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50 Years since Six Day War

This month marks the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War, the historic battle in 1967 when the fledgling country of Israel fought to victory on four fronts (Sinai, Gaza, West Bank and Golan Heights) in six days (June 5-10). The victory represented a resounding defeat of the Egyptian armed forces, as well as those of the Jordanians and Syrians. Forces from eight other Arab nations contributed to the fight against Israel.

By the time a ceasefire was signed on June 11, Israel had seized control of the Sinai Peninsula, the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, the Golan Heights and perhaps most significantly, the Old City of Jerusalem. All of these territories remained in Israel's control until Israel and Egypt signed a peace treaty in 1979 in which Egypt became the first Arab state to officially recognize Israel; Israel withdrew from the Sinai and Egypt agreed to allow for the free passage of Israeli ships through the Suez Canal. In 1994, Israel and Jordan signed a peace treaty that established an "administrative



From left, Israeli paratroopers Tzion Karasenti, Yitzhak Yifat and Chaim Oshri standing at the Western Wall after Israel captured the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, June 7, 1967.
(David Rubinger/GPO)

boundary" between Jordan and the West Bank, but went no further regarding the status of the majority of that territory. In 2005, Israel unilaterally withdrew from the Gaza Strip, a move that included the eviction of Israeli citizens from a number of settlements.

But one of the most emotional moments of the 1967 war came on the

third day when the men of the 55th Paratroopers Brigade captured the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. They had been deployed by bus to Jerusalem on the first day of the war with the mission of protecting supply convoys headed for Mount Scopus, the only part of East Jerusalem under Israel's control since the 1948 War of Independence. Faced with Jordanian shelling, a plan was quickly formed for taking the Old City.

All the second day, the Brigade's 66th Division fought hand-to-hand against elite Jordanian troops in the trenches at Ammunition Hill overlooking the road to Mount Scopus. Nearly 100 of the paratroopers were killed and 400 wounded before they paused for the night.

The next morning, June 7, the paratroopers found that most of the Jordanian troops had retreated from Jerusalem. Israel's Cabinet, long divided about whether to capture the

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Learning to Lead as Merrin Fellow

by Devra Silverman, Community Engagement Coordinator

Living in a smaller city, we have to look elsewhere for professional development opportunities; but sometimes they find you. Last summer I had the opportunity to apply for a Fellowship that would make a huge impact on my work with teens and help me grow as a Jewish professional. After a long application process, I was officially accepted into Cohort X of the Merrin Teen Professional Fellowship, along with 13 other individuals from across the nation who would soon become some of my closest friends in the field.

The Merrin Teen Professional Fellowship is centered on the idea that the key to creating a vibrant Jewish future is connecting our teens to meaningful Jew-

ish experiences. This 18-month fellowship is for JCC professionals early in their careers who support growth within the JCC movement through



Devra and the other members of Merrin Teen Professional Fellowship Cohort X

their work with teens as Jewish communal professionals. The fellowship

provides an intensive, transformative professional development program that focuses on four core areas: Jewish Literacy, Understanding Adolescence, Networking, and Leadership. These areas of focus are studied over the course of five seminars throughout the Fellowship, including a 10-day trip to Israel.

Our first seminar was held in the JCCA's offices in New York City, where we spent four days receiving an introduction to the Merrin Fellowship and focusing on the Jewish Literacy pillar. We heard from speakers who focused on a variety of topics including Jewish Identity in the 21st Century, The Adolescent Mind, and even the Giving Circle organization. We also got

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Four Questions

for the rest of the year



Deloris Screen-Daniels

where she has been providing skin care services since 2003. But we spoke with Deloris about her generous volunteer work for more than 15 years with Look Good, Feel Better, a national public service program created in 1989 as a collaboration between the American Cancer Society, the Professional Beauty Association (hairstresser professionals) and the Personal Care Products Council Foundation (cosmetics industry).

Deloris, a licensed esthetician (skin care specialist) and cosmetologist (hair stylist), facilitates Look Good, Feel Better classes five to six times a year at both The Curtis and Elizabeth Anderson Cancer Institute at Memorial University Medical Center and at the Nancy and J.C. Lewis Cancer & Research Pavilion at St. Joseph's/Candler. The classes are for women undergoing chemotherapy and/or radiation cancer treatments to help them improve their self-image and appearance due to side effects from their cancer treatments with hands-on beauty techniques.

Deloris was born in New York and moved to Savannah when she was six years old. She has two adult sons—one lives in Savannah, the other in Alexandria, VA—and four grandchildren.

How did you decide to get involved with Look Good, Feel Better?

It just seemed to be such a worthwhile service that I could provide. You don't advertise your business or solicit the patients, you just get to spend time with them and help them with things they can be doing with their skin and their hair or wigs. It's strictly volunteer and when I first got involved I thought it was just a good thing to do, just good. Now I have a few volunteer things I do, not a lot, but this is the most gratifying. The patients are from all backgrounds,

ethnic groups and economic groups – unfortunately cancer affects everyone – and it's nice to work with everyone.

What does the workshop cover?

The two and one-half hour hands-on workshop covers skin care, especially cleansing because the skin is so sensitive from the treatments, make up application, hair loss (including wigs, scarves, and turbans), nail care and the Look Good, Feel Better Guide to Personal Style DVD that recommends clothing styles for various situations such as weight loss or gain from treatment or breast removal – it's very good.

Cosmetics companies donate an 'awesome' gift bag of products with foundation, eye cream, make up – everything you could need. Everything is brand new and they are available for three different skin tones. One of the most exciting things to happen in the class is seeing how excited the ladies are when they open their cosmetic cases. It's all top-of-the-line products that you're familiar with from department stores – I figured out the cases are worth anywhere from 100 to 200 dollars.

Are there any experiences you've had or people you've met that stand out in your mind?

Absolutely. First of all, the ladies open up in the class, because they are with people who are going through what they're going through and they realize they aren't alone. And I remember this one particular patient who had so many things happen to her, so many you couldn't count them

all. She'd had brain surgery and so many other things and yet she had the best attitude, the most optimism and was so encouraging to everyone else. It was so delightful to see someone who had been through so much but could still be so upbeat.

The other thing we sometimes have a little fun with is that some of the patients who lose all of their hair say they like to have some fun buying different color wigs — and their husbands don't know which person to expect from day-to-day! When you're in that situation you look for ways to make the best of it. The personalities of those ladies really stand out to me.

Do you find the women have a lot of tips for each other?

Sometimes you have someone in the class who has had more than one cancer so they are taking the class for a second time and have something to share – what kind of wig they wore before or how they tied a scarf. And sometimes you have someone who knows a lot and has that kind of personality that they want to share it.

Note: Deloris asked us to share that Look Good, Feel Better is hungry for licensed estheticians and cosmetologists to volunteer to facilitate their workshops. If you are either and would like a gratifying volunteer opportunity, visit <http://lookgoodfeelbetter.org/volunteers/>.



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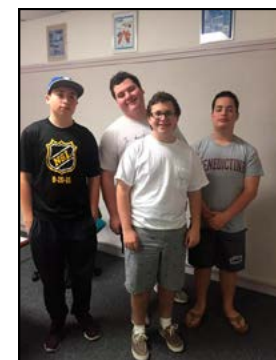
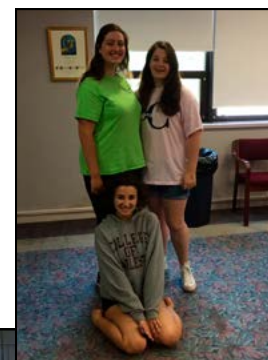
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The end of the programming year has come for Savannah BBYO and it is going out with a bang! Both David Finn AZA and Wexler Clark BBG elected new chapter boards who are excited to begin planning for next year. At the end of April, our teens traveled to Spring Convention, where three Savannah teens were elected to Council Board. Mazel Tov to all of the teens elected to chapter and council boards!

At the end of May, Savannah BBYO celebrated its second Year End Awards Celebration where we installed the new chapter boards, honored graduating seniors, and recognized outstanding teen leaders. It was quite a year to celebrate and we are looking forward to next school year and the amazing memories our teens will make. Have a wonderful summer Savannah BBYO!

N'siah - Jordan Jaffie
S'ganit - Hannah Boblasky
Aym Ha Chaverot - Ellie Sutker
(not pictured)
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Convention



Have a great summer BBYO Connect!!

Look at all of the fun we had this year!

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

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commander, delivered the news over the radio, saying: “Fifty-fifth paratroopers brigade, we are sitting on the ride overlooking the Old City, and we shall soon enter it — the Old City of Jerusalem, which generations have dreamed of and longed for. We will be the first to enter.”

The paratroopers rushed forward, taking sniper fire from remaining Jordanian soldiers; they rammed their way through the Lions’ Gate of the Old City. From there they made their way through narrow stone alleys, up to the Temple Mount and the Western Wall.

“The Temple Mount is in our hands,” Gur reported. And three paratroopers were photographed as they approached the Kotel; even today their picture is probably the most iconic image taken during the Six Day War. The reunification of Jerusalem and the return of remnants of the Temple to Israel and Jewish control were some of the most historically significant achievements of the war, marked to this day by a national holiday, Yom Yerushalayim.

While Yitzhak Yifat, Tzion Karasenti and Chaim Oshri were walking along the wall, David Rubinger, who died in March at 92, lay on the ground and snapped the photo that would make them — and him — famous. Within days, the image had



Tzion Karasenti, left, Yitzhak Yifat and Chaim Oshri at Tel Aviv University, May 2017. (Andrew Tobin)

appeared in newspapers around the world.

The three paratroopers in the famous photograph recently were reunited at Tel Aviv University by Friends of the IDF.

The men have proudly served as symbols of the historic Israeli victory for the past five decades. But in an interview with JTA, they said the war for them was just as much about loss.

“To liberate the Kotel was something amazing,” Yifat said. “But we never celebrated. What was there to celebrate? We had lost many of our friends.”

Between June 5th and 15th, to commemorate the Six Day War’s 50th anniversary, the three former paratroopers, now in their 70s, will re-create Rubinger’s photo in their first-ever tour of the United States. The tour, sponsored by Friends of the IDF, will stop in the Cleveland, Detroit, San Francisco, Chicago, Atlanta (see <https://fidf.org/SixDayAtl> for details), Boston and Baltimore areas. They will recount some of the sacrifices that were made in the battle for Jerusalem.

Behind the Curtain: 25 Years Later

The Pew Research Center released in May *Religious Belief and National Belonging in Central and Eastern Europe*, its look at the state of religion in the countries that once

formed the Soviet bloc, approximately 25 years after the fall of the Iron Curtain. The survey was conducted with face-to-face interviews in 18 countries throughout the region and found that overall, Orthodox Christians make up a majority (57%) of the people living there, followed by Catholics (18%) and the religiously unaffiliated (14%). The remainder is divided between Muslims and “other” (including Jews, Protestants and others).

The survey’s “other” category brings into clear light the fact that the Jewish population in these countries has not rebounded from the devastation of the Holocaust. For example, according to this new Pew survey, conducted from 2015-2016, “other” religions (excluding other Christian religions) now constitute less than 1% of the population of Poland. According to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Jews alone constituted 9.5% of the population of Poland in 1933. Other examples include Lith-



Veterans of the Latvian Legion, a force commanded by the German Nazi Waffen SS during WWII, and their sympathizers, carry flags and posters as they march in Riga, Latvia, in 2016

uania, now 1% other vs. 7.6% Jewish in 1933; Latvia now 1% other vs. 4.9% Jewish in 1933; Hungary now 1% other vs. 5.1% Jewish in 1933 and more.

The extreme minority status

of the Jewish population (and the Muslims and Roma) has led to less acceptance from the majority Orthodox Christians and Catholics. Survey respondents were asked whether they would be willing to accept Jews, Muslims and Roma as citizens of their countries, neighbors and family. On average across the countries, 14% of respondents are unwilling to accept Jews as citizens of their country, 18% are unwilling to accept Jews as neighbors, and 41% are unwilling to accept Jews as family members, indicative of persistent intolerance in the region.

In general, the Jews fared better than the Muslims, who in turn did better than the Roma. Jewish acceptance was slightly higher among Catholics in Central and Eastern Europe. Geographically, acceptance of all three groups was lowest in Georgia and Armenia. To read more about *Religious Belief and National Belonging in Central and Eastern Europe*, go to www.pewforum.org.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation:

Thank you so much for your generous gift to nearly 200 severely disabled children at Meshi Children’s Rehabilitation Center.

Your gift not only provides outstanding rehabilitative and educational services to severely disabled children, but also offers comfort and hope to their families who struggle with the economic and

emotional burden of caring for their beloved children.

The extended Meshi family joins me in thanking you for your invaluable kindness. We look forward to working with you and invite you to visit Meshi during your next trip to Israel.

Sincerely,
Simmy Shabtai
Executive Director



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Mischpocha

Who would you sacrifice for? Your spouse? Children? What about your extended family—cousins, aunts, uncles?

While in Israel a few weeks ago, I met many IDF soldiers, some from the USA. What? U.S. teens serving in the Israeli military? Why? They felt a responsibility to serve their collective heritage. Most were not religious when they came to Israel, but have become more so since being there.

I had discussions with teens living at Ofakim-Merhavim about their hopes and dreams.

One teen was from Ireland. A Jew from Ireland living in Israel? Another female, born in Israel of Moroccan/Yemenite parents, wants to join the IDF for three years, instead of the mandatory two years, so she can “fight” for Israel if needed.

We were at the Kotel for Shabbat with Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, secular, and non-Jews alike. All want-

ing to feel ‘something.’ Whatever that feeling was that they were looking for, we were all there together as family.

During my trip, I went to a lot of biblical and religious sites. Jerusalem, Masada, the Dead Sea, Yad Vashem. I have been there before. When I came out of Egypt, wandered in the desert, saw Canaan for the first time. I have a memory of all these events. That is why I am so connected to my Jewishness. We, as Jews, are all connected to each other. Our collective memories bind us together as mishpocha; family.

We don’t have to believe exactly the same, or pray the same, or love each other the same, but we are still family. We may disagree, fight, argue, or just tolerate each other, but let someone else attack us, and we will band together in a common cause, and sacrifice everything for our family, our mishpocha.

I love my family, and will do “whatever it takes” to keep them safe and protected. We may not always agree, but we will always be family.

Spanish Jews Repatriated

RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA) — Eight Panamanian Sephardic Jews received Spanish citizenship from Spain’s ambassador to Panama in a ceremony at the embassy in Panama City.

In a ceremony last month, the group swore allegiance to the Spanish Constitution and the king, the local news website Telemetro reported.

Spain passed a law passed two years ago that allows the conferring of citizenship on those who

prove to be descendants of Jews expelled from the country in 1492.

The ceremony “is an act of historical reparation” with the Sephardic Jews who suffered “the intolerance that was then not only in Spain,” said Spain’s ambassador to Panama, Ramon Santos.

“Sepharad is the Hebrew word which designates Spain, and Sephardim are those Jews expelled from Spain 500 years ago who formed communities in North Africa, the

Middle East, Turkey, Portugal and many of which were distributed throughout America,” the diplomat recalled.

Last year, another group of 23 Jews became Spanish citizens in Panama, including nationalized Venezuelan emigres who had escaped

the economic crisis in their native country. Nearly 5,000 Sephardic Jews became citizens of Spain or Portugal in 2016 following the passing of laws on the naturalization

of descendants of Sephardic Jews.

Here in Savannah, almost all of the original Jewish settlers were Spanish/Portuguese Jews who had first settled in London after having had to live as Crypto Jews – practicing Catholicism in public while secretly observing Jewish practices.

Panama is the only country besides Israel that has had two Jewish presidents, Max Delvalle Levy-Maduro in 1967, and his nephew Eric Arturo Delvalle from 1985 to 1989.



Adam Solender
Executive Director of
JEA/SJF

Déjà Vu

“It’s like déjà vu all over again.” It’s the title of a John Fogerty album, an episode of NCIS, an album by T. Graham Brown, and most famously,

a quote from Yogi Berra ... one of his most memorable Yogi-isms (some other famous ones included “it gets late early out here” “When you come to a fork in the road, take it,” “You can observe a lot by watching,” and “It aint over ‘til it’s over”).

“It’s like déjà vu all over again” certainly comes to mind this month when Scott Samuels is invested as President of the Jewish Educational Alliance, for a second time. Scott previously served as JEA President from 2009-11. And Scott is not the first person to “make a

déjà vu appearance” — Paul Kulbersh also returned to service in 2011 after having led the organization from 2003-2005.

Some would say that they are “crazy,” coming back to do it again. I would say, “Committed!”

The JEA that Scott will lead in 2017 is a very different organization than the one he left in 2011. Scott previously guided the JEA through some significant fiscal challenges. It was a “rocky time” of community change. He might not have known it then, but it was a “time of planting seeds for the future.” Now he comes back to guide an organization that is flourishing.

For the past two years, as JEA President Joel Greenberg has consistently stated, “We worked hard to get the JEA to a good place... so let’s take this thing out for a ride and see what it can do.” And we have done just that. In the last year we have made significant investments in the facility, and it shows — including enhanced security throughout the building (we now have almost 40 cameras inside and out and are in the midst of installing new lobby doors to further control access and egress), dozens of new lights surrounding the property, all new Fitness equipment, an additional Early Childhood room, all new computers for the After School Lab,

significant investment in our Aquatics program, two new buses (thanks to a generous loan from the Federation), and a beautiful garden project right next to the pool in the rear of the building. And there is more to come.

Even though Joel is finished with his turn “taking this thing out for a ride,” Scott will be seeing what else it can do. After all, it is all about our member experience. Our goal is to enhance our facilities, programs, and services for all our members and their families and our work is never complete.

The JEA of today has a Preschool program that is nearly sold out, a summer camp program that is over-subscribed, and

The JEA that Scott will lead in 2017 is very different... It’s what a community center should look like!

an afterschool program that is running at or near capacity every day. We host Food for Thought every week to an ever increasing group of community members. We’ve seen capacity crowds at the Levy Memorial

Concert, the JEA Gala, and Konter Weiland Comedy Night. We hosted elections, the Savannah Jewish Film Festival, Savannah Voice Festival performances, numerous book and author nights, Future of Jazz concert, Holocaust remembrance, various speakers, city information sessions, Savannah Sports Hall of Fame meetings, La Leche League, League of Women Voters... the list goes on and on.

At the same time, we’ve got thirty-two fitness classes each week (free as part of your membership), life-guard training, great personal trainers, yoga for kids, aquatics lessons, fencing, Tai Chi, and even Zumba Glow. Recreational initiatives include developmental leagues for soccer, basketball, baseball/T-ball and the JEA Tornadoes Swim Team.

We host meetings for various synagogue committees, tutoring sessions, Federation and JEA committees, and other public interest groups.

Just sit in the lobby and watch what goes on in this building from 3-7pm with the hundreds of drop offs and pickups, arrivals and departures for meetings, social interactions and classes...it looks like a “keystone cop” movie running at high speed. It’s scary and exciting at the same time. It’s what a community center should look like!



Eight Panamanian Sephardic Jews are repatriated as Spanish citizens

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to visit significant places such as the Jewish Heritage Museum, The Jewish Education Project: Generation NOW offices, and the YMHA in Washington Heights, whose Managing Director of Youth and Family is a previous Merrin Fellow! Each of the individuals we met spoke about a different aspect of working with teens: how they think, how we should engage them, and how they want to feel connected to the Jewish community.

The highlight of our New York seminar was meeting Seth Merrin, the founder of the Fellowship. Seth is a successful businessman and philanthropist whose experience as a teen in Young Judeaea led him to develop a Fellowship that would focus solely on engaging Jewish teens. We spent a few hours with him learning about his company LiquidNet, his reasons for funding the Fellowship, and hearing more about his views on the future of the workplace.

That first seminar really set the tone for the Fellowship and the seminars to come. During the few months apart from the cohort, we stayed in

touch through learning webinars, homework assignments, and discussions about the book GRIT: The Power of Passion and Perseverance, by Angela Duckworth. Finally, our second



Devra (far right) and members of her Merrin cohort enjoy the Arizona desert during their second seminar

seminar arrived and we were going to Scottsdale, Arizona! To say our cohort was excited to see one another again is an understatement! This seminar was focused on Leadership, and how we can become better Jewish and professional leaders.

We had several opportunities to speak with Executive Directors of JCCs in Scottsdale and Tucson, as

well as other long-term JCC professionals, and learn about their career paths and how they have made their JCCs so successful. We heard from productivity and efficiency coach Diana Bloom, who showed us how to make the most of our time and accomplish tasks. We practiced active listening and learned how to work through challenges in our own JCCs. We even got to speak with lay leaders of the Scottsdale Jewish community who gave us the points of view of volunteers and how we can help one another to achieve our visions.

The most significant part of this seminar for me was being a part of the Scottsdale JCC's Yom Hazikaron Memorial Service. They had heartfelt speakers and participation from all ages and streams of Judaism. It was a meaningful experience to be a part of the service and to participate with my cohort peers.

My favorite part however, was meeting with Todd Rockoff of the Tucson JCC — he spoke to us about collaboration and partnerships with

the JCC. He stressed the importance of collaboration within our walls to help build programs and keep our families engaged. It was reassuring to hear someone else discuss the importance of collaboration and engagement within the Jewish community since that is the basis for my work. It gave me the extra boost I needed to continue striving towards building quality Jewish experiential programs to engage Jewish youth and teens.

We ended our second seminar discussing our upcoming seminar in Israel in October. While there, we will learn and dive deeper into our Judaism, visit teen centers, and tour some of the country. We also discussed the upcoming project that each Fellow is responsible for developing over the course of the next year. This project will be a teen-related program that will begin implementation in May of 2018 after our graduation from the Fellowship at the JCC Biennial.

I am truly looking forward to the next year with my cohort, learning how to become a better Jewish communal professional and how to make a positive impact on the teens in our community. Without the support of Adam Solender, Jamie Richman, and the Savannah Jewish community, I would not be where I am today, and for that I thank you!

The Savannah Jewish News Collection

By Lindsay Resnick

In 1945, the Savannah Jewish Council (now Federation) and the Jewish Educational Alliance began publishing a bi-monthly newspaper for the local Jewish community called *The Jewish Alliance* (first issue pictured). The paper would feature news of the city's three synagogues, its Jewish clubs and organizations, and Jewish news from around the nation and the world.

In 1948 the paper changed its name to the *Savannah Jewish News* to better reflect its mission of providing a wide range of news, not just that related to the Jewish Educational Alliance. Later, the schedule changed and the paper was printed monthly, with the exception of February and August. Every September or October, a special High Holiday issue is released, with letters to the commu-

nity from prominent individuals such as rabbis and organizational leaders.

Today, the Savannah Jewish Archives is proud to announce that we have digitized all issues of the *Savannah Jewish News* from its founding in 1945 to 1947, 1949 to 1974, and 1976 to the present, and every issue is presented online as a searchable PDF at <http://www.thebreman.org/Research/Cuba-Family-Archives/Finding-Aids/ID/839/Mss-386-Savannah-Jewish-News-Collection>.

It is an honor to have preserved this venerable publication for future generations of Savannahians and their families to enjoy and learn from. Everyone is welcome to search the archives of the *Savannah Jewish News* housed on the website of the William

Breman Jewish Heritage Museum and gain in-depth knowledge of Savannah's Jewish community and see how it has become the vibrant kehilla it is today!



Healthy Israel Advocacy

by Joanna Rich

Over 100 women from 10 states and three regions (South, Southeastern, Southern) came together in Charlotte in April for Hadassah's Tri-Region Conference under the theme Together We Are One—Three Regions, Three Priorities (Zionism, Health, Advocacy), One Hadassah. Ellen Hershkin, current National President, was special guest for the weekend and provided latest updates and news.

Rabbi Judith Schindler, Director of the Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Justice at Queens University of Charlotte, along with Talli Dippold, the Center's Assistant Director, led the weekend with steps in advocacy and moving organizations from volunteerism to advocacy. Several speakers discussed the various aspects of health, including Joy Feldman, author of Joyful Cooking, Linda Hakerem, Health & Wellness manager at Hadassah's PRAZE Division (PRogramming, Advocacy, Zionism, and Education) Every Bite Counts program, and Julia Gordon Rush, who related her experience as an eight-week volunteer at Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel. Dr. Rachel Schoenberger shared medical updates and three women from the Young Leaders Fellows presented their experiences within the program and how they were taking that education and experience to their local chapters and communities in building stronger Hadassah members and volunteers.

The Sunday program featured Avi Weinryb, Assistant Director of Community and Communications, Israel



l-r: Hadassah Tri-Region Conference Chairs Joanna Rich, Southeastern Region, Aliza Bricklin, Southern Seaboard Region and Marla Kameny, Southern Region

Action Network, who provided an interactive presentation on effectively countering delegitimization of Israel through language and action. Ellen Hershkin added closing thoughts on where we fit in as members and advocates for Hadassah and Israel. National Chairs Dana Waxler and Debbie Friedman presented a picture of Hadassah's success in the Sunday "Chai Tea" Lunch.

From the opening Shabbat dinner through the closing by the Conference Co-Chairs, Joanna Rich, Aliza Bricklin and Marla Kameny (or JAM as we were known)—the Hadassah Super South Region members—shared an engaging weekend filled with learning, sharing, meeting and making friends. We left Charlotte energized as more effective advocates of Hadassah programs and projects.

Editor's Note: Joanna Rich currently is a vice president of Hadassah's Southeastern Region and is slated to become its next president.

See You Later

Carol Greenberg shared with us these poignant remarks that Captain Walter Biner made a few weeks ago at the naming of his daughter at Congregation Mickve Israel. We thank the Biners for their service to our country and wish them health and happiness as they continue their journey. L'hitraot!

Melanie and I are proud to introduce our daughter Karla, known in our faith as Tovah Bat Yosef V. Schar. Born on 10 FEB at 2017 at 8 in the morning. Karla's name is one rich with the history of our family. Karla is named after her great grandfather Karl-Heinz, who had a profound impact on Melanie's upbringing and whose wife is with us today. Karla's Hebrew name Tovah comes from her great grandmother, my father's mother, Tovah.

Both these great grandparents were tremendously inspiring people. Karl-Heinz was a professor of mathematics and informatics in East Germany, and was the creator of computer graphics (described as a computer being used to produce images and art). Tovah was a Holocaust survivor whose strong sense of family pulled her through the Camps while caring for her sister, and later drove her to reunite her family by moving from Israel to NYC and living near her brother who was fortunate enough to escape Hungary before the Nazis restricted travel.

We are truly blessed to have found this community and we cannot thank you enough for how welcoming you have been. The Army has moved us a lot. We have worshipped with communities all over the world, and NONE of them come close to

how welcoming you are. None have such a strong sense of community, and none, of course, have such a humorous Rabbi (plus there is also always an awesome lunch after Shabbat services).

This is one of our last times at CMI and we are going to miss this place terribly. Since we've been here Melanie converted, we've had two beautiful children, and have seen the community grow while still maintaining the truly genuine interest y'all have for taking care of each other.

Two months ago we found out that I was awarded an Olmsted Scholarship, and at the end of the month we will go to DC where I will attend Swedish language training (cue Muppet Chef) and then we'll be moving to Sweden for two years of grad school at the University of Stockholm. It's a welcome break from Army life for the family, but when time comes for us to resume Army life, there is nothing more than this community that makes us want to come back to Fort Stewart.

Thank you Sisterhood for letting us use your Service for the naming of our daughter. Thank you Rabbi Haas for helping make these arrangements, thank you to my family for making the trip to Savannah for this, and thank you to y'all, CMI, for your love, support, and for epitomizing Jewish Southern Hospitality.

G-d Bless our Nation, this Synagogue and its congregation. We look forward to seeing you all again in the future. There are no goodbyes in the Army, only "see you later".

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ANNUAL JEA GALA

SUNDAY

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Watch this space for more details.

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Walk in Their Sandals

Due to be completed in time for the celebration of Israel's 70th birthday next year, the interactive Sanhedrin Trail is the first of its kind in Israel. Currently being constructed near Tiberias, the hiking trail will be 70 kilometers long and will allow hikers to cross the Galilee on foot from Tiberias to Beit She'arim. Hikers will be able to use an innovative augmented reality-based application to "resurrect" the Sanhedrin members, including the familiar sages of the Passover Haggadah, and enjoy what the trail's creators are calling an "extraordinary" and new experience.

This large-scale project involves thousands of students and volunteers who will excavate and prepare the new trail that is among the longest in the country. The trail will be divided into five segments that can be covered during five days of walking. It will be suitable for families and also will include circular routes.

The "smart" trail will communicate with hikers using the augmented-reality-based app that enables the virtual reconstruction of heritage sites, integrates figures that will guide children along the trail and can "bring back to life" the Sanhedrin scholars and sages of the period.

The Sanhedrin Trail will cross the Lower Galilee by way of many of the sites that were inhabited during the time of the Mishnah and Talmud. The activity of the Sanhedrin – the foremost body of Jewish leadership and supreme authority during the Second Temple period – was transferred to the city of Yavne after the destruction of Jerusalem, and from there to the Galilee following the Bar Kokhba revolt in 135 CE. In the wake of the destruction of the Temple, and led by the seventy sages and the president of the Sanhedrin, a renewed work of Jewish law, philosophy and culture was developed. During this time, the Oral Law was first recorded, and the Mishnah and Talmud were written. Also from this period came the Passover Haggadah.



Hikers on the Sanhedrin Trail will be able to use the augmented reality app to "see" sites as they would have looked at the time of their original existence.

Michal De-Hann, pedagogic deputy in the National Religious Education Administration, said, "A student who excavates and exposes ancient remains and receives an explanation about the finds, connects deeply to the continuity of our country's life and heritage. The program offers significant extracurricular learning that exposes students to Jewish ideas, values and creativity."

According to Yair Amitzur, the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) inspector for the Eastern Galilee and one of the initiators of the idea, "The establishment of the trail and walking on it will connect those who live here today with the atmosphere and frame of mind of that period. In walking along the Galilee trails while using the app that will be developed specifically for this project, the trail will afford visitors a learning experience about the Mishnaic and Talmudic periods and connect them to the world of the sages who shaped Judaism in the religious houses of learning."

Work on the first section of the trail has already begun with pupils from the National Religious Education system and other volunteers participating. Thousands of high school students have taken part in archaeological excavations along the cardo, the main street of the ancient Roman city of Tiberias.

The Sanhedrin Trail was initiated by the IAA in cooperation with the National Religious Education Administration (Hemed) of the Ministry of Education, and financed by the Landmarks Project of the Ministry of Jerusalem and Heritage, in conjunction with the councils and towns through which the trail passes, as well as various environmental organizations.

A visitor's center will soon be built in Tiberias which will afford the public an opportunity to better understand the project and participate in the excavations while getting to know the city's ancient heritage.

First Dual Robotic Surgery

Doctors performed first-of-its-kind dual robotic surgery on April 23rd at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem in Jerusalem. The revolutionary surgery assisted in the repair of a severe spinal fracture suffered by a Jerusalem factory worker who broke six spinal vertebrae and fractured his leg in two places when a steel object pinned him to the ground.

Dr. Meir Liebergall, Chairman of Hadassah Medical Organization's (HMO) Orthopedic Department and head of HMO's Musculo-Skeletal Medicine Division, explained the pioneering surgery: "Two robots, Siemens' Artis Zeego and the Mazor Robotics' Renaissance Guidance System, were involved in the surgery. Artis Zeego, overseen by Dr. Amal Khouri, Director of HMO's Orthopedic



Doctors using the Mazor Robotics Renaissance Guidance System in spinal surgery

Hospitalization Center, provided real-time 3-dimensional imaging during the surgical procedure, which eliminated the need for pre-surgery CT scans and post-surgery X-rays.

Renaissance Guidance System, a screw placement system which allows spinal implant placement with maximum safety and accuracy, was controlled by HMO Sr. Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Josh Schroeder. Renaissance

communicated with Artis Zeego during the minimally-invasive surgery while Dr. Schroeder led the Hadassah orthopedic team in the insertion of eleven pedicle screws into the patient's spine with clinical exactitude."

Dr. Liebergall predicted a complete recovery for the patient and that he will be walking again very shortly.

Jerusalem Arts Venues Underway

Construction has begun on a multipurpose arts campus in downtown Jerusalem. The \$50 million campus will bring together four Jerusalem academic arts institutions — the Nisan Nativ

Acting Studio, the Sam Spiegel Film and Television School, the School of Visual Theater and the Center for Middle Eastern Music.

Expected to accommodate a total 1,110 students, the campus is located next to the Gerard Behar Center on Bezalel Street.

It also is being planned to serve as a main thoroughfare through the central neighborhoods of downtown Jerusalem, to attract pedestrians and visitors from Nahlaot, the nearby Mahane Yehuda market area, and the satellite Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design campus just up the block.



Proposed design of the Jerusalem Arts Campus, slated to open in 2020 (courtesy UJA Federation of New York)

Jerusalem mayor Nir Barkat said the campus, with its outdoor courtyard and performance venues, is one of Jerusalem's most strategic projects, and will help the city continue its "cultural revolution" by

providing much needed infrastructure and support for artists and the cultural institutions of the city.

The compound will be named for the Kirsh family of New York, which donated \$10 million for the campus, a project of the UJA-Federation of New York, in cooperation with the Jerusalem Municipality, the Ministry of Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs, the Jerusalem Development Authority, the Eden Company and the Jerusalem Foundation.



The Jewish Educational Alliance presents a monthly program guide:



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Jewish Educational Alliance

June 2017



Children's Programming



JEA Camp Savannah!



	Week 1	Purim Palooza June 5th – June 9th	Highlights: Purim Carnival Dress-Up Day: Wear your Favorite Costume Shabbat: Purim Carnival
	Week 2	Siesta Fiesta June 12th – June 16th	Highlights: All Camp Sleepover Dress-Up Day: Piñata Pride Shabbat: Cinco de Mayo
	Week 3	Shipwrecked June 19th – June 23rd	Highlights: Cardboard Boat Regatta/Trip to the Clubhouse Dress-Up Day: Hula Skirts and Hawaiian Shirts Shabbat: Hawaiian Luau
	Week 4	Color War: Go Bananas June 26th – June 30th	Highlights: Savannah Bananas Super Splash Day Dress-Up Day: Fan Wear Shabbat: Strikeout Café
	Week 5	The Camp that Never Sleeps July 3rd – July 7th (*Closed Tuesday for the 4th of July)	Highlights: Sleepover/Trip to Lovin' Spoons Dress-Up Day: From Geek to Chic; New York Fashion Week Shabbat: Big Apple Pizzeria
	Week 6	The Year of the Rooster July 10th – July 14th	Highlights: Trip to See <i>Despicable Me 3</i> Dress-Up Day: Tacky Tourist Day, Seeing Double Day Shabbat: Asian-Fusion Buffett
	Week 7	Waves in Atlantis July 17th – July 21st	Highlights: Atlantis Inflatable Water Park Dress-Up Day: Beach Bum, Pajama Shabbat: Saturday Morning Cartoon Brunch
	Week 8	Glee: Global Takeover July 24th – July 28th	Highlights: Glow-in-the-Dark Dance Party Dress-Up Day: Celebrity Look-Alike, Rep Your Flag Shabbat: Kids Choice

Visit www.SavannahJEA.org to download camp brochure and registration paperwork.

AFTER SCHOOL

The JEA After School program is available to children ages Pre-K through 6th grade. After School hours are Monday-Friday, 3:00-6:00 pm. Transportation is provided from Garrison, Charles Ellis, Jacob G. Smith, Savannah Classical Academy, and Heard Elementary Schools.

Registration for 2017-2018

Registration opens for JEA members and returning after school families on Monday, May 15th at 9:00am.

Registration opens to the community on Thursday, June 15th at 9:00 am.

Space is extremely limited. Please register early. Registration packets will be available at the JEA front desk & at savannahjea.org.





Adult Programming



Bridge Wednesdays 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Scrabble Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Mah Jongg Mondays 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Thursdays 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm



Community Garden

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

New JEA Members

The JEA would like to thank our members. Without your membership and support, we would not be able to offer all the services that we do. Our members are our most important asset!
(New Members as of 4/8/17-5/12/17)

William Barnes
Anthony & Danielle Brown
Anthony Coscarella
Brandon & Ebony Gaffney
Jeremiah Jossim & Courtney Papy
Rick & Carol Kenyon
Andrew & Leslie Morgan
Louis & Nancy Pashman
Robert & Sarah Rohla
Brad & Dallas Sellers

JEA Donations

(April 8, 2017-May 10, 2017)

ARKIN-CLARK GARDEN FUND

In memory of Julian Toporek
In memory of Esther Stein
In memory of Arnold Karp
Nancie & Fred Clark

ALLAN ULLMAN PLAYGROUND FUND

In memory of Esther Stein
In memory of Julian Toporek
Arlene & Mike Steinfeldt

JEA PRESCHOOL SAVANNAH

In memory of Herman Cranman
Marcy & Jerry Konter

BERTHA & HYMIE KANTER YOUNG AT HEART FUND

In memory of Harvey Goldberg
Marla & Morris Geffen
Jane & Edwin Feiler

HARVEY RUBIN MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Herman Cranman
In honor of Eric Yesner
Brenda & Patrick Salter
In memory of Jack Epstein
Elise & Victor Shernoff
In honor of Bari Sadler
Marsha & Chuck Bernstein

HENRY W. CENTER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Harvey Goldberg
Barbara & Edward Rosenzweig

Volunteer Greeters Wanted

Love your JEA?
Want to Give Back in Some Small Way?

The JEA is looking for volunteer Greeters! We're looking for people who can spare an hour or two a day to greet the most important people we know -- our members! Reconnect with old friends, make some new friends and give back to your community.

Please contact Vicky at vicky@savj.org if you are willing to become a JEA Greeter!



Food For Thought

Join us each Thursday at 12:30pm

June 1 NO FOOD FOR THOUGHT
(JEA CLOSED FOR SHAVUOT)

June 8 *Jewish Symbols in
Jewelry Part II*
Linda Sacks

June 15 *Spine Health Education*
Dr. Raphael Roybal

June 22 *Harold Arlen Film*
David Oppenheim

June 29 *Focus on Aquatics*
Kirby Southerland

July 6 *Aunt Harriet's
Apple Strudel*
Harriet Ullman

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

Don't forget to make your reservation at the JEA desk or by calling 912-355-8111.



CAMP SAVANNAH



2017 Camp Meet & Greet
June 4th, 12:00-2:00 pm

(Located in the Camp Savannah Hallway)



- Meet your counselors
- Reunite with old friends
- Make new friends
- Pick up camp t-shirts
- Purchase camp swag
- Take a dip in our pool

**Building a stronger community,
one camper at a time**



Health & Wellness



Memorial Day - Labor Day May 28-Sept. 4, 2017 JEA GET MOVING! JOIN THE CHALLENGE!

We are doing a 100-day Fitness Challenge with other JCCs to celebrate the JCC movement's centennial. Compete as an individual and as part of the JEA team. Track your exercise throughout the summer. Log in at 100.jcca.org/100-days-fitness or the fitness desk will log your exercise for you.

Fitness Activities Include:

- Running
- Swimming
- Cycling
- Walking
- Cardio Equipment
- Group Fitness
- Personal Training

JCC Association will present awards to:

- Top three JCCs
- Top three individual champions

We Can Win This!

For more information, contact Kat Ackerman at fitness@savj.org or (912) 355-8111, ext 223.

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Introducing Kitt Dobry



Kitt Dobry
Fitness Instructor

Kitt Dobry joined the JEA fitness team at the beginning of the year to teach Total Body Blast and has since taken over Yoga Stretch on Friday mornings.

Kitt has an extensive background in fitness as a dancer, avid weight lifter and a former gymnast. A big believer in cross training, she started weight lifting for injury prevention and continues to push her own strength, endurance and flexibility. She is ACE group fitness certified

as well as Shimmy Chic certified. She believes in fitness for any age and level and loves to see her students' progress.

As well as teaching fitness, Kitt also teaches belly dance, performs and competes, is an illustrator/graphic designer, a seamstress, and has a 2-year old son, 4 big dogs, a cat and a fish! She jokes, "I had to become a fitness instructor to be in shape to keep up with them all." Kitt loves to bring some levity to her classes, so bring water, a towel, and be ready to work hard, sweat and have some FUN!

Total Body Blast is Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Yoga Stretch is Friday at 10 a.m.

Summer Skin Safety



Kirby Southerland
Aquatics Director

Summer is here! What goes best with water safety? Sun safety!

The best way to stay protected from the sun is, obviously, to find a shady spot where the sun can't reach you. Finding a tree, an umbrella or other shelter before you feel yourself needing a break from the sun is key! But most important is to use sunscreen or protective clothing when you're outside - even when you're in the shade.

When possible, wear clothing to provide protection from UV rays. Did you know that a

typical t-shirt provides an SPF rating of less than 15? Look for clothing that is certified to protect you from the sun- and darker colors work better than lighter ones!

Make sure to wear a hat to cover your face, too! A baseball cap will only shield your face, and not your neck or ears, so be sure to wear a hat with a full brim that protects you all around.

People with lighter color eyes are especially susceptible to eye damage from the sun, so don't forget to wear polarized sunglasses to protect from cataracts and other, more extensive eye damage.

And of course, always apply sunscreen! The CDC recommends that a sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 15 should always be used to

Fitness Classes

Sunday

- 9:15 am - Power Pilates
- 10:30 am - Total Body Blast

Monday

- 8:45 am - Firm It Up
- 9:45 am - Aquasize
- 10:00 am - Vinyasa Yoga
- 10:45 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
- 5:15 pm - Fast & Fit
- 6:00 pm - Total Body Blast

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 8:45 am - Firm It Up
- 10:00 am - Sun Flow Yoga
- 10:30 am - Silver Step
- 4:30 pm - Fast & Fit
- 6:00 pm - Total Body Blast

Thursday

- 9:15 am - Barre Sculpt Express
- 10:00 am - Aquasize
- 10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
- 5:15 pm - Fast & Fit
- 7:00 pm - Savannah Fencing Club
- 7:00 pm - Aikido

Friday

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



protect the skin. Higher number SPFs provide more protection, but make sure to reapply often! Lastly, always check the sunscreen that was used in summers past to be sure it hasn't expired! Sunscreen that is expired is much less effective.

I'll see you on the pool deck!



JEA Preschool Savannah News

Enroll Now 2017-18 School Year

- Enrollment for our Summer Program has begun for 12 months and walking through 4-yr olds!
- 2, 3 and 5-day options for toddlers and 2-year olds
- For full details, visit our website at www.SavannahJEA.org

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

Upcoming Events

Coming Soon - Summer Camp!
"Cruising Through Summer!"

Weeks 1 & 2: Clown Fish Cove
June 5-June 16

Weeks 3 & 4: Jolly Jurassic Island
June 19-June 30

Weeks 5 & 6: Ice Age Imaginarium
July 3-July 14

Weeks 7 & 8: Tiny Tastes of Israel
July 17-July 28

- Hours are 8:00am-6:00 pm
- \$5 Snack Fee per week
- \$50 Registration Fee

Cost:

JEA Members - \$175 per week
Non Members - \$215 per week

See www.SavannahJEA.org
for more information

JEA Preschool Savannah admits students of any race, color, national, racial or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

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



in the JEA Art Gallery



Joshua Hill

For over twenty years Joshua Hill has been raising a family and painting in Savannah. Working as a muralist and faux finisher, he has always sought a new inspiration. Surrounded by "leftover" paints from his many projects, he began to paint canvas with the acrylics. Continuing his search for a voice for his creativity, he studied the conversations begun by Claude Monet and the Impressionist movement.

Over the past few years, Joshua has been developing "Folk Impressionism." Building on the foundations of the masters, he seeks to capture light and its effects. Inspired by Gerhard Richter, Joshua uses a "drag technique" not used by the Impressionist. This allows for a "building up" of paint and the ability to capture beautiful images with the contrasting of color.

In his latest exhibition "Folk Impressionism: Reflected Light, Pondered," Joshua continues the discoveries Monet was making in Giverny. Influenced by life on the coast, Joshua paints light, water and life. He is always striving to understand the complex and simplify.

Artwork available for viewing June 2-30, 2017



"Rare Form" - Marilyn Hartness



Edward Jones

Marilyn Hartness

Marilyn Hartness is a ceramic sculptor from North Carolina. She has taught ceramics in the Art Department of Wingate University for 20 years and her style of work includes "fantasy," "imagination," and "environmental statements," about the importance of nature in everyone's life.

She has done many works which are placed in public places such as UNC School of Medicine, the Monroe Hospital (CMC Union), the Hinson Art Gallery on campus at Wingate University, to mention a few. She likes to have her works touched. "They are clay from the earth."

Edward Jones

Edward Richard Jones is an artist who works with wood, sterling silver, copper and brass. Ed started working with wood mostly because it's the material he had on hand. The more he worked with wood the more he liked it and the more things he learned to do with it. He has been working with wood for over 15 years.

Says Ed, "My wife asked me to make her a few sterling silver bracelets, so for the past few months, I've been working in silver, brass and copper. It's been good to work in metals, but wood is what I really enjoy working with."

Artwork available for viewing July 2-31, 2017

Mazel Tov to the 2017 High School and College Graduates

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Max Cohen
Savannah Arts Academy

The son of Wendy and Jon Cohen, Max participated in Odyssey of the Mind, Thespians and BBYO while an honor roll student in high school. He plans to study welding at Savannah Technical College. Max attended Rambam Day School from preK through fifth grade and Shalom School from fifth grade through seventh grade.



Peter Kronowitz
Savannah Country Day School

The son of Hilary and Lowell Kronowitz, Peter participated in Quiz Bowl, Chorus and Drama during high school, and was involved in the production of many plays. He also was active in productions at Savannah Children's Theatre. As a member of BBYO, he served as shliach and godol (president) of his AZA chapter; he also served on the Ronald McDonald House Teen Board. Peter will attend New York University where he plans to major in economics. He attended Shalom School from kindergarten through seventh grade and worked there through tenth grade.



Tomer Locker
Savannah Arts Academy

The son of Eva and Motti Locker, Tomer is a member of the National Honor Society, has a Top Eight national ranking in the Virtual Business Challenge, took First Place in the state Entrepreneurship Competition and received the Bilingual Seal. He was president of Future Business Leaders of America and participated in Mock Trial and soccer. Tomer also was regional vice president and a national board member of NCSY and won First Place in the national JUMP (Jewish Unity Mentoring Program) competition. After attending Yeshiva in Israel, he plans to study computer engineering at the University of Maryland. Tomer attended Rambam Day School through eighth grade.



Emma Loncon
Savannah Arts Academy

The daughter of Lori Loncon and Chuck Loncon, Emma is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, for which she served as treasurer, and Junior Achievement. She also was historian for Future Business Leaders of America, a Student Ambassador and a member of the Memorial Medical Center Explorer Post. Emma will attend Mercer University where she plans to major in neuroscience with the intent of pursuing a graduate degree in pediatric occupational therapy. She attended Shalom School from preK through eighth grade and Hebrew School from third grade through seventh grade.



Allison Samuels
Savannah Arts Academy

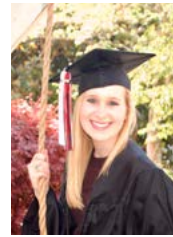
The daughter of Ashley^{z"l} and Scott Samuels, Allison participated in the Student Leadership Program, Thespian Society, Jewish Student Union and was a Student Ambassador while in high school. In BBYO, she served as s'ganit (vice president) and MIT mom for her BBG chapter. She will attend the University of Georgia. Allison went to Rambam Day School from kindergarten through fifth grade.

COLLEGE GRADUATES



Jared Samuels
University of Georgia

The son of Ashley^{z"l} and Scott Samuels, Jared graduated with a BA in Political Science. He was president of Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity and will be attending law school in the fall. Jared attended Rambam Day School from kindergarten through eighth grade.



Hannah Slotin
University of Georgia

The daughter of Susan and Frank Slotin, Hannah graduated summa cum laude with a major in Communications Studies and a minor in Spanish. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, was pledge class president and vice president of new member education for Sigma Delta Tau sorority. She also worked with the University's Undergraduate Office of Admissions leading tours, student panels and information sessions as part of the Georgia Recruitment Team. Hannah will be working in Atlanta as a human resources specialist with Aon Hewitt. She went to Rambam Day School from preK through eighth grade.



Micaela Slotin
Tufts University

The daughter of Bonnie Juengert, Micaela graduated with a BA in Drama. She was a member of 3Ps, Tufts' student theater group, and a production manager for Shakespeare Company, Barrington Stage Company and Company One Theatre while at Tufts. Micaela will be working in arts management for the Huntingdon Theatre Company in Boston.

POST-GRADUATE DEGREES



Emma Buchsbaum
Harvard Law School

The daughter of Herbert Buchsbaum of Hong Kong and Mona Smith of Cold Spring, NY, and the granddaughter of Esther Buchsbaum and the late Aaron Buchsbaum, Emma also is a violinist and a summa cum laude graduate of Amherst College. She will clerk for the Federal District Court in Chicago in the fall.



Barney Sadler
Mercer Medical School

The son of Jodi and Kenneth Sadler, Barney graduated with a Doctor of Medicine. He will begin a residency in Internal Medicine at Grand Strand Medical Center in Myrtle Beach, SC, in July. Barney attended Rambam Day School through eighth grade.



The Officers, Board of Governors and Staff of the Savannah Jewish Federation
Extend a warm
Mazel Tov
to the 2016 Graduates of Rambam Day School!

GRADUATES

Elizabeth Lacey Eichelbaum

Benjamin Terence Friede

Eliezer Asher Rosen

Moshe Lee Schachter

Aharon Dov Schochet

The graduates listed here are those whose parents submitted information in time for publication. The Savannah Jewish News and the Savannah Jewish Federation extend a hearty Mazel Tov to everyone in and from the community graduating this year, and to your families. We wish all of you the very best in your future endeavors!

The Savannah Jewish Federation proudly provides space for a half-page ad to each local congregation in each issue of the Savannah Jewish News.

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Ester Rabhan,
Principal of
Rambam Day School

Important To Teach Our Children to Make Good Choices

As the year comes to a close it brings reflection, and whenever I reflect on the school year; while I see our successes; children who have grown in their social and emotional skills, children who have mastered lessons they thought impossible, new children attending the school and being very happy, a successful 7th/8th grade play, partnering with Chatham Academy to bring in a motivational speaker, Mr. Ron James to address our students on bullying and making good choices, receiving the highest rating from Quality Rated, and so many more wonderful accomplishments — I still cannot eliminate from my mind the thought of those who don't send their children to a Jewish day school.

We've had our challenges and some disappointments. Hopefully we have learned and grown from those situations that turned out less than gratifying which made them priceless, because they became opportunities for growth and enabled us to strategize how to be wiser and allowed for improvement to begin immediately.

Striving for excellence is what keeps us in constant growth motion and what keeps us open minded to the thoughts, ideas, and suggestions of those around us.

There are great public schools. And there are superb private schools and they can teach children to read and write and add and subtract. They will prepare them for higher education and work. But what we as Jewish parents need to realize and accept is what these schools can't do. They cannot partner with us as parents to raise our children to live good Jewish lives, to know who they are, to feel that they are indispensable members of a community. They cannot prepare our children to take their rightful places among the Jewish people feeling confident and proud of who they are as young Jewish adults.

Why would we not want this for our children? It's NOT about how much we practice. It IS about how much we learn. Would we want our children to learn addition and subtraction and not division and multiplication? Would we want our children to learn half the facts about American history? Would we want our children to learn about space and not earth?

Recently, a very experienced pre-school teacher from the New York area visited Rambam Day School. When she walked into the Judaic, Kindergarten class and saw the text we were using to teach reading, she insisted the text is too difficult for our children. She commented that maybe in NY they would use this text.

We scrutinize our lessons and successes of our teachers all the time and even if a well-respected teacher thinks the text is too hard – the evaluation lies in our victories with the use of this book. And so, we will continue to use that which has brought us the most success when teaching our Kindergarten students to read.

Rambam believes in constantly evolving with what our students need to make them successful learners. We will end our year very proud of all we have offered our students and proud of all we have accomplished.

To all those who have supported us financially, emotionally and with hours of volunteering – thank you. We couldn't do it without you, and we are proud to have you partner with us in our elite efforts on behalf of our students.



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Gov. Deal, Others, Honored

Conexx, the premier America-Israel business connector (formerly the the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce Southeast) honored Georgia Governor Nathan Deal with its Tom Glaser Leadership Award at its annual gala in May. The award was renamed in Glaser’s honor upon his retirement in 2013 from the organization he led since its founding 1992; he and his wife Connie now have a home in Savannah. Glaser presented the award.

Governor Deal was recognized for his steadfast support of Georgia’s economic and strategic ties with Israel. The State of Georgia has had a presence, including a representative, in Israel for 23 years and has been a longtime friend to Israel. The Governor led a five-day delegation to Israel in the summer of 2014 that included business leaders and State of Georgia officials. He met with prominent members of the Israeli government, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Nir Barkat, the Mayor of Jerusalem, to explore business and trade opportunities. The delegation also met with



(l-r) Benjamin Fink, of the Atlanta law firm Berman Fink Van Horn P.C., Tom Glaser, Governor Nathan Deal, Conexx President Guy Tessler

companies that already have invested in Georgia or are considering establishing a presence in Georgia. “Israel is a vital partner in friendship and in our economic development efforts,” Deal said. Also recognized at the gala were Southern Company, as U.S. Company of the Year; Tosaf, as Israeli Company of the Year; NICE for The Deal of the Year; and the Atlanta Jewish Times, as Community Partner of the Year. Southern Company has partnered with Conexx to explore innovation in many industry sectors including alternative energy, cyber security, homeland security, water, smart cities, transportation, marketing technology and indoor agriculture. Southern Company representatives have traveled to Israel multiple times. Most recently, the Georgia Power Economic Development Department, a subsidiary of Southern Company, visited Israel and is working closely with the Georgia Department of Economic

Development representative in Israel to bring Israeli companies to Georgia. Tosaf, based in Israel, is a global leader in developing and manufacturing high quality additives, compounds and color master batches for the plastics industry and now has a presence in more than 40 countries. Their South Georgia plant servicing Caesarstone’s Richmond Hill manufacturing operation will add 75 jobs to the Southeast economy over the next five years with an investment of \$13.1 million. Israeli customer experience analytics software provider NICE acquired Atlanta-based Nexidia, another analytics firm, for \$135 million cash in January 2016. The new combined offering transforms the market by featuring analytics capabilities with unparalleled accuracy, scalability and performance, empowering organizations to

significantly expand their analytics usage in critical business use cases. The Atlanta Jewish Times has covered Conexx for the past 25 years and its Gala for 16 years. The paper sent a reporter

with the 2016 Conexx Business Expedition to Israel to provide first-hand reporting about the country’s innovation and technology sector. The newspaper’s “Israel Pride” section is a voice of Israeli business, commerce, innovation, science and technology. “As Conexx honors the best in Southeast Israel business, it’s important to remember the economic value that Conexx as an organization brings to the Southeast,” remarked Conexx President Guy Tessler. “Throughout our history, we have facilitated relationships and interactions valued in the billions, ultimately supporting the economy of the Southeast and Israel. The awardees at this year’s Gala illustrate the importance of continued strong ties as a way to create prosperity. There is so much more we hope to do and look forward to working with others in the Southeast.”

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Arnold Harris Karp
Who died May 2, 2017

He is survived by his wife, “Chrissie” Reinert Kaplan Karp; two sons, Evan and Miles; one sister, Sheryl (“Stavie”) Kreh; one brother, Sidney Karp, and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Eric Nathan Karp. Remembrances: The Eric Nathan Karp Memorial Fund at Congregation Agudath Achim, 9 Lee Blvd., Savannah 31405.

Ira Cohen
Who died April 24, 2017

He is survived by his son Jon (Wendy) Cohen of Savannah; his daughter, Marci Goldstein; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Cohen.

Esther Gold Stein
Who died April 23, 2017

She is survived by her two sons, Steve (Melinda) Stein of Savannah, and Shelly (Barbara) Stein of Dallas, TX; five grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and two nieces. She was preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Tauber. Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405; or Jewish National Fund, www.jnf.org.

Julian H. Toporek
Who died April 21, 2017

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Aiken Toporek; three children, Brian (Dawn) Toporek of Marietta, GA, Brenda (Larry) Needle of Columbia, SC, and Melissa Toporek (Abebe Debay) of Savannah; his sister, Rosalind (Buddy) Portman of Savannah; and six grandchildren.

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Commandments in Practice

As we celebrated Shavuot and renewed our acceptance of G-d's gift to us, the Torah, I remembered that Maimonides once said: "It is a man's duty to love and to fear G-d, even without hope of reward or fear of punishment." This is the way we should view the commandments we received at Mt. Sinai and the way we aspire to teach them to our students.

We have completed another year, and I am pleased to say we have exemplified many of the Ten Commandments through our actions. "There Is Only One G-d" — our students begin learning the Shema as soon as they enter Shalom School at age four. Our youngest students can recite it after a few sessions, and older students can convey its meaning to anyone who asks.

"Remember The Sabbath and Keep It Holy" — our younger classes have Kabbalat Shabbat while our older students participate in prayer services and learn the structure of Friday night and Saturday morning services.

"Honor Your Father and Mother" — we've taken this a step further and shown honor to our FAMILIES. We've held a breakfast for grandparents and loved ones, held family luncheons and activities, and invited our parents into the classroom for engaging lessons with their children.

"Do Not Covet What Your Neighbor Has" — not only do we try to teach our students the meaning of jealousy and why it is wrong, we teach them to GIVE to enrich the lives of others, and by default, their

own. We've held drives for supplies and cleaned and stocked the Ronald McDonald House.

We have emphasized with our students from early on that Judaism values being a "mensch," a good person. By the activities we have completed within the school year, we have shown them that being a mensch feels good and how simple and fulfilling it is to be close to Hashem by fulfilling his commandments.

This year has been meaningful for so many of our students as well as our teachers. We've watched students grow in their ability to read Hebrew, we've watched friendships blossom, we've seen numerous children reach bat and bar mitzvah and we've seen our teachers' knowledge grow as well. It is so wonderful to see everyone working as a team for the common goal of Jewish education.

It is written in the Tanach (Isaiah): "The Lord was pleased for His righteousness' sake to make the teaching great and glorious." This holds so true. This year, we awarded our very first "Teacher of the Year." The award went to Ms. Amanda Barker. She is so patient with all and always on hand to answer questions from anyone who asks. She has been our guiding force behind the technology we have incorporated this year. She reads her students and caters her lessons to their needs, making sure no student leaves her classroom without retaining something meaningful. This honor was well deserved!

We will return after a summer break in August. When we do, I invite you to come and see what's happening in our classrooms. I promise you a lot has changed in Hebrew school education since the days you attended!



Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director of
Early Childhood
Education

So Much to Celebrate

Given that this is Savannah, even in June we are well into the hot days of summer. The subject of water safety should be top of mind for families with young children.

The Georgia Alliance for Quality Care provides many resources on a variety of topics to share with families. Here are some of their tips and resources for dealing with summer and water safety.

Swimming in the pool, at the beach, and boating are fun activities that families enjoy. But water also can be dangerous for children if parents don't take proper precautions. Drowning is the leading cause of preventable deaths in the United States among 1-4 year olds. Children need constant supervision around all water, whether it is a swimming pool, the ocean or even the bathtub.

Safe Kids Worldwide is a non-profit organization working to protect kids on the move, at home and at play. Preventable injuries are the number one killer of kids in the United States. To learn more about water safety for little kids visit their website, https://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_age/little-kids-1-4-years/field_risks/water-and-drowning.

While I was visiting a marina this past weekend, I thought of some advice I recently read. While there I

watched a dad cleaning his boat; his four year-old son was about 50 feet away from him on the dock. The child was not wearing a life jacket. He may have been able to swim. However, the thought of water safety came to the top of my mind. I hope it will to other parents, too.

According to the Red Cross, life jackets are not just for boats. Young children and weak swimmers should wear life jackets whenever they are in, on, or around the water. Put the jacket on at the dock, deck or shore and leave it on until you are on dry land. Life jackets only work if they are being worn. Make sure that it fits properly and is US Coast Guard approved.

We're especially lucky to live so close to the beach, but it brings its own safety challenges. To learn more about beach and ocean safety, visit <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/water-safety/beach-safety>

In addition, everyone knows the importance of applying sunscreen when exposed to the sun. Even for brief periods of outside exposure, children and adults alike should make sure to stay protected from the sun's rays.

Children are our most precious gifts. Please take a few minutes to learn more for the safety of young children in and around water. Make it top of mind. Have a fun and safe summer!



We had so much fun at
Havdalah in Pajamas,
making bears and
singing with Abraham



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It's a Funny Thing

by Melinda Stein

Little Becky came into the house while her mother was busy cleaning for Passover.

"Mommy, can I have a dollar to give to an old lady in the park?"

"Why of course," Mrs. Kramer said as she gave Becky the dollar. "That's a very big mitzvah you are doing," she continued. "But, tell me, is the elderly lady not able to work anymore?"

"Oh yes, she can," came Becky's reply. "She sells candy."

"Do you believe in life after death?" Jon Gruber asked one of his employees.

"Yes, sir," the new recruit replied.

"Well, that makes sense then," Mr. Gruber said. "Because after you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you."

There was a rabbi known for his constant preaching about the need to nurture children with warmth and love.

One time he noticed some children who were playing in the freshly laid concrete outside his home, their little feet leaving lasting impressions. He became irritated and yelled at the children.

A congregant asked, "How can you, a person who devoted his entire life to teaching warmth to children, shout at them?"

To which the rabbi replied: "You must understand. I love children in the abstract, not the concrete."

Grandma Bornstein was famous for her apple pies. One day Sarah, her new granddaughter-in-law, was over for lunch. She pulled Grandma aside and asked, "How do you make such beautiful pies with the crimps around the edge so even?"

"Well, it's a family secret," she replied. "But I'll let you in on it."

"Okay," Sarah said. "Tell me!"

"Well, first, I roll out the dough, making sure it's even. Then I cut out the bottom layer and carefully put in the pie plate. Then I pour in the filling, making sure it's not too full. Next, I cut out the top layer and put it over the filling gently. Finally, I take out my teeth and run them around the edge of the pie crust, and they make the nicest, most even impressions you've ever seen!"

An old rabbi was having a discussion with a young agnostic about the philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. The younger man told the rabbi, "According to Nietzsche, God is dead."

The rabbi thought for a moment, then replied, "According to God, Nietzsche is dead."

What do you get if you cross an insomniac, an atheist, and a dyslexic? Someone who lays awake at night wondering if there is a dog.

Morris was in his front garden mowing the lawn when his neighbor came out of her house and went to her mailbox. She opened it then slammed it shut and stormed back into the house.

A little later, she came out again, went to her mailbox, opened it, slammed it shut and stomped back into the house.

This happened a few more times. Puzzled, Morris called out, "Is something wrong, Sharon?"

"There certainly is, Morris! My stupid computer keeps yelling, 'You've got mail!'"

The speaker at our Sisterhood meeting was lecturing on marriage and asked the audience how many of us want to "mother" our husbands. One member in the back row raised her hand.

"You do want to mother your husband?" the speaker asked.

"Mother?" the woman echoed. "I thought you said smother."

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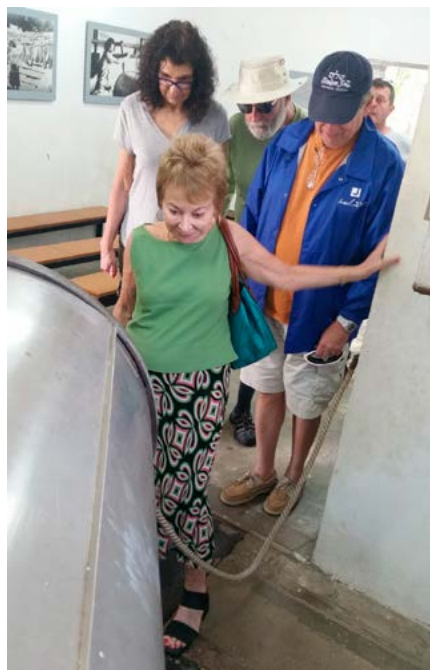
Arlene and Allan Ratner enjoying Machane Yehuda on Friday morning just before the crowds overtook the popular market.



SJF President Allan Ratner and Sandy Schneider touring the mystical streets of Safed



Former Israel Emissary to Savannah Eyal Blank, and his wife Dr. Ofra Maimon, with their newborn daughter, catch up on all the Savannah news.



The Ratners and Schneiders get ready to go underground at Machon Ayalon, an underground bullet factory located in Rehovot. The factory, established in 1946 underneath a "laundry," was created right under the noses of the British to manufacture bullets for the fight for the creation of the State of Israel.



Eight members of the Savannah community travelled with 16 people from New Jersey on a Mission to Israel including (left to right): Tim and Charlie Davis, Allan Ratner, Sarah Denmark, Lewis Schneider, Arlene Ratner, Sandy Schneider, and Adam Solender.

MISSION ISRAEL



Catching up with former Israel Emissary Maia Koiller and her beautiful baby, Ayala



The entire group visited Independence Hall to hear the recording of Israel's Declaration of Independence in the place where it happened almost 70 years ago.



Father and son Charlie and Tim Davis viewing the strategic Golan Heights.



It was a beautiful day for a great boat ride on Lake Kinneret when the group went to the North.



Twelve women who were part of the trip joined together for a group Bat Mitzvah including Sandy Schneider and Sarah Denmark



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