**SJF/JEA Sponsor World-Renowned Children’s Art Exhibit**

“Children of Jerusalem: Painting Pain, Dreaming Peace,” an art exhibit sponsored by the Savannah Jewish Federation, the Jewish Educational Alliance, Live Oak Public Libraries and Savannah State University, opened on January 7th at the Bull Street Public Library in Savannah. The exhibit, on display until February 22nd, consists of 61 moving paintings created by Israeli and Palestinian children as part of a joint project organized by the Institute for the Study of Religions and Communities in Israel and the East Jerusalem Department of Social Activies. The project was designed to use art as a way to open communication between the children. Betty and Norton Melaver also provided generous funding for the exhibit.

The opening of the exhibit marked the official beginning of Savannah’s celebration of the 60th anniversary year of Israel’s independence. The paintings from the three-year project are displayed chronologically. Initially, the Israeli and Palestinian children painted separately, but later were brought together to work on some pieces jointly. The exhibit shows the progression of their feelings from fear of war and terror to hopes for peaceful coexistence.

On Sunday, January 13th, the boards of directors of the SJF, JEA and Libraries were invited to an opening reception for the exhibit. Oren Rozenblat, Deputy Consul General from Israel for the Southeast, and Congressman Jack Kingston (R-GA, 1st Congressional District) gave warm, welcoming remarks to the attendees. Rozenblat read a beautiful poem that expressed the same hope seen in much of the children’s art and Kingston spoke of his own hopes for successful peace negotiations.

Rabbi Arnold Belzer delivered greetings from Congressman John Barrow (D-GA, 12th District) who was not able to attend.

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**AM Goldkrand Visits Ukraine To Fulfill Husband’s Promise of Equipment for Maternity Clinic**

AM Goldkrand recently returned to Savannah following a medical mission to Odessa in the Ukraine. Away from Savannah November 6-18, she also had the opportunity to visit Riga, Latvia, where she was an observer for Jewish Healthcare International. Her visits to both places provided an opportunity for her to see where and how money donated to the annual Savannah Jewish Federation campaign is used overseas. “Without us giving the money to the people, which puts food on their tables and even provides medicines, the people would really be in terrible positions,” AM said.

AM’s husband, the late Dr. John Goldkrand, had participated in medical missions sponsored by Jewish Healthcare International (JHI), which is part of the American Joint Distribution Committee, a beneficiary agency of the Federation’s annual fundraising effort. After John retired from Memorial University Medical Center, where he specialized in high risk obstetrics, he became interested in JHI and was named head of its Odessa Mission. On a medical mission to Odessa, he promised the maternity clinic there an ultrasound machine because they did not have one.

Unfortunately, John died in 2005 before he could complete his promise of delivery of the ultrasound equipment. In his memory, AM established the John Goldkrand Jewish Healthcare Fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah to raise the money necessary to buy the machine and fulfill his pledge to the people of Odessa.

As it turns out, AM was happy and pleased to use the opportunity of her million dollar mark. General Campaign Chair Michael Kooeden expressed his appreciation to the community for their support of this year’s campaign and added that with everyone’s help he believes we can achieve our goal.

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**Breaking News**

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Greetings From Eyal

By Eyal Blank
Savannah Jewish Community Shaliach

In the exhibit, “Children of Jerusalem” that is showing now at the Bull Street Library, there is one picture that talks to me more than any other picture. “The Old City in Mourning” shows the sadness that has been a permanent resident in the streets of Jerusalem since the second Intifada began. This picture takes me back to the winter of 2003. I was a student at Hebrew University then. The streets of Jerusalem were full of fear and Old City was empty.

We used to go the city by taxicabs because the buses were too scary. However, if for some reason one had to use public transportation, a certain procedure was created — where to sit, what to do if you became concerned, etc. It’s almost funny to think about it now, but at that time it was very serious.

One relatively warm weekend during this cold winter one of my friends and me went to visit the Old City. It seemed crazy to us that we were living on Mount Scopus, looking down on the Temple Mount every morning on our way to class and still, since we arrived in Jerusalem, we hadn’t been to visit the Old City. The city was beautiful, the few stalls that were actually open tried to sell us everything they had, and almost for free, but the city was empty. I am sure that the Old City was mourning.

That mourning reminds me of a story about Rabbi Akiva. Rabbi Akiva was one of the greatest Talmud scholars. After the second Temple was demolished he walked with some of his fellow Rabbis on the site where the Temple had stood and they saw a fox walking on the place where the room that held the Ten Commandments, the Holy of Holies (Kodesh Kadashim) had been. Rabbi Akiva’s friends began crying but he started smiling. His friends asked him: “How you can laugh while foxes are walking on the Holy of Holies?” and he answered that despite this terrible destruction, it was proof of the prophecy that the Jewish people would rebuild the land of Israel in the future.

Only a few months ahead of the celebration of Israel’s 60 years of independence, the cold winter in Jerusalem is much happier than five years ago, and some would say that the mourning is almost over. If you try to book hotel rooms in Jerusalem or Tel-Aviv it will appear that you pay more than ever, and the streets of the Old City are packed like never before. It never is easy to maintain hope during hard times, however seeing those pictures from the unpleasant past, and knowing the reality of life today, makes us understand that the chance for a better life and a true hope for a great future are in our hands and we need to work for Israel’s glorious future.

On The Personal Side...

MISCELLANY. Erica Gal, daughter of Dr. Richard and Merry Bodziner and daughter-in-law of Moises and Sharon Paz, has accepted the position of Program Director for the Lisa F. Brill Institute of Jewish Learning at the Marcus Jewish Community Center in Atlanta. Primary among her responsibilities is to be the Director of the Melton Mini-School, and to oversee other Brill programs such as Derech Torah and Continuing Education. “Many of you are already familiar with Erica’s smiling face and incredibly efficient work style, since she has been the administrative and organizational anchor here since joining us a few months ago. In addition to work with the Brill Institute, Erica worked hard on the Jewish Book Festival last month, and was instrumental to the success of this huge event. We know that Erica will bring her commitment to Jewish learning and living as well as her concrete skills and enthusiasm to help our program maintain its excellent standards and even to grow further to meet the needs of our community”, according to Dr. Edna Miller, Director of the Brill Institute.

Former Savannahian Jackie Glass, a District Court judge in Clark County (Las Vegas), Nevada, had the distinct honor of presiding over O.J. Simpson’s most recent brush with the legal system. Jackie firmly laid down the law with the infamous former football star and doubled his bail before allowing him to be released from his latest incarceration. Jackie was elected to the bench in 2002 and has been a leader in the nationwide effort to improve how the courts deal with mental illness. She is married to Las Vegas city councilman, attorney and former prosecutor Steve Wolfson. They have two daughters.

SPORTS. Faye Kirschner won first place in her age group in the Savannah Sand Gnats 5K (3.1 miles) Home Run Trot. She placed third in the Sunrise Rotary SPORTS. They have two daughters.

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ATTENTION:
ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE SENIORS

We’d like the whole community to celebrate your graduation from high school and/or college.

As a special feature in the June issue of the Savannah Jewish News, we will be publishing pictures and bios of all graduating Jewish high school seniors and college seniors.

Please secure one of our forms at the JEA, complete it and bring it back to the JEA along with your picture (please write your name on the back of your picture) before or by May 1, 2008.

You can bring it in yourself to the JEA (or have your parents drop it off) or mail it to us at Savannah Jewish News 5111 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31405

If you have any questions, Midge Schildkraut at 355-1839 (home) or mschildk@bellsouth.net.

Forms are available at the front desk of the JEA.

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From the Executive Director

This past week we celebrated the festival of Tu B'Shevat which also is known as the new year for the trees. Most of my life, Tu B'Shevat has been a holiday that seemed a bit out of time.

For years our boys went to Hebrew school and at Tu B'Shevat they would learn about nature, environmentalism, and planting trees in the midst of the two feet of snow.

Traditionally, the Jewish community marked the holiday of Tu B'Shevat by collecting money for trees in Israel and eating a new fruit. More recently many of us use this date as an opportunity to encourage environmental responsibility and our relationship with the land.

In the 20th century, the world became incredibly efficient in using the resources around us. We are more efficient with our labor and extract more food from less land. Environmental economists often refer to the “Three Rs” for the future.

We must reinvest, regenerate, and renew.

We simply can not use up what is around us and not put back for future generations. Our irresponsible use of natural resources is quickly degrading the quality of our environment and lives.

A healthy sustainable society must be productive to meet the needs of today. We must strike a balance between meeting the needs of today while working to regenerate and renew for our future. No, we are not too cheap to turn on the lights, nor did we forget—we are trying to turn off every light not necessary.

All bulbs being used throughout the building are now “long life, energy saving bulbs.” We are working to be sure all refrigeration is working most efficiently by defrosting and cleaning coils.

Our office staff now recycles all paper. In fact, there is a dumpster in the rear of the JEA for paper. By recycling, we have lessened the flow to the dump and are now receiving a small fee from the waste company who picks up the paper.

We each can do our part to remember the “three Rs”—reinvest, regenerate, and renew, for our world, our children’s world, and for generations to come.

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Gerstman and Co.; Einstein, Eckman and Co.; W.E. Alexander and Co.; A. and L. Freidenberg; Guckenheimer and Selig; Gomm and Leffler; and M. Feirstein and Co. just to name a few.

Excerpted from: Jews and Georgians: A Meeting of Cultures, 1733-1983. Program from an exhibit sponsored by the Atlanta Jewish Federation at the Schatten Gallery, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

REMINDER: ARCHIVES TO PUBLISH NEW BOOK

We are in the final stages of selecting photographs from our collections for a new book. The format will be much like our first book The Jewish Community of Savannah (published by Arcadia Publishing in 2002). The first book focused on the early Savannah community with images dating from 1893 to the 1950s. We anticipate the new book will cover the community during the 1950s to 2000.

If you would like us to consider publishing any of your family, business, or club photographs please do notate them to the archives as soon as possible. Contact the Archivist for further information at 651-2125 ext. 34, or lstoudt@georgiahistory.com.

For more information on the archives, please visit the Savannah Jewish Archives website at www.savj.org.
My Masada Tikva
By Jordan Cranman

Editor's Note: Jordan is the son of Karen and Paul Cranman and is a senior at Savannah Country Day. He traveled to Israel last summer on BBYO's Passport 2 Israel program with a grant provided by the Savannah Jewish Federation. Ross Koonen and Jules Shklof also went to Israel last summer with assistance provided by the SJF's Gift of Israel program. Their reports on their experiences appeared in the October 2007 issue of SJN.

Stepping off the bus, I was immediately engulled into the dark, burning desert heat. Every breath I took made me feel as though I was trapped inside of my nose signed and dust felt like ash in the back of my throat. It was going to be a journey, yet it was one that I had heard about from my family for most of my life. Now it was my turn to experience this moment. Although I was surrounded by forty of my closest friends, I was going to make this journey alone. Ten minutes of walking led us to the ancient steps that ascend to the fortress; they were much steeper than I had imagined. I took one look up through the early morning light and saw the top of the mountain soaring over all that surrounded it. Gazing upon the distant stone walls that once held in fellow Jews until their slaughter, my Masada journey was just beginning.

The first steps toward the top were undoubtedly the hardest. It is a test to see if you are willing to follow through in this journey. Every forward movement I made twisted and turned my leg muscles until they felt like they would pierce my skin. I yearned to turn back and see my peers, but I knew that this was one hike that I must make alone. The trail was long and harsh: filled with loose rocks and steep ledges. I sped past the youth groups from Argentina and eighteen year old IDF soldier from the mountains of Jordan, and I was eager to test my strength. I was going with them. In the same way I had twisted my leg from getting stuck in the indention in the rock just big enough to sit on. I, too, found a comfortable place. I answered this puzzle here today. As I sat inside my alcove gazing upon this sight, and I began to speak. When the sun came up I thought I would hear a soft, cracking voice, but instead it seemed as if my voice had a stronger tone than ever. Just as I was about to chant one of my prayers that would have been appropriate for this moment, I stopped myself. Instead, I simply said, “I miss you, man.”

Hike like I had overstayed my welcome in the alcove and decided that I had better press on with my journey. I was near the top of the mountain now and the walls of the fortress were more visible than ever. The final leg of the climb was extremely stressful on my mind and body. It was a combination of “I cannot do it” and “I can do it.” Finally I felt a great clank under my feet.

I had reached the top. The metal walkway was suspended from the top and led me the rest of the way. With only a few steps standing in my way, I was finally at the top of Mount Masada. Walking up through the stone archway, I found it hard to believe my eyes. It was a magnificent place, much bigger than I had initially thought it would be. Hundreds of people filled the center of the fortress and some perched themselves on the outer walls. Making my way over to those from my group who had started before me, I took my place among them. I, too, found a comfortable spot on the wall and heaved myself up onto it. Even from this height the Dead Sea was still quite visible. The sun had not yet made its way over the mountains of Jordan, and I was eager to experience the sunrise that I had been told about for years.

It’s somethin’ you’ll rememba fa lifetime, my grandmother had told me with the topic of Masada had come up before I left home. It was now my turn to come back with my own story.

Sitting on the ledge of the wall, I began to feel the warmth of the sun brush against my face; however, it was not displeasing. The sun seemed to slow my pulse and calm my body. I was totally relaxed for what I was I was about to see. Just as I felt like I was going to dose off, a great beam of light shot out from over the distant mountains. My eyesight had been blurred from the wave that shot across the valley. As my vision came back into perspective, every single mountain peak looked as if it had burst into flames. The horizon was on fire. Beautiful colors of orange, yellow, and red filled the sky and flowed into the valley of the Dead Sea. Within seconds the entire valley came alive. The salt flats below me turned a bright, blinding white and the Dead Sea gleamed red. Then, it was as if everything fell into place. The colors seemed to lade as the sun took its place in the sky. The landscape seemed to gently glow like embers.

By that time all forty of us had taken our places on the wall. All of us stared out at the land with the same expression on our faces. It was truly like nothing we had ever seen. We sat in silence waiting for someone to speak. Maybe it would be one of our staff members or maybe our Israeli tour guide. Minutes seemed like hours in the dead silence; no one spoke. Finally, a voice broke the silence.

“For most of my life I have been searching for something” My lips closed gently. It was I who had spoken out. I was not sure why I had chosen those words, but I knew exactly where I was going with them. In the same strong tone that I had found on my way up the mountain, I began to say...

“I’m not sure really what that something is, but I do know why I am searching. Many of you have seen me picking up stones whenever we go to great places like the Western Wall, the Sea of Galilee, or Masada. Many of you ask me why I do this, and I give a half answer like, ‘Oh, they are for a relative,’ or ‘they are to take back home.’ The truth is that they are actually for someone’s headstone. My brother, Matthew, died

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He still lives on in eternity. I know this because I can feel him. I felt him beside me on the way up this mountain, and I felt him sitting beside me while I speak right now. This place is a line between what we hold physically on this earth and what we look towards in eternal life. My brother is dead, yes, that is true, but only in body. Physically, he is not sitting next to me on this wall, but in spirit he is right beside me where he has always been. It has just taken me until now to realize that today we started up this mountain with forty-four people in our group. Sitting here now, there are at least forty-five.”

My mouth was dry. I did not know what provoked my impromptu speech, but I think that my words had been conveyed to everyone sitting around me. There were a few soldiers that had stopped to listen as well. Strangely, no one’s eyes had been focused on me. There were a few soldiers that had been peering over the wall into the valley for the duration of my talk. At first I thought it was just my point had gotten across to them quickly wiped tears away. I felt that zled down their cheeks, while others could summon; however, I did not feel like leaving. For most of my life I had been searching for a reason as to why my brother had died. I did not find my answer at the top of Masada; however, I realized that it is not my place to ask that unanswerable question. I could do something much more valuable. I did not need to ask those questions because Matthew had been right beside me all along. My brother’s presence was stronger on that wall than at any other time I can remember in my life. I know that even to this day my brother sits beside me. Someday, maybe we will return to Masada together and watch the sun rise just one more time.

Goldkrand UK Visit

Odessa citizens surprised AM by naming the medical clinic for her husband. It was a distinct honor, she said. AM says that by no means was this happening for a reason as to why my brother had died. I did not find my answer at the top of Masada; however, I realized that it is not my place to ask that unanswerable question. I could spend three lifetimes searching for that and still find nothing. Masada showed me something much more valuable. I did not need to ask those questions because Matthew had been right beside me all along. My brother’s presence was stronger on that wall than at any other time I can remember in my life. I know that even to this day my brother sits beside me. Someday, maybe we will return to Masada together and watch the sun rise just one more time.

Children’s Art Exhibit

“To Freedom” from the exhibit because he was in Iraq.

Eyal Blank, Savannah’s community shaliach from Israel, was instrumental in bringing the exhibit here. Eyal had learned about the exhibit and was intrigued by its hopefulness, so while home in Israel this past fall, Eyal made the connections to bring this project to Savannah, which previously had been displayed only in major cities such as Jerusalem, London, Geneva and San Francisco.

What: Children of Jerusalem: Painting Pain, Dreaming Peace
When: Through Feb. 22
Where: Bull Street Public Library, 2002 Bull St.
Hours: 9am - 9pm Monday through Thursday; 9am - 6pm Friday and Saturday; 2pm Sunday
Cost: Free
Nicholas Learns About Israel on birthright Tour

Below is a report from Nicholas Seward about his trip to Israel.

I’ll never forget my New Year’s trip to Israel. We spent four hours on December 27th going through customs and eating our last cheeseburger before getting on the plane for an eleven hour flight to Israel. The flight seemed much shorter than eleven hours although we stopped once in Shannon, Ireland to refuel. We landed in Tel Aviv on the 27th of December.

Wow, I can’t even begin to tell you how much I literally felt at home from the moment my foot touched the ground in Israel. It was like I belonged there and I had lived there my whole life sort of feeling. It was really amazing!

The weather in that country became confusing very quickly as we traveled in Israel. One moment it was really hot, the next it was cold with gusty winds, and then it was 98 degrees and dry with a heat index of 110 degrees. W didn’t go anywhere without water. The first thing that I brought while in Israel was a jar of honey-flavored Skippy peanut butter, a strawberry mango-flavored Fanta and a bar of Israeli chocolate with pop rocks in it. The combination was wonderful, believe it or not.

On the plane for an eleven hour flight to Tel Aviv, we spent the night we stayed in Bedouin Tents. Right next to our third kibbutz where we ate a nice dinner.

On day six we all were up at 4:30am, had coffee and biscuits quickly and were on our bus and ready to go. We were headed for the Masada, an historical mountain where King Harold built one of his castles. A gentle path led to the top where we ate a nice dinner.

On the first day we went to kibbutz Dugania which was the first kibbutz ever established, located not far from Tiberias. It was Friday so we hurried in and out as quickly as possible before it was time to pray. We entered Jerusalem is indescribable. I felt so connected to the land of Israel. Israelis have won the distinction of Nobel Laureate.

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On a Birthright Tour; Nicholas is the grandson of Fran Wilson

On the more than 180 people who were on birthright tours from around the world in sitting in small isolated circles to being together in one gigantic group for a really big New Year’s celebration. The next day we went hiking and camel riding through the desert! Later we went to a really nice art gallery out in the middle of nowhere, where we learned a group meditative dance.

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On New Sunday December 28th we woke up early for Shaina’s Shabbat Yoga which was followed by a fun-filled relaxing day, ending with a group Havdallah service.

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Connect with Local Hadassah

The Savannah chapter of Hadassah is in the midst of its annual membership drive. Hadassah is the largest women's organization in the United States, with more than 300,000 members. Savannah's is one of 1,200 Hadassah chapters in the United States.

Since it was founded in 1912, Hadassah has been committed to making a difference. Hadassah offers members countless opportunities to change their lives—and change the world.

Its membership consists of a strong and effective force that can, in the words of founder Henrietta Szold, “dream great dreams and then take the practical steps to make them a reality.”

If you are new to Savannah, or have never been a part of Hadassah, you are invited to join Hadassah now. Please contact Sue Adler, Membership Chair, at 836-0323 or adlersavannah@aol.com.

If you are already a member, feel free to contact Sue with any updated contact information.

Ballroom Dancing Lessons at the “J”

“The Next Step!”

Classes begin on Tuesday, February 5th

You’ve seen them at Bar Mitzvahs and weddings. You’ve admired their style and abilities. If you missed our last set of lessons, here is your chance to join in the fun and learn how to “trip the light fantastic.”

If you have always wanted to learn how to ballroom dance but never knew where to start, this is the right place for you. You can start learning the Waltz, Fox Trot, Cha-Cha, salsa, Swing . . . or—for those of you that have attended one of the JEA’s previous dance classes, we will take you to the NEXT STEP & help you refine some of your classy (or is it “classic”) moves.

The first ballroom dance lesson will begin on Tuesday, February 5th and continue for five consecutive Tuesdays: February 12th, 19th, 26th & March 4th and 11th. Lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be one hour. Learn the traditional ballroom dances, step-by-step.

Taking lessons as a couple is fun and can greatly improve your confidence and poise on the dance floor as well as in your everyday life. It can also be a therapeutic tool for mental and physical health; but we won’t mention it’s curative benefits . . .

Oh, Did we mention it’s also fun?

Remember, Salsa may be a good adjunct to Mexican cuisine, but it’s even more enticing as a dance.

Come join us in the dance room on the second floor. Maxine Patterson & Mary Gail Gaddy will instruct.

Cost is $25 for JEA members & $40 for non-members. Call 355-8111 or drop by the JEA to sign-up.
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**Jewish Educational Alliance**

**Centerpiece**

**2008 Speaker’s Series**

**Saturday, February 2, 2008**

**7:30 PM**

**at the JEA**

**CURRENT SCENE IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

Elliot Chodoff

Small Weapons and Tactical Unit expert; author and college professor. Tickets: $10 at the Door, $5 for Students, FREE for Military.

The 2008 Speakers Series is a program of the Jewish Educational Alliance, with funding provided by the JEA Phillip Hoffman Memorial Fund, The Savannah Jewish Federation and members of the community.

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**CHILDREN OF JERUSALEM:**

**PAINTING PAIN, DREAMING PEACE**

This powerful exhibit, which is free and open to the public, features original art created by Israeli and Palestinian children and teaches valuable lessons about peace, respect and friendship. The paintings demonstrate how art can build a bridge between people and across cultural, religious and political divides. The paintings were created by Palestinian and Israeli children from East and West Jerusalem.

The exhibit will last from Jan 6th to Feb 23rd in the Public Library on Bull St. (2002 Bull St.)

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**Israel & Me**

**Oral History Project**

**Jan. 15—Apr. 15 at the JEA**

Tell your stories as a gift to Israel and Savannah. Come in and have your story of connection to the land of Israel become part of our Savannah history. Stories from pre-statehood to recent adventures will be selected for a mini-documentary film to be shown on May 18th.

Sponsored by MorningStar Cultural Arts Group
Changing Faces at SJF/JEA

The Savannah Jewish Federation and the JEA said goodbye to Todd Helm, our Executive Administrator, on December 28th. Todd was a critical part of the administrative team for both organizations since November 2003, never more so than this past year during the search for a new Executive Director. We will miss Todd’s organizational skills, his thorough attention to details, his peaceful demeanor, his lovely renditions of the Star Spangled Banner at our functions and perhaps most of all, his institutional history. The SJF and JEA wish him all the best in his new position at the Agudath Achim Synagogue.

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Laura Kellogg moves to the Executive Administrator position from the SJF/JEA Finance Department where she was an assistant to the controller and also served briefly as interim controller. We are very happy that she will be bringing her talents and abilities to this position. A native of Atlanta, Laura has lived in Savannah since 1991. She is an active member of the Jewish community. She is married to Steve Kellogg and has three children.

Bonnie Kane takes over as Controller for both the JEA and Federation. Formerly, Bonnie was the comptroller at W. Frank Newton Inc. in Marietta, GA, where she managed all day-to-day accounting and financial activities for the business management consulting firm. Prior to that, she was the director of program administration for the community development block grant program in Cobb County. Bonnie is a graduate of the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. She and her husband, Sean, relocated to Savannah in 2005.

Elaine Fox is our new Health, PE and Recreation director. Elaine joined the JEA directly from Hourglass Weight Loss and Fitness where she was the manager. Elaine is a certified yoga instructor, personal trainer, tai chi instructor and osteoporosis prevention advisor. She has a master’s degree in education from the New Jersey City University. She and her husband, Bill, moved to Savannah in 2005 from New Jersey. Her yoga classes at the JEA already are a big hit with the members!

Ashley Frankel’s face is a very recognizable face at the JEA. Our new Aquatics and Family Activities Director, Ashley has worked at the JEA as a lifeguard and swimming instructor since January 2007. She has a Bachelors degree in psychology and early childhood development from Rollins College and has worked at several JCCs. Originally from Pennsylvania, Ashley lived in Denver, Colorado, before moving to Savannah.

Dawn Tanis is the JEA’s new Sports Director. She is a native Vermonter and comes to the JEA with a passion for athletics and working with young people. Dawn most recently coached youth basketball at the JCC in San Francisco. She also taught middle and high school in southern California and coached in various other capacities. She served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Kyrgyzstan, Central Asia from 1998-2000 and earned a B.A. in English from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA, where she played Division I Basketball. Coach Dawn also is a teacher of English as a Foreign Language and a yoga instructor. She is currently teaching community yoga classes in Thunderbolt, as well as assisting with Rambam P.E. classes here at the JEA.

JEAF & SJF & Goodwill & YOU!

In support of Goodwill’s Computer recycling initiative, the JEA and Savannah Jewish Federation are teaming up to collect your old computers, printers, monitors and assorted peripherals. PCs are processed and identified as either "refurbish" or "recycle". PCs refurbished are then sold at an affordable price at the Goodwill Computer Store at Sallie Mood Dr. PCs recycled are sold to a certified recycle dealer.

DROP OFF YOUR OLD COMPUTERS, PRINTERS, MONITORS AND PERIPHERALS AT THE JEA!
Teens & Tweens!

Come see what has happened to your teen lounge! Fresh paint, new games and a whole new look, just for you!

**Purim Carnival**

We need help planning the Purim Carnival for March 21st. If you are interested in helping, please call Ashley, 355-8111, ext. 225.

Watch for Shabbat Across America, coming March 7th

**Junior Swim League**

Hey Swimmers, want to stay fit and competitive all year long? Then the Junior Swim League is for you! Kids of all ages are welcome to take part in this skill building after-school activity.

**Mondays and Wednesdays**

4:15—5:15 PM

**Begins February 4th**

Sign Up NOW at the Front Desk

**Members: $45  Non-Members: $60**

Coach: Connie Buckley

Call Dawn, 355-8111, for more information

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**Seniors**

**Paper Children: An Immigrant’s Story** by Marcia Fine

Senior Lunch Presentation - Thursday, February 21st at 1:30 pm

Marcia Fine, an award-winning author, has based her book upon events in her family history. Growing up listening to her grandmother's stories about her privileged girlhood in Poland, Ms. Fine was fascinated with tales of gypsies, of young love and dashing suitors, and her grandmother's immigration to America with her husband, a success-driven businessman. This book offers a trio of stories encompassing 3 generations of strong, passionate women, a view of privileged pre-war Polish society and an unforgettable story of the Holocaust and its survivors.

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**February 7th**

**Nina’s Tragedies** - An Israeli comedy narrated by Nadav, a 14-year-old with an knack for blending humor and sadness. After Nadav reveals his yearning for Aunt Nina, the cast of his life is revealed in flashbacks: his mum, a fashion designer obsessed with zippers; his dad, a retired pilot becoming more Jewish by the day; Menahem, a peeping Tom and Nadav’s best mate; Haimon, Nina’s grumpy husband; Avi, Nadav’s romantic rival; and, above all, Nina herself, who is beautiful and stoic.

**February 21st**

**The Syrian Bride** - Mona’s wedding day may be the saddest of her life. Once she crosses the border into Syria, she will never be allowed back to her family in the Druze village of Majdal Shams. Shot in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, The Syrian Bride is a film about physical, mental and emotional borders and the courage it takes to cross them. Told with humor and compassion, its story provides a stirring look at the human side of political conflict, focusing on the hopes and dreams of one family trapped in a no-man’s land between two nations.

8:00 PM at the JEA. FREE to Members. FREE Beer, wine, beverages, popcorn and peanuts. *Adults 21 and over only please

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Angela Taylor was born in Everett, WA. While growing up, Angela’s experience with the arts was primarily music. Her father was a choir director and gave private voice lessons. She moved to Savannah, GA, and at the age of eleven started having seizures and was diagnosed with epilepsy. While in high school she was put in the learning disability classes as her medications were causing her to fall asleep. In 1997 her neurologist recommended brain surgery to help control the seizures, but the surgery was unsuccessful. The procedure was very painful emotionally and physically.

She learned to cope by becoming involved with the arts. Her father started community theatre and she began participating in theatre, too. If she had a seizure, she’d be carried backstage until it was over.

In 2003, a friend taught her the basics of painting. Even with medication her seizures become more frequent and intense. Her doctor recommended giving surgery another try and she had successful brain surgery in June of 2003, although her left side was temporarily paralyzed after surgery. Upon completion of physical therapy she began to paint again. She became more serious about painting because it helped her cope with her emotions. She now finds painting very therapeutic. She still suffers from seizures at night and severe anxiety.

Inspiration comes in the most unlikely places.

According to Angela, “One day while at the post office, a man working there told me he had moved here because his friend died on 9/11. He was too sad to continue living in New York. Having been inspired by this man’s story, I made this painting. It is in honor of those lost on 9/11 and for those in mourning. Whether there or not, we were ALL affected by this event, therefore I am donating the proceeds of this painting to help the 9/11 victims.”

**Artist’s Reception - Mon., Feb. 4th, 5-7 PM**
### Chair Yoga
Every Thursday 11:30 a.m.

Chair yoga is a gentle form of Yoga, designed for both men and women. This 45-min. class is held in the auditorium just before Senior Adult Lunch.

Chair Yoga is practiced sitting in a chair or standing using the chair for support. You will learn techniques to increase strength, improve mental acuity, stimulate all the systems of the body, loosen stiff muscles and relieve back pain.

### Yoga for a Healthy Back
8 Thursdays from 7:00-8:15 PM
January 3-February 21, 2008

This yoga class will help you to relieve tension in the neck, shoulders and lower back. There is still room for others to join this amazing class! Bring a mat and blanket and wear loose fitting clothing. Eat a light meal at least one hour prior to class.

FREE For Members
$40/Non-Members

### Selected Daily Events

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### Chair Yoga
Every Thursday 11:30 a.m.

**Buncha Losahs!**

There is a new program getting under way for members only. This class is for men and women 18 and over interested in trimming down or toning up.

Call Elaine for appt., fitness assessment & personal history, 355-8111

### Basketball

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JEA Youth Basketball Tips Off With Opening Ceremony

By Dawn Tanis

The Jr. NBA Youth Basketball League at the JEA began the winter season with an Opening Ceremony on Sunday, January 13th. Parents and families came out to show their support for the program, as teams and individual players were introduced. In addition to a few words from the JEA staff, talented local musician and teacher, Angela Lindsay, sang the National Anthem at the beginning of the ceremony. Also taking center court was guest speaker, Jeff Burkhamer, Men’s Head Basketball Coach at Armstrong Atlantic State University, who spoke to the kids about the importance of listening skills and making good decisions both on the basketball court and in life.

The program has about 50 kids from the JEA who are playing on six different teams. These teams compete against other teams from the area. Two teams make up the 6 and under division: Hunter Army Air Field and the JEA Dragons. The Dragons, coached by Dawn Tanis, are: Erin Horesh, Jordan Horosh, Nathan Skidmore-Hess, Hannah Boblasky, David Byck, Sammy Rabins, Moshe Schachter, Benny Garfunkel and Nathan Pritzker.

The 8 and under division has four teams participating – Hunter Army Air Field, Notre Dame School, JEA Hawks, and JEA Fruit Flies. The Hawks, coached by Ross Koon, are: Abby Fishman, Uri Locker, Ben Cohen, Philip Boblasky, Abigail Kahn, Yakov Schochet and Isaac Lichtman. The Fruit Flies, coached by Jay Epstein, are: Alex Kovinsky, Ben Serface, Shlomo Garfunkel, Griffin Bliss, Rachel Rabins, Michal Gold and Richard Epstein.

The 10 and under division also has two JEA teams – the Suns and the Scorpions – in addition to Hunter, Notre Dame, and the Carver Heights Stallions. The Suns are Rose Fishman, Max Strauss, Sam Raskin, Allson Samuels, Moshe Schochet, Chaya Schochet, and Aiden Bliss. They are coached by Scott Samuels. The Scorpions, spearheaded by Coach Doug Goldstein, are made up of Haylee Snaid, Nathan Luskey, Tommy Locker, Aaron Goldstein, Ray Steinfield, Yehez Gold and Jordon Stoltzman.

The oldest group of players is the 12 and under division, composed of Hunter, Carver Heights, Habersham YMCA, and JEA Litigators. Mills Fleming and Bruce Finkel are the coaches of the Litigators, whose players are Isaac Friedman, Alexander Fleming, Josh Goldstein, Tzvi Rosen, Alex Finkel, Moshe Gold, and Marissa Levine.

All games are played in the JEA gymnasium on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm from now until Mid-March. Come out and show your support for youth basketball!
Buckingham South

Wednesday morning, December 5th, the 3y, 4y and 3rd graders went to sing Chanukah songs for the residents of Buckingham South. The children did a wonderful job. The residents were beaming from ear to ear to see the next generation singing songs that they sang years ago.

Thank you to all the drivers who helped transport 34 children!

Mrs. Jaffie, Mrs. Neil, Mrs. Russ, Mrs. Felser, Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. Eichelbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Whee-lock, Miss Lindsey, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Herring and Rabbi Gordon

Language Art Classes

Middle school students will participate in an in-class spelling bee on December 17-18. There will be two winners selected from each grade level. These winners will then go on to participate in a school wide spelling bee which will be held in January. An exact time and location TBA. The winner of the school wide spelling bee will then go on to participate in the district’s spelling bee.

What is life like in Israel?

The 2nd grade had a visitor speak to them about life in Israel. Mr. Locker spoke about the symbol of Israel is a Menorah. This is different than a Chanukah that we light on Chanukah.

He also told us about the houses people live in, their transportation and their restaurants. The class learned about the size of the state and where the water they drink comes from. Thank you Mr. Locker for coming. The children learned a lot.

Hold the Date

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Come to a celebratory dinner in honor of Rambam’s 18th Year of Excellence! More information to follow!

Yearbook Ads

The 8th grade has begun working on this year’s book. Please send your ads in as soon as possible.

“Isaac Jeremiah Welcomes the Sabbath”


$5.00 from every copy goes directly to Rambam Day School.

Cost $18.00

To receive an application for either of these scholarships, contact Lynn Levine (355-8111 or lynn@savj.org). All applications must be submitted by March 31, 2008. All submissions are confidential.

Do we nurture our students’ minds, bodies, or souls?

The educational decisions you make for your child are difficult. Should a school promote academic achievement? Jewish identity-building? Creating a moral foundation that will last a lifetime?

The simple answer is: Yes.

Rambam Day School strives for excellence through a well-rounded curriculum in both secular and Jewish studies. Our experienced faculty emphasizes mathematics, English, science, art and social studies while enriching each child’s education with Jewish history, laws and customs, language and values.

See for yourself how the interplay between academic excellence and Jewish knowledge creates a positive learning environment that every child deserves.

Celebrating 18 years of academic excellence.

Rambam Happenings

Savannah Jewish News

www.savj.org
Marilyn’s Mandel Bread Prevails

Marilyn Seeman’s mandel bread, baked right here in Savannah, GA, stole the show in the Civil War of mandel bread bake-offs, held in November in the offices of MediaVest, Inc. in New York City, where native daughter, Tess Konter, is bidding her time amongst the Yankees. Unable to stand by idly while her co-worker, Raychel Fensterstock, bragged incessantly about her New York grand- ma’s mandel bread, Tess enlisted Aunt Marilyn and the rest is now history. With her cookie tin loaded for bear, Tess returned to New York after the Thanksgiving holiday for the showdown. She reports that Marilyn faced some soft competition (soft mandel bread?) but that Raychel’s grandma got bonus points for “interesting use of raisins.” Marilyn’s use of sprinkles, on the other hand, may have saved the day. It was a very tight competition, but the surprising (only to the northerners) victory went to Marilyn’s southern mandel bread. Mazel tov!

Marilyn’s award-winning recipe:

Marilyn’s Mandel Bread

4 jumbo eggs at room temperature
1 cup sugar
3/4 cup oil
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups all purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 to 1 3/4 cups chopped nuts
Sprinkles

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Combine the eggs, sugar, oil and vanilla in a large bowl. Mix well. Separately, combine the flour, baking powder and nuts and then add to the egg mixture.

Grease 3 metal ice tray pans. Divide the dough into 3 parts and form loaves in the pans. Put sprinkles on top.

Bake for 15-20 minutes until done and then turn onto a cutting board and slice.

60’s High School Reunion Planned

An attempt is being made to organize a reunion for Jewish graduates of all local high schools from years 1960-1962. The reunion will take place in May of 2008.

Addressess, E-mails, and telephone numbers are needed in order to contact everyone once details are finalized. Please contact the following people if you are part of this group or you know the whereabouts of anyone who is but no longer lives in Savannah:

Nancy Wagman Rosenthal
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Savannah, GA 31411
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Nrosent892@aol.com

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Savannah, GA 31419
(912) 925-3184
Qte2sh@comcast.net

Lois Homans Chepenik
2647 Forest Point Court
Jacksonville, FL 32257
(904) 737-2315
lchepenik@comcast.net

12-Hour Judaism Course Will Be On February 2

Rabbi Arnold Mark Belzer’s annual 12-hour course Judaism: Are You Curious? will once again take place at Congregation Mickve Israel on February 2 from 10 am to 10 pm. Yes, it is 12 hours!

This Sabbath experience includes two meals, Sabbath worship, Havdalah (the service that ends the Sabbath), discussions, lectures, and questions and answer periods. This popular and informative class offers a modern perspective on living in today’s complicated world and is a complete interactive experience.

The class is open to the entire community—Jews and non-Jews—and is for those who wish to know more about Judaism (in order to deepen their understanding of the roots of the Abrahamic tradition) and also for those contemplating conversion to Judaism.

You will explore: Jewish spiritual- ity, Jewish values and traditions, Jewish ethics, and Jewish history within the context of human history. You may meet your fellow congregants, your neighbors, and/or strangers who all want to learn more about the Jewish religion and the Jewish people.

Preregistration is required and space is limited (in 2007 there were 120 participants). For more information call Congregation Mickve Israel: 912-233-1547.

Below are some comments from previous class members:
The class was excellent even though I haven’t taken it before. I think the group dynamic played a great deal in creating a wonderful atmosphere.

Marvelous! As usual, Rabbi Belzer is inspiring, tough and gentle.

Thank you! I came here knowing nothing, thought I learned a lot, and realized how much more there is to learn!

I had a wonderful time. I need a refresher course. This was a good day. Thank you!

I really enjoyed this experience and learned so much. The food and fellowship were outstanding and the hospitality of this congregation is warm, welcoming and an excellent example of the best of the south.

I have waited two years to attend this seminar. It was a wonderful experience.

I learned more about my own faith and congregation concerning core concepts in Judaism than I did in years of study that culminated in bar mitzvah, confirmation and marriage.

This has been a wonderful experience—the knowledge, fun and fellowship have been wonderful. Certainly this has added vastly to my knowledge of Judaism and all of our relationships to God.

AA Sisterhood Torah Fund Event Planned on March 15

The Agudath Achim Sisterhood Annual Torah Fund event will take place Saturday, March 15th, with the kiddush luncheon following services. This year the honorees will be the “Platinum” members of Sisterhood. The honorees will be listed in next month’s edition of the Savannah Jewish News and the synagogue newsletter, the Hayom.
PHILANTHROPIC FUNDS

- Bnaai Tzedek Donor Fund
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- John Goldkind Jewish Healthcare Fund
- Lisa & Danny Kaminsky
- Holocaust Memorial and Educational Fund
- Pauline C. Karp Family Philanthropic Fund
- Marcy & Jerry Koster Family Philanthropic Fund
- Michael & Joanne Kouden Philanthropic Fund
- Paul & Harriet Kulbersh Family Philanthropic Fund
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- Barbara & Leon Longwater JEA Fund
- Mazel Philanthropic Fund
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- Jewish Philanthropic Fund

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- Barbara & Leon Aronson
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- Meredith Monsky Bodzinke Lion of Judah Endowment Fund
- Dana Braun Fund
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- Sharon S. Galin Lion of Judah Endowment Fund
- Paul & Harriet Kulbersh Charitable Remainder Trust
- Sharon S. Paz Fund (for Jewish Education)
- Jerry & Myra Portman Philanthropic Fund
- Linda M. Sacks Lion of Judah Endowment Fund
- Louis Wiley Charitable Remainder Trust
- Ruth & Arnold Young Charitable Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS (Endowed)

- Benzon and Jennie Baruch Endowment Fund for the Needy
- Dena Yashiv & Lawrence S. Bodzinke Foundation Fund
- Irene & Lee Braun Fund for Social Services
- Phillipa Sherman Cohen Jewish Museum and Fine Arts Fund
- Matthew J. Cranman
- Holocaust Teacher Education Endowment
- Herta & Warner Danziger Family Fund
- Hydie & Bertha Scheer Friedman Family Fund
- AM Goldkind Lion of Judah Endowment Fund
- Lloyd & Sandra Goodman JEA General Fund
- Nancy & Lawrence Gutenstien Annual Campaign Endowment Fund
- “Uncle” Max Handshuh Rambam Preschool Fund
- David & Merle Horwitz Fund for Israel/Overseas Needs
- Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah General Fund
- Jane & Buddy Kahn General Fund
- Abe & Ethel Kamine Senior Meals Fund
- Lawrence Koster & Bertram Weiland Jewish Cultural Arts Fund
- JEA Fred & Rene Lehrberger Fund for Children’s Community Services
- Charles & Josephine Lorant Glazer Fund
- Annie Shapiro Lowenkopf & Walter Lowenkopf Fund for the Visually Impaired
- David Portman JEA Memorial Fund
- Dr. Jacob & Beatrice S. Rubin Campaign Fund
- Julie Rudikoff JEA Athletic & Health Club Fund
- Isadore (Junior) Scheer Children’s School Fund
- Sarah & Sam Steinberg Family JEA Camp Fund
- Stein Fund for Contemporary Jewish Music
- Ralph & Pauline Tenenbaum Fund for Social Services
- William & Mildred Weichselbaum Campaign Fund
- JEA Harry & Jeannett Weinberg Building Fund

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- Jack & Miriam Levy Concert Fund
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- Visually Impaired
- NCWF Camp/Youth Fund
- Raymond & Morris Rosen Memorial Fund
- Harvey Rubin Memorial Fund
- Dora F. Salkin & Selma R. Salkin Memorial Fund
- Sarah & Sam Steinberg Family JEA Camp Fund
- Albert & Rosalie Tenenbaum Youth Leadership Fund
- Allan Ullman Playground Fund
- Jacob & Idal Ullman College Scholarship Fund

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- Emily Kahn Fund
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- Amy Robinson Kole Fund

For information on establishing a fund to create a Jewish legacy in our community, contact Lynn Levine, 912-236-1111 or jlynn@savj.org

How to trade securities for a more secure community

(.....and save the capital gains tax)

Here’s a tax tip.

Instead of selling your appreciated securities and paying tax on the resulting capital gains, transfer the securities to the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah and save 20% on the taxable gain while receiving an immediate tax deduction based on the fair market value of the securities.

How it works

Transfer the shares to the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah. Receive an immediate donation receipt for the market value of the shares. When the shares are sold, an endowment fund will be established in your name. The proceeds of your fund can be designated to the Federation, your synagogue or field of interest.

Since only the income is used, your donation ensures that a legacy gift to our community in your name will exist in perpetuity.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 24
A Movie and A Beer
The Barbecue People- Gathering for a barbecue in celebration of the formation of Israel
JEA—8:00 p.m.; Free to members; Adults 21 and over only please. Sponsored by Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein.

Wednesday & Thursday, January 30 and 31
Hadassah Presents
A comedy directed by Keile Miley
Two performances
Savannah Children’s Theatre, 4160 E. Victory Dr. – 8 p.m.
For ticket information, call LeeAnn Kole, 354-9444

Saturday, February 2
2008 Speakers Series
Current scene in the Middle East
featuring Elliot Chodoff, small weapons and tactical unit expert, author and college professor.
JEA- $10 at the door; $5 for students; free for military
Sponsored by JEA Phillip Hoffman

Monday, February 4
JEA Art Gallery Reception
Greet the February artist of the month, Angela Taylor.
JEA Art Gallery; 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.; free; 355-8111 for information.

Spelman College Jazz Ensemble
Free concert
JEA – 7 p.m.
Sponsored by Black Heritage Festival and the JEA

Tuesday, February 5
Ballroom Dancing Lessons–
Learn the waltz, fox trot, cha cha, salsa and swing.
JEA –7:30 p.m.; Five consecutive Tuesdays
$25 for members; $40 for non-members. Call 355-8111 to enroll.

Sunday, February 17
Agudath Achim Installation of Rabbi and Honoring Past Presidents

Rabbi Leitner to be installed as pulpit rabbi and all past presidents will be recognized.
Agudath Achim Synagogue –6:30 p.m. for cocktails followed by program
$50 per person for dinner. Call Motti Locker, 352-4737 for more information.

Friday-Sunday, February 22-24
Well-known artist Mordechai Rosenzweig will be appearing in Savannah. The Hebrew alphabet is the essence of his art and the flowing forms of the letters is present in all of his works. His work includes tapestries, paintings, murals and silk screen prints in which he gives a contemporary meaning to the art of Hebrew calligraphy.
Check the community calendar at www.savj.org for the location of his art display.

Thursday, February 27
Rambam Day School 18th Anniversary Celebration
JEA- 7:00 p.m.
$18 per person for dinner. RSVP by Feb. 13. Call 352-7994 for more information.

Through Tuesday, April 15
Israel & Me Oral History Project
Share your stories about Israel
JEA—Some stories will be selected to be shown in documentary on May 16th…
If you have an event that you would like included in the calendar, please submit it to Midge Schildkraut, mschildk@bellsouth.net or 355-1839. Final determination for inclusion is at the discretion of the editor.

Trading Places 2007

Whether it was babysitting services at the First Baptist Church or preparing and serving meals to the homeless on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at the Old Savannah City Mission or running their tuchers off serving meals throughout Christmas day at Buckingham South, or filling in at the front desk or control desk at the JEA, volunteers from the Savannah Jewish Federation were very busy with Trading Places for Christmas on the Corner.

Aaron and Joanne Kooden help serve at Old Savannah City Mission’s Christmas on the Corner

Scot Cohen and Ashley Samuels at Christmas on the Corner

Allison and Jared serve the sweets 2007. A number of the volunteers reported that their experiences were the most meaningful they’ve had yet and the Federation is grateful to all who participated and help to make this a successful program year after year.

Agudath Achim To Install New Rabbi, Honor Past Presidents on Feb. 17

Congregation Agudath Achim will host an important event February 17 when the congregation will install Kenneth R. Leitner as the new rabbi for the synagogue. The evening program will also include a gala dinner honoring all of the congregation’s past presidents.

“The installation of our new rabbi is a momentous time for our synagogue and the local Jewish community since the Rabbi at Agudath Achim plays an important role in the entire Jewish community, not just our own congregation,” said Buddy Metzger, president of the congregation. “In honoring our past presidents, we unite in a gratitude to members whose many hours of service to AA stands as a grateful thank-you to these devoted men and women.” Lynn C. Reeves is serving as the event chairperson.

Each past president will be personally highlighted and thanked for his/her distinguished service and leadership of the congregation.


For more information call Motti Locker at 352-4737 or email at mottilocker@aol.com.
By Celia Dunn
By Sharon & Murray Galin
By Kaye & Don Kole
By Sara & Sam Jospin
By Marilyn Seeman
By Eva Odrezin
By Gail Rosenzweig
By Mickey & Nate Siegel
By Lena Solomon
By Ruth Stein
By Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Silver:
In honor of your 90th birthday

MRS. LARRY WAGGNER

By Ellen Gendelman:
In honor of your birthdays

Mr. & MRS. LARRY ZASLAVSKY

By Herbet, Teresa and Rachel Victor:
In memory of your mother, Mavis

Cludia Young Kellogg

By Rori and Eric Mason
In memory of Karen Karnibad

ANITA KARNIBAD AND FAMILY

ARCHIVES FUND

By Mr. & Mrs. Phil Scharf:
Congratulations on your granddaughter’s
Bat Mitzvah (McKenzie)

Mr. & MRS. DON KOLE

By Mr. & Mrs. Eric Meyerhoff:
In memory of Martin Friedman

MRS. BERTHA FREEDMAN AND FAMILY

In memory of your grandson

MRS. MATIE LEFFLER

Happy New Year!

DR. & MRS. RON FAGIN

By Rick & Peggy Bernstein:
In memory of Marty Friedman

THE FREEDMAN FAMILY

JOHN GOLDKRAND JEWISH HEALTHCARE FUND

By Mrs. AM Goldkrand

Mazel Tov on your granddaughter’s Bat Mitzvah

Mr. & MRS. MURRAY KOLE

Best wishes for a speedy recovery

Mr. Herbert Curry

Dr. Susan Timna

Mrs. Rose Williams

Mrs. Marilyn Dobbs

Mazel Tov on McKenzie’s Bat Mitzvah

Mr. & MRS. DON KOLE

In memory of your mother

Mrs. Eleanor Galin

In memory of your father

Mrs. Jan Katz

Happy Anniversary

DR. & Mrs. Richard Bodzinher

Dr. & Mrs. Harold Black

Rabbi & Mrs. Raphael Gold

In memory of Len Winter

Mrs. Jane Winter

In memory of Steve Hollenberg

MRS. TOBY HOLLENBERG

Thank You

Mrs. Toby Hollenberg

In memory of Dr. John Goldkrand

Members of the Family

In memory of Martin Freedman

By Mrs. Sylvia Yellin:
In memory of your mother, Mavis

MRS. TODY HOLLNBERG

In memory of your birthday

MRS. Matie Leffler

Anne N SILBERMAN

SAM SLOTIN B’NAI TZEDEK FUND

By Mr. & Mrs. Alwin Slotin:
In honor of your 80th birthday

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bodzinher

In memory of your brother, Phillip

Anita Karnibad and Family

In memory of Nathan Karnibad

ANITA KARNIBAD AND FAMILY

In memory of your 100th birthday

Mr. Irwin Press

By Ricky & Barbara Friedenberg:
In honor of your full recovery

Mr. Ed Wexler

By Virginia Smith
In memory of Dr. John Goldkrand

MRS. TOBY HOLLNBERG

MRS. JANE WINTER

DR. & MRS. HAROLD BLACK

DR. & MRS. RICHARD BODZINER

Happy Anniversary

In honor of your anniversary

The Kooden Family:

ROSS KOODEN BNAI TZEDEK FUND

By The Kooden Family:
In honor of Eden’s Bat Mitzvah

THE SCHWARTZ FAMILY

In memory of Judith Kagan

MRS. KAREN MARCUS

ELLIOT KOODEN BNAI TZEDEK FUND

By The Kooden Family:
In honor of your anniversary

DR. & MRS. RICHARD BODZINER

In honor of Steve, Karen, Brett and Lexie

THE SILVERS/MARCUS FAMILY

VICTOR & ELISE SHRONOFF FAMILY FUND

By Mr. & Mrs. Victor Shronoff:
In memory of Martin Friedman

THE FREEDMAN FAMILY

In memory of Nathan Karnibad

ANITA KARNIBAD AND FAMILY

In memory of your brother, Phillip

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bodzinher

In honor of your 25th anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Bucky Burnside

In memory of your anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Perlman
Lincoln Goes to Jerusalem—An Alternate History
April 14, 1865
An original poem by
Carol M. Towbin Greenberg

Editor’s Note: February 12 is Lincoln’s Birthday.

What if the assassination had not occurred or Lincoln had lived? Israel, even before it was a modern nation was an inspiration to great men and women whose influence spread all over the world. The poem below was written while Carol was thinking about both the upcoming Israel@60 celebrations and President’s Day. She also was thinking about President Bush going to Israel and President Lincoln never having the opportunity.

Lincoln dreamed of Jerusalem in April 1865
He needed to be stroked and consoled
He wanted space to think: how peace to survive
The bloody war had taken its toll.

A house divided against itself
Is more than just civil strife
Then he lost his son—his Will to be
And melancholy overtook his sweet wife.

So when she suggested the theater one night
He said, “that wouldn’t do it my dear—
I need to break out of my role:
I need to escape from here.”

“I have always regretted we haven’t traveled more:
Out west perhaps, where it’s wild and free?”
“It’s too uncivilized and dangerous,” she dismissed
“It’s not where I’d want to be.”

“Then let’s take a cutter across the known world—
To Paris and London and Rome?”
“How long would we be gone?
Your term is not up and
It is too far away from home!”

“Just once in our lives be impetuous, my love.
A change in perspective is what we so need.
We’ll go to the cradle of civilization,
I’ll play diplomat, you’ll sightsee, we’ll read.”

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For he was dreaming of middle east peace.
A WORLD OF GOOD

GAIL PAGE (z”l) LOOKED ACROSS THE DESK at the federation professional, who had just told her that it would cost $1200 to send her four children to Jewish summer camp, $300 each. Then, Gail remembers, he asked, “How much can you afford to pay?” Gail thought about it: summer camp was a luxury for a receptionist and mother of four. After more than a few seconds, she answered, “Unfortunately, all I can afford is $8.00 for each child.” The federation professional said, “That’s great. The federation can take care of the rest.” Gail remembers the day like it was yesterday. 30 years later, her son David is married to a Jewish woman, is raising a Jewish son and is so proud that his mother had the courage to ask.

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