” where we met over the computer, the Committee met in-person with many of the presentations being made by Zoom. The diverse group of volunteers spent two long evenings listening to presentations and evaluating the content that included reviews of the past year, current and future agency initiatives, and financials (past, present, and projected).

At the end of the final meeting, the committee put together the allocations recommendation that was presented to the Savannah Jewish Federation Board of Governors at the August meeting. The recommendation was adopted in full.

While many of the allocations remained similar to previous years, the most significant change was a commitment to Community Security. In February, the Board of Governors committed to hiring a Community Security Advisor. This Security Advisor will be a vital element of the Federation’s collaboration with Secure Community Network (SCN), the official safety and security organization of the American Jewish community. That individual will be tasked with assessing and identifying ways to improve our community’s security in light of shifting realities, bring attention to gaps that exist, and help all institutions pursue a strategic and agile approach to doing what we can to meet security needs now and in the future. In addition to the allocation that was made from this year’s campaign, the Federation has committed to raising an additional \$600,000 to meet future needs as part of the national Live Secure initiative. It is an opus commitment, but one that must be done for the safety and security of our hallowed institutions and community.

The Savannah Jewish Federation continued its financial support of historic overseas partners, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the American Jewish Joint

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Anti-Defamation League (ADL)	\$2,500
Bnai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO)	\$5,500
Birthright Israel (BRI)	\$5,000
Breman Museum (Savannah Jewish Archives)	\$5,000
Chabad of Savannah	\$14,000
Congregation B'nai Brith Jacob	\$6,000
Community Security Initiative	\$75,000
Direct Overseas Project Funding	\$5,500
Israel & Overseas (JFNA/JAFI/JDC)	\$170,000
Israel Action Network (IAN)	\$450
Jewish Community Foundation Funds	\$71,250
Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)	\$1,750
Jewish Educational Alliance (JEA)	\$285,000
Jewish Educational Loan Fund (JELF)	\$2,000
Jewish Family Services (JFS)	\$7,950
Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA)	\$500
Rambam Day School (RDS)	\$39,318
Shalom School	\$18,000
Total Funds Distributed	\$717,218

Distribution Committee (JDC), through the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). In addition to the allocation made and other directed gifts, the Federation helped shepherd over \$100,000 in funds to assist with the relocation and security needs of the Jewish communities of Ukraine (over 30,000 Ukrainians have made Aliyah to Israel as of the writing of this article).

Additional Federation Initiatives

In addition to distributing the money it collects to other organizations, the Savannah Jewish Federation (SJF) is concerned and responsible in many other ways for the overall 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, those in jeopardy and countless other services. Did you know that Food for Thought is a hallmark Federation program? Did you know that JFS distributes over \$100,000 in assistance in our community? Did you know that JFS assists families with the cost of camp and leadership development programs for our teens? Did you know that we provide contract social workers to assist members of the community? JFS does all this and more!

Through engagement initiatives, Federation also provides outreach programs to all ages and generations of the Jewish community. Other signature programs provided by the Federation include PJ Library and PJ Our Way (which serves families from birth through young adulthood) and Young Jewish Savannah (social programming for 20-40-year olds).

Savannah Jewish Federation is the source of Holocaust remembrance and education through its Yom HaShoah observance and annual middle & high school Art & Writing Contest. This past year, in partnership with NCSY, we were able to bring "Hate Ends Now" to Savannah. The cattle car, educational immersive exhibit will be returning to Savannah in January, 2023 with a goal of reaching out to educate area students.

Savannah Jewish Federation keeps you informed about Jewish life in Savannah and around the world through the Weekly eNews, Savannah Jewish Life, and Facebook. And it provides dozens of advocacy, social service, arts and cultural programs to the community throughout the year. This past year was the Savannah Jewish Arts Festival which included the Film Fest, music, and art. It engaged hundreds in its inaugural season.

The money you give through the Annual Savannah Jewish Federation Campaign is essential to our Jewish community. The Budget & Allocations Committee and SJF Board of Governors have worked hard to ensure

that each dollar raised will have the greatest possible impact by allocating to the programs and services that address the most critical needs in our community, and best support and nurture Jewish life here and abroad.

It seems that just when one campaign is over, another one begins....and that is true, because the needs continue. The Jewish community campaign is unique: it is one Jew giving to others for the greater good of us all.

We are grateful to you, our donors, our supporters, our community. We are grateful for your energy, skills, time, and commitment.

Now it's on the 2023 Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Community Campaign!

Savannah Jewish Federation 2022-2023 Allocation <i>As approved at the Aug 10 BOG Meeting</i>	
Total Campaign	\$1,249,730.10
- Bad Debt Reserve	-\$16,246.49
- Savannah Jewish Federation	-\$559,852.99
+ SJF General Donations	\$1,576.16
+ Budget Savings-Previous year	\$43,000.00
- Designated Gifts	-\$150,518.00
Available for Allocation	\$567,804.39

Hillels of Georgia, our state's preeminent supporter of Jewish students on college campuses, is thrilled to announce the expansion of resources and leadership to the Hillel at the Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD). SCAD is home to hundreds of Jewish college students and by working collaboratively with the Savannah Jewish Federation (SJF), Hillels of Georgia will increase the frequency and quality of available programming celebrating Jewish holidays, Jewish culture, the State of Israel, and much, much more.

This increased engagement will be powered by Rose Schaffer, an alumna of SCAD, '21, BFA in Production Design and Themed Entertainment. Rose also serves Hillel at Georgia Southern where she began her Hillels of Georgia tenure this past Spring. In the 2022-2023 academic year, Rose will split her time between the Hillels at Georgia Southern and SCAD, supporting and nurturing two budding Jewish communities.

"It is because of the determination of our students that Hillel at SCAD will continue to grow," says Rose. "I understand how important it is to support and nurture our Hillel. This is just the beginning for our growing Jewish community at SCAD. I look forward to welcoming our Jewish students back to campus this fall for a jam-packed semester filled with Hillel activities, and to support our students in their Jewish journeys."

Hillels of Georgia and Hillel at SCAD are proud to have a "come-as-you-are" approach to all Jewish students, providing a welcoming and pluralistic Jewish experience. Whether a student is starting to explore their Jewish identity or looking to deepen an already strong connection and commitment to Judaism, Hillel provides a multifaceted program for all students on their journey towards Jewish pride and fulfillment.



In 2003 Hillels of Georgia was established to ensure college students could explore their Jewish identities and proudly celebrate Jewish life on campus. The hope was that through creating vibrant Jewish community on every campus across the state Hillel would become a welcoming, inclusive, and safe "Jewish home away from home" for all Jewish students. Today, Hillels of Georgia serves thousands of students across the state including students at Emory University, University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University, and Georgia College.

With questions about Hillel at SCAD or to get involved, contact Rose Schaffer at rose@hillelsofgeorgia.org.

Sacks Invested as Federation President

On September 7th, the Savannah Jewish Federation will install, Dr. Linda Sacks as its 42nd President. Dr. Sacks will be the 6th woman head of the organization since its founding in 1943. She will assume leadership of a Federation whose mission has not wavered in its 79 years:

Charged with raising, collecting and distributing funds, the Federation 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 and articulate, intelligent and constructive Jewish community and to promote mutual understanding with the community at-large.

When Linda first arrived in Savannah, she immediately got involved with the Day School, joined the JEA and Agudath Achim and began to attend weekly Shabbat services. When an “alternative” Day School, CHAI was founded, Linda was instrumental in its founding and served as its first president. Linda likes to reflect on how she first became involved with Federation. Federation was the first Jewish organization to reach out to her (even though it was to ask for money) “Two weeks after arriving in Savannah I got a call from June Arkin [ed note: No one could say “No” to June Arkin, June wouldn’t take “no for an answer”] asking me for a pledge to Women’s Campaign. I had no idea what Women’s Campaign was, where Federation’s money came from or how it was distributed, no clue as to the importance of Federation to the community, and no concept of shared professional and lay leadership.”

Over the years, Linda certainly came to understand how the Federation works, having chaired and sat on many committees and having led the Annual Community Campaign a number of times.

A committed Jewish woman. Linda (and her husband Steve, as well) has been President of Congregation Agudath Achim. She has been a part of Talmud study classes, and teaches two separate Jewish women’s study groups monthly.

A committed physician. Dr. Sacks attended medical school at Columbia University where she was one of 12 women in her class of 120. She served her internship and residency in Pediatrics at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, followed by a fellowship in Pediatrics and Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. After moving to Savannah, she practiced clinical neonatology and held faculty positions at Mercer University School of Medicine and Georgia Regents University (Medical College of Georgia) where she taught residents and medical students until her retirement. She served as President of the Medical staff at Memorial, the first woman to serve in this capacity, was the Regional Director for neonatology in SE Georgia, and was the Director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for 11 years.



Steve & Linda Sacks with granddaughters, Miryam and Arielle

A committed wife, mother and grandmother. Linda (and her high school sweetheart, Steve) has been married for 54 years. Their oldest son Ben (an economics consultant) is married to Carolyn Arpin, lives in DC and has two children, Daniel and Alexandra. Their middle son, Josh (who previously led a department of Google R&D) is married to Dr. Suzie Bruch and lives in Boulder Colorado. Son #3, Noah is married to Shera. They lived for six years in the Virgin Islands, and now live in Gaithersburg, MD where Noah works for the DOJ in the Department of Civil Rights. They have two daughters, Arielle and Miryam. There are many miles between the Sacks family members, but Linda and Steve make it a priority to be a part of their children’s and grandchildren’s lives.

In a recent Board of Governors meeting, Kenneth Sadler asked Linda to share her Jewish journey. In her comments to the board she spoke about

“Our mission is to promote mutual understanding with the community at large, and encourage amicable adjustment of differences between individuals and organizations. As Jews we are often our own worst enemies. We have differing opinions on Israel’s politics, as is our right. We classify ourselves as Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, Secular, as is also our right. The Board within itself has done well with these issues, but we need to find a way to spread this value of mutual understanding to the community that we represent. We have to acknowledge that compromise is not necessarily a bad thing. We need to learn that while listening to others’ opinions as in Board meetings, is a good thing, listening to other community members in real life is even better.”

We know that Linda will do her utmost to bring the value of “loving your neighbor as yourself” to everything that she does. Kol HaKavod to Dr Linda Mann Sacks as she becomes the 42nd leader of our Jewish community.

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79TH ANNUAL MEETING

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**STATE OF THE FEDERATION
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
PRESIDENTS AWARD
REPORT: OUTGOING PRESIDENT, KENNETH SADLER
NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
ELECTION OF GOVERNORS
INSTALLATION OF LINDA SACKS, PRESIDENT**

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for a one year term ending 2023
Scott Samuels

for a 2-year term end 2023
**Lenny Tishberg Adam Eichholz
Jennifer Rich Michael Dobbs
David Forman**

2-year term end 2024
**Stuart Halpern Lori Loncon
Aaron Tillinger Steve Wagner
Fran Kaminsky Lisa Bodziner
Sylvester Formey Ken Miller**

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**Linda Sacks President
Steven Hollander Vice President
Ron Ginsberg Secretary/Treasurer
Kenneth Sadler Imm Past President
Edwin Byck Past President
Larry Silbermann JEA President**

Hollander Receives Award



A native Savannahian, Steven Hollander is being honored with the Federation's President's Award for his leadership in rehabbing the Holocaust Memorial located on the JEA campus.

An almost one-man show, over a number of weeks, you could see Steven

stripping the memorial with wire brushes and chemicals, digging up the ground, and meeting with contractors. Steven took it as his personal mission to honor the memory of those survivors of the Holocaust who made Savannah their refuge and their homes.

The memorial was rededicated this past Yom HaShoah with officials from SCAD (who originally donated the memorial), and the installation creator, Ed Barbier.

Steven is a VP-elect of the Savannah Jewish Federation and is a former participant in our community leadership program, YESOD. He is an Account Executive Manager with the John S. James Company working in Transportation and Logistics. A father of three gorgeous children, he is happily married to Bianca Hollander.



Your support of the Savannah Jewish Federation makes it possible to gather together to remember, to reflect, and to honor the memories of those who perished in the Holocaust.

Across Savannah and across oceans, your support powers innumerable moments that build, ensure and enrich Jewish life. No organization powers more Jewish moments than Federation.

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Savannah Jewish Federation

Consider endowing your gift to ensure a strong Jewish world for generations to come.

Around the Community

Mazel Tov

To **Emily Kahn Cohen** and **Michael Cohen** who had a baby boy, Jack Fox Cohen. Proud grandparents are David and Diane Kahn and proud great grandmother, Jane Kahn.

To **Arnold Young** whose family's history in Beaufort was featured in the Spring edition of the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina magazine. The Young family have been in Beaufort since 1916.

To **Sam Carroll** and his team at **Carroll Construction** who were named Best General Contractor 2022 by Savannah Magazine.

To **Merrill Sanden** and **Candace Geiger** who will be married August 28, 2022.

To **Tomer Locker** (son of Motti & Eva Locker) and **Raz Ozeri** on their wedding which was held on June 27, 2022 in Israel.

To **Brooke Bradley Halpern** and **Stuart Halpern** on the birth of a daughter, **Harper Amelia Halpern** who was born June 29, 2022. Proud grandparents are Paul & Mindy Bradley.



On a recent cruise to San Juan, Andrew Javetz happened to meet three Chabad rabbis. Hearing that he had not had a Bar Mitzvah, the rabbis immediately organized a ceremony for Andrew and his family. Mazel Tov, Andrew

To **Ariel and Hennie Shtauber** on the birth of a boy

Do you have a Mazel Tov to share with the community? Submit them to SavannahJewishLife@gmail.com

PJ Library Changes Lives

A national program supported by the Harold Grinspoon foundation, supported locally by Leon and Nancy Slotin, Jane Slotin, and the Cecile Richman JEA Fund, PJ Library and PJ Our Way sends free, award-winning books that celebrate Jewish values and culture to families with children from birth through 12 years old.

PJ Library, in our 5-county area has sent thousands of books to children and families over the past decade.

We don't need to tell you that reading to your children is important. Study after study has shown its impact on a child's development. Even the mere presence of books in a home increases the level of education they can reach.

But finding the right books and making the time to read as a family can be hard. That's where PJ Library comes in.

We know that something magical happens when parents sit down together to read with their children. PJ Library shares Jewish stories that can help your family talk together about values and traditions that are important to you.

For more information, check out our Facebook page, and to sign up for PJ Library for your child(ren) or to get involved with our many family activities contact Sarah Docar, pjlibrary@savj.org or 912.355.8111.

PJ Library & PJ OUR WAY

PJ Library's Upcoming Events

September - Rosh Hashanah Party with Mickve Israel
October - Sukkot Party with Agudath Achim
November - PJ Pool Party
December - Chanukah Party

PJ Library in our 5 county region is made possible thanks to the generosity of Leon and Nancy Slotin, Jane Slotin, and the Cecile Richman JEA Fund and

 Savannah Jewish Federation

Obituaries

through 7/31/2022

Basil Sandler

Who died Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

He is survived by his wife of almost 69 years, Joy (nee Chipkin); his sons Daniel (Helese) Sandler, Robert (Benita) Sandler, and Anthony (Nancy) Sandler; his grandchildren Josh, Jessica (Ben), Tarryn (Guy), Gabi, Ryan, Michelle, Alexis, Claire, and Jake; and his great grandchildren Calder, Ocean, David, and Noah.

Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31405 or a charity of your choice.

Patricia "Sue" Rossiter Homans

Who died Sunday May 29, 2022.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Jules Homans, her sons and their wives, Jack (Liz), Joseph (Kristie), Michael (Lia), and Ross; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; four Rossiter brothers, Dr. Frank (Glenda), Richard (Dianne), Joseph, and Patrick (Paula); and many beloved nieces, nephews, stepgrandchildren and friends.

Remembrances: St. Vincent's Academy, Benedictine Military School, or Hospice Savannah.

Rachel Starets Bueno

Who died Sunday, June 5, 2022

She was predeceased by her husband, David, and is survived by her children, Dr. Josepha Bueno DeVaro and Dr. Raphael Bueno, and four grandchildren, Dr. Sarah DeVaro, David DeVaro, and Gabrielle and Rebecca Bueno.

Norman Dolgoff

Who died Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

He was predeceased by his wife, Sherry Roth Dolgoff, and is survived by her children Marcey (Howard) Alter, Karen (Mark) Hasson, and Laura (Terrell) Roberson; three grandchildren, Taylor Roberson, Sarah and Matthew Hasson, and one great granddaughter, Layla Skye.

Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31405 or Savannah Jewish Federation, 5111 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31405.

Louis Friedenberg

Who died Tuesday, July 5, 2022

He was predeceased by his wife, Pearl Seligman Friedenberg, and is survived by his children Ricky (Barbara) Friedenberg and Sherry Ann Friedenberg; grandchildren Brian (Heather) Friedenberg, and Erin (Jordan) Rubinstein; and three great-grandchildren, Jake Friedenberg, Joshua Rubinstein, and Elle Rubinstein.

Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31405 or The Humane Society for Greater Savannah, 7215 Sallie Mood Drive, Savannah, GA 31406

Jeffrey Alan Kaffee

Who died Saturday, July 16, 2022

He is survived by his wife of nearly 58 years and a son, Jason Kaffee.

Remembrances: Hadassah Hospital, Temple Oseh Shalom, or Congregation Mickve Israel.

Paul Todtfeld

Who died Sunday, July 24, 2022

He is survived by his beloved wife, Judy; his brother Stewart and sister-in-law Jackie Soares, and children Bruce, Jill, Mark, Leslie, David, and Eva. His memory will live on through his beloved grandchildren Morgan, Dylan, Bailey, Gabrielle, Chelsea, Avery, and Ruby.

Remembrances: Mass, Eye and Ear Curing Kids Fund, 243 Charles Street, Boston, MA or to the Joint Distribution Committee, 220 E. 42nd Street, Suite 400, NY, NY 10017.

Anna Dane Cahan

Who died Monday, July 25, 2022

She is survived by her ex-husband, Eric Cahan; and their two children, Heather and Ben Cahan; as well as their spouses, Kartik Krishnan and Michelle Cahan. She is also survived by her five grandchildren: Ravi and Leela Krishnan, and Sage, Hunter and Vivie Cahan.

Harriet "Wawa" Cohen Brody

Who died Friday, July 29, 2022

She is survived by her three boys who she loved very much, Lawrence (Robin), Jerry (Michelle) and David. Also, she was blessed with seven grandchildren, Daniel (Samantha), Louis (Katherine), Seth (Emily), Rachel (Matt), Morgan, Jack and Ansley, along with four great-grandchildren.

Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31405 or The Humane Society for Greater Savannah, 7215 Sallie Mood Drive, Savannah, GA 31406

Helen Schmalheiser Small Cranman

Who died Saturday, July 30, 2022

She is survived by one daughter, Lynn Cranman Reeves (David); two sons, Paul Cranman (Karen), and Roy Cranman (Karen Paz); grandchildren, Kasey Reeves Berman (Daniel), Joshua Reeves (Amanda), Morgan Reeves McGhie (Scott), Erin Cranman Witkow (Brandon), Jordan Cranman (Mallo-ry), Jacob Cranman (Chyla), Micah Cranman, Adria Cranman Moshe (Lior), Emily and Madeline Oppenheim, Jonathan Paz, Danielle Paz; and family friend Wendy Amato; great-grandchildren, Laney and William Berman, Raymond, Charles and Evan Reeves, Jackson, Harper, Ella, and Claire McGhie, Matthew, Ethan, Eliana Witkow, Mon-cie, Satya, and Dahlia Cranman, Nava Moshe; a sister, Elinor Chaum of Laguna Hills, California and several nieces and nephews.

Remembrances: Matthew J. Cranman Holocaust Teacher Education Fund – c/o Savannah Jewish Federation – 5111 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405-5214 or Congregation Agudath Achim – 9 Lee Blvd. Savannah, GA 31405

Creating an Inclusive Society

By Tiran Attia

I recently sat among the lucky 5,000 invited, along with members of the government, ambassadors, and senior diplomats, at a torch-lighting ceremony on Jerusalem's iconic Mt. Herzl. This powerful ceremony marked the transition from Israel's Memorial Day commemorating fallen Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers and victims of war and terror, to Independence Day festivities and parties.

For me, along with many other guests and viewers, the pinnacle of the event was when a group of soldiers with a range of physical and cognitive disabilities from Jewish National Fund-USA's Special in Uniform, ascended the stage and marched proudly alongside their commanders and fellow soldiers from IDF units around the country.

There was not a dry eye in the audience when Special in Uniform's band broke out in song together with the military choir and torchbearers. Many would never have thought this could happen -- that a country and nation were proudly incorporating youth with disabilities into an exclusive annual event that was once restricted to only the highest echelons of society. In fact, Israel is the only country in the world where this is happening, and I am so proud to be part of changing the future of Israeli society.

The truth is, I am luckier than each of those other 5,000 invitees at the ceremony because I get to see these incredible moments, big and small, every day.

Special in Uniform started seven years ago in partnership with Jewish National Fund-USA with only 50 soldiers on one IDF base. Today, Special in Uniform has 750 youths incorporated into 45 IDF units around the country, a colossal achievement for the participants, their parents, and Israeli society.

The establishment of a music band similar to the renowned IDF Band, has enabled our participants to perform at ceremonies such as the one I attended on Mt. Herzl while also joining leading Israeli singers as they discover their own special



talents and abilities.

As my dear friend, Jewish National Fund-USA Director of Small Communities, Sam Richardson, Ph.D best put it: "Many of the Special in Uniform band members did not realize they had musical talent until auditioning for the new program. The discovery that they have these incredible talents, that these teens have a voice that they never knew they had except for, like all of us, singing in the shower, is incredible."

The band has grown immensely since its creation, exploding in popularity and gaining international attention. The musicians even partnered with top Israeli musical talents like Eden Ben Zaken, who joined the group for a special musical performance.

Thanks to Jewish National Fund-USA and the incredible Savannah Jewish Federation, we are changing the world and making dreams come true.

Tiran Attia is the Director of Special in Uniform. For more information or to support Special in Uniform, contact JNF-USA Director Sam Richardson, Ph.D at srichardson@jnf.org or Savannah Jewish Federation CEO, Adam Solender at adam@savj.org.



If you are Jewish, in your 20s and 30s and want to meet new people, connect to the community and make a difference -
YJS is where you want to be!

Young Jewish Savannah's goal is to provide meaningful opportunities for engagement in the Jewish community through social and professional networking, community service, Judaic and leadership programs for Jewish young adults in their 20s and 30s.

Young Jewish Savannah is made possible thanks to your support of the Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Community Campaign.

YJS FALL EVENTS

**8/28 AXE THROWING
YJS MEET UP**

**9/03 YOUNG ADULT
POOL PARTY
AT THE JEA**

9/08 YJS HAPPY HOUR

**9/25 ROSH HASHANAH
CELEBRATION**

10/13 UNDER THE SUKKAH

11/10 YJS HAPPY HOUR

11/17 YJS JEWS-GIVING



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IN THEIR 20S AND 30S**

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COME TO AN EVENT
SEE AND BE SEEN**

Ten Fun Memories From Camp Coleman Summer 2022 - Lillian Reiss



Lillian Reiss with her cousin Lila and other camp friends

- 1. I loved MAC!** MAC is Camp Coleman's color wars. My team was the red team, and we won. Oh yah. Some of the events included sports, swimming, and tug of war.
- 2. SUPER SLOPPY**-that's where everyone gets very sloppy! It's a big food fight, but we use shaving cream and water balloons. My hair was completely covered with so much shaving cream. It was a blast.
- 3.** At camp I made friends with all the kids in my cabin. One of them was EL short for Eloise. She was a good dancer and was fun to talk to. We took a fun underwater picture together, but my eyes were closed.
- 4.** Another great friend I made was Penny. She was funny and great to talk to because everytime we talked she would laugh at my jokes and she told funny stories.
- 5. Friday Night Live**-it's where a lot of campers took videos of themselves doing different dances. Then we watched it all on the big screen after Shabbat. Mostly they were silly and crazy.
- 6.** There were so many fun things we did in the lake. The blob was the most fun. On the blob you jump on one end and on the other end someone goes flying high landing in the lake.
- 7. Dance Time!** In class we learned an Israeli dance called the Ba Kalil. It's so fun! We also played freeze dance which is fun because the counselors try to catch you moving.
- 8. Sci-ventures-its science.** We made slime and we made soda bottles explode using Mentos. They are minty and sweet.

My Camp Stories

9. At Coleman my **counselors** were nice and funny. Zoey, one of my favorites, was a great dancer. She was so nice to talk to because she was always interested in what I was talking about.

10. One of my favorite things at camp was the **ninja course**. I was able to climb all the way up the warp wall. I was able to swing from the rings and compete against my friends.

My Summer Experience at Camp Barney - Ellie Neil

This year at Camp Barney Medintz I began the process of training to be on staff. I loved being able to see some of the "behind the scene" things that happen at camp and get a feel of what life is like as a counselor while also enjoying camper activities with my friends. This month taught me so much about how to really appreciate camp and give back to it because of what it has given me while growing up. As a counselor, I hope to give my campers the amazing and life changing experience that I have received every single year at Camp Barney.



Shabbat with friends at Camp Barney

I grew personally more than ever at camp this summer and made life-long friendships and connections with other Jewish young adults. Camp has helped me realize how much I value having a strong Jewish community around me at all times. As I am searching for colleges, I think back to how comforting it is to be surrounded by a Jewish community, and I look for that in every school I visit. I will always remember and cherish my memories and experiences at camp this summer. I greatly appreciate the Federation for their help in allowing me to have this amazing opportunity.

Agudath Achim Welcomes New Rabbi

SJL: Where did you grow up, attend HS, college?

RSG: I was born in Philadelphia, PA, but my parents were both young doctors, and we moved almost every year until we settled in a small suburb named Randolph, NJ when I was 5. I attended a Hebrew Day School (The Hebrew Academy of Morris County, now the Gottesman RTW Academy) from 2nd to 8th grade, and have, since I can remember, felt that Judaism was the core part of my identity. I went to a secular private school for High School called The Pingry School because my parents believed that meeting and interacting with non-Jews would be important for my development. And though I still am an advocate for a Jewish education, I did learn a lot from my non-Jewish friends. I went to Princeton University for college, where I majored in Near Eastern Studies and was extremely active in the theater scene.

“Rabbi Gelman’s energy and enthusiasm was obvious from the get-go; during his visit to AA, he literally could not be contained by the bimah. I am excited to be working with him to see what we can all accomplish together.”

Adam Fins, President Congregation Agudath Achim

SJL: Were you active in synagogue life, youth group?

RSG: Yes! I had a wonderful cantor growing up, Cantor Jack Korbman z”l, who encouraged me to continue pushing myself in my Jewish studies and knowledge of leading services. I helped Cantor Korbman lead High Holiday services almost every year after becoming a bar mitzvah (mostly Psukei Dezimra, but occasionally Torah reading as well), and as a high schooler, I would lead Shabbat morning services and give divrei Torah every now and then. I was also active in my branch of USY (Morris Plains), and served as Religious Education VP for 2 years.

SJL: What was your undergraduate major?

I majored in Near Eastern Studies (a fancy way of saying Middle East Studies) with a focus on Israeli History. I wrote two intensive papers my junior year (“The Palestinian Reaction to the 1973 War” and “The Six-Day War in Israeli Film”) as well as a Senior Thesis (“The Ethiopian Aliyah as Covered in Jewish-American Newspapers”). I was also involved in the theater department. I served on the board of the Princeton Shakespeare Company, acted in departmental plays, and participated in student-run theater as an actor and director.

SJL: When did you know you wanted to become a rabbi?

RSG: My parents have a video of me saying I wanted to be a rabbi when I was five years old! While that story is

true, I didn’t settle on becoming a rabbi until I was a senior in college. I had considered many different career paths, and thought I had settled on working as an analyst for a think tank. I spent a summer in Jerusalem working for a think tank at Hebrew University, the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace. It was a wonderful think tank, but I realized that I was simply too social

a person to sit at a desk in front of a computer researching and writing all day. I came back to the States not knowing quite what I wanted to do with my life. During my senior undergrad year I went to a counselor to help me figure out my plans for the future. She asked me a very simple question: “What would you do if money, or status, or your friends’ or family’s opinion was irrelevant? What do you want to do?” And it hit me like a thunderbolt: I wanted to be a rabbi. I wanted to help people, to be present for them in good times and bad, and nurture their connection with Judaism. I got on the phone with JTS that day to apply, and I have not looked back since.

SJL: What was the seminary like?

Highlights? Biggest challenge?

RSG: Seminary was an amazing experience, and extremely challenging. At JTS I met people who will be my lifelong friends, not just colleagues. It was also a time I treasure for the ability just to study—it is such a rare treat to be able to focus solely on learning and personal growth. And of course, our year in Israel (and we got extremely lucky—we had the last full year in Israel before COVID broke out) left a huge impact on me. There is nothing like being able to study Judaism in its birthplace. But it wasn’t all easy. The work is intense. We don’t just study Judaism in a dry, academic environment; we try to live it, to tackle hard spiritual questions, to grow as people. My time at JTS was a time of intense personal growth. Some of it was painful at times, like a growth spurt, but all of it was necessary for me to be the rabbi I am today.

SJL: What did you learn in Israel during your year there in training?

RSG: Our Israel program had two distinct phases. During our first month at Israel, we stayed at Kibbutz Hanaton, which was formerly affiliated with the Conservative Movement and is now a pluralistic kibbutz. We spent the month both learning at the kibbutz while



also traveling around Israel to historic and modern sites of interest. This travel continued throughout our year there, after we relocated to Jerusalem and began classes in earnest there. While I certainly learned much in my academic classes, I learned much more from living and traveling in Israel. I truly believe you can only fully understand much of Judaism and Jewish history from actually being in the land where it took place. But I also learned much more: how to communicate better in Hebrew, how to navigate Israel less like a tourist and more like an Israeli. I learned what it felt like to live in a community where Judaism simply permeates the air, where in some way or another, Judaism is an aspect of everyday life. It was simply wonderful.

SJL: Why did you decide to become a pulpit rabbi?

Being a pulpit rabbi means getting to do a little bit of everything. I love teaching. I love leading services. I love community organizing, and helping build and take care of community. And most importantly, I love building sustained relationships over time, of seeing people I care about grow and change and become the best versions of themselves. Being a pulpit rabbi gives me a chance to guide community in all of the ways I love, while simultaneously building those relationships that make the whole endeavor worth it.

"I lost count of how many members and prospective congregants told me, "I feel inspired again" and "I can't remember the last time I enjoyed services that much."

Tova Javetz, Rabbinical Search Committee Chair

SJL: How did you meet your wife? Tell us a bit about her

I originally matched with Naima on Hinge, a dating app. She answered my question "What's on your bookshelf" with "Too much John Green, and not enough Toni Morrison." We talked a little about books, but then life got in the way. Little to my knowledge, however, her roommate's brother was my roommate at the time. We met in person around a month after we matched on Hinge, at a sibling-sponsored potluck Shabbat lunch. I didn't recognize Naima, but she recognized me. She friended me on Facebook, and we had a casual friendship, until January 2021 when I was back on Hinge looking through my old matches. I recognized Naima. I asked her if she was still single, and if she had recognized me from Hinge. She answered yes to both. Knowing I would never let that down, I asked her on a date, and the rest is history.

Naima is entering her third year of rabbinical school at Yeshivat Maharat, the first and only North American institution to ordain Orthodox women as clergy. She will be interning this year with the National Council of Jewish Women, where she will work on their reproduc-

tive justice campaigns. She is a wonderful poet and writer, a fiery scholar, and simply the most wonderful woman I have ever met (even if I can't understand how she can eat ice cream in the cold New York winter).

SJL: What attracted you to Savannah/the AA family?

RSG: I was attracted to Savannah by the warmth I felt from the Jewish community and the tight-knit, small-town Jewish feel. Not to be cliché, but I aim to create spaces where everyone knows your name. Savannah and AA felt like that sort of space. My work will consist of elevating what is already here. But the smiles I got, the warmth, the honesty and care -- it felt like home when I visited. It's all about the people.

SJL: What are you most looking forward to?

RSG: Creating relationships! I love building individual connections with people as well as bringing people together in shared community. I am very much looking forward celebrating many simchas together as a community, and growing and changing together throughout the years

SJL: What are your hobbies?

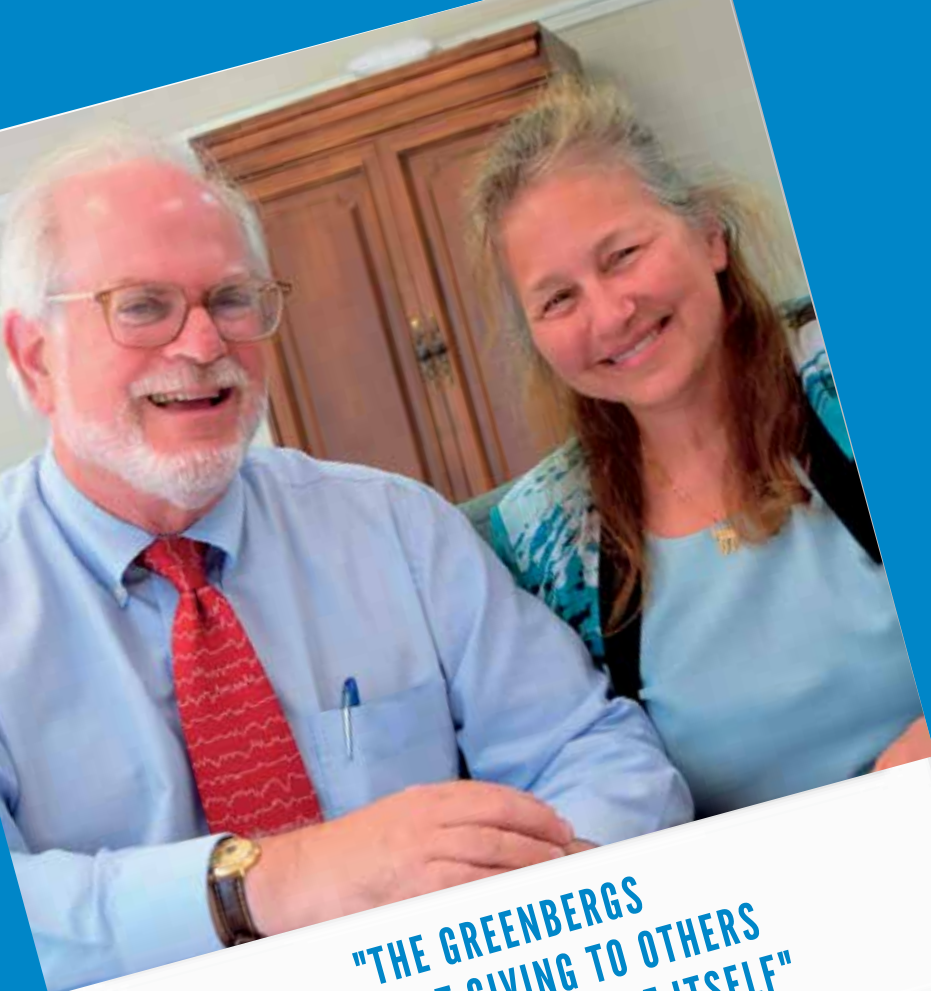
I am still a theater kid at heart. I love anything having to do with theater: acting, directing, reading plays, writing plays, seeing plays, and whatever else you can imagine. I also am in love with reading in general: I try to read a book a week. But I'm not a total homebody: I love being outside, especially hiking, but also camping, kayaking, and biking. I also enjoy practicing guitar and piano.

SJL: How would people describe your style?

I've been described as an energetic yet nurturing person. I care about my congregants and the relationships I create, and I consider helping people throughout all of life's twists, both positive and negative, to be one of my highest callings. I also see an aspect of nurturing Judaism to be encouraging more: more mitzvot, more morals, more engagement. I don't think we are ever at the end of our journeys, where we say "that's it, I've accomplished all I can do." There is always more to do, more lands to see, more steps to take, and I believe that an important part of my rabbinate is encouraging that aspect of growth as well.

SJL: What do you hope to bring to the pulpit?

Excitement. I want people to be excited about Judaism: excited about mitzvot, excited about synagogue, excited about praying and practicing, just excited to be Jewish. There are so many wonderful things about our religion. It's not easy, and it's not a small thing, but it is our beautiful heritage. I hope that I can convey the message that Judaism isn't just a thing we do occasionally at shul: it can imbue every part of our lives.



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Fall at the JEA Art Gallery



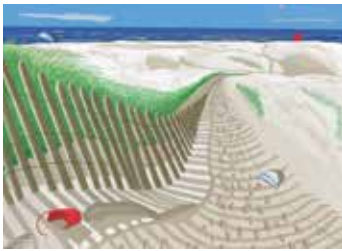
September: Phyllis Aaron

September 1-30, 2022, Art Gallery Reception September 11th, 2-4 pm

Phyllis Aaron has always loved working with her hands. It is in her DNA. Her grandfather was a carpenter and her father loved to work with tools, fixing whatever was broken in our home. Her mother bequeathed a love of gardening and working with her. Because of these special people she doesn't mind getting a little messy, and clay is messy.

"I love working in porcelain. The clay is buttery smooth and the glaze colors pop, but using porcelain has its own challenges because the clay lacks the grit, or grog, that allows the potter to produce larger pieces without the clay body collapsing. I fire my work in both a gas kiln to cone 10 which allows the glazes to run into each other and an electric kiln to cone 6.

Each piece is unique even when one uses the same glazes as the heat and fire of the kilns interact in different and exciting ways. My pieces are functional and are dishwasher, microwave and oven safe. I strive to produce pottery that is useful, enjoyable to use, and unique in some way whether it is darted, carved, or just thrown and decorated"



October: Paul Michael Glaser

October 1-30, 2022

Paul Michael Glaser has spent much of his time in recent years devoted to 21st century modern art disciplines, and through his exploration of digital formats and creative processes, the celebrated actor, creator, writer, director, producer and philanthropist has developed a style uniquely his own.

Abstracts, body-forms and portraits are represented in his collections, as are the creatures and every-day objects which draw in the eye for their colors, unique digital brush work and other worldliness. Glaser equally enjoys expressing his art through digital painting, pencil and charcoal, painted sketches as well as illustrations.

Glaser was born into an inherently creative family in Cambridge, Massachusetts and was inspired by his father's well-known original architectural designs and art collection, his Mother's creative gift of storytelling and the entire family's passion for theatre, museums, gallery art and symphonies. Glaser was encouraged to explore his creativity through which he was drawn to a variety of ways in which he could artfully express himself.

Glaser has exhibited his artwork throughout Los Angeles and it has been placed both on television and film as well as within private collections.



November: Vanessa Withun

November 1-27, 2022, Art Gallery Reception November 5th, 2 pm

Vanessa Withun (V.W.) is a contemporary representational artist originally from Bronx, New York residing in Jacksonville, FL. Her style combines Classical Realism with contemporary forms such as Impressionism and Expressionism.

Her work incorporates a variety of landscapes, still-life, portraits, and conceptual art inspired by the power of chiaroscuro, brushwork, and tones in order to capture emotion. Her still life paintings are painted from life in alla prima. Many of her landscapes are based on captured images and/or created intuitively in order to give her work a more poetic sentiment.

She is a 2021 recipient of the J. Shepard Jr. and Mary Ann Bryant Arts Endowment for The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. Her work has been exhibited across the United States.

Are you an artist? Would you like to show your work in the JEA Art Gallery? We feature artists from different fields: oil painters, water colorists, sculptors, photographers, potters, quilters, textiles, mixed media, wood sculpture, mosaics and more! Each show is one month, and you may choose to have an opening reception. There's no charge to use our space, but we do ask for a small percentage of anything sold. Having a show at the JEA is a great way to have your work seen and to help your community. Please contact Vicky@savj.org to inquire about available months for your show!

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Fall Back to J Fitness

Summer flew by like a whirlwind and somehow it is time to fall back into routine and get back on track with those health goals this fall!

No matter your interests or skill level, the J has a program for you! Whether you enjoy your own workouts in our recently upgraded fitness center, personal training or group workouts in a class setting there are plenty of options available. No goal is too small or too big at the JEA, you just need to be willing to put the work in. Luckily our trained staff are also here to help you along the way.

Check out additional classes this fall such as our NEW yoga classes in the Sunday Yoga rotation, Senior Cardio Dance Fusion, Tone & Burn plus your favorites such as Power Pilates, Gentle Yoga, Water Aerobics, Aqua Zumba and Total Body that remain on the schedule year round. Our Personal Trainers also offer small group training upon request for Kickboxing, Women's Weightlifting and GlideFIT so there are plenty of opportunities to mix up your routine!

If traditional fitness settings are not your preferred way to stay active, then take it to the fields or courts with our sport programs this fall! Youth soccer, microsports, karate, dance

clinics and more are returning on top of new Adult Recreation opportunities such as pickleball and swim stroke clinics.

What are you waiting for? Fall back into a healthy routine with the help of the J!



Mah Jongg and More

Robin Rackoff

I was in a store with my granddaughter the other day, and she said, "I love the song that's playing," to which I replied, "I don't hear any song." She gave me the kind of look that young people give to old folks. I realized that my "great hearing," as I always described it, was maybe not so great any more. I'm not the only one in my house adjusting to age-related physical changes. My husband used to drive a Porsche. It was a sleek and beautifully designed car that he sometimes drove a little too fast. Now he uses a walker made by Porsche, also sleek and beautifully designed, which he sometimes pushes a little too fast. Even the eight-year-old dog looks at me when I throw him the ball as if to say, "You want me to get that?"

My Mah Jongg friends are experiencing changes as well. When we started playing together more than a dozen years ago, we were all in our fifties and sixties. Now, our ages begin with a seven. None of us have the best vision anymore, which forces us to look twice or three times to see if that exposure is three bams or four bams.

I have heard from people who fear their diminishing eyesight will mean the end of their Mah Jongg days. A few years ago, a woman called me to ask if I knew of any

company that made Mah Jongg tiles for the visually impaired. She had macular degeneration, and Mah Jongg was becoming difficult for her. I told her that the online store Where The Winds Blow carried Large Print tiles. The woman immediately ordered a set and was thrilled that she could continue to play. She recently contacted me again because her vision had deteriorated further to a point where she was almost blind. She was hoping I might know if there was anything else that could help her. Fortunately, I had just read on Mah Jongg, That's It, the Facebook page that's the resource for all things Mah Jongg, about transparent Braille stickers. They can be placed over the tiles, allowing seeing and non-seeing players to play together. This woman had just started learning Braille and was determined to become proficient so she could order those stickers and continue to play.

It is encouraging knowing that when our bungee jumping days are behind us, we've always got Mah Jongg! Until next time, let's Maj On!



JFest: An Arts Festival for the JCC Movement, a signature program of JCC Association, believes that telling stories – our own and those of our families – connects us to each other and helps us build resilience in ourselves and in our diverse and vibrant communities.

The website, jfeststorymachine.org, is a playfully designed digital home inspired by the whimsical inventions and drawings of Rube Goldberg. The JFest StoryMachine will move you, ignite memories, and motivate you to capture the stories that have shaped you, your community, and the broader Jewish world. While each story is a wonder unto itself, together, they reflect the movements shared communal memory.

Whether you are a JEA board and committee member, camper, teacher, rabbi, artist, educator, writer, swimmer, senior, parent, instructor, trainer, present or past member, or were a member of another JCC, you are invited to explore the digital library of stories by others and to share your own.

Like the documentary, *The Two Lives of Rube Goldberg*, which explored the unexpected Jewish journey and celebrates the value of understanding and sharing stories, the JFest StoryMachine serves as a powerful resilience

JFest Story Machine

builder, strengthening our extended communities. It will animate your creative memory and help you capture important pieces of your own journey.



Jewish War Veterans Post 320 News

On Sunday, May 1, JWV Martin E. Kirschbaum Post 320 held its officer installation brunch at the JEA. Close to 30 people were in attendance for the Officer Installation, 125th Anniversary of Jewish War Veterans, and to honor the memory of Past Commander Ed Wexler (Colonel, USAF Ret.).

Joe Higgins, Chairman of the Veteran's Council of Chatham County installed 2022 Post officers Commander: Frank Katz; Vice-Commander: A.J. Haysman; Adjutant: Stanley Rosenberg; and Quartermaster: Richard Halperin. Following the installation, Frank Katz gave a presentation about the 125th Anniversary of the Jewish War Veterans.

With support from the Jewish Educational Alliance, Commander Frank Katz and Quartermaster Richard Halperin honored the memory of deceased Jewish veterans when they replaced over 150 flags at Bonaventure Cemetery.

We are proud that for the third time in the past twenty years, the National Convention of Jewish War Veterans was held in Savannah (Aug 8-11). Frank Katz, Stanley Rosenberg,



and Richard Halperin attended and represented Post 320 at several events including a key note address from the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs Denis McDonough.

Upcoming events include: the post holding several general membership meetings throughout the year; participating in the November 11 Veteran's Day Parade; and replacing flags in the cemetery before Veteran's Day.

Techuvah, Tefilah, TZEDAKAH

Eva Locker

For centuries, giving to tzedakah (charity) has been a traditional way to mark Jewish holidays. The High Holidays are even more focused on this action: on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we end services with a prayer specifying that "Repentance (techuvah), prayer (tefilah) and tzedakah will annul the severity of the (judgment) decree." So important is giving to charity that the Talmud tells us that tzedakah is the equal of all of the commandments of the Torah combined.

So how do we teach our children the importance of giving? How do we teach them to give not only to fulfil the mitzvah, but also because it feels good, good for the heart, good for the soul?

In most families, matters of money are not usually talked about in front of the children and parents will discuss their charity giving privately. Children learn best by example and, even though there is always the tzedakah box that gets filled at home, the beggar in the street we give to, or the shelter we volunteer at... when do we talk with our children about the bigger picture (and bigger money)?

At Shalom School, we ask that children bring tzedakah every week and emphasize that we would rather them giving a quarter each time than a bigger bill



once in a while because we want the act of giving to become part of the child's routine. To make the process truly become theirs, at the end of the year each class discuss where they would like the funds raised to go. The teachers discuss the students' ideas but also present options and places that do work the children are not necessarily familiar with like the Savannah Jewish Federation and other organizations.

As we get closer to the High Holidays, I encourage you to involve your children in your family giving. Call a special family meeting to discuss where and why you want to give. Better, have the children present two or three ideas of their own. You don't necessarily have to talk amounts, but have them involved in the discussion so they'll learn how important this Mitzvah is to you.

And when they'll hear the words "Techuvah, Tefilah, Tzedakah" at the end of the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, they'll know that your family has that last part covered as well.

Shana Tova,

Eva Locker



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10 Milestones for Everyone

Jodi Sadler

When working with young children, parents, pediatricians and especially, teachers, think about developmental milestones and when and how children grow and change.



Skills such as taking a first step, smiling for the first time, waving "bye bye", and of course, toilet learning are all considered "developmental milestones". Children reach milestones in how they play, learn, speak, act, and move. Each age has its own unique achievements and the important people in children's lives pay close attention to these learned markers.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a milestone tracker to use as a guide and resource. Of course, each child develops in his/her own time, so remember, this checklist is just a guide. But it does provide useful information as to what a child should be doing at every age.

There are other milestones in our lives and JEA Preschool Savannah is celebrating one this year. It's been TEN years since the preschool doors opened in August of 2013. In Judaism, the number ten is significant: There are 10 commandments, there were 10 plagues in Egypt, there are 10 people who are needed to make a minyan (a group to pray together in order to say specific prayers), the Hebrew letter yud is the smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet (not sure what the significance is) and there are 10 Days of Awe between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, just to name a few special facts about this number.

The preschool began with 23 children, 3 classrooms, 5 teachers, one office coordinator, and one director. Today, there are 90 children, 18 teachers, one office coordinator and a Director and Assistant Director. What growth and development for JEA Preschool Savannah! Who would have imagined that there was such a need in our community for quality preschool education? Not the JEA Early Childhood Committee, the JEA board of directors, or those



donors, all who committed to this endeavor! We are excited to celebrate this milestone as we begin our new school year. We plan to celebrate with our community throughout the coming days and months! As always, you are invited to come see our children and teachers and all of the wonderful learning that is happening in the preschool!

Come celebrate the milestones of the children and our preschool with us!



Chazak,
chazak,
v'nitchazek!

May we all go
from
strength to
strength!

Rambam Day School

by Ester Rabhan

As Rambam begins to kick off another school year, we look forward to getting to know our new students and staff. Rambam has always had a great reputation for our staff feeling part of a family and working with professionals who care about each other and their students. As well, our students express appreciating the family feeling of being a part of Rambam and enjoying the personal attention they receive.

I would like to share comments made by our staff:

"I love the idea that any Jewish family wanting their child/dren to receive a Jewish education can, because the school bends over backwards to make it happen, no matter the family's financial status. That's Dedication".

"I wondered how a dual program could work. But I have watched it work for 23 years, and it works well. Our students graduate and go to the high schools of their choice, and they matriculate into their new schools smoothly".

"Rambam staff puts their heart and souls into their students and children are happy and learning".
"Rambam is a family. Our small numbers give us the opportunity to individualize our preparations. Some students need a different format for learning or taking tests and we meet those needs".

"We have students from all walks of Judaism and having these students learn together, play together, and grow together, teaches them tolerance, and respect".

Why share quotes from teachers? Because if your teachers are good, then they are connecting with their students and if they are connecting with their students, they have a pulse on their success and the climate they are creating.

Our secular program this school year is being enriched with Discovery Education which is an interactive suite of digital programming that allows teachers to develop and assign lessons that are media-rich, and are designed to spark student curiosity and encourage student engagement both virtually and hands-on. investigations.

From the Discovery Education suite of programs, Rambam has purchased and will utilize: Discovery Education Science (grades K-8); Discovery Education STEM programming (K-8), which will provide our students with tools for success in their futures not only in grade school, but also in college, careers, citizenship, and beyond; Discovery Education Social Studies (6-8) is an inqui-

ry-based approach to learning that will enhance the study of history, geography, civics, and government. Students will gain skills that include critical thinking and citizenship skills while connecting students to both historical and current events as well as social justice issues; Discovery Education Math (6-8) connects students to mathematics concepts by transforming traditional equations into real-world problems worth solving; Discovery Education Coding (K-8) will enable students to gain an understanding of coding concepts while promoting critical computational thinking skills and imaginative problem-solving. Students will be able to demonstrate their creativity and build confidence by creating their very own apps.

Rambam Day School is looking forward to an exciting year.

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For more than a century, the JEA has been the heart of Jewish life in Savannah. We serve as a hub for members of all three local synagogues as well as unaffiliated Jews and non-Jews alike. More than just a building, the JEA is home. A place where people come together and Jewish culture thrives. A place where families make memories and generations grow.

Our current home was built in 1954 and has been a cornerstone of Jewish life ever since. Over the decades, the JEA has continually adapted to meet the growing needs of our members and the community. We've welcomed new families and expanded programs while maintaining the time-honored traditions of our Jewish heritage and culture.

From 5Ks to concerts, and film festivals to summer camp, the JEA has a proud tradition of hosting events and programs that appeal to varied interests.



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I remember seeing my grandmother's face light up when she joined me and my children at the preschool Shabbat celebrations. She loved seeing them recite the songs and prayers and enjoy the Shabbat traditions. It is my hope that my parents will share the same preschool Shabbat celebrations with their great grandchildren.

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ALLISON KONTER



Envision our impact

The JEA matters. Countless people from Savannah and around the world have benefitted from the programs, experiences, and services offered here. Our building's unique facade and prominent location at one of the busiest intersections in the city make it a well-known entity. It has long been a source of pride for the Jewish community. We have a responsibility to ensure that future generations have a home at the JEA where they can grow and flourish in a nurturing environment.

Envision a state-of-the-art JEA

It's been over 3 decades since any major renovations have been made to our home. As we continue to grow and meet the needs of our community, so must our facility. Although the JEA is, indeed, more than just a building, the structure itself is in desperate need of updates. Renovations will allow us to offer more youth, fitness, and aquatic programs which will attract even more families to our Alliance. But more than that, the enhancements we make now will benefit our children and our children's children.

For more than a year, JEA leadership and the Capital Campaign Committee have conducted a thorough review of our facilities to determine what renovations and upgrades are necessary. We have developed plans to guarantee that the JEA continues to meet the needs of our members and community well into the future.

Planned improvements include:

OUTDOOR POOL

New pool - zero entry, handicap accessible, kids sprinkle area, shade structures, 4 lap lanes, and new decking.



LOCKER ROOMS

Upgrades, including tile repair and replacement, paint, wallpaper removal, hardware replacement, and new flooring.



AUDITORIUM

Paint, new flooring, sound baffles, curtain, tables, chairs, and audio-visual equipment.



INDOOR POOL

New solarium-like structure, pool plaster, flooring, painting and gutter replacement.



PLUS much-needed improvements to the AC/heat, roof, drainage, technology and parking.



Envision the next generation

JEA Preschool serves as an entry point for many new members and provides a Jewish education to hundreds of children throughout Savannah. Future plans include expanded early childhood facilities to address the ever-growing demand for preschool as well as renovated indoor and outdoor play spaces and children's locker rooms.

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