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Friday, March 1	5:29pm
Saturday, March 2	6:38pm
Friday, March 8	5:37pm
Saturday, March 9	6:46pm
Friday, March 15	6:44pm
Saturday, March 16	7:54pm
Friday, March 22	6:52pm
Saturday, March 23	8:01pm
Friday, March 29	6:59pm
Saturday, March 30	8:08pm

Savannah Jewish Leadership Launches Yesod Cohort 2

We are thrilled to announce the second cohort of Yesod: Savannah Jewish Community's Leadership Development Initiative. Yesod Cohort 2 began in January with 16 participants. These participants – who were nominated by leaders from Jewish organizations in Savannah – are a talented and diverse cohort of outstanding individuals in the Savannah Jewish Community ready to develop, practice and apply new leadership skills.

Yesod, the Hebrew word for *foundation*, will further develop leadership capabilities and inspire them to take part in shaping the future of the Savannah Jewish Community.

The program uses a curriculum written by Dr. Erica Brown, director of the Mayberg Center for Jewish Educa-

tion and Leadership at George Washington University, and sponsored by the Jewish Federations of North America, in partnership with the Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence and the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning.

They are participating in 10 sessions beginning with an examination of the individuals' personal journeys to leadership and continue with exploration of topics such as mentorship, community and communication – all taught and discussed through a Jewish lens. The participants are lucky to have Stephen Greenberg and



Members of Yesod Leadership Cohort 2

Linda Sacks back as the facilitators. Two strong and involved leaders of the Savannah Jewish community and broader community.

The program will culminate in graduation at the Federation's Annual Meeting on September 11, 2019.

Introducing the Participants of Yesod Cohort 2:

Victoria Bartelt - Medical Coder, St Joseph's Candler Home Health
Sara Comis - Process Safety Engineer, Georgia Pacific Savannah River Mill
Rachael Currie - Paralegal, Lasky Cooper Law
Sarah Docar - Owner, Hostess City Home Builders

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Jewish War Veterans Change of Command

By Ed Wexler, Col. USAF Ret. Commander, JWV Post 320

Sunday, January 13, 2019 was a special day for the Martin E. Kirschbaum, Jr. Jewish War Veterans Post 320. Following a time-honored military tradition, a change of command ceremony was conducted where outgoing commander A.J. Haysman, LtCol USAF Ret. relinquished command to Ed Wexler, Col USAF Ret. A.J. served Post 320 with distinction for several years. Also installed were Frank Katz, Vice Commander; Richard Halperin, Quartermaster (Treasurer) and A. J. Haysman, Adjutant (Secretary). Richard Halperin, a Vietnam Veteran, was honored with a 25 year JWV pin. Mason Weiss, U.S. Army, currently serving as a Judge Advocate at Hunter AAF was also installed as a member of the com-



Eric Meyerhoff

mander's staff. Conducting the change of command was Doug Andrews, LtC. U.S. Army Ret., Chair of the Chatham County Veterans Council. The ceremony also honored retired architect, Eric Meyerhoff, for his design, construction and installation of the Chatham County WWII Memorial on River Street "A World Apart". This theme and design were a gift from Eric to Chatham County. Meyerhoff, himself a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, escaped Nazi Germany with his family prior to WWII when he was just 12. Special thanks to Adam Solender, JWV liaison to the community and Executive Director, Savannah Jew-



JWV Change of Command

ish Federation and Carol Greenberg and Congregation Mickve Israel for help with the printed program and the success of the ceremony. Special guest and longest serving member of the post was WWII veteran Morris Lamhut, 100 years of age.

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States is 123 years old. Established after the Civil War, JWV is the oldest veteran's organization in continuous operation in America. Martin E Kirschbaum Jr, a Savannah native, served in the Marine Corps and was killed on Guadalcanal during WWII. Post 320 is named in his memory. Our post also honors the memory of Jewish veterans interred at Bo-

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Monday, March 18
6:00 p.m.
Jepson Center

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Yesod Cohort 2

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Send the vital statistics to

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Get Involved Today!



Savannah BBYO Upcoming Events

BBG Goes to Star Castle

550 Mall Blvd.
Sunday, March 10th
1:00 pm

Roller skating, laser tag, and arcade



March Chapter Dinners

Each month, each chapter gets together for a casual fun dinner at a different restaurant around Savannah!

AZA Chapter Dinner

Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Five Guys Burgers & Fries
550 Abercorn Street

BBG Chapter Dinner

Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m.
Fire Street Food
13 E Perry Street

BBYO IN YOUR COMMUNITY

DIXIE COUNCIL: SPRING CONVENTION

Friday, March 29, 2019 from 6:00 PM - Sunday, March 31, 2019
1:00 PM

Columbia USA, SC 29223

Register @ bbyo.org

Regions

MISSION: To create a pluralistic community of Jewish high school teens.

For more information contact Caitlin Gardner, Community Engagement Coordinator
engagement@savj.org, 912-355-8111 & Facebook: Savannah BBYO



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Adam Solender
Executive Director
JEA/SJF

Executive Director's Message

Accountability and Transparency at the Heart

Over the last decade, the term “corporate transparency” has become all the rage. Much of this came

as a result of the 2008 global financial crisis which happened at the end of the “Great Recession, perhaps, the most significant change in financial regulation reform as a result of the “Great Recession.” (a period of economic decline in the early 2000s). Coming out of that recession was the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act which made changes in the American financial regulatory environment affecting almost every part of the country's financial service industry.

The goal of Dodd-Frank was to improve financial stability and consumer protection, and while most of the provisions had to do with large scale corporate governance, SEC issues, predatory lending practices, and the like, many of the regulations trickled down to all corporations (for profit and non-profit). While there was a partial repeal enacted last year, there is no doubt that Dodd-Frank changed the landscape of all corporate structure.

One of the universal results of

Dodd-Frank was the essential nature of transparency: that your organization is open and accountable and that your policies and programs are visible to the public.

“A lack of transparency results in distrust and a deep sense of insecurity” - Dalai Lama

Accountability and transparency are values that are at the heart of everything we do at the Savannah Jewish Federation. It is the reason that we work so hard in communicating to our donors and our community-weekly eNews, website, and a monthly newspaper are just some of the methods we use. If you go to the *landing page* of our website (www.savj.org) you can find our Annual Report, Audit, and Federal Form 990 (an informational tax form that most tax-exempt organizations file annually that gives an overview of activities, governance, and detailed financial information).

There are numerous organizations who evaluate nonprofits' governance, transparency and operational efficiency. One of the most revered is Charity Navigator, the largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities in the United States who examine Financial Health and Accountability and Transparency. Their ratings show contributors “how efficiently they believe a charity will

use their support and how well it has sustained its programs and services over time, the level of commitment to good governance, and best practices, and openness with information.”

This month we received a letter from Michael Thatcher, President & CEO of Charity Navigator congratulating the Savannah Jewish Federation. “We are proud to announce Savannah Jewish Federation has earned our fourth consecutive 4-star rating. This is our highest possible rating and indicates that your organization adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way. Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that Savannah Jewish Federation exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in your area of work.”

“Only 17% of the charities we evaluate have received at least 4 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Savannah Jewish Federation outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets Savannah Jewish Federation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.”

Efficient corporate governance and transparency are accomplished through teamwork...and we have a great team. CFO, Cheryl Lansing is as good as it

gets, and Marlow Partin and Sonya Carpenter are an extraordinary team who support and lead at the same time. Their work is rarely noticed (except if there is a mistake) and is essential for the Board of Governors to make informed decisions about the community. A big part of our success is also due to the excellent work of our Director of Community Impact, Jamie Richman. Almost every phase of the Annual Community Campaign and Budget and Allocations process is intimately shepherded by Jamie.

Of course, our lay leadership plays the most important role. Federation President, Edwin Byck Treasurer, Matthew Allan, and Campaign Chair, Linda Sacks are the ones who set the direction, lead the charge, and equitably guide the allocations process.

Our supporters and astute donors are continually looking for greater accountability, transparency, and concrete results. We strive to continually provide essential information to our community. It is that information that builds supporter's confidence in our organization and to continue generous support of Jewish life here in Savannah, in Israel, and throughout the world.



Edwin Byck
President
Savannah Jewish
Federation

President's Message

The Annual Campaign-BE Involved in Many Ways

The 2109 Annual Campaign is in full swing. I thank all of those in the community that have already made your

pledge. Please make sure you have received notification from the Federation as to the amount. If you would like to increase your pledge, please get in touch with Jamie Richman or Adam Solender. The Federation staff, board members and others with the community are in the midst of trying in earnest to contact all members of the community so that the campaign's breadth of support will be wide. If, however, you have not yet been contacted about a pledge this year, do not wait. It is incumbent upon each individual in the Savannah Jewish Community to pro-

actively pledge a meaningful amount based upon each person's circumstances that can benefit the whole community.

Your involvement with the campaign does not stop with a monetary pledge. The Federation's campaign is the only non profit organization that I have been involved with where each year the people that give money to the campaign are actively involved with the allocation of funds raised by the campaign. Every year 30-40 members of the Federation, not just the board mem-

bers of the Federation decide how the money from each campaign is spent. The allocation process requires attendance at 3 nights of meetings, each meeting lasting approximately two hours each. The allocation committee

hears from organizations that request allocations from the campaign funds. Then, the Allocation Committee adopts a motion as to how the campaign funds will be allocated for the year. This motion must be approved by the Board members of the Savannah Jewish Fed-

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eration at its next meeting following the meetings of the allocation committee. I encourage each member of the community to request that they be considered to be a member of the allocation committee. If you have any questions or decide you would like to be considered, please email me at sjfpresident@savj.org.

If you are not on the allocation committee, you can still be involved

with the allocation process by nominating an organization to receive a \$500.00 Overseas Grant during the allocation process. All members of the Savannah Jewish Federation are invited to nominate overseas non profits organizations to receive these grants. It is a great way to make sure that an organization that you have some interest in may receive funds. Adam Solender has highlighted several of these grants given in years past in his weekly emails and in articles in the Savannah Jewish News. Please take advantage of this opportunity. The application forms are due by May 1, 2019 and are available on the front page of our website, www.savj.org, or you can call the JEA with any questions.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their involvement with the campaign. It would not be successful without everyone's participation. So please, Get involved!!!

LETTERS

T O T H E E D I T O R

To the Savannah Community
OUR LIFEGUARD, OUR DENTIST,
OUR LOVE;
CHARLOTTE ADA JUNG ^{OBM}

Richard and I, Stephanie and
Charlotte Ada's (OBM) ENTIRE
Family are so grateful and fortunate to
have such good, loving, comforting and
supporting friends and Community.

Your sustenance, your
companionship, your Donations, your
prayers, your tears; the real feelings of
confusion, sadness and desolation that
we feel resonates in each and everyone
of you who know us, who knew
Charlotte Ada, who loved her, admired
her, laughed with her, cried with her,
confided in her and cared for her; will
be Eternally Blessed.

Her Memory will always be with
us thru her sister Chelsey and her
Nephew, Cayden Bailey, and her Niece,
Caroline Brooke Maria Honnerlaw,
whom she absolutely adored.

She loved and was loved. Her
thoughtfulness, caring and fun loving

smile will always warm our hearts
She loved her new Job in the Dental
field and she loved and missed her job
as The lifeguard at the JEA.

With more tears in our eyes we
say Good-bye for now to our Sweet
Shinning Star, our Angel Above Saying:
"EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A
REASON"

Thank you Family, Thank you Friends.

Baruch Hashem
The Halperin/Jung/Nash Families

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation

Thank you for your donation to Hillel
in support of our students. We take
pride n knowing that each student
has access to resources that movitate,
educate and empower them to work
hard to rech their most ambitious goals.
Your latest investment illustrates your
confidence in the value of a SCAD
education while providing the very
resources that make that education

exceptional.

SCAD is beyond grateful for your
role in our present success and more
importantly, our future.

Chelsea Tench
Manager of Annual Fund

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation

How full is my heart to have received
such a generous gift from the Savannah
Jewish Federation. We can not thank
you enough for the gesture ad the help
it afforded us.

We are deeply grateful.

May your kindness to others return
to you so that these gestures of love and
support will continue to grow.

With so much thanks and heartfelt
appreciation

Rabbi Julie Kozlow
Bnai Israel Congregation
Wilmington, North Carolina

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 through the Savannah Jewish Federation.



Savannah Jewish Federation

Your Campaign dollars at work!

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Saturday, March 9 • 9:00 pm

**Get Dolled up & Jive on down to Mata Hari's a 20's Era Speakeasy
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Email yjs@savj.org with any questions



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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.

Need Money For School For The 2019-20 Academic Year? *Apply For An Interest-Free Loan For Higher Education Beginning March 1.*

Applications for JELF's interest-free loans for higher education (college, graduate school and vocational programs) are available to Jewish students in the Savannah area for the 2019-2020 school year, in partnership with Savannah Jewish Federation.

JELF (Jewish Educational Loan Fund) grants need-based, "last dollar" financing, meaning that JELF provides the final dollars that bridge the gap between a student's total financial resources and the cost of attending school. To qualify, applicants must be:

- Enrolled full time in a program

leading to a degree or certificate at a U.S. accredited institution,

- A U.S. citizen or have lawful immigration status, and
- Able to demonstrate financial need (2019 FAFSA application required).

In 2018, JELF granted \$1,011,266 in interest-free last-dollar loans to 279 students across its five-state region. JELF is proud to serve students in the Savannah Jewish community.

For more information, visit jelf.org or email application@jelf.org.



JELF provides interest-free loans for higher education to Jewish students in need.

how to qualify:

- ☒ Be Jewish
- ☒ Be a Legal Resident of FL, GA, NC, SC or VA (excluding metro-D.C.)
- ☒ Demonstrate Need

For more info: jelf.org

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Sandra Ann Lasky Samuels

Who died Friday, January 11, 2019.

She is survived by her husband Anchel Samuels, daughter, Jill Samuels (Brad) Stauss, son, Scott M. Samuels, her four grandchildren Jared Samuels, Max Strauss, Allison Samuels, and Blake Strauss; her sister-in-law Betty Lasky^{OBM}, and her nieces and nephews.

Remembrance donations may be made to Rambam Day School – 111 Atlas Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405-5461 or the Ashley Samuels Children and Youth Activity Fund – c/o Savannah Jewish Federation – 5111 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405-5214.

Charlotte Ada Jung

Who died Monday, January 14, 2019.

She is survived by her mother and step-father, Stephanie Jung Nash and Jeffrey Nash; her father and step-mother, Charles Edward Jung, Jr. and Stacey Jung; one sister, Chelsey Halperin Jung and her children, Cayden and Caroline; three step-sisters, Brianna Jung, Brittney Nash and Jackie Nash; two step-brothers, Jeremy Jung and Steven Nash; her maternal grandparents, Richard and Vickie Halperin; her paternal grandmother, Sandy Traub; her paternal grandfather, Charles Edward Jung, Sr.; her maternal great-grandmother, Maria Castanet; her aunts and uncles including Sydney and Robin Halperin and their children, Lauren, Emily and Evan; her great-aunts, great-uncles and cousins.

Remembrance donations may be made to Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31405

Betty Weiss Lasky

Who died Friday, February 1, 2019

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Stacy Lasky, her daughter and son-in-law, Jodi and Kenneth Sadler and her 6 grandchildren, Darryl and Mindy Lasky, Stephen Lasky, Rose Sadler, Beth Sadler and Dr. Barney Sadler.

Remembrance donations may be made to the Larry Lasky Fund for Conservative Judaism, Congregation Agudath Achim, 9 Lee Blvd, Savannah, GA 31405 or the JEA Preschool Savannah, 5111 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31405.

Muriel Winkler Bonder

Who died February 3, 2019

She is survived by her two sons, Dr. Michael I. Bonder and Joel Bonder and his wife, Kim; one daughter, Cheryl Fertig and her husband, Gary; five grandchildren, Cherie Dennis, Jonathan Fertig and his wife, Helene, Jessica Fertig, Abby Bluestone and her husband, Zack, and Joseph Bonder and his wife, Mae; and four great-grandchildren, Emmett Dennis, Leena Bluestone, Violet Bluestone and Andrew Bonder.

Remembrance donations may be made to Nursery School Staff Development Fund, in memory of Muriel Bonder; Temple Shalom of Newton, 175 Temple Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02465

Mary Weitz Friedman

Who died February 5, 2019

She is survived by her children Stephen (Annette) Friedman and Abby (Harry Heiman) Friedman, her five grandchildren and grandchildren-in-laws, Isaac, Maddie, Eli, Aaron, Alexandra, Halle, Alex, and one great-grandchild, Malia.

Remembrance donations may be made to Backpack Buddies, Congregation Agudath Achim, 9 Lee Blvd, Savannah, GA 31405.

Howard Paul Cooper

Who died February 5, 2019

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Patricia Ann Hummel Cooper of Savannah; one daughter, Kimberly Florence Doyno of Long Island, New York; one son, Daniel Scott Cooper of Thomasville, Georgia, and two grandchildren, Sarah Beth Doyno and Jason Hunter Doyno.

Remembrance donations may be made to Backpack Buddies Mickve Israel – Post Office Box 816, Savannah, Georgia 31402-0816 or the Morris Slotin Fund – c/o Alee Shrine Temple – Post Office Box #14147, Savannah, Georgia 31416.



A Friendly Reminder

The next issue of the Savannah Jewish News will be our April issue. The deadline for all submissions is March 6th. Please send all materials to sjnews@savj.org.

The decision is in your hands!



YOU can nominate an organization to receive a \$500 Overseas Investment Grant.

Did you visit an Ethiopian preschool while you were on Birthright?
What about a synagogue in Mexico when you were on a family vacation?
Or a Jewish community center in Cuba that was affected by the hurricane?
Is your family from the Former Soviet Union and you want to give to an organization helping to revitalize the Jewish community there?

Nominate organizations that you are connected to and they can receive a \$500 grant through the funds raised by the 2019 Savannah Jewish Federation Community Campaign.

All members of the Savannah Jewish Federation are invited to submit nominations. Up to 20 organizations will be approved by the Allocations committee.

Nominations due by May 1 at www.savj.org.

Previous recipients include: American Friends of Magan David Adom, HIAS, IsraAID, Jewish Cuba Connection, Camp Szarvas, Cape Jewish Seniors Association, Ethiopian National Project, Israel Guide Dog Center and many more.

The Savannah Jewish Federation Gratefully Thanks our Contributors

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**Heart disease is the #1 killer of women worldwide.
The statistics are staggering.
But take heart. ♥**

At Hadassah, we're helping change the odds for women. Women like Rena. Two years ago, Rena had a brush with death.

When Rena awoke before sunrise one morning, she knew something was seriously wrong. She headed straight to her fridge, where a magnet from the Linda Joy Pollin Cardiovascular Wellness Center at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem listed women's heart attack symptoms. She realized she needed to get to the ER — fast. An EKG made the cause clear: heart attack. Within an hour, Hadassah's world-class cardiac team had found a clot and put in a stent, saving her life. Today Rena's heart is fine — and full of gratitude.



Each year, Hadassah's hospitals in Israel add to the list of firsts, including in 2018 a new technique to regulate cardiac rhythm.

So when it comes to the #1 killer of women, we're fighting back and changing the odds for women everywhere. During American Heart Month. And all other months, too.

That's the Power of Women Who Do.

YOM HASHOAH

JOIN SAVANNAH'S ANNUAL MEMORIAL OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLOCAUST.

Thursday, May 2

**9:00 a.m.
to
6:00 p.m.**

Reading of the Names

In observance of Yom HaShoah, we read the names of children who died in the Holocaust. Beginning at 9:00 am and continuing in 15 minute shifts until 6:00 pm

To sign up to read names visit www.savj.org

6:00 p.m.

Community Observance

Candle lighting, Holocaust contest awards & special guest Carolyn Enger. Carolyn weaves a multimedia tapestry - interweaving video and audio testimony with the music of composers from the salon period to tell the story of the Mischlinge (a derogatory Nazi term for those neither fully Jewish nor fully Aryan).

WE REMEMBER



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The Jewish Educational Alliance presents a monthly program guide

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Jewish Educational Alliance _____ March 2019



Children's Programming



DAYS AT THE **J**

SPRING

Feb 18: Trip to Henny Penny
Mar 8: Retro Video Game Day
Mar 18: Purim & the Chocolate Factory
Mar 19: Spidey Senses are Tingling
Mar 20: Trip to SCAD Farms Carnival
Mar 21: Summer Camp Kick Off
Mar 22: Cake Bake with The Cake Mix

Cost: JEA Member Value Price (per day)
\$40 - 1st Child
\$38 - Additional Children
JEA Guests (per day)
\$50 - 1st Child
\$48 - Additional Children

Ages: Pre-K - 8th

www.savannahjea.org

To register, email kids@savj.org or visit the JEA Front Desk.

JEA Camp Savannah

"Inside the Outdoors"

 Ready, Set, Survive Jun 3-7 This action-packed week will be an awesome guide to make sure campers are ready and set to survive!	 Backyard Explorers Jun 11-14 We will venture around Savannah searching for Geocaches, learn how to fish, and taste some local treats from the area!
 Nature Unleashed Jun 17-21 Join us as we make volcanoes explode, tornadoes twist and then we shake things up by making our own seismographs and terrariums.	 The Amazing Race Jun 24-28 We are going on a journey with stops in Asia for sushi making, Australia for boomerang building, and Scotland for bagpipe listening!
 Shipwrecked Jul 1-5 Search for shark teeth, participate in the JEA's edition of Shark Tank, and design boats for the 3rd Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta.	 Wet, Wild & Yucky Jul 8-12 From the Messy Olympics, to Fear Factor competitions and our first-ever Color War Extravaganza, we will have every camper wanting more.
 Claws, Paws & Jaws Jul 15-19 We will make treats for local animal shelters, venture out on a dolphin cruise and even get a special visit from some furry and scaly friends.	 Camp Rocks Jul 22-26 Campers will rock out as they learn the dance routines they'll perform for their families for a brand new take on our Glee Show.

J Open to all children grades K - 10th!
For more information please visit www.SavannahJEA.org!



Adult Programming



Scrabble	Wednesdays	6:30-8:30pm
Mah Jongg	Mondays	2-4pm
	Thursdays	2-4pm



Food For Thought

Join us each Thursday at 12:30pm

March 7	<i>Savannah by the Squares</i> Roger Smith	March 28	<i>The Dolphin Project</i> Peach Hubbard
March 14	<i>Women of the Wall 30th Anniversary</i> Sarah Denmark	April 4	<i>Collectable Appraisals</i> Beth Kinstler
March 21	<i>Rembrandt and the Jewish Experience</i> Courtney McNeil	April 11	<i>Savannah Voice Festival – Broadway Tunes</i>

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

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

Have a suggestion for a new speaker? Contact Orly Henkin at orlyhenkin@savj.org

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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 Dec. 21, 2018)

Kashif Ali & Aiysha Varraich
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Book Review and Multimedia Presentation

The Hard Bargain

The Legend of Operatic Tenor

Richard Tucker Lives On

Sunday, March 3, 2019, 3-5pm

Dr. David Tucker, M.D., author and Presenter
Burton Spivak, co-author

Film clips and music from Richard Tucker's career as a cantor in NYC's largest synagogue and starring roles in operas produced at The Met and worldwide.

\$35 per person: Ticket Information at savannahfriendsofmusic.com

All proceeds benefit Savannah Friends of Music.



Health & Wellness

The Question: Stress - The Answer: Pilates!



Helena Maslansky
Fitness Instructor

Today's life can be stressful so following a Pilates exercise regime can be your go-to activity for relief.

The negative effects of stress happen when challenges and changes are constant without a break or relief in between them.

When this occurs, tension builds up resulting in stomach problems, raised blood pressure, poor sleep and headaches. If this is left untreated for an extended period of time symptoms may worsen or become more serious.

Pilates is the perfect exercise system for relieving stress. As an avid student myself and as a teacher I have felt and witnessed some of the positive effects of Pilates:

- Deep Mindful Breathing - This calms and soothes the system. It also rids the body of toxins. Using Pilates breathing you will engage your diaphragm and intercostal muscles, creating more core strength.
- Posture - Toning, lengthening, alignment, poised, balanced - reduces pain. Pilates can help posture by strengthening the spinal muscles, abdominals, glutes and hamstrings preventing Kyphosis (rounding of

the thoracic spine)

- Control - Relaxation through emphasis of mind/body awareness. Movements are very precise and controlled in Pilates. This will create relaxation.
- Focus - It is essential to focus only on the exercise that you are doing and forget everything else.

The breathing techniques developed by J. H. Pilates can be used outside of the classroom, anytime things get overwhelming or stressful.

If you'd like to try Pilates, you can join us Sundays and Tuesdays at 9:15 am for Power Pilates. Although it is a Power Pilates class, I will give modifications for new students.

Please note: Helena and Kat are also both available for private personal training on our two Reformers.



Side plank exercise on the Reformers



Power Pilates class

Fitness Classes

Sunday

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



Monday

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



Tuesday

9:15 am - Power Pilates
10:00 am - SilverSneakers Splash
10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
10:30 am - Functional Flexibility
7:00 pm - Aikido

Wednesday

8:45 am - Firm It Up
10:00 am - Sun Flow Yoga
10:30 am - SilverSneakers Silver Step
4:30 pm - Fast & Fit
6:00 pm - H.I.I.T



Thursday

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



Friday

8:45 am - Firm It Up
10:00 am - Aquasize
10:00 am - Functional Flexibility

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JEA Preschool Savannah News

Enroll Now 2019-20 School Year

After a month of re-enrolling current children for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year, JEA Preschool opened registration to the community on February 4. Available spots quickly filled, but a few more remain open. It's not too late to enroll your child in our wonderful early childhood program! Call Director Jodi Sadler at 912-355-8111 to request a tour!



Preschool parents and families recently joined the children and their teachers for the annual "Soup Night," a favorite event each winter! Each class made a home-made crock pot soup, and everyone enjoyed going from classroom to classroom tasting the delicious recipes!



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

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



in the JEA Art Gallery

Carmen Maria Aguirre

Aguirre is a figurative painter working in oil on canvas and/or panel. While she represents scenes of daily life, her objective is also to convey how the subject touches and inspires her.

Born into a family of thinkers and writers who fled Nicaragua in the mid-20th century, Aguirre spent her formative years in Miami, Florida, where she received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Barry University. Following university, she went to Europe to pursue post-graduate work with the Spanish classical painter, Amadeo Roca Gisbert.

Her return to Miami coincided with the development of the rich art culture and Aguirre became a close associate of the American generation of Latin American artists who were to attract the European art community and, in 2002, Art Basel, the most important art fair in the United States. This rich cultural milieu was to enrich her art and her knowledge of the contemporary art establishment. For many years, Aguirre used her art training in the service of arts organizations, particularly those dealing with children's education.

In tandem with her art practice, Aguirre developed a career as a graphic artist, becoming the editor of the magazine section of *Diario Las Americas*, one of the most important Spanish newspapers in the United States dedicated to the Hispanic community. Growing up in a family of journalists enables the artist to create a story around her subject and to present it in concrete terms as well as to capture that which is more abstract and ephemeral.

Aguirre was attracted to Savannah, Georgia, and in 2016 decided to make it her home in order to concentrate on her career as a painter. As such, she participates in art exhibitions on both the local and international level.



*Artwork available for viewing March 1-31, 2019
Join us for the Art Gallery Reception March 7, 5-8 pm*

JEA Camp Savannah Presents

Brand New Specialty Camps!

Potions with Professor C- Jun 3-7 (K-2nd)/June 17-21 (3rd & up)



Travel Camp- Jun 10-14 (6th & up)

Nature's Pantry- Jun 24-28 (All ages)



Day Trekkers- Jul 15-19 (4th & up)

Magic Camp- Jul 22-26 (All ages)



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Can you identify the people in this photo?



The staff at the Breman Museum needs your help to identify the children and adults in this photo of a class at the Jewish Educational Alliance in 1986. Our photograph collection contains 6,000 images, many of which are unidentified. We would love your help to identify any of your friends and/or family members in these photographs. More can be found at <https://bit.ly/2Sald90>

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Shoah is a Human Experience

By Vanna Cuthbertson

The fact is instructors not only teach what we are taught, but also what we learn. The two week study abroad taught me that Shoah is everyone's human experience. If not everyone's human experience, then it certainly is the teachers' responsibility to teach students to contribute to the human experience.

As an American educator, I realized that there is a redundant way in which educators, both at the high school and college level teach the Holocaust. Albeit with good intent. Within my fifth year of teaching the Holocaust, I knew that there was something gravely amiss in how I taught and approached the subject. In attempts to get young scholars to understand the background context, I taught Jewish religion and culture. At least I had one teaching tool right, the Jewish community is not defined by the Holocaust.

The crux of the issue is that students feel like they are taught the same narrative. A frightening and yet complacent construct that is often found when dis-

cussing difficult topics such as: persecution, genocide, and the great equalizer. Despite my efforts it was clear to me that

students found the Holocaust to be a far removed event from their lives. However this year in my classroom, I have flipped the narrative perspective. Through student centered projects, my scholars will

learn to give a voice to those who were unjustly silenced. More importantly they will learn spiritual resistance in not only 10th English, but also in my American Literature mini lesson on enslavement.

So long as there is persecution in the world, then programs such as this will outlive the hatred. Indeed I was given a once in a lifetime opportunity. I visited the places people write books about. No matter the age, or severity of the content, every student loves story time. It is not about the how or the why, but the perspective in which we teach. Or rather retell an important story about the human experience. A person did not have to be Jewish, but you did have to be a person with a rich story. Thus it is my duty to teach the lost voices of history.



Robin Rackoff

that lights are still on at our house after 9:30 PM. So what could have possibly kept me up past midnight every night last week? It was the Siamese mah jongg competition between my sister and me, held right in my living room.

By the time my sister's flight landed in Savannah, the card table was set up and the tiles laid out, where they stayed for her whole visit. Every evening after dinner, we would get down to some serious Siamese. For those of you unfamiliar with this game, it's mah jongg for two players, each using two racks and 28 tiles. It was invented only three years ago and is taking off like wildfire. The goal is to put out two maj's, ideally but not necessarily at the same time. Even the best mah jongg players find Siamese overwhelming at

Mah Jongg And More

I am an early bird who would have no problem catching the worm, if I were so inclined (which I'm not). It's a rare night

first. After only a few sessions, though, it makes the usual four-handed version seem ho-hum. We had so much fun, we barely cared who won (I did) (by a lot) (but who cares).

If you're a mah jongg player and you think your heart can stand the excitement of this fast-paced game, get your cardiologist's approval and learn Siamese. I'll be happy to give you a lesson if you send me an email at robinsmahjongg@gmail.com. Then you, too, will have a reason to stay up past midnight.



All this mah jongg playing is great preparation for the big Las Vegas Tournament that's coming up soon. Each year, as I take my place in the room with 500 of the best mah jongg players in the country, I say a little prayer, not that I will win the tournament, but that I will not embarrass myself. So far, so good. I know that the official city slogan is "What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas," but my slogan is "What Happens in Vegas Makes for a Great Story." So stay tuned, and let's maj on!

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Ester Rabhan,
Principal
Rambam Day
School

Eye on education

Here's What's Happening ..

Our middle school students recently took a Jewish, achievement test. The test was comprised of questions addressing general facts from the Torah, recognizing root words, grammar and general, Jewish knowledge (holidays, Israel). We celebrated when we received our results. Our students were compared to various types of schools across the country. Some schools were day schools like Rambam, and some were Solomon Schechter schools, and some were all girl or all boy schools. Our scores indicated we rank high above average.

Rambam has begun a new program, Yedios Klalios, general facts about Judaism. While we teach these facts throughout our students' Rambam years; we have begun this program to increase the children's fast recall of specific information that should be at their fingertips. Every month the students will concentrate on different facts and on Rosh Chodesh, the new Jewish month, the students will take a test on their grade level on the information that was to be learned that month. Prizes will be awarded for the students who pass and special prizes for students who

score very high. Hopefully, this initiative will not only have a positive effect on students' knowledge but also instill competitive excitement.

Middle School went for a two-night, three-day trip to Barrier Island. I saw pictures of kids with muddy faces, kids walking in swampy looking water and pictures of the students studying things in the sand. They played dodge ball and noodle hockey. The children were divided into groups and had several team building activities. They experienced Pondering and studied various insects. Barrier Island has an aquarium which the kids used to study lots of different species of fish. The kids were kept quite busy and apparently were showered and fell asleep by 10:00 P.M. both nights.

Barrier Island has a contest with all schools in attendance at a given time; who wastes the least amount of food. All left over food from each meal is gathered and weighed. By the end of RDS's session, they won the Platinum Plate Award, for the least amount of food wasted at meals. Our school name is now on a plaque hanging in Barrier Islands' dining hall forever.



Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director
Early Childhood
Education

Savannah.

The Preschool's projects were replenishing the sandbox and planting trees to enhance the outdoor learning space. As luck would have it, the cold and windy weather arrived which excluded some of the volunteers from the project. However, there were a few individual who did show up to help with the projects. The six of us schlepped sand to the sandbox and planted the Cyprus trees in a short period of time.

Team work really does make the dream work as is the mantra in one of the three year old classrooms.

The people who helped were individuals from the Jewish and general communities. One young woman saw the announcement in the Mikve Israel newsletter and signed up to help. No connection to our program, she just showed up. Giving of her time and energy was truly an act of kindness, Gimilut Chasidim. She shared her talents which she had learned from growing up on a farm as she assisted with the planting of the trees in the big containers. She also used her physical strength to carry the wet sand to the sandbox, pushing a heavy wheelbarrow back and forth until the task was completed.

Todah Rabah to all of the individuals who helped with the many activities during JEA Mitzvah Day. These acts of kindness are ones that we strive to teach the young children

Eye on education

Kindness Counts

It was Mitzvah Day at the JEA and there were service projects taking place around the community including JEA Preschool

at JEA Preschool Savannah. Research shows that teaching social and emotional skills builds a strong foundation for young children.

According to National Association for the Education of Young Children article Promoting Young Children's Social and Emotional Health, Children who are socially and emotionally healthy tend to demonstrate, and continue to develop, several important behaviors and skills (adapted from McClellan & Katz 2001 and Bilmes 2012).

They

- Are usually in a positive mood
- Listen and follow directions
- Have close relationships with caregivers and peers
- Care about friends and show interest in others
- Recognize, label, and manage their own emotions
- Understand others' emotions and show empathy
- Express wishes and preferences clearly
- Gain access to ongoing play and group activities
- Are able to play, negotiate, and compromise with others

The skills listed above are ones that are important for both adults and children. If we can begin to instill these important qualities in young children, then they will more likely be successful in their later years.

You are welcome to visit the children at JEA Preschool Savannah to read or lead an activity to help build a strong emotional and social foundation for the children. Yes, it does take a village!

Your Campaign Dollars at Work

My Camp Experience

Once again I would like to thank the Savannah Jewish Federation for helping to give myself and other Savannah kids a Jewish camp experience. Every year camp means more and more to me and I appreciate the important role that Camp Barney Medintz plays in my life.

My camp friends and I get have gotten much closer over the years and we have created many more memories.

We have been home from camp for a couple of weeks and we have already FaceTimed many times. We talk about how much we miss camp and how much we want to see each other again.

Last year we were lucky to be able

to see each other at our bat mitzvahs. Although not everyone could be at every bat mitzvah there was at least someone at everyone's bat mitzvah, and we all got to meet up at one of them. It was a



Elle Neil with camp friends

great and meaningful way to meet up during the year. Sadly we only have one more bat mitzvah but it is in three weeks and we have all been waiting for it.

Going to a Jewish camp has really changed my life and I will always remember

it. I hope to enjoy more wonderful years of camp in the future.

Jewish War Veterans

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naventure Cemetery with the placement of U.S. flags. This honor is conducted twice yearly prior to Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The Post is expanding its service to the community by placing flags at graves of Jewish veterans at Laurel Grove Cemetery. If you have a loved one interred at Laurel Grove who served in the military, please provide the veterans name, branch of service and plot location (if possible) to Ed Wexler, ewexler06@comcast.net.

Veterans of active duty, National Guard and Reserve are invited to join Post 320. Also invited to join at no cost are currently serving Jewish military personnel. Applications can be found at www.savj.org. Community Directory. Annual Post dues is \$45.

I am honored to follow in the footsteps of all prior Commanders of Post 320. We will continue to strive to serve our community and to remain worthy of your support.



Eva Locker,
Principal of
Shalom School

Eye on education

Learning by doing

Teaching about Mitzvot is at the core of a child's education. Mitzvot give us the opportunity to anchor spiritual concepts in daily life. By

performing good deeds, we implement our knowledge in a real and meaningful way. Connecting learning with doing enables us to make the learning process real and engaging. The last weeks at Shalom School have been filled with those learning while doing moments.

The past holiday of Tu B'Shevat was the perfect opportunity to talk to the students about some of the Mitzvot related to Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) while celebrating together a TuB'Shvat seder. All classes learned about the significance of the holiday, about the land of Israel, and protecting the Earth. And because we are a Jewish school, we did this while eating. We tasted both fresh and dried fruits and learned about the idea each one symbolizes. Students enjoyed saying blessings together and learning the food-related Hebrew words. The older classes drew connections between the fruits and seasons and their personal potential (we don't eat the outside of the orange, but we know that it is delicious inside: often times things are hidden within, etc), discussed daily changes we can make to impact our world, and a bit about Israel and the crops. We couldn't have run such a hands-on program without our wonderful madrichim (teenager assistant), who assembled small seder plates for every student and pour 4 small cups of juice for each, totaling in nearly 300 cups.

As we discuss mitzvot involved in creating a Jewish home, such as hospitality and Kashrut, baking Challot together was the perfect activity. To do

so, I got together with Agudath Achim Challah consultant, Gale Hirsh, to prepare ahead enough dough for each of our students. Sunday morning students met in the social hall and were given their own work station. The dough was kneaded, rolled and braided. Thanks to Gale's who led the activity, each challah came out perfectly, and the students took them home to freeze and share with their families for Shabbat.

Together with learning about Mitzvot or holidays, Shalom School morning also include Hebrew literacy. Attaining the skill of reading Hebrew, accessing our common language, enables our students to identify with their common identity and imparts a sense of pride and belonging. Among the tools we use to introduce Hebrew letters to our younger students is Alef Bet Yoga. To perfect our Alef Bet poses we welcomed last month Mindy Lasky, of Yogi Palz, for another fun session. The teachers and students enjoyed taking their learning out of the classroom and turning their bodies into the shape of the Hebrew alphabet, learning Hebrew words, and making the letter sounds. We know the learning/doing is working when we saw parents stay to join their children.

We have been incredibly busy the last few weeks, and every minute has been filled with activity and excitement. We've watched our students' relationships with each other expand, our staff become cohesive and dedicated, and our school as a whole is thriving. We strongly encourage Shalom School families to get involved in our activities. By being part of Shalom School you will quickly discover that your child's Hebrew school education is a source of enrichment for your entire family.

Your Campaign Dollars at Work Throughout the World

Ethiopian National Project

The Ethiopian National Project (ENP) strives to provide social and educational opportunities to help Ethiopian-Israeli teenagers realize their full potential. ENP programs take a "big picture" view of the cultural, social and emotional challenges faced by Ethiopian-Israeli teens that constrain their advancement.

Today, the Ethiopian National Project operates in 23 communities across Israel, serving approximately 3,413 youth in its scholastic assistance programs and almost 1,900 youth in 14 outreach centers.

Two key initiatives are at the heart of ENP's work: (1) SPACE (School Performance and Community Empowerment) Scholastic Assistance (5,815 students): A holistic program providing supplementary hours of educational support to improve student achievements in core subjects, increase motivation to learn and improve self-confidence. (2) Youth Outreach Centers (14 centers): Ethiopian-Israeli teens have a second home at the outreach centers, which offer a range of extra-curricular activities,

one-on-one emotional support as well as leadership opportunities.

There are still 8,000 Ethiopian Jews still in Ethiopia, most of whom are "Falashmura." Meaning their ancestors converted to Christianity, often under duress, generations ago. This past month, a group of 82 Ethiopian immigrants landed in Israel, the first of some thousand members of the Jewish community brought to the Jewish state under a decision made in late 2018. The group of new immigrants was welcomed at Ben



Gurion Airport by Savannah Jewish Federation partner The Jewish Agency Chairman Isaac Herzog. Many of them then reunited with their relatives living in Israel, some of whom had been waiting for their loved ones for many years. *Funding for the Ethiopian National Project was made possible through the Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Community Campaign Overseas Investment Grant program. Funded programs are nominated by members of the community for impact gifts.*

JEA Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 24 3:00-5:00 pm

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Join us for our Purim Party and Megillah Reading Wednesday, March 20th at 6:00 pm,

\$8 per person, \$20 per Family, RSVP to the AA office, 912-352-4737.

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Wed, March 20, 6pm

Join us for dinner followed
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rsvp@mickveisrael.org or 912-233-1547

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