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Shalom Savannah

Sam Friedman, Chief Executive Officer



In December of 2025, my desk phone rang and the caller ID said “United States Government.” When I picked up the phone a deep voice on the other end said, “Mr. Friedman, this is RP Goodman from the United States Marine Corp. Recruit Depot, Parris Island.”

As you can imagine, I instinctively sat up straight and my palms started sweating. For those of you unfamiliar, Parris Island is where the United State Marine Corp. holds boot camp for anyone born east of the Mississippi River. It is, to quote the recruits I have encountered on the Depot, “the worst place on earth.”

After asking what we could do for him, I was informed that Parris Island averages 20 Jewish recruits and 50 Jewish permanent residents. I was then told that they were hoping the JEA and Savannah Jewish Federation could provide “meaningful Jewish experiences” for the recruits on Sunday mornings. He further explained that the United States military views spiritual fitness as an essential part of service readiness. Or as one of the chaplains explained to me, if they are going to train their recruits to be lethal, they better also train them to be moral.

Having no idea how to support them but recognizing that 20 Jewish recruits were our responsibility, I committed to doing research, calling contacts and friends, and seeing how we can be helpful.

My first call was to the JCC Association who shared with me that the JWB (Jewish Welfare Board) is one of a few agencies tasked with credentialing rabbis in the armed services. Thankfully, the JWB is a signature program of the JCC Association and they committed to helping us.

A month later I was on Parris Island with Col. Rabbi Larry Bazer, Executive Director of the JWB, meeting with the chaplains office and religious ministries team. A few weeks after that Dr. Linda Sacks and I left Savannah at VERY early o'clock for our first session with the Jewish recruits at 8:00 am that Sunday morning (thankfully our start time has been pushed back to 10:00 am and our volunteers can now leave Savannah between 8:30-8:45).

When we arrived in the “Jewish classroom” we were met with roughly 20 recruits (6 were Jewish).

The recruits had a wide variety of backgrounds. Some were Christian, some were Muslim, some were international (a Serbian, a Dominican and a Palestinian) but everyone was engaged, respectful and grateful for the time we had together. They all cared passionately about becoming Marines and were committed to serving the United States of America.

Since our initial visit to Parris Island I am proud that volunteers from our Jewish community have not missed a Sunday. Each weekend looks different with varying styles of service, discussion and connection, but every weekend is meaningful and the recruits, and our volunteers, leaving feeling better connected to their own Jewish identity and each other.

If you would like to volunteer at Parris Island please e-mail Sam@Savj.org for more information. You don't need any experience just a willingness to spend some time with these young men and women as they go through recruit training. You will not regret it.

Sam Friedman |
CEO Savannah Jewish Federation & JEA

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From JCC to JEA: A Lifelong Community Connection

Kirby Edmunds, Senior Director of Operations



There's a certain feeling you get when you walk into a JCC.

It might be the echo of kids laughing down a hallway, the familiar rhythm of a basketball bouncing in the gym, or the quiet hum of conversation between friends who have known each other for years. For those who have been part of a JCC community, that feeling doesn't fade with time or distance. In fact, it travels.

Across the country, from Miami to Memphis to Los Angeles, JCCs share something intangible yet unmistakable: a sense of belonging. And here in Savannah, the Jewish Educational Alliance (JEA) is no exception.

For many in our community, the JEA is not their first JCC, it's the next chapter in a lifelong story.

Meet Ashley Quintana (JEA Preschool Curriculum Specialist), Sam Friedman (JEA and SJF CEO), Connor Fowkes (JEA Youth Program Coordinator) and Lisa Miller (a Savannah transplant), who found the JEA to be their landing spot after spending time at other JCCs across the country.

A Shared Experience, No Matter The City

JCCs exist in communities large and small, each shaped by its city but grounded in the same core values. Step into one anywhere in the country, and there's an immediate sense of familiarity.

For Ashley, our JEA Preschool Curriculum Specialist, that connection began at the very start of her life. "My connection to the JCC truly began at birth," she shares. Growing up at the Dave and Mary Alper JCC in Miami, she moved through every stage of programming, from infant care to preschool, aftercare, and summer camp. Over time, she became a counselor and later returned as a preschool teacher. "The JCC has been a constant in my life, shaping both my personal growth and professional path."

That sense of continuity is something many recognize instantly. "There's an energy in every JCC that feels instantly recognizable," Ashley says. "The sound of children laughing, the warmth of the environment, and the genuine kindness of the people. No matter where I am, stepping into a JCC always feels like coming home."

The Thread That Connects Us

Spend time with people whose lives have been shaped by JCCs, and common themes quickly emerge.

There are stories of summers that leave a lasting imprint, of first jobs that spark careers, and of opportunities that extend far beyond a single building. Connor recalls how the JCC helped launch his professional journey, offering leadership development, national conferences, and even trips to Israel. "The JCC presented opportunities for growth... and helped guide me in how to use what I learned to benefit the community as a whole while growing my career," he says.

For others, the impact shows up in everyday moments. JEA CEO Sam Friedman laughs as he recalls a simple but lasting gift: "The JCC in Tampa taught me how to swim—something I still love to do."

And for families like Lisa Miller's, the support is both practical and profound. From afterschool care to last-minute schedule changes, the JEA has become an essential part of daily life. "For a family with two full-time working parents and no local support, the JEA Children's Department has been a life-saver and a career-saver," she says.

Across every story, one thing is clear: the JCC is not just a place people go, it's a place that grows with them.

Bringing That Spirit to the JEA

What makes the JEA so special is how these experiences converge into something uniquely local. Those who arrive with JCC backgrounds bring with them a deep understanding of what community can look like at its best. They contribute not just as participants, but as builders, creating programs, fostering relationships, and shaping the culture for others.

"I would want someone new to the JEA to know that they are stepping into more than just a workplace or a facility," Ashley says. "They are joining a community that truly cares. From day one, you are welcomed, supported, and valued." Sam puts it more colorfully: "Community is not a spectator sport and we are Willy Wonka's Kosher Chocolate Factory," he says. "If you have an idea that can improve our community, I want to hear it and help make it a reality."

A Home Away From Home

For those who have experienced multiple JCCs, there's a shared understanding that transcends geography. "There is a palpable friendly and welcoming vibe," Lisa says. "Moving from one JCC to another felt instantly comfortable."

That familiarity, the smiles, the sounds, the sense of being known is what transforms a building into a home. And it's what keeps people coming back, no matter where life takes them.

A National Network, A Local Community

The JEA is part of a broader JCC movement that spans the country, connecting individuals and families through shared values and experiences. Yet its impact is deeply rooted in Savannah, shaped by the people who show up every day.

"What makes the JEA so special within the larger network is its heart," Ashley reflects. "It blends the strength of a larger network with the warmth of a close-knit community where everyone feels seen, connected, and at home." Connor points to that same sense of purpose: a commitment to education, connection, and programming that reaches people at every stage of life.

And for families like Lisa's, the impact is generational—creating a space where children grow up not just with friends, but with an understanding of community, culture, and belonging. "These experiences build curiosity and tolerance," she says, "and that matters."

Because wherever life may lead, the thread remains.

A JCC is never just a place... it's a lifelong connection. And at the JEA, that connection continues to grow, one story at a time.



Savannah Jewish Federation

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Honorable Mention- Isabelle Cummings, Savannah Arts

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3rd Place-Lena Anne Smith, Savannah Arts

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1st Place- Sofia Kenney Hancock
2nd Place- Sofi McKenzie, Hancock
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Honorable Mention- Matthew Deen

Middle School Writing

1st Place- Sawyer Burford, Hancock Day School
2nd Place- Nolan Martin, Hancock Day School
3rd Place- Hermann Coolidge, Hancock Day School
Honorable Mention- Ryves Dunn, Hancock Day School

Music Composition

Gloria Italiano, Savannah Arts Academy

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From The Director's Desk

Amy Blechman, ECE Director



As the school year winds down, there is a special kind of excitement that begins to build in our halls. Summer at preschool brings a shift in pace—one that is filled with sunshine, discovery, and the kind of joyful learning that only this season can offer.

While our days may look a little different, our commitment to nurturing each child in a warm, engaging, and meaningful environment remains at the heart of all we do.

We are thrilled to kick off our 2026 Summer Program with our Summer Meet & Greet on Sunday, May 31st, where families will have the opportunity to meet teachers, connect with one another, pick up Shabbat t-shirts, and enjoy time together by the pool. This event sets the tone for what summer is all about—community, connection, and fun.

Our summer program officially begins on Monday, June 1st, and from the very start, children will dive into hands-on, immersive learning experiences. In June, our “Underwater Explorers” theme invites children to discover aquatic life through art and science, including special experiences with the Tybee Island Marine Science Center. From creating jellyfish art to experimenting with sink-or-float activities, children will explore the wonders of the ocean in meaningful and age-appropriate ways.

As the month continues, we transition into “Creepy Crawlies,” where curiosity really takes center stage.

Children will investigate insects and their habitats, build bugs, and even observe aspects of life cycles such as cocoon hatching. Special guests from the Coastal Heritage Society will enhance this learning, bringing real-world connections into the classroom.

Limited Spaces Available for Fall!

In July, our focus shifts to “Little Farmers,” where children will explore farm life and healthy foods. Highlights include a visit from Oatland Island, hands-on activities like butter making, and even strawberry DNA extraction—blending science and discovery in exciting ways. We will wrap up the summer with our imaginative “Pirates and Mermaids” theme, where creativity shines through treasure hunts, pretend play, and ocean-inspired experiments.

Of course, no summer would be complete without daily water play. From Monday through Thursday, children will cool off and engage in sensory-rich experiences that are both refreshing and developmentally beneficial. These simple moments—splashing, laughing, and playing—often become the most cherished memories of the season.

As we approach the end of summer, we look forward to welcoming families back for our Sneak-a-Peek on **July 31st**, as we prepare to begin the new school year on **August 3rd**. This transition time allows us to reflect on the growth we’ve seen and the relationships we’ve built, while also looking ahead with excitement.

Summer at preschool is a season of exploration, creativity, and connection. It is a time when children learn through play, form new friendships, and build confidence in a relaxed and joyful setting. Children love the opportunities and interactions that happen when we are able to bring in enrichment activities from the greater community to engage them in learning.



Mr. Jesse and the Shabbat Dinosaurs!



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Mah Jongg And More

Robin Rackoff

You're driving along, minding your own business, when a car pulls up next to you. Something feels off, but you can't quite place it. Then it hits you—there's no one behind the wheel! It's a Waymo, one of the driverless cars now appearing in major cities. Depending on your view of Artificial Intelligence, you're either impressed or slightly unnerved.



Like it or not, AI has become part of everyday life. While there are certainly valid concerns about it, there are also genuinely useful ways it can help us in our daily lives.

Haven't you ever struggled to write a condolence note? AI can offer a starting point to something thoughtful and sincere, better than I could have come up with on my own. Wondering how you'd look in that shaggy bob worn by so many stars? You can try it instantly—and let me say, I'm glad I tried it before I cut it! And when I need to be cheered up, listening to that golden doodle puppy in the cute outfits tell me how much she loves her mommy gives me such a boost.

The biggest surprise for me came at a recent Mah Jongg game. My friend picked her tiles and immediately knew she was in trouble—they couldn't have been worse. So, she took a picture of them. After the hand (which she lost), she uploaded the photo to an AI site and asked how she might have played it differently. The suggestions that came back were unexpectedly thoughtful. My friend admitted, "I didn't even look at the 2468 section with those tiles." AI can't replace experience, but it pointed to possibilities she had overlooked in the moment.

Since I've been playing Mah Jongg for more than 50 years, I like to think that instead of AI, I've got RI (Real Intelligence). But as a learning tool, I can see it being very helpful.

In the future, when I sit down to my weekly Mah Jongg game, I can always consult Siri, Alexa, or whoever happens to be on duty that day. Until next time—I'll be keeping my current hairdo, and let's Maj On!

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Security Quarterly

Richard Ray

Summertime is finally here! School is out, and many children are looking forward to attending camp. Since the mid 1800's, children have enjoyed attending summer camps throughout the United States. Whether attending JEA Camp Savannah, a specialized camp, or a sleepaway camp, it's a fun time for the kids.



However, most parents would agree that sending our children off to camp can be stressful. As parents, we are extremely concerned for the children's safety while at camp. The uncertainty of not knowing if all camp administrators are well-trained and prepared for emergencies can be overwhelming for some parents.

Thankfully, the Secure Community Network (SCN) has compiled a checklist of questions for parents to ask camp administrators prior to the first day of camp. A well-run camp will be able to answer these questions confidently, providing peace of mind that your child will be in good hands.

Key Questions to Ask Camp Leadership:

- Has the camp had a Threat, Vulnerability, and Risk Assessment performed, and has it developed a plan to implement identified security and safety issues?
- Does the camp have an Emergency Operations Plan that covers various emergencies, including weather-related events, and is staff familiar with it?
- How is access to the camp controlled for visitors and vendors, and what is the process for their entry?
- Is there a security presence when campers and staff are on site?
What training and capabilities do they have (e.g., are the guards armed)?
- Has the staff been trained to handle man-made and natural incidents, to include active threat/shooter situations?
- What is the procedure for handling a missing camper?
- Does the camp have hardened shelters for severe weather conditions?
- Are first aid kits and tourniquets readily accessible, and is staff trained to provide basic medical support, to include CPR and handling allergic reactions? Is there a full-time medical professional on site?
- Does the camp maintain an active, strong relationship with the local law enforcement and public safety entities, and have they visited for on-site familiarization?
- How does the camp communicate emergencies to campers, staff, and families?

If you are aware of any camp staffers who would like to receive training from SCN, please contact me at r-ray@securecommunitynetwork.org.

The SCN team wishes campers a very happy and safe camping season, and parents peace of mind knowing their children are safe!



Report An Incident



Spring Cultural

David Finn AZA #206 and Wexler Clark BBG had an incredible time at Spring Cultural Convention in Charlotte, where members from across Southeastern Council came together for a weekend of spirit, leadership, and connection. We had the privilege of hearing from Elana Ruben as she spoke about bringing life to BBYO and inspiring members to strengthen their chapters and leadership. We also celebrated Will Berman being re-elected to serve as Southeastern Council Godol. From exciting programming and chapter cheers to unforgettable memories with friends, convention reminded us what makes BBYO so special and left David Finn and Wexler Clark stronger, prouder, and more motivated than ever.



Hamantashen Bake

David Finn AZA and Wexler Clark BBG enjoyed a fun and meaningful Hamantashen Bake, bringing both chapters together to celebrate Purim and Jewish tradition. Members baked, decorated, and shared plenty of laughs while learning about the meaning of the holiday. The event strengthened our chapter bonds and created great memories for everyone involved. From classic flavors to creative new combinations, everyone had the chance to make their own unique hamantaschen. The night was filled with teamwork, friendly competition, and lots of flour-covered fun. It was a great reminder of how BBYO brings Jewish values and strong friendships together.

Wexler Clark Celebrating 82nd Anniversary of the BBGs

Wexler Clark BBG proudly celebrated the birthday of the B'nai B'rith Girls with a meaningful and spirited chapter event honoring the legacy of BBG. Members came together to reflect on the history, values, and traditions that make BBG such a special part of BBYO. Through sisterhood, laughter, and celebration, the chapter recognized the generations of strong Jewish female leaders who helped shape the movement. The event was filled with pride, chapter spirit, and appreciation for the opportunities BBG continues to provide. Celebrating BBG's birthday reminded everyone of the strength of sisterhood and the lasting impact of being part of something bigger than ourselves.



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Mazet tov, Grads!

Benjamin Chapman



Benjamin is the son of Lisa and Sam Chapman. He will graduate from Benedictine Military School, where he participated in wrestling for four years and served as the Co-Captain of the team. Ben was also active in BBYO. Ben will attend Georgia Southern University to study Sports Medicine.

Hunter Goldstein



Hunter is the son of Courtney and Jay Goldstein. He will graduate from Savannah Country Day School where he was a member of the golf team. Hunter will attend the University of Georgia with plan to major in Finance.

Hannah Jensen



Hannah is the daughter of Shellie and Ken Jensen. She will graduate from Herschel V Jenkins High School, where she was active in both Theater Club and Art Club. While at Jenkins, Hannah wrote the play for the Fine Arts Showcase, "Quiet On Set." Hannah received the Savannah Stage Company's Young Writer's Night Audience Choice Award

for her play, "Roll for Initiative." Hannah will continue her education at Savannah Tech while working at the Disney Resort in Hilton Head before transferring to Orlando with the Disney Aspire Program.

Liberty Ruth Lebos



Liberty is the daughter of Jessica Leigh and Mark Lebos. She will graduate cum laude from the University of Georgia's Terry School of Business with a degree in marketing. She plans to take a gap year to explore the world and gain experiences before beginning graduate school.

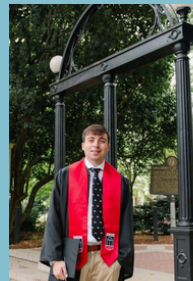
Zachary Levy



Zachary Levy is the son of Brandon Levy. He will graduate from Savannah College of Art and Design with a Bachelor of Arts in Film and Television with a minor in Producing for Film and Television. While attending SCAD, Zachary was active in Hillel, serving as Secretary for 1 year, the Vice President for 1 year and President for 2 years.

He will be moving to New York to begin his film career.

Noah Solomon Linfoot



Noah is the son of Dina and Scott Linfoot. Noah will graduate from University of Georgia, Terry College of Business with a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Risk Management and Insurance. While attending UGA, Noah was active in Georgia Insurance Society, AEPi Fraternity, Chabad and Hillel, serving on the board of the latter as Representative

for Dawgs for Israel. During the summers of 2024 and 2025, Noah was an audit intern for Symphona in Savannah, GA. After spending a few months traveling, Noah plans to return to Savannah to begin his career in the management or insurance industry.

Sarah Loncon



Sarah is the daughter of Lori Loncon and Chuck Loncon. She will graduate from Georgia College and State University with a Bachelors of Arts in English with a Computer Science minor. While attending GCSU, Sarah was active with Literary Guild, Bobcat Media Productions, Botany Club, and tutored at The Learning Center. As a member of Literary Guild, she served as Vice President. Sarah's honor societies include Gamma Beta Phi and Upsilon Pi Epsilon Computing and Information Honor Society. Sarah will continue her studies as she works toward a Masrters degree in English Literature at Auburn University.

Zoey Loncon



Zoey is the daughter of Lori Loncon and Chuck Loncon. She will graduate magna cum laude from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelors of Arts in Criminal Justice. Zoey was a member of the Gamecocks Rowing Club, Kappa Mu Service Sorority and Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Society as well as a Capstone Scholar. Zoey will return to Savannah to work as a Chatham County Juvenile Court Probation Officer.

Sophie Rich



Sophie is the daughter of Jennifer and Jason Rich. She will graduate with high honors from Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. During her time at Georgia Tech, Sophie was active with Chabad, Hillel, and Honorary Accounting Organization. Sophie was active with Kappa Alpha Theta, serving as Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the chapter. She will begin her career as a Tax Analyst at Koch, Inc.

Max "Sage" Richards



Sage is the son of Beth Vantosh and Kenneth Richards. He will graduate from Bethesda Academy. He will continue his education at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta and plans to study psychology.

Liv Rotker



Liv is the son of Amy and Bobby Rotker. He will graduate from Woodville-Tompkins Technical and Career High School where he was part of the soccer, cross-country and basketball teams. Liv was also a member of National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Beta Club and Student Leadership Program. He will attend

Georgia Southern University where he will major in political science with plans to pursue a career with the FBI as a special agent.

Elana Suzanne Ruben



Elana is the daughter of Deganit and Jesse Ruben. She will graduate from Savannah Country Day School, where she was founder and co-president of the Jewish Culture Club and member of Cum Laude Society and National Honor Society. Elana recieved National Merit Recognition and the UGA Certificate of Merit. She also dedicated time to

competitive ballet and orchestra. Elana was also active in BBYO all four years of high school, serving as Chapter President, Secretary and Vice President in 10th and 11th grades and Regional President her senior year, She will attend Georgia Tech to pursue a Bachelor of Science, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.

Ari Sinoff



Ari is the son of Brenda and Brad Sinoff.

He will graduate from Woodville-Tompkins High School having completed the automotive maintenance and welding pathway. He will be graduating with an ASE certification, and as a welder with experience in stick, MIG, and TIG welding as well as having earned his 10 hour OSHA card..

He plans to enter the workforce as a welding apprentice.

WEEKEND WITH RABBI ED

Born and raised in landlocked St. Louis, Rabbi Ed Rosenthal's passion for the marine environment can only be attributed to watching "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau" and reruns of "Sea Hunt" as a kid. When he was 16 years old, he asked his parents if he could learn to Scuba Dive. His mother's response was: "If God meant for humans to be underwater, He would have given us gills." So it wasn't until a hiking trip in the Sinai during his first year of Rabbinical studies, that Ed had a chance to snorkel at Sharm el-Sheik. There he heard the call of the Sirens.

When he returned to the US to continue his studies in Cincinnati, he finally got his scuba certification. The Jewish tradition is filled with deep, spiritual teachings about water and the Sea, yet most Jews have not been exposed to this part of our heritage. Ed wants to show the wonders of the underwater world through Jewish eyes, while raising awareness about the myriad threats it faces. He believes that when Jews get involved in any issue, substantive change takes place. Tikkun HaYam was created in order to get the Jewish Community involved to Repair the Sea.

Savannah is fortunate to have Rabbi Ed visiting for four days in June. There's something for everyone, and you don't want to miss these great opportunities to engage and learn!

Thursday

06/11

**Savannah Jewish Federation's
Food for Thought
12:30pm
JEA**

Friday

06/12

**Water Day at the JEA!
Stay tuned to social media and enews
Congregation Mickve Israel Services
Tybee Island
6:00pm**

Saturday

06/13

**Shabbat Servies
Congregation Agudath Achim
9 Lee Blvd**

Sunday

06/14

**Sunrise Water Cleanup
7:00-9:00am
Lake Mayer Community Park**

Rambam Day School

Ester Rabhan, Principal



Over the past few weeks, a couple of very worthwhile events took place in Rambam. The first event featured educator Jerzy Wojcik, who spent 17 years as a guide at Auschwitz and has developed a powerful virtual tour of the camp using drone technology. During a visit to Savannah to present his virtual tour to the community, Mr. Wojcik generously offered to meet with Rambam's middle school students.

He spent an hour and a half guiding the students through his virtual tour and sharing the history of the Holocaust. The students were deeply engaged, asking thoughtful questions and gaining a perspective they had never encountered before. His presentation was so impactful that he returned that same afternoon to continue the discussion with our 7th and 8th-grade classes. While the subject matter was challenging, our staff felt it was presented in an age-appropriate and sensitive manner, helping our students understand the Holocaust with empathy and respect from a perspective they had never experienced.

A few weeks later, the whole Rambam staff participated in a DISC group session led by Rabbi Eli Lob. A couple of weeks before the session, we all completed a DISC assessment, which took about 30 minutes.

The DISC model goes beyond self-assessment; it is a framework for improving communication, collaboration, and teamwork. During the session, teachers explored their personality types and how these differences can both strengthen and challenge team dynamics. The discussion helped us understand one another on a deeper level, deepening our appreciation and understanding of how our diverse personalities contribute to a stronger, more cohesive staff.

Rabbi Lob, a seasoned coach, consultant, and licensed mental health professional with expertise in human behavior, personal development, and relational dynamics, skillfully led the session. Every teacher left energized and eager to continue building on what we learned to make our team even stronger.

In Rambam Day School, it's all about the growth of our students and our teachers.



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Kenneth Sadler Named Recipient of 2026 Jack Malitz Levy Leadership Award



The Savannah Jewish Federation is proud to announce the recipient of the Savannah Jewish Federation's "Levy Award", also known as the Jack Malitz Levy Leadership Award is Kenneth Sadler. This award recognizes a long history of exemplary community leadership.

Established more than 30 years ago by Jack Levy's family, the Levy Award is the most prestigious leadership award in Savannah's Jewish community. It recognizes individuals whose extraordinary dedication, leadership, and selfless service have strengthened Jewish life and enriched the broader Savannah community. The award celebrates those whose impact is both profound and enduring. In short: this is the community's top honor.

Recipients must be unanimously chosen in a secret ballot by all past honorees, making this recognition especially meaningful. There are no applications, no campaigns, and no bonus points for knowing the right people—although, in Kenneth's case, knowing everyone certainly doesn't hurt.

Kenneth's resume of service reads less like a list and more like a tour of Savannah's Jewish and civic institutions. He has served as President of the Jewish Educational Alliance, President of Agudath Achim Synagogue—twice—and President of the Savannah Jewish Federation—also twice, presumably because once simply wasn't enough. Beyond the Jewish community, Kenneth has served as a Commissioner on the Savannah Housing Authority Board and as a Savannah City Alderman, demonstrating a commitment to civic leadership that reaches well beyond any single organization.

What sets Kenneth apart is not just how many roles he has held, but how he has held them—with thoughtfulness, respect, and a steady sense of responsibility. He leads because leadership is needed, not because recognition is sought. (Though the community has decided it's time to recognize him anyway.)



The Levy Award honors individuals who exemplify selfless service, strong leadership, and deep commitment to the Jewish community and Savannah at large. Kenneth embodies those values in every sense—through boardrooms and sanctuaries, city halls and community gatherings, and countless meetings where he showed up prepared, engaged, and ready to help move things forward.

The award will be presented at a community celebration, featuring tributes from community leaders, colleagues, and family and friends. Expect heartfelt remarks, meaningful reflections, and at least one story and if you know Kenneth, you know he loves a good story! Family is at the heart of everything Kenneth Sadler does, and it is where he takes his greatest pride. He is the devoted husband of Jodi Lasky Sadler, his wife of 45 years, and the proud father of three children: Rose Sadler (and her husband, Jonathan Makransky), Beth Sadler (and her wife, Caroline Cragin), and Barney Sadler (and his wife, Madison Sadler). Kenneth is also a joyful "Grandpa" to two grandchildren, Ezri and Nathan, who bring him endless happiness. Above all his many accomplishments, Kenneth is most proud of the loving, close-knit family he and Jodi have built together.

In naming Kenneth Sadler as the recipient of the Savannah Jewish Federation Levy Award, the Savannah Jewish community celebrates a leader who has given generously of his time, wisdom, and heart—and who has helped shape the community in ways that will be felt for generations to come.



1988 LEADERSHIP
LEFT TO RIGHT: SHERRY DOLGOFF, MICHAEL KARPF, STEVE GREENBERG, JERRY KONTER, KENNETH SADLER

To reserve your seat at the Jack Malitz Levy Award Dinner, please call the JEA at 912-355-8111 or visit savj.org



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Recruits and Recruiting

Carol M. Towbin Greenberg

The Marine recruit sat alone in a bare-bones, cinder-block room on one of ten folding chairs. Joel and I were greeted at the front by the same recruit protocol officer that came to train us at the JEA. Joel and I had attended the 1-hour training organized by Sam Friedman and the Savannah Jewish Federation, but still we were not sure what to expect. I had never been to Parris Island, and Joel had stayed overnight there once a very long time ago, chaperoning Boy Scouts.

This particular lone recruit, we were informed, had been at the base for eight long months. He didn't graduate with his Marine class since he was hurt at basic training very early in the process.

Watching groups of recruits come in-and-out, yet not being able to move on with his own class made his wait a challenge. As we had 20 minutes before the rest of the recruits started coming in, my husband engaged him in conversation, and he started to relax.

Twenty-five young men joined us for a discussion about Exodus and Passover, the parsha Yitro and its teachings on leadership, and about how these ancient words are relevant in their lives as recruits.

As if on cue, a Sargeant-Major came in to greet the men and recounted his own challenges when he was a recruit and was also injured at basic training. Sharing the burden of his responsibilities in order to achieve his goals provided a practical example of exactly what we were studying in Yitro, and made many of those who had not yet graduated for a variety of reasons, feel at ease.



**Specialist First Class (RP1)
James Goodman and Parris Island
Project Volunteer, Dr. Joel Greenberg.**

We talked about Moses learning that even he needed a support system. * Moses' father-in-law taught him that success as a leader didn't mean giving up individual responsibility, but enlisting the members of the tribe to share and understand their obligation to others, in accordance with the wishes of Hashem. More importantly the recruits discussed how reviewing this Torah portion helped them understand their function in their military unit.

At Kiddush, they chatted about what home was like for them, and their favorite sports. They were from many countries, many states, and many different home situations. They discussed why they wanted to serve this country, as Jews had done proudly throughout our country's history.

The Marine Depot is a place where recruits learn that the mission is paramount, and working on a team takes leadership skills that Jethro taught his son-in-law Moses. Courage and faith are as essential as survival skills for these recruits now, as they were for the Jews navigating the desert over 3000 years ago. Clearly Torah forms a bridge from our Jewish community to Parris Island.

The recruit was among those that wrapped tefillin before we left. "Will you be here next time?" he queried, and continued quietly, "They cannot always assure us someone will come each week."

In that moment I saw how desperately needed volunteers are, and how grateful I was that training was offered by SJF. This is more than a volunteer job, this a mitzvah of hope. "Yes," I said, "we'll be back."

So, the phrase Uncle Sam Needs You has a new meaning. No, not *that* Sam, but Sam Friedman, who needs you to volunteer to be trained. There are a handful of us now, but many Jewish community recruits are needed to continue this very important mitzvah project. Paired volunteers of all skills, religious backgrounds and talents can be trained and are appreciated.

The Parris Island recruits are there to serve our nation with their lives, do you have a few hours a month to serve them? Contact Sam Friedman at 912-355-8111 or Sam@savj.org.

Thank You, Eva!

After 16 years of dedicated leadership, Eva Locker is stepping down as principal of Shalom School, leaving behind a legacy that has deeply shaped both the school and the broader community. Throughout her tenure, her love for Judaism and her passion for teaching children have been evident in every aspect of her work, guiding her vision and inspiring those around her.

Eva has always believed that education extends far beyond the classroom. Under her leadership, Shalom School became a place where children not only learned, but also developed a strong sense of identity, connection, and belonging. She approached each day with warmth, intention, and a deep commitment to making Jewish life meaningful and accessible for every student and family.

Reflecting on her time as principal, Eva identifies three accomplishments that stand out as especially meaningful.

First, she is proud of integrating services into the school day in a way that empowers students. By bringing prayer into a familiar and supportive setting, students have been able to take ownership—not only of leading the service, but also of the sanctuary space itself, which can often feel overwhelming. What was once intimidating has become comfortable and welcoming. Today, it is no longer just about mastering Hebrew; it is about feeling at home in the service. Students of all levels can now walk into any sanctuary with a sense of familiarity and confidence.

Second, Eva highlights the impact of hands-on, experiential learning. Signature programs such as the Tu B'Shevat Seder, the Spring Holiday Fair, and most recently, the Passover Fest featuring a mock seder have brought Jewish learning to life. These interactive experiences allow students and families to engage with traditions in meaningful, memorable ways, turning lessons into lasting connections.

Finally, she takes great pride in creating a camp-like spirit within the school. Through beloved traditions like Color War and dynamic services—often led by student song leaders—Eva infused the program with energy, joy, and a deep sense of community. These moments helped foster strong relationships and made learning feel exciting and alive.

Eva Locker's leadership has left a lasting imprint on Shalom School. Her passion for Judaism and dedication to educating children have helped cultivate a generation of students who feel confident, connected, and inspired by their heritage. As she steps away from her role, the programs she built and the spirit she nurtured will continue to thrive, carried forward by the many lives she has touched.

A huge Todah Rabah-

Thank you very much- to Eva for her 16 years of service to the Jewish community!



L'Hitraot

Eva Locker, Director



After twenty years of walking through the doors of Shalom School each Sunday morning, first as a teacher, and for the past sixteen years as principal, I find myself facing a meaningful transition at this stage of my journey. This will be my final article for Savannah Jewish Life as I step away from Shalom School.

When I arrived in Savannah, I carried with me my French upbringing flavored by the many years I spent in Israel. I could not have imagined how deeply this community would shape me. I came with a slight accent (which I like to believe I got rid of), a different Judaic experience, and a strong sense of tradition grounded in my Sephardic/Israeli past.

What I found here was something beautifully complex: a school supported by both Reform and Conservative congregations, families with diverse practices, and children eager to learn not just what to do, but why it matters. But it was when I stepped into the role of Shalom School principal that I truly understood the delicate, sacred balance of our school. We were not just teaching prayers or history; we were building bridges and fostering love. People often ask me what I am most proud of. Is it the expanded Hebrew program? The successful holiday events?

While those are wonderful, my true pride lies in the "quiet moments":

- The shy child who finally finds their voice to lead Adon Olam.
- The teen who returns to be a Madrich, inspiring to the next generation.
- The hug from a parent who says, "My child actually wants to come to Hebrew school."

These moments are the true nachas. They are the proof that we are not just teaching traditions; we are nourishing a soul.

One of the greatest lessons I have learned is that Jewish education is not about conformity, it is about continuity. Our students come from homes that practice differently, believe differently, and express Judaism in unique ways. And yet, in our classrooms, they share something profound: a history, a language, a sense of belonging. In a world that often pushes toward division, our school has been a place of unity.

Savannah has a way of seeping into your spirit. The Spanish moss and the Southern hospitality have blended with my French undertones and Israeli "chutzpah" to create a life more beautiful than I could have imagined. This journey has also been one of integration. I have learned to weave together the melodies of my background with the nuances of American Jewish life. I have come to appreciate the social emphasis of the Reform traditions alongside the structure I value from Conservative practice. And in doing so, I hope I have helped create a space where every child and every family feels seen and respected.

As I step away, I do not feel an ending so much as a continuation without me at the head. The school is strong. The community is committed. And the future is bright because of the children who walk through those doors each week, carrying with them curiosity, questions, and hope.

To the families who trusted me with their children, thank you. To the amazing teachers who shared this holy mission, thank you. And to the students, past and present, who have been my greatest teachers of all, thank you for your honesty, your spirit and your wit that never ceased to amaze me.

I leave you'all with this: our children are the letters in our living Torah. Keep writing their stories with love, tradition, and joy. Though I am retiring from this position, my heart remains with Shalom School. I leave knowing the work continues, in good hands and with strong hearts.

With deep gratitude and affection,
I say not goodbye, but l'hitraot.

Montag Gallery: Summer Artist Spotlight

June 1-30: Community Mosaic Project

Jewish talismans are traditional items used for protection, healing, and blessing, often featuring Hebrew text, divine names, or symbols like the Hamsa, Menorah, or Star of David. This month, we will feature community mosaic projects that contain prayers, psalms, or formulas with themes that invoke divine and mystical phrases for safety and meditation.

Past paper mosaic projects will also be featured to spark creativity and inspiration.



July 1-31: Summer Campers Pop Portraits

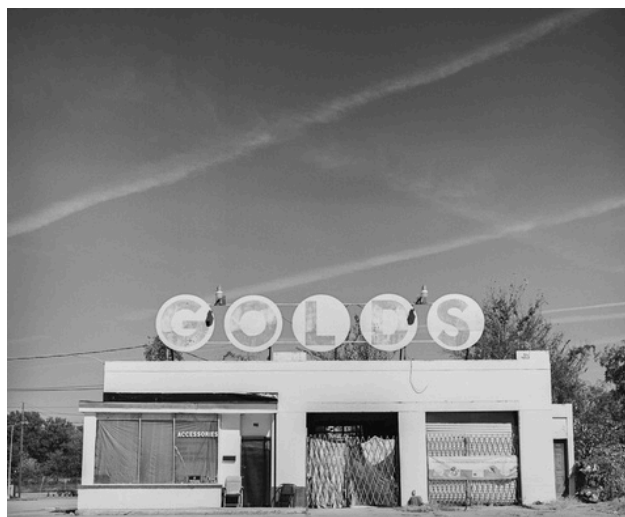
Reception Thursday, July 2, 4-6 pm

Children respond to colors more intensely than adults do. The hues surrounding a child can have a surprising impact on their emotions, focus, and even development, affecting how they feel, think, and act, even when they aren't aware of this influence.

Inspired by Andy Warhol's silkscreen portraits, JEA campers will make bright and bold self-portraits and decorate one-of-a-kind frames for their works to be displayed throughout the month of July.

August 1-31: Joshua William Yates Reception Thursday, August 6, 5-7 pm

Joshua William Yates (He/Him) is a photographer based in Savannah, Georgia, USA. His journey started at 15 in a high school darkroom, sparking a lifelong connection to analog processes. His photographs explore themes of solitude, impermanence, and transformation, particularly in abandoned industrial spaces and forgotten architecture. Having recently outfitted a cargo van with a makeshift film lab, Yates is expanding his scope through cross-country travels, capturing America's overlooked spaces along the way.



For information about the Montag Gallery, contact Katie Griffith, Arts & Ideas Coordinator, artsandideas@savj.org

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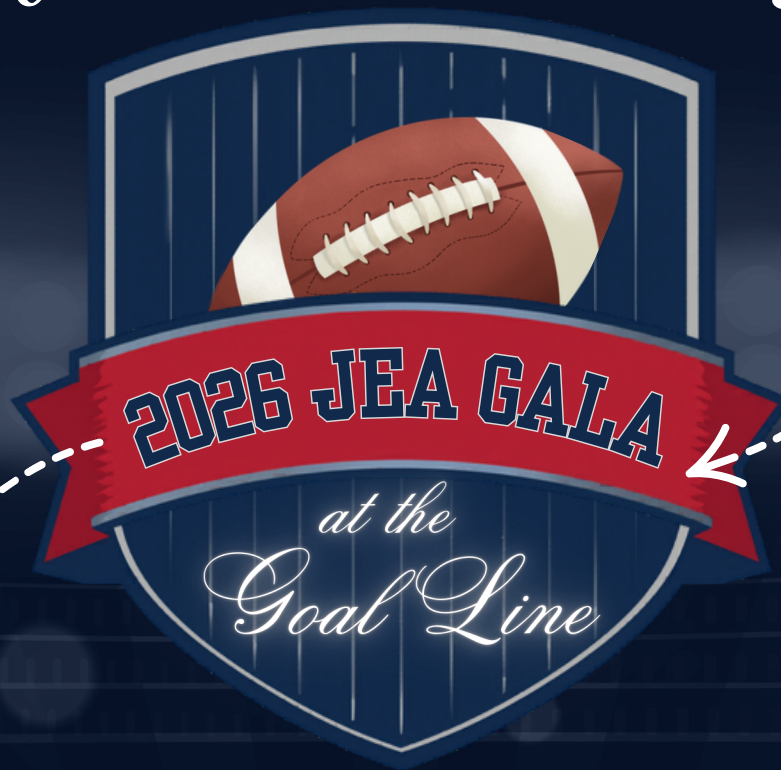
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- Taanit 23a

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