



Candle Lighting Times

Monday, September 30	7:47pm
Tuesday, October 1	7:46pm
Friday, October 4	6:48pm
Saturday, October 5	7:41pm
Tuesday, October 8	6:43pm
Wednesday, October 9	7:36pm
Friday, October 11	6:39pm
Saturday, October 12	7:32pm
Sunday, October 13	6:37pm
Monday, October 15	7:30pm
Tuesday, October 16	7:29pm
Friday, October 18	6:31pm
Saturday, October 19	7:24pm
Friday, October 25	6:23pm
Saturday, October 26	7:17pm
Friday, November 1	6:17pm
Saturday, November 2	7:11pm

Six13 LIVE in Savannah

By Bianca Hollander

Get ready for one of the most exciting Jewish cultural events that Savannah has ever seen! Mark your calendars for November 17th because Six13 is coming to town. If you haven't already bought your tickets, do so fast because they are going quick!

You've laughed at their videos, you've downloaded their albums, you've sung their songs. (And if you haven't, ask a kid about them or, take a moment to look them up on YouTube and watch a few of their videos.) But you've never seen them perform live. Time for that to change.

Six13 is a national phenomenon both on the internet (with over 8 million views on YouTube) and in traditional media, featured in national television and press like The Today Show, The View, CBS, CNN, Huffington Post, Time Magazine and more. They have performed at the White House for President Barack Obama and First Lady

Michelle Obama, and are three-time finalists in casting for NBC's prime-time hit "The Sing-Off". Music from their seven award-winning albums has been adapted by choirs worldwide and played on mainstream radio across the globe. The group has seven award-winning albums, and is among the top Jewish music artists on iTunes. They are three-time finalists in casting for NBC's prime-time hit "The Sing-Off."



Anchored by thumping beat-box, intricate arrangements and soulful harmonies, this six-man vocal band brings an unprecedented style of Jewish music to the stage. With songs that range from hip-hop dance tracks to rock anthems, the members of the New York-based group sound like a full band -- while using nothing but their voices. They are an extremely talented, intelligent, hilarious, and proudly Jewish singing group,

Named for the number of mitzvot

in the Torah, Six13 has released seven albums over 10+ years of performing. Their energy and charisma on stage is said to enliven and engage the crowd as much as their voice-only renditions of pop hits and rock anthems.

The group Six13 has taken a variety of famous rock and pop songs and replaced the words with Jewish themed lyrics, and perform these songs using only vocals. Their mission is not only to provide high quality musical entertainment, but to unite us in our shared heritage, and to celebrate the beauty of what it means to be Jewish.

As if this isn't enough, Savannah's own Prodezra Beats (Reuben Formey) will kick off the concert with his own original lyrics filled with Jewish insight, wisdom, and pride - all set to awesome beats.

Thank you to all of the amazing sponsors that are making this show possible. There are still sponsorship opportunities available. If you are interested, contact Jamie Richman at jamie@savj.org.

Look forward to seeing you all at the show!

Music in Monterey: Shalom Y'all Jewish Food Festival

By Carol Greenberg

This year's *Music in Monterey*, the amazing stage offerings at *The Shalom Y'all Festival*, scheduled for Sunday, October 27 from 11 AM to 3, will be packed with an entertainment menu of performers new to our stage, as well as local favorites back by popular demand. *Music in Monterey Concert* frames this uniquely Savannah and Jewish event with a haimish* (homey) atmosphere that is provided annually as a cultural gift to our city and is honored to be endorsed by the International Harmony for Humanity World Music Days.

For 31 years this festival, spon-

sored by Congregation Mickve Israel, Savannah's historic congregation dating back to 1733, has showcased Jewish traditions through yummy ethnic food, though the enormous crowds linger because of the amazing entertainment. This year will not disappoint!

From the festival's start at 11



AM with the Shofar Brigade blasts of the ram's horn around the square, to the final lone blast by lifelong Mickve Israel member Herbert

Victor at 3 PM, the festival jumps with excitement.

Scheduled to appear this year, reprising their many year's associa-

tion with the festival, are members of our own *Savannah Philharmonic*. This year's duo extraordinaire are none other than our concertmaster and violin soloist, Dr. Sinisa Ciric and Marsha Krantz, orchestra librarian, who plays violin and viola.

Also back by popular demand are professional performers from *The Savannah Theatre*, led by original cast member, as well part owner, F. Michael Zaller. Making their second appearance, is the Savannah Phenom Laiken Love and the Fellowship of Love" en route to her Live at City Market concert. New to our stage are the talented fifteen members of *Emory's ChaiTunes A Capella* group featuring Savannahian Andy Paul.

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thought about what had to come with us and what could be left behind.

Non-perishable food? Check.

Passports? Check.

Clothes for a couple days? Check

Ipad for the kids? Check

But as I looked around the house, at all the stuff, I realized the only things I really needed in the car with me was Sam and the boys. This evacuation "exercise" had reminded me that life's necessities are simple. Good Health. Family. Community.

As the New Year approaches I reflect on these three pillars, how they relate to the Alliance and look forward to the future. The JEA is in a unique position to nurture all three of these vital elements for our members. We have classes and events for all ages and abilities and it's the perfect place to enhance the spirit of community.

This past year was another year of growth for our family and fitness programs. Our Preschool is 6 years old and has made positive improvements as it has grown. This year's Pre-K class is the largest yet with 20 students preparing to graduate from our program and move to Kindergarten. We now have 7 classrooms filled with happy students, a vibrant preschool camp and an active PTO creating strong bonds between the school families and the teachers. The Preschool Art Bash (March 7) and the Scholastic Book Fair Rock & Read (Nov 3rd) are two major

Preschool events coming up you should check out. The JEA aftercare program and camp continue to be successful and serve the needs of hundreds of families through the school year and the summer. And the awesome staff at the JEA are constantly implementing exciting and new programs for the membership. Kirby Southerland moved into the Fitness Director position bringing fresh ideas with her for wellness, youth sports and aquatics. DJ Horton continues with years of experience to diversify our camp offerings and Jamie Richman has stepped in to help with JEA community events (thank you Jamie). I encourage you to come and see what we have to offer, there truly is something for everyone. My family enjoyed the successful dinner by the pool program again this summer, we're signed up for junior swim, soccer and the kids run club and we're looking forward to the Touch-a-Truck in October.

Participating in these programs with friends and sharing new experiences with your fellow members helps to create community. I tested my balance this year at Ballet Reboot and Paddleboard Yoga. Laughing with fellow members as you topple off the board into the pool or try and pirouette or plié is healthy for your body and mind, all while strengthens our community and still having fun. I look forward to our second annual Oy Vey 5K December 22nd where we can run (or walk) together as a community followed by our Chanukkah Party and Menorah Lighting.

This year we have made major strides in updating the security and wayfinding projects in the building. You may have seen the brightly colored signage to help navigate your way through the building and we are still adding some hard signage for restrooms and meeting spaces. I

know having the lobby doors locked was a big change but I commend you for the way you all adapted to our new normal. Updating the building and our systems is a great way for us to build on the past years success and position ourselves for the future. Our Green Committee also implemented a recycling program. There are now blue bins all around the building for your plastic, aluminum, paper and glass waste. Please use them appropriately.

Other changes are happening too. We managed to patch up the outdoor pool this spring and get through the summer season. We are hoping to get through next summer as well while we plan on fundraising efforts for this major upgrade to our facility. We will look at upgrading many areas of the building during this endeavor. This building is the hub of our community and preserving it for another 100 is our goal. More information about a capital campaign will be coming out shortly and I look forward to making these upgrades a reality together. The way the JEA is used today is different from the way it was used in the past and it will continue to evolve as our society changes. Even with these changes there are three things that will remain constant. It's a place for health, for families and for community.

Rosh Hashanah is a time for counting our blessings and also a time for new beginnings. (With a Hurricane approaching this sentiment has never been more true.) I'm optimistic that your enthusiasm for change at the JEA is as strong as mine and you'll help me in my efforts for a bright New Year.

Wishing you a happy and sweet new year.

Shana Tova,
Robyn

Looking Towards the Future



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Edwin Byck
President
Savannah Jewish
Federation

President's Message High Holy Day Season

As I am writing to wish everyone a High Holy Day season, Savannah is under a mandatory evacuation due to

Hurricane Dorian. I know that we in Savannah have become somewhat accustomed to hurricane season. I am proud that each season, we seem to mentally and physically prepare for the potential devastating effects of an oncoming hurricane. I was impressed that state and local leaders took the threat seriously and communicated with the public. I have even been told that the contra flow system on I-16, while not perfect, has come a long way from the evacuation for Hurricane Floyd and others in the past. I hope and pray that each of you stayed safe and that Dorian did not create as much damage as some have predicted.

Just as we all prepared for Hurricane Dorian, we each can prepare for the High Holiday season. There are of course biblical and Talmudic teachings that some follow to prepare for and observe the High Holy Day season. Others look forward to attending services and participating in the traditions of each holiday. I prepare for the season by first setting aside some time to reflect on the past year. What goals I made for myself and whether I reached them. If I

did not reach them, whether I made progress and why I do not believe that I met the goals that I set. As you can imagine, these goals sometime relate to work and family finances. I, however, try to be more cerebral and try to analyze my interactions with others including family, friends, business associates and the community at large.

During the Holidays themselves, I enjoy attending the services and attempt to pay attention to the content of the prayers, excerpts from the Torah, and yes, even Rabbi Haas's sermons. The themes of the services assist me with the process of reviewing the past year and setting goals and desires for the next year. I always take time in and out of services to pray and give thanks for the year, whether they have been good or bad times. I pray for each member of my immediate family and ask that they each enjoy good health for the New Year.

As I end my first year of being President of The Savannah Jewish Federation, I now have many others from the community to think about and pray for during the Holiday season. To the great volunteers and the participants in all Federation programs, to the great staff led by the Adam Solender and Jamie Richman and to the Savannah Community that supports Jewry locally and internationally, I wish each a happy New Year and holiday season.

Thanks again to all of our scheduled performers as well as Mike Gaster & Associates, and the Jewish Educational Alliance for co-sponsoring the stage. Some stage sponsorships are still available. Contact Jenn Rich at 912-233-1547 for more information.

*Haimish: Yiddish for cozy, homey, comfortable, and/or familiar.



Adam Solender
Executive Director
JEA/SJF

Executive Director's Message This Moment In Time Requires More

In writing this High Holiday message, I reflect back over the past few

weeks (remember, these columns are written three weeks before publication, and in this case, a full month) and wonder how to address the Savannah community who have such a rainbow of opinions.

Over the past month, anti-Semitic rhetoric has come from the highest parts of our government including the hallowed halls of Congress and 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. The use of anti-Jewish stereotypes, whether knowingly or not, whether from conservatives or liberals, whether strident or subtle, must be denounced immediately and refuted stridently.

The Savannah Jewish Federation calls on elected officials from all political parties, including the President of the United States, Members of Congress, and even our own Aldermanic candidates to not to use words or take actions that use Jews as a political instrument which put our community at greater risk. These divisive words and deeds tend to create a divide within our community by attempting to make anti-Semitism and/or Israel a tendentious issue.

While the Savannah Jewish community, like most of the country is not one opinion, but there is overwhelming consensus on the need to proactively combat anti-Semitism through education and relationship-building, ensure the existence of a democratic, Jewish, and secure State of Israel, and strengthen the relationship between Savannah, Georgia, the United States and Israel. "Anti-Semitism is not only a threat to Jewish people but a virus that spreads in society to the detriment

of all the values we hold dear."

The Savannah Jewish community has a strong history of engaging in hearty discourse about how to maintain a just, democratic, and pluralistic American society in which Jews are safe and secure.

This moment in time requires more than words and statements of regret. This moment in time requires more than hollow apologies. Our actions, both communally and individually, are critical. This New Year is our opportunity to refocus on the need for immediate response

and outreach, thoughtful conversations, and educational programs to stem the tide of anti-Semitism.

We call on our elected leadership and candidates for office,

We call on our interfaith

partners,

We call on our friends and neighbors to,

Be thoughtful about the words you use, because history teaches us that words lead to action;

Speak out quickly against anti-Semitic language and images so that it stops being normalized;

Demand that elected officials who spew anti-Semitism be held accountable;

Listen when we identify language, images, or actions as anti-Semitic, anti-Jewish, or anti-Israel.

If we all think a little more, if we all speak out a little more, if we all demand action, the new year will be a better year.

We have the power to make it happen

We have the will to make it happen

May 5780 be a year of understanding and a year of peace for us all.

Shalom Y'All Jewish Food Fest continued from page 1

The area in front of the Bull Street stage, shaded by Monterey Square's amazing live oak, is left devoid of tables to allow for dancing. Sometimes spontaneous, but by 2:30 PM is often lead by members of the *Maxine Patterson School of Dance*, this year adding some Jewish hip-hop to the mix to help work off any pounds from some of those traditional delicacies!

A Friendly Reminder

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

Holiday Greetings

Shana Tova
Warmest wishes to all
for a healthy and joyous
New Year
Toby Hollenberg
and Jeff, Melissa,
Jessa, and Ellie Neil

Melvin I. Haysman
Roberta Kamine-Haysman
Michelle, Kevin,
Avi & Eli Heyman
Rachelle, Brian,
Sophie & Elsie Carmel
Herchelle, Adam,
Elyssa & Joey Cohen
Wish Friends and Family
A Happy New Year

We wish all our Family and Friends
a Happy, Healthy
and Joyous New Year
Sally & Steve Greenberg
Greg, Susan, Eleanor & Grant Greenberg
Matt, Karina & Leo Greenberg

Chuck and Marsha (Elman)
Bernstein
Wish all their Relatives
And Friends
A Happy and Prosperous
New Year

Wishing all our friends
A Happy & Healthy New Year
John, Sue, Ben & Gabe Adler

Wishing Everyone
A safe and healthy
New Year
Adelle Burnsed
& Ted Geffen

We wish our family & friends
a joyful and healthy year
Arlene & Allan Ratner
Jami, Scott, Skylar & Madelyn
Brett, Jennifer & Margot

Wishing Friends
and Family a
Healthy, Happy New Year
Edwin & Melinda
David, Peggy, & Ellen Byck



L'Shana Tova
Wishing the
entire Jewish
community a
Happy, Healthy
& Prosperous
New Year

Keisha Gibson Carter

Happy New Year
Ed Wexler and Family

Happy New Year to All
Marilyn and Jim Farley

Happy and Health New Year
From the Kulbersh Family
Harriet & Paul
Dana, Eric, Ross & Alyssa
Brian, Jennifer, Alex,
Peri & Josie

Jodi & Kenneth Sadler
Wish their Friends
and Family
a Happy and Healthy
New Year

May This New Year
Be Filled With
Health and Happiness
Sweet Moments for
You and Your Family,
And Peace in the World
L'Shanah Tovah
Sarah Denmark
& Adam Solender

Dayle & Aaron Levy
Wish all of their friends
and family
A Happy and Healthy
New Year

Happy Holidays
AM Goldkrand
Judith Goldkrand
Lucy & Joy Goldkrand Cheskin
Howard Goldkrand
Beth Coleman and BZW

Wishing friends, family,
and the entire community
a Happy Healthy New Year
Scott, Jared, Allison, and
Anchel Samuels

Wishing you a sweet and
prosperous New Year
Van Johnson

Shanah tova um'tukah
May you have a good
& sweet new year.
Jamie, Steven
& Micah Richman

A Happy & Prosperous
New Year
To All My Friends
Kathy Levitt

L'shanah Tovah!
Wishing our Family
and Friends
A Healthy and Sweet New Year
Alan & Leslie Seidman

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

Holiday Greetings

Wishing Friends and Family
A Happy New Year
Francine and Joel Biterman

Wishing family and friends
A happy, healthy and sweet New Year
Elaine Radetsky

L'Shana Tova to our Friends and family
Robert Friedman
and Vernon Mosheim

Wishing all a Healthy & Peaceful
Jewish New Year
Harvey & Roni Libow and Family

Sally and Herb Sanders
Wish our family and friends
A healthy and happy New Year

Wishing you and your family a happy,
healthy, and prosperous New Year
Nancie, Fred, Jim & Rob Clark,
Ali & David Sturm

Wishing all a happy, healthy, New Year
Vera & Peter Hoffman
& Judy H. Ciacci

Wishing Friends and Family
Happy healthy New Year
Joel and Mary Homansky

Wishing Friends and Family
A Health and Happy New Year
Tami and Lenny Tishberg

We Wish Family & Friends
A Very Happy New Year
Cathy & Irvin Levine

Wishing friends and family
A Happy and healthy New Year
Marilyn and Bob Slagel

Wishing Family and Friends
A Happy New Year
Sarabel E. Stemer

Wishing Everyone a Happy New Year
The Smulevitz Family Marvin, Linda,
David, Gertie and Cousin Pearl

Wishing all our friends and relatives a
happy and healthy new year
Victor, Elise, Heather, Jason,
Kristina, Reed & Palmer Shernoff

A very happy, healthy New Year to our
Family and Friends
Margie Gordon

Wishing Friends and Family
A Happy New Year
The Streichers, Helene Paige Martin,
Jack, Etan, Maddy

Wishing family and friends
A healthy and Happy New Year
Doris & Arnie Goldstein




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Wishing the Entire Community a *Shana Tova* and Much Blessing in the Coming New Year



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Wednesday 8:00 am & 6:00 pm
Thursday 7:30 am & 6:00 pm,
Friday 7:30 am & 6:00 pm

Wishing you a Happy & Healthy New Year!!!

We welcome you to join

Congregation Agudath Achim's Family

for the High Holiday Services!



Highlights of High Holiday Schedule

Sunday, September 29th, Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:00 pm - Mincha/Maariv
6:54 pm - Candle Lighting

Monday & Tuesday, September 30th & October 1st, Rosh Hashanah

9:00 am - Services
10:30 am - K'Toni & Jr. Congregation
10:45 am - Shofar Blowing
11:15 am - Sermon
5:00 pm - Tashlich and Mincha (1st day) (at the back of Heard Elementary)

Tuesday, October 8th, Kol Nidre

6:43 pm - Candle Lighting
6:45 pm - Mincha
6:50 pm - Kol Nidre

Wednesday, October 9th, Yom Kippur/Yizkor

9:00 am - Shacharit
10:45 am - K'Toni & Jr. Congregation
12:00 pm - Sermon/Yizkor
4:00 pm - Rabbi's Study Session
5:15 pm - Mincha
7:00 pm - Neilah
7:25 pm - Maariv
7:36 pm - Shofar/Havdalah and Fast ends



Robin Rackoff

Mah Jongg and More

If the 1950s TV show *Father Knows Best* had been about a dad in East Flatbush, Brooklyn, instead of the midwestern town of Springfield, his last name might have been Goldberg instead of Anderson. There's a good chance that his job would have involved wearing a work uniform and delivering something, possibly milk bottles and Fox's U-Bet Chocolate Syrup, to all the front stoops in the neighborhood. My father, a self-described "pastry engineer", would leave the house at midnight, bringing pies and breads to stores and institutions in the wee hours of the morning, returning home at 10 AM. Since so many of our neighbors did similar work, if there was a dad who left for work at 8 AM in a business suit, that was beyond weird! Most of these delivery dads, including mine, were proud and active members of the Teamsters Union. Strikes and pickets were the subject of many a dinner conversation at our house.

It's been a while since picketing and petitions have been part of my life. Who would have thought that the game of Mah Jongg would be the reason for their return, and that the perpetrator of the offense would be the National Mah Jongg League? As mentioned in the past, the league instituted a new rule which goes

something like this: if a tile is discarded and two players want that same tile for mah jongg (or for an exposure), it used to be that the next player in line would get it. Now, however, the player who can grab and rack the tile fastest gets it. As if life wasn't uncivil enough!

Players all over the country are up in arms. On one website, a woman wrote, "I have arthritis and it's not fair that I can get penalized because I don't move quickly enough." On the Facebook page *Mah Jongg That's It*, where more than 20,000 players opine about everything maj related, petitions decrying this practice, known as slap-jack or slam-exposure, are being circulated. There has been talk of protests in front of League headquarters. We can't figure out what the Mah Jongg League was thinking, but they seem unwavering in their support of this slamming and slapping. Sounds a little too ice-hockey-ish for my taste. Next thing you know, there will be fistfights at the maj table.

If only Woody Guthrie or Pete Seeger were still alive! They could teach us a thing or two about protesting! For the rest of us, all we can do is omit this practice from our weekly games, and maj on!

On the Personal Side

A recent edition of the Atlanta Jewish Times featured an in-depth interview with Jenna Ben-Yehuda, daughter of Sissy and Joe Hoffman of Savannah, who is the CEO and President of the Truman Center and the Truman National Security Project. In the article (August 28th edition) she spoke to the Atlanta Jewish Times about "foreign policy and national security and the role that they play in the lead-up to the 2020 elections."

Mazel Tov to Fran and Myron Kaminsky who were honored by Hospice Savannah at their 40th year



Jenna Ben-Yehuda

of service Dinner. Fran and Myron have been longtime Board members and were recognized for their many contributions for their "vision of fostering altruism and philanthropy through the generations." Contributions in their honor and proceeds from the celebration will be directed to the Next Generation Fund which will be used for Hospice Savannah's greatest area of need, which included causes supported by the Kaminsky Endowment.



Fran and Myron Kaminsky

Your Campaign Dollars At Work Beit Rambam, Sevilla, Spain

Each year the Savannah Jewish Federation allocates money to organizations that have a connection to the Savannah Jewish community. Members of the community have the opportunity to nominate Overseas non-profit organizations for "seed funding" for projects or services that enhance Jewish lives. This funded organization was originally nominated by Steven Hollander.

The history of Congregation

Beit Rambam began many years ago, when various groups formed by Jews of different nationalities but all residents of Andalusia, spread out among different places in the region – Seville, Cordoba and Cadiz, among others – started to take concrete steps to reach a goal that they had been dreaming of for some time: the creation of a Jewish congregation that would embrace and integrate the diverse reality of Andalusian Judaism in the 21st century.

In the beginning, their home base was the city of Cordoba. Initially, an association was created to promote progressive Jewish values in Andalusia. This association became a reference point for the small groups of Jews who little by little, started com-

ing into contact and happily saw for themselves that they shared the same hopes and dreams.

Finally, in the year 2012, the community's primitive dream came to fruition, because that was the year that the Statutes of Constitution,

Organization and Operation of the Jewish congregation that decided to take the name of Beit Rambam, paying homage to the Cordoban Jewish sage Rabbi Moshe Ben Maimon, Rambam, were made.

Today, Beit Rambam is a plural

Kehilah, with a commitment for reflecting faithfully the complex reality of the Jewish identity, as it is currently being expressed, in all its richness and diversity. The associated members wish to keep that identity alive, according to the principles of equality, tradition and modernity. They are a congregation open to all Jews, both residents and those temporary visitors in Andalusia. All have a place and a space of encounter and participation: men and women, Sephardic and Ashkenazy, religious and secular, with no distinction.

Seed funding provided to Beit Rambam will help to purchase a permanent site (they are currently renting) for the congregation.



Beit Rambam publicly celebrating its first Chanukah in Seville

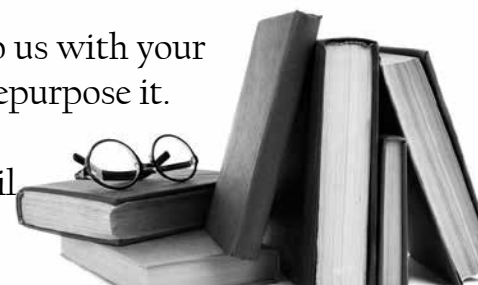
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The Savannah Jewish News is compiling a list of people to read and write reviews of Jewish-themed books that we receive.

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JEA CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT'S

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NOV 9	6:15-10P	JAN 25	6:30-10P
NOV 23	6:15-10P	FEB 8	7-10P
DEC 7	6:15-10P	FEB 22	7-10P
JAN 11	6:30-10P	MAR 7	7:15-10P

**Registration opens
October 1st**

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Oy Vey, get ready to run...I mean, have FUN



Kirby Southerland
Health & Wellness
Director

Post-Dash Chanukah Bash!

There will be a Kids Fun Run this year in addition to our 5K route. We are launching a 6-week Kids Running Club training program

We are excited to announce that the JEA is back with the Second Annual Oy Vey 5K! The Oy Vey 5K will take place on Sunday, December 22, the first night of Chanukah. Once participants of the run/walk finish they will join our community Chanukah party, the

to get our kiddos geared up to race. Registration for this is available on our website.

The Oy Vey 5K is open to individuals of all ages, whether you are two-years old and being pushed in a stroller or ninety-two years old and being pushed in a wheelchair, we want everyone to feel included and empowered to complete the 3.1 miles. The course is designed to start in the JEA parking lot, go through local, quiet neighborhoods, circle Hull Park and end back at the JEA for the Chanukah celebration.



Oy Vey continued on page 3



Adult Programming



Scrabble	Thursdays	6-8pm
Mah Jongg	Mondays	2-4pm
	Thursdays	2-4pm



Food For Thought

Join us each Thursday at 12:30pm

October 3	<i>Georgia's Historical Markers</i> Elyse Butler	October 31	<i>History of Savannah</i> Anna Habersham Wright
October 10	<i>Virtual Tour of Mickve Israel</i> Nancy Green	November 7	<i>Impact of Adult Jewish Education</i> Jennifer Rich
October 17	<i>WTOC- 65th Anniversary</i> Larry Silbermann	November 14	<i>Keep in Step - Foot & Ankle Safety</i> Dr. Jeffrey Goldberg
October 24	<i>Judaism and Rock n' Roll</i> Tim Slivinski	November 21	<i>Judaism and Gratitude</i> Rabbi Steven Henkin

Visit with old friends and meet new ones while enjoying a delicious lunch for only \$5 followed by an educational speaker or performer.
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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 August 9, 2019)

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As a reminder.....

The JEA has undertaken a series of security measures over the last year. Your continued cooperation is a central element in the enforcement of our commitment to keeping the JEA a secure and safe institution, while continuing to be an open and inclusive facility.

While we want to maintain our Southern hospitality, we ask the you not hold doors open for others.

If you have any suspicions regarding unusual activity, unfamiliar faces, or other items of concern, please tell us. Our Front Desk and Fitness Desk staff and others are your first point of contact and will relay information to the appropriate staff who will continue to work hand in hand with law enforcement agencies.



We will continue to train our staff, monitor and secure our facilities, work with law enforcement and keep you informed of threats. There is no more important issue to us than the safety of our members, guests, and children. Thank you for your continued diligence and support

If you see something, say something!



Health & Wellness

Oy Vey (continued from page 1)

The JEA has always been known for providing culturally Jewish influences to the Savannah Community as well as a place for people to come for their health and wellness using our gym, basketball and racquetball courts and our indoor and outdoor pools. It makes sense that our beloved community center puts on an event for the entire community that combines the promotion of health and wellness and a celebration of Chanukah.

The JEA has teamed up with Fleet Feet, a team of local experts that help to organize races and running groups. Fleet Feet has been instrumental in helping put together the logistics of the 5K including mapping out the course, getting security and police escorts for the roads and coordinating with city ordinances. The race is open to anyone in the Savannah community. With Fleet Feet helping to promote the Oy Vey 5K, we hope to get running enthusiasts who would not normally have a reason to come to the JEA.

You do not have to participate in the Oy Vey 5K to enjoy our Post-Dash Chanukah

Bash. As participants start finishing the race we will get the party started. There will be food and drinks, vendors and games. What is a better way to congratulate yourself for finishing a 5K than with a beer and fried latkes?

The Oy Vey 5K will start at 3pm on Sunday afternoon and the party will start shortly after. If you are looking for other ways to get involved that are less physical, we have a variety of volunteer opportunities available so you can be there to cheer on your family and friends as they cross the finish line.

You can register online for the Oy Vey 5K at savannahjea.org. Registration includes the race participation (which will be timed), entrance to the Post-Dash Chanukah Bash (includes meal and drink tickets), participation medals for every age group and a cool new T-shirt. Early bird registration is only \$25 until October 31 then the price will increase to \$30.

If you are looking for more information about registration, volunteer participation or sponsorship opportunities please reach out to Kirby Southerland at fitness@savj.org.

CHALLENGE YOUR FAMILY TO SOMETHING NEW THIS WINTER!

DECEMBER 22, 2019

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- Participation Metal for every age group
- T-Shirt

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Fitness Classes

Sunday

- 9:15 am - Power Pilates
- 10:30 am - Total Body Blast
- 3:00 pm - Reset & Renew Yoga



Monday

- 8:45 am - Firm It Up
- 9:45 am - Aquasize
- 10:00 am - Vinyasa Yoga
- 10:30 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 - Gentle Yoga
- 7:00 pm - Aikido

Wednesday

- 8:45 am - Firm It Up
- 10:00 am - Sun Flow Yoga
- 10:30 am - Silver Sneakers 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 - Gentle Yoga



JEA Preschool Savannah News

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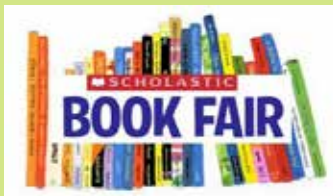
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in the JEA Art Gallery

Preston Russell - October

Preston Russell is a painter, historian, and writer
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three of Russell's works for the American Artists in
Paris exhibit. Preston has had many southern shows,
his works being in homes throughout America
and Europe. They are also acquired in museums
including the Telfair and Morris Museums, as well
as Georgia Southern University. Eighty-five of his
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Eva Locker,
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Eye on education

Talking to children about Teshuva

As a mother I struggled with the right way of teaching my children some of our values.

This became espe-

cially true when the High Holidays came around and the sensitive subject of Teshuva, repentance, was up. This topic could easily turn into guilt if approached the wrong way. I wanted my child to embrace the opportunity rather than to fear it so looked for a process, a Repentance Plan, my child could relate to. One that would help him recognize his mistakes and understand what went wrong. Digging into my own experience was a process that worked for me so this is the one I presented, "Take a good, gentle look in the mirror and ask yourself:

What accomplishments am I most proud of?

What mistakes have I made and what can I learn from these mistakes?"

Laid out in such a way, the process of recognizing a mistake seems to me more practical and manageable. Once my child was able to recognize wrongdoing, I wanted him to have the tools to come up with ideas to avoid repeating the mistake. "What do I want to do differently in the coming year?" was the next question I offered. The issue with this open-ended question is that it could easily call for lofty goals while the key to success is more often a succession of smaller, realistic goals. The message I had to pass on was to focus on small goals! no drastic changes: don't go from a chaotic play-

room to a spotless and sanitize space. Let's agree to get used to picking up the Hotwheel cars every evening for a while and we'll add the Legos next week.

Now that I had a something that looked like a Repentance Plan, the question was: how to present it without falling into the pitfall of lecturing or patronizing? As many parents, I had found that some subjects are better approach in three simple ways:

- Find a quiet time when I would get my child's full attention (bedtime or Shabbat morning worked the best for us).
- Use a non-confrontational tone.
- Most importantly, making the narrative about myself and describing situation where I was at fault (probably hard to imagine for my young progeny!). With that last step, my child understood that adults make mistake too, so he was more likely to hear me out.

Teshuva, repentance, should not be overwhelming to children. It's all about getting into the habit of seeking self-improvement and taking small steps towards meaningful and reasonable goals. Jewish tradition teaches that the sounds of the shofar is a wake-up call, causing Jews around to world to review and rethink the past year. It could sound scary but I hope that my plan made my child think of the shofar blast as an opportunity for a fresh start rather than something to fear.

Whishing you Shannah Tova
Umetuka,
Eva Locker



Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director
Early Childhood
Education

Eye on education

Why Seven?

It's that time of year when we celebrate many Jewish holidays, including Rosh Hashanah/ Jewish New Year, Yom Kippur/ Day of

Atonement, and Succot/The Festival of Booths. New beginnings and reflections are the themes for this meaningful time in the Jewish calendar. These are also themes that the teachers and staff at JEA Preschool Savannah reflected upon as they experienced the preparation for a new school year.

Before the opening of our new school year, we have Professional Development days when our teachers have a chance to learn together, to create a classroom team, and to build relationships with one another.

As seasoned teachers returned and new ones began, we opened with the usual ice breaker and "getting to know you" activities. Then, we reviewed important policies and procedures and created our identity boards. Identity boards are a visual piece that shows the children and families who we are as individuals. Pictures of our families, pets, and interests are communicated through this creative artwork.

The JEA Directors participated in our time together to inform the teachers who they are and what their role is at the JEA. As a part of a larger organization, it's important for all of the teachers to know they are an important part of the institution and have much support from the other departments.

In addition, we participated in a "Dynamic Large Group Time" workshop presented by Kristin Goetz, the Professional Development Manager from the Childcare Resource and Referral agency. She had teachers take a self assessment of their current

large group time and then reinforced what activities and amount of time is developmentally appropriate for young children during this time of day.

Personally, I enjoyed hearing the teacher's responses to the activity "I used to think..... And now I understand....."

This was a reflection activity that teachers participated in after our time of learning together. Here are some of the responses:

- *I used to think professional development days were just about sitting down and listening and now I understand that these days were meaningful and helpful for me to get ready for the new school year and to get to know coworkers.*
- *I used to think that my coworkers and I only had food and laughter in common and now I understand that we have similar life experiences.*
- *I used to think that I went through certain things alone and now I understand that there are others who understand what I go through from their own experiences.*
- *I used to think that my job was similar to babysitting and now I understand how important my impact is as an assistant teacher on the children whom I teach.*

How lucky we are at JEA Preschool Savannah to have teachers who are thoughtful and committed to the children and families!

As we continue to study and work together, I am looking forward to learning with the teachers and working together to continue to create a place of excellence for our teachers, children and families at JEA Preschool Savannah.

We are all excited about the new school year as we celebrate the New Jewish Year, too!

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The excitement of learning and growing with like-minded adults

The gratification of helping others in your congregation and community

The satisfaction of passing on your faith and heritage to coming generations

The fulfillment of connecting to our traditions through worship in a congregation of active members

Experiencing all this with people who share your feelings about life and faith.

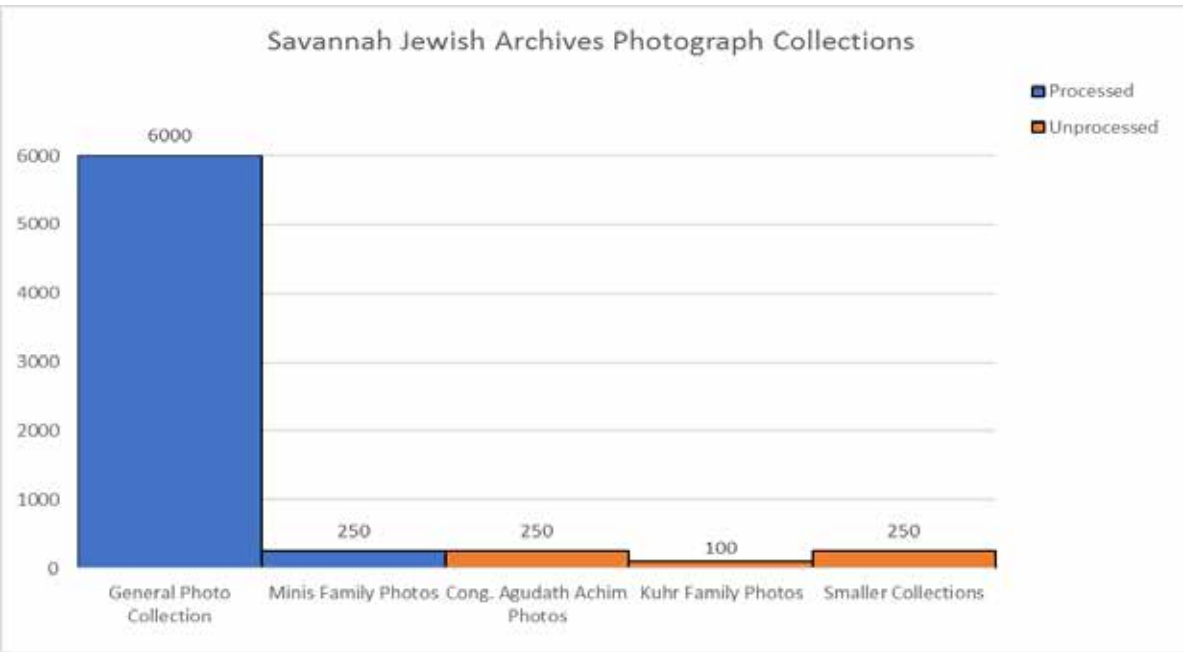
There's a congregation near you with people who share your way of living in the world, who look forward to answering your questions about membership, who'd be happy to help you discover

why twice a year is not enough!

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Your Campaign Dollars At Work

What I Love About Camp Coleman

By Brice Feiler

My name is Brice Feiler and I love URJ Camp Coleman because there are so many fun things to do like playing hockey, basketball and swimming. Camp Coleman is in Cleveland, GA. My dad went there when he was young and now I get to go as well. Camp Coleman is in the moun-

tains with the Boys cabins on one side of the lake and the Girls are on the other side. This was my first time going to sleep away camp for a full session (4

weeks). Last year I was in Bonim as a 2-week camper. I loved it so much and couldn't wait to come back for a full session. This year I was in Kochavim, which is the group for rising 5th graders.

I love the lake! The lake is at the center of camp and is so much fun. You can canoe, swim, or kayak. On the water you can jump on the blob, flip on the slider trampoline or play on the "rock it" which is an inflatable that you rock and try to knock the other people off. It was so much fun! The zip lines are really fun as well and I did the lake zip line two times.

One of my favorite activities was Omanut, (Arts and Crafts). There we learned about Jewish arts, ceramics, and cooking. I really enjoyed making pita bread and it tasted great, especially since I made it! Another favorite activity was Tarbut where we had "sci-ventures".

Shabbat at Camp Coleman is very special. Everyone dresses in all white and we do a Shabbat Walk around camp before dinner. Song leaders pick us up at our cabins and we all come together as one in song. I love Shabbat dinner, especially the Apple Brown Betty for dessert. It is my Dad's favorite as well.

Song sessions were really fun; It was great how they made services more interactive and fun for everyone.

Another thing they do at camp every session is that they end it off with Coleman Rocks (a musical talent show) and other kids perform in plays. Last year they performed "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". This year they did Mary Poppins and it was really good.

The field trips were awesome and gave us different adventures during camp. This year I got to go to Six Flags White Water

Park and then two weeks later we went white water rafting down the Oconee River. At the water park we rode a lot of slides. The best was "Run Away River" and the second best was the "Wahoo Racer". The "Wahoo Racer" is a face first slide where you race other people.

Another big camp event is Mac, which is our color war competition, between the red and blue teams. It lasts for three days. I was on the red team this year. We lost but there is always next year.

Celebrating July 4th at camp was a cool experience as well. We had fireworks on the 3rd and on July 4th we had a dance party during lunch.

I love seeing my friends every year at camp. Most of the kids in my cabin this year were the same ones from last year. Camp taught me how to stand up for myself and to be more independent. At Camp Coleman I have a home away from home.

Brice Feiler's summer camp experience at Camp Coleman was made possible in part thanks to a grant from the Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Campaign.



Brice Feiler in Yellow Hat celebrating with camp friends



Ester Rabhan,
Principal
Rambam Day
School

Eye on education

A Waste of Time or Not

As I write this article, we are only a couple of days after, Hurricane Dorian. Wow! So much preparation went into preparing for what was predicted to be a strong,

tropical storm. It took RDS hours to bring things inside, unplug computers, prepare areas we thought may leak through, and what happened? While many evacuated, many chose to stay and sit out the storm in the comfort of their homes, losing power for maybe 45 minutes. The morning after the storm, the grounds certainly didn't look like the wrath of Dorian had swept through. And so, what did we do during the waiting period when schools were closed, businesses were closed, and the malls were closed?

Once we realized the storm had passed and Savannah had been spared, how many said, what a waste? It's true, days from school were missed and everyone whose business or place of work closed probably felt like, I could have Everyone can fill in the blank for themselves.

Our goal was to impress upon our students, it was not a waste. It's true we could have had school and not have to worry about whether we need to make up days. It's true we could have been more constructive if we hadn't had to get ready for the storm then un-get ready. But here's a thought, all the time while we were getting ready, did we chat with G-d and ask him to please take care of us? During the time the

storm was passing over us, did we chat with G-d and ask him to keep us safe? Once the storm was over for Savannah, and we realized to what extent we had been spared, did we chat with G-d and thank Him? Time given to chat with G-d, is not time wasted.

How does one come to appreciate the real value of such time? With a Jewish education. Our program not only prepares our children Secularly, but as well, it gives them an extensive understanding of who they are and what their relationship with G-d is all about. Rambam Day School gives our students the tools needed to be successful and confident young adults. We want them to be active members of their community, contributing their talents and strengths.

Our students are being challenged in their secular classes; math, language, science, history. And then they learn Torah inside the text; reading and translating and delving deeper into the meaning of the words. They are learning oral law, Jewish history, basic Jewish knowledge, strengthening their Hebrew reading skills. And because they are taking a dual program, when our students move on to high school, they are complimented not only on being well prepared but on being strong critical thinkers and confident leaders. There is more to gain from Jewish education than a vast amount of knowledge both Secularly and Judaically.

The time when everything stopped due to Hurricane Dorian was not a waste, if the opportunity presented was seized.



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Rabbi Avigdor Slatius

If Not Now, When?

In ethics of out Father's it states "If I am not for myself who will be for me? And if I am for myself, what am I? And

if not now, when? (Chapter I Mishnah 14). The author, Hillel, the great, sage of Israel, outlines the responsibility of each individual. Human happiness is experienced when we accept the task before us and invest ourselves of success despite the opinions of others. To rely upon the promises and visions of various groups or nations, is removing our personal responsibility and opportunity for success. There is no substitute for diligent effort. However, first we must understand our goals.

The land of Israel was promised and delivered to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their descendants. We were conquered by foreign armies and exiled from our homeland. The Holy Land overflows with history from the time of Abraham, the conquests of Joshua, the prophecies of Samuel, Isaiah, Ezekiel and Jeremiah. The City of David and the Temple of Solomon personify the spiritual splendor and glory of the Temple period. Jewish history abounds on every street and excavations continue to reveal the sacred truth of the Books of the Prophets.

This land is uniquely connected to the soul of Jewish people and is entwined within the fabric of our being. The miracle of the formation of a Jewish state in 1948 continues to defy

logic and baffles historians. A Heavenly decree influenced the thought of world leaders and they recognized Israel as the homeland for the Jewish people. The land has been a beacon of democracy and opportunity for people of all faiths and persuasions. To many, Israel is the guardian of these freedoms in a land that belongs to all. This is the fallacy and corrupt thinking that has perpetuated the strife and tension in the Middle East for decades.

There comes a point in which we are compelled to clarify the meaning and purpose of our statehood. The government of Israel has passed the nationality law which changes nothing in the practical expression of democratic values and freedoms, but clarifies that this state is that of the Jewish people with rights and opportunities for all. The political pundits are shocked with this statement of the obvious, for they would gladly embrace Jerusalem as an "international" city belonging to no official state. These are the same nations who did nothing as European Jewry was being slaughtered and sent to the gas chambers. Israel is far more than just a refuge during times of distress, it is part of our personality and mission in this world "If I am not for myself, who will be for me?" We must not be ashamed to show pride in our homeland. The Promised Land is a component of our connection to our Creator.

"If not now when?"

May the year 5780 bring its blessings of peace health and happiness for all of Klal Yisroel and all humanity.



Rabbi Steven Henkin

Living the Best for Last

"If you only had one year to live, what would you do?"

This popular question idea is generally meant to start conversation and make a person think. The rationale behind it is that if it were true, you likely wouldn't do many of the things you currently do. In reality, many of us would live our lives very differently.

As we prepare for the High Holidays, this question pops into my mind. In particular, the prayer we'll recite that raises this issue for me is *U'netaneh Tokef*. It is the poem which begins by noting the awesomeness and holiness of these days and praising God as the "Judge, Prosecutor, Expert, Witness, completing the indictment, bringing the case, and enumerating the counts." It goes on to describe the terror which seizes the Heavens during these days, as even the angels know they will be judged, before telling us that every living thing passes before God, who gives a verdict for them for the coming year. This is highlighted by the famous, "On Rosh Hashanah it is written, on the fast of Yom Kippur it is sealed: how many will pass on, and how many will be born; who will live and who will die; who will live a long life and who will come to an untimely end; who will perish by fire and who by water..." before enumerating a long list of ways people can die. But, we read, "*Teshuvah* (repentance), *tefillah* (prayer), and *tzedakah* (charity) have the power to lessen the harshness of the decree." The literal reading is that on these days, God decrees, based on our actions, what is going to happen to us this year but, through these three actions, we may be able to change God's Mind. For this reason, there are stories of people walking out during this time so as to not deal with something that goes so strongly against how we believe the world works. Some rabbis have responded by taking it out of the service because not only do their congregants dislike it, even they struggle with it.

Yet, there is a power to this prayer that draws me to it year

after year. If we read it less literally and more metaphorically and globally, there is no denying the truth to it. When you stand during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, it is unlikely that every single person in that sanctuary will stand with you next year on the holidays. Death is a part of life and as we gather together on the holiest days of the year, we are forced to recognize it. It may be someone on the other side of the room, it may be someone sitting next to you—it could even be you (or me). We simply don't know what the future holds and this list forces us to face this painful fact.

Rather than dwell on the pain and depression this realization can cause, *U'netaneh Tokef* offers an alternative—or three—to living meaningfully as if this year were our last. *Teshuvah*: Choose to live your life in the most compelling, powerful, spiritual way possible. Don't let the mistakes of the past affect your future. *Tefillah*: You're never alone in your life. You are a part of a community, part of the Jewish people, and God is always present. You may feel alone, but you never are. *Tzedakah*: Don't be so caught up in your own world that you close yourself off to the pain that's around you. Make the world gentler, make the world better, and care for those who are in greater need than you. These three alternatives certainly will not change our destiny, but they can change our present so that we can learn to live better.

The challenge of the High Holidays and of *U'netaneh Tokef* is not the fear of mortality that we must face, but to live the best lives we can in the face of that fear. As we stand together this year, we ask ourselves, "If this is my last year, how do I want to live my life?" And as we begin this new year together, may we have the courage, the strength, and the insight to do just that.

L'shanah tovah, and may we all be inscribed in the Book of Life and live that life as powerfully as we can in the coming year.

This Year You Can Make A Difference in Homeless Person's Life



- Help crochet 2½ by 6 feet sleep mats
- Cut plastic bags into strips
- Create plastic yarn ("plarn") balls
- 68 plarns are needed for one mat
- Plarn can also be used to make attached straps, pillows, carry bags
- Mats will distribute by Thanksgiving.
- Individuals or groups needed NOW!

Make someone happy: please volunteer today.

To sign up Carol at MStarArts@gmail.com or 912-352-1238

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Lillian Heyman Lowe

Who died Sunday, August 25, 2019.

She is survived by Walter Lowe, her husband of 74 years – theirs was a marriage truly made in heaven which serves as a model of a loving marriage – and by her three sons; Alan Lowe (Candy) of Savannah, David Lowe (Paula) of Washington D.C., and Richard Lowe (Marcie) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and was blessed with seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Remembrances donations may be made to Congregation B'nai Brith Jacob Synagogue, 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405-6902; Rambam Day School, 111 Atlas Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405-5461; or the Jewish Educational Alliance, 5111 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405-5214; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Boris I. Pichkhadze

Who died Saturday, August 31, 2019.

He is survived by his wife Matilda Shkirenko, children Maya and David Pichkhadze, mother Luba Pichkhadze and his sister Irene and her husband Samuel Charukhchan.

Remembrance donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 4849 Paulsen Street, Suite 102, Savannah, GA 31405.

Julius "Boo" Hornstein

Who died Sunday, September 1, 2019

He is survived by his wife of 50 year, Iris Levin Hornstein; sister Helen Pearlmutt of Chapel Hill, NC; sister-in-law, Joan Vitner of Atlanta, GA, and uncle to a host of loving nieces and nephews.

Remembrance donations may be made to Massie Heritage Center, 207 E. Gordon Street, Savannah, GA 31401 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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**We have docent-led tours of our museum available
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**For a complete schedule of services & events,
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HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, OCT 1
SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE 10:00
FOLLOWED BY HOLIDAY LUNCH

FRIDAY, OCT 4
SHABBAT SHUVA SERVICE 6:00

SATURDAY, OCT 5
SHABBAT SHUVA SERVICE 11:00
AND KIDDISH LUNCH

TUESDAY, OCT 8
EREV YOM KIPPUR DINNER 6:00
EREV YOM KIPPUR PRELUDE 7:30
KOL NIDRE SERVICE 7:45

WEDNESDAY, OCT 9
YOM KIPPUR PRELUDE 10:15
YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICE 10:30
HIGH HOLY DAY DISCUSSION 1:00
CHILDREN/FAMILY SERVICE 2:45
AFTERNOON SERVICE 4:00
MEMORIAL SERVICE 5:30
CONCLUDING SERVICE 6:00
BREAK THE FAST 7:00

SUNDAY OCT 13
SUKKOT DECORATING PARTY 5:00
EREV SUKKOT SERVICE & DINNER IN THE SUKKAH 6:00

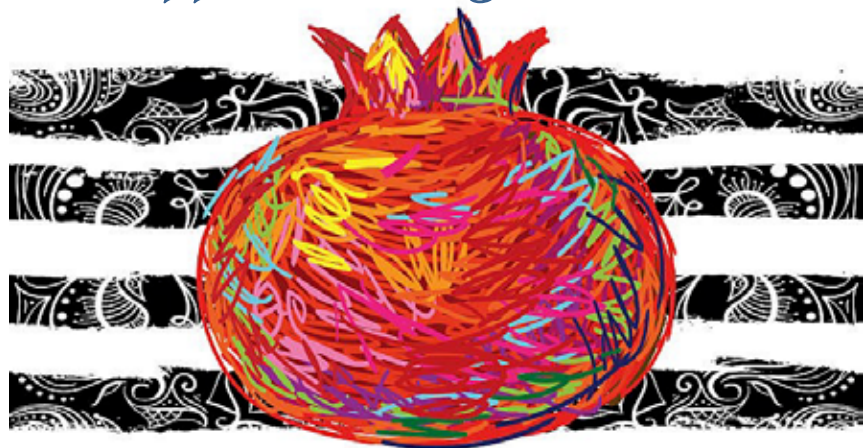
MONDAY OCT 14
SUKKOT MORNING SERVICE & POTLUCK LUNCH 10:30

SUNDAY OCT 20
EREV SIMCHAT TORAH DINNER 6:00
FOLLOWED BY CONSECRATION SERVICE AND PROCESSION OF TORAHS

MONDAY OCT 21
SIMCHAT TORAH YIZKOR SERVICE, CHANGING OF THE TORAH COVERS & POTLUCK LUNCH 10:30



At the New Year, we offer greetings to our community, and a wish that 5780 will be filled with peace, happiness, and good health!



Shana Tova

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From Hadassah Savannah



OPERATION ISAIAH

September 25-November 6

*This is my chosen fast...
Share your bread with the hungry
Take the homeless into your home.
Clothe the naked when you see him,
Do not turn away from people in need.
- Isaiah 58:6-7*

Isaiah was a prophet whose words are read on Yom Kippur each year. In this spirit, join your Savannah Jewish Federation and Jewish Family Services during Operation Isaiah by doing a mitzvah this High Holy Day season and donate food to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank.

Drop off barrels are located at:

Congregation Agudath Achim • Congregation B'nai Brith Jacob
Congregation Mickve Israel • Jewish Educational Alliance



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

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

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

COME & **JOIN US**

Join Young Jewish Savannah at
HELTER SHELTER

Join us for "Who Did It" mystery dinner in the Sukkah!

October 17
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Jewish Educational Alliance



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!



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Young Jewish Savannah



S'mores in the Sukkah

Join us for delicious s'mores, games and fun under the stars!

October 13 7 pm
RSVP for location

PJ Our Way is for ages 9-12

For any questions and to RSVP email onlyhenkin@savj.org





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