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Friday, April 5	7:29pm
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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, April 7th Yom Ha'Shoah

Holocaust Memorial Day Observance  
Join the community to honor the survivors and remember the victims  
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### Sunday, April 14th Yom Ha'Atzma'ut

Israel's Independence Day  
Experience the Israel of today,  
All with a stroll through the JEA!

### Tuesday, April 16th Evening of Comedy For Yom Ha'Atzma'ut

Join JNF for an evening with  
with comedian Joel Chasnoff  
see p6

### Sunday, May 5th

25th Annual Levy Concert  
It's an afternoon of pops, food  
and fun — sure to please  
families of all ages!

# Levy Concert Promises Family Fun

After a rousing performance last year, *Strings of the South* returns to the JEA on Sunday, May 5, 2013, for the annual Jack Malitz and Miriam Slotin



*Strings of the South* performers at the 2012 Jack & Miriam Levy Memorial Concert

Levy Memorial Concert. Once again directed by high-octane pianist Eddie Wilson, *Strings of the South* is promising a concert of show-stoppers with everything from pop to the classics; truly "something for everyone," Wilson assures.

The concert this year will have a special emphasis on families and children. The afternoon has a new format: A complimentary luncheon will be served at 12:30pm, prior to the concert, to help make it convenient for families to attend. Sandwiches, salads and desserts will be served. The concert then will

begin at 1:30pm.

The musical program also is designed with younger audiences in mind, first by giving them an opportunity to experience orchestral surround sound up close, something they cannot do on the Internet or between headsets. In the middle of the show, kids will be able to come down and experience what the conductor does and feel the music right among the instruments. Also, there will be instrumental tunes right off the pop charts — they'll recognize hits from Katy Perry, Jason Mraz and

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# 'Tour' Israel for Yom Ha'Atzma'ut, April 14

In celebration of Israel's 65th Anniversary, unite with communities worldwide and *Walk the Land: Celebrate LIFE!* on Sunday, April 14, 2013 at 1:00 pm at the JEA. This unique event, taking place all over the United States and around the world, offers you and your family a glimpse of Israel today, and a chance to revel in all its accomplishments, without ever leaving Savannah.

'Walk the land' and visit each of the ten murals (gifted to every participating city, including Savannah) that display the numerous contributions Israel has made to the world during the past 65 years, emanating from the value

that it places upon life. Along the way we will be distributing educational booklets and cards that feature Israeli innovations and inventions, as well as packets of seeds from Israel that, together with seeds in 100 other cities, will be used to grow hundreds of thousands of Israeli flowers around the world, symbolic of the preciousness of life. The 'trip' is designed to be enjoyed by "tourists" of all ages.

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**Concert.....**from pg 1

Kelly Clarkson as well as classic popular music from the Beatles, movies and television. It's an opportunity for families to really feel the beat together!

This year's ensemble will be made up of more than 20 performers. Featured soloists will include: Louise Spencer, who thrilled last year's audience with her renditions of Barbra Streisand favorites and regularly sells

**Three National Holidays, One Week**

Since the establishment of the State of Israel, four new holidays have been added to the Jewish calendar - Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom Hazikaron (Memorial Day), Yom Ha'atzma'ut (Independence Day), and Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day).

Three of these national days—Yom HaShoah, Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzma'ut, fall within one week—when the sense of "Israeliness" is felt most keenly. This is the week when Israeli flags wave on all major streets across the country and from most windows and cars. This is the week when skeptical Israelis set aside their cynicism and appreciate their existence. This is the one week when newspapers focus not on current events, but on stories that happened many years ago, commemorating those who died so the country can survive.

Yom Ha'atzma'ut, Israeli Independence Day, marks the establishment of

the modern state of Israel in 1948. It is observed on or near the 5th of Iyar in the Hebrew calendar, which usually falls in April.

Scheduling Yom Hazikaron right before Yom Ha'atzma'ut reminds people of the price paid for independence. Most Israelis have served in the armed forces or have a connection with people who were killed during their military service.

Yom HaShoah commemorates the six million Jews murdered during World War II. Yom Ha'atzma'ut celebrates the recovery, the revival of the Jewish state, and Yom Hazikaron is not only a day of remembrance, but also a day of awareness.

To me, "Yom Hazikaron" is all about dedicating a day to remember all of our beloved Israeli soldiers who lost their lives for us, for the State of Israel, so that we can live our lives peacefully and normally, like everyone else. During Yom Hazikaron we acknowledge

that having our own country to live in is not something we take for granted. Many men and women, some of them very young, have fought for this privilege; a lot of them are still doing it on a daily basis. We should always be grateful to them.

We remember those who have fallen in battle who by their death, command us to live. The transition between Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzma'ut seems natural; we commemorate those who lost their lives in order for us to live in this beautiful country.

This year we will get to celebrate Yom Haatzma'ut at "Global Walk for Israel" on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the JEA and also to honor the memory of the IDF's fallen soldiers in a ceremony at Congregation Agudath Achim on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Please join me to celebrate and to remember.



Dorin Elhadad,  
Savannah Jewish  
Community Shlichah

out her shows at The Jazz Corner on Hilton Head Island; stand-out soprano Rebecca Flaherty, a repeat favorite performer at Levy Concerts; two lead violinists, Jadde Nolty and Ricardo Ochoa, who will be fronting pop and classic performances; our own local teen star, Micaela Slotin, of Savannah Arts Academy; guitarist Sasha Strunjas, who together with violinist Ochoa, is known for his brand of Eastern European folk music and jazz; and Charleston acoustic artist Jay Miley, popular for his contagious, energetic performances.

Concert director Eddie Wilson said of the assembled group of performers: "I am so fortunate to work with such a big, talented group of local artists and to perform in front of such a receptive

audience."

The concert is free and open to the public and includes the luncheon. It is made possible each year by the Jack Malitz and Miriam Slotin Levy Memorial Fund at the Jewish Educational Alliance. Doors for the luncheon will open at 12:30pm.



Jadde Nolty performs at the 2012 Levy Concert

**Walk.....**from pg 1

The official Walk begins promptly at 1:30pm with the singing of Hatikvah and the blowing of the shofar. Make sure you actually register to participate (see below) as all registrants will be entered into the national sweepstakes to win a round-trip ticket to Israel. In addition to the opportunity to explore the modern State of Israel, this celebration of Yom Ha'atzma'ut also will feature refreshments—including a birthday cake for Israel—Israeli arts & crafts, games and even a GaGa pit! It's going to be a fun, educational day for the entire family and a special opportunity for all Jews and other supporters of Israel to demonstrate pride and gratitude for our cherished homeland. We can't wait to see you there. Want a sneak peak of what to expect?

You can view the [walktheland65.org](http://walktheland65.org) website and be part of the global virtual community celebrating Israel this year. During the first global Walk in 2008, celebrating Israel's 60th anniversary, nearly 100,000 participants in 100 cities from Santiago, Chile, to Sydney, Australia, demonstrated their pride and support of Israel and 'walked the land' past large murals of Israeli cities.

This event is coordinated by The Afikim Foundation and sponsored by the World Zionist Organization and The

Israel Ministry for Public Diplomacy and Diaspora Affairs in conjunction with the Savannah Jewish Federation. Please contact Jennifer Rich at 355-8111 or [programming@savj.org](mailto:programming@savj.org) with any questions. Please register in person at the JEA Front Desk or by calling 355-8111.

To experience Israel in person, in all its splendor, consider joining the Community Mission to Israel this fall. See the back page of this paper for additional details.

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## Setting Priorities for Our Community

As you are reading this month's *Savannah Jewish News*, the Federation is about to discharge one of its most important and most difficult responsibilities: the allocation of our annual campaign donations. The question we always face during this process is: how do we as a community prioritize the individual concerns of over 900 donors to the annual campaign? Quite a daunting task when you think about it, which is why the allocation process is one of the most difficult responsibilities we face every year.

Historically, the process begins with the selection of the Allocation Committee by the Federation President and the Campaign Chairman with input from our Executive Director, Executive Committee and Campaign Management Team. The qualifications to be on the committee are that you give to campaign and that you be a "community minded" individual. A member of the committee must have the ability to set aside any personal agenda or favoritism for any agency. This is no easy task but year after year we find people who satisfy these qualifications and are willing to serve.

Over the past several years the committee has grown in size in an effort to reflect all corners of our diverse Jewish community. This year we anticipate a committee of between 30 and 40 people. Significant efforts are made to ensure that the committee is balanced with members of all three synagogues, men and women, and donors at all levels. The essential ingredient to the success of campaign and of the Federation model of giving is that our donors can be confident the Federation will establish priorities that reflect our entire community based on input from a group of fair-minded, community individuals.

After the committee has been established, the various local and overseas agencies seeking funds are asked to provide certain information about each of their missions, the people they serve and their financial operations. It is critical to the discharge of the committee's responsibility that we understand not only what each organization does but if they do so in a fiscally responsible manner. The information is then distributed to the committee members so each person can analyze for themselves whether the agency requesting funding matches the community's priorities and if the agency is operating in a fiscally responsible manner.

The committee then meets and hears presentations from some of the agencies. Members can ask questions that may have come up from their review of the written information provided. Often dif-

ficult questions are posed to the agencies about how they are discharging their mission either programatically or about various aspects of their financial operations. These probing questions are essential in ensuring that the committee discharges its fiduciary responsibility to the community when they make their recommendations to the Federation Board of Directors. The Board relies on the committee to vet these issues with each organization requesting funds.

The final meeting of the allocation process is devoted solely to voting on a recommendation to be made to the Federation Board for specific funding amounts for each organization requesting funds. This is where community priorities are established. There is always honest spirited debate about how to divide the money we have raised. How much should go overseas to those in need and how much should stay right here at home to help our local Jewish organizations carry out their missions? How much for the JEA and how much for education? Added to the mix this year will be the question of how much should Federation's budget be increased to satisfy the ever increasing financial demands of Jewish Family Services?

Inevitably, the recommendation that is passed by the Allocations Committee does not make every organization happy. Even though Federation leadership works extremely hard every year during the annual campaign, the fact is there simply is not enough money raised in campaign to satisfy all the needs of all the organizations. This is why setting our community's collective priorities is so critical.

Every year, what is important to realize is that community priorities change over time. What was a community priority 20 years ago or even one year ago may not be the same priority this year. The amount any one organization got in the past does not necessarily reflect the amount that organization will get this year. This is why the Allocations Committee is balanced demographically and charged with the responsibility of being community minded in the decisions that they make. The system may not be perfect but I am confident that under the leadership of the Allocation Chair, Toby Hollenberg, the decisions that are made will be fair, balanced and designed to reflect the collective priorities of all of our donors.



Jeffrey Lasky,  
President,  
Savannah Jewish  
Federation

## 'Bringing Home the Bacon'

Two weeks ago, a group of us gathered at the Mayor's office to talk about the upcoming Israeli Trade delegation visit to Savannah. Seated around the table were leaders from the World Trade Center, Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA), Savannah State and Armstrong Atlantic Universities, City of Savannah Economic Development Department, Gulfstream, Visit Savannah, and Georgia Ports Authority (and, of course, the Jewish community). We were "summoned" by Mayor Edna Jackson to talk about our visitors, how we could make the best impression, and the myriad of details that go into an "official visit."

We spoke about the hotel where the delegation would be staying, gift bags, facility tours, kosher meals, transportation, receptions, and the myriad of other details that go into these visits. At one point in the meeting, the mayor interjected, "No offense, but now is the time to 'bring home the bacon.' We need to match up Israeli companies and Savannah companies to create opportunities, jobs and commerce."

And this is what it is all about.

A small investment by our community supporting Mayor Jackson's participation in the International Mayors Conference in Israel is bearing fruit. Mayor Jackson fell in love with Israel and Israelis fell in love with her (and our city).

It began with a trip and has blossomed into many opportunities: Last July we hosted Dan Carmeli and Uriel Lynn of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce (FICC). The FICC represents commerce in Tel Aviv, Haifa, Beer Sheva, Eilat, Nazareth, and Jerusalem and in that role they are the faces of the trade and service sectors of Israel. The FICC helps more than 5,000 Israeli businesses and organizations operating in 120 divisions including export, import, trade, financial and business services to make useful connections and relationships. Dan and Uriel were so (rightfully) impressed with Savannah that they left vowing to send companies and organizations back to create commerce here.

The "love affair" with Israel has continued over the ensuing months with Mayor Jackson's meetings with JNF Shaliach Ronnie Porat, her dinner with Israel Consul General to the Southeast Opher Aviran and his wife in Atlanta, and Mayor Jackson's attendance at the Atlanta AIPAC dinner last month.

Which brings us to last week when Savannah hosted Lea Bogatch-Genossar, US President of ZIM (which has been shipping into the Port of Savannah for 22 years, longer than any other shipping line), Michael Juwiler, Director of Sales

of FOURTEC (a company that provides data logging and monitoring solutions for logistics and transportation companies), Dov Frolinger, COO of Israel Ports, Moshe Shtaubert of Starcom Systems (Mayor Jackson was rightfully intrigued with his "talking lock"), and

Livat Kizner, the Director of Business Services for the Tel Aviv and Central Israel Chambers of Commerce. They were accompanied by Consul General Aviran, Israel Economic Trade Director, Harold Hershberg, Guy Tessler, VP of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce, and Michal Niddam, Economic Consul of the Israeli Economic Trade Ministry headquartered in Houston. I share these names and positions with you to impress the importance of this initiative and the opportunity to continue to build economic and social bonds between Israel and Savannah.

In a whirlwind 24 hours the group was met by Jewish community leadership, had dinner with Savannah area political and business leaders, toured Gulfstream, GA Ports, and had business-to-business meetings at the World Trade Center and SEDA. They left Savannah with smiles on their faces and the promise of future business opportunities. I'm sure that the opportunities will spread to others in Israel when they return to their businesses in Tel Aviv, Haifa, Ramat Gan, etc. It is our hope that these Israeli trade delegations will become a regular occurrence.

By the time this paper has gone to press Savannah will be hosting Yael "Yuli" Tamir, a former member of the Knesset for the Labor Party between 2003 and 2010, who served as Minister of Immigrant Absorption and Education, and now is president of Shenkar College of Engineering, Design and Art, the largest art school in Israel. Shenkar President Tamir will be exploring opportunities to build relationships with SCAD, Armstrong Atlantic and Savannah State. She and Mayor Jackson met when the Mayor was traveling in Israel and this is the result of that meeting.

The Savannah Jewish Federation is proud to be representing the Jewish community in establishing and shepherding the development of economic, educational, political, and social relationships between Savannah and Israel. It is part of our mission, it is part of our heritage, and it is part of our responsibility — today, and for future generations.



Adam Solender  
Executive Director of  
JEA/SJF

# AIPAC Meeting Highlights U.S.-Israel Bond

by Dick Berkowitz

The annual AIPAC Policy Conference held in Washington, DC, March 3-5 was one of the most professional pro-Israel events I have experienced. Along with other Savannahians, Sarah and Jerald Gottlieb and Harriet and Paul Kulbersh, my wife Lynn and I had the opportunity to join over 13,000 other pro-Israel advocates.

While much of the information was not new, the speakers and varied subjects covered were beyond excellent.

Vice President Biden gave a truly heartfelt and sincere address, the incoming Italian NATO Secretary and the Foreign Minister of Canada gave

impassioned speeches explaining why their support of Israel was crucial.

New Jersey's Senator Menendez, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, could not have been more emphatic about why the American-Israeli relationship was solid and would remain so as long as he was Chairman. He proceeded to lay out a clear and unmistakable case why efforts to delegitimize Israel were baseless, evil and tantamount to anti-Semitism.

Prime Minister Netanyahu, speaking from Jerusalem, laid out the three points he will discuss with President Obama when he visits Israel later this month: Iran, The Palestinian issue and Syria.

I was constantly reminded of America's relationship with Israel, for which there is virtually unanimous bipartisan support in Congress and overwhelming support among Americans. Why? Because our democratic values are the same and this tiny state remains one of our nation's strongest and most reliable allies.

There are those who claim support to Israel is too costly, but they fail to acknowledge that well over

80 percent of the military assistance provided actually is spent in America. Also, Israel provides our nation with invaluable intelligence and technology that saves American lives.

I attended a remarkable break-out session on Iron Dome. This anti-missile defense system was developed by Israel's Rafael Corporation along with a host of American and worldwide partners. In the last Gaza confrontation it proved over 85 percent effective against 400 plus incoming rockets.

The close relationship between America and Israel is due, in large part, to the effective work that AIPAC does in providing fact-based information and effective education programs. Its reach extends beyond Congress and touches many other ethnic communities. A simple visit to Israel is basically all it takes to dispel the lies, distortions and disinformation spread by enemies of both America and Israel. Israel is not perfect, but given the hatred directed at it, and the fact that it is surrounded by those who wish to annihilate it, the nation's accomplishments are remarkable.

Israel's secret weapon, beyond its people, is a fact that Golda Meier said many years ago to Senator McCain, when he asked how Israel would defend itself. Golda said: 'we have nowhere else to go.'

In a conversation with *Wall Street*



Jerald & Sarah Gottlieb and Dick & Lynn Berkowitz at AIPAC Policy Conference

*Journal Op Ed* writer Bret Stephens, Bret continued to express his opposition to Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and he remained quite dour with respect to President Obama's commitment to stopping Iran from obtaining a nuclear capability. He sees the administration shifting from prevention to containment and believes this places Israel an untenable situation.

Representative Jack Kingston (who has visited Israel on five occasions), repeated to us his view that Israel needs several more aircraft refueling tankers and heavier munitions. His position on various sensitive committees puts him in a unique intelligence position.

Because of Israel, because of AIPAC and because of America, Jews can stand taller. If you are not an AIPAC member, I urge you to become one. The organization is non-partisan and works tirelessly to maintain the strong bond which exists between America and Israel.



Paul & Harriet Kulbersh and Lynn & Dick Berkowitz at the 2013 AIPAC Conference

The JEA presents the Jack Malitz and Miriam Slotin

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Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, has received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's leading independent charity evaluator that rates the accountability and transparency of 6,000 of America's largest charities. This is a significant affirmation of the financial and organizational viability of Hadassah and an important statement about its status vis-a-vis other charities in the United States.

## Member Spotlight

by Robin Reineri

She grew up here, inside these walls, inside this community. As a child and teen, she was active on sports teams and in clubs, here at the Jewish Educational Alliance. She formed friendships. She formed her history. She helped form her community. Back "in those days," a Jewish community center was a major part of one's life. It was a place for socializing, participating, educating, identifying, sharing and belonging. It was a hub of the Jewish community.

After going away to college and living up north for many years, she again resides in her hometown of Savannah. And she again resides within the walls and community of the JEA. You can find her in this building almost every day of the week. She works out in the fitness center, swims in the pool, exer-

cises with Silver Sneakers, and plays Scrabble and Mah Jongg with old and new friends. She volunteers as a solicitor during the Federation's Annual Campaign, is a Jewish Film Festival Committee member, and has served on the JEA's Board of Directors.

"She" is Gail Robinson, and like many of her childhood friends, her ties to this Jewish community center remain strong, and she remains an integral part of its fiber. Her continued membership at the JEA goes beyond her enjoyment of participating in many activities. Gail feels a common thread with other members; their shared history and their ties to one another — some lifelong, some newly formed. Her connections to and involvement in the JEA and the Savannah Jewish Federation have longstanding meaning to her and her life.



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# JNF Honors Portman with Evening of Comedy

In celebration of Israel's Day of Independence, *Yom Ha'Atzma'ut*, Jewish National Fund is sponsoring an evening with comedian Joel Chasnoff and is presenting local attorney Barney Portman with its Tree of Life award on Tuesday, April 16, 2013. The event, held in cooperation with the Savannah Jewish Federation and the Jewish Educational Alliance, will be held at the JEA at 7:30pm.

Joel Chasnoff is a stand-up comedian and writer with stage and screen credits in eight countries. In 2010, Simon and Schuster published Joel's comedic memoir, *188th Crybaby Brigade*, about his year as a combat soldier in the Israeli Army. He currently is writing the text for *Balaboosta: A Cookbook* with Israeli chef and two-time *Chopped!* champion Einat Admony.

Barney Portman is being recognized for his continued commitment to JNF. Ronnie Porat, JNF's Israeli Emissary for the Southern zone, said Barney "has been a longtime supporter of JNF and comes from a family with a history of dedication to JNF - his grandfather was a president of JNF."

Lauren Gordon Mescon, originally

from Savannah and now a dedicated JNF lay leader, said she is looking forward to attending the event and sharing information about the Central Arava Task Force she

co-chairs. "I feel like I'm coming full circle. I remember that my Grandma Flo [Gordon] spearheaded blue box drives for Hadassah and my aunt, 'Sister' [Louise] Zacks, was in Israel when it was founded in the late 40s. Now I am co-chairing this task force, working with a whole new group of pioneers in the south of Israel. It's very exciting."

Jewish National Fund was established more than 100 years ago by a small group of leaders, including Theodor Herzl. By purchasing plots of land, they hoped to establish the groundwork for the birth of the nation of Israel. While JNF still plants trees and creates parks, it also performs groundbreaking work to develop the land of Israel through a variety of multifaceted initiatives. Today, JNF's work in Israel is divided into seven action areas: Forestry and ecology; water; community development; security; education; research and development; and tourism and recreation.

The suggested donation for the event is \$10 per person/\$18 per couple. All contributions are welcome. Advance registration is requested at [jnf.org/savannahreception](http://jnf.org/savannahreception). Desserts will be served. For additional information, contact Merry Bodziner at [bodz4@aol.com](mailto:bodz4@aol.com) or (912) 658-4895 or Ronnie Porat at [rporat@jnf.org](mailto:rporat@jnf.org) or (404) 236-8990, ext. 856.



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# Four Questions for the Rest of the Year

Amos Timna

To say that Amos Timna is retired would be a gross exaggeration of his current life status. It is true that he no longer has a practice as an obstetrician-gynecologist, but Amos does not sit still. He currently is the co-Chair of Savannah's 2013 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, part of the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world. The Race is an annual event that raises significant funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer. This year's Race takes place on April 13<sup>th</sup> and aims to have more than 5,000 participants and raise more than \$460,000. It is a huge undertaking, involving months of planning and the oversight of hundreds of volunteers. Chairs of the Race for the Cure may hold the position for up to four years; this is Amos' first year on the job and he says that he is planning to do it again next year. Amos also currently serves as Vice President of the Savannah Jewish Federation. He is married to Susan Odrezin Timna; they have four children and four grandchildren.

*What led to your involvement with the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure?*

There are a number of reasons that I am drawn to this cause:

1) I'm close to breast cancer as a physician. Unfortunately, I had lots of patients who were diagnosed with breast cancer or had to confront the fear of breast cancer. I had to learn how to tell patients they had cancer, including breast cancer in particular.

2) Like so many people, I have had friends with breast cancer, which drew me close to this issue. I started out participating in the Race as a member of Jodi's Jewels, my friend (and survivor) Jodi Sadler's team.

3) Quite simply, I was asked to help. Merry Bodziner brought me in as a volunteer on the first Savannah Race when Sue Adler and Joanne Kooden were the co-Chairs and I did logistics on the Race for four years. I was asked to chair after the Race last year.

4) Two years ago I became a member of the Board of Directors of the local Coastal Georgia affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

*How would you describe your approach to your responsibilities as co-Chair of the Race for the Cure?*



Amos Timna

I like to do things behind the scenes. I'm not a great speaker; I don't like or need to be sitting on a stage. Years ago I realized that I don't like to do television interviews; I don't think I'm good at it. I do a much better job when I'm just doing what I do behind the scenes. I don't need special recognition. My satisfaction comes from seeing people working with you and sharing your excitement. With the Komen Race for the Cure I'm lucky that we have hundreds of people sharing the work and making me and each other look good.

*You mentioned that every year since the Race started in Savannah that you have been responsible for logistics. Why were you chosen for logistics?*

I learned the logistics of a large event when I chaired the community celebration of Israel@60 and maybe they were aware of that. I've learned a lot more about logistics since then working on the Race. I also learned a lot about sponsorships and soliciting corporate sponsors while working on Israel@60, which

also has been very helpful.

*How would you say things are going so far?*

I really don't want to jinx myself, so I almost don't want to answer this question. But there has been an awesome response from participants, sponsors with sponsorships, fundraisings and donations. We are exceeding previous years and my expectations. I don't know if it's because of us or in spite of us, but it's looking like a promising year. We have three main goals:

1) To raise as much money as we can because 75% of it stays locally and the more we raise, the more impact we have on our local community. The remaining 25% helps fund groundbreaking research, equally as important.

2) To raise awareness about breast cancer.

3) To celebrate with our survivors and to honor those no longer with us.

Everything we are doing and everything we accomplish is to achieve those goals.

It's time to be Twistin' by the Pool!

**JEA Pool Opening Party**  
**Sunday, May 26th**  
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I grew up on pins and needles.

My parents and I lived in Chicago's Hyde

Park neighborhood. From our 10th floor apartment we looked over Lake Michigan and I could see The Museum of Science and Industry and the spires of the University of Chicago from my bedroom window. Every space in our small apartment served double duty. My mother loved to sew, so our compact dining room table had a flip top that opened up for her to lay out patterns and cut fabric for the latest project: a cocktail dress or school outfit. While my friends often shared a room with their siblings, I shared my room with a sewing machine. It is hardly surprising, that in my most lasting image of my mother, she has a mouth full of pins and a lap full of fabric.

Because of our limited space, when Passover came we never held a Seder, but trundled off to the suburbs for the first night of the holiday to be with my mother's large family. The second night, we always went to our temple, K.A.M. and shared the holiday with my father's side of the family and the larger Jewish community. Passover was fun. It was delicious. And as I matured I found its message compelling and relevant. The escape from bondage, the long march to freedom, the proscribed necessity of embracing and teaching this lesson every year. This story came to form the bedrock of my social values.

This was the age of the civil rights movement and Martin Luther King, Jr. came to our temple and spoke from our pulpit. I had never heard anyone talk with such eloquence, passion or conviction. It was like seeing a biblical prophet come to life when he told us of his vision. It only seemed right then when our Rabbi urged our involvement in the quest for Black equality.

## Savannah Jewish ARCHIVES

*On Pin Point and Passover*

By Annette Carnow

Many decades later when I moved to Savannah, I learned to my dismay, that Jews here had actively supported the Confederacy and that many had been slave owners. I was troubled too when I visited the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum to see the lunch counter from Levy's department store, where in 1960 Black people were denied service and staged a sit-in. Where were the lessons of the Seder table?

Just recently, however, serendipity provided me with a Black/Jewish connection of a more positive model. After attending the Savannah Literary Festival with my son, we took a detour coming home and visited the Pin Point Heritage Museum. This small museum, open only on Saturdays, had recently been dedicated by Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Run by the Coastal Georgia Heritage Society and staffed by Pin Point residents, the museum showcases the culture of the small black enclave that made their living for years by harvesting and processing oysters and crabs from the adjacent marshland. Descendants of slaves, who worked the plantations on nearby islands, these people came to Pin Point in the wake of devastating hurricanes in the late 1800s. They settled in Pin Point and formed a close-knit, hard-working community. Our guide, Hanif, mentioned in passing that many of the residents had attended the local Julius Rosenwald school, one of only two built in Georgia.

"The Julius Rosenwald?" I asked in amazement. If you are not of a certain age or from Chicago, you may be unfamiliar with this name. Before there was Amazon, or Walmart, the company that transformed America's retail industry was Sears & Roebuck. The person who transformed Sears & Roebuck was Julius Rosenwald. As a young man he went to New York and went into the rag business. After an initial failure, he decided to relocate his business to Chicago to be closer to the farmers who he expected would be his customers. He affiliated his fledgling business with Sears & Roebuck, bringing soft goods to the catalog business. In 1893, when the business faltered, Rosenwald stepped in, and became one of its principle owners. In 1908, he became the president of the company and

continued his stewardship of Sears and its expansion as America's premier retailer until 1924, when he resigned to devote his time to philanthropy.

Rosenwald had amassed a great fortune and had an ambitious plan to put it to work for the greater good. Before the Civil War, in many southern states, it was against the law to teach slaves to read or write. Rosenwald recognized that emancipation without education was an empty promise. Having become a close friend of Booker T. Washington, Rosenwald not only funded the Tuskegee Institute, but created the Rosenwald Fund which through matching funds, built more than 5000 schools, shops, and teachers' homes in the rural south. The idea behind these gifts was that each community would also contribute to the building of schools either through manual labor or financial donations so that there would be a sense of ownership, pride and investment in these new institutions. In 1925, Rosenwald gave \$700 to build the Pin Point School; it was built by local residents.

All told, the Rosenwald Fund which was designed to end by 1948, gave away more than \$70 million dollars. Some of the other beneficiaries of the fund were those very institutions I could see from my childhood window - The University of Chicago and The Museum of Science and Industry.

As Rosenwald wrote in 1911: "The horrors that are due to race prejudice come home to the Jew more forcefully than to others of the white race, on account of the centuries of persecution which they have suffered and still suffer." Julius Rosenwald had taken the lessons of the Seder table to heart.

*Postscript: Slavery is not a vanquished institution. Shockingly, according to UN figures more than 27 million people today are still enslaved around the world. For a moving discussion of this international travesty go to: [www.LisaKristine.com](http://www.LisaKristine.com) and click on the arrow under the banner TED: Ideas worth spreading. Lisa Kristine, a renowned photographer has documented this global plight. This year, when you gather around the table to retell the story of Exodus, remember, our work is not done.*

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## 2013 JEA TORNADOES SWIM TEAM

Our swimmers were amazing last year in the Small Teams division. The kids are progressively getting faster and stronger each year. This is the best time to introduce your child to competitive swimming as summer league is very relaxed and all about having fun while competing.

Summer Swim Team registration starts on April 1st. All registration information is on line at <http://savannahjea.org/page.aspx?id=256586>. You will also find information about how to order the team swimsuits for your child. Any questions, please contact Stephanie at 355-8111 or at [stephanie@savj.org](mailto:stephanie@savj.org). Practices will begin on May 20th for all. Practice times will be sent out closer to time.



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## Save the Date

April 1-2

Passover. JEA Closed

April 7 - Yom HaShoah

Art Gallery Reception. Debra Zumstein & Asa Chibas. 2:30 pm

Community Yom HaShoah Program.

Reading of the Names- 9:00 am

Meet author Nancy Wright Beasley- 3:30 pm

Yom HaShoah Program- 4:30 pm

April 14

Global Celebration of Israel! 11:00 am

April 15

Yom Hazikaron. JEA open regular hours

April 16 - Yom Ha'atzma'ut

Community Yom Ha'atzma'ut Program with JNF and Comedian Joel Chasnoff. 7:30 pm

May 5

Art Gallery Reception. Joshua Hill. 1:00 pm

Levy Concert w/Eddie Wilson. 12:30 pm

May 8

Yom Yerushalayim - JEA Open regular hours

May 9

Community Yom Yerushalayim Program. 7:00 pm

May 14

Erev Shavuot. JEA closes at 5 pm

May 15-16

Shavuot. JEA Closed

May 22

JEA 101st Annual Meeting. 7:00 pm

# Adult Programming

**Bridge** - Wednesdays 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
**Scrabble** - Wednesdays 6:30 to 8:30 pm  
**Mah Jongg** - Thursdays 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

**JEA Mid-Week Garden Group - Wednesdays 9:00 am to 10:00 am**  
We meet twice monthly on alternate Wednesdays to tend our JEA gardens. We're now preparing our children's daffodil garden and edible garden. Feel free to bring your own garden gloves, tools, hat and water. Some tools are available.  
We'll meet On Wednesdays, April 10th and April 24th.

**Thursday Lunch Bunch - Every Thursday 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm**  
Join us for Thursday Lunch Bunch! Visit with old friends and meet new ones, enjoy lunch followed by an educational speaker or performer.

**New Intermediate Computer Course\* Thursdays 1:30-3:30 pm**  
**Session 2 - March 28 & April 4 - Spreadsheets** - Learn the art of creating spreadsheets for personal and/or business use such as budgets, monitoring investments, sales worksheets, invoices, home or business inventory. Learn about cell calculations, auto fill-in, drag and drop and more.  
**Session 3 - April 11 & 18 - Power Point** - Create presentations, slide shows, learn how to transfer items from word processing software, embedding files and video, creating hypertext and more.

Instructor: Bill Fox.  
Each class is limited to 10 participants.  
Register at the JEA or by calling 912-355-8111.  
\*Payment is required at time of registration.

Choose 1 session or 2 sessions!  
Price: \$25 per session. JEA Member Value Price: \$20 per session.

## JEA Donations

(February 11, 2013-March 12, 2013)

### ARKIN-CLARK GARDEN FUND

In honor of David Hirsh's speedy recovery  
Marilyn Seeman

### JEA BUILDING FUND

In honor of Kaye & Don Kole  
Arlene & Allan Ratner

### JEA ENDOWMENT FUND

In honor of Sharon Hughes  
Arlene & Allan Ratner

### JEA GENERAL DONATIONS

In honor of Eric Meyerhoff's speedy recovery  
In honor of Murray Bono's speedy recovery  
Arthur (Bubba) Horovitz  
In memory of Gloria Kazlow  
Arlene & Allan Ratner  
Danyse & Julius Edel

### ETHEL COHEN MEDDIN MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Joanie Schwartz  
In memory of Veronica Beck  
In memory of Jack Holland  
In memory of Janet Sunshine  
Chuck Palefsky

### HARVEY RUBIN MEMORIAL FUND

In honor of Simone Wilker's speedy recovery  
In honor of Hugh Minkovitz's speedy recovery  
Elise & Victor Shernoff

### BERTHA & HYMAN KANTER YOUNG AT HEART FUND

In memory of Isser Gottlieb  
In memory of Harold Javetz  
In memory of Ruth Weiner Blacher  
Sally & Steve Greenberg  
In honor of Rose Konter's speedy recovery  
Irma Shulman Weiner

### HENRY W. CENTER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Joe Switz  
In memory of Harvey Gretenstein  
Tony Center

## JEA Garden Club: Wanted!

The JEA Gardening Club is in need of a few items:

- 10 x 10 Building for storing garden tools
- Zero turn lawnmower. Must be 42" (or larger); 6-10 hp motor

If you can donate any of these items, please call Justin at 713-1115.



## JOIN THE WORLD WIDE CELEBRATION OF ISRAEL

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**Sunday, April 14, 2013**

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5111 Abercorn Street | Event time: 1:00-3:00 pm

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## Health & Wellness

### What is Functional Training?



Stephanie Johnson  
Health & Wellness  
Director

Functional training is a new catchphrase in the fitness industry. By definition, functional training is a classification of exercise which involves training the body for the activities performed in daily life. This is no different from what Physical Therapists and Occupational

Therapists do on a daily basis. They are retraining their patients to function for their daily routines. Personal Trainers have taken it a step further.

Have you ever helped someone move from one house to another and the next day you are sore in areas that you never knew existed? This is where functional training comes in very handy. Trainers are essentially taking clients off the single planer nautilus machines and working clients in an upright position. We are having them work with kettle bells, ropes, flipping tires, slinging

sledgehammers, and pushing things (just to name a few). We are seeing that when people are mimicking everyday activity, that our clients are enjoying the workouts more, as well as seeing results a bit faster. It's fun. It's fast. It's exciting.

But you say that you are not an athlete. That does not matter. Functional training is for everyone. Just like in the Physical Therapy setting, each person has a specific workout plan and goal. Anyone from teenager to senior can and does functional training every time they come to the gym. It just depends on when you are ready to take your workout to the next level. When you decide to train the way athletes train, then you are ready for a full-blown experience with 'functional training.' Pick heavy things up and throw them. This gives you a sense of empowerment and a sense of accomplishment. If you are interested in taking your workout to the next level, give me a call at 355-8111 to schedule an appointment.

### I HIIT all my clients

Yes, I said it. I HIIT all my clients -- relax, I'm not beating them up, the intervals are.

HIIT stands for high-intensity interval training, and it's slowly becoming the preferred method of training for many people.

While the majority of the public is engaging in HIIT activities because of their growing popularity in mainstream media, others have been executing this type of intense training with their trainers for years. Some people are doing it and don't even know it. They don't know it because the class that they're taking, the trainer that they're using, or the program they're doing, was simply renamed something else -- like BlahblahFit or Crazy Nutz Workout.

There is significant evidence and numerous studies that conclude beyond reasonable doubt that high-intensity intervals work wonders for fat burning, increasing growth hormone and increasing cardiovascular health. Additionally, it's also the most time-effective workout you can do, in my experience. You could literally complete an entire high-intensity workout using one piece of equipment or just body weight in 20 minutes or less. Space isn't really a factor, either. I've done high-intensity intervals in my living room.

High-intensity intervals can be classified as brief exertions of maximum output, usually in the range of 20-40 seconds of intense activity, followed by a designated resting or recovery period. When doing intervals, it's important to

consider the work time, as well as your heart rate. The most important thing about HIIT training is understanding how to use it properly to reach your goals. As I said earlier, it's great for fat burning -- or more specifically, high calorie burn, which leads to fat loss. Too much HIIT work can lead to overtraining (chronic fatigue) or stagnation (inability to get new/better results).

It can get a bit confusing, so here is a general breakdown of how one should implement high-intensity intervals into their program depending on their fitness level.

If you're a beginner or just aren't used to HIIT work, I suggest you start simple by using a bike. If you jump right into something like sprinting, you're at greater risk of injury.

For those that consider themselves intermediate or advanced, the biggest concern when adding HIIT training is whether or not it will help you reach your goal. Since you've been working out for a considerable amount of time, your body has more than likely made the adaptations necessary to handle more stress.

The point I'm trying make here is that HIIT or other endurance training taxes your body at multiple levels. Rest is required to have the proper hormonal response and for full recovery.

-Stephanie Johnson, Health & Wellness Director

## Winter Fitness Classes

### Sunday

- 9:15 am - Pilates
- 10:15 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 - Slow Flow Vinyasa Yoga
- 10:30 am - Range of Motion SS\*
- 6:00 pm - Zumba Toning
- 6:00 pm - Evening Water Aerobics

### Tuesday

- 8:30 am - Pilates
- 10:00 am - Water Exercise SS\*
- 10:30 am - Cardio Circuit SS\*
- 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 - Slow Flow Vinyasa Yoga
- 10:30 am - Range of Motion SS\*
- 6:00 pm - Billy's Boot Camp
- 6:00 pm - Evening Water Aerobics

### Thursday

- 8:30 am - Pilates
- 10:00 am - Aquasize
- 10:30 am - Cardio Circuit SS\*
- 6:00 pm - Savannah Kenpo
- 6:00 pm - Evening Water Aerobics
- 6:15 pm - Yoga Flow
- 7:00 pm - Savannah Fencing Club

### Friday

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

SS\*=Silver Sneakers program





## JEA Art Gallery



Zumstein



Chibas

### April Artists: Debra Zumstein & Asa Chibas

#### Debra Zumstein - Biography

Debra Zumstein was born in North Carolina. With her discovery of photography in high school, Debra found a way to capture her love of the natural world.

After years of conforming her photography to 8x10 and 11x14 images, she moved beyond standard frames. Her experiments led her to piece together multiple overlapping images creating photographs reaching up to 8 feet in length. These seamless panoramic images of landscapes from across the world are printed on canvas, giving the life-sized views a painted texture on a durable medium.

Debra has captured landscapes on 5 continents, in 18 countries and counting. Debra's panoramas capture the joy of exploring the world both in your backyard and abroad. The large format images work to transport you to the location and to see your world from a different viewpoint.

#### Asa Chibas - Biography

Photographer Åsa Chibás's images are captured with Holga cameras – inexpensive, medium-format plastic cameras that have become appreciated for their intriguing 'low-tech' aesthetics. "In my travels, I carry one or two cameras with me," she explained. "I manually advance the film, creating multiple exposures that are not digitally composed. The unpredictable outcome provides a strong contrast to digital photography, where images can be manipulated to an extreme degree." In her works, unrelated images may connect in a seamless, dreamlike manner. But at other times, they can reveal their illogical combination through visible, disjointed layers.

Born in Härnösand, Sweden, Chibás came to Boston to study at the Massachusetts College of Art, earning a BA with concentrations in sculpture and photography. Then she worked in exhibit design for a local museum while also doing freelance photography and art instruction. She moved to New York, where she worked as a commercial photographer at a major fashion house and as an arts instructor with public school students.

Chibás has taught visual arts at the Telfair's Jepson Center for the Arts, the city of Savannah's Department of Cultural Affairs and currently divides her time between the U.S. and her native Sweden.

Artwork available for viewing April 3 to 30, 2013  
Art Gallery Reception April 7, 2013, 2:30 to 4:30 pm



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**The mission of JEA Preschool Savannah is to provide for the social, emotional, and cognitive growth of the young child in a Judaic setting in order to develop productive citizens.**

JEA Preschool Savannah welcomes all children from ages 16 months - 4 years old.

Our doors will be opening August 2013.  
Core program 8:30 am-12:30 pm.  
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Contact JEA Preschool Director Jodi Sadler by phone at 355-8111 or by email at [preschool@savj.org](mailto:preschool@savj.org)

## 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 2/10/13 to 3/13/13)

- Jonathan & Tabitha Dotson
- Susan Ethridge
- Michele Fitzgerald
- James Gagnon & Amanda Boucher
- Emily Gung
- Laurie Ladson
- Michael & Jennifer McCarn
- John & Margaret Northup
- Steven & Beth Roth
- Timothy & Alison Zielenbach

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# JEA Preschool Savannah News

April 2013

## Monthly Spotlight

### New Teacher Hired!



**Megan Kitchens**  
*Assistant Teacher,*  
2013-2014

Megan comes to the JEA with a Bachelor's degree in Nutrition and a Masters in Education and has eight years of experience teaching toddlers through high school age children. Megan's true passion is working with preschool age children and she loves their strong desire to learn. She enjoys getting down and messy with the children and teaching through hands-on play experiences. Megan is excited to start loving, growing and playing with the children, helping them to learn and develop.



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## Enrollment is Open!

To schedule your introductory appointment, contact Jodi Sadler at (912) 355-8111, or email [preschool@savj.org](mailto:preschool@savj.org). Tuition information and registration forms are available for download online at [www.savannahjea.org](http://www.savannahjea.org).

*JEA Preschool Savannah offers convenient Core Program and Extended Hours:*

Core Program: 8:30am – 12:30pm

Extended Hours: 7:00am – 8:30am

12:30pm – 6:00pm

**Opening August 2013, Serving children ages 16 months to 4 years old.**

## JEA's Youngest Campers to Benefit From New Early Childhood Department

JEA Camp Savannah is excited to announce that beginning this summer it is offering a fully revamped summer program for preschool age children, with a new and improved daily lineup! The Kochav Yam or Sea Stars group, (3 and 4 year olds) will be under the direction of the JEA's new Early Childhood Education department.

Jodi Sadler, ECE Director, and the recently hired JEA Preschool Savannah teachers are at work now planning the summer activities for these youngest campers. The program will provide a safe, nurturing, and fun environment where your children will make new friends, enjoy exciting activities, learn new skills, and experience age-appropriate independence. Campers will enjoy arts and crafts, singing and dancing, games, stories, science activities, cooking, nature walks, and water play.

All activities are designed to enhance gross motor skills and sensory experiences as well as help develop children's independence. Each day will provide a balance of structured and flexible times for play and exploration. Our Sea Stars will participate in the same weekly theme activities as the older campers, but on their level and in their space. For more information, contact Jodi Sadler at 912-355-8111 ext. 228.

### Highlights and Improvements

- Highly qualified staff
- Enhanced summer program
- Developmentally appropriate activities
- Hands on experiences
- Cooperative learning
- Small group swimming instruction



## JEA Preschool Savannah has its First Staff Meeting

**Question-** What do you get when you gather together in one room, four qualified and enthusiastic preschool teachers and one visionary director?

**Answer-** The first JEA Preschool Savannah staff meeting!

JEA Preschool Savannah's first staff meeting took place in mid-March with many goals accomplished. The teachers all were introduced to each other, the Director shared her vision for the school and we discussed the professional materials we'd read in preparation for our meeting. We were so intrigued by our discussion about the importance of building blocks in child development and the comparison of the young child's brain to the Internet we thought you would be, too. (see "Check it Out" this month) The team left with excitement and joy as the opening of JEA Preschool Savannah gets closer and closer.



## Check it Out!

*Stimulate that Brain*

Based on new research from Harvard and the University of Washington on how to best nurture children's brains, this film explores the parallels between a child's brain development and the development of the global brain of the Internet

<http://hatchearlylearning.com/brain-power-video>

The Unit Block turns 100! Read about how playing with blocks benefits child development.

<http://www.communityplaythings.co.uk/learning-library/blog/2013/january/unit-block-turns-100>

## Rambam Day School

I cannot begin to tell you how excited I am that Rambam Day School has secured a new location. The atmosphere within school is one of excitement and anticipation of great things to come. The planning is underway for ensuring the beauty of our new grounds and all the intricate details needed to make our new home and upcoming school year most sensational.

I hope all Rambam Day School supporters will join us in our efforts as we pack up and prepare for the big move. Once we move, we'll need lots of help getting everything situated and set up. Many of you have talents and/or connections - please think of how you might best be able to assist us and contact me or Jill Strauss.

I believe that every Jewish child is born with the right to grow up knowing the history of their people and the intricate details of their heritage. What each child chooses to do with that knowledge is up to each child as they mature into young adults. The central goal is to guarantee they have the ability to make choices because they have the knowledge.

I applaud all those who understand

the significance of such a commitment. All those who support Rambam Day School are partners in a network that is providing an outstanding Secular education and a comprehensive Jewish education. Our goals are lofty ones, and each of us should be proud to participate in these goals being met, year after year after year.

Our peer schools yearn for our graduates. Principals of high schools have written me and expressed; Rambam Day School students come highly prepared, focused, motivated, ready to be leaders, confident, strong in critical thinking and poised.

The coming year is filled with promise, and we look to our future with confidence as a strong, vibrant, established, successful, accredited institution. As the future of Rambam unfolds, as felt every day as I walk the hallways of our beloved school, the Almighty is embracing us.



Ester Rabhan,  
Principal of  
Rambam Day School



Israeli Consul General to the Southeast Opher Aviran, U.S. President of ZIM Shipping Lea Bogatch-Genossar and Mayor Edna Jackson during the recent Israeli trade delegation visit to Savannah



SEDA Interim President & CEO Trip Tollison and Mayor Edna Jackson present a Shalom Y'all souvenir to Michael Juviler, Director of Sales of Israeli company FOURTEC

## A Real Learning Experience

I just experienced five days of personal and professional learning at the Jewish Community Centers of North America Professional Conference. Not only was the vision and purpose of the JCC movement reinforced for me but I learned about the new and exciting Sheva program with 83 other JCC Early Childhood Education directors.

In addition, I networked and connected with many other JCC professionals from different cities and countries and from varied program tracts. These diverse experiences provided me with a wealth of knowledge and ideas to draw from as we proceed with the formation of JEA Preschool Savannah.

I listened to Allan Finklestein, President and CEO of the JCCA, talk about the JCC Vision and Statement of Principles for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and how it impacts us on the local level. Our JEA continues to create Jewish identities, respect and support diverse Jewish opinions, and promote Jewish living and learning through our programming and activities I learned about time management, personal productivity and working together with others.

But most of all, I built relationships with so many talented and creative people, including our own JEA staff. I had the opportunity to connect with my colleagues, Jennifer Rich, Stephanie Johnson and DJ Horton away from our day-to-day business setting. We bounced ideas off one another, discov-

ering how to better serve our JEA members and we also had fun as we danced and sang at our evening events.

I got to know the Early Childhood Education professionals from the national office and to begin to build relationships with my Sheva learning community (the fig group) which included ECE Directors from Florida, Georgia and North Carolina. I am proud to be a part of this experienced, dedicated, and creative group — all women! (Stay tuned, in next month's column I'll tell more about the Sheva Learning Community.)

As we build JEA Preschool Savannah in its physical and programmatic forms, I am most passionate about building the relationships with the faculty, families, and children. I have already begun to interact and connect with our enthusiastic faculty and newly enrolled parents and children.

Enrollment is open and I encourage everyone to tell your friends and families about our new premiere preschool program at the JEA. I know this journey will be one you don't want to miss!

Shalom,  
Jodi Sadler



Jodi Sadler,  
JEA Director of  
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# Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

**Marilyn Wagman Steinberg**  
Who died March 17, 2013

Surviving are one son, Adam (Amy) Steinberg, of Duluth, GA; one sister, Nancy (Sanford "Sandy") Rosenthal, of Savannah; two grandchildren and three nephews.

Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405 or the Jewish Educational Alliance, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405.

**Howard Schwartz**  
Who died March 6, 2013

He is survived by his two daughters, Andee (Joel) Yormark of South Bend, IN and Shelley (Jeff) Gordon of Savan-

nah; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Selma.

Remembrances: Rambam Day School, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405 or Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405.

**Robert J. Heller**  
Who died February 28, 2013

He is survived by his wife, Isabel; two daughters, Beth Heller and Susan (Gary) Friend; two sons, Steven (Kathryn) Heller and Jack (Barbara) Heller; a brother, David (Jeanie) Heller; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Richard A. Heller, and his brother, Richard H. Heller.

Remembrances: Hospice Savannah, P.O. Box 13190, Savannah 31416 or the charity of your choice.



## Kay Becker Israel Fund Teen Travel Scholarship

The family of Kay Becker<sup>obm</sup> has established a fund with the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah awarding an annual scholarship to a teen (or teens) who is a member of the JEA to be used for travel to Israel.

**Eligible programs to which the scholarship may be applied:**

- Peer group travel
- Gap year program for college-bound students
- Yeshiva attendance
- College abroad program

To apply for the scholarship, interested teens must complete an application and submit an essay entitled *Why Israel is Important to Me*.

All submissions must be received by May 17, 2013. Download the Kay Becker Israel Fund Teen Travel Scholarship application at [www.savannahJEA.org](http://www.savannahJEA.org). Send completed applications to: Kay Becker Israel Fund Scholarship, c/o JEA, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah, GA 31405.

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## Join Us At Mickve Israel for these April Events

### Our Worship Services

- Passover Yizkor Service on 4/1 at 10 am
- Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Sentman & Shabbat Morning Service on 4/6
- Shalom School Kabbalat Shabbat Service on 4/12
- Kabbalat Shabbat Choir Service on 4/19
- Kabbalat Shabbat Services on 4/5, 4/26
- Shabbat Morning Services: 4/13, 4/20, & 4/27 (honoring our docents)

Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6 pm. Shabbat Morning Services at 11 am followed by a Kiddush lunch & Torah study (except 4/6 and 4/13).

### Pet Blessing and Picnic in the Park

You and your furry friends are invited to join us for our Pet Blessing and Picnic in Forsyth Park on 4/14 at 12:30 pm



Image by David Styles

### Educational Opportunities

- A Taste of Judaism One Day Learning Marathon, 4/13, 9:30 am - 4 pm.
- Controversial Judaism Lecture Series, 4/25 and 5/2, 7 pm
- Judaism 201 every Saturday at 9:15 am (except 4/6 and 4/13).

### Other Activities

- Check out our e-news, Contact & Winter/Spring Program Guide for more details on these & other events:
- Community Yom HaShoah Program at the JEA, 4/7
  - Congregations in Service, 4/28

### Need Judaica?

If our Judaica Shop doesn't have what you are looking for, Glenda McNew can order it for you. 912.233.1547, extension 307 or gmcnew@mickveisrael.org.

For more information, contact Mickve Israel at 912.233.1547, visit mickveisrael.org, or check us out at Facebook.com/CongregationMickveIsrael. Join our email list by contacting adam@mickveisrael.org.

# It's A Funny Thing

by Melinda Stein

*Ah, the American Bar and Bat Mitzvah – a time of pride and joy for families. But many people feel that the celebrations are becoming occasions for excess. My personal opinion is that, in general, the only thing appropriate in excess... is laughter.*

Phil and Dave were always trying to outdo one another. For his son's Bar Mitzvah, Phil decided to fly all the guests to Africa for a one-of-a-kind Safari Bar Mitzvah.

As the party was moving through the Serengeti, the guide stopped and hissed, "Everyone freeze! Nobody move!" Phil whispered, "Is it a herd of elephants passing?" And the guide answered, "No, we have to wait for the Levinson Bar Mitzvah group to go by."

So when Dave's daughter was going to become a Bat Mitzvah, he planned on topping Phil's celebration by engaging a rocket ship to fly the guests into outer space for the reception. Several reporters gathered to await the landing of the spacecraft.

The first one out was Phil.

Reporter: So, how was the Outer Space Bat Mitzvah party?

Phil: It was okay.

Reporter: What about the food?

Phil: So-so.

Reporter: And the music, the views?

Phil: Nothing special.

Reporter: Doesn't sound like you enjoyed the experience.

Phil: Tell you the truth, I didn't like the atmosphere.

Bar Mitzvah: the day a Jewish boy comes to realize that he is more likely to own a professional sports team than he is to play for one.

Young Louis hated going to Bar Mitzvahs. All of his uncles and aunts would come up to him, poke him in the ribs, giggle, and say to him, "You're next, Louis." But they stopped doing that after Louis began doing the same thing to them at funerals.

Where did Olympic gymnast Aly Raisman have her Bat Mitzvah? At the balance bima.



Melinda Stein

Jason had been a lazy Bar Mitzvah student, requiring the Rabbi and his parents to nudge and prod and beg him to study.

When he finally got through his Haftarah at the services, the Rabbi made a short speech, then presented him with a prayerbook, a Bible, and an umbrella.

Jason whispered, "Rabbi, I understand about the books, but why are you giving me an umbrella?"

And the Rabbi answered, "So that there will be one gift I KNOW you will open!"



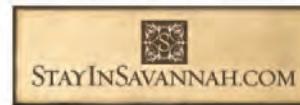
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# Jewish Camping Provides Lasting Impact

by Robin Reineri  
JEA Camp Savannah Administrator

Summertime used to mean not only endless days playing outside until darkness forced us indoors; it also meant packing our trunks for summer camp. Unfortunately, today's kids don't play outside for hours on end; indoor activities focused around computer and TV screens are the norm. Communication between them is often comprised of text and instant messaging and outdoor play comes in the form of organized team sports. Our children don't lead the more relaxed, carefree lives we led.

But there is something from our past we can share, an experience they can have as well. Something that will provide them with long summer days outdoors exploring with friends; days without cell phones, video games and the need to check in with their parents every ten minutes. We can give them summer camp. We can give them the experience that provided the adventure and life lessons that helped guide us through our active childhood and our angst-filled adolescence.

Resident or "sleep away" camps offer older children and teens the chance to discover themselves in a world away



Don't know which was more fun, making toys or friends during Lego Week.

from their usual daily routine with the companionship of other campers and adult guidance. Late night bunk talks, cabin competitions, camp-wide talent shows, campfire singing, canoe racing, even pranks and food fights in the dining hall, are all part of the camp experience.

Sleep-away camp also provides the benefit of giving both children and adults freedom from constant parenting. For many "helicopter" parents, sleep-away camp is a way to safely loosen the reins, to hand over their children to capable and inspirational hands, and to give themselves and their kids some time off; time to relax and time to explore. These parents can come down from hovering and enjoy some time alone together to recharge their batteries while their kids have the time of their lives. They may come home with sprained ankles, bug bites, missing shoes and dirty laundry, but they will also come home full of excitement, a developed sense of self, and a lifetime of memories and friendships.

What if sleep-away camp is not an option for your child? Your child's young age, scheduling conflicts or financial affordability prevent the possibility of sleep away camp? Can he or she still have an impressive camp experience while living at home? Day camp provides an excellent alternative for a fun-filled summer camping experience during the day, with the safety and familiarity of home each night.

JEA Camp Savannah day camp offers an array of daily activities with imaginative weekly themes to provide your child with a quality day camp experience. Camp Director DJ Horton designs a wonderful program that ignites a child's natural curiosity and aids in fostering friendships and a desire for teamwork. The camp is rooted in Judaic principles and values, and includes field trips and overnights in its program. Preschool Camp Director

Jodi Sadler has enhanced the program for the 3- and 4-year olds, so that it will provide the most appropriate and engaging activities to stimulate the youngest campers.

Whether you select sleep-away camp or day camp for your child, one choice still presents itself. Will it be a Jewish camp? Is there a benefit to Jewish camping? Camping ranks highly as an experience most likely to lead a child into a Jewish life as an adult. Jason Miller, in the *Jewish Journal* article titled "Parents Find New Benefit to Jewish Camp: Freedom from Themselves," writes: "Summer camp has emerged as one of the most promising tools in the struggle to ensure Jewish continuity in an era when Jews face more choice and fewer barriers to assimilation... campers grow up to be connected to Jewish life and identify proudly within the Jewish community as adults."

Many children get their first real experience of living a fully Jewish life at summer camp, especially if they do not live in a strong Jewish community or attend a Jewish school. Back home, there is a separation of daily secular life and their Jewish life. At a resident camp, they can live in a Jewish world minus their parents, minus their regular home life, routine and daily pressures. And Jewish parents benefit from the camp's ability to reinforce their child's developing Jewish identity, in a creative and unique environment.

At a Jewish day camp, kids can also connect to their own identity, and the larger Jewish community around them, in a safe, nurturing and fun environment. "At a time when fewer Jews maintain friendships with other Jews, and when those friendships are critical for building and sustaining Jewish engagement, Jewish day camps bestow Jewish friendships upon campers..." says Professor Steven M. Cohen,



It's cool in the pool all summer long at JEA Camp Savannah

author of the study titled "The Jewish Learning Presence in JCC Day Camps: The Current Reality and Realizing the Potential".

Savannah Jewish Federation Board member Stacey Schlafstein recalls fondly both her day and sleep-away camp experiences, and the lasting friendships she formed with her fellow campers. She, in turn, sent her own daughter to Camp Barney Medintz, here in Georgia, to let her make her own memories and form her own life-long bonds.

Jewish camping can impact a young person's future in wonderfully surprising ways as well. In 1970, Savannahian Sheryl Karp met a boy named Stavie Kreh at Camp Blue Star in North Carolina. That boy became her husband and father of their two children. Today they reside on Tybee Island and will celebrate their 41<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary in June. You just never know what lasting impacts Jewish camping can have!

For information on sleep-away Jewish camps, visit [www.jewishcamp.org/camps](http://www.jewishcamp.org/camps), and for information on the JEA Camp Savannah day camp, please visit [www.savannahjea.org/campsavannah](http://www.savannahjea.org/campsavannah) or contact Camp Director DJ Horton at 355-8111 or [camp@savj.org](mailto:camp@savj.org).

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- Ability to be an excellent role model, exuding maturity while still remaining youthful.
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