



Candle Lighting Times

Friday, April 5	7:29pm
Saturday, April 6	8:24pm
Friday, April 12	7:34pm
Saturday, April 13	8:30pm
Friday, April 19	7:38pm
Saturday, April 20	8:35pm
Friday, April 26	7:43pm
Saturday, April 27	8:41pm
Friday, May 3	7:48pm
Saturday, May 4	8:46pm

Enger to Perform at Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, will be observed this year on Thursday, May 2. The community program, which is open and free to the entire community, begins at 6 p.m. at the JEA featuring concert pianist Carolyn Enger. Enger has created a unique performance piece that combines music, film, art, and literature with the audiovisual testimony and original artworks of her late father, Horace J. Enger, and her godmother, Rosemarie Steinfeld.

The piece — called “The Mischlinge Exposé” — is about their experiences in Germany as “half-Jews” — Mischlinge — according to the Nazi Nuremberg Laws.

The Mischlinge Exposé is a many-layered multimedia performance centering Enger’s family history and her personal experience with Judaism. The program features the music of German-Jewish-born composers Felix Mendelssohn, Arnold Schoenberg,

Alexander Zemlinsky, and Hanns Eisler. The works contextualize video and audio testimony of her father, Horace J. Enger, and godmother, Rosemarie Steinfeld’s, experiences in Germany after the Nuremberg



Laws were passed (both were labeled “Mischling, Grade A,” by the Nazis). Readings of text by Rahel Varnhagen and Heinrich Heine, both converts to Christianity who felt deeply conflicted



after their conversion, show the turmoil that may have made its way into the music. Works by contemporary Israeli composers Paul Ben-Haim and Lior Navok offer a glimpse of Israel, where Enger’s father’s fully Jewish cousin emigrated during the war to escape Germany. Through the lens of historical context and the artistic and poetic testimony of prominent converts, the

performance traces Enger’s family story of conversion from Judaism to Christianity and back to Judaism.

The local Yom HaShoah Committee is pleased to oversee the Savannah Jewish Federation’s Annual Yom

HaShoah Art and Writing Contests for middle and high school students as part of this year’s observance.

Remembering the names On Yom HaShoah, we remember the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. So we won’t forget the personal devastation of each lost

life, we will continue our solemn tradition of reading aloud names of children throughout the day. Members of the community will read these names in the lobby of the JEA from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. We speak and hear their names, and we recall them as full human beings, not just as “victims.”

The ceremony also will include the lighting of memorial candles, benedictions from our local Rabbis, and recognition of the Art and Writing Contest winners. The ceremony is open to the public.



ADL Commends GA House

On March 7th, the Georgia State House of Representatives passed HB 426, a hate crime bill that provides increased penalties for crimes committed based on an individual’s belief or perception against someone because of their race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability. The chamber passed the bill by a vote of 96 to 64.

“Georgia is one of just five states in the nation that does not protect its citizens against hate crimes. ADL commends the House members for moving this legislation forward and is hopeful that the Senate will follow through in passing



this bill. It is time for Georgia to take hate crimes seriously and protect its citizens,” said Phil Rubin, ADL Southeast Regional Board Chair.

ADL trains about 15,000 law enforcement officers each year on hate crimes and led the coalition that passed the Federal Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr.

Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009. ADL has been actively working to get all 50 states in the U.S. to have comprehensive hate crime laws.

ADL is leading #HateFreeGA, a coalition of 31 diverse organizations, to urge passage of this important legislation.

“While we cannot outlaw anti-Semitism, racism, homophobia, transphobia or other forms of bigotry, we can significantly improve hate crime response in Georgia by joining the 45 other states and the District of Columbia in putting hate crime legislation on the books,” said ADL Deputy Director Shelley Rose.

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Adam Solender
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Executive Director's Message

L'dor V'dor

Since 1988, an annual program, March of the Living (Mits'ad HaKhayim) has brought

students from around the world to Poland to explore the remnants of the Holocaust and to examine the roots of prejudice, intolerance and hatred.

Since its inauguration there have been thirty Marches which have had over 260,000 participants from 52 different countries. The goal of the organizers is "to help inspire our participants to fight indifference, racism and injustice by witnessing the atrocities

of the Holocaust. Our hope is that the program will help strengthen Jewish identity, connections to Israel and build a community of future Jewish leaders."

For the "first" thirty years, a key element of the program is the participation of Holocaust survivors who share their memory of war-time experiences. That opportunity is very quickly ebbing away as those who survived the Holocaust are getting up in the years and are unable to make the walk. Still, there will be many of them represented on the march from Auschwitz to Birkenau (the largest death camp built in WWII).

While the program is mainly aimed at Jewish high school students, there has traditionally been a parallel adult version. This year, there was a "Next Gen initiative" that sought to get 21-40 year olds from "smaller Jew-

ish communities" to participate in a journey. The trip to Poland and Israel is a highly subsidized opportunity to remember the past and ensure the future.

When we first heard about the opportunity, Jamie Richman and I put our heads together to figure out how we could enlist community members, how we could paint the picture of this unique, once in a lifetime opportunity.

Jamie "was in," March of the Living was one of her "bucketlist" experiences. She was sure that there would be one or two other friends who might be interested. Getting three or four participants from Savannah would be a great success. After all, this offer was made

to every small and intermediate size community in the country.

And then it occurred to us...In 1996 Lawrence and Dena Bodziner had created an endowed fund which provided for support of programs that "perpetuated the memory of the Holocaust and Jewish survival through education." That very same document mentioned specific programs of interest to Dena Bodziner, first of which was the March of the Living. While the fund was created as a part of the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah, and therefore is ultimately directed by the Trustees and Board of Governors of the Savannah Jewish Federation, the document states that

the three children of Dean Yaschik Bodziner and Lawrence S. Bodziner, Richard Bodziner, Brenda Rabhan, and Michael Bodziner will act in an advisory capacity to recommend the beneficiary program.

With that information in hand we immediately contacted the Bodziner family proposing that the fund provide a further subsidy to the original price (\$2,500 (which includes all meals, airfare NY-Poland-Israel-NY, and all the touring))

of \$1,000 per participant. Richard, Brenda, and Michael enthusiastically agreed to provide that very subsidy.

Armed with a compelling program and a once in a lifetime cost, we designed advertisements for the eNews, put together some Facebook posts and prepared a letter to go to a list of 21-40 year olds in the community. Our goal was to make this as compelling an opportunity as possible.



like this, 23 years ago. It felt like Dena and Lawrence Bodziner could have been in the room.

It was at this point that I introduced Richard and Merry Bodziner. Richard began by telling some history of his parents and why this meant so much to them and then introduced his wife Merry. Merry, festooned in her original March of the Living jacket even had her name tag from the trip, a trip she made with her mother-in-law, Dena. She shared a few of her memories and encouraged the group to take advantage of every experience, to learn, to remember...just as she had.

This inaugural NextGen program will leave New York at the end of April, they will visit the Warsaw Jewish Cemetery, tour Lublin, Majadanek, Krakow, Plashow, Auschwitz-Birenau and Warsaw. They will then travel to Israel to observe Yom Hazikaron (Memorial Day) and Yom Haazmaut (Independence Day) with the entire country of Israel.

I know that the 14 will have life changing experiences and never view the world in the same way.

PS Our contingent of 14 represents over half of the participants in the country!

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over the following weeks, the list grew.

In early February a group of 14 Savannahians joined together at the JEA for a pre-trip orientation in advance of their journey on the March



Shalom School students at United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

As part of Holocaust study our students learn about the thriving life of the Jewish communities in Europe before 1935, the holocaust, and the life after the camps. Shalom School is very fortunate to have Amy Rotker leading this curriculum. As a professional teacher, Amy has been invited to spend several weeks of training at the Holocaust Museum in DC and in Yad Vashem. We wanted to share with you some of the students' reflections after their visit to the DC Holocaust Museum.

Shalom School sent eight students to Washington, DC for a weekend as the culmination of their 8th-9th grade Holocaust class. During this trip, the students spent much time appreciating and learning about their Jewish identity. Friday night was spent worshipping with the George Washington University Hillel students followed by Shabbat dinner at the rabbi's house. On Sunday, the young ladies spent the entire day at the U.S. Holocaust Museum. It was an experience which will always be remembered. Amy Rotker, teacher.
Kate Bossler
STEM Academy, 8th Grade

Hillel was a spiritual experience. It was really special to be surrounded by other people that were passionate about the Jewish culture and religion. Everyone bonded and sang the prayers in harmony which created a special environment and

experience.

The Holocaust Museum was also a spiritual experience, but in a different way. The museum was full of all the hardships and atrocities that happened during the Holocaust. It was really eye opening to see



Shalom School students in Washington, DC.

and read all of it. All the statistics, dates, artifacts from the times and displays played a part in creating a meaningful experience. All of the videos, and interviews with the survivors were heart-wrenching. To hear all of the things that happened really made you realize how horrific the Holocaust really was. They also gave you a sense of hope, however, seeing them and how they survived in this anti-Semitic, horrible environment. You hear how they managed to hold on or escape and it filled you with a sense of hope or admiration at how strong they were and still are.

Sage Batchelor,
STEM Academy, 8th Grade

When we entered the Holocaust Museum, we calmed down. There was no more joking and playing.

We just sobered up because we knew we were about to experience something that should not be joked about. We got passports of a person who went through the Holocaust.

We saw two videos; the second video hit me most because it was about the history of antisemitism. While walking through the top floor, I saw a Jewish musician's oboe, which affected me because I am an oboist. It was kind of scary to think what happened to the Jewish musicians during that time.

Near the end of the top floor, there was a sign for a mezuzah, but the mezuzah was broken. It was depressing because they should have replaced it. There was no Shema and that is the main point of the mezuzah.

Darkness

by *Reese Cohen*
Oglethorpe Charter School,
8th Grade

Why? Why?

I ask myself this

My mind racing with a
roller coaster of emotions.

I can't think.

I can't breathe.

I can't open my eyes.

There's too much pain.

Too much sadness.

Too many flashbacks of
stories

Too many memories of
prayers

The walls are closing in

It's harder to breathe

And boom...

Darkness



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Letters should be no more than 250 words and may be edited for length, clarity, or factual content. The opinions expressed are always the writer's.

All letters must include the author's full name, address, and phone number (only your name, and if appropriate, job title and organization or business name, will be published).

No more than two letters from the same author will be published within 12 consecutive months.

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



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My Camp Story

By Dinah Henkin

This summer, I got to participate for two weeks at the "Taste of Ramah" program at Camp Ramah Darom, in Clayton, Georgia. Taste of Ramah is for campers going into Third through Fifth Grade who are experiencing camp for the first time. It was my first time away from home and I was a little nervous going but am so happy that I did! I had a great time meeting new friends from many different southern states and even got to get together with one new friend while we were both visiting our families in Florida after camp.

At Camp Ramah, I participated in many activities such as swimming in the pool and lake, playing different sports, and different nighttime bunk activities like hiking to a waterfall and watching the older campers perform a play all in Hebrew. Having a chance to try out the ropes course, and getting to help lead daily morning

prayers were wonderful memories for me. I really liked how all of the music that they played was in Hebrew. Spending a week participating in the all-camp color war (go team Yarok/Green!), where I got to be on a team

with campers of all ages was a fun way to learn more about the camp. It was awesome that we won too!

I also got to participate in the weekly all-camp dancing on Saturday

night after Havdallah. It was so fun singing Shabbat in and dancing Shabbat out with my new friends!

I am looking forward to going back to camp Ramah next summer for a full month and hope to see some other kids from Savannah there. I had a great time and would like to thank the Savannah Jewish Federation for the scholarship they gave me to help me go to camp this summer.



Dinah and friends at Camp Ramah

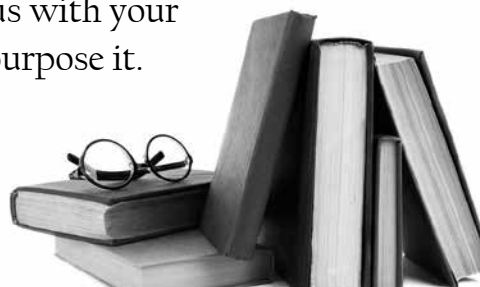
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The Savannah Jewish News is compiling a list of people to read and write reviews of Jewish-themed books that we receive.

Your substantive review would be about 250 words and include your name and affiliation to any organization, if useful to the reader.

You'll return the book to us with your review so that we may repurpose it.

If interested, please email sjn@savj.org



A Life, A Loss, A Story

-Unpacking Your Grief One Story at A Time-

Margaret Meade said, "When we are born, we rejoice. When we marry, we jubilate. But, when we die, we try to pretend it didn't happen." *A Life, A Loss, A Story: Unpacking Your Grief One Story at A Time* is a series of 5 interactive grief workshops that address the loss of a loved one directly and do not pretend it did not happen. These workshops are an opportunity for the participants to share their stories as well as to learn from and support each other in a safe, nurturing environment.

The five 1 1/2 hour workshops help participants envision their journeys from their now into their future. Sherri Mandel says in

her book, *The Road to Resilience*, "So know this: resilience entails change. You're not going to bounce back to who you were. Because of your encounter with loss, you are going forward to become someone you are not yet acquainted with."

Debbie Rotkow is not a therapist, a social worker or a religious grief counselor. She is a mother whose daughter died Wednesday morning, April 20, 2016. She has designed and facilitated these grief workshops as a gift to the memory of her daughter's legacy and a way of coping with her

own grief. Debbie has designed and facilitated workshops since 1991 on a variety of topics. For fifteen years she



Debbie (center) with both of her children, Stephanie and Eric

was Co-director of the Coastal Georgia Writing Project, an affiliate of the National Writing Project, at Armstrong Atlantic State University. She also co-designed and facilitated four workshop series (32 workshops),

The Story of Our Lives, at the Learning Center at Senior Citizens.

The series will be held the five Wednesday evenings in May (5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, and 5/29)

at the JEA from 7 - 8:30. The group is limited to no more than 8 people so that everyone has an opportunity to share their ideas. The cost of this workshop series (five 1 1/2 hour

workshops) is \$54. If you want to reserve space in this workshop series or have questions, please contact Debbie Rotkow at (912)657-5381 or email her at drotkow@comcast.net.

What: *The Story of Our Lives Workshop*

When: Wednesdays, May 1 through Wednesday May 29, at 7:00pm

Where: JEA, 5111 Abercorn St.

Cost: \$54/person

RSVP: savj.org or (912) 355-8111

Collective resilience requires more than just shared hope - it is also fueled by shared experiences, shared narratives, and shared power.

— Sheryl Sandberg

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Marion Levy Mendel

Who died Saturday, March 2, 2019.

She is survived by her daughter Joan Levy Levy, son BH (Margie) Levy, Jr., and grandchildren, Jennifer Leigh Levy (Joseph Cowart), Dr. Benjamin H. Levy, III, and Elizabeth Levy (Dan)

Karen, and great granddaughters, Lily and Ruby Cowart and Soleil Karen.

Remembrance donations may be made to Congregation Mickve Israel, Mildred Abrahams Kuhr Music Fund, 20 E. Gordon Street, Savannah, GA 31401.



YOM HASHOAH

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MAY 2, 2019 - JEWISH EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM - READING OF THE NAMES

In observance of Yom HaShoah, we read the names of children who died in the Holocaust in 15 minute shifts. To sign up to read names visit www.savj.org

6:00PM - COMMUNITY OBSERVANCE

Candle lighting, Holocaust contest awards & special guest Carolyn Enger. Carolyn weaves a multimedia tapestry - interweaving video and audio testimony with the music of composers from the salon period to tell the story of the Mischlige (a derogatory Nazi term for those neither fully Jewish nor fully Aryan. For more information visit savj.org or call 912-355-8111.



Happy Passover from the Savannah Jewish Archives!



Rabbi Abraham I. Rosenberg, Congregation B'nai B'rith Jacob, blesses the wine during a Pesach Seder in the 1950s. Also included in this photo are Sylvia Rabinowitz Rosenberg, Jules Rosenberg, and Judith Rosenberg Sklar Becker. This image is just one of 6,000 that are currently being catalogued.

Feel free to search the photos at:
archives.thebreman.org.

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Isha L'Isha-Haifa Feminist Center

Established in 1983, Isha L'Isha is the oldest grassroots feminist organization in Israel and one of the leading voices of women's rights in the country. The organization is based in Haifa and works primarily in the northern part of Israel. However, many of their projects—past and present—focus on implementing system-wide solutions to problems faced by women. As a result, Isha L'Isha has a national influence, reaching target audiences throughout Israel.

Isha L'Isha's mission is to advance the status and rights of women and girls, and to promote peace, security and socio-economic justice from a feminist perspective through education, research, dissemination of knowledge and public events.

Currently, their main areas of activity include Fighting Against Trafficking in Women and Prostitution; Women and Medical Technologies; and Building an Empowered Community of Women. They are active in raising issues onto the public agenda that affect the lives of women through conferences, public awareness campaigns, demonstrations, and coalition work. They provide a platform for discussion of and action on issues such as feminism and women's rights, violence against women, reproductive rights, discrimination in work and society, sexual orientation, the economy, ecological and environmental issues, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and healthcare.

Isha L'Isha's vision is a society where all women—regardless of religion, ethnicity or cultural background—enjoy equal rights in all fields, including economic, social, and political; a society without gender-based violence; a society in which women's voices are heard, and in which women have full and equal access.

While their mission remains constant, over the years the focus of their activities has varied to include a range of projects and issues. Isha L'Isha is

also a social change incubator. Over the years numerous Isha L'Isha projects have evolved into independent organizations, among them the Hotline for Battered Women, the Kayan Arab Feminist Center, and the Women's Economic Empowerment Association. Isha L'Isha also serves as a resource

center that provides information to women over the phone and maintains a feminist library that serves the entire community.

Isha L'Isha has more than 30 years' experience in running grassroots projects and has earned a national reputation for professionalism and dedication to feminist causes. Our staff members and activists are frequently invited to participate in coalition and Parliamentary meetings to provide the input, ideas and know-how that result from our experience. We are repeatedly called upon to lecture and provide comments on social events shaping women's daily lives.



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June 17 - 21 (3rd & up)

Travel Camp
June 10 - 14 (6th & up)

Nature's Pantry
June 24 - 28 (All Ages)

Day Trekkers
July 15 - 19 (4th & up)

Magic Camp
July 22 - 26 (All Ages)

Science Camp with a Harry Potter Twist!

Explore Tampa and visit Busch Gardens, ZooTampa and more!

Multi-Cultural Farm to Table Cooking Camp!

Adventurous and exciting day trips around the area!

Magic Mark will be teaching illusions and card tricks!

JEA Camp Savannah
"Inside the Outdoors"

Ready, Set, Survive
Jun 3-7
This action-packed week will be an awesome guide to make sure campers are ready and set to survive!

Backyard Explorers
Jun 11-14
We will venture around Savannah searching for Geocaches, learn how to fish, and taste some local treats from the area!

Nature Unleashed
Jun 17-21
Join us as we make volcanoes explode, tomadoes twist and then we shake things up by making our own seismographs and terrariums.

The Amazing Race
Jun 24-28
We are going on a journey with stops in Asia for sushi making, Australia for boomerang building, and Scotland for bagpipe listening!

Shipwrecked
Jul 1-5
Search for shark teeth, participate in the JEA's edition of Shark Tank, and design boats for the 3rd Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta.

Wet, Wild & Yucky
Jul 8-12
From the Messy Olympics, to Fear Factor competitions and our first-ever Color War Extravaganza, we will have every camper wanting more.

Claws, Paws & Jaws
Jul 15-19
We will make treats for local animal shelters, venture out on a dolphin cruise and even get a special visit from some furry and scaly friends.

Camp Rocks
Jul 22-26
Campers will rock out as they learn the dance routines they'll perform for their families for a brand new take on our Glee Show.

Open to all children grades K - 10th!
For more information please visit www.SavannahJEA.org!

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Adult Programming



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



Food For Thought

Join us each Thursday at 12:30pm

April 4	Collectable Appraisals Beth Kinstler	April 25	JEA Closed
April 11	Savannah Voice Festival – Broadway Tunes	May 2	Yom HaShoah
April 18	The Sherpa Institute Sandy Berens	May 9	Post Israel Election Motti Locker

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Don't forget to make your reservation at the JEA desk or by calling 912-355-8111.
Have a suggestion for a new speaker? Contact Orly Henkin at orlyhenkin@savj.org

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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 Feb. 6, 2019)

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



Health & Wellness

Gentle Yoga

We are pleased to welcome Caroline Daruna to the Fitness Department. Caroline is a native of New Orleans. She and her family have lived in Savannah for nine years. Caroline is a professional artist and certified Yoga Instructor. Her passion for health and fitness began when she was young and she took it upon herself to exercise and learn about nutrition. She has kept a habit of healthy living throughout the years, building upon what she's learned.

Her introduction to yoga began young as well when she saw a family friend do a complicated arm balance pose and was mesmerized. It wasn't until she was in her early twenties that she undertook a serious yoga practice. Caroline has been practicing for 15 years. She completed her 200 hour certification to teach in 2018 and has since built



work and awareness.

Caroline joined the JEA team in December of 2018 and has enjoyed meeting new friends and watching her students grow as practitioners.

Caroline is teaching Gentle Yoga Tuesday's at 10:30am.

She lives near the JEA with her husband Carlos and her two children, Ezra and Lila (Lila is a graduate of the JEA Preschool).



a solid teaching philosophy based on alignment, strength building, breath

Elaine Fox is Back



Elaine is a living example of flexibility both in personality and physicality, packed with determination of will and a fierce spirit. Her positive outlook and spirit gave her the physical and mental strength to go through all that was involved in her treatment of stage 3 esophageal cancer. Now she's back at the JEA and better than ever!

Elaine now works as a Coach for the LiveSTRONG Program and is back teaching Gentle Yoga on Friday mornings at 10am. She is also available for Personal Yoga clients at the JEA Fitness Center. She enjoys working with seniors, as well as those who have physical challenges such as injuries and illnesses.

Try Elaine's Gentle Yoga class – if you like it, speak with her about personal yoga training and all it can do for you, or you can contact Kat Ackerman at fitness@savj.org.

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 - Silver Sneakers Circuit
- 5:15 pm - Fast & Fit



Tuesday

- 9:15 am - Power Pilates
- 10:00 am - SilverSneakers Splash
- 10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
- 10:30 am - Gentle Yoga
- 7:00 pm - Aikido

Wednesday

- 8:45 am - Firm It Up
- 10:00 am - Sun Flow Yoga
- 10:30 am - SilverSneakers Silver Step
- 4:30 pm - Fast & Fit
- 6:00 pm - H.I.I.T



Thursday

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



Friday

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

Gentle Yoga

Gentle Yoga is a slow-paced class focusing on breath and alignment, as you perform gentle movements that emphasize posture, mobility, strength and deep relaxation. This class is appropriate for all levels, from first timers to seasoned yogis!

Classes are held:

- Tuesday 10:30–11:30am
- Friday 10–11am



JEA Preschool Savannah News

Enroll Now 2019-20 School Year

Limited spaces available for the upcoming school year.

Contact Jodi Sadler, Director, at Jodi@savj.org or 912-355-8111 to set up a tour

JEA Preschool Summer Program begins June 3. We are now accepting registrations. Open to all children ages 12 months and walking through 4 years old.

June 3-14 - Session 1: Commotion in the Ocean

We'll learn about the underwater world of our oceans and create an aquarium.

June 17-28 - Session 2: Space is the Place

We'll learn about gravity, astronaut food and more!

July 1-12 - Session 3: Mountain Madness

We'll camp out, learn about animals, waterfalls, creeks and more!

July 15-26 - Session 4: Diggin' in the Desert

Try an archeological dig, discover reptiles and build a teepee!

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

Dell Belew

For as long as she can remember, Dell Belew has been fascinated by color, especially colorful paintings. In 1975, she bought her first oil paints and brushes and put color on a canvas. From that moment she knew she had the ability to recreate beauty, and her passion for creativity grew. In 1985, she received a studio art degree from Armstrong and went on to complete a doctorate in English in 1994. She taught at the university level until 2015 when she retired to pursue her painting and writing.

Says Dell, "I was distraught when I began an art degree because I had to learn other media, but every new medium I tried added to my passion for expression. Today, I paint whatever I want and in whatever style I want. One of my books is titled *Art: The Language of the Soul* in which I talk about the many ways art informs us and brings health to our minds and bodies. I presently teach a creative writing class to seniors at Generation One where most participants are writing their memoirs—another creative medium."

In 1999 and 2000, Dell engaged in her most fulfilling experience as she painted mandalas during worship services. She would take the abstract paintings home and wait for them to suggest the interpretations; the outcome produced prose poetry. The experience allowed her to express all of her gifts and talents.

Dell's love of form and color has led her to a variety of media, always trying to find the best ways to express beauty. Although she primarily paints in watercolor, oils, and acrylics, she also enjoys pastels and charcoal drawing. As a photographer, she is often looking for compositions through her lens that she will use for painting. Dell teaches painting in person and on her art tutorials on her YouTube channel.



Cypress Chapel



Zebulon

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Join us for the Art Gallery Reception April 7, 3:30-5:30 pm



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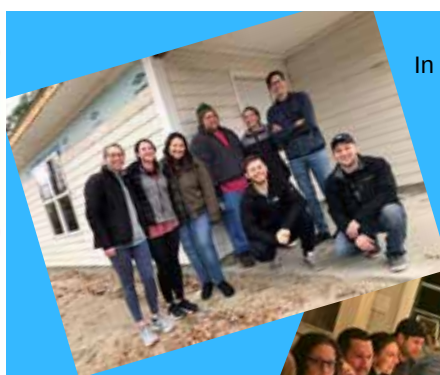


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If you are Jewish, in your 20s and 30s and want to meet new people, connect to the community and make a difference - YJS is where you want to be!

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

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



In January, YJS participated in Mitzvah Day by helping to build a house with Habitat for Humanity.



Thank you to Caitlin Gardner for hosting a beautiful Shabbat dinner at your home in February!



SEARCHING FOR YJS CONNECTORS

Do you want to help Young Jewish Savannah grow? Want to help people connect to the Jewish community? Want to be the first person to meet the new people in town? Young Jewish Savannah is looking for YJS Connectors!

Interested? Send an email to yjs@savj.org.



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**All submissions must be received by the
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Your Campaign Dollars At Work My Camp Story

By Chloe Steinert

My name is Chloe Steinert. I am going into the 4th grade at Rambam Day School. This summer I went to sleep away camp at Camp Judea. Camp Judea is in Hendersonville, North Carolina. There are mountains and lakes. It is very pretty and there are a lot of fun things to do.

My bunk this year was Offarim. I got to meet a lot of new friends from all over the country. I made new friends from Miami, Atlanta, and even Puerto Rico. Even though camp is over, I still talk to my friends on Skype or Face-time. I'm glad we still get to talk.

At camp I did a lot of different activities. Every day we went to the pool or the lake. The lake has a very

cool inflatable slide and bouncy pad. I also went zip-lining, played ten-

nis, farmed, hiked, and played gaga ball. We have gaga pits everywhere!! We went on a field trip bowling and got to go to Tweetsie Railroad. That was a lot of fun. We did an overnight camping trip in the woods. It was my first time camping and I want to do it again.

Every morning we did flag ceremony and davened. On Shabbos, we went to services and had free time to relax. When Shabbos ended we would have a big party with lots of music and dancing. It was my favorite part of camp.

I had fun at camp this summer. I made new friends and got to do a lot of fun things. I can't wait to go back next summer to Camp Judea.



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Georgia Builder Elected to Leadership of NAHB

LAS VEGAS, Feb. 21 - Jerry Konter, a Savannah, Ga.-based home builder and developer with more than 40 years of experience in the home building industry, was elected as the 2019 third vice chairman of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) during the association's International Builders' Show in Las Vegas.

Konter founded Konter Quality Homes in 1977. His company is one of the largest home building firms in Savannah and has created 17 communities and built more than 2,000 homes throughout the local metro area.

"This year we will work with Congress and the White House to ensure that housing remains a national priority and we will urge policymakers to reduce burdensome regulations that harm housing affordability," said Konter. "We will also call on federal lawmakers to enact comprehensive housing finance reform to ensure that single-family and multifamily housing credit remains readily available and affordable."

Konter has been active in the NAHB leadership structure at the local, state and national levels throughout his career. A senior life director, he has served on the NAHB Board of Directors for more than 25 years and is a member of the NAHB Executive Board.

He has also chaired several influential NAHB committees, including the Federal Government Affairs Committee, the State and Local Government Affairs Committee, the Conventions and Meetings Committee and the Land Development Committee. In 2013, Konter served as the

NAHB State Representative from Georgia. He also served two terms as the NAHB National Area 4 chairman.

He was elected president of the Home Builders Association of Georgia in 1998 and also served as president of the Savannah Home Builders Association in 1991. Konter was twice recognized as Savannah Builder of the Year and was inducted into both the local and state Home Builder Hall of Fame.

He also received several awards for outstanding service and leadership from both of the home builders associations.

Konter graduated from the University of Georgia in 1975 with a Bachelor of Business Administration from the School of Real Estate and Urban Affairs. Active from an early age in his local community, Konter was a member of the Jaycees, and served on the board of directors of the Savannah Humane Society. He served as president of the Jewish Educational Alliance, was a board member of the Savannah Jew-

ish Federation and served as a trustee of the Savannah Jewish Foundation. Konter was also a member of the Savannah Cham-

atham Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Konter's wife, Marcy, is the Customer Service Director at Konter Quality Homes. They have two adult children; Mark Konter, Vice President of the company, and Tess Konter Neudeck, who lives in New York.

NAHB's newly elected senior officers serve on a multi-year leadership ladder. Konter will become chairman of NAHB's Board of Directors in 2022.



Jerry Konter, National Association of Home Builders third vice chairman



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

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



Jodi Sadler, JEA Director Early Childhood Education

It wasn't until a recent conversation I had with my middle child, Beth, when I discovered something I did during her childhood. She told me that beginning at three years old, I would use vocabulary words not particularly common for a three-year old. She explained to me that she would repeat these complex words to her friends and would often have to explain what she was saying. I was totally unaware of speaking with her as I used a high level of vocabulary and language.

I suspect this practice had something to do with her successful educational journey. She enjoyed reading from a young age (her dad and I read to her every night) and she had a love of learning her whole life.

I share this story, not to brag about my wonderful daughter. Rather to share with others the importance of using sophisticated vocabulary with young children and how language development at an early age can be so valuable in later years of a child's life.

Research shows that strong oral language skills predict later reading

Eye on education

What to Say to Your Young Child

comprehension beyond the contribution made by word recognition skills in the early grades (NICHD Early Child Care Research Network 2005).

Molly Collins writes in her article titled *Sagacious, Sophisticated, and Sedulous: The Importance of Discussing 50-Cent Words with Preschoolers* that preschoolers who hear rich explanations of sophisticated words learn significantly more words than children who do not (Collins 2010). These studies provide compelling evidence for the benefits of teaching sophisticated vocabulary to children in preschool through first grade, and they describe useful strategies and contexts for supporting this development.

Therefore, speak to and read books with your young child that contain complex vocabulary and make sure to explain the words you are using with them. The children will be the ones to reap the benefits of your powerful interactions.

Please come volunteer to read to the children at JEA Preschool Savannah. In this way, you will be able to make an impact on our future generation.

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Robin Rackoff

Mah Jongg And More

The expression “What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas” does not apply to Mah Jongg tournaments. What fun would it be to go and not talk about it afterward? I’ve now been to three, so here’s the quick-and-dirty account, and I do mean dirty!

Year 1: My sister and I check into the hotel where the tournament will be held. We realize that house-keeping doesn’t know this room exists because it obviously has never been cleaned. I make the mistake of looking under the bed for my missing shoe. Better to have gone shoe-less! In our downtime, we engage in a rousing game of “Name That Carpet Stain.” Similar to identifying clouds, I say, “that one looks like a bear,” and she says, “no, it’s a horse.” Not as much fun as you might think. With no other rooms available, we tough it out. When we complain to the tournament director about the accommodations, she explains that none of the better casino hotels would agree to host this group of 500 older women who don’t eat enough, drink enough, or gamble enough. We are the target audience of no one (except maybe advertisers of Polident or Depends).

On tournament day, I walk into the giant hall set up for 500 players. Even after a half-century of playing, my knees are knocking and my heart racing. All tournaments require that you up your game to a higher

level but the one in Las Vegas is in a league of its own. Just before the first session, someone whispers in my ear that the women sitting to my right is a “shark”. I don’t even know what that means, but I am hyper-ventilating now! She turns out to be a very intimidating opponent who always manages to finish in the top ten, including in this tournament. That first year, I can only hope to not embarrass myself. Mission accomplished!

Years 2 and 3: Accommodations significantly improved – not an animal shape to be found. I wish

I could say the same about my game, but no trophies for me. Lots of mah jonggs, but not nearly enough. The lightning speed is the biggest chal-

lenge since there’s no time to think. Also, you could be called dead without even knowing that you’re doing anything wrong. A player tapping the wrong end of the wall, asking, “Is this the side I take from?”, is deemed dead because she touched a tile that wasn’t hers!

While it was nice to win a cute mah jongg bowl in the raffle, I hope that someday, I can be standing in the winners’ circle next to the “shark,” holding a check with lots of zeroes. Next year, we’ll be in Paris, baby! (Paris Hotel/Casino, that is). Yes, it is stressful. Yes, it is intimidating. And yes, I had the time of my life!

Until then, let’s maj on!

Eva Locker,
Principal of
Shalom School

Eye on education

Happy Passover

I want to wish everyone a happy Passover season. Each year when my family gets together to read the hagaddah,

I reflect on the extreme difficulties that our forefathers and foremothers had during their lifetimes. The exodus from Egypt, the Holocaust, and other events that test Jews and Jew’s belief in the Almighty, and the Almighty’s belief in us, come with extreme sacri-

fice. I look around the table at seder service and am thankful for the family and friends that support me through the travails of life. I also reflect upon the relatively lucky life I live in Savannah, Georgia. I know that we have a strong community that, if challenged with extreme adversity, will support each other. I hope that during Passover we will all appreciate the life the Almighty has given us.

A Friendly Reminder

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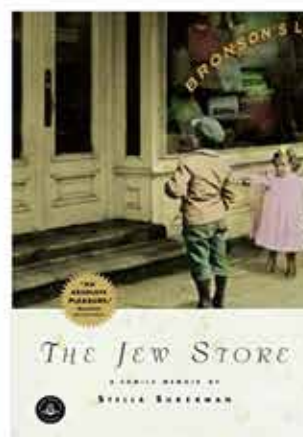
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CMI BOOK BANTER

Wednesday, April 24, 1pm

Do you enjoy reading? Do you like discussing what you read with others? Does exchanging differing views and interpretations of books excite you? Then you may be just the person who would enjoy attending CMI Book Banter.

Our book for April will be
"The Jew Store" by Stella Suserman.

Passover Seders

First Night, April 19, 6pm

Second Night, April, 20, 6pm

Menu:

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| • Matzah ball soup | • Roasted potatoes |
| • Grilled salmon with caper-lemon relish | • Matzo stuffing |
| • Roasted chicken breast, arugula, pear, pecans and natural au jus | • Mixed vegetables |
| • Tzimmes | • Green Salad |
| | • Dessert |

Paid RSVP by April 16 call 912-233-1547

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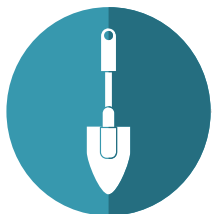


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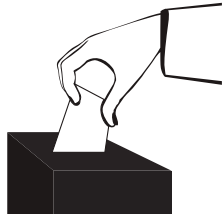
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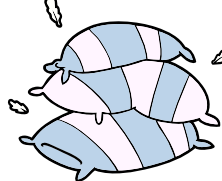
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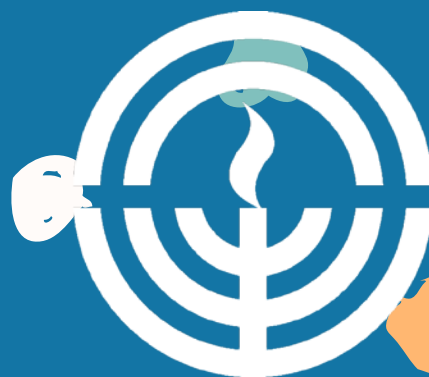
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