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Happy 285th Birthday, Savannah Jewish Community - Mickve Israel Celebrates

by Jane Kahn

Congregation Mickve Israel, third oldest Jewish congregation in the United States, will celebrate its 285th anniversary on July 13 and 14.

Featured speaker will be Rabbi David Saperstein, former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, the nation's top diplomat on religious freedom issues. He currently is adjunct professor, Center for Jewish Civilization and senior research fellow at the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs at Georgetown University.

Rabbi Saperstein will speak at Friday evening services, which begin at 6:15 p.m. July 13, will deliver a brief sermonette at 11 a.m. services, Saturday, July 14, and again during the Kiddush Lunch following.



Rabbi David Saperstein

On July 11, 1733, just five months after General James Edward Oglethorpe arrived from England to found the Georgia colony, 41 brave Jewish settlers from England anchored in the Savannah River.

The young colony had lost lives to illness, and the band of Jews aboard

the William and Sarah could help repopulate the fledgling community. Additionally, there was a doctor aboard, who would aid in treating the dysentery epidemic.

From the beginning, when Oglethorpe welcomed them, Jews have been able to practice their religion freely and share equally in the distribution of land. Ever since, Mickve Israel's members have been an integral part of the Savannah community; serving in the military, in government, in the professions and as business and civic leaders.

In fact, historian and author, Michael Jordan speaking recently at Mickve Israel, noted that the history of the congregation is intricately tied up with the history of Savannah. "I know of no other synagogue in the

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Revamped Agudath Achim Chapel Blends Traditional and Modern

For much of the last two thousand years, one of the primary goals of Judaism has been to determine how to preserve the tradition of our ancestors while simultaneously adapting it to changing times, world-views, and technologies.

In every generation, the rabbis and other Jewish leaders have thought, studied, and debated how we as Jews are supposed to respond to these changes.

We at Congregation Agudath Achim have been having these conversations in the microcosm of renovating our chapel.

The Karp Chapel has been generously supported by Gustave and Sheryl



Sidney Karp, Sheryl & Stavie Kreh in front of the Karp Chapel

Kreh and Sidney Karp in memory of their brother, Eric Nathan Karp, and their parents, Annette & Melvin Karp since Eric's death in 1971. Most recently, it has become the ritual center of our synagogue. However,

the years have taken their toll and the chapel has been showing its age. The Kreh and Karp families generously approached the AA leadership about updating it.

As we put together a

committee and developed a vision for the space, the question became: how do we keep AA's rich history visually intact while incorporating modern best practices for creating sacred space?

The result, which will be finished and unveiled in early June, will aesthetically accomplish merging these two worlds.

Many of the key elements of AA's history will remain. The ark, the lions of Judah, the reading table, the ner tamid (eternal light) and six of the pews which have followed our congregation from its original home

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Veterans corner

A Memorable Jewish War Veterans Meeting

By A.J. Haysman,
Lt. Col., USAF (Ret)
Post 320 Commander
Jewish War Veterans

On May 6, 2018, we had a meeting of the of the Jewish War Veterans Post #320. If you missed it, you really did miss a great meeting. In addition to a wonderful breakfast, we had Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Ken Dwyer, Hunter AAF Garrison Commander speak to us. Anyone who did not hear him, missed an inspirational

presentation. In fact, I can say that each person in attendance was moved by his determination, reverence and devotion to his family and country.

LTC Dwyer related that approximately 12 years ago as a member of a Special Forces team in Afghanistan, a friendly force of 52 soldiers (17 American and 35 Afghani), were engaged by a enemy force of approximately 125-130. During the ensuing firefight, LTC Dwyer took a direct hit with a rocket propelled grenade. The blast

injured much his upper torso. His left arm was blown off in the initial blast. Shrapnel tore through his neck severing his vocal cords and exited through the back part of his neck. He lost his left eye due to the explosion. Additionally, his right arm was badly mangled and it was only through the skill of the battlefield doctors that allowed him to fully recover its full use. I describe his wounds in detail because it is imperative to explain to you how bad he was injured and how his bravery and grit did not allow the injury to define him. LTC Dwyer spent and additional six months in a hospital recovering. He fought to remain on active duty and continued his dis-

tinguished career. In the subsequent years since that fated mission, he has deployed once again to Afghanistan and even remained on jump status up until this current assignment! He even told us how with his prosthetic arm, he can still do pushups and has no limitations in physical fitness test or performance.

LTC Dwyer is thankful to G-d he was able to return to his family. He credits two of his team members who exposed themselves to sustained enemy fire to render aid that saved his life. He explained that

he was lucky enough to be part of a team that each member cares more for the other members success and well-being than they do for own. As veterans we are all proud of our service, and I agree with the sentiment

that LTC Dwyer related that the "never was there a greater force for good on this planet than the US military.... we're not perfect, but when you look at what the US military has accomplished over the last two hundred years, we should be proud of our brothers and sis-

ters."

LTC Dwyer also discussed how proud he was to be stationed in Savannah, Ga. He said that this is the most military/veteran supportive town he has ever been stationed. Please remember our military as they continue the fight every day. We always have soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and Coast Guardsmen who put themselves into harms way every single day in service of their country.

I want to give you some of the direct quotes that LTC Dwyer left us with:

"Life is too short not to have a good laugh" - He makes fun of his

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LETTERS

T O T H E E D I T O R

Dear Savannah Federation,

My students and I wanted to thank you for an incredible evening at the "Holocaust Remembrance event." I have never seen my students so proud of their accomplishments! Thank you so much for the detail and all of the little touches that went in to recognizing their work!

Personally, I was very emotionally moved by "Mr. George's" life story. I know my students felt the same way. We were able to bring Mr. George's story to our school and "make a difference."

Thank you for extending your heart and bridging two communities into "one."

Fondly,
Jeff Irvine
6th grade teacher
West Chatham Middle School

Dear Editor,

I want to publicly thank AJ Haysman, Post Commander, and the Board of JWV Post 320, for inviting the Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Kenneth Dwyer to speak at the JEA Sunday May 6th. As usual there was a wonderful brunch and fellowship of those who have served their country amidst some of us, like me, who just

were there in support of our Post's activities.

Lt. Col. Dwyer sustained life-threatening injuries in Afghanistan a dozen years ago, during one of his many tours of duty in war zones. I found it touching that such a young family man has already had to learn so many life lessons through hardship, the support and bravery of his team members, and the love of family and friends. Despite his story of amazing challenges, his talk was not only thought-provoking, but humorous.

The challenges he has to overcome daily suggested new ways for this young man to deal with problems and helped me put mine in perspective. I hope the JEA can invite him back to tell his story of bravery, triumph and team spirit and perseverance to a larger crowd.

Though I paraphrase, he said people with a positive attitude help create a positive influence on others, and by providing service to others, help themselves. What a wonderful message for our Jewish community!

Thank you again to Post 320 for all you do to help us from forgetting to thank our veterans and our active military men and women.

Carol M. Towbin Greenberg
A JWV Post 320 Fan

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Executive Director's Message Imparting Lifelong Values

Every two years Jewish Community Center Association gathers for their Biennial. Professionals and

lay leaders from YMHAs, JCCs, Camps, and the Jewish Welfare Board (Jewish Chaplains) get together to share and learn together. For three days we were part of diverse presentations like "Navigating a New Global Landscape, Israel in the Mind of North America, Engagement and Community Building: Pushing the Boundaries, Governance, Generational Change in Jewish Life, Sparking Ideas through Innovationthe list goes on and on.

There is something for everyone. No matter what your need, whatever you were looking for, it was there. With so many great offerings, JEA incoming President, Robyn Carroll and I split up for all the sessions to try and get the most learning possible.

One of the sessions I attended was titled "*The Power of Engaging Children at JCC Day Camp and Why it Holds the Key to the Future.*" With such an ambitious title, I couldn't resist attending this seminar; and boy was I glad I did. Led by Tom Rosenberg, CEO of American Camp Association (the largest "camp nonprofit" that sets standards of health and safety with over 12,000 members) and Jeremy Fingerman, CEO of the Foundation for Jewish Camp (with a mission to build a strong Jewish future through transformative Jewish summers), the seminar exceeded my expectations.

Each of the presenters was fascinating and spoke about how life-changing a Jewish summer camp experience is and what an opportunity and responsibility we have (as Jewish leaders). As they spoke I kept reflecting on our JEA summer camp programs. *How did we stack up? Are we "hitting the goal?" What opportunities do we have? What changes should we make?* The questions went on and on and became even clearer when Rosenberg cited some statistics: *Only 24% of children spend time with friends outside of school; 49% of children say that text messaging is their preferred method of communication; 57% say they make their friends online.* How could you

hear these facts and not be concerned. Increased screen time means decreased personal relationships and social interaction which leads to an increase in loneliness and depression.

Rosenberg went on to share that he had recently met with Human Resources leaders of Google and Facebook, and in that meeting they identified the skills that they believe will be most important in the year 2040: deep self knowledge, decision making, empathy, thriving in ambiguity and being adaptable and flexible.

At the end of the meeting he said that he was giddy thinking about how closely these skills align with what we aspire to do in Jewish day camping.

A great camping experience is deeply immersive, models community,

rewards positive risk taking, builds confidence, self esteem and skill development, and inspires curiosity and creativity.

Jeremy Fingerman spoke about how a great Jewish camp is where young people find positive Jewish role models and forge a vital lifelong connection to their essential Jewishness. In "*looking in the mirror,*" I could not help smiling when I thought about 250 voices singing Shabbat songs on Friday, the celebrations of Israel throughout the summer, special Friday Shabbat celebration meals, and teaching the children (Jewish and non Jewish) Shabbat prayers and the value of separation from the rest of the week.

Our JEA Camp Savannah does all that. Just look at some of the weekly theme names Yom Huledet Sameach Israel learning about Israel through fun activities, *Camp is Incredible* where children challenge themselves in a ninja obstacle course, *Color War Week* where they learn to work together for the benefit of the team; Science of Slime, a science packed week filled with zany experiments, and *Please Don't Stop the Music* as campers work together all week culminating in a Camp Savannah MusicFest performance for family and friends.

Relationship building is the hallmark of the JEA Summer camp programming and we see it every day in the halls, pools, and fields of our facility.

In a world that is changing more quickly than we can imagine, the values and skills shared at JEA Camp Savannah is one of the greatest opportunities we have to affect the future.

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Allan Ratner
President
Savannah Jewish Federation

President's message Thanks To All Our Donors

The 2018 Savannah Jewish Federation Community Campaign is finally over!

Although most of the donations come in within the first three months, it takes the next three months to make all the calls that get to our goal.

This year our goal was 1,100,000. and we exceeded it by more than \$12,000, thanks to our donors, campaign workers, and to all who helped with the campaign. Now the hard part begins.

We have 34 community members who have agreed to participate on the Budget & Allocation Committee. They are a broad cross section of the community. They are synagogue members and unfiliated, young and old, experienced and new, male and female, with a goal of establishing a group that reflects the diversity of our community. The Committee hears requests from the various organizations that are in need of funding, and then puts together a recommendation for the Savannah Jewish Federation Board as to how to allocate the funds from the many requests they receive.

It is then up to the SJF Board of Governors to review the recommendations of the Allocation

Committee, make any adjustments they deem necessary to support to needs of the community (both here and overseas), and then vote on the allocation.

One point that is often misunderstood. Some donations are designated to a specific organization or program. These funds are deducted from the allocable dollars. Once the allocation process has been completed, and the Board has voted on the final distribution, ONLY THEN, are the designated funds added to the organization's allocation. That way the additional funding goes to the program to which it was intended.

Our goal is to honor donor's recommendations and to be 100% transparent. The distributions from the Annual Campaign is published in the Savannah Jewish News and reflected in our Annual report.

I would like to thank the more than 600 donors to this year's campaign, and if you did not give, or were not contacted, you can always give a pledge now...every dollar counts. Every dollar makes a difference in the lives of the Jewish community, here in Savannah, in Israel, and throughout the world.

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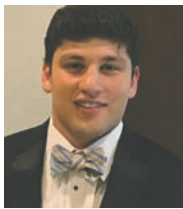
Mazel Tov to the 2018 High School and College Graduates!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



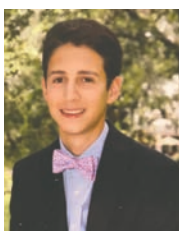
Max Bender
Friends' Central School

The son of Cari Feiler Bender and Rodd Bender and grandson of Jane and Ed Feiler, Max participated in Math Modeling, Varsity Track, Chemistry Peer Tutoring, and Varsity Swim where he was honored with Most Improved Swimmer Award. He studied photography both in and out of school including going on an expedition to Bhutan to study with a National Geographic photographer. Max will be attending Rice University with the goal of studying computer science.



Adam Byck
Savannah Country Day School

The son of Melinda and Edwin Byck, Adam was a highly awarded high school athlete having been named MVP in football in 11th and 12th grade, 1st team offensive team in football, and received the Stuart Sleigh Award in football for maintaining scholastic achievement, leadership, commitment and character as well as varsity basketball and track (he holds two SCDS records). In addition to his athletic accomplishments, Adam participated in BBYO, was published in the US literary magazine Amanusensis, and volunteered for the carretta project tagging turtles, and collected flip flops for homeless shelters for three years. Adam will be attending McDaniel College and plans on double majoring in business and pre-dental while playing football for the Green Terror.



Ben Cohen
Benedictine Military School

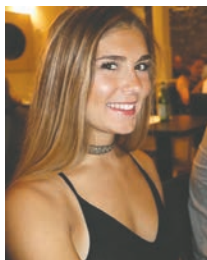
The son of Ms. Lisa Podem and Dr. Scott Cohen, Ben attended Rambam Day School from 2 years of age through eighth grade. He participated in National Council of Synagogue Youth during high school and

will be attending Georgia Southern University in Statesboro.



David DeVaro
Savannah Country Day School

The son of Josepha and John DeVaro, David was class Treasurer for all four years of high school, played Varsity soccer, was Robotics Club president, participated in Math Club and performed in the SCDS Jazz Band. He is a National Merit Scholarship winner, 2018 GA All-State Jazz Piano winner, and Was recognized as Chatham Country Star Student. Additionally he was a member of National Honor Society and was awarded UGA Certificate of Merit, RPI Aware, SCDS Louis Armstrong and Laurel Awards. He played club soccer with SC United FC winning the SC state championships and played in the US Regional and National championships. David will be attending University of Pennsylvania and plans on majoring in biology/biochemistry with plans to attend medical school in the future. He attended Shalom School through seventh grade.



Lily Glass
Savannah Country Day School

The daughter of Liz and Bill Glass, Lily was her class Vice President, participated in Cooking for a Cause, Hearty Snacks and on the school Volleyball team. She was awarded Headmaster's Award in Soccer and Volleyball for maintaining the highest GPA on the team is a member of the National Honors Society and is graduating "cum laude." Lily is President and founder of UTime Savannah, a service initiative where she recruited other students to provide free babysitting to special needs children in the community. Lily will be attending GA Tech and plans on majoring in business with a career goal "to be CEO or founder of a company or non-profit organization." She attended Shalom School from K-5th grade.



Jami Goldstein
St Andrews School

The daughter of Lisa and Doug Goldstein, Jami was on the cheerleading squad throughout high school (Co Captain Jr year, Captain, Senior year), and was an active participant on the Green team, Cooking Club, Spirit Club, gymnastics and tumbling as well as editor of the St Andrews Yearbook, the Claymore. She was MVP in Varsity Cheer, was on Honor Roll every semester, was inducted into the National Honor Society, French and Spanish Honor Societies. Jami was a member of NCSY and BBYO where she was President (N'siah) in her Junior year and VP Senior Year. She will be attending Kennesaw State University to study psychology with a goal of becoming a Children's Therapist. She attended Shalom School and Afternoon Hebrew School.



Jared Goldstein
Benedictine Military School

The son of Stefanie and Eric Goldstein, Eric was a member of the Benedictine Golf team and JROTC-Battalion S1. He was on the school's Honor Roll (9, 10, 11, & 12) and was a participant in National Council of Synagogue Youth. Jared will be attending University of Alabama in the Fall where he will be majoring in Business Administration. He attended Shalom School.



Abraham Lebos
Savannah Arts Academy

The son of Jessica and Mark Lebos, Abraham was a theatre major and played the lead in three annual musicals including Prince Charming in Cinderella and was the Treasurer of the International Thespian Society. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Beta

Club, French Language Society (winner of the French Student Award 2017), and the Mu Alpha Theta Math Society. Abraham will be attending University of Georgia with a major in Chemistry with a career goal of attending medical school to become a cardiothoracic or trauma surgeon. He attended Shalom School through seventh grade and served as Musical leader guiding younger students in song and performance. He attended Camp Judea in North Carolina for eight years and travelled to Israel in 2017 as part of YJ's Machon Program.



Shani Locker
Savannah Arts Academy

The daughter of Eva and Motti Locker, Shani was president of Future Business Leaders of America, NCSY SE Region Board, and the Jewish Student Union at SAA. She is a member of the National Honors Society. Shani will be attending Stern College for Women pursuing a degree in Business. She attended Rambam Day School K-8 and Shalom School.



Uri Locker
Savannah Arts Academy

The son of Eva and Motti Locker, Uri was active in the Beta Club, Math Club, and Future Business Leaders of America, Jewish Club. He was on the Varsity Soccer team, participated in the Savannah Science Seminar, was a National Merit Finalist, was regional VP for NCSY and was on the Children's Hospital Teen Advisory Board. Uri will be attending University of Maryland where he will be pursuing a degree in Neuroscience. He attended Rambam Day School K-8 and Shalom School.



Jessica Rose Sentman
Savannah Country Day School

The daughter of Rebecca and

James Sentman, Jessica was very active in the Drama department, was a founding member and Historian of the Thespian Society, and founding member of the Diversity Club at SCDS. She won best actress in a one-act play at Armstrong Atlantic State University, best actress in a one-act play, and outstanding performance in a one-act play from the GA High School Association. Jessica will be attending Brandeis University where she will be pursuing a degree majoring in Theatre. She attended Shalom School through seventh grade.

COLLEGE GRADUATES



Marissa C. Karp
*US Military Academy
at West Point*

The daughter of Sidney Karp, Marissa graduated with a Bachelor of Science. She was on Dean's List for all four years of college and was recipient of the Distinguished Cadet Award. Marissa was active in Jewish choir, spirit band, ski patrol, the cooking club and premedical society. She received academic honors, was awarded the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge and the Superintendent's Award for excellence. Marissa will be commissioned for active duty and hopes to attend medical school or pursue graduate studies in Biotechnology or Biomechanics.



Marissa Levine
*Kennesaw State
University*

The daughter of Lynne and Mark Levine, Marissa graduated with Honors with a Bachelors of Business Administration with a Management major, Entrepreneurship minor and certificate in Music Movement. She was on the board of Kennesaw Chabad where she served as President for two years, was a founding member of E4 Angels, a women's entrepreneurs group and served as director of public relations for the Residence Hall Association. Marissa plans to start her career in the music industry working in Artist Development. She attended Rambam Day School through eighth grade and was a graduate of Savannah Arts Academy,



Nina Luskey
*Vanderbilt
University*

The daughter of Debby and Barry Luskey, Nina graduated with a BA in Neuroscience and Spanish. She was a member of Tri Delta sorority, was a Vanderbilt tour guide and a research assistant in the neuroscience lab of Dr. Jon Kaas. Nina was Vice President and site leader of the Manna Project International Vanderbilt (a service organization to rural Latin American communities and was a volunteer Spanish medical interpreter at Shade Tree Clinic. After a year in Madrid, Spain at Ausiliar de Conversacion at the Spanish Ministry of Education, Nina will attend University of Texas Health San Antonio Long School of Medicine.



Mandy Salmon
*Georgia Institute
of Technology*

The daughter of Nadine and Richard Salmon, Mandy graduated with a BS in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering with a minor in Spanish. She was President of the GA Tech Swim Club, a member of Alpha Phi Foundation (Red Dress Gala CoChair), a member of the Society for Women in Engineering, American Institute of Chemical Engineers and a GT1000Team leader. Many is a Fulbright Award recipient, and a recipients of the Twenty First Century Scholar Award from Perelman School of Medicine, U of Pennsylvania. She also was a medical volunteer at Al Farooq Free Medical Clinic in Atlanta and travelled to Peru to volunteer in clinics for medically underserved communities. Mandy will spend one year in Aebus, Denmark, studying Global Health and working on cardiovascular research at Aarhus University before attending the Perelman School of Medicine at U-Penn in the fall of 2019. She attended Rambam Day School from 2 years – eighth grade.

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Another BBYO Year in the Books

For the third year in a row, Savannah BBYO has held our Year End Awards Celebration, a newer tradition to recognize outstanding teen leaders, honor our graduating seniors, and install the newly elected chapter boards. Family and friends join together to celebrate the successes of this year and look back at old plaques, awards, and laugh at photo albums from the 90s and early 2000s. We say goodbye to graduating seniors who have made an impact on our organization and send them off knowing they are prepared for Jewish life after high school. The chapter boards install their new leaders and we look forward to seeing what they accomplish over the coming school year.

But everyone's favorite part (next to the video slideshow) are the awards. We hand out several awards throughout the celebration to honor those teens who put their heart and soul into BBYO. Reese Javetz and Marc Saul won "Favorite Collaborative Chapter Program" for their leadership in BBYO's Global Shabbat, a weekend where all BBYO teens celebrate Shabbat simultaneously across the nation. Reese Javetz and Noah Linfoot won "Favorite Chapter Programs" for their creativeness of planning every teen's favorite event, New Member Kidnaps. We also recognized the Savannah Teen Weekend Coordinators, Jordan Jaffie and Blake Strauss, for planning a great Teen Weekend.

The "Most Outstanding Rising Leader" went to Sarah Javetz and Sophie Rich because we know the potential they have in BBYO and we are excited to see them flourish this year. "Most Outstanding Chapter Leader" and "Most Outstanding Teen Leader" went to Jordan Jaffie who has proven her dedication and leadership to BBYO for the past 2 years.

Elaine Radetsky presented the "Sima Radetsky Outstanding BBG

Member in Training" award to Jordyn Linfoot. This award is given to a new B'nai B'rith Girl who showcases what it means to be a BBG and who shows potential as an upcoming leader. Allan Ratner, the Savannah Jewish Federation President, presented the "Janet M. Clark BBG Member of the Year" award to Jordan Jaffie, who won this award for the second year in a row. Lastly, Karen Cranman presented the "Matthew J. Cranman AZA Member of the Year" award to Noah Linfoot, who has shown his leadership as chapter Moreh (recruitment) and recently being elected to Dixie Council Board.

It is always a joyous occasion where parents kvell over their teen being recognized for their leadership over the past year. It's a bittersweet moment for grandparents who are thinking back to their BBYO memories and how it shaped their lives. It's a special day for a teen who is honored for their leadership in their chapter, and it's moment of excitement for that younger sister who wants to be in BBYO like her older brother. But for me, it is a moment of bliss. I am excited at the thought of developing a new group of leaders. I am proud to look back on the memories and accomplishments we made this year, and I am ready to welcome a new group of freshman into BBYO.

As we put another BBYO year in the books, I have nothing but thanks to give. Thank you to the Savannah Jewish Federation and Jewish Educational Alliance for their support of BBYO. Thank you to the families who encourage their teen to be involved in BBYO and carry on its traditions. And most importantly, thank you to the teens. Having the chance to be a part of your Jewish journey means so much to me, and I hope you know that I can give you an amazing BBYO experience like others did for me.

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BBYO and NCSY teens participating in a JServe community service project

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Wexler Clark BBG celebrating BBG Founders' Day with a Tea Party.

**Thanks for an
awesome year of
BBYO and BBYO
Connect!!**

Have a great summer!

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



The Jewish Educational Alliance presents a monthly program guide

CENTERPIECE

Jewish Educational Alliance June 2018



Health & Wellness

Eight Reasons to Drink Water



Kathy Ackerman
Fitness Director

With summer around the corner keep in mind the importance of hydration. Here in Savannah the heat can sneak up on us. Drinking water is the easiest and healthiest way to stay hydrated and detox the body. Try to stay away from fruit juice, sweet tea and soda.

If you feel thirsty, you are probably already dehydrated. Here are eight reasons to drink water:

1. **Battling Fatigue**—Water is one of the most important sources of energy for your body. Hydrating helps restore your body's cells which contribute to better sleeping habits, bodily functions and ample energy to get you through your day.
2. **Helps prevent weight gain**—If your body is depleted of water, your brain will want to replace it to get more energy. Unfortunately,

that means eating unwanted calories. Staying hydrated keeps the body happy and energized!

3. **Reduce High Blood Pressure**—The blood is approximately 92% water when fully hydrated. This can help the blood flow freely through arteries, veins and muscles, helping to prevent high blood pressure and other cardiac ailments. It is not a cure for high blood pressure or heart disease, but it can help.
4. **Reduce High Cholesterol**—If the body is dehydrated it needs to produce more cholesterol to help the cells function properly. Again, it is not a cure.
5. **Help Digestive Disorders**—Water can help reduce or eliminate bloating, gastritis and constipation. A well hydrated body helps the function of the intestinal tract, helping eliminate waste and toxins out of our bodies, leaving us less gassy and lethargic.
6. **Better Bladder and Kidney Function**—Dehydration can cause bacteria to build up in these organs causing more bladder and kidney infections. Water can help flush out microbes, eliminating toxins and bodily waste.
7. **Happy Joints & Cartilage**—The padding on our cartilage is made up of mostly water. If we are dehydrated the bones and joints can feel stiff and achy, especially as we age and have less padding to begin with. Water can help the body feel more

mobile and agile, as well as help the healing process of injuries.

8. **Help Slow the Aging Process**—Staying well hydrated makes us feel better, look more youthful and act younger! Don't forget, it can actually help us lose those extra pounds!

Here are some tips for making your water more palatable:

- Try adding lemon and oranges to your water.
- Adding Cucumbers can be very refreshing.
- Basil and Strawberries are one of my favorites.

Join the JEA

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

Types of Membership include:

Family Plans
Couple Plans
Senior Plans
Young Family Plans
Young Adult Plans
Individual Plans
Military/Law Enforcement (active duty only)

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





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? Become 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 are donated to Second Harvest to aid them in their mission to feed up to 6,000 children daily. For more details, "like" **Midtown Miracle Community Garden** on Facebook or email Carol Greenberg at MStarArts@gmail.com.



TalkFest @75+
 Thursdays 11 am-12 pm
 A weekly meet-up for people to talk with friends of the same age & discuss matters that are important to them. Everyone age 75+ is welcome to attend! Meet in the JEA Senior Lounge.

JEA Donations

(April 7, 2018-May 4, 2018)

ARKIN-CLARK GARDEN FUND

In memory of Louise Stock Stein
 Clark Family
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In honor of Scott Samuels
In honor of Robyn Carroll
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In memory of Sara Rigel
 Eva Odrezin

Food For Thought

June 7	Autism in Our Community	June 21	String Quartet Concert
	Patti Victor		Low Country Chamber Music Festival
June 14	Winemaking: History, Processes and Comparisons	June 28	The Benefits of Seeing Eye Dogs
	Emily Stamper		David Newman

Visit with old friends and meet new ones while enjoying 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.

Speakers for Food For Thought

We're always looking for new and interesting speakers for our Food For Thought luncheons, held each Thursday afternoon.

Do you know of someone who would make an excellent speaker? Got someone with an interesting story to tell?

If so, please contact Orly Henkin at orlyhenkin@savj.org or leave her a message at 912-355-8111, ext. 225 and let her know.

Orly will be pleased to contact your suggested speaker and see if we can get them here to speak to everyone!

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 4/7/18-May 4, 2018)

Caleb Ben-Avram & Timothy Slivinski
 William Garrison
 Eric Gould & Stephanie Muchlher
 Robert & Tricia Kilgore
 Kyle Knight & Katie Harrison
 Cameron Kuhlman & Ashley Odom
 Kalef & Alex Lewis
 Edward Murphy & Susan Jenkins
 Debra Roark
 Raymond & Rhea Schneider
 Mark & Susan Tauster
 David & Lauren Wills
 Levi Yardley

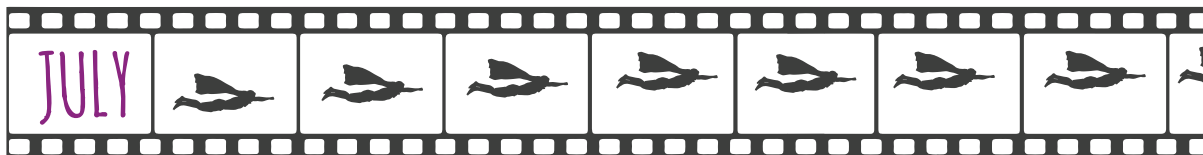


Children's Programming

JEA CAMP SAVANNAH 2018



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3 FAST OR FURIOUS	4	5 TRIP TO THE CLUBHOUSE (K-2ND) 	6 TRAFFIC LIGHT 	7 TRIP TO THE CLUBHOUSE (3RD GRADE AND UP) 	8 PIT STOP SHABBAT	9
10 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ISRAEL	11	12 CLIMB THE MASADA 	13 ISRAELI FLAG 	14 ALL CAMP SLEEPOVER AND TEL AVIV DANCE PARTY 	15 HOLIDAY BUFFET SHABBAT	16
17 CAMP IS INCREDIBLE	18	19 TRIP TO THE MOVIES (K-2ND) 	20 SUPER HERO NINJA COURSE 	21 TRIP TO THE MOVIES (3RD AND UP) 	22 SUPER HERO CARTOON BRUNCH	23
24 COLOR WAR 60 BANANAS	25	26	27 SAVANNAH BANANA'S SUPER SPLASH DAY 	28 REP YOUR TEAM 	29 STRIKEOUT CAFE COLOR WAR SHOW 	30



1 S.O.S. SCIENCE OF SLIME	2	3	4 CAMP CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 ALL CAMP SLEEPOVER! 	6 MAD SCIENTIST SHABBAT	7
8 SURF'S UP	9	10 OUTDOOR JEA WATER PARK (K-2ND) 	11 TROPICAL ISLAND 	12 TRIP TO SURF LAGOON (3RD AND UP) 	13 LUAH SHABBAT	14
15 WELCOME TO JUMANJI	16	17 ANIMAL SHOW (K-5TH) 	18 90'S DAY 	19 TRIP TO JACKSONVILLE ZOO (6TH-10TH) LIT/CIT SLEEPOVER 	20 90'S ARCADE SHABBAT	21
22 PLEASE DON'T STOP THE MUSIC	23	24	25 CAMP SAVANNAH MUSIC FESTIVAL CELEBRITY DAY 	26 ALL CAMP TALENT SHOW 	27 KID'S CHOICE SHABBAT MUSICAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE COMMUNITY 	28
29	30	31 	- DRESS UP DAY - FIELD TRIP - SLEEPOVER - SPECIAL EVENT			

JEA Camp Savannah

Tune in for your favorite movies, shows and music

June 4-8 - Fast & Furious
Featuring an all-camp trip to The Clubhouse

June 11-15 - Happy Birthday Israel!
Featuring an all-camp sleepover

June 18-22 - Camp is Incredible!
Featuring an all-camp field trip to the movies

June 25-29 - Color War: Go Bananas!
Featuring Savannah Bananas Splash Day

July 2-6 - The Science of Slime
Featuring an all-camp sleepover

July 9-13 - Surf's Up
Featuring water park adventures

July 16-20 - Welcome to Jumanji
Featuring animal adventures

July 23-27 - Please Don't Stop the Music
Featuring an all-camp MusicFest

Ages: Kindergarten-10th grade

Cost:

Members - \$180 per week

Non-Members - \$220 per week

For more information, visit savannahjea.org





JEA Preschool Savannah News

Enroll Now 2018-19 School Year

Enrollment for 2018-2019 has begun!

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

Summer Program June 4-July 27

Registration forms can be found on our website, SavannahJEA.org.

Our themes include:

- **Little Vet Camp** — Learn about a different animal each day; how to care for it and how it cares for itself in the wild
- **Little STEAM Camp** — Basic STEAM activities and experiments for the very young child
- **Little Theatre Camp** — Make costumes, dress up in character, create a stage and sing and dance and act
- **Little Health Camp** — Learn about muscles, bones, teeth, brains and more! Will include exercise, yoga, healthy cooking and more



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

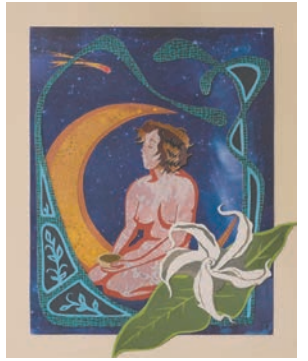


in the JEA Art Gallery

Dawn Tanis

Dawn Tanis lives in Savannah, where she owns Sunrise Healing Arts, a holistic bodywork practice. Her love of drawing and creating art goes back to childhood. This current manifestation of her work in the paper medium has been evolving over the past decade.

She has been influenced by years of exploring the intangible world of spirituality, as well as being grounded in the physical world as an athlete, yogi, and bodywork practitioner. The two have become organically connected, and this exploration has led down a pathway to the inner landscape of the body that directly impacts how the outer world is perceived. This collection of pieces represents connection to some of the outer (spiritual/conceptual) and inner (physical/biological) worlds that make up the human experience.



*Artwork available for viewing June 1-29, 2018
Join us for the Art Gallery Reception June 3rd, 2-4 pm*

JEA Art Shows

Are you an artist? Would you like to show your work in the JEA Art Gallery?

We feature artists from different fields: oil painters, water colorists, sculptors, photographers, potters, quilters, textiles, mixed media, wood sculpture, mosaics and more!

Each show lasts an entire month, and you may choose to have an opening reception. There's no charge to use our space, but we do ask for a small percentage of anything sold.

Having a show at the JEA is a great way to have your work seen, and to help your community.

Please contact Vicky at vicky@savj.org to inquire about available months for your show!



JEA BOOGIE NIGHTS 70s DISCO GALA

8.26.18
**SUNDAY
EVENING
6 O'CLOCK**
\$136/PERSON



Revamped Chapel.....continued from page 1

on Cohen Street to Drayton Street to our current location will remain while being refinished to bring out their natural beauty. Each of these carries stories and memories which are the foundation of how we as a congregation became who we are. We do not want to lose our attachment to our history nor lose sight of the work our ancestors did to help us.

In addition to removing the wood paneling and brightening the walls, we are incorporating other elements to bring that space into the 21st Century:

- A ramp is being installed on one side of the bimah (stage) to make it easier for all of our congregants, even those in walkers or wheelchairs, to be included in the service.
- We are improving the lighting and the acoustics to help make it easier to see, read, and hear the

service.

● Finally, rather than the pews being the center of the room, comfortable chairs will be the primary seating. These chairs allow us to manipulate the space as needed to create intimacy and sacred space for prayer services, experiment with different kinds of services, or to set them up differently and have a classroom for education.

Recognizing that every Jew needs something different, this new chapel will allow us to try new things to maximize our ability to reach as many people as we can to connect them to their Judaism.

We are excited to bring this new space to our congregation and hope you'll join us to see how we at AA are bringing together the history of our community with our modern ideal of creating holy space around the people who make up that community.

Jewish War Veterans..... continued from page 2

injuries and does not dwell on them letting those injuries define him.

"Iron cuts iron" - Powerful people are those who help others

"The idea of being selfless is not thinking of yourself less, but thinking less about yourself." - Service and helping others is how positive people create a positive influence on others and by service to others, help themselves.

In the future, we at JWV Post #320 we hope to have a guest speaker and meeting every six months. Please watch for and join us for our next meeting.

The JWV will be staffing a water

station for Rambam Day School Memorial Day 5K Race. Please join us as we support the school on such a momentous day!

We at the JWV feel it is imperative that we continue to show our support to the deceased veterans as they put their life on the line, some offering the ultimate sacrifice for the defense of our country. We try to get a new flags out twice a year and as a general rule, we replace them within two months of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

If anyone does not have a flag on their loved ones grave, please notify me at ajhaysman@icloud.com.



Looking for something to do?
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Sponsored by the Savannah Jewish Film Festival
All proceeds benefit Hadassah

Wednesday, June 13
7pm at the JEA \$10, tickets at the door

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 2nd
For a Cocktail Reception honoring
Hadassah Myrtle Wreath Award Recipients
Carol & Joel Greenberg



End of the year events



Prek & K students singing as Kibbutz workers



Students singing the Hatikvah
Israel@70 at the JEA

Students prek to 6th received awards and performed on May 6th before an assembly of proud parents



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CONGREGATION MICKVE ISRAEL

We have docent-led tours of our museum available
from 10:00am - 3:30pm during the week.

For a complete schedule of Services & Events,
check our website at www.mickveisrael.org
20 E. Gordon St. Savannah 31401 - 912-233-1547

Enjoy Shabbat this summer with our Exotic Location Summer Shabbats

All Friday services begin at 6:30pm with a potluck dinner.

Guests are asked to RSVP by calling the Temple at
912-233-1547 to get location information and to sign up
for a potluck dish (no pork or shellfish) for 8-10 people.

Summer Shabbat dates:

June 15, 22, 29

July 6, 20, 27

August 3, 10, 17, 24



Join us for a very special 285th Anniversary

**Join us Friday and Saturday,
July 13th & 14th as we celebrate our
285th Anniversary with special guest
speaker Rabbi David Saperstein.**

Rabbi David Saperstein's remarkable career includes designation by Newsweek Magazine as the most influential rabbi in America and by the Washington Post as the "quintessential religious lobbyist on Capitol Hill". For more than 30 years he served as Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. From 2015 – 2017, he served our nation as the U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, carrying out his responsibilities as the country's chief diplomat on religious freedom issues.



Ester Rabhan,
Principal
Rambam Day
School

Eye on education

Some Things Should Remain Authentic

I saw a very interesting comparison made between the Wizard of Oz and Jewish education:

Just as Dorothy and her hopeful crew followed the yellow brick road to find self-completion, Jewish day school students are skipping down a path of good intentions. The happy ending occurs only after Toto pulls back the curtain to reveal the Wizard's true identity. He could only grant his petitioners their wishes once he relinquished his false bravado and delivered authentically from his heart.

Jewish learning is most effective and impactful when the Jewish essence of core values and tradition are revealed and developed as its basis. Ultimately, the goal of a Jewish education is internal growth, an extensive knowledge of our heritage, and a connection to our Creator.

As a people, we have survived every hostile situation throughout

history by maintaining a commitment to distinct ideals and prioritizing our tradition. A Jewish education gives a child the opportunity to learn about the richness of his history which defines our people. A Jewish education prepares students for the challenges of the world around them which seek to attack the very essence of who they are as a Jew. A child will learn so much in a Jewish school about who they are; it will infuse within them a self-respect for being a Jewish American.

Rambam Day School takes pride in the respect that our peer schools have for the education we provide to our students. We take our secular studies very seriously and our fundamental goals include our students being well prepared to transition to the high school of their choice with the tools needed to succeed.

Every student that crosses our threshold becomes a child for whom we feel responsible, respect, care about and will dedicate our lives to, so we can ensure their success as a whole person.



Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director
Early Childhood
Education

Eye on education

A Special Visitor

It had been quite a few years since his visit to the JEA. In fact, the first person he saw upon his return was our very own Execu-

tive Director who politely reminded him of just how long it had been. He came a few years ago to meet with some community members to talk about the idea of a JEA Preschool. He was an expert in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) and Jewish worlds and gave his insight into this evolving opportunity.

I met him six years ago when I began the ECE journey with the JEA. He led the ECE track at the first Jewish Community Center Association Professional Conference which I attended. From the moment he spoke, I could hear his passion for the ECE field and the 5,000 professional teachers who are responsible for the 30,000 children who fill the Jewish Community Centers' Preschools around the USA and Canada.

Mark Horowitz was the special person who came to visit us in April. Mark is the Vice President, Director, Sheva Center for Innovation in Early Childhood Jewish Education and Engagement. That's a long title for a man who has devoted his whole life to the development and growth of young children in a Jewish environment. Now he directs the program and services of the Sheva Center including consultation services and specialist, cohort learning communities and the development of

cutting edge practices in the areas of early care and education and family engagement.

Mark spent two days with us at JEA Preschool Savannah. He toured the school, met with the ECE committee, conducted a teacher workshop on the Image of the Child, met with Adam Solender and was introduced to community leadership. One purpose for his visit was to see the reality that had begun as a dream. He certainly was impressed with the seven classrooms and all of the children and teachers who fill them. Another purpose was to get to know the staff. In his magical way, he helped teachers to think about what their image of the child is and how that relates to the work they do with children in the classroom setting. What does it mean that children are capable and competent? How do we get them ready for life and to cultivate a love for learning at two years old?

Mark was also a huge support to me. I had the opportunity to ask him an abundance of questions about operations, personnel, curriculum, and child development. He provided me with a plethora of suggestions and strategies which I am beginning to implement in the near future.

Thank you to Mark and the entire Jewish Community Center Association family for sharing the wisdom and passion for Jewish Early Childhood Education.

He truly made a positive impact during his visit, one that will reverberate for years to come!

Mazel Tov to Rambam Day School Class of 2018



(L-R) Jacob Skidmore-Hess, Yossi Garfunkel, Shabsie Gold, Leebe Gold, Benjamin Pritzker

A Successful Year

It's hard to believe we have ended another great year of BBYO and BBYO Connect. With more members involved in both groups, we were able to hold several programs, meetings, chapter dinners, and conventions that would create lifelong memories for local teens. Some of our favorite programs were BBYO Connect's Rosh Hashanah Buzz where we spent the afternoon taste testing honey and learning about bee products at Savannah Bee Company.

BBYO had so many programs it was hard to choose a favorite! From traveling to Orlando for International Convention with 3,000 plus teens,

to participating in Global Shabbat, to continuing the tradition of New Member Kidnaps, this year was one for the books!

We hope you had a wonderful year learning new leadership skills, building relationships, and making memories. We look forward to kicking off the BBYO and BBYO Connect year with some special events in late summer. Please keep a lookout for more information coming to your mailbox!

If you have any questions about BBYO, contact Devra Silverman at engagement@savj.org.



We want to get to know you!
New to Savannah and want to get
connected?

Want to help plan events?

Have ideas you want to share?

Just want to hang out?

Let us take you for coffee!



We want to hear from you!

For more information about
Young Jewish Savannah
call Jacqui Drazen at 912-355-8111
or email yjs@savj.org.

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

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

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

Your Campaign Dollars at Work



Young Jewish Savannah's

Red, White & Brew

**Let's Celebrate America with a
Pool Party at the JEA!**

June 28 . 6:30 pm

BBQ & Swimming

Text Jacqui with any questions 321.439.3701

Go Bananas with Young Jewish Savannah!

July 23  7:00 pm



**\$10 for Entry, Reserved Seating
& Drink Tickets**



Go Bananas!



We have limited tickets available so RSVP to Jacqui by July 16! 321.439.3701 or programming@savj.org

2018 AA ANNUAL GALA

From Generation to Generation

Sunday, June 3rd at 5:30 PM

Featuring "The Charlie Fog Band"



Tickets

\$136 for 1 ticket

\$272 for 2 tickets

\$300 for 2 tickets and 3rd chance on Raffle

The Evening will include:

Silent & Live Auctions

Raffle & Dinner

**To buy tickets or an ad, contact the office
at 912-352-4737**

CONGREGATION AGUDATH ACHIM

9 Lee Boulevard, Savannah GA 31405 912-352-4737

Agudatha@aol.com / Agudath-Achim.com

Rabbi Steven Henkin

AA Annual Meeting
Sunday, June 10th at 10 am
Join us as we welcome our New
Board Members & President
and thank our Retiring Board
Members & President for their
service!!!

SHABBAT SERVICES:

Friday 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday 9:45 am Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon
Saturday Evenings Mincha/Maariv & Havdalah

DAILY SERVICES:

Sunday 9:00 am & 6:00 pm,
Monday 7:15 am & 6:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 am & 6:00 pm,
Wednesday 8:00 am & 6:00 pm
Friday 7:00 am & 6:00 pm

Four Questions with Jessic Leigh Lebos

Jessica Leigh Lebos has been writing about interesting people, vexing issues and anything involving free food for more than 20 years. She was voted Best Newspaper Columnist by the readers of Connect Savannah and received a First Prize for Humor from the National Society of Newspapers Columnists in 2017. Swept off her feet by a Savannah



son sometime in the last century, she introduces herself at cocktail parties as “Southern by marriage.” It seemed the perfect opportunity to pose our four questions as Jessica’s new book, Savannah Sideways was just published. If you don’t know Jessica’s writing and personality these four questions are just forshpeis (an appetizer) —buy the book for the entire meal!

For many years, you have been the consciousness of the Savannah community, illuminating events, enterprises, and unique individuals in your columns in Skirt Magazine, Connect Savannah, and your blog, Yo Yenta. How do you choose the subject(s) of your columns?

People have often asked me how I come up with ideas—I figure I’ve written several thousand articles and features in the last 12 years, and looking at that way, it seems like a meshugah amount of different stories!

Some of the first Savannahians I wrote about were part of the JEA Lunch Bunch group from 2006-2011—such a hilarious group of men and women, such vigor and humor. We

used to bring my mother-in-law every Thursday, and I learned so much about Savannah and the Jewish community from people who had lived here for more than 80 years! My favorite line came while we were

house hunting, accompanied by an eye roll. “Oy, please. Ardsley Park ends at 52nd Street.”

The truth is, I have never, ever been at a loss in Savannah. There are so many people with fascinating stories and worthy causes; all that’s required is the willingness to hang out and listen. I’m often drawn to underdogs and those who don’t necessarily have a voice, but mostly it doesn’t matter who someone is or they do, as long as they are passionate and authentic. Also, it helps if they feed me.

You are a native “left coaster.” What about Savannah and the South is different? Unique? And what do you miss the most?

True, my flagrant use of “y’all” is a total affectation and I did not put a boiled a peanut in my mouth until my 30s. I grew up in Arizona and moved to the San Francisco Bay Area in my 20s, after my VW van broke down in the redwoods. That’s where I met this cute Jewish boy from Savannah...well, y’all know the rest.

I basically fell in love with Savannah from the moment I arrived, which

certainly helped my future husband’s standing (no telling what could have happened if he was from somewhere cold and ugly!) While there is no place in the world like Northern California, there is no other place on earth that has Savannah’s history, charm, beauty, and quality of life—or its historic, engaged Jewish community. One of the first places I toured was Mickve Israel with Mark’s mother, Marcia Lebos, who developed the docent program at the synagogue. It blew my mind that how integral Jews were to the origin of the 13th colony, and it’s been wonderful to raise our children with that heritage.

I do miss the friends and family we left on the Left Coast, and I’d give a piece of my lung to be able to hike every day in the redwoods again. But I have to say marrying into Savannah has been a rich and exhilarating experience—and Mark and I will celebrate our 20th anniversary this October!

You seem to define “your Jewishness” in a unique way...sometimes awed, other times, irreverent. How would you describe it?

Irreverent, moi? I like to think of myself appreciating both the holy and heretical, worshiping the Great Mystery while questioning authority. I grew up with a strong Jewish identity and a deep sense of tradition. Though we were not observant, I respect

those who follow the laws of kashrut and am always interested in learning.

Even though there weren’t many Jewish kids around, I knew I was part of a tribe and a history. I went to Camp Alonim at the Brandeis Bardin Institute near Los Angeles

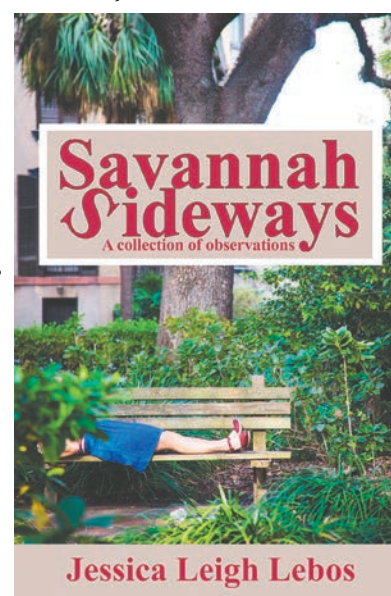
from the age of 8, and I steeped in lots of Yiddish on both sides of the family. I remember sitting around the pool at my grandparents’ apartment complex in Miami with their friends, many with numbers tattooed on their arms. My mother’s side of the family perished in Auschwitz, and there has always been a sense of pride that we’re still here,

living good Jewish lives, raising Jewish kids, continuing the tradition.

But I’m not giving up chicken parmesan.

For years, people have asked you the same question, “When are you writing a book?” Why now? What does the book include? What was your process in putting it together?

This book is a compilation of my writing over the past seven years, most of it from the Civil Society Column which ran in Connect Savannah from 2011 to this past February. I’d been working on the project for a year, and publishing it now seems like an excellent way to bookend that chapter of my life in Savannah.



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south so involved,” he said.

Rabbi Saperstein, designated by Newsweek Magazine as the most influential rabbi in America, also serves as senior advisor for policy and strategy of the Union for Reform Judaism, and for 40 years was director of the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism.

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