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Classical Star at Main Event Nov. 2

The Savannah Jewish Federation’s Main Event on November 2nd to launch the annual Community Campaign surely will live up to its name this year with its featured entertainment, violinist Yevgeny Kutik. *The Republican* of Springfield, MA, wrote about his performance there in 2014: “Kutik’s gift goes far beyond the mere mastery of his instrument. It combines deep and revealing investigation into the heart of the music he plays with passionate desire to share its stories in the most vivid terms imaginable.”

The Main Event is an annual opportunity to show communal support for our local and worldwide Jewish agencies that provide Jewish education, social services, Holocaust education and remembrance, youth, teen and college Jewish identity initiatives, programs for combating anti-Semitism, Israel advocacy, and more. The Community Campaign is the primary source of funding for many of these services and programs in our community.

Acclaimed violinist Yevgeny Kutik was five years old when he and his family immigrated to the United

States from Minsk, Belarus, with the assistance of the Jewish Federations of North America. He began violin studies with his mother, Alla Zernitskaya, and went on to study with Zinaida Gilels, Shirley Givens, Roman Totenberg, and Donald Weilerstein.

Now 31, Kutik made his major orchestral debut in 2003 with Keith Lockhart and The Boston Pops as the First Prize recipient of the Boston Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Competition. In 2006, he was awarded the Salon de Virtuosi Grant as well as the Tanglewood Music Center Jules Reiner Violin Prize. Since his debut, Kutik has traveled the U.S. and the world, performing classics and works commissioned for him, both as a soloist and with some of the world’s greatest symphonies.

Kutik regularly performs and speaks on behalf of the Federation movement to raise awareness and promote assistance for refugees from around the world.

This is a rare opportunity to hear one of the premier, rising concert artists in the world. The *Washington Post*



Yevgeny Kutik

described his recital at the Phillips Gallery there earlier this year as “vivid and captivating.” As is customary, the evening will include dinner.

What: SJF Main Event Dinner
When: Wed., November 2nd, 6:30pm
Where: JEA, 5111 Abercorn St.
Cost: \$18/person
RSVP: savj.org or (912) 355-8111

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Linking the Silos of Engagement

by Jamie Cahn & Devra Silverman

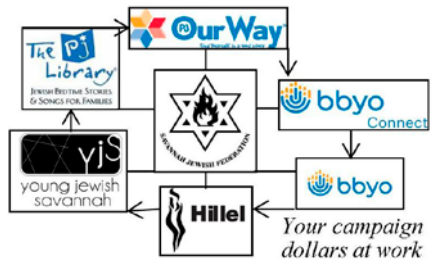
Over the past two years, the Savannah Jewish Federation has made a great investment in outreach and engagement initiatives to engage community members and connect them to the larger Jewish community. These initiatives and programs offer a variety of opportunities for people of all ages as they make their way along their Jewish journeys, from birth on.

The journey begins by fostering a connection to Judaism from the earliest of memories with PJ Library by introducing Judaism through colorful Jewish books and fun Jewish music. The connection does not end once a child ages out of traditional PJ Library; they then get to sign up for PJ Our Way and begin to choose the Jewish books that interest them. Next, BBYO Connect engages middle school children in Jewish life through fun social events. Then, BBYO is where high school students can develop leadership skills and fur-

ther develop their Jewish identities in a pluralistic environment.

When a teen graduates from high school and attends SCAD, there is SCAD Hillel to continue to connect them to their Judaism. And when a student graduates from college and moves to Savannah, Young Jewish Savannah is there to help them to connect to other Jewish young adults and to the local Jewish community. Each initiative feeds into the next and gently guides a person from experience to experience, propelling them to the next chapter of their Jewish Journey.

Dr. Jack Wertheimer, Professor of American Jewish History at The Jewish Theological Seminary, raised an important issue about linking Jewish institutions. He wrote: “The current challenge in the field of Jewish education is to link the silos, to build cooperation across institutional lines and thereby enable learners to benefit from mutually reinforcing



ing educational experiences.” Each of the Savannah Jewish Federation engagement initiatives could live in their own silo – a PJ Library program here and a Young Jewish Savannah or BBYO event there – but we have begun to link these silos of engagement opportunities. PJ Library parents often attend Young Jewish Savannah events. BBYO teens volunteer at PJ Library events like Chanukah and Purim events. Hillel students attend Young Jewish Savannah events and connect to the larger Savannah Jewish community.

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Candle Lighting Times

Sunday, October 2	6:49pm
Monday, October 3	7:43pm
Friday, October 7	6:43pm
Tuesday, October 11	6:38pm
Friday, October 14	6:35pm
Sunday, October 16	6:32pm
Monday, October 17	7:27pm
Friday, October 21	6:27pm
Sunday, October 23	6:25pm
Monday, October 24	7:20pm
Friday, October 28	6:20pm

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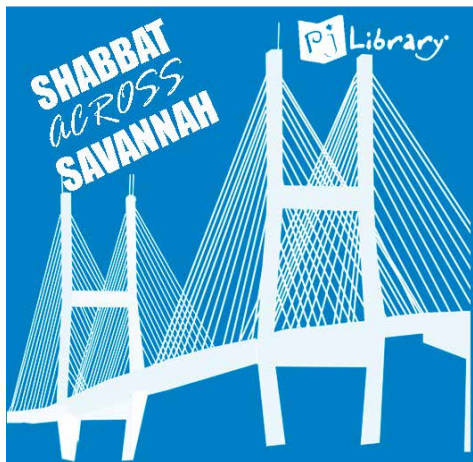
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What does PJ stand for?

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The Savannah PJ Library is made possible through generous support from the Savannah Jewish Federation, Jane Slotin, Nancy & Leon Slotin, and the Ceceile Richman JEA Fund.

For more information about PJ Library, please contact Devra Silverman, Community Engagement Coordinator at pjlibrary@savj.org or 912-355-8111.



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

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David Finn AZA #206

Sunday, October 9 - Chapter Meeting & Program
Wednesday, October 19 - BBYO Sukkah Hop
Saturday, November 5 - SRC Planning Program & Sleepover
Thursday, November 17 - Chapter Dinner
Friday, December 2 - BBYO Global Shabbat
Sunday, December 4 - Chapter Meeting

Wexler Clark BBG #39

Sunday, October 9 - Chapter Brunch & Meeting
Wednesday, October 19 - BBYO Sukkah Hop
Sunday, November 6 - Chapter Meeting & SRC Planning Program
Friday December 2 - BBYO Global Shabbat & BBG Sleepover
Wednesday, December 7 - Chapter Meeting

Dixie Council Conventions

October 21-23 - MIT/AIT New Member Convention w/ Eastern Region
November 11-13 - SRC w/ Atlanta Council
January 20-22 - Kallah w/ Atlanta Council
February 16-20 - International Convention
March 31-April 2 - Spring Convention



Save the Date!

November 20 • January 8 • February 4 • April 29

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

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

JWV New Year Greetings

The Jewish War Veterans Post #320 wishes everyone a l'shana tova and may you all be inscribed in the Book of Life for a happy, sweet and prosperous

and guests in attendance.

As a direct result of this event, our local Post #320 went from approximately 8 members to 36 members. All I can say is thank you to Joel Greenberg, Carol Greenberg, Adam Solender and Jamie Cahn, along with all of the volunteers who made that night special for all of us.

Recently the reorganization committee held elections. Frank Katz decided after over 20 years as Commander to step down to Vice-Commander. I, A.J. Haysman, stepped up to serve as the new Commander. Richard Halperin agreed to serve as Quartermaster and Jamie Cahn joined as a patron member and is serving as our Secretary. Ed Wexler is involved as advisor and executive committee member.

The JWV National Convention was held here in August, and I was asked to open the conference with a short speech, but more importantly Savannah's mayor, Eddie DeLoach was the keynote speaker for the opening session! The JWV members really loved having the event in Savannah, and look forward to the next convention here (probably in five or six years).

We have saved Post #320 for now, but we still have significant challenges. Savannah's is the last JWV post on the east coast from Virginia to Jacksonville — all others have gone inactive. Jews have been a part of the colony of Savannah since 1734. This post was started in 1946; it is my hope that you all will join us in keeping it vibrant to serve the veter-

ans in our community.

Please mark your calendar for November 6, 2016, at 10am when Post #320 will be placing flags on the graves of Jewish veterans in advance of Veterans Day. Flags will be provided and we are inviting all of the community to join us while we walk through Bonaventure to fulfill this great honor. We will meet in front of the Jewish chapel in Bonaventure. This is a good time to bring the kids out. A short talk on the importance of remembering the Jewish veterans from all wars will be given in advance of putting out the flags.

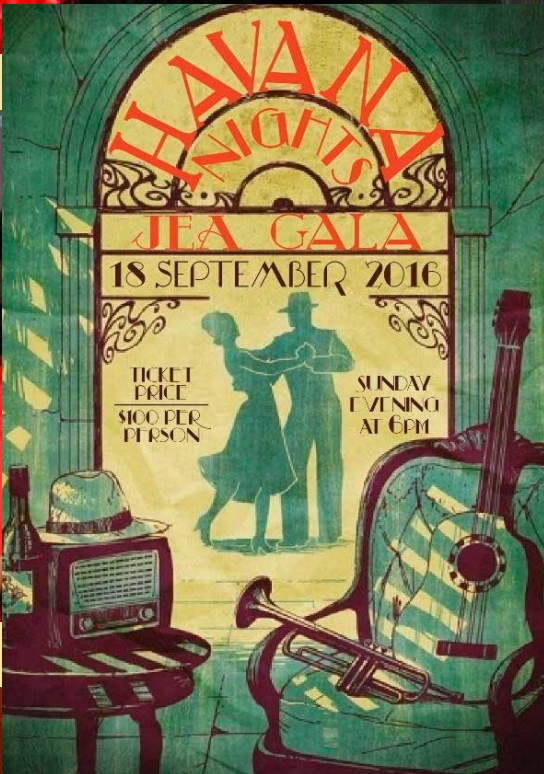
If you are a Jewish veteran or wish to become a JWV patron member supporting your local chapter, please call me, A.J. Haysman, at 912-596-3078.



Lt. Col. A.J. Haysman, Georgia Air National Guard, Retired Commander, JWV Post #320

New Year!

We are back! In March of this year, after a long absence without regular meetings, the Savannah Jewish Veterans community enjoyed fellowship during a dinner sponsored by the Savannah Jewish Federation to commemorate the anniversary of the founding of the national Jewish War Veterans organization. It was a rousing success with over 120 veterans



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Clockwise (from top)

Gala event coordinator Anna Berwitz
Gala head chef Jeffrey Quasha
Gala co-chairs Stan & Peggy Harris
Gala co-chairs Allan & Arlene Ratner
JEA President & First Lady
Joel & Carol Greenberg



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The objectives of the *Savannah Jewish News* are to foster a sense of community among the Jewish people of Savannah by sharing ideas, information, experiences and opinions, and to promote the agencies, projects and mission of the Savannah Jewish Federation.

The *Savannah Jewish News* is published monthly ten times per year, with a deadline for submissions of the 3rd of the month before publication. There are no February or August issues. All articles for the Winter and Summer issues should be submitted by December 8th or June 8th, respectively.

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Savannah Jewish Federation Mission Statement

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



Sherry Dolgoff,
Past President of the
Savannah Jewish
Federation

An 'Unbelievable' Vacation

Sometimes reality is simply incredible. You may have heard in the news or on social media about the tour bus in the Czech Republic that prominently features an advertisement of their Auschwitz holiday

tour on the side of the bus, including the camp's entry sign "*Arbeit Macht Frei*" (which means Work Sets You Free). Images of Jewish Holocaust victims and the Star of David are also included in the "Auschwitz Vacation Tour" advertisement. The message for prospective passengers and observers reads "Come to Auschwitz - A Journey through emotions." The *Times of Israel* reported that the bus was supposedly a prop in an old satirical film by director Vit Klusak. Post film production, the local tour company that purchased the bus has ignored those who have pleaded for the images to be removed, such as Prague Jewish Museum Director Leo Paviat. Svatopluk Xavier, the bus owner, claims that the price of repainting the bus and removing the decorations is cost-prohibitive.

Considering Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland was the largest of the Nazi concentration and death camps, to say this is appalling would be an understatement. If the idea is to bring people on an educational quest to this historic and most tragic place to highlight some of the most horrific, extensive, and immoral treatment of humans towards other humans in history, then that is one thing. However, this tour company, at least from the nature of the ad, seems highly unconcerned with the barbaric medical experiments, the slave labor, and mass extermination of lives via gas chambers. Instead, it unapologetically and whimsically seems to poke fun at the whole thing, as if dehumanizing conditions didn't exist there.

There is seemingly no recognition of Auschwitz being a central part of Hitler's "Final Solution," a stronghold in the well-oiled machinery that implemented this organized hatred as he and his followers attempted to eliminate every Jew, along with many Roma, communists, homosexuals, mentally ill and physically handicapped individuals and whom-ever else he deemed unworthy. There is no "campy" feel at Auschwitz, but rather a "crimes against humanity" kind of feeling. How can this bus be allowed to roam the streets?! How can this be considered acceptable?

While the memories of the Ho-

locoust may be fading in the collective world memory, we are fortunate there are people and institutions to keep those memories alive. That is what every Holocaust survivor hoped for: that they would be remembered and that the world would never forget. That wish has been realized in part with Holocaust Museums around the world. Sadly and clearly, it is not enough. Hate persists and grows where fertilized. Denial, mockery, and ignorance undermine the lessons learned from the Holocaust. It is imperative for us to speak up as a community, as individuals, and stand firm on the true facts and lessons of the Holocaust, to continue to bear witness, to remember the victims, and to make sure it never happens again.

Naturally, we do not want to dwell on these things, but rather seal them up in the deep recesses of our minds. They are too painful. Even with the ongoing turmoil in the world, and terrorist attacks or other tragedies, understandably and for self-preservation, we quickly absorb each event and then do our best to quickly force the dark events away from our thoughts so the sting of emotions can dissipate.

Of course, we must live in the present and not be ruled by fear or sadness, nor do we as Jews want to be seen as or only think of ourselves as merely victims. We have a tremendous responsibility, however, to remember the lessons learned for the sake of the world knowing the truth of our Jewish history and for the future security and prosperity of generations of Jews to come. More importantly, our job as educators, activists, and supporters is for the benefit of all as we work to promote tolerance and understanding, and make the world a more peaceful place.

The good work and positive impact of the Savannah Jewish Federation through the support and enrichment it provides for our community and for other Jewish organizations and programs around the globe is incredibly important. Equally important perhaps is the outreach we do as Jews, as individuals, in our daily lives with the people, organizations, and those outside of our Jewish community here and abroad to set an example for embracing our differences with tolerance, respect, and loving kindness.

I wish each of you a most wonderful, happy and healthy New Year! Thank you very much for your support and participation in the Savannah Jewish Federation.



Adam Solender
Executive Director of
JEA/SJF

A Time to Reset

It is "officially" fall, yet summer doesn't seem to want to give in. We still have beautiful warm days and shirt-sleeve nights. It seems to make sense; the JEA's and Federation's fiscal years close at the end of September and we celebrate the New Year. It is a perfect time to reset.

We are gearing up for a new Federation Annual Campaign, a campaign that will hopefully surpass last year's numbers. For each of the past three years, our community has raised over \$1,000,000 for Jewish needs here in Savannah, in Israel, and around the world; we have incredible capacity to give and an incredible opportunity to make a difference.

The needs could not be more poignant as our Jewish Family Services is assisting members of our community who find themselves in need, many for the first time. There is a super team lined up for the campaign with overall Chair, Stacey Schlafstein, Men's Chair Matthew Allan, and Women's Chair Linda Sacks leading a cadre of division chairs and workers. Some events already have been confirmed and others are in the planning stages; we are all very excited.

Young Jewish Savannah has a full plate of activities scheduled, The PJ Library is really coming into its own with an entire year of activities on the calendar, our Hillel Ambassadors are actively recruiting fellow students, and planning is underway for dozens of programs and initiatives like Konter-Weiland, the rehab of the JEA's fitness facilities, installation of a new garden, Levy Concert, Shabbatons, etc.

At last month's Federation Annual Meeting, newly-installed President Allan Ratner spoke about the

upcoming Endowment Campaign when he announced his and Arlene's gift to the community—they are converting their current donor-directed philanthropic fund to an endowed fund that will continue to make their gifts to the Annual Campaign in perpetuity, helping to guarantee that we can take care of the needs of our community and Jews everywhere for years to come. They are wonderful examples of leaders truly answering the call to lead. This endowment campaign will assure the future financial health of the Savannah Jewish community.

It's nice to be busy... and it's nice to be busy doing things that have a really positive impact on the quality of Jewish life in Savannah. Even with the significant investment and very positive results, I continually ask myself: "*are we are doing the right things... and are we doing them at the right time?*"

The Savannah Jewish community has always "been small and acted large." Given our limited resources, it is more essential than ever that

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we continually review and reevaluate our work, both in terms of change and priorities. We have a "new" Federation Board who will take on this process in the coming weeks... with the New Year and new Board comes new thinking. It's

exciting to listen and learn.

We are now entering the season of our High Holy Days. This is the period for reflection, self-assessment and renewal. As busy as we are, this is a most appropriate time for the Federation and the JEA, and for every individual responsible for these organizations, to step back and appreciate our successes, acknowledge our shortcomings and re-commit ourselves to creating a meaningful Jewish future for ourselves, our children and our entire community.

May the New Year be one of Blessings, Peace, Health, Prosperity and Awareness for all of us.



FLOOD RELIEF

Help the Savannah Jewish Federation and the Jewish Federations of North America provide relief to Baton Rouge and southern Louisiana, now a federal disaster area.

Go to savj.org to Donate

100% of your donation will go to the Baton Rouge Flood Relief Fund



Michael Strear receives a President's Award from Sherry Dolgoff at the Savannah Jewish Federation's 2016 Annual Meeting. Mike was honored for his always kind and cheerful manner at the JEA front desk and his volunteerism with the Food for Thought and Jewish Film Festival programs.



L'Shana Tova



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Joel Greenberg,
JEA President

JEA New Year Greetings

The Jewish New Year gives all of us the opportunity to take stock of our accomplishments, shortcomings and our progress. We believe that we are each asked to assess if we have lived up to our best selves. So too, it is reasonable for us to explore whether our community agencies have done the best job possible.

The last year has seen many positive changes at the JEA. We have cleaned and rehabilitated many areas around the building, the fields and the pool. We have a new outdoor mural and our new music garden for the preschool. We have a new bus to transport children. Our summer camp, pre-school and after school programs have seen unprecedented growth. We have expanded our athletic, swimming and health programs extensively. We have increased cultural, educational and entertainment programming for all ages. Is the building as nice as it could be? Not yet. Could we offer more programs or classes? You bet. Are there still members of our community whom we have not reached? Certainly. Opportunities to better ourselves abound.

This upcoming year will see the birth of our new Jewish educational garden for the pre-school and camp programs, a major overhaul of the fitness center beginning shortly after the High Holidays, major improvements to enhance security for the JEA and the preschool, and further expansion of our sports, swimming programs and health and fitness classes. We will be working on structured growth of the preschool and long term improvements around the indoor and outdoor pools.

The New Year offers all of us the chance to work on improving ourselves and grow. This year at the JEA we plan to do exactly that. I hope you will take advantage of all we offer here and make your JEA membership as valuable as it can be. I also hope you choose to participate by volunteering for programs, serving on committees or participating in governance. By doing so you will be helping our Jewish community be its best self in the year to come.

On behalf of the Board of Governance, and the hard-working staff of our JEA, and certainly on behalf of Carol and my family, I wish you all a healthy, safe, prosperous and fulfilling 5777.

L'Shanah tovah tikatavu,
Joel A. Greenberg



Jean Weitz

Hadassah New Year Greetings

At the New Year, we turn our thoughts both backwards and forwards. We remember the accomplishments and disappointments of the passing year, and look ahead to the great possibilities of the year to come.

At Hadassah we, too, look behind and ahead, at our past 104 years of "practical Zionism," of establishing modern healthcare in Israel, helping generations of youth at risk, and pushing the boundaries of medical research into the world's most debilitating diseases. And like our founder Henrietta Szold, we "make [our] eyes look toward the future," as Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) doctors and researchers blaze new paths in stem cell research and develop immunotherapies to fight disease. Stunning results of HMO clinical trials for potential treatments of ALS, MS, and other neurodegenerative diseases have riveted the medical community worldwide, and bring

hope for people around the world.

How exciting to experience Hadassah's 98th National Convention in July, when nearly 1000 Hadassah members, supporters and friends gathered in Atlanta for plenaries, panels, speakers and special events. Energized and empowered, we committed to work even harder, answering the charge of "Hadassah, The Power of Women Who Do," and knowing that the work we do today will change the world tomorrow.

On behalf of the almost 500 members of Savannah Hadassah, we thank you for your continued membership and financial support. You make all that we do possible. May 5777 be a year filled with Peace and Health.

Shana tovah tikatavu,

Jean Weitz
Hadassah Savannah President

Rosh Hashanah Greetings from Our Rabbinical Leaders

Grasping the Hand

Much has transpired in the previous years. Israel defended itself in Operation Protective Edge against the Hamas terrorists, anti-Semitic efforts in Europe calling for BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) against Israel and a “treaty” with Iran who continues its call for the destruction of Israel wiping it off the face of the earth. No matter how much we try, it seems as though peace and tranquility is a constant struggle. Israel and Jews are singled out for criticism and we are thrust into a defensive posture arguing against the most absurd claims. Human rights are nonexistent in most Muslim countries yet it is always Israel that is condemned for defending itself against annihilation

when citizens are injured.

Various organizations strive to educate the masses of the atrocities of the barbaric Islamist terrorists. However, while much effort and funds are expended towards its goal, there is a more threatening concern confronting the Jewish communities. Jewish youth have little comprehension of the importance and validity of Israel! Jewish youth have little or no comprehension of their faith! Outside the Orthodox world, assimilation and intermarriage are rampant. Some believe that we should restructure services and organizations to accommodate these “blended” families. Unknowingly they transform themselves into its very means of promoting this condition. The organizations become the “blenders” and the Jewish identity becomes a thing of the past.

After the sacred days of Rosh Ha-

shanah, with the Shofar sounds still reverberating in our souls, we stand before the L-rd on Yom Kippur, the great gift for atonement. From *Kol Nidre* throughout the entire fast day, we pour out our hearts in solemn prayer beseeching the Almighty to accept our regret and remorse for mistakes of the past. Yom Kippur concludes with the *Neilah* service allowing us one more opportunity to connect with the Divine as the sun sets and the “gates” begin to close. At the very conclusion of our silent *Neilah* prayer, we state that “You reach out your hand to the negligent, and your right hand is extended to receive the repentant... you graciously receive us into your presence... you have abundantly provided us with means of pardon”. The prophet states “I have no desire for anyone to die says the L-rd G-d; so repent and live”. Is 55.6

Despite man’s follies and foolish behavior, G-d avails himself as a loving father, awaiting his child to return. The Divine love is boundless

and even when we slumber the right hand of G-d is extended to awaken and inspire us. The world events which seem so incomprehensible, the difficulties and challenges that confront Israel and world Jewry, the blatant evil of anti-Semitism, are all an effort to alert us of the dangers of complacency and losing our Jewish compass. The *nachas* we all desire comes as a result of embracing our heritage, customs, mitzvahs and Torah knowledge. Taking our Jewish identities and “blending” in order to achieve a level of comfort is a very costly exchange. The rich, profound heritage of Judaism is the most precious possession of all. It defines us and it permeates our eternal souls.

May we embrace the magnificent gifts of our holidays and seize the outstretched Divine hand, bringing us together as people and family. May we glow in the Divine presence and may we be blessed with a year filled with good health, happiness and peace.

Does a Jew Bow?

How many of us have felt a little uncomfortable watching worshippers bow down on their knees when visiting a Catholic church or completely prostrate themselves in a Mosque? The reason is of course because Jews just don’t bow down in this way, to humans or to the Eternal. The exception to this familiar edict comes during the High Holidays when a Jew may bow down upon his knees during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, namely during the *Aleinu*. Some even believe it is permissible to completely lie prostrate during this prayer. Many of us have never witnessed the Jewish full prostration or even the knee touching the ground, although we may bow just a little lower during the *Aleinu*. According to philosopher, Franz Rosenzweig, though, the bowing down to our knees carries a very special value during the High Holidays. “What distinguishes the Days of Awe from all other festivals is that here and only here does the Jew kneel. Here he does what he refused to do before the king of Persia, what no power on earth can compel him to do, and what he need not do before God on any other day of the year, or in any other situation he may face during his lifetime. And he does

not kneel to confess a fault or to pray for forgiveness of sins, acts to which this festival is primarily dedicated. He kneels only in beholding the immediate nearness of God, hence on an occasion which transcends the earthly needs of today.”

For thousands of years, Jews have refused to bow down to kings and lesser men, risking life and limb, but yet here we are invited to do so just this one time of the year. For Rosenzweig, this dipping of our physical bodies serves as the one moment in our lives during the year where we subjugate ourselves fully to God. We acknowledge God’s sovereignty, announcing to the world that we appreciate God for everything God has given us, even if we understand we can never fully appreciate or understand the Almighty. “The congregation now rises to the felling of God’s nearness as it sees in memory the Temple service of old, and visualizes especially the moment when the priest, this once in all the year, pronounced the Ineffable Name of God that was expressed by a circumlocution on all other occasions, and the assembled people fell on their knees.”

During the year, we find ourselves wandering in many different directions at the same time. It’s rare when we have the opportunity to simply devote ourselves to God fully, especially alongside the people in our

community. Even when we pray together, we must use various prayers to connect to God. We must use a variety of adjectives to describe God. Here during this prayer, we peel away all of the distractions, all of the lengthy prayers, and connect to God in the most direct of ways, akin to the moment the High Priest recited the single word name of God in the Holy Temple, bringing the community closer to the Eternal that at any other time of the year. We no longer have a High Priest nor a Temple, but we still have this moment when we bow together, connecting at a higher but yet simultaneously simpler level. We bow our heads and focus completely on our responsibilities as human beings and understand that we are part of something much greater than ourselves.

When we bow during the *Aleinu*, we pray for a day when not only the Jewish community, but the entire

world will join together, uniting to bring redemption to our problematic world. We understand we may never achieve this goal in our lifetimes, but nonetheless we still in this moment hold the power to hope. As Rosenzweig explains, “The concluding prayer, which utters this cry day after day, silences it on the Days of Awe, and, in complete awareness that this congregation is not yet the “single band” of all that is created, anticipates the moment of eternal redemption by seizing on it now, in the present. And what the congregation merely expresses in words in the course of the year, it here expresses in action: it prostrates itself before the King of kings.” Whether we bow with or knees or heads to the ground or just bend our knees during the High Holidays, let us remember that this modest act carries with it far reaching connotations.

Celebrating a simcha?

(Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, engagements, weddings, births.)



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Share your good news with the Savannah Jewish News
Send the vital statistics to sjnews@savj.org

Wishing Friends and Family
A Happy and Healthy
New Year

Norman & Sherry Dolgoff

Shana Tova
To Our Savannah Friends!
Still Going Strong!

Lena Solomon
Harold Solomon
Sydney Ratnow
& All Our Family

Wishing You a Happy, Prosperous
and Healthy New Year
The Clark Family —
Fred, Nancie, Jon & Rob Clark;
Alison & David Sturm

Harriet Konter
Wishes all my Relatives
and Friends
A Happy and Prosperous
New Year

Happy New Year to All
From
Marilyn & Jim Farley

Happy and Healthy New Year
From the Kulbersh Family:
Harriett & Paul
Dana, Eric, Ross & Alyssa
Brian, Jennifer, Alec & Peri

Wishing Y'all a New Year
Of Health and Happiness

Cookie & Barry Gale

May the New Year
Be Filled with Health,
Happiness, Success and Peace
Throughout the World
L'Shana Tova

Sarah Denmark
&
Adam Solender

Bob Friedman & Vernon Mosheim
Wish All Their Friends and
Relatives
A Happy and Prosperous
New Year

Wishing Friends and Family
A Happy and Healthy New Year
Betty Lasky

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

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Lasky,
Darryl, Mindy & Stephen
Wish Everyone a
Happy and Healthy New Year

Melvin L. Haysman
Roberta Kamine-Haysman
Michelle, Kevin, Avi & Eli
Heyman
Rachelle, Brian,
Sophie & Evie Carmel
Herchelle, Adam,
Elyssa & Joey Cohen

Wish Friends and Family
A Happy New Year!

Wishing a Year of
Health, Happiness and Optimism
To All

Sheree & Larry Zaslavsky

Wishing Family and Friends
A Sweet New Year Filled
With Peace, Health and Happiness
Doris & Arnie Goldstein

Wishing Everyone a Happy,
Healthy and Prosperous New Year
Cathy & Irvin Levine

Warm Wishes to All
For a Happy and Healthy
New Year

Toby Hollenberg
Jeff, Melissa, Jessa & Ellie Neil

Wishing All
A Happy and Healthy New Year!
Sue, John,
Ben & Gabe Adler

Wishing a Happy and Healthy
New Year to All
Sandy, Skippy, Marc, Karen,
Ashley & Parker Goodman;
Jill, Ken, Ben & Carly Goldstein

Kathy Levitt
Wishes all my Friends
A Happy and Prosperous
New Year

May This New Year
Be Filled with the Promise of
Health, Happiness and Peace
Marcia & Sandy Berens and
Family

May our Community, our Country and
All of Israel Enjoy Blessings of
Peace and Prosperity
for the New Year
Dr. & Mrs. Joel A. Greenberg & Family

Wishing Friends and Family
A Happy and Healthy New Year
The Novack Family

Dayle & Aaron Levy
Along with their Children,
Grandchildren and Great
Grandson

Wish Their Friends and Family
A New Year Filled with
Good Health, Happiness and
Peace

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bernstein
& Family
Wish All their Relatives and
Friends A Happy, Healthy and
Prosperous New Year

Wishing all Our Family and
Friends
A New Year Filled with Happiness,
Health and Peace Sally & Steve,
Greg, Susan, & Eleanor, Matt,
Karina & Leo Greenberg

The Ratner Family — Arlene, Allan,
Brett, Jennifer, Jami, Scott, Skylar
& Madelyn — Wish all our Family
and Friends A Very Happy and
Thoughtful New Year

Best Wishes to All for a
Happy, Healthy and Prosperous
New Year
Dr. Eugene “Bucky” & Joan Bloom

Sidney & Marissa Karp and
Julius Kaminsky
Wish a Happy, Healthy Prosperous
New Year to All

Wishing all of our Friends and
Family
A Happy and Healthy New Year
Scott, Jared & Allison Samuels

Dr. Arnold Tillinger Wishes All in our Community A Safe and Healthy New Year	Happy New Year June & Murray Arkin And Family	Best Wishes to All For a Sweet and Healthy New Year Lynn Levine	Sally & Herb Sanders Wish Our Family and Friends A Healthy and Happy New Year
	Wishing Friends and Family A Happy New Year Simone Center	Wishing All a Happy New Year and Thanks for all Your Support this Year Buddy Metzger	Wishing Friends and Family A Happy New Year Marilyn & Bob Slagel
Irvin & Joy Warshaw Wish All their Friends and Family A Happy and Healthy New Year	May Your Year be Filled With Good Health and Loads of Love Bill & Elaine Fox	Shana Tova to The Jewish Community Carol Offenbach	Wishing Family and Friends A Happy NewYear Sarabel & Ross Stemer
Jean & Julian Weitz Wish All our Friends and Family A Happy and Healthy New Year	Happy and Healthy New Year Adelle Burnsed-Geffen Ted Geffen	We Wish Family and Friends A Healthy and Happy New Year Nancy & Jules Paderewski	Wishing Peace, Health & Happiness Shana Tova – Happy New Year Tami & Lenny Tishberg
	Best Wishes to Family and Friends For a Happy and Healthy New Year Margie Gordon	Wishing Family and Friends A Happy and Healthy New Year Elaine Radetsky	Wishing Friends and Family A Healthy and Happy New Year Jane Winter
Linda, Michael, Jonathan & Stephanie Zoller Becca, Eric & Adeline Stone Wish Everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year	A Happy New Year to JEA Members and Staff Diane Kuhr	Wishing Friends and Family A Happy New Year Patrick & Brenda Salter	

Conserving the Savannah Jewish Archives

by Jeremy Katz

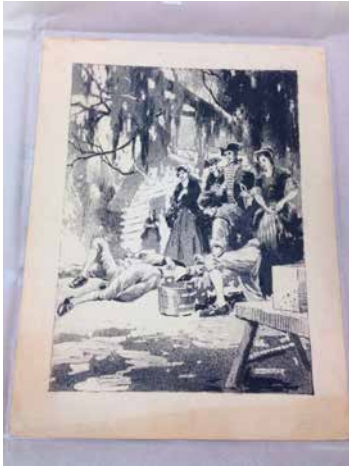
The Cuba Family Archives for Southern Jewish History recently accepted “Dr. Nunez in Savannah” pen and ink on artists’ board by renowned Georgia artist, Wilbur Kurtz, into the growing Savannah Jewish Archives. When the piece arrived to the Archives, it was taped to a matt in a frame. The piece also had a large tear in an upper corner of the board. Further, the artists’



board itself was highly acidic and already experiencing yellowing. Thanks to the generosity of a member of the museum, we were able to send the piece out to a local conservator to be stabilized.



After several weeks with the conservator, the piece was returned to the Archives and in stabile condition. The conservator carefully removed all of the pressure sensitive tapes along the back edge using a gentle solvent. They infused the piece with a non-aqueous, alkaline solution and then allowed it to dry in order to neutralize the high acidity



of the artists’ board. The tear in the top right corner was supported with archival tissue and lifted fibers were laid down.

The Archives look forward to preserving and exhibiting this amazing piece of Savannah Jewish history for years to come.



I on Israel

For the Fans

Some Israeli tech and advertising companies have been taking their wares on a road show of sorts, most recently to the U.S., where they showed off their latest products and apps in New York, Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay area. The focus has been on technological advances that enhance the sports industry.

Israeli trade missions in the U.S. worked with the Israel Export Institute (IEI) to schedule the meetings. The particular companies that participated were chosen based on the wishes of the audiences for whom they would be exhibiting. Li Aviram Shoshani, IEI manager of digital media, told *Times of Israel* that “they presented not only technologies related to the world of sports but also those enabling new connections between sports brands and their fans.”

Representatives of U.S. media conglomerates as well as sports teams from the NFL and NBA were on hand to ‘shop’ the Israeli companies’ offerings, which included personal and professional applications such as:

Applicaster, an app platform for broadcast networks and sports leagues that will allow TV viewers to interact with what they are watching. For example, apps would be provided for use on a “second screen” (i.e. smartphone or tablet) while watching a sporting event that pro-



Kayak and paddle equipped with Motionize performance tracking system.

vide additional content information and social media experiences.

FanPassTick, an app that collects from season ticket holders tickets that they don’t plan to use and sells them at 50% of the ticket price. Stadiums stay full and additional fans gain access to games.

Motionize, developed by kayak enthusiasts as a virtual, personal coach application, its sensors used to track paddling efficiency also can be used on other sporting equipment such as baseball bats, tennis rackets, golf clubs or even parts of the body to provide diagnostics to improve an athlete’s performance.

Showbox, cloud-based video editing software that allows users to create studio-quality video in minutes. The platform includes “green screen” technology and an assortment of virtual studios, including media library partners such as Getty Images and Shutterstock, that let users legally enhance their video creations.

lite, Amos 6 that we wrote about in November of 2015. One of the satellite’s primary uses would have been to provide internet service, through Facebook’s non-profit venture Internet.org, to sub-Saharan Africa. In addition to the total loss of the Falcon 9 rocket and its payload, the launch pad at Cape Canaveral itself also incurred damage.

SpaceX said they will be shifting future Florida launches to a new launch pad scheduled for completion in November. In the meantime,

Open, Sesame

An Israeli, an Iranian, a Palestinian, an Egyptian walk into a building in Jordan and cooperate on advanced scientific research. No joke.

Israel, along with Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Pakistan, the Palestinian Authority and Turkey, are Members of SESAME, the Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East. The name SESAME was chosen as a nod to the tale of Ali Baba, the regional seed and even the children’s television show, and the full name was designed to fit the acronym.

The late Gustav-Adolf Voss, a former director of Germany’s Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron, and Herman Winick, an award-winning physicist from Stanford University, are given the main credit for the building of SESAME. When the Berlin synchrotron “Bessy I” was decommissioned for replacement, Voss suggested donating it to the Middle East in 1997. Winick began working with the project the next year.

The synchrotron is a particle accelerator, though smaller than the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) in Switzerland that gained much attention last year for its detection of the Higgs boson (an elementary particle that explains the presence of mass where it would seem unlikely). Smaller accelerators such as SESAME are used



An engineer tests the installation of a vacuum chamber for SESAME

for different types of experimentation than the larger colliders such as LHC.

In addition to the full Members of SESAME, who have control over its strategic development, use and financial matters, the United States, along with Brazil, China, the European Union, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan Kuwait, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom are Observers of SESAME. Observers only have an advisory role, but like Members, may have up to two delegates on the SESAME Council. They may submit proposals for discussion at Council sessions and their nationals may hold staff positions at SESAME.

SESAME’s facilities are in the final phases of construction in Allan, Jordan, 35-km northwest of Amman. The first experiments should be underway soon and a formal opening of the facility is planned for next spring.

To Better Days

We’re sorry to report that September was a tough month for Israel’s space program, which we have been following with much enthusiasm on this page.

On September 1st, a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket exploded on the launch pad at Cape Canaveral during a preflight test for its launch scheduled a few days later. Already on board was the Israeli communications satel-

the effect of this explosion on their launch schedule remains unclear, including what, if any effect it will have on the launch of the Israeli lunar explorer being built for the Google Lunar XPRIZE competition by SpaceIL (*Savannah Jewish News*, Nov. 2015). The Israeli team was the first to announce their launch agreement, planned aboard a SpaceX rocket. We are informed that the SpaceIL launch is to take place at SpaceX’s California facilities and the schedule, and any possible impact from the explo-

sion, has not yet been announced.

On September 13th, Israel launched a reconnaissance satellite, Ofek 11, from its Palmachim Air Base aboard its own Shavit rocket. While the spy satellite achieved its orbit, as of this writing it is said to be malfunctioning and attempts are underway to stabilize it.

As fans of all these programs, we wish you much future success!



The Jewish Educational Alliance presents a monthly program guide:

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Jewish Educational Alliance

October 2016



Children's Programming

Saturday Night Out

November 12th, 6:00-10:00

"Ultimate Hide & Seek"

- Join us for a Camp Savannah favorite as we play Ultimate Hide-n-Seek
- Cool off from all the fun with our delicious Sno-Cones
- Watch a movie on our big screen

December 3rd, 6:00-10:00

"Polar Bears & Penguins"

- Take a dip in our warm indoor pool complete with games and prizes
- Warm up with some delicious hot chocolate and a dessert
- Watch a movie on our big screen

When: 6:00-10:00 pm

Who: 4y-6th grade

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

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

Where: JEA

RSVP and advanced payment must be made by Thursday, November 10th

Check www.SavannahJEA.org for more details



Days @ the JEA

Do you find it difficult to take days off of work when your child is out of school? The JEA offers year-round vacation programming for children in grades Pre K-8th. Your child will enjoy activities such as field trips, swimming, cooking, sports, crafts and MORE! For staffing purposes and the safety of your children, please register and pay before the date of the event or you will be charged a \$5 late fee. Registration opens October 1st!

October 20th

- Take a trip to Madrac Farms
- Pick a pumpkin, go for a hayride and bounce on the inflatables
- Take a dip in our pool

October 21st

- Participate in fall-themed festival games
- Create a fall inspired masterpiece
- Bake a scrumptious fall treat

November Dates: 8th, 11th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd

Member Value Price:

\$35.00 per day for first child

\$33.00 per day for additional children

Non Member Price:

\$45.00 per day for first child

\$43.00 per day for additional children

Sign up today, space is limited
Ages 4 years-8th Grade

Call 355-8111 or email Mary Mazza at kids@savj.org for more info

Jonathan Rabb

An Evening with Savannah's Very Own Author Jonathan Rabb

October 13, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Jewish Educational Alliance



A moving novel about a Holocaust survivor's unconventional journey back to a new normal in 1940s Savannah, Georgia.

Set amid the backdrop of America's postwar south, *Among the Living* grapples with questions of identity and belonging, and steps beyond the Jewish experience as it situates Yitzhak's story within the last gasp of the Jim Crow era.

AMONG the
LIVING

JEA Donations

(August 11-September 12, 2016)

ARKIN-CLARK GARDEN FUND

In honor of Florence Karsman
Marilyn Seeman

JEA GENERAL DONATION

In memory of Aron Weiner
Arnold Tillingier

JEA PRESCHOOL SAVANNAH FUND

In honor of Betty Lasky
Doris Klugman

JACK M. & MIRIAM S. LEVY CONCERT FUND

In honor of Riette Pollack
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In memory of Edwin Bradley
In memory of Aron Weiner
In memory of Esther & Gilbert Kanter
Regina Platock & Harvey Kanter

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In honor of Elise Shernoff
Brenda & Patrick Salter

HENRY W. CENTER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of Miriam Center
Charlotte & Harold Black & Family

Winter Days @ the JEA 2016-2017

December 19th – January 3rd

Activities include:

- Ice Skating
- Pajama/Pancake Party
- Trip to see the movie "Sing"
- And much, much more!!

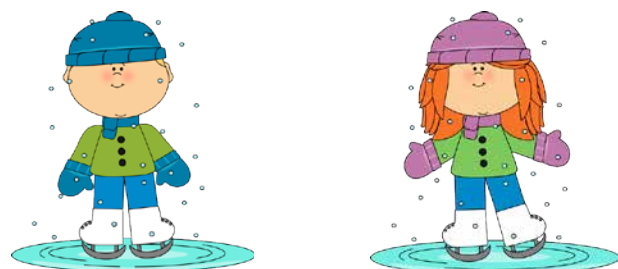
Price:

Members: \$35/child per day

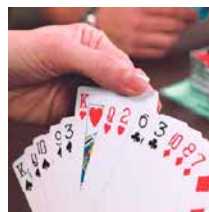
Non Members: \$45/child per day

Grades:

Pre-K through 8th Grade



Adult Programming



Bridge -

Wednesdays 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Scrabble -

Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Mah Jongg -

Mondays 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Thursdays 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm



Community Garden

Love to garden, but don't have the space? Be part of the JEA Garden Club and help work one of the 18 garden boxes at the Midtown Miracle Community Garden, three blocks north of the JEA. Excess produce and herbs will be donated to Second Harvest to aid them in their mission to feed up to 6000 children daily. For more details, "like" **Midtown Miracle Community Garden** on Facebook or email Carol Greenberg MStarArts@gmail.com.



Join us on each Thursday at 12:30 p.m. for **Food For Thought!**

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

October 6

The Meditation of Tai Chi, Trevor Jaha

October 13

Jews in Music, Dr. Martin Greenberg

October 20

The Importance Music Plays in Society,

Mario Incorvaia

October 27

Flu and Vaccine Clinic, Nichole Tirao &

Gail Stoltzman

Don't forget to call
and make your
reservation at the
JEA Front Desk



JEA Youth Basketball

December 2016- March 2017

Ages: 5 years through 5th grade

For more information:

Contact: Kirby Southerland

912.355.8111

aquatics@savj.org



Registration begins
in November!



Health & Wellness

Fast and Fit



Kat Ackerman
Health & Wellness
Director

“Life is what happens to you while you’re busy making other plans.” John Lennon certainly had that right. With technology increasing at astounding rates, you would think we would have more time for ourselves.

On the contrary, for most of us there never seems to be enough hours in the day. A common casualty is one’s

and Thursdays. Each class will begin with a warm-up to heat up the body, but if you can’t make it right at 5:00 we still want you to join us. The classroom doors are open; you are welcome to join the fun at any time! So come in whenever you can make it. The class will be a mixture of cardio and strength intervals, plyometrics, calisthenics and core work. It will be suitable for any fitness level, whether you are new to exercise or a veteran. Class will end promptly at 5:40 with a stretching cool down. This is where the fast comes in; get in and out in 40 minutes.

The key to sustaining a fitness plan is to maintain enthusiasm and motivation. So come join us!!

Fast and Fit

Starting November 3rd

Classes held Mondays and Thursdays: 5:00 to 5:40 pm

fitness program.

All you need is a little motivation and a little time to maintain a fitness plan! The JEA has a new fitness class to help you with both! We will get you motivated and yes, you have to get us some of your time, but we will help keep it to a minimum.

Our new class, **Fast and Fit**, starts Thursday, November 3rd at 5pm, and will meet on Mondays

Summer Swimming Inspiration



Kirby Southerland
Aquatics Director

With each medal won in a swimming race by any US Swimmer in this year’s Summer Olympics, my smile grew a little bit wider. Every time Michael Phelps or Katie Ledecky touched the wall and brought home another World Record or Gold Medal, I could feel the inspiration building inside myself. I know that I’m

my absolute best effort to train them to be the swimmers that I know they can be.

We will have three more sessions of Junior Swim before our competitive summer swim team starts up next summer.

Registration for the session beginning November 1st is now open. For more information on the Junior Swim Program, contact Kirby Southerland at aquatics@savj.org.



not alone in feeling the sense of pride in seeing another American defeat a pool full of swimmers and I know I’m not the only one who sat on the edge of my seat during a close race to see who would prevail.

As it turns out, I was right. This first session of Junior Swim has the highest number of participants since the beginning of the program. Each one of these swimmers, ranging in age from 4 to 16 years old, jumped into the pool on the first day of practice with the kind of motivation that I wish I could bottle up and sell.

As I walked onto the pool deck, I was greeted by new faces that wanted to learn a classic sport. One of my younger swimmers looked at me and told me that even though he’s never been on a swim team before, he’s ready to learn how to swim like Michael Phelps.

It’s inspiring to see these swimmers show up for every practice determined to be better swimmers. As their coach, it’s my responsibility to give them

Coach Kirby is excited to announce that the JEA has several sessions of year-round swim league. Designed to enhance competitive swimming techniques and abilities, our young swimmers practice for an hour executing drills for all four competitive strokes: Freestyle, Breast Stroke, Butterfly and Back Stroke.

Our goal is to achieve personalized goals for each individual swimmer; goals range from time and technique to stroke knowledge and lap completion.

The best time to get ready for Summer Swim 2017 is NOW! Its a great way to get year-round exercise, develop team spirit and discipline, all

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
10:30 am - SilverSneakers Classic
6:00 pm - AquaDance
6:00 pm - Total Body Blast

Tuesday

9:15 am - Power Pilates
10:00 am - SilverSneakers Splash
10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
5:45 pm - Zumba Glow
6:00 pm - Savannah Kenpo
7:00 pm - Savannah Fencing Club

Wednesday

8:45 am - Firm It Up
10:00 am - Sun Flow Yoga
10:30 am - SilverSneakers Classic
6:00 pm - Total Body Blast

Thursday

9:30 am - Barre Blend
10:00 am - Aquasize
10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
6:00 pm - Savannah Kenpo
7:00 pm - Savannah Fencing Club

Friday

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

Junior Swim Registration

while developing a life long skill.

Session II - Nov. 1-Dec. 22
Session III - Jan. 10-Mar. 20
Session IV - Mar. 21-May 12

Age: 4 yrs to 16 yrs

Cost: Community Member: \$135
JEA Member Value: \$130

For any questions, contact Kirby. 912-355-8111 or aquatics@savj.org.



JEA Preschool Savannah News

Quality Rated Process

From August 2015 through May 2016, JEA Preschool Savannah participated in the Quality Rated Process of Georgia's DECAL Bright from the Start Licensing Agency. Quality Rated is a systemic approach to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early care and education programs. Similar to rating systems for other service-related industries, Quality Rated assigns a quality rating to early care and education programs that meet a set of defined program standards. By participating in Quality Rated, early care and education programs embark on a path of continuous quality improvement.

This journey involved a total commitment from our administration and teachers to improve the quality of our preschool. A portfolio was submitted that included professional learning plans for teachers, strengthening family activities, ways to improve interactions with children and organizing classroom environments. All teachers also submitted their Professional Development Portfolios, which include their college transcripts and continuing education certificates.

Of the 293 licensed Bright from the Start programs in Chatham County, only 34 are Quality Rated. JEA Preschool Savannah is proud to announce that we obtained a 2-star rating. This means that our program has demonstrated a commitment to meeting standards that exceed state health and safety requirements, meets many quality benchmarks and scores well on the independent observation.

Thank you to all who supported us in this achievement!



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

Enroll Now 2016-17 School Year

- Openings 12 months & walking & 4-year old (limited opportunities available)
- 2, 3 and 5-day options for the toddlers
- For full details, visit our website at www.SavannahJEA.org

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



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 8/11/16-9/11/2016)

Jeremy Aven
Robin Butler
Benjamin Dory & Emily Hadland
Chelsea Dubick
Sebastian Flor & Kaila Rosa
Dan & Elena Michaels
Joshua & Tifanny Rose
Curry Salandi
Donna Scarcella
Lorraine Patterson
Geoffrey & Molly Taylor

Join the JEA!

Join the JEA and you will be glad you did when you take advantage of our special member pricing, FREE classes and events! The JEA provides many different types of memberships to accommodate everyone.

Types of Membership include:

Family Plans
Couple Plans
Single Parent/Family Plans
Senior Plans
Individual Plans
Military/Law Enforcement (active duty only)

Visit us at 5111 Abercorn Street or online at www.SavannahJEA.org for more information!

Step Right up to the JEA
And Celebrate Sukkot in a Real Fun Way

at the

THREE RING SUKKAH'S

CARNIVAL GAMES
& PRIZES

ENTERTAINMENT

SNACKS &
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2-4 PM @ THE JEA

Cost is \$5 per person or
\$15 per family

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JEWISH EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE
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Jewish Educational Alliance
Preschool Savannah



Tasty Joy at Shalom Y'all Jewish Food Festival

by Jennifer Rich & Carol Greenberg

Imagine Forsyth Park filled with the delicious scents of latkes, blintzes and corned beef, plus countless adults with plates filled with food and smiles on their faces, children laughing and decorating cupcakes, and dogs sniffing and begging for leftovers. You won't have to imagine for long, as October 30th will soon be here and so will the annual Shalom Y'all Jewish Food Festival!

Congregation Mickve Israel is celebrating our 28th year of sharing Jewish delicacies with the Savannah community. This year we'll be serving up the favorites – sweet noodle kugel, tasty blintzes, hot corned beef sandwiches, matzah ball soup, chopped liver, Sephardic lamb, latkes and more. And we'll have lots of Dr. Brown's sodas and He'Brew Beer on hand to cool you down on what surely will be a bright, sunny day.

Music will fill the air as *Klezmer Local 42* – a Georgia-based Klezmer band – will rock the stage. Created by bandleader Dan Horowitz in 2009 when he was trying to find musicians to play joyous selections for his own wedding, the band members travel from as far away as North Carolina to play all over the southeast on weekends, delighting audiences with Jewish music with Eastern European roots, or Klezmer. "Klezmer has been a personal journey for me," he said. "Actually figuring how to play it is very different from just listening to it, and it's fascinating. It's like learning about jazz. It was so mysterious before I started. How do you actually do it, man? That's a journey in itself."

Also, presented in collaboration with the *Savannah Philharmonic*, the classic violin duo of Ann Cafferty and Erica Monkman will entertain us with lively Jewish tunes and mu-

sic from Jewish composers. Mitchell Krieger, the new Director of the Savannah Philharmonic, will be on hand for his first Jewish Food Festival since moving to Savannah. "The Savannah Philharmonic is thrilled to collaborate with the Shalom Y'all Food Festival," he told us. "Musicians from the Philharmonic will be

on the stage making wonderful music, and I'll be sampling the great food. I'm especially excited since I grew up in Brooklyn – we'll see if anything compares to my mother's specialties!"

Delicious food, good times with friends (new and old), sunshine and great entertainment — the Shalom Y'all Jewish Food Festival will be a day to remember. Join us from 11am – 3pm on October 30th at Forsyth Park – we hope to see you there! For more information call Mickve Israel at 912-233-1547.



Forsyth Park fills with people eager to sample the variety of tasty treats and to take home a challah or two



Members of the Savannah Philharmonic perform at a previous Shalom Y'all festival

Intern for 2017 Maccabiah

MaccabiUSA announced the 20th Maccabiah Internship Program, its first long-term program designed for young adults interested in having a unique experience in Israel. The program will include *Ulpan* (immersive Hebrew study), a course at The College of Management Academic Studies in Rishon Letzion, and interning at the 20th Maccabiah (the Jewish Olympics).

Maccabiah is the third largest international sporting event in the world, and the largest touring event in Israel. The July 4-18, 2017 Maccabiah anticipates hosting approximately 10,000 athletes and 22,000 additional fans from more than 80 countries in a festival of sports, Jewish continuity and connection to the State of Israel.

Internships are available in marketing, hospitality, sports, infra-



structure and logistics, IT systems and transportation. The program is for six months beginning in January and includes: Medical insurance during the time in the program, weekly allowance to prepare meals, accommodations, monthly bus pass, trips, activities, supervision and guidance by *Madrichim* (counselors), coordinators and the Program Director.

The cost to the participant is \$12,500 (\$2,083 per month), excluding airfare. MASA Israel grants and needs-based scholarships are available. For more information, email ymatok@maccabiusa.com or call (215) 561-6900, ext. 4153.



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Joshua Berg,
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Programming Director Named

Joshua Berg joined the JEA and the Savannah Jewish Federation on September 13th as the new Community Programming Director.

Joshua and his family recently relocated to Savannah from Los Angeles where he served as an administrator for ten years at Stephen Wise Temple, the largest Reform Temple and private school in Los Angeles. His varied background also includes ten years in New York as an actor and theater producer. He produced the largest elementary school fundraiser in the country for his children's

school and says he spent four years of weekends entertaining at over 600 birthday parties for children all over Southern California.

Joshua was raised in a liberal Jewish household in Detroit and has lived all over the U.S. and the world, including New York, Ohio, Los Angeles, Japan and Russia. He has a BA from the University of Michigan and an MBA from Metropolitan College of New York. He and his wife Tisha have been happily married for 17 years and are the parents of two amazing daughters.

Joshua and his family are delighted to be in the beautiful city of Savannah and are especially excited to be a part of the JEA/Federation community.



Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director of
Early Childhood
Education

It's the Simple Things in Life

As I sit to write this article, I am in my office searching on Google about Rosh Hashanah, reading greetings and thoughts about the Jewish New Year. The internet is a boundless source of ideas for holiday art projects for children, books to read, foods to make, and the list goes on and on. It has me thinking about how I could talk with the children about their hopes and dreams for the New Year or how to make improvements in the year to come. However, none of that is speaking to me. And then it happened.

I stopped my Google searching and began to read some board books about Rosh Hashanah meant for the very young child. I had turned on some soft music and as I was reading it was then that the real meaning of Rosh Hashanah tugged at my heart. One of the books I read was "The Shofar Calls to Us." It is short and simple as it tells about all the different Shofar blasts and the lessons

a child can associate with each for the New Year. For example, *Shevarim: Help others. Say "please and thank you."* Simplistic, yet meaningful for people of all ages. After all, isn't it the simple things in life that are the most meaningful and important?

When provided the experiences, the very young children can hear the sound of the shofar, taste the apples dipped in honey, and see the Tzedakah being put in the Tzedakah box.

Sharing those traditions and bringing meaning to the holidays is what we do at JEA Preschool Savannah. It's how we build a strong foundation of Jewish values and experiences for our children.

So as we celebrate the Jewish New Year of 5777, may we create those memories for the children by providing the meaningful experiences for them.

May you have a happy, peaceful, and healthy New Year.

Shana Tova Umetukah! Wishing you a sweet and Happy New Year!

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

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

Correction

On page 15 of the September issue, we misidentified JEA Preschool Savannah teacher "Miss Penny" Berkman. We apologize and regret the error.

The Power of Our Dreams



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A Child's Magic Moment

Not itself a holiday, but *Tashlich* is a ritual that is a big favorite with little ones: how not! We go on a field trip and we come back after we get rid of a year's worth of sins.

This tradition first appeared around the 15th Century and was originally intended to be held by a body of water containing fishes. One of the symbols behind the ritual was for us to be judged by the eye of God the same way a fisherman judges the fish he just caught: to be released or to die. Several centuries later, we have pushed the symbolism a step further: we cast our sins away, usually in the form of breadcrumbs thrown in the river or the sea, with the hope of being granted a fresh start.

For young children, the symbolic act of throwing away our sins brings the message home in a dramatic yet concrete manner: They think about all the things they have done wrong that past year; get more or less a breadcrumb for each item on that mental list and throw those crumbs away during *Tashlich*; then come out with a blank slate and all this while feeding the fish. (Parents, be ready to answer the typical "What happens to the fish that are eating all those sins?")

This is of course of a very simplified version of what *Tashlich* is meant to be but it is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate forgiveness to younger ones. Families with small children will enjoy reading together the related story *New Year at the Pier* by April Alperin.

As we are getting ready for Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, we at Shalom School have spent the summer working on making our new academic year even better. We learned how to teach with project-based learning methodology, meaning our lessons are now more interactive and always centered around one bigger project matching the grade and curriculum. That also means that we will be incorporating art and technology in a more blended manner. Many of our classrooms have been equipped with big screen TVs with computer-like capability that will open many new possibilities: we can access the online components of our curriculum, show our students short videos or do team research on any given topic, but also we can play various games while reviewing and testing the students' knowledge in a really fun atmosphere.

We may not feed the fish at Shalom School but we are definitely aiming to make Jewish education at least as exciting!

Wishing you *Shanah Tova Umetuka*, a sweet and happy New Year!

Eva Locker,
Principal,
Shalom School

A Lesson Learned



Ester Rabhan,
Principal of
Rambam Day School

Unfortunately, we buried my father-in-law, Martin Maier Rabhan on September 6th, after a long haul in the hospital. Some days were quite difficult; when Dad was confused and didn't know what day it was or he was asking for loved ones no longer with us. But as I sat with him during the day or during the night, one aspect remained constant – his kindness. No matter what he wanted me to do or the nurse to do or anyone who would do something for him to do, he always said please. In his most difficult moments when either he was in pain or he was imagining he was being restrained and was begging for me or whoever was there to please make him comfortable; no matter how agitated and frustrated he became, he continued to say please.

From all the lessons my children have shared they learned from their Zadie, and from all the stories I've listened to my husband and his siblings tell over; one theme ran through 90% of the stories they related – Za-

die (Dad) remained steadfast in his belief that all is good even if it could be better and even if it couldn't get any worse.

My father-in-law left this world taking his last breath with his children and most of his grandchildren surrounding his bed. Each of us spoke to him softly near his ear so our thoughts would remain private and each of us gave him a kiss goodbye. That last breath was peaceful and I am certain his lips moved ever so slightly and he was saying thank you.

What relevance does this have to Rambam Day School? I think of each student that comes through our doors and walks our halls as one of my own. I can only hope and pray that through their Jewish education, which is what makes Rambam Day School unique, when they are 120 years old or older and they leave this world; they will leave with the words thank you upon their lips. It will be these words that will be a testament to the Jewish knowledge they received while in Rambam. There is a G-d in this world and everything He does is for the best and everything is a gift of life.



Incoming Savannah Jewish Federation President Allan Ratner presents a gift to his predecessor, Sherry Dolgoff, as a token of thanks for her years of service to the SJF Board and the community.



Jamie Cahn, Savannah Jewish Federation Campaign & Community Outreach Director, is presented a President's Award by Sherry Dolgoff in recognition of her many achievements with Young Jewish Savannah, the annual campaign and more.

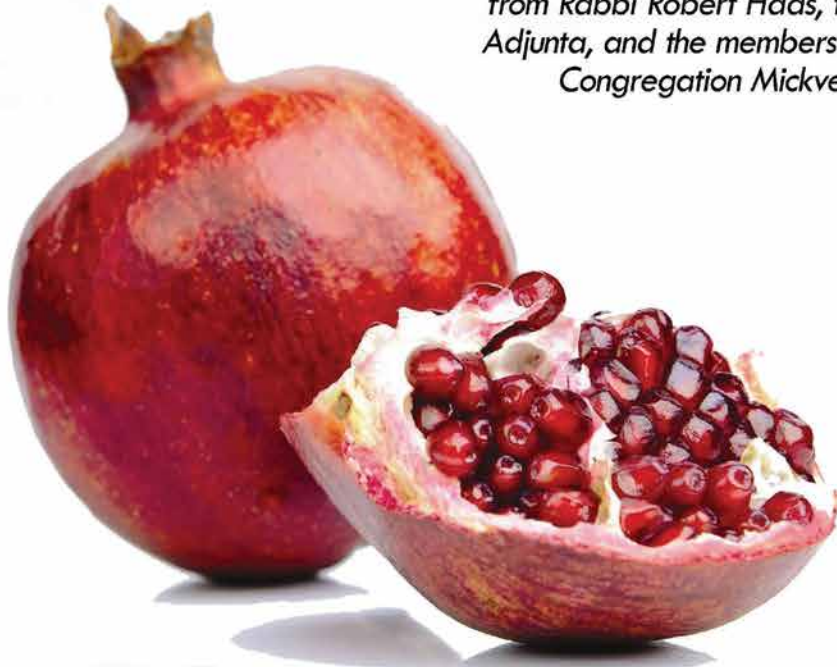
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Highlights of High Holiday Schedule

Sunday, October 2nd, Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:00 pm - Mincha/Maariv
7:26 pm - Candle Lighting

Monday, October 3rd, Rosh Hashanah

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

Tuesday, October 4th, Rosh Hashanah

10:30 am - K'Toni & Jr. Congregation
10:45 am - Shofar Blowing
11:15 am - Sermon

Tuesday, October 11th, Kol Nidre

6:50 pm - Candle Lighting
6:55 pm - Mincha
7:10 pm - Kol Nidre

Wednesday, October 12th, Yom Kippur Yizkor

9:00 am - Shacharit
10:45 am - K'Toni & Jr. Congregation
12:00 pm - Sermon/Yizkor
5:15 pm - Mincha
6:15 pm - Neilah
7:20 pm - Maariv
7:31 pm - Shofar/Havdalah and Fast ends

We wish you all a
Happy, Healthy and Sweet New Year!!!
EVERYONE is welcome to join
Congregation Agudath Achim's Family
for the High Holiday Services!



Four Questions

for the rest of the year



Jonathan Rabb

Jonathan Rabb's new novel, *Among the Living*, to be published October 4th, is set in Savannah and tells the story of a Holocaust survivor making

a new life for himself in this strange, new world (see inset). Jonathan will discuss *Among the Living* at the JEA on Thursday, October 13th, at 7pm.

Jonathan and his family moved to Savannah in 2008. Along with being a successful novelist, Jonathan teaches in the Writing Department at SCAD and still finds time to pursue his passion for acting – he recently appeared in a production of HMS Pinafore. His wife, Andra, is chair of the Performing Arts Department at SCAD. Their 12-year-old twins, Ben and Amelia, are preparing for their Bnai Mitzvah next year.

Tell us a little bit about doing the research for this book – what it was like meeting and interviewing the people who lived through that time and getting to know them.

I had two important conduits. One was Kaye Kole, having put out the oral histories. It was very helpful to be able to read them and then be able to talk with her about them. The other was Larry Waggoner. I showed up at a wedding in Greensboro and it turned out that the bride's father is my cousin and her mother is Larry's cousin. We had just moved to Savannah at the time. He and Frances took us under their wings. He found out I was interested in writing this book but it was a couple of years before I started writing but then he said, "Let me set up a lunch."

And he set up a lunch with him and Frances and Ethel Rosenzweig and Jean Kaminsky and a few others and it was the first time ever working on any of my books that I could interview people who had been alive at the time I was writing about, which was extraordinary for me. I walked in with this legal pad filled with questions, asked the first question, and then didn't speak for the next three hours. Everyone had stories to tell; it was fascinating to listen to them – it was almost as if they were reliving those moments talking about the train to Tybee or where Leopold's used to be – and I just sat

writing away. That was absolutely crucial. It's less about the details; you can always find that. The crucial thing is getting a *feel* for the time and how *they* felt about the time.

Part of the research is just living here, not that I live in 1947 Savannah. But to be able to walk the streets and feel the weather and to go out to Tybee and look at that sun in the sky at a different time of the day and to be able to walk out on the end of the pier where a crucial scene happens – there's something quite wonderful about living it for yourself so my characters can experience it as well.

I've read synopses of "Among the Living" that refer to specific incidents that take place in the story that seem as if they may have actually happened, for example, a story about tensions rising when two congregations (Reform and Conservative) show up for tashlich on the same beach. Did this really happen and are there any other things that readers may remember from that time?

The *tashlich* story is mine; I needed a moment like that. And it was a fractured Jewish community at the time. Also, it was 1947, Israel is in the offing. It's a special year, so why not do something special? I get to have some fun with these two groups confronting each other, but for my character, as a camp survivor, these distinctions among Jews are meaningless, and the community understands that.

I create my own Savannah. I have to remind people when they say they can't wait to read it that these are

my characters and my Savannah. It will be the Savannah you know, but through the eyes of my character, a Czech Jew. He'll

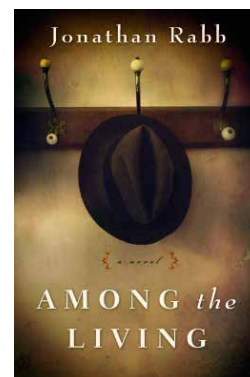
see it very differently. I needed a foreign character that as he figured it out so would I.

The details of only one of stories anyone told me actually made into the book. It's told by one of the African American characters. (*Editor's note:* It's an amusing story; no spoilers here.) And I'm sure the person who told it to me will read it and say, "I told him that story!"

You were a relative newcomer to Savannah when you began work on this novel (and by some people's standards still are). –And always will be! – Did writing it change your perspective of the city and/or the Jewish community?

I spent three years writing this book; you've got to love your subject. You've got to want to spend time with it. It helped me fall in love with the city. We wouldn't have stayed if we didn't love it. I got to make it mine. But I will never feel as if I am true Savannahian. I still root for the New York Yankees and that's never going to change. (*Editor's note:* I tried.) I care about this city. We've chosen to raise our children here and that says a great deal about how connected we feel. We've been embraced by the Jewish community, the SCAD community, the school community.

I admit I had no idea there were Jews south of the Mason-Dixon Line. As a historian, to discover how cru-



cial the Jews were to the very founding of Georgia, to all sorts of moments in southern history – it opened my eyes. As much as you don't want to admit it, being a northeastern Jew, there's parochialism there. To discover how Jews started as rag men in Yamacraw and moved their way up – I love that kind of stuff. To be able to see Harris the Hub, or Globe Shoe Store still on Broughton Street – that's amazing and I appreciate it even more.

Among other books, you wrote a trilogy set in Berlin. Do you think you will be using Savannah as the setting for more of your fiction and what are you working on now?

Depends on how sales go – I'm joking. I don't know. When I wrote the Berlin books, I started thinking I'm just going to write the first one about Rosa Luxemburg, one of my heroes. And I liked Berlin in 1919 because it's very rare to find a city in the midst of an identity crisis like Berlin was at that time. But about halfway through that book I realized I had an opportunity to sort of chart the decline of Berlin and Germany in general through the decline of this family. This story in Savannah is much more intimate and feels resolved the way it is.

As to other stories set in Savannah, I'm not feeling it right now, but we shall have to wait and see. I'm currently working on something set in Venice in 1608. Andra is very happy because I've finally picked a place to write about where she wants to go.

**What: An Evening with Jonathan Rabb
When: Thurs., October 13th, 7pm
Where: JEA
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Among the Living

In late summer 1947, thirty-one-year-old Yitzhak Goldah, a camp survivor, arrives in Savannah to live with his only remaining relatives. They are Abe and Pearl Jesler, older, childless, and an integral part of the thriving Jewish community that has been in Georgia since the founding of the colony. There, Yitzhak discovers a fractured world, where Reform and Conservative Jews live separate lives—distinctions, to him, that are meaningless given what he has been through. He further complicates things when, much to the Jeslers' dismay, he falls in love with Eva, a young widow within the Reform community. When a woman from Yitzhak's past suddenly appears—one who is even more shattered by the war than he is—Yitzhak must choose between a dark and tortured familiarity and the promise of a bright new life.

Set amid the backdrop of America's postwar south, *Among the Living* grapples with questions of identity and belonging, and steps beyond the Jewish experience as it situates Yitzhak's story within the last gasp of the Jim Crow era. That he begins to find echoes of his recent past in the lives of the black family who work for the Jeslers—an affinity he does not share with the Jeslers themselves—both surprises and convinces Yitzhak that his choices are not as clear-cut as he might think.

**Among the Living
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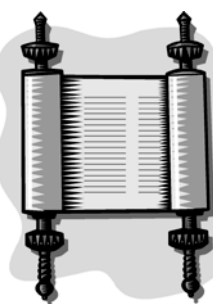
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Melinda Stein

It's a Funny Thing

by Melinda Stein

Have you read the Jewish version of Dr. Seuss' classic, *Green Eggs and Ham*?

"Oh Sam, will you never see?
They are not kosher! Let me be!
I will not eat green eggs and ham.

I will not eat them, Sam-I-am.
But I'll eat green eggs with a biscuit,
Or I'll try them with some brisket.
I'll eat green eggs in a box
If you serve them with some lox.
And those green eggs are worth a try
Scrambled up in matzo brie!
And in a boat upon the river,
I'll eat green eggs with chopped liver!
So if you're a Jewish Dr. Seuss fan
But troubled by green eggs and ham,
Let your friends in on the scoop:
Green eggs taste best with chicken soup!"

Rachel was a new mother and decided to take her baby to the supermarket for the first time. Rachel dressed her in pink from head to toe, cute as a doll. At the store, she placed the baby seat in the shopping cart and put her groceries carefully around the infant.

At the checkout line, a small boy and his mother were behind them. The child was crying uncontrollably.

Rachel thought, "He probably wants some candy and his mother won't let him have any."

Then she heard the mother's response to her son's wails.

"No," she said, "You may NOT have a baby sister today. That lady got the last one!"

Howard Rosenberg was a leading District Attorney in New York known for

his work ethic and his wit. He had dedicated over a year to a notorious murder trial that was coming to its conclusion. As the jury gave the verdict, he stared at them in disbelief.

Bitterly he asked, "What possible excuse could you have for acquitting this man?"

The foreman answered, "Insanity."

Rosenberg responded, "All twelve of you?"

It's 10pm when the phone rings in Dr. Minkofsky's house.

"It's Dr. Gold," says his wife, passing him the phone, "I hope it's not another emergency."

Dr. Minkofsky takes the phone and says, "Hi, what's up?"

"Don't worry, everything's okay," replies Dr. Gold. "It's just that I'm at home with Dr. Lewis and Dr. Kosiner. We're having a little game of cards and we're short one hand, so we thought you might like to come over and join us."

"Sure, of course," replies Dr. Minkofsky, putting on a serious voice. "I'm leaving right now." And he puts down the phone.

"What happened?" his wife asks worriedly.

"The situation is very serious," Dr. Minkofsky replies. "They've already called in three doctors."

Did you hear about the Jewish ATM? When you take out some money, it says to you, "What did you do with the last \$50 I gave you?"

Dry Bones



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We express our sympathy to the families of:

Samuel Scheer
Who died September 15, 2016

He is survived by his wife Marianne King Scheer; two sons, William (Linda Adams) Scheer, of Charleston, and Alex (Nora Bain) Scheer of Pooler; two grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Morris Scheer, Isadore Scheer and Alex Scheer, and three sisters, Bertha Friedman, Celia Hirsch and Gertrude Barr.

Remembrances: Rambam Day School, 111 Atlas St., Savannah 31405-5461; or Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405.

Harold Faust
Who died September 14, 2016

He is survived by his daughter, Stacy (Jeffrey) Lasky; two sons, Brad (Sue) Faust and Robert (Debbie) Faust; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Belle Ruth Taube Faust.

Remembrances: Jewish Educational Alliance, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405; or U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, www.volunteer.va.gov.

Martin Maier Rabhan
Who died September 5, 2016

He is survived by two daughters, Marilyn (Dr. Robert) Swedarsky of Pittsburgh, PA, Ida (Harshel) Sober-

man of Toronto, Canada; two sons, Dr. Nathan (Shelley) Rabhan of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, and Dr. Fred (Ester) Rabhan of Savannah, GA; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and his sister, Roslyn Rabhan Weisberg of Brooklyn, NY.

Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405; or Rambam Day School (Esther Berger Rabhan Science Fund), 111 Atlas St., Savannah 31405-5461.

Dr. Albert Davne
Who died August 30, 2016

He is survived by his wife, Carol Bennett Davne; his daughters, Barbara (Randy) Bart, of Savannah, and Helene (Richard) Kurtz, of Baton Rouge, LA; his son, Steven Davne, of Miami; four grandchildren; and a nephew.

Remembrances: Permanent Fund, Congregation Mickve Israel, P.O. Box 816, Savannah 31402-0816.

Miriam (Middy) Plotkin Stein
Who died August 28, 2016

She is survived by her daughter, Jacquie (Bob) Marks of Denver, CO; and her step-son, Dan Stein, of Bowie, MD.

Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405; or Rambam Day School, 111 Atlas St., Savannah 31405-5461.



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Save the Date

Remembering Richard Tucker & the Golden Age of Opera



Sunday
November 20th

2:00pm

Jewish Educational Alliance

David N. Tucker, M.D., son of the legendary tenor, and James A. Drake, Ph.D., President Emeritus of Brevard Community College and authorized biographer of Richard Tucker, will narrate a video presentation of the life story of Richard Tucker as a man, a father and a singer.
With special guest, operatic baritone Sherrill Milnes

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Recent examples of connecting multiple engagement initiatives can be seen in our newest volunteer BBYO advisors:

Last December, Zach Stern “liked” the Young Jewish Savannah Facebook page. We reached out to him, as we do to every member of the community. We asked if he lived in Savannah and if he would be interested in getting coffee so we could get to know him and tell him more about the Savannah Jewish community. He wrote back telling us that he was moving to Savannah from Chicago in three weeks and would be really busy with his new job so at this time he was not really interested in connecting to the Jewish community. Fast forward a few weeks: he moved to Savannah and came to his first Young Jewish Savannah event; a year later, he is on the YJS Board and now is a BBYO advisor for David Finn AZA. “I had always thought about doing a big brother type of program, and this the perfect way for me to have the same impact on teens” said Zach. He is looking forward to being a role model for AZA members and helping them develop into strong Jewish leaders.

Harper Landau and Laynee

Lichtenstein are both students at Savannah College of Art & Design. Last year, they became very involved in Hillel. Through getting to know them, we found out that they were both BBYO alumni. They loved their years in BBYO and believe that BBYO helped shape who they were as people, as leaders and as Jews. They now are Wexler Clark BBG’s advisors who hope to inspire and guide the girls much like their advisors did when they were in BBG.

We believe that Engagement is a strategic process, not a particular program. Engagement is the act of reaching others, getting to know them (and their passions), connecting with them and connecting them to synagogue life, Jewish education and the rich history and cultural activities that Jewish Savannah has to offer. Engagement is about creating multiple entry points for participation in the community. People want to find meaning and feel connected. We are excited to continue building community and linking *all* the silos of community engagement.



*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 Jamie Cahn 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.

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

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Congregation Mickve Israel welcomes
Young Jewish Savannah & SCAD Hillel for

**Shabbat Services &
Dinner in the Sukkah**

Friday, October 21 6:00 p.m.

If you are YJS or SCAD Hillel,
RSVP to Jamie Cahn at yjs@savj.org by
Monday, October 10.

Generously sponsored by Congregation Mickve Israel.

**SHABBAT
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Young Jewish Savannah is planning 6 Shabbat dinners throughout the next few months and is looking for young adults who would like to open their homes & host.

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