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Shalom Savannah

Adam Solender,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Over the years I find myself being less and less familiar with cultural references that our staff makes. It's natural as they seem to be getting younger and younger. Recently I made a reference to the (fictional) Michael Corleone, from the (unspectacular) Godfather: Part III when he said, "Just when I thought I was out, they pull me back in!" So it shouldn't have been a surprise when I received responses from these younger staff that included, "Who is Michael Corleone?" and "I think I might have seen the original Godfather".

My reference to Michael Corleone's statement was, of course, obvious to me: He could have been talking about COVID-19.

It was less than two months ago, notably on the fourth of July, when President Biden encouraged us to celebrate "independence from the virus." Methinks he may have spoken a bit too soon.

Those of you who know me know that I urge our leaders to be part *inspirational* and part *aspirational*. We want to inspire our community to return to our lives BC: before coronavirus. We want to paint a picture of what a "new normal" looks like and bring people along with us.

Yet, it seems like we are still in the middle of a long distance race and the race keeps getting longer and longer with the spread of the Delta variant. And while we don't have a crystal ball for the future, we all need to move forward.

We are all struggling with establishing just the right balance. While the Federation and JEA (and our synagogues) have



planned a robust schedule of events and gatherings for the fall and winter, we must temper our aspirations and be responsible and plan for "what if?" scenarios.

While the JEA Gala is scheduled for September 19, in-person at the JEA, we have to have an alternative version in case the spread of COVID continues to threaten us all. While the Federation Annual Meeting is scheduled in-person on September 1, we have to have plans for those who want to attend virtually. Synagogues have carefully returned to in-person services but certainly have "alternative plans" to deal with different scenarios of COVID's rise. While the JEA is planning for before and after school, we must consider what happens with an outbreak of COVID: Will we return to distant learning? Will we return to virtual events?

Whatever happens over the coming days, weeks, and months, you know that the Federation and JEA will continue to provide for the needs of the community, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, good times and bad. Let's all hope and pray for good times.

Wishing you and your families *Shana Tovah*--a good, sweet and healthy New Year.

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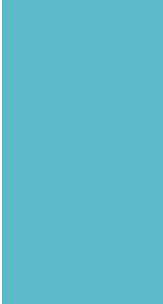
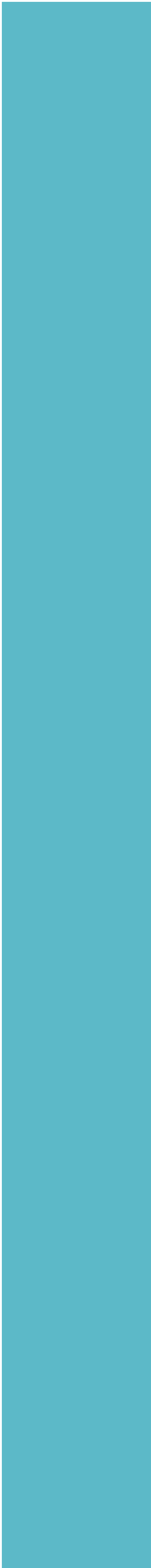


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A Season of Rejoicing

Rabbi Avigdor Slatus
Congregation B'nai Brith Jacob

The High Holidays, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, awaken within us a sense of awe and spirituality. Jews from all walks of life are drawn to the Synagogue to satiate this spiritual yearning. As we complete these holy days and services, we ascend to the Yom Tov of Succos. We dwell in the Sukkah, eating our meals



there and we are reminded of the Clouds of Glory that sheltered the children of Israel when we journeyed in the desert for forty years. The Yom Tov of Succos is crowned with the title "Zman Simchaseinu," the Season of Rejoicing. What is this great joy and happiness that is to be found in this holiday that it should earn such a designation? It would seem burdensome to be compelled to leave the comfort of one's home and retreat to a hut without air-conditioning!

Every human being seeks happiness; however, true simcha escapes most of us. Wealth and honor are thought to bring happiness but we all know of those who lived in misery despite attaining affluence and fame. True happiness is never defined by material objects or by the opinion of others, but rather by feeling the security of being loved by our Creator and being part of a unique people. Placing aside the physical comforts of our home and joining with generations that have experienced the serenity of being with family and friends enable us to enter the portal of true simcha. The shelter of the Sukkah offers a glimpse of true happiness when material elements are no longer the focal point of our lives.

May we all be blessed with a new year of health, peace and true happiness.

Thriving in Uncertainty

Rabbi Robert Haas
Congregation Mickve Israel

I've noticed that we often view those moments of uncertainty as the most traumatic of all. How often has someone mentioned to me that he felt more concern waiting for a test result than when even receiving a distressing diagnosis. The gray area between uncertainty and assurance remains one of the most disturbing of all moments in our lives.



When listening to the Torah portions during the New Year, we'd expect to hear the most heroic portions, akin to Moses facing Pharaoh, mano e mano, or Abraham leading the charge during the War of the Nine Kings. However, instead we read the stories of the banishment of Hagar and the binding of Isaac, from Chapters 21 and 22 of Genesis, two stories filled to the brim with uncertainty.

Once Sarah births a son, she fears his future, because her handmaiden, Hagar, had given Abraham a son years earlier. Who would then receive the first-born blessing and the first-born inheritance? So, Sarah has Abraham send Hagar out of the house, exiling her into the netherworld of uncertainty, leaving Hagar to the fates of this unseen God. A chapter later, Abraham invites Isaac to venture up a mountain with him on a journey towards Isaac's own demise. As we read the story, the uncertainty of this quest leaves us, the readers, sitting on the edge of our seats. Does Isaac know that Abraham intends to sacrifice him? Will Abraham follow through with God's command?

After well over a year since the first cases of Covid-19 arrived in America, many of us probably believed (or hoped or prayed) that the uncertainty of this pandemic would have abated by the year 5782. We've spent months holed up on our homes with our families and worn masks to work, the supermarket, and school. We've scrubbed our hands after every interaction and refrained from taking vacations. Yet, the uncertainty created by this virus remains.

We Are All Responsible

Rabbi Steven Henkin
Congregation Agudath Achim

In the Talmud, one of our tradition's foundational documents, there is an often-cited line, "All of Israel is responsible for each other." In its context in tractate Shevuot (39a), the implication seems to be that if one person does something wrong, the community is liable for allowing the transgression to



occur. We are all responsible for each other and keeping each other on the right path. One need look no further than the current COVID pandemic as proof. Public health experts are repeatedly indicating that it is those who are not taking precautions, not getting vaccinated, and not taking the virus as the serious threat that it is that are perpetuating its spread.

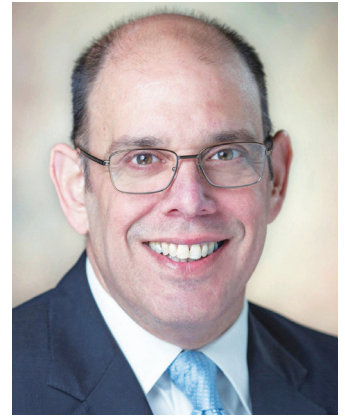
Many a sermon (including by me) have been given on this quote almost to the point of redundancy. But as I look at our Savannah Jewish community, it feels as relevant as ever. In a time of increasing antisemitism throughout the world—both explicit (violence and vandalism) and implicit (hateful comments and stereotypes)—as well as in the face of rising COVID numbers, declining Jewish affiliation, anti-Israel sentiment, and economic pressures, none of our institutions can conquer these issues alone. Nor should we have to. "All of Israel is responsible for each other." The whole community needs to be here for each other.

As we prepare for Rosh Hashanah and the new year—a time for reflection and planning for how we want to live in the coming year—I want to encourage each of us to focus this year on the value of Ahavat Yisrael, love of our fellow Jews. I want to encourage each of us to focus on caring for and loving other Jews in Savannah regardless of denomination, observance level, political affiliation, family structure, or any of the million of other things that we use to divide us. We are all responsible for each other and only by loving and taking care of each other can we thrive and achieve the goals we each seek. L'shanah tovah, and may this be a good, sweet year filled with love for all of you.

A Fresh Perspective

Larry Silbermann
President, Jewish Educational Alliance

Whenever a new year approaches, I'm often reminded of Randy Peltier, a former Sales Manager at WTOC who passed away a few years back. At the beginning of each new year, Randy would change the route he would take from his home to the station. He did this so he could start the year with a different perspective.



The Torah teaches us that the cornerstone of Jewish life is community, an idea that is firmly entrenched in JEA's mission to serve the many, often changing needs of our community. That mission was put to the test last year and that will likely be the case for a good part of this year. I am confident the Alliance will continue to be the safe haven this community has come to rely on for more than 100 years.

So, on behalf of the Alliance and my family, I wish you and your family a safe and healthy new year. L'shanah tovah.



Together This Year

Kenneth Sadler

President, Savannah Jewish Federation

As I end the first year as President of the Savannah Jewish Federation, it's time to reflect on the last year. This was a year of many challenges, but also many successes. The pandemic isolated many in our community. The Food for Thought weekly program became virtual and we had a group of volunteers who stepped up to help deliver meals weekly. We had to pivot



from the in-person world to a totally virtual program. Thanks go out to the Federation Staff and all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication during this challenging time.

The 2021 Federation Campaign was a great success raising \$1,257,419. Thank you for your gift and to those who worked to solicit, but a special Thanks goes to the Campaign Leadership team chaired by Michelle Allan, Hilary Kronowitz, and Benjamin and David Eichholz. This allowed the Allocation Committee to distribute to a variety of programs locally, nationally, in Israel and to help Jewish causes all around the world. This is something we can all be very proud of. The allocation Committee also funded a new Community Special Initiative of \$21,800.00. Most of this will be used to fund grants to organizations or individuals to inspire new and innovative programs that will support and enrich the Savannah Jewish Community. We have already started planning for the 2022 Campaign, so please give generously and please agree to help solicit.

We have also reinstituted the Community Relations Council. This Committee will be chaired by David Forman. Thank you to David for stepping up when asked to serve. You will be hearing more in the coming months about the work of this Committee.

The Federation started a Strategic Initiative Committee chaired by Jeff Kole, and has engaged Joy Goldstein as a consultant to gather feedback from the Community on leadership, governance of the Federation and its unique relationship with the JEA. A community-wide survey will be out in the months ahead to get feedback from the entire Jewish community. Please participate.

As we look forward to a new year, many challenges still lay ahead. The pandemic will continue to make the health and safety of our community our top priority. I thank you for your support this past year and look forward to another successful year ahead.

A Healthy and a happy New Year,



L'Shanah Tovah! Happy New Year to all our friends and family. May we all be healthy for the New Year.

Tami and Lenny Tishberg

Our Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year to our Savannah community.

Sherri & Neil Brecker

Wishing all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year
Cathy & Irvin Levine

To all my friends-a healthy year.

Vera Hoffman

Margie Gordon wishes Happy New Year and good health to all of her family and friends.

Wishing family and friends a happy, healthy and sweet New Year.

Elaine Radetsky

L'Shana Tovah Y'all

Kathy, David, Max and Sadie Forman

Wishing Family & Friends a Healthy & Happy New Year
Doris & Arnie Goldstein

Wishing you a happy & sweet New Year!

Louise & Freddie Harkavy

Wishing a happy, healthy New Year to all our family and friends.

Sally & Herb Sanders

Wishing Everyone a
Happy & Healthy New Year
Steve, Linda, Adam, Lauren,
Foster, Carlisle, Evan, Lizzie
Gray, Alexander, Craig, &
Becky Novack and
Francine Frank.

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 all a happy, healthy and
peaceful New Year
Fondest Regards
Jean & Julian Weitz

The Smulevitz Family
Marvin, Linda, David & Gertrude (Gertie)
Wish Everyone a Sweet and Healthy New Year

Shanah Tovah
To All Our Friends
Arnold Tillinger and Vicki Huffman

Happy and Healthy New Year to all
Sandy and Skippy Goodman
Marc, Karen, Ashely, and Parker Goodman
Jill, Ken, Ben, and Carly Goldstein

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

May this New Year be filled with health and
happiness and peace for you and your loved ones.
Marcia & Sandy Berens

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happiness and peace for you and your loved ones.
Marcia & Sandy Berens

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

Best Wishes for a healthy and happy new year
The Shernoff Family

Happy, Healthy, New Year
Paderewski Family

Happy New Year To All
Marilyn & Jim Farley

Wishing everyone in the Savannah Jewish
Community a *Shanah Tovah* filled with peace,
health, love and sweetness. Happy 5782
Rabbi Steven, Orly, Dinah and Noah Henkin

Dayle & Aaron Levy and their entire family wish
everyone a wonderful New Year filled with
good health, happiness and prosperity.

Shanah Tovah!
Happy, healthy New Year
The Adlers
John, Sue, Ben & Gabe

We wish all of our family and friends a
Happy, Healthy and Joyous New Year.
Sally & Steve, Greg, Susan, Eleanor, & Grant,
Matt, Karina, & Leo Greenberg

Shana Tovah from the entire
extended Miller Family
Ken & Ronnie Miller
Jessica, Steven, Emily & Aaron Heil
Rebecca Miller & Elie Rabinowitz

Wishing our family, friends, and the entire
community a Happy and Healthy New Year!!
Scott, Allison, Danielle & Jared

Happy New Year
In loving memory of
Eric Meyerhoff
Harriet, Margo & Mark

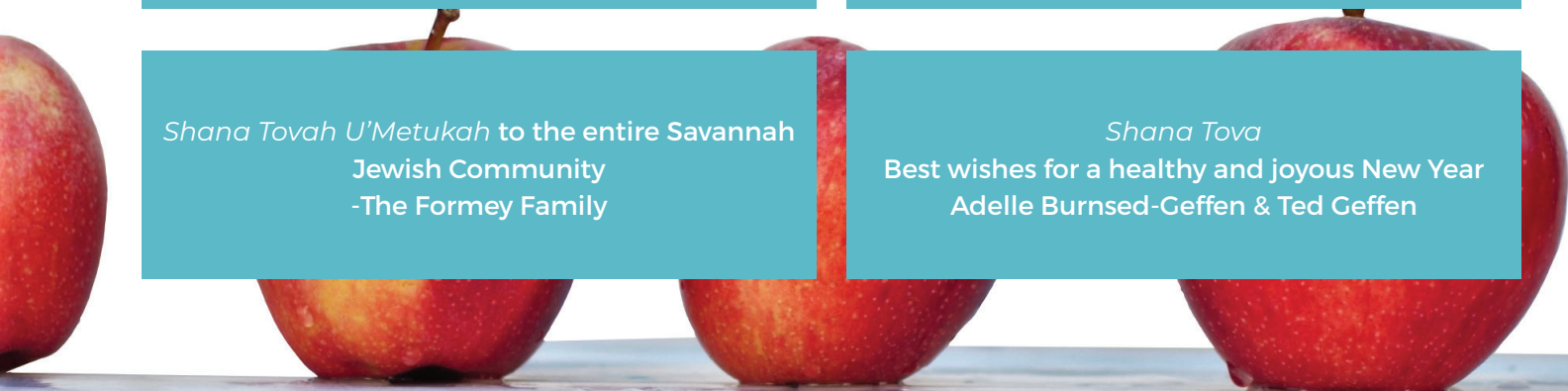
Best Wishes for A Happy and Healthy New Year!
Fondly, The Kulbersh Family:
Harriet & Paul,
Dana, Eric, Ross, & Alyssa
Brian, Jennifer, Alec, Peri, & Josie

Stacy & Jeffrey Lasky, Darryl Mindy & Stephen
want to wish all of our family, friends, and the
entire community a safe, healthy and prosperous
New Year. *L'shana Tova*

Best wishes to all for a New Year
of good health and happiness.
Margie & BH Levy

Shana Tovah U'Metukah to the entire Savannah
Jewish Community
-The Formey Family

Shana Tova
Best wishes for a healthy and joyous New Year
Adelle Burnsed-Geffen & Ted Geffen



May this New Year be filled
with Health and Happiness,
Sweet Moments for you and
your Family, and World Peace.

L'Shanah Tovah
Sarah Denmark
& Adam Solender

Shana Tovah
David Rubnitz & Julie Rubin
Heather Willingham,
Robbie Willingham
Zach & Evan McGaughy

The family of David A. Byck
would like to extend best
wishes for a Happy New
Year to the Savannah
Jewish community, Family,
and Friends. Many thanks
for all the love and support
through the years.

Wishing the entire
community a
Healthy, Happy and
Peaceful New Year!
Jodi and Kenneth Sadler

May the sounds of the
shofar herald a year of peace,
health and happiness for all
Toby Hollenberg
Jeff, Melissa, Jessica,
& Ellie Neil

From our family to yours,
here's to a safe, healthy and
prosperous New Year.
Shanah Tovah U'metukah.
Larry, Sally &
Hattie Silberman



L'Dor V'Dor: From Generation to Generation

First there were heads of the original Hebrew tribes. There were prophets like Moses and Samuel, judges, kings, priests and the Sanhedrin. In the Diaspora, Jewish leadership came from the learned rabbis and more secular leaders. In Savannah, there is a long history of leadership (109 years) that has come through the Savannah Jewish Federation and Jewish Educational Alliance. Since their founding, the Savannah Jewish Council/Savannah Jewish Federation (est. 1943) has had 41 Presidents and the JEA (est 1912) has had 51 individuals 'step up' to take the mantle of leadership.

A number of years ago, the Jewish Community Center Association sent out an email to leadership stating that two successive generations had taken on the leadership of a Center in a large city. They posited that it might be the first time a father and son had become a center president. We couldn't help chuckling to ourselves. They certainly don't know Savannah.

In wandering down the "Hall of Presidents" at the JEA, it becomes apparent that there are many relatives who have served. You see a number of the same last names. Being that this is Savannah, it is not all that surprising. We first thought of identifying siblings or married couples, but ended up focusing on those leaders who had served the JEA and/or Federation from multiple generations.

For those of you who have been around Savannah, you know that "everyone is related to everyone" either by blood or by marriage. We didn't seek to create an authoritative compilation of familial relationships, but those families who served in multiple generations.

Slotin-Levy: First Family of Federation

Since 1944, three generations of the Levy-Slotin family have led the Savannah Jewish Council/Savannah Jewish Federation. Many of us know Aaron Levy (SJF President 1977-79 and JEA President



JACK LEVY & AARON LEVY

(1983-85) for his kind demeanor, sage wisdom, and community philanthropy, but many might not know that Aaron is a third generation Federation President following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Morris Slotin (1946-47) and father Jack Levy (SJF President 1948-49 and JEA President 1959-61)). Jack Levy's Federation service was directly followed by Aaron's Uncle, Albert Tenenbaum (1949-52) and JEA President (1955-57). Other generational leaders in Aaron's family include uncles, William Wexler (SJF President 1961-63) and Herbert Buchsbaum (JEA President, 1943-45); and cousins, Raymond Rosen (SJF President 1957-59) and JEA President (1952-55), Doris Lukin (SJF President 1974-75), Ronald Kronowitz (SJF President 1983-85), and Sheldon Tenenbaum (1987-89).

Robinson-Kole

Another three-generation community leadership family: Jeff Kole was JEA President 1999-2001. Not only a leader in the Jewish community, Jeff is a former Board and Campaign Chair of the United Way of the Coastal Empire, Chair of Senior Citizens, Inc and currently heads up a number of initiatives to address homelessness and affordable housing in Savannah. He was preceded by his father, Don Kole (JEA President, 1974-77 and Federation President, 1967-69) and his grandfather, Samuel Robinson who was Federation President (1952-55).



JEFF & DON KOLE

Sadler Family

Current Savannah Jewish Federation President, Kenneth Sadler's family has certainly stepped up to lead our community. Kenneth previously was JEA President (1995-97), served as President of Congregation Agudath

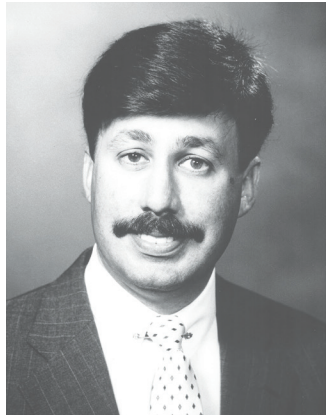


JEFFREY LASKY & SCOTT SAMUELS

Achim (2x) and was 4th District Alderman for Savannah. He comes to leadership naturally as he was preceded as JEA President by his father, Barney Sadler (1972-74). Married for over four decades to Jodi Lasky Sadler, Jodi has been our ECE Director since inception. What you may not know is that Jodi was JEA President 2005-2007 as was Kenneth's brother-in-law, Jeffrey Lasky (JEA President, 1997-99 and Federation President 2011-2013). Kenneth was quick to point out that he's had many cousins who were in leadership including Millie, Betty, and Norton Melaver (both JEA and Federation President), Walter Lowe, and Scott Samuels (2x).

Konter Family

A JEA family through and through, Lawrence Konter was JEA President, 1966-68. Twenty-three years later, Jerry Konter followed in his footsteps (1991-93). Talk about leadership, Jerry is now the First Vice President (to become President in 2022) of the National Association of Home Builders, one of the largest trade associations in the US with over 140,000 members. Were just the father-son JEA leadership enough, the Konter family also features Jerry's wife, Marcy (JEA President 2007-09), brother-in-law, Steve Greenberg (JEA President 1989-93 and SJF President 2013-15), and machatunim, Bill Sand (JEA President 2012-14). The legacy will continue with Jerry's daughter-in-law, Allison Konter, who is the JEA President-elect.



JERRY KONTER

Longest Gap in Generations

With the longest time between family leadership comes the Byck family. DA Byck was JEA President 1916-17. He was the second President of the nascent JEA and it was 101 years until his great grandson, Edwin Byck,



DA BYCK & EDWIN BYCK

became President of the Savannah Jewish Federation in 2018. Coming in second in "gap years" was BB Eichholz who was JEA President 1938-39. It was half a century later then grandson, Ricky Eichholz, became President of the Savannah Jewish Federation (1989-91). Ricky's son Adam is a member of the Savannah Jewish Federation Board of Governors. Who knows, maybe there will be a third generation of Eichholzs who lead the community.

Fathers & Sons

Past President of the JEA, Judge Michael Karpf has led the JEA not once, but two times (2020-21 and 1993-95). He comes by leadership as naturally as his Dad, Isadore "Izzy" Karpf, who was JEA President 1961-63). Not the only father-son duo, Harry Friedman was Federation President from 1955-57 and



IZZY KARPf

was followed by his son, Ernie Friedman, just eight years later from 1965-67.

Just six families make up almost half of the community (Alliance/Federation) leadership over the past hundred years. What a legacy of service.

It was not until 1972 that a critical mass of women took the "crown of the ark" when the first woman (Sally Priesand) was ordained as a rabbi and with that, the "Jewish glass ceiling" was cracked. Finally, the Jewish world recognized the great leadership skills of women and soon thereafter, Savannah got on board when Doris Lukin became the Federation President in 1974. With that change, Savannah leadership became more representative. Over the next 40 years, there were many couples who led our community institutions, including Betty (JEA President 1987-89) and Norton (JEA President 1963-65 and SJF President 1970-71) Melaver, Federation Presidents Merry (2005-07) and Richard (1995-97) Bodziner, Linda (2009-11) and Michael (1991-93) Zoller, JEA Presidents, Marcy (2007-09) and Jerry (1991-93) Konter, Jodi (2005-07) and Kenneth (1995-97) Sadler, and one mixed-leadership couple, the Ratners, Arlene was JEA President (2014-15) and Allan was SJF President (2016-18). There is no doubt that with our strong women leaders, we hope there will be more wife/husband teams leading Savannah in the future.

Federation Allocates Funds

Every year a very committed group of people wrestle with an extraordinarily difficult job: that of allocating a pool of money raised through the Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Community Campaign to beneficiaries, local, national, and overseas. Their mandate is to ensure that all the needs of the community are met and balanced between local and overseas needs.

Choosing the committee is a very thoughtful process. Every effort is made to include people who represent the diversity of our community, including age, gender, synagogue affiliation, areas of residence and levels of giving. The allocations committee was chaired by the campaign chair, Michelle Allan. We would be remiss if we didn't thank Michelle for her hard work, dedication and leadership throughout the entire campaign, as well as Hilary Kronowitz, Women's Campaign Chair and Benjamin & David Eichholz, Men's Campaign Co-Chairs.

The way the committee decides how Community Campaign funds are allocated is fair, democratic and participatory. The diverse, essential group of 21 Planning and Allocation volunteers spent two virtual meetings in a thoughtful, intensive, collaborative process hearing presentations from beneficiaries that included reviews of the past year, current initiatives and financials, and projections for the future year. Since the meetings were virtual, the committee had the opportunity to hear presentations from national organizations who cannot usually present – such as the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), The Breman Museum, Jewish Educational Loan Fund (JELF), Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) and American Jewish Committee (AJC).

At the final meeting, the committee put together the allocations recommendation that was presented to the Savannah Jewish Federation Board of Governors for approval. The recommendation was adopted in full.

Some Allocation Details

Shalom School's funding request was less than previous years because they provided Jewish education remotely over the past year and thanks to careful budgeting. In making the request they stated that they understood the financial challenges in the

"Through its annual campaign, the Federation is the primary collector and distributor of funds for Jewish causes in Savannah, in Israel and 56 countries around the world."

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Vision Statement**

community and they wanted to do their part and requested less than previous years. The Committee (and the SJF Board of Directors) was very appreciative of the gesture.

SCAD Hillel will be returning to campus and has requested funding for the engagement ambassador program that the Savannah Jewish Federation implemented six years ago. This program hires students to locate and reach out to other Jewish students on campus and connect them to Hillel and the Savannah Jewish Community.

Savannah BBYO will continue to grow in Savannah as part of the newly named, "Southeast Council" (formerly "Dixie Council"). For the past year, all their programming was done virtually. They are excited to begin in-person programming and conventions again. Federation granted their allocation request and has pledged to provide necessary funds if their needs increased during this year – in addition to funding the City Director position.

During the Pandemic, the JEA has faced enormous challenges. Therefore, the core allocation for the Jewish Educational Alliance was maintained from the previous year and, again, a significant additional "COVID" allocation was provided.

The Savannah Jewish Federation continued its financial support of historic overseas partners, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), through the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Due to

Savannah Jewish Federation 2021-2022 Allocation As approved at the July 14 BOG Meeting

Total Campaign	\$1,257,418.67
- Bad Debt Reserve	(\$16,275.00)
- Savannah Jewish Federation	(\$555,330.84)
+ SJF General Donations	\$2,986.00
+ Budget Savings-Previous year	\$51,425.56
- Designated Gifts	(\$172,420.00)
Available for Allocation	\$567,804.39

Funds Distributed to: (includes allocated & designated)

American Jewish Committee (AJC)	\$2,500
Anti-Defamation League (ADL)	\$2,500
BBYO	\$1,500
Birthright Israel	\$5,000
Chabad of Savannah	\$17,000
Community Special Initiatives	\$23,400
Congregation B'nai Brith Jacob	\$6,000
Direct Overseas Project Funding	\$1,000
Israel & Overseas (JFNA/JAFI/JDC)	\$178,000
Israel Action Network	\$450
JEA COVID allocation	\$50,000
Jewish Community Foundation Funds	\$99,194
Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)	\$1,000
Jewish Educational Alliance (JEA)	\$275,000
Jewish Educational Loan Fund (JELF)	\$2,000
Jewish Family Services	\$3,366
Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA)	\$500
Jewish War Veterans	\$500
Rambam Day School	\$44,500
SCAD Hillel	\$1,860
Shalom School	\$15,000
The Breman Museum	\$10,000

Total Funds Distributed \$740,270

the increase in the campaign, we were able to increase overseas allocations from last year. Similarly, due to Birthright Israel beginning trips again, we were able to increase their allocation.

Grants to the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, Jewish War Veterans, Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Jewish Education Loan Fund, and the Anti-Defamation League were renewed this year reflecting the value that these organizations are providing to our community. And for the first time, Federation allocated funds to the American Jewish Committee (AJC).

In addition, this year the allocations committee allocated funds to special community initiatives including Innovative Program Grants, PJ Library Shabbat Across Savannah and an Anti-Semitism Summit. More details will be coming out about all of these initiatives in the coming months.

Additional Federation Initiatives

In addition to distributing the money it collects to other organizations, the Savannah Jewish Federation (SJF) is concerned and responsible in many other ways for the overall welfare of our Savannah Jewish community.

Through Jewish Family Services, SJF provides food for the hungry, medication and access to medical services for those in need, those in jeopardy and countless other services.

Through engagement initiatives, Federation also provides

outreach programs to all ages and generations of the Jewish community, from the PJ Library serving babies and young children, to Food for Thought providing entertainment and educational events to our Seniors.

Teen Experience Grants provide subsidies for area Jewish youth to attend programs that create and enhance Jewish identity, including Jewish overnight camp, teen travel to Israel and leadership development programs.

Savannah Jewish Federation is the source of Holocaust remembrance and education through its Yom HaShoah observance and annual middle & high school Art & Writing Contest.

Savannah Jewish Federation keeps you informed about Jewish life in Savannah and around the world through the Weekly eNews, Savannah Jewish Life, and Facebook. And it provides dozens of advocacy, social service, arts and cultural programs to the community throughout the year.

The money you give through the Annual Savannah Jewish Federation Campaign is essential to our Jewish community. The Budget & Allocations Committee and SJF Board of Governors have worked hard to ensure that each dollar raised will have the greatest possible impact by allocating to the programs and services that address the most critical needs in our community, and best support and nurture Jewish life here and abroad. During this challenging year, their focus was to make sure the money raised will be used effectively and wisely. Our process works for the greater good. Our Budget and Allocation volunteers are the epitome of a collaborative, engaged, participatory committee. We are grateful for their energy, skills and time.

Now let's get started on the 2022 Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Community Campaign!



Savannah Jewish Federation President's Awards

Each year, at the Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Meeting, the president chooses people to receive the President's Award. The Savannah Jewish Federation President's Award is in recognition of service to the Savannah community. This award goes to individuals who have made a difference in the community over the past year.



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JODI SADLER, ROBIN REINIRI AND THE JEA PRESCHOOL SAVANNAH STAFF



DJ HORTON, JACKIE LABAN, LYNETTE MIKELL AND THE JEA CAMP AND CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT STAFF

My Camp Story

Hannah Guthrie

Well after 2 long years I finally got to go back to my second home! Last year was so sad when camp was cancelled because of COVID. I am so happy they made camp happen this year!



I knew things at camp would be different this year because of COVID but I was so happy when I got to camp and it all felt the same. My friends were there and they were the same, the cabins were the same and the staff were the same (with some new ones). The only thing different really was we had to wear masks a lot, but that was ok because we still got to be at camp!

At first it felt strange being there like it wasn't real. But that feeling didn't last long. Right away Camp Coleman did everything to make camp great! We got to do all of our regular activities, the only difference was we did them as a group. My favorite activity anything on the lake! This year we had paddleboards which were new and I was so excited to be able to try that.

Overall, just being at camp and being with my friends at a place that makes it normal to be Jewish was the best thing ever... especially after this past year we had! I can't wait until next year!!

Sophia Guthrie

Going to camp this year was kind of surreal. After not getting to go last year because of COVID I didn't really believe this year would happen. I am so grateful for all the hard work Camp Coleman did to pull this year off just like any other year!



This year was different for me knowing it would be my last year as a camper. I was so happy and excited to see my friends but also so sad knowing this was it! Missing last year was so hard. Texting and social media only get you so far with your friends. I was ready to see them, live with them and experience what was to be our best summer yet together!

Chalutzim year is a special time. Even though we did not get to go on our trip this year because of COVID we still were able to do so many things reserved for our unit and make an impact at the same time. Since we couldn't go on our actual trip this year we had an "Un" Trip. We watched Selma about Martin Luther King Jr. and talked about the impact he had on our life today and how it related so much to what has been happening in our world lately. It was really powerful.

Our Chalutzim project this year was to build library boxes to have at Camp Coleman. So many campers have summer reading assignments from school so now they will have the ability to trade out their books or find new ones right here at camp!

The bond that we solidified this year after all our years together is even stronger. It was sad to leave knowing that I won't be back next year. But I can't wait to see what our future holds!

SAVANNAH JEWISH FEDERATION SUMMER EXPERIENCE GRANTS



Grants available for:
Overnight summer camp
Jewish youth group summer programs
Leadership development programs
Israel programs

Grants are provided from the
Savannah Jewish Federation
Annual Campaign and awarded on a
non-needs basis

Applications open December 1
www.savj.org



Mah Jongg and More

Robin Rackoff

The day I moved to Savannah, I introduced myself to a woman at the Dog Park. We chatted for a few minutes, and then she said to me, "Will you be joining a synagogue?" I thought to myself, I never told her I was Jewish, so how did she know? Just five minutes of listening to me talk, and she had no doubt.

In my neighborhood in Brooklyn in the 1950s, all the girls sounded like me. We were Jewish to the core, even though we never set foot in any one of the dozen *shuls* in walking distance of our homes. On Rosh Hashanah, I would put on my nicest outfit and walk to my friend's house, and together we would walk to the next friend's house, continuing until we became a gang of well-dressed girls. We would then venture from synagogue to synagogue, never setting foot in the door. At each location, we would stand outside and wait for services to end so we could talk to the boys who came running out. Our roles were very clear in those days: the boys

had to go to synagogue, and the girls couldn't go to synagogue.

During the summer, many families, including my own, left the oppressive heat of Brooklyn for bungalow colonies in the Catskills. My family shared a tiny

house with my aunt's family, and let's just say that there were no secrets. All weekend long, everyone would be together having fun, but on Monday mornings, that would change. The men would get into their cars and drive to the city for the week so they could work, and the women would get into their housedresses and walk right out to the Mah Jongg tables. Only the men would go to work, and only the women would play Mah Jongg.

I'll be signing off now to try on my High Holy Day outfit, but this time, I will be wearing it as I sit in my synagogue's sanctuary.

Shanah Tovah, have a sweet 5782, and Maj On!



From the Kitchen of Sharon Sand

Every year for Rosh Hashanah, I make this apple cake. It is a recipe from an old friend in Wilmington. I remember sitting around my mom's kitchen table with her friend Lena Solomon and telling them that I could not make the cake because I did not have a bundt pan. Lena ran home and gave me hers. I am still using her pan 40 years later!



SHARON SAND PASSING DOWN HER FAMOUS RECIPES TO HER GRANDSON



Sharon Sand's favorite Rosh Hashanah Recipe

Apple Cake

Ingredients	How to Cook
• 1 cup of oil • 2 Tablespoon of baking powder • 1 teaspoon of baking soda • 1 ½ teaspoons vanilla • 1 teaspoon salt • lemon zest • 3 eggs • 2 cups of sugar • 2 ½ cups of flour • 1 ½ cups chopped pecans	• Cream sugar and oil for 10 minutes • Add eggs and cream for 20 minutes • Add sifted dry ingredients • Fold in apples, nuts and lemon zest • Pour in bundt pan (can use 2 loaf pans) • Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees • Let cool in pan, sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Hadassah Homecoming

Kara Adoff



This July, Hadassah Savannah caught up with two amazing women on their recent trips to Israel. We've been beyond inspired by the leadership of our women over this past year; with strength, love, and resilience our lady leaders have exemplified Jewish values and we found it fitting to include two of these stories for a Homecoming special.

First we spoke with Jessica Lebos about her daughter Liberty. Liberty, a rising senior at Savannah Arts Academy, was awarded the Hadassah Leaders of Tomorrow Award for Young Women. The award recognizes students who uphold strong leadership roles in their community and have demonstrated their potential to assume even greater leadership roles as adults. The prestigious scholarships are awarded following a merit-based competition and grants an all-expenses-paid trip to Israel with Young Judea Gesher program. Liberty was one of only two young women selected for this honor!



Liberty's Gesher statement read: "I am so honored to receive the Leaders of Tomorrow award, and that I am able to share my Jewish experience with my peers and other women my age. Especially during such hostile times, I am proud to represent my identity to people who may not know while educating myself on this incredibly complex conflict."

Liberty was still in Israel when this article went to press. You can find more photos and updates from her trip through our Hadassah Savannah Facebook page!

Our second Homecoming journey celebrates Dr. Dina Linfoot. Dina used her Jewish geography skills to win the game of "Who Knows One?" - Hadassah Savannah's successful fundraiser earlier this year. Dina completed her second trip with Momentum after being nominated for their Healthcare Hero trip and the first group welcomed back to Israel post-2020.

Momentum was started in Utah in 2008 as a global movement to empower women with Jewish values and take action in their homes and communities. Momentum is a play on words: highlighting the mom in momentum. Momentum believes "who better to inspire the family and Jewish values in the home than mothers." (The men's trips are fittingly deemed Momentum). To date, the eight-day journeys of self-discovery have overseen more than 20,000 Jews' passages to Israel.

Hadassah: How did you first learn of Momentum? How did you decide this was the time to go?

Dina: The first time I went on a Momentum trip was 2015. It came at the perfect time and was just what I needed in my spiritual life at that time. It was a life-changing trip. We laughed, we cried, it was everything it was supposed to be - perfect. Fast-forward to Memorial Day this year and I just happened on a Facebook ad for an upcoming Momentum trip. It was for the first group they would be taking back to Israel in a year and half, and they were asking for specific groups: Mothers of soldiers and healthcare heroes.



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Shabbat Across Savannah is Back!



After a brief hiatus due to COVID, PJ Library *Shabbat Across Savannah* is back! Shabbat Across Savannah is a year-long immersion program in which PJ Library Savannah will reach out to, engage and empower young families in the Savannah area to develop deeper relationships with their Jewish community and identities through Shabbat and holiday observances.

Shabbat Across Savannah will begin with a community Shabbat dinner for the participating families to meet each other. Then, four times throughout the year, four different families will host Shabbat in their homes and invite another four families to join them. The groups will stay the same throughout the year of the program.

PJ Library Savannah recognizes that participating families come from varied backgrounds and levels of observance. Information will be available to the host families, if needed, to help facilitate their Shabbat observances.

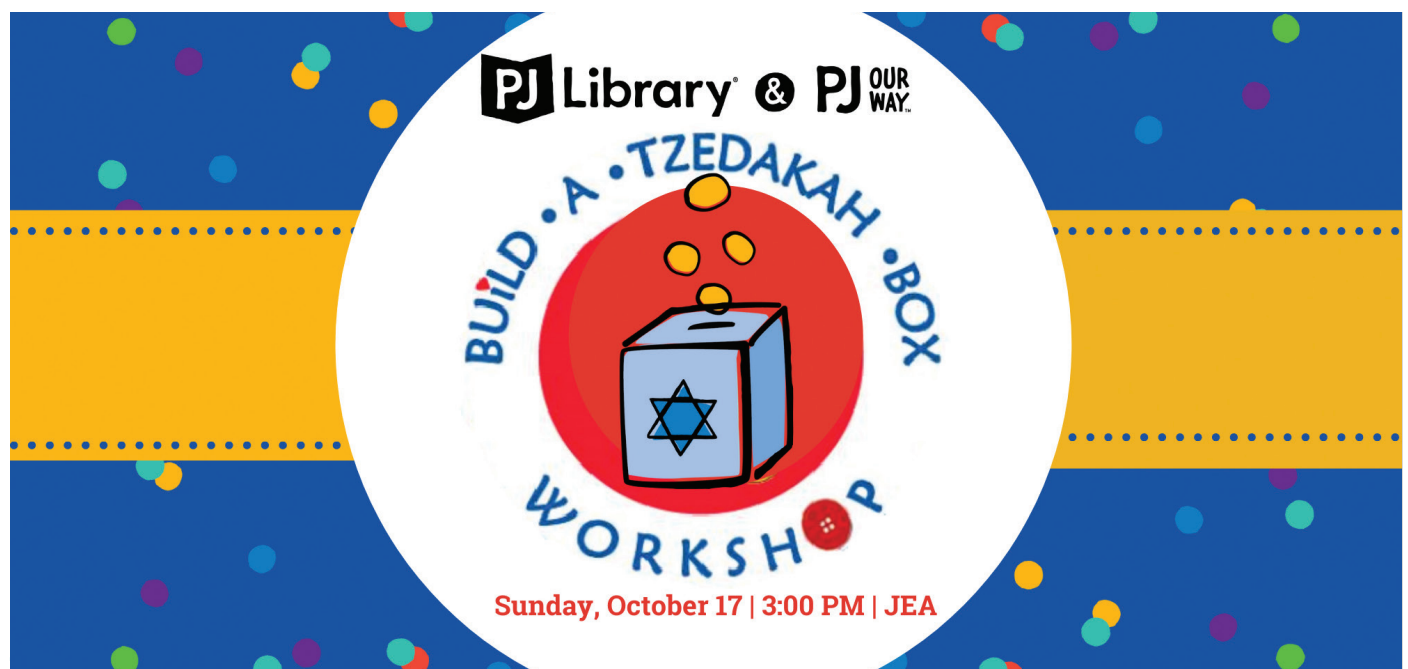
Each home-hosted Shabbat dinner will be provided with a 'Shabbat box' that will include items such as candlesticks

and candles, a Kiddush cup and grape juice, challah, an age-appropriate activity for the children attending the dinner, PJ Library books about Shabbat, questions and conversation starters about Shabbat, and gift cards to help offset food costs.

During the year, all of the families participating in *Shabbat Across Savannah* will be invited to come together with the larger community to celebrate Jewish holidays at community events such as the Chanukah Party. There will be special PJ Library storytelling and craft components to these events.

The year will culminate in a special Havdalah celebration with all of the participating families coming together to bid farewell to the sweetness and light of the Shabbat, and the year of observing together, just concluded, and to take that sweetness and light with them into the new week and the lives of their families.

For more information or to enroll your family in *Shabbat Across Savannah*, email pjlibrary@savj.org or (912) 355-8111.



The Pale of Settlement

Arnold Young

The Pale of Settlement was a large geographic area of Eastern Europe/Western Russia, established by Czarina Catherine the Great in 1791, which existed until the end of WW I. Russian and some German Jews were required to live in the Pale by the Russian government. The Pale encompassed most of what is now Poland, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine and Western Russia, and it stretched from the Baltic in the North to the Black Sea in the South, nearly all of which was Russian at the time. The meaning of the term pale is a boundary. The well known term 'Beyond the Pale' means that a thing or action is outside what is acceptable, out of bounds.

Life in the Pale, [besides the *pogroms* to be addressed), was an exceedingly difficult struggle for survival. By the end of the 1800s, approximately five million Jews in the Pale constituted about 75% of its population. While conditions changed over time, from bad to worse, Jews were not permitted to live in several of the larger cities of the Pale such as Kiev, Sevastopol and Nikolaev; neither were they permitted to live in rural areas where they could have participated in agriculture. The result was the establishment of small townlets or what came to be known as *shtetls*. The term *shtetls* is familiar from the popular musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, which while a wonderful show with great music and song, bears little relationship to the reality of the *shtetls*; let it be said that there was no spontaneous music or dancing in the streets.

The people were very poor; as many as one third were totally dependent on charity to survive, the charity of other Jews...certainly not the Russian government. The term *tzedakah* which translates to justice or charity took on a very real meaning, where the poor helped those who were worse off. *Tzedakah* is a long-existing obligation of Jews. Indeed the *pushke*, a little can or container, is still kept in many Jewish homes where small amounts of money are collected to help those in need.

POVERTY

Poverty was deep and widespread in all of the Pale, very much a way of life for nearly everyone. Work for Jews was limited and hard. About 30% were merchants or artisans, which included such trades as tailors, carpenters, shoemakers or other skilled craftsman. The work day for skilled craftsmen was typically 11-13 hours/day. Another 30-40% were laborers, working 15-18 hours per day as woodcutters, street pavers, workers in quarries or other forms of hard labor. The

remainder was dependent on charity. While extreme, there was simply no choice, that was all there was to survive.

For such hard work, a skilled craftsman earned annually about 500 rubles (today equivalent to about \$8000), with about half that for laborers. Consider \$330 to \$660 per month total family income to support a family at today's prices.

At the early time of the Pale, there was an effort to provide limited public schooling, which was not successful. Public schooling was generally non-existent for the vast majority, with perhaps 10% even having modest schooling.

Some few were permitted to attend school in Moscow and Saint Petersburg. In this environment Yeshivas were established which were entirely devoted to Torah study. These were very serious institutions, which of course were supported by other Jews.

Beginning in 1851, under Czar Alexander II (Alexander the Liberator), life began to improve for all; Jews were permitted to live in rural areas, and some Jews were permitted to live outside the Pale. Merchants of substance who could pay the registration were permitted to travel, and some were permitted to attend colleges outside the Pale. Medical personnel, such as nurses, dentists, midwives, and other trained persons were permitted to leave the Pale. Additionally, Jews conscripted into the Army and their children were allowed to live outside the Pale. There was hope in the *shtetls* that this good trend would continue... but it was not to be.



Note: Much of the information for this article is from an investigation directed by the US Dept of Commerce in 1906 performed by Immigration Inspector Philip Cowen who investigated immigration from Russia. The voluminous report is in great measure a report about the Jews of Russia, including vast information concerning

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Jewish Family Services Transforms Lives

A pandemic, an infestation of insects, electric wiring issues, a near-empty refrigerator, and ultimately, a dispossession notice (when you are being evicted from your residence);

A car that needed brakes, new struts, shock absorbers, new control arms, and tires while living on a minimal fixed disability income;

A senior who died without family with no funds for burial;

Dementia and paranoia affecting a 93-year-old with a concerned daughter living in New England searching for referral, recommendation(s), and assistance.

In the summer of 2021, these were just a few of the situations affecting members of our community.

Fortunately, thanks in part to the Savannah Jewish Federation's Jewish Family Services, they all found help.

Committed to being there for our community-not just in crisis, but every day, Jewish Family Services quietly and with dignity provides the assistance so that everyone has a chance to build a better life.

Every day, we meet people with a deep desire to get back on their feet and move forward. But struggling to make ends meet day-to-day means there's less time and energy to focus on well-being or

think about planning for next week, next month, or next year.

Inspired by Jewish values, we protect the vulnerable and help people achieve fulfilling lives by empowering individuals and strengthening families.

Perhaps you didn't know that JFS delivered over 6,500 Kosher meals to community members over the past 18 months;

Perhaps you didn't know that JFS provides the Food for Thought program at the JEA;

Perhaps you didn't know that JFS provided no-interest loans to community members;

Perhaps you didn't know that JFS assisted area families for their children to receive scholarships for sleep away and residential camp during the summer;

Perhaps you didn't know that, thanks, in part, to a variety of funds established through the Jewish

Community Foundation of Savannah, donor funds, and your annual support, Jewish Family Services is estimated to provide over \$175,000 in assistance to members of the community this fiscal year.

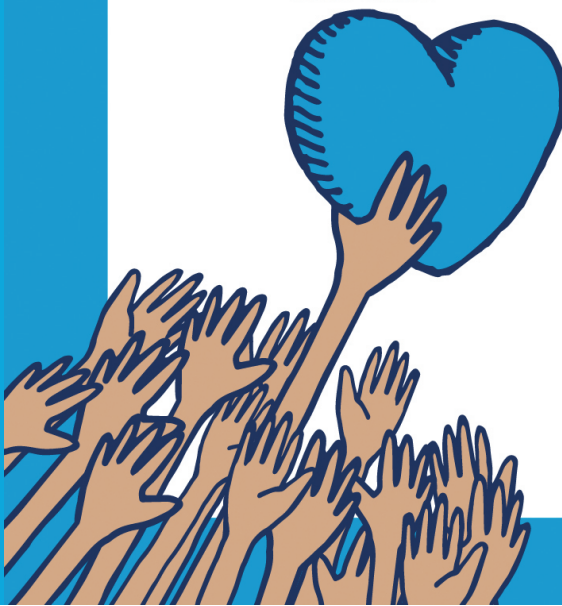
Now you know:
Thanks to you, JFS transforms lives.

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LINDA & MICHAEL ZOLLER



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As a professional librarian, books were Ceceile Richman's major love. She also had a deep concern for the connection between the mind and the body as relates to overall wellness. Upon her death, her family created the Ceceile Richman Fund to benefit PJ Library and JEA Health & Wellness Center as those reflect both of her passions. Ceceile's generosity to the community will be felt and her name will be remembered for generations to come.

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

For information about creating a legacy with the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah, contact Adam@savj.org.



On The Personal Side

Mazel Tov

To **Rachel Currie** who was presented with the 2021 Citizen Award for Community Involvement by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Rachel raised over \$35,000 in the Man & Woman of the Year fundraiser.

To **Tova Tolman & Jonathan Javetz** on their recent engagement.

To **Tami & Lenny Tishberg** who celebrate their 60th anniversary on September 3rd.

To **Sunny Nayberg & Bernard Cohen** on their engagement.

To **David & Sara Schiminow** on the birth of their son.

To **Josh Sandler**, son of Helese & Dan Sandler, who was named to the 2021 Class of 40 under 40 by the University of Georgia. Josh is the co-founder and Executive Chairman of the Board of Lori Systems, a "tech-driven logistics services company" with offices in Nigeria, Uganda, and Nairobi serving throughout Africa.

To **Adam & Bina Pritzker** on the birth of their daughter Hadassah Rachel.

To **Benjamin & Rachael Warsaw** on the birth of their son.

To **Chef Jeffrey Quasha** who was recently inducted into the American Academy of Chefs (AAC). The AAC represents the highest standards of professionalism in the organization, society and industry.

Tell us your good news! Celebrating a significant event, simcha, birthday or anniversary? Submit to savannahjewishlife@savj.org by January 1st.

In Memory of Murray Charles Arkin

President of the Savannah Jewish Federation, 1971-73 and Jewish Educational Alliance, 1981-83, died on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at his home in Atlanta.

A lifelong Savannahian, Murray will be remembered by the many people that he touched over the course of his life and his devotion and dedication to his family and friends, his patients, the City of Savannah, and the medical and Jewish communities.

He attended Savannah High School and the University of Georgia before enlisting in the US Army and joining the Occupation Forces in Japan. It was there that he decided to become a physician. Upon return from his service, he finished his degree and enrolled at the Medical College of Georgia, followed by an internship in Minneapolis, a residency in Illinois and a fellowship in Chicago. It was during his time in Chicago where he met the love of his life, June ^{obm} to whom he was happily married for over six decades. Together and individually, they were quite a force in Savannah.

A winner of the Federation's highest honor, the Jack Malitz Levy Leadership Award, Murray was not only president of the Federation, he was the president of the JEA just eight short years later. Not only a leader in the Jewish community, Murray was a revered leader in the medical community having served for over a decade on the Board of Memorial Medical Center (not surprisingly, he was the Chairman of the Board during that time), was the Chair of Graduate Medical Education, and Chief of Internal Medicine.



It would be hard to remember Murray without mentioning his kind, concerned face. He had a knack for listening, really listening and then leading a balanced conversation. Federation Executive Director, Adam Solender commented, "I so looked forward to that announcement that Murray Arkin is here to talk to you. What began as light banter always turned into serious reflection on the community. Murray had such compassion for others and was always asking about those in need."

He is survived by his children, Drs. David and Eva Arkin, Dr. Lawrence and Lisa Arkin, and Mr. Jonathan and Marilyn Arkin. He is also survived by his adoring grandchildren, Jordan and Matt Fishman, Jarrett Arkin, Ross Cooper, Stephanie Arkin, Michael Arkin, Jason Arkin, and Adam Arkin, and by his great-grandchildren, Austin Fishman and Andrew Fishman.

Obituaries

Alfred "Al" Irwin Frank

Who died Sunday, May 9, 2021

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Francine Frank; son, Steven (Barbara) Frank; daughter, Linda (Steven) Novack; grandchildren, Jared (Leann) Frank, Brooke (Anthony) Amo, Allison (Andrew) Badger, Adam (Lauren) Novak, Evan (Elizabeth) Novack, Craig (Becky) Novack and nine great-grandchildren.

Donations: Congregation Mickve Israel – Post Office Box 816, Savannah, Georgia 31402-0816, or Hospice Savannah – Post Office Box #13190, Savannah, Georgia 31416

Arnold S. Goldstein

Who died Monday, May 10, 2021

Clara Gershon Levy

Who died Wednesday, May 12, 2021

She is survived by her children Suzanne (Lee) Falk; Sidney (Randi) Levy, and David Levy; her grandchildren Ben (Jennifer) Falk, Sydney (Jon) Waters, Matthew (Abby) Levy, and Zach Levy; and her great-grandchildren, James and Lily Falk. She was predeceased by her son, Morton Levy.

Donations: Congregation Mickve Israel – Post Office Box 816, Savannah, Georgia 31402-0816, or The Temple, 1589 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30309

Robert Barron Weil

Who died Monday, May 24, 2021

He is survived by his son Jason (Lisa Kessler) Weil; grandsons, Logan Weil and Colby Weil; step-daughter, Dana Dowdell; brothers, Garry Weil and Larry Weil; niece Ashley Fayn Weil and nephew, David Weil.

Donations: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob – 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405 or the Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter – Suite 103, 4849 Paulsen Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405

Murray Charles Arkin

Who died Sunday, June 6, 2021

He is survived by his children, Drs. David and Eva Arkin, Dr. Lawrence and Lisa Arkin, and Mr. Jonathan and Marilyn Arkin. He is also survived by his adoring grandchildren, Jordan and Matt Fishman, Jarrett Arkin, Ross Cooper, Stephanie Arkin, Michael Arkin, Jason Arkin, and Adam Arkin, and by his great-grandchildren, Austin Fishman and Andrew Fishman.

Donations: Savannah Jewish Federation, Dr. Murray & June Arkin Fund or the Jewish Educational Alliance, Arkin-Clark Garden Fund

Martin Herbert Greenberg

Who died Tuesday, June 15, 2021

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Doris Ruth Markowitz Greenberg, son Michael (Laura) Greenberg, daughter Sarah (Seth) Kovensky and his grandchildren, Hannah and Alex Kovensky and Sam and Ben Greenberg.

Donations: Dwaine & Cynthia Willett Children's Hospital Of Savannah – 4700 Waters Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31404 or Mercer University School of Medicine Department of Bioethics and Medical Humanities – 1250 East 66th Street, Savannah, Georgia 31404

Arnold Morton Ram

Who died Friday, June 18, 2021

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Lenore Francine Kotkins Ram; a son, Peter (Kathleen) Ram; a daughter, Pamela (Michael) Munoz; four grandchildren, Lilly, Gabi, Noah and Finley; sisters, Sondra Boden and Susan Goldman (Edward); and a number of nieces and nephews.

Donations: St Jude Children's Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 or Congregation Mickve Israel 20 E. Gordon Street Savannah, GA 31401

Marilyn S. Slagel

Who died Friday, June 18, 2021

She is survived by her husband, Robert c. Slagel, her beloved son Phillip (Nikki Strayer) Serls and daughters Shari (Craig) Friedman and Harla (Eric) Verman. She is also survived by her husband's son David (Katherine) Slagel and preceded in death by her husband's daughter, Deborah Willber. She is also survived by her ten grandchildren (Jeremy, Kacie, Bari, Jacob, Hana, Jayme, Sean, Chris, Emily, and Elizabeth); five great grandchildren (Kennedy, Paxton, Amelia, Riley, and Bobby); as well as her sister, Hara Leavey.

Donations: Congregation Mickve Israel (www.mickveisrael.org), Temple Beth Israel (www.tbiyork.org/get-involved/), Hospice Savannah (www.hospicesavannah.org), and Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion (www.sjchs.org/foundations)

Edward Irwin Wexler

Who died Wednesday, June 30, 2021

His legacy continues with his three daughters and their families: Susan and Eric Darling (Savannah) and their children Evelyn and Elijah; Sara and Chaplain (Lt Col) Michael Bram (Los Angeles), and their children, Devorah, Chaya, Elisheva, Avigayil, and Moshe; and Sharon Ashley and Michael Walter (Denver) and their children, Simone and Corinna.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Hopkins Wexler and her family; His brothers, Dr. Raymond H. (Debra) Wexler of Atlanta and niece, Dory (Ian) Palmer; Tamir (Roni) Wexler and family of Israel; his sister, Keren Lengy Wexler and family of Israel; Sister-in-law: Gail Wexler of Savannah and nieces, Lyn (Tom) Alexander and Jan Wexler; and Barbara (Dr. William) Gustin of Savannah and nephews, Dr. James Wylie Gustin and Richard Donald Gustin.

Donations: The Lt Col Mary Witt Wexler, USAF Ret. Memorial Nursing School Scholarship, Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus, C/O Julie Gerbsch, Asst. VP for Development, 11935 Abercorn St., Savannah, GA 31419 or The National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force, P.O. Box 1992, Savannah, GA 31402

Robert "Bob" Gerald Schwartz

Who died Thursday, July 15, 2021

He is survived by his wife Carolyn Soyars Schwartz, two sons, Jerry Schwartz and his partner Katja Kolosovsky, and Benjamin Schwartz and his wife, Tomoko; one granddaughter, Miki; one sister, Eileen Schwartz; and one niece, Marissa Brooks.

Donations: Congregation Agudath Achim, 9 Lee Blvd, Savannah, GA 31405

Gloria "Kelly" Stein Cohen

Who died Wednesday, July 21, 2021

She is survived by three sons, A. J. Cohen III and his wife, Kim, of Denver, CO, Sanford Cohen of Asheville, NC, and George and Ruth Cohen, of Savannah, GA; one daughter, Julia Cohen of Savannah, GA; five grandchildren, Addison Cohen, Alexa and Francesco Michelassi, Chaya Cohen, Laila Cohen and Jared Cohen; four great-grandchildren; her sister, Ruth Rich, and nephew, Adam Rich, both of New York City.

Donations: Hospice Savannah – Post Office Box #13190, Savannah, Georgia 31416-0190 or the Telfair Museum of Art – 121 Barnard Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401

Catherine Atkins Fagin

Who died Wednesday, July 28, 2021

She is survived by her husband, Dr Ronald Fagin and a blended family with five children: Garland Chick (Mary Anna), Steve Chick (Mary Holmes), Catherine Chick Norton (Tom), Meredith Fagin Malcom (Mike), and Kimberly Fagin Slatkovsky (Ken) as well as twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Donations: Savannah Country Day School, 824 Stillwood Drive, Savannah, GA 31419

Obituaries through 7/31/21

Around Town

What's happening in Jewish Savannah

You can check out the most up-to-date community calendar at www.savj.org

Operation Isaiah

September 1-30

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 those in need. While there will still be drop off barrels at the JEA and Synagogues, this year you can also make a donation to the Operation Isaiah Fund that will go to Second Harvest Food Bank.

Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Meeting

Wednesday, September 1 | 7:00 PM |

Virtual at [Facebook.com/SavannahJEA](https://www.facebook.com/SavannahJEA) or Savannah JEA on YouTube

JEA Art Gallery Reception - John Alexander

Thursday, September 2 | 5:00 PM | JEA

Young Jewish Savannah Jew Year's Eve

Thursday, September 2 | 7:00 PM

Celebrate the Jewish New Year with other Jewish young adults on a roof

Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday, September 7 & 8

Rosh Hashanah, literally meaning "head of the year", is the Jewish New Year. Rosh Hashanah is a celebration of the creation of the world and marks making a fresh start.

Yom Kippur

Thursday, September 16

Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement. It is the most sacred and solemn day in the Jewish calendar. Yom Kippur is a day to reflect on the past year and ask God's forgiveness for any sins.

Sukkot Decorating Party

Sunday, September 19 | 12:30 PM | Congregation Mickve Israel

JEA Garden Gala

Sunday, September 19 | 6:00 PM | JEA

Get ready to experience another exciting JEA Gala - this time, outside under the stars - while supporting our beloved Jewish Educational Alliance.

[JEAGardenGala.GiveSmart.com](https://www.jeagardengala.givesmart.com)

Sukkot

Begins sundown Monday, September 20

Sukkot commemorates the years that the Jews spent in the desert on their way to the Promised Land and celebrates the way in which God protected them under difficult desert conditions. Sukkot is also known as the Feast of Tabernacles, or the Feast of Booths.

Young Jewish Savannah Sukkot Wine Tasting

Thursday, September 23 | 6:00 PM | JEA

Young Family Simchat Torah Party

Sunday, September 26 | 3:30 PM | Haas Home

Shemini Atzeret

Tuesday, September 28

Shemini Atzeret is the holiday that follows immediately after the seventh day of Sukkot. Literally, Shemini Atzeret means "the eighth [day] of assembly."

AA Simchat Torah Celebration

Tuesday, September 28 | 6:00 PM

Simchat Torah

Wednesday, September 29

Simchat Torah (Rejoicing with the Torah) marks the end of the annual cycle of weekly Torah readings and the beginning of the new cycle. It is a joyous holiday that celebrates the Jewish love of Torah and study.

JEA Preschool Rock & Read

Sunday, October 3 | 3:00 PM | JEA

PJ Library Parents' Night Out

Thursday, October 7 | 7:00 PM

JEA Art Gallery Reception - Cindy Male

Thursday, October 14 | 5:00 PM

Young Jewish Savannah Shabbat

Friday, October 15 | 5:30 PM | Congregation Mickve Israel

PJ Library Build a Tzedakah Box Workshop

Sunday, October 17 | 3:00 PM | JEA

Savannah Jewish Federation Campaign Kick-Off

Wednesday, October 20 | 6:30 PM | JEA

Deli Daze

Sunday, October 24 | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM | Congregation Mickve Israel

AA Gilee Shabbat

Friday, October 29 | 6:00 PM | Congregation Agudath Achim

Young Family Campout & Havdalah

Saturday, October 30 | 6:00 PM | Congregation Mickve Israel

Young Jewish Savannah Challah-Ween

Sunday, October 31 | 1:30 PM | JEA

Hadassah Savannah Advocacy Event Health Screenings

Wednesday, November 4

Jewish War Veterans 125th Anniversary Event

Sunday, November 7 | 10:00 AM

JEA Art Gallery Reception - Dell Belew

Sunday, November 7 | 2:00 PM

Maccabeats CommUNITY Concert

Sunday, November 14 | 3:00 PM | JEA

Chanukah - First Candle

Sunday, November 28

Savannah Jewish Federation Giving Tuesday Telethon

Tuesday, November 30 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | JEA

Help the Savannah Jewish Federation raise important funds on this global day of giving through the 2022 Annual Community Campaign. You can donate to the campaign AND help make the important calls.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Stay up to date on all events in
the Savannah Jewish
community

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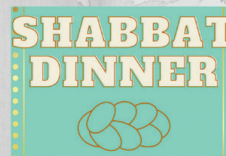
September 2

Jew Year's Eve
Rooftop Party



September 23

Wine & cheese
tasting under
the Sukkah



October 15

Shabbat Dinner
with
Congregation
Mickve Israel

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ENVISION THE FUTURE

CAPITAL & ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

The Jewish Educational Alliance has long been a meeting place for the entire Jewish and general Savannah community. From the original location in downtown Savannah in the early 1900s, to the facility's current home on Abercorn Street built in 1954, the JEA has served as a cornerstone of Jewish life.

Over the decades, the JEA has adapted to meet the growing needs of our community. We continuously welcome new members to our family and create programs that appeal to varied interests. From fitness classes, to concerts, to film festivals and art shows, to pre-school, summer camps, and youth sports programs, the JEA is a thriving environment that looks toward the future while maintaining the time-honored traditions of our Jewish heritage and culture.

Envision a Savannah without the Jewish Educational Alliance (JEA)

It's nearly impossible.

For more than a century, the JEA has been the heart of Jewish life in Savannah. We serve as a hub for members of all three local synagogues as well as unaffiliated Jews and non-Jews alike. More than just a building, the JEA is home. A place where people come together and Jewish culture thrives. A place where families make memories and generations grow.

Envision our impact. The JEA matters. Countless people from Savannah and around the world have benefitted from the programs, experiences, and services offered here. Our building's unique facade and prominent location at one of the busiest intersections in the city make it a well-known entity. It has long been a source of pride for the Jewish community. We have a responsibility to ensure that future generations have a home at the JEA where they can grow and flourish in a nurturing environment.

Envision a state-of-the-art JEA. It's been over 3 decades since any major renovations have been made to our home. As we continue to grow and meet the needs of our community, so must our facility. Although the JEA is, indeed, more than just a building, the structure itself is in desperate need of updates. Renovations will allow us to offer more youth, fitness, and aquatic programs which will attract even more families to our Alliance. But more than that, the enhancements we make now will benefit our children and our children's children.

Envision the future. For more than a year, JEA leadership and the Capital Campaign Committee have conducted a thorough review of the facilities to determine what renovations and upgrades are necessary. Committee members developed a plan to guarantee that the JEA continues to meet the needs of our members and community well into the future.

Planned Improvements:

AUDITORIUM ENHANCEMENTS

Paint, new flooring, sound baffles, curtain, tables, chairs, and audio-visual equipment.



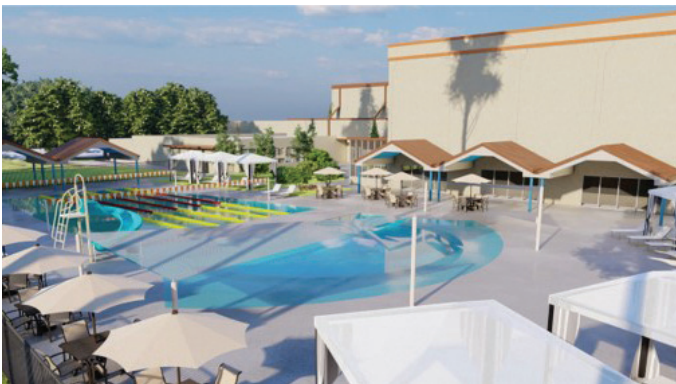
INDOOR POOL UPDATES

Indoor pool. New solarium-like structure, pool plaster, flooring, painting and gutter replacement.



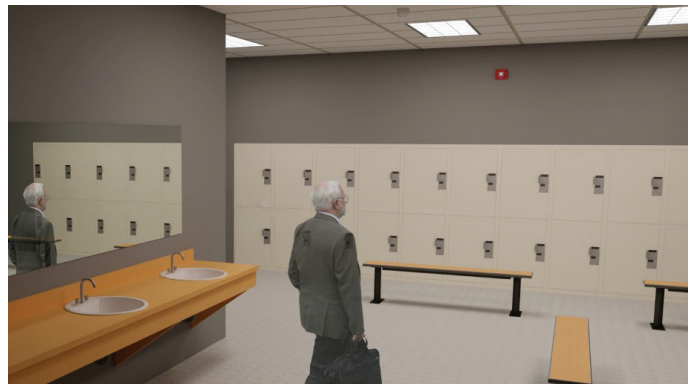
OUTDOOR POOL UPDATES

New pool-zero entry, handicap accessible, kids sprinkle area, shade structure(s), 4 lap lanes, new decking.



LOCKER ROOM UPGRADES

Tile repair and replacement, paint, wallpaper removal, hardware replacement, and new flooring.



ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

Much-needed updates to the AC/heat, roof, drainage, technology, and parking.



PRE-SCHOOL EXPANSION

JEA Preschool serves as an entry point for many new members and provides a Jewish education to hundreds of children throughout Savannah. Future plans include expanded early childhood facilities to address the ever-growing demand for preschool as well as renovated indoor and outdoor play spaces and children's locker rooms.



Envision our legacy. The Capital Improvement Plan identifies anticipated needs of the JEA building and property for the next 3, 5, 10, and 20 years, and includes specific recommendations, costs, and non-architectural plans.

A successful capital campaign will ensure that we raise sufficient funds to pay for entire 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. Our goal is to raise \$5 million in the next 5 years, 10 percent of which will be placed in an endowment for future capital needs.

It's a lofty goal and reaching it will take all of us. We simply can't do it without the help of our entire community.



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The JEA brings people together. Celebrating Jewish holidays and culture with the whole community – that's what makes our events like the Oy Vey 5K so special. And I think the JEA to the larger community is exposure to non-Jews about what it's like to be Jewish.

ROBYN CARROLL

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Opportunities to Give

There are multiple levels of giving, all of which will make a significant impact on the future of this project. We invite you to join the campaign that will ultimately help us lay the foundation to ensure a thriving, dynamic, and relevant life experience for our children and grandchildren.

For more information on how to give, please contact capitalcampaign@savj.org.



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The JEA gave me a community in a place where I didn't have any roots. I met my wife at the JEA at an event for Young Jewish Savannah. Now we're raising our children here.

MATTHEW ALLAN

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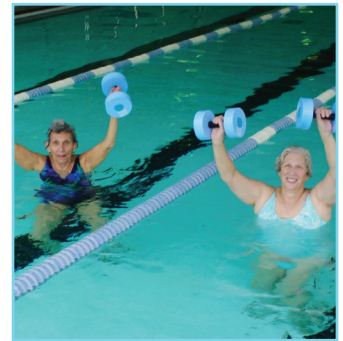


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We learned many things here, but basically what we did here was create memories – lots of memories – and we build relationships.

JODY SADLER

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Let's Make History Together

We invite you to become a stakeholder and help build a JEA that is ready for the future.

Together, we can shape the future of Jewish life in Savannah and leave a legacy that will make us all proud. Together, we can make this dream a reality.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Jeffery Lasky
Mark Konter

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It's a place where our entire Jewish community – all the synagogues and people who may not belong to synagogues – can come to the JEA and be welcome. There are activities not just for youth, but for young, unmarried adults, married adults, people with families with children, and for senior citizens.

AARON LEVY

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A letter from the Chairmen



For over 200 years the Savannah Jewish community has been vibrant, engaged, and generous. The JEA is one of the institutions that has been at the center of our successes. Currently, the JEA is experiencing a period of unparalleled participation in its programs. Since its inception, JEA Preschool Savannah has started the Jewish journey for over 100 Jewish children and their families. These families are helping fill summer camp and afterschool programs which are also at capacity, but the preschool has outgrown its current space and has a waiting list for every age group. The outdoor and indoor pools have become focal points of our youth and fitness programs but the pipes in the outdoor pool are over 50 years old and must be

replaced if the pool is to remain open. The roof and HVA systems have not been updated since they were installed decades ago and remain functioning with duct tape and band aids. The bottom line, as reported in 2019 by a select JEA blue ribbon committee which included construction experts, is that the JEA building requires a major renovation if it is going to remain open and continue as the center of our Jewish community.

The Select Building Committee's report identified and prioritized the crucial repairs and renovations necessary to keep the JEA functional for decades in the future, provided a cost estimate for the project, and drafted a 5-year plan that was approved by the JEA Board of Directors. The plan includes - among other things - an expansion of the number of preschool rooms, a new handicapped accessible outdoor pool, repairs and renovations to the indoor pool and auditorium, and replacement of the roof and all HVA systems.

Next steps were underway, and the Capital Campaign Committee was on the verge of launching the campaign when the pandemic shut the world down. As vaccines have made it safer for us to live and function, the decision was



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I remember seeing my grandmother's face light up when she joined me and my children at the preschool Shabbat celebrations. She loved seeing them recite the songs and prayers and enjoy the Shabbat traditions. It is my hope that my parents will share the same preschool Shabbat celebrations with their great grandchildren.

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ALLISON KONTER

made to move forward with the capital campaign fundraising efforts.

So what is the plan? We have developed a two-pronged approach with a twist to raise the money necessary to pay for the construction and renovation projects. One prong of the plan consists of tapping into our community's generosity and obtaining donations to be paid over the next five years. The initial solicitations of only 18 community members, including all the members of the Capital Campaign Committee, have been incredibly successful resulting in donations of over \$1,250,000.

The second prong of the plan is to sell four acres of the JEA property that borders Bull Street. A real estate broker has been hired and the property is being actively marketed with several restrictions that will ensure that the use of the property is compatible with the function of the JEA.

The twist is perhaps the most important part of the plan. Based on the recommendation of our committee, the JEA Board approved the part of

the plan that requires 10% of all money raised to be invested in a permanent endowment that will be used solely for the future capital needs of the JEA. This will provide the community with a source of funds to pay for the future capital needs of the building without requiring another major capital campaign in the future.

Between the cost of construction and renovations and the 10% donation to the Endowment, the goal of the campaign is \$5,000,000.

During the next year, you will be getting a call from a member of our solicitation team. All we ask is that you meet with them, listen to the details of the plan and make a quality donation that will ensure the future existence of the JEA and our Jewish community.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Lasky and Mark Konter

JEA Capital Campaign Co-Chairmen



I was here when the cornerstone of this building was put down in 1954. It's been a source of pride ever since – to have this building, in this spot. It enriched our lives. Savannah wouldn't be the same without it.

DON KOLE

JEA Preschool Savannah

As the High Holiday season approaches, we begin to think about new beginnings and how we can be better human beings.

These concepts are challenging enough for adults to think about, so how do we make them relevant for young children? What big ideas do we want to teach our very youngest children? How do we provide a meaningful experience about Rosh Hashanah/The Jewish New Year, Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement, and Sukkot / Festival of Booths to these small children?

As we think about the big ideas of these holidays, a few concepts come to mind. Rosh Hashanah, the first holiday we celebrate, reminds us of beginnings and birthdays. And how young children love birthdays! Teaching children that Rosh Hashanah is the birthday of the world is one idea. In addition, there are many sensory experiences that we can share with the children for this holiday. Dipping apples in the honey for a sweet new year and trying new foods like pomegranates certainly appeal to the children's senses of taste and smell. Children can hear the sounds of the shofar blasts which tell us to "wake up" and be the best person we can be. Children can create drawings of what they can do to be a better daughter/son, sibling, grandchild, or friend. Families can come up with ways to do acts of loving kindness (gemilut chasadim) throughout the year. They can also make New Year's cards together to send to extended families and friends. In today's world, texts and emails are commonplace. Imagine the face of a grandparent opening the mail and reading a card created by their children and grandchildren! Teaching about the word NEW could be a wonderful topic to explore-new babies, new beginnings, new clothes, new foods, and new toys.

For the solemn Yom Kippur Holiday, what would those big ideas look like? Depending on the age of the child, one could explore different feelings and emotions, and reflect on what the children



could do to be a better person in the year to come. Giving tzedakah/charity is an important mitzvah/ good deed we perform throughout the year and especially on this Day of Atonement.

Sukkot is the holiday that follows these two holy and solemn ones. This holiday commemorates the time when the Jewish people wandered in the desert and lived in temporary shelters. One of my Sukkot memories with my own family was inviting friends and family over to have dinner in our sukkah (hut). We built and decorated the sukkah as a family and then enjoyed sharing delicious meals with our guests. Hachnasat Orchim- Hospitality or inviting guests to one's home is another mitzvah practiced on this joyful holiday.

What traditions will you pass on to your child to celebrate the Jewish holidays? What are the memories you will create for your child and family?

Wishing everyone a *Shanah Tova*- A Happy New Year - filled with good health, happiness, and peace!

Rock n' Read
Sunday, October 3rd | 3:30-5:00 PM
Join us to kick off the
JEA Preschool Savannah
Scholastic Book Fair
Support JEA Preschool by purchasing books from October 3-8 at the JEA

JEA Garden Gala

Get ready to experience another exciting JEA Gala - this time, outside under the stars!

This year's JEA Gala will bring our community back together. Come to the Garden Gala on Sunday, September 19, while supporting our beloved Jewish Educational Alliance. The Gala is the annual centerpiece of the JEA's fundraising efforts. Over the years the Gala has raised thousands of dollars to provide scholarships for those in need, subsidize individual programs, and support year-round programming and activities for youth, adults and seniors from the entire Savannah community.

This year's gala is sure to impress with Gala Chair Robyn Carroll along with a Gala committee that includes Melinda Byck, Carole Cohen, Rachael Currie, Sarah Denmark, Roxanne Formey, Cookie Gale, Bianca Hollander, Jonathan Javetz, Garrett Kaminsky, Dayle Levy, Arlene Ratner, Lewis Schneider, Erin Wessling and Ashley Yellin. The committee has been actively planning a fun-filled Mediterranean inspired evening that will have you picnicking and socializing.

The evening will begin with an assortment of hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Cocktail hour will be followed by a picnic-style dinner prepared by Chef Gili Ben Simon, from Gili's Kitchen, and his team.

After dinner, enjoy dessert generously provided from Savannah Square Pops and Rita's Italian Ice. And throughout the evening try your luck at the Wall of Wine, which will be returning this year, thanks to the generosity of David Forman and National Distributing.

The Gala Committee has secured fun and popular items for the auction. The auction will be held in-person and online, allowing those attending or not attending the Gala to participate. A sampling of some of the things to choose from that night includes: Birthday party package, vacation rentals, personal training packages, the ever so coveted parking spaces located in the front of the JEA building and so much more!

Trio Shalva Band will be playing throughout the night. The Band creates a powerful new realm of music where Hebrew folk traditions and contemporary jazz are woven together seamlessly to create a fabric of sound that will transport any listener through time and space to a new Middle Eastern musical landscape.

Tickets to the JEA Garden Gala are \$136 or you can become a Friend of the JEA for \$360 (includes two gala tickets, a raffle ticket, "Friends" gifts and you will be listed as a sponsor). You can purchase Gala tickets and bid on auction items online at JEAGardenGala.givesmart.com.



JEA GARDEN GALA

September 19, 2021

6:00 PM

Jewish Educational Alliance
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We are Growing at the J!

School is back in session and Fall is finally in the air! The pools and fitness classes hit capacity all summer so we had to hit the ground running this fall.

We started back our Dinners by the Pool, added brand new classes to the Group Fitness Schedule, and expanded our GlideFIT class options as well! Not to mention the JEA Orcas Swim Club has started back and we have begun registration and play for some of our youth sports again.

Not only are we growing in numbers and programs, we also have a growing Health & Wellness Management Team. We are excited to announce our new Swim Lesson Coordinator, Theresa Uritescu and Youth Sport Coordinator, Callie Smith!

Miss Theresa is a long time resident of Savannah who began providing swim lessons over 25 years ago. Theresa took her love of teaching and founded her own private business where she served



CALLIE SMITH



THERESA URITESCU

countless families in the area for ten years before joining the team at the Savannah JEA as a Swim Instructor just over a year ago, quickly moving up into her new role.

Callie Smith is from Savannah, Georgia and actually played on her first soccer team at the JEA when she was just 4 years old! She later played collegiate soccer while receiving her undergraduate degree from Brewton-Parker College and is currently working on her Masters Degree in Exercise Science and Wellness.

We are excited to watch them grow into their new roles and know they will be a great addition to our community!

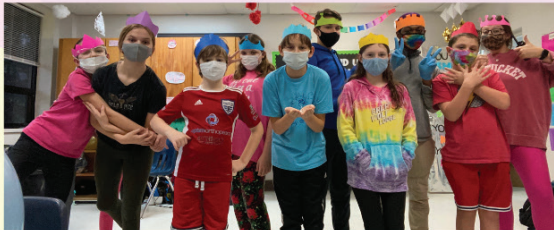
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Research demonstrates a strong correlation between a quality early childhood education and how well children who attend a Quality Rated program are prepared for school. In 2016, Quality Rated awarded Rambam's Preschool the highest rating possible, three stars out of a three-star rating, thus placing Rambam's Preschool among a select few preschools of the highest distinction in the state of Georgia.

We welcome the opportunity to take you on a virtual tour of Rambam, either while children are in classes or after hours. Please contact our office at 912-352-7994 or by email at office@rambamdayschool.org.



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Shalom School

Eva Locker,

PRINCIPAL

Shalom School is excited to welcome you to another year. This upcoming school year we are celebrating being together again. We will not be without masks quite yet, but hopefully some day soon. We all long for the day when the smiles of our children show not only in their eyes.

By necessity our ways of teaching have changed over the last year. Screens and social distancing have slowly taken us further apart from each other but even far apart, we kept learning together. We succeeded thanks to the dedication and efforts of our children, our parents, and our wonderful staff. Our teachers have learned new ways to teach, continually keeping the children engaged while discovering and instilling the beauty of Judaism. Thank you to the parents who encouraged their children to participate.

It is finally time to get together again and it is with great excitement and optimism that we are starting this new year! We look forward



SHALOM SCHOOL

to exciting lessons and hands-on activities that will help our students discover their Jewish identity and our history. After many months of isolation, students and teachers will also re-learn to talk and listen to each other, and to find their place in our classroom and our community. Our ambition is to raise future leaders and active members of the Jewish community of tomorrow. Your children, our students, our future!

We look forward to beginning anew finally together under one roof.

Wishing you a new year full of health, healing and time together with your loved ones.

Shana Tova Umetuka

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POST COMMANDER

For 125 years, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States has proven that Jews are an integral component in the defense and maintenance of American security, having made priceless contributions to America's defense. In the years following the Civil War there were cries that Jews had not served in the war. Indeed, four of the seventeen American Jews who received the Medal of Honor did so for their heroism in the Union Army. To counter this, 63 Jewish Civil War veterans met in New York City in 1896 to form the precursor to today's JWV, the Hebrew Union Veterans, thus founding the oldest veteran's association in the United States. In 1912, the organization joined with the Hebrew Veterans of the War with Spain to form the Hebrew Union Veterans Association.

During World War I, the HUVA joined with several civic and religious Jewish agencies to form the Jewish Welfare Board, and in January 1918, the JWB was designated as the agency and to provide Jewish servicemen with siddurim and other necessary Jewish accoutrements. I still have the pocket siddur given to me in 1977 by the JWB at Fort Belvoir, VA. In 1924, the organization was named the Jewish War Veterans of the Wars of the Republic, and in 1929, that was shortened to the Jewish War Veterans. Thirty posts in 1930 grew to 277 by 1940.

Over 400,000 American Jews served in WWII, in all branches of the service. The return of thousands of Jewish servicemen and women from the War saw a significant growth in the number of posts, including our Post 320, which was established in November 1946.

In Savannah and throughout the US, the JWV continues to provide a wide variety of philanthropic services to veterans, Jewish and non-Jewish alike. Our post has sent "We Care" boxes of food and other items to deployed military for Jewish holidays such as Chanukah, Purim, and Passover; has connected with servicemen and women from military installations surrounding Savannah; and supports the national organization, which advocates for Jewish service members, fights anti-Semitism, and supports the State of Israel.

On Sunday November 7, Post 320 will hold a brunch at 10:15 AM at the JEA honoring the 125th anniversary of the JWV, as well as celebrating the life, leadership, and legacy of our immediate Past Commander, Colonel (USAF-Ret.) Ed Wexler (OBM). For more information on this event, or joining the JWV, please contact Post Commander Frank Katz (former CPT, USAR), at fhkatz@comcast.net.

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Thriving in Uncertainty

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I know that we've had a particularly difficult time preparing for these High Holidays, more so than even last year. As of May 2020, we had already understood that we'd be celebrating a completely virtual High Holiday season. Not so this year! Instead, as of late July, questions still remain unanswered? How many people can we fit in our sanctuary? Which services will be streamed? Will we have live music? Will services be shortened because Rabbi Haas will not be delivering a sermon? Here's hoping!

What we must remember most of all though is that life continues. Even though we find ourselves huddled with our families in our homes, or restricted from access to restaurants, or required to place masks on our two-year-old sons who have no qualms about eating anything that comes anywhere near their mouths, we remain resolute in our belief that life continues to move forward. We still will donate our time to help others, even if the way we do so has changed. We still will support our friends and families in their times of need. We will still teach our children how to be good human beings and refrain from eating their masks, no matter how delightful they are.

Fortunately, Judaism has endured and thrived during times of uncertainty since our beginnings. In fact, we might even call ourselves a religion of uncertainty. We appreciate debating points of Torah, perhaps relishing the fact that the answer never comes easily. We know that our community stands together during these days, months or years, with a continued willingness to assist each other spiritually, monetarily, and emotionally. We realize that patience remains a seminal piece of our religion in all things, whether spending forty years in the desert, listening to a long sermon on uncertainty, moving to an unknown country like America in the 1890's, or supporting each other during a pandemic that continues longer than we hoped.

Though we remain uncertain about the future, unless our names are Isaiah, Ezekiel or Jeremiah, we will always be unsure about the future? When the Babylonians destroyed the First Temple and the Romans the Second, the future of our religion remained unclear. Yet, the descendants of the Jews captured by the Babylonians returned to Israel 50 years later and eventually rebuilt the Temple.

The great Yochanan ben Zakkai escaped the doom of the Second Temple and founded an academy which birthed rabbinical Judaism. Patience, perseverance, and dedication to our families and community will always rule the day. We take the situation as it comes and make the best choices in the moment. We remind each other that through promising times and difficult moments, we must commit ourselves to the same values.

As Rabbi Andrea Steinberger asks, "How does one continue to believe, to let God in, when such devastation surrounds us at times?" I believe then that the Torah answers this question best. "What is hidden belongs to the realm of the Eternal, our God, but what is clearly revealed is that we and our descendants are to live a Torah way of life." (Deuteronomy 29:29)

I know that we had hoped to leave this pandemic completely in the rearview mirror, but if we concentrate on teaching and modeling for the next generation on how best to act in trying times, we in the words of Lord Jonathan Sacks, "will achieve greatness by handing our values to the next generation and empower them to go and build a future."



A photograph of the interior of the Bnai Brith Jacob Synagogue. The walls are covered in colorful murals depicting various scenes. In the center, there is a red curtain and a menorah. The floor is covered with a green carpet. The text "Bnai Brith Jacob Synagogue" is written in a large, white, cursive font across the top of the image.

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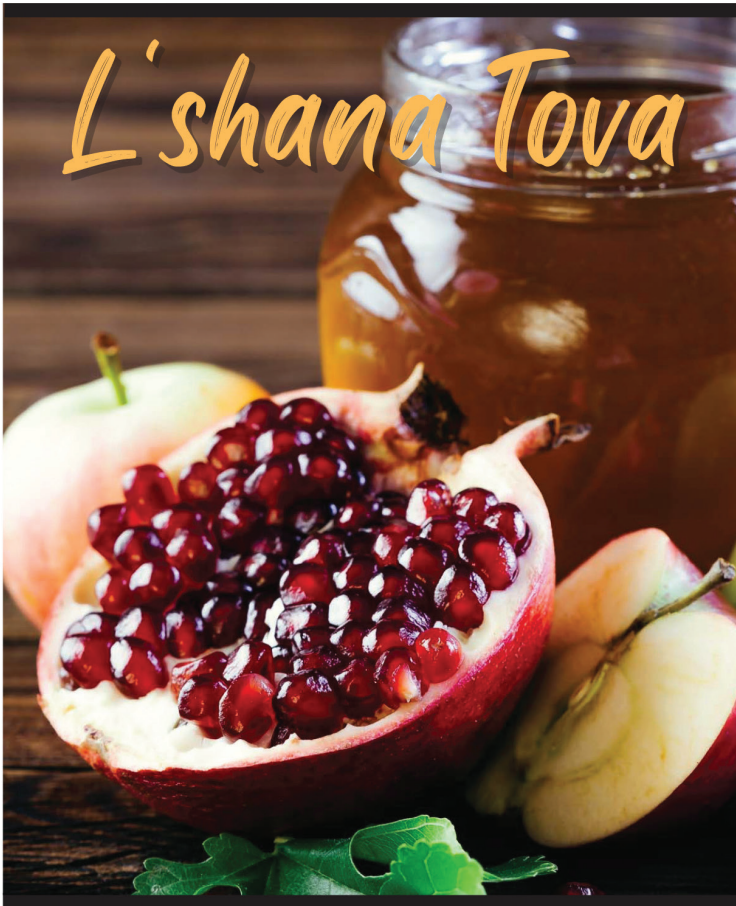
A photograph of Rosh Hashanah symbols. In the foreground, there is a red apple, a glass of apple juice, and a jar of honey with a honey dipper. In the background, there is an open book, likely the Torah. The text "FOR QUESTIONS, INFO, AND UPCOMING EVENTS" is written in a white, serif font across the middle of the image.

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The Pale of Settlement

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life in the Pale, extreme living conditions and details about the *pogroms*. Mr. Cowen was Jewish, such that much of his investigation concerned the Jews of Russia. All is available via websites which will be provided to anyone who requests them. (ayoung@huntermaclean.com)

THE POGROMS

In 1881, Czar Alexander II was assassinated and his son Alexander III became Czar. Alexander III, unlike his father, had a very tough attitude toward Jews. This was clearly expressed in what came to be known as the 'May Laws' of 1881 which clamped down hard on the Jews. Rumors were spread that Jews had assassinated Alexander II. As if life in the Pale was not hard enough, *pogroms* became a reality to be endured. About 500,000 Jews, who by permission of Czar Alexander II were permitted to live in rural areas, were now required to move to the *shtetls*. Approximately 250,000 others who lived on the eastern edge of the Pale at the Russian border were also required to relocate, as well as about 700,000 living in Moscow and Saint Petersburg.

The word *pogrom* means a riot directed against Jews and their property. The primary purpose of the *pogroms* was threefold: to make it appear that the great body of Russians was antagonistic to Jews, to drive Jews from the country by terrorizing them, and to permit the rabble to profit from *pogroms*. In significant measure, the *pogroms* were the instrument of the government in redirecting the populace's discontent from the government to the Jews.

Such *pogroms* occurred hundreds of times in the various small towns and *shtetls* of the Pale. *Pogroms*, generally, were carried out by the peasants, with the aid of some of the military, who destroyed, burned and looted homes, shops and property, causing many injuries, deaths and rapes. During the period 1881-84, after the

'May Laws', there were about 250 separate pogroms. These were indescribable terroristic events, each lasting for days. Looting was widespread, not just by the peasants, but also by lower military. Peasants were given the right to demand Jews leave towns where they lived. The frequency of the *pogroms* made life in the Pale extremely unstable and terrible.

Pogroms were especially pronounced, frequent and extreme in three periods: 1881-1884 originating with the 'May Laws', from 1901-1906, and the last few years of the First World War. As bad as the first wave of *pogroms* were, the second wave beginning in 1901 was worse. These *pogroms* were associated with widespread revolutionary agitation by Bolsheviks against the Russian government, in what is referred to as the First Russian Revolution. (The First Revolution did not replace the government; it was the revolution of 1917, the Second Revolution, in which the Russian government was overthrown, with the murder of the then royal family, the Romanovs.)

As mentioned, the pogroms associated with the First Russian Revolution were far worse than the pogroms after the 'May Laws'. The Russian government permitted the press a free hand to engage in unbridled anti-Jewish incitement in an effort by the government to redirect the anger of the masses away from the government with the contentions that the problems and discontent were caused by the Jews. The first major pogrom of the First Revolution, the result of government-backed incitement, began on Passover, 1903 after particularly aggressive agitation in newspaper stories. This single *pogrom* resulted in 45 killed, hundreds wounded, and with mutilation of the wounded and dead; about 1500 Jewish homes were looted. As the revolutionary movement gained strength, reactionary groups, with support of the government, intensified propaganda against Jews which resulted in more condemnation and suffering. In 1905, there were numerous violent pogroms. The most severe was in Odessa with 300 dead and thousands injured, along with vast property damage and looting. All told, *pogroms* in this time were perpetrated in 64 different towns and more than 600 *shtetls*. The total dead was estimated at more than 800, all inspired by the government. There were two further main outbreaks of *pogroms* in 1906 with about 110 Jewish deaths and vast looting under protection (and participation) of the military and police.

Immigration had begun in the 1880s with about two million who left the Pale for Great Britain, the United States, Palestine, South America, and grew in dramatic fashion over the next years into the 1900s. The immigration of Jews from Russia was in a great way their only salvation and the basis of many, many Jewish immigrants to the United States. Migration was greatly facilitated by direct ocean passenger traffic between Russia and the United States and what was to become Israel. While getting out was extremely difficult, entangled with many governmental problems, millions did manage to migrate; therefore, actually escaping.



Artist Spotlight



JOHN ALEXANDER

Originally from Maryland, John has been a professional photographer in Savannah since 2005. His formal training is from University of Maryland, Baltimore County, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree for Photography & Graphic Design in 1998.

John is dedicated to his craft

and delivers the high caliber of images his clients have come to expect from him. His areas of expertise are special events, commercial, portraiture and fine art. John's client base is extensive including both local and regional companies. John's commercial photography has been featured in many publications both local and national, including Sailing World Magazine, Hakai Magazine, South Magazine, Savannah Magazine, Connect, Well FED and many small business publications.

John's portfolio consists of a wide range of photography that demonstrates his ability to create polished images that come alive with unique personality. He is experienced in directing a scene towards a creative vision, whether working alone or collaborating with the client. John's friendly personality is evident in his engaging event photos, while also knowing when to step back to capture the candid story from a distance.



CINDY MALE

Cindy Male is an artist/educator/yogini who uses art and yoga to encourage the recognition, growth and synthesis of creative energy for the purpose of helping individuals promote conscious change in their lives, their homes and their communities. She holds degrees in Interior Design, Special Education, Art Education,

Creativity Development and Fibers. She has studied at WVU; Fashion Institute, NYC; in Cortona, Italy with the University of Georgia; Vermont College; SCAD, and received Kundalini Yoga certifications.

Cindy began teaching in the coal mining town of Pratt, West Virginia as a Special Education instructor. She taught Special Education at Liberty County Elementary in Hinesville, Georgia and art at Fort Stewart prior to moving to the Virgin Islands. She began her teaching career in St. Croix at The School of the Arts. She taught Special Education at Arthur Richards and Art at The Good Hope School, Country Day School and Manor School. She taught Art History, Art for Educators and Fibers at the University of South Carolina. She began practicing yoga in 1970 on the island of Skiathos in the Aegean. She has taught yoga at various community gyms and schools, within her private studio, and at Sunsu Dojo, St. Croix, USVI, and for the United States Marine Corp in Parris Island and The Air Station, Beaufort, SC. Currently she holds classes through Zoom and in Savannah, GA.

Cindy's art form has grown out of her study of Chaos Theory and Fractal Geometry as it relates to her understanding and experience with conscious ground. Her 'Non-Duality' and 'Island Cloud' series continue to investigate the union of polarity between the infinite and the finite.



DELL BELEW

Dell Belew is a retired English professor who spends her time these days writing/publishing 19 books, creating 109 videos on her YouTube channel, and creating two-dimensional art. Belew has been painting since 1975; her body of work consists of oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastels and photography. Her most recent

genre is mixed media abstracts, although whatever inspires her at the moment is what gets her attention.

Loving form and color, Belew is attracted first to scenes or topics that speak to her soul, understanding that what attracts her ultimately will speak to others. "My paintings are not complete until someone else sees them; viewers don't have to like them, but the works are not complete until the encounter occurs," said Belew.

Are you an artist? Would you like to show your work in the JEA Art Gallery? We feature artists from different fields: oil painters, water colorists, sculptors, photographers, potters, quilters, textiles, mixed media, wood sculpture, mosaics and more! Each show is one month, and you may choose to have an opening reception. There's no charge to use our space, but we do ask for a small percentage of anything sold. Having a show at the JEA is a great way to have your work seen, and to help your community. Please contact Vicky@savj.org to inquire about available months for your show!

Hadassah Homecoming

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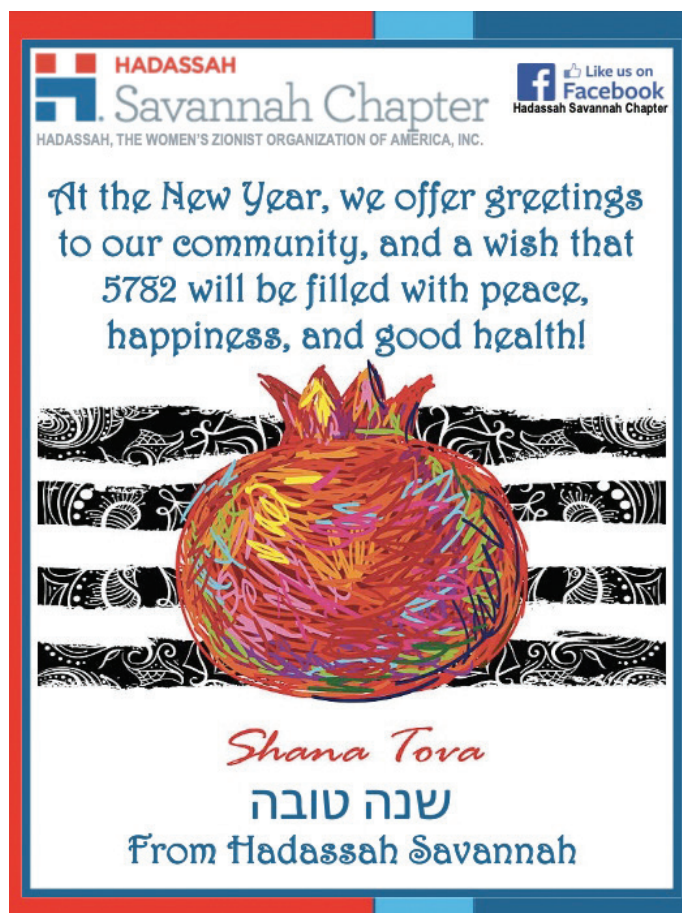
Everything happened pretty fast. The end of May I submitted my written copy on how my life had been affected by Covid, how I lead my family and Jewish life. I had a zoom interview the first week of June and on June 6th I received the letter that I'd been selected and that we were leaving July 4th!

Dr. Linfoot had a month to prepare for her trip. She'd already been volunteering as Camp Doctor with Camp Barney Medintz, where she admittedly brought her laptop and could keep up with her medical practice and partners. She knew this wouldn't be the case in Israel, but as Momentum is typically a once-in-a-lifetime trip, she couldn't give up the rare opportunity to journey back with other mothers. This trip would also differ from her 2015 journey in that they would visit the Sheba Medical Center in Tel Aviv and hear from the very doctors who in just 72 hours converted their parking garage into a Covid-19 ICU. The group also heard from the Israeli psychiatric

unit who had just flown back from Miami after assisting the response teams at the devastating Surfside building collapse. And perhaps most memorable for Dina was visiting the Shalva National Center for intellectual and physical disabilities. A place she describes as "the most amazing place I think I've ever been. People from all over travel to Jerusalem to live there and benefit from what they've done. It's really the example that should be used all over the world."

There was no shortage of Oprah-esque moments. From inspired lectures, to the quintessential camel rides, and perhaps one of our favorite stories: the Shabbat she shared with Holocaust survivor Rena Quint- in her home! We heard about the inclusivity of Israel's medical world, "Jews and Muslims working together- the stuff you just don't hear about here" as she described. Most of all we learned how Dina is eager to pay it forward, to help our community in Savannah inspire and form a grassroots organization so every man, woman, and mom can take advantage of the life changing experience with a Momentum trip.

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