



Candle Lighting Times

Friday, November 2, 2018	6:16 p.m.
Saturday, November 3, 2018	7:10 p.m.
Friday, November 9, 2018	5:20 p.m.
Saturday, November 10, 2018	6:16 p.m.
Friday, November 16, 2018	5:16 p.m.
Saturday, November 17, 2018	6:12 p.m.
Friday, November 23, 2018	5:12 p.m.
Saturday, November 24, 2018	6:10 p.m.
Friday, November 30, 2018	5:11 p.m.
Saturday, December 1, 2018	6:09 p.m.

Savannah Jewish Film Festival - Making the Right Selection

By Jacqui Drazen

Each year the Savannah Jewish Film Festival hopes to inspire the community to look at new levels of social and cultural understanding. We hope to entertain and engage diverse audiences with film through a Jewish lens. The Savannah Jewish Film Festival (SJFF) is a cinematic exploration of Jewish experience, Jewish culture and history, life in Israel, and the work of Jewish artists, particularly where these stories intersect with other communities both here in Savannah and around the world. Seeking to use the power of film to both entertain and educate, SJFF challenges conventional perspectives on complex and challenging issues facing the Jewish and global communities.

The 15th Annual Joan and Murray Gefen Memorial Savannah Jewish Film Festival, running January 23 through February 2, 2019 at the Jewish Educational Alliance, will offer a diversified and exciting selection

of films. The ten days of screenings include documentary, drama, romance and comedy from all aspects of Jewish life.

This year the SJFF committee that works to select films that will be seen in the festival is made of a new, eclectic bunch. Mixed in with members that have sat on the Film Fest committee for over five years, this year we have lots of new perspective. We have some younger members that are sure to provide a new take on films. We have members that are new to Savannah and members that have been coming to watch the films for years that want to partake in the selection process this year.

The selection process has changed a little in recent years. With everyone being so busy after work hours, Film Festival coordinator, Jacqui Drazen, has made it more accessible to be on the Savannah Jewish Film Festival Committee without having to commit to many in-person meetings. “I am

able to just send everyone on the committee the links to watch the movies, along with an evaluation form. They can watch the film on their own time and get back to me with what they thought of the film and if they think it should be featured in our festival. I think it’s a great way to get people that wouldn’t normally be involved in the film festival because of their schedule a chance to participate.”

Another aspect that was new to the Savannah Jewish Film Festival last year was the survey the committee sent out after the festival was over. We collected a lot of good data to help the planning process this year. The SJFF committee will be busy for the next few months watching films and hand selecting ones they think would be right for our Savannah Community. Watch your mail for complete details on the Festival schedule. Several Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

See you at the movies!

Welcome New Community Engagement Coordinator, Caitlin Gardner

Caitlin Gardner is a native of Sarasota, Florida where she was an active member of the Jewish community. Her Jewish leadership roles began in high school, where she served as USY chapter president, and continued in college at the University of Central Florida. She embraced all opportunities to express her passion for academia, Life Sciences, and Judaism. She joined Hillel at UCF and took her first trip to Israel with Taglit-Birthright Israel. She helped establish the Chabad on Campus, which now has 400 students every Shabbat. Chabad became a second home where she met her husband, Zachary, and served as the Israel Programming Chair. She graduated from UCF in 2010 with a major in Biology and minor in Judaic Studies.

After college, she followed her brother to Israel, where he was serv-

ing as a chayal boded (lone soldier) in Tzanzanim (paratrooper) in the IDF. At 22, Caitlin bought a one-way ticket to Israel and joined MASA-Career Israel program for young professionals to volunteer, travel, and gain global exposure to their respective fields. She interned as a researcher at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. Through her work in parasitology, she gained acceptance to the Technion Graduate School, where she earned a Master’s of Science in Biology and became a liaison for the American Technion Society. She learned Hebrew, developed a



Caitlin Gardner
Community Engagement
Coordinator

deep understanding of Israeli culture, and gained citizenship.

Caitlin moved to Savannah in the Spring of 2015 to join her husband who was stationed at Ft. Stewart. She previously developed community medicine research programs at Memorial Health. Zachary is now retired from the military and is an operations manager for Amazon and a member of the Savannah Jewish War

Veterans. Caitlin and Zachary live in Midtown with their two labradoodles, Maxx and Miri. Caitlin is enthusiastic to channel her academic, religious and cultural experiences to further enrich the warm community of Savannah.

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The JEA & the Savannah Jewish Federation Present:
The Joan & Murray Gefen Memorial
Savannah Jewish Film Festival
 January 23-February 2, 2019

2019 SJFF Sponsorship Opportunities

Producer

\$800

4 Full Festival Passes
 4 Full Meal Passes (to include every lunch & dinner)
 4 Opening Night Champagne Party Passes
 4 Finale Reception Passes
 Producer Listing in Festival Program Guide & Promotional Material
 Signage during the Festival
 Four Week Enews Sponsor (\$144 Value)
 Rotating onscreen name or logo recognition before each film at the festival
 Opportunity to display corporate collateral during event

Director

\$650

2 Full Festival Passes
 2 Full Meal Passes (to include every lunch & dinner)
 2 Opening Night Champagne Party Passes
 2 Finale Reception Passes
 Director Listing in Festival Program Guide & Promotional Material
 Signage during the Festival
 Two Week Enews Sponsor (\$72 Value)
 Rotating onscreen name or logo recognition before each film at the festival
 Opportunity to display corporate collateral during event

Writer

\$500

2 Full Festival Passes
 2 Full Meal Passes (to include every lunch & dinner)
 2 Opening Night Champagne Party Passes
 2 Finale Reception Passes
 Writer Listing in Festival Program Guide & Promotional Material
 Signage during the Festival

Actor

\$300

2 Full Festival Passes
 4 Meal Passes (to include lunches and/or dinners,
 Reservation must be made ahead of time)
 2 Finale Reception Passes
 Actor Listing in Festival Program Guide & Promotional Material
 Signage during the Festival

Editor

\$150

1 Full Festival Passes
 1 Meal Pass (to include a lunch or a dinner,
 Please make reservation to reserve your spot ahead of time)
 Editor Listing in Festival Program Guide & Promotional Material
 1 Finale Reception Pass
 Signage during the Festival

Full Festival Movie Pass (Admits one to all films and Opening Night Champagne Party)
\$120 for Community Members or \$100 for JEA Members

Single Movie Tickets (Can be purchased at door 30 minutes prior to film):
\$12 for Community Members or \$10 for JEA Members

Movie & Meal Pass (must be purchased in advance):
Lunch \$15 for Community Members or \$13 for JEA Members
Dinner \$25 for Community Members or \$20 for JEA Members

Opening Night Champagne Party & Movie
What better way to kick off our festival than with a party!
Help us celebrate our first night of fun with hor d'oeuvres & cocktails
Party 6:00 pm, Film 7:00 pm
\$25 for Community Members or \$20 for JEA Members



MAKE A DIFFERENCE... MAKE AN IMPACT... MAKE A FILM FESTIVAL



Adam Solender
Executive Director
JEA/SJF

Executive Director's Message Annual Campaign

Every year around this time of year, the Savannah Jewish Federation undertakes an Annual Community

Campaign to meet our local, national, and international needs. Our impressive system of services is funded mainly by this campaign; it is our community's "bread and butter."

This year through our Federation system, hundreds of Jews were served meals and provided free groceries; received health care assistance, including prescription medicines; were given emergency cash for missed mortgage payments, rent, utilities and other necessities; and received scholarships to attend college, Jewish camps, Israel experience programs, and preschool.

We can't plug every hole. But, make no mistake, THIS Federation will not allow Jews to go hungry or be put out into the street, if we can help it.

We are able to make this pledge first and foremost because so many

generous people trust and rely on us to do the right things in the right ways on their behalf. Effectively and efficiently, with rachmonous on our part and dignity for those we help.

We are cited as one of Savannah's most cost effective nonprofit organizations. Our astonishingly low combined fundraising expense is 2.1%! We are proud of that ratio and of the hard earned trust so many place in us. No other charity in Savannah has a higher four star rating. (Charity Navigator).

When floods effected Puerto Rico, Houston, Florida and North Carolina, our Federation raised essential funds that helped repair lives;

When the community needed a "next-gen" leadership training program, the Federation developed, funded, and provided the high quality program, Yesod, to twenty present and future Jewish community leaders (stay tuned for the announcement of those participating in Yesod Cohort II);

When members of the community have insufficient funds to fill their holiday tables, the Federation provided gift cards for food;

When the JEA needed additional

funds for transporting students from schools and for BBYO transportation, it was the Federation who made a special grant and an additional no-interest loan for the purchase(s);

When a Holocaust survivor needed financial support for her health insurance, your Federation was there with the help:

The Federation organized the recent Operation Isaiah, which contributes hundreds of pounds of food to the hungry in our community;

It is times like these that demonstrate how utterly indispensable the Federation model in general and this Federation in particular are to the quality of life in our community.

Who else but the Federation can mobilize to meet these challenges?

Who else but the Federation can so swiftly shift resources to feed, clothe and shelter struggling families?

Who else but the Federation can provide the necessary grants to Hillel, BBYO, Shalom School, Savannah Jewish Archives, Jewish Agency for Israel, JDC, ADL, and dozens of other organizations that enhance and reflect our lives?

And the work of this Federation is a reflection of our tradition, our values, and our 275 year history in Savannah and our thousands of years of history as a people.

Let us remember: We are the people who helped drain the swamps and made the desert bloom, who rescued Soviet and Ethiopian Jewry. We are the ones who pioneered foster care and community-based services over institutionalization for our orphans and our elders, the ones who launched vocational training and respite care for people of all faiths with special needs, the ones who helped generations of immigrants become American citizens and lift themselves out of poverty. And I promise you: We're up to today's challenges, too.

Ralph Waldo Emerson's words resonate still today: *"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny compared to what lies within us."* What lies within the Savannah Jewish community—great strength, vision, compassion, and unity—should give us all great hope.

As we look confidently to the future, it is that time of year when we renew our most binding commitments to family, loved ones, and to each other. We extend our hopes and prayers for this wonderful community, for our great country, for our beloved Israel and for the sacred work of this Federation as we go from strength to strength with the Federation Annual Community Campaign 2019.

KONTER-WEILAND COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, January 12 • 8 pm • JEA
Doors open 30 minutes before show time
Open Bar & Dessert Reception

Limited Seating!

This event has been sold out each and every year

Tickets are FREE to:

JEA members in good standing (limit of (1) ticket for individual memberships or (2) tickets for family memberships)

OR

Contributors to the 2018 Savannah Jewish Federation campaign (minimum gift of \$50 per person)

Tickets are available for pick up at the JEA

beginning Monday, December 10
9am - 6pm ONLY

We are unable to mail tickets or accept telephone RSVPs.

This comedy event is made possible by the Lawrence Konter & Bertram Weiland Jewish Cultural Arts Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah



Erin Jackson



Gary Gulman

The Magic of Reading: Rock 'n Read 2018

By: Allison Konter,
JEA Preschool PTO President

We are excited to announce that the JEA Preschool's annual celebration of reading, the "Rock 'n Read" is coming soon! On Sunday, November 4th from 3:30-5:30, come share in the "Magic of Reading" with children of all ages. This annual event celebrates and kicks off the Preschool's week long Scholastic Book Fair. The book fair will be open during the event, and books will be available for purchase for children of all ages. We will have preschool level books through chapter books for older readers.

The Rock 'n Read is our annual event that announces the beginning of the book fair and allows children to celebrate reading. This year's event will feature a magic

show beginning at 4:15. Additionally, there will be craft activities and reading corners based around our magical theme. The "Rock 'n Read" is truly a rockin' party with music, crafts, snacks, and a show! All of these activities help children and parents express their enthusiasm for reading. We hope that everyone will put the Rock 'n Read on their calendars and come celebrate the "Magic of Reading" on November 4th.

If you cannot attend the Rock 'n Read, the book fair will be open the following week: Monday, November 5th- Friday November 9th. The book fair is a great place to purchase holiday gifts for family, or to simply grow your child's book collection at home. We look forward to seeing you in November for our reading celebrations!

Book Fair Information:
Rock n Read (Book fair kick off)
Sunday, November 4th 3:30-5:30;
JEA large auditorium
Magic Show: 4:15

Book Fair: Monday, November 5th – Friday November 9th
Sales are open:
Monday: 8:00-9:30; 12:00-1:00;
4:00-6:00
Tuesday: 8:00-9:30; 4:00-6:00
Wednesday: 8:00-9:30; 4:00-6:00
Thursday: 8:00-9:30; 12:00-1:00;
4:00-6:00
Friday: 8:30-10:00*; 12:00-1:00;
4:00-6:00
*sales will continue after the preschool Shabbat celebration

Dr. Joel and Carol Towbin Greenberg to receive Hadassah's Highest Honor

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, will bestow its highest honor, The Myrtle Wreath Award, to Dr. Joel and Carol Towbin Greenberg. This honor recognizes an individual or individuals who have made a significant contribution to Jewish life either in the United States or in Israel.

Hadassah Savannah will present the prestigious Myrtle Wreath Award at a celebratory dinner which will take place at 5:30 pm on Sunday, November 18, 2018, at the Jewish Educational Alliance.

Everyone who knows Carol and Joel agrees that their devotion to Hadassah and its medical mission, as well as their dedication to Jewish life here in Savannah, more than qualifies them to receive this prestigious award. Carol M. Towbin Greenberg is the founder and Creative Director of MorningStar Cultural Arts Group, a non-profit founded in 1989 that has created and donated 900 unique, free programs to Savannah. The events are for multi-generational and multicultural audiences in an attempt to bridge differences between people, support emerging artists, and supply volunteers in collaboration with dozens of community non-profits. Morningstar also advocates for genetic and gynecological diseases and, since 2013, promotes better nutrition, especially for children, with the establishment

of the Midtown Miracle Community Garden.

Carol also served nine years as a Cultural Arts Commissioner and additionally on the Park & Tree Committee for the City of Savannah, and on the National Council for Jewish Boy Scouts. She has dedicated countless volunteer hours to the Jewish Educational Alliance and the Girl Scouts USA. Carol's dedication to Hadassah runs deep. She is a Centennial Founder, a past Vice President of the Southeastern Region, an active Past-President of Hadassah Savannah Chapter.

Joel, a respected Neurologist in our community, is no stranger to service within both the Jewish community and the community at-large. Joel is a Past President of Congregation Mickve Israel, the Savannah Jewish Federation and the Jewish Educational Alliance. Each of these organizations have benefited from years of his leadership and dedicated service as he served on their Boards, led community and capital campaigns, and mentored rising leaders, all with his famed wit and sense of humor. Together, Joel and Carol were catalysts within Savannah's Russian Resettlement Project, welcoming emigrants and showing them how to embrace not only our community, but also their Judaism. Other organizations to benefit from Joel's dedication include Rambam Day

School, Shalom School, The Savannah Symphony, and the Coastal Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He also is an active Associate of Hadassah Medical Organization.

Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) was founded by the Woman's Zionist Organization of America over 100 years ago, and has defined health care in Israel and consequently the world. It is about compassion and healing. It is about life for more than one million patients each year. Building bridges to peace is at the core of HMO's mission. The doctors at Hadassah hospitals treat all who come through their doors regardless of race, religion or ethnicity. HMO is the only medical organization in Israel to have been nominated for the Noble Peace Prize.

HMO is at the forefront of stem cell research, and it has achieved enormous success in stem cell clinical trials. Other exciting, life changing advances are occurring in treatments for ALS, cancer, heart disease, macular degeneration, diabetes, and many neurodegenerative diseases.

Please join us in honoring Carol and Joel, who are only the second local recipients to receive this most prestigious award! Tickets are \$65 per person; for more information please contact Sue Adler, susandemberadler@gmail.com.



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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.

Advertising submissions must be in a high-resolution, "press" quality PDF format with fonts embedded. For best results, photos and other artwork within advertisements should also be high resolution (300 dpi), .jpg, .tif, or .psd files. All color must be in the CMYK color format; "true" black preferred.

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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.

Submit letters to sjnews@savj.org. The Savannah Jewish News retains full and sole discretion about which letters to publish.

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.

Four Questions

for the rest of the year

With Jacob Hirsch

What is your background? Where are you from? Why did you choose SCAD? What is your major?

I'm currently a Sophomore at SCAD studying for a major in Advertising with a minor in Film. I'm from South Orange New Jersey, and was Vice President for my synagogue's youth group. Because of this, joining SCAD Hillel's was just a natural fit for me!

My best friend had told me about SCAD when we were looking for schools (we would frequently make films together in high school). So I decide to come visit, and I instantly fell in love with both the school and the city! After taking the class "Intro to Advertising" last year, I decided to switch my major from Film to Advertising.

What makes the SCAD Engagement Ambassador program so important? Why is it meaningful for you?

I believe the SCAD Engagement Ambassador is so important because it helps inform students on all the fun and amazing activities Hillel has planned. It's meaningful to me because coming into my freshman year of SCAD, I wasn't sure if there was even a Jewish presence in Savannah, but after becoming a member of Hillel and seeing how many Jewish students there actually are, and how active the community here is, I feel it's important



Jacob Hirsch
SCAD Engagement
Ambassador

to help other Jewish student realize they are not alone.

SCAD is a unique campus. What are the challenges of being Jewish on campus? What are the opportunities?

I come from an area where even though Jewish people are still a minority, most people are aware of the Jewish presence, and are informed about many of the Jewish tradi-

tions and holidays. Coming to SCAD, most people I met were not familiar with many of the Jewish traditions, or sometimes, not even familiar with what "being Jewish" even meant. While this might at times be seen as a struggle, it allows me to have a unique perspective among my peers and has allowed me to be even more open and accepting of everyone I meet, knowing that like many others here, I am a part of the many people who help diversify SCAD.

What can the Savannah Jewish Community do to help Jewish life on the SCAD campus?

In my year being here, the Jewish community of Savannah has been very grateful by supporting and hosting events for Jewish life at SCAD. All I would say to the Savannah Jewish Community is to keep being strong and awesome, and us students will be grateful! Thank you for everything you have done for us!

Like to read Jewish-related books?

The Savannah Jewish News is compiling a list of people to read and write reviews of Jewish-themed books that we receive.

Your substantive review would be about 250 words and include your name and affiliation to any organization, if useful to the reader.

You'll return the book to us with your review so that we may repurpose it. If interested, please email sjn@savj.org



Ages 6 months to 8 years old



Ages 9-11 years old

What does PJ stand for?

Pajamas! Those special times of reading, and singing together happen when your children are wearing their pajamas.

Who is eligible?

Families with children 6 months - 11 years old with at least one Jewish parent in the home residing in the Savannah area.



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For more information email pjlibrary@savj.org.

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Save the Date!

Savannah Teen Weekend



**March 1-3,
2019**

For more information,
contact Caitlin Gardner,
Community Engagement
Coordinator, at
engagement@savj.org or
912.355.8111.

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The Annual Quest for a Chanukah Stamp

We recently got an email from Ronald J. Scheiman, the "champion of The Quest for Annual Hanukkah Stamps," www.hanukahstampquest.com. Scheiman's campaign started in 1993 with a demand that the post office issue a stamp for Chanukah.

Success came in 1996 but Scheiman was not satisfied. Scheiman wants there to be a newly-designed Chanukah stamp every year. Despite some new designs over the past 22 years, his requests for annual designs have gone mostly unfulfilled.

According to his Web site, the primary reason for the Postal Ser-

vice not granting his wish is that the demand for new Chanukah stamps just isn't there.

This year there is a new stamp which was issued on October 16th in Newport, RI at the Touro Synagogue. It went on sale nationally on that same day.

The word "HANUKKAH" is not on the stamp. The USPS says the word was omitted so that people might use the stamp all year long. If your local post

office does not have the Chanukah stamp available, please send an email to Hanukkah@att.net and include the city, state, and zip code and they will inform USPS and get them on hand. By the way, this is the 8th new design since 1996.



2018 Chanukah Stamp

President's Message Feelings of Fall



Edwin Byck
President
Savannah Jewish
Federation

My favorite season is Fall. I remember jumping in piles of leaves that my father had raked in the yard. I

remember the anticipation for Halloween. As a parent now, I do not know who enjoys the treats more, the kids or the parents. I remember going to Fall Festivals where I saw all sorts of hand-made crafts and drank apple cider. I remember going to the Coastal Empire Fair and eating candied apples.

The colors seem brighter and the sky seems clearer in the Fall. In Savannah, we can all leave our air conditioned environments and get outside. I encourage you and your family to walk downtown, visit our State and National parks, or take a walk on Tybee when the temperature is under ninety degrees. I assure you that it will be the attitude adjustment that we all need after the long summer months.

Our community has lots of activities to keep you busy in the fall. Federation kicked off its annual campaign on October 4th in grand style. Jeff

Goldman gave us insights from his thirty plus years of being a reporter covering the White House. This year campaign's chair, Linda Sacks, reminded us how our individual gifts to the Campaign makes a difference. During the coming months the Federation will hold programs and events that aim to educate, inspire, and yes, raise money for Our Community.

The JEA and each synagogue have different spiritual and community wide activities during the fall/early winter months. The JEA is having their inaugural Oy Vey 5K, Shalom New York is on the 16th of December, Joel & Carol Greenberg are being honored on Nov 18th with the Myrtle Wreath Award Dinner, Shalom Ya'll Jewish Food Festival is October, 28th, and the Gilee Shabbat is November 2nd. Please get involved with the numerous opportunities that our community provides us. Check the Community calendar for all scheduled festivals and events. Call the JEA at or visit the community calendar at www.savj.org/community-calendar. Fall is the perfect time to turn over a new leaf, no pun intended, and see what Savannah and Savannah Jewish Community has to offer.

2018

BNAI BRITH JACOB SYNAGOGUE PRESENTS

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DR. BENJAMIN WARSAW

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SUNDAY, THE 16TH OF DECEMBER

AT SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
CONCERT BEGINS AT HALF PAST SEVEN
5444 ABERCORN STREET, SAVANNAH, GA

TICKETS: SINGLE \$150 • PAIR \$300
CORPORATE TABLE SPONSORSHIP: \$2,500 | TABLE SPONSORSHIP: \$1,200
OPEN BAR AND CONCERT ONLY (ENTRANCE AT 7:30PM): \$50

Savannah Jewish
Film Festival
Presents...

Films for a Cause

November 8 • 7:00 pm
Jewish Educational Alliance

G.I. Jews

This documentary tells the story of the 550,000 Jewish American men and women who fought in World War II.

Tickets = \$10

This month, all proceeds from ticket sales benefit Savannah Jewish War Veterans

The JWV is the oldest Veterans Organization in the United States, having just celebrated its 120th anniversary in 2016.

Savannah Jewish Federation



The Jewish Educational Alliance presents a monthly program guide

CENTERPIECE

Jewish Educational Alliance _____ November 2018



Children's Programming

Saturday Night Out



Enjoy a night out on the town while the kids have fun! Your child will engage in themed activities, snacks, movies, and build strong friendships with other children from the community.
Program is open to children four years old – 5th grade.

Save the Dates:

November 10
December 8
January 12
February 9
March 9



It's back and BETTER than ever!!!

- Exciting new themes
- Brand new games
- Awesome and delicious snacks

Registration will open mid-October. For more information regarding themes and pricing, please continue to check out website, <https://www.savannahjea.org>

November 10 - Start Your Engines - Join us as we kick off Saturday Night Out right by taking it to the track as we venture out to Pooler Fun Zone for some go kart fun! Space is limited! A snack will be served.



Days at the J



November 12, 19, 20 & 21
8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Don't forget to bring a bathing suit, towel and lunch! This program is full of games, friends, sports, art, crafts, baking and field trips!

Cost: Member Value Price

\$40.00 - 1st child / \$38.00 - 2nd child

JEA Guests

\$50.00 - 1st child / \$48.00 - 2nd child

Ages: Pre-K - 8th Grade



To register, email kids@savj.org. For a complete schedule of activities visit savannahjea.org.



Adult Programming



Bridge	Wednesdays	1:00 to 5:00 pm
Scrabble	Wednesdays	6:30 to 8:30 pm
Mah Jongg	Mondays	2:00 to 4:00 pm
	Thursdays	2:00 to 4:00 pm



Community Garden

Love to garden? Become part of the JEA Garden Club and help work one of the 18 garden boxes at the Midtown Miracle Community Garden, three blocks north of the JEA. Excess produce and herbs are donated to Second Harvest to aid them in their mission to feed up to 6,000 children daily. For more details, "like" **Midtown Miracle Community Garden** on Facebook or email Carol Greenberg at MStarArts@gmail.com.

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 September 7, 2018)

Sarah Dryden
Richard Hopkins, Jr.
Janet Kaylo
Spencer Massie & Tara Conway
Chuck & Debbie Moeller
Jordan Tannen

JEA Donations

(thru 10/5/18)

ARKIN-CLARK GARDEN FUND

In memory of Gary Levy
In memory of Kenneth Edel
Nancie & Fred Clark
In memory of Jerald Cohen
In memory of Marilyn Seeman
Geraldine Greenberg
In memory of Marilyn Seeman
Jane Slotin
Nancy & Leon Slotin

JEA BUILDING FUND

In memory of Gary Levy
In memory of Kenneth Edel
Stacy & Jeff Lasky
In memory of Jerald Cohen
In memory of Marilyn Seeman
Donna & Tony Eichholz
In memory of Marilyn Seeman
Peggy & Stanley Harris
Ruth & Neal Markowitz

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In memory of Jerald Cohen
Jeannine & Aaron Altmann
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Food For Thought

Join Us Each Thursday at 12:30 pm

Nov. 1	<i>Savannah Postcard Project</i> Nick Palumbo	Nov. 15	<i>Lets Talk Mental Illness</i> Charity Lee
Nov. 8	<i>Beyond the Welcome</i> Jamie Richman	Nov. 22	<i>No Food For Thought</i> Happy Thanksgiving
		Nov. 29	<i>Chanukah</i> Rabbi Robert Haas

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

Join us for the JEA's First Annual 5K & Post Dash Chanukah Bash!

Sunday, December 9 • 3:00 pm

All ages are welcome to participate in the run/walk and the Community Chanukah Celebration



Registration includes:

- Race Participation (Timed)
- Entrance to the Post Dash Chanukah Bash which includes Food & Drink Tickets
- Participation Medal for every age group
- T-Shirt

\$36 Registration
Register online at savannahjea.org



Health & Wellness

Happy Birthday to the Indoor Pool!



Kirby Southerland
Aquatics Director

Twenty-five years ago, the Jewish Educational Alliance underwent some renovations to better the facility. Luckily, one of those renovations was the addition of an indoor pool.

The small three-lane pool has since seen

its fair share of activities. We have seen the health benefits of daily water aerobics classes, the advantages of aquatic physical therapy, and the stress floating away from our regular lap swimmers. We have seen people of all ages summoning the bravery to master the much-needed life skill of swimming.

We have seen our Days at the JEA children jump in with a smile on their faces,

because where else can a kid swim with all of their friends during the winter in Savannah? We've watched swimmers go from inexperienced to proficient with our developmental and competitive swim teams. We've hosted adults that have a desire to compete in triathlons as they put in the hours of practice in the pool to better themselves.

We've taught Lifeguard certification courses, swim instructor certification courses, and offered pool side personal training. Our lifeguards know their patrons, and they know them well. Like clockwork, we know that Jane Kahn will arrive at 9 am on Sunday morning to start her week with a nice workout and that Vera Hoffman and Riette Pollack will arrive together most mornings for a swim.

Thank you for helping us make these 25 years fun, safe and healthy.

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



with one-on-one care and state-of-the-art technology! To contact Dr. Fife about your physical therapy, please call 912-239-6140.



Fife Therapy is Expanding!



Kathy Ackerman
Fitness Director

FIFE THERAPY BALANCE/VESTIBULAR AND CONCUSSION PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that in October, Fife Therapy opened their second physical therapy space in the JEA Fitness Center. Located

across from the Fitness Center, this space is their new Balance/Vestibular, Concussion and Fall Risk Lab.

Fife Therapy will now employ the RightEye System. Using advanced, eye-tracking technology, the RightEye system uncovers issues that an observation-only exam cannot. This advancement is game-changing: it's now possible to pinpoint vision and brain health issues, identify the root cause of reading problems and improve athletic performance;

all from a five-minute test.

"We have the latest new technology and force plate platform that will tell us where your brain thinks your body is in comparison to your actual anatomic position. It will show the asymmetry of the body and mind. This is used for testing and training and will be combined with the RightEye technology where our computer will actually lock on to your eyes and track your eye movements," stated Dr. Fife.

This is the cutting-edge way to look into the function of the brain and how well it integrates the sensory inputs and allows us to move freely and safely.

Fife Therapy has been a welcome addition to the JEA. Many members and staff have benefited from the knowledge of Stuart and his staff. We are happy to say several of their clients have joined our JEA family and continue their progress as members.

Fife Therapy is a concierge-style practice



JEA Preschool Savannah News

Enroll Now 2018-19 School Year

Please call for enrollment availability

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

Rock & Read Sunday, November 4th, 3:30-5 pm Scholastic Book Fair November 5th-9th

Rock & Read is the kickoff to the Scholastic Book Fair. Bring the entire family for fun and to preview and purchase some wonderful children's books and items.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held each week day and is the perfect opportunity to purchase Chanukah gifts.



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.



November

in the JEA Art Gallery

Art Quilters of the Low Country

"Art in Stitches"

The "Art in Stitches" exhibit showcases fiber art by the Art Quilters of the Low Country. The Quilters use fabric, thread and quilting to create the illusion of 3-dimensional art. The images presented range from realistic to abstract.

The Quilters are four gals and a guy – Ron Hodge, Shaaron Thomas, Peg Weschke, Donna Stankiewicz and Jody Wigton.

Ron creates his art with various fabrics including linen, velvet, organza and many others but there is always one constant – his beautiful beading. Shaaron is an incredible artist who paints on silk and then quilts and embellishes with beads and thread painting. Peg creates realistic scenes of the beauty of the low country with fabric collages and thread-painting. Donna transforms her original drawings into gorgeous representational works of art. Jody uses color and improvisational piecing to create beautiful abstract art.

Each award-winning artist has a unique approach to their art that, when brought together, creates a must-see fiber exhibit.



"Morning Glories"
Ron Hodge



"BFFs"
Jodi Wigton

Artwork available for viewing November 1-30, 2018
Join us for the Art Gallery Reception November 4th, 1-3 pm

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(9/7/18-10/5/18)

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JEA Art Shows

Are you an artist? Would you like to show your work in the JEA Art Gallery?

We feature artists from different fields: oil painters, water colorists, sculptors, photographers, potters, quilters, textiles, mixed media, wood sculpture, mosaics and more!

Each show lasts an entire month, and you may choose to have an opening reception. There's no charge to use our space, but we do ask for a small percentage of anything sold.

Having a show at the JEA is a great way to have your work seen, and to help your community.

Please contact Vicky at vicky@savj.org to inquire about available months for your show!

Your Campaign Dollars at Work

My Camp Coleman Experience

My name is Jordan Foss. I am a freshman in high school. I attend Statesboro High School in Statesboro, GA. Statesboro is approximately 50 miles Northeast of Savannah on I16. It is rural community with very few Jewish people. My High School has approximately 1600 students, and I can honestly say, that I am the only Jew and I proudly wear my Jewish star and not hide who I am. During the past summer, I attended my 6th summer at URJ Camp Coleman in Cleveland, GA. Why did I include information about my high school, you may ask? To emphasize the difference that attending Jewish camp has made in my life.

Attending Jewish camp for the past six years has been life changing. This year, I was in the Keshet unit. Keshet means "connection". Most of the Keshet group has been coming to camp during the same session for many years. We have formed a strong connection both to our friendship and to our shared

bond of Judaism. Each year, the Keshet group goes on a 2-day trip that includes participation in a mitzvah project. Day 1



Jordan Foss

of the trip was spent caving and zip-lining. This gave our group another opportunity away from camp to bond.

There were many choices for the mitzvah project. I chose to spend my time at Camp Best Friends, a non-profit sleep-away camp for inner city kids. My friends and I played volleyball, soccer, and frisbee with the campers.

Working with children from the camp was rewarding and I realized how fortunate I am to go to a camp that values the spirit of mitzvot and allows for these experiences. Next year, will be my final year as a camper.

I am grateful to the Savannah Jewish Federation for their financial assistance in continuing the development of my Jewish identity. With their help, I have been blessed with the opportunity to go to such a wonderful place and make so many amazing connections and life long friendships. Thank you.

Savannah Reunion in Atlanta!

On the evening of Saturday, October 6th, more than 80 Savannahians reunited in Atlanta for a night of reminiscing and food inspired by the likes of Spanky's and Crystal Beer Parlor. The Savannah Jewish Archives had a presence at the event by including a slideshow of images from the General Photograph Collection as well as information about the wealth of archival materials now held at the Breman Museum. While attendees nostalgically snacked on chicken fingers and sliders, they were treated to historic images of the community that was bringing them together once again.

Thank you and congratulations to host committee members Robin Glass Feldman, Nancy Asher Bracker, Louis

Meddin, Sheri Klugman Simon, Barbara Kaplan Suway, Debbie Kole Shelton, Marcey Dolgoff Alter, Dale Gordon DeSena, and Roy Cranman.

The Savannah Jewish Archives hopes that this is just the beginning of Savannah related partnerships in Atlanta that will culminate in a traveling exhibition about the oldest Jewish community in the South.

Any questions about the Savannah Jewish Archives? Contact us at Iresnick@thebreman.org or jrkatz@thebreman.org.

There's history in your home! Please consider reaching out to make an appointment to explore the Archives if you're in Atlanta, or donating to our collection.



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Savannah Jewish Federation

SHABBAT SERVICES:

Friday 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday 9:45 am Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon
Mincha following Kiddush
Saturday Evenings Maariv & Havdalah



CONGREGATION
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DAILY SERVICES:

Sunday 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Monday 7:15 am & 6:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am & 6:00 pm
Friday 7:00 am & 6:00 pm



Join us for our Hanukkah Party, Wednesday, December 5th at 6:00 pm,

\$10 per person, \$25 per Family, RSVP to the AA office, 912-352-4737.

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Eugene Charles "Bucky" Bloom

Who died Friday, September 21, 2018.

He is survived by his three daughters: Margie (Ira) Albert, Stacey (Barry) Schlafstein, and Robin (David) Wolf plus seven grandchildren – Jennifer and Alex Albert – Ashley, Sara, and Jessica Schlafstein – and Megan and Matthew Wolf. He is also survived by his nieces and nephew – Marcy (Jim) Solmson, Carol (Mikael) Andersson, and Andy (John Stanton) Zwig.

Remembrance donations may be made to The University of Miami – Miller School of Medicine

Marilyn Arkin Seeman

Who died Sunday, September 23, 2018.

She is survived by her three children, Barbara (David) Gottlieb of Atlanta, Irvin (Linda) Seeman of Richmond, and Sharon (Bill) Sand of Savannah; six grandchildren, Michelle (Jeremy) Regenbogen of San Francisco, Leslie (Jonathan) Jolles of Atlanta, Ben Seeman of Richmond, Paul (Kelly) Seeman of Chicago, Matt (Jennifer) Sand of Atlanta, and Allison (Mark) Konter of Savannah; eleven great-grandchildren, Sofia, Lily, Olivia, Ashton, Abby, Sadie, Judd, Avery, Lila, Brooks and Reed; her brother, Dr. Murray Arkin of Savannah,

and nieces and nephews.

Remembrance donations may be made to Jewish Educational Alliance – 5111 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405.

William H. "Billy" Bateman, Sr

Who died Saturday, September 29, 2018.

He is survived by his wife of six years, Paulette Bateman, one daughter, Barbara Ann Adler, Griffin, GA, three sons, William "Bill" Bateman, Jr. (Jackie), Southern Pines, NC, Joseph "Joe" Bateman (Lynn), Stuart, Florida, and Ian Bateman (Shannon) of Florence, SC and 10 grandchildren. Also surviving is his former wife, and mother of his four children, Kim Bryan, Carthage, N.C.

Remembrance donations may be made to Congregation Mickve Israel, PO Box 816, Savannah, GA 31402-0816.

Judah "Jud" Kaplan

Who died Monday, October 1, 2018.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Judie Weiss Kaplan, son, Ronald J. Kaplan (Jane Kor), daughter, Marjorie Lynn Felser (Paul), grandchildren, Mya Leigh Felser and Jake Jay Felser, sister, Molly Hoagland, and many friends.

Remembrance donations may be made to the Yale Alumni Association.

IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE THAT
HADASSAH SAVANNAH PRESENTS

THE PRESTIGIOUS 2018

MYRTLE WREATH AWARD

IN HONOR OF

Dr. Joel and Carol Tourbin Greenberg

Sunday, November 18, 2018

5:30 in the evening

Jewish Educational Alliance

Dinner and open bar to follow

\$65 couvert per person

All additional contributions made benefiting the
Hadassah Medical Organization's Neurology Department
are tax deductible and will be acknowledged in framed artwork
to be presented to the Greenbergs at the event.

For more information, please contact Sue Adler, susandemberadler@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, December 13

Join Hadassah Savannah at

GrassRoots: Empowering Women To Advocate Change

6pm

at Congregation Mickve Israel



*We want to get to know you!
New to Savannah and want to get connected?*

*Want to help plan events?
Have ideas you want to share?*

*Just want to hang out?
Let us take you for coffee!*



We want to hear from you!

For more information about
Young Jewish Savannah
call Jacqui Drazen at 912-355-8111
or email yjs@savj.org.

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

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

Your Campaign Dollars at Work

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



Young Jewish Savannah

TRIVIA NIGHT

AT WORLD OF BEER

112 W Broughton St.

Wednesday • November 21 • 7:00

Contact Jacqui with any questions at
programming@savj.org





Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director
Early Childhood
Education

Eye on education Education- It’s for All of Us

As teachers and faculty working in a Preschool setting, the main goal is to teach the children in every area of growth and development-socially, emotionally, physically, academically, and spiritually. However, it is essential that we continue to educate ourselves in all of these areas, too. Our Jewish faith teaches us that we should always continue to learn and ask questions. At JEA Preschool Savannah, there are a variety of ways that we learn as individuals and as a community of educators.

There is a plethora of resources available in the ECE world that I encourage my teachers to explore. There are professional magazine articles to read on wonder and curiosity of children, family engagement, mindfulness, proper nutrition, social and emotional responsiveness, and the list goes on and on. There are learning opportunities that we experience together during our team teacher meetings where we discuss classroom management, challenging behaviors, and supervision of children. On Facebook, there are many

Early Childhood Educational groups that share informative websites and resources for educators. In addition, teachers have the opportunity to attend face to face workshops and online trainings to learn about children’s growth and development.

However, my favorite resource which I share with the teachers is podcasts which I listen to frequently. There are a number of shows that deal with progressive ideas when dealing with young children. Those podcasts include *Hi Mama, Pre-school and Beyond*, and *Unruffled*. As I review the podcasts in my library, a few of the shows include teachings about personal growth, religion, and contemporary issues.

Another continuing education opportunity that a few of the teachers recently participated in was attending the Georgia Association for The Education of Young Children (GAEYC) conference in Atlanta. It was a two day conference with numerous sessions that pertained to every aspect of the young child.

As educators, it is vital to continue learning and asking questions about our profession in order to provide positive outcomes for the children and growth within ourselves.



Ester Rabhan,
Principal
Rambam Day
School

Eye on education “No Mission (Kindness) Too Difficult, No Sacrifice Too Great, Duty (Caring) First” -1st Infantry Division

So much has taken place over the last few weeks. Our students acknowledged 9-11 in a most emotional and moving manner. Our elementary classes presented a poem. The poem spoke about the everyday things in life we want to make sure we don’t forget to do; brush our teeth, tie our shoes, wash our hands etc. Then the poem addressed things we don’t want to forget since 9-11; being kind, appreciating what we have, understanding the value of freedom and life.

Two Rangers from SFC Christopher Celiz’s (a parent of RDS who was killed in action, 7-12-18) platoon came and spoke to the children about 9-11. They answered some tough questions; for example, how come we didn’t know we were going to be attacked?

The Rangers also spoke about Christopher Celiz and what an incredible leader he had been to them, and how he would always be a part of their lives because of the examples he set. Chris’ daughter, Shannon who is in third grade, made sure to ask the Rangers any questions to which she wanted the students to know the answers. An example is; “What are those bracelets you are wearing?” The Rangers were wearing bracelets with Chris’s name, rank and date of his death. It was an emotionally, informative presentation.

Mr. Ron James visited our school

for the second time. Mr. James is an inspirational speaker who addresses the importance of making the right choices. He even has a film that will be airing soon about his life. Mr. James was in and out of prison for over twenty years and now he captures the respect and attention of his audience no matter the age with his humor and his story. Even though this was his second time coming to speak to our middle school students, they were enthralled. You can check out Mr. Ron James at www.RonL-James.com and you can check out his movie at www.ChoicesMovie.com.

For our middle school Succos activity, the children went to a place downtown called the Escape Room. They had to work together in teams to find their way out of a very clever, challenging room. They had a blast!

Then elementary and middle school were split up into Platoons – a mixture of elementary students’ platoons with middle school platoons and they had color war for a morning. Student council’s theme this year is the “Army”, working together for a greater good. The teams worked hard together and against one another for a day full of clever and fun activities.

Each student in grades 1st through 8th have dog tags to wear. Each dog tag has a different character trait printed on it. We are entrenched in working together for a greater good.

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On the Personal Side

Dr. Harris S. Greenberg, son of Dr & Mrs. Joel Greenberg married the love of his life, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Esq. last month with Rabbi Robert Haas officiating in Charlottesville, VA. Harris is a Middle Eastern archeologist currently working in the NY charter school system and she is a tax lawyer on Wall Street. They reside in Jersey City.



#GIVINGTUESDAY

Savannah Jewish Federation 2019 Annual Community Campaign

Tuesday, November 27
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

IT ALL STARTS WITH YOU...

*Make your 2019 Campaign Gift online at www.savj.org
AND
sign up to make calls by emailing
campaign@savj.org or call 912-355-8111.*



CONGREGATION MICKVE ISRAEL

**We have docent-led tours of our museum available
from 10:00am - 3:30pm Monday - Friday.**

**For a complete schedule of services & events,
check our website at www.mickveisrael.org**

**SERVICE HONORING VETERANS AND
CURRENT MILITARY PERSONNEL**

**November 10th at 11am
at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum
175 Bourne Ave Pooler, GA 31322**

THANK YOU, VETERANS

**Join us Veteran's Weekend as we honor
the men and women who have dedicated
themselves to our country in a very
special way by serving in the armed forces.**

***There will be no Kiddush lunch after service.
For more information, call 912-233-1547.***

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THE GENEROSITY WE RECEIVED FROM OUR SPONSORS,
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MICKVE ISRAEL STAFF

CONTEMPORARY SHABBAT

Friday, November 9, 6pm

*Join us for an uplifting Kabbalat Shabbat
service with upbeat music, some new tunes,
a guitar, and modern settings for
prayers from Mishkahn T'filah.
It's the place to be on Friday evening
to start your weekend off right.*

*Young Families, come socialize in
Monterey Square at 5:30pm and then
join your CMI Family in the sanctuary
for the Contemporary Shabbat service.*



Robin Rackoff

Mah Jongg and More

If you grew up in my Brooklyn neighborhood in the 1950s, there were two things that were a given – one was that you were Jewish, and the other was that your mother played mah jongg.

I'd come home from school on mah jongg day and the kitchen chairs would be on top of the table because my mother had just waxed the floor. The fruit platter would be on the counter, perfect circles of pineapple with a maraschino cherry in the middle of each.

The ladies would start arriving, with names like Yetta, Ethel and Gertie. When it was time for the game to begin, my mother would go out to the hall of our two-family house and yell to her sister upstairs, "Shirley, we're waiting for you!" (Who said a loud voice is not an asset?)

I would go to sleep to the lullaby of 4 dots and 3 bams. It was not surprising that in this neighborhood at that time, the 10-year-old daughters of these mothers would have their own weekly mah jongg game. No tennis or soccer for us. But my friends, with names like Gail and Barbara and Linda, would take our mothers' tiles and mah jongg cards and play after school. By the time we became teenagers though, in our bell-bottoms and love beads, the Beatles and

Woodstock were way more important than mah jongg. In fact, we wouldn't be caught dead doing something that our mothers would actually approve of. My anti-maj sentiment lasted for 20 years, until one day a friend asked me to sub in her game. Like riding a bike, I was back in action.

A lifetime later, my husband and I retired to Savannah. My moving boxes were barely unpacked when one of my new friends asked if I would teach her small group to play mah jongg. By the time I finished teaching those women, my in-box was filled with requests to be part of my next set of lessons. What next set of lessons? Definitely not how I planned to spend my retirement! I didn't have the heart, though, to say no to anyone who wanted to learn my favorite game, so I kept saying yes. To date, I've taught over 200 women and my in-box is still full.

While mah jongg is not the only successful Chinese/Jewish collaboration (just see who's eating at any Chinese restaurant on Christmas day), how did this ancient Chinese game become a favorite of Jewish women in 1930's New York?

How did the National Maj Jongg League come to be? When can you use a joker in a pair? (NEVER, of course!). In the future, we'll be talking about all things mah jongg. Until then, maj on!

Eva Locker,
Principal of
Shalom School

Eye on education

Parenting, A Tough Job!

Parenting lessons leap from the Torah: God is a great parent. From its most rewarding moment as Abraham follows trustfully in God's command (to sacrifice Isaac) to its most frustrating ones as an ungrateful Am Israel built the golden calf, the Torah is full of teaching moments between God and His children. Each Torah portion is the opportunity for parenting advice.

The Noah Torah portion tells us about the long process of building the ark. Very long commentaries explain, so the children have the opportunity to ask questions (why the ark) and time to process the answer. Our lesson from the Noah Torah portion is that even when completing a difficult and gigantic task, Noah took the time to answer/educate his children.

The Vayeshev Torah portion tells us about Jacob who loved his son Josef more than his other children, leading to terrible sibling jealousy. Our lesson from Vayeshev is that even though our children's needs are different, the way we express our love for them must always be the same. 54 Torah portions for 54 parenting lesson opportunities.

Parenting is a careful balance of love and discipline, the two most important gifts a parent can give a child. Therefore the two important messages to convey to a child ought to be clear, unequivocal and ongoing: 1- "I love you" and 2- "because I love you, I

have expectations of you".

Expectations are crucial as they teach our children responsibility, problem-solving, communications skills and much more. It helps them with developing values and learning how to choose right from wrong. Be clear with your child about your expectations while setting the path for his/her success in fulfilling them. For example, avoid creating situations in which the child is likely to misbehave. Anticipate such situations and plan ahead: by bringing along books, quiet toys and by giving the child breaks to run and talk. Most of us aspire to treat each of our children as an individual and consider his or her unique emotional needs. Set realistic expectations: ones that factor in the child's uniqueness. But in factoring in those you will inevitably bring the masses - other sibling(s) - to rebel under the slogan "it's not fair", making your job even harder.

As much as we aspire to follow Leviticus [19:2], where God invites us to be like God, "You should be holy because I am holy," we are only human. Fatigue, anger, and failure are likely to plague us often. When that does, it is the opportunity to model the ability to acknowledge that we wish we had behaved differently, to apologize so our children can learn from our mistakes as well.

Parenting is a job that never pauses. The process is long, tedious and exhausting, and is like mining for precious gems! But so is the reward.

Your Campaign Dollars at Work Throughout the World Camp Szarvas

As part of the 2017 Campaign and Allocations process, the Savannah Jewish Federation reapproved the Overseas Investment Grant program whereby community members recommend overseas agencies to receive \$500 investment grants. We are pleased to introduce to you the grant recipients.

Every summer, around 1,500 Jewish campers from over 20 countries attend Camp Szarvas, an educational program, where campers from around the world learn about their Judaism and about Jewish traditions at a high level, while also having fun and developing in an environment of friends. Nestled on the banks of the beautiful Körös river in the peaceful resort town of Szarvas, Hungary, the camp features modern recreational, housing and strictly kosher dining facilities are set amidst expansive landscaped grounds lined with ripe, fragrant fruit trees.



The camp programming is driven by daily educational sessions on topics like Jewish identity, social justice, pluralism, Israel, the role of the Diaspora, and more. In the international context of Camp

Szarvas, these questions take on new dimensions and complexities. Participants also spend time each day in a "mifgash", a meeting with another country, where they discuss Jewish life and identity in their respective countries.

One of the core goals of the program is to establish a framework that allows every participant, no matter their Jewish background, to feel comfortable expressing who they are. Camp Szarvas is a place that nurtures exploration, leadership and Jewish identity building. It is at the forefront of what it means to engage and experience what global Jewish peoplehood is all about.

Szarvas Camp provides the majority of the emerging Jewish leadership throughout Europe.

Veterans Corner

Veteran Celebrates A Century

By Col Edward I. Wexler

Morris Lamhut, WWII veteran, celebrated his 100th birthday on October 3rd. A special celebration was held at the Savannah Veterans Administration clinic. Joining Morris in the celebration were members of several veterans organizations including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Society of 40 Men and 8 Horseshoes, Vietnam Veterans and Jewish War Veterans. Mr. Lamhut was presented mementos from these organizations.



Surrounding Morris Lamhut are his family and members of the Jewish War Veterans, Martin E. Kirschbaum Post 320, Savannah.

The chairman of the Veterans

Council of Chatham County, Doug Andrews, made a special presentation on behalf of its 27 veterans organizations.

In 1986, Lamhut was selected as Veteran of the Year by the Veterans Council of Chatham County, thus he is the oldest living Chatham County Veteran of the Year.

Always modest, Lamhut told the crowd of well wishers that he was surprised and humbled by the turn out and not deserving of all this attention.



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