‘Streisand’, Cash Prizes, Vacation Opportunities and More Will Highlight JEA’s Great Gelt Gala

The luckiest people in the world will be at the JEA’s annual Great Gelt Gala on Sunday, August 24, 2008. Will you be one of them? Under the watchful eyes of JEA President Marcy Konter and JEA Fundraising Director Kim Thebo, a blue ribbon committee of volunteers is planning a festive, fun-filled evening – Italian style. This year’s event will feature cash drawings (for $3,600, $1,800 or $600), live and silent auctions, a very special “Evening with Barbra Streisand” and a delicious Italian meal prepared by Matt Cohen and Murray Gottlieb.

Among the items to be auctioned this year at the ever-popular annual JEA fundraiser are: Tickets to University of Georgia football games; tickets to a University of North Carolina basketball game; a weekend in a lovely Manhattan apartment; a beautiful Mediterranean dinner; a dock party; a year’s worth of challah for Shabbat and more (see below for details).

Come prepared to bid early and often on your favorite items and as you’re bidding, don’t forget that the proceeds support all the outstanding programs of the JEA. Did you know that membership dues at the JEA cover less than 25% of the annual operating budget? Your support of the Great Gelt Gala is vital to ensuring the JEA can continue to offer a wide array of programs and services, including a modern fitness center, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a varied selection of health and wellness classes, a shlichah from Israel, cultural events like the JEA Speakers Series, coffee houses with noted authors, children’s programming and much, much more.

Beginning with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres at 6:30pm, the 2008 Great Gelt Gala promises an evening of good food and good fun. Once again, Matt Cohen and Murray Gottlieb are teaming up to prepare a special menu of Italian treats and they will be ably assisted by the food and beverage team made up of some of the finest Southern Jewish hostesses we know. Lynn Reeves and her expert design team will turn the JEA into a charming Italian trattoria to set the festive mood. You can also do your part to maintain the atmosphere – attire for the evening is dressy casual (no jeans or shorts, please).

At 8:00pm, Carla DelVillaggio brings Parnasit. More pictures on p6.

Federations Launching Continuing Jewish Education Program for Teens

The Long Range Jewish Education committee of the Savannah Jewish Federation is pleased to announce a continuing Jewish education program for area high school students. The 2008 – 2009 schedule will be comprised of four experiential programs that will examine current topics and issues of interest to teens from a Jewish perspective:

Premier event: Eco-Judaism and Kayak Tour. What Shade of GREEN are You? Two-part program for all area Jewish students between grades 8 – 12. Judaism and Ecology ($50 per person, includes kayak trip and bar-b-q) Part I Sunday, September 7, 2008, 9:30am – 12pm Congregation Mickve Israel Explore environmental concepts and responsibilities with Shalom School instructor and local lecturer, Melinda Stein. Test your knowledge about critical issues such as less waste, keeping animals from experiencing needless pain, or land rest and renewal. Learn and share about the Jewish traditions of caring for the environment.

Part II Sunday, September 21, 2008, 8am – 2pm Sea Kayak Georgia, Tybee Island Paddle your kayak as you explore the

Grab Gansa Gelt, Gifts & Gourmet Grub At Gansa Giveaway, August 24th

At special services commemorating the 275th anniversary of the arrival of Jews in Savannah and the founding of Congregation Mickve Israel, Rabbi Arnold Belzer lifts the Sefer Torah carried to Savannah by the original Jewish settlers in 1733. Looking on are Steve Gordon, Parnas (president)-elect, Mandy Patinkin and Marjorie Levy, current Parnasit. More pictures on p6.
Meet Maia, Our New Shlichah!

Dear Friends,

Shalom from Israel! I would like to introduce myself. My name is Maia Koiller. I am writing from Israel. I am very excited because I am going to have the pleasure to come to Savannah in August as the new Shlichah in the community.

I heard that it’s a beautiful city, with warm and welcoming people. I would like to be a part of Savannah’s family.

I will try to tell you a little bit about myself. I am almost 23 years old. My parents come from South America. My father, Marcos, is from Brazil and my mother, Galia, is from Argentina. They got married in Israel and built a home here. My father’s family lives abroad. This is one of the reasons why this shlichah is so important to me. I have a younger brother, Dan, who will be released from the army soon.

I think I have a good sense of humor. I love trips, music, reading, arts. In high school I studied theater and it still remains a wonderful hobby for me.

I served in the Israeli army in the Nahal nucleus as a guide for the Israel Nature Preservation Society. In my pre-army service I was a volunteer in kibbutz, working in agriculture and a kindergarten. I also was responsible for the organization of events during the holy days celebrations in the kibbutz.

In the two following years I spent most of my time working with old and young people, children and families from different economical backgrounds. I guided some really interesting groups: for example, I was an instructor of children coming from Russia and Ethiopia, and I worked with a group of children from families who were former settlers from Gush Katif. I guided tours around the country. I learned a lot from those years.

Right now I am working in a kindergarten and it’s fun!

I love good food, good company, and am always ready for a good conversation over a cup of tea or coffee. Well, I can keep talking about myself but I better leave some surprises to be told until we meet.

I am very excited to come to Savannah. Now you know me and I can’t wait to know you...

Regards from Israel!

Maia Koiller

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I am a proud member of the following groups

JEA
Temple Mickve Israel
Savannah Bar Association

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Some people have questioned whether it is possible to increase our local Jewish population. After all, the overall Jewish population appears to be decreasing. The National Jewish Population Survey’s census indicated in 1990 there were 5.5 million Jews in the United States and (using the same method of survey collection) only 5.2 million Jews in 2001. This is a five percent decrease in our population. Half of all Jewish women aged 30-34 have no children. Overall, our population is aging and shrinking while our birthrate has drastically fallen. The situation is grim.

In the South these negative developments may be worse. Small towns that used to have dynamic Jewish populations are drying up. Savannah and other mid-size cities are only able to keep a stable population by constantly recruiting new people. We are particularly good at attracting folks who want to retire in the South. These additional people might keep us alive in the short run, but the ephemeral infusion of retirees isn’t self-sustaining. In order to establish a growing population we need to keep our children Jewish. Many of our children stop active participation in their religion after they finish their Bar/Bas Mitzvah. Only half come back as actively involved Jews when they are adults.

The best way of combating these negative dynamics is to provide our children with a solid Jewish education, particularly in their vulnerable adolescent years. Studies show supplemental school programs for teenagers are poorly attended and have minimal impact, while 97% of children who attend a full time Jewish high school will stay actively Jewish as adults. These day school graduates tend to marry other Jews and have larger families. (“Will Your Grandchildren Be Jews?” Gordon and Horowitz, 78)

Savannah Jewish Academy intends to provide a quality education for our teenagers while increasing their identity, sense of belonging and overall Jewish commitment. When our children graduate, they will be competent, knowledgeable Jews. This is the best way of providing Jewish continuity and growth.

If you want more information concerning the plans for this school, please call Marcia Silverman at 231-1080 or check the Jewish Academy website at www.savannahjewishacademy.com.

Devorah Giffen

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All three were captured in the Battle of Sultan Yacoub on June 11, 1982 and paraded in public in Damascus. Ron Arad—shot down over Lebanon public in Damascus. Guy Hever —missing since August 17, 1997, disappeared patrolling the Syrian border. Magdi Halabi—a Druze soldier who disappeared on May 24, 2005.

I was thinking of including special personal prayers for the returned and missing Israeli soldiers and their families. Living in a military town, here in Savannah, we feel the movement of American troops—the comings and goings and losses. Still, front pages of newspapers do not even report military news—the wars are so commonplace.

In Israel, the daily defense of the land is also routine, but these highly publicized tragedies jar us to remember the human cost of defending those stones today just as it has always been. The ancient temple was the center of religious life in Israel’s early history, just like its remaining Western Wall remains as a focus for the Jewish people and was identified as important to all Jews even before we fought to reclaim it in 1967. But today with the burial of the two Israeli’s returned from Lebanon, I was thinking that this Jewish national period of mourning seems a fitting time, not only to think of the temple but those that defend the land itself. In case you would like to include some of these people or their loved ones in your thoughts, here are the names.

Killed & Bodies returned two years later: Eldad Goldwasser
Ehud Goldwasser
Eldad Regev

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Shalom, friends and families,

As some people approach the Fast of Tammuz (dawn on Sunday, July 20, 2008 until nightfall) commemo-
The Road Ahead

By the time this issue of the Savannah Jewish News goes to press, Congregation Mickve Israel (and therefore, by definition) the entire Savannah Jewish community, will have celebrated its 275th anniversary. By any yardstick, this is a venerable landmark for any institution in America, which celebrated its 232nd birthday this year. The power of institutions is in the fact that they outlive individuals. Lay leaders and professionals, whether exceptionally gifted or not, whether they face difficult challenges or smooth sailing, leave footprints in the sand which fade with time...but the institution lives on.

It is frequently pointed out that one of our greatest strengths as a Jewish community is our longevity and stability, and this is undoubtedly true. Jews are a respected component of the greater Savannah community and we are secure, confident and proud of our place here. We have every reason to be conservative in what we and our predecessors have accomplished here.

Of course, there is always a fine line between satisfaction and complacency. It is easy to become convinced that what has been successful in the past must work in the future, and it is surprisingly easy to take one more step and become suspicious or fearful of change. Very few people embrace change easily. Most of us do so only when we have no alternatives, or when the status quo becomes intolerable. Very few people have the foresight to know when to make changes. I know I am not one of those fortunate few who stay ahead of the curve, except for a few lucky guesses.

Yet just as we celebrate 275 years of success, the Savannah Jewish community faces several challenges which will require us to embrace change, at least to some degree. An uncertain economy promises to make our next generation change. Demographics and changing needs in our economy promises to make our next generation change. Demographics and changing needs in our economy promises to make our next generation change. Demographics and changing needs in our economy promises to make our next generation change.

How do we deal with these challenges? For one thing we can take some solace in the knowledge that many of these challenges are not brand new. Many of our senior community leaders remember similar times and were there to work through them. A reading of Third to None reveals just how similar synagogue board meetings were in the 18th and 19th century to the way they are today. We have a Planning Committee working under the joint auspices of the Federation and the JE A which has been tasked to propose solutions to our most pressing needs. We have been in the process of changing the way we allocate our funds to bring this in line with the priorities of our donors. We are enhancing our website and our paper to increase our ability to communicate with the whole community. Now that Adam Solender has learned his way around town, we are asking him to help be an agent for change and bring fresh points of view to our leadership.

Every challenge is an opportunity. As we celebrate 275 years of success, we should all try to take the best of what we have done well, and discard those things which no longer meet our needs and be willing to try new ideas (or new approaches to old ideas) and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-centennial celebration 25 years from now. It will be coming and run with them. We are beginning our journey to what I’m sure will be a wonderful tri-cen...
Savannah BBYO Awards
Banquet/Installation Ceremony

Wexler/Clark BBG and David Finn AZA held their annual awards banquet/installation ceremony in June at the home of Jonathan and Sarah Hirsch. There are three special awards given each year by local Savannah families, and voted on by the members of each chapter. Fred Clark presented the Janet M. Clark member of the year jointly to Brooke Bradley and Caroline Eichholz. Elaine Radetsky presented the Sima Radetsky Goldfarb MIT (Member in Training) of the Year to Sarah Hirsch, and Karen Cranman presented the Matthew J. Cranman member of the year to Ross Kooden.

The Wexler/Clark girls installed the following officers for 2008-2009:

N'siah       Brooke Bradley
S'ganit      Sophie Arkin
Mit Moot     Emily Kohn
Mazkirah     Mallory Owens
Orechet      Frances Klein

The David Finn boys installed the following officers for 2008-2009:

Godol        Barney Sadler
S'gan         Ross Kooden
Moreh        Matt Klugman
Mazkir       Jonathan Hirsch
Shliach       Ben Adler
Sopher       Noah Luskey

BBYO is a youth led organization for teens in the 9th-12th grades and is a beneficiary agency of the Savannah Jewish Federation. For membership information, contact Joanne Kooden at threeed@aol.com.

Two Savannah Youths Attend BBYO March of the Living

Two members of Dixie Council BBYO in Savannah — Emily Kahn and Brooke Bradley — were among 165 BBYO teens attending the March of the Living as part of not only the largest teen delegation of the program, but also the largest delegation in BBYO’s history. The March of the Living, held this year from April 28 to May 11, is an international, educational program that brings Jewish youth from all over the world to Poland on Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, to march from Auschwitz to Birkenau, the largest concentration camp complex built during World War II. The group then travels to Israel to observe Yom Hazikaron, Israel Memorial Day, and Yom Ha’Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day.

BBYO is the only youth group that has participated in March of the Living since its beginning. This spring, the BBYO delegation traveled the “March of Death” arm-in-arm, from Auschwitz to Birkenau, the same path that hundreds of thousands of Jews were forced to take on their way to annihilation. The solemn two-mile procession occurs on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, and concludes with a memorial service held in the very confines of the death camp. BBYO also toured areas in Poland such as Warsaw, Krakow and Lublin; and in addition to Auschwitz, they visited the death camps of Treblinka and Majdanek.

While I was walking through Majdanek, I saw this quote, “Remember the past, live in the present, and believe in the future,” and that is when I realized why I am on March of the Living,” said Kahn, president of the Savannah BBG Chapter. “In 20 years, there will be no Holocaust survivors able to tell their story of the Holocaust. The people living now need to remember the atrocities that happened during this massacre. March of the Living is a mere reminder that Hitler did not succeed; attending the March makes you become a living memory of the destruction of the Jewish souls. You feel obligated to teach generations upon generations and the friends around you about the Holocaust.”

She continued, “At Majdanek, my teary eyes widened when I saw the barracks filled with shoes, the mau-soleum containing 17 tons of ashes of cremated victims, and its location. At Majdanek there are four barracks that are completely filled with victim’s shoes. As you walk inside, you are engulfed in the smell of old leather. All you can see are shoes. It is disgusting to think that two shoes represented one human. I became sick to my stomach when I saw that my Jewish soul could have been in these shoes, if they were born 60 years ago. I realized I am a survivor, Hitler did not kill me.

“Majdanek was the extermination camp that connected everything I had learned about the Holocaust to becoming real. Majdanek was built literally in the middle of Lublin, Poland; you can see the skyline of Lublin from anywhere in the camp. The people of Lublin surrounded this camp. They saw the beatings, the gas chambers, and the lifeless starving souls. Yet they decided to sit and watch rather than save what could have been millions of people,” said Kahn.

“Majdanek was not the only concentration camp that we went to, but they were all basically the same disgusting place. It is called March of the Living because 20,000 Jewish people from all over the world come and march from Auschwitz to Birkenau. When I saw the thousands of Jews marching, my heart filled with the warmth of knowing that the Jewish people are still here remembering what went on not even 100 years ago.

“After the one week of touring the concentration camps, we went to Israel. Right when we landed, for some reason I felt happier. Leaving the gloom of Poland and the heart ache of the concentration camps I never felt as relieved as when I walked off the plane onto Israel. In Israel we went to different tourist sites like the Western Wall, Masada, the Dead Sea, and many more. I loved Israel more than any place I have ever been to. I felt more at home than ever.”

To learn more about the March of the Living or BBYO, Inc., contact Rona Goldstein, Dixie Council Director, at RGoldstein@bbyo.org or visit bbyo.org.

Fred Clark presents Member of the Year award named for his sister to Caroline Eichholz (l) and Brooke Bradley
Elaine Radetsky presents MIT of the Year award named for her daughter to Sarah Hirsch
Ross Kooden accepts Member of the Year from Matthew Cranman’s mother. Karen, and sister and brother. Erin and Jordan

Brooke Bradley (l) and Emily Kahn with Andy, a Holocaust survivor
Next JEA Candlelite Dinner is Sept. 23

Jewish Family Services will hold a Candlelite Dinner for members of the Jewish Educational Alliance on Tuesday, September 23rd, featuring a screening of the documentary film, A Great Day in Harlem. The program will be held at the JEA. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. and costs $85.00 per person for JEA members, $12 per person for non-members.

The film begins at 7:30 and is free and open to the public.

Back in 1958 New York City clubs boasted nightly performances by the greatest players in jazz. Their music and their lives spanned four decades and linked styles and origins from across the country. A young photographer paced nervously in front of a Harlem brownstone. He had spread word that he hoped to take a picture for a screening of the documentary film, A Candlelite Dinner for members of the Jewish Educational Alliance and the Psychotronic Film Society. The Savannah Jazz Film Festival is funded in part by the City of Savannah Department of Cultural Affairs.

David Oppenheim, who is a John-nny Mercer historian and past president of “Friends of Johnny Mercer,” recently spent an afternoon with the film’s producer, Jean Bach, and will introduce the film.

For more information, please call 912-353-8111.

(The showing of this film is a collaboration of the Savannah Jazz Festival, the Jewish Educational Alliance and the Psychotronic Film Society. The Savannah Jazz Festival is funded in part by the City of Savannah Department of Cultural Affairs.)

A Great Day in Harlem brings to life a remarkable moment in the history of jazz — a moment in which dozens of America’s jazz legends unexpectedly gathered together for a photograph that would become emblematic of the golden age of jazz. By illuminating this single, historic event, A Great Day in Harlem is a window to an unprecedented era in music history which addresses broader issues of creativity and community in our own time.

Through this photograph, viewers will come to know some of the century’s most influential musicians. We meet such luminaries as Count Basie, Coleman Hawkins, Lester Young, Charles Mingus, Marian McPartland, Gerry Mulligan, Mary Lou Williams, Maxine Sullivan, Thelonious Monk, and many more.

Famous photo from “A Great Day in Harlem”
**Mickve Israel and Savannah Jewish community Celebrate 275 Years**

Congregation Mickve Israel, along with the entire Savannah Jewish community, celebrated the 275th anniversary of the arrival of the first Jewish settlers to Savannah during the weekend of July 11-13. Mickve Israel coordinated a full schedule of activities including speakers, special services, tours and festive meals and played host to the descendants of many of the original settlers and to other special guests and dignitaries.

Photos by Becky Smith
To view all of the pictures from this event, go to www.photosbybecky.net, click on “clients” and then on “Mickve Israel’s 275th.”

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**Continuing Education**

Tybee marshes with a local naturalist. A bar-b-q follows at the Tybee home of Barbara and Phillip Schwartz.

**Payment for the Eco-Judaism program is due before Part I (by Sept. 7) for all not enrolled in Shalom School (Shalom School students will pay the school). Payable by check to Savannah Jewish Federation (5111 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31405) or by MasterCard or Visa (call Lynn at 355-8111 or pay at the JEA front desk).

Now, what shade of green are YOU? Attending? Maybe attending? Check Facebook for more info (see below).

**Interactive Politics. Now consider the effects of red, white and blue!**

Week of October 28, 2008 (final date TBA)

Grades 9 – 12

Stand up and be heard. Should Barack Obama care that you are Jewish? What about John McCain? Should you care when deciding to support a candidate? This is a chance for you to share your thoughts on this year’s presidential election. Will being Jewish affect the way you choose a president? Should it?

The schedule will continue in 2009 with a February program that will allow college track attendees and others to look at various types of encounters and confrontations they may face on college campuses that attempt to challenge and influence personal choices about religion, Zionism and more. What is it that YOU believe?

Then, in the spring, students will have the opportunity to reacquaint themselves with our own local Jewish history. We’ll take a tour of Jewish Savannah with some of the best guides around. Write on the Facebook wall with your suggestions for Jewish points of interest for the bus tour in SAV.

For more information, contact Lynn Levine (355-8111 or lynn@savj.org).

Parents and grandparents, please let your students know that they can access the group through Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=371516728 (GROUP: Savannah Jewish Federation Teens)

Then Click on Events

**Upcoming Events**

Eco-Judaism & Kayak Tour

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**Condolences**

Our deepest sympathy to the families of:

**Rosalie Cotler**

Who died Monday, July 7, 2008. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Allan Cotler of Savannah; their son, Richard Cotler and his wife, Judy, of Hollywood, Florida; two grandchildren, Justin and Amanda Cotler of New York City, and her sister and brother-in-law, Mildred and Daniel delPinha of Sun City, South Carolina.

Remembrances: Congregation Agudath Achim – 9 Lee Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 31405 or Hospice Savannah – P.O. Box 13190, Savannah, Georgia 31416-0190.

**Albert J. Ullman**

Who died Friday, June 13, 2008. Surviving are his wife of almost 61 years, Harriet Birnbaum Ullman; his daughter, Susan Slotin and her husband, Frank; his son, Jeffry Ullman and his wife, Ellen; four grandchildren, Sam and Hannah Slotin and Zachary and Sasha Ullman, and several nieces and nephews.

Remembrances: Congregation Agudath Achim – 9 Lee Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 31405 or Rambam Day School – 5111 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405.
2008
Speaker's Series

Sunday, September 14, 2008
7:30 PM at the JEA

Education for Freedom:
A Foundation for Democracy
Christopher B. Nelson

President of St. John’s College in Annapolis, Mr. Nelson has been a speaker on state, regional and national programs concerning liberal education, great books and issues of institutional autonomy.

Tickets: $10 at the Door, $5 for Students, FREE for Military.

The 2008 Speakers Series is made possible with generous support from the JEA Phillip Hoffman Memorial Fund of the Savannah Jewish Community Foundation, The Savannah Jewish Federation and members of the community.

A Movie & Beer!

Adults — Join us at the JEA for a movie & a beer!

July 24th - Beaufort - Beaufort tells the story of Liraz Libert, a 22 year-old outpost commander and his troops, in the months before Israel pulled out of Lebanon. This is not a story of war, but of retreat. This is a story with no enemy, only an amorphous entity that drops bombs from the skies while terrified young soldiers must find a way to carry out their mission until their very last minutes on that mountain top. As Liraz lays the explosives which would destroy that very same structure that his friends had died defending, he witnesses the collapse of all he’s been taught as an officer, and his soldiers’ mental and physical disintegration.

Aug. 7th - The Secrets (HaSodot) - Two brilliant young women discover their own voices in an orthodox culture where females are forbidden to sing, let alone speak out. Naomi, the studious, devoutly religious daughter of a prominent rabbi, convinces her father to postpone her marriage for a year so that she might study at a Jewish seminary for women in the ancient Kabalistic seat of Safed. Naomi’s quest for individuality takes a turn when she meets a spirited and equally headstrong fellow student. When the pair encounter a mysterious, ailing foreigner with a disturbing past, they begin a risky journey into forbidden realms.

Aug. 21st - One of Us (Ehad Mishelanu) - Palestinian guerrillas break into an Israeli camp in the Territories, and kill Israeli soldiers before they are all killed, except for one invader who dies in the camp after being captured alive. The Israeli military dispatches an investigator to the camp to see if there was cold blooded murder. It turns out that the investigator dispatched is a friend of the camp commander. The plot centers around the challenges they face choosing between being honest or faithful to one’s friends.

All movies begin at 7:00 pm FREE to Members
FREE beer, wine, beverages, popcorn & peanuts

Movie & Beer Night sponsored by Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein

The Great Gelt Giveaway
Italian Cabaret Style

Food, Drinks, Entertainment and more!

Sunday, August 24th
6:30-9:30 PM

Enjoy an evening with Barbra Streisand “Then and Now”
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Great Gelt Drawings for:
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Sally & Steve Greenberg
In Memory of Albert Ullman
Jeri (Geraldine) Greenberg
**Important Hurricane/Emergency Information**

The Hurricane season is upon us. The Savannah Jewish Federation (SJF) is evaluating our emergency system so that we can respond quickly and efficiently in the event that it becomes necessary to evacuate the city of Savannah.

In case of an evacuation, the SJF wants to make sure you are kept informed about issues pertinent to the Savannah Jewish community—and we want to keep updated about where you are and how you are doing.

**Emergency Website and Contact Information**

SJF has set up an emergency website (geocities.com/savannahjewishfederation) that you can check for information and will also send out periodic informational emails during an emergency when the community has been instructed to evacuate the city.

For this reason, during an emergency SJF is asking Jewish community members to provide information that we will use to maintain contact with you or to give you updated information of necessary instructions. Everyone who is interested, should go to geocities.com/savannahjewishfederation during an emergency and complete and submit the requested information. **Individuals who might be potentially at risk, should follow the instructions below:**

**Help Us Help You!**

- The SJF maintains an up-to-date list with emergency contacts and other pertinent information for individuals in the Jewish community considered to be elderly or at-risk. If you do not have a way to evacuate on your own, JFS will work with you, your family and government emergency officials to ensure a safe, timely evacuation.
- In the event that the local Chatham County Emergency Management Administration or the local government announces that an evacuation from the coast is either recommended or required, The SJF will call the Jewish at-risk population and their emergency contacts (if available) to ensure (and if necessary, assist with) that appropriate evacuation plans are carried out.

**Let Us Know!**

- Will you need assistance during an evacuation? SJF is asking that Senior Adults contact Larry Dane-Kellogg at 912-355-8111 or Larry@sevi.org and let him know where you plan on going during an evacuation and how you plan to get to your destination. This should include the necessary contact information.
- Can you provide assistance to a community member during an evacuation? Please let Larry know at 912-355-8111 if you can be a resource to help evacuate a community Senior Adult.

Hopefully, these plans will never need to be put into action, but in the event of an emergency evacuation, it is important that we stay connected.

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**Area Youth Participate in Regional Jr. Olympic Skills Competition**

Four young JEA athletes participated in the Regional Jr. Olympic Skills Competition on May 31st, 2008, in Springfield, GA. This free, grassroots youth participation program allows boys and girls, competing separately, the opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities in four athletic events – basketball, soccer, tennis, and track & field. The program is designed to encourage participation in sport while promoting sportsmanship.

After participating and winning events at the local competition held here at the JEA on May 4th, Jordyn Stoltzman, Abraham Lebos, Max Cohen, and Joseph Marshall traveled to Springfield to show off their athletic prowess in a Regional Competition. Jordyn competed in the Rapid Rally Tennis event, where he brought home a first place medal in the 9-10 yr old boys group. Max honored his track & field skills (50m Dash and Standing Long Jump) to receive a first place medal in that age group as well, and Abraham brought home the gold in the Soccer event. Joseph competed in two events for the 12-13 year old age group. He earned first place in the Track & Field event and placed second in Basketball. Great job to these young athletes!

The top four winners in each age group throughout the country will advance to compete in the National Finals on July 24 - July 26, 2008 in Chicago.

Thanks to all who came out to show their support for this event. Let’s hope to make it even bigger and better next year!
Healthy Tip
By Elaine Fox, JEA Fitness & Wellness Director

Shoes

The most important piece of exercise equipment you can buy is a pair of good fitting shoes. Your athletic shoes ensure that your feet, ankles, knees, hips and spine are supported.

When buying new shoes, shop at the end of the day when your feet may be at their largest from working for you all day. Take a pair of socks that you would be wearing during your workouts and wear them as you try on the shoes. Once the shoes are on and tied up, wiggle your toes to make sure that there is enough room in the toe box. Your longest toe (not always your great toe) should be about a thumbnail width from the end of the shoe. When laced, there should be one inch of space across the tongue of the shoe.

I know this may make you feel silly, but take a jog or walk around the store and jump up and down a few times to test the cushioning and comfort of the shoe and to see if there are any places that pinch. Your heel should not slip. The arch of the shoe should support the arch of your foot. Check to see if the shoe holds your foot and ankle in a neutral position that feels safe and comfortable. Athletic shoes are constructed according to the way the foot strikes the ground in different activities. For example, a running shoe may not give you the lateral support you need while playing tennis. Check the tread pattern and side wall construction to be sure it will support you for the kind of activity you enjoy.

Decide to buy new shoes when you notice signs of wear inside as well as outside the shoe. If the insole looks compressed, it will no longer absorb the shock of your foot hitting the ground in your specific sport. If the heel is getting worn down, your joints and back will be at risk. Pain in your hips or shins could also be signs that your shoes need to be replaced.

A Special Thank You!

The JEA Fitness & Wellness Center would like to thank Leftwich and Ursula Kimbrough for donating the clock for the outdoor pool! Many thanks!

Fitness Schedule

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There’s still time for your child to enjoy summer camp! Check out what we have waiting for them!

Weekly Camp Themes

Week 6: Gymnastics & Floor Hockey (Jul. 21-25)
Week 7: Volleyball & Pottery (Jul. 28-Aug. 1)
Week 8: Color War (Aug. 4-8)

SWIMMING:

It’s not summer without SWIMMING! All campers will receive lessons four times a week, plus daily free swim. Swim class will be divided by age and ability and will run for 30 minutes. It is not only instructional, but also fun. The K’toni campers will learn basic skills as well as water safety. The Ye- ladim campers will learn basic skills - stroke development, as well as Red Cross age-appropriate water safety skills. The Chaverim campers will learn stroke development, deep-end skills and conduct junior lifeguard drills.
Healthy Exercise
By Elaine Fox, JEA Fitness & Wellness Director

The most frequently occurring cause of death in the United States is heart disease, which includes high blood pressure, heart attacks and hardening of the arteries. Pretty scary stuff, especially if you have even one parent who died of heart disease. Some people get so scared that they never leave their couch and that’s the answer! Getting off that couch and into the Fitness Center for some good healthy exercise is. For some of us, that is our biggest challenge.

Exercise means asking the body to do work. It takes effort. Consistent effort will bring results such as a leaner look, more energy and improved mood. Too little effort and you do not see results. Too much and we get sore, tired and may not want to do any more. Recognizing normal responses to the effort can help us decide how much exercise we need to be healthy and to get results. Also, knowing when it is too much for us is just as important so that we do not risk creating problems.

While you are exercising, the first sign that something is happening is that your heart rate will quicken. The heart will automatically pump more blood to the muscle cells to help you utilize the oxygen in the blood stream to do the new work you are asking of your body. Next, you may notice that you are breathing deeply. You need to take in more oxygen to let the heart do its job. As you continue to work out you will breathe faster in order to keep up with the demands placed on the heart to keep the muscles moving. Then, you sweat! Sweat keeps the body temperature normal. Sweating also helps to rid the body of toxins. All of these lead to a healthier lifestyle, weight loss, a toned figure, improved mood and self-esteem.

There are some things to be aware of that are not “normal” while working out. Mostly it’s plain old common sense. One of the first signs may include chest pain. If you experience chest pain, STOP your routine and rest. See a doctor. Extreme fatigue is another common symptom of exercising too hard. Listen to your body. An irregular pulse during or after your workout means that you have over-exerted. You need to cut back and do lighter weights or fewer repetitions. Nausea is another sign that you have overdone it. If any of these signs occur during or just after your exercise session, slow down, drink plenty of water and rest. Discuss your symptoms with one of our trainers or see your doctor.

A simple way to know how you are doing is to take a Rate of Perceived Exertion Test. This works on a simple scale of 1-10, with 1 being “nothing at all” and 10 being your maximum effort. Work within a range of 5-7 to keep the effort without strain. Within this range you will keep your heart rate up in a safe zone, you’ll be breathing hard, but not gasping for air, you will sweat and feel as though you have worked out.

Take care and be good to yourself!

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Great Gelt Gala .................................................. cont. from page 1

her uncanny tribute, “Barbra Streisand, Then and Now,” to the JEA stage. “Simply Streisand” in every way, Carla recreates the excitement and high energy vocals of Streisand’s most powerful numbers, singing with the beauty and purity of sound so closely associated with this greatest of all singing actresses.

Do you have your tickets yet? Don’t miss this entertaining evening to support the JEA, a home for all of the Savannah Jewish community!

Partial list of silent and live auction items:
* Two nights in a beautiful Manhattan apartment (courtesy of Murray Perlman) and two round-trip tickets to New York (courtesy of Air Tran)
* A fabulous Mediterranean dinner for ten people at the home of Lynn and Dick Richard Bodziner (co-hosted by Merry and Maxine Patterson School of Dance (more details?)
* A golf package at the Savannah Westin Hotel and Resort
* A beautiful gift from Levy Jewelers
* Four tickets to a University of North Carolina men’s basketball game (courtesy of Dayle and Aaron Levy)
* A “Dessert of the Month” for one year prepared by some of Savannah’s favorite amateur ‘pastry chefs’ — treat yourself or a friend
* Two tickets to the University of Georgia football game on November 29, 2008, hotel included (courtesy of Harriet and Paul Kulbersh)
* A package of dance lessons from the Maxine Patterson School of Dance (more details?)
* A golf package at the Savannah Westin Hotel and Resort
* A beautiful gift from Levy Jewelers
* A dock party for eight people on the dock at Peggy and David Byck’s home (co-hosted by Diane and David Kahn, LeeAnn and Jeff Kole)
* Two tickets to the University of Georgia football game on September 6, 2008, hotel included (courtesy of Marcy and Jerry Konter)

What: JEA’s annual Great Gelt Gala
Where: Sunday, August 24, 2008, 6:30pm
Where: JEA, 5111 Abercorn St.
Attire: Dressy casual (no jackets, but no jeans or shorts either, please)
Tickets: $75 per person, including one raffle ticket; $360 patron (includes admission for four; six raffle tickets); $1,800 table sponsor (includes reserved seating for ten, champagne, 18 raffle tickets); additional raffle tickets, $50 each.
Information: Please call Kim Thebo, 355-8111, ext. 21

Guest Hazan at Agudath Achim

Galeet Dardashti, who has performed as guest hazzan in the past at Congregation Agudath Achim for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, will again be the hazzan at the synagogue for this year’s holiday services.

Galeet pursues her passion for Jewish music as an accomplished singer, anthropologist, and cantor. She is the founder and leader of the internationally renowned all-female Middle Eastern Jewish ensemble Divahn. Through their edgy arrangements, the group creatively underscores common ground between diverse Middle Eastern cultures and religions. In addition to her work with Divahn, Galeet has performed as a soloist both in the US and Israel with numerous ensembles. She was recently awarded a Six Points Fellowship to pursue her project Voices of Our Mothers: A Middle Eastern Musical Midrash for Today.

Galeet’s grandfather, Yona Dardashti, was one of the most highly acclaimed singers of Persian classical music in Iran. Together with the Dardashti Family, Galeet performed international Jewish music throughout the U.S. and Canada for 19 years during her youth and has served as the cantor for Congregation Shomrei Emunah in Montclair, NJ, for the past three years.
**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Friday, August 1
Art Gallery Opens with New Artwork
Rachel Raab is the artist of the month.
JEA Art Gallery

Tuesday, August 5
Normal Grief Reactions
First of a series of seminars about Grief: Healing the Broken Heart sponsored by Jewish Family Services of Savannah
JEA; 7:30-9pm. Series of Seminars are free and open to the public.

Thursday, August 7
Reception for JEA Art Gallery Artist
JEA Art Gallery; 7-9pm

Thursday, August 7
A Movie and A Beer
“‘The Secrets (HaSodot)”
JEA; 7pm; Free to members; Adults 21 and over only please.
Sponsored by Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein.

Monday-Friday, through August 8
Camp Savannah – Summer 2008
Various programs offered through Camp Savannah JEA; call 355-8111 for more information.

**On The Personal Side **

**GRADUATES.***

Kelsey Winters, the daughter of Ellen and Patrick Winters, graduated from St. Andrew’s School in 2008. She was vice president of the National Junior Honor Society, representative from her Freshman and Sophomore Classes to the Student Council, secretary of the Senior Class and captain of the swim team. She also is a member of the National Honor Society having been regularly on the Headmaster’s List or Honor Roll during her entire high school career, a member of the Math Club, and on the varsity swim team. Kelsey also was on the Georgia Coastal Aquatics Team under Coach Bill Forrester. She will be swimming for Auburn University beginning this fall where she will be a pre-med major with a special interest in neonatology. Amanda Shernoff, the daughter of Beth VanTosh and Patrick Winters, graduated cum laude from the University of Arizona in 2008 with a Bachelor’s degree in Nutritional Sciences and a minor in Chemistry. In August, she begins a four year Doctor of Pharmacy program.

**MISCELLANY.***

Dr. Ido Friedman, who is involved with the newly established chapter of the Israel Medical Association World Fellowship in the USA, is inviting all physicians to attend the IMA world fellowship conference in Tel Aviv in April 2009. He co-chaired a session about the Holocaust and Medicine at the last conference... Julius Rudikoff was recognized recently by the Free and Accepted Masons of the Grand Lodge of Georgia as having been a Master Mason for more than 50 years... Cantor Sheldon Feinberg of Port Royal, SC received a commendation from the commanding general of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Paris Island for “exceptionally noteworthy performance and unsurpassed professional expertise while serving as the guest speaker during the Holocaust Remembrance Documenta tion Annual Meeting held there in May, 2008. The Cantor’s outstanding and distinctive presentation highlighted the importance of the Holocaust, the commendation said. The commendation came from Brig. General P. E. Lefebvre.

**SPORTS.*** Fay Kirschnor won in her age group in the Savannah Sand Gnats 5K (3.1 miles) Home Run Trot. Christine Addy placed second place in her age group.

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**JEA Film Festival**

We’ve begun planning to bring back the Savannah Jewish Film Festival in 2009.

**We could use YOUR help!**

Please join us for a Film Festival Planning Committee Meeting
Monday, August 11 6:30pm at the JEA

Let us know if you’ll be there
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Beth VanTosh
bvantosh@vanlonthaco.com
Lynn Levine
lynn@savj.org or 355-8111
Vital Statistics

BORN
*A daughter, Elana Suzanne Ruben, on July 15, 2008, weighing 7 lbs., to Deganit and Jesse Ruben of Savannah. Grandparents: Melinda and Steve Stein of Savannah.

ENGAGED

Bracker-Bergethon

Mrs. Nancy Asher Bracker of Savannah is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Susan Amy Bracker to Ross Warren Bergethon. The future bride is the daughter of Mrs. Bracker and the late I. Henry Bracker and the granddaughter of Regina Berman Asher and the late Mr. Julius A. Asher and the late Mr. David S. and Pauline Gold Bracker, all from Savannah. Miss Bracker is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Business Administration in International Business and a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law. She currently serves as Chief Corporate Development Counsel of McKesson Health Solutions, located in Alpharetta, Georgia. The future groom is the son of Mr. Glenn E. Bergethon and Joyce Barron Bergethon of Rossville, Georgia. Mr. Bergethon graduated from the University of Georgia where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, with a minor in Art History, and from the University of South Carolina Law School. He is currently completing a two-year clerkship for a federal district court judge in Atlanta and has accepted a clerkship on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit for the 2008-09 term in Memphis, Tennessee. The couple plan to marry in Savannah on January 17, 2009 at Congregation Mickve Israel. A reception will follow at Savannah Station.
Graduation: A Night To Remember

May 28, 2008 was a night to remember for thirteen Rambam graduates. They graduated and left their places from Rambam with the following thoughts:

A story was told by Benjamin Garfunkel of a man who sold his furnace one cold winter, to be able to afford a tutor for his son. Through this gallant sacrifice, the father was able to pay for his son’s Judaic studies. Benjamin went on to thank all those who have made sacrifices for Rambam, and especially the graduates parents for their sacrifices to ensure Jewish education in Savannah.

Jesse continued that thought and said, “What has taken place in our lives that is so wonderful? We have been born to wonderful, caring parents. We have been showered with their love, their devotion and their wonderful concern. It is due to these very character traits that we found ourselves placed in Rambam Day School.”

Janna Sullivan spoke about what Rambam means to her. “Rambam has become a second home for me. Sometimes I have taken for granted the warm and nurturing environment that exists here. Now as I move on, when I am no longer nestled securely within the warm walls of Rambam, I know I will miss the security that greeted me each day for 12 years”.

Taylor Roberson said, “Don’t be sad that it has ended, be happy that it ever happened. Growing up with each other has meant so much to all of us. We are the future of the world and we need to set an example for those that will follow in our path”. Miranda Leichtner shared the following: “The knowledge that we have gained in the time attending Rambam, will prepare us for a life in which we will soar through many accomplishments. The lessons we have learned we hope all Rambam students will learn at some point”.

Elliot Kooden expressed gratitude to all the teachers. “We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all the teachers who have touched our lives and enriched our education. We could not and would not be who we are today, without each of you.”

Shayna Rabhan also spoke about specific teachers. “Mrs. Naiger, in fourth grade you were insistently trying to prepare us for middle school. Now look at us—we are graduating. Are you surprised? We loved Star of the Week and when your husband came in to make balloons. We have so many fun memories from our three years we had you”. (Just for the record they did not repeat the fourth grade three times, they had Mrs. Naiger in 5th and 6th grades for Social studies).

I charged the eighth grade with the responsibility to bottle up the feelings they were feeling right at that moment, the feelings of appreciation for how fortunate they have been to receive a Jewish education. I told them to take those balloons out as they camouflage themselves into their new surroundings so they could be showered with these feelings and be reminded that they have a right to be different and a right to be proud of themselves and a right to make choices that will make G-d proud.

The Rambam Day School 2008 Graduating Class (l-r): Benjamin Garfunkel, Elliot Kooden, Sarah Segall, Shayna Rabhan, Sara Fay Goldstein, Allison Hagan, Jesse Warshaw, Miranda Leichtner, Janna Sullivan, Taylor Robertson, Alexa Moore, Bari Sadler and Daniel Sokolin

Sara Fay Goldstein expressed how Rambam’s patrol has impacted her life. “Many of us have served on patrol together. It taught us to be respectful to one another, have pride in our school, and to take responsibility for others seriously.”

Alexa Moore commented on a student council activity. “We spent two Shabbosim together as part of our middle school experience. The camaraderie, the fun and the feeling of being all wrapped into one, was very special.”

Allison Hagan used a poem to express her thoughts. “I’ll always be there for you, and I’ll always stay true. You are a part of me that everyone will see. You are my best friends and we’ll be that way until the end”.

Sarah Segall reached out to her friends that were graduating with her. “We have come to know each other so well, that we know each other’s strengths and weaknesses. The value of that is knowing how to work with each other and make things happen.”

Daniel Sokolin and Jesse Warshaw acknowledged the parents of the graduates. Daniel said, “The Hebrew expression for gratitude is Hakaras Hatov, literally translated means, recognizing the good. One cannot have true appreciation or gratitude without first recognizing that something wonderful has taken place.”

Taylor Roberson said, “Don’t be sad that it has ended, be happy that it ever happened. Growing up with each other has meant so much to all of us. We are the future of the world and we need to set an example for those that will follow in our path”.

Miranda Leichtner shared the following: “The knowledge that we have gained in the time attending Rambam, will prepare us for a life in which we will soar through many accomplishments. The lessons we have learned we hope all Rambam students will learn at some point”.

Congregation Mickve Israel held its confirmation on June 8, 2008

Pictured (l-r): Laila Cohen, Elle Byck, Dylan Guggenheim, Rabbi Arnold Mark Belzer, Ben Adler, Caroline Eichholz and Frances Klein. Grace Lang Klein also was confirmed, but was not pictured.

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Practice What You Preach

Stacy and Jeffrey Lasky have been married for 28 years. Savannah has been their home for their entire married life. As a native Savannahian, Jeffrey attended local schools and went to college at the University of Georgia where he met his wife Stacy.

When it became time to get married and raise a family, Savannah was the only choice.

Ever involved in a myriad of philanthropic activities in the secular and Jewish communities, Jeffrey and Stacy want to leave a legacy to the community that has given so much to them and their sons, Darryl and Stephen.

As an attorney, Jeffrey gives advice to hundreds of people, as a committed leader in the Jewish community, he takes some of his own advice. To celebrate Stacy’s 50th birthday, he purchased an insurance policy to endow Stacy’s annual Lion of Judah gift to the Savannah Jewish community.

Jeffrey purchased a $100,000 life insurance policy in Stacy’s name and assured that their commitment to Jewish values will last in perpetuity. A gift to the Savannah Jewish Federation will be made in Stacy’s name forever.

It is a lesson that they have taught to their sons: To give back to the community that has given so much to them.

For information on how you can join the Laskys in creating a Lion of Judah endowment or any other endowed gift to the Savannah Jewish community, contact Lynn Levine at 355-8111
MARLA ROSENBERG IS BLESSED. Yes, she’s disabled and had to battle leukemia, but she is also loved. Her parents will go to the ends of the earth to make sure she’s safe, cared for and challenged to make the most of her life. Fortunately for everyone, the federation doorstep was just around the corner and not around the world. The Rosenbergs have been working with the federation community to develop and grow services, programs and housing for people with disabilities for more than 20 years. Marla and thousands of others have been the recipients of their good work.

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