Aaron Levy Retiring: the End of an Era

By Jane Kahn

After a glittering career in the jewelry business, where his table settings graced the finest homes in Savannah and his diamonds sparkled on the loveliest hands, Aaron Levy is turning in his loupe. Looking back over a lifetime at Levy Jewelers, Aaron’s most poignant response is in praise of his dad, Jack Levy: “I wouldn’t take anything for working with my father. For me, it was the most wonderful experience I ever had.”

Second generation proprietor, Jack Levy was willing to listen to his son’s ideas, prompting him to “go and try it. If it fails, that’s how you learn.” Jack was willing to give up his own authority for the chance for his son to succeed.

Levy Jewelers was founded in 1900 by watchmaker and Aaron’s namesake grandfather. It was continued in the next generation by Aaron’s father Jack, and his brothers and sisters, passed along to Aaron, and now has been acquired by a fourth generation, great-grandson of the original Aaron Levy, Lowell Kronowitz, son of Aaron’s first cousins, Bailee and Ronald Kronowitz.

It was a clean business transaction, Aaron said, initiated when the family knew that Aaron was making plans for his own exit strategy.

JEA Pool Fundraising Tops $50,000

Can You Help?

As this issue of the Savannah Jewish News went to press, fundraising for the repairs to the JEA’s outdoor pool had topped $50,000. “We are very gratified by the response from the community, and from JEA friends and family who may no longer live in Savannah but remember fondly their summers at the pool. We recognize that this is a difficult economy, but the JEA Board is committed to completing the task of raising the remaining funds needed to pay for the repairs and again I ask that everyone do whatever they can when called upon so that our children, campers, swim team and families will be able to continue to enjoy this marvelous facility,” said Marc Konter, president of the JEA.

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This time of year, as you and your family gather around the Passover table to taste the foods of freedom and drink the wine of redemption, we celebrate your perseverance and faith.
Building a Jewish Community

The trees are budding, I’ve already mowed the lawn three times and my back aches from cleaning up the pine straw. And as I was working around the house, I got to thinking about the oft-used term, “Jewish community.” What makes it work? So many people feel that they have not found a Jewish community that they like. Often this means that they have not found a group that welcomes them, an organization that they can make a difference in, or a synagogue that suits them. They may come to a meeting or attend one service, but they complain that they just don’t feel that they belong, and soon they “drop off the map” of Jewish affiliation altogether. In today’s day and age, this seems to be commonplace and especially troublesome.

In thinking about community, I remember what brought me to where I am today. It was a simple invitation to a Young Leadership event in Springfield, MA. It was one of those mass mailings that offer a “taste” of organized Jewish life. I was a little intrigued and took the first step and went to the event. There I found many people just like me: looking for a connection based on one common attribute – we were all Jewish. I met a few people who introduced me to others. Five months later I found myself on a mission to Israel. It was life changing.

Why is it that so many of us feel unaffected and unconnected about our community built around an ostensibly shared identity? Savannah’s history is longer than our country’s. We love identity groups: golfing leagues, town newcomers’ groups, historical societies, animal protection committees, political advocacy (all wonderful organizations!), yet, when it comes to Jewish organizational life, we are too busy. I am reminded of the Grocho Marx line about not wanting to belong to any group that would have him for a member.

Community is always based upon a shared identity of some sort. Oddly enough, it is not always entirely clear just what it is that is shared. Is it our memory of how awful afternoon Hebrew school was? Is it the memory of the Holocaust? Surely the unity of community does not come from any single source. Look at the Savannah Jewish community; there is not one congregation or organization united by an absolute common faith or level of observance. Knowledge and observance range across a wide spectrum. What everyone shares are the familiar faces, the common history, and the common desire to make a difference in their lives and the lives of those around them. Some feel that it is a duty, others feel a vague nostalgic pull, and others participate because it is a book-learned edict: “thou shalt...”

It turns out that the shared identity markers of being Jewish, attending synagogue, or sitting on a Federation committee, are not enough in themselves to create or sustain a sense of community. Could it be that we keep missing the true nature of community by regarding it as a lifestyle accessory? Shouldn’t the crucial question be, “What might we become through what we give to our community rather than what we take from it?” Perhaps our “need” for community is primarily not one to have our own needs met. Maybe it is a “need” for a place where we can be of service to others: A place where we can share our challenges and successes, a place where we share our individual passions with others. It is this communal experience that builds a community of the present and the future. Working together on common causes to create a connection binds us together despite different backgrounds and individual differences.

Come with your ideas, come with your passions. Get connected on a committee or start a new concept. Ask where you can be a part of the present and the future. Come and help us build the Jewish community of Savannah.

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Spring into Action

As this issue of the Savannah Jewish News arrives, spring should be arriving too. The astronomical equinox will have just passed. We will already be a full month into the new, improved daylight savings time. Baseball season will be starting and college hoops ending (the NBA inexplicably will continue until Father’s Day). People with gardens and gardening skill will be planting. (I, unfortunately, have only the former and not the latter). And nothing says spring like paying your taxes.

Jews and Christians alike celebrate holidays of renewal. Whether your eggs are boiled and served with salt water or dipped and put into a basket is less important than the message of redemption. Surely it is not merely coincidental that we mark the festival of Pesach (Passover) with the traditional seder meal that is not what I have been encountering and will be sharing with my family. And yet, I wonder what I am missing when I don’t share a meal with others. Is it that is shared. Is it our memory of how awful afternoon Hebrew school was? Is it the memory of the Holocaust? Surely the unity of community does not come from any single source. Look at the Savannah Jewish community; there is not one congregation or organization united by an absolute common faith or level of observance. Knowledge and observance range across a wide spectrum. What everyone shares are the familiar faces, the common history, and the common desire to make a difference in their lives and the lives of those around them. Some feel that it is a duty, others feel a vague nostalgic pull, and others participate because it is a book-learned edict: “thou shalt...”

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**Faces of Israel**

By Maia Koiller

I am a Zionist.
I do not only hold on to the rights of our forefathers, but also to the duty of the sons.
The people who established this state lived and worked under much worse conditions
than I have to face, but they also attempted to establish a better, wiser, more humane,
and more moral state here. They were willing to die for this cause, and I will try to live for
its sake.

Yair Lapid

Another month is beginning and
it brings a lot of meaningful days with it.
Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day), Yom Hazikaron- the Israeli Memorial Day for Army soldiers that
were killed during the time they served and also is a Memorial Day for terror
victims. Then we celebrate Yom Yom

ha ats’maut, Israel’s Independence Day.
There is so much to remember.
We remember on Passover in the
Haggadah how our people suffered as
slaves and were brought into freedom, in Israel.
Then as the days pass we remember
and teach to our children how much we,
the Jewish people, suffered at the hands of the Nazis, and then how we
fought for having Israel, a Jewish state.

In Israel, Yom HaShoah and Yom Hazikaron are the two hardest days in
the year. The schools have ceremonies,
the shops are closed, the television shows only programs relating to that
day, the radio plays beautiful and
painful quiet songs, a lot of soldiers
get the opportunity to go to their high

schools in uniform in order to take part
in the memorial services. And we all
stop for a minute, and stand for a blast,
to pay respect to our dead.

The Jewish Film Festival just ended, and I had a chance to see some
very good and important films. Some of
the films raised interesting and hard
questions for me regarding the future. I
really felt the need to talk with people
from the community in order to process
my feelings. We have so much to remember:
our holidays and traditions from home
tell us about a part of who we are,
the stories of our parents and grandparents,
tells us a part of who we are, and the environment we live in
tells us a part of who we are. And then not less important, our community,
and the people that we meet and share
our lives with, can tell us a lot about
who we are.

Sometimes I get so overwhelmed with feelings that I feel grateful for this
opportunity to live it with you all. It
is good to know I found here so many open, understanding arms. It is good

to know you are a part of something bigger than only your own life.

It is good to know that somewhere in a way we all had mutual stories,
and in happy days and sad days I can
find someone to tell my feelings to.
I know that I will be comforted by
the beautiful Yom HaShoah program we are working on here. And then,
a few days later, 60 seconds after
Yom Hazikaron ends, starts one of the happiest days in Israel, Yom Ha
ats’maut, Israel’s Independence Day,
which celebrates the story of the
foundation of Israel.

Thank you for letting me live these
days with you, I hope you will come
to celebrate Israel Independence Day,
together with me on April 26.
We have a very special day
planned.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of
National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases
Association (NTSAD), we extend our
sincere appreciation for the generous
allocation from the Savannah Jewish
Federation. As part of the fabric of our
organization, you help us offer affected
persons of all ages, their families and
caregivers, and future parents an
improved quality of life, hope for the
future, and the prospect of healthy
babies.

NTSAD is committed to a mission
that has been in place for 50 years and
remains focused on our members, our
collaborators, and our outreach.
Still, with limited resources and
no government funding, we must
stress that NTSAD’s partnership
with the Savannah Jewish Federation
and with Federation’s across the
country is critical to the success of this
organization. Thank you for valuing
our work and for investing in what we
do. We will keep you apprised of developments in public and
professional education, genetic testing,
advocacy, family services, and research.
We look forward to a future ripe with
promise and to your being a part of that
future.

With many thanks,
Bradley L. Campbell
President

Susan R. Kahn
Executive Director

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation,

Thank you for your gift in support
of our efforts to help blind Israelis
regain their lives through the use of
guide dogs. Your gift will help us
to provide guide dogs and liberate those
whose lives are impacted by blindness.
I recently returned from Israel
where I observed a class of four
students receiving instruction with
their guide dogs, one of whom was
Amir Bar El. Amir, now 38, was a platoon leader in the last Lebanon
war in 2006 against Hezbollah and
sustained severe shrapnel injuries to
his body and head resulting in his
blindness and necessitating a year of rehabilitation. Determined not to be a
burden to his family, Amir decided that
a guide dog would offer him the best
opportunity to regain his independence
and mobility.

More important for Amir, who is
truly an inspiration, was the prospect
of having a faithful companion. He
told me he is looking forward to the
opportunity to regain his independence
and to travel independently wherever he has to go.
His immediate plan after graduation
from the guide dog center is to go to the
University and study to become a social
worker. He is married with two young
daughters.

On behalf of the Israel Guide Dog
Center for the Blind, I thank you again
for your generous gift.

Sincerely,
Norman L. Leventhal
President
Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind

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**Come and celebrate Israel’s 61st Birthday at the JEA!**

**Yom Ha’atzmaut - Israel Independence Day**

**April 26, 2009**

- **Scavenger Hunt**
- **Story telling and theatre games!**
- Enjoy delicious food in our Israel Café
- Arts and Crafts
- “IDF Army” Obstacle Course
- Write letters to Israeli soldiers
- Klezmer live band 1:00-2:00 PM
- “Do you think you know Israel?” Quiz (win prizes)
- Parachute games
- Israel through Savannah’s Eyes photo exhibit
- Games and prizes

Activities for all ages, from infants to 120 years!

Join us for this wonderful celebration!

12:15-3:00 pm

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Levy Retiring .......................................................... Cont. from page 1

Lowell knew what Aaron wanted, and an orderly transition began. Aaron’s contract is up this year.

“Truly a family affair, but it’s not either of Aaron’s two sons. Neither Philip, who lives in Israel, nor Richard, a music company executive in Atlanta, was interested in the family business. “I was fine with my kids not coming home,” Aaron said. As did his father before him, “I wanted them to be successful in their own ways,” he said.

Short of his own children coming into the business...working with Lowell has been “more than I could have asked for. I don’t want it to do anything but succeed.” Aaron, a certified gemologist, has told Lowell he would always be available and Lowell has assured Aaron that he is always welcome.

Aaron’s first “job” at Levy Jewelers was operating the self-service elevator. (It was, he says, creative babysitting for his parents, Jack and Miriam Levy, who both worked in the store.)

But, his first real job was working the jewelry engraving machine. (Not very good at it, he admits.) His parents tried to encourage him at other pursuits, other options, but the family jewelry business was all that ever interested him. Summers, when he wasn’t attending Camp Blue Star in Hendersonville, NC (where he first met Dayle) were spent in the store. He worked the switchboard, the addressograph machine and learned the art of selling at Ray Jewelers, a promotional outlet, several blocks down Broughton Street. A natural part of his life was to work on the sales floor on Saturdays and during the Christmas shopping season. He came back on a full-time basis in 1963, the year he and Dayle were married.

He’s never wanted to do anything else.

But, before he could come back home and settle into a career, he had a military commitment to fulfill. After graduation from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Aaron joined the Air National Guard and served eight weeks at Lackland Air Base in San Antonio, as well as six years in the Reserve. “It wasn’t bad,” he said — after summer camp experience, it was an easy transition to serve on KP and cleaning the latrines. Although he did not know how to cook, he became a “cooke”, making salad dressing for 300 people. At 102 degrees, San Antonio summers were generally too hot for much physical training, so the reservists spent many hours in the base pool.

“A gem” of a leader in the Savannah community, Aaron has served as president, first of the Savannah Jewish Federation, and then of the JEA. Once again, crediting his father, he said he learned “(1) how to run a business, and (2) if you’re in a community where you make money, you have to give back to that community in time and in money.”

No matter how much he has given in service, to the Jewish community and to the general Savannah community, it’s come back to Aaron as “nothing but a financial benefit, and, of course, personal satisfaction.” Plans now are to travel — two cruises are in the works — and continue, perhaps as its Number One fan, to support University of North Carolina Tarheels basketball.

And to continue being a jewel in Savannah’s crown.

Yom HaShoah .............................................................. Cont. from page 1

Gilbert will speak about her short interpretive film Ready to Wear and Savannah State University professor, Ellis Washington will speak on his recent book The Nuremberg Trials: Last Tragedy of the Holocaust, so be sure to come and listen to their insightful remarks.

• Special Yellow Candle memorial candles are on sale now at the JEA ($9 each) and will be available for purchase until Yom HaShoah. Everyone is encouraged to purchase one to be lit at home as a yahrzeit tribute to the six million. Proceeds from the sale of the Yellow Candles will be used to help establish a lending library of books and videos about the Holocaust for local researchers and educators.

The Yom HaShoah observance is a program of the Savannah Jewish Federation’s Community Relations Council, who invites everyone to participate in the program this year to honor the survivors who are part of our community and to honor the memory of the 6,000,000. We hope you all will join us in commemorating this day by remembering those who perished in the Holocaust. Never Forget. Never Again.
Passover (Pesach) commemorates and celebrates the Exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt and slavery following the famous ten plagues, and their ultimate arrival in the Promised Land, Eretz Yisrael. This holiday marks the birth of the Jewish people as a nation led by Moses over 3,000 years ago and is one of the most important Jewish holidays of the year. It’s a time for family and friends to come together as a community and participate in the retelling of the Exodus story by reading the Haggadah.

Many Jews observe the holiday by holding a Seder (a festival meal) with friends and family, eating matzah (unleavened bread) and other symbolic foods to remember the story of the Israelite slaves. Through this eight day period Jews refrain from eating chametz, bread, certain types of cakes and pastries, pasta, rice and beans (for Ashkenazi Jews) and certain alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. However, wine is an important component of Pesach, and four cups are generally poured during the Seder.

Children, too, play an integral role throughout the story. The youngest person capable at the Seder table asks four questions to make sure that people are aware that Passover is different from other regular, less ceremonial evenings, the answers to which explain “why this night is different from all other nights.” Toward the end of the Seder, children also look for the afikomen, matzah that is hidden in a secret place by an adult. Once some child finds it, they are rewarded with candy or a small sum of money.

Pesach is a filled with singing and eating lots of terrific food — a time to remember the past and to rejoice and be thankful for the present!

Some fun and interesting facts:

- Did you know that Passover is the oldest continuously celebrated Jewish festival?
- During Passover, Coca-Cola makes Coke that is kosher for Passover! Sugar is used instead of corn syrup because corn is not considered kosher for Passover.
- North African Jews pass the Seder plate over the heads of each person, and touch the heads of each person with the plate, symbolizing that they once carried burdens upon their heads as slaves in Egypt.
- Some families place oranges on their Seder plate to symbolize the contribution of gays who are active members of Jewish life.
- Did you know there is a book, “300 Ways to Ask the Four Questions”? It presents the Four Questions of the Haggadah in 300 different languages — including ancient languages, living languages and constructed languages such as Esperanto and Klingon!
- Miriam’s Cup (in addition to Elijah’s) is a new ritual for the Passover Seder. Its purpose is to honor the role of Miriam the Prophetess and to highlight the contributions of women to Jewish culture, past and present. Chag Sameach!

**Pesach Recipes**

**Eggplant Lasagna for Passover**

1 Jar of Tomato Sauce
1 Eggplant
8 cloves of garlic
2 onions
5 mushrooms
8 oz. of grated mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup of parmesan cheese (unsalted)
1/4 cup of chopped fresh parsley
oregano, powdered garlic, hot pepper flakes and rosemary (dried)
5 pieces of Matzos

A food processor makes this very quick, but it’s not necessary.

1. Cut up the eggplant into quarters and then slice very thinly, sauté in oil until it reduces into mush.
2. Cut and chop the onions, mushrooms and garlic all together and sauté in oil, sprinkle in the spices, about 1/4 tsp. of each, and mix all the eggplant and onions all together.
3. Grate the cheese, and spray Pam into a small rectangular baking dish.
4. Pour some sauce into the dish and lay down some of the Matzo into the sauce, like noodles.
5. Spread on the sautéed veggies, sprinkle on more spices, some parmesan cheese and more sauce.
6. Continue this until you use up your ingredients, ending with cheese on top. Bake at 350 for about 35-45 minutes.

**Pastelli (Matzos with ground meat) Greek- Sephardic**

5-6 matzos pieces wet from water and chicken broth (4-5 cups)
2-3 lb ground meat
3-4 onions
5-6 eggs

Take a rectangle pan and place 3 matzot to make a layer. In the mean time, you sauté the onions with a little olive oil in the ground meat with salt and pepper to taste. When it’s done you beat 2 or 3 eggs and mix it well. Then you put the meat on top of the layer of matzo. Then you put another layer of matzo. In the end you beat 2 or 3 eggs mixed with olive oil and pour it all over. Pour chicken broth all over, cover with foil and bake 375 degrees for about 1/2 hour or until is crispy.

**Sweet Potato Souffle**

In a medium saucepan add butter on low heat to melt. Then mix the orange juice and brown sugar together with the butter until well blended. Add this mixture to the mashed sweet potatoes, and then add the bourbon and cinnamon. Beat in the egg with a whisk or electric mixer. The mixture should be smooth. Taste and adjust.

You may need more bourbon (it evaporates when cooked, you know)! Bake for one hour in a 350 degree oven. Some people like to add a topping of brown sugar, pineapple or marshmallows. I like it just as it is.

**Questions of the Haggadah in 300 Languages**

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With love,
Sherry Dolgoff

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Health Talk Series

MorningStar Cultural Arts Group, as part of their Teal Ribbon Project, is partnering with Savannah Jewish Federation Family Services to present a series of Cancer Answers Health Talks offered at the JEA. All presentations are free and open to the public. Save the following dates:

**Sunday, March 29 at 12:00 p.m.—Finding Out & Facing Up Luncheon** presented by Dr. Venus Jolly Nabors, MD. Cervical and breast cancer prevention for the under 25 crowd (ages 12 to 25). Lunch and learn is free to the first 50 young people who sign up by web pre-registration or by phone to the JEA (912-355-8111). Parents are welcomed. Followed by:

**Sunday, March 29 at 1:00 p.m.—Cancer Answer Health Fair.** Everything you ever wanted to know about your health and then some as presented by local agencies, hospitals and treatment centers with free parking, medical screenings, physician talks, demonstrations and free materials from Anderson Cancer Institute, JC Lewis Research Center, Hadassah and American Cancer Society. Free and open to the public—all ages.

**Events:** (subject to change) Registration required for the lunch-n-learn. Under 18 years need parental consent. Space is limited to the first 50 people, so please RSVP as soon as possible (guys don’t worry about RSVP, the luncheon is just for women, and the fair for men and women of all ages does not require RSVP). For more information visit [www.morningstararts.org](http://www.morningstararts.org) and click the Teal Ribbon.

Noon to 1:15  JEA Small Auditorium  Lunch-n-Learn featuring Venus Jolly Nabors, M.D.
No RSVP required for the 1:00 pm program: Free and the public (male and female) is encouraged to come.

1 PM to 4 PM  JEA Main auditorium
Speakers: 1:00 to 2:00  Cancer Care Talk  Nancy Johnson, Director of J.C. Lewis Pavilion
2:10 to 2:25  Yoga demo  Katy Keyes, Strength for Survivors Coordinator ACI
2:30 to 3:30  Cancer Risk Talk  Dr. Steven Brower, Head Anderson Cancer Institute

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**Art at the JEA**

April Artist—Marsha Lipstiz

Marsha Lipstiz was born and educated in Savannah, where she attended Jenkins High School and Armstrong College. She later graduated from Adelphi University in New York with a Fine Arts degree, and Hunter College in Manhattan with a Masters in Art Education. For the next 32 years, Marsha taught art in the New York City public school system. She was a founder of Manhattan East, a highly regarded arts-based magnet school in Manhattan. Upon retirement in 1997, she returned to making art full time.

Her major medium is ceramic with glass, but also works in mixed media and encaustics (painting in wax). She often juxtaposes those non-traditional materials on the clay surfaces to stimulate visual tension and create surprise. Her sculptures have been exhibited in various galleries in The Hamptons on Long Island, and in New York City. Her works are in several collections on Long Island, New York City, Florida and Georgia.

Marsha has homes and studios in New York City and in East Hampton, NY. She still manages to spend several weeks each year in Savannah, where her sister Charlotte Black and family members live, and which she still calls “home.”

**Artwork available for viewing April 1-30, 2009**

**Artist Reception April 5th, 5:00-7:00 pm**

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**MorningStar Arts Finding Oneself Events**

Free Youth Workshops—Open to Ages 12 to 20 by pre-registration only by web [http://www.morningstararts.org/find3.htm](http://www.morningstararts.org/find3.htm) or paper application (call 912-652-3582 and ask to sign up for Finding Oneself Youth Workshops). All Thursdays 3:30 to 5:30 at different locations.

- **April 2 & May 7—With Dottie Klutz, Savannah Entrepreneurial Center (801 East Gwinnett Street)**
- **April 23—A Worldview w/Maia Koiller—JEA—3:30 pm**
- **May 21—Meet, Talk & Dine with Mimi Gan—JEA**
- **Finding Oneself Adult Events—Also FREE and open to the general public:**
- **May 21—Mimi Gan’s With Honors Denied—JEA 7 pm. MStarArt’s tribute to the Savannah Asian Festival.**

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**A Movie & Beer!**

Adults 21 and Over—Join us at the JEA for a movie & a beer! Apr. 23rd—Ha-Kayitz Shel Aviya (The Summer of Aviya) - Meet Aviya and her troubled and unstable mother, a Holocaust survivor. Both carry the scars of the mother’s experiences during the Holocaust. Their relationship and Aviya’s coming-of-age over the course of one particular summer, make for an intense and moving drama. This film touches on the issues experienced by the next generation after the Holocaust.

*This film is an adjunct to the Holocaust program being presented on April 21st.*

**All movies shown at 7:00 pm**

- **FREE Beer, wine, beverages and popcorn**
- **FREE to Members with ID**
- **Movie & Beer Night at the JEA sponsored by Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein.**

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**JEA & Friends Golf Outing**

**June 1, 2009**

**Crosswinds Golf Club**

For more info, contact Kim, 355-8111
K’toni & Yeladim camp hours: 9-3:30/ Chaverim camp hours: 9-5. To best fit the schedules of working parents we also have a rise-n-shine program (8-9) and a stay-n-play program (end of camp-6 pm).

Daily Activities:

- ART - Encouraging children to enhance their creative mind in an environment rich with resources and full of encouragement and support.
- SPORTS - Helping children develop their motor skills while learning fundamentals and advanced techniques in a team work building atmosphere.
- CULTURAL ENRICHMENT - Giving children an opportunity to learn about other cultures and religions and what makes each special.
- FREE SWIM - Encouraging kids to be kids.
- SWIMMING LESSONS - Promoting water safety and teaching a lifelong skill.
- WEEKLY THEME - A way for children to experience various activities and discover their own hidden talents.

Week # 1

June 15-19

Follows camp invention schedule

Week # 2–June 22-26

Tennis/Pottery

Field Trip: 5 Star Family Fun - Chaverim only (Wed.)

Week # 3–June 29-July 3

A.A.S.U. basketball OR Cooking

JEA camp in the morning, break at 1 for specialty camp

Week # 4–July 6-10

Water Week

Field Trip: Tybee Island - Chaverim only Wed.)

Week # 5–July 13-17

Coach Wayne Gymnastics/Soccer

Sleepover on Thursday Night Chaverim only

Week # 6–July 20-24

Eco-Friendly Week

Field Trip: Skidaway Island/Marine Center - Chaverim camp (Wednesday)

Week # 7–July 27-31

Maxine Patterson Dance/Floor Hockey

Sleepover on Thursday Night Chaverim only

Week # 8–Aug. 3-7

Maccabiah Games (Color War)

All themes are designed for campers of all ages and abilities.

Weekly Activities:

TRAVEL: For those going into Kindergarten. Too old for K’toni but too young for Chaverim, this division is for campers in kindergarten. Programming includes: age-appropriate swim instruction, Shabbat celebrations, sports, cultural enrichment, theme-related activities, cooking, art, singing, free swim and more. Campers will have a fun-filled summer that they won’t want to miss.

K’toni:

Chaverim 1 (1st & 2nd grades)/ Chaverim 2 (3rd & 4th)/ Chaverim 3 (5th & 6th). Ready for some fun?? Campers will have a fabulous summer with field trips, music, art, sports, cultural enrichment, free swim, swimming instruction, overnights and so much more. Each week Chaverim campers will participate in fabulous skill builders just for them.

Chaverim:

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Harvey Rubin Memorial Award 2009

Applications due by April 20th

Do you know a high school teen who has exceptional athletic ability AND leadership in the community? Nominate him or her for the Harvey Rubin Memorial Award! Applications are available at the JEA front desk or contact Dawn Tanis, 355-8111 or dawn@savj.org.

Donate to your Fitness Center

Help us fill our long wish list! Your donations will be used to help purchase new equipment, new pool supplies for our fitness, aquatics and youth programs. Your donations are tax deductible and will be enjoyed by many! Call Dawn Tanis for further information. 355-8111.

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Improve Your Memory with Exercise!

No matter what your age, it's not too late to take steps to prevent memory loss. Good health habits can reduce the risk of illnesses that might affect your memory as well as the likelihood that you'll need medications that could have adverse side effects. Preliminary studies have identified vitamins and at least one medication that may help ward off dementia.

Research shows that the exercise may help preserve your memory:

Physical fitness and mental fitness go together. People who engage in regular vigorous exercise also tend to stay mentally sharp into their 70s and 80s. A six-year study of 1740 adults ages 65 and older, reported in the Annals of Internal Medicine in 2006, found that people who exercised more than three times a week had a lower risk of dementia than their sedentary counterparts.

Exercise may help memory in several ways. First of all, it's good for the lungs, and people who have good lung function are sending a higher volume of oxygen through their blood vessels and into their brains. Second, exercise helps reduce the risk for diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and stroke — diseases that can lead to memory loss. There is also some evidence that exercise leads to increased connections between brain cells and enhances neurotransmitter function. In one small study, 59 healthy individuals ages 60 to 79 took part in either aerobic training or stretching and toning sessions for six months. The group that received regular aerobic training had significant increases in brain volume in both gray and white matter. There were no changes in brain volume in the stretching and toning group. Finally, animal research has shown that exercise increases the level of neurotrophins, substances that nourish brain cells and help protect them against damage from stroke and other injuries.

Researchers don't know precisely how much exercise is needed for good brain health. The available research suggests that the exercise needn't be extreme, but should be moderately vigorous and regular. The people in the MacArthur aging study whose mental functions remained strong were active almost daily. A study from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine concluded that individuals who exercised — by walking or by engaging in physically active hobbies, such as gardening — had a lower risk for Alzheimer's disease. The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the NIH recommends at least 30 minutes of moderately vigorous exercise most days of the week.

Experts recommend that you build physical activity into your daily routine and the JEA is the perfect place to begin! Here are some examples:

- When possible, walk instead of driving.
- Set aside time each day for exercise — for example, a brisk half-hour walk around the neighborhood.
- Use the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Exercise at home, possibly with an exercise video.
- Plant a garden.
- Take an exercise class or join a health club.
- Swim regularly, if you have access to a pool or beach.
- Learn a sport that requires modest physical exertion, such as tennis.

If you haven't been physically active recently, check with your doctor before starting any exercise program.

In upcoming months, we'll cover more ways you can improve your memory!

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April 2009

**Sunday**

Aquasize-10 am
Gentle Yoga-10:30 am
Sr. Fitness-10:30 am
Senior Lunch-12:30 pm
Water Aerobics-6:30 pm

**Monday**

Aquasize-10 am
Gentle Yoga-10:30 am
Water Aerobics-6:30 pm
Hebrew-6:30 pm

**Tuesday**

Kibitzers Kafe-10 am
Aquasize-10 am
Sr. Fitness-10:30 am
Water Aerobics-6:30 pm

**Wednesday**

Sr. Fitness-10:30 am
Gentle Yoga-10:35 am
Senior Lunch-12:30 pm
Bridge-1 pm
Water Aerobics-6:30 pm
Scrabble-6:30 pm

**Thursday**

Aquasize-10 am
Mah Jong-10:30 am
Senior Fitness-10:30 am
Senior Lunch-12:30 pm
Senior Program-1:30 pm
Evening Water Aerobics-6:30 pm

**Friday**

Aquasize-10 am
Passover JEA Closed

**Saturday**

JEA Closed
A Way of Saying Thank You:
The Carol and Joel Greenberg Health Resource Fund

Carol and Joel Greenberg have established a new fund under the auspices of the Savannah Jewish Federation Community Foundation. The Carol and Joel Greenberg Health Resource Fund was created in order to provide financial resources for the development and implementation of various programs to raise awareness of screening programs and preventative measures for a host of illness, particularly (but not limited to) those affecting the Jewish community and to assist in providing funds for individuals whose physicians recommend such testing but who may not have the resources to pay for them.

“We have discussed establishing a fund serving community needs for some time,” said Joel when asked why this particular fund was created. “Events in our own lives recently have made Carol and me aware of the lack of knowledge about health screening tests and the need for both the patients and their caregivers to be educated about their importance. We also recognize that expense can be a major disincentive to taking advantage of health screening technologies that are currently available.”

There already have been three programs of a free educational series, “Cancer Answers” at the JEA this year, featuring speakers discussing screening for breast and ovarian cancer, issues of advocacy and insurance and nutritional well-being. On March 29 there will be a health fair regarding BRCA gene testing with free health screenings and information preceded by a free luncheon focusing on cervical cancer screening and current effective immunizations available for teen-aged girls and young women. “These events sponsored by MorningStar Cultural Arts Group’s Teal Ribbon Project and Jewish Family Services in cooperation with the Savannah Jewish Federation and the JEA, are the kind of programming we hope to encourage and support with this fund,” said Carol. “We have had a remarkably good turn out for these events. There seems a real need to disseminate this kind of information.”

Carol continued, “Being ill does not provide one with answers, but forces one to learn quickly about cures and prevention. With knowledge of available resources being offered earlier maybe we can keep this community healthier. This experience has led Joel and me to believe that a fund that could continue to provide these types of programs would be an asset to our community.”

Joel explained the special focus in the Jewish community by noting that Jews, especially those of Ashkenazi descent, are overrepresented among patients with many illnesses having a genetic predisposition. “This is both a Jewish and a general medical problem,” says Joel. “We all know we should get screening for Tay-Sachs disease, but how many of us know that a maternal history of breast cancer might increase a man’s risk of prostate or colon cancer? The more we know, the better we do at being our own advocates and partnering with our doctors in preventing disease.”

Cancer is not the only, or even the primary, focus of the Health Resources Fund. While it is obviously a high profile disease, the Greenbergs are hopeful that the Fund will be used to support a wide variety of programs where early screening and prevention can make a difference. “We feel that there will be a very positive response from both doctors and our local hospitals, as evidenced by their participation in our Teal Ribbon Project educational events so far,” added Carol.

The other component of the Fund’s directive is to assist in providing financial support for medically indicated screening tests. Again, Carol and Joel draw on their own experience in this arena. Joel explains, “Unfortunately, insurers try to avoid paying for screening tests except the most widely used, like Pap Smears and PSAAs. Even mammograms can be a fight in some cases. This has led some doctors to resist the use of these tests and many patients decline them. The irony is that better screening and early detection would ultimately help reduce the extraordinarily high cost of care for serious illness.”

Ultimately, once the fund has enough contributions to provide for such services, these resources would be allocated confidentially through Jewish Family Services.

Contributions to the Carol and Joel Greenberg Health Resource Fund can be made directly to the Savannah Jewish Federation.

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

For more information, please contact
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Coming to Savannah
Anne Frank—
A History for Today Exhibit
A program conducted by the
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State and local elected officials,
including Savannah Mayor Otis Johnson,
invite you to a special reception at the
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Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 5:30–7:30 pm
Admission $18 at the door.

Tax-deductible sponsorship opportunities available (includes signage and recognition at the reception and during the exhibit’s tenure in Savannah.) Call 404-370-3013 for more info.

Pat Conroy, best-selling author of
The Great Santini, Prince of Tides
and Beach Music
will be the special guest speaker.

This exhibit, featuring Anne’s story, reminds us that racism and discrimination did not end with World War II. It challenges us to think about the significance of human rights and mutual respect. Savannah will also host the exhibit, “Witness to the Holocaust: William A. Scott at Buchenwald.” Mr. Scott, a Georgia native, was a member of a segregated unit of the US Army during World War II and a photojournalist when he witnessed the liberation of the Buchenwald concentration camp.
Discovering My Birthright

By Tarryn Sandler

Upon landing at the Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv, the overwhelming feeling of spirituality and the feeling of well, just belonging took over me. “This is home,” I reflected. It was surreal – I had heard about this almost “mystical” place for so long, and I was always told about my family and friends that live in this seemingly unreal place. It was difficult to comprehend that I was finally here, finally home.

As Jews, Israel is a part of our identity, and I feel that you can only fully grasp this notion once you actually go “home.” My organized trip through Taglit, or Birthright, is called Mayanot, a program affiliated with Chabad. Therefore, I was gifted with a heightened spiritual experience. It didn’t take long for the 35 other young Jewish adults and I to realize why this trip is termed “Birthright.”

Because we are Jewish, Israel is our birthright.

I just couldn’t help but be astonished that this amazing trip cost us next to nothing. A free trip to my homeland? It was unbelievable and led us to discover the ruins of the Old City of Jerusalem, and got to know eight incredible Israeli soldiers. All of this and more really made my ten days in Israel a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience. I hesitantly left this spectacular state with only one thought in mind, “I have to come back as soon as possible.” Mayanot’s slogan is “The Journey Has Just Begun.” Only now do I truly comprehend this phrase.

Tarryn Sandler is currently a sophomore at the College of Charleston, where she is majoring in Psychology. She is the daughter of Helce and Dan Sandler.

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Do the Two-Step Toward your Philanthropic Goals

Did you know that your can arrange a gift to the Savannah Jewish Community Foundation now, but defer completion of the gift until later? For example, if you include the Foundation in your will, you make a “two-step” or deferred gift.

The first step occurs when you create your will. Here, you name the Foundation to receive a future bequest from your estate. It could be a percentage of your estate or a set amount. The second step takes place when your will “matures” and the Foundation receives the bequest.

Another two-step gift occurs when you name the Foundation as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy or when you designate the Foundation to receive what is left in your retirement fund.

The two-step gifts have one important thing in common: They can be cancelled or revoked, prior to completion. For example, a person can always write a new will or change the beneficiary designation on a policy or brokerage account. Because these deferred gifts can be reversed, they are called “reversible” gifts.

Since these gifts are “incomplete,” they appeal to those who may not want to lock up a major gift at this time. They provide donors with the satisfaction that a gift plan is in place, while adding the assurance that the asset can be retrieved should an emergency occur. The trade off for this flexibility is that revocable gifts do not qualify for an income tax charitable deduction.

Volunteering

Traveling to Israel this Summer?

The Savannah Jewish Federation has grants available for teenagers participating in approved peer travel & extended education experiences.

Applications & criteria are available at the front desk of the JEA or for downloading at www.savj.org

Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2009

On the Personal Side

Faye Kirschner placed second in her age group in the 1st Annual Critz Tybee Five mile race.
Hadassah Spring Conference Comes to Savannah May 1-3

The Hadassah Southeast Region’s Spring Conference will be held in Savannah from May 1-3 at the Hilton Garden Inn Savannah Midtown located at 5711 Abercorn Street. Discussions related to the Hadassah projects, as well as the latest financial updates will take place. Our guest speaker for the weekend will be Annette Sondock of Houston, Texas. She serves as the National Hadassah Medical Organization Chair and is a National Vice President. She will be able to tell us about the new Tower and latest medical advances developed at Hadassah Hospitals. Registration fee for the conference is $145.00. Please send your check and registration form to Terry Schuyler, 1669 Southport Dr., Charleston, SC by April 3, 2009. The registration form is available on the region website (see below). We look forward to having a wonderful turn out from the Savannah Chapter! www.southeastern.hadassah.org

Maccabi Team Needs Your Support

Maccabi Team Savannah is sending 3 athletes to the 2009 games in the city by the bay! Yes, that’s right...representing our JEA: Elliot Kooden, Matthew Freedman, and Jared Samuels will travel to San Francisco August 2nd to participate in the 2009 JCCA Maccabi games. Our team will proudly represent the Savannah community in the sport of their choice, will be taking part in several community service projects, and will be interacting with close to 2000 teens from around the world. It will certainly be an experience of a lifetime! Now we need help from all of you. Traveling to the games is an expensive undertaking, and we are asking the JEA community for your help. Team Maccabi will be having several fundraisers between now and August, and we hope that you will support our team. We are selling “sneakers” to help with our “March Madness” efforts. A chance to win cash prizes and assorted other surprises (to be announced later). We hope you will purchase a book of raffle tickets for $25.00 from any of our Maccabi athletes, or from Dawn at the JEA. We thank you in advance for your support!

Summer Service Opportunity for High School Students

Applications are now being accepted for participation in the 39th summer of service with The American Jewish Society for Service, a unique volunteer summer program of community service for Jewish teenagers. The program, which has sent more than 2,500 teenagers to low income communities in 47 states since its first summer in 1951, works with local nonprofit agencies in helping to build or renovate housing and performing other acts of “tikkun olam.”

Groups live together in donated space, and the students develop independence and leadership skills that will serve them in college and beyond. As part of the experience, the students meet with city and state officials and get immersed in the local culture and community. The participants come from across the spectrum of Jewish practice and observance, and from across the country. The program provides opportunities for discussion and learning about Jewish values and topical issues. Each group is supervised by staff with knowledge of experiential learning, teen education and Jewish values.

This summer AJSS will hold projects in Amarillo, Texas, and Kansas City, Kansas and will work with the local Habitat for Humanity affiliates. The Kansas group will keep strictly kosher and be Shabbat observant.

The program runs from June 28 until August 7, 2009 and costs $2,600. “This is a very different summer experience than returning to camp or working,” said Rena Convissor, executive director of AJSS who was a volunteer herself and later served as a counselor. “The experience of living in a new environment with 15 other teens and serving those less fortunate will have a tremendous impact on the participants as they prepare for college and their adult lives.” Information and applications are on the AJSS website at www.ajss.org.

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DRY CLEANERS & LAUNDRY
From The Shalom School

During the last several issues of the Savannah Jewish News, it has been my pleasure to share with you the actual learning experiences of our children in their classrooms at Shalom School. For this issue, I am delighted to present the words of Deganit Ruben, our sixth grade Sunday school teacher. Deganit (Degi) grew up in Savannah, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stein.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Columbia University and a Master of Arts in Writing from Northeastern University, where she taught for two years. This is her second year teaching with Shalom School. Degi is married to Jesse Ruben, a finance manager with NetJets, Inc., and they are the proud parents of Jordan, 4, and Elana, 7 months. Here are her words:

“Students in the sixth grade are using the Union for Reform Judaism’s CHAI curriculum, which, for them, focuses on the concept of ‘revealing,’ and how, when, and in what form God’s teachings and instructions were ‘revealed’ to the Jewish people. The curriculum lends itself to discussion and debate on the topics and the students are encouraged to connect the material to their own lives in ways that are meaningful to them.

In the Torah section of the curriculum, we review Ketuvim or Writings, and analyze the different types of literature within, which include poetry, stories, and words of wisdom. As an example, when we discuss the Book of Proverbs, the students determine whether they agree or disagree with the text, and they apply these words of wisdom to what might be going on in the world or in their own lives, and what they can reveal to themselves by looking at these various proverbs. Specifically, the students were struck by proverbs such as “How much better to get wisdom than gold” (16:16), and enjoyed discussing the advantages and disadvantages of having money and material objects and whether these things make people happy.

The Avodah section of the curriculum focuses on the Torah service and how participation in the Torah service is the student’s way of connecting with God. The way the Jewish people did when they received the Torah. Students read portions of the Torah out loud and in the sanctuary, to further experience the communal nature of the Torah service. To help the students remember the details and vocabulary of the Torah service, we play a “Torah Team Challenge Game,” where the students form teams and see what each team remembers about the service. The students get quite competitive and enjoy testing each other on that knowledge.

Finally, students learn about the Hafarah and what it contains, as well as the blessings before and after both the Hafarah and the Torah.

The third and final section, G'milut Chasodim, teaches the students about performing “acts of loving-kindness,” as both a way of fulfilling our covenant with God, and as a way of feeling connected to God. We discuss numerous world issues, their connection to Jewish texts, and what can be done to help alleviate these problems. For example, when we talked about World Health Issues, we looked at specific statements from texts such as the Jerusalem Talmud and Gates of Prayer that make clear how Judaism views the role of the doctor and the ability to heal. The students brought in numerous examples of their own connection to health, illness, and healing.

Aside from CHAI, the sixth grade curriculum also comprises trends in modern Jewish history, beginning with the Great Migration out of Europe in the 1880’s to the present. Specific topics include (among others) Zionism, World War I, the Holocaust, the birth of Israel, and American Jewry past and present. The students relate best to these topics when they are personalized so we often talk about how they would feel if they were living at this particular time and who some of these key characters were (Alfred Dreyfus, Theodore Herzl, and Anne Frank). Another way we addressed these topics was to communicate our personal family histories; the children shared what they knew of their ancestors’ backgrounds and their countries of origin.

Revelation and Torah literature, connecting with God via the Torah service, acts of loving-kindness, and the recent history of our people—these are the pathways through which our sixth graders are learning and growing Jewishly this year.”

Until next time, B’shalom,
Jules Kernex, Principal
There is Such a Thing as a Free Lunch on March 29th

Sunday, March 29th from 1 to 4 will be a very special event at the JEA: a free health fair with representatives of the Anderson Cancer Institute, the JC Lewis Research Center, Hadassah and The American Cancer Society. There will be free testing and information booths on the early detection and prevention of cancer in men and women. More importantly, youth ages 12 to 25, are encouraged to come to a free lunch at 12:15 for a special discussion by Venus Jolly Nabor’s, M.D. about prevention of cervical cancer and early detection of disease in young people. Though not a topic one normally associates with youth, Carol Greenberg, the designer of these programs relates, “one of the hardest things to deal with during my chemotherapy treatments for ovarian cancer has been the number of young women getting treatment for what many believe is a dangerous, but a 99% avoidable cancer. Educating young people about prevention and detection should be our first priority as adults.”

The luncheon is free to the first fifty people who sign up, but others may attend to hear the information without reserving a lunch. Pre-register by calling the JEA at (912) 355-8111 as the first fifty people who sign up, but others may attend to hear the information without reserving a lunch. Pre-register by calling the JEA at (912) 355-8111 as the first fifty people who sign up, but others may attend to hear the information without reserving a lunch. Pre-register by calling the JEA at (912) 355-8111 as the first fifty people who sign up, but others may attend to hear the information without reserving a lunch. Pre-register by calling the JEA at (912) 355-8111 as the first fifty people who sign up, but others may attend to hear the information without reserving a lunch. Pre-register by calling the JEA at (912) 355-8111 for this special luncheon, or to donate to the project, please contact Carol Greenberg at 912-927-9922 or through the www.MorningStarArts.org website.

Jewish Family Services’ Chametz Drive

The Seder begins with the call “Let all who are hungry come and eat.” This year, as your family reads your household for Pesach please consider donating any unopened chametz products to Jewish Family Services. Beginning April 1st, Food Barrels will be available at the JEA for you to drop off your food products. Another idea might be, instead of giving money or a present to those who find the afikoman, let them choose a charity to which they will donate the money or gift, or have them keep half and donate the rest to charity. Or possibly consider a chai donation of $18 or more for the mitzvah of feeding the hungry in this Pesach season (i.e. through Jewish Family Services).

And while you are thinking about tzidakah, we will also accept toiletry items including: soaps, shampoo, tissues, gum, lotions, tooth brushes, toothpaste and other related items that can be used at local homeless shelters and food kitchens.

Thanks from Jewish Family Services and I hope everyone has a happy and kosher Passover!

2009 College Scholarship Applications Available

Applications for the Henry W. Center* and Jacob & Ida Ulman Scholarships are available at the front desk of the JEA or for downloading at www.savj.org

Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2009.

*Available only to JEA members in good standing.

JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SAVANNAH

JFS Happenings

Jewish Family Services Senior Adult Kosher Lunch

WHAT A MEAL-DEAL! Senior Adults aged 55 or better can join us for a nutritious lunch at the JEA each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for a mere $5 (only $8 if you haven’t quite reached that golden age yet). The informative and entertaining program after Thursdays’ lunch is on us. Free!

Every Thursday JFS offers culture, education and entertainment for lunch participants. Through this two-hour span of time -every Thursday afternoon- diners have made friends, discovered new interests, and created socialization opportunities that highlight a lifetime of indispensable community connections.

Oh yeah. They learn stuff too! (It is not true that our motto is “Learn stuff while you get stuffed!”)

And … the last Thursday of each month come celebrate your birthday with us.

So, Please call us a couple days before you plan to dine with us so we know you are coming (355-8111). Remember, you are never too old or you are never too young. You are just the right age to join us for lunch!

- JFS serves kosher lunches three times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Fun and informative programs are held after lunch on Thursdays.
- The cost of the meal is $5.00 to senior adults.

For more information or to make a donation to the Senior Adult Lunch Program, call 355-8111.

Interest-Free Loans Available To Savannah Students

ATLANTA – Interest-free loans for post-secondary education (college, graduate school, vocational and professional courses) will be available to Jewish students in the Savannah area for the 2009-2010 school year from the Jewish Educational Loan Fund. The loans can also be used by those already in the workforce who need further education to update or bridge the gap between the expenses of attending school. Applicants who find the cost of attending school a barrier should consider a low interest rate loan. JELF provides “last-dollar” financing. JELF provides the final dollars that bridge the gap between a student’s total financial resources and the cost of attending school. Applicants must attend a recognized, accredited institution and be studying to receive an institutional degree or certificate.

Applications for the interest-free loans, which are due April 15, 2009, can also be completed online on JELF’s website at www.jelf.org.

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