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Yesod Leadership Allocates Funds

By Steve Richman

Recently I, along with 19 others, had the honor of participating in the Savannah community as part of the first Yesod Leadership Initiative cohort. Yesod, the Hebrew word for foundation, aptly describes this vital initiative for the Savannah Jewish community. The goal of the Yesod Community Leadership Development Program is to support our community by aiding the development of excellent volunteer leadership. Graduates of the Yesod Community Leadership Development Program will help shape the future of the Savannah Jewish Community. After attending 8 sessions,



with this group of leaders, I am certain we are up to the challenge of helping lead the Savannah Jewish Community. Other members of the Jewish community have taken notice, the Allocations

Committee of the Savannah Jewish Federation allocated \$7,500 to the Yesod Leadership Initiative Cohort 1 to allocate as we saw fit. The goal of this allocation was to see the interests and passion of the up and coming leaders of the Jewish Community.

Our 8th and final session was spent trying to determine the best use of the allocation. Initially we discussed in pairs, then groups of 4, then

finally two groups of 10, and lastly one group. It was clear from the beginning that we all cared deeply and saw the importance of this allocation opportunity. What was planned to be a two hour meeting, quickly turned into a 3 and a half hour meeting, with no clear path to an allocation agreement in sight. If there was a bystander listening to our discussion, they would likely think we were trying to allocate the entire \$1,000,000 campaign. That is how serious and passionate this group of leaders viewed this opportunity. "With great power comes great responsibility," We all recognize the opportunity we had been given and were trying to make the most of it

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Esther & Aaron Buchsbaum Fund Created as a Legacy to Savannah

The Savannah Jewish Federation is proud to announce that Mrs. Esther Buchsbaum has created a legacy fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah, the planned giving arm of the Federation.

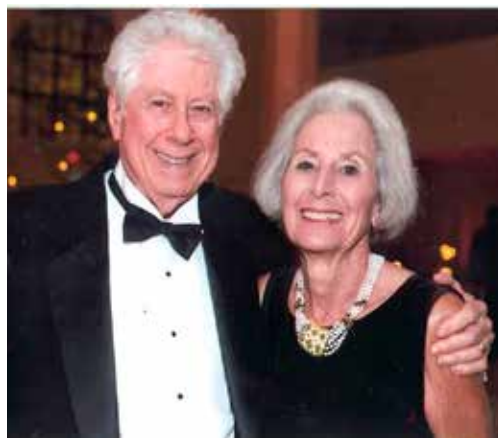
In creating the Esther and Aaron Buchsbaum Fund, Esther Buchsbaum established a Lion of Judah endowment that will support the needs of the community. Through Lion of Judah endowments, Jewish women across North America strengthen their Jewish communities by providing funds to meet needs at home, in Israel, and around the world... in perpetuity. They are a group of women (over 17,000) who make a powerful statement of their commitment to tzedakah, providing legacies to their communities. In perpetuity, each year there will be a gift to our community from the Esther & Aaron Buchsbaum Fund – for social services, for Israel, for Jewish education and whatever else our needs may be.

The fund document states

Whereas: Aaron Buchsbaum was

a lifelong resident of Savannah, and Esther Buchsbaum moved to Savannah from Atlanta after she married Aaron in 1956; and

Whereas: Aaron and Esther Buchsbaum were both active members of the Savannah Jewish community; and



Esther & Aaron Buchsbaum in 2011

Whereas: Aaron Buchsbaum practiced law in Savannah for more than 50 years and was a key figure in Savannah's civil rights movement; was

a founder and president of Georgia Public Radio; was president of Georgia Legal Services; and was a member of the boards of the Savannah Concert Association, Savannah Symphony, City Lights Theater and Savannah Landmark Rehabilitation Project; and served on the city's Cultural Affairs Commission; and

Whereas: Esther Buchsbaum served as president of the Savannah Concert Association; as the first forewoman of the Chatham County Grand Jury; on the boards of Hospice Savannah, Citizens for Clean Air, and the Chatham County Board of Equalization; and on the city's Cultural Affairs Commission; and she taught in the public elementary schools and later volunteered with music appreciation workshops and story time; and

Whereas: Aaron Buchsbaum served as chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, on the board of the Savannah Jewish Council, on the executive committee and as vice chairman of the

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anew.



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Executive Director
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Executive Director's Message Look To The Future

The new year of 5779 is an opportunity to review the year past and plan for the future. To consider what we did well and what

we need to improve on. To think about who we wronged and to make amends. It is an opportunity to make change in ourselves.

The New Year is similarly an opportunity for the Savannah Jewish Federation and Jewish Educational Alliance to consider and reconsider what it has accomplished in the past year and what opportunities are in front of us in the year to come. Change is necessary for any nonprofit to sustain itself, and as the challenges facing us become more complex, we must deal with numerous changes at the same time.

"In the old days," (there I go again, flexing my middle age muscles), we used to be able to plan for five or even ten years into the future. These days, change is so fast, we literally need to be resetting our priorities based on what is happening before our eyes. And change doesn't come easily.

In the consulting industry they have determined that close to 70% of all change initiatives end in failure. Imagine, you spend all the time visioning what the issue is, gather all the stakeholders, discuss the issue(s), do a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats), make a plan of action, assemble the resources necessary to make it happen (finances, human capital, etc), and then 70% of the time it fails. Sometimes you even "pull the plug" before initiating the change because what you were addressing no longer exists...that's just how fast things are changing.

Sometimes organizations have a thirst for change, just because it feels like the "right thing to do," and in making the change they lose some of the attributes that made them successful in the first place. In the end, it is about keeping a keen eye to the future while honoring the past. It's about building on your experiences but not letting the past hold you back.

Many of the discussions we have amongst leadership at the JEA and Federation are about what we have done in the past year?, Was it successful?, Should we change?, How do we change?, What changes do we need to make?

Often it is an exercise where we look

at what we are doing and decide to "stay the course." Other times we identify something that needs to change, but we just don't have the resources to make the change.

One of the perennial discussions we have is about this very publication, the Savannah Jewish News. Newspapers are going out of business throughout the country as the contents of a newspaper are dated as soon as it is published. Every year at the Budget and Allocations meeting someone brings up the cost of publishing and distributing the paper. It is a reasonable question; after all, it costs approximately \$2,000 for each edition. Staff goes through the exercise of breaking down each of the costs: postage, printing, layout, editing, and staff time. A myriad of questions then follows including, "Can we just distribute the paper electronically?" "What about going to a quarterly schedule?" "Do people even read the paper?" And then come the responses: "It is the record of our community;" "It is a service to the synagogues and organizations;" "I love the paper;" "Can't we distribute is like the eNews?" It goes back and forth...each person with a valid viewpoint, each with a vision, each with passion. And in the end (at least for the last ten years) we decide to continue doing what we were doing.

Sometimes it feels so repetitive, yet, it is a worthy exercise, for one day in the very near future, I suspect that there will be a different decision. It will be a time for a change.

And so it goes with almost everything we do at the Federation and the JEA. Is there a better way? Can we be more efficient? Can we do more with less? Less money, less volunteers, less facilities? How do we get "the most bang for the buck?" And we review almost every single initiative...we owe it to you, our supporters, to be the very best we can be.

It is during this time of year, this time of reflection, that we take stock of who we are and what we've done. It is the time of year when we make choices about what we want to do different or better. It's all about the choices we make.

"Our lives are fashioned by our choices. First we make our choices. Then our choices make us." Anne Frank

May 5779 be a year filled with the fruition of wonderful choices.

May 5779 be a year of health, happiness, success, and love

May 5779 bring us peace in our world.



Allan Ratner
President
Savannah Jewish
Federation

President's message A Time For Reflection

The High Holidays are a time for reflection and contemplation. Reflection on the past year and contemplation on the year ahead.

How did your year go? Was it filled with joy, happiness, good health, sadness, ill health, financial or family strife. Or was it a combination of all of the above?

No matter what happened this year it is almost over.

The new year is approaching and is an opportunity for a new beginning. Think of what went wrong

this year. How can you change your outcome? Can you make peace with a family member? Can you develop a better relationship with a child or sibling? Can you improve your health with exercise? Can you improve your family's finances with a better job or a second job?

You cannot change this past year, but you can certainly improve your situation in the new year.

On Rosh Hashanah may you be written in the book of life for a happy and healthy year; and on Yom Kippur may you have a reflective and meaningful fast.

L'Shana Tovah.

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and make as big of an IMPACT on the Savannah Jewish Community as possible. The discussion turned to creating a follow-up meeting and utilizing electronic communication to help with the process. A 9th meeting was agreed to, with over 45 emails, several polls, and many discussions happening before the meeting. Ultimately we all fell back on two major ideas which shaped our allocations decision with the goal of making a lasting impact on the Savannah Jewish Community.

The first idea was based on the experiences and lessons learned throughout the Yesod program. One of the most impactful experiences during the program was when some of the current & previous generation of Savannah Jewish Leaders came and spoke about their experiences. Jeff Lasky, Paul Kulbersh, Aaron Levy, Linda Zoller, Lynn Reeves and Marcy Konter all shared their leadership experiences throughout their leadership roles in the Savannah Jewish community. Additionally, our class facilitators Stephen Greenberg and Linda Sacks continually shared their experiences with us throughout the program. They all showed the passion, effort, and resolve required to be a leader. They all had a huge impact on us, we heard about past leadership programs and how there has not been one in the

Savannah Jewish community in over 20 years. So to ensure there is funding for future leadership programming in the Savannah Jewish community, we agreed to allocate \$5000 to create the Yesod Leadership Programming Fund. This fund will be used exclusively for leadership programming that directly benefits the good and welfare of the Savannah Jewish Community.

The second idea came from our collective experiences in the Savannah Jewish Community, with many of those experiences taking place at the JEA. All the Yesod meetings took place at the JEA, we have attended countless programs, swim lessons, shabbatons, and countless other events at the JEA. We wanted to help ensure the JEA continues to be the home for programming and activities for the entire community. This let us to allocate the remaining \$2500 to the JEA building fund, to help fund future repairs and upgrades to the building to help ensure it is here for generations to come.

I know that I speak for all of us when I say what an impact Yesod had on us as leaders and most importantly on the relationships we have built through this program. We are excited to take our place in shaping the future of the Savannah Jewish community.

Melvin L. Haysman
Roberta Kamine-Haysman
Michelle, Kevin,
Avi and Eli Heyman
Rachelle, Brian,
Sophie and Evie Carmel
Herchelle, Adam,
Elyssa and Joey Cohen
Wishing Friends and Family
a Happy New Year

Warmest Wishes To All
for a Happy and Healthy
New Year
Toby Hollenberg
Jeff, Melissa, Jess
and Ellie Neil

Happy, Healthy
New Year
from the Savannah
Chapter of Hadassah

Wishing All Our Family and
Friends a Happy, Healthy,
and Peaceful Year
Arlene, Allan, Jami, Scott,
Brett, Jennifer, Skylar,
Madelyn and Margot

Jodi and Kenneth Sadler Wish
All Their Relatives and Friends
a Healthy, Happy and
Prosperous New Year

Warmest New Year
Greetings and Good Health
Doris and Martin Greenberg,
Sarah and Seth Kovensky
(Alex and Hannah),
Laura and Michael Greenberg
(Sam and Ben)

Wishing Our
Friends and Family
a Happy and Healthy
New Year
Linda, Steve, Adam,
Lauren, Foster, Evan,
Lizzie, Gray and Craig Novack

Wishing Our Friends
and The Community
A Happy and Healthy New Year
The Adlers
Sue, John, Ben and Gabe

Happy and Healthy New Year
To Friends and Family
Jane Winter

New Year Greetings To All
Adelle Burnsed-Geffen
and Ted Geffen

Happy New Year To All
From Marilyn and Jim Farley

Wishing Friends and Patients
a Happy and
Healthy New Year
Dr. Stephanie Joy Sweeney
and The Team at
Savannah Dental

Happy Apples
and Honey Y'All
Cookie and Barry Gale

Best Wishes For a Happy And
Healthy NEW YEAR
Skippy and Sandy Goodman
Marc, Karen, Ashley
and Parker Goodman
Jill, Ken, Ben and Carly Goldstein

Wishing All a Happy and
Healthy New Year
Jean and Julian Weitz

Wish All My Friends a Happy
and Prosperous New Year
Kathy Levitt

Linda and Michael,
Stephanie, Jonathan, Lilly
and Amelia Zoller;
Becca, Eric, Adeline and
Zackary Zoller Stone
Wish Everyone a Healthy
and Happy New Year

Edwin and Melinda
David and Peggy
And Ellen
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May This New Year Be Filled
With Health and Happiness,
Sweet Moments for
You and Your Family,
and World Peace.
L'Shanah Tovah
Sarah Denmark and
Adam Solender

Best Wishes For a Happy
Healthy and Prosperous
New Year
Victor, Elise, Heather, Jason,
Kristina and Reed Shernoff

Wishing Family and Friends
a Happy and Healthy New Year
Dayle and Aaron Levy

Happy and Healthy New Year
From The Kulbersh Family:
Harriet and Paul, Dana,
Eric, Ross, And Alyssa
Brian, Jennifer, Alec,
Peri, and Josie

Wishing All Our Family and
Friends a Very Happy and
Healthy New Year
Janis and Lee Javetz

Wishing Friends and Family
a Happy and Sweet New Year
Betty Lasky

Wishing Our Family and
Friends a Sweet New Year
Filled With Health,
Happiness and Peace
Doris and Arnie Goldstein

Wishing Family Friends
and The Entire Community
a Happy And Healthy New Year
Scott, Jared,
and Allison Samuels

May This New Year Be Filled
With The Promise Of Peace,
Health, and Happiness
Marcia and Sandy Berens

Wishing Family and Friends
a Happy and Healthy New Year
Rosalind and Buddy Portman
and Jenny Sullivan

Wishing All Our Family and
Friends a New Year Filled With
Happiness, Health, and Peace
Sally And Steve Greenberg

Wishing Our Friends, Family,
and Community a Very Happy
and Healthy New Year
Jamie, Steven
and Micah Richman

Margie and B.H. Levy Jr.
Wish You a Happy
and Healthy New Year

Stacy, Jeffrey, Darryl, Mindy
and Stephen Lasky
Wish Their Family and Friends
a Happy New Year

Happy Holidays
AM Goldkrand
Judith Goldkrand
Lucy and Joy Goldkrand Cheskin
Howard Goldkrand,
Beth Coleman and BZW

Happy and Healthy New Year
Jay, Courtney, Hunter
and Noah Goldstein

Best Wishes To Family
and Friends For a Happy,
Healthy New Year
Margie Gordon

Wishing Friends and Family
a L'Shana Tovah
Marsha And Chuck Bernstein

Wishing Friends and Family
a Happy New Year
Daniel & Loyce Weil

Wishing Family and Friends
a Happy New Year
Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Cooper

Shanah Tovah Y'All
Stoltzman Family

Wishing Family and Friends
A Happy and Healthy New Year
Sarabel Stemer

Wishing Family and Friends
Shana Tova and Happy New Year
Tami and Lenny Tishberg
and Family

Sally and Herb Sanders Wish
All Our Family and Friends a
Healthy and Happy New Year

A Healthy and Peaceful
Jewish New Year
Harvey and Roni Libow
and Family

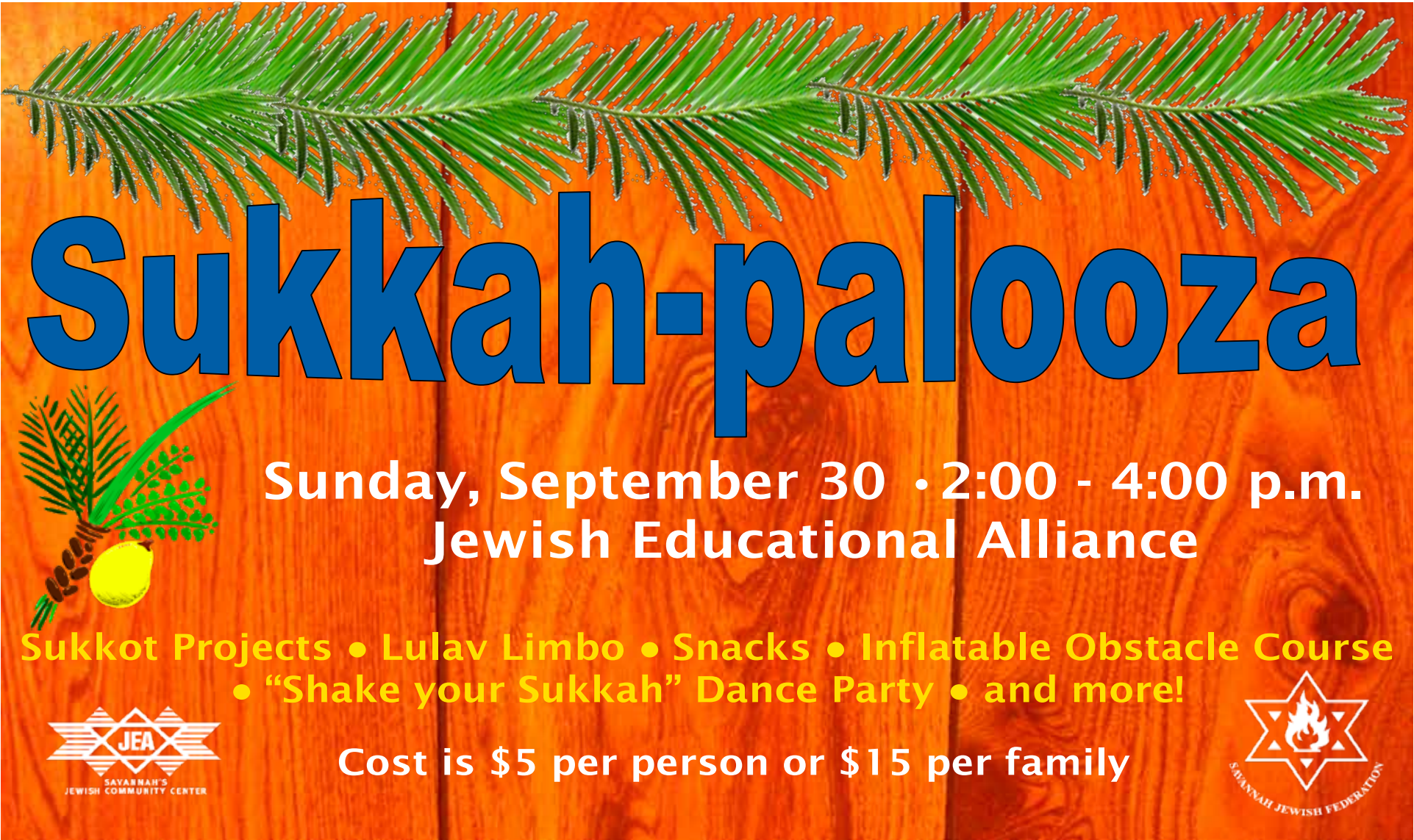
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Happy and Healthy New Year

Wishing You a Happy
Healthy New Year!
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Wishes all my Relatives
and Friends A Happy
and Prosperous New Year

We Wish Everyone
a Happy New Year
Cathy and Irvin Levine

Wishing Family and Friends a
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Sukkah-palooza

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Young, Jewish and Important

Young Jewish Savannah is aimed at young adults in their 20s and 30s, from all walks of Jewish life – all religious streams; single, coupled or married – with or without children; all sexual orientations; and interfaith families. All are welcome. Its stated goal is “to provide meaningful opportunities for engagement in the Jewish community through social and professional networking, community service, Judaic and leadership programs.” Engaging every generation is so important to the future of our community. Young Jewish Savannah is succeeding by reaching out and bringing a younger generation together. Establishing those relationships is critical.

“When I first moved to Savannah in November 2016, I reached out to YJS to meet people and make friends in town. Making connections through YJS is what helped me land a job in Savannah. I am thankful for it every day.” Jacqui Drazen is the Community Program Coordinator for the Savannah Jewish Federation and JEA and coordinates Young Jewish Savannah as a part of her

portfolio. “Planning programs for my peers is one of my favorite aspects of my job,” Jacqui Drazen says, “getting to meet all of the young Jewish professionals moving to Savannah and welcoming them to the community is such a privilege. I remember when I was the new girl in Savannah, I love being able to share my story with newcomers and get them excited about being a part of the Savannah Jewish Community.”

The first half of 2018 has been an exciting one for Young Jewish Savannah! They have had many new people move to Savannah and reach out to YJS to get to know other young Jewish adults in town. Young Jewish Savannah events are always casual and really fun. Some of this year YJS events have included bowling, a Savannah Bananas game, a succulent workshop at the Savannah botanical gardens, a Sex in the Texts discussion, Shabbat dinners and a pool party at the JEA.

Upcoming events for Young Jewish Savannah include, a Shabbat Service and Dinner in the Sukkah at Congregation Agudath Achim on

Friday, September 28. Join them on October 25 for the long anticipated YJS Slow Ride to get the real Savannah tour. In November, YJS is partnering with PJ Library for a joint conversation about the “December Dilemma.” Plus, the Annual Vodka Latke event in December is always a YJS favorite! Games, Dancing, Drinks & Latke...what more could you ask for?!

Engaging the next generation is important for the future of this community. Though Young Jewish Savannah, young people get comfortable in the JEA building, get a chance to participate in Shabbat services at local synagogues and participate in service projects and meet other young Jews which lead to both personal and professional relationships.

Drazen says that she gets ‘leads’ on new people to contact from all kinds of sources: a community member who went to their new veterinarian that turned out to be Jewish; Kids that grew up in Savannah, left for college and are moving back 10 years later to continue their professional careers; the list goes on. She says that if you know of someone you want her to call, just let her know. She won’t wait to hear from them first!



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The satisfaction of passing on your faith and heritage to coming generations

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

Southerland & Drazen Chosen as JELI Fellows

The Boards of the Savannah Jewish Federation and Jewish Educational Alliance are proud to announce that Jacqui Drazen AND Kirby Southerland have been chosen as fellows in the Jewish Experiential Leadership Institute Southeast (JELI).

The Jewish Experiential Leadership Institute – Southeast (JELI) is a new leadership program designed specifically for emerging professional leadership who serve Jewish communal organizations in smaller Southeast communities which include Alabama, Arkansas, North Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Only twenty individuals were chosen from all these communities. It is a great “tip of the hat” that both Kirby Southerland and Jacqui Drazen were chosen for the program—two high quality leaders from the same community!!

A program of the Leadership Commons of the William Davidson School of the Jewish Theological Seminary, JELI-Southeast will focus on content in the areas of leadership practice, personal growth, Jewish learning, and community building, fostering collaboration to help sustain and nurture strong Jewish life in the Southeast.

The 18-month program will commence this Fall and will include three, 4-day in-person intensives located in the Southeast region, as well as monthly online learning, individual mentoring, and project work.

The first JELI-Southeast experiential programming will focus on:

- Personal Growth: Understanding one's own leadership presence and potential.
- Leadership Practice: Practicing how to set vision, implement strategy, and evaluate success.

- Jewish Learning: Studying Jewish tradition, culture, and text to inform your leadership identity and practice.

- Community Building: Exploring the culture, potential, and challenges of Southeast Jewish life, communities, and the region as a whole, highlighting how we can work together to advance

our common goal of sustaining and nurturing a strong Jewish life in the Southeast for the next generation and beyond.

The Savannah Jewish community is incredibly grateful to William Davidson Foundation, Jim Joseph Foundation, The Leon Levine Foundation, Amy Mandel/Katina Rodis

Fund and Birmingham Jewish Foundation for making this tuition free program available to two of our own.



Jacqui Drazen



Kirby Southerland

75th Annual Meeting

The Savannah Jewish Federation invites the community to its 75th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 5th, at 7pm at the JEA. At the meeting, Allan Ratner will be honored for his recent service as President and Edwin Byck will be installed as the next President of the Federation. Retiring Governors also will be recognized for their service and new Governors invested. As is customary, the annual gathering will be an opportunity for the awarding



of special presidential recognitions, updates on the State of the Federation, the presentation of the Annual Report and all other general business. Twenty participants from Cohort 1 of the Yesod Leadership Initiative will graduate. The officers and Board of Governors of the Savannah Jewish Federation hope you will join them for the Annual Meeting, Wednesday, September 5th, 7pm at the JEA.

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75th ANNUAL MEETING

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Wednesday, September 5, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Jewish Educational Alliance

Highlights will Include:

- Remarks from Outgoing President, Allan Ratner
- Installation of Edwin Byck as President
- Election of Board of Governors
- President's Awards
- Graduation of Yesod Leadership Initiative
- Dessert Reception



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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!

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

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Summer Camp Experience

By Sarah Loncon

Camp Coleman is one of my most favorite places on the earth. It is where I see all my friends, where I celebrate Shabbat, and where I learn more about my Jewish culture. I think it is important to go to a Jewish camp because you are surrounded by a bunch of Jewish people. A major thing that keeps my coming to camp is the bonds you have with your friends. My cabin was very welcoming from day one, the girls all were very inclusive and very nice. We always laugh, talk, and mess around together. I and my cabin mates are almost inseparable.

A really good experience at camp is the unit service. Every unit gets a chance to lead a prayer service. There are speakers, who talk about the prayers, artists, who make posters and signs for the service, and musicians, who lead prayers and play instruments. Every unit has a theme that will tie into their unit service. This year my unit's theme was, "What's broken, and how can we fix it?"

This past year I was in the second oldest group at the camp. The two oldest groups participate in something called Mitzvah Day. We sign up for a community service project outside of camp then go participate. This year, I went to the Foster Care Sup-



Sarah Loncon

port Foundation in Atlanta. There, we helped organize the items that they give to foster families. It was a really great experience and I can't wait for Mitzvah Day next year.

The oldest unit, Chalutzim (I will be in it next year), goes on a three-day trip. First, they go white water rafting and other fun stuff, and then, they go to another state and learn something educational. This year they went to Alabama and learned about 'Bloody Sunday.' I am looking forward to the trip so I can learn more, while having fun.

I think it is important to go to Jewish sleepaway camp, so you can learn about your religion, make bonds that will last a life time, and help the community. I am thankful for the Savannah Jewish Federation support to attend Camp Coleman, and very thankful for the scholarship I received.

Sarah Loncon is the daughter of Lori Loncon and Chuck Loncon. Sarah Loncon's Camp Coleman experience was supported by a grant from the Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Community Campaign.

Like to read Jewish-related books?

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

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

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

If interested, please email sjn@savj.org



Rosh Hashanah Greetings from Our Rabbinical Leaders



Rabbi Steven Henkin

Crying Out to God

When I was a child, my favorite part of the High Holiday services was always the shofar blowing.

Growing up, I never much thought about why; there was just something in that moment and in that sound that hit me. The prospect of sitting in services for hours was not appealing to me, but it was made worth it for the few minutes I'd be able to hear the primal sound of that horn. While I get much more spirituality out of the service now than I did as a child, the sound of the shofar is still one of the highlights for me.

In my experience, I am not the only one who feels this way. Children and adults alike are often moved by the shofar. There is something about experiencing its sound which arouses our hearts and our souls.

Several reasons are given by the tradition for sounding the shofar. One common explanation is that it is a reminder of the binding of Isaac, a story we read on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, and how Abraham ended up sacrificing a ram he saw in the thicket instead of his own son. Another was that it was an alarm clock, a call to wake us up from the spiritual slumber through which we've been going through life and to do better in the coming year. A third relates it to the shofar's use in the Torah, where it was blown before battle, to remind us to fight against the evil in the world and in ourselves. A simpler explanation is that the shofar was sounded in the Second Temple to let everyone know when the new month was declared, so everyone would know.

The most powerful reason for the shofar for me is taught from a parable told by Rabbi Dov Baer, the Maggid of Mezritch who was the primary disciple of the Ba'al Shem Tov, the founder of the Hasidic movement. The Maggid relates the shofar to children who were sent to a far away land by

the king. After spending years away from the king, the children started longing to return home. They sent messages to the king's palace which go unanswered; they plea, they pray, but get no response. Finally, they conclude, "Perhaps we have been gone so long, we have forgotten how to talk to the king, so he can't understand us." In response, the children let out a simple cry, "because a simple cry is understood by everyone."

For many of us, this parable summarizes our experience. We may pray to and plea with God, but it often feels like there is no response. When we feel that way, there are two possible reactions: we can turn away, asking why we bother if God can't be bothered to answer us, or, like the children in the Maggid's parable, we can find another way to communicate. We cry, we sob, we scream, remembering the words of the Talmud, "Even though the gates of prayer are locked, the gates of tears are not."

Some rabbis do connect the shofar's blasts to crying: tekiah represents the long wail of someone in pain; shevarim, three sobs of suffering; teruah, the short, uncontrollable weeping in response to devastation. And perhaps this is why we find the shofar so powerful. During these holidays, during the most introspective time of year when we spend the most time praying, the blasts both comfort us and give voice to our insecurity. It is as if we are saying, "God, I don't know if You're listening; I don't know if I'm doing this right; I don't know what the coming year has in store. But I know what I'm feeling. I know I want more, I know I can do better, I know I can cry, and I know You will listen to my tears."

As we prepare to hear the shofar this year, may we do so full with the things we want to tell God, full with the emotions we want to express, and may the blasts of the shofar give voice to everything in our hearts.

Shanah Tovah.



Looking for something to do?
Check the Community Calendar
www.savj.org

Rosh Hashanah Greetings from Our Rabbinical Leaders



Rabbi Avigdor Slatus

Oseh Shalom

For some, Labor Day marks the end of summer and the beginning of a new term, for Klal Yisroel the month of Elul

serves as the reminder to commence our preparation for the New Year. Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Succos bring their spiritual message to all who are attentive. The refreshing moments of sincere prayer and reflecting upon the past year enable us to cleanse ourselves from the daily distractions of life. Standing in the presence of Hashem, reciting and singing the ageless prayers, connects us with our past and prepares us for our future. The sacred words of each supplication penetrate the most stubborn heart and stir the soul. Entreating Hashem has a calming effect upon the human mind and enables us to properly view the events and madness of our world.

With all of man's achievements and technological accomplishments, when mankind should be basking in comfort and peace, turbulence continues to erupt around us. Rogue notions threaten world stability, terrorists attempt to establish a caliphate, religious leaders continue to incite the masses and dictatorships proceed to deny basic human rights. Even on our own soil in America there is the ever present anger, enmity, abhorrence to those who are perceived to be different or maintain different opinions. In this

ever progressive and all-inclusive society that we dwell in, perhaps we should actively include our Creator.

Embracing the fundamental principles of Sinai, seeking spirituality in our daily existence and pursuing loftier ambitions than merrily satisfying our appetites, is the means by which we add purpose and meaning to our lives. We recite the selichos, hear the Shofar, fast, and beseech our Heavenly Father for forgiveness for past errors and his blessings for our future. We read the Nesaneh Tokef, we remember with Yizkor, we dwell in the Succah, rejoice with the Torah and dip the apple in honey. All of these mitzvahs and traditions are designed to elevate body and soul and bring us to the threshold of the world to come. This daily experience of Jewish life enables us to remain connected to the Divine and transcend the concern of a world in turmoil.

At the conclusion of our silent prayer as well as the conclusion of Kaddish, our final request, after all the service and prayers, we invoke "Oseh Shalom Bimromov, Hoo Yaaseh Shalom Aleinu" etc". He who establishes peace in his heights, may he make peace upon us and upon all of Israel. This is the exclamation point, the ultimate goal of our service to attain true peace. Inner peace, self-esteem within our families, associations and amongst mankind.

May we all be blessed with good health, success and happiness and above all Shalom.



Rabbi Robert Haas

High Holy Days 2018

April and I just returned from an incredible vacation in Iceland. We absolutely loved every minute of our six days in this beautiful

country. From the moment we left the airport, perfection seemed to follow us around as if we were predestined to have the perfect vacation. It was as if all the star aligned for us, which was ironic, as we never actually saw a star during our time in this "23 hours of daylight in the summer" country. As we left for Iceland, the country had faced two straight months of dreary rainy nights and day, without any relief, right up to the moment we arrived, when the weather turned absolutely perfect. We decided at the last minute to take a whale watching tour during a period where few whales had been seen recently, and a pod of 12-15 orcas just happened to decide to ride shotgun along with us. The clouds parted as we finished our glacier tunnel tour just as we were leaving, so we could see the mountains far and wide. I hit an open mic night in Reykjavik on our last night in the country. We arrived just in time for me to sign up to go on stage, and every joke hit its mark during my set. We decided to take a trip to a local pool instead of an expensive hot springs spa, and wow, it turned out that Icelanders love their local pools. This one just happened to include five giant hot tubs of varying temperatures, a sauna, and a steam room in this mega complex. Everything was perfect.

However....the plane flight to Iceland proved to be a whole other story. We arrived in Dallas to make our connection and found the plane delayed for 30 minutes, then an hour, then two hours then finally four hours. When we finally left for our trip, an extremely inebriated woman became sick and argumentative, so we turned around on the runway and returned to the airport to drop her off. We then waited a while before finally leaving for the land of ice, when about two hours into our flight the pilot announced that the GPS had broken and that we'd be returning to Dallas, adding for good measure, "By the way, just ignore all the firetrucks that you'll see on the runway." My wife was especially thankful that he mentioned firetrucks, when in actuality, we would have never noticed them from 30 thousand feet above. We

arrived back in Dallas and after much hustle and bustle found ourselves at a hotel at 4am with a scheduled flight at 3:30pm, almost a full day later from our original trip, which turned into a full day later when that plane left late. Of course, all of our luggage, didn't arrive with us. Did I also mention, how the airline's computers kept losing me in their system? It was said of Reb Simcha Bunem of Pershyscha that he carried two slips of paper, one in each pocket. On one he wrote: Bishvili nivra ha-olam "for my sake the world was created." On the other he wrote: "V'anokhi afar v'efer" "I am but dust and ashes." I felt a little of both on this trip.

My trip serves as a metaphor (or perhaps a simile) of a year in my life. Sometimes everything goes my way and sometimes nothing goes my way. The Kotzker Rebbe once said, "Whoever does not see God everywhere does not see Him anywhere." We've each probably had a year filled with a little of everything going our way, a little of nothing going our way, and a whole lot in the middle. It's easy to appreciate God when we feel the world was created for our sakes as we watch orca whales swim alongside our boat (I had never seen one before my life). Yet, we know it's equally as difficult to see God when we feel we are but dust and ashes as we sluggishly make our way to a hotel room at 4am after eleven hours of airport hilarity.

As we start the New Year, I do hope we see more whales and less airplane GPS malfunctions this next year, but I even more so hope that we will have the chance to see God in everything we do in our lives, even when doing so proves less than easy. May we remember during the return runway trips that God gave us the ability to overcome moments that are so much more unsettling than losing a day's worth of vacation. May we remain humble when the clouds part and gives us a sensational view of the mountains from the glacier where we stand. May God help us to live as uplifted and humble human beings. I look no further than the inebriated woman kicked off the initial flight for a little uplifting insight. As she came on the plane the next day with the rest of us, wearing a hat and dark sunglasses in a hopeless effort to hide her shame, I thought to myself what a lucky woman. She went to bed five hours earlier than the rest of us. May we all have a year of seeing God in everything we do.

The Jewish Educational Alliance Presents the Jack Malitz and Miriam Slotin Levy Memorial Concert

Featuring the dynamic music of
The Savannah Voice Festival

&
Special Guest Pianist
Benjamin Warsaw

Sunday, October 14
Jewish Educational Alliance

Concert 2:00 p.m.

Doors Open 1:30 p.m.

Dessert reception
during intermission



This concert is made possible by the
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The Jewish Educational Alliance presents a monthly program guide

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Jewish Educational Alliance

September 2018

JEA Aquatics Program Continues to Grow!



Kirby Southerland
Aquatics Director

Another awesome busy summer season is coming to a close at the JEA. This summer brought rain, brutal heat, and some unfortunate pool closures due to some unexpected maintenance issues. But, this summer also brought new events at the outdoor

pool, more swim lessons than have ever been done previously, and a tremendous amount of fun!

This summer, members and friends joined us at Dinner by the Pool on Thursdays, Young Jewish Savannah hosted Red, White and Brew by the pool for the 4th of July, and the grill continued to bring families out for lunch and swimming every Sunday. More campers passed the swim test thanks to the help from Ms. Rachel and Ms. Emma, and our oldest



Swim Lessons

campers challenged their skills to learn the basics of Junior Lifeguarding. Eleven students joined a lifeguarding class in early summer and are now employed all over the Savannah and Hilton Head areas.

Now that summer is coming to a close, the JEA Aquatics Staff only continues to grow with the addition of Mananna Terrell, who



Mananna Terrell

is joining us as a swim instructor. Mananna brings 15 years of experience in aquatics. She is a former lifeguard instructor and is passionate about water safety and instilling within others a love of the water. Schedule your lessons with her today by emailing aquatics@savj.org.



JEA Junior Lifeguarding



Young Jewish Savannah



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 12:30 pm

Sep. 6	<i>Citizen Advocacy</i> Tom Kohler	Sep. 20	<i>Economic Gardening in Our Community</i> Coco Papy
Sep. 13	<i>Estate Planning</i> Jeffrey Williamson	Sep. 27	<i>Ushpizin—Traditional to Contemporary</i> Linda Sacks

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.

JEA Donations (June 16, 2018-August 3, 2018)

ARKIN-CLARK GARDEN FUND

In memory of Joan Bloom
Sharon & Bill Sand
Marilyn Seeman

In memory of Dena Konter Schultz
Jeri Greenberg

JEA GENERAL DONATION

In honor of Sylvia Dane
Eva & Motti Locker

JEA PRESCHOOL SAVANNAH

In memory of Paul Feldman
Sharon & Bill Sand

BERTHA & HYMIE KANTER YOUNG AT HEART FUND

In memory of Lionel Katz
In memory of Frances Rubnitz
Sally & Steve Greenberg
Suzanne & Michael Konter

JEA FITNESS FUND

In memory of Joe Hoffman
Vera Hoffman

HARVEY RUBIN MEMORIAL FUND

In honor of Marsha Bernstein
Elise & Victor Shernoff
In honor of Victor Shernoff
Chuck & Marsha Bernstein
Sally & Steve Greenberg

HENRY W. CENTER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Christopher Phillips
In memory of Ronnie Thompson
In memory of James DeLoach
Miriam Center

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 June 16, 2018-August 3, 2018)

Kevin & Kathleen Arpin
Tarmeka Battle
Malcolm Currie & Rachael Currie
Leonard & Belinda Green
Natonya Hamilton
Dionne Hazel
Stacy Hoskins
Joseph Housley & Bridget Cross
Keith Howington & Elsie Hill
Nicholas & Crystal Meinhardt
Andrew & Gwin Meyer
James & Holly Mulholland
Ross & Natalie Munro
Adam & Danielle Paul
Murray Perlman
Sandra Pitts
Steven Powell & Jennifer Kirkland
Bryan & Davida Robinson
Alec & Maria Schendzelos
Matthew & Sarah Traut
Madeleine Warren

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!



Health & Wellness

Early Bird Registration for the JEA's First Annual 5K opens on September 1!



Registration includes:

- Race Participation
- Entrance to the Post Dash Hanukkah Bash, including Meal & Drink Tickets
- Participation Metal for every age group
- T-Shirt

Early Bird Registration is only \$18 until
October 15 then it goes up to \$36

Register online at savannahjea.org

Preparing for a 5K



Kathy Ackerman
Fitness Director

- The first and most important thing to running a successful 5K is, "Get Started!"
- Plan a training schedule and be consistent. Include your training times in your weekly schedule.
- Find a friend to train with you.
- Start with brisk walking and add a one-minute jog every three or four minutes. Increase the jogging in small increments.

Work up to a one-minute walk and four-minute jog. This is called the Gallo-way technique.

- Add cross-training into your program. Strength training in the gym and adding a yoga and/or Pilates class to your workouts can help with your pace and stamina and can also prevent injury.
- You will have good training days and not so good days. Both are okay, just stay on track and be respectful to your body.
- There are several training apps you can download on your phone to guide you through an eight- or ten-week program.

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

- 9:15 am - Power Pilates
- 10:00 am - SilverSneakers Splash
- 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

- 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



- Make an appointment with one of the Personal Trainers at the JEA if you need a jump start to get motivated! Contact Kat Ackerman at 355-8111 or fitness@savj.org if you have any questions.
- Remember, the best part about doing a race is the nice cold drink when it's over and the positive energy and fellowship!

I look forward to seeing everyone out at our first JEA Oy Vey 5K!



JEA Preschool Savannah News

Enroll Now 2018-19 School Year

Please call for enrollment availability

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

First Day of School Photos



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

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



September

in the JEA Art Gallery

Norman Blackwell

Norman Blackwell began his career as an artist at the young age of five. He has worked in almost every medium and style available to a serious painter. He started with watercolor, tempera and pencil, but soon realized that being an artist was an ongoing adventure that would keep changing as he progressed. He became aware that each new style, method or medium might lead him down an entirely different path as he continued to grow. To this day, he believes that these vital changes are what keep an artist's work vibrant and alive. Most important, perhaps, it is what enables the artist's output to stand the test of time and always remain fresh, not dated.

He received his education in art at Savannah High School, the University of Georgia and post-graduate studies at UCLA and the University of Cincinnati. For three years at Savannah High he studied art under Miss Margaret Murphy, whose ability as a teacher of young artists is legendary in Savannah. Norman's first professional art classes were taken just after World War II at the Telfair Academy.

The rewards for so many years of study and effort have been gratifying to Norman. His work has been shown in art galleries in many different countries and he has won many prizes and received countless awards. Many of his paintings and portraits hang in National Art galleries around the world, while others are included in the private collections of celebrities, socialites, politicians and royal families.

His career in art has been very exciting and quite rewarding. If you ask him what he considers to be the highlight, Norman will immediately answer that it was his association with the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) as Gallery Director in the early, formative years of this world-renowned institution.



*Artwork available for viewing August 27-September 30, 2018
Join us for the Art Gallery Reception September 6th, 4-6 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!

A Meaningful Holiday



By Robyn Carroll,
JEA President
With Rosh Hashanah
around the corner
I think about how
to make the holiday
meaningful for my
sons. At six and three

years of age the concepts of reflection and introspection are too complicated for them. To make it more relevant, I like to say, "Think about how we want the New Year to be better. We think about the past year – the good things and the bad things". They can then interpret that to be meaningful in their lives, at their age. Did they play nicely with their friends? What words did they use in disagreements? Did they always make the best behavioral choices over the last year? This way they can see where they need improvement but it also leaves them with a sense of optimism for the New Year. It's an exciting challenge to try and better yourself year over year whether you're a three year old or and 73 year old; this year in particular, I am looking forward to the challenge.

I have this same optimism about going into the New Year at the JEA. There is so much success to build on from past years of hard work. Our Preschool is five years old and has made positive improvements as it has grown. We now have seven classrooms filled

with happy students, a vibrant summer program, and an active PTA creating strong bonds between the school families and the teachers. The JEA Aftercare program, Days at the Jea, and Camp Savannah continue to be successful and serve the needs of hundreds of families through the school year and the summer. And the awesome staff at the JEA is constantly implementing exciting and new programs for the membership. My family enjoyed the successful 'Dinner by the Pool' program a number of times, we learned about Service Dogs for the blind and visually impaired from a speaker at Food for Thought, and we're looking forward to the Oy Vey 5K in December celebrating Chanukah. Participating in these programs with friends and sharing experiences with your fellow members helps to create community. As I mentioned in my installation speech, the Jewish Community Center Association uses the analogy of a town square to describe JCC's nationwide. This is another opportunity to bring the idea of a "town square" to life. Last year I felt a great sense of community in the building and I'm looking forward to enhancing that feeling in the New Year.

At my first board meeting I asked the newly installed board to introduce themselves. As an easy icebreaker, I asked them to think of how they used

the JEA building. When they entered the building did they go through the doors to the left or right? If you go to the left, that would mean you're a preschool family, work out or take classes in the Fitness Center, take swimming lessons or use the pool. If you enter the building and go to the right, you come to the building for programming like

Food for Thought, the Savannah Jewish Film Festival, or cultural speakers and events. I challenged the Board to use the JEA in a way they usually don't. I also challenge you in the New Year to use the JEA in a way you haven't before. You may be amazed at the different perspective you get going through the door and turning in a different direction. You'll be trying something new and you will be strengthening your community by engaging with a different group of members.

In order to help navigate your way through the building we are finalizing the security project we have been working on for some time. In the New Year you will see an impressive signage installation on the walls of the building giving us a fresh new look and allowing us to go "live" with our biometric security system. Updating the building and our systems is a great way for us to build on the past years success and position ourselves for the future.

We also have a 'Green Committee' now dedicated to bringing the JEA up to speed environmentally and we have a Marketing Committee to help spread the word about all these exciting changes in the way the JEA looks and feels. If you have experience in either of these areas and would like to help please contact me at jeapresident@savj.org.

Other changes are happening too. The indoor pool solarium and the outdoor pool mechanicals are both in need of repair. Both of these areas are enjoyed by members of all ages and are vital to our community center. These are two large, challenging, and expensive projects we have had to delay for some time. The New Year seems like the right time to take on these important improvements. More information about a building campaign will be coming out shortly and I look forward to making these dreams a reality. If you can't give monetarily but would like to help, please reach out to me about volunteer opportunities.

Rosh Hashanah is a time for counting our blessings and also a time for new beginnings. I'm optimistic that your enthusiasm for change at the JEA is as strong as mine and you'll help me in my efforts for a bright New Year. Wishing you a happy and sweet new year.

Shana Tova,
Robyn

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Stuart Murray Scheer

Who died Saturday, June 23, 2018.

He is survived by his wife, Machelld Eldridge Scheer; two sons, Nicholas Jack Scheer and Nathaniel Weston Scheer; two brothers, William Scheer and his wife, Tess, of Savannah, Georgia, and Edward "Eddie" Scheer and his wife, Jane Ward, of Atlanta, Georgia; two sisters, Sandra Peters and her husband, Barry, of Atlanta, Georgia, Rosalyn Hirsch and her husband, Dr. Irvin Hirsch, of Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Remembrance donations may be made to Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob

Joan Margoles Bloom

Who died Thursday, July 5, 2018.

She is survived by her husband, Eugene "Bucky" Bloom, her daughters, Stacey (Barry) Schlafstein, Margie (Ira) Albert, and Robin (David) Wolf and grandchildren: Jennifer Albert, Ashley Schlafstein, Sara Schlafstein, Jessica Schlafstein, Alex Albert,

Megan Wolf, and Matthew Wolf.

Remembrance donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of America

Christopher Andrew Celiz

Who died Thursday, July 12, 2018 while serving his country in Afghanistan.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine "Katie" Marie Ball Celiz and daughter, Shannon.

Remembrance donations may be made to Sua Sponte Foundation, PO Box 60281, Savannah, GA 31420.

Joanne DeVaro

Who died July 19, 2018.

She is survived by her son, John (Josepha) DeVaro, grandchildren, Sarah and David DeVaro, and several nieces and nephews.

Paul Stephen Feldman

Who died July 24, 2018

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Vogel Feldman, daughter Amanda Feldman (Eiran) Gorodeski, son Daniel Feldman, grandchildren, Isaac Gorodeski, Maya Gorodeski, Leo Gorodeski, Nathan Feldman, and Alexa Feldman; sister Jane

Fields, niece, Joanna Fields, and great-niece, Helena Cherny.

Remembrance donations may be made to Congregation Agudath Achim.

Lee Jacob Maltenfort

Who died August, 3, 2018

He is survived by his wife, Judy Roberta Maltenfort and son, Mitchell (Jennifer Davis) Maltenfort.

Remembrance donations may be made to GA Eye Bank, 5605 Glenridge Dr, NE, Suite 250, Atlanta, GA 30342.

Deborah Simon Safer

Who died August 9, 2018.

She is survived by Stephen B. (Shifra) Safer, Adam B. (Julia) Safer, and Joshua S. (Serenity) Safer; five grandchildren, Shai, Esther, Nitzevet, Aviva and Miriam Safer; her mother, Lillian Shirley Rubenstein Simon; one sister, Denise (Stephen) Silverstein; one niece, Dara (Jonathan) Silverstein-Cohen, and one nephew, David Silverstein.

Remembrance donations may be made to Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob – 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405.

The Engagement Ambassador Impact

Over the past three years, the Savannah Jewish Federation has made a great investment in outreach and engagement initiatives with the Savannah College of Art & Design's Hillel. The goal has been to connect students to one another, to Hillel, and to the larger Savannah Jewish community.

Hillel has been an official club at SCAD for 17 years, and is overseen by Faculty Advisor Heather Szatmary. Her dedication to growing the Jewish community at SCAD has been shown through the many holiday programs and Shabbat dinners that she has coordinated for students to enjoy. Three years ago, the Savannah Jewish Federation began to focus on peer to peer engagement as a way to expand SCAD Hillel's reach across campus. Engagement is a strategic process, not a particular program. Engagement is the act of reaching others, getting to know them (and their passions), connecting with them and connecting them to their passions in the Hillel community. Students want to find meaning and feel connected to their generation of Jews.

With the help of the Savannah Jewish Federation, that year SCAD Hillel started the Student Engagement Ambassador program. Each quarter, SJF hires two students to be Engagement Ambassadors. They are tasked with finding, communicating, engaging, and connecting uninvolved

Jewish students to Hillel and its members.

Under the supervision of Devra Silverman, Savannah Jewish Federation's Community Engagement Coordinator, the Student Ambassadors would learn the art of engaging, networking, and connecting Jewish students to Hillel and its resources. During that first year the Ambassadors identified 60 new Jewish students at SCAD. In years two and three of this engagement initiative, the Ambassadors identified and engaged over 140 new Jewish students per year. Those students have become active members of SCAD Hillel; some stepping into leadership positions and even becoming Engagement Ambassadors themselves.

With the Ambassadors serving as a bridge between the Hillel members and the Executive Board, they help identify and present the wants and needs of the freshman class. Engagement Ambassadors have quickly learned over the years that not only are they a resource to new students, but they can have a significant impact on a student's Jewish experience while at SCAD.

We are looking forward to a new class of Jewish students and future leaders of our organization. We are excited to share more successes with you in the coming school year!

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advisory board of the Anti-Defamation League; and

Whereas: Esther Buchsbaum served on the board of Savannah Jewish Federation, as a volunteer for the Jewish Educational Alliance, as a Brownies troop leader and as a volunteer for Agudath Achim Synagogue,

The Esther and Aaron Buchsbaum Fund is created to meet the charitable, educational, cultural, and religious purposes of the Federation.

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If, like Esther Buchsbaum, you would like information on setting up your gift to the community, contact JCFS Chair Jeff Lasky, or Federation Director Adam Solender, adam@savj.org, to discuss the variety of ways to do so.

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Old Habits or New Resolutions

Our Jewish calendar is often not making our task as parents any easier: back-to-school season is just behind us when we have to get ready for our high holidays. The stress of preparing our kids for their return to the classroom is only a hint of the pressure we endure once they actually get there as so often our parental competency will be measured with our children's standardized test scores. To add to the pressure, our days often end up running to after school activities or Hebrew school. This is why Rosh Hashanah is an appropriate time to remember the incredible source of guidance our Jewish literature can be.

Lessons from our forefathers (even though they often lived in the desert, traveled on camels or struggled under an oppressive King) are more than ever relevant. They are full of the wise advice we need in the ultra digitalized and achievement obsessed society we live in. Following an article I recently came across, here are 3 pillars of ancient Jewish wisdom that will help keep family sane and happy. As we adopt new resolutions before Rosh Hashanah, if these 3 are not your family habits, they are well worth considering:

1. Study for Its Own Sake: The Mishnah states that Torah should be studied lishmah, or for its own sake. In other words, we shouldn't learn Torah with ulterior motives (such as scoring point on God's list), rather, we should study for the value of the text, its messages and beauty. By the same token, we should not present the act of learning to our children as a means to an end. Instead, we must help them recognize and embrace the

magic, excitement and privilege of discovering the world around them.

2. And on the Seventh Day God Rested: Judaism also believes in downtime. "Six days shall you labor and do all your work and the seventh day is the Sabbath to the Lord your God [on which] you shall not do any work." Our children spend their school-weeks in constant motion, rushing from classes to basketball practice to piano lessons to Hebrew School. They desperately need a time to recharge and refuel. And Shabbat, is that time. Far more than just a weekly downtime, in the Sabbath rituals our children find the reassuring consistency they need to thrive despite a frantic paced life.
3. Educate a Child According to His Way: This solid advice from King Solomon teaches us that each child must be treated differently, with an eye to the dormant tendencies of his nature. King Solomon doesn't say anything about our way; or the school system's way. He says simply "the child's way". As a parent we are obligated to be conscious of our child's special intellectual and artistic abilities and interests. There is no substitute for knowing one's own children or even one's students. The wise teacher is aware of the differences in their personalities and the circumstances of their lives, and tailors the instruction to them in order to achieve the best result, to cause the lessons to sink in and take root in the child's soul.

Wishing you and your family a year filled with learning, rest and joy.

Shannah Tova,
Eva Locker



Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director
Early Childhood
Education

Building a Team as We Learn Together

It's that time of year when we celebrate the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. New beginnings and reflections are the themes for this meaningful time in the Jewish calendar. These are also themes that the teachers at JEA Preschool Savannah reflected upon as they experienced the preparation for a new school year.

Before the opening of our new school year, we join together for 'Professional Development Days' when our teachers have the opportunity to learn together, to create a classroom team, and to build relationships.

As seasoned teachers return and new ones join, we began with the usual ice breaker and "getting to know you." We reviewed important policies and procedures and created our identity boards to be displayed in the hallway. Identity boards are a visual piece that shows the children and families who we are as individuals. Pictures of our families, pets, and interests are communicated through this creative artwork.

We participated in a "Journey to Quality" workshop presented by Kristin Goetz, the Professional Development Manager from the Childcare Resource and Referrals agency. The importance of positive interactions with children, asking open ended questions, and having schedules and routines were all reinforced through her presentation. Reinforcing these basic concepts is always a good reminder as we begin a new school year.

Personally, the session on our last day together was one of the

most powerful. Thanks to the input from our dynamic teaching team, there were excellent conversations and thoughts shared. The text we read together was from our Jewish Community Center Association (JCCA) Sheva framework. Sheva means seven in Hebrew and there are seven "lenses" that we study as Early Childhood educators. These lenses are for us to "look through" as we work with children. The lenses inform our practice and behaviors to help improve the quality of the program and interactions with children and families.

The first lens we read was **Kedushah-Holiness**. It also brings in the ideas of **intentionality and presence** to our practice. Some of the questions we explored together were "How do you bring Kedushah into an early childhood classroom?" and "What are ways in which we prepare to be present for children, parents, and colleagues when we enter our classrooms?"

Important questions asked as we studied this text and the responses from the teachers were

"The lenses inform our practice and behaviors to help improve the quality of the program and interactions with children and families"

impressive. Some of their answers included 'find out what's important to children,' 'create an emotional and physical safe space,' 'give the children time to explore,' 'treasure each child, and have patience.' I am excited to see how the teachers

bring intentionality and presence to their practice with children in the classrooms this school year.

As we continue to study each of the seven lenses, I am looking forward to learning with the teachers and working together to continue to create a place of excellence for our teachers, children and families at JEA Preschool Savannah.

May we all go from strength to strength!

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Shana Tova



*Ester Rabhan,
Principal
Rambam Day
School*

We're Off and Running...

School has begun and our first few days went smoothly, and there were even smiling faces from the 2Y right on up to the eighth grade. The faculty was excited to begin a new year with an enthusiasm towards all they are dedicated to accomplishing. Mostly, the excitement of watching their students grow academically, physically and emotionally.

We have several new staff members and new families; whom we welcome with open arms and we look forward to them becoming attached to their new home as so many others before them have done. Our theme for this school year is kindness and a focus on those who bravely serve our country; their willingness to make sacrifices for our safety. We will emphasize "Paying it Forward". Kindness begins with one small deed and grows and grows and grows, because when a good deed is done to you, you must do one for someone else.

We are going to emphasize tech-

nology safety and how both the school and the family must ensure that our children are safe from the dangers and challenges of technology. Of course, our yearly curriculum that we tweak all the time to improve, will play a major role in our efforts and goals.

Two years ago, Rambam Day School participated in Quality Rated which is a step above licensing. We received the highest rating of three stars. QR addresses more intimately the interactions between teachers, assistants and students. We were asked this year to have one of our pre-school classes volunteer as a model for Quality Rated representatives to observe the class and use it as a benchmark and spring board for some new ideas they would like to implement in their program. This request was certainly one that made us proud of all we have accomplished and continue to build upon.

We hope all families enjoyed quality time with their children over the summer, and we hope that whichever school your child is attending; they'll have a wonderful, productive year.



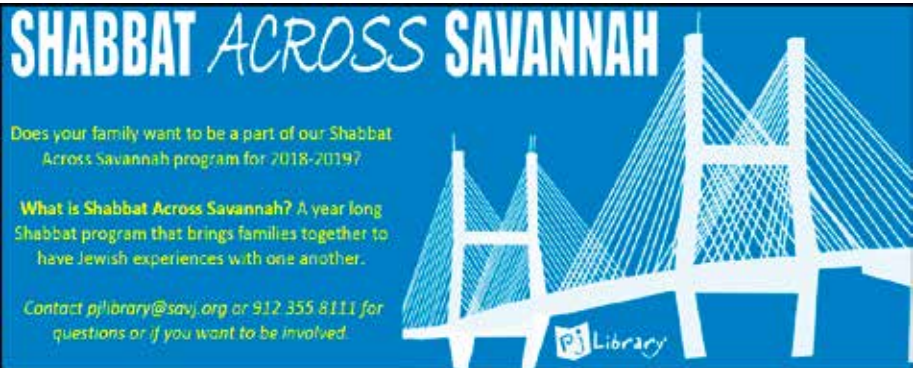
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For more information about PJ Library, please contact Devra Silverman, Community Engagement Coordinator at pjlibrary@savj.org or 912.355.8111

PJ Library and PJ Our Way Savannah are made possible through generous support from the Savannah Jewish Federation, Jane Slotin, Nancy & Leon Slotin, and the Cecele Richman JEA Fund.

Chag Sameach from the Savannah Jewish Archives!



The staff at the Breman Museum is wishing everyone in Savannah a happy and sweet New Year! As we reflect on the past year, we are thankful to the Savannah community for providing the support necessary to make thousands of images from the Savannah Jewish Archives available on the web, including the one pictured here:

Staff Sergeant Robert Blumenstein, cantor, leads High Holiday services for members of the Armed Forces and their spouses at Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, GA. ca. 1944-1948.

Any questions about the Savannah Jewish Archives? Contact us at Iresnick@thebreman.org or jrkatz@thebreman.org. There's history in your home! Please consider reaching out to make an appointment to explore the Archives if you're in Atlanta, or donating to our collection.

Wishing the Entire Community a *Shana Tova* and Much Blessing in the Coming New Year



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Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

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High Holy Days 2018 / 5779

Selichot
Saturday, September 1
Dinner, 7:30 pm
Musical Program, 8:30 pm
Dessert & Coffee, 9:45 pm
Selichot Service, 10:30 pm

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, September 9
Dinner, 6:00 pm
Prelude, 7:30 pm
Evening Service followed by Sisterhood Oneg, 7:45 pm

Rosh Hashanah
Monday, September 10
Prelude, 10:00 am
Morning Service, 10:15 am
Tashlich Services & lunch, 1:00 pm
Children/Family Service, 2:45 pm

Erev Yom Kippur
Tuesday, September 18
Dinner, 6:00 pm
Prelude, 7:30 pm
Kol Nidre service, 7:45 pm

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, September 19
Prelude, 10:15 am
Morning Service, 10:30 am
HHD Themed Discussion, 1:00 pm
Children/Family Service, 2:45 pm
Afternoon Service, 4:00 pm
Memorial Service, 5:30 pm
Concluding Service, 6:00 pm
Break the Fast, 7:00 pm

Please RSVP to the Temple at 912-233-1547

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Save the Date for the Shalom Y'all Jewish Food Festival on October 28th, 2018!

Be part of the largest Jewish Food Festival in the South by advertising your business and helping to underwrite the cost of this important community event.

We have several levels of sponsorship opportunities available. To find out more information and to sponsor this event, contact the Congregation Mickve Israel office at 912-233-1547

We Are Pleased To Welcome To Our 2018 High Holy Days Cantor Marshall Portnoy



Marshall Portnoy is the Cantor Emeritus of Main Line Reform Temple in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania where he has served since 1994, and a past Vice-President of the American Conference of Cantors.

Cantor Portnoy will be accompanied by I Cantori during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and singing solo on the Second Day of Rosh Hashanah.

Operation Isaiah

September 5 -
October 4



*This is my chosen fast...
Share your bread with the hungry
Take the homeless into your home.
Clothe the naked when you see him,
Do not turn away from people in need.*

- Isaiah 58:6-7

Isaiah was a prophet whose words are read on Yom Kippur each year. In this spirit, join your **Savannah Jewish Federation** and **Jewish Family Services** during **Operation Isaiah** by doing a mitzvah this High Holy Day season and donate food* to benefit the **Second Harvest Food Bank**.

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Highlights of High Holiday Schedule

Sunday, September 9th, Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:00 pm - Mincha/Maariv
7:20 pm - Candle Lighting

Monday & Tuesday, September 10th & 11th, Rosh Hashanah

9:00 am - Services
10:30 am - K'Toni & Jr. Congregation
10:45 am - Shofar Blowing
11:15 am - Sermon
5:00 pm - Tashlich and Mincha (1st day)
(at the back of Heard Elementary)

Tuesday, September 18th Kol Nidre

7:08 pm - Candle Lighting
7:10 pm - Mincha
7:15 pm - Kol Nidre

Wednesday, September 19th Yom Kippur Yizkor

9:00 am - Shacharit
10:45 am - K'Toni & Jr. Congregation
12:00 pm - Sermon/Yizkor
4:00 pm - Rabbi's Study Session
5:15 pm - Mincha
7:20 pm - Neilah
7:50 pm - Maariv
8:01 pm - Shofar/Havdalah and Fast ends

Four Questions for the Rest of the Year with Edwin Byck

Your family has a long, involved history in the Savannah Jewish community. Can you tell us about that history?

Both sides of my father's family have been in Savannah for generations. The Byck, Meinhard, and Ferst families immigrated from Germany to Savannah in the early 1850's. There have been 3 generations of Byck's that have served as Presidents of Temple Mickve Israel, David Byck Jr., David Amram Byck III, and David B Byck. My Great Grandfather D.A. Byck Sr. was the second president of the JEA. My grandmother, Ruth Ferst Byck founded a Senior Citizens program at the JEA. My father David Amram Byck, III, served as a board member of both the Federation and the JEA. My Mother, Ellen Byck served on the JEA board. My brother, David B Byck, served as President of the Shalom School and served on the board of the Federation. I hope to continue my family's strong involve-



ment with the Savannah Jewish Community.

You have been on the Savannah Jewish Federation Board of Governors for five years, what do you want the board to accomplish under your leadership?

I want to educate the entire Savannah Jewish Community as to the great work that the Federation does every day. My belief is that the community knows that the Federation is responsible for raising the funds for the annual campaign and allocating these funds for Jews locally and around the world. While the annual Campaign is a big focus, the Federation is responsible for much more. PJ library provides books and other Jewish based materials for children and young family members. Federation staff support the youth by encouraging and promoting the BBYO and youth group experiences for middle and high school communities as well as supporting the college Hillel experience. Young Jewish Savannah brings young Jewish professionals

together. The Yesod program offers Jewish members of all ages the chance to receive leadership training with an emphasis on Jewish values. Jewish Family Services provides monetary and other types of assistance to those in the Jewish community that for various reasons need help. Other programs including live talks, programs, movies and senior luncheons encourage members of the community to get involved. I haven't even gotten to the Savannah Jewish Archives and other programs that I hope to highlight during the year.

Tell us about your work?

I am a partner of the law firm Weiner, Shearouse, Weitz, Greenberg & Shawe, LLP. I began work at the law firm almost 25 years ago, in December, 1993. I relocated from Atlanta and was mentored by both Harvey Weitz and Aron Weiner, two members of the Savannah Jewish community that I miss dearly. I specialize in commercial real estate law with an emphasis on small business lending for business clients. I am one of only a handful of attorneys in the South-

east Georgia area who is designated as a 504 Closing Attorney by the U.S. Small Business Administration. I have also closed countless loans pursuant to the SBA 7(a) loan guarantee program that provides small business owner's with the capital to start or grow their businesses. I am honored to represent and assist local small businesses as both my father, grandfather and great grandfather owned businesses in Savannah.

What are you most proud of?

I am most proud of my family. My wife, Melinda and I met in college at UNC-Chapel Hill and were married in 1993. Melinda is my best friend and is always there to support me. My eldest son, Adam is a freshman at McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland. My younger son, David E. Byck is a sophomore at Savannah Country Day school. Both Adam and David enjoy athletics including football and basketball. I am lucky that my mother, Ellen and brother and sister in law, Drs David and Peggy Byck live in Savannah. My sister, Nancy, resides in Fort Myers, Florida.

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Kick off the 2019 Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Community Campaign on Thursday, October 4!



Savannah Hadassah's Breast Health Awareness Event

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JFNA Allocates Funds to Help Besieged Israelis

Jerusalem, Israel--

The Jewish Federation of North America allocated nearly half a million dollars to help relieve suffering in southern Israel caused by 'kite arson' and provide trauma counseling and support for a growing number of Israelis who have been impacted by increased strife along the Gazan border.

Federations provided funding so that 100 children from border communities could participate in The Jewish Agency for Israel's Summer Respite Camp which offers children a reprieve from their homes daily hardships. Grants were also made to local organizations for to purchase critical equipment such as radio transmitters and fire carts, bring experienced volunteer American firefighters to Israel, and support trauma counseling for the most vulnerable.

"It's not just the 'kite arson' that is taking a toll," said JFNA President and CEO Jerry Silverman. "Israel's southernmost communities have been hit with hundreds of rockets from Gaza—the most intense exchange of fire since the 2014 conflict, Operation Defensive Edge."

"Ensuring the residents are safe and that life is able to flourish is of strategic importance to Israel and to Jewish Federations," he added.

Among the most recent grants, JFNA will support a second group of

ten firefighters from across the U.S. who will arrive in Israel next week and work shoulder to shoulder with Israeli first responders who are deployed round the clock to try and halt further destruction. "Kite arson," a new tactic employed by Palestinian terrorists, has traumatized Israelis and caused millions of dollars in damage.

"Though we are fortunate that to date no one has been killed or physically injured by the kite terror," said Richard Sandler, Chair of JFNA's Board of Trustees, "the wave of arson has caused devastating damage and emotional trauma. The harsh sights of blackened fields, damage to crops, agriculture, wildlife, people's livelihoods, and their connection with the land is having a devastating effect on all residents, young and old."

"Throughout Israel there is considerable tension and the security establishment is on high alert," said Silverman. "With our local partners we will continue to identify pressing needs in communities on the southern border. Fortunately, Federation-funded programs, established with emergency dollars in the aftermath of Operation Protective Edge, are in place which supports the resiliency of civilians living in towns near Gaza, providing real-time comfort and assistance during this tense period."

Vital Statistics

Vidor E. Friedman, MD, son of C. Robert Friedman of Savannah and Forest Hills, NY, has been named president-elect of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), comprising approximately forty thousand nation-wide.



Dr. Doris Greenberg

Dr. Doris Greenberg will be receiving the prestigious 2018 Leila D. Denmark Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Greenberg is being honored for "outstanding and enduring contributions to the children & adolescents of Georgia in providing exemplary patient care, dedication and peerless talent in pediatric training and education, and as a leader in developmental-behavioral pediatrics for the Chapter and our state over the span of a wonderful career."

Dr. Linda Sacks, a Park Place Outreach Youth Emergency Shelter volunteer was awarded the Helping Hand Volunteer Award at the National Safe Place Network conference. The award is given to an extraordinary individual who demonstrates volunteerism through his or her involvement with an organization dedicated to youth services.



Dr. Linda Sacks



Lowell Kronowitz

Lowell Kronowitz, president and fourth generation family owner of Levy Jewelers has been named president of the Rotary Club of Savannah. In addition to the new position, Kronowitz currently serves as chairman of the 200 Club and is a member of the Bethesda Foundation Board

Steven Scheer received the Georgia Sheriff's Association Meritorius Service Award in recognition of his long history of support of the constitutional office of sheriff and individual sheriffs throughout the state.



Steven Scheer



Sylvia Dane

Sylvia Dane celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by admiring and loving family and friends



The new Hadassah Savannah Chapter Board was installed on August 8th at The Landings home of Sue Adler. Pictured (l-r) are: (back row) Jean Weitz, VP organization, Lynn Levine & Judy Hirsch, VPs marketing and communication, Rosalyn Taratoot, treasurer, April Haas, VP advocacy, Janis Javetz, VP organization; (front row) Sue Adler, President, Susan Slotin, VP membership. Not pictured: LeeAnn Kole, VP, social media, Jill Strauss, VP membership, Jill Sandberg, VP advocacy.

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Summer Camp Experience

By Dinah Henkin

This summer, I got to participate for two weeks at the "Taste of Ramah" program at Camp Ramah Darom, in Clayton, Georgia. Taste of Ramah is for campers going into Third through Fifth Grade who are experiencing camp for the first time. It was my first time away

from home and I was a little nervous going but am so happy that I did! I had a great time meeting new friends from many different southern states and even got to get together with

one new friend while we were both visiting our families in Florida after camp.

At Camp Ramah, I participated in many activities such as swimming in the pool and lake, playing different sports, and different nighttime bunk activities like hiking to a waterfall and watching the older campers perform a play all in Hebrew. Having a chance to try out the ropes course, and getting to help lead daily morning prayers were wonderful memories for me. I really liked how all of the music that

they played was in Hebrew. Spending a week participating in the all-camp color war (go team Yarok/Green!), where I got to be on a team with campers of all ages was a fun way to learn more about the camp. It was awesome that we won too!

I also got to participate in the weekly all-camp dancing on Saturday night after Havdallah. It was so fun singing Shabbat in and dancing Shabbat out with my new friends!

I am looking forward to going back to camp Ramah next summer for a full month

and hope to see some other kids from Savannah there. I had a great time and would like to thank the Savannah Jewish Federation for the scholarship they gave me to help me go to camp this summer.

Dinah is the daughter of Rabbi Steven and Orly Henkin. Her summer experience at Camp Ramah Darom is made possible, in part, thanks to a Jewish Experience Grant from the Savannah Jewish Federation.



Dinah Henkin surrounded by campmates at Camp Ramah Darom

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Check the Community
Calendar at
www.savj.org

Exciting programs
are added regularly,
check for new events
each week!

IT ALL STARTS WITH YOU

You make everything we do — possible.



You—together with Federation—are the heart of the efforts that invigorate and sustain our community, and help Jews around the world.

YOU have the power to do it!

Kick off the 2019 Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Community Campaign on Thursday, October 4 and make it possible!



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