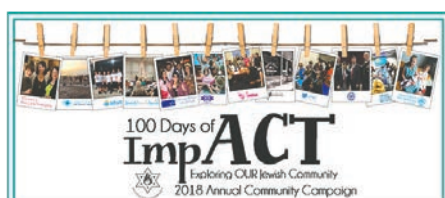




Candle Lighting Times

Friday, May 4 2018	7:49 p.m.
Friday, May 11, 2018	7:54 p.m.
Friday, May 18, 2018	7:59 p.m.
Friday, May 25, 2018	8:04 p.m.
Friday, June 1, 2018	8:08 p.m.



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The 106th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Educational Alliance

The 106th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Educational Alliance will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd at 7pm. Scott Samuels will be stepping down after having served one year as President of the organization (having previously served from 2009-11). Robyn Levy Carroll will be installed for a two-year term as President of the organization. Robyn will be the 51st president and 5th woman to lead the organization in its 106 year history (see "Four Questions for the Rest of the Year" on page 10 for more about Robyn).

Also to be recognized at the meeting for their service to the community on the JEA's Board is retiring Board member Dayle Levy, who fulfilled the maximum number of terms allowed.

The meeting also will feature the presentation of President's awards, the Henry Center College Scholarship to Emma Loncon, the Kay Becker Israel Scholarship to Uri Locker and Shani Locker, and the Harvey Rubin Award to Adam Byck.

Last year, the JEA inaugurated the JEA Community Leadership Award to recognize a special individual who has served the Savannah community. The JEA is proud to be honoring Judge Michael L. Karpf with the 2nd annual award. Over four decades, Judge Karpf has presided over Recorder's Court, State Court, and Superior Court. He has been a beacon of light reflecting on those values set forth on the seal of the State of Georgia: "Wisdom, Justice, and Moderation." Buzzy, as he is known to many friends has been a leader on the Congregation Bnai

Brith Jacob board, board of Workman's Circle, and was president of the JEA 1993-95. He recently announced his retirement from Superior Court and will be taking Senior Judge status.

"The entire community is invited to share in the excitement of the JEA's achievements and the investiture of the new Board members"

The Annual Meeting will also feature the distribution of the 2018 Annual Report which gives all the financial information from the last year including the audited report from Canady, Richbourg & Woodward. That report tells only part of the story including:

The JEA's Sports and Recreation program has seen a strong resurgence under Youth Sports Director, Kirby Southerland. T-Ball, Basketball, and Soccer have all seen their participation increase significantly from last year.

Children's programming continues to thrive. JEA Preschool Savannah already is 80% enrolled for the 2018-2019 school year with limited spots remaining in our three and four year old classes. The Preschool continues to enhance its Judaic emphasis; Orly Henkin has been working with every age group.

The JEA's After School program is thriving with a waiting list of children

from some of the area schools. There are more than 110 children attending after school each day. The program is one of the finest in the city, offering transportation from six public schools, stimulating programming, swimming, healthy snacks, homework help, a computer lab, and service projects.

The only thing holding back JEA Camp Savannah is space, with many weeks 'sold out' last summer. The Camping department under the expert leadership of Mary Mazza and DJ Horton has introduced three new programs for this summer, a one week basketball specialty camp and a one week specialty soccer skills camp and an all new one week travel program to Atlanta. Enrollment for Summer 2018 is off to a great start and we anticipate many sold-out weeks again.

The JEA is proud to continue its collaboration with the Federation's Jewish Family Services program Food For Thought each Thursday. Staff members from all departments enjoy helping to serve the weekly luncheon hosted at the JEA, sometimes attended by over 100 people. It's a great partnership that both organizations hope to continue for a long time.

The entire community is invited to share in the excitement of the JEA's achievements and the investiture of the new Board members at the 106th JEA Annual Meeting on May 24th at 7pm at the JEA. Dairy desserts will be served.



Shani & Uri Locker



*Judge
Michael Karpf*



Adam Byck



Emma Loncon

Veterans corner

Upcoming Jewish War Veterans Events and Service to the Community

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

Annual Meeting

Please join us for a meeting of the JWV Post #320 for a meeting on May 6th at 10am at the JEA. All veterans and their families and the entire community is welcome. We will have a short meeting with a light breakfast followed by guest speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Dwyer.

Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth M. Dwyer will be provide us with a timely report on the state of the military. We hear so much about the military in the media; this is a chance to hear directly from an American hero and he will share how Savannah and Hunter AAF are integral to the defense of our nation.

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth M. Dwyer graduated and was commissioned as an Infantry officer

from Furman University in 1998 with a Bachelor degree in Health and Exercise Science. He has had many varied and complex assignments over his decorated career and has had four operational deployments in Operation Enduring Freedom (2002, 2005, 2006, and 2012).

Lieutenant Colonel Dwyer's awards include: Silver Star Medal, Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4th award), Army Commendation Medal (3rd award), Army Achievement Medal, Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB), Combat Infantry Badge (CIB), Air Assault Badge, Basic Airborne Badge, Combat Diver Qualification Badge, Ranger Tab and Special Forces Tab.



Jewish War Veterans and volunteers placing flags at Bonaventure Cemetery

JWV Service to Community

JWV will be staffing a water station for Rambam Day School Memorial Day 5K Race on May 28th at 8AM. Please join us as we support the school on such a

momentous day!

JWV wants to thank everyone who showed up and assisted in placing fresh flags at Bonaventure Cemetery in preparation for the upcoming Memorial Day remembrance. Savannah Post

#320 feels it is imperative that we continue to show our respect to those veterans (and their families) who served in the defense of our country. If anyone does not have a flag on their loved one's grave please notify me at ajhaysman@icloud.com.



www.hadassah.org
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Contact: Jean Weitz
jweitz@hadassah.org
912-352-2409

Sunday May 13—3-4:30 Call & Connect Yom Yerushalayim & Mother's Day Advocacy Workshop!

Advocacy, Safety & the Internet—learn how to make your phone, and your computer a tool for personal safety and how to connect to Hadassah.org and our Facebook to stay abreast of what's happening! Basic to Advanced Sessions held in the JEA Computer Lab.

RSVP to Hadassah C & C: 912-355-8111 or MStarArts@gmail.com

May 15-17 Hadassah on the Hill and Women's Health Summit, in DC. Subvention available.**June 13-- 7:00 pm Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story Film Fundraiser –**

Savannah Jewish Film Festival will show this award winning feature by the for the benefit of Hadassah courtesy of a new SJF community initiative to help community organizations. Hadassah Film Event Committee forming now. Contact Arlene Ratner 912-598-5080

TBA--Look for Summer Board Installation and new member Event!

Not a member? Not a problem. \$36 annual- \$250 Life or Associate membership



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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.

Submit letters to sjnews@savj.org. The Savannah Jewish News retains full and sole discretion about which letters to publish.

**Savannah Jewish Federation
Mission Statement**

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.



Adam Solender
Executive Director
JEA/SJF

Executive Director's Message

What Are You Most Proud Of?

One of the classic interview questions that every person is

warned of is "What are you most proud of?" It's a tough one—you are sitting across the desk from an interviewer with your best outfit on, designed to impress, and you have about five seconds to answer the question.

Unless you come from a "metric background" (sales or fundraising, for example), the answer is probably going to be a little vague, "I built a great unit," "I was a team player," "I increased customer satisfaction," and the like. It's actually hard to specify "what you are most proud of" unless you have a very specific accomplishment that puts you "head and heels above everyone else or you accomplished something that no one ever did before.

Professionals will tell you that if you are prepared to answer how the person expects-specific and results-orientated you are way ahead of most others.

I don't think I'd be going out on a limb if I stated that if you asked most parents "What are you most proud of?" they'd talk about their children and/or grandchildren....the achievement in school, the college they were accepted to, the job, the house, the awards, and the same about their partner. They rarely talk about what they accomplished. It is the way we all are.

If someone asked me "What are you most proud of, what are you proud of accomplishing at the Federation/JEA?" my "elevator speech" (a clear, brief message about who you are and what you can do usually lasting under 30 seconds) would talk about the "thousands of people whose lives we've been able to touch through the many programs and services that reflect and enhance the meaning in people's lives." I truly believe the "speech" and reflect on the accomplishment all the time. We've got a great team at the JEA and Federation and what we do

does make a difference in people's lives.

Sometimes someone else tells you what to be proud of. It is with pleasure that I share with the community that we have received a letter from Michael Thatcher, President & CEO of Charity Navigator, an independent charity watchdog organization, one of the largest in the world, that evaluates charitable organizations in the US.

"On behalf of Charity Navigator, I wish to congratulate Savannah Jewish Federation on attaining the coveted 4-star rating for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency."

"We are proud to announce Savannah Jewish Federation has earned our third consecutive 4-star rating. This is our highest possible rating and indicates that your organization adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way. Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that Savannah Jewish Federation exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in your area of work. Only 21% of the charities we evaluate have received at least 3 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Savannah Jewish Federation outperforms most other charities in America."

Of course it was just natural to see how we "rank" compared to other reviewed nonprofits in Savannah. When we went to the Charity Navigator website and "sorted by Savannah," we were delighted to see that we were the very highest ranking nonprofit that was reviewed (having a higher rating than such wonderful nonprofits as the GA Historical Society, United Way of the Coastal Empire, Savannah Music Festival, and the Telfair Museum of Art among others).

Much of the credit goes to our wonderful Finance staff that includes Cheryl Lansing, Sonya Carpenter, and Marlow Partin, who do all the work in compiling the numbers and presenting them in a most credible fashion adhering to Generally Accepted Account-

ing Principles. They provide the information that makes meetings shorter, decisions more meaningful, and leadership effective.

I also want to recognize, Vicky Lunick who makes sure that all the documents are readily available to the public. One of the Charity Navigator metric evaluations is on transparency and easy public access to the information. Vicky maintains both the JEA and Federation websites along with the other myriad of duties that comes with the logistics of two nonprofits...and she does it well.

Our Federation staff, Jamie Richman, Devra Silverman, and Jacqui Drazen make sure that we the precious funds donated are used in the most effective manner. 86% of every dollar goes to providing the programs and services—an extraordinarily high percent in the nonprofit world.

Of course, much of the credit goes to our lay leadership. I have been blessed with a succession of committed individuals in my decade+ of service to the community. Hats off to Joel Greenberg, Linda Zoller, Jeffrey Lasky, Steve Greenberg, Sherry Dolgoff, and Allan Ratner, our "4-star Federation presidents."

It takes a village: We all have much to be proud of.

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JEA Gala

August 28

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Co-Chairs

Michelle Allan Tova Tolman

Hadassah Women from Passion to Action

Spring meant renewal of purpose for Savannah Hadassah and Young Leaders of Savannah Hadassah (YLSH). Concentrating on leadership, learning and legislative priorities, they accomplished all three tenets of the 2018 Hadassah Passion to Action initiative: Israel, Health & Wellness and Advocacy!

Joanna Rich ran her first Southeastern regional meeting in Atlanta as its new president. These meetings, occurring three times a year, are open to any member wishing to get a regional view. Just ask Joanna for details. Participating in community Yom

Ha'Atzmaut celebrations, Israel at 70, organized by Orly Henkin, Hadassah represented "Tel Aviv" through dance, while Sue Ruby continues raising funds through exotic bazaars for a real YLSH mission to Israel.

Locally our programs are based on member requests. Hadassah Young Leaders Om Yoga in Monterey Square was especially designed for moms and the under 5 set by HUB instructor Mindy Lasky, whereas March's Punch Out Parkinson's: Boxing and Bling event at Michael Cohen's gym attracted Hadassah Associate members as well as a welcomed visitor from Israel, Barbara Schwartz. Thank you to our guest presenter Janis Javetz, and Margot and Tom Webb who helped Alice Gerber sell jewelry at her Gems for GEM booth to raise funds to promote Hadassah research and to support those battling Parkinson's through the GEM (Get Excited and Move) routines.

Advocacy and health and wellness issues sometimes are interrelated: our concerns often require us to become knowledgeable about legislative issues that impact us all. April Haas led two group meetings with Congressman Buddy Carter. These Day in the District events are good training for the May 15-17 Hadassah trip. Our Savannah delegation, including Sue Adler, April Haas and Jill Sandberg, will

attend the Women's Health Summit followed by Day on the Hill meetings with our congressional leaders in Washington, D.C.

How can you find out about all these happenings? Hadassah National sends out an award winning monthly magazine, the Southeastern Region sends out a quarterly newsletter to

each chapter, and locally almost all communication is handled by a bi-monthly eblast, announcements in the local synagogue bulletins, the Savannah Jewish News and the Federation weekly eblasts. If you are not receiving our emails on these various formats, email MStarArts@gmail.com and ask

Carol how to be included on any of these current lists.

What to do if you do not prefer email? Come learn about other options at Call & Connect: Advocacy, Safety & the Internet. This unique event, in time to honor Jerusalem and our members on what is both Yom Yerushalayim and Mother's Day-- Sunday May 13 (3 to 4:30PM in the JEA Computer lab)-- will provide options on how to control your online correspondence and resources to connect directly to Hadassah, our chapter and to events effecting Israel.

Free to members, but your reservation for "Hadassah: C & C" is required by calling 912-355-8111 or emailing MStarArts@gmail.com. Non-members may join, space permitting, for an \$18 cover fee which can be applied towards the \$36 annual or \$250 Life or Associate membership. If you need to check your membership status, contact Janis Javetz or membership at Hadassah.org.

New members Florence Knudsen will address how to make your phone, and your computer a tool for personal safety, while Teri Lowery will review computer and internet skills to connect you to Hadassah.org and our two local Facebook communities to stay abreast of what's happening... because you won't want to miss our Hadassah summer plans!



Hadassah members show up in support of the students participating in the National School Walkout.

On the Personal side

Zvee Geffen was recently employed by the Major League Baseball Players Association as Senior Manager for Licensing & New Business in NYC. Zvee is the son of Adelle Burnsed-Geffen & Ted Geffen.

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Albert Epstein

Who died Wednesday, March 21, 2018

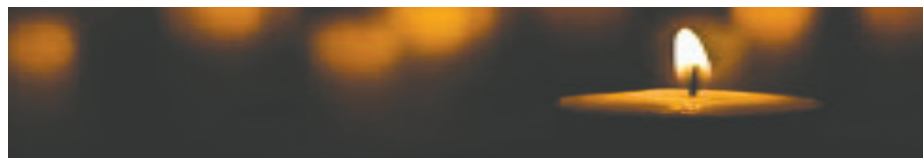
He is survived by his wife Sandra Clark Epstein; two sons, Robert and Laurence Epstein; two daughters, Dawn Epstein Berlinsky Wexler and her husband, Larry, and Lisa Dillard and her husband, Morgan; two grandchildren, Arielle and Aiden Berlinsky; and several nieces and nephews.

Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, 31405 or American Lung Association of GA, 6606 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31405

Phyllis Loff

Who died Monday, March 19, 2018

She is survived by her children Mindy Bradley (Paul), Robin Tenzel (Evan Sobel), and Howard Loff (Vicki), and grandchildren: Steven Tenzel (Rachel), Phillip Tenzel (Nicole), Alex Loff, Adam Bradley (Holly), Geoffrey Loff (Katie), Brooke Halpern (Stuart).



Mazel Tov to all High School & College Graduates and Your Families!

You are invited to submit your pictures and records of achievement for publication in our special graduation section of the June issue of the Savannah Jewish News.

To be included, please download the submission form from www.savj.org or pick one up at the JEA.

All submissions must be received by the absolute deadline of May 6th, 2018.

Listings will be published only in the June issue.

Return forms & pictures to: sjnews@savj.org or Savannah Jewish News
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For more information about PJ Library, please contact Devra Silverman, Community Engagement Coordinator at pjlibrary@savj.org or 912-355-8111.



MISSION: To create a pluralistic community of Jewish high school teens. More Jewish Teens, More Meaningful Jewish Experiences.



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Mazel Tov to the newly elected David Finn AZA and Wexler Clark BBG 2018-2019 chapter boards!

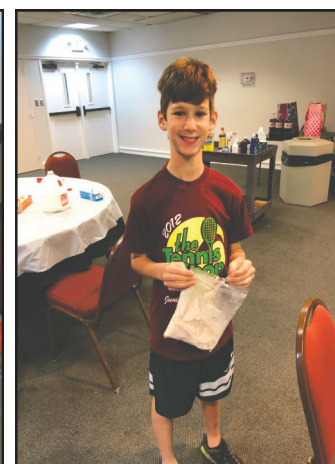


MISSION: To create a community of Jewish 5, 6, 7 and 8 graders through social and meaningful experiences that will serve as a gateway to continued involvement in Jewish life.

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



BBYO Connect making wacky experiments and crazy chemical reactions at Wacky Science Day!



OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

State of Georgia
County of Chatham

Resolution of the Board of Governors of the Savannah Jewish Federation and Board of Directors of the Jewish Educational Alliance recognizing the 70th Anniversary of Israel's establishment and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between Savannah and Israel

WHEREAS on May 14, 1948, the people of Israel proclaimed the establishment of the sovereign State of Israel, and the US government established full diplomatic relations after Israel's first election in 1949;

WHEREAS the desire of the Jewish people to establish an independent modern state of Israel is directly linked to the existence of the historic kingdom of Israel established in the land of Israel 3,000 years ago, with the city of Jerusalem as its capital;

WHEREAS since its establishment 70 years ago, the modern State of Israel has rebuilt the nation, forged a new and dynamic society, and created a thriving economic, political, cultural, and intellectual life despite the burdens of war, terrorism, and diplomatic and economic boycotts against the people of Israel;

WHEREAS the people of Israel, in the spirit of Israel's Declaration of Independence, have established a vibrant, pluralistic, democratic political system, which includes freedom of speech, association, and religion; free and open elections; an independent judiciary; and other democratic principles and practices;

WHEREAS Israel has developed an advanced, entrepreneurial economy, is among the world's leaders of the high-tech industry, and is at the forefront of R&D in the fields of renewable energy and medicine;

WHEREAS for seven decades, the United States and Israel have maintained a special relationship based on shared democratic and moral values, common strategic interests, and bonds of mutual respect;

WHEREAS Savannah and Southern Georgia is a home to Israeli companies such as Energiya, Caesarstone, Bram Industries, Haifa Corporation, Gulfstream/Israel Aerospace Industries, and ZIM Shipping;

WHEREAS historically government and business leadership of Savannah and Chatham County have had warm and continuing relationships that have worked to the benefit of Israel and the State of Georgia;

WHEREAS the American people and people of Savannah feel a strong affinity for the Israeli people based on common values and shared cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS the United States and Savannah continue to regard Israel as a trusted ally and vital strategic partner in the Middle East:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE SAVANNAH JEWISH FEDERATION AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JEWISH EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE, BY UNANIMOUS VOTE THAT THE SAVANNAH JEWISH COMMUNITY

-RECOGNIZES THE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT STATE OF ISRAEL AS A HOMELAND FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE

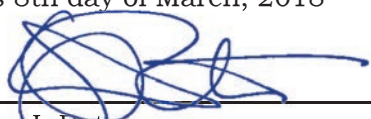
-REAFFIRMS THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH HAVE EXISTED BETWEEN THE STATE OF GEORGIA, SAVANNAH, AND ISRAEL FOR THE PAST 70 YEARS, AND COMMITS TO STRENGTHENING THOSE BONDS;

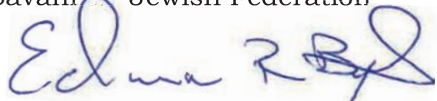
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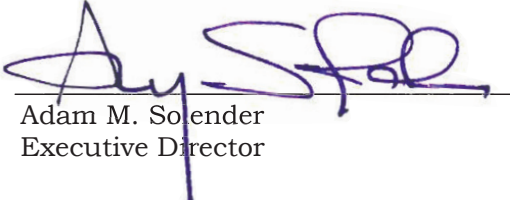
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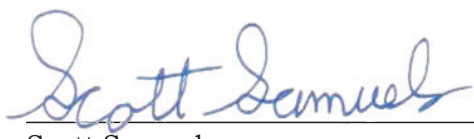
-EXTENDS THE WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE ISRAELI PEOPLE FOR A PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

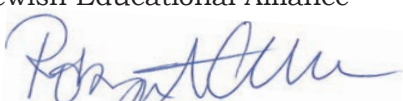
This 8th day of March, 2018


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Adam M. Solender
Executive Director


Scott Samuels
President
Jewish Educational Alliance


Robyn Carroll
President Elect
Jewish Educational Alliance





The Jewish Educational Alliance presents a monthly program guide

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Jewish Educational Alliance

May 2018



Children's Programming

Shalom Summer Days @ the JEA

The JEA offers year-round vacation programming for children! Games, sports, art, crafts, theme days, STEAM projects and more! A qualified, well-trained staff will provide a safe and outstanding break for your child.

Dates: May 22 – 25 & May 29 – June 1

Times: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Ages: PreK – 8th grade

Cost: Members - \$35/day
Non-Members - \$45/day



JEA CAMP SAVANNAH

Tune in for your favorite movies, shows, and music!

June 4th - June 8th

Fast or Furious

all camp field trip to The Clubhouse

June 11th - June 15th

Happy Birthday Israel!

all camp sleepover

June 18th - June 22nd

Camp is Incredible!

all camp field trip to the movies

June 25th - June 29th

Color War: Go Bananas!

Savannah Bananas: Splash Day!

July 2nd - July 6th

The Science of SLIME

all camp sleepover

July 9th - July 13th

Surf's Up

water park adventures

July 16th - July 20th

Welcome to Jumanji

animal adventures

July 23rd - July 27th

Please Don't Stop the Music!

all camp MusicFest!

Ages: Kindergarten - 10th grade

Cost: **Members:** \$180/week **Non-Members:** \$220/week

JEA Camp Savannah Specialty Camps

JEA Camp Savannah Specialty Camps offer a variety of themed camps that focus on your child's special interests. Your camper may choose from three exciting programs designed to enhance the overall camp experience. Campers have every opportunity to enjoy and experience as much as they can all summer long!

All Star Basketball Camp

June 18–22

Ages: 1st-8th grade

Cost: Members-\$250 Non-Members-\$280

Learn the fundamentals and mechanics of basketball or fine tune your game at the JEA All-Star Basketball Camp. From the basics of dribbling and passing, to the precision of proper shooting form, everything is covered at this fun-filled developmental camp. Fun is sure to be had by all!

J Getaway Travel Camp

"Caravan to Atlanta"

June 25-29

Ages: 6th-10th grade

Cost: Members-\$320 Non-Members-\$350

Trek to the beautiful city of Atlanta! Campers will explore some of Atlanta's hotspots including the Georgia Aquarium, ZOO Atlanta, CNN Studios, Centennial Park and more. We will depart from the JEA on Monday, June 25 and arrive at the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta where they will reside for the week. Space is extremely limited.

Soccer Skills Camp

July 9–13

Ages: 1st-8th grade

Cost: Members-\$250 Non-Members: \$280

Five days of fundamentals and tactical instruction working on juggling, dribbling, passing, shooting, finishing and much more. Coach Mannie Frazier, a former goalie at the collegiate level, will lead the camp. Participants will love the challenges and interaction of soccer!



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.



Food For Thought

Join us each Thursday at 12:30pm

May 3 *Putting on Your Face—
Morning to Night Spring
Fashion Show by Deloris*
Deloris Screen

May 10 *Savannah Voice Festival*

May 17 *Motivating Ourselves Into
Greatness*
Josh Shear

May 24 *Preventing Identity
Theft*
Michael Kaplan

May 31 *Flying the Gulfstream
Skies*
Tenille Cromwell

June 7 *Autism in Our
Community*
Patti Victor

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

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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.

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



Health & Wellness

Summer is Coming — And so Is the Fun!



Kirby Southerland
Aquatics Director

Summer is the best season of the year, but at the JEA, we are inviting more fun this year! Put these dates on your summer calendar and join us by the pool!

May 28: 11 am-2 pm Summer Kick Off Party

Join us for a patriot-

ic-themed party by the pool! Grab a burger from the grill, bring the family, and jump in to help us kick off the best season of the year!

June 17: 11 am-2 pm

Jammin' at the JEA

Live music, food on the grill and family time by the pool for Father's Day. Sounds like a party to us! Don't miss it!

July 4: 11 am-2 pm

Fourth of July Family Fun

Wear your best red, white and blue pool attire for a fun day by the pool!

August 5: 11 am-2 pm

Back to School Bash

Argh! Float on over to the JEA for this fun pirate-themed party to send our kids back to school!

September 3: 11 am-2 pm

Labor Day Luau

Nobody likes to see summer come to an end, so let's say "Aloha" to our favorite season with one last party!

Outdoor Pool Hours:

May 6, 12, 27: 10 am-5 pm (JEA Closed May 20 for Shavuot)

May 28-August 5: Monday-Thursday 10 am-7 pm, Friday 10 am-4 pm, Sunday 10 am-5 pm

August 6-September 2: Monday-Thursday 3-7 pm, Friday CLOSED, Sunday 10 am-5 pm

September 3-30: Sundays 10 am-4 pm

Aikido Classes Are for Everyone!



Norm Primmer
Aikido Instructor

The philosophy of Aikido is already being used by most of us in everyday life. Aikido is the art of harmonizing with the world around you rather than resisting and fighting with it. It is much easier to redirect energy than to clash with

it. This is true in physical attacks by another person or verbal attacks or in some cases, just bad intentions. If we blend with what is being thrown at us we can then redirect this bad energy into a more positive outcome that is more beneficial to both the attacker and the person being attacked.

With the idea of using the other person's energy or force and redirecting it, Aikido requires very little strength or energy if done properly. In many cases a smaller or weaker

person can take the advantage from someone who is using strength or aggression. Additionally, Aikido has the idea that if you are not there, you won't get hurt. A person should get out of the way of an attack rather than absorb it or better yet, not even put yourself in a situation where you could be attacked.

Coastal Aikido is offering classes at the JEA from 7 to 8:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. All levels are welcome since we gear the classes to the students that are there. Currently, we are working on basic beginner level ideas and techniques but even the advanced classes can be separated by beginners and advanced students. Classes are open to all skill levels and anyone ages 15 and up and in many cases we work with students with physical limitations. Classes are free to JEA members!

Fitness Classes

Sunday

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



Monday

8:45 am - Firm It Up
9:45 am - Aquasize
10:00 am - Vinyasa Yoga
10:45 am - SilverSneakers

Circuit

5:15 pm - Fast & Fit

Tuesday

6:15 am - Sunrise Circuit
9:15 am - Power Pilates
10:00 am - SilverSneakers
10:30 am - SilverSneakers

Circuit

10:30 am - Functional Flexibility

5:45 pm - Shimmy Chic

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

6:15 am - Sunrise Circuit
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 - Functional Flexibility





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.

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.

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in the JEA Art Gallery

Renee Fabrikant

Renee Fabrikant was born in Savannah, GA, and is currently employed at the United Way of the Coastal Empire. Renee is known for her love of the beach and ocean, which inspired her shell art made from hand-picked oyster shells from off the coast of Tybee Island. Her love of Tybee Island and its raised cottages led her to restoration projects that received historic preservation awards. Her work can be found in many beach homes, and her shell art was featured in *Traditional Home* in June 2015.

Artwork available for viewing May 1-31, 2018
Join us for the Art Gallery Reception May 3rd, 5-7 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 Camp Savannah and JEA Preschool Summer Meet 'n Greet Sunday, June 3rd

Preschool Meet 'n Greet — 11am-12 pm
Camp Savannah Meet 'n Greet — 12-2 pm

Meet your staff and counselors, reunite with old friends or make new ones. Get your camp t-shirt. Take a dip in our pool!

Ready for JEA Camp Savannah??
Check our website for
registration packets!

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 3/3/18-4/6/18)

Albert & Rena Abramowitz
Freddie Arnold & Kelly Cauley
Michael Baggett & Sara Malphrus
Craig Carlson & Whitney McBride-Carlson
Celeste Doppel Cavert
Mary Fraser
Tameka Hutchinson
Gary & Buffie Lee
Robert & Christy Monaghan
Victor & Vian Morales
Robert & Sarah Seal
Diane Waters

Savannah Teens Give Back

Since 2005, J-Serve, the International Day of Jewish Youth Service has provided teens with a unique opportunity to band together through service as a united global network committed to fulfilling the Jewish values of gemilut chasidim, acts of loving kindness, tzedakah, just and charitable giving, and tik-kum olam, the responsibility to repair the world. Every year, Jewish teens around the world join each other on this special day and throughout the spring to make their community and the world a better place.

On April 15, Savannah BBYO and NCSY participated in their very own J-Serve event, a Jewish day of service shared with 13,500 other Jewish teens across the world. Their vision began in early December when planning meetings had begun. Teens from both BBYO and NCSY gathered at Richard Epstein's house to discuss what kind of service project they wanted to take part in. Their ideas ranged from volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House, to building homes for Habitat for Humanity, to beautifying local areas such as parks and buildings.

They discussed each option and eventually agreed upon volunteering at the Greenbriar Children's Center,

a local homeless shelter for children and teens. The vision for their J-Serve project was to provide their peers with an experience of helping children and teens who are less fortunate than themselves. They learned the importance of chesed, kindness,

J-SERVE
JEWISH TEENS SERVING THE WORLD

through volunteering their time to not only beautify the orphanage, but also spending time getting to know the children through games

and activities. The impact J-Serve had on the teens made them understand the value of being kind to others, no matter the person's circumstances, because it is always important to be a good person.

It was inspiring to see teens taking the lead coordinating a project based on something they are passionate about. It was exciting to watch both BBYO and NCSY teens come together to serve their community and give to those in need. The hope is that through J-Serve projects, we will continue to make an impact on their lives and guide them along their Jewish journey, developing teens into strong Jewish leaders and individuals. We look forward to seeing what other amazing things they will do!

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2018 Savannah Jewish Film Festival Presents: Films for a Cause

As a community we are constantly working to evolve programming & events for the Savannah Jewish Federation and Jewish Educational Alliance. The Joan & Murray Gefen Memorial Savannah Jewish Film Festival has been a staple in Savannah for the last 14 years. For the first time this year, in an attempt to evolving the film festival, the Savannah Jewish Film Festival Presents: Films for a Cause.

We get several requests throughout the year to show films that were not featured in the Film Festival in January. We are thrilled to announce, starting in May 2018, the SJFF: Films for a Cause will feature one film a month in addition to the two-week festival at the end of January.

Money raised from ticket sales at the Savannah Jewish Film Festival: Films for a Cause will benefit several meaningful Jewish groups & organizations throughout Savannah such as Jewish War Veterans, Backpack Buddies at Congregations Mickve Israel and Agudath Achim, Hadasah, Shalom School, BBYO and PJ Library. This is a way for the various groups and organizations to not only raise money but gain exposure for their cause. Each of the benefitting organizations are asked to provide volunteers to sell tickets at the ticket booth, make popcorn & run the concession table and introduce the film. They will be able to take this time to tell movie goers what their organization aims to do and how to get involved.

Our first film on May 16th is one the SJFF Committee was asked about a lot during the 2018 film festival, *Sammy Davis, Jr.: I've Gotta be Me*.

This film, along with its star studded cast, received wide acclaim during festival season. We are excited to bring it to Savannah! Money raised from the sale of tickets to *Sammy Davis, Jr.: I've Gotta be Me* will ben-

efit Congregation Agudath Achim's Backpack Buddies. This volunteer run program provides supplemental food for school children in Title I food programs who may have

little or nothing to eat on weekends.

Each of the benefitting organizations is very well deserving. As Federation we hope we are doing all we can to help promote the many Jewish groups and organizations that are doing great work in our community & in our world.

Entrance to the films will cost \$10 per person. You do not need to reserve your spot or purchase tickets ahead of time. Mark your calendars for these wonderful films benefitting great Savannah programs:

May 16- *Sammy Davis, Jr.: I've Gotta be Me* benefitting AA Backpack Buddies

June 13- *Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story* benefitting Savannah Chapter of Hadassah

July 19- *If You're Not in the Obit, Eat Breakfast* benefitting CMI Backpack Buddies

August 9- *Monkey Business: The Adventures of Curious George Creators* benefitting PJ Library

October 18- *Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas* benefitting Savannah BBYO

November 8- *GI Jews* benefitting Savannah Jewish War Veterans

December 12- *The Mighty Atom* benefitting Shalom School



**Looking for something to do?
Check the Community Calendar**

www.savj.org

Contributions to the Savannah Jewish Federation may be made on our secure website at www.savj.org or by calling 912-355-8111.

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

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Rabbi Steven Henkin

The Annual Agudath Achim Synagogue Golf Outing
This year honoring the legacy of former president

~~Larry Lasky~~

Sunday, May 6, 2018 at the Landings Golf Club
(Oakridge Clubhouse)

Registration and practice range 8:00 a.m.
Shotgun start 9:00 a.m. Kosher style lunch will be provided

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

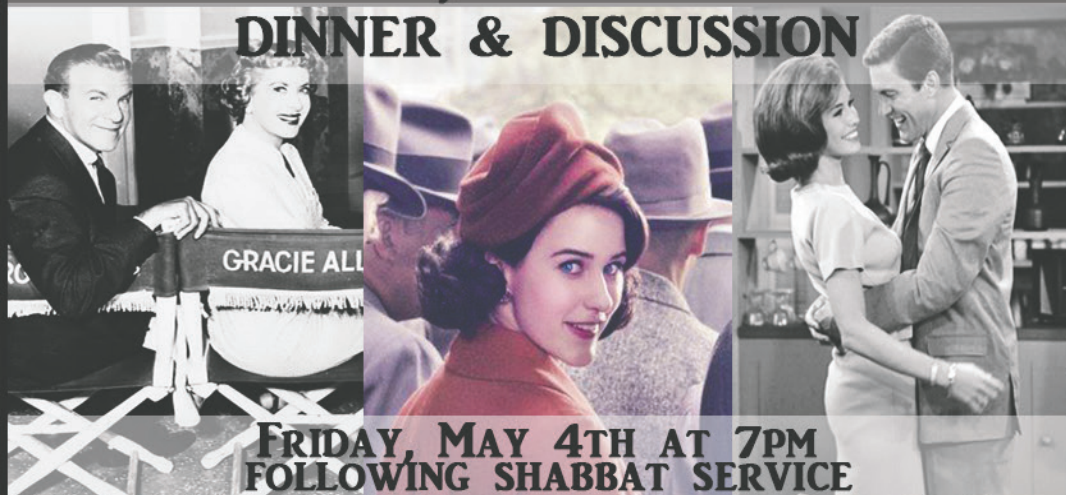
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Let's Celebrate Shavuot

SATURDAY, MAY 19

DINNER - 6PM

SERVICE - 7PM

PROGRAM - 8PM

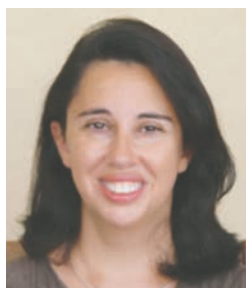
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Eva Locker,
Principal
Shalom School

Eye on education

Preparing for Sleep-Away Camp

I'll always remember that phone conversation with my daughter after her 1st week at sleep-away

camp: my husband and I had been waiting all week for that five minute phone conversation the children were allowed before every Shabbat at camp. For us, 5 minutes to hear about the amazing experiences our daughter probably had. But for her, it was 5 minutes to line up all the many complaints to a attentive ear. Needless to say that this phone call left us both distressed and worried. When we anxiously followed up on the complaints list a week later, she didn't remember what we were talking about because all was great and she was having a blast!

Camp is an exciting experience and most of the children are looking forward to it, even counting the weeks and days, but for others, summer camp can be stressful at first. We parents can have a significant influence on how our children react and help ease the gap between expectations and reality. First, communicate with children about why they are going to camp, especially for those who are hesitant about wanting to go. We should explain that camp is the chance to have a multitude of experiences they would not do or have anywhere else: to try new activities, to discover the meaning of the camp spirit, to make new friends, have fun and grow up in many ways. Jewish summer camp is also the most effective way to strengthen a child's Jewish identity and commitment. Through

Shabbat programs, Israeli dancing, Torah study and more, campers discover new ways to enjoy their Jewish heritage. Any past camper will tell you that Kabbalat Shabbat services don't even feel the same after experiencing it a camp. Camp adds a new dimension to a child's spiritual life and creates a positive connection to his/her Judaism for years to come. As we explain all this to our child, it is also important to let him/her know that it might be hard, that there may be times when he/she feels homesick or left out. Assure your child that you will keep him/her informed about things at home, staying in touch is crucial to making a child's experience at camp a good one: write often, even if only short notes, as Mail Call is an extremely important part of the camp day.

At Shalom School, we see Jewish summer camps as an extension of what we do during the year. It is an amazing way to learn further and put into practice many of the Jewish values and concepts we teach. Statistics speak for themselves: the impact Jewish summer camp makes on our children is strong, deep and long-lasting. Not to mention that for a child growing up in a small community like ours, Jewish camps are an amazing opportunity to meet other Jewish kids from all over and make life-lasting friendships.

As for the weekly phone calls, needless to say that we have learned to take week 1 of camp complaints with a grain of salt!

Wishing you an exciting and enriching summer,

Eva Locker



Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director
Early Childhood
Education

Eye on education

A Good Moment

During a normal day at preschool, I receive many emails throughout the day. There are notes from colleagues, parents,

advertisers, professional organizations; the list goes on and on.

However, I received this one a few days ago and it made my whole week from a teacher of one of our youngest age groups.

I had a good moment with the children today. This morning I introduced the Seder set and we talked about what goes on the Seder plate. We combined the items with the kitchen area so they could "prepare" a meal. They had fun and were very creative.

After nap, the children all picked out the Passover items from the kitchen area and took it to the front of the room. Without help or prompting, they mimicked what was shown to them in the morning and some passed items to each other.

That was a very good moment for me.

I began my day with this lovely note and thought, "this is why we do what we do" at JEA Preschool Savannah. I actually shared those sentiments with the author of this email.

This note made me reflect on a couple of ideas. My first thought was that the teacher had done such a good job in explaining the Seder plate and showing the one-year-old

children how to set the Passover table. The children found it meaningful and fun to imitate. My second reflection was that the teacher felt the joy of her children's learning.

You could tell from her heartfelt words that she was meant to work with very young children.

Finally, she had taken the time to share her positive experience with me. This learning experience was simple but so meaningful for the children, the teacher, and the director.

I hope that you take the time to notice the good moments that happen with the children in your lives. And after you notice those moments, share them with someone.

Also, I hope that tomorrow I will open my email and see another note just like this one!

Take a moment out of your day to come visit us and experience a good moment with the children at JEA Preschool Savannah!



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*With Robyn
Levy Carroll*



SJN: You were born in South Africa. How is Savannah like South Africa Jewry? How is it different?

I was born in Cape Town and immigrated to the Philadelphia area when I was nine years old. In my experience the Cape Town Jewish community is similar to Savannah in a lot of ways. Jews were amongst the earliest settlers of both cities, they have been a fabric of the community since inception. Cape Town, like many communities around the world tends to be “traditional” in its level of observance and while small in numbers like Savannah, the community respects different traditions. It’s also an older community with lots of young people leaving to find jobs in bigger cities while at the same

time, both Cape Town and Savannah are both experiencing a resurgence of young families who are attracted to the outdoors, smaller town living and a more comfortable lifestyle.

SJN: How did you get involved in the Jewish community?

I have always been involved in the Jewish community in some way or another, but it was when my son Stellan was born that it became more primary. Planning for his education at the JEA preschool was the beginning as I was starting to think about preschool opportunities for him. Preschool Director, Jodi Sadler, invited me to join the Early Childhood Education Committee where I had the opportunity to help create such an important community initiative. Since then I've also served on the Federation Budget & Allocations Committee a number of times and most recently on the JEA Executive Committee for two years, I'm currently on my synagogue's

Board of Directors, was a part of the Congregation Agudath Achim Rabbi Search Committee and chaired the AA Social Committee. Most recently I was a co chair of the JEA's "Diamonds are Forever" annual fundraiser. The experience of planning this very important event was a great learning experience, especially when we had to reschedule the event at the very last moment due to last year's hurricane.

SJN: You will be the 6th female president of the JEA in 106 years. What special attributes does a woman bring to leadership?

First of all I'm in great company! When I joined the JEA Early Childhood Education Committee with Jodi, Marcy Konter and Lynn Reeves were the Committee Chairs and Arlene Ratner was president. They are four of the five previous women presidents. Little did I know that I'd be writing this today and following in these woman's footsteps. This group of women are motivated, organized, good communicators, active listeners, they're flexible, lead by example, are expert multitaskers, and they dream big. In this case, they took the dream of the Preschool and through hard work and focused vision, they made

it a reality. I have learned a lot in my life being surrounded by strong women and I hope to bring similar leadership traits to my term as president.

SJN: Becoming the President of the JEA is only one of your many commitments to the Greater Savannah community. Tell us about your recent involvement(s).

I've always believed that g'milit chasadim, "acts of loving kindness" are fundamental to Judaism and how I live my life. It is a precept that Sam and I teach to our children and children learn best by example, so I've recently joined the board of Union Mission, Inc. focusing on their main fundraiser, Raising Hope (May 9th at the Hyatt- please join us!). Sam and I are also supporters of the Forsyth Park Farmers Market, Savannah Citizen Advocacy, Historic Savannah Foundation and the Savannah Bicycle Champaign. My older son is in kindergarten at Heard Elementary School so we spend a lot of time volunteering there as well. It's hard to juggle it all, but they are all important in our life and community, so we find the time. Savannah is our home and we each have a responsibility to pass it on better than we found it.



106th Jewish Educational Alliance Annual Meeting

**The Officers and Board of Directors of the JEA
cordially invite you to the 106th Annual Meeting**

Election of Board of Directors
Investiture of 2018 President, Robyn Levy Carroll
President and Directors Report to the Community
JEA Community Service Award
Presidents Awards

Wednesday, May 23, 2018
Jewish Educational Alliance
7pm

Dessert Reception

Dietary laws observed under the supervision of the JEA Kosher Committee


Savannah Jewish Federation

Films for a Cause



\$10



Sammy Davis Jr.: I've Gotta Be Me

Wednesday, May 16

7:00 pm

All Proceeds from Ticket Sales to
Benefit Congregation Agudath Achim's
Backpack Buddies



Creating the Next Generation on Campus

Hillel International has spent nearly a century of enriching the lives of Jewish students in the hopes that they will enrich the Jewish people and our world.

Their network of dedicated student leaders, professionals, and volunteers has created an environment on college campuses where Jewish learning and living is celebrated. Hillel has over 550 locations across the globe, including our very own at the Savannah College of Art & Design.

For the past 16 years, SCAD Hillel has been overseen by Faculty Advisor Heather Szatmary, whose dedication to growing the Jewish community was shown through the well attended holiday programs and Shabbat dinners. But Heather knew there should be a focus on peer to peer engagement which would in turn expand Hillel's reach across campus. In 2015, with the help of the Savannah Jewish Federation, the Student Engagement Ambassador program was created. Similar to that of Hillel's national Engagement Intern program, SCAD Hillel Student Engagement Ambassadors would be tasked with finding, engaging, and connecting uninvolved Jewish students to Hillel and its members.

I was fortunate enough to become the supervisor of the Engagement Ambassadors, thanks to my experience as a Hillel Engagement Intern while in college. The Student Engagement Ambassadors learn the art of engaging through trainings, videos, and practicing conversations. Throughout the school year, our Engagement Ambassadors become social connectors for new and unengaged students, connecting them to other Jewish stu-

dents and Jewish resources in our community.

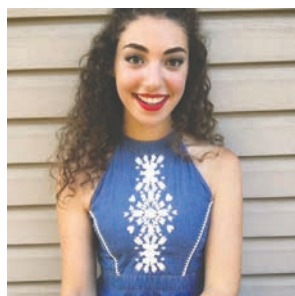
In the first year of the Engagement Ambassador program, we had four Ambassadors who identified over 60 new Jewish students at SCAD. Because of this program, we benefitted as an organization to have the Ambassadors act as liaisons between the new students and Heather and the Hillel President. Our Ambassadors give voice to the wants and needs of new students, programs and Jewish experiences. For example, they requested more Shabbat dinners with services, tikkun olam projects such as a beach cleanup for Tu B'shevat, and even asked for a full student executive board instead of only a president.

The students spoke and we listened. In year two, we elected our first full executive board including an events chair and social media chair. Our Engagement Ambassadors also sat on board as a bridge to the new students. In addition, year two increased our engagement by recruiting freshman students as Engagement Ambassadors who reached a larger number of underclassman. We ended the year with identifying over 70 new Jewish students at SCAD, several of whom are leaders on our executive board today, which has increased with two additional positions.

Now, in our third year of the Student Engagement Ambassador Program, we welcome two new Ambassadors, Sydnie Wainland, a sophomore studying Jewelry, and freshman film major, Jacob Hirsch.



*SCAD Hillel Ambassador
Jacob Hirsch*



*SCAD Hillel Ambassador
Sydnie Wainland*



Hillel-Planting herbs at Tu B'Shevat



*Hillel students enjoying a preexam
Bagel Break*

Both have been busy this school year engaging more than 60 new students and identifying their wants and needs of Hillel. Together they have brought large numbers to events such as Erev Rosh Hashanah dinner and our Passover seder because they personally reach out to their peers.

We have been able to identify over 190 Jewish students at SCAD, with more to find! We learned that three of this years freshman class are trained Jewish songleaders who now help lead services for Hillel and are utilized in other community programs such as PJ Library. After getting to know so many of the students, we have been able to use their talents to benefit programs like the Community Purim Carnival and leading services at the Savannah Teen Weekend.

SCAD Hillel's Ambassadors have learned that not only are they a resource to new students, but they have a significant impact on a stu-



Hillel recruitment table

dent's Jewish experience while in college. The work they do to communicate events, offer to walk a freshman to Shabbat dinner, or just asking a new Jewish student out for coffee has created a response of more involvement from students. "94% of the Jewish students we impact say being Jewish will continue to be important to them after graduation" (Hillel Intl. Impact 2018). Just like Hillel International, SCAD Hillel's impact fosters a continuation of Jewish journeys after graduation, and the next generation of Jewish leaders.

By the Numbers: HILLEL'S IMPACT



550

Hillels on college campuses in North America

Hillel operates in

17

countries

14

time zones

Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Moldova, Paraguay, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan

83%

students say they feel welcome at Hillel

73%

students say Hillel plays a role in celebrating Jewish traditions

21,000+

students went on Hillel-led Birthright Israel trips in the past 4 years



37,000+

students participated in Israel events last year



3,300
143,000

student interns on 124 campuses engaged with students since 2006



1,000

campus professionals worldwide in the Hillel movement



106

Hillels currently participating in Measuring Excellence

65

Springboard Fellows and Ezra Fellows

90

Jewish educators

11,220

hours of learning with Hillel's Jewish Learning Fellowship

108

Hillel Talent Grants awarded to campus professionals

866

Hillel professionals enrolled in a Hillel U course

Each year, FSU Hillels engage



15,000

students and young adults across seven countries



Jewish Agency for Israel Fellows on more than 100 campuses across North America engaged

17,300

students in one-on-one interactions

Since 2001, Hillel has recruited



54,990

bone marrow donors, resulting in

1,730 — **250**

matches life-saving transplants

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