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Shalom Savannah

Adam Solender

Typically, I use this space as an entre to this edition of Savannah Jewish Life;

Typically, I use this opportunity to share a story about our community;

Typically, I refer to the holiday season;

Typically, this is a feel-good introduction to set the tone of the magazine.

But there is nothing typical about what is happening in our country. Antisemitism, the 'oldest hatred' is not only present, it is flaring, it is growing; and it is being normalized right before our eyes whether those espousing the hatred are politicians, athletes, or celebrities. The internet is rife with antisemitic canards with graphics blaming the Jews for literally every woe in our world.

Our enemies are growing in number and in their ability to coordinate the spread of hate. Our Jewish community must respond. Our Federation is doing that in powerful ways through our Community Security Initiative, partnerships with law enforcement, education, leadership training, and advocacy. This vital work requires our community's steadfast support.

On the heels of offering three sessions of Stop the Bleed training, this month the Federation is offering two of the most important seminars in preparing for potentially dangerous behavior, threats, or an active shooter situation. We are offering them two times to try and accommodate everyone's schedule. There is important learning for everyone to gain—for your benefit, for our benefit. We all need to know how to respond to an active threat. It truly could be a life or death scenario.

Now is the time for everyone in our Jewish community to come together.

Now it the time to pray, celebrate and learn together.

We must amplify our shared voice to drown out the vile antisemitism we are experiencing. That is why I am asking you to commit and make it a priority to attend these two courses.



These courses and community security assessments are made possible thanks to your support of the Federation Annual Community Campaign. Please make your gift to our Federation Campaign 2023 to ensure we are able to secure our community, now and in the future.



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All Welcome!

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

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

Submit letters to savannahjewishlife@savj.org. Savannah Jewish Life retains full and sole discretion about which letters to publish.

Savannah Jewish Federation Mission Statement

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

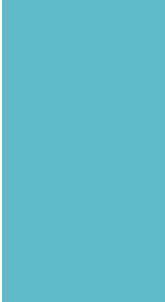
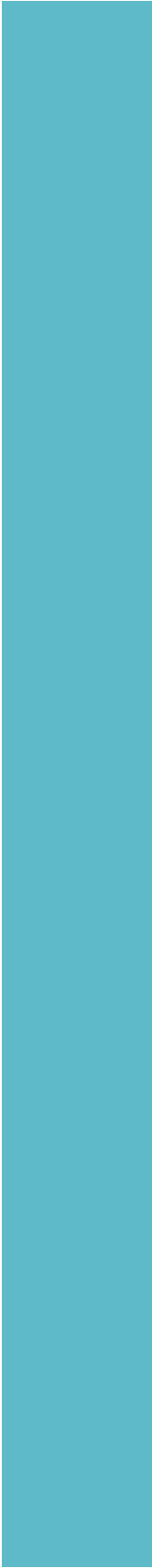


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MAKE YOUR MARK!

FOR YOURSELF

FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

FOR JEWS GLOBALLY



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.

Developing potential leaders is the most important factor in ensuring the long-term success of our community. Graduates of the YESOD Community Leadership Development Program will help shape the future of the Savannah Jewish Community.

The Yesod curriculum offers insights into personal and organizational leadership through a Jewish perspective. Course content will merge Judaic text study, business skills, leadership theory and experiential application.



Yesod is open to anyone in the Savannah Jewish community that wants to gain leadership skills through a Jewish lens.

Participants must be dedicated to attending the full program.

The Yesod program will accept 20 participants.

Yesod will consist of 8 sessions and will culminate in graduation at the Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. The sessions will take place on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the JEA.

January 30

Welcome Session

Ha-Derekh le'Manhigut

Your Personal Journey to Leadership

February 13

Tzmicha MiKishalon

Growing from Failure

March 20

Hazon

Nurturing Vision

The Savannah Jewish Community

April 17

Shinui

Change Management

February 6

Mi Hu Manhigut?

Difference Between
Power and Influence

March 13

Tikshoret

Inspired Communication

April 10

Hadrachot Acherim

Mentoring & Growing Others

May 1

Tzinor le'Manhigut

Creating a Leadership
Pipeline

Participants agree to attend the full program for the 2023 year. There is a \$100 program fee and a minimum gift of \$180 to the Annual Campaign. All other costs will be covered by the Savannah Jewish Federation.

TRANSFORM YOUR JEWISH VALUES INTO ACTION!
NOMINATE SOMEONE OR APPLY NOW!

Nomination Deadline is Friday, January 6th. Application Deadline is Friday, January 13th.

Space is limited to 20 participants. Applications can be downloaded at savj.org.

Applications can be emailed or mailed to 5111 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31405.

For more information, contact Michelle Allan at programming@savj.org or 912-355-8111.

Savannah Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign

by Linda Sacks, SJF President

Our theme of "my gift, my impact" stresses the importance of each and every donation to campaign.

I acknowledge our gratitude to our campaign leadership for all the hard work they will be doing on behalf of the Federation. Aaron and Dayle Levy are our honorary co chairs. Hilary Kronowitz will chair the Women's division, and Benny and David Eichholz will chair the Men's Division.

The Mission Statement of the Savannah Jewish Federation charges us with raising, collecting and distributing funds. This money enables the Federation to advance the welfare of the Jewish community locally, nationally and throughout the world. By what means does the Federation convert these words – advancing the welfare – into the power to actually do this awesome job? By means of You. Each member of our community is the means. Each of you forms the force and contributes the energy that propels the mission. Your individual gift is your impact. Your participation is vital to the overall success of our mission.

You have an extraordinary opportunity. We offer you a chance to change the world by combining your individual power with the power of your friends and neighbors in the Coastal Empire, and ultimately in the international Jewish community. It will take you less than a minute to fill out a pledge card, to make your commitment to our 2023 campaign.

By contributing funds to the Savannah Jewish Federation, your individual impact supports the local, national, and international needs of the Jewish People. Federation's impressive system of services is underwritten mainly by this campaign.

Your pledge funds the needs of our community organizations, such as the JEA, Shalom School, JFS and SCAD Hillel. Through us, you send significant money overseas for resettlement of refugees, including this year over 50,000 Ukrainians, including 20,000 Ukrainians who were already inside Israel either legally on tourist visas or illegally when the conflict broke out. All were regarded as refugees and given permission to stay. Through the JDC we help meet the needs of elderly remaining Holocaust survivors living in poverty in Europe.

Locally, with complete confidentiality and with respect and dignity, JFS provides a significant number of Jews with meals and supermarket gift cards, health care assistance, prescription medicines, emergency cash for

missed mortgage payments, rent, utilities and other necessities.

Just prior to COVID, we trained 36 community members -the next generation of leaders - through YESOD I and II. Two thirds of the graduates serve or have served on the boards

of the JEA, SJF, shuls, or on committees. We will train another cohort starting in January.

Federation has given innovation grants to individuals and to organizations to fund new and different approaches to education and community unity. An example is the upcoming Hanukkah celebration in Forsyth Park featuring African American Jewish rapper Nissim Black, sponsored by Chabad and Federation, and hopefully by the shuls as well.

There is little red tape attached to Federation –we are not a bureaucracy. We move fast; we waste no precious resources. We have an amazing 4-star Charity Navigator rating, a status which shows how efficiently a charity sustains its programs and services and their level of commitment to good governance, best practices, and openness with information. Our allocations process involves over 30 donors from our community who evaluate and hash-out how the funds we raise are distributed. We are transparent - The results are published, and available to anyone who wants to know where the money goes.

This year we are looking to raise \$1,300,000, plus another 75K for security.

Times are tougher than they were last year, which makes the ask harder but the needs even greater. Please continue your monetary support. I hope you will consider increasing your pledge as well.

You can also help by cheerfully taking cards for solicitation when you are asked. Educate yourself on the myriad of Federation accomplishments, so when you tell others during solicitation your words will flow from the heart.

Consider this fact: We know that everyone gives to non Jewish causes, but only Jews can be counted on to give to Jewish causes.

Consider that the welfare of the Jewish World is hanging in the balance, and that your pledge will tip the scale to the good.

Greenberg to be Honored with the Levy Award



Joel A. Greenberg, MD will receive the Jack Malitz Levy Leadership Award, the highest honor given by the Savannah Jewish Federation, at a dinner in his honor on Sunday, May 21, 2022 at the Jewish Educational Alliance. Greenberg is only the ninth award recipient since the award was established through the generosity of the Levy Family over thirty years ago.

Joel was born in Miami Beach, attending Miami Beach Senior High, where he was a two-time state champion in debate, and third at the national tournament. He graduated with honors from Princeton University and attended medical school at University of Miami, before completing his training in Neurology at Duke University Medical Center.

Joel, Carol (his high school sweetheart) and their children, Harris and Stephanie, made Savannah their home in 1986. During his career he was president and managing partner of Savannah Neurology and Savannah Neurology Specialists, from which he retired in 2021. Teaching medical students and residents played a significant role in his career with teaching appointments at Medical College of GA and Mercer Medical School. He continues to teach despite retiring from clinical practice.

Using the example of his parents, Judge Harry and Geraldine Greenberg, and his brother Murray Greenberg, all of blessed memory, he grew up with a sense of responsibility to his community, seriousness in his practice of Judaism, and a strong commitment to Israel.

Since moving to Savannah, Joel has volunteered in the Savannah Jewish Community and accumulated extensive leadership experience: serving terms as President of

Shalom School, Congregation Mickve Israel, the Savannah Jewish Federation and the Jewish Educational Alliance, as well as serving as Chairman of the UJA/JFNA Campaign and the Jewish Community Endowment. Joel has served as a member of the Rambam Day School Board, from which both of his children graduated, and as a Trustee of the Permanent Fund, and also of the Memorial Endowment Foundation at Mickve Israel and on three strategic planning committees for the Jewish community as well as several educational, leadership search and advisory committees. Joel and his family are members of the three local synagogues. Joel has been active in the secular community serving on the Executive Committee of the Coastal Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and is currently on the board of the Savannah Philharmonic, after serving for years with its predecessor, the Savannah Symphony.

Joel, a Hadassah Associate, with Carol have become Hadassah Centennial Founders, and among their gifts, have donated a Research Grant in Oncology to Hadassah's Moshe Sharett Institute in memory of their mothers, Geraldine Greenberg and Stelma Towbin. They were recipients of Hadassah's prestigious Myrtle Wreath Award in 2018. They have also created an endowed fund, The Greenberg Health Resources Fund, with the Jewish Community Foundation for the purpose of providing resources for those in need of genetic testing for medical treatment.

With all of his good works, he has always prioritized his family, and instilled in them, by example, the importance of creating a legacy of tikkun olam (repairing the world). With all of his accomplishments, Dr. Greenberg is beyond humble and not used to the accolades, but admits that he feels deeply honored to join the ranks of such distinguished past recipients of this award.



Joel & Carol Greenberg representing Savannah at Federation GA (General Assembly)



Get Involved. Get Empowered. Get Trained.

Secure Community Network's top security trainer is coming to Savannah to offer the two most important security trainings in preparation for a threat incident. Help protect yourself, your family, and our community by being prepared!

BeAware, SCN's Introduction to Situational Awareness Course will teach you how to recognize suspicious or potentially dangerous behavior and threats, and what to do – whether you are in a synagogue, at school, a restaurant, concert, or going about your every day activities.

Countering Active Threat Training (CATT), a comprehensive, hands on, training presentation to counter an active threat event including steps to survive: RUN, HIDE, FIGHT.

BOTH COURSES OFFERED TWICE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

BeAware: Introduction to Situational Awareness

Monday, December 12

7-9 PM

&

Tuesday, December 13

10 AM -12 PM

Countering Active Threat Training

Tuesday, December 13

7-9 PM

&

Wednesday, December 14

10 AM -12 PM

All sessions will be held at the Jewish Educational Alliance.
This is a program of the Savannah Jewish Federation Community
Security Initiative..



Questions? Email Adam@savj.org



Preparedness For The Layman

by Steven Hollander

We all know we should “stay vigilant”. To do so most often means raising and expending funds to hire security personnel and harden buildings, and much of this work is done

by our professional staff and executive leadership. But in our mission to stay vigilant it is the laypersons, the members of the community, that have a crucial role in our security: to be prepared.

In the next few weeks and months, the Savannah Jewish Federations Security Initiative will place a Security Director from the Secure Communities Network in our city. This organization will provide security and safety training that prepares any member of the community in the prevention and reaction to security threats. The training will be straight-forward and logical. It can benefit anyone, regardless of age, background, or experience. The only pre-requisite is a desire to be aware of your surroundings and a willingness to be prepared for an adverse situation.

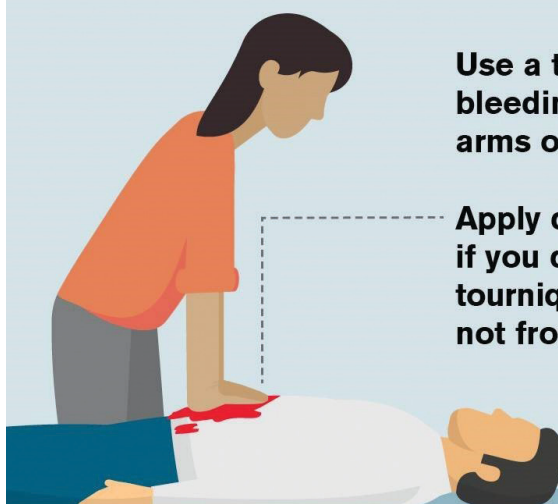
One such related training that is currently available is Stop the Bleed. I attended this course in early October and it was one of the most valuable 60 minutes I have spent. I walked in unaware of what I would do if a traumatic bleeding injury occurred to me or someone near me. I walked out confident that I could help save a life in such a situation. The training is simple, the kits' contents are low-tech and easy to use. The techniques are endorsed by the National Association of EMTs, American College of Surgeons, Tactical Combat Casualty Care, Homeland Security and the Secure Communities Network. Every public school in Georgia has Stop The Bleed certified staff and the associated kits. I learned of this program a few days after the tragedy at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Then, I was looking for ways to help our community prepare for a rise in anti-Semitic violence. Four years later and this is still my mission, but it's not why I took the class. I didn't take the class to prepare for a mass shooting attack or a terrorist incident. I took the class because I am involved in our community - Jewish and secular - and I am around people. As a board member of the SJF, the PTA, as an usher at Mickve Israel, an assistant baseball coach, a manager in

an office of 60 people, I am around people a lot. And the more people I am around, the more likely one of them will need their life saved. And it only took one hour to be ready to do so.

My goal for the Security Initiative is to promote a feeling of safety in our community so that we can continue to thrive as a Jewish people, practicing our religion freely wherever we choose to do so. The safest I have ever felt was during my Birthright trip to Israel in 2007-2008. It was not the presence of the bolt-action rifles our soldier-guides carried; it was knowing that everyone around us - the whole country - had served in the armed forces and received training on threat analysis, prevention and defense. None of this was on the forefront of our minds as we mostly laughed and joked and toured the ancient origins of our religion and culture. 25 years later, I recognize I owe my comfort and safety on that trip to the awareness and preparedness ingrained into the Israeli people.

As part of the 2023 Annual Campaign, The Savannah Jewish Federation has a separate donation line specifically for security. All “new money” pledges, meaning any dollar that is an INCREASE from your past pledge, will be matched 50%. An additional \$50.00 pledge from you turns into \$75.00 for the community. Our culture is different, but the goal is the same: to stay vigilant.

How to Treat Life-threatening Bleeding



Use a tourniquet if bleeding is from the arms or legs.

Apply direct pressure if you do not have a tourniquet or if bleeding is not from the arms or legs.

Honoring Sherry Dolgoff

For decades, the Savannah Jewish Federation has sponsored a Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance) Writing and Arts Contest that is open to middle and high school students at all public and private schools in Chatham County. Students are asked to use their creativity to express the difficult and inspiring lessons of the Holocaust by submitting a poem, newspaper article, story, play/dialogue, essay or enter the art contest where they may create a sculpture, drawing, photograph, painting, poster, collage or video. Topics included acts of courage and heroism, resistance and rescue, the consequences of indifference, persecution, intolerance and injustice, preserving humanity in situations of great adversity or history and lessons of the Holocaust. Year after year, the call for entries ended with "For more information and to make submissions, please contact Sherry Dolgoff, sdolgoff@aol.com."

When it came to advocacy, education, or outreach, Sherry Dolgoff was the Jewish community's leader. Whether it was teaching the lessons of the Holocaust to a middle school, making the arrangements and accompanying a survivor to an event, or organizing the many speakers or events, Sherry was the 'go-to' person. Hundreds of students, parents, and teachers over the years knew Ms. Dolgoff for her support, enthusiasm, understanding, and teaching.

Sherry was tireless in teaching the lessons of the Holocaust. Not only was she an active lecturer, she was an advocate for learning the issues associated with xenophobia, the responsibility of remembrance, the human capacity for heroism, courage, and self-sacrifice. She often quipped that it was not sufficient to teach the Holocaust as an isolated incident consigned to a particular time in history, but that it sadly has become a contemporary reality. Memory of the Holocaust serves as a warning, a lesson for today's world, because people



have not learned what destruction the seeds of hate may sow.

When the dozens of essays came in, Sherry enthusiastically spent hour after hour reading every essay, every word. She reviewed every art project looking for that "special" emotional expression. And when it came to announcing and distributing the award(s), Sherry was the one who did it.

At the Savannah Jewish Federation Board of Governors Meeting in October the board adopted a resolution to rename the contest the **Sherry Dolgoff Holocaust Art & Writing Contest** and create the **Sherry Dolgoff Holocaust Education Fund** to support remembrance activities in our community.

Donations made to the fund will generate income to recognize submission winners in years to come. The fund and renamed student contest are a worthy remembrance of a woman who may have been short in stature, but a giant in education and advocacy.

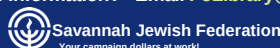


PJ Library is for Children birth to 8 years old being raised in a Jewish home, residing in the Savannah area.
Parents can register their children for PJ Library at PJLibrary.org

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.

Need more information? Email PJLibrary@savj.org.





Mah Jongg and More

Robin Rackoff

I was driving to New Jersey on scenic Route 95. We were in Virginia, or maybe it was Maryland? After so many hours on the road, who can tell? At around 2 PM, we pulled into a restaurant where we could sit for a while and have a relaxing meal. While waiting to pick up our Pick Twos, I thought I heard someone say, "Four bam." Was it my imagination? But when another voice called, "Red Dragon," I knew a Mah Jongg game was nearby. It wasn't hard to find the foursome since the restaurant was not crowded. I approached the group, asked a few questions, and found out:

1) they go there every Tuesday, 2) their lunch is at 1:30, and then they play from 2 PM - 4 PM, 3) the management loves to have them because it's the slow time of day, and not only do they have lunch, but they buy snacks as well, and 4) the players love it because no one

has to clean their home for the Mah Jongg game.

It made me think about how times have changed. When we were kids, you played Mah Jongg only in each other's homes. One week, Yetta's house; the next week, Shirley's house. Now, though, I know Jewish people who play in churches and Christian people who play in synagogues. Libraries can be equal-opportunity Mah Jongg parlors as well.

Since we have the same restaurant right here in Savannah that we found on Route 95, I stopped in to chat with the manager. Would it be OK if I wanted to bring my friends here to have lunch and play a game, let's say from 2 to 4 on a weekday afternoon? His answer? "You could stay here for 10 hours if you wanted. No problem."

So, there you have it, right from the horse's mouth. Want a place to play Mah Jongg and have a nosh? Try your local restaurant during their quieter period. Just ask the manager! Until next time, let's Maj On!

Jewish Disability - Eyal's Flowers

by Tova Javetz

Rabbi Erez Sherman was ordained from JTS in 2009, and is a graduate of Albert A. List College and Columbia University (with degrees in Music and Talmud, where he was a classmate of our own Tova Javetz). From 2009-2014, Rabbi Sherman served as Assistant Rabbi of Shomrei Torah Synagogue in West Hills, CA.

Since 2014, Rabbi Sherman has served as a rabbi at Sinai Temple and will jointly assume the position of Senior Rabbi, with his wife Rabbi Nicole Guzik, when Rabbi David Wolpe steps down this June. Rabbi Sherman loves working with the special needs community. He has lectured around the U.S. on "Inclusion of Those with Disabilities in the Jewish Community" and volunteered with the Conservative movement's B'nai Mitzvah program for those with special needs in Jerusalem. Rabbi Sherman created the KEEN (Kids Enjoying Exercise Now) Basketball Clinic for special needs children and the Sinai Temple Basketball Camp. His late brother, Eyal z'l, was a quadriplegic for 32 years and shapes Rabbi Sherman's work today.

Eyal was born in Syracuse, New York, May 3rd, 1981. He was more or less your typical toddler. He loved baseball, Scooby Doo and painting. In February of 1986, a golf ball sized tumor was discovered in Eyal's brain stem and they were told he had only months to live.

His parents, unwilling to accept such a hopeless diagnosis, discovered a physician at NYU who was doing surgery on

the delicate area of the brain stem. Surgery took place, and a significant portion of the tumor was resected, but several days after the surgery, Eyal suffered a brain stem stroke, and fell into a coma for three months. Eyal emerged intellectually intact, but highly physically compromised. For the rest of his life, Eyal was ventilator dependent, a complete quadriplegic, and had frozen vocal cords. And yet, with all these challenges, Eyal returned home. With his family's large van, Eyal was the guest of Make-A-Wish Foundation in Disney World, and traveled all over the eastern seaboard. Eyal's passion was painting. He would paint with a mouth stick, creating still-life masterpieces of Muppet and Disney characters, and most special to him, flowers.

Eyal's never saw problems as problems, but rather as challenges and opportunities. In 1994, Eyal celebrated his Bar Mitzvah, in 1999, he graduated high school, and attended Syracuse University. It took Eyal ten years, but he graduated college with a bachelor in Fine Arts. Eyal Sherman passed away on September 24th, 2017. In his memory, his family created Eyal's Flowers-The Eyal Sherman Foundation, which raises funds to support the physically disabled, in both medical and non-medical causes.

Eyal's artwork will be on display during the month of February in the Art Gallery. Hear more about this inspiring story from Rabbi Sherman at Food for Thought on February 9, 2023

Missing Jane

by Adam Solender

Each week for most of the past fifteen years I have written a missive in the Savannah Jewish Federation eNews. The subject matter varies from a comment on the week's Torah portion, family stories, community initiatives, civic responsibility, or small features on an event or events that had happened the past week. To be honest, I sometimes struggle coming up with a topic.

Nothing made my weekend better than to see gofish5 in my email Inbox....it would be a note from Jane Fishman. Most often it would be a quick "atta boy" or "well written," but once in a while Jane would give me three or four sentences commenting on the construction of the story or the use of vocabulary. They were very special emails. Having read Jane's column on a near weekly basis I've always felt great respect for her writing, what she experienced, and who she was.

Jane was always a flurry of activity and for me, hard to pin down. I'd see her in town, in the JEA Lobby, or at an event, but she was typically on the way to something and didn't have the time for "real conversation." There was one exception: when she was on a stationary bike at the JEA. I

often took the opportunity to build our relationship when Jane came to work out. She'd be pedaling away and couldn't get away from me, answering questions, spinning yarns, and challenging many of the things I said. It was a kind of parry and thrust-back and forth. We'd ask a question of each other and then challenge the response. I loved those 15-minute sessions with Jane.

She had the wisdom of experience and was never short of opinions. I always thought she enjoyed having the opportunity to challenge me, and I her.

For over thirty years, through her many columns in the Savannah Morning News, Jane Fishman shared her life and passions...people, experiences, trains, dogs, culture, history, and of course, gardening. She knew people and people knew her. She had the unique quality of having friends and colleagues from all walks of life.

She was a rare soul with infectious energy, a warm heart, and a unique mind. She will be missed by everyone who had the fortune to have known her.



CHANUKAH GREETINGS

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Happy Chanukah to all my Friends and Clients in the Jewish Community...May your Holiday be Filled with Peace, Joy & Love!

Jane Winter

Happy Chanukah

Betsy Lehrner

Happy Hannukah

Lexi Johns

JELF (Jewish Educational Loan Fund) wants to say Happy Hanukkah! We are thrilled to provide Savannah Jewish students with 0% interest loans
jelf.org.

Diana Lehrberger Levison

So glad to be part of the Savannah Jewish Community. Wishing all a Chanukah of light that shines your path to joy

OVER THE MOON 🌙

Over the Moon wishes you peace and light throughout the year. Chag Urim Sameach!

Tami & Lenny Tishberg
Happy Hanukkah to our Family and Friends may you have a peaceful and Healthy Hanukkah

Marilyn & Jim Farley
Happy Chanukah to all.

Mazel Tov to

Noah Prince, who was recognized for his outstanding work with Junior Achievement. Noah is a Social Studies teacher at Coastal Middle School.

Yochanon and Elisheva Tamar Adler who had a boy. Proud Grandparents are Rabbi Jeffrey and Shelly Gordon.

Grandparents, Michael & Linda Zoller on the birth of their granddaughter, Isabelle, to proud parents Jonathan & Stephanie Zoller.

Jodi & Kenneth Sadler on the marriage of their daughter, Rose, to Jonathan Makransky on October 22, 2022.

Josie Streiff & Jonathan Worthington, who wed on November 11, 2022. Josie is the daughter of Dr. Irwin & Mrs. Pepi Streiff, and Jonathan is the son of Susan & the late Ron Worthington.

Yoni & Rina Maccabi on Miri becoming a bat mitzvah on November 19, 2022.

Rabbi Avi & Ruchama Nitekman on Dovi Nitekman becoming a bar mitzvah on December 3, 2022.

On The Personal Side

Leslie & Bryan Guthrie on Hannah becoming a bat mitzvah on December 3, 2022.

Morgan & Scott McGhie on Jackson becoming a bar mitzvah on January 7, 2023.

Michelle & Matthew Allan on Lila being called to the Torah on January 14, 2023.

Brenda & Brand Sinoff on becoming bat mitzvah on February 11, 2023.

Harley Krinsky & Casey Anderson, on the birth of their daughter Ripley.

Rabbi Robert Hass for 10 years at Congregation Mickve Israel.

Jason & Liz Eichholz on the birth of their daughter Annie.

Benjamin & Bianca Eichholz on their marriage.

Save The Date

LEVY AWARD DINNER

May 21, 2023

HONORING
JOEL A. GREENBERG, M.D.



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YOUR
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Obituaries

through 10/31/2022

Sheila Karesh Weiss

Who died Tuesday, August 30, 2022.

She is survived by her children Jan Weiss Epstein and Eric Alan (Laura) Weiss; grandchildren, Seth (Emily) Brody, Rachel (Matt) Wisniewski, Adam Weiss, Sarah (Justin) Adkins; great-grandchildren, Oliver and Lily Brody and Ryder Wisniewski; sister Sheralyn (Arthur) Rosenblum, brothers, Jack Karesh, Buddy (Susan) Karesh, and several nieces and nephews.

Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31405 or a charity of your choice.

Joanne Slavitt Portman

Who died Saturday, September 10, 2022.

She is survived by her husband, Barnard Portman; children Daniel (Michal) and Stephanie (Bridget); grandchildren, Shir (Itamar), Amit, Roni, and Orly, and brothers, Mickey and Robert.

Howard L. Fleischaker

Who died Friday, September 23, 2022.

He is survived by his wife, Maralyn Shockey Fleischaker and sister, Carol Cohen.

Richard "Dick" Michael Hochman

Who died Sunday, September 26, 2022.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne, son James and his wife Amanda, son Hugh and his partner Marsha, and grandchildren Peter and Charlotte.

Doris Ann Kooden Klugman

Who died Thursday, September 29, 2022.

She is survived by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; Murray Klugman and Joanne Seymour; Sheri and Hal Simon, Zachary Simon, of blessed memory, Jarin Simon and Doron Zarur; Danny, Susan, and Matt Klugman, Alli, Jaron, I.J., and Sadie Solomon; David, Susan, Kallie, and Kyle Klugman.

Carole Deborah Green Staimer

Who died Thursday, September 29, 2022.

She is survived by her daughter Marcia (Elliat Dalberg), son Marc (Alisa Blum) Staimer and granddaughters, Julia and Gina Staimer.

Edwin Samuel Bronstein

Who died Monday, October 17, 2022

He is survived by his wife Marilyn Laubgross Bornstein.

Jane Frances Fishman

Who died Sunday, October 16, 2022

She is survived by her partner in crime, Carmela Aliffi; daughter Jenna (Travis) Alstad and grandchildren, Baker, Benny and Liza Jane; nephew, Michael Gerard (Debbi); niece Nan Gerard (Tom); fabulous cousins from Michigan, California, Minneapolis, Colorado, and as far away Israel; friends like family (too many to mention) from everywhere she's ever been; fellow gardeners; artists; environmentalists; political resisters; plant swappers; book clubbers; road warriors and troublemakers; and of course, her many loyal readers.

Remembrances: Ossabaw Island Foundation, Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home, or Forsyth Farmers Market

Jacob Engelhardt

Who died Sunday, October 30, 2022

He is survived by his wife Zinnia Schonhaut Engelhardt, his children Roz (Stephen) Harris and Susann Engelhardt Shenk, and his five grandchildren Mallory Harris, Elayna Harris, Julia Harris, Aaron Shenk, and Justin Shenk.

Remembrances: The Yiddish Book Center, 1021 West Street, Amherst, MA 01001



Community Calendar

DECEMBER 2022

THURSDAYS: Food For Thought		12:30 JEA
4	Artist Reception: Fiber Guild of the Savannahs	2:00-4:00pm JEA Art Gallery
8	Young Jewish Savannah Happy Hour	6:00-8:00pm
10	CPR and First Aid Class	12:30-2:00pm JEA
10	Kids Night Out	6:00-10:00pm JEA
11	Congregation Mickve Israel Chanukah Social Action Project	12:00-2:00pm CMI
16	Congregation Mickve Israel Pre-Chanukah Party	6:00-8:00pm CMI
18	First Night of Chanukah	
18	Chanukah at Forsyth Park	3:30pm Forsyth Park
20	Agudath Achim Chanukah Party	6:00-9:00pm Congregation Agudath Achim
27	Chabad Monthly Women's Group	1:30-3:00pm Thrive on Skidaway



**COMMUNITY
CALENDAR**

Stay up to date on all events in
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community

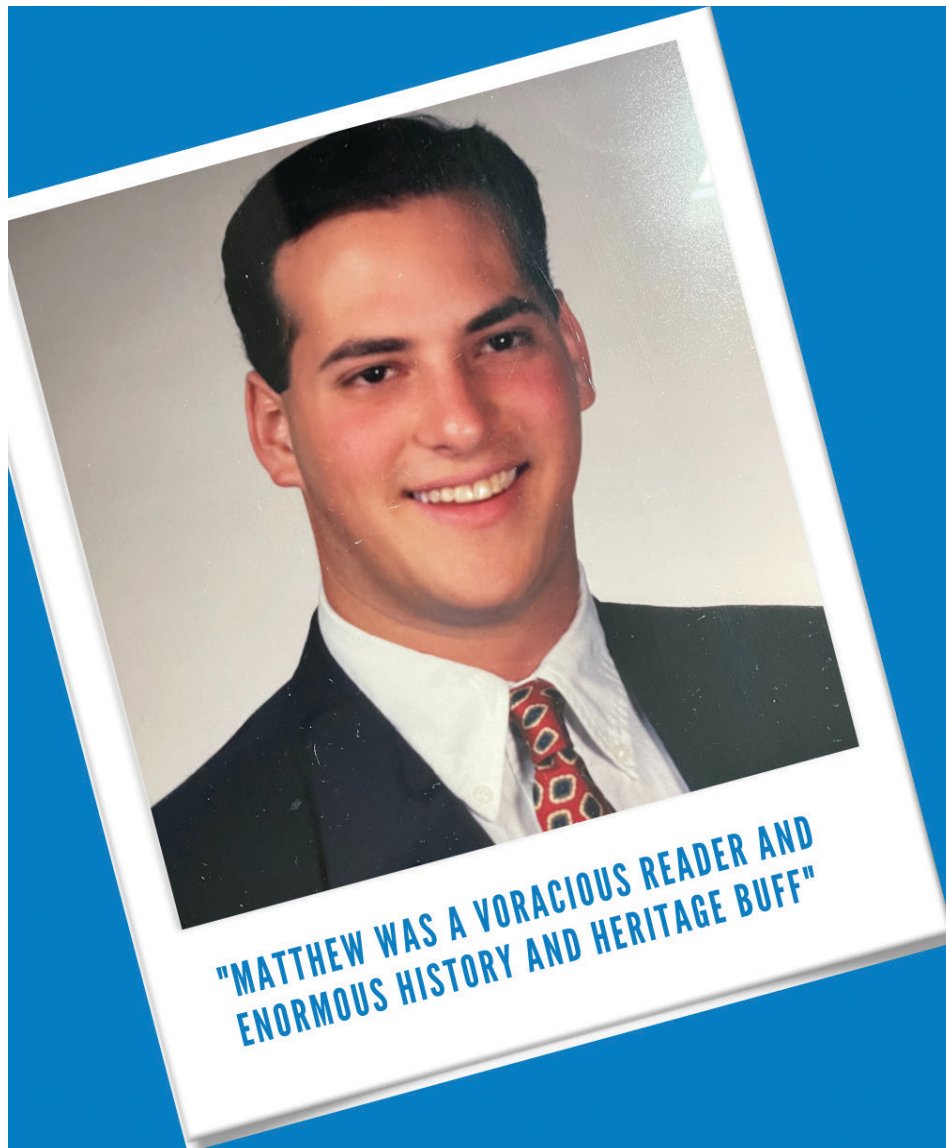
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JANUARY 2023

THURSDAYS: Food For Thought		12:30pm JEA
3	Artist Reception: Andrea & Mark Mathews	5:00-7:00pm JEA Art Gallery
4-12	Hate Ends Now Cattle Car Experience	
6	Tu B'Shevat	
8	JEA Oy Vey 5K	3:00-5:00pm JEA
12	Young Jewish Savannah Happy Hour	6:00-8:00pm
12	Beloved: Children of the Holocaust Documentary Screening with Mary Burkett	6:30pm JEA
16	MLK Day Parade	9:00am-12:00pm
21	Agudath Achim Progressive Dinner	7:00-10:00pm Congregation Agudath Achim
22	CPR and First Aid Class	12:30-2:00pm JEA
27	Chabad Young Professional Shabbat Dinner	7:00-9:00pm Chabad
28	Kids Night Out	6:00-10:00pm JEA

FEBRUARY 2023

THURSDAYS: Food For Thought		12:30pm JEA
3	Agudath Achim Tu B'Shevat Celebration	6:00-9:00pm Congregation Agudath Achim
9	Young Jewish Savannah Happy Hour	6:00-8:00pm
18	CPR and First Aid Class	12:30-2:00pm JEA
24	Chabad Young Professional Shabbat Dinner	7:00-9:00pm Chabad
25	Kids Night Out	6:00-10:00pm JEA



The Matthew J. Cranman Holocaust Teacher Education Endowment Fund was created in 1999 by Matthew's parents, Paul and Karen Cranman, and grandparents, Herman Cranman (z"l) and Helen Cranman (z"l) in memory of Matthew after he lost his battle with cancer at just 24 years old. Matthew was particularly interested in WWII, in which both his maternal and paternal grandfathers honorably served.

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

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



My Camp Stories

by Kenzie Langdon

This summer I got to go to Camp Barney Medintz thanks to a scholarship from the Savannah Jewish Federation.

Some of my favorite activities were kayaking, the rocket, and the trampoline on water.

While I was at camp, we also had Color War. Color War is where we split up into teams of different colors. We compete in various challenges for our team. Although our team didn't win, we still had a lot of fun trying!

At camp, I got to meet a lot of new people and the food wasn't too bad either. My favorite dish was meatball hoagies.

I also got to see a lot of ways to observe Judaism. Every Friday we did services that included singing clapping and fun. On one of those Fridays, I got to lead services with my friends. We led the Aleinu and Lecha Dodi prayers.

I had so much fun and I can't wait to go back next year.



by Hannah Guthrie



This year at Camp Barney Medintz I began the process of training to be on staff. I loved being able to see some of the "behind the scene" things that happen at camp and get a feel of what life is like as a counselor while also enjoying camper activities with my friends. This month taught me so much about how to really appreciate camp and give back to it because of what it has given me while growing up. As a counselor, I hope to give my campers the amazing and life changing experience that I have received every single year at Camp Barney.

I grew personally more than ever at camp this summer and made life-long friendships and connections with other Jewish young adults. Camp has helped me realize how much I value having a strong Jewish community around me at all times. As I am searching for colleges, I think back to how comforting it is to be surrounded by a Jewish community, and I look for that in every school I visit. I will always remember and cherish my memories and experiences at camp this summer. I greatly appreciate the Federation for their help in allowing me to have this amazing opportunity.

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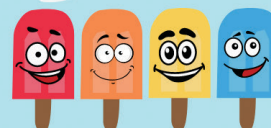
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February 25

January 28
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Health and Wellness

by Richard Grundy

Hi, Everyone! My name is Richard Grundy and I am the new Director of Health & Wellness at the JEA. I am very excited to be part of this vibrant community!

A little about me: I am a New Yorker (born and raised) and I recently moved to Savannah with my family. I have two young children – one is in 1st grade and the other is in the Yonim

classroom right here at the JEA! I have over 20 years of experience in the health and wellness industry (most recently at Chelsea Piers in NYC) and I'm excited to bring my knowledge, and my passion for transformative experiences, to the members here.

I consider myself fortunate that I am stepping into a situation with so many wonderful components: a great fitness center, beautiful pools, and an inspiring roster of group fitness classes. However, the clear difference at the JEA is not necessarily the physical structure, but the people who work and teach here. Our knowledgeable personal trainers, our welcoming desk staff, our energetic coaches, and our tireless group fitness instructors are clearly the beating heart of the wellness programs at the J.

My vision is to continue to build on this sturdy and exciting

foundation. In the coming months I plan to add some new classes (and some new times) to continue to engage and invigorate our members. I readily invite any and all feedback, and always factor in our members' opinions to my decisions. My door is always open and I am genuinely here to help you improve your quality of life.

New to fitness? Fear not! We will help you get started and patiently teach you everything you need to know. Has it been a while since you've been to a gym or fitness club? Not a problem – let's see where you are now and get you closer to where you want to be. Are you currently exercising? Great! Let's have a conversation to see if we can diversify your regimen and add some fun new elements.

Wellness comes in many forms – mental, physical, social, - and I have a passion for helping people improve their lives. We have a plethora of programs to take advantage of at the JEA and I encourage you to explore all of them!

I look forward to seeing you at the J!



A vibrant poster for the JEA OYVEY 5K AND 1 MILE FUN RUN. The background is a bright blue gradient. At the top, the title "JEA OYVEY 5K" is written in large, bold, pink letters, with a stylized orange flame icon replacing the letter 'Y'. Below this, "AND 1 MILE FUN RUN" is written in white. A pink banner on the left says "Register now at savj.org". The date "Sunday, January 8, 2023" is prominently displayed in pink. At the bottom, white silhouettes of runners are shown against the blue background. From left to right, there is a small child, an adult, a person pushing a stroller, another adult, and a woman. Each silhouette has a small "JEA OYVEY 5K" logo on their back.

Winter at the JEA Art Gallery



December: Fiber Guild of the Savannahs: The Search Of The Golden Fleece 50th Anniversary

December 1-30, 2022, Art Gallery Reception Sunday, December 4, 2-4 pm

The Fiber Guild of the Savannahs is a group of fiber artists who meet regularly (via Zoom meetings at the moment) to share inspiration and techniques using a wide variety of fiber-related arts. Spinning, weaving, dyeing, quilting, knitting, basketry, rug making, paper manipulation, needle felting, and crocheting are just some of the crafts our members explore. We have a strong sense of community service and volunteerism. Our members demonstrate traditional pioneer crafts to children and families at the annual festivals at Oatland Island

Wildlife Center. All persons—beginners, amateurs and professional fiber artists, are all welcome to join the guild.



January: Andrea and Mark Mathews

January 2-31, 2023, Art Gallery Reception Tuesday, January 3, 5-7 pm

Andrea and Mark Mathews are a married couple – he is a native and she has been here for 43 years. Andrea is a sign language interpreter and recently retired from SCAD after 26 years of interpreting. She is still doing medical interpreting. Mark works for Stagefront Presentation systems as an audio-visual installer. They are members of Mickve Israel and Agudath Achim. Two of their passions are Dachshunds and creating art. At the start of the pandemic (during lock-down) Mark watched some videos on paint pouring. They decided to try it and fell in love with creating art. Their techniques are varied, they don't do only paint pouring. They use

acrylic paint and put an epoxy coat on afterwards. The epoxy makes the colors pop and it protects the piece. It is an unforgiving medium, so you might see some imperfections. They had to learn to accept these as part of the process. After something is painted, the excess paint is picked up and cut out for the necklaces. This makes them all unique – no two can be identical. Their trivets can be displayed as art on stands (stands can be found at Michaels or Hobby Lobby) or can be used as trivets. They have a neoprene backing and they will withstand up to 450 degrees. Their coaster sets can also be used as trivets. Their slogan is, "Art you look at, art you can wear, and art you use."

Their work has been sold at craft fairs, Sea or Be Seen Boutique, shopSCAD, and is currently in the Mickve Israel gift shop.



Eyal's Flowers
Eyal Sherman Foundation

February: Eyal's Flowers: Hope In Art

February 1-28, 2023

Rabbi Erez Sherman will be speaking at Food For Thought on February 9, 2023

Eyal Sherman, z"l was a quadriplegic for 32 of his 36 years. Through his physical challenges, Eyal became an artist, achieving a bachelor of fine arts from Syracuse University.

Through his life, Eyal inspired others to do their best and to use their hope to do good things in the world.

Eyal's Flowers is a collection of his works and generously loaned by Eyal's Flowers- The Eyal Sherman Foundation, created by his family. The foundation raises funds to support the physically disabled, in both medical and non-medical causes.

February is Jewish Disability, Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month

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 is one 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@savj.org to inquire about available months for your show!

Welcome New JEA Members

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Carol Anthony-Sowinski
Thomas & Isee Arpin
Nancy Arteberry
Nicholas & Monica Beard
Erika Blackwell & Leah Blackwell
Jack Coburn
Stacey Cohen
Daniel Crovatt
Bailey & Larissa Davidson
Michael Garcia & Meagan Hodge
Samuel & Naima Gelman
Jordan & Lauren Gentry

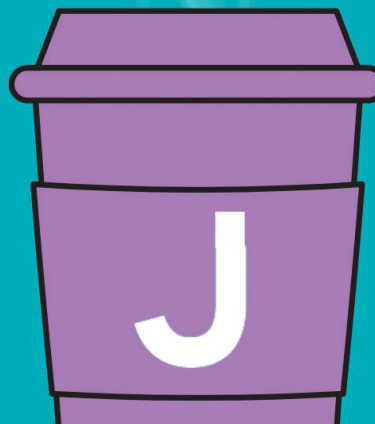
Stephen Gerard
Wayne Grajczyk
Richard & Emily Grundy
Corey Harden
Matthew Hilt & Stacy Shelton
Justin Johnson & Katy Smith
Michael & Krista Kentz
Oliver Levitt & Rebecca Andrew
Barclay Matheson
Leslie Merlin & Caroline Larson
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Sinan Sadar
Gerald Schantz
Arthur & Donna Schreier
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JEA Preschool: More Than a School. It's Also a Community

By Brienne Walsh- Cleo and Cas' mom

Looking back, my family ending up at the JEA Preschool feels like kismet. It was May of 2020, and we had just moved to Savannah from Brooklyn, where the pandemic had left us

trapped in our 700-square-foot apartment with a 3-year-old and an 18-month-old. My husband, who grew up on Wilmington Island and went to the Savannah College of Art and Design, had a friend who suggested that we join the Jewish Educational Alliance so that we had access to the outdoor pool. "I've heard the preschool is pretty good too," she told us. After we moved into our house in Ardsley Park, which we bought online with the last savings we had in our bank account, I contacted the school, which miraculously had openings for both of our children.

Three years later, and we can't imagine our lives without the JEA Preschool. Just this last Friday, after leading the conga line at the fall festival with Rabbi Robert Haas, I talked to my husband on the phone, and we both agreed that we wished our children could attend the school for the rest of their childhoods.

Of course, there is the quality of the care. We know that the children are happy and safe, in loving environments. My daughter is now in kindergarten in St. Andrew's, but my son is still in Miss Danielle and Miss Tierra's Ayalim B class, where he ends each day exuberant with joy, excited to tell us all about his adventures. When I go to pick him up in his classroom, my daughter asks if she can stay with Miss Caitlin and Miss Heather in the main office, where she is spoiled with hugs, laughs and the occasional chocolate. I call the pick-up time my "social hour," because I often linger long after I've gathered my children to catch up with Miss Penny or Miss Lucille, say hello to other parents who are picking up their kids, and spending some time cooing over the babies in Yonim when they toddle from their classroom to the playground.

What I really love about the JEA as a parent is the community. I was not raised Jewish, but as a lifelong New Yorker, many of my closest friends, colleagues – and former boyfriends! – were Jewish, so I feel very comfortable with the rituals and holidays surrounding the faith. I have always known that Jewish families really prioritize education, so I knew that learning would be privileged at the preschool. What I have also loved is that community and service are also prized. My children are learning



their numbers and letters, but they are also learning to be kind to one another, and to those less fortunate in their own community.

Since moving to Savannah, we have come to know more people, and more institutions. Savannah, in general, is a wonderful place to raise a family. But nothing really compares to the community at the JEA, which is full of educated and kind people. At the JEA Preschool, I really feel like I've found my "tribe." I still can't believe that we were so lucky to find the school so soon after our arrival, and even though I do not currently practice a religion, I do wonder if someone was watching over us, guiding us to this soft landing.





Stepping Out....
Rambam was successful with remote learning via zoom, videos, Edmodo, and phone calls.

While it wasn't the same, our staff stepped up to the challenge during Covid and made it work.

We were prepared last year if Covid insisted we needed to do it all again. Nothing can replace or enrich learning more than being together in person. I believe masks and sheltering down were opportunities for us to have more time for self-introspection with less distractions. However, it was still extraordinarily wonderful this school year, for all our diverse families to come together as one within the hallways and classrooms of Rambam Day School, hopeful that the worst of Covid challenges were behind us. We thrive learning together and learning from each other, in person.

The holiday of Succot is upon us, and what better opportunity for reflecting on what a day school education is all about than during Succot? Being in a sukkah, is a beautiful and meaningful way in which to show our faith in the Almighty. We leave the comforts of our home, the many conveniences within our homes that have become necessities, and we join with family and friends to celebrate our freedom to practice our heritage and demonstrate our belief that the Almighty is with us.

Rambam Day School by Ester Rabhan

Chanukah is around the corner, and Chanukah also is an open expression of our faith. The mitzva of lighting a menorah is to do so in a place where those walking in the street can see the beautiful flames flickering from our menorah.

Another display of our freedom to practice our heritage.

Stepping out of our comfort zone..... a great rule of thumb for a Jewish education. How better to fully appreciate our Jewish laws and customs than to learn about their magnificence in detail?

The focus of Rambam Day School is for our students to learn, to broaden their knowledge and understanding of our heritage; so they grow into knowledgeable, young Jewish adults.

Stepping out of our comfort zone.... That is when the greatest achievements are accomplished.

I hope you'll consider coming to visit Rambam, as a perspective parent/student, or an interested friend. We'd love to show you around and introduce you to the whole RDS family.

PJ Library: Resources Beyond Books

PJ Library is a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation delivering more than 680,000 free Jewish story books to kids around the world each month. Now in its 17th year, the program hit a milestone in 2022 by shipping its 50 millionth book. As fall moves toward winter, Jewish families begin to look towards Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights. Celebrating the rededication of the Jewish temple after it was taken back from the Greeks in the 2nd century BCE, it's a fun and festive holiday spanning eight days and is best known for menorahs, latkes and dreidels. This year, families are invited to turn to PJ Library for a treasure trove of free resources created to ensure Hanukkah 2022 is a memorable one.

Beyond the books, PJ Library will update their resource packed Hanukkah Hub, which offers child-friendly versions of the Hanukkah story along with numerous unique craft ideas, delectable holiday recipes, and printable activities. One new offering is a lively **Hanukkah-themed lava lamp activity**, where children will test the density of different types of oil while creating calming faux "lava lamps" with recycled materials. This funky craft is a great addition to a night of enjoying foods fried in oil while embracing the Jewish values of curiosity and learning. In addition, families can turn to Hub activities and resources such as The Ultimate List of Books about Hanukkah offering up the very best in holiday page

turners, as well as 10 Easy (and Kid-Approved) Hanukkah Recipes, or The Easy Hanukkah Guide: Recipes, Gifts and Activities For Each Night. And, on the award-winning podcast front, a new Afternoons with Mimi episode arrives on November 22 – just in time for the holiday!

Also check out the new picture book, **Hanukkah at Monica's**, now on the PJ Library Amazon store amazon.com/pjlibrary. The colorfully illustrated new picture book is written and illustrated by Varda Livney. Synopsis: No one loves Hanukkah more than Monica. And celebrating the Festival of Lights – lighting candles, singing blessings, eating delicious fried foods and playing dreidel – is even more fun with friends. Luckily, Monica has lots of friends, including a robot, a pirate, even a jellyfish! Who's going to arrive at her party next?

Long a valuable resource for interfaith families, PJ Library also offers guidance this year, including their list of Hanukkah Books for Interfaith Families. Interfaith families who choose to celebrate Hanukkah can turn to Jessica Keith's helpful blog post No, We Don't Celebrate Both.

Finally, for those seeking creative gift-giving options, PJ Library has set up shop at amazon.com/pjlibrary.

Gelt's History: from Battlefield to Chocolate

By Eva Locker

The fact that the Chanukkah celebration is associated with Gelt, (money), is an idea that always made me uncomfortable. There are so many nicer things to be remembered: miracles, the victory of the few over the many, the candles lights, the fried treats.... So how did the coins make it into the mix?

Many theories exist on the topic, and a couple made sense to me:

After the small group of Jews finally defeated the powerful Greek Army, the Hashmonay wanted to memorialize that historical moment by minting a special coin, a national coin and our first Chanukah gelt. Since then, the state of Israel has embraced the idea and the menorah of the Maccabees is almost always on any new commemorative coins minted today.

A second theory tells us that in 18th century central Europe, Jews being practical sent their children to school with gifts of coins for the teachers as a token of gratitude for educating their young. Children then being like children now, very probably asked for coins for themselves too.

In the same spirit and according to Magen Avraham (18th century Talmudist), it was the custom for poor yeshiva students to visit homes of Jewish benefactors who

dispensed Chanukah money; The rabbis approved of the custom because it raised necessary fund but also help publicized the story and its miracles.

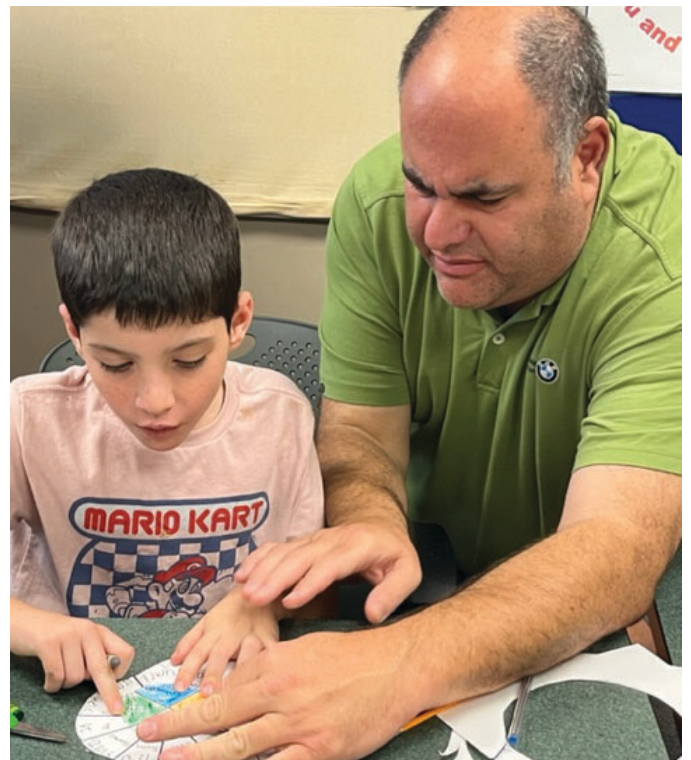
And, like that, a tradition was born!

My own parents never knew of Chanukah presents and always received a gift of a few coins for Chanukah. It is only under other influences and many marketing wizards that Chanukah became the gift frenzy it is today.

How did those coins turn into chocolate treats?

A clever chocolatier simply picked up the idea and turned it into something more affordable, maybe, and yummier; Something I'm always comfortable with for sure.

Chag Chanukkah Sameach,
Eva Locker



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