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SJF Governors Allocate Funds

Every year a very committed group of people wrestle with an extraordinarily difficult job: that of allocating a pool of money raised through the Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Community Campaign to beneficiaries, both local, national, and overseas. Their mandate is to ensure that all the needs of the community are met and balanced between local and overseas needs.

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This year the committee was intentionally made smaller than past years.

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Because we are in the middle of a Pandemic, our local community needs took on increased importance and were prioritized differently.

Choosing the committee each year is a very thoughtful process. As the Allocations Committee was much smaller this year, the emphasis was on constructing a

committee of highly experienced Jewish community leaders. The Allocations Committee was chaired by Annual Campaign Chair, Linda Sacks. The committee included the Federation President, Edwin Byck, and Women's Campaign Co-Chairs, Michelle Allan and Lynn Reeves.

The way the committee decides how Community Campaign funds are allocated is fair, democratic, and participatory. The group of twenty-one planning and allocation volunteers spent two evenings in a thoughtful, intensive, collaborative process hearing presentations from beneficiaries that included reviews of the past year, current initiatives and financials, and projections for the future year. This was a very unique year with vastly different presentations and projections than ever before.

Lastly, the committee compiled the allocations recommendation which was presented to the Savannah Jewish Federation Board of Governors for approval. The recommended distribution of funds by the Allocations Committee was adopted in full.

In addition to distributing

the money it collects to other organizations, the Savannah Jewish Federation (SJF) is concerned and responsible in many other ways for the overall welfare of our Savannah Jewish community. Examples of the Federation's local impact are as follows:

Through Jewish Family Services, SJF provides food for the hungry, medication and access to medical services for those in need, those in jeopardy and countless other services. Through their engagement initiatives, Federation also provides outreach programs to all ages and generations of the Jewish community, from the PJ Library serving babies and young children, to Food for Thought providing entertainment and educational events to our Seniors. Teen Experience Grants provide funds/subsidies for area Jewish youth to attend programs that create and enhance Jewish identity, including Jewish overnight camp, teen travel to Israel and leadership development programs. SJF is the source of

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JEA Phantom Gala

For the last 108 years, the Jewish Educational Alliance has been at the center of the Savannah Jewish community. It is the place where kids learn to swim... where they begin their educational journey at JEA Preschool Savannah... where they spend their summers at JEA Camp Savannah... where parents spend evenings in meetings and in after meetings in the parking lot... where seniors come to learn, play games and socialize... where you get in shape with your favorite personal trainer. The JEA is so much to so many. This is why the JEA needs your support now more than

ever.

In these unprecedented times, as we create new ways to serve our community beyond our building, the need to serve has never been greater. This year's JEA Gala will look and feel different, but the spirit will remain the same.

Join us for a one-hour online experience, taking place across the community, to raise important funds for JEA programs — and for the community who relies on us – on Sunday, September 13 at 6:00 PM from the comfort of your own home.

There is no cost to “attend” but

we do ask that you preregister at JEA. GiveSmart.com. You can also support the JEA by become a “Friend of the JEA” for \$136. “Friends of the JEA” will receive a JEA Swag bag which includes a bottle of sparkling wine, 1 raffle ticket, delicious snacks to enjoy during the event and our brand new JEA swag.

Amazing auction items have been secured including beach house vacations, photography packages, cool artwork, boat rides and many more experiences. The auction will also be held online and can be found at JEA. GiveSmart.com.

This year's Gala will surely be one to remember!

All details can be found at JEA.GiveSmart.com.



Sweet tastes for the New Year.

May your year be sweet and the celebration joyful.
Find recipes at publix.com/highholidays.



Savannah Twins Reach Out To Young African-Americans On Behalf Of Israel

By Richard Friedman

Two young African-American women born and raised in Savannah. Twin sisters determined to make a difference. Two young leaders committed to helping other young leaders in the African-American community understand Israel better.



Much could be written about Savannah's Keila and Kendra Lawrence, recent graduates of Miles College, a historically black college in Fairfield, AL. These two 22-year-olds have pretty much excelled at everything they've undertaken -- including landing full scholarships to Miles, with Keila serving as student government president and Kendra distinguishing herself as well.

Keila got acquainted with Israel when, during her freshman year, she became involved with Christians United for Israel (CUFI), the country's largest Israel advocacy group. Kendra followed a similar path through the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), which primarily educates Members of Congress regarding the US-Israel relationship.

"Among young African-Americans, the topic of Israel doesn't really come up that much, so I just wanted to be informed," recalls Keila. "I am always grasping for knowledge, and was determined that taking advantage of the involvement and travel opportunities CUFI was offering would be a really great way for me to learn more."

Her exposure gave her a good knowledge base, said Keila, and then she started becoming involved with AIPAC her sophomore year, with one reason being that it was bipartisan. It was through this process that she began reaching out to other Miles campus leaders -- hosting sessions to introduce the "Israel conversation" and engaging fellow students in discussions and opportunities to learn more. She took the Israel conversation

to "where it normally wouldn't be."

Keila strives to advance peace by helping peers understand the true nature of Israel, its history and aspirations, and its security dilemmas, without marginalizing the Palestinian people. Another goal is to correct false impressions, such as the time a fellow student referred to Israelis as "people who bomb and kill Americans."

CAUGHT OFF GUARD

Kendra's approach is similar. But like the twins themselves, who are fraternal, their approaches are not identical. She was caught off guard as a freshman when the student government president, who had become involved with Israel, asked her, "Do you support Israel?"

"I didn't know how to answer," Kendra recalls. "As a Christian, raised in a Savannah church, I felt a connection to Israel through the Bible, but I didn't know that I needed to support or be against Israel." What followed was getting involved in AIPAC's student leaders tract which has a presence on the Miles campus. That led to attending retreats and seminars and visiting Israel.

"In 2017, I went to an AIPAC retreat geared toward students of color," Kendra continued, reflecting on a particularly meaningful experience. "At that retreat, I met a lot of people who were black and Jewish which was really cool because I had never met anyone who was black and Jewish. There were lots of conversations about Israel and even how Jewish and black people are connected which I didn't know or had forgotten."

After that Kendra became a student activist for AIPAC, and in her sophomore year became AIPAC's campus liaison/president at Miles College. "I truly believe we all are connected to Israel," explains Kendra. "Whether it be by faith, technological advances, agricultural innovations,



Adam Solender
Executive Director
JEA/SJF

of community leaders. It is an article by Dr. Steven Windmueller, who for years, has been one of the guiding academics in the Jewish world writing books, essays, articles on anti-Semitism, Jewish institutional trends, and the Middle East. He typically is part historian, part futurist and I often use his ideas as a marker on which to reflect upon.

As we prepare for the start of the Jewish New Year and reflect on the year past and the year to come, this article spoke about the impact of COVID-19 and what it will mean in our society, our economy, and our Jewish community. But more that

'just' the affects of COVID, Windmueller reviews how we got to where we are today. He posits that while we are all waiting on a vaccine, the Jewish world will not go back to what it was. He spoke about a number of revolutions we have gone through including the "First American Jewish Revolution" which occurred between 1880-1920. It was a time of mass immigration, the establishment of religious denominations and the beginnings of the communal system that we have depended on for the last 100 years.

He talks about the "Second American Jewish Revolution" (1985-2005) when hundreds of small boutique organizations were launched. In cities large and small, ideas met funders and new organizations proliferated. While they met a specific need, many of them fought for their very existence in a very crowded marketplace.

We've all been watching the landscape and seeing the many businesses that "were on the edge" before the Pandemic with the financial duress of the economy and the change in consumer spending. I suspect, that like the business community, we haven't seen the changes that are going to occur in the American Jewish world. Windmueller posits that historically we have been "reactive, spontaneous and inconsistent....A new economic order is evolving, suggesting, at least in the near

Working Together As One

I recently shared an article, "The Revolution is Upon Us! Preparing for the New Normal" with a group

term, our community will be operating with fewer resources, experiencing the narrowing of choices, and facing increased leadership challenges while seeking to mangle in a destabilized political and social environment." To many of us who have grown up in a Jewish world that was consistent and understandable, much of this may be disappearing as we consider how we will define ourselves, what can we afford to maintain, what is expendable and what is essential. Heady questions indeed!

Windmueller asks the question, "Can we rethink a Kehillah model that incorporates the full array of religious, cultural, and social service resources of the community?" Indeed, my guess is that in the coming months and years we

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While we all know that we are living in the times of the "Three Ds:" diversity, division,

and disagreement, we no longer have the same discipline we once had; No longer do we have communal consensus on most things.

The coming months and years are going to be a challenge. There will be a mandate of careful self-evaluation, focused organizational execution, and a willingness to let go of the past and change for the future. Change is scary, yet change is exciting and is an opportunity. We've all heard the manta, *doing things the way we've always done it is a recipe for obsolescence*. Never before have had these words ringed so true.

In the end our Jewish community has the most important thing: each other. No matter where we lived, and what were the challenges, we've had a sense of shared destiny, manifested in the obligation to care for others in our community. It has served us through the ages and will continue in the future.

May 5781 bring us the opportunity to see our world through a new lens.

May 5781 give us the strength to accept each other and our differences.

May 5781 give us the courage to meet the challenges of the unknown.

May 5781 give us health, wisdom, love, and peace.

Shana Tova Umetukah

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**Edwin Byck
President**

SJF President's Message High Holy Days

This column is my last as Federation President. Over the last six months, all of our lives have changed in ways that we could not have comprehended at the beginning of the year. I believe we all should be commended on the flexibility we have shown in dealing with the Covid crisis. Whether it was attending your first Zoom conference call, participating in your first online class, wearing a mask for the first time in public, or learning how to social distance with family members, friends and co-workers in very unique and different ways, each of us should be proud that we have adapted. With all the defeatist and divisive attitudes that appear on a daily basis, I believe our community has chosen to find a way forward. This attitude is what Jewish communities have always done when faced with peril. Our community, in the present time, is no different.

In such a time, I could make the focus of my article the successes of the last two years, starting with the Annual Campaign. Dr. Linda Sacks expertly chaired both campaigns that each raised over \$1.1M. In my first year, the Federation board unanimously accepted the recommendations from over 30 community members to allocate the funds to both local Jewish needs and support of Overseas Jewish needs (32% of the allocable dollars). This year, the allocation process was held via Zoom meetings. As you can imagine, there was a sense from the Allocation Committee that this year there was an increased need to allocate more funds in the local community. While there were more funds allocated locally this year, we can be proud that we are still providing

over \$128K in support of Overseas Jewish needs.

In addition to the successful Annual Campaigns, I could focus on the numerous programs that the Federation supported during the last two years which provide the essential outreach that helps enhance and define our community. PJ Library provides Jewish families with books and programs from birth through 12 years of age. BBYO and Hillel nurture the Jewish identity of tweens, teens and college students. Young Jewish Savannah, the Savannah Jewish Film Festival, Food for Thought, and a myriad of other programs throughout the year, bring our community together.

I could also focus on the outstanding job that Jamie Richman and Adam Solender have done during the Pandemic. When everyone was told to “stay at home,” Jamie and Adam really got to work. Jamie created an all new web portal, Stay Connected, for online engagement with almost every part of our community including content for children, and adults. Using the tools created by Jamie, we could keep our mind and body in shape with more content that grows even today on a daily basis. In addition, Adam and Bryan Graves got to work in the kitchen and made sure that meals were provided to community members who are isolated at home. Other people volunteered to deliver the meals. When the JEA was able to reopen to the public, the entire staff spent immeasurable hours planning for a safe reopening that would allow our community to be welcomed back in the best way possible.

Instead, I want to discuss the bright future that the Federation has in store for the Jewish community. Kenneth Sadler will be the next President of the Savannah

Jewish Federation. His experience as President of Congregation Agudath Achim (2x), Federation board member and past JEA President will serve him well in his new role.

Jamie Richman is already making plans to make changes to the format of the Savannah Jewish News that will be introduced later this year. Many of us are communicating more and more on social platforms, such as Facebook and Twitter. The Federation has already reenvisioned our Weekly eNews and Facebook pages and groups. The intent of all these changes is to reach as much of the community as we can. Our board members have been actively engaged in an Outreach initiative that seeks to create new connections, provide guidance on accessing our virtual platforms, and doing a ‘friendly check-in.’ The Federation is also planning for a time when we can gather together again. The Federation is planning an all new Jewish Arts & Culture Festival in the early Spring that will incorporate Jewish Films and other types of expression.

Before I conclude, I want to thank a few individuals. It goes without saying that I could not have made it through two years without the support of Jamie and Adam. Thanks for all you do. Whenever I had a thorny issue, I could always turn to my law partner and mentor, Steve Greenberg. Steve, your thoughts and cool demeanor were a great help. Finally my wife Melinda was always patient when I had calls, in-person meetings (does anyone remember those?) and the seemingly weekly or even daily Zoom calls. I could not have done it without her.

I, for one, am looking forward to the New Year. I know you are also.



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

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

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

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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.

L'Shanah Tovah!

Governors Allocate Funds

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Holocaust remembrance and education through its Yom HaShoah observance. SJF keeps you informed about Jewish life in Savannah and around the world through the Weekly eNews, Savannah Jewish News, and Facebook. And it provides dozens of advocacy, social service, arts and cultural programs to the community throughout the year.

Shalom School's request was less than previous years because they will be providing Jewish education remotely (at least through mid-October), and thanks to careful budgeting. In making the request they stated that they understood the financial challenges in the community and they wanted to do their part and requested less than previous years. The Committee (and the SJF Board of Directors) was very appreciative of the gesture. The committee recommended funding 100% of their request to continue to provide supplementary Jewish education to the joint school of Congregations Agudath Achim and Mickve Israel.

Previous Campaign beneficiary, SCAD Hillel will not be returning to campus for the first quarter. Their request (which was granted) was less than previous years. When they

return to campus, they will continue with the engagement initiative started five years ago and the Federation will continue to provide supervision, advocacy, and guidance to their campus leadership.

Savannah BBYO will continue to grow in Savannah as part of the newly named, "Southeast Council" (formerly "Dixie Council"). For the foreseeable future, all their programming will be done virtually. With no travel anticipated, their current "funds on hand" are more than sufficient for the coming year's programming. The Federation pledged to provide necessary funds if their needs increased during this year – in addition to funding the City Director position.

During the Pandemic, the JEA has faced enormous challenges due to all of its revenue generating programs being closed for two months and subsequent membership loss. Therefore, the core allocation for the Jewish Educational Alliance was maintained from the previous year and a significant additional "COVID safety" allocation was provided. JEA President Judge Michael Karpf stated, *"We are grateful for the longstanding support of the Federation and its recognition of the significant financial*

challenges facing the Alliance. The core allocation plus the significant additional support is a reaffirmation of our unique partnership in being able to provide the many wonderful programs and services to the community"

The Savannah Jewish Federation continued its financial support of our historic overseas partners, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), through the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). With local needs being extreme, the Overseas allocation is less than in previous years. Similarly, due to Birthright Israel not sending any trips to Israel for the foreseeable future, there is a smaller allocation provided for 2020-2021.

Grants to the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, Jewish War Veterans, Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Jewish Education Loan Fund, and the Anti Defamation League were renewed this year reflecting the value that these organizations are providing to our community.

The money you give through the Annual Savannah Jewish Federation Campaign is essential to our Jewish community. The Budget & Allocations Committee and SJF Board of Governors have worked hard to ensure that each dollar raised will have the greatest possible impact by allocating it to the programs and services that address the most

critical needs in our community, and best support and nurture Jewish life here and abroad. During this year of a major crisis, their focus was to make sure the money raised will be used effectively and wisely. Our process works for the greater good. Our Budget and Allocation volunteers are the epitome of a collaborative, engaged, participatory committee. We are grateful for their energy, skills, and time.

Savannah Jewish Federation 2020-2021 Allocation	
<i>As approved at the July 14 BOG Meeting</i>	
Total Campaign	1,114,157
-Reserve for pledges uncollectable	-15,000
-Federation programs & services	-516,836
+General donations	819
+Unexpended funds FY 2018-19	48,396
-Donor designated gifts (unallocable)	-92,768
Total Funds Available for Allocation	538,767
Allocations	
Shalom School	16,000
SCAD Hillel	1,000
Taglit Birthright Israel	4,500
Overseas Funding-JAFI & JDC	124,000
Savannah Jewish Archives	1,000
Jewish War Veterans	500
Jewish Educational Alliance	275,000
JEA COVID Safety	111,000
JCPA	1,000
JTA	500
Israel Action Network	450
JELF	2,000
Anti Defamation League	200
	537,150



JEA President's Message High Holy Days

L'Shana Tovah from the officers, directors, members and employees of the JEA. As we approach the new year of

of everyone who enters the building. We have started slowly with our Early Childhood summer program, camp, fitness and pools, while maintaining standards of cleanliness, social distancing and masking that meet or exceed all guidelines. We are committed to upholding this level of care in the new year. We invite you to join in our activities once again, either in person or by video. We have many programs that can be enjoyed at a distance which will enable us to remain connected to the Jewish community here and around the country.

The Alliance is grateful to our members and supporters who have remained loyal and committed during these troubled times. We will continue to be the centerpiece of Jewish communal life in Savannah. Best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Celia Massre Hymanson
Who died Saturday, June 27, 2020

Jean Schur Kaminsky
Who died Monday, June 29, 2020
She is survived by her children: Toby K. Friedman, Myron (Fran) Kaminsky, and Danny (Lisa) Kaminsky; five grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Remembrance donations may be made to Hospice Savannah, Inc, PO Box 13190, Savannah, GA 31406 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105

Yetta Mottzman Hornstein
Who died Wednesday, July 15, 2020
She is survived by her two sons,

Ronald "Ronnie" Isadore Hornstein and Herbert "Herbie" Perry Hornstein; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Remembrance donations may be made to Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob – 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405 or Rambam Day School – 111 Atlas Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405-5461.



Judge Michael Karpf

5781, many of us cannot wait to put 5780 in the rear view mirror. We have all experienced a difficult time recently and we begin the New Year full of hope. As we know, on Rosh Hashanah it is written... and on Yom Kippur it is sealed. May it be written and may it be sealed that we all have a new year that brings fulfillment and happiness, peace and prosperity – and most of all good health, free from the terrible virus that has plagued us these last many months.

Since the Alliance reopened our doors in late May our number one priority has been the health and safety

Holiday Greetings

May This New Year Be Filled With
Health and Happiness
Sweet Moments for
You and Your Family,
And Peace in the World
L'Shanah Tovah
Sarah Denmark
& Adam Solender

Happy New Year To All
From
Marilyn & Jim Farley

Best wishes to all our family &
friends for a healthy
& prosperous New Year.
Love, Victor, Elise,
Heather, Jason, Kristina,
Reed & Palmer Shernoff

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

Wishing my family and
friends
a very Healthy
& Happy New Year.
Sarabel Stemer

Warm wishes to all for a
New Year of good health and happiness.

Toby Hollenberg,
Jeff, Melissa,
Jessa & Ellie Neil

L'Shanah Tova to all our
family and friends in the
community
Allan and Arlene Ratner
Jami, Scott, Skylar and
Madelyn
Brett, Jennifer & Margot

Wishing friends
and family
a very happy healthy
New Year.

Jane Winter

Best wishes to our dear friends in Savannah.
Stay safe and healthy
and may the New Year
bring you everything
you desire.

Larry & Sheree Zaslavsky

We wish everyone a happy
and healthy New Year
Linda & Michael,
Stephanie, Jonathan, Lilly
& Amelia Zoller;
Becca, Eric, Adeline, &
Zachary Zoller Stone

We wish all our
family & friends a
Healthy
& Happy New Year.
Shanah Tovah

Tami & Lenny Tishberg

Wishing You Good Health for the New Year
As We Remember Our
Loving Husband
& Father
ERIC MEYERHOFF z"l

From
Harriet, Margo & Mark





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SJF Annual Meeting

The Savannah Jewish Federation invites the community to its 77th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 9th, at 7:00 PM. This year's annual meeting will be held online via Zoom.

Edwin Byck will be honored for his service as he steps down as President of the Savannah Jewish Federation after his two-year term. Kenneth Sadler will be installed as the newest leader of the organization. He will be joined in leadership by David Eichholz, Vice President and Frank Slotin, Secretary-Treasurer. Retiring Governors also will be recognized for their service and new

Governors will be invested.

Although this year's meeting will look and feel a bit different, as is customary, the annual gathering will be an opportunity for awarding of special Presidential recognitions, updates on the State of the Federation, the Executive Director's report, the presentation of the Annual Report and all other general business.

The officers and Board of Governors of the Savannah Jewish Federation hope you will join them for the Annual Meeting, Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 PM. Visit savj.org for the link to join the Zoom meeting.

Meet Kenneth Sadler

Kenneth Sadler will be invested as the 41st President of the Savannah Jewish Council (Federation) at the Annual Meeting on September 9th.

A lifelong Savannahian, Kenneth has served the Jewish community and broader Savannah community in multiple ways during the past 35+ years. He is a graduate of Leadership Savannah, was President of the JEA (1995-97), was the City of Savannah, 4th District Alderman (2004-2007), and was President



of Congregation Agudath Achim twice (2012-14 and 2018-19).

Kenneth stated, "I am honored to lead the Federation for the next two years following a group of community leaders who have done amazing work on behalf of Savannah, national Jewry and Jews throughout the world."

Kenneth is married to Jodi Sadler (a community leader in her own right), and is the father of three, Rose, Beth, and Barney.



77TH ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 | 7:00 PM | ZOOM

In accordance with Article 6 of the SJF constitution, the Nominating Committee, chaired by Allan Ratner, presents the following slate for nomination to the SJF Board of Governors:

President	Kenneth Sadler	Governors nominated for a 2-year term ending 2022		Current Governors serving 2-year term ending 2021
Vice-President	David Eichholz	Lonnie Breslow Adam Fins Stuart Halpern Steven Hollander Fran Kaminsky Ross Kaminsky Mark Konter	Hilary Kronowitz Lori Loncon Ken Miller Linda Sacks Tova Tolman Stephen Wagner	Matthew Allan Scott Cohen Michael Dobbs Adam Eichholz David Forman Jennifer Rich Lenny Tishberg
Secretary/Treasurer	Frank Slotin			
Past Presidents	Edwin Byck			
	Allan Ratner			
JEA President	Michael Karpf			

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

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

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humanitarian works or democratic values, Israel touches each of our lives.”

Keila has been to Israel three times. Kendra has been there twice. They were speakers at the 2019 national AIPAC conference in Washington, DC. Their presentation highlighted their commitment to a strong US-Israel relationship and focused on the scope and impact of their efforts. This short YouTube video of their presentation is worth watching. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VqyDQRkasUU>

They recently moved to Washington, DC, to begin new phases of their lives. Kendra is working for MasterCard and Keila is attending American University's School of International Service, doing graduate work in intercultural and international communication. She sees her involvement with Israel as a major factor in choosing this path.

Asked if they intend to stay involved in educating and advocating for Israel, Kendra says, “I don't think my involvement will ever be at risk. I love that country so much.

Every time I go I find something so beautiful. I believe that everyone should visit. People may have their opinions — I respond by asking them ‘Have you been?’”

Keila lets her name do the talking. It is Hebrew and from the Bible, she explains with pride. It means fortress or citadel. She wears a necklace with her name in Hebrew. She has found it is a great way to start an educational conversation about Israel and the importance of a strong US-Israel relationship.

Savannahians at heart, with some Alabama sprinkled in, these talented twins are warm, welcoming and engaging, and every word they speak seems to be animated by a smile. But it is clear that on the inside they are driven, highly focused women, already making an impact on behalf of Israel, a nation they've been proud to befriend, a country they've come to love.

(Richard Friedman, retired Executive Director of the Birmingham Jewish Federation, is Associate Editor of Southern Jewish Life magazine.)

High Holy Days 2020

CONGREGATION MICKVE ISRAEL

For a complete schedule of services & events,
as well as our new Virtul Tour,
check our website at www.mickveisrael.org

Shana Tova

SELICHOT
SATURDAY, September 12
Selichot Musical Program, 9:00pm
Selichot Service, 9:15pm

EREV ROSH HASHANAH
FRIDAY, September 18
Prelude, 7:15pm
Rosh Hashanah Evening Service, 7:30pm

ROSH HASHANAH
Saturday, September 19
Prelude, 10:15am
Rosh Hashanah Morning Service, 10:30am
Tashlich Service, 1:30pm
Children and Family Service, 2:00pm

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH
Sunday, SEPTEMBER 20
Prelude, 10:15am
Second Day Rosh Hashanah Service, 10:30am

SHABBAT SHUVA
Friday, SEPTEMBER 25
Shabbat Shuva Friday Night Service, 6pm

SHABBAT SHUVA
Saturday, SEPTEMBER 26
Shabbat Shuva Morning Service, 11:00am

EREV YOM KIPPUR
Sunday, SEPTEMBER 27
Prelude, 7:15pm
Erev Yom Kippur Service, 7:30pm

YOM KIPPUR
Monday, SEPTEMBER 28
Prelude, 10:15am
Yom Kippur Morning Service, 10:30am
High Holy Day Themed Discussion, 1:00pm
Children and Family Service, 2:00pm
Afternoon Service, 4:00pm
Memorial Service, 5:30pm
Concluding Service, 6:00pm

EREV SUKKOT
Friday, October 2
Erev Sukkot Service, 7:00pm

DRIVE-IN SUKKOT SERVICE
Saturday, October 3
Drive-In Shabbat & Sukkot Service, 11:00am
Join us at Kingdom of Life Christian Fellowship outdoor stage and parking lot on Montgomery Crossroads. Each family will celebrate the service with the Rabbi from the safety of their cars - aka their portable Sukkahs!

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH
friday, October 9
Erev Simchat Torah Service, 7:00pm

SIMCHAT TORAH
saturday, OCTOBER 10
Shabbat & Simchat Torah Yizkor Service, 11:00am



ALL SERVICE WILL BE STREAMED ONLINE AT [YOUTUBE.COM/MICKVEISRAELSSAVANNAH](https://www.youtube.com/mickveisraelssavannah)

Dear 5781,

Last year wasn't easy — and I want this year to be different.

I want seniors who feel isolated to feel connected. I want parents who can't put food on their tables to be able to feed their families. And I want our Jewish community to continue thriving.

I want health for the sick and comfort for the poor.

I want to see a better world.

Sincerely,

me

If all of this sounds a bit overwhelming, it doesn't have to be.

The Savannah Jewish Federation and Jewish Educational Alliance stand with every member of the community, today, tomorrow, and always.

Wishing the entire community a happy and healthy New Year

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Hadassah Savannah Chapter 2020 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Thursday, September 3rd 5:30pm via Zoom



Keynote Address by
Barbara "BG" Goldstein
Deputy Director Hadassah Israel



Live music and sing-a-long with
Dr. Benjamin Warsaw
Georgia Southern University

RSVP to AprilSHAas@gmail.com by Tuesday, September 2nd for Zoom link
Open to members and non-members

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Families with children ages 9 to 12 years old can register for PJ Our Way at PJOurWay.org

Thanks to our generous local donors, PJ Library® is free for those who qualify for the program, which grants one subscription per child. The subscription is renewable annually for qualifying Savannah families.

PJ OUR WAY™

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Need more information?**Email PJLibrary@savj.org****Savannah Jewish Federation**

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Savannah PJ Library & PJ Our Way



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

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

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

COME & JOIN US



Cheers

MORE VIRTUAL EVENTS ON THE WAY!
BE SURE TO JOIN THE YOUNG JEWISH SAVANNAH FACEBOOK GROUP.



We want to get to know you!
New to Savannah and want to get connected?
Want to help plan events?
Have ideas you want to share?
Just want to hang out?
Let us take you for coffee!



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The Jewish Educational Alliance presents a monthly program guide

CENTERPIECE

Jewish Educational Alliance

September 2020



Tentative Session Dates

Session II: Sep 8 – Oct 2

Session III: Oct 5 – Oct 30

Session IV: Nov 3 – Nov 30

Session V: Dec 1 – Dec 18

all day
at the



- Distance Learning Support
- Engaging Brain Breaks
- Fun Afternoon Rotations
- Swim Lessons/Free Swim

Personal Training at the J



Lorin Titus
Health & Wellness
Programming
Coordinator

Oh, Shelter-in-Place, how we adored you! Because of you we stayed home, we cleaned and organized our closets, and we binged on Netflix and double-stuffed Oreos. But times they are a changin' and our favorite fitness center is back open and waiting with open arms to welcome us back - and that includes our personal trainers.

JEA fitness instructors devoted themselves to creating dynamic fitness classes during the shutdown. Class enrollment went

up as many members sheltering at home took a leap of faith and tried something new. While many of our group fitness instructors continue to add vital fitness classes to our virtual fitness portfolio, Kat Ackerman and David Collison have returned to the J and are creating personalized workouts for many of their current and new clients.

If you would like to learn more about personal training, including how you can score a free introductory 30-minute session with David, please contact fitness@savj.org for more information about scheduling.

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PERSONAL TRAINING

CONTACT THE J TO BE PARTNERED WITH ONE OF THE BEST!





Adult Programming



THURSDAYS AT 1:00 PM

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| SEPTEMBER
3 | Super PACS And Their Effects On Elections
Dr. Kimberly Martin |
| SEPTEMBER
10 | Finding Spirituality In A Socially Distant High Holidays
Rabbi Robert Haas |
| SEPTEMBER
17 | Savannah Racial Equality & Leadership Task Force
Adam Solender |
| SEPTEMBER
24 | Meet Our New Fitness Director
Jessica Whitacre |

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 25, 2020)

James & Roberta Beasley
Kirk & Ashley Blaine
Stephan Blascovich & Allison Correll
Justin Bristol & Jen Huling
Joseph Bush & Mary Mercer
Britt & Margaret Clark
Jason & Sunny Copeland
Anthony Dergham & Meaghan Keiffer
Nelson & Darla Elam
Philip Gillette & Jody Owens
Kevin & Beckie Hayes
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Carrie Young

Join the JEA

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

Types of Membership include:

Family Plans, Couple Plans
Senior Plans, Young Family Plans
Individual Plans, Basic Plan
Military/Law Enforcement (active duty only)

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

JEA Donations (6/25/20-8/10/20)

JEA GENERAL DONATION

In honor of Orly Henkin

In honor of Jamie Richman
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YOUNG AT HEART FUND (cont.)

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In honor of the JEA Staff
Arlene & Allan Ratner





Health & Wellness

Coping During Covid 19



Jess Whitacre
Health & Wellness
Director

Hello everyone! My name is Jess Whitacre and I am very excited to begin my new role as the Health & Wellness Director. To give you a little background about myself, I have a Bachelor's degree with an emphasis in Exercise Science and Nutrition and am currently completing a Master's degree in Sport Management. Over the last few years, I have worked as a Personal Trainer, Group Fitness Instructor, and Facility Manager at Georgia Southern University's Recreation Center. I am certified as a Personal Trainer, Groupfit Aerobics Instructor, Indoor Cycling, Barre/Pilates, Paddleboard, and USA-Weightlifting Level 1 Coach. I look forward to revamping the fitness program to meet your needs and cannot wait to get to know each of you!

In addition to my fitness background, I have also been trained in Mental Health First Aid. This does not mean that I am a trained therapist, but this does mean that I am trained to identify signs of those going through a mental health crisis so that I can get them to the proper help they need.

As we continue to move forward, it is important for us to take a step back and make sure we are taking the time to care for ourselves both mentally and physically. While some of us are able to manage our stress, anxiety, and the demands from those around us, for others it can become overwhelming. Mental health is often overlooked as it is not something we can visibly see, the way we can when we have let our physical health go. Mental and physical health often go hand-in-hand, therefore you might notice that when you put your full effort into one, you might begin to neglect the other.

How can we find a balance between the two, and what can we do to take better care of our mental health? While everyone is unique and might find that certain strategies work better for them than others, I would like to share a few strategies with you that can help.

One strategy is to stop and just breathe. Turn off your phone, computer, TV or other sources of technology to take some time for yourself to just be present and breathe. While this may sound like a simple concept, try this out for yourself the next time you find yourself getting stressed or overwhelmed!

Another simple strategy is to get up and move. Many of us have found that we are not as active now that we are social distancing. For some, this means cutting out things such as our workout at the gym, going to fitness classes, or participating in recreational activities with our friends. As a result, many people have noticed changes in their body weight, energy levels and self-esteem. To help with this, try taking your workout outside! Go out to a secluded park area, your backyard, outdoor porch area, or any other area you feel comfortable in that allows you to get up and get moving. In addition to helping your physical health, going outside has also shown to benefit your mental health so you might find that you are feeling more positive, confident, or energetic just by moving your physical activity to outside! If you are missing the social aspect of physical activity, then try doing a virtual challenge with your friends, doing a video call workout or calling your friends/family to catch up while going outside for a walk. By just implementing a few of these strategies, you might find that you are able to balance your physical and mental health much easier even when finding yourself overwhelmed by everything that is going on in the world around us.

Lastly, you can also find support from those around you. If you have a

friend, family member or someone else that you can confide in, try talking to them about what is going on. If you need additional support, there are a variety of local centers and hotlines that you can reach out to. Know that wherever you are, you are NOT alone! If you would like the chance to get to know me, discuss your physical and/or mental wellness goals or just need support during this time, I am offering 15-minute virtual Wellness Check-ins. If this is something you are interested in, go to this link to sign-up: <https://forms.gle/LYotw37rWpSS5AVv9>

In addition, if you realize you might need some additional help, know that there are many resources available. I have included some resources below that are available in Georgia. These are just a few that are offered, but you can check out this website for more: <https://www.mhageorgia.org/getting-help/>

Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK or 1-800-SUICIDE

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Hotline

(800) 729- 6686

Georgia Peer Support and Wellness Centers

PSWRCs offer respite rooms where a person may stay for up to 7 days instead of going into a psychiatric hospital; plus, a 24/7 warmline, daily wellness activities, and other <http://www.gmhcn.org/wellnesscenter/>

Coping with COVID-19

Take breaks from the news	Take care of your body
Make time to unwind	Connect with others
Set goals and priorities	Focus on the facts



JEA Preschool Savannah News

Open Enrollment

Currently enrolling 3-yr olds for
half-day and full-day program.

New operating hours: 8am-5:30pm

Limited spaces available.

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

**20-21 School Year
off to a Great Start!**



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

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



in the JEA Art Gallery

Jim Holmes & John Mitchell - September 2020

Jim Holmes, a Savannah native, received his BFA in Photo Design from the University Of Georgia Lamar Dodd School of Art. He then moved to San Francisco where the Fine Art photography scene was mega dynamic. He lived only a few blocks from The San Francisco Art Institute, which was a whopping asset.

Jim has had two well-received, grant-funded solo exhibitions and participated in many group shows and publications. He sold prints at Fisherman's Wharf through the San Francisco Art Commission program. This morphed into a lucrative Kitty Button business for several years. All of the buttons were hand printed in a darkroom on Agfa paper.

Jim also owned and operated a gallery and a commercial studio here in Savannah where he photographed over five hundred weddings over twenty years. Photography has been very good to him and fun, leaving him with lots of stories to tell.

The work in this show was derived from both film and digital files.



Jim Holmes

John Mitchell says, "The memories of my upbringing fused with my many daily experiences and the collective headline of popular culture and news are the inspirations of my work."

John claims he sees art making as a "record" of experiences much like a diary or photograph. It's his emotional, visual reaction and interpretation. The process of art making, for him, is the only outlet he can find to best encapsulate his thoughts.

The mediums he uses are guided by his work space and availability of materials. Paint, wood, paper and other people's discards are the materials he uses to convey his thoughts.

John says he has always created and will continue to create despite his life situation.

"My bittersweet past, growing up in the segregated south, inspires the content, focus and narrative."

John has an MFA from SCAD and has worked as an Art Specialist - Ceramics and Sculpture (classes in ceramics, sculpture, enameling and jewelry crafts), a fine arts teacher and professor, and as a cabinet maker making hand-crafted items of hardwood for boats.



John Mitchell

*Artwork available for viewing September 2-30, 2020
Limited, socially-distanced Reception September 3, 5-7 pm*

Savannah Jewish Federation

Dear Friends,

In these unprecedented times, we are publishing the Impact Report here in the Savannah Jewish News to reach the most number of people. Please review this Impact Report and know that YOU made the difference in the lives of so many. Through Federation, you touch more Jewish lives than any other Jewish organization.

Although this year didn't go as anyone planned, the Savannah Jewish Federation managed to reach goals and support the Jewish community. Your collective participation in the 2020 Annual Community campaign enabled our community to raise over \$1.1 million. Your generosity enables our community to move forward on our vision for a strong and connected Jewish future.

Throughout this year, we have continued to connect Jewish families to the Judaism by providing Jewish books to 166 children through PJ Library. Although online since the end of March, Jewish learning and connection has continued through the weekly Thursday Food for Thought and almost 150 meals get delivered weekly to those who need them throughout the community. Financial assistance is given to those who are in need - to pay for medications or utility bills or to put food on the table -- through Jewish Family Services. We invited in PPP materials, including masks and hand sanitizer and gloves to help keep our community safe. Our community has come together to be there for each other.

For over 75 years, the Savannah Jewish Federation has been the trustee of our Jewish community. We continue to strive to enhance the Jewish experience for all members of our community - especially through these trying times. With your support and dedication, we impact the present and future needs of our community both locally in Savannah and around the world.

Thank you for being a part of our Savannah Jewish community. Thank you for your generosity.



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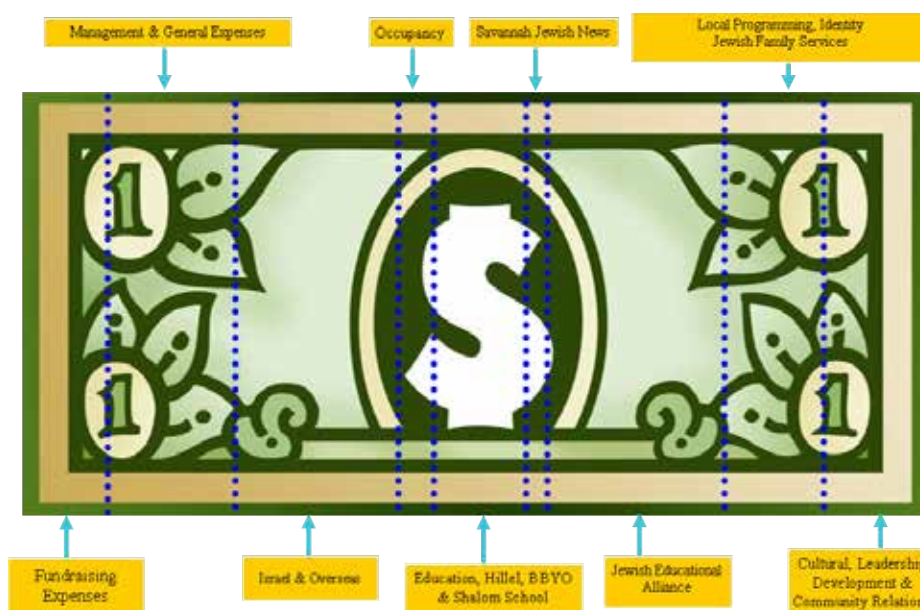
Four Star Charity

Each year the Savannah Jewish Federation receives an independent Annual Audit done by the Certified Accountants of Canady, Richbourg, and Woodward, LLC, of all donations and expenditures made for the past year.

Fundraising Expenses-Reflects what a charity spends to raise money, including printing, publicity, mailing, and event expense - 2.1%.

Management and General Expenses-Reflects what percentage of its total budget a charity spends on overhead, administrative staff, and associated costs including depreciation, building, maintenance, telephone, etc. SJF's total was only 9.3%.

Program Services-What percent of its total budget a charity spends on the programs and services it exists to deliver was 88.5%



The Savannah Jewish Federation is proud to be a Charity Navigator "4-Star Charity," the highest designation given to a non-profit. The Savannah Jewish Federation received an overall score of 96.66.

Impact Report 2020

2019-2020 Highlights



2000 books delivered to Jewish children in the Savannah area over the last year through PJ Library



Hosted the Six13 community concert with over 300 community members coming together



Baby to Bubbe outreach & engagement to the Savannah community through initiatives such as PJ Library, BBYO, SCAD Hillel, Young Jewish Savannah and Food for Thought



Jewish Family Services helped many families by helping to put food on tables, pay utility bills, assist with medications and by working with the JFS social workers.



Delivered over 3500 meals throughout the community (plus served an additional 2000+ meals when Food for Thought was in person)



Continued to keep the community connected through the Savannah Jewish News, the weekly eNews, the Stay Connected website, Facebook page and new Facebook groups.

Allocations 2020-2021

Total Campaign	\$ 1,114,155.66
- Bad Debt Reserve	\$ (15,000.00)
- Savannah Jewish Federation	\$ (516,835.64)
+ SJF General Donations	\$ 819.00
+ Budget Savings-Previous year	\$ 48,395.62
- Designated Gifts	\$ (92,768.00)
Available for Allocation	\$ 538,766.64

Education	
Shalom School	\$ 16,000.00
BBYO	\$ -
Hillel-SCAD	\$ 1,000.00
Total Education	\$ 17,000.00

Overseas	
Birthright Israel	\$ 4,500.00
JFNA-JAFI/JDC	\$ 124,000.00
Total Overseas	\$ 128,500.00

Local	
Breman Museum-SJA	\$ 1,000.00
Jewish War Veterans	\$ 500.00
JEA	\$ 275,000.00
<i>COVID safety allocation undesignated</i>	\$ 111,000.00
Total Local	\$ 387,500.00

National	
JCPA	\$ 1,000.00
JTA	\$ 500.00
Israel Action Network	\$ 450.00
JELF	\$ 2,000.00
ADL	\$ 2,500.00
Total National	\$ 6,450.00

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Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah



JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
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Savannah Jewish Federation

The Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah is dedicated to creating permanent resources to meet the challenges and needs of the Savannah Jewish community, connecting yesterday, today and tomorrow. Individuals and family donors work in partnership with the Foundation to enhance Jewish community life and education.

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Funds to benefit the general community

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Lynn & Richard Berkowitz Education Fund
Dana Braun Endowed Fund
Sharon Paz Endowed Fund
Sandra & Lloyd Goodman Fund
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HOLOCAUST EDUCATION FUNDS

Funds to perpetuate the memory of the Holocaust and Jewish survival through education

Dena Yaschik Bodziner Memorial Fund
Matthew J. Cranman Holocaust Teacher Education Fund

CULTURAL FUNDS

Funds to preserve and educate the Savannah Jewish community in Jewish arts and culture through quality events

Joan & Murray Gefen Savannah Jewish Film Festival Fund
Sally & Stephen Greenberg Leadership Fund
Lawrence Konter & Bertram Weiland Cultural Arts Fund
Phillipa Sherman (Bunny) Montag & James Lee Montag Jewish Educational & Cultural Fund
Steirn Fund for Contemporary Jewish Music

CHILDREN & TEENS FUNDS

Funds to provide scholarships and support for children and teens

Kay Becker Israel Fund
Gift of Israel
"Uncle" Max Handshu Rambam Preschool Fund
Madeline H. Richman Teen Fund
David & Rene Rubnitz Endowment Fund
Timothy Rubnitz Memorial Fund
Ashley Samuels Children's & Youth Activity Fund
Dora F. Salkin & Selma R. Salkin Memorial Fund
Albert & Rosaline Tenenbaum JEA Youth Award Fund
Jacob & Ida Ulman College Scholarship Fund

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICE FUNDS

Funds to benefit social services for children, seniors and the needy

Leon & Barbara Aronson Jewish Family Services Fund
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WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

For information about creating a legacy with the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah , contact Jamie@savj.org.

Rosh Hashanah Greetings from Our Rabbinical Leaders Living in Both Sides



By Rabbi Henkin
Congregation
Agudath Achim

I am tired.
Like many of
you, I am tired of
being home more
often than not;
I miss meeting
up with friends,

going out to restaurants, and the plans we had that suddenly were cancelled. Like many of you, I am tired of virtual programming; I miss hearing everyone singing along during services, the physical presence of other people, and the general feeling of community. Like many of you, I am tired of the anxiety of catching or spreading a virus that has killed far too many people. Perhaps most of all, I am tired of being tired.

By now, the synagogues, rabbis, and many of us individuals are well into preparations for what will be perhaps the most unique High Holidays of our lives. The large, in-person services—sometimes the only services people attend all year—are not possible (some of our buildings will even be empty); the festive Rosh Hashanah meals and break fasts after Yom Kippur will be much smaller; the experiences and activities we are accustomed to during this time will be minimal.

As frustrated, anxious, and lonely as many of us have been, there have been positives. Some of us have had opportunities to spend time with our families that we may otherwise not have had. Some of us have read books we had been wanting to read, watched TV shows we had missed, or seen movies we had been wanting to see. Some of us have found creative ways to continue and even deepen relationships as we checked in on friends and family. Virtually all of us have had some time away from our normal lives to reflect upon and re-examine our priorities. Without the day-to-day bustle we were accustomed to—sometimes out of necessity due to finances or health—we have had to ask ourselves what the values are that are most important to us and if the way we were leading our lives before the pandemic fit in line with them.

It occurs to me that the High Holidays themselves and the way we will be celebrating them this year also fit have two sides to them. Rosh Hashanah is simultaneously yom hadin, “the

day of judgment,” a day of anxiety as we reflect on our actions over the past year, and yom harat olam, “the day of the birthing of the world,” a day celebrating the creation of the world. Yom Kippur is both a solemn day of prayer, confession, and humility and a day celebrating the possibility that forgiveness is possible and achievable. Similarly, while we may miss sitting in our usual spots in the sanctuary and physically being a part of a community, we can still celebrate these days, whether it’s at a distance or, thanks to the miracle of technology, from our homes with our communities. We can use the time we have to prepare ourselves for the holidays in ways we may not usually take the time to, whether we read books, tune in to teachings by our rabbis, or quietly reflect on the past year. We can still make festive meals to share with your family and (if you’re comfortable doing so) one or two other friends and really focus on those relationships in a way we cannot at large meals. We can still celebrate one of the core messages of these two holidays, one that is more applicable than ever—that the life we have now does not have to be the life we live tomorrow, that change and renewal is possible, that with hope and faith we can improve the world.

On an upcoming Shabbat, we will read the famous verse from the book of Deuteronomy, “I have put before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life!” (30:19) Perhaps more than ever, this verse applies to us this year. As we prepare to celebrate the holidays, we can choose to focus on the death and curses, the suffering and pain, the anxiety and fear; or we can choose to focus on life and blessings, the quality time we’ve gained, the opportunities we have in front of us. And doing so does not mean the others don’t exist; it means we’re going to make the most out of the moments we have today.

As we celebrate these very unique High Holidays, may we be able to acknowledge and mourn the negatives—the loneliness, the anxiety, and the inability to gather—while also allowing ourselves to choose to focus on the life we have, the blessings we are granted, and the positives present so we can celebrate our holidays differently but no less happily than ever before. Shanah Tovah, may this be a good, safe, healthy year for us all.

Rosh Hashanah Greetings from Our Rabbinical Leaders Finding A Vaccine



By Rabbi Avigdor
Slatius
Congregation
Bnai Brith Jacob

"In these
uncertain times".
How often have
we heard this
phrase in the past
few months? Sud-

denly, life has been altered for all of humanity in an unprecedented fashion. Who could have imagined living in lock down, quarantine, social distancing, wearing masks, constantly washing our hands and disinfecting? Over night everything has changed! What was, is no longer and what tomorrow shall bring is unknown.

In addition to the overhaul of the "old normal", there seems to be an anxiety and great concern surrounding this unknown virus. Man has the intellect and ability to adapt to the most precarious situations, yet this pandemic has shaken us to our root. People have lived through wars and hunger and not displayed the trauma that unfolds before our eyes.

In the Talmud Gittin, Nebuchadnezer is faced with life threatening storms on his voyage back to Rome after destroying the second temple. Arrogantly, he declares that the G-d of Israel drowned the Egyptians in the

Sea of Reeds. "It seems that His power is limited to water. Let Him fight me on dry land". A Heavenly voiced proclaimed, "evil one, come to dry land and fight against a minute creature". As Nebuchadnezer disembarks his vessel, a tiny gnat enters his nostrils and lodges itself in his brain, tormenting him for the rest of his life. G-d demonstrated that man, who believes that he is the master of his destiny, must cower to a lowly, almost invisible creature.

In our age of technology, it is so easy to assume that we are the masters of our destiny and that religion is a thing of the past. The words of the Talmud echo within the chambers of our souls. We are so confused, meandering in the shadows of the unknown, as an invisible virus has mastered humanity. We are not in control! The Creator and Master of all that exists, the Melech Haolam, is reminding us of our humble existence. Perhaps the realization that we are the creation and there is a Creator, is a reality that proves disturbing to so many.

May 5,781, our New Year, bring it's blessings for good health and Shalom to mankind and may G-d enable us to discover a vaccine for this physical plague and our spiritual malaise.

Former Exec Director, Stan Ramati Dies at 83

It is with great sadness that the Savannah Jewish community mourns the loss of former JEA and Federation Executive Director, Stanley (Stan) Ramati (z"l); beloved husband for almost 50 years of Dorothy; father of Alex (Becca) Ramati and Philip Ramati; adored grandfather of Jake and Allie.

Stan (z"l) grew up in London during the Blitz in World War II. He was an active member of Habonim and he served in the Royal British Air Force, including being on active duty during the 1956 Suez crisis. Stan, a passionate Zionist, made aliyah to Israel in 1961, living on Kibbutz Beit haEmek, and serving in the armored division of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), helping to

capture the Golan Heights during the Six Day War in 1967.

It was in Israel he met Dorothy -- where they were married in 1970.



Stan Ramati with JEA 1982 Soccer Team

Moving to the United States, Stan worked for the Jewish Federation, first in Birmingham, Alabama, and then as the Executive Director of the

Savannah Jewish Federation and the Jewish Education Alliance for fifteen years.

After retirement, Stan and Dorothy relocated to Austin to be closer to their grandchildren. He loved being Zayde. He also enjoyed cricket, soccer, rugby, drinking tea, reading, movies, and dessert

Rosh Hashanah Greetings from Our Rabbinical Leaders Awaken



By Rabbi Haas
Congregation
Mickve Israel

After thousands of years of history, rarely have we ever had to answer the question, "Why

will this year's High Holidays truly be unlike any previous year's High Holidays?" Whereas our religion usually evolves slowly over several generations, this pandemic has asked us to change in a manner of months procedures that evolved over a millennia. Worship services around the world will now be conducted either virtually or with community members sitting minimally six feet apart from each other, with hopefully everyone wearing masks. The beautiful music which so represents the richness of our tradition must be limited for those celebrating together in our sanctuaries, as the virus moves up to 30 feet through singing.

Say goodbye to handshakes and hugs, along with food and kibitzing. Make sure to give everyone access to hand sanitizers and take temperatures. Don't forget to mute everyone on Zoom and ensure that all congregants understand actually how to use Zoom as well as Facebook and YouTube. Forget about visiting people in the hospital or even those struggling at home and as for the big break-fast we cherish, it has now become an immediate-family-only affair. High Holiday circa 2020 will long be remembered as hopefully an anomaly in the annals of High Holiday history.

Yet, have the High Holidays truly changed? We will certainly see a number of ritual and cultural alterations, but what about the essence of the holidays? What about the meaning behind them? On a very basic level, the High Holidays symbolize a need to take stock in our lives and

then ask ourselves to improve our ethical behavior. From this per view, they seemingly haven't changed at all then. In this new world we enter, we've learned that we need to learn new ways to assist others in need. We've learned that we need to learn new ways to communicate as we seek to enliven our community. We've learned that we have a lot to learn.

In other words, this year's High Holidays mimic every other year's High Holidays. The world may have changed, but the meaning behind Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur remains firm. Though perhaps this year more than ever we must align ourselves with Maimonides's vision of the High Holidays when he described them as God saying to us, "Awake, you sleepers, from your slumber ... examine your deeds, return in repentance, and remember your Creator."

We must awaken to the reality that people who suffer today require our assistance. We must awaken to the fact that the way we assist others has changed. We must awaken to the idea of a world in which we must work harder than ever to create, maintain, and foster relationships. We must awaken to our new-found responsibilities. We look to find ways to help the people who were in need before COVID-19 as well as those who suffer as a direct, or indirect, consequence of COVID-19.

I understand that we may legitimately feel powerless in the wake of this threat, but we are anything but. I urge all of us to search for ways to connect to our friends, family, and community. I urge all of us to search for ways to maintain our health and sanity, and finally, I sincerely urge all of us to search for ways to help those in need. Situations may change but responsibility doesn't. I wish all of us the all the best for the New Year. Shana Tova and Stay Safe.



Ester Rabhan,
Principal
Rambam Day
School

Eye on education

Trying Times, Will Become Remembered Times

As we prepared for the final 9 weeks of school, preparation took on a whole new mean-

ing. Our goal was that learning would continue, and we would make it as close to excellent as possible, despite all the restrictions, bumps in the road and untraveled territory. And as did others, we faced our new realities with determination and courage.

As important as the success of virtual academics, there was the graduating eighth grade class of 2020. Suddenly yearbook wasn't just computerized, it was virtual. Graduation plans were shaky, debated, unnerving, because by the time school was coming to a close, both parents and students wanted NORMAL. We faced the sadness and disappointment of our eighth graders (virtually), and we made every effort to help them see beyond – no class trip to Disney, no looking out and seeing all those who came to your graduation and no after graduation party. We tried to inspire them to look at the situation from a different angle; thousands of graduates are disappointed and only these thousands of which you are among, will be able to say, "We graduated virtually." As did thousands of others, we made sure our graduates put pictures of zooming in their yearbook. A year to remember!

And here we are; preparing, pondering, evaluating, calculating for a new academic school year, for the High Holidays..... and it seems this will be yet another year to remember. Another class not going on their class trip. Classes alienated from one another. No recess together. No lunch together. Being in synagogue for the High Holy Days separated by empty seats, or home alone.

I was asked a few days ago by an incoming eighth grader if they were

going to be able to take their class trip? My heart constricted with the thought that I can't even say PROBABLY. Another year that will be different than ever before. The graduating class of 2020 may no longer be in a league of their own for "their year" being different than all others.

As parents, grandparents, teachers; we must focus on the children. We as adults have also had it difficult and challenging; however, we remain the ones to whom children look up to. We must help them navigate through this challenging time. We must make their health and ours a priority while showing them the light in the darkness. Children are sponges, they are 20/20 vision – they learn from everything they see and hear. Everything they see us do, everything they hear us say. They know the meaning of every movement of our body language.

So, what do we want them to learn right now as the challenges of Covid-19 continue to impact our lives?

We want them to utilize every moment to become a better person. We want them to focus on those they can be around and make the most of the time with those people. We want them to recognize, there is a master plan at work.

G-d has a reason beyond our grasp, but within our reach to grow from each and every challenge. We want them to learn to trust in that master plan. We want them to come out better, stronger people because their year was also very different. May all the opportunities for growth that Covid-19 made possible, serve each of us well as we beseech the Almighty this coming Rosh Hashana, either from our shuls or from our homes.

We wish everyone a very happy, healthy, productive New Year!

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Eva Locker,
Principal of
Shalom School

Eye on education

Crossing the Desert, Again

Our tradition teaches that all of us were present at Mount Sinai.

Just before

Mount Sinai we had marched in the desert; some for only a few hours and some for 40 years. We've been to this place of uncertainty already. The sudden rupture and the unknown and the hope for a fast and safe arrival. Yesterday, to the Land of Israel, today to a medical solution.

Covid 19 today is our new desert, hopefully for a time closer to 40 weeks than 40 years, but still a desert on so many levels. We've been uprooted socially, emotionally and even economically. We miss our families, we miss our friends, even the introverts miss giving out hugs. We've seen people singing to each other across the empty squares, keeping their windows open so that those who are alone may hear the sounds of family around them. Miles and kilometers don't matter as much; any victory across the street is ours to celebrate, as much as any loss across the world is ours to cry about.

We find ourselves in a world that is radically different from the one we left a few months ago with impacts as far reaching as Jewish education. Therefore, in moving forward, we take the opportunity to change and adapt. While quarantine has been highly disruptive, we have learned some important lessons from it in the field of education. Parents have been quick to step up, taking far

more responsibility for their children's education. Our teachers have risen to the challenge and are more creative than ever. More importantly, children have discovered the limitations of technology! We are counting down and, God willing, our desert walk is coming to an end...the promise land is in sight.

Shalom School might be back online for a bit more, but it is such a different experience then it was 6 months ago! We have learned to lead virtual sessions where kids are moving, celebrating, socializing in virtual rooms and even doing crafts together. When the danger has passed and we have healed, we'll join together again, and have created better ways to live. In our classrooms we will probably leave the iPads on the side for a while but all of us - students and teachers - will be there, more excited and ready than ever to be together.

Until then, we have started to think differently. We are isolated, but we think in a more global manner now. The Book of Bamidbar, Numbers, reminds us that the way is long and through the wilderness and that the only way to get to the promised land is by marching one day at a time day, having faith in God and in each other.

Wishing you all an absolute happy and healthy New Year.

Shana Tova
Eva Locker



Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director
Early Childhood
Education

Eye on education

The Different Start to a New School Year

It has been a simple, yet, fun summer at JEA Preschool Savannah. We had eight weeks

of children attending our summer program with new COVID-19 protocols and procedures to keep everyone healthy and safe. The children were amazing! They were so resilient in being taken out of the cars during carpool line, entering their classrooms with new teachers, while playing with their friends as teachers wore masks and social distanced from each other. Water play was not permitted by state standards but the children enjoyed engaging in play with their friends, participating in art activities, and playing outside. I am so proud of the teachers for doing all that they could to make sure that everyone in the community remained healthy while maintaining some sort of routine and normalcy for the children.

As the summer program drew to a close, we moved right into professional development for the teachers for the 2020-2021 school year. As in years past, we spent three days together, learning and preparing for the new year. But this year, we came together wearing masks and social distancing at our meetings.

We had our team building activities, learned about young children and executive functioning skills, and explored resources for teaching social and emotional skills. We know that this year teachers will need to give children time and guidance to reacclimate to an organized school setting. Being intentional in teaching

social and emotional skills are now more important than ever!

In addition to learning together, the teachers had two touch points with families-one virtually and one face to face. Each class had the opportunity to meet the parents and children on a Zoom meeting. They were able to see the faces and hear the voices through the computer screen. The next day the families had the chance to see the classroom and meet the teachers face to face in small meetings that took place throughout the day. This Sneak a Peek was well attended and the teachers, parents and children were glad to be able to meet each other before the first day of school. With the new protocols, this will be one of the only times that families will be allowed to enter the building.

It is definitely a new normal for all of us, especially the families. But we know from experience, that if the children feel the love and security from the teachers, then the parents will feel comfortable sending their precious gems to our program.

Our goal is to continue to build these important relationships with the members of our community. Whether it's virtually or face to face, we are here to support families and children in a safe environment.

In typical times, I would invite you to come see all that we offer the children at JEA Preschool Savannah, but that invitation is now on hold. These are not typical days!

Just know that we are here and appreciate your support of our Preschool program.



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On The Personal Side

Mazel Tov to Kimmie & Tim Chonko on the birth of a son, Marshall Bass on May 20th.

Mazel Tov to Melanie & Walter Biner on the birth of a son, Jonah Benjamin on July 23rd.

Mazel Tov to Brooke & Stuart Halpern on the birth of a son, Bennett Houdini on July 23rd.

Mazel Tov to Rachel & Malcolm Curry on the birth of a daughter, Sydney Faye on July 30th.

Mazel Tov to Breax Jamerson & Harley Quinn on the birth of Jeri Milo Rose on August 2nd.

Congratulations to Dr. Dory E. Hoffman, daughter of Sissy and Joe Hoffman who received her PhD in Education Administration with a concentration in Qualitative Research from University of South Carolina on May 9, 2020. Dory has taught college English and writing for the past 12 years. She holds an MFA in writing from University of Maryland and a BA from Goucher College.



Lila Sivan Ben-Yehuda celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on June 13, at home and will read the same haftorah in December at the Ohr Kodesh Sanctuary. Lila is an 8th grader at Silver Creek Middle School, is a graduate of the ECC and a member of Kadima. Lila is the daughter of Jenna and Gadi Ben-Yehuda and the older sister of twins, Sam and Ada. She is the granddaughter of Sissy and Joe Hoffman of Savannah.



Congratulations on the engagement of Shir Hila Portman to Itamar Ezra. Shir Hila is the daughter of Michal and Daniel Portman (Modiin, Israel) and the granddaughter of Joanne and Barney Portman and Ora and Eli Ron (Givatayim, Israel). Itamar Ezra is the son of Mala Ezra and Ahouviel Ezra (Modiin, Israel) and grandson of Eileen and Rabbi Maurice Michaels (Bournemouth, UK) and Rachel (obm) and Zacharia (obm) Ezra.

PJ Our Way Book Review

Every month, thanks to the generosity of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, local philanthropists Leon & Nancy Slotin, Jane Slotin, the Cecile Richman Fund and the Savannah Jewish Federation, our PJ Our Way kids (ages 8-12) have the opportunity to pick one book that interests them from a variety of options and that they would like to have the opportunity to read.

Our PJ Our Way kids have been getting more and more involved this year with the programs that we are offering them, with the books they are receiving, and have started their own book review group to help spread the word about books that they are enjoying. We are always looking for more book reviewers, so if you have a PJ Our Way book receiver at home, please contact us for the opportunity for them to be one of our guest interviewers.



If your 8-12 year old is not currently signed up for PJ Our Way and would like to receive exceptional chapter books and graphic novels with Jewish themes that they get to choose each month, register them at <https://www.pjourway.org/> today!

Meet this month's guest interview:

What is your name and age?
Hannah Guthrie - Age 10

What was the title of the book you chose? The Lemonade Crime by Jaqueline Davis

In your own words, tell us a

little bit about what the book is about: The Lemonade Crime is a story about money that goes missing from the lemonade stand that was held in the previous book, "The Lemonade War." The kids made \$208 from the lemonade stand. While the boys were swimming, one of the boys, Scott, went in to go to the bathroom. After that, the money was missing. Evan believed Scott stole the money.

Evan's sister, Jessie, came up with a plan to hold a trial to determine if Scott was guilty. Jessie assigned a part to each member of the class to include defendant, plaintiff, judge, and jury. The trial ended with the jury finding Scott not guilty. At that time, Evan challenged him to a game of basketball. Scott lost the game. Eventually, Evan went over to Scott's house. After Evan stood up for Scott to his dad, Scott came clean and gave Evan the money back.

What was your favorite part of the book and why? My favorite part was when they made their own court after school. I liked this part because I was excited to see if Scott was guilty or not guilty.

Would you recommend this book to others? If so, to what ages? I would recommend this book to others. It was fun to read. I think it would be good for ages 8-11.



OPERATION ISAIAH

September 9 - October 12

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 those in need.

While there will still be drop off barrels at the JEA and Synagogues, this year you can also make a donation to the Operation Isaiah Fund that will go to Second Harvest Food Bank.

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Robin Rackoff

Mah Jongg and More

Why are this year's High Holy Days different from all other High Holy Days?

On all other High Holy Days, we can sit side by side in synagogue, temple, or shul.

On all other High Holy Days, we can kiss our friends as we wish them L'Shanah Tovah.

On all other High Holy Days, we can squeeze together around the dinner table.

On all other High Holy Days, we can see everyone's beautiful face.

This year's High Holy Days, though, will be very different, yet another casualty of the coronavirus. Most congregations will have services Zoomed onto home computers. Synagogues that are holding live services will have congregants sitting socially distanced, and wearing masks.

The High Holy Days are a different experience for every Jew. When my mother was a girl, there were no baths the week before Rosh Hashanah because there was no room in the bathtub! The live carp and pike, on their way to becoming gefilte fish, called the bathtub home. On their day of reckoning (which we will not

describe, except to say that there was a hammer involved), my mother and her sisters worked together, helping their mother clean the fish, grind it up, and make the patties. Two generations later, I carry on the tradition of preparing gefilte fish for the Jewish holidays, but with the help of some shortcuts, no hammer is necessary.

But even Jews who don't attend synagogue, have never learned the prayers, and to whom the Hebrew letters could just as easily be Greek, can have traditions that tie them to their religion. As Tevye said in Fiddler on the Roof, "You may ask, how did this tradition start? I'll tell you – I don't know. But it's a tradition..." How did a fish patty that can take hours to prepare and sits in a jar of slime become a food that is synonymous with Jewish holidays? It's a tradition. How did the break-the-fast meal at the end of a somber day like Yom Kippur turn into a large social gathering for many people? It's a tradition! And how did Mah Jongg, a Chinese game, become the favorite of Jewish women, who pass it down to their children and grandchildren? It's a tradition, that's how!

To one and all, wishing you a sweet and healthy New Year, 5781. L'Shanah Tovah!

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AT THE BREMAN MUSEUM

L'Shana Tova

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Shofar made from a ram's horn, circa 1894 courtesy of the Ida Pearle and Joseph Cuba Archives at The Breman Museum





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