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Jewish Film Festival Sure to Delight

The 13th annual Joan and Murray Gefen Memorial Savannah Jewish Film Festival, running January 25th through February 4th, 2017, at the Jewish Educational Alliance, once again offers a diverse and exciting selection of films. The ten days of screenings this year include documentaries, dramas, romances and comedies from all over the Jewish Diaspora.

We begin our journey in Switzerland with our January 25th opening night film, *The Grüninger File: One Step to Freedom*. Featured previously at the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival, it stars Swiss Academy Award-winning actor Stefan Kurt in the largely unknown story of Paul Grüninger, a Swiss police captain who risked everything to save those fleeing the Nazi onslaught.

Thursday, January 26th, offers two very different selections. At lunchtime we will show *Indignation*, which premiered and easily won over the audience at the 2016 Sundance Film Festival. It is a compelling story based on a Philip Roth novel. In the evening, we are off to France for *Bad Faith*, a funny and moving contemporary update of *Guess Who's Coming*

to Dinner, the story of what happens when a Jew and an Arab in a relationship have to tell their parents they are expecting.

At our Saturday night feature we travel back and forth in time to meet two of the greatest Jewish icons of all time in *Theodore Bikel: In the Shoes of Sholom Aleichem*. These two names tell you all you need to know about this new and enchanting offering which also was a closing night selection at the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival.

The documentary *There are Jews Here*, visits Latrobe, Pennsylvania, Dothan, Alabama, Butte, Montana and Laredo, Texas, to document the lives of some of the one million Jews living in rural America. These are small towns, in some ways similar to our own Savannah, but facing a real struggle to revive their Jewish communities. We can all relate to the issues the film addresses: assimilation, migration, and how to preserve the legacy of those who came before. The film was an official selection at both the San Francisco and Milwaukee Jewish Film Festivals

Of course, no Jewish film festival would be complete without a film



about Israel. On Tuesday afternoon, January 31st, we will hear the words of the soldiers who fought in the fabled Six-Day war and what they thought and felt as they walked off the battlefield. Long-withheld recordings of interviews with them are now revealed in the documentary *Censored Voices*.

At dinner that same evening we will host local Savannahians Mary Vicala and Michael Cohen, both trainers for the Paralympics, to talk and answer questions after our screening of *The Best of Men*, the story of Dr. Ludwig Guttman, a Jewish refugee from Nazi Germany whose work led to the creation of the Paralympics.

February kicks off with an afternoon of short films on Thursday, the 2nd. *Munich 72 and Beyond*, Best Doc-

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Candle Lighting Times

Friday, January 13	5:23pm
Friday, January 20	5:30pm
Friday, January 27	5:36pm
Friday, February 3	5:43pm
Friday, February 10	5:49pm
Friday, February 17	5:55pm
Friday, February 24	6:01pm



2017 Campaign Update

\$895,930

as of January 5, 2017

from 417 donors

Community Shabbaton February 10th

Everyone is invited to a community Shabbat dinner on February 10th to mark the completion of the 100 Days of ImpACT Community Campaign, the beginning of the second Savannah Teen Weekend and to observe together *Tu b'Shevat*.

Tu b'Shevat – the New Year of the trees according to Jewish belief – begins Friday evening, February 10th. Why then for the 'birthday of the trees'? Our tradition says that at the midpoint of winter, as the cold begins to wane, the trees begin their annual rebirth, sap begins to rise, and fruits begin to form.

The Shabbaton will be an opportunity to celebrate together the hard work and accomplishments of the 2017 Campaign team, to welcome to Savannah the teens from across the Southeast who will be spending a few days here enjoying Jewish programming and camaraderie, and to

enjoy tastes of a Tu b'Shevat Seder. The Tu b'Shevat Seder originated with the Kabbalists in Safed in Israel in the 1500s and involved eating particular fruits and grains in a specific order. We will incorporate parts of the Seder into our Shabbat observance.

Shabbat services led jointly by Rabbi Robert Haas and Moti Locker will begin at 6:30pm. Dinner will begin at 7:15pm. Chef Bryan Graves will prepare a delicious meal for all to feast on.

The cost for the Shabbaton is \$18 per adult, \$10 per child 12 and younger. *Paid reservations are required by February 6th and can be made at the JEA Front Desk or by calling (912) 355-8111.* All meals served at the JEA are kosher, not under supervision. Certified, sealed kosher meals are available upon request at the time you make your reservations.



For more information on the Savannah Teen Weekend, please contact Devra Silverman, Community Engagement Coordinator, (912) 355-8111 or engagement@savj.org.

We look forward to celebrating Shabbat with you!

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January 22
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
During Shalom School
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Savannah bbyo

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

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In December Savannah BBYO participated in Global Shabbat, a day where all BBYO chapters around the world celebrate Shabbat simultaneously. Teens in grades 8-12 brought in Shabbat with a service, potluck dinner, games, and activities that connected the teens with one another!



Teens celebrating Global Shabbat on December 2!



Once January began, David Finn AZA and Wexler Clark BBG focused on new member recruitment by holding chapter programs that introduced BBYO, its rituals and traditions to the 8th grade class. Each chapter spent time bonding as brothers and sisters and showing new members what it means to be a part of BBYO.

On February 5, Savannah BBYO will hold their annual Super Bowl party which allows teens to socialize with one another and watch the game.

Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 5

Keep a lookout for more details



bbyo Connect

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



BBYO Connect learning magic tricks from Magic Marc!



Save the Date!

February 4 • April 29

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



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umentary winner at the LA Shorts fest, will start off the screening. It is about the tragedy at the 1972 Olympics and the monument that honors the Israeli athletes we lost. We'll end the event with some humor as we watch *The Chop*, which won awards at festivals in Cleveland, Denver, Krakow and Palm Springs.

Join us at our very own Trekkie convention with the screening of *For the Love of Spock*, a biopic of Leonard Nimoy and an official selection at the Tribeca Film Festival. There truly are Jews everywhere, as we find out that evening when we visit Jews 'in space.'

The 2017 Savannah Jewish Film Festival concludes on Saturday evening, February 4th, with *Time to Say Goodbye*, an official selection at the Atlanta, Rochester, Portland, Harrisburg, and Northern Virginia Jewish Film Festivals. *Reel Georgia* called this laugh-out-loud comedy "...a ton of fun! All laughter and no tears!" We say goodbye to the 2017 SJFF as a lovesick German boy potentially says goodbye to a "slice" of his manhood.

As has been our custom for a number of years, the Savannah Jewish Film Festival is accompanied by a number of delicious community

dinners, luncheons and receptions. Please see the Festival website at www.SavannahJEA.org or the brochure for complete details. *Paid reservations are required at least 48 hours in advance for all dinners and luncheons.*

We look forward to seeing you at the movies and together we'll laugh until we almost *plotz*, become a *bissel* *ver clempt*, and of course, *shep naches!*

The Savannah Jewish Film Festival is held at the Jewish Educational Alliance, 5111 Abercorn St., in midtown just off the intersection of Abercorn St. and Derenne Avenue. All information, including trailers, dates and times, and prices and specifics about tickets, meals, festival passes and sponsorships is available online at www.SavannahJEA.org or by calling (912) 355-8111.

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Savannah Jewish Federation Mission Statement

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



A firefighter sprays water around a house in Natafas as wildfires burn on the hills and mountains around Jerusalem in November, 2016.

Responding to Fires - JNF Raises \$6M

(New York, NY) — As life returns to normal in the weeks since devastating fires destroyed thousands of acres of land and forests throughout Israel, Jewish National Fund (JNF-USA) announced that it raised six million dollars to help the nation recover with new fire trucks and life-saving equipment, and is working to regrow and regenerate thousands of lost trees.

JNF-USA's fundraising efforts include raising money to purchase 550 new fire trucks at \$125,000 each; 10 new fire stations at \$1 million each; placement of fire suppression systems in inclusive parks; fireproof gear, binoculars, high-powered leaf blowers, night vision goggles, water tanks, and hoses, new fire watch-towers, and emergency assistance for repairs to homes and businesses.

Regrowth and Reforestation

JNF-USA is also investing in intensive reforestation of areas destroyed by fires by assisting the forces of nature with regeneration—a form of growing new trees or the rehabilitation of preexisting ones. It is estimated that it will take thousands of hours to clear damaged forests

and lands in an ecologically-friendly way to spark a regenerative growth. (See also *I on Israel* in this issue.)

Plans call for initially removing burnt materials which must be carried out according to security considerations, such as possible dangers of occurring fires, scenic and aesthetic considerations, land preservation, protection of natural resources, and accessibility and implementation capabilities. Due to the extent of the damages caused by fires, planting cannot happen for at least one year so as to prevent the erosion of critically needed topsoil.

Foresters have been dispatched throughout affected forests and lands to assess which trees can regrow naturally or need to be rehabilitated. This, too, is a time intensive procedure that is necessary for the long-term health of the country's forests. During the first year, trees will be planted only along security roads, at ceremonial tree planting events, and in parks requiring fresh plantings. Once the winter season

has passed, foresters will reassess what species of trees will be used for planting.

"It's thanks to local communities like Savannah that we were able to raise six million dollars to assist in the recovery," stated JNF Southeast Director, Kate Samuels.

To donate to the JNF Fire Assistance Fund or to explore other giving opportunities with JNF, please contact Kate Samuels at 404-236-8890, ext. 850, or ksamuels@jnf.org.

Four Questions

for the rest of the year



Michael Cohen
with his wife, Sheryl

We spoke with Michael Cohen, an Olympic and Maccabi athlete and Olympic and Paralympics coach, who will be speak-

ing on January 31st at the Savannah Jewish Film Festival screening of *The Best of Men*, the story of a German refugee whose work led to the founding of the Paralympics. Cohen currently wears many hats – he is a health education instructor and director of Aqua Paws water safety at Savannah State University, founder/director of Michael Cohen Weightlifting, creator/marketing director of Uno/Oly weightlifting shoes and director of GEM – Get Excited and Move therapeutic exercise program.

A native of Savannah, Cohen has been inducted into the Halls of Fame for USA Weightlifting, Greater Savannah Athletics, Benedictine Military School and USA Masters Weightlifting. He has been awarded the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal and Georgia Athlete of the Year and also is an Eagle Scout.

What is your current and past involvement with the Paralympics?

In 1996, I ran the Paralympic training program for ACOG, the Atlanta organizing Committee for the Olympic Games. Twelve nations trained in Savannah and I was the coordinator for all of them handling logistics, housing, meals and their equipment needs. In addition, the Olympic Committee asked me to coach two teams who arrived without coaches, the Iranian and United Arab Emirates teams, which is a cute story in itself.

In 2014, the United States Wheelchair Basketball Federation asked me to be head strength coordinator for their two teams going to Rio for the 2016 Paralympics. My job was to make them bigger, faster, stronger and more explosive than they were. That's what I did. [The U.S. men's and women's wheelchair basketball teams both earned gold medals at the Games last September.]

As an Olympic athlete and coach what impact do you think the Paralympics have had on the sporting world?

From a strictly coaching perspective, it's done amazing things. The Paralympics in Rio had the most viewers ever, the most people in the stands and the fact that our teams did so well – it was the first time it ever happened that the two teams I worked with won double gold – it was a watershed moment for USA.

Please tell us about your work with the GEM program and Parkinson's disease.

Actually, GEM and the Paralympics have a lot to do with each other. I was at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs when the Savannah Parkinson's Support Group director called to ask if I could help them develop an exercise program for Parkinson's sufferers. I met with a group of them when I got home a few days later – they were familiar with a program being used in Indianapolis but I thought we would be better off creating a new program utilizing the knowledge I'd gained working with the basketball teams preparing for the Paralympics. They were skeptical, but I designed a program we ran as a pilot for six weeks with 20 individuals. At the end of the six weeks, all 20 were still in the program and now there are 248 people in the program – it has exploded in popularity. People come and train as athletes; they aren't referred to as patients. It's a totally new experience for many of them.

Armstrong [State University] found out about it and asked if they could come do the first field research on it. Their team headed by Dr. Bob LeFavi put together a protocol for it and did the first series of testing on the athletes in the program. The program is expanding now throughout the United States. I probably get a dozen phone calls a day about this. We do training here and then it is affiliated with or implemented by others.

It's called GEM – Get Excited and Move. It incorporates literally every type of movement exercise you can think of – plyometrics, yoga, boxing, weightlifting, bands – for 45 minutes, three times a week. I get so much joy and excitement dealing with the Olympics, especially from the athletes that I go and win medals with; from a coaching standpoint it's the greatest honor you can get. Working with people with Parkinson's gives me just as much of a



Adam Solender
Executive Director of
JEA/SJF

thrill because they come and tell me stories about how improved they are and it's very rewarding.

In our CRC email to the community, I wrote, "It is deeply disturbing to see the administration's failure to block this anti-Israel vote and will certainly embolden the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanction movement throughout the world." It is also both shocking and disappointing.

In the past, the vast majority of the organized Jewish community repeatedly applauded the Obama administration as it consistently vetoed similar one-sided resolutions that only served to castigate and isolate Israel and make the pursuit of peaceful conflict resolution more difficult.

Most American Jews also supported the administration as it helped secure the biggest ever military aid package to Israel. However, the decision to abstain on this misguided resolution was an abdication of the important role America has played as both a conscientious ally of Israel at the UN, and as a voice of reason in a Security Council (and UN) that has a near obsession with the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

While I agree that certain Israeli settlement activity runs counter to the ability to achieve a peaceful resolution to a conflict that needs resolution and I am personally opposed to the continued expansion of settlements to new areas; the framing of the issue in such one-sided and

Not the Path to Peace

As we were about to hit deadline for submission to the "Winter" edition of the Savannah Jewish News, every media outlet was flooded

absolutist terms not only belies certain facts on the ground (particularly with respect to Jerusalem), but also rewards a strategy of the Palestinian leadership to use the UN as a forum to litigate conflict-related issues as opposed to sitting down with Israel in direct bilateral negotiations without preconditions. That is something Israel has repeatedly requested, and something current Palestinian leadership has consistently declined.

The recent action at the UN, and America's inaction, runs counter to longstanding and bipartisan support of Israel in Congress, as evidenced by bipartisan statements of disappointment from across the political spectrum. Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer summed it up best:

"As a proud leader of the bipartisan coalition in Congress in support of our ally Israel, I am extremely disappointed by this action and today's vote. Blaming Israel for the continuation of the conflict is not only wrong and unjust; it will also do nothing to move the parties closer to a peaceful and lasting solution. This resolution ignores the culpability of Palestinian leaders and groups for engaging in violent acts, inciting violence against civilians, and delegitimizing Jews' ancient and historic connection to the land. Furthermore, the United States' abstention risks lending legitimacy to efforts by Palestinians to impose their own solution through international fora and through unjustified boycotts or divestment campaigns."

This conflict will not come to an end because a U.S. president fails to veto a resolution in the Security Council; it will only happen if and when there are bilateral negotiations between the two parties, negotiations with no preconditions, negotiations with a goal of two states living peacefully, side-by-side.

There is so much to accomplish, so much work to be done, and this resolution and our government's failure to veto it makes the challenge even more difficult.



Cohen works with a GEM athlete
(photo by Leslie Moses, Savannah Morning News)

withdrew weightlifting as one of its sports as there weren't enough Jewish weightlifters in the world to keep it. But I've been to Israel a number of times over the years either as an athlete or coach; it's changed a lot since my first trip in 1977, and I've always had a good time.

What were your Maccabi Games experiences like?

I am the only Jewish American athlete to compete in four different Maccabi Games in four different weight classes and win four gold medals. Most athletes competing in the Maccabi Games from countries other than Israel do not compete more than twice but I was invited back by the organizing committee. Unfortunately, in 1993 the Maccabi Games

Moving Forward



Eva Locker,
Principal,
Shalom School

As Jews, we live, work and play in a mostly secular world. At a time when those around us are celebrating a new year, we are fortunate to have an additional time for reflection. When we observe Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we make changes in how we live our lives where we see the need. In the secular sense, we make resolutions to ourselves. We promise we will change, we slow down for Shabbat, start eating sal-

ads instead of chulent, or sign up to volunteer on a new tzedakah project. The key to this is CHANGE. Change where it is needed.

We've made a lot of changes at Shalom School since the school year began. We have an active Board, and they are eager to assist with ideas and support teachers. We have developed an online presence in social media, which we have found is a great way to engage with parents and community members. In addition to making the school visible on the web, we've brought the web to them! Students now have controlled access to over 15 pieces of technology, including iPads

and Chromebooks. These have been successful tools in assisting with projects, research and games. Not to mention, we have 4 smart TVs. These have been fundamental with culminating games and sing alongs.

Our curriculum has changed as well. Teachers are trusted with guiding their students' learning assisted by a curriculum selected by staff at the end of the 2015-2016 year. We've seen more engaging lessons, happier and more active students and eager staff. The most exciting change we've made is Project Based Learning. This requires all teachers to incorporate creative projects to go along with their lessons. So far we have had plays, mixed media posters, a mock

wedding, and interactive games. This truly hands-on approach has both teachers and students excited.

As we have focused on change, we have noticed a very positive thing: progress. It's a great feeling to know that we are moving forward in the right direction. Our staff and Board members have put so much effort into making this year the start of a continuous flow of active Jewish learning. As I walk through the halls or listen in on classes, I am reminded of the words of Ben Hei Hei, Ethics of the Fathers, 5:26 "L'fum tzara agra: according to the effort is the reward." What a reward it's been.

It's Good, It's Bad, It's Both



Ester Rabhan,
Principal of
Rambam Day School

It was Sunday morning and my husband and I were getting ready to go grocery shopping. My husband looked at his phone and said, "its pouring outside." Within seconds he was looking out the window and there were no rain drops to be found. Later that same day, we were at the Sprint store replacing our phones. That night I was speaking to my daughter-in-law on my husband's phone, as that was the phone she happened to call on. In the middle of the conversation her voice was no longer coming from his phone but jumped to my phone, which he happened to be holding right next to me. The following day, I was up quite early to take my morning walk and I checked my phone to see if it was cold. It for sure showed no rain. I was at the furthest point from my house,

walking my usual route, and the rain came down.

Don't misunderstand, I think modern technology is great! I remember when my father's company purchased their first computer – it took up a whole room! And, you could NOT inquire from it whether or not it was going to rain. Again, modern technology is an amazing phenomenon.

In school the children often use iPads, tablets or the computer lab. Recently, my phone buzzed and I took off for the computer lab nearly colliding with another teacher whose phone also buzzed. Three of us have our phones set up to our protection feature on our computers and we are alerted if a computer has wandered off to sites that are not appropriate. The teacher with whom I nearly collided stepped aside and I went in and sat down next to the student using the very computer that alerted us. That's how exact our program is – we are notified of the specific com-

puter that has wandered off.

The student looked up at me and had that uncomfortable look on their face. After several questions and researching further the information our program provides, it was determined it was a sincere and honest mistake. The student was googling images of cold drinks – no, it wasn't a picture of beer that intensely buzzed our phones.

Again, don't misunderstand my message, technology is what allows us to pass information to others instantly. Technology allows communication from one person to another instantly. Technology saves lives (my car insurance went down after an accident because of all the safety features on my new car). Technology brings the outside world into the classroom – I'm referring to other countries and even cities. Technology has taken the world we live in to a whole new level. In fact, our grandchildren have no idea what a rotary phone is or what it means to have

to physically get up and change the channel on your TV.

What I am saying, is for all its wonders it also opens doors to some serious dangers. Just keep your "I" (phone) on what your children are using their technology for and make sure that what they are learning from it and seeing on it, are things that will enrich their knowledge.

The Internet is open to anyone to post and create content, so sometimes your child may see things they wish they hadn't, or access sites that are inappropriate. There are a range of things online that might upset children and affect what should be a healthy online experience.

Sixty-three percent of teens surveyed admit they know how to hide what they do online from their parents. Setting age appropriate controls on the sites your child uses and your network can help reduce the risk, but remember no filter is 100% accurate. Keep an eye on your children. Take the time to read about the effects of "screen time" on children. GOOGLE it.

On the Personal Side



Mazel tov to... Aaron Solender, who graduated in December with Highest Honors from Georgia Institute of Technol-

ogy with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in operations and supply chain, technology and management. Aaron, the son of Sarah Denmark and Adam Solender, was a wide receiver on the Georgia Tech football team his freshman year; a Denning Scholar; a resident advisor; a student ambassador to the Alumni Association; was a member of the Order of

Omega Greek leadership society; and served on the Development Board of the Scheller School of Business. He attended religious school through eighth grade at Temple Adath Yeshurun in Manchester, New Hampshire. Aaron is joining Deloitte Consulting as a business analyst.

...Hayley C. Kantziper, who received a Master's of Science in December in Health Science Administration from Towson University near Baltimore, Maryland. Hayley is the daughter of Joel and Lori Kantziper and the granddaughter of Leonard and Suzanne Kantziper of Savannah and Martha Perlmutter and the late Harold Zimmerman of Atlanta.



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February 10-12, 2017

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Why We Do What We Do

It's the time that I get to spend with teachers in small groups that is always so special to me because it's the most

when working with young children. Providing meaningful learning experiences is how they learn best and will help determine decisions they make in the future. Also, providing developmentally appropriate practices is central when working with preschool children.

Here is an excerpt from the article *Teaching Young Children*, by Scott Willis, from the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development about developmentally appropriate practice.

Simply put, developmentally appropriate practice "takes into account those aspects of teaching and learning that change with the age and experience of the learner," says Lillian Katz, director of the ERIC Clearinghouse on Elementary and Early Childhood Education at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Today "we have better research than ever on how children learn at different ages," she notes—and that knowledge has many implications for schooling.

We know, for example, that children aged 4–6 learn better through direct, interactive experiences than through traditional teaching, where the learner is passive and receptive. (The latter might be "okay" for children aged 8 or older, Katz says.) Further, the younger children are, the more what they learn needs to be meaningful on the day they learn it, not just in the context of some future learning.

According to Katz, what children learn generally proceeds from "behavioral" knowledge to "representational" knowledge—from the concrete and tangible to the abstract. Therefore, the younger the learners, the more opportunities they need to interact with real objects and real environments.

Following the childhood experiences of our own teachers, who knows how many of our children at JEA Preschool Savannah will become Early Childhood Education teachers?

If the teachers at JEA Preschool Savannah can help to develop children with a strong self concept, a sense of independence and a love of learning, then our future will be bright as these young children become the leaders of tomorrow.

meaningful and reflective time we spend together.

It was during afternoon nap time one day that the lead teachers and I had some quality time together. We always begin our meetings with either a text study or an exploratory question that leads to some insight about who we are as individuals.

The question for this meeting was, "Why did you decide to become a teacher of young children?" This question would bring us back to the core reasons for the work we do.

Some of the answers from our lead teachers included:

- I come from a big family. My family is a family of teachers and I enjoy working with children, especially babies.
- I began babysitting at 13 and began volunteering in Head Start programs.
- As a child, I would always be the teacher to my stuffed animals. I teach for the pleasure of teaching.
- As a child, I always loved to play school. I want to help children to be independent and have a love for learning.
- I have a sister with special needs and I always wanted to help other children.
- As a child, I would play school with my twin sister. I have a huge family and I always knew I wanted to be a teacher.

The common thread that runs through these heartfelt responses is one that involves having personal experiences from a very young age in pretending to be a teacher or the idea of family and teaching.

There is also a common theme

SILVER RESTORATION EVENT

Is your family
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After the Fires

Beginning this past November 22nd, for eight days wildfires blazed throughout Israel. In total, about 90 fires affected more than 1,770 different locations, with the largest fires burning in and around Haifa, where 80,000 residents had to be evacuated, 800 of the city's apartments were damaged and deemed uninhabitable (leaving 1,700 people homeless) and about 100 buildings will have to be demolished.

Unlike the Gatlinburg fires burning in the U.S. about the same time that took 14 lives, or the 2010 Mount Carmel forest fire that claimed 44 lives, remarkably there were no serious injuries or fatalities reported as a result of these fires. However, they also caused great damage in Zichron



People run as wildfire rages through Haifa

Ya'akov (near Jerusalem) and burned almost 5,000 acres of forest and open land. To help Israeli firefighters control and extinguish the fires, planes, helicopters, trucks and ground crews arrived from around the world, including Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, the Palestinian Authority, Russia, Turkey and the United States.

Israel had been in the midst of severe drought conditions for several months. The cause of the fires was determined to be a combination of weather conditions, negligence and suspected arson. A number of Palestinians and Israeli Arabs, several of them minors, have been arrested while the arson charges are investigated.

In the meantime, ecologists are considering how to allow for the rejuvenation of the burnt forests and to plan for the future. Some are suggesting that the best approach is to do nothing and just let nature take its course. Dr. Ofri Gabay with the Society for Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI) told *The Times of Israel*, "...these fires do not qualify as a disaster. Nature can handle them on its own..." She suggests that even though it may take some time, the natural seed bank found in the ground is sufficient

to fuel regrowth of the forests.

Alon Rothschild, SPNI's biodiversity policy coordinator, warns that this time around pine trees must be avoided; calling them "opportunistic" plants that upset the natural balance of their ecosystem and also are problematic because they are highly flammable. Gabay agreed about the need to avoid pines and, with Rothschild, talked more about creating buffer zones between the wooded

areas and living areas, with emphasis on good access for emergency vehicles and water sources for fire fighting. (Today, Jewish National Fund plants many fewer pines than it did in the past, instead planting other types of trees, and they regularly thin out existing groves of young pines.)

Forest fires of similar magnitude or worse recently have been raging

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Look Ma, No Hands

Jerusalem-based Mobileye, a global leader in the development of computer vision and advanced collision avoidance systems, teamed up with UK-based automotive equipment manufacturer Delphi in 2016 to create a mass-market, off-the-shelf autonomous driving system that can be plugged into a variety of vehicle types, from smaller cars to pickup trucks to SUVs. Last November, the two companies announced they were collaborating with Intel to use its chips capable of computing about 20 trillion mathematical operations a second in the self-driving system and anticipated that a later generation would have two to three times as much computing power.

Mobileye and Delphi, as of this writing, were planning to conduct the most complex automated drive ever publicly demonstrated on a combined urban and highway route. The drive was scheduled to take place in early January in Las Vegas during CES 2017 (Consumer Electronics Show) held there each year. It was to include "everyday challenges" such as highway merges, busy

city streets with pedestrians and cyclists, and driving through a tunnel. The companies said the drive would showcase their Centralized Sensing Localization and Planning (CSLP) automated driving system, which will be ready for full production in 2019.

Cars equipped with the CSLP system are noticeably different from other current self-driving cars such as those operated by Google, Ford and Uber, in that they do not have any bulky cameras, sensors or spinning laser systems on the roof. Andrew Hawkins, a writer for *The Verge*, described his recent test drive in one of Mobileye's and Delphi's self-driving cars in Pittsburgh: "The ride was unremarkable, as most driverless vehicle trips these days are. The operators tend [to] err on the side of caution, programing the car to take safe routes at below average speeds." Of the prototype car's exterior, Hawkins said, "It was the kind of car that you wouldn't look at twice if you saw it drive by, so long as there was actually someone behind the wheel."

It is Brain Surgery

Soroka Medical Center (SMC) in Beersheba broadcast several brain surgeries live on Facebook on December 13th to educate the public about the capabilities of its neurosurgeons, neurologists and recently-opened advanced brain center. The live broadcast and posted videos were seen by more than one-half million viewers within two days of the surgeries.

Still available for viewing on the Facebook page of Clalit, one of Israel's four health care networks and the owner of SMC, the procedures included the removal of a benign brain tumor from a woman in her 50s, a catheterization procedure for a patient with an aneurysm and a fetal MRI scan.

SMC is the only major medical center in the Negev and serves more than one million people. In addition



A brain catheterization is performed live on Facebook from Soroka Medical Center in Beersheba.

to the brain center, the hospital will be opening additional specialized centers in the near future, including one this year for cancer research and treatment.





The Jewish Educational Alliance presents a monthly program guide:

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Jewish Educational Alliance

January-February 2017



Children's Programming

Saturday Night Out

Parents enjoy a night out, kids 4 years to 5th grade, have a night of fun! 6th-8th graders may volunteer for service hours.

Who: 4y-5th grade

Cost: \$30/child and \$55/family

JEA Member Value Price: \$25/child and \$45/family

Where: JEA

RSVP and advanced payment must be made by the Thursday before the event

Upcoming Saturday Nights Out:

January 21st, 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm - "Iron Chef" - Go on a scavenger hunt to find the missing ingredients; Create delicious treats; Play popcorn basketball.

February 4th, 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm - "Down in the Swamp" - Play swampball; Feast on a swamp-inspired dessert; watch a movie on the big screen.

February 18th, 7:00 pm - 10:00pm - "Recon" - Accept a mission to help the JEA find a missing counselor; Create your own team bandana; Watch a movie on the big screen.

March 11th, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - "The Un-Birthday Party" - A night of crazy games and awesome treats; Watch a movie on our big screen!



Check www.SavannahJEA.org for more details

2nd JEA Indoor Triathlon!

We will be holding our second Indoor Triathlon at the JEA!

This is a non-competitive introduction to one of the fastest growing sports. In a fun, safe environment we inspire everyone - of any ability - to come challenge themselves. (**You do not have to be an athlete to participate.**)

Participants will choose a designated time to race. All racing will be done the week of February 5th.

At the start of your designated time, you will swim in the Indoor Pool for ten minutes - you can walk, use a kickboard or swim. Next, you will head to the True Stationary Bike for 30 minutes, and last you will spend 20 minutes on a Treadmill - walk, jog or run.

We will have volunteer Race Marshals to record the total distance of your swim, bike and run.

Participants will receive an "Indoor Triathlon T-shirt."

Cost: \$15.00 - JEA Member
\$20.00 - Non-Members

Registration: At the JEA Front Desk
Time: February 5th – 10th. You may sign up at the Fitness Desk for your designated race time



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Black Heritage Festival Future of Jazz Concert

Tuesday, February 14

7:00 PM

Featuring Teddy Adams &
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Adult Programming



Bridge -

Wednesdays 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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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 12:30 p.m.

January 12 *The Fabulous Equinox Orchestra*

February 9 *The Fabulous Equinox Orchestra*

January 19 *History of Civil Rights in Savannah*
Vaughnette Goode-Walker

February 16 *Memory & Mechanisms of the Mind*
Dr. Joel Greenberg

January 26 *Savannah Jewish Film Festival*
"Indignation" Movie

February 23 *Jewish Symbols in Jewelry*
Dr. Linda Sacks

February 2 *Savannah Jewish Film Festival*
Mixed Short Films

March 2 *Color and the Magic of Alchemy*
Julie Ann Miller

Visit with old friends and meet new ones, and enjoy a delicious lunch for only \$5, followed by an educational speaker or performer. Films cost \$8/JEA members, \$10/Community. Don't forget to make your reservation at the JEA desk or by calling 912-355-8111.

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Our new Matrix Leg Press can be used for several different exercises to target the legs. The foot platform is easy to adjust. Bringing it in close will give you more range of motion. Moving it out will give you less, which is better for people with knee concerns. You can place your

feet in parallel, turned out or widen your legs on the platform to change the sensations of the movements.

You can also target specific areas. For your calves, move your feet to the bottom of the platform on the balls of the feet, to do heel raises. Feet can be parallel, turned out or turned in. You can also do single heel raises. You can really target the gluteus muscles by doing a single leg press. Sit in a side angled position with your leg in a turned out position (see photo above), with your heel directly under your glute to perform the press. It digs deep!



Start in a seated position for a basic lat pull down. The next progression would be standing. Then the fun starts! You can add lunges to your lat pull down (see photo), or balance on one leg for a pull down. You can do a single arm pull down alternating arms with a torso twist to get in to the obliques and core muscles.

The close handles are for rowing. I prefer to lean the torso back a little and pull down with my arms close to the body, right by the ribcage to really target the scapula - the chicken wings in your back (latissimus dorsi, interior serratus, and rhomboids). As we age we tend to hunch or slouch. This is called kyphosis. By strengthening this area, chicken wings (thoracic spine), we can help prevent it and actually slow the aging process. You can also row in a standing position and do a single arm pull with or without torso rotation.



Freemotion Lat Pull Down and Rower

WOW! These machines are only limited to your imagination and what feels right in your body.

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

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

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

Friday

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

Strength Training in the Pool



If you enjoy the muscle-pumping workout you get in the gym by doing strength training exercises, but don't enjoy the sweaty feeling you walk away with, strength training in the pool just might be the thing for you.

We all know that swimming provides one of the best cardiovascular workouts

you can give your body. To begin your strength training workout in the pool, swim a few laps to get your heart pumping. If you're not totally comfortable with swimming quite yet, walking or running in the pool is just as effective. As long as

you are in water up to your shoulders, your heart rate will go up with no problem. If you're not used to being in the water, it might be tricky to stay in the water for a while, but build up your time to at least 20 minutes to start seeing your body tone up.

The best thing about water is that it gives you natural resistance with no impact on the joints, so those that suffer from arthritis or other joint problems can have a pain-free workout.

Anything you can do with dumbbells can be translated into a water exercise. You can modify any free weight exercise to be performed in water. The JEA has all of the equipment to complete a full body workout and still feel the same sense of accomplishment that one would feel after leaving the gym, just a little less sticky and sweaty.

For more information about strength training in the water, contact Kirby Southerland at 912-355-8111 or aquatics@savj.org.





JEA Preschool Savannah News

Enroll Now 2017-18 School Year

- Open Enrollment begins **February 23rd**
- Enrollment for our Summer Program begins **March 24th**
- 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



JEA Preschool Savannah will host an open house for prospective families on

**Wednesday
January 25th, 2017
10:00 – 11:00am**

Don't miss this opportunity to tour our dynamic learning spaces and meet our wonderful staff! Come and get a peek at Savannah's premier early childhood education program!

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in the JEA Art Gallery

**January 2017 Artist
Debra Malschick**

Debra has lived in Savannah and been a professor at SCAD in the School of Foundation Studies since 2005. Debra was born in Philadelphia where she attended the Tyler School of Art, Temple University. She received her Master's of Fine Arts degree from California State University Long Beach.

Debra's paintings and drawings are in collections internationally. She is affiliated with Fresh Paint Art in Los Angeles.

Debra says of her work, "The forms and patterns of nature have continually fascinated me and been my vehicle for expression. "Drawing from observation or using my camera is my visual note takers. Both situations are true. Drawing is the entryway and key to all of my work. As I work the inherent geometric structure of natural form is a constant reminder of how interconnected all of life is."

My pen and ink drawings record the intricacies and changes of form and are the documentation of bloom and decay. I work with the plants in the studio. The drawings are layered on both sides of a Mylar surface. A composition evolves where space is condensed and line takes on a life in addition to, and separate from the form it describes. Independent linear paths occur intuitively and add another dimension to the drawing. There is no specific plan when the work is started and I find meaning as I continue to draw. The scale enables a viewer to become lost in the line work, as the narrative is lost there is another dimension to be seen."



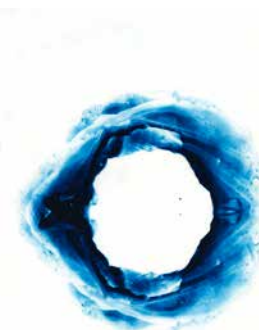
Artwork available for viewing January 8-31, 2017

**February Artist
Julie Ann Miller**

Julie Miller received her BFA in painting from Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia.

She has exhibited her work in group exhibitions internationally including venues in Lacoste, France, and Hong Kong, as well as Ohio and Savannah, Georgia. In 2012, she received the Josh Yu scholarship for Chinese Painting. Her work focuses on meditative, repeated gestures that build to create works that are both ethereal and grounded. Her current pieces are extremely personal, born out of anxiety, missed communications, and a growth of feminine identity. Both objects and strange landscapes, they are a statement on female relationships, passionate friendships and the impressions left behind.

Currently, Julie works as Marketing Director for Non-Fiction Gallery in Savannah, GA, and does freelance on the side, including painting, graphic design, studio assisting and writing.



**Artwork available for viewing February 1-28, 2017
Join us for the Art Gallery Reception February 5th, 2:00-4:00 pm**

New JEA Members

The JEA would like to thank our members. Without your membership and support, we would not be able to offer all the services that we do. Our members are our most important asset!
(New Members as of 11/12/2016-12/26/2016)

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Aaron Kreh
Megan Lombardo
Judy Mooney

Aaron Peck & Amber Johnson
Larissa Szynski
Bryan Schivera & James Klein
James & Carmen Simpson
Glenn Tambon
Gilbert Walker & Juanita Mercado



Savannah Jewish FILM FESTIVAL 2017

January 25 - February 4

WED JAN 25 6:00 PM OPENING NIGHT Hors D'oeuvres & Cocktails 7:00 PM FILM THE GRÜNINGER FILE The largely unknown story of Paul Grüninger, the Swiss police captain who risked everything to save those fleeing the Nazi onslaught. (Drama, 90 min German)	THURS JAN 26 12:30 PM LUNCH 1:30 PM FILM INDIGNATION A working-class Jewish college student struggles with sexual repression and cultural disaffection amid the Korean War. Based on a novel by Philip Roth. (Drama, 110 min English)	THURS JAN 26 6:00 PM DINNER 7:00 PM FILM BAD FAITH Clara, who is a Jew, and Ismael, an Arab, are a seemingly happy couple. Clara becomes pregnant and everything's fine... until they realize they have to tell their parents. (Drama, 84 min French)	SAT JAN 28 7:30 PM DESSERT RECEPTION 8:15 PM FILM THEODORE BIKEL: IN THE SHOES OF SHOLOM ALEICHEM Portraits of two beloved icons, Sholom Aleichem and Theodore Bikel are woven together in this popular, enchanting documentary. (Documentary, 75 min English)	SUN JAN 29 6:00 PM DINNER 7:00 PM FILM THERE ARE JEWS HERE "There Are Jews Here" follows the untold stories of four once thriving Jewish communities that are now barely holding on. (Documentary, 90 min English)
TUES JAN 31 2:00 PM FILM CENSORED VOICES Following the 'Six-Day' war, a group of young kibbutzniks recorded interviews with soldiers returning from battle. At first censored, they are now revealed. (Documentary, 84 min Hebrew)	TUES JAN 31 6:00 PM DINNER 7:00 PM FILM THE BEST OF MEN A factually-based film describing the work of Dr. Ludwig Guttman, a refugee from Nazi Germany, which led to the foundation of the Paralympic Games. (Drama, 90 min English)	THURS FEB 2 12:30 PM LUNCH 1:30 PM FILM MIXED SHORTS Featuring "The Chop" and "Munich 72 and Beyond," we give you one hilarious comedy and one serious drama, plus a selection of other great short films. (Various lengths and languages)	THURS FEB 2 6:00 PM DINNER 7:00 PM FILM FOR THE LOVE OF SPOCK Biopic film of Leonard Nimoy as the beloved Spock, the character who wisely reminded us, "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few." (Documentary, 111 min English)	SAT FEB 4 7:30 PM DESSERT RECEPTION 8:15 PM FILM TIME TO SAY GOODBYE Say goodbye to our festival as a lovesick boy potentially says goodbye to a "slice" of manhood in this laugh-out-loud coming-of-age comedy. (Comedy, 84 min German)

Savannah Jewish Film Festival Ticket Info

FULL FESTIVAL MOVIE ONLY PASS Includes Opening Reception	SINGLE MOVIE TICKET	SPONSORSHIP LEVELS	
Community Members: \$100 JEA Members: \$80	Community Members: \$10 JEA Members: \$8	Platinum: \$750.00 (4) Full Festival Movie Passes (4) Full Festival Meal Passes (4) Opening Reception Passes	Gold: \$450.00 (2) Full Festival Movie Passes (2) Full Festival Meal Passes (2) Opening Reception Passes
OPENING RECEPTION & MOVIE	DINNER & MOVIE TICKET	Silver: \$425.00 (4) Full Festival Movie Passes (4) Opening Reception Passes	Bronze: \$225.00 (2) Full Festival Movie Passes (2) Opening Reception Passes
Community Members: \$22 JEA Members: \$18	LUNCH & MOVIE TICKET Community Members: \$15 JEA Members: \$13		
Meals must be reserved 2 days in advance.	MEALS MUST BE RESERVED 2 DAYS IN ADVANCE		



All movies screened at the Jewish Educational Alliance: 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah, GA 31405.
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For information about becoming a sponsor, please call 912.355.8111 or email programming@savj.org.



Your Campaign Dollars at Work

Dental Volunteers for Israel-The Trudi Birger Dental Clinic

As part of the 2016 Campaign and Allocations process, the Savannah Jewish Federation reapproved the Overseas Investment Grant program whereby community members recommend overseas agencies to receive \$500 Overseas Investment Grants, with up to 20 being approved. Eighteen submissions were made this year and this continues our introduction to you of the grant recipients.

With the help of volunteer dentists from all over the world, Dental Volunteers for Israel (DVI) operates the largest free dental clinic in Israel, offering state-of-the-art treatment to Jerusalem's at-risk children and youth of all races and religions. The

clinic recently began treating needy elderly and Holocaust survivor patients, too, providing free dentures.

The clinic was founded in 1980 by Trudi Birger, a microbiologist and herself a Holocaust survivor who knew all too well the physical and psychological problems suffered by children with dental problems having had her teeth kicked out by a Nazi guard. For more than twenty years, Trudi was the driving force behind the clinic, raising the funds to keep it open and guiding its practices, such as the requirement that children receiving treatment at the clinic, and their parents, must participate in a dental hygiene preven-

tative health care education program. She died in 2002 on her 75th birthday and today the clinic is named for her.

DVI primarily treats patients ages 4-26. Dentists who wish to volunteer must have two years of experience and a current license that has not been suspended. They do not have to be pediatric dentists, though they must feel comfortable doing operative dentistry on children. They also do not have to know Hebrew. (Israel's Ministry of Health will not



A patient receives treatment at the Trudi Birger Clinic

grant temporary permits for dental assistants, students or hygienists to practice there.)

For more information on DVI, see their website; <http://dental-dvi.org.il/>.

Savannah Jewish Archives Subject and Biography Files

By Lindsay B. Resnick

The Cuba Family Archives of the Breman Museum have recently completed re-processing and expanding the Savannah Jewish Archives Subject and Biography files, and this collection has been designated as MSS 377.

The Subject and Biography Files collection is an artificial collection of materials documenting the history and people of the Savannah Jewish community. It includes newspaper articles, obituaries, wedding and birthday invitations, and other ephemera relating to the community and surrounding communities.

This collection is an easy way for



researchers to find information regarding events, neighborhoods, people, business enterprises, and others relating to the City of Savannah and its Jewish community. It is particularly useful for genealogists because it includes a large number of obituaries from the *Savannah Morning News* from approximately 2002 to the present, as well as some older obituaries.

The Subject and Biography files will be expanded as new relevant information becomes available and is open for research.

For more information about the Savannah Jewish Archives, please contact Lindsay B. Resnick, archivist, at lresnick@thebreman.org.



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Check the Community Calendar at www.savj.org. Exciting programs are added regularly, check for new events each week!

Jewish War Veterans' Corner

by A.J. Haysman, Commander, Post 320

As I write this Hanukah and New Years Eve are fast approaching and we are getting ready for several events over the next few months at JWV Post 320.

On Sunday, January 22, 2017, at 10am we will be placing flags and JWV Memorial markers at Bonaventure Cemetery. We scheduled this for Veteran's Day, however Hurricane Mathew did not cooperate with our plans. It was further delayed during the cleanup after the hurricane. Because of the cleanup, and some of the flags and markers are missing, we are planning on putting out new flags on all Jewish veteran graves in Bonaventure. The entire Jewish community is invited to join us as we enjoy a brisk Sunday morning placing the flags.

We try and place a flag on every Jewish veteran's grave in Bonaventure, and we believe we have most veterans identified, however if you do not ever remember seeing a flag on your loved one's grave, please call or email me at 912-596-3078 or ajhaysman@icloud.com. Please note that we rely on donations to pay the cost of the flags and we place them irrespective of membership in JWV. If you would like to donate, please send your donation to the Savannah Jewish Federation designated for Jewish War Veterans. Our goal is to always keep new flags and markers to honor our veterans.



JWV Post 320 Quartermaster Richard Halperin (right) recently completed a trip to Washington, DC, courtesy of Honor Flight Savannah. As a Vietnam veteran, Richard merited the free Honor Flight to our nation's capitol to see the war memorials. Also pictured is Ed Wexler, Honor Flight Savannah Board member.

On Sunday March 19, 2017, at 10am we will be celebrating the 121st Anniversary of the JWV. We also will be honoring Vietnam Veterans. As a reminder, if you served between June 1954 and May 1975 in an active duty status, reserve status or in the National Guard and wish to be honored for your service, please let us know ASAP! (Coffee and bagels will be served.)

Our next monthly meeting is Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at 6:30pm at the JEA. If you are a veteran or your loved one was a veteran, you are always welcome at our monthly meeting.



WSAV-TV's Courtney Coles (left) hosted the Savannah Jewish Federation's Jamie Richman and Devra Silverman (right) on the station's morning show, The Bridge, this past December to talk about the traditions of Chanukah and the JEA's Mitzvah Day/Open House on December 25th.



Also in December, Kirby Southerland (left), the JEA's aquatics and youth sports director, and Devra Silverman traveled to Israel on a special Birthright Israel trip for JCC professionals. Kirby called it "life-changing" and enjoyed taking a moment at the Makhtesh Crater in the Negev desert (right) to reflect on "why we were in Israel and what we would take away from the trip."

—Travel throughout Israel with friends from JCC MetroWest (NJ)

—Multiple daily options

—Designed for first-timers as well as repeat travelers who are 60+

—Accommodations Jerusalem Dan Panorama and Nof Ginosar

—10 days touring and 9 nights

—Round trip travel Savannah-Tel Aviv-Savannah (via NY) Delta/El Al

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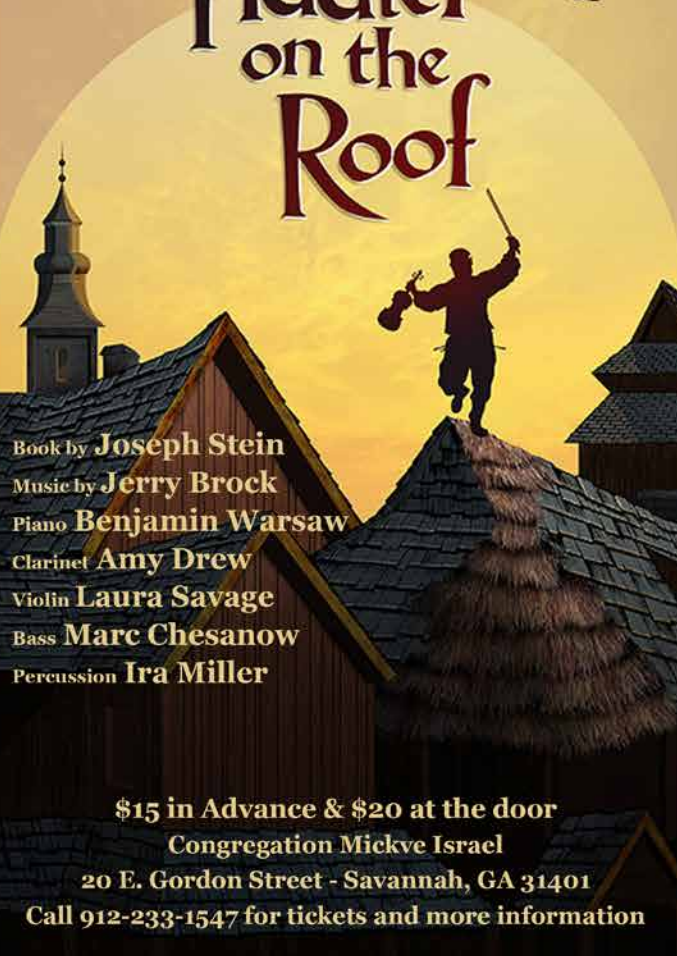
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Melinda Stein

It's a Funny Thing

by Melinda Stein

Jonathan requested a meeting with his Rabbi. The Rabbi asked, "How can I help you?" "Please pray for my hearing, Rabbi."

The Rabbi put one hand over Jonathan's ear and his other hand on top of his head and prayed a while.

Then he removed his hands and asked, "So, Jonathan,

how is your hearing now?"

He answered, "I don't know, Rabbi. It's next Wednesday at the courthouse!"

Manny Goldberg, owner of Manny's Kosher Grocer, decided to do his friend Herb a favor and hire his grandson David to work in the grocery store. David reported for his first day of work and Manny greeted him, gave him a broom and said, "Your first job will be to sweep out the store."

"But I'm a college graduate," David replied indignantly.

"Oh, I'm so sorry, I apologize, I didn't know that!" said Manny.

"That's okay, I understand," David answered.

"Here, give me the broom back – I'll show you how."

An army unit in the Israel Defense Force finished some training exercises and had a little down time. Just for fun, the soldiers lined up in formation with their helmets on backward.

The commanding officer was indignant at this breach of military decorum and dressed down the soldier in charge of this unit. "Private Goldberg! I want to see those helmets facing front *immediately!*"

Private Goldberg was unshaken. He called his group to attention, then commanded crisply, "About face!"

Wife texts husband on a cold, snowy winter morning: "Windows frozen."

Husband texts back: "Pour some hot water over it."

Wife texts back five minutes later: "Computer completely messed up now."

Sam walks into his boss's office. "Sir, I'll be straight with you, I know the economy isn't great, but I have three companies very interested in me - they're constantly calling, and I would like to respectfully ask you for a raise."

After a few minutes of haggling the boss finally agrees to a 5% raise, and Sam happily gets up to leave.

"By the way," asks the boss as Sam is getting up, "which three companies keep calling you?"

"If you must know," says Sam, "It's the electric company, water company, and phone company."

Bernie and Estelle had a big argument, which ended with neither one speaking to the other. This 'silence' went on for three days. But then Bernie needed Estelle's help because he had an early morning flight to catch. However, he still couldn't bring himself to talk to her so he wrote a note and left it on her pillow. It said, "Please wake me at 5am. I have to catch an early plane."

Next morning, Bernie woke and found to his horror that it was 9 o'clock, and he'd missed his flight.

He got out of bed, then noticed a note on his pillow.

It said, "It's 5 AM. Wake up."

Moe Levine, owner of a movie theater chain in New York City, passed away at age 65. The newspaper obituary read:

"The funeral will be held on Thursday at 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:40 and 10:50."

Rachel lived on the Upper West Side of Manhattan and was having lunch with a bunch of her friends, all in their thirties. Soon the conversation turned to the dismal prospect of growing older.

"Well, judging by my mother," Rachel said, "there may be some benefits."

"Really?" said her friend Sarah. "Name one."

"Improved hearing!"

"What!" her friends exclaimed. "That's not true!"

"From a few thousand miles away my mother says that she can hear my biological clock ticking!"



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We express our sympathy to the families of:

Arthur L. Cooper
Who died December 7, 2016

He is survived by his wife, Sheila Cooper; his brothers Allan Cooper and Edwin (Aviva) Cooper of Savannah, Neal (Sydne) Cooper of Atlanta; his sister Cindy (Joel) Bauman, and sister-in-law Laura Cooper of Silver Spring, MD; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Louis Cooper and Frank Cooper.

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Dorothy Grayson Karnibad
Who died November 27, 2016

She is survived by her son, Scott (Yvette) Karnibad of Richmond Hill; two grandchildren; her brother, Hank (Wendy) Greenberg; her niece and nephew.

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Fires.....from pg 8

throughout the Mediterranean basin, including in Spain, Portugal, Greece and France, as well as in the United States and Australia. Israel's fire-fighting service reports that while the number of forest fires there hasn't risen in recent years, and over the past two years has even declined, the magnitude of the past few years' fires – especially those occurring in autumn – is unprecedented, as is the damage they have caused.

"It's connected to climate change," Hanoch Tzoref, Jerusalem regional director for JNF told *Haaretz*. "Winter is beginning later, and the months of November and December have be-

come very dry, with strong winds. Continuous dry, strong winds not only dry the laundry, but also the vegetation, and turns it into highly flammable material."

Yohay Carmel, professor of Environmental, Water and Agricultural Engineering at the Technion Israel Institute of Technology, agreed that climate change is causing "things we haven't seen before. In 2010, there was no significant rainfall until early December, so the vegetation had endured nine months of aridity." This year has been similar, and "in this situation, you don't need arson; anything can ignite the vegetation."



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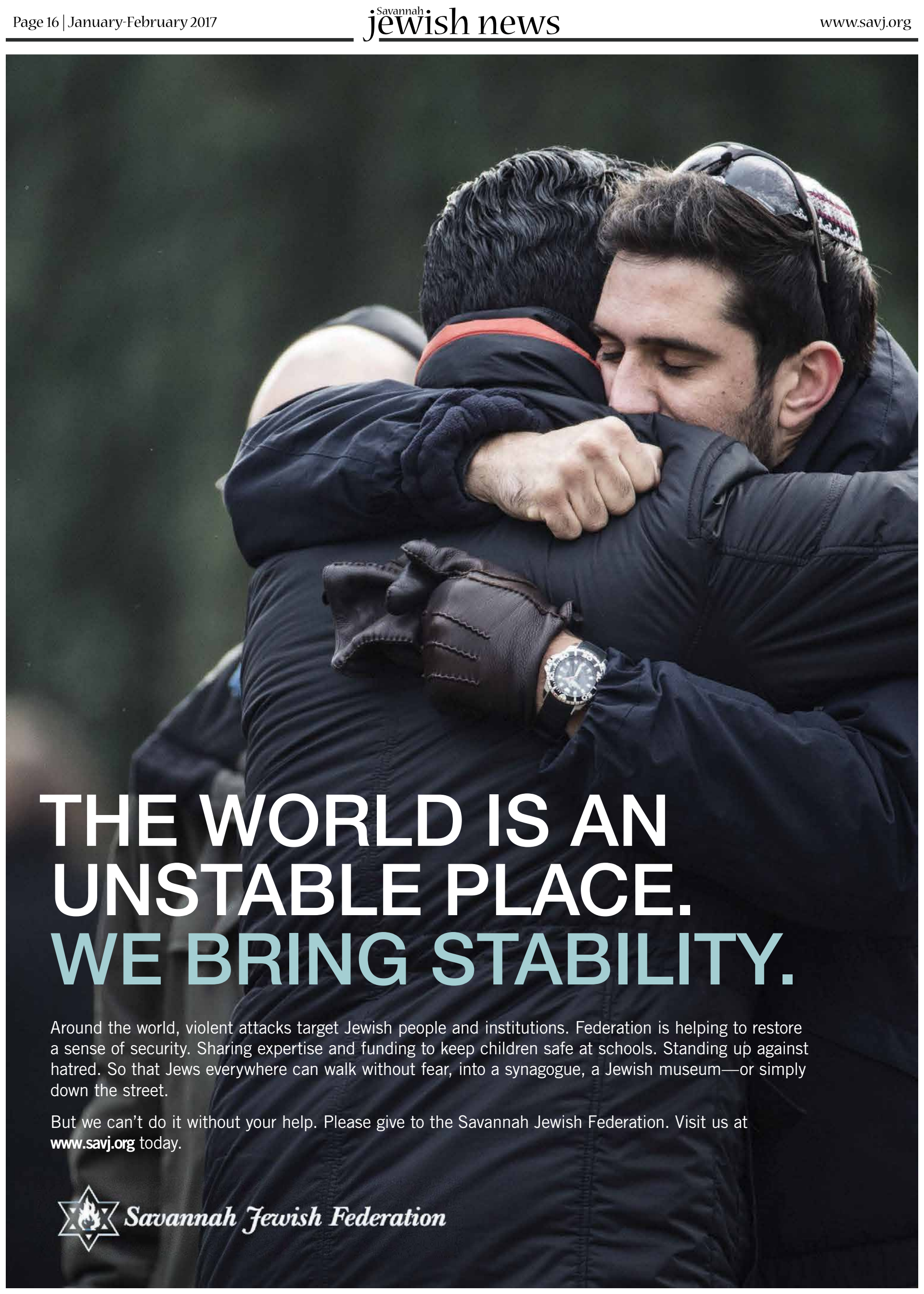
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