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JEA Annual Meeting, Wed., May 21st



Arlene Ratner,
Incoming JEA
President

The 102nd Annual Meeting of the Jewish Educational Alliance will be held on Wednesday, May 21st. This year's meeting marks the biannual investiture of a new executive committee, as well as the yearly opportunity to recognize the JEA's recent accomplishments.

Outgoing President Bill Sand reflected on his term: "In 'coming back' to Savannah I was honored to be asked to lead such an important, historic organization like the Alliance. With the support of some great volunteer leadership — Marcy Konter, Paul Kulbersh, Scott Samuels and our incoming President, Arlene Ratner — I'm proud of what we have accomplished over the past two years. We've seen significant growth in many of our "classic programs:" the Health & Wellness Center has all new cardio equipment, the overall facility has been vastly improved, we celebrated 100 years in Savannah, and we opened JEA Preschool Savannah, which has exceeded all our projec-

tions.

"My goals were to help shepherd the Alliance to fiscal stability, improve member experiences, and to pass this "gem" of an organization on to another generation. I know that Arlene will do even more and take the JEA to new heights of service and achievement."

The Annual Meeting is also the time when members of the Board and the community are recognized for their service to the JEA with special presentations and commendations.

The incoming President for the 2014-2016 term for the JEA Board of Directors, Arlene Ratner, said that the theme for the meeting and her presidency is "standing on the shoulders of those who came before us." Asked why she chose this theme, she said: "I would not be the person I am without the influence of my parents, aunts and uncles and grandparents. The same is true for the JEA. It is the one place in our community where Jews of every ilk can come together. When the world at large looks at us, we are all

Jews, no matter how we practice in our homes or synagogues."

Arlene went on to say: "I hope to reengage the entire Jewish community. We are nothing if we don't stand together. Our sum is greater than all our separate parts. I hope we will provide programming in which the entire community will want to participate."

When asked why the JEA was so important to her, Arlene said: "The JEA is a passion of mine. I once learned that in Pirke Avot Jewish tradition teaches: 'You are not obligated to complete the task, but neither are you free to desist from it.' I've never forgotten that; it has become like a

mantra for me and why I am in this position today. While everyone may not choose to take it as far as I have, I hope everyone will participate with me to some extent, as we are taught."

The meeting, which begins at 7pm, will be held in the JEA auditorium and includes a dessert reception. All members are asked to attend and the community is invited.

CORRECTION

Please Note:
The correct date for the Jack Malitz Levy Award Dinner honoring Dr. Paul Kulbersh is **Sunday, August 24, 2014**

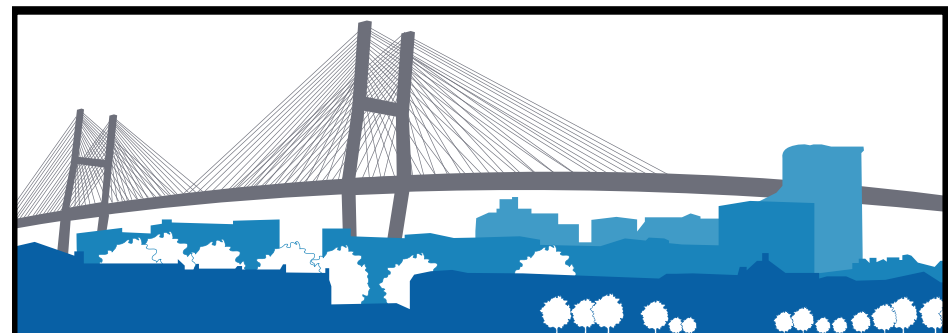
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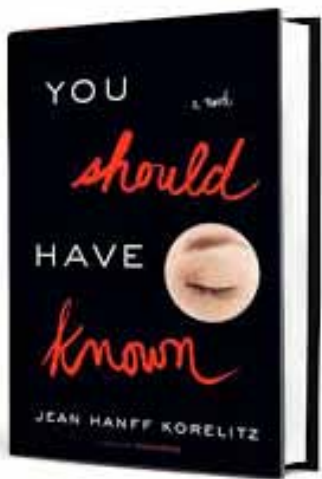
Tell Tale Signs

by Gail Robinson

You Should Have Known, by Jean Hanff Korelitz, tells the story of Grace, a psychotherapist, married to Jonathan Sachs, a pediatric oncologist. They have one son – Henry – who is a student at a prestigious private school in New York.

Most of Grace's clients are unhappily married couples trying to salvage their shattered marriages and/or their shattered selves. Through the psychological process of healing through treatment, Grace determines the (usually male) partner at fault showed signs of negative behavior, including philandering, slovenliness, and/or a basic inability to commit. She points to a pattern that emerges early in the relationship that should be obvious to the injured partner. Her observations lead to her writing a book, *You Should Have Known*, which is soon to be published.

Meanwhile, her own marriage winds through a process of her husband's disappearance (mysteriously)



and hints of his own committal failure.

The backdrop of the story is centered at Henry's private school where Grace serves on fund raising committees. A murder of a mother of one of the other students is the mystery serving as the basis for the story of Grace and Jonathan's marriage and her own inattention to the clues of his behavior.

This book is a riveting read; a roller coaster ride through a marriage with signs that should have been apparent to Grace.

You Should Have Known
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Thanks to the Mayor and Council, city employees, businesses, JEA Garden Club and people who have supported the Midtown Miracle Community Garden (MMCG) to get it ready for our spring ribbon cutting. MMCG was a FEMA condemned lot. We turned into a community garden to benefit the 3,800 to 6,000 children receiving daily lunches through Second Harvest's Kids Cafe. The event began with a wonderful rendering of *This Land is Your Land* by the Rambam Day School fourth grade and ended by Rabbi Haas delivering a blessing before Mayor Edna Jack-

son cut the ribbon. The new Vaden Nissan red wheel barrel was used for collections of 51 pounds of food donated to Second Harvest and the crowd was fed by chefs Murray Gottlieb, Jamie Deen and Robert B. Parker before people were shuttled by Old Savannah Tours back to the JEA parking lot.

Donations of lumber and time completed 17 of the proposed 24 free multi-use garden boxes in time for the opening March 31. For a complete list of our sponsors, please visit Midtown Miracle Community Garden on Facebook. Phase II, a children's education area and handicap-accessible garden box section will be opened Memorial

Day and Phase III, the Savannah Table historic horticultural boxes and the public seating areas, is scheduled to be open by Labor Day. Opportunities for individual donations can be accommodated. For example, an etrog tree was donated in memory of Dr. Amos Timna and will be presented at the Memorial Day event.

If you are interested in working on or donating materials or expertise to any of these projects please contact us. Participation in the garden community is free. Thank you again for your support.

Carol M. Towbin Greenberg
Creative Director
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Steve Greenberg,
President,
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The Barber Shop

The barber shop has always been a place where social and political matters are discussed. This is the story of one barber shop in 1964 on the edge of a social revolution.

Woodrow owned the best establishment in town. Woodrow's right hand was Roy, who had been there a long time. The other three were Lloyd (who never had much to say), Orville and Dennis.

Since Woodrow owned the business, he always set the topic of conversation. He also liked his barbers to agree with him. One Tuesday morning, Woodrow started off the day as follows:

"Any of you fellas see the Sullivan show Sunday night?" Roy said he did, Lloyd did not say anything and Orville and Dennis said they were at supper.

"Well, I tell ya what...he had these guys from England on...you ain't never heard such squealing in your life. They were from a place like Meatlake, or something like that."

"Liverpool," Roy said. "They are from Liverpool."

"I will tell you this. What was worse than the yelling was the hair. Those boys have not been to a shop in a while. And no sign of any Vitalis... no shine, no nothing. Somebody forgot to tell those boys how they should look when they go on a show like Sullivan."

About that time in came Bobby Ray. Woodrow said, "Bobby Ray, did you see that spectacle on TV Sunday night?"

"Yes Sir, I sure did," said the ever so polite Bobby Ray. "Those people sure were excited."

"Yea, well, a flash in the pan I say. Not a chance. Not a chance."

Roy, who had been listening to all this, said: "Woodrow, don't be so sure. Remember that Presley guy caught on and he is still around. Sullivan don't put people on his show unless they have something."

"Roy, that Presley boy uses Vitalis... that is why he is still around," said Woodrow with his all-knowing, 30

years of barbering tone. "There is no way these guys will ever be more popular than that fella on Sullivan who spins about ten plates at a time. Now that's talent."

"Bobby Ray," said Woodrow, "what do you think?"

"I am not sure. But I will tell you this. These guys could become really popular."

"Well," said Woodrow, "I just don't see it. You agree Roy?"

Roy paused a moment, and said, "I am not sure I agree Woodrow." Lloyd took a deep breath. Orville and Dennis decided they needed to sharpen their straight razors.

"I think these boys might be on to something and maybe we need to think about what we are going to do if buzz cuts go out and longer hair comes in." Roy stared straight at Woodrow. "How are we going to keep people coming into the shop?"

Woodrow took three steps back. He looked at his clippers. He looked around the shop. He looked at Roy.

"Roy, have you lost your mind? Have you lost your everlovin' mind?"

"Woodrow let me ask you a question. What did Miss Sadie fix you for supper last Thursday night?"

"What does that have to do with hair?"

"Just answer the question," said Roy.

"I have no idea what was Thursday night...five meals ago."

"Ok," said Roy. "What did you have Friday night and what are you having tonight?"

"Roy is this some kind of game?" Woodrow asked, clearly exasperated.

Roy stood up out of his chair and pulled up his pants. "Woodrow answer the questions!!" Woodrow had never seen Roy this way so he said, quickly, "I don't remember Friday night either but I know tonight is country fried steak, mashed potatoes and turnips."

"My point exactly," said Roy.

Now Woodrow was confused. "What point is that?"

"The past is done, Woodrow. Those Thursday and Friday meals done been eaten. You can't even remember what they were. The future is what we need to be lookin' at...look at you. You know what you are having tonight



Adam Solender
Executive Director of
JEA/SJF

To be Free and Secure

The Savannah Jewish News was going to print last week when the murders in Kansas City happened. I immediately "pulled" the column I previously submitted to write this.

It was Sunday afternoon when my phone started "lighting up" with emails and text messages from the Jewish Community Center Association, Jewish Federations of North America, FBI, Homeland Security, and the Secure Community Network (an organization created by the Federation movement dedicated to homeland security initiatives on behalf of the entire American Jewish community).

At first, the news was sketchy (as is often the case), but it was not long until details began to be released by the authorities... "a lone gunman," "shootings in two Jewish locations" "three people murdered."

Then the emails and phone calls started coming from members of our community. "Should we be worried?" "What are we doing?" "Is this an isolated incident?"

Thanks to the advanced communications from the Secure Community Network, we were assured that this was a "lone gunman," but to remain ever vigilant... "If you see something, say something."

The next morning the first story on the morning news was about the shooting. We saw pictures of the woman who had lost her son and her father (both shot in the JCC parking lot). We heard many more details

about the gunman: a founder of the 'White Patriot Party' who had previously plotted the assassination of Morris Dees (one of the founders of the Southern Poverty Law Center), a "grand dragon" of the Ku Klux Klan in the 80s, and a virulent anti-Semite. There were rumors that he referenced Hitler during the killing spree and his subsequent arrest.

The most striking headline was "In the Midwest, we thought we were safe." A somber quote which hearkened back to sentiments of victims of the Holocaust, whether in Poland, Germany, Hungary, or other places... they, too, thought they were safe, before the horrors began. It couldn't happen to them. It couldn't happen to us.

But it did happen and it continues to happen.

It was the very day after one of our community leaders, Aaron Buchsbaum died. He was an ardent defender of civil rights, an advocate of social justice, a man who dedicated his entire professional life to confronting injustice, fighting bigotry, creating relations and building coalitions that fostered tolerance. As a proud Jew, Aaron knew what it was like to be an outsider; he never forgot his roots as he fought for others. The hatred spewed by the lone gunman in Kansas City was exactly what Aaron Buchsbaum fought against his entire life.

At the publication of this edition, we will have just finished Passover. We read about our exodus and quest for freedom. It is a quest that we still have: to live free and secure in a world where bigotry and hatred have ceased to exist. It was a goal of Aaron's and should be for us all.

The Savannah Jewish Federation believes firmly in the future — the future of every part of our Jewish community. While each of us has our own unique pasts that make us the individuals we are, we share the future. We share tomorrow. We have to look at next week, next month, next year and go there together as a Jewish community. It is a simple necessity. Time truly will not wait for us.

"I did not find the world desolate when I entered it. As my father planted for me, so do I plant for my children".

- Talmud Ta'anit



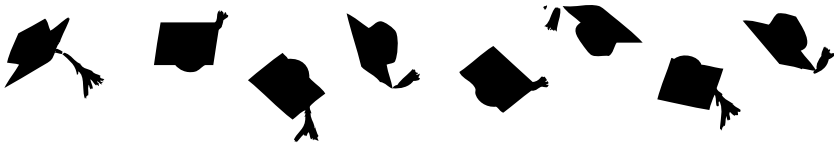
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It has always been our way in the Savannah Jewish community to care for each other. We ensure the dignity of our elders, quietly assist those in need and generously respond to people in crisis, wherever they may be - always inspired by our Jewish values. Our Jewish traditions also teach us to plan for generations to come. Please consider a legacy gift to the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah and leave your children and grandchildren a precious inheritance and lasting testimony to your values.



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Four Questions for the rest of the year



Tanya Kapitan

Tanya Kapitan grew up in Ukraine in a small city with a very small Jewish community just outside of Kiev. She immigrated to Savannah with her parents, younger sister and grandparents in 1995 at the age of 18. (Her parents have since moved to Atlanta and her sister now lives in Miami.) During a visit back to Ukraine when she was 24, Tanya was reacquainted with a childhood friend, Vladimir, who became her husband and joined her in Savannah. They have an eight-year-old daughter and a seven-year-old son. Vladimir still has family in the strife-torn region.

Tanya spoke with us about life in Ukraine, then and now.

What made your family decide to leave Ukraine when you did?

Life was hard, always. My parents wanted another chance in life as well as more opportunity for us. We had family here. That was a big plus.

[Editor's Note: With a few small

exceptions in the 1970s, Jews really did not gain the freedom to emigrate from the Former Soviet Union until 1989, when a wave of Jewish emigration from the FSU began. According to the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, approximately 1,004,265 Jews left the FSU between 1989 and 1997 (78% of the total who left between 1954 and 1997). In Savannah, as around the U.S., the Jewish Federation played a large role in the resettlement efforts for many of the families who came here.]

Growing up in Ukraine, were you treated differently as a Jewish person?

I grew up under Communism, and yes, we were treated differently. As a child, I was not always able to say who I am. In my class of 41 children, two of us were Jewish. We had a journal where you had your first name, your last name, your birth date and your nationality. Everybody would stand up and say who they were, except when it came to me, the teacher would just kind of wave at me and say, "That's OK, we know who you are." As a child, I kind of felt bad, but it was just handled the way it was handled. Later, I went through

some other hard times, but I wasn't the only one. There were a few of us. Growing up Jewish in a Communist country was hard, but I had some really good friends that it didn't matter to them. I think it could be hard anywhere, but it was harder in a Communist country. I don't think it damaged me, but I definitely felt it and we still talk about those days.

Are you at all surprised by the situation in Ukraine today?

No, I'm not surprised. I think people were really tired of living the way they lived and I think that's why the uprising happened in Kiev a couple of months ago. The people are very hard working people and there has been so much corruption and the people were not getting paid for the work they do. I think they realized that they've been doing this for so long and their parents were doing this for so long and they don't want their kids to do this, too. So no, I'm not surprised but it's very devastating to see what's happening.

I don't think we get as truthful a picture as we should of what is happening from the media. Russian and Ukrainian people were always very close when it was the Soviet Union, living in each other's countries, treating each other like brothers and sisters. All this poison Putin put in between the nationalities will make the Ukrainian people defend themselves,

but they would never just go out and hurt someone.

Do you think life will be better or more difficult for the Ukrainian Jewish population now and what are your biggest concerns for Ukraine?

I think it's going to be hard for everybody, not just Jewish people. My concern is for people who are jobless; some of them are homeless because of all that has happened and the struggles that you see day-to-day. Businesses are closing because people don't get paid. Banks are closing. What's been done – it's tragic. Places are in ruins; so many people are unemployed or have lost loved ones. It's a huge economic crash.

In May it will be five years since we've been to Ukraine. We wanted to go back this year to visit family. But I don't think we'll be able to do that. I don't want to get stuck there; I'm kind of scared to bring my kids. I'm scared for the people. It's a really strong nation but it's going to be really hard for awhile. It's also sad for the people who lost someone who died at the hands of the Russian military. It's hard to move on knowing justice hasn't been served.

They're going to come out OK. They are strong and they will pick up the pieces. The election May 25th will determine where they want to take the country.

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ISSER GOTTLIEB

Interview: July 2003

"About the bakery? ... My mother used to put me in the carriage every day and roll me down, I believe I went down 34th Street. She'd roll down 34th Street to Bull because the delicatessen was located on 34th and Bull at that time. That was my uncle and aunt's place. We'd go by BC School and the priests would look outside the window and wave at me almost every morning, 'cause we went right about 10 o'clock and then we'd go down Bull Street a block to the bakery. You know, we always went in and visited and saw my father and my uncles...

He [grandfather] used to go from door to door and holler what he had, that he was downstairs and people would come up and he'd throw up a loaf of bread to the second floor and they, in turn, would throw a penny for the loaf of bread, or whatever the loaf of bread cost in those days. My grandfather never turned anybody down if they didn't have the money to pay. It seems in today's times that it's difficult to understand how a family could not have enough money to pay for a loaf of bread. But they couldn't. Lots of them didn't."

The archives holds an excellent collection of oral histories. Each month we will showcase an excerpt from one. Other excerpts appear in our publication, *Voices of Savannah*.

Questions, comments?

Please contact archivist, Katharine Rapkin at 912-651-2125 or at

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Your Campaign Dollars at Work

Baby Help Argentina

As part of the 2013 Campaign and Allocation process, the Savannah Jewish Federation approved a new Mini-Grant program whereby community members could recommend overseas agencies to receive \$500 mini-grants, with up to 20 being approved. Sixteen submissions were made in 2013 and this continues our introduction to you of the grant recipients.

Argentina's Jews were devastated by the 2001 economic crisis that turned middle-class families into "the new poor" virtually overnight. In 2003, to assist the poorest Jewish toddlers and pregnant women hit particularly hard by the crisis, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) developed the Baby Help program.

Today, Baby Help still is important as the community works to support a high number of single mothers and families living in poverty. It provides special assistance to babies and children up to five years of age. Currently, JDC provides nearly 600 children from at-risk conditions with food, diapers, formula, baby equipment, vitamins, and medications, and furnishes prenatal guidance to expectant mothers. The program also offers parents supportive activities and counseling while seeking to strengthen the family's ties to the Jewish community.

Baby Help Argentina's facilities today include a nursery and day care that enables single mothers and struggling families to search for and main-



Mothers and children at the JDC's Baby Help Center in Buenos Aires

tain stable employment while their children are cared for in an enriching Jewish environment. That environment is housed in the LeDor VaDor senior complex in Buenos Aires, where intergenerational activities between Baby Help children and elderly residents of the home are engaging young and old in the joy of community.

Argentina is home to Latin America's largest Jewish population, the 7th largest Jewish population in the world. A prosperous community for most of its history, it dates back to the Spanish and Portuguese inquisitions. When the 2001 economic crisis struck, JDC responded immediately and efficiently to the Jewish community's sizeable needs. More than 12 years later, with the local Jewish institutions' overall health largely restored, JDC has resumed its historic role in Argentina as a community-development expert.



Sarah Osterheld, president of SCAD Hillel this year, sent us this picture from a March 28 Shabbat Dinner co-sponsored by SCAD Hillel and the Birthright NEXT program. Ten students and their faculty advisor shared a meal and lots of giggles. Pictured (clockwise from the front): Sarah Osterheld, Marinna Camasta, Lauren Clayton, Rebecca McKay, Heather Sztatmary (advisor), Grace Wachtel, Amy Stoltenberg, Daniele Boykin, Nathan Porteous, and Hana Hyman.



Dixie Council BBYO held its Spring Convention March 14-16 in Columbia, SC. Along with leadership and social programming, the weekend included a Purim observance and a m'shloach manos service project. Four Savannah BBYOers were elected to the new Council Board (pictured): Gabe Adler, Godol/President (top row, far right); Max Strauss, S'gan/Vice President (top row, second from right); Natalie Ourhaan, S'ganit/Vice President, (bottom row, second from right) and Evelyn Darling, Shlichah/Jewish Heritage (bottom row, third from left).

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Editor's Note:
We hope you enjoy our new, regular feature by community member and movie expert/aficionado Bonnie Strongin.

Bonnie Strongin Movies — More than an Art Form

Whenever a great film moves across the screen ... I don't watch it. Rather, I dialogue; I react; I engage.

By design, movies at their best are a fusion of entertainment and enlightenment, reflecting and probing the world around us; enveloping us the audience inside the director's vision.

Two great Holocaust films, *Schindler's List* and *The Pianist*, are best case scenarios.

In *Schindler* we watch Steven Spielberg's vision of the Holocaust in its enormity, of a people persecuted to the brink of annihilation. In the biographical *The Pianist*, Roman Polanski takes us on the journey of one man's descent from acclaimed classical pianist to a feral animal who can barely speak.

Both are searing. Both are provocative.

Which do you find better suited to carry our banner of "Lest we forget"?

Which would more likely ignite discussion and continue as a memorable lesson?

In this age of instant media, of fast tracks to war waged in our living rooms, to a Nazi-reminiscent takeover in Ukraine, to missiles shelled into Israel captured on cell phones, there is a need for our community to

pause and reflect.

Movies provide an opportunity for us to gather and share not only our pleasure and perceptions of an art form but an insight into the world we live in, an arena for awareness and wariness. Hopefully, they preclude a knee-jerk reaction, disaster for our technologically charged planet.

In these critical times, they cast a larger-than-life focus on a single thread of the human tapestry. Films of substance can enlarge the issues that encircle us, allow us pause and perspective, and make us reflect upon turning points that affect the human condition.

There is an important need for a film to be entertaining. For the movie-going public-at-large, this is a medium that depends on box office for existence. It must accomplish its primary purpose: to entertain. But if you probe, even the thinnest film will most likely have a deeper level. At our recent Savannah Jewish Film Festival, I saw *Aya* which focused on a brief interlude which went nowhere between a man and a woman at an Israeli airport. 'What was that all about?'

It came to me. Choice and chance.

But beyond entertainment, for films of substance, ones with layers to peel back, what other purposes might there be?

To reflect the times. To reveal the customs, mores, politics, passage of an era.

Think *Hester Street*. Filmed in sepia tones to evoke nostalgia for an earlier time, the mass emigration and assimilation in the 1890's of eastern European Jews to America moves across

the screen.

To raise societal issues and provoke discussion.

A *Price Above Rubies*, Renee Zellweger's debut film, questions the role of women and observance in Jewish orthodoxy.

To annotate history.

Exodus. Israel's UN partition in 1948 and its struggle for existence as witnessed through protagonist Ari [Paul Newman]. An action driven film rather than character driven, it commemorates the birth of a country under the canopy of turmoil and division.

To reveal the human condition through different perspectives and make us think there could be more than one answer, more than one way of life.

A *Stranger Among Us*. Melanie Griffith portrays a tough mouth detective seeking a murderer in a Hasidic community in the New York diamond district. A respectful and positive portrayal of a little known way of life.

Whichever the movie, whatever its overlying purpose, your dialogue with the film should question: "What is the author's/director's message, its premise?"

Sometimes it's easy and delivered right in the dialogue. *The Wizard of*

Oz. You're right! «There's no place like home.»

But can you find the message when not stated? Can you walk away with the main idea the director is trying to tell you about man and mankind? It is usually easiest to find between the climax and the conclusion.

Try the feel good *Billy Elliott*.

Not everyone can be a genius, but a genius can come from anywhere.

It fits.

The art of cinema does more than satisfy man's need to create. It provides us transport to explore a no-limit cosmos in which we can seek and inquire, a ride with peril-free opportunity to think, respond, and ... enjoy.

See you at the movies... Bonnie

Bonnie Strongin, a film analyst, is the founder of the film series movieSPEAK. Her next program is a screening of *Mad Hot Ballroom* on Sunday, May 18 at 3pm at Congregation Mickve Israel, with discussion to follow.

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Esther Reed Honored For Lifetime of Service

by Jane Nangle, President, Reed House

God smiled on Savannah when he brought Esther Reed into the world 91 years ago. Throughout her life, she has worked hard to raise funds for so many good causes that nobody has been able to keep a complete record. Included in her many causes are agencies serving people with developmental or mental disabilities, senior citizens, the food bank, the weight lifting center, and now Reed House, which is named after Esther to recognize her perseverance and compassion.

For over a decade, including on her 85th birthday, Esther sat at a card table in front of a grocery store handing out brochures from the National Alliance on Mental Illness, educating people about mental illness, and collecting spare change for a mental health clubhouse. That spare change became the seed money that enabled Reed House to open in January 2013, and accumulated to \$30,000! Esther will be celebrated at a reception in her honor at the JEA on Sunday, May 4th.

Reed House is improving lives and bringing hope to those challenged by serious mental illness. Reed House serves adults with the most serious forms of mental illnesses using the International Standards for Clubhouse Programs™. This model was developed by psychiatric patients in 1948 as a "Club" where "Members" use their own skills and abilities to help each other gain stability, housing, and employment. It developed into a network of independent organizations accredited by Clubhouse International™ and is listed on the U.S. Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices as an effective form of psychosocial rehabilitation. There are 341 accredited clubhouses in 33 coun-

tries. Now, thanks in large part to Esther, there is a clubhouse in Savannah. Reed House is the only mental health clubhouse in Georgia and will be a model for cities all over the state.

Reed House now serves 83 Members, all diagnosed with schizophrenia and bi-polar or major depressive disorders. People with these serious diagnoses have extremely high rates of disability (25% of all U.S. disability), unemployment (90%), indigency, hospitalization, homelessness, suicide (10%) and criminality. Approximately half have substance abuse disorders. While these illnesses cannot be cured, they are treatable, and Reed House is helping these individuals to become happy, productive citizens.

Reed House Members are indigent and underserved. Eight arrived homeless; four remain homeless. They range in age from 19-74; are equally divided between male and female; and are of diverse ethnicities – 42% African American, 5% Hispanic and 53% white. About half have Medicaid; the others have no insurance. Many have no income. Some have no identification to apply for benefits.

Membership is voluntary and free. Most Members live in Chatham County, but two travel two hours daily from Statesboro.

Members participate in a "Work-Ordered Day" from 8 am until 4:30 pm, operating the clubhouse like a business and performing the tasks necessary for the clubhouse to function. They answer the phone, greet visitors, write newsletters and correspondence, enter attendance data, contact absent Members, update the website and Facebook pages, plan, prepare, cook, and serve lunch using restaurant standards, clean, paint, plant flowers, and perform whatever tasks are necessary in the operations

of the clubhouse. Social activities take place evenings and weekends outside of normal business hours.

At Reed House, Members are not judged, but are given 50 hours a week of support, guidance training and friendship. They have a place to receive tutoring by staff and volunteers, which provides opportunities to complete educations, and achieve GED, certificate, college and graduate school programs.

Members' achievements during the past year have been remarkable. Although some were symptomatic of psychosis when they joined, almost all have become significantly more stable as indicated by increased vocalization and eye contact, longer stays, greater participation in clubhouse work, and more community involvement. Only two have required hospitalization and two have been asked not to return for being seriously disruptive.

Real Numbers; Real People: Seven who were employed have kept their jobs. Four have been placed in new jobs and four in job training programs. One received a full scholarship to train as a Certified Peer Specialist and will soon transition from be-

ing a mental health patient to being a mental health professional. One completed her GED. One enrolled in college and four in other educational programs. One received his ServSafe Certification, works as a chef in two restaurants, and is earning good grades in a local college Pastry Chef Certificate program.

Each of these successes is celebrated, inspiring all Members to work toward fulfilling their potential. Impressively, the total Reed House operating cost per Member-contact-hour during this period was only \$9.27.

Finally, the reeds on our Reed House logo not only remind us of Esther Reed, they illustrate our function. Like a person, an individual reed is frail and easily broken. It must be flexible to survive. But many reeds woven together make an incredibly strong basket. The Reed House is a strong basket that offers a welcoming community of friendship, growth, and opportunity to people who have serious mental illness.

Reed House, Inc., 1144 Cornell Ave., Savannah, GA 31406; 912-777-4108; www.Reed-House.org.



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May 2014



Children's Programming

Olympic Day to Kick Off Camp Savannah Color War

The spirit of the Olympic Movement will roll into Savannah as the JEA's Camp Savannah hosts its first official Olympic Day in celebration of its Color-War kick-off.

Monday, June 23, 2014, will be Olympic Day, honoring the values of sportsmanship, teamwork and team spirit, and will signal the start of JEA Camp Savannah's Color War week, where 4 teams compete for the title of Color War Champion. Events of the week include relay races, cupcake wars, color-vibe color run and a song/dance/cheer competition. Olympic Day will highlight the importance of fair play, having fun and working together.

"We are excited to take part in Olympic Day and inspire kids in the Savannah community," said DJ Horton, Camp Savannah Director. "JEA Camp Savannah is proud to support the Olympic Movement and encourage children to lead healthy, active lives."

The JEA's Camp Savannah Olympic Day is one of more than 700 events taking place nationwide between June 14 and 30. The events,

designed to engage youth and promote the ideals of the Olympic movement, feature athlete appearances, family-friendly activities and interactive learning experiences.

"All of our activities and competitions for the day will be Olympic themed," said Horton. "Campers will compete in the Apache Relay around the JEA, design their own group flags and participate in an Opening Ceremony. Counselors will exhibit their gymnastic abilities in our brand new floor routine competition."

Around the world, more than 160 countries take part in the annual celebration. Olympic Day, created in 1948 to commemorate the birth of the modern Olympic Games, focuses on the Olympic values and ideals such as fair play, perseverance, respect and sportsmanship. In the U.S., Olympic Day events range from small gatherings to large, city-wide events.

For more information about JEA Camp Savannah, please contact us at 912-355-8111 or visit www.savannahjea.org.



OLYMPIC DAY 2014

Mark Your Calendar

May 2

PJ Library Tot Shabbat. 12:30 pm

May 4

Reception honoring Esther Reed. 3 pm
Free, but RSVPs required

May 5

Yom Hazikaron

May 6

Yom Ha'atzma'ut
Community Taste of Israel Program. 7 pm

May 18

Lag B'omer
Lag B'omer Roast & Toast. 1 pm

May 21

JEA Annual Meeting. 7 pm

May 25

JEA Outdoor Pool Opening. 11 am

May 26

Memorial Day. Fitness Ctr. open 9 am-5 pm

May 27

Days at the JEA. 8 am-6 pm

May 28

Yom Yerushalayim.

May 29

Yom Yerushalayim event.
Let's Talk Jerusalem. 7 pm

June 1

JEA Camp Savannah Meet 'n Greet. 3 pm

June 3

Erev Shavuot. JEA closes @ 5 pm.

June 4-5

Shavuot. JEA Closed

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Adult Programming



Bridge - Wednesdays 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Scrabble - Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Mah Jongg - Mondays 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Thursdays 10:30 am to 12:30 pm



Lunch Bunch - Every Thursday 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

Join us for Thursday Lunch Bunch! Visit with old friends and meet new ones, enjoy lunch followed by an educational speaker or performer.



Community Garden

Love to garden, but don't have the space? Be part of the JEA Garden Club and help work one of the 18 garden boxes at the new Midtown Miracle Community Garden, three blocks north of the JEA. Excess produce and herbs will be donated to Second Harvest to aid them in their mission to feed up to 6000 children daily. For more details, "like" **Midtown Miracle Community Garden** on Facebook or email Carol Greenberg MStarArts@gmail.com.

May Lunch Bunch Programming

May 1st - Enjoy time with the JEA Preschool kids

May 7th - "Keeping the Brain Healthy through Playing Games." Hosted by Skye Cossio, MSW

May 15th - "Staying Healthy and Strong." Hosted by Elaine Fox

May 22nd - "Solutions for Aging Skin," with Doloris Screen of Facials by Deloris

May 29th - Celebrate Israel with a special screening of "Israel Inside: How a Small Nation Makes a Big Difference"

Lunch Bunch meets each Thursday at 12:30 pm for a delicious lunch, followed by a program at 1:30 pm. Please call 355-8111 to make your reservations. Lunch and program are just \$5!

LAG B'OMER ROAST-N-TOAST

SUNDAY, MAY 18TH | 1-3 PM | LUNCH: \$8/EA



Join in on the Lag B'Omer holiday tradition of celebrating around a bonfire at our Roast-N-Toast Pool Party and BBQ at the JEA. Make a kite and enjoy gooey s'mores with your friends and family! Co-Sponsored by the PJ Library, JEA Preschool Savannah & JEA Camp Savannah.



Health & Wellness

It's POOL Time!



Stephanie Johnson
Health & Wellness
Director

“Well I’m a-gonna raise a fuss, I’m a-gonna raise a holler; About working all summer just trying to earn a dollar; Every time I call my baby, to try to get a date; My boss says, ‘No dice, son, you gotta work late’; Sometimes I wonder what I’m gonna do; Cause there ain’t no cure for the summertime blues.” According to Eddie Cochran and Allan Jackson (remake) there apparently is a thing called the Summertime Blues.

Being beautiful outside, having to work indoors, and not being able to enjoy the wonderful weather gives many people the summertime blues – so to speak. Summer is the most exhausting season of all. During this season you get exhausted from the scorching heat. Your body’s hydration level gets depleted quickly. Because of this, we become lethargic, get bored, and we may even sit at home for the whole day. To refresh yourself, make your summer season the coolest one by joining us at the improved JEA swimming pool.

The JEA Pool is the place to enjoy summer to the utmost. When it’s sweltering outside, you can cool off and have fun in the water. As soon as you get in, you can feel the coolness of the water help your body relax; it will refresh your dull mood within no time. Splash in the water, play

some pool games and your spirits will definitely lift. We can’t wait for everyone to see the new and improved pool deck!

But there’s even more fun to be had at the JEA Pool than just the relaxation, satisfaction of wearing out the kids and the exercise that you’ll get there. This year we’ve added some great pool parties that are going to be fun for all, and there’s always our Sunday grill.

If you are interested in hosting a party, scheduling a birthday party, or volunteering around the pool on Sundays, please contact Stephanie at stephanie@savj.org for more information.

This year we will open the pool for a special Lag B’Omer party on May 18, 2014, from 1-4pm (please see the ad on page 2). Then on May 25 (Memorial Day weekend) we will officially open the pool for the season. We can’t wait to see you all at the pool!

The summer season the schedule is as follows:

Outdoor

Sunday 11 am-5 pm
Monday-Thursday 10 am-7:30 pm
Friday 10 am-4 pm

Indoor

Sunday 9 am-5 pm
Monday-Thursday 6 am-8:30 pm
Friday 6 am-4 pm

Summer Fitness Classes

Sunday

9:15 am - Power Pilates
10:30 am - Total Body Blast
1:00 pm - Extreme Toning

Monday

5:00 am - Master Swim
8:30 am - Firm It Up
10:00 am - Aquasize
10:00 am - Vinyasa Yoga
10:30 am - SilverSneakers Classic
6:00 pm - Evening Water Aerobics

Tuesday

9:15 am - Power Pilates
10:00 am - SilverSneakers Splash
10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
5:45 pm - Zumba
6:00 pm - Savannah Kenpo
7:00 pm - Savannah Fencing Club

Wednesday

5:00 am - Master Swim
8:30 am - Firm It Up
10:00 am - Yoga Pilates Fusion
10:30 am - SilverSneakers Classic
6:00 pm - Billy’s Boot Camp
6:00 pm - Evening Water Aerobics

Thursday

8:30 am - Pilates
9:30 am - Barre Blend
10:00 am - Aquasize
10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
6:00 pm - Savannah Kenpo
6:00 pm - Evening Water Aerobics
6:30 pm - Yoga Flow
7:00 pm - Savannah Fencing Club

Friday

5:00 am - Master Swim
8:30 am - Firm It Up
10:00 am - Yoga
10:00 am - Aquasize
12:00 pm - Noon Basketball

For children Pre-K - 8th grade.
Questions? Call 355-8111 or email kids@savj.org.

June 3rd, 2014 - We All Scream for Ice Cream (Trip to Lovin’ Spoons) – Campers will venture out to Lovin’ Spoons for a delicious dairy treat. We’ll also be making 3-D art.

June 6th, 2014 - Superhero Scrambler (Superhero Day) - It’s a bird, it’s a plane...no it’s just another Days @ the J! Campers will transform into super-heroes today by making their own capes and protecting their very own skyscrapers.



**The Israeli Scouts are
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Thursday, June 26th, 3pm**

What: A show to be enjoyed by people of all ages!
Admission: A Donation to the Friends of the Israeli Scouts, Inc. Tzofim
Where: JEA, 5111 Abercorn Street
Questions?: DJ Horton, 912-355-8111, kids@savj.org

Themes for Spring Days @ the JEA

May 27th, 2014 - Field Day 2.0 - Field Day is getting revamped Minute-to-win-it style. From reverse charades to worm races, we’ll have campers talking all Summer long!

May 28th, 2014 - Splash from Camp Savannah’s Past - To beat the Summer heat, Days @the JEA is heading to Splash in the Boro to cool off!

May 29th, 2014 - Poseidon’s Showdown - There’s an epic battle brewing and what better way to solve it than with a water balloon showdown!

May 30th, 2014 - A Wet-n-Wild Shabbat - It’s time to celebrate Shabbat with a water-inspired twist. We’ll decorate the sidewalk with “exploding” chalk, compete in SpongeBob Invasion and, of course, celebrate in the Shabbat circle!

June 2nd, 2014 - Pajama-Rama (Pajama Party) - Our annual pre-summer PJ party is BACK! Guess that cereal, Brownie 101 and, of course, a movie on the big screen are just a few of the activities that will be planned for the day.

New JEA Members

The JEA would like to thank our members. Without your membership and support, we would not be able to offer all the services that we do. Our members are our most important asset!
(New Members as of 3/8/14-4/4/14)

- Noah Adler
- David & Evelina Altshiller
- William Barry & Shawn Eustice
- Jeffrey Bates
- Benjamin & Emma Hopson
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- A donation by Charlotte Crake
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May Artist: Joshua Hill

Joshua Hill grew up in Athens, GA, and began drawing at an early age. At sixteen, he toured Italy’s great towns and galleries. Seeing the wonderful art and architecture stirred his passion for art. It was this trip that inspired him to begin creating his own works and seeking a voice.

He studied the masters, but was heavily influenced by Van Gogh, Gauguin and Henri Matisse. For Joshua, it has always been about the process of creation and capturing color. “I like the creative process. I like having an idea and taking it from a concept in my mind to a completed art form.”

In 1995, while studying painting at Barton College in North Carolina, he began a business of decorative painting. Painting murals, children’s rooms, furniture and faux finishes using various techniques satisfied his sense of design. He still maintains his studies of the latest paint trends and does decorative and design work.

Drawn back to coastal regions in 1996, he has been based in Savannah, but painted in Connecticut and New York, as well as all across the Southeastern United States. His latest paintings were inspired by Gerhard Richter and the Impressionists. Richter’s “dragged” abstracted images and the Impressionist’s striving to capture color in the moment has become his new motivation.

Artwork available for viewing May 1-30, 2014

What is Gaga Ball?

Gaga, or Israeli Dodgeball, is a fast paced and intense variation of the game dodge ball. The game usually takes place in an octagonal or hexagonal pit, known as the Gaga pit. The game begins when the ball is thrown in the air and Ga-Ga-Ga is chanted after every bounce. After the third bounce players may strike the ball with their hand to try and get the other opponents “out.” Typically, a player is out if they get hit below the knee or if they hit the ball out of the pit.

Gaga’s origins date back to the 1960’s to an Australian Jewish community in Perth. The game was introduced through the exchange of Israeli madrichim (counselors) to Australia or Australian madrichim returning from Israel. It was believed Gaga was brought to the U.S. in the 1980’s by two Israeli counselors working at a Jewish summer camp. Today Gaga is being played in over 3000 camps and schools in the U.S.

We now have our own Gaga pit here at the JEA! Stop by to see it. If you would like to have your group learn or play Gaga, call DJ to schedule some pit time - 355-8111.





JEA Preschool Savannah News

May 2014

JEA Preschool Savannah Summer Program!

We welcome children and families from the entire community and are the place to send your young child for lots of safe, summer fun.

- Weekly Shabbat celebrations for all ages
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Ms. Megan leads Shabbat celebration.



We put Tzedakah in the box for charity on Shabbat!



The Shabbat dinosaur makes a weekly appearance to celebrate with the children!



Some of our artwork on display at the Children's Hospital at Memorial University Medical Center!



Parents and faculty participate in Wine and Canvas, a fundraising event for JEA Preschool Savannah.



Everyone learned a lot and unlocked their "inner Picasso" to create beautiful paintings.

Check it Out!

Positive Reinforcement for Your Toddler

Preschoolers work harder at seemingly mundane tasks if rewarded with meaningful new knowledge rather than by being given stickers, news that should have implications for the way in which teachers and parents motivate young children. Read the entire article on the Education Week website at <http://bit.ly/1lzUwIZ>.

Ethics Program uses Holocaust Lessons

New York, NY — Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE) announced its 2014 class of 48 graduate medical, law, journalism, and seminary students who will participate in a two-week program this summer in New York, Germany, and Poland. The unique international program is in its fifth year of exploring the history of the Holocaust as a way to engage graduate students in an intensive study of contemporary ethics in their professional fields.

Run in conjunction with the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York, FASPE fellowships examine the roles played by professionals in medicine, law, clergy, and journalism in Nazi Germany and underscore that the moral codes governing these essential professions can break down or be distorted with devastating consequences. “By educating students about the causes of the Holocaust and the power of their chosen professions, FASPE seeks to instill a sense of professional responsibility for the ethical and moral choices that the Fellows will make in their careers and in their professional relationships,” said C. David Goldman, founder of FASPE.

Pre-World War II professionals in Germany were known and respected internationally. Yet, leaders (and practitioners) in each of the professions, and often the institutions they represented, played a fundamental role in designing, enabling and/or executing the crimes of Nazi Germany.

“Understanding that their individual voices and actions can positively influence their colleagues, FASPE Fellows will be a part of a growing cohort of professionals who are invested in raising and sustaining high ethical standards among all practitioners in their field,” Mr. Goldman noted.

“Later in 2014, FASPE will be developing a program specifically designed for MBA students and business executives in the first five years of their careers. We are working with historians, business school faculty who teach business ethics, and additional scholars,” said Thorin R. Tritter, FASPE Managing Director.

The 2014 FASPE Fellows represent a broad range of religious, ethnic and racial backgrounds and were chosen through a competitive process from among close to 900 applicants around the world. FASPE covers all student expenses, including transatlantic and

European travel, food and lodging.

Over the course of 12 days, Fellows will participate in seminars run by leading scholars who serve as FASPE faculty, and attend lectures with a range of guest speakers. The program integrates historical, cultural, philosophical and literary sources; survivor testimony; and workshops in New York, Berlin, Auschwitz and Krakow.

Once home, each Fellow will submit a final written essay focused on a contemporary ethical issue chosen by the Fellow to be published in the annual *FASPE Journal*.

For more information about FASPE, visit www.FASPE.info.



“The way that we write about genocide, the way that we write about corruption, the way that we hold people accountable...these are eternal lessons. So what happened then, has lessons for all time.”

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Springtime and New Beginnings

It was a Wednesday morning and our new teacher came to JEA Preschool Savannah to “check things out.” As we walked to the front office, we stopped in the Yonim classroom.

She took a mental inventory of the classroom space and began speaking briefly with the other teachers, all while holding her daughter in her arms. We proceeded to the front office to turn in her new employee papers to the finance department. On the way, I saw that Adam was in his office. I asked if I could introduce our newest teacher and he said, “Of course, come on in”.

What happened next surprised me, but mostly it surprised Adam. After I introduced the teacher to Adam, I introduced her beautiful 16 month old daughter. She looked like a china doll dressed in her cream colored outfit with her glowing rosy cheeks nestled

in her mother’s arms.

This vision struck Adam right in his heart. As we were chatting about the teacher joining our JEA Preschool Savannah family, I could see tears welling up in Adam’s eyes. In my mind it could have been for a number of reasons. Was he remembering his own children at this age and how quickly time has passed? Was he looking at the “reason” we created our program, to serve the very young children and their families?

I asked Adam a few days later why he got so emotional? He said it was because this young child represented such naivety and freshness and the simple beauty and joy of life. This new individual at 16 months old had the power to make a grown man cry.

JEA Preschool Savannah opened Yonim Alef room in April; new beginnings for some children and families who have joined our program. New teachers, new children, new experiences! Wishing you wonderful new beginnings in your life!

Your Campaign Dollars at Work

BBYO Gathering Ignites Jewish Spirit

by Hadley Gordon

In February of this year, I was granted the opportunity to do something that I never really thought I would get the chance to do during my four-year BBYO career. I was given the chance to go to Dallas, Texas, along with more than 2,000 other Jewish teens across the world for an International Convention. You’re probably thinking, “2,000 teenagers running around Dallas? NO! That can’t be. How is that safe? How can that not be so chaotic? How ... How ... How?” But, let me tell you, this experience was not chaotic at all; it was beautiful and new and adventurous, and probably one of the coolest weekends of my almost 17 years of Jewish life.

The speakers and guests were absolutely incredible! I got to listen to a speech by Miss Israel about her terrifying experience that many of you probably do not know. Her story was so impactful and taught me how to be a more confident Jewish young lady. We also had the opportunity to film a Public Service Announcement with the cast of MTV’s *The Buried Life* and The American Heart Association.

I can’t describe to you the feeling of

being in a room filled with thousands of strangers who feel like family solely because of a shared religion. AND, when you add a song session into the mix, the word “home” takes on an entirely different meaning. My Jewish background has helped me grow so much and to be able to experience things like meeting a girl from across the country whose mother was in the same sorority as my mom, is unbelievable. The ties we as Jewish people have with one another are unlike anything else in the world.

To have been able to realize the importance of my religion at such a young age, thanks to BBYO, is something I will always cherish. This wonderful experience could not have been accomplished without the generous scholarship from the Savannah Jewish Federation. I would like to wholeheartedly thank everyone who helped me obtain this fantastic opportunity.

Hadley Gordon is the daughter of Kelly and Marc Gordon. She is a junior at St. Andrew’s School and the current N’siah/President of Wexler Clark BBG in Savannah. Hadley attended BBYO’s International Convention with the assistance of a Savannah Jewish Federation Teen Experience



Ester Rabhan,
Principal of
Rambam Day School

Moving right along...

Rambam has been busy packing in as much as we can before the school year comes to a close. Our middle school classes went on their annual middle school trip to Kanuga located in Hendersonville, NC. They had a wonderful time when they weren’t freezing! They were kept occupied with; rock climbing, high ropes, orienteering, skits, campfires and team building activities.

Our fourth graders were invited by Carol Greenberg to attend the Ribbon Cutting of the Midtown Miracle Community Garden. They sang “This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land” and were privy to hear the Mayor and Alderwoman Mary Ellen Sprague speak. The garden is an unbelievable project and is truly praiseworthy. I was so thrilled that some of our students were able to be there for the grand opening.

My daughter came home from college and her nephew excitedly asked her to guess what he began learning in school? Not able to imagine what subject had him so excited, she said, “I don’t know.” He said, “Chumash!” (which is the study of the Torah inside the text). My daughter was so amazed how enthusiastic he was. She was quite impressed. This is what we should yearn for; our children being excited and enthusiastic to reach the milestone of being able to read and translate the very words given to Moshe to relate to our people the in-



Mrs. Robinson and some of the Rambam students at the rock climbing wall at Kanuga

tricate details of our heritage.

Rambam had a very successful Rambam Night Out which is our major, annual fundraiser. We sold the most tickets ever, 441 tickets and we made the most money ever on the silent auction, over \$5,000 and we had the largest attendance ever! Thank you to the Savannah community for its support and to the Bnai Brith Jacob for housing our event with open arms.

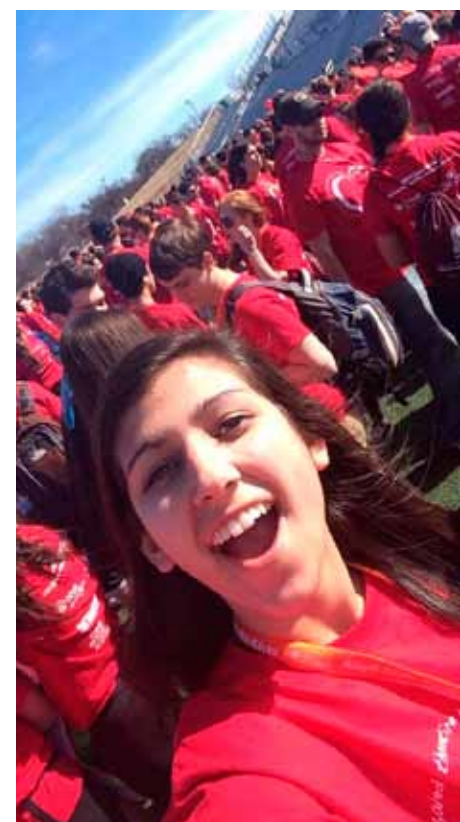
Our elementary classes went to the Music Festival and thoroughly enjoyed it. Of course they wished there would have been less *talking* and more music and fun but they had a great time.

It is so hard to believe we are in the last stretch of the year. When there is so much going on and everything is going smoothly, time really flies!



You never know who you will get to meet at a BBYO convention! Here’s Hadley with noted Jewish philanthropist Lynn Schusterman, a great supporter of BBYO and Birthright Israel.

grant. BBYO is a pluralistic Jewish teen movement; for more information see www.bbyo.org or contact Jill Strauss (912-844-5588) locally. For more information on SJF Teen Experience grants, see www.savj.org or contact Adam Solender, adam@savj.org, (912) 355-8111.



Hadley snaps a selfie at the memorable taping of the PSA on the importance of knowing CPR.

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It's a Funny Thing



Melinda Stein

May and June – the traditional months for love and marriage. Jewish comedy has a lot to say on that subject!

A Jewish couple had been married for 46 years and had 11 children. They were interviewed by a local newspaper about the secret for staying together all that time.

"No secret," the wife says, "but when we got married we made a pact. The first one who wants to pack up and leave has to take all of the kids!"

Hymie tells his friend Manny: "I think I'm going to divorce my wife. She hasn't spoken to me in over two months."

Manny considers this and says: "You'd better think it over, Hymie. Women like that are hard to find."

Benjy was in Hebrew school and was learning all about how God created everything, including humans. He was especially interested when his teacher spoke about how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later that day, Benjy's mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill. So she said to him. "Benjy, darling, what's the matter with you?"

Benjy replied, "I have a pain in my side, Mommy. I think I'm going to have a wife."

Sarah is talking to her friend Gloria. "I just don't know what's the matter with you, Gloria. You're nearly 30 years old and you're still not married. Don't you want a husband?"

"Of course I do," Gloria responds.

"Then I don't understand. You've got great looks and a nice figure, so why haven't you had any proposals?"

"But you're wrong there," replies Gloria, "I've been asked to get married dozens of times."

"Really?" says Sarah. "By whom?"

"By my parents!"

Two young bachelors, Sol and Jack, are discussing the possibility of love. "I thought I was in love once," Jack says.

"Thought?" Sol asks. "What do you mean?"

"Last year, I met a girl while I was on one of these Jewish singles cruises. She was attractive, intelligent, a great conversationalist and had a super sense of humor. The whole time, she made my heart beat faster and my stomach churn – that must have been love."

"No," his friend replies. "That was seasickness!"

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Saturday, May 3 - Shabbat Morning Service, 11am

Friday, May 9 - Kabbalat Shabbat Shalom School Service & Oneg, 6pm.

Saturday, May 10 - Sisterhood Mother's Day Shabbat Morning Service, 11am

Friday, May 16 - Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Julie Hirsch & the Mickve Israel Choir, 6pm

Saturday, May 17 - Shabbat Morning Service, 11am.

Friday, May 23 - Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6pm

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Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Aaron Levy Buchsbaum
Who died April 12, 2014

He is survived by his wife, Esther Rosenbaum Buchsbaum; their four children, Herbert, Lauren, Susan and Elizabeth; four grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Letta Tayler; and son-in-law, Jeffrey Gratz.

Remembrances: Jewish Educational Alliance, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405; Agudath Achim Synagogue, 9 Lee Blvd., Savannah 31405; or the Aaron L. Buchsbaum Fellowship Fund, Emory University School of Law, attn. Joella Hricik, 1301 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA, 30322.

Edith Shoob Karpf
Who died March 27, 2014

She is survived by her three children, Sally Karpf Krissman, Michael L. Karpf, and Eric S. (Linda) Karpf, all of Savannah; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her brother Marvin (Janice) Shoob and sister-in-law Florence Alterbaum, both of Atlanta; several nieces and nephews; and her loving friend, Evelyn Campbell of Detroit, MI. She was preceded in death by her husband, Isadore M.

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LASTING LEGACIES



AM Goldkrand

AM and John Goldkrand moved to Savannah 25 years ago. As a physician specializing in high-risk obstetrics, John was recruited by Memorial University Medical Center. Their children were already grown and never have lived here, but AM and John quickly settled into the community and both became active in a number of causes, including Federation.

At the time of his sudden death in 2005, John was involved with Jewish Healthcare International, a group of doctors started by an Atlanta physician. JHI once was described as being “akin to a Jewish version of Doctors Without Borders.” John had headed a mission to Odessa, Ukraine, where he promised a maternity clinic that he would return with an ultrasound machine. Sadly, he did not live to fulfill his promise.

However, AM was determined that the promise would be kept and soon after John died she established the John Goldkrand Jewish Healthcare Fund as a donor-advised philanthropic fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah. This fund would be used to raise the money to purchase the ultrasound machine for the Odessa clinic. A few years later, AM was able to travel to Odessa with the happy news that General Electric would be donating an ultrasound machine in John’s name to the clinic and that she would be directing funds from the John Goldkrand Jew-

ish Healthcare Fund for much needed equipment at a Gmilius Chesed medical clinic serving needy, disabled and solitary Ukrainian Jews. (Unfortunately, both JHI and the Gmilius Chesed clinic no longer are in existence.)

With the promise of the ultrasound machine fulfilled, AM began to think about a more permanent use for the Fund. “I recognized that as a philanthropic fund, it could only serve the purposes of the person who built it; but as an endowed fund, it could serve the entire community, and be there in perpetuity,” she said. “John and I had made our life here and it was very important to me that we leave an enduring gift to the community like only an endowed fund could do.”

Last year, AM converted the John Goldkrand Jewish Healthcare Fund to the *AM & John W. Goldkrand Savannah Healthcare Endowment Fund*. The fund will be used to benefit healthcare needs for Jewish women in the Greater Savannah community who would otherwise not be able to afford treatment/care.

“I know John would have wanted the fund to help women. It’s all about continuity,” AM said.

Create a Fund

A designated fund can benefit a specific purpose dear to your family or the community at large. Funds can be created and activated now or established with a bequest or other financial instrument. To discuss establishing a Lasting Legacy for your family with a fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah, contact Adam Solender at (912) 355-8111 or adam@savj.org.

UKRAINE ASSISTANCE FUND

The Jewish Federations of North America are mobilizing a communal response to the situation in Ukraine, home to one of the largest Jewish populations, including some of the poorest Jews in the world. If you would like to provide urgent support for Jews in Ukraine, go to www.jewishfederations.org to make a secure donation.



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PJ Library Comes to Camp

JEA Camp Savannah is receiving 24 books from PJ Library that will be incorporated in its programming this summer. PJ Library is a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. JEA Camp Savannah is one of more than 50 camps that are receiving these books to be utilized by campers ages 4 through 8 to enhance Jewish literacy in JCC day camps as part of a new partnership between the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) and JCC Association.

Through this new partnership, JCC Day Camps will enhance their programs by using PJ Library books in their daily programming. These 24 books, filled with stories of Jewish values and assorted holidays, will help infuse Jewish literacy throughout the summer. This program is part of JCC Association's Day Camp Initiative – a continental effort to raise the programming and profile of Jewish day camp.

"JEA Camp Savannah is excited to be partnering with the PJ Library this summer. The books will allow us to enhance our current cultural programming and create new activities that all of the kids will enjoy," said DJ Horton, Camp Director.

JEA Camp Savannah strives to provide campers with a nurturing experience that promotes social, emotional and intellectual development. The camp's diverse specialty programs teach universal values that encourage campers to explore aspects of Jewish traditions while remaining culturally sensitive to others. JEA Camp Savannah gives campers the opportunity to establish their roles in the community through a variety of service learning projects.

"I'm delighted that PJ Library and HGF have chosen to partner with us to add the richness of PJ Library books to the resources that our day camp staff will have available to bring Jewish learning to life," said Allan

Finkelstein, President and CEO of JCC Association.

"JCC day camps are the entry point into Jewish life for over 65,000 children each summer, and we believe by providing valuable tools to enhance summer learning and programs connect campers to a life of Jewish engagement," said Jodi Sperling, Director of Camping and the Merrin Center for Teen Engagement at JCC Association. "There's also incredible potential to reach the 12,000 young adults who work at JCC day camps each summer," Sperling added, noting that for most day camp staff, working at camp is not only their first real job, but their first exposure to Jewish communal work.

This grant is another example of the broad-based support we receive from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF), both for JCCA and for local JCCs throughout the country. HGF currently provides fundraising incentives and consulting mentors to 18 JCC day camps and 24 JCC residential camps throughout the US. In addition to marrying Harold Grinspoon's two passions (Jewish camp and Jewish books) the PJ Library® grant for day camps helps unite two great arms of our local JCC partners.

"We are delighted to partner with the JCCA to offer this wonderful opportunity to day camps across the country," said Mark Gold, Executive Director of HGF's JCamp180.

"When we work together, we can make a bigger difference," said Marcie Greenfield Simons, Director of PJ Library. PJ Library often brings out families who have not yet been connected to the organized Jewish community. Working together, JCC camps and PJ Library provide two key resources which can keep young Jewish families engaged year round.

What started as a small project sending books to 200 children in Western Massachusetts in 2005,

PJ Library now delivers more than 130,000 Jewish books per month to children throughout North America. Last month Mr. Grinspoon personally delivered the *five-millionth* PJ Library book to a three-year-old in Natick, MA. His Foundation also invests over \$2.2 million annually in Jewish summer camps, much of which is leveraged by those camps to provide \$151 million in total impact.

For more information on the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, visit www.hgf.org. For more information on JEA Camp Savannah, visit www.savannahjea.org or call 912-355-8111.



Camp Director DJ Horton and Camp Registrar Anna Berwitz opening a box of books from PJ Library.

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