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Bringing Lost Jewish Culture Back to Life

By Jennifer Rich

Gora Kalwaria, Poland is a town located 19 miles southeast of Warsaw. Jews began to settle in the town under Prussian rule in 1795. The town's Jewish population grew and over time became the center of the Hasidic Gur dynasty, founded by Isaac Meir Alter. For over 144 years, Jewish culture thrived in the town of nearly 3000 Jews – including Mandolin Orchestras.

The mandolin was a very popular instrument in Eastern Europe and in Jewish communities throughout Poland into the 1930's, with Mandolin orchestras and clubs found in cities small and large. Gora Kalwaria's Mandolin orchestra was highly acclaimed, and it's thought that its musical repertoire would have included everything from classical and tango to Jewish theatre pieces, Klezmer, Yiddish and Hasidic songs.

Life in Gora Kalwaria changed

drastically when the Nazi's invaded in September 1939. By 1940, all Jewish residents were moved to the Jewish quarter and in February 1941, all were deported to the Warsaw Ghetto. For those who survived the Ghetto, in



orchestra. The photograph inspired him to create a "living memorial" to his grandfather and other family members – a modern Jewish Mandolin group known as the Ger Mandolin Orchestra.

Prof. Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett of Columbia University's Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw states, "We have a lot of stone monuments, but this (the Ger Mandolin Orchestra) is a living monument...it brings something to life rather than honoring something that's dead."

You too can be a part of the revival of this beautiful Jewish musical and cultural tradition!

On April 2, 2020 at 6 pm, the Savannah Music Festival will feature the Ger Mandolin Orchestra at Congregation Mickve Israel. Purchase your tickets at www.savannahmusic-festival.org

1942 they were sent to their death at the Treblinka extermination camp.

The musical history of the town would have been lost forever if not for Israeli-American Avner Yonai. Yonai's search for his family roots in Poland led him to a photograph of his grandfather and two other relatives playing in Gora Kalwaria's Mandolin

Beyond the Headlines

Beyond the Headlines brings Jewish thinkers and experts to Savannah to discuss a wide-range of topics. Our speakers share personal stories and keen commentary to tackle issues relevant to Jewish culture, religion, tradition, and history.

From entrepreneurs to scholars to diplomats – the series will draw on a wide range of topics and scholarly expertise.

For the first talk in the series, on Thursday, March 5, we will welcome Amotz Eyal, Founder of Tazpit Press Service (TPS). Join us for lunch at Food for Thought at 12:30 p.m. for only \$5 and then hear from Amotz Eyal at 1:30 p.m.

Amotz Eyal founded TPS - Israel's News Agency in 2010. Amotz gave cameras to a pioneering group of volunteers who set out to document the truth on the ground in Israel. In 2012, TPS became a registered non-

profit. Now, Amotz has grown TPS into the news agency dominant in the Israeli media and growing in influence worldwide.

TPS - Israel's news agency defeats media bias by being the accurate source of news from Israel, on the ground. Today, 90% of the world

news you read in media outlets comes from news agencies - the big three are Associated Press, Reuters, and AFP. There are 9 Palestinian news agencies. Now there is an Israeli answer - TPS can make the strongest impact as Israel's news agency. Instead of being a media outlet with its own website and broadcast, TPS coverage is distributed by every one of its media outlet subscribers, multiplying its impact.

Amotz is a media expert who lectures on "Media in the Conflict Zone" at IDC Herzliyah. He has a BA from

Open University and an MBA from Ariel University.

Amotz began his journey as a social entrepreneur as a child - when he petitioned the Israeli Supreme Court to move soccer games to allow the entire public, including those that celebrate Shabbat, to enjoy the games. He continued as a teenager by founding both the Tzur Israel alternative high school and the Migdalim Student Village.

Amotz served in an elite unit in the IDF and continues to be active in reserve duty. He and his wife Yaara live in Moshav Alon in the Judean desert.

We look forward to this opportunity to hear from community leaders and outstanding scholars on issues of critical importance to the Jewish community.

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In just the last year, ADL Southeast provided anti-bias and anti-bullying education training and professional development for over 200,000 students across the region. We worked together with synagogue and local agencies to empower hundreds of Jewish teens and families to stand up to anti-Semitism and anti-Israel rhetoric. Additionally, we led a symposium for more than 150 local law enforcement agencies and community leaders to prevent and respond to hate crimes, and we continue to share our resources when new, critical information becomes available.

Your support has provided us with the means to remain a unique and invaluable institution in American life that fights anti-Semitism, racism, and bigotry in all forms and works to promote respect, cooperation, and goodwill in our increasingly diverse society. With your gift, you are helping us bring about a world that is more inclusive and respectful and safer for everyone.

We are so appreciate of your support and our partnership. With gratitude,
Allison Padilla-Goodman
ADL Southeast Regional Director

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation,

It is our pleasure to acknowledge your recent gift in support of Camp Szarvas.

As JDC begins its second century of activity, we continue to confront the evolving challenges facing the world's most vulnerable populations. Along with our ongoing mission to strengthen the global Jewish family, JDC's ability to provide critical care and meaningful assistance where it is most needed is the end-goal of all of our efforts. Our wonderful partnership changes countless lives for the better and working together makes all the difference. With your support, our global community is growing in vitality and resilience.

On behalf of those we serve, please accept our heartfelt appreciation.
Stanley A. Rabin, President
David. M Schizer, Executive VP & CEO

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation,

We are deeply grateful to have received the Savannah Jewish Federation's allocation to JRA, the global Jewish news source.

As the funding model for Federations has changed, we are grateful and inspired that your community has continued to support our work and partnership in our efforts to share the stories of Jews and Jewish communities throughout the world as well as serve as a virtual town square for Jews everywhere.

Thank you again for all that you do in support of our work.

With warm wishes,
Ami Eden, CEO and Executive Editor



Adam Solender
Executive Director
JEA/SJF

Executive Director's Message The Anatomy of Change

So often I hear the lament, "the JEA is different from when we grew up here."

On one hand I want to scream out, "No, the Alliance is just the same as it always was, it is you and the community who have changed." But I know that my response will fall on deaf ears. Change typically happens slowly and incrementally and it is hard to see it as it happens. It takes the distance of time and reflection to be able to see change.

I comfort myself with the knowledge that when the JEA moved from downtown on Pulaski Square to "the farmland" on the corner of Derenne and Abercorn Street, there were community members who said, "the JEA is different from when we grew up here."

And I assume that twenty to thirty years from now, there will be a group of Savannah Jews lamenting that the JEA is not what it was in 2020.

The JEA (and Federation) came to real prominence in the period following WWII and the Holocaust. Families made Jewish identity the central part of their lives. Whether it was spending a Sunday afternoon in the Men's locker room or going to afternoon Hebrew school, Saturday evening dances or variety shows....it was at the Alliance. How many times have I heard from someone that "in the 60's we rode our bikes to the Alliance and were there until nightfall when my mother called over to the switchboard to get me home." (btw "home" was often the Sylvan Terrace neighborhood, right behind the JEA property).

Immigrant populations were integrated into the community (much like the Eastern Europeans were absorbed years earlier and it happened again when the community helped many Russian families transition from the Former Soviet Union to the United States). Back in the "good ole days," Jews were 'not welcome' at places like

the Oglethorpe Club or the Yacht Club

Our present institutional and organizational infrastructure reflect our past—a time when participation rates were much higher, volunteer hours were seemingly unlimited, and the community lived within walking distance of the Alliance. Past leaders will tell you that they often committed to 12+ years when they entered the "leadership ladder" first chairing

a committee or committees followed by six years as Treasurer, Vice President, and President-elect before becoming the President of one of the organizations. Of course, then there was an additional four year commit-

ment as a Past President still serving the Board. The JEA and Federation's bylaws, boards, and overall makeup were established in a different time in a community that isn't quite the same. While they have evolved over the years, we haven't done a real self assessment to meet the current and emerging needs in the community in years.

As the Savannah has grown and changed (the community is no longer made up of mostly multiple generations of the same families), the natural impulse would be to hunker down and assume that what got us there, will continue to work into the future. But nothing could be further from the truth.

While we still have an amazing number of "foundational families" who are our most ardent supporters, there are hundreds of people who have joined the community over the past decade who do not have that same history. Some of the innate cohesion that there once was, is no longer.

Over the coming months, the leadership and staff of the JEA and Federation are taking a hard look at who we are and who we might be. We are going to put "everything on the table" to try and set a strategic direction for the organizations...we hope you'll be a part of setting the agenda for the rest of the 21st century.



MITZVAH MOMENT

Julie Gilart and Brenda Rosenberg crocheting mats for the homeless community.



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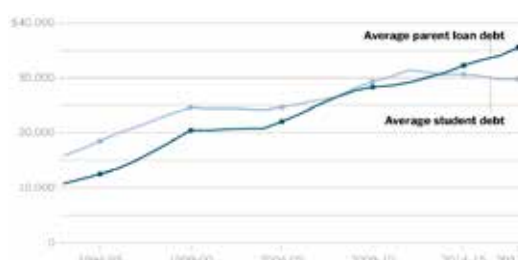
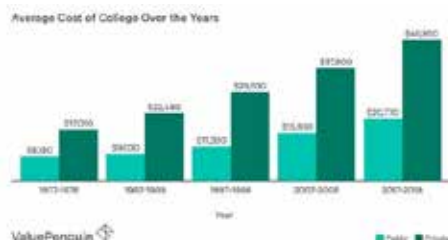
JELF (Jewish Educational Loan Fund) & Savannah Jewish Federation assist more Jewish college students than ever before!

Savannah, GA– January 7, 2020 – In partnership with Savannah Jewish Federation, JELF funded 296 Jewish students at 124 different college and universities with a total of \$1,278,194 interest-free loans. In 2019, 2 of those students were from the Savannah area. JELF is proud that it's 100% interest-free loans for higher education (college, graduate school and vocational programs) helped more Jewish students with more loans and larger average loans than ever before.

To qualify for a JELF loan, a student applicant must be:

- A permanent resident of FL, GA, SC, NC, and VA (excluding the greater DC area) -- but can go to any U.S. accredited school
- Enrolled full time in a program leading to a degree or certificate and in good academic standing
- A U.S. citizen or have lawful immigration status
- Able to provide a designated co-signer
- Able to demonstrate financial need (2019 FAFSA application required)

The need for student loans is more important now than ever before. New statistics report that since 1980, the cost of college tuition has gone up 260% for both public and private four-year colleges. By contrast, inflation rates have only risen by 2.7%. This is why approximately 43 million Americans collectively owe \$1.5 trillion in federal student loan debt, plus an estimated \$119 billion in private student loans.



JELF's loans go beyond paying for rising tuition cost. They also help cover the educational and living expenses that other financial aid doesn't offer, such as travel, rent, food and books. As a result, JELF's no-interest loans help borrowers save thousands of dollars in high-interest bearing debt. As one recent "JELFie" put it, "JELF's gift is truly in the savings."

While there are many organizations that provide interest-free loans, JELF is distinct in that it is the only Jewish organization in the U.S. focused exclusively on higher education. Students and their families can apply online at JELF.org starting March 1. The application will then be open until April 30th with supporting documents being due a week later.

"My college journey was made possible by JELF," says Joshua Klafter, a recent JELF loan recipient. "I can't express how appreciative I am for its existence."

In addition to being funded by support from individual donors and family foundations, JELF is proud to boast a 99% repayment rate. It's a sign that the community strongly believes that money should not stand between a student and the education that he or she needs to excel in life. Since 1961, JELF has provided more than \$12.5 million in the form of over 4,500 loans.

For more information about JELF, contact Marketing Director David Cohen at 770-396-3080 or email info@JELF.org. For more information about JELF in Savannah, contact Adam Solender at 912-355-8111 or adam@savj.org.

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Editorial/articles submissions should be in Microsoft Word format (.docx or .rtf). For best results, photos should be high resolution (300 dpi) with width and height dimensions as large as possible, as .jpg, .tif, or .psd (Adobe Photoshop) files. Artwork, drawings, line art, and other graphics are best sent as "vector" files, e.g. .eps or .ai (Adobe Illustrator). We will accept .jpg, .tif, or .psd files, if necessary.

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The Savannah Jewish News is a community paper. Letters should be civil and considerate in tone and not contain personal attacks, random attacks on businesses, or defamation. All statements of facts must be verifiable (state the original source of the information).

Letters should be no more than 250 words and may be edited for length, clarity, or factual content. The opinions expressed are always the writer's.

All letters must include the author's full name, address, and phone number (only your name, and if appropriate, job title and organization or business name, will be published).

No more than two letters from the same author will be published within 12 consecutive months.

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Savannah Jewish Federation Mission Statement

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.

On the Personal Side

Mazel Tov to Jason and Tara Tirey on the birth of their twin boys, Maddox and Morgan, born November 17, 2019

Mazel Tov to Brody and Sarah Docar on the birth of their son, William Weston Docar, born December 2, 2019.

Mazel Tov to Phillip and Marlene Robinowich on the birth of their son, Ezra Chislom, born December 4, 2019.

Mazel Tov to James and Liz Massey on the birth of their son, Wade, born January 13, 2020.

Stanley Rosenberg has been asked to join the State of GA Elks Lodges as the State Grant Coordinator. He has been doing this for the past four years on a local level at his area lodge where he has coordinated \$46,000 in grants from the Grand Lodge in Chicago.

Grant funding from the Elks goes back into the community to support veterans, local active military, and Savannah children. Stanley is honored to be asked to fill this position having been a member of the Elks Lodge for over six years.

Mazel Tov to Savannah Jewish Federation Governor, Stuart Halpern, who was recently named a

partner at Weiner, Shearouse, Weitz, Freenberg & Shawe.

Past SJF President and firm Managing Partner, Steve Greenberg stated, "Stuart Halpern is an outstanding attorney who also clearly demonstrates the character traits of diligence and integrity on which our firm has been built. We are proud to call him a partner and look forward to the work he will do for our clients and our firm in the future." Stuart is a member of the Savannah Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia, the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia, and the South Carolina Bar Association.



Stuart Halpern

Veterans corner

Jewish War Veterans Post 320

Members of JWV Post 320's new committee to engage local Jewish soldiers, learned by participating in Treats-for-Troops with Rabbi Lob's NCSY students.

For ten years Rabbi Lob and his NCSYers have participated in this annual program to ship kosher snacks and notes to Jewish soldiers. This will provide a model for the JWV Post

who are working with Rabbi Lob, Rabbi Henkin, Rabbi Haas and community volunteers to provide Cap-

tain (Chaplain) Michael Cohen with meaningful and welcoming ways to reach out to local Jewish military personnel who often feel isolated while stationed in or near Savannah. The committee is currently looking for volunteers, previous or current military service not required, to stuff personalized goody bags in time for Purim delivery.

To join this initiative or to help with this or the Passover and Shavuot project, please contact Col. Wexler at JWV320@savj.org.



Left_Right_Rabbi Lob, Sean Wheeler, SFC, US Army, Col. Edward Wexler, Ret., Frank Katz

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Okopowa Street Jewish Cemetery

The historic Warsaw Jewish Cemetery on Okopowa Street has been in continuous use since the late 18th century and contains an estimated 250,000 individual graves as well as mass graves of thousands of residents of the Warsaw Ghetto. While about one-third of the gravestones have survived, the cemetery burial records were totally destroyed by Nazi forces during the WW II occupation of Warsaw.

Because the vast majority of 20th century Jewish birth, marriage and death records of Warsaw did not survive WW II, information from the cemetery gravestones can be of great significance to genealogists researching their families from greater Warsaw.

Over the years, remarkable efforts have been made to create an index of the gravestones, initially by the first post-war Cemetery Director, Pinkus Szenicer,

and then by his son Bolesław. By the time of Szenicer's retirement, approximately 50,000 gravestones had been recorded.

In October 2003,

Przemysław Isroel Szpilman, the new Cemetery Director, commenced an aggressive effort both to clean up sections of the cemetery and also to undertake a new project

to document the gravestones and their locations. Using a digital camera provided by JRI-Poland, work proceeded at a brisk pace and by the end of 2008, the new "Beis Olam" database had information on more than

60,000 gravestones. However, notwithstanding the best efforts of Director Szpilman, which continue, a shortage of funds and other priorities of the Warsaw

Jewish community have made it difficult to expedite the work to everyone's satisfaction. This resulted in the subsequent launch of the third project undertaken by The Foundation for Documentation of Jew-

ish Cemeteries.

Members of the Savannah community visited the Okopowa Street Jewish Cemetery and nominated this beneficiary to provide continuing support to further this holy work.

Thank You,
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Jewish Women of the Landing's Nancy Rosenthal (left) presenting dozens of food cards to Jamie Richman on behalf of Savannah Jewish Federation's Jewish Family Services. JWOL has been a great supporter of JFS over the past few years providing thousands of dollars of support to individuals and families in need in our community.

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Planning As Explained to First Graders

By Carol M. Towbin Greenberg

Last month crochet maven Brenda Rosenberg, Seed to Fiber's Camille Hulbert, and I went across the Savannah Bridge into a totally new frontier--- the land of a Bluffton first grade assembly. Despite knowing that 120 six to seven-year-olds in SC were not the target audience for teaching people in our area to turn their gently recycled grocery bags into sleep mats for homeless people in Savannah, we accepted the challenge: to present what we were doing every Thursday at the JEA to the young children in SC. We learned so many things about ourselves, in the process.

Since last November, people have been asked to participate in our Thursday morning Drop-Off or Drop-In Sessions at the JEA. We have had over sixty-five volunteers come to learn about this project through these meet-ups. Volunteers donate plastic bags, sit and learn to cut and tie the bags to make plarn (plastic yarn), and if they are more adventurous, to crochet a mat! Besides the social aspect of meeting new people, and the challenge of learning new skills, this is serious work.

There are an estimated 500 billion (yes with a B) single use plastic non-biodegradable bags that enter the waste stream in this country. We have the perfect reuse strategy for each one of them! By creating 2.5 by 6' crocheted mats we are removing 750-1200 bags from garbage dumps and are creating durable, light-weight, washable mats for those in need.

MorningStar Arts has pledged to create at least a dozen mats for the Union Mission Shelter every six months. They will distribute them to homeless members of the community (est over 4,000) that need an extra layer of cushioning or protection between them and hard, dirty, wet or cold surfaces on which they sleep. But how to talk about home insecurity and our choking, dirty planet to children?

Brenda Rosenberg was a calming presence by sitting in a rocking chair in full view of the children, crocheting a mat and answering questions.

Camille displayed and explained art pieces JEA after-school students had created from natural garden materials. We displayed some of our mats created by Rochelle Frank, Julie Gillart and Brenda.

In modern parlance, the Red Cedar Elementary School provides project-based learning for its 700 plus students, which means that it was



Carol Greenberg creating a plan with Bluffton students

not enough to show them what we are doing, we needed to have a hands-on experience for them and explain how it solves a problem. So with the advance help of our Thursday meet-up group, plus a middle-school student who has taken this on as a school service project, we

had hundreds of pre-cut bag squares. The students worked together, and helped the students having trouble, to tie the plastic and join them to their neighbors' until each class generated its own plarn ball and a lot of smiles.

We were a little nervous about presenting to impressionable first graders the unsettling thought that people do not always have a warm and safe home, so we started the conversation about how unnatural materials, like plastic bags in which we might bring bread to the park to feed ducks, might end up in the water and endanger those same ducks, and how we could make something useful as a gift for someone out of those same bags.

They wanted to know why someone would throw the bag on the ground or in the water in the first place, and why we don't just find a place for someone to live!

When you see the world through children's eyes, solutions are simple. Sometimes it involved telling the teacher or a police-person, but it was so very clear to them in very simple words that we need to share what we have, cooperate on a good idea to fix the problem, and be responsible enough not to make the mess in the first place!

Cooperation and responsibility—not bad lessons to learn from our little ones--- and of course, gratitude for helping us to remember that we do all that we do to ensure that they will have a promising future.

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Charles Alan Longwater

Who died Tuesday, December 31, 2019.

He is survived by two nephews, Stephen Longwater and his wife, Etta, and Paul Longwater and his wife, Marcia, and two great-nieces, Jaimee Bonin and Shannon Bonin.

Remembrance donations may be made to Safe Shelter, PO Box 61119, Savannah, GA 31420.

Lisa Alexandra Roltsch Friedman

Who died Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Dr Phillip Isaac Friedman; one daughter Caroline "Callie" Rose Friedman, one son, Joshua "Josh" Charles Friedman, and one brother, Scott Roltsch.

Remembrance donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, GA Chapter, 4849 Paulsen Street, Suite 102, Savannah, GA 31405-4424.

Joel Donald Lynch

Who died Thursday, January 9, 2020.

He is survived by his son Bill, daughter-in-law Lane, two grandsons Jim and Alex, and two sisters Joyce and Judy.

Remembrance donations may be made to Meals on Wheels program c/o Senior Citizens, Inc. at 3025 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31405 or Hospice Savannah, 1352 Eisenhower Drive, Savannah, GA 31406.

Nancie Meddin Clark

Who died Monday, January 13, 2020.

She is survived by Fred Stephen Clark, her husband of 50 years; three children, Jonathan A. Clark, Robert S. Clark of Atlanta, and Alison Clark Sturm and a son-in-law, David Sturm, of Cuenca Ecuador; a brother, Dr. Jay R. Meddin; a niece, Rachel Meddin Stephens; great-nephew Tobin Stephens, and a great niece, Leora Stephens of Perth Australia.

Jeffrey Robinowich

Who died Monday, January 20, 2020

He is survived by his wife, Charlene Willis Robinowich, son Phillip (Marlene) Robinowich, Samuel Robinowich and daughter Hahna Robinowich (Jim) Hayden, four grandchildren, Henry, Ezra, Malena, and Rosalie, sisters Pam (Alan) Stern and Tobie (Bryan) Yoder and sister-in-law, Joan Robinowich.

Remembrance donations may be made to Jasper Animal Rescue, Ridgeland, SC.

Carol Renee Palefsky Cobb

Who died Thursday, January 23, 2020.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond Darnell Cobb, Sr; one son, Raymond Cobb, Jr. and his girlfriend Laura; one daughter, Jessica (Lee) Wynn; two granddaughters, Audrey Wynn and Payton Wynn; one sister, Alina Knapp; one brother, Matthew (Nikki) Palefsky and nieces and nephews; close family, Glenda Hendricks, Mike Cobb, Mark Cobb, Burney Cobb, Debra Montgomery; forever friends, Sharon Eichelberger and Becky Swanson.

Remembrance donations may be made to Hospice Savannah, PO Box 13190, Savannah, GA 31416.

Martin Lind Karp

Who died Monday, February 3, 2020.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen Karp, sons, Jonathan (Miriam Jordan) Karp, and Peter (Angela Ruman) Karp, three grandchildren, Maya and Daniel (Jonathan) Karp and Olivia (Peter) Karp; and sister Ruth Karp Katz.

Remembrance donations may be made to Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah or Hospice Savannah.





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March 2020



Children's Programming

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March 16 - 20, 2020

8am-6pm

- 3.16.20 Fire & Ice
- 3.17.20 Party Gras
- 3.18.20 F is for Friends (Field Trip to the Marine Center)
- 3.19.20 Out of this World
- 3.20.20 TGI Fun Day (Field Trip to Lovin' Spoons)

Open to all children in PreK-8th Grade

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Mah Jongg	Mondays	2-4pm
	Thursdays	2-4pm



Food For Thought

Join us each Thursday at 12:30pm

March 5	<i>Israeli News Agency</i> Amotz Eyal	April 2	<i>Women of the Passover Story</i> Dr. Linda Sacks
March 12	<i>Purim</i> Rabbi Robert Haas	April 9	<i>No Food For Thought</i> Passover
March 19	<i>Benefits of Intergenerational Experiences</i> Jodi Sadler	April 16	<i>No Food For Thought</i> Passover
March 26	<i>Intergenerational FFT</i> JEA Preschool Pre-K	April 23	<i>Yom Hashoah Play</i> Savannah State Performers

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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 December 23, 2019)

Stacy & Brigitte Aaron
Neil Anderson & Louise Tremblay
Lesley Anton
Michael Barrett & Erin Wessling
Lester & Carolyn Benn
Adrianna Bolton
Randell & Victoria Boucher
Andrew Carlton & Charisse Bennett
Jared Carter & Haley Pollack
John & Susan Clayman
James & Jessica Coleman, Jr.
Patrick Collins & Shawna Towers
Constance Cooper
Heidi Cross
Diane Daugherty
Chrycisse Diederich
Martina Dinale
Ann Edwards & Jessica Edwards

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Jared & Emily Hall
Ellery Hart
George & Susan Hill
Marsha Huntington
Laurie Jenkins
Eric & Kate Kapust
Lindsay Larson
Amos & Tzila Lemberger
Ronald Longsdorf & Emily Bowser
Roy Maynard & Crystal Williams
Christopher & Lillian McCormick
Christine McDonnell
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Michael & Mitzi Milligan
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Gary & Tina Ogren
Daniel & Rachael O'Mara
Thomas & Eva Patterson
Guy & Daphna Peleg
Maya Peleg
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Richard Russmann & Alejandra Martinez
Jesse Sans & Tracy Lingo
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Shahin Zohoori
Josh Zugish & Lindsey Beechwood



Health & Wellness

Spring Into Safety



Kirby Southerland
Health & Wellness
Director

us for one (or more) of these exciting events!

March 22: Babysitting Certification Course - Ideal for ages 11-15, this class will prepare you to be a babysitter! Participants will gain the

At the JEA, safety is at the forefront of our minds as we move into the busy season at the pool - but it should always be on your mind.

Would you know what to do in an emergency? Join us as we welcome a season of safety and join



skills necessary to become confident babysitters - including first aid training, feeding and changing infants, and learning age-appropriate games!

April 5: Pediatric CPR Certification Course

- Join us for this community class to learn how to confidently intervene in pediatric emergencies!



April 19: CPR for the Professional Rescuer - Do you know what to do in an emergency? Join us for a hands-on training class that will prepare you for real-life emergency scenarios!

April 26: Basic Water Rescue - Do you spend time around a residential pool? Would you

know what to do if an emergency occurred? Join us for this class to learn how to perform simple rescues around bodies of water.

For more information about these events, check out our Facebook and website!



Youth Sports and Aquatics



Lorin Titus
Health & Wellness
Programming
Coordinator

what makes this homeschool PE program the best in town! Children K-5th grade are encouraged to attend! Please contact Lorin at youthsports@savj.org to register.

February 23: Lacrosse Clinic. 1-2pm (K-5th youth clinic), \$10/participant

February 23: Middle and High School

Parents - take note of the exciting things the Youth Sports and Aquatics Departments have coming up for your child:

March 10 -11am-Noon: Free Homeschool PE Day at the J

Join Dustin White from 360 Sport Performance as he spends an hour showcasing



Thursdays, 5-5:45pm.

Swimmers who have passed the JEA swim test are invited to join this accelerated 3-week stroke development class that will be held twice a week before Spring Break.

Join our swim coaches as they create work-outs designed to build endurance and improve stroke technique.

March 24-April 30: Junior Swim. Tues-

Girls Lacrosse Clinic. 2-3:30pm, \$25/participant.

February 24: T-ball Registration Opens for U6.

February 25-March 12: Stroke Development Class. Tuesdays and



days and Thursdays, 4:15-5pm (Age 6-8) & 5-6pm (Age 9 and up)

TBD: Kids Yoga and Run Club will return this spring. Registration details will be made available in March.



JEA Preschool Savannah News

2020 Art Bash

Celebrate our children and
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**Proceeds will help fund the new
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March 7th

7:30-10:30pm

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in the JEA Art Gallery

Robert Segall - March 2020

Robert Segall is a native Savannah artist specializing in oil paintings of landscapes and seascapes. The majority of his subjects have been inspired by the coastal areas around Savannah. He is also a portraitist, does commissioned architectural renderings, and abstract paintings.

Among the instructors he has worked with are local artist and glassmaker, Carl Fugerousse, and Charlotte Segall (his niece), a renowned professor at the Pratt Institute in New York.

His works have been displayed at the Jepson Institute, as well as a number of local galleries, group exhibitions and private homes.

Artwork available for viewing March 1-31, 2020

Join us for the Art Gallery Reception

March 4, 5-7pm



Photos from 2020



Kids Run Club at the Oy Vey 5K



JEA Preschool Savannah Tu B'Shevat



Ronnie & Ken Miller at the Savannah
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Beach Clean Up

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29
1-3PM**
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Upcoming Events

March 11
Chapter Dinners

March 14
Chapter Sleepovers

March 29
J-Serve Beach Clean Up

April 3-5
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Young Jewish Savannah is made possible through the Savannah Jewish Federation.

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March 7, 7-10pm
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Young Jewish Savannah



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Friday, March 27

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Eva Locker,
Principal of
Shalom School

Eye on education

Hamentaschen to Hamentaschen

My mother always gives us a gift for Purim, this is the custom she grew up with in Tanger (Morocco). My mother in law in Jerusalem has the custom of putting a huge, long, and special Challah on the table for the Purim meal. Over the years, I had the privilege of celebrating Purim with people from different origins and different Purim traditions. Whether it is the Mishloah Manot we give, the food we eat, or the way we react when the name of the villain Haman is said (boooooo!!), here is a sample of different old and current Purim traditions from around the world:

In France: The original graggers were stones! Children used to take smooth stones, write or engrave Haman's name on them, and strike them together during the Megillah reading whenever Haman's name was mentioned.

In Italy: The youngsters would divide into two camps and throw nuts at each other. The adults rode through the streets of the town on horseback with cypress branches in their hands. They placed an effigy of Haman in a high place, and surrounded it to the sound of trumpets.

In England: Congregants would write the name of Haman on a paper and erase it when his name was read.

In Egypt: The young men rode through the Jewish street on horsebacks, camels, and donkeys, in memory of the verse "and they brought him on horseback through the street of the city."

In Germany: On Purim eve, torches containing gunpowder were ignited. During the Megillah reading, the gunpowder exploded with a deafening noise.

In Uzbekistan: The ground would usually be covered with snow at Purim time. Next to the synagogue, a large snow-Haman was built and surrounded by a fire made of wood, rags and paper. They stood and watched until Haman melted, singing until it had completely disappeared.

In Afghanistan: The synagogue carpets were taken up and the congregants trampled underneath them, in case Haman was hiding there! Grooms sent their brides mishloach manot with sweets like halva and pastries.

In Russian and Poland: Jews ate koilitch, long challah loaves made sweet with raisins or candy. The twisted ropes were meant to evoke Haman's ultimate demise

In Morocco: Jews baked challahs called Ojos de Haman (translation: Haman's eyes) which included almonds and two unpeeled hard-boiled eggs. They also sent each other gifts, including jewelry and perfumes (A tradition my mother continues today).

In Bulgaria: Jews cooked Caveos di Aman, or Haman's Hair, a dish made of stringy pasta representing the Purim villain's hair. The recipe includes olives and hard-boiled eggs, both traditional foods of mourning.

Our children might be familiar with hamantaschen and graggers, which can make Purim a great opportunity for virtual travel. No gun powder, snow Haman, or camel ride for us in Savannah, but we can have the children look for smooth stones to write Haman's name on while we grown-ups try to cook a Ojos or Caveos di Aman dish to serve with that gorgeous Koilitch Challah.

Chag Purim Sameah!
Eva Locker



Robin Rackoff

Mah Jongg and More

If you would ask people what month they think has the most celebrations, many would probably say December. With Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year's Eve, it certainly is a merry month. I think, though, that they are giving short shrift to the month of March. Maybe they forgot about St. Patrick's Day on the 17th, when we're all a bit Irish. What could be more festive than thousands of people painting their faces green, drinking beer of the same shade? How about National Pi Day, March 14th (3/14 - get it?) On that day, we're all a bit geek-ish. Then there's National Waffle Day on March 25th. I think I like that day, but I'm not sure, yes I know I like it, but wait a minute... Sometimes Passover, Easter, and Purim show up in March but don't count on them. They're often a bit tardy and don't arrive until April. The most exciting March occasion, though, hands down, is the day the new Mah Jongg cards arrive. Talk about celebratory! But exactly which day is that? In an effort to find

an answer to this burning question, I contacted the National Mah Jongg League in New York and asked outright, "what day will you be mailing the new cards out?" The answer, in a nutshell, was, "we're not telling!" Since the cards usually arrive during the last week of March, many of us will be sitting by our mailboxes, listening for the start and stop of the mail truck, and ready to send up a flare (or maybe a text) when we see the familiar envelope.

There has been lots of talk about what will be on the new card.

How will they handle the 2020 hands? Some of my friends are guessing that the Big Hand, which is what the last one on the card is often called,

will be FF 2020 DD 2020 DD. Others think that it might be FF NN EE 2020 WW SS. Whatever the hands are, we will surely love the new card because it's a new card. As time goes by, we will criticize the Dragon and Winds hands, and then by year-end, we'll be impatiently waiting for the arrival of the next new card.

If you need me, look for me at my mailbox, and let's Maj On!



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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.

Your Campaign Dollars At Work

My Summer at Blue Star

By Laney Berman

It was the morning of July 8, 2019. I was running around in the hotel room so excited. My parents were mad at me, but they understood. This was the place that I had no drama, the place I escaped to every summer, and I finally was going back there. To my forever home.

I was rolling in to the driveway holding up my sign through the window; I had made them the night before. One

of the staff people showed me and my family where my cabin was. It was named S-14, Senior Girls 14. Original? Maybe. It was definitely special to me. Everyone in my cabin was from the year before, except for a few new faces. Everyone was also all over - Florida, North Carolina, Georgia, Massachusetts, Ohio, and Israel.

My favorite part of camp was meal time.. We sang the Hamotzi and Birkat Hamazon before and after we ate. We also had Shabbat services every Friday night and Saturday morning. Before the Friday night service we have extra time to get ready in dressy blue and white clothes and have a Shabbat dinner. Cabins are allowed to invite the specialist, people who do horseback, waterskiing, cooking, ancient arts, to eat with us. Finally, we get to go to the temple to sing and pray.

The next morning we get up and get on our bathing suits and go to the temple. We do the same songs and prayers as the night before. Later, we have a beach party! After Shabbat we

have Havdalah, which the whole camp joins together to celebrate. The last Havdalah is a special friendship service and is the most sad as it is the last time we are together until next summer. Everyone sings, hugs, cries and spends and remembers all the good times we had at camp.



Laney Berman, 2nd from left, with camp friends (including Gabby Blattner to her right)

My favorite event at camp was Maccabiah. Maccabiah has four colors that stay the same every year, blue, white, red, and green. The color you are given is yours for life. Go Blue Team! There is a series of competitions in which you have to sign up for at least two of the activities. Your team gets points for cheering at meals, activities, and for just being positive. The theme is different every year and this year the theme was Disney Character Oscars. The teams were the Blue Dorys from Finding Nemo, the Green Mike Wazowskis from Monsters Inc., the Red Incredibles from The Incredibles, and the White Woodys from Toy Story. Unfortunately the green team were the victors. I was disappointed the Blue Team didn't win but we gave our best effort, so I'm proud.

Throughout camp, I missed my family, my dog, my cat, and my home friends. Yet, at the end of the day, I was so happy to be there with these amazing people, girls, and friends. I'm so grateful for everything the Savannah Jewish Federation has done to provide my time back at Camp Blue Star. I cannot wait to go back to Blue Star next year to see my friends!



Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director
Early Childhood
Education

the many activities and programs in which the children, families and teachers have participated:

There was an Open House for prospective families in January with excellent attendance and interest in the program. Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year and the Summer Program opened in February with many families registering their children for the new year.

Teachers took part in Professional Development Workshops which included learning about Professional Learning Communities (PLC), Supervision of and Music education for young children. PLCs provide teachers an opportunity to learn together in a collaborative way. Also, as a part of the Jewish Community Center Association, the preschool teachers are supported by professionals including the social worker extraordinaire, Rachel Schwartz. Once a month, Rachel meets virtually with teachers to lend her support and offer strategies on dealing with specific issues of individual children, classroom management, and routines. Teachers value this time with her as they implement the ideas in order to help the children be successful at school.

The children in all of the classes

Eye on education

A Place for Teachers, Children, and Families

It has been an exciting time at JEA Preschool Savannah these past few months. Here are some highlights of

have been involved in making their own class Havdallah bags. As a result of this project, each child can hold an item during our Monday morning Havdallah service. Whether it's a three braided candle, a bag of sweet smelling spices, or a decorated cup,

the children all feel a part of this experience. As we gather together, a feeling of community permeates the halls. What a special way to separate the holiness of the Shabbat from the weekdays.

Ms. Penny has also been planting seeds with the children in classroom pots including marigolds, snapdragons, zinnias and

pineapple tops. The children can't wait to see what sprouts and then transplant them when the weather gets warmer into the flower garden.

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has been very busy planning and organizing its major fundraiser for the Preschool - The Art Bash.

On March 7, we hope you will join us for an evening of fun and building community. There will be a silent and live auction, along with pictures of each child to purchase. Open bar and light bites available along with seeing old and meeting new friends at West House Art and Bar. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. The funds raised will be used to create an outdoor learning space and professional development opportunities for the teachers.

Come see for yourself all that is happening at JEA Preschool Savannah. You'll be glad you did!



YOM HASHOAH

ANNUAL HOLOCAUST OBSERVANCE

Sunday, April 19

4:00 p.m.

Jewish Educational Alliance



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PURIM CELEBRATION

Monday, March 9th at 5:30 p.m.

**Dinner, Magician & Magic Show, Megillah Bonanza,
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SHABBAT SERVICES:

Friday 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday 9:45 am Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon

Saturday Mincha following Kiddush

Saturday Evenings Maariv & Havdalah

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Wednesday 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

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Wednesday, March 25, 6pm
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JOIN US FOR
**AN IRISH JEWISH
WHISKEY AND BBQ
MEN'S SEDER**

MARCH 24, 6PM
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Hadassah Welcomes Jewish Baking Expert March 23rd

Hadassah Savannah is sponsoring *An Evening with Shannon Sarna Goldberg* on Monday, March 23 at Congregation Mickve Israel at 6pm.

Shannon Sarna is the Founding Editor of *The Nosh* website, a contributing writer to Kveller.com and co-host of Kveller's podcast *Call Your Mother*.

Shannon grew up in upstate New York immersed in performance and music and surrounded by diverse culinary experiences. Her Sicilian-American mother loved to bake, her Ashkenazi-Jewish father loved to experiment, and her grandfather was a food chemist who patented Tang, among other products.

Her first cookbook, *Modern Jewish Baker: Challah, Babka, Bagels and More*, was released in September 2017. Her writing and recipes have been featured in *Bake from Scratch* magazine, *Parade* magazine, *Tablet* magazine, *JTA News*, *New Jersey Monthly* maga-

zine, *Vinepair* and *Modern Loss*.

At the program on March 23rd, Shannon will speak about her Jewish journey and conduct an interactive demonstration of baking babka. Cop-

ies of *Modern Jewish Baker* will be available for purchase and signing. Hadassah Savannah also will recognize its Life Members. Shannon graduated from Smith College in Northampton, MA, with a degree in Comparative Government

and Spanish Language and Literature. She lives in South Orange, NJ, with her husband, three children, two rescue dogs and a bunny named S'mores.

Seating is limited so reservations—by March 19th—are required; Hadassah members \$36, guests \$54 (includes a one-year Hadassah membership). <https://bit.ly/3lqawWP> for online registration or RSVP to Lynn Levine — lynnlevine@aol.com or (912) 232-1019.



Shannon Sarna
photo by Emily Goodstein

PJOW Book Review: *Time Tunnel: Jerusalem Under Siege*

By Ben Jensen

Today I am going to review *Time Tunnel: Jerusalem Under Siege* by Galila Ron-Feder Amit. I was excited to read my very first PJ our way book! The idea of a tunnel taking you through time sounded exciting. So I decided to read it. I hate to say it, but the book was pretty dull. Honestly, I had a hard time getting to the end. But I did, and I can say now while the book was boring, the historical information was all stuff I never knew. My mom and I had a

LONG conversation about Israel, and how it became the country, it is today. So overall, I give this book three stars for reading but ten

stars for history facts to learn and to talk about with your parents. Check back next month for another PJ OUR WAY book review.



Ester Rabhan,
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Eye on education

Rambam Day School Happenings....

We are mid-way through the year. Wow! Time flies. Our middle school students just came back from a three day field trip to the 4-H on Jekyll Island.

They ran relay races on the beach, climbed trees, studied wildlife, caught whatever was in the lake and looked at it under a microscope. They ate, slept some and had loads of fun! The weather was cloudy and rainy, but every picture sent on WhatsApp was filled with smiling faces.

Our 7th and 8th grade students all participated in a school science fair and each student also participated in the regional science fair. At the regional fair, they stand near their projects on their own (the teacher is not allowed to be with them) and they are interviewed by several judges. That experience alone is wonderful for these middle school students.

Shayna Rosen placed 3rd in her category- Biomedical and Health Sciences.

Aliza Kreisel placed 3rd in her category- Earth and Environmental Science. Aliza was also chosen to attend the State (only 12 Middle School Students for 16 GA Counties were picked for State).

Rambam began a project called H.E.A.R.T. which stands for Helping Everyone Achieve Real Togetherness. The goal of the project is for students to fill their sheet of hearts with signatures from adults who can attest to them doing a real chesed (kindness) for someone. This project will hopefully increase our students' awareness of how often they have opportunities to choose to do something good.

We dedicated the program in honor of a friend of RDS whom we hope merits a refuah shleima (a speedy recovery) through all the

good deeds being done in their honor. What better way to implore the Almighty's mercy than through young children making good choices and helping others with kind deeds?

These are the words of Mr. Buddy Reed, after spending time talking about his life with Eighth Grader, Shlomo Lob. Mr. Buddy Reed, resident of Buckingham South expressed, "Thank you so much for that. That young man made me feel really special."

Rambam's Better Together Program is a program that encourages students and senior citizens to develop an inter-generational relationship. The eighth graders met with various residents in September to introduce themselves, and they have continued visiting and connecting.

There is an art to throwing a frisbee and our students are learning in PE what that art is. So, the next time you want a great game of frisbee, look for a Rambam middle school student.

Our pre-school was learning about winter and even had snow! Snow in Savannah?! Nope only in Rambam Day school. Our three and four year old's had a visit with firemen and their firetruck. They had the best time hearing the siren and chatting with the firemen.

Kindergarten also visited with residents from Buckingham South. They went right before Chanuka and sang Chanuka songs.

Our students are learning a lot in art and making beautiful projects. Third and fourth grade made pastel pie slices and warm and cool cityscapes. One class used tints and shades to create menorahs. Kindergarten made leaf prints with leaves and rollers. First grade used primary colors and horizontal/vertical lines in their Mondrian style paintings.

Lots more going on in Rambam.



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Shirley Pike Mirkis Of Blessed Memory

Shirley Pike Mirkis, or as we liked to call her Shirley Mae, died January 23, 2020 at home in Jacksonville, Florida surrounded by family and friends. She was 86.

Shirley was born and raised in Savannah, Georgia and attended Savannah High. She graduated top in her class and was admitted into the National Honor Society. She spent one year at the University of Georgia and then transferred to Armstrong Junior College where she studied to become a medical technologist. Shirley was always an active member of her community becoming a docent at the Hebrew Union College (Cincinnati, Ohio), chairing the Brandeis Book Sale (Cincinnati, Ohio) and tutoring the disabled (Jacksonville, Florida).

Shirley is predeceased by her husband of 55 years, Leo Mirkis, her brother Dr. Benjamin Pike; mother and father, Gertrude and Sam Pike. She is survived by her daughters and their husbands: Sherry and Dr. Larry Kline of San Diego, Califor-

nia; Helene and Jim Rosenthal of New York City; granddaughters, Samantha Rosenthal of Los Angeles, California and Zoe Rosenthal of New York City; unsurpassed caregiver, Victoria Jones; and trusted friends and gossip swappers of over 50 plus years, Sara Litwin of Cincinnati, Ohio; Bobbie Margol of Jacksonville, Florida and Joanne Vigner of Atlanta, Georgia.

In lieu of flowers, please send remembrance donations to: The Shirley Pike Mirkis Women and Alzheimers Research Fund: <https://giveto.ucsd.edu/giving/home/gift-referral/e5f90f27-48c3-4805-be97-a3f3e9d6cbb2> or by check to UCSD Foundation, Attn: Cassondra Randolph: Shirley Mirkis Fund, 9500 Gilman Drive #0141, La Jolla, CA 92093-0141.



Your Campaign Dollars At Work

My Summer at Blue Star

By Ellie Neil

Once again, Camp Barney Medintz was the highlight of my year. Camp has given me many things over the years

such as confidence, friendships, and Jewish knowledge. It gets better and better every year, and this year was my favorite! I had the best month of my life, and I made so many memories and new friends that I

will never forget. I had amazing counselors who taught me so much, and they made my experience at camp even better than it was. I can't wait to be a counselor because I want to make a big impact on my campers experience like my counselors have to me. My favorite part about camp is Shabbat because the whole camp gets together for services, and we eat dinner with our camp family. We sing songs in circles with our entire unit, and it is so special to me.

I also enjoyed going on a trip called 3-day with my whole unit. We went to so many fun places together like a creek and a fun factory. I bonded with many people that I didn't really know before.

During the school year, I miss camp so much, and I think about how good of a time I had there. I meet up with my best friends during the

year, and we talk about our memories from camp. If it weren't for camp, I would never have these strong connections. This year at camp, I got closer with everyone in my unit, and we all made memories together. I got to know many more people this year, and I am so excited to meet more people next year. I am so grateful that I have the opportunity to spend my summer in this amazing way. Camp has really changed my life and made me a better person.



Ellie Neil (far left) with bunk mates



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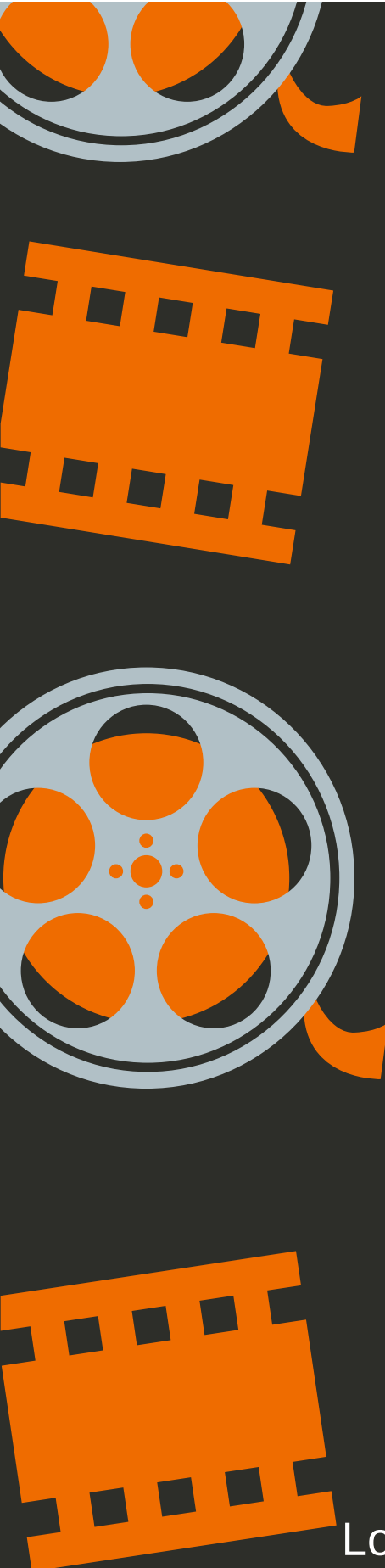
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