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Middle East Expert Daniel Pipes to Keynote Main Event

The Savannah Jewish Federation's 2013 Community Campaign will officially launch on October 10th at the Annual Meeting/Main Event Dinner. With the theme, "Together we do extraordinary things," the Annual Campaign is the Savannah Jewish community's largest ongoing fundraising effort. Funds raised during the yearly drive support local, national and international agencies, programs, services and projects. In addition to serving as a forum for the Federation's Annual Meeting business issues, the Main Event Dinner will feature Dr. Daniel Pipes, a well-known American academic, writer and political blogger who founded and directs the Middle East Forum. He also was founder of Campus Watch, an organization that critiques Middle East scholarship at American universities.

"The Annual Campaign is the lifeblood of our Jewish community. It provides essential funds for Jewish education at Rambam Day School and Shalom School, for our community center - the JEA, and for a myriad of other areas of Jewish life in Savannah," said Federation Campaign Chair Toby Hollenberg. *"We support vulnerable Jews who are facing financial and life crises through our Jewish Family Services. At the same time, Federation continues to bring people and organizations*

together to do great work to create and maintain a thriving Jewish community."

"The Savannah Jewish Federation is stepping up efforts to enhance Jewish identity, build an exciting and engaging Jewish community — and care for the community's vulnerable," said Federation President, Jeff Lasky. *"For children, there's the PJ Library that provides free children's books and CDs and for teens we provide funding for the local BBYO chapter. Thanks to the support of the community and a successful campaign, the Federation last year completely funded financial assistance requests from Hillels at Georgia Southern, Armstrong, and SCAD. Birthright Israel trips provided at no cost to the participant (a \$3,000 value) for those 18-26 are made possible with Savannah Jewish Federation support."* [Dozens of Savannahians have traveled to Israel thanks to this transformative program.]

Internationally, Federation will continue to educate and advocate for a strong Israel and safe Jewish world, especially in the face of an Iranian nuclear threat. Adam Solender, Federation Executive Director, stressed, *"In times of crisis, we are prepared to do whatever is necessary whether offering financial support, lead-*

ing advocacy efforts, dealing with domestic security concerns or something else. Our recent work with Mayor Jackson is just one example of enhancing our relationship with Israel."

For the dozens of Savannah-area individuals and families in need, Federation's Jewish Family Services has granted funds for food, utilities, rent, mortgages, and medical needs. Case management has been provided to seniors and families alike, guiding them to additional governmental and local support. Last year more than \$75,000 was provided in direct aid thanks to the community's generosity during the Annual Campaign.

The entire community is invited to the Campaign Kick Off/ Main Event Dinner featuring Dr. Daniel Pipes. It will be an opportunity to gather together to review the year past and commit to the future, so mark your calendars for October 10th, and watch your mail box for the invitation.



Daniel Pipes

Exciting New Year Ahead for JEA

When Sharon and I moved to Savannah, 4 ½ years ago, I never envisioned that I would be writing a New Year's column as the president of the JEA, especially at the celebration of the 100th anniversary. What an exciting time and there are exciting things happening at the JEA!

As the year progresses, you will see a lot more about the JEA Preschool Savannah, the new Jewish preschool

program currently under development and opening in August 2013. Our preschool director, Jodi Sadler, and the steering committee are busy formulating plans for our new preschool. They have adopted the new



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L'Shanah Tova

First and foremost, on behalf of the Board of Directors of your Savannah Jewish Federation, I would like to wish all of you L'shanah Tova, a very happy and healthy New Year.

As we reflect on the year that has past and the year to come, we should all be incredibly excited and thankful about the vibrancy of Jewishness that exists in our community. Passion for being Jewish permeates every corner of our community and each of our community's Jewish organizations.

Our synagogues are all involved in transformations that will improve the lives of their congregants. Congregations Agudath Achim and Mickve Israel each have new spiritual leaders who have already demonstrated the ability to spiritually engage their congregants and attract young Jewish families, who are so vital to our future. Rabbi Barkan and Rabbi Haas have also made it clear in their words and deeds that they understand the importance of, and want to be an integral part of, the overall Jewish community in Savannah including the Federation and JEA. We have had important and meaningful discussions about the ever increasing social service issues facing our community and are hoping to have all of the pulpit rabbis involved in a more coordinated effort to deliver the services that are needed to help our community's less fortunate. Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob continues to thrive and has just completed a major renovation of its kitchen and roof. These renovations were necessary for the BBJ to continue to offer all of the excellent programs and learning opportunities that are at the core of their success.

Our Jewish schools are also a point of pride for our community and are great examples of the passion for Jewishness that is on the rise. Rambam has completed another year of providing an outstanding secular and Jewish education to the young Jewish minds in our community. They have started an exciting preschool initiative called "No Jewish Child Left Behind" that is designed to open the door to the benefits of a Jewish Day school education. Shalom School continues to innovate and provide a high quality Jewish afternoon educational program to the children of the AA and CMI synagogues.

The JEA is celebrating its 100th year anniversary and continues in the tradition of being the center of our community's Jewish life. Camp is now recognized as one of the best in Savannah and we are attracting more Jewish

kids to camp every year. Planning for the new "JEA Preschool Savannah" is in high gear with a very active and passionate committee of volunteers. These volunteers, under the professional leadership of the school's director, Jodi Sadler, are ensuring that this major new program is high quality and will meet the goal of providing a gateway program for the many young Jewish families to our Jewish community. Giving our Jewish families a choice of preschool programs will only make us stronger and Jewishly vibrant in generations to come.

Finally, your Federation has had a year that we should all be very proud of. Under the leadership of a fantastic campaign management team, we reversed years of a downward trend in Campaign. For the first time in a number of years, we raised over \$1 million dollars. The team is already hard at work planning this year's Campaign and we are confident that you will again show your generosity in giving to those that are in need and furthering our collective goal of Tikkun Olam. We are on the verge of starting a Legacy campaign that will be the first serious endowment campaign that the Federation has been involved with in at least 30 years. We have also begun the process of trying to heal some of the strife that arose from the early childhood education process and the decisions that were made by all of the stakeholder organizations. Federation has always been the leader in setting the direction for our community's future and we are confident that the right decisions were ultimately made in the ECE debate. But it is also Federation's job to maintain Shalom Bayit in our community. We are working hard to achieve that goal.

As we sit in synagogue over the High holidays and reflect on the year that has past and the year that will be, I hope each and every one of you will say a prayer for our community and ask Hashem to continue to bless us with the collective passion for the Jewishness that we have all around us and for the compassion and understanding to help us all live together in the spirit of Shalom Bayit. L'shanah tova.



Jeffrey Lasky,
President,
Savannah Jewish
Federation

Al Cheit

Judaism is intensely aware of the power of speech and the harm that is done by disparaging comments or misinformation. Of the 43 sins referred to in the *Al Cheit* confession repeatedly recited on Yom Kippur, no less than 11 of them are committed through speech.

We read in the Torah, "You must not carry false rumors." (Exodus 23:1)

Sometimes rumors are spread through carelessness (being glib), other times through innocence (not knowing what they spread is false). Whatever the rumor, our Sages tell us that it is forbidden to accept Lashon Hara (evil tongue) — the listener may only suspect and then investigate what was said.

In our community there have been incessant rumors surrounding the JEA Preschool Savannah which is slated to open August, 2013. Let me take this opportunity to address two of them:

- JEA Preschool Savannah will have a "Jewish curriculum." We will be using a framework developed by the Jewish Community Center Association called "Sheva" (seven). The number seven has extraordinary power in Jewish thought and practice. The seventh day, Shabbat, is crowned with holiness, the seven-branched menorah is the symbol of the Jewish State, the seven laws of Noah extend to the whole world, at a Jewish wedding, we give seven blessings, and to commemorate a loss, we sit in deep mourning for seven days. The seven core elements of this framework are deeply rooted in the latest research on child development.

We will be building our curriculum based on the Sheva framework.

- The JEA's primary motivation to establish a preschool is to make Jews, not to make money. Dozens of young families in the area have told us that they are looking for a safe, high quality Jewish preschool that meets their needs and reflects their values. We have listened and are responding. There are seven committees of committed individuals working on creating that very preschool. That being said, the JEA has a responsibility to be fiscally prudent. We are proceeding carefully and will be fundraising in the coming days to rebuild the aging infrastructure and to outfit the rooms. Preschools traditionally have been "entry points" for families to join the organized Jewish community. We will be going "door to door" to reach out to those new families in our area.

As we begin the New Year, let us put aside the rampant rumors, "agree to disagree," and work to engage each and every family in our community. Let us work together, in parallel, and individually, to create the best Savannah Jewish community possible. There is so much opportunity and so many "yet to be inspired families." After all, isn't that what we all want?

May 5773 be a year of healing.

May 5773 be a year of learning.

May 5773 be a year of understanding.

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Rosh Hashanah Greetings from Our Rabbinical Leaders

One Follows Another

By Rabbi Robert Haas

I stole it. I freely admit it. I am guilty. In the fourth grade, I stole Kevin's ice cream money and to this day, I still feel guilty. He huffed and puffed and even accused me openly but could never prove my guilt. Yet to be fair, he was really out of shape and didn't need any more ice cream. However, that's not the only criminal act on my CV of Nefarious Deeds. I cheated on my weekly Friday spelling test in 7th grade. Actually, I cheated on pretty much all of them. But to be fair again, the teacher was awful and everyone cheated on the weekly tests. It was just so easy. These acts may be easily dismissed as childhood pranks, but I can never seem to erase them fully from my mind, especially as the High Holidays approach. I think it's because they represent more than just mistakes from my past. They symbolize two very serious concerns on my part as to the basic reasons I make mistakes in the first place. It's been many years since I sat behind Kevin in fourth grade, and yet I still seem to face these same two issues today. Yes, I stole the money. It's no big deal. I have done worse things...which I will not mention here. However, one of the real issues here may not simply be that I stole the money but that I so easily rationalized my transgression. "He didn't need any more ice cream." "Everyone cheats on the exam." "The teacher is awful." The excuses sound rational, but we all know the truth.

I don't mean to brag, but I maybe a genius when it comes to rationalization. I am really that good at it. In fact, I imagine that I would be able to rationalize almost any criminal act. So, I use Yom Kippur as more than just liquid paper, to white out my sinful acts of the previous year. I also reflect on this weakness in my character, and each year search for new ways to stymie this both innate and practiced (and impressive) talent of mine. I think Yom Kippur helps me stay grounded in this respect. I never allow myself to go more than a year without consciously reminding myself of the areas where I need work. I still find myself exercising my talents of rationalization from time to time, but I am certainly more adept at recognizing the excuse and then taking responsibility for my actions. However, I am still a work in progress here.

The best way to describe this second flaw is probably to quote a verse from the Talmud. "As soon as a person has continued a transgression and has repeated it, it has become unto him permissible." (Moed Katan 27b) I imagine that I dwelt for a long time on the impli-

cations of cheating on that first spelling test. I probably worried for days on end about the consequences of my action ... detention or even the wrath of the parents. I can also easily see my 13 year old self wondering what God would think. However, I am also pretty sure that these thoughts faded away a bit by the time I cheated on my second test. Probably by the fourth or fifth Friday, I didn't even blink before calmly turning in the sheet filled with those twenty perfectly spelled words. In other words, soon after I committed the crime the first time, as the Talmud states, it became "permissible to me." Yom Kippur thus reminds me every year that the more I practice doing something wrong, the better I become at doing it. Whether I am stealing ice cream money from the kid next to me in school or defrauding a client of mine, once I begin to consciously commit the crime, it just becomes so much easier to continue to do it the next time as the voice of conscience begins to fade.

So many years later, I still find it difficult to eradicate misbehavior. How often do I rationalize? How often have I debated over taking the wrong step at that first opportunity then found that same misstep progressively easier to take each next time? As it comes Yom Kippur though, I don't want to singularly dwell on my mistakes. After all, the Talmud also tells us "Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah," or "One Mitzvah Follows Another." (Pirket Avot 4:2). At this time of year, let us not only dwell on the moment we stole Kevin's ice cream money or cheated on a vocabulary test in middle school. Let's also remember our great successes so as to repeat them. Remember when you gave up your free Sunday to volunteer at the food pantry, even though you really wanted to stay home and veg. Remember when you spent extra time with your kid, just to ensure the car for the Pinewood Derby was extra perfect, even though you had finished the car the previous weekend. Remember when you went out of your way to help that person, you remember the one, even though you were pressed for time. Just as "One Transgression follows Another," (Pirket Avot 4:2), so does it go for the Mitzvah. This year, let's remember that our goal should be twofold. We should try and curb our natural tendencies to misstep, while at the same time, we must remind ourselves to ever increase those times we do it right.



Rabbi Robert Haas

The Oasis

By Rabbi Avigdor Slatus

In Parshas Eikev 10:20 we are presented with the mitzvah to be in awe of and serve Hashem. However, this mitzvah is presented in the singular whereas in Parshas Re'eh 13:5 the identical mitzvah is presented in the plural. The great sage, the Gerer Rebbe, states that indeed the mitzvah is for each individual, however, the context of Chapter 13 speaks of the false prophet or dreamer who seeks to cause us to stray from Judaism and the path chosen by G-d. When the effort is made to threaten our faith, to weaken the commitment towards our Torah, then it is a show of unity, a joint expression of the masses to reaffirm our dedication and thereby silence the "dreamers."

Strength has always been found in numbers and especially when we congregate together spiritually. Complacency is the great enemy for those who assume that Jewish life does not require their personal participation. There exist too many obstacles and "dreams" that threaten the family values and Torah ideals for anyone to assume that they will not be affected. Synagogue attendance on a regular basis, Jewish education for children and adults and participating in Synagogue functions are a means of combating these external influences. The daily minyan, Shabbos and Yom Tov services, various Torah classes, Brotherhood and Sisterhood functions and especially youth programs are a great opportunity to experience the delight of our faith and the strength of our units.

How inspiring it is to see so many on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur! The

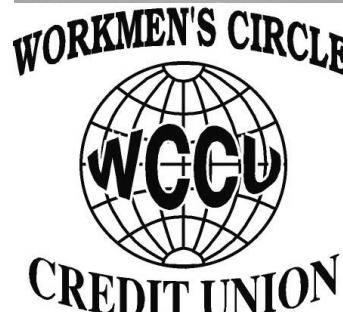
sense of family and the special bond of joining together for these holy days defy verbal description. The hakafos, circling the Torah with Lulav and Esrog, the rejoicing on Simchas Torah are but a sample of the feeling of contentment that awaits those who take advantage. The youth activities, Shabbatonim and Shabbos dinners are an invitation to solidify the bond with generations past and future.

The threats to our faith and family values are blatantly evident. The constant criticism of Israel and media bias erodes our confidence and distorts our vision of this remarkable beacon of democracy. The college campuses are a den of anti-Israel propaganda and politicians are reluctant to incite the Moslem world with honest and truthful perspectives. It is during this drought of honesty and truth that the Shul is a true oasis of inspiration and clarity. Why limit ourselves to a few days during the year? Why relegate our heritage to just Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur? Every member is precious and beloved and helps to forge the powerful force of our faith as we gather together, recognizing our faith while enjoying the unique B.B. Jacob Family.

May we join in unison for the Days of Awe and may we continue throughout the entire year. May 5773 bring its blessings of good health, success, nachas and shalom for all of Klal Yisroel.



Rabbi Avigdor Slatus



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Rosh Hashanah Greetings from Our Rabbinical Leaders

The Mitzvah of the Shofar

By Rabbi Ruven Barken

Hearing the shofar blown is the primary mitzvah/commandment on Rosh Hashannah. In fact, blowing the shofar is the only distinguishing ritual that is mentioned in the two verses in the Torah that specifically deal with the holiday, “And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation: you shall do no manner of work; it is a day of blowing the horn for you” (Numbers 29:1 and see Leviticus 23:4). According to Jewish law, in places where resources are limited, the rabbis taught that if one must choose between a synagogue in which someone is able to blow the shofar but there is no one who can lead services, and another synagogue in which someone is able to lead services but is not able to blow the shofar, the person should attend the synagogue where the shofar is blown (Shulchan Aruch, Orach Chaim 575:1).

Blowing the shofar is rich with symbolic meaning, enhanced by the many interpretations offered throughout the generations. The classic understanding of the shofar is as a call for repentance. It is meant to arouse us out of our complacency, to examine ourselves, and to make the necessary changes to lead a holy life. Another way of understanding the shofar blast is it represents announcing God as the King of kings with the proper pomp and circumstance. How should we acknowledge God’s authority in the world and in our lives? This first coronation ceremony, if you will, took place at the revelation at Sinai in the midst of sound, thunder, and smoke. The Torah relates “the sound of the shofar was very strong” (Exodus 19:15). The shofar also becomes associated by the prophets with the announcement of the future redemption, the signal for the exiled Jews throughout the world to return to the land of Israel.

The rabbis in the Mishnah and Talmud emphasize the personal aspect of this redemption by interpreting each blast of the shofar with a different kind of crying – long sighs, broken whimpers, and short piercing screams (Mishnah Rosh Hashanah chapter 4: 9, and Talmud Bavli 33b). This links our personal crying out for repentance to our people’s national redemption. These allusions to the shofar through-

out the Bible are assembled in to a single section in the Rosh Hashanah Musaf service, preparing our hearts as we listen to the shofar throughout the service.

There is one more interpretation that is relevant to our Savannah Jewish community for the new year. The modern Jewish novelist, Cynthia Ozick, taught that just as the shofar only produces sound by blowing through the narrow end and is then amplified through the wider one, so too, we must first embrace our particularistic Jewish identity to make a contribution to the larger American society. To take this lesson a step further, to fully participate in the larger Jewish community, one must understand one’s particularistic Jewish identity. Are you Conservative, Reform, or Orthodox? Are you culturally identified, but not affiliated; or affiliated, but not identified? What do these labels mean? Some advocate just “being Jewish” promotes greater unity, that we have moved into a post-denominational era, and should eschew our ideological differences.

While Jewish unity is a crucial value, we can not fully achieve it unless we understand and respect each other, and this begins with understanding one’s own identity. We are blessed to have three vibrant congregations in Savannah, each with a long and rich history, vibrant community, and a specific ideology that all nurture the souls of its individual members. Affiliating with a particular synagogue is a vital step in making a unique contribution to the larger Jewish community.

As we listen to the sound of the shofar this Rosh Hashanah, let us be inspired by the lesson of how the shofar only produces sound through its narrow end to strengthen our individual Jewish identities. Let us learn to develop and be attentive to the unique sounds that each one of us has the potential to produce. Then the great, redemptive sound of the shofar will be heard throughout Savannah and be pleasing before God as well.

It should be a shanah tova u’metukah, a good and sweet year!



Rabbi Ruven Barken

Our Annual Commencement

Rabbi Arnold Mark Belzer

Rosh Hashanah commemorates the birthday of the world. It is literally the beginning of beginnings. David Weinbaum, contemporary businessman and inspirational writer said: “The secret to a rich life is to have more beginnings than endings.”

The place of Rosh Hashanah in the calendar is more a reflection of our modern North American culture than the first day of January. School has started, the lazy days of summer will soon be a memory, and new schedules for organizations and institutions for the coming year are commenced. Yes, the Jewish New Year is a kind of “commencement.” We say goodbye to the mistakes of the old year and we begin anew.

Rabbi Hannah Orden, commenting on the spring commencement season wrote: “How fantastic it would be to have ongoing commencement ceremonies to inspire us to keep dreaming and following our dreams. And here’s the great news—we do! Judaism has built into our lives a commencement ceremony every year. Rosh Hashanah is our annual commencement, the day when we celebrate new beginnings. A New Year lies before us. We have the opportunity, if we choose to accept it, to start our lives afresh.”

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and the intervening days are given to us as a gift, the gift that promises us forgiveness from God and the gift of introspection that allows us to evaluate the year that has passed. We are at times harder on ourselves than we should be and at other times we just fail to recognize our errors and negative behaviors. The Days of Awe are given to us to acknowledge the positive accomplishment and good deeds of the past year and to seriously consider our failures. To be able to put away the past and start anew every year of our life is nothing short of miraculous in its practice. It will change our lives for the good and yet we know that as humans we will repeat some of the errors of the past. We strive to be more conscience of our behaviors and failings. We try to remember the lessons that we have learned through our mistakes. Hopefully—because we begin again and we are more sensitive to the need to

look more closely at ourselves and the way we relate to our families, our friends, and our community—we strive not to recreate situations that lead to interpersonal failures and dysfunction.

We say goodbye to the mistakes, failures, dysfunctions, and sins of the old year and we begin anew. And yet as we celebrate the promise of the New Year, especially in this time in history, many choose to emphasize the negative. The litany can be exhaustingly long: a recession, unemployment, the lack of civility, the judgment that the world has never been worse (a totally false notion), and on and on. As Jews we are bidden to be optimists. Consider the multitude of blessings we enjoy every day. Surely there are among us those who are suffering with illness, loneliness, alienation, chronic unhappiness. But the Days of Awe come to us with the most positive declaration: “The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.” (Psalm 126:3)

So we need to be joyous and celebrate those great things, the great and abundant blessings of living in a time of such promise, a time when medical miracles happen every day, when loved ones who are far away can instantly and electronically appear magically in our homes. These are the Holy Days that the Lord has made, let us rejoice in them!

The following was written by Edith Lovejoy Pierce for the secular New Year, but it is most appropriate for Rosh Hashanah:

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year’s Day.

May we be inscribed in the Book of Life with a year of bountiful blessings! Oh how blessed are new beginnings, to start again, to get another chance, to hopefully and prayerfully look to the future. On behalf of the entire Belzer family and the Nunes Temple, I wish our Jewish community a *shanah tova oom’tukah*, a very good and a sweet New Year.



Rabbi Arnold Mark Belzer

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A Dream Coming True

Shalom!
Every child has a dream. Sometimes those dreams turn into reality. My dream has been to travel the world. I've always had a weakness for beautiful scenery, learning about other cultures, and for meeting people from different parts of the world. Like most Israelis, I served in the Israeli Defense Forces for two years (women commit to two years, men commit to three). My assignment was as a guide at "Latrun," a famous site that is 25 kilometers (15 miles) west of Jerusalem.

It is the site of some very famous battles during the first days after Israel's declaration of independence in 1948. For most of my military service, I gave tours to foreign militaries, politicians, tourists and all kind of different groups. It was there that I truly found my true goal: to share information about Israel - to tell all



Dorin Elhadad,
Savannah Jewish
Community Shlichah

Greetings from Hadassah

I want to welcome our members and friends to Hadassah's new year—a year celebrating Hadassah's centennial.
Henrietta Szold knew that "a small group of thoughtful people can change the world". We are proud of the 100 years of Hadassah accomplishing so much in Israel and around the world through our projects - Hadassah Medical Organization, Youth Aliyah, Hadassah Academic College. Hadassah's projects touch and save lives every day.

As Hadassah members, we stand side by side with more than 330,000 members, associates and supporters who are committed to making a difference for Israel, our local communities, and all projects that touch all of us.

For nearly 100 years, Hadassah has set the standard for healthcare in the Middle East. In October, we will dedicate the Sara Weitzman Davidson Tower—the largest building project in Israel. This state-of-the-art structure is 19 floors with 500 beds, 20 operating rooms, a 60 bed intensive care unit, an ultra-modern heart institute, trail-blazing research to realize the promise of stem cell treatment to unlock the mysteries of heart disease, cancer, MS, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases, gene therapy, cutting-edge monitoring, and telemedicine.

The Savannah Chapter raised \$36,000 to fund a medication room in the Tower's Internal Medicine Medical Intensive

Care unit. This year we hope to furnish our room.

Our new board has worked through the summer continuing our informal and open "Chat Hadassah" Wednesday afternoon drop-in meetings at the JEA to plan another exciting Hadassah year. From our opening *What's Cooking With Hadassah?* fall meeting to our voter registration advocacy initiative and the once-in-a-lifetime Centennial Celebration and member appreciation event, Hadassah will dazzle you with new ideas and again will alter times and days of events to provide programming for even the busiest of our membership. Our members will also see the return of "Sukkah in the City" (Oct. 3), various family days at the JEA including our popular "Hadassah Green Grocer free snack Wagon," followed by a new lunchtime learn series "Women and Health". If you have not made it to our events yet, find time in this coming year to live Jewish culture and commitment through Hadassah eyes!

May the New Year bring us all happiness and, above all, good health.

L'Shana Tovah
Yelena Chernyak, Savannah President



Yelena Chernyak

about the special places, the complexity of the population, and the historical importance for different religions and cultural streams.

My name is Dorin Elhadad. I'm 24 years old. I grew up in Ramat Gan, at the center of Israel near Tel Aviv in a traditional family. During the last three years I studied communication and radio at Sapir College which is located in Sderot, less than a mile from the Gaza border. In my "spare time" for the last two years I have been broadcasting and producing on "Kol Hanegev" radio and have taught children in ecologic kindergarten. I love to travel, attend live music concerts and theater. Each of us has our own way of viewing and understanding the world. We each look through "our own glasses." With true and open conversation we can accomplish another point

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JCCA Sheva preschool program that has been years in the making. More about that as the year goes on. We are so thrilled to have Jodi as the leader of this new program and the steering committee is being led by Marcy Kontner and Lynn Reeves. In conjunction with the preschool, Jodi has started a program called Mazel Tots for parents and their preschool age children on Sunday mornings. The goal of both of these programs is to engage young Jewish families in the Savannah Jewish community and the JEA.

It is such a pleasure to attend the steering committee meetings to see the level of enthusiasm and commitment from all of those on the committee. We have a cross section of the Savannah Jewish community; members of all three congregations, educators, mothers, doctors, etc. They have visited other preschools to get ideas and take the best of each preschool they visited to make JEA Preschool Savannah the best in the city. The educators on the committee, and there are several, are making sure that we are using best practices in early childhood education.

Our Opinion Minyan program that was so successful last year, continues. We have a new line up of topics and speakers that will touch on a wide variety of subjects. Our children's programming, new exercise classes, senior lunches, etc., provide activities for members of all ages.

The JEA continues to be the central meeting place for the entire Savannah Jewish community. We have been here for you for 100 years and anticipate that we will continue to be an important part of your lives. We are changing as our community changes, and will meet you where you are. We continue to strive to provide the programs and

of view and way of thinking. I hope to be able to foster understanding and to share my life and experiences in Israel. And who knows? I'm sure that I'll learn as much as a teach. When the opportunity arrived and I heard about the "shlichut" project, I instantly knew that this was something I could be passionate about. I can't find enough words to describe my excitement during the Savannah interview, the community, and everyone's enthusiasm. The "shidduch" was made, and I have been preparing every day since. I can't wait to join the community and meet every one of you in person! I'm so excited to be able to be a part of the JEA's 100th Anniversary celebration (on my second day in Savannah) and for every day thereafter.

I wish us all a surprising, interesting and exciting year.

services that we think our community needs. We are your JEA!

Sharon and I wish all a happy, healthy, and successful New Year. L'shanah Tova.

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Healthy and Happy New Year
To all Family and Friends
Merry & Richard Bodziner

Happy, Healthy New Year
The Adlers
John, Sue, Ben & Gabe

Melvin L. Haysman
Roberta Kamine-Haysman
Michelle, Kevin, Avi &
Eli Heyman
Rachelle, Brian, Sophie &
Evie Carmel
Herchelle & Adam Cohen
Wish Friends and Family
A Happy New Year!

Have a Happy, Healthy New Year!
Fred & Nancie Clark, Jon & Rob
Ali & David Sturm

Wishing Friends and Family
A Happy New Year
Cooper/Doyno Families

A Happy and Healthy New Year
To Our Friends and Relatives
Ina & Art Altman

Mrs. Bernice Elman & Family
Wish Friends and Family
A Happy and Healthy New Year

Dr. & Mrs. Murray Arkin
Wish all their Relatives
And Friends
A Happy and Prosperous
New Year

Wishing Everyone a Happy
And a Healthy New Year
Jay & Courtney Goldstein

Happy New Year
To All
The Geffens
Adelle, Ted, Joseph
Zvee & Haley

Wishing the Savannah
Jewish Community
A Happy and Healthy
New Year
Barbara & Leon Aronson

Best wishes to my family & friends
For a happy, healthy New Year
Margie Gordon

Rabbi Arnold Mark, Arlene, Nathan,
Allison, Cecilia & Lillian Belzer
Wish a Healthy & Happy
New Year
To the Savannah Jewish Community

Louise and Freddie Harkavy
Wishing Friends and Family A
Sweet and Happy New Year

May the year ahead be filled
with the blessings of
health, happiness and peace
Marcia & Sandy Berens

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bernstein
The Lawrence Bernstein Family
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Bernstein
Wish all their friends and family a
L'Shana Tova

Wishing Friends and Family
A Happy New Year
David & Gale Hirsh

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bernstein
The Lawrence Bernstein Family
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Bernstein
Wish all their friends and family a
L'Shana Tova

Nancy Virginia Lewis
Wishes Friends and Family
A Happy and Prosperous
New Year

Wishing Friends & Family
A Happy & Healthy New Year
Peggy & Harold Yellin

The Rabbis, Officers, Board
And Members of
Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob
Wish Everyone a Healthy, Happy
And Prosperous New Year

Wishing Family and Friends
A Happy, Healthy New Year
Annette Karp

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And Members of
Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob
Wish Everyone a Healthy, Happy
And Prosperous New Year

Marilyn & Jim Farley
Wish Everyone
A Happy and Healthy New Year

Warm Wishes for a
Happy and Healthy New Year

Toby Hollenberg
Jeff, Melissa,
Jessa & Ellie Neil

Best Wishes to All
For a Sweet & Healthy New Year
Lynn Levine

Wishing Friends and Family
A Happy New Year
Betty & Larry Lasky

May this New Year be an
opportunity
to reaffirm our friendships, reflect on
the values we cherish, and renew
our commitment to each other.
Wishing for health, prosperity, and
peace, here, in Israel, and
throughout the world.
Shana Tova U'Metukah

Sarah Denmark, Adam,
David & Aaron Solender

Best Wishes to All
For a Healthy, Happy, Peaceful
New Year
Doris & Arnie Goldstein

Wishing Everyone a
Happy and Healthy Year
Sandy, Skippy, Marc, Karen,
Ashley & Parker Goodman
Jill, Ken, Ben & Carly Goldstein

Best Wishes for a
Happy & Healthy New Year
Marcy & Jerry Konter

Wishing our family and
friends
A very happy and healthy
New Year

Dayle & Aaron Levy
Chaya & Shraga Levy and
Family
Michelle & Rich Levy

Happy Holidays
To Friends and Family
Doris Klugman

Wishing all of our Friends & Family
A Happy and a Healthy
New Year
The Novack Family

Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy
And Prosperous New Year
Victor, Elise, Heather,
Jason & Kristina Shernoff

Wishing Friends and Family
A Happy, Healthy
New Year
Jane Winter

A Happy and Healthy New Year
To all Our Family and Friends
The Greenbergs
Sally, Steve, Greg, Susan,
Matt & Karina

“Shana Tova”
Harvey & Roni Libow
And Family

Wishes for a happy, healthy
And prosperous New Year
Cathy & Irvin Levine

Wishing Family and Friends
A Happy and Healthy New Year
Jodi & Kenneth Sadler & Family

Wishing Savannah Jewish
Community
A Happy and Healthy New Year
Laura & Larry Blumberg

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Lasky
Darryl & Stephen
Wish all their family and friends
A Happy New Year!

Happy New Year
Savannah!
Carol Offenbach

Mr. & Mrs. Joel Rotkow
Wish all their Relatives
And Friends
A Happy & Prosperous
New Year

Wishing Everyone a Happy New Year
Bertha G., Morris H. & Lester Lamhut
Mrs. Martha Gincel

Wishing our family and
friends
A very happy, healthy
And sweet New Year!

Ashley, Scott,
Jared & Allison Samuels

Wishing Friends and Family
A Happy New Year
Nancy & Sandy Rosenthal
And Family

Wishing Family and Friends
A Peaceful and Healthy
New Year
Arnold Tillinger, M.D.

The KULBERSH Family:
Paul, Harriet, Brian, Jennifer
Dana, Eric, Ross & Alyssa
Wish Everyone a
Happy and Healthy New Year

Wishing Family and Friends
A Healthy and Happy New Year
Elaine Radetsky

Linda, Michael,
Becca & Jonathan Zoller
Wish everyone a
Happy and Healthy
New Year

Shana Tova and BaRuch HaShem
To All our Friends and Family
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Ramon & Renie Silverman
Wish our Friends and Family
A Wonderful, Healthy New Year!

We wish all our Family and Friends
A Healthy and Happy New Year
Sally & Herb Sanders



Operation Isaiah

September 9th - October 19th

Drop Off Locations:

**JEA, Congregation Agudath Achim,
Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob,
Congregation Mickve Israel, Rambam Day School**

*However, Feel Free to Drop Off Food at Anytime at the JEA
for Jewish Family Services to Distribute to Those Who Need*

Sunday, September 9th marks the beginning of our Annual Food Drive of the Savannah Jewish community known as OPERATION ISIAH. The New Year is a time for self reflection and thinking about those less fortunate. The **Savannah Jewish Federation** teams up with the Second Harvest Food Bank to help provide food for those in need.

Drop off barrels are located at five locations in Savannah: Congregation Agudath Achim, Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, Congregation Mickve Israel, JEA, and Rambam Day School, Thousands of pounds of food are donated each year and distributed through Second Harvest Food Bank and Backpack Buddies.

*Please join the Savannah Jewish Federation and Jewish Family Services
in observing the mitzvah of providing for those less fortunate.*



The Savannah Jewish Federation encourages you and your family to participate in the richness and beauty that our synagogues offer.

CONGREGATION AGUDATH ACHIM
Rabbi Ruven Barkan
9 Lee Boulevard
Savannah
352-4737

CONGREGATION BNAI BRITH JACOB
Rabbi Avigdor Slatos
5444 Abercorn Street
Savannah
354-7721

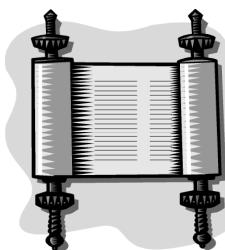
CONGREGATION MICKVE ISRAEL
Rabbi Robert Haas
20 E. Gordon Street
Monterey Square
Savannah
233-1547



Jeffrey Lasky
President

Adam M. Solender
Executive Director

Why twice a year is not enough



Remember that feeling?

Renewing your connection with the warmth of community, the richness of familiar tradition, the joy of celebration?

It doesn't have to be just twice a year. You can share those feelings, and more, all the rest of the year, too.

Think what you're missing:

- The joy of renewing your spirit and energies in a circle of warm and friendly faces
- The comfort of sharing your joys and sorrows in a community of friends
- The excitement of learning and growing with like-minded adults
- The gratification of helping others in your congregation and community
- The satisfaction of passing on your faith and heritage to coming generations
- The fulfillment of connecting to our tradition through worship in a congregation of active members

Experiencing all this with people who share your feelings about life and faith.

There's a congregation near you of people who share your way of living in the world, who look forward to answering your questions about membership, who'd be happy to help you discover

why twice a year is not enough

L'SHANAH TOVAH! 5773

Savannah Jewish Federation

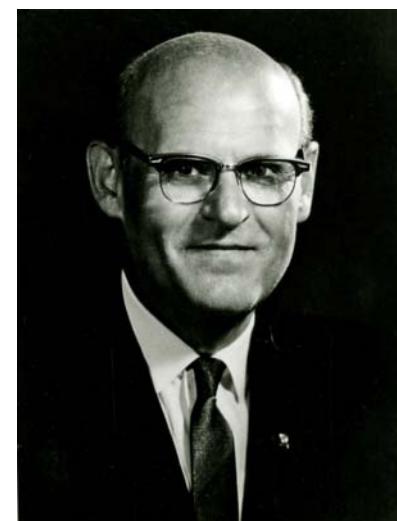


B'nai B'rith International Sets Outstanding Example of Archival Collection Stewardship

On the 17th of July, in an Op-Ed article for the *Washington Jewish Telegraphic Agency*, Jeff Rubin wrote about B'nai B'rith International turning over its historical records to the American Jewish Archives. Ten years ago, when B'nai B'rith sold its headquarters building in Washington, the records were packed up and stored. Dating back to 1843, the collection comprises more than 1 million documents, stored in a space of 800 linear feet. What a wonderful way to be sure that these records will be preserved and made available for research!

The Savannah chapter of B'nai B'rith was chartered in 1860. We are proud to claim our own Savannahian, Dr. William A. Wexler, who served as international president from 1965 to 1971. When he died, his family gave some of his papers to our Archives.

Although our Archives might not compare in size with the extensive collection in Washington, we hold records of B'nai B'rith's Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA) Savannah chapter circa 1939-1975, records pertaining to B'nai B'rith International in the William A. Wexler papers, and B'nai B'rith Youth Organization photographs. The Savannah Jewish Archives welcomes donations of any additional material that you may have, and invites you to research our collections.



Dr. William Wexler (JVM 003, no. 1688)

ESSENTIAL PARENTING

Are you familiar with any of these scenarios?

Power Struggles Bedtime Hassles Morning Stress Whining Sibling Conflicts Temper Tantrums Aggression Sharing Homework Hassles

LEARN HOW TO RESOLVE THESE COMMON ISSUES WITH LOVE AND RESPECT, WITHOUT REWARDS OR PUNISHMENTS

INTRODUCTION TO ESSENTIAL PARENTING

Thursday - October 11, 2012

7:30PM - 9:00PM @ JEA

\$40 (individual), \$70 (couple)

This brief overview offers a glimpse into the world of non-punitive parenting and provides some essential tools that aid cooperation, mutual respect, & problem-solving

ESSENTIAL PARENTING BOOT CAMP

Sunday - October 14, 2012

9:00AM - 2:00PM @ JEA

\$225 (individual), \$375 (couple)

The Essential Parenting Bootcamp is a five-hour, intensive parenting seminar. This program provides an ESSENTIAL toolkit for parents of children ages 0-10 to raise caring, cooperative, respectful, and responsible children.

REGISTER BEFORE SEPTEMBER 14 - SAVE 10%

Felissa Baruch Covin, M.Ed. is a Certified Positive Discipline Educator. She has been working with parents and teachers throughout Metro Atlanta since 2009 providing tools to help families and teachers move from conflict to cooperation.

FOR INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER - PLEASE CONTACT

**Felissa Baruch Covin
felissa@essentialgroup.com**

Vital Statistics

WEDDINGS: Barbara and Ricky Friedenber



g are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Erin Beth Friedenber to Jordan Shane Rubinstein on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob. Jordan is the son of Karen Rubinstein of Aventura, Florida and Jeffrey Rubinstein of Pinecrest, Florida. The bride is the granddaughter of Pearl and Louis Friedenber of Savannah and Elaine Dreizin and the late Ike Dreizin of Macon, Georgia. The groom is the grandson of Louis Fine of Miami, Florida and the late Diane Fine of Miami and Tina and Frank Rubinstein of Palm Beach, Florida and Livingston, New Jersey. Erin and Jordan are currently living in Nuremberg, Germany where Jordan has a two year international assignment within Siemens' Industry Automation Division in the Financial Performance Controlling Department. Upon the completion of his delegation, they plan to return to Atlanta, Georgia...

Barbara and Ricky Friedenber also are pleased to announce the marriage

of their son, Brian Scott Friedenber

to Heather Jan Feldman on Saturday, July 14, 2012 at The Madison in Riverside, New Jersey. Heather is the daughter of Ruth and Gary Feldman of Cherry Hill, New Jersey. The bride is the granddaughter of the late Dr. Herbert Cahan and the late Mrs. Barbara Cahan of Margate, New Jersey and Mr. Leonard Feldman and the late Mrs. Thelma Feldman of Trevese, Pennsylvania. The groom is the grandson of Pearl and Louis Friedenber of Savannah and Elaine Dreizin and the late Ike Dreizin of Macon, Georgia. Heather and Brian are currently living in Baltimore, Maryland where Brian is an Operations Analyst at Sinai Hospital.



BIRTH: Mazel tov to Pat and Howard Cooper on the birth of their granddaughter, Sarah Beth Doyno, on July 30, 2012, to Kim and Ian Doyno of Commack, NY, and big brother Jason Hunter.

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SAVE THE DATE

for the Final 100-Year Celebration Event

“Bites and Bubbly” Celebrating 100 Years in Black and White

Sunday, September 9, 2012
 6:00 PM

On September 9th, the 100 Year Celebration will reach its pinnacle with our Great Gala. This year, our event will reflect on the 100 years of JEA service while celebrating the future of 100 more to come. At this black-and-white event, guests will sample an array of exquisite appetizers provided by the JEA's premier chefs and caterers who will be stationed at individual tasting tables. A gourmet buffet dinner precedes the much-anticipated live and silent auctions, tricky tray raffle, live music, photo ops with flair at our very own photo booth, and mingling among a striking display of black and white photographs exhibiting Savannah's JEA throughout the years. We will finish off the night with blissful sweet bites from our community's finest establishments and bakeries. We will also be unveiling our 100 Year Celebration Tribute journal which will feature a written history of the JEA, pictures from throughout our 100 years of operation, and well wishes from community members and supporters.

Cost: \$100 per person

Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.SavannahJEA.org or by calling 912-355-8111.

Health Lecture

Advances in Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Presented by Nicholas V. Costrini M.D., Ph.D



Wednesday, September 5, 2012 - 6:00 PM

Join Savannah's leading digestive healthcare expert for an informative discussion about Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis and other bowel disorders.

This program is proudly co-sponsored by Jewish Family Services and the JEA Health and Wellness Department

Mentor to the MAX*: A Journalism Forum



PERFECT FOR: journalists, media and journalism educators and their students, public relations and marketing professionals, as well as friends and colleagues of Maxine (Midge) Lasky Schildkraut

featuring remarks from
Tom Barton
 editor of the *Savannah Morning News*

Thursday, September 6th, 2012
 5:15 to 6:30 PM

Jewish Educational Alliance (JEA)
RSVP: 912-355-8111
 Free and open to the public.

*a forum to speak to excellence in journalism and marketing, to define new strategies for educating the next generation of journalists, and to provide a fitting tribute to Maxine (Midge) Lasky Schildkraut, (obm) whose career in newspaper, magazine and marketing spanned over 45 years and who also served for over 20 years as the editor of the *Savannah Jewish News* and the president of *MorningStar Cultural Arts Group*, our cultural arts charity.

Contact MStarArts@gmail.com

To participate in the panel or to provide a tax deductible donation for this event.

Find our events on www.mstararts.org and all social media

JEA Aftercare Program

Aftercare Hours:

Mon-Thurs - 3-6 pm, Fridays - 3-5 pm

Open most days out of school

Cost: \$50/week \$12/day

Transportation from Jacob G. Smith, Charles Ellis & Garrison

Transportation cost: \$30/month \$3/per trip



- Homework Help
- Swimming
- Sports
- Fitness Fun
- Art
- Cooking
- Much more!!



Call DJ at 355-8111 for more information

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 6/29/12-8/12/12)

- Ruven Barkan & Adina Weber
- Beth Baronian
- Joann Brown
- David & Dolores Brundage
- Manderly Deutsch
- Shawn Hartig
- Cynthia Heil
- James Johnson
- Gabriel Kaunitz & Nancy Louer
- Kristin Kibbe
- Charles Maner, Jr.
- Irene McCollam & Shannon Schebell
- Leslie Nissen
- Frederick Nunn
- Tobin Simpson
- Elizabeth Tuttle
- Michael Warren
- Rebecca Weldon

The Five Components of Physical Fitness



Stephanie Johnson
Health & Wellness
Director

There are 5 components of physical fitness, and these components represent how fit and healthy the body is as a whole.

Some people think that being physically fit means being in good general health. Other people think it means being able to lift a certain amount of weight or being able to run a particular distance in a certain time.

There's actually no single agreed upon definition of physical fitness.

One common definition is that physical fitness is a set of attributes that people have or achieve relating to their ability to perform physical activity. Another common definition is that physical fitness is a state of well-being with a low risk of premature health problems and energy to participate in a variety of physical activities.

According to Wikipedia, physical fitness is considered a measure of the body's ability to function efficiently and effectively in work and leisure activities, to be healthy, to resist hypokinetic diseases, and to meet emergency situations.

Even though the definition of physical fitness can vary, there's near unanimous agreement on

the 5 components of physical fitness. Here's an overview of each of the components:

- 1. Cardiovascular Fitness** - Cardiovascular fitness (also known as cardiorespiratory fitness) is the ability of the heart, lungs and vascular system to deliver oxygen-rich blood to working muscles during sustained physical activity.
- 2. Muscular Strength** - Muscular strength is the amount of force a muscle or muscle group can exert against a heavy resistance.
- 3. Muscular Endurance** - Muscular endurance is the ability of a muscle or muscle group to repeat a movement many times or to hold a particular position for an extended period of time.
- 4. Flexibility** - Flexibility is the degree to which an individual muscle will lengthen.
- 5. Body Composition** - Body composition is the amount of fat in the body compared to the amount of lean mass (muscle, bones etc.).
Now that you know what the 5 components of physical fitness are, you'll be better able to develop an effective fitness program.



Zumba & Zumba Toning (New Class!) at the J



A lot of people fail to lose weight because their usual exercise routines become boring. Going to the gym every day, running on the same treadmill and lifting the same weights in exactly the same positions gets repetitive. So how do you lose weight? The answer lies in Zumba. Zumba is a strenuous fitness program which has its origins in Latin dance. To further the impact this program has on its participants, Zumba toning sticks have also been designed.

Losing weight and fat through Zumba alone is a lengthy process. Even though the tunes of Salsa, Merengue and Mambo melodies can get you to start dancing within minutes, losing body fat and strengthening the muscles takes time. To speed it up, the original innovators started teaching their students to use Zumba toning sticks - light weight sticks used during the regular dance routines to increase calorie burn.

Doing Zumba with these sticks puts pressure on other body parts and in turn, shapes up your overall frame more rapidly. This eventually helps in burning a much larger number of calories than what you would burn with simple aerobic or weight lifting exercises.

After you have practiced these routines for about three weeks, you will notice how well your balance and posture have improved. Muscle tightening in the abdominal, back and leg areas can be easily achieved.

Now is the time to join our Zumba classes. Classes are offered on **Monday (Zumba Toning- 6 pm)** and **Tuesday nights (Zumba- 5:45 pm)**. Start dancing those pounds away!

JEA FITNESS CLASSES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	5:00-6:30 am Master Swim		5:00-6:30 am Master Swim		5:00-6:30 am Master Swim
9:15-10:15 am Pilates	8:30-9:45 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:45 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:45 am Firm It Up
10:15-11:15 am Total Body Blast	10:00-11:00 am Aqasize	10:00-11:00 am SilverSplash		10:00-11:00 am Aqasize	10:00-11:00 am Aqasize
	10:30-11:45 am Gentle Yoga		10:30-11:45 am Gentle Yoga		
	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers MSROM	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers Cardio Circuit	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers MSROM	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers Cardio Circuit	
1:00-2:00 pm Extreme Toning					Noon-2:00 pm Noon Basketball
	5:30-7:30 pm Karate	5:45-6:30 pm Zumba	5:30-7:30 pm Karate		
	6:00-7:00 pm Zumba Toning	6:00-8:00 pm Savannah Kenpo	6:00-7:00 pm Boot Camp	6:00-8:00 pm Savannah Kenpo	
				6:30-7:30 pm Yoga Flow	
	6:00-7:00 pm Eve. Water Aerobics		6:00-7:00 pm Eve. Water Aerobics	6:00-7:00 pm Eve. Water Aerobics	
		7:00-9:00 pm Sav. Fencing Club		7:00-9:00 pm Sav. Fencing Club	

JEA MAZEL TOTS, an interactive parent and child music, movement, and play class, offers upbeat and fun experiences for babies and toddlers up to 24 months through a Jewish lens.

Come join JEA Preschool Savannah Director, Jodi Sadler for singing, dancing, instrument playing, stories, and a whole lot more!

When: Every Sunday at 10:00 am at the JEA, beginning September 9th

Fee: \$20 per month / \$7.50 per class **Members**

\$40 per month / \$15 per class **Non Members**

CALL JODI FOR A FREE FIRST CLASS COUPON! (Valid Sept. ONLY)

For safety and planning purposes, paid reservations are required!

Space is limited to 12 families per session. Babysitting available, with reservations, for older siblings!

Registration now open for September and October classes.

JEA Preschool Savannah Director, **JODI SADLER**, comes to the position with years of experience as an educator. She holds a BA in Early Childhood Education from UGA and a MA in Education from AASU. Over the past twenty-four years as a professional educator, Jodi has worked in the Chatham County School system, taught at Royce Learning Center and been a member of the administration at Chatham Academy. Jodi loves to interact with children of all ages and her goal is to provide a loving and safe place for families to come together to learn and have fun. Jodi has been a Bnai Mitzvah tutor for the last eight years working with children throughout the community. A passionate and dedicated volunteer, Jodi is a Past President of Jewish Women International (formerly B'nai B'rith Women), Rambam Day School, and the Jewish Educational Alliance. She is also a past board member of the Workmen's Circle Credit Union. Jodi is married to Kenneth Sadler and they are the proud parents of Rose, Beth, and Barney.

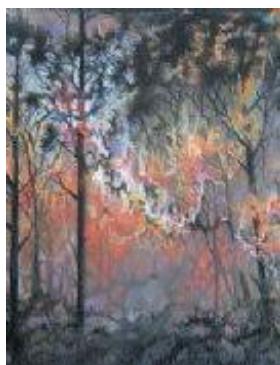


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JEA Art Gallery



Lesley Manning



Melissa Schneider

September Artists

Lesley Manning & Melissa Schneider

Lesley Manning - Lesley spent her early years in Germany. She moved to the Savannah area during middle school. Following college graduation and a year as a graduate student in the northeast, she backpacked across Europe visiting many of the great cities. As her friend Diane told her, "...artists must feed their eyes." There is nothing like a long trip to satisfy that diet.

After returning, she entered the healthcare field, married, had three children, and continued to yearn for an art-based life. Her family moved to twenty-five acres in Brooklet, Georgia. There they raised their children, as well as sheep, goats, chickens, ducks, rabbits and geese.

Lesley now actively has the space and the time to dedicate herself to the practice of art and to continue adding to her body of work. Drawing and pen and ink have now been expanded to oils and pastels and whatever materials catch her fancy. She admits she made some colossal messes, but it taught her that was the point of the exploration.

Melissa Schneider - Melissa's fascination with photography began with a high school graduation gift, a Canon 35mm SLR camera. After majoring in art and architecture at Eastern Michigan University, the learned principles and elements of design strengthened her skills across many artistic aspects - from jewelry making to watercolors - before she picked up her camera again.

While working as the Homes Editor for a regional magazine, she served as photo stylist and assistant to well-known architectural photographer Richard Leo Johnson. She considers that four-year experience to be her photography master class.

Moved by the delicate beauty of coastal Georgia and South Carolina, intrigued by the mystery of the off-beaten path of Savannah's Historic District, these luminescent, moody subjects were perfect for a new-found medium, photo encaustics. In 2008 she began devoting herself to photography and photo encaustic art full-time and established Sweet By 'n By Studios.

Artwork Available for viewing Sept. 1-30, 2012
Art Gallery Reception September 13, 2012, 6-8 pm

Join the JEA Mid-Week Garden Group

Alternate Wednesday mornings (9 to 10:30AM)

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New Congregation Started

The formation of the Dr. Samuel Ribiero Nunes Memorial Congregation in Savannah was announced recently. To be known as the Nunes Temple on Skidaway Island, the congregation will commence worship on September 16, 2012, the eve of Rosh Hashannah, 5773, and will meet at 3 West Ridge Rd. using the facilities of St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Skidaway Island. Rabbi Arnold Mark Belzer is the founding rabbi. The congregation will continue with a schedule of holiday and Sabbath worship.

The Nunes Temple is named "to memorialize and honor Savannah's first hero and founder of its historic Jewish community." According to the Temple's founders, this new congregation has been established to "add to the variety of religious expressions in our community. Thus we encourage potential members of the Nunes Temple

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"As a house of study, the Nunes Temple on Skidaway Island will offer opportunities for study and learning for all ages. Individualized study for children will emphasize parent/child partnership in an educational endeavor with tutoring, web-based instruction, and personalized projects."

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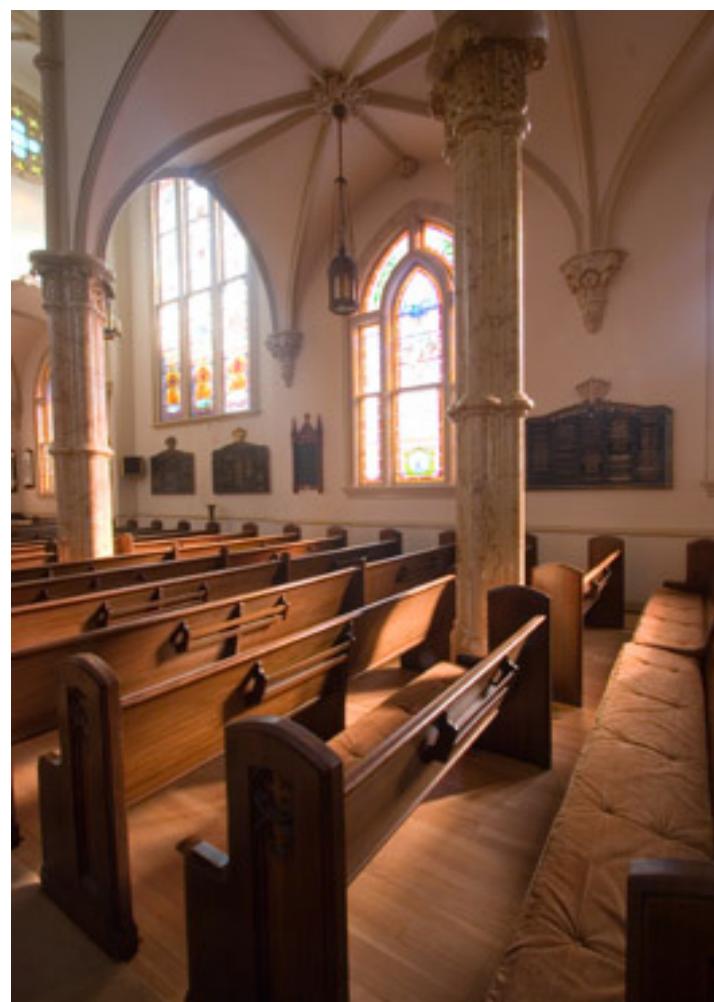


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Four Questions for the Rest of the Year

Ted Dennard, Savannah Bee Company

As Rosh Hashanah approaches, we thought it would be nice to know a little bit more about the honey that we all use to help us begin a year of sweetness. Who better to talk with than Ted Dennard, the affable founder of our flourishing local honey purveyor, Savannah Bee Company? Ted has been developing his expertise with bees and honey since he was 12 years old. You can read his full story on their website, www.savannahbee.com. Ted and his wife live on Wilmington Island, near Savannah Bee's headquarters, with their four children.

Is there something about the honey cultivated in this area that makes it different from honey from other parts of the country or the world, either taste or texture?

Yes, especially taste. All honey will be different depending on the type of flowers the nectar is collected from. This is a great region for raising bees; the climate is really good for it. We produce the most honeycomb (the kind like you see sold whole in the stores) of anywhere in the world in an area near

the Okefenokee Swamp. And two of the world's best honeys come from this area — Tupelo, which is named for and comes from the flower of the Tupelo tree [genus *nyssa ogeche* for the Ogeechee River] that is native to this area, and Sourwood, which comes from a tree that grows in the north Georgia mountains; it's award-winning.

I was a little surprised to read on your website that the honey you sell is not from your own beehives but is purchased from other beekeepers. Is any of it cultivated locally or regionally?

In the beginning I did make all of the honey we sold but then demand outpaced what I could make. About 70% of everything we sell comes from Georgia and Florida but some special honeys come from other places. My goal is to sell the best honey in the world so wherever it comes from, that's where



Ted Dennard

I get it. I would like to add that what I love about what I do is also teaching people about the fascinating world of the honeybee. It's the only species in the world that does no harm. The more we can emulate them, the better off we'll be. I want my business to emulate them.

The disappearance of bees from the world around us has received a lot of attention in the press the last few years. Does that continue to be a problem and is it a problem everywhere? Here in Savannah and our coastal region?

Incidence of Colony Collapse Disorder, which is what was reported so much in the media, has gone down. They haven't identified a smoking gun for what caused it and think it's probably a combination of things. There have been similar problems for a long time probably due to some mites that arrived in the U.S. back in the 80s and invade the hives. They came here through Europe but originated in Asia. Those mites continue to evolve so problems still exist but reports of CCD have gone down. Beekeepers mitigate their losses at the end of each season by splitting their existing hives but that just creates more work and costs more money only to net the same output.

It is customary at the Jewish New Year to dip both challah and fruit (usually apples) into

honey as a wish for a sweet new year and also to bake honey cakes. Of the different types of honey you sell, are there some that would go better with bread and others that would go better with fruit? What about for baking?

I think it really just comes down to personal preference. I like Sourwood on everything. We have one that we call a cheese honey that actually goes very well with apples. And I'm partial to Tupelo for baking — it's really my all time favorite — it goes well with everything!

I know this is Four Questions, but I can't resist a "bonus question." Bees make appearances from time to time in popular culture — recently there was The Bee Movie with Jerry Seinfeld, Ulee's Gold was an indie movie hit back in the 90s, and my generation certainly remembers the bees on Saturday Night Live. Do you have a favorite manifestation of bees or honey in culture?

Absolutely—Van Morrison's *She's as Sweet as Tupelo Honey*. I just love that song. I think the real name might be *She's an Angel*, but nobody calls it that. It's definitely one of my favorites. [Actually, the name of the song is *Tupelo Honey* and it first appeared on Morrison's 1971 album of the same name. We looked it up.]



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Off and Running

Rambam is off to an exciting year! We have new families that have joined the Rambam family and will now become a part of the Rambam tradition – a well rounded secular education and a Judaic education enlightens our students to their heritage. We have a new Character Building Program called Sprouts which will feature a different character trait each month. The Pre-school classes will make projects, hear stories, listen to songs and role play the different traits. Elementary classes will also make projects and learn songs relating to the character trait of the month. Middle School classes will make projects and discuss each trait in greater detail. The school will have bulletin boards all around relating to the current theme.

In Middle School the children will be learning about forensics in their science classes. NCIS move over for RDS.

Rambam Day School is grateful to develop children's minds and prepare

them for the world beyond! As well, we cherish the opportunity to expand our student's understanding of their heritage, thereby making them informed Jews.

Just a few weeks ago a prospective parent shared with me that they were visiting Savannah Country Day School and asked them the following question – "Should we choose not to put our child in your pre-school or elementary school, yet we want our child to be prepared for your middle school, what schools should we consider?" The Country Day representative said, "There are three schools at the top of the list..." Rambam Day School was among those three!!!!!!



Ester Rabhan,
Principal of
Rambam Day School

Songs and Stories for the New Year

As Rosh Hashanah approaches, we think about the past year and reflect on our lives. We also look to the future and think about how we can improve ourselves, families, and community. How can we, as parents, teach our young children about the meaning of the High Holidays?

Singing Jewish songs and reading holiday stories are just a few ways to make learning about the holidays fun and informative. According to Mara Gorman, an award winning freelance writer and publisher of *The Mother of all Trips*, incorporating music into your child's early life can improve self esteem, confidence, coordination, and eye-hand coordination. In *USA Today*, she suggests in her article, *Music and Learning in Perfect Harmony*, that music is for everyone and has the ability to impact cognitive development. Most importantly, she claims that music is culturally important.

As Jews, we know that singing is a part of who we are— at synagogue services, around our Shabbat table, and even as we tuck our children in bed at night when we sing the Sh'ma. So what better way to interact with your child than by singing and reading about Jewish holidays and values?

Therefore, consider these songs and books to sing and read with your child and family.

Music

Little Taste of Torah by Peter and Ellen Allard (featured songs: May You be Sealed, Shofar Blast)
Songs for Jewish Children by Debbie Friedman (Shanah Tovah: A Good Year, These Are the Days of Awe, A Day Called Yom Kippur)

Books

New Year at the Pier
by April Halprin Wayland

The Hardest Word—A Yom Kippur Story
by Jacqueline Jules

Wishing you and your family a Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful New Year! Shana Tova U'metukah!

Shalom.

Jodi Sadler, ECE director
JEA Preschool Savannah



Jodi Sadler

Rosh Hashanah: Three Concepts for Old and Young

If Tchouva (repentance), Tefilla, Tzedakah are the foundation of Rosh Hashanah, three basic concepts should also guide us during this time: love, potential and life.

Rosh Hashanah is the "Jewish New Year" but is also called "the Day of Judgment". While both names are used, the second can also be misunderstood, especially by children: the prospect of judgment is by nature very uncomfortable, nobody likes to be judged. It might even feel threatening to a young child.

Love

As a parent, we judge our child and his surroundings on a daily basis: who did you play with? What did you eat at school? What grade did you get? Who are you texting?

Our child will (most of the time) understand that we ask those questions because we care. They are one of the essential ways of showing our love. In the same manner, a child should be taught that God judges us and our actions on Rosh Hashanah because HE CARES ABOUT US AND LOVES US the same way we, as parents, do when we "check" on you. He cares about who we are, how we live, and whether or not we are actualizing the potential He gave us.

Potential

Rosh Hashanah is also the anniversary of the creation of the world and the first human being. Just by looking at the nature around us, it is clear that God is not only quite powerful, but very creative. That being the case, God could have launched Mankind with a family, a village or a whole planet filled with people: so why did He begin with just one person?

Jewish tradition tells us that God began with one person to teach us about the amazing potential inherent in each of us. Each of us has the ability to have an impact on the entire world and each

of us is capable of making a world of difference.

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we ask ourselves some simple questions: Do I use all the gifts that God gave me?

How can I contribute, even in a small way, to making the world a better place? What can I do in the coming year to actualize more of my potential?

Give to your child some examples of his/her own special gifts from God: an amazing smile, fast running legs, an exceptional memory...

Every Rosh Hashanah represents a vote of confidence from God in our individual, personal potential. Every Rosh Hashanah also presents us with a fresh opportunity to unlock more and more of that great God-given gift.

Life

Throughout the Rosh Hashanah prayers, we ask God to "Inscribe us in the Book of Life."

Our prayers for life are meant to be understood at face value—we want to live—but they also have a deeper meaning. A life lived in the shoes of a dictator or a tyrant is a life utterly drained of all meaning. There are certain choices that we make that have the ability to infuse life with "life," and there are others that drain life of everything God intended it for.

On Rosh Hashanah, we not only ask for life, we strive to be people who embrace the kinds of values, ideals, and choices that will fill our days with life: with meaning, with goodness, with spirituality—with life!

So, as the High Holidays approach, celebrate His love, your potential and your life.

Wishing you a ShanaTova.

Eva Locker



Eva Locker,
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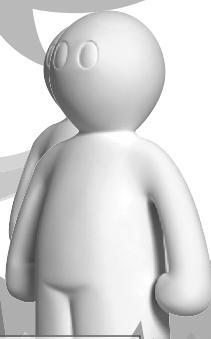
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Aronson to Lead Global Dentists Group

At the 82nd Convocation of the International College of Dentists in San Francisco next month, Dr. Leon Aronson will be installed as the organization's next President, representing the culmination of years of service to the global leadership, education and humanitarian group. Aronson, a retired Savannah orthodontist, officially assumes his duties for one year commencing on January 1, 2013, but will take part in a formal investiture ceremony at the ICD's annual assembly in October.

As its name implies, the ICD is a world-wide fellowship of dentists. Membership is by invitation only to those who are at least 30 years old, have been a dentist for at least five years, are accepted as active contributors to their profession and their community and are highly esteemed by both for their integrity and character.

According to Kathleen Bula in the ICD's headquarters, Aronson has truly worked his way up the ladder to get to this position. Over the years, he has served as a regent in the organization's Georgia section, as a vice president at the USA level, then president of the USA section, moving on to become a councilor of the international College, then vice president and president-elect of the overall group. While president of the USA section, Aronson spearheaded a project that led to a partnership with the Peace Corps.

Aronson's good friend, Dr. Donald E. Johnson, now retired from a comprehensive dentistry practice in Atlanta and himself a past president of the ICD, said Aronson is well-suited for the job that will have him traveling the world as an ambassador of dentistry. "Leon is a good idea person who doesn't like controversy and therefore doesn't wage into battle with a sword swinging. He goes in as a diplomat and finds a way to mediate a problem. He knows how to come up with a solution to almost any problem," said Johnson.

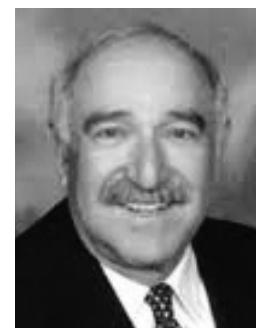
When asked if he has any special advice for Aronson, Johnson, who has known him since he taught Aronson at (the former) Emory Dental School,

joked, "That's personal! But really," he went on, "one thing about Leon, he can make friends with most anyone, anywhere. I've been on trips all over the world with him and found him in airports talking to strangers about the minutest details of their lives. He should use this in dealing with boards of directors, getting them to share their concerns and feelings before issues are decided."

Aronson's wife of 50 years, Barbara, says she's very excited for him. "Leon has worked so hard for this organization. And he's the kind of person who has to be busy and doing something good. We get to meet such fine people from all over the world, and the work opens your eyes to different cultures. It's a great experience."

Aronson "retired" as an orthodontist in 2000, but stays busy not only with his involvement with ICD, but also teaching orthodontics once a month at the College of Dental Medicine in Augusta, GA, conducting annual case study reviews with students in the orthodontic department at St. Louis University, and serving as a volunteer mediator. He even manages to find time for some golf or the occasional walk on the beach. (There must be a joke in there somewhere about *old dentists never retiring*...as his "retired" friend Johnson from Atlanta spends his days as the director of a free medical dental clinic in Dawsonville, GA.)

Leon and Barbara Aronson have three daughters and six grandchildren. Leon is a U.S. Air Force veteran, a past president of Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob and has been active in numerous Savannah Jewish Federation campaigns, including serving on the Allocations and Budget Committee. He currently is chairman of Workmen's Circle Credit Union and also is past president of the Georgia Dental Association and the Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation.



Leon Aronson



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Leadership Brought Home

By Natalie Ourhaan

This summer I had the opportunity to take part in BBYO's Chapter Leadership Training Conference. The organization is amazing itself, but it also offers the most amazing summer experiences. This was my second summer experience with BBYO, the first being a tour around Israel, although that was four weeks, what this conference did for me in twelve days was greater than that of anything I have ever participated in.

This provided an experienced staff that focused solely on developing us into leaders. We were also provided two coordinators who were once members too, participating in BBYO as a Regional board member and an International Board member. Close to 70 international members participated and we were separated into chapters, which is what we have in our cities. We had to plan events for Shabbat as a chapter, and fundraisers all the members could participate in. Our chapter has a board, and I was a member of the Gizborit committee, which meant I got to plan the fundraiser. My chapter raised 200 dollars at our fundraiser, which was the second highest amount out of the five chapters.

Every morning we had a differ-

ent kind of Shacharit, which ranged from yoga to a nature walk. Later we would learn one of the healthy habits of a leader, and this was done through demonstrations and activities. After lunch we would have chapter meetings where we would go over the habits and how these relate to our chapters back home and situations in school. Later we would participate in a variety of different things such as *chuggim* (art, yoga, improvisation, games) or *Shira*, which was our song session. Our song sessions were so much fun; we learned tons of new Hebrew songs which are sang at weddings and other events. The songs were all so catchy that everyone was singing them all day and night.

I participate in BBYO as a chapter board member and a regional board member, which means this conference was essential. I have already brought back program ideas for our chapter meetings and regional conventions.

These years to come in BBYO will be the best. I strongly recommend to any Jewish youth that they participate in this organization as they have extended out to middle school students now also. It is ineffable the experiences that BBYO has given me. During the best twelve days of my life I learned how to become an effective Jewish leader, and met some of my closest friends who



Natalie Ourhaan's CLTC 'chapter'; Natalie is second from the right on the bottom row

live all around the United States and Canada.

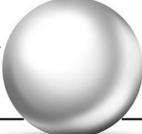
Natalie Ourhaan attended BBYO's CLTC with the assistance of a Teen Jewish Summer Experience grant from the Savannah Jewish Federation. Natalie is the daughter of Michelle

and Tracy Ourhaan. BBYO is a youth led organization for teens in the 9th-12th grades. For more information, contact Savannah advisor Tommy Hersch at thersch000@hotmail.com or Joanne Kooden at threered@aol.com.

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Birthright with Israel Outdoors

By Barney Sadler

This past May, I was lucky enough to go on a free trip to Israel as part of Taglit Birthright Israel. I had previously applied to Birthright but there were no available slots. The program I chose was Israel Outdoors with participants from around the country. My experience was quite different from other UGA participants who typically go on trips with Hillel or Chabad. I decided that I did not want to go on a trip with other students I knew. I believe going on Israel Outdoors was one of the best decisions I could have made.

I was raised with a strong Jewish background, therefore, I had many expectations and beliefs about the “magic” of Israel and what it was supposed to mean to me. So, after my challenging junior year in college, I was excited about visiting Israel, a country I had envisioned most of my younger years.

I learned a lot about the physical and cultural aspects of the Land of Israel. Having lived in Georgia all my life, I was amazed by Israel's physical beauty. The ability to traverse the entire country in only ten days and experience such a wide range of activities and sights fascinated me. The experiences of being on a Moshav and sleeping in Bedouin tents taught me about the diverse cultures and people. In addition, being with participants



Barney Sadler, far right, with friends on his Birthright trip, at a site overlooking Jerusalem

from varied geographical and religious backgrounds allowed the group to have interesting discussions about the land and its impact on each of us.

Thank you to all of the sponsors, especially the Savannah Jewish Federation, for making this trip possible for me and others like me. My trip to Israel was definitely one of the best trips I have ever taken, as I was able to experience the beauty of Israel in such different ways and to see the effects it has on young Jews.

The Savannah Jewish Federation partners with Taglit-Birthright Israel to underwrite the cost of this and other Birthright Israel experiences. Birthright Israel offers the gift of a free, 10-day educational trip to Israel for Jewish adults between the ages of 18 to 26. Since its inception in 2000, Taglit-Birthright Israel has sent nearly 300,000 Jewish young adults to Israel. The trip aims to strengthen participants' Jewish identity; to build an understanding, friendship and lasting bond with the land and people of Israel; and to reinforce the solidarity of the Jewish people worldwide. Barney Sadler is the son of Jodi and Kenneth Sadler.

Local Teen Part of Israel Happening

This summer, approximately 450 teens from all the various BBYO Passport experiences traveling in Israel convened for one evening to celebrate their being together in the Jewish homeland. Elliot Kooden, son of Joanne and Michael Kooden, was there along with four other teens from Dixie Council BBYO (Savannah, Charleston, Augusta, Columbia). The name of the event, “BBYO B'Yachad”, is Hebrew for the word “together”.

True to form, the event brought together an international community of Jewish teens from South Africa, Turkey, Bulgaria, France, Israel, and from 41 states and provinces in the USA and Canada.

BBYO B'Yachad began with a carnival-style atmosphere where teens enjoyed decorating ancient pottery shards, hand painting by a henna artist, learning about important Israeli organizations, a scavenger hunt, and plenty of music.

Two BBYO teens on the International Board welcomed their peers to the event. They spoke about the power of Israel as a life-changing experience, making new friends, and embracing their summer as a journey. Benji Lovitt,



Elliot Kooden, second from left, at BBYO B'Yachad with the other Dixie Council Passport travelers, all participating on different trip groups and meeting up at the B'Yachad celebration

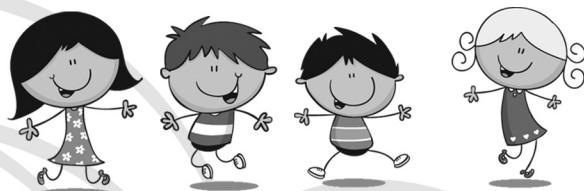
a stand up comedian who moved to Israel in 2006, shared his humorous perspectives on life in Israel.

The program concluded with the singing of HaTikvah, followed by a popular song called “Yachad,” sung by a sea of 450 teens holding each other arm-in-arm. The night ended with an exuberant dance party.

BBYO is a youth led organization for teens in the 9th-12th grades. For more information, contact Savannah advisor Tommy Hersch at thersch000@hotmail.com or Joanne Kooden at threered@aol.com. Traveling to Israel is a dream shared for nearly 4,000 years, and since 1957, that is a dream fulfilled anew each summer for teens on BBYO Passport programs. For more information, see passport.bbyo.org. Savannah BBYO is a beneficiary of the Savannah Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign.

On the Personal Side

MISCELLANY: Mazel tov to Rabbi Arnold Mark Belzer upon his selection as president of the Sino-Judaic Institute. Rabbi Belzer helped found the group that works to further Chinese-Jewish relations and has served on its Board for 25 years. In 1984, he officiated at the first Jewish worship service in Kaifeng, once the capital of China, since the late 1850s. The SJI also is involved in cross-cultural issues such as adoption of children and intermarriage; working with Chinese authorities to promote tourism and to make current exhibits on the Jews of China more accessible to the public; and the support of Jewish Studies programs in China and fostering scholarship in this field. Rabbi Belzer will lead a group to China in 2013.



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Daniel Pipes (born September 9, 1949) is an American historian, writer, and political commentator. He is the founder and director of the Middle East Forum and its Campus Watch project, and editor of its Middle East Quarterly journal. His writing focuses on American

foreign policy, the Middle East, Islam and Islamism. Pipes has written or co-written more than a dozen books, and has written columns or opinion pieces for many newspapers. He frequently participates in discussion panels on television, and has lectured prolifically in the U.S. and abroad. He is currently the Taube Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution.



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It's A Funny Thing

By Melinda Stein

On Shabbat, Rabbi Bloom told his congregation, "Next week, my sermon will be about the sin of lying, and to help you understand it, I would like you all to read Leviticus Chapter 28 before next week."

The following Shabbat, the rabbi asked his congregation, "How many of you have read Leviticus 28?" Every hand went up.

Rabbi Bloom smiled and said, "Leviticus has only 27 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

David asked Samuel, a widower, "Was your wife outspoken?"

Samuel replied, "Not by anyone I know of."

On a French archeological dig, French scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 1,000 years.

The French came to the conclusion that their ancestors had a telephone network centuries ago.

Not to be outdone, English archeologists announced,

"We have found traces of a 2,000-year-old fiber-optic cable and have concluded that our ancestors had a digital communications network a thousand years earlier than the French."

One week later, Israeli newspapers reported the following:

"After digging deeply in a Jerusalem marketplace, archeologists found absolutely nothing. They are proud to announce that 5,000 years ago, the

Israelites were using wireless."

Stanley and Gertie were constantly arguing about who should make the coffee. Stanley insisted that it's the woman's job.

So Gertie pulls out a copy of the Torah and says, "Look, it says in the Holy Book, that the men should make the coffee!"

Stanley exclaims, "That's ridiculous! Where does it say that?"

And Gertie points to a word on the page, "Hebrews!"

Mrs. Goldman, the math teacher, poses the following problem to her class:

"A wealthy man dies and leaves ten million dollars. One-third is to go to his wife, one-fifth to his son, one-sixth to his butler, and the rest to charity. Now, what does each one get?"

After a long silence in the classroom, Little Morris raises his hand.

"Yes, Morris?"

Morris answers, "A good lawyer"

A passenger jet was suffering through a severe thunderstorm. As the passengers were being bounced around by the turbulence, a young woman turned to a Lubavitcher Chasid sitting next to her and with a nervous laugh asked, "Rabbi, you are a man of G-d, can't you do something about this storm?"

To which he replied, "Lady, I'm in sales, not management...."



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We express our sympathy to the families of:

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Surviving are two sons, Martin (Elandra) and Philip (Beth) Weinberg; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wives, Miriam and Ruth.
Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405; Rambam Day School, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405; or Torah Day School of Dallas, 6921 Frankford Rd., Dallas, TX 75252.

Ethyl Richman Rosenzweig
Who died July 11, 2012

Surviving are two daughters, Harriet Zabusky-Zand and her husband, Howard Zabusky, and Eve (Gerry) Bluett; one son, Edward Z. Rosenzweig and his wife, Barbara Nama; three grandsons and 4 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, David.
Remembrances: Live Oak Public Libraries Foundation, 2002 Bull St., Savannah 31401; Jewish Educational Alliance, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405; or Hos-

pice Savannah, P.O. Box 13190, Savannah 31416-0190.

Ethel Triebitz Barbanel
Who died July 24, 2012

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Remembrances: The Jewish Federations of North America, Wall Street Station, P.O. Box 157, New York, NY 10268.

Mark Fodor
Who died August 8, 2012

Surviving is his mother, Clara Fodor. He was preceded in death by his father, Lester, and his brother, Gary.
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