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## Congregation Mickve Israel and the Savannah Jewish Community Celebrate 275<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary

On July 11, 1733, five months after Oglethorpe founded the Colony of Georgia, an intrepid group of forty-two Jews braved a stormy trans-Atlantic crossing from London on a ship called the William and Sarah. Forty-one (a child died in transit) disembarked onto what is now River Street. Thirty-four of these were Portuguese Jews escaping the Inquisition and eight were members of two German families.

This was the largest single immigration of Jews in the early years of the colonies. Joining Oglethorpe's follow-

ers, this second group of Europeans in the frontier town of Savannah founded Congregation Mickve Israel. At that time there were two other Jewish congregations in the colonies, Shearith Israel in New York and Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island. The group of Jewish settlers in Savannah played an integral part in the early years of the colony and they were later instrumental in the Revolutionary War effort.

On the weekend of July 11, 2008, Mickve Israel will mark the 275th anniversary of the founding of Congrega-

tion Mickve Israel and the Savannah Jewish community with a wide variety of events. The entire Jewish community is invited to take part in this celebration. The programs to celebrate 275 years of Jewish presence in Savannah will include: special services with nationally known speakers, musical recitals, a special Kiddush luncheon, a grand banquet, and a brunch for the descendants of the original settlers. More details of these events will be included in future articles.

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## Savannah Will Participate in Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program



It has been more than sixty years since the Nazi concentration camps were liberated, and the Holocaust that claimed six million Jewish lives finally came to an end. To ensure that the six million did not die in vain and that the Holocaust never happens again, the Savannah Jewish Federation will join families throughout North America by participating in the Yom HaShoah yellow candle program.

Every family in the Savannah Jewish community is encouraged to light at least one yellow candle on the night of

Thursday, May 1, 2008, to observe Yom HaShoah.

"Keeping the memory of the six million alive becomes more and more important each year because Holocaust survivors are dwindling in number," said Lisa Kaminsky, 2008 Yom HaShoah committee chair. "It is our responsibility to memorialize our six million, and to educate the public to never forget the tragedy of the Holocaust."

Yom HaShoah candles are a highly visible symbol for keeping the flame alive. Their color recalls the yellow stars Jews were forced to wear in Nazi-occupied Europe, but their flame inspires hope that we can make our world a tolerant place to live.

The Savannah Jewish Federation

will apply the funds raised from the sale of these candles towards the establishment of a library to be housed inside the JEA. This library will contain books and videos pertaining to the Holocaust that will be available for loan to local educators in the hopes of preserving the history and memories of the Holocaust.

The Yom HaShoah yellow candles will be sold at the JEA for \$9.00 each. Please purchase your candle to be lit on Thursday evening May 1st; and join our Yom HaShoah program at 7pm at the JEA that evening.

On Sunday, May 4th the documentary film "Angel of Ahlem" will be shown at the JEA, along with a discussion with Holocaust survivors.

## 2008 SJF Campaign Update

Last month I was pleased to report that the Savannah Jewish Fed-

eration's annual campaign had broken the \$1,000,000 mark. Since that time, I am happy to inform you that we have received additional pledges for more than \$105,000. As I write this, our 2008 campaign achievement stands at a little more than 1.144 million dollars. The Federation is extremely grateful for the Savannah Jewish community's continued generosity and care for providing for both our local needs and the needs of Jews in Israel and around the world.

In last year's SJF annual report, I wrote about tikkun olam, and how I am constantly moved by the kindness of our community. We give of our time and our money for the things that we know will ensure a future for our

Jewish community: Jewish education; the JEA — a place we all can call home; BBYO and Hillel, which provide Jewish socialization for our teens and college students; and Jewish Family Services, which sees to it that the most vulnerable members of our community have programs to enhance their lives and financial assistance to make ends meet. In addition to all of that, we also are providing for the needs of our fellow Jews in Israel and around the world through our overseas partners, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), the American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and others.

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## 2008 Federation Campaign Achievement Update

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## We apologize...

...for inadvertently omitting a portion of My Masada Tikva, Jordan Cranman's report on his recent trip to Israel that appeared in the January-February issue of the Savannah Jewish News. Below is the section that includes the omitted portion. We regret the error.

...“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 really sure 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 from testicular cancer when I was only eight years old. He had been fighting for his life for nearly two years, and he finally succumbed to the illness. In the years to come people would come to tell me that they were sorry for my loss and that my brother had been a great man, but there was one saying that always sounded strange. When people would describe death they would disguise it by saying, ‘He lost his life.’ I do not know why, but for many years that saying always made the hair on the back of my neck stand needle straight. I answered this puzzle here today. As I walked through the archway into this fortress, I began to remember the history that made it so famous. Hundreds of Jewish zealots defended this fortress from Roman invaders nearly two thousand years ago. Masada was the last hope for Jews after the ransacking of the Second Temple and the fall of Jewish Jerusalem. When they realized they could not fight off the Romans, they ended their lives on this earth rather than send their families to certain capture, slavery, or execution. Before I came to this place I did not really understand the significance of this story, but as I sit here in front of you today, I can understand their actions. My brother had a long road ahead of him if he had lived longer. It, undoubtedly, would have been a very painful one at that. I only hope that at his death, my brother realized that he would be better off living free in eternity rather than in pain on this earth. It has taken me a long time to realize this fact, yet it is because of Masada that I realize it in the first place. My brother did not lose his life. 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 feel 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.”...

You can read Jordan's story in its entirety on our website, [www.savj.org](http://www.savj.org).

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## Letters

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, May 18 from Noon to 4 pm, the Savannah Jewish Community will celebrate Israel's 60th birthday with an Israel@60 Festival in Forsyth Park (south side). All of the metropolitan Savannah area will be invited!!

This is our community's opportunity to celebrate not only 60 years of existence but also the culture, history, technology, science and progress that those sixty years have produced. The Festival will also be educational in nature for those who may not be aware of what Israel has accomplished during its existence. And it will be FUN with entertainment, food and activity booths.

This will be a completely volunteer effort, put on by Savannah's Jew-

ish community. It is estimated we will need about 200 volunteers to assist before and during the event. The tasks will be varied and we have roles for everyone, no matter what your expertise. Most importantly, we need smiling faces and helping hands to make this an event of which our community can be proud.

Please consider giving your time to this wonderful event. You can contact the JEA at 355-8111 or send an e-mail to: [eshel@savj.org](mailto:eshel@savj.org). Thank you in advance for your interest and your response.

We look forward to seeing everyone on May 18!

JoAnne Kooden and Sally Greenberg  
Chairs, Volunteer Committee  
Israel@60 Festival



All events are provided with generous funding by your Savannah Jewish Federation

### A Calendar of Extraordinary Events that Celebrate a Unique Country

#### ISRAEL AND ME ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Now - April 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.

#### ISRAELI FILM SERIES

Every Other Thursday at the JEA

Award winning films from various perspectives. Sponsored by Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein. Desperado Square, March 6; Fictitious Marriage, March 20.

#### ISRAELI DANCE CLASSES

March 13 and 17

Fast paced fun for all levels of dancers or want-to-be dancers. Taught by Lorena Rother. Free for JEA members; Only \$5 per session for non-members.

#### YOM HAZIKARON/ISRAELI MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Wednesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. at the JEA

Join in the community observance of Israeli Memorial Day and commemorate the loss of Israeli soldiers who died fighting for their country.

#### ISRAEL AT 60 COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 18th at Forsyth Park: Noon to 4!

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## Israel is 60... So What?

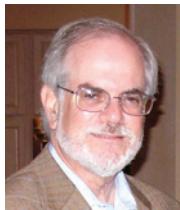
In case you have been out of town, or living in a cave, or have been undergoing sensory deprivation and simply haven't heard: Israel is turning 60 this May. So what? For all of those reading this article, attaining one's 60th birthday is an expectation and generally connotes little in the way of effort or special achievement. After all, aren't we all being told 75 is the new 60? In a world when the great powers of Europe date back more than a millennium, where the most populated country on earth dates back thousands of years, where the city of Jerusalem is more than 3000 years old, and even our own United States has celebrated 231 birthdays, what special merit is attached to a 60th birthday?

To be fair, perhaps it is not quite that simple. Even a cursory look at the patchwork quilt of countries in Europe, Africa and the Middle East, whose rise and fall render printed atlases obsolete after three years, will attest to how fleeting national sovereignty can be. Rarer still is the endurance of a democracy. We often forget that the future of our own nation was far from a safe bet for nearly 100 years after Jefferson penned the Declaration of Independence.

Yet despite long odds, and the near daily threats of her bellicose neighbors, Israel remains and flourishes. Its faults and shortcomings are visible to the entire world—precisely because it is a democracy with a free press and all that comes with it. What is truly unique is that we are watching the growth and evolution of that democracy in “real time”, not through the lens of history. Some of us remember the War of Independence and the UN vote. Some (like me) have as our first, crystallized memory of Israel the events leading to the Six Day War.

Some will identify with the raid on Entebbe and some (reassuringly) will simply remember a trip to a peaceful Israel: touring the countryside, climbing Masada or gazing at the Western Wall. Some may remember in sadness a day just a few years ago, when an Israeli astronaut lost his life with six Americans aboard the shuttle Columbia, or remember the hope for peace that was lost with the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. But all of us have visceral memories about Israel. We are not Americans or Jews, we are both. Israel is part of who we are. I have never met a Jew who was neutral on Israeli affairs... agree with her maybe, disapprove sometimes, support her frequently, but indifferent—never!

As our community approaches Israel's 60th anniversary this May, I encourage each of you to consider what connects you to Israel, and what you can do to give that connection meaning in your life. If you have a personal story you would like to share, I encourage you to arrange to be interviewed or offer to conduct interviews for the Israel and Me Oral History Project by leaving a message at 912-927-9922 or email MStarArts@aol.com. Consider volunteering for our community celebration and the Jerusalem Concert for Peace in Forsyth Park on May 18th. Learn more about what your UJC dollars are doing in Israel. Make sure the politicians who direct our democracy know that Jews are not neutral on the subject of Israel. If you can see your way clear, visit Israel and celebrate her 60th with her... but don't count on any senior citizen discounts!



Dr. Joel Greenberg  
President,  
Savannah Jewish  
Federation

## Supporting Each Other

*“Whatever I want for myself, I want the same for that other person. And whatever I do not want for myself or my friends, I do not want for that other person. This is the meaning of the verse, ‘And you shall love the other person as yourself.’”* Maimonides

Throughout the last month I have been struck by the many displays of Tzedakah in our community. It is not the Tzedakah often translated as “charity.” The word Tzedakah comes from the Hebrew word, tzedek which means “righteous” or “just.” In Jewish belief, charitable giving is not only loving and kind; it also helps eliminate injustice in the world.

Individuals and groups from all across our community stepped out from their everyday lives to help make another person's life just a little better; in doing so they have enriched their own lives. Among those events that occurred over the past three weeks:

The Board of the Savannah Jewish Federation mounted a campaign to support the individuals and families affected by the tragic Imperial Sugar refinery fire;

Dozens of people have dropped off “gently used” computers, monitors, and peripherals to the JEA for the benefit of Goodwill;

Members of an area congregation opened their homes, hearts, and wallets to assist a member of the community regain employment and independence;

Members of an area congregation rallied around a family when one of their children fell ill to provide meals and care for the other children;

Jewish Family Services provided direct financial support to members of the community to maintain independent living in their homes;

Seniors volunteer at the JEA desks and serve other seniors at Thursday lunch;

Congregational Outreach groups do visits to the hospital and to those who are homebound;

Members of the Kibbitzers group volunteer at the VA. Some of the people that they assist are one-half their ages.

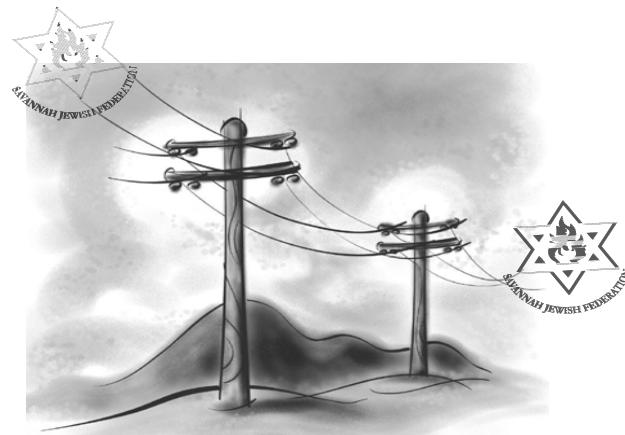
What is especially exciting is the diversity of the participants, from young to old, members of different congregations and those that are unaffiliated, those that consider themselves “professional do-gooders” to “first-timers.” It is exciting and gratifying to see what we can do when we support each other's programs for the good of the community (whether that community is here in Savannah or any place else in the world).

*“It is not what one says, but rather what one does, that makes all the difference in the world”* Pirke Avot 1:17. This past month, together, we certainly made a difference in our world here in Savannah.



Adam Solender,  
Executive Director,  
SJF/JEA

## LOOKING FOR A JEWISH CONNECTION?



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Jewish Family Services  
Volunteer Opportunities  
Israel Missions

### To find out more, sign up for the weekly Federation email

by sending an email request to [adam@savj.org](mailto:adam@savj.org)

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

Forms are available at the front desk of the JEA.



# Jewish Family Services Senior Adult Lunch Program: FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It's Thursday 11a.m. and, as they do every Thursday, Thelma Rosen and Miriam Stein are preparing the Jewish Educational Alliance small ballroom for that day's Senior Adult Lunch. Many of Savannah Jewish community's greatest "resources" will gather soon to kibbitz and eat a delicious mid-day meal. Food is also served on Monday and Wednesday, but the attendance is larger on Thursdays, perhaps because the meal is followed by an interesting and informative "lunch and learn" program.

What makes it even more special is that in the true tradition of L'dor V'dor, you can find two, sometimes, three, generations enjoying each others' company and exchanging folk lore in the most spiritual way: by talking!

The meal program is organized and sponsored by the Savannah Jewish Federation Jewish Family Services.

The Senior Adult Lunch program began in 1995 as a result of Thelma attending various Elderhostels—especially the ones in Wilmington, Delaware and Boca Raton, Florida.

Thelma identified an unmet need in Savannah for seniors to share a kosher meal and have weekly socialization that is important for the healthy as well as the maybe not-so-healthy seniors.

Some who come are married, others are widowed; some have physical handicaps or (at times) mental lapses.

There are many who come for the tasty food at a reasonable price and for the friendly conversations offered by their table-mates.

Meals also are sent to home-bound seniors too ill to attend, and some meals are taken home by participants for the days when there is no Senior Lunch.

Birthdays are celebrated monthly with a "Happy Birthday" cake and a slightly out of tune, but beautiful rendition of the traditional birthday song. The Hebrew version is even available upon request.

So the Senior Adult Lunch Program deserves a big Mazel Tov! After more than a dozen years, this program is still going strong. You might check back with the Federation in 12 more years to see how the program is doing! Better yet, join the program next week and see for yourself. Call 355-8111 for reservations.

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 12:30. March Thursday programs (at 1:15pm):

- The Puppet People (March 6th)
- Johnny Mercer in the 50's and 60's (March 13th)
- Music of Purim with Dr. Martin Greenberg (March 20th)
- Don Kole Speaks on Trip to Africa (March 27th). We'll celebrate March birthdays on the 27th, too!

# Don Kole to Speak on Recent Trip to West Africa

Don and Kaye Kole recently returned to Savannah from an exciting trip to West Africa. On Thursday, March 27th, Don will share his photos and information about the people they met, the places they visited and their impressions of this mostly undeveloped part of the world. The program will be held at the JEA as part of the weekly Lunch and Learn program.

For those interested, a kosher lunch will be served at 12:30pm (\$5 per person) and Don's program will begin at 1:30pm. There is no charge for the presentation only and the program is open to the public.

If you plan to attend the lunch, you must RSVP by Tuesday, March 25th, by calling 355-8111.



One of the many scenes from Don & Kaye's trip to Africa

# SJF Campaign Update..... cont. from page 1

Most of you can see the impact of your generosity here at home, whether it's in the faces of the children at Rambam and Shalom School or the kids at play in the JEA or the seniors enjoying their weekly Thursday lunch program or so many other ways. But we don't always get to see how our money gets spent overseas. Last month we reported on AM Goldkrand's wonderful trip to the Ukraine and the work the JDC is doing in the former Soviet Union. I have just returned from a visit to Israel that I'll be writing more about later, but I will tell you now that it was an amazing trip where I visited program after program that would not exist without our financial support. These programs are fostering the growth of Israel and are vital to its future.

Some people say you should "give 'til it hurts." But at the Federation, we want you to give "til it feels good." So just like we have to stretch ourselves in

the gym and maybe experience a day or two of soreness for the bigger payoff of feeling healthy, we may need to stretch ourselves a little in our giving to make sure our Jewish community stays healthy. Despite the outpouring of support thus far in the campaign, we are very much at risk of beginning the allocations process with about \$100,000 less than last year. If that happens, all of the programs we support will suffer, some more than others.

If you are reading this and have not yet made your pledge to the 2008 campaign, please do so as soon as possible. If you've made a pledge, but are up to stretching just a little more, we welcome your additional support. Please call me at 355-8111 and I will be happy to record or update your pledge. Please don't forget, your gift is our future.

# 275<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary..... cont. from page 1

## Mickve Israel To Publish Keepsake Legacy Journal

In honor of the 275th anniversary Mickve Israel is publishing a keepsake legacy journal. This will be a beautifully illustrated book, featuring the history of the Jews of Savannah, as well as the history of Congregation Mickve Israel. There will be vignettes written about specific events, members of the community, colorful stories and much more. The journal will be a timeline through the decades, starting in Portugal with Dr. Nunes and taking us to the present.

A very dedicated group of individuals have been writing for months to make this journal happen. The writ-

ers have combined meticulous research and knowledge of our Jewish history with pride of our community, and they have put a lot of energy and love into this project.

There will also be a space for the Savannah community to participate in this journal. You can be a permanent part of this legacy. Your participation can feature a family picture, a personal message, or information about your business to be archived for future generations. Within the next few weeks everyone in the community will be given the opportunity to be a part of this journal. For more information on the journal or your participation, please call Mickve Israel at (912) 233-1547.



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# Savannah Jewish ARCHIVES

## SAVANNAH'S HEBREW WOMEN'S AID SOCIETY

*...Dispensing its philanthropies quietly and in the Jewish Tradition, helping the individual who needed "Tzedaka" to maintain his dignity and self-respect. (Hebrew Women's Aid Society, 1959)*

As a wave of immigration from Eastern Europe hit the United States during the early twentieth century, the Hebrah Gemiluth Hesed (HGH), a men's society, gave aid to men in need of temporary assistance. The HGH found an ever-increasing number of wives accompanying their husbands and the officers of the HGH turned to Bessie Harriet Friedman (Mrs. Simon Kalman Friedman) for assistance in dispensing the society's services to women. Mrs. Friedman became the head of an unofficial HGH ladies' auxiliary.



Bessie Harriet Friedman  
(circa 1878-1936)  
Founder of HWA and owner  
of Friedman's Art Store

The Hebrew Women's Aid Society (HWA) was officially established out of this auxiliary between 1907 and 1910. The main sources of funds for the group were membership dues and an annual Purim Ball. Additional resources included rummage sales and the Grandmother's Club (a related group that

helped to bring in revenue and served as an auxiliary to the HWA). Funds were used to assist immigrants (largely during the early twentieth century and after WWI and WWII), support soldiers during times of war, fund local charities, and provide financial assistance to the poor. Additionally, members greeted arriving immigrants, taught English, assisted with obtaining citizenship papers, and provided entertainment for the troops.



Early board members, undated.

*Seated: Mrs. Samuel Blumenthal, Mrs. P. Feingold, Mrs. S.K. Friedman, Mrs. Max Blumenthal. Standing: Mrs. Ortlieb, Mrs. P. Kandel, Mrs. Wolfson, Mrs. Max Deich.*

Until the 1950s, the HWA remained the primary social service organization for the community until the Savannah Jewish Council formed a social services committee during the 1950s.

### Archives references:

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Hebrew Women's Aid Society records, 1922-1962 (JMS 010)  
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### VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

The Archives is pleased to announce the launch of our new website. The redesign of the Archives website was a component in the redevelopment of the Georgia Historical Society website. Our new website address is: <http://georgiahistory.com/containers/99>.

## Learn to Play Mah Jongg at the JEA

Most people think of mah-jongg as "that Chinese game with the noisy tiles." And they are right! Also known as mah-jongg, ma-diao, mah-cheuck, baak-ling, and pung-chow, playing mah-jongg can be as complicated as figuring out what to call it, but it's also exciting, challenging, and a great gambling alternative to poker. But just because mah-jongg can be intense doesn't make it impossible.

What is Mah Jongg?

Mah-jongg dates back 4,000 years to a time when Chinese aristocrats were the only people on the planet to play the game. The ruling class was so snobby about keeping the game to themselves, that they kept the rules a

secret from the Chinese peasants.

Mah-jongg only became public knowledge when China became a republic in 1911.

So come and observe the ancient game of Mah Jongg & in no time become a seasoned player! Meet other new players or form your own Mah Jongg group. Players must purchase their own cards. For more information, call 355-8111 and see what Mah Jongg is all about at the JEA!

Mah Jongg is your relaxing getaway from a stressful day.

Mah Jongg: Mondays at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Free for JEA members.

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# Lessons from Sderot

Sderot is a relatively small city in the south of Israel. The city's name means "Avenue," on behalf of an avenue of Eucalyptus trees that crosses the city. Twenty thousand people live in Sderot. If y'all decide to stop for a couple of hours there you can catch a movie in the Cinemateque; go shopping in the market; hear the music of a couple of the best bands in Israel — Tipex and Knesiat Hachel; if

you want to see the Israeli food industry in its glory, you can tour the factories of Osem and Elite; if you want to see Israeli high-tech industry you can stop at Amdocs; and if you have a little bit more time you can drive ten minutes and stop by the Sapir College for some intellectual lectures.



Eyal Blank,  
Community  
Shaliach

But there is one other thing you need to know about Sderot: For the last three years the city has been under a blitz of missiles launched by Hamas from the Gaza Strip. It is an astonishing number — 6,000 missiles have fallen there, day and night.

Alon Schuster, the head of the regional consul "Shar ha'negev (the Negev Gate)" for the area that includes Sderot, said that in this situation you need to be very careful: "You can easily become the victim, or even worse you can become the killer." This sentence has great meaning. In the second part, he is cautioning us not to become like the killers from whom we try to protect ourselves. More importantly to me, in the first part he is telling us that we need help but we aren't victims, conditions are very tough and unpleasant, but we are not miserable.

I participated in a conference call about the situation in Sderot. The citizen representatives we spoke with didn't ask for donations, they asked for support: Buy our products so we can keep living our lives; create international pressure on the Hamas so the

constant shooting will stop, they asked.

In the Book of Esther we all are going to read on Purim at the end of March we learn about the unbreakable connection between Jews all around the world, and how the conditions and acts of Jews in one country can influence the situation of Jews all around the world. Many of you recently received an e-mail from Adam Solender asking you to write your congressman about the situation in Sderot. It is up to us to keep pressure on the people who can influence world opinion about the situation there.

Israel is on the threshold of its cel-



Sderot residents inspect damage to house from Kassam rocket

ebation of 60 years of independence. As the situation in Sderot shows us, things are never too simple in Israel, but the strong connection and firm commitment between the people in Israel to the Jews around the world keeps us ready to face the challenges that are ahead of us.



Nachman Shai  
Senior Vice President  
UJC Israel

*When Nachman Shai  
wants to know  
what's happening in the  
Jewish community  
of Savannah  
he reads  
The Savannah  
Jewish News*

## Rambam Annual Fundraiser on April 6th to Feature Jazz Ensemble

A performance by the Savannah Arts Academy Jazz Ensemble featuring Brendan Polk will highlight this year's Rambam Night Out, the school's annual spring fundraiser. The Rambam Day School Board of Directors announced that the event will be held on Sunday, April 6th at 7:00pm in the JEA Auditorium.

The festive and elegant evening will begin with an open bar and hors d'ouvres, followed by a three-course dinner. After dinner and desserts, several drawings will be held for cash prizes, culminating with the top prize of \$3,000. Proceeds from the evening benefit the continued high standard of

secular and Judaic studies provided by Rambam Day School.

Rambam invites everyone to join them in celebrating 18 years of academic and Judaic excellence. Tickets are \$150 each. For more information or to RSVP, please contact event co-chairs Helese Sandler (920-4919 or 844-3288) or Jill Strauss (351-9539 or 844-5588). Reservations may also be made at the school office (352-7994).

When: Sunday, April 6, 2008

Where: JEA Auditorium

Time: 7:00pm

Cost: \$150 per ticket

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# 2008 Speaker's Series



Sunday, March 30, 2008  
7:30 PM  
at the JEA

### Relevance of Culture and Why Art?

**Bill Eiland**

Director, Georgia Museum of Art

— and —

**Steven High**

Director, Telfair Museum of Art/Jepson Center for the Arts

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.*

## Israel at 60 Celebration Planned for May 18<sup>th</sup> at Forsyth Park

Israel at 60, a fun-filled, festive event, will be held at Forsyth Park on May 18<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4:00 pm.

Concurrent with the Festival will be the 2008 **Jerusalem Concert for Peace** featuring the Israeli band, **Pharaoh's Daughter**. The five-piece band is known for its fusion of different Middle Eastern musical styles combining traditional folk music with a hip, modern edge. Pharaoh's Daughter made its U.S. debut last year on the prestigious Central Park *Summerstage* and has appeared all over the world, in places as diverse as Israel, Egypt, London, Greece and South America. The concert is sponsored by the City of Savannah Department of Cultural Affairs.

This year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Israel's independence. The event is an opportunity to celebrate the wonders of this tiny country that has moved boldly into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with its development of unprecedented economic, scientific and technological advances that have benefited the entire world.

Event chair Amos Timna stated: "Forsyth Park will be filled with booths, displays, activities, and the best of Israeli products, culture and food. It will be a great opportunity to learn, celebrate, socialize and hear a great concert."

There is no charge for admission to the festival or to the concert. The festival is a project of the Savannah Jewish Federation and the Jewish Educational Alliance.



## 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



## ISRAELI DANCE CLASSES

Alternate Thursdays  
March 13th & 17th  
6:00 pm

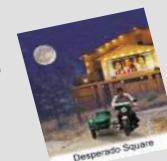
Fast paced fun for all levels of dancers or want-to-be dancers.  
Instructor: Lorena Rother.

Free for JEA Members  
\$5/session for non-members



## A MOVIE & BEER!\*

7:00 PM at the JEA.  
FREE to Members.  
FREE Beer, wine, beverages,  
popcorn and  
peanuts.  
\*Adults 21 and  
over only please



**March 6th - Desperado Square** - On the anniversary of his father's death, Nisei (Nor Levi) has a dream in which his dad instructs him to reopen the family movie theater that's been shuttered for years. Nisei enlists the aid of his brother (Sharon Regnant), and the two set out to make their father's wish a reality. But the boys meet with their mother's disapproval when she learns that her sons intend to screen a sexually explicit Hollywood film.

**March 29th - Fictitious Marriage** - This dark comedy about life, love and lies focuses on a quiet high school teacher, husband and father who sets out from his Jerusalem home for a trip to New York—and is detoured by a midlife crisis to the Hotel California in Tel Aviv. A powerful, provocative film, *Fictitious Marriage* courageously confronts the myths of everyday existence with intelligence, insight and humor. 8:00pm.

Movie & Beer Night at the JEA is generously sponsored by Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein



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### What is YOGA?

By Elaine Fox



Yoga is an ancient system of exercises that promote good health and well being. The word "yoga" comes from Sanskrit "yogas" and means oneness, or unity, the unity of one's mind, body and spirit. There are various styles or traditions of yoga ranging from very gentle to very vigorous.

A frequently asked question is "What does it do for you?" Yoga stimulates all the body's systems, stretches your muscles, improves flexibility and relieves stress. The practice of yoga helps you to reconnect with the real you that lives deep inside.

While we see many yogis in amazing poses, yoga teaches that you should honor your capabilities and respect your limitations. When practicing yoga use steady effort without strain. Work within your comfort zone.

"What should I expect?" A class includes breathing techniques that help calm the mind, exercises called "asanas" or poses, guided relaxation and meditation. You will be barefoot. Wear comfortable clothing that will allow you to move easily.

Come to any or all of the classes we offer throughout the week. All lead you to the same place: the peace that resides within.

### Sunrise Yoga

Tuesdays 7:00-7:45 AM  
March-April

This class will get you ready for the day! You'll be energized, but relaxed. Perfect for a great morning stretch. All levels of experience are welcome.

8 Sessions

FREE for Members Non-Members: \$40

### Dynamic Yoga

Monday 7:00-8:15 PM  
February-March

Dynamic Yoga is a vigorous, flowing style of yoga that strengthens and stretches the body. Class includes breathing and meditation techniques. No previous yoga experience necessary. Bring a mat and a water bottle.

8 Sessions

FREE for members Non-Members: \$40

### Power Circuit

This is a fast moving cardio workout with full-body toning performed in a series of stations, each with a different exercise.



Wednesdays 6:30-7:15 am  
8 Sessions

FREE for members Non-Members: \$40

### Springtime Men's Hoops

Men's Open Basketball League begins this April.

Cost: \$400 entry fee per team

Call Dawn, 355-8111 for team enrollment information.



## Spring Camp

Join us for trips, pool time, fun and games!

Public School - April 7-11

Rambam - April 22-25 and 28

## Mommy & Me

Beginning Tues., April 1st 9:30-10:30 AM

The JEA is beginning a Mommy and Me stroller aerobics class. The class will run every Tuesday through the month of April and is a good way for both mommies and baby to get exercise and bond with each other.



Contact Ashley for more info, 355-8111, ext. 225

## Jr. Swim League

Jr. Swim League is underway and being held on Mondays & Wednesdays, 4:15-5:15. Stroke development, speed and endurance will be emphasized. This is great preparation for summer swim teams.

Members: \$45

Non-Members: \$60

## Jr. NBA

The final game of Jr. NBA will be March 13th. Championships start March 16th. Closing ceremonies and awards will be given on March 30th at 2:00 pm.

Call Dawn, ext. 224, for more information.

## Youth Tee-Ball/Baseball

Ages 6-12

Early Bird

After March 7

6 & Under (Tee-ball)	\$45 M / \$60 NM	\$65 M / \$80 NM
7-8 years old	\$45 M / \$60 NM	\$65 M / \$80 NM
9-10 years old*	\$90 M / \$100 NM	\$110 M / \$120 NM
11-12 years old*	\$90 M / \$100 NM	\$110 M / \$120 NM

\* 10 & Under and 12 & under teams will participate in the City of Savannah Baseball League

## Junior Olympic Skills Competition

May 4th, 12:00 Noon-4:00 pm

Boys and girls ages 8-13 will participate in skills competitions in soccer, basketball, tennis and track. Choose to compete in one or more of these events!

Winners in each age group and gender group will go on to compete in Regional competition in Springfield, GA.

This event is FREE.

## Mark Your Calendars for Kids Day

April 6th, Noon - 4 pm  
Savannah Civic Center

For 17 years the JEA has sponsored what many in the community call the "largest event for kids" in Savannah - Kids Day.

Attendance is free and includes activities such as arts and crafts, health and fitness, technology, education, and a wholesome, fun-filled entertainment day that includes Magic Marc.

Too often our children and families miss opportunities to participate in worthwhile activities where valuable education and information about services and resources in our community are provided. Kids' Day provides these resources.

The JEA, with the help of many good community sponsors, supports this entire event financially. We do not charge the non-profit agencies for their booths and supplies. Last year we had over 60 agencies represented.

If you would like to help support this event, please contact Kim Thebo at 355.8111 or [kim@savj.org](mailto:kim@savj.org).

## Wachovia Area President named Honorary Chair for JEA sponsored Kids Day Program



JEA Director of Special Events and Fundraising, Kim Thebo is proud to announce that Jenny Gentry, Savannah Market President for Wachovia

Bank, is this year's Honorary Chairperson for Kids Day, scheduled for April 6th, 2008, noon to 4:00 pm at the Savannah Civic Center.

Kim stated, "As the area's first female bank President, Jenny is a great role model for our children and families. She is a proven leader in the banking industry and an incredible resource to many area non-profit boards."



# Shabbat Across America

March 7th beginning at 4:00 PM

Shabbat Across America brings thousands of Jews together throughout the United States and Canada to eat, drink, relax, dance and enjoy. The JEA will host children from our community as we celebrate with traditional blessings, candle lighting and Torah readings. A Kosher dinner will be served, followed by singing and dancing. Parents may join their kids or pick them up at 5:30 pm, in time to get home before sundown. Each guest will receive a "Shabbat kit." **Please call Elaine by February 29th to reserve your place!**

Volunteer opportunities are open!  
Contact Elaine, 355-8111  
*There is no charge for this program!*

# Teen Late Night



Saturday, April 12th  
9:00 PM-9:00 AM

Teens, join us for midnight bowling and a sleepover.



Contact Ashley for more info, 355-8111, x225.

# Purim Carnival

March 23rd from 12-2pm

Join us for an afternoon of fun and games for the whole family. Events include a dunk tank, costume contest, hot dogs, hamburgers, face painting, prizes and so much more!

Volunteer opportunities are available. Call Ashley, 355-8111, ext. 225.

# GYMNASTICS AT THE JEA!

**Coach Wayne!2Go** is teaching gymnastics classes for children ages 2 and up. Gymnastics is excellent for developing body awareness, self confidence, goal setting and hand-eye coordination.

Every Wednesday

**Class Schedule:**

- 2-3 yr olds—3:00-3:35 pm \$40
- 4-5 yr olds—3:35-4:10 pm \$40
- 6-8 yr olds—4:15-5:15 pm \$60
- 8 and over—5:15 pm-6:15 \$60

Fees payable to Coach Wayne directly.



# Fitness Schedule

Activity	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
<b>Adult</b>						
Indoor Pool	9 AM-5 PM	7 AM-9 PM	7 AM-9PM	7 AM-9 PM	7 AM-9 PM	7 AM-4 PM
Master Swim		5-6 AM		5-6 AM		5-6 AM
Spin Class			8:30 AM		8:30 AM	
Firm It Up		8:30 AM		8:30 AM		8:30 AM
Pilates			8:30 AM		8:30 AM	
Open Basketball	9 AM- 12 Noon	12-1 PM		12-1 PM		12-1 PM
Aquasize		10 AM	10 AM		10 AM	10 AM
Gentle Yoga		10:30 AM		10:30 AM		
Yoga for a Healthy Back					7 PM	
Chair Yoga					11:30 AM	
Dynamic Yoga		7 PM				
Sunrise Yoga			7 AM			
Sr. Aerobics		10:30 AM			10:30 AM	
Power Circuit				6:30 AM		
Fencing			6 PM		6 PM	
Eve. Water Aerobics		6:30 PM	6:30 PM	6:30 PM	6:30 PM	
Women's Only Swim			8 PM			
Women's Self Defense			6 PM		6 PM	
Wallyball			6:30 PM	7:30 PM Men Only	6:30 PM	
Open Court Racquetball		4-6 PM	4-6 PM	4-6 PM	4-6 PM	4-5 PM
<b>Kids</b>						
Kids Karate		4-5 PM		4-5 PM	5:30 PM	
Karate II		5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 & 7:30 PM	5:30 PM	
Jr. NBA		5:30PM	5:30		5:30	
Dance (Tap, Jazz, Ballet)		4:30 PM	4:30 PM	4:30 PM	4:30 PM 6 PM	

## Kids Klub

2 years - Kindergarten  
Monday-Thursday 3-6 pm  
Friday 3-5 PM

PRICE: \$200 (per month)  
NON-MEMBERS: \$240  
ACTIVITIES: \$45 (per month)  
TRANSPORTATION: \$20 for 1/2 days  
\$25 for full days

**Featuring:**

- Mon - Cooking
- Tue - Art with Maggie
- Wed - Gymnastics with Coach Wayne
- Thu - Sports with Coach Dawn
- Fri - Nature Walks

**Must Sign Up One Day Prior**



## Club U

1st - 4th Graders  
Monday-Thursday 3-6 pm  
Friday 3-5 PM

PRICE: \$200 (per month)  
NON-MEMBERS: \$240  
ACTIVITIES: \$45 (per month)  
TRANSPORTATION: \$20 for 1/2 days  
\$25 for full days

**Featuring:**

- Mon. - Art with Maggie
- Tues. - Sign Language
- Wed. - Gymnastics
- Thurs. - Water Kickboxing
- Fri. - Sports

**Must Sign Up One Day Prior**



# Juggling and Health

Researchers are finding things that indicate juggling can be a valuable creator of sound physical and mental health. Juggling helps us stay focused, exercises our upper extremities and reduces stress.

A Princeton researcher suggests we can optimize our overall performance in life by broadening our focus. Juggling is one way to do that. He claims most people have a narrow focus, a lack of awareness of their own body sensations. This narrow focus can be absorbing and useful, as when talking on the phone or driving a motorcycle. When learning how to juggling, the narrow focus can be directed at the object. This narrow focus agrees with observations that we live in a society which sees things as fragments rather than holistic. But things are changing. And just maybe, juggling is helping to change it. It appears juggling, like life itself, is a paradox. To catch we must not reach. To see the pattern we must not look at its parts. To learn we must unlearn.

Come see what juggling is all about on **April 17th at 1:30** at the JEA after the **Senior Adult Lunch**. Dawn Tanis will demonstrate.



*"Juggle three of these and call me in the morning."*

# AASU Brings Jazz Ensemble To The "J"

Armstrong Atlantic State University  
Jazz Ensemble  
Randall Reese, Director  
**Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**  
**At the JEA**

This fun event features the AASU eighteen- piece student jazz ensemble. The program will be a mix of historic and contemporary music for *big band* which includes selections from groups such as Count Basie, Duke Ellington and Stan Kenton; - 60/70's groups like Thad Jones-Mel Lewis; and modern/contemporary groups such as the big bands of Bob Mintzer and Gordon Goodwin.

The band will also perform big band arrangements of standards and tunes from the small group jazz tradition.

**The event is free and open to the public & is part of Jazz Appreciation Month**

## In Preparation for Income Tax Filing...

The Financial Office of the JEA/ Federation mailed letters at the end of January as is our custom, for all donations of \$250.00 or more. If you did not receive a letter and believe you should have received one, please call Jeanette at the JEA office, 355-8111, and we will see that one is sent out to you.

# Art at the JEA



**Lynne Garcia Harris**

**This artwork will be for sale and for viewing from Mar. 2-31, 2008**

"I am fascinated by the interplay of brilliant color and shape, as well as the effects that can be produced from manipulating paint with various techniques. My work usually develops from a process of letting the image evolve as I paint; I select the colors and begin. Other times, I begin with a plan - a drawing or photo I've taken that lends itself to abstraction."

Lynne began painting in college while majoring in art. She also earned Chemistry and graduate degrees. After retiring from teaching she began to paint full time. She has had exhibits at Agnes Scott College, the Bamboo Farm Art Festival and Calloway Gardens. Currently, you can also see her work at the Remshart Row Studio and Gallery on Jones St. Her usual medium is acrylic, but she has begun painting in oils recently. What is most noticeable about her work is that it is very colorful!

**Artist's Reception - Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00-4:30 PM**

	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
<b>March 2008</b>	<b>2</b> Art Gallery Reception-Lynne Garcia Harris-2:00-4:30 pm	<b>3</b> <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-9 pm <u>Aquasize</u> -10 am <u>Gentle Yoga</u> -10:35 am <u>Sr. Fitness</u> -10:30 am <u>Senior Lunch</u> -12:30 pm <u>Mah-Jongg</u> -1 pm <u>Water Aerobics</u> -6:30 pm	<b>4</b> <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-9 pm <u>Kibitzers Club</u> -10 am <u>Aquasize</u> -10 am <u>Yiddish</u> - 3 pm <u>Water Aerobics</u> -6:30 pm	<b>5</b> <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-9 pm <u>Gentle Yoga</u> -10:35 am <u>Senior Lunch</u> -12:30 pm <u>Bridge</u> -1 pm <u>Evening Water Aerobics</u> -6:30 pm	<b>6</b> <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-9 pm <u>Aquasize</u> - 10 am <u>Mah-Jongg</u> - 10:30 am <u>Senior Fitness</u> - 10:30 am <u>Chair Yoga</u> - 11:30 am <u>Evening Water Aerobics</u> - 6:30 pm <u>Sr. Lunch Program - The Puppet People: Showtime for Seniors</u> - 1:30 pm Movie & Beer Night - 8 pm	<b>7</b> <u>Indoor Pool</u> - 7 am-4 pm <u>Aquasize</u> -10 am  Shabbat Across America - 4 pm
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## Chodoff provides Middle East Update in Speakers Series

Professor Elliot Chodoff, last year's inaugural speaker for the JEA Speakers Series, returned to Savannah for the 2008 Speakers Series with an update on the situation in Israel. Chodoff, a political and military analyst specializing in the Middle East and the global war on terror, spoke on February 2nd at the JEA. Some of the key points of his presentation were that a low profile but highly effective campaign has been underway to target terrorists with low civilian casualties; he anticipates a large military incur-



Elliot Chodoff with Speakers Series chmn. Dick Berkowitz

sion in Gaza in the spring of this year; he believes terrorism can be defeated and pointed to the relative calm in the West Bank recently as evidence. A lively question and answer session followed his prepared remarks.

The next JEA Speakers Series event

will be on Sunday, March 30 (JEA, 7:30pm), when Steven High, director of the Telfair Museum of Art/Jepson Center and Bill Eiland, director of the Georgia Museum of Art, will speak about the relevance of culture and why art matters.

## SDT Alumni Group Forming



The SDT house in Athens

Sigma Delta Tau sisters from the University of Georgia (Eta) chapter are in the process of forming an alumni group based in Atlanta. A brunch is planned for Sunday, March 23rd at the Atlanta home of Michele Lubin Hirsch to give everyone an opportunity to catch up with old friends and discuss the start of the Alumni Association.

If you have not been contacted by one of your pledge sisters for your current contact information, please send your name (maiden and married), address, telephone number, the year you pledged and your preferred e-mail address to [ugasdtalumni@gmail.com](mailto:ugasdtalumni@gmail.com).

To RSVP for the brunch, send a check payable to SDT for \$36 to Lisa Guggenheim, 5328 Hallford Dr., Dunwoody, GA 30338. Any proceeds from the event will go towards improvements on the house and/or to fund the new Alumni Association.

When: Sunday, March 23, 2008

Where: Home of Michele Lubin Hirsch  
4500 Powers Ferry Rd.  
Atlanta, GA 30327  
(770) 845-4820

Time: 11:00am

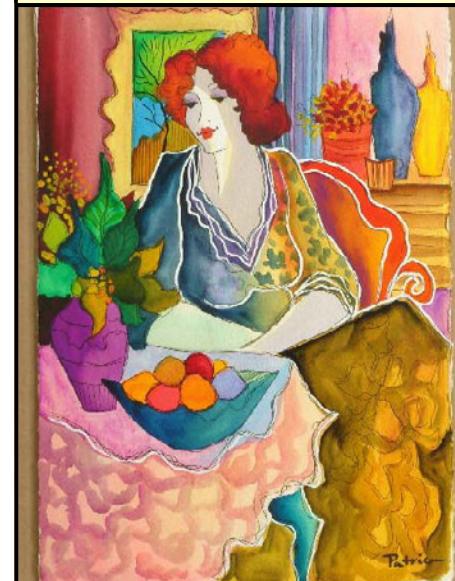
Cost: \$36 per person in advance,  
\$42 at the door



## Israeli Art Expo Returns

Treat yourself or someone you love to the latest in arts and crafts from Israel. The Bar Kocva Gallery in Jaffa, Israel, returns to Savannah with its largest art expo yet. Works from more than 45 Israeli artists will be on display at the JEA, including paintings, serigraphs, Judaica, jewelry, and items made from wood, stone, precious metals and clay. Items will be available for sale in all price ranges.

Sunday, March 16, 10am-6pm;  
Mon. & Tues., March 17 & 18,  
10am-8pm.



## MYTHS AND FACTS A Guide to the Arab – Israeli Conflict

By Mitchell G. Bard

### MYTH

“Jerusalem need not be the capital of Israel.”

### FACT

Ever since King David made Jerusalem the capital of Israel more than 3,000 years ago, the city has played a central role in Jewish existence. The Western Wall in the Old City is the object of Jewish veneration and the focus of Jewish prayer. Three times a day, for thousands of years, Jews have prayed “To Jerusalem, thy city, shall we return with joy,” and have repeated the Psalmist's oath: “If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.”

Jerusalem “has known only two periods of true greatness, and these have been separated by 2,000 years. Greatness has only happened under Jewish rule,” Leon and Jill Uris wrote in *Jerusalem*. “This is so because the Jews have loved her the most, and have remained constant in that love throughout the centuries of their dispersion....It is the longest, deepest love affair in history.”

“For three thousand years, Jerusalem has been the center of Jewish hope and longing. No other city has played such a dominant role in the history, culture, religion and consciousness of a people as has Jerusalem in the life of Jewry and Judaism. Throughout centuries of exile, Jerusalem remained alive in the hearts of Jews everywhere as the focal point of Jewish history, the symbol of ancient glory, spiritual fulfillment and modern renewal. This heart and soul of the Jewish people engenders the thought that if you want one simple word to symbolize all of Jewish history, that word would be ‘Jerusalem.’” (Teddy Kollek, also in *Jerusalem*)

**Myths and Facts is brought to you as a service of the  
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of the editor and we reserve the right to edit submissions.*



## Rambam Happenings

by Ester Rabham,  
Rambam Day School Principal

I was teaching my sixth grade class and we came across the verses dealing with the Jewish people having just left Egypt and not too far into their journey, complaining to the Almighty. We reviewed in detail the miracles that the Jewish people had experienced; the ten plagues, the splitting of the sea, acquiring all the jewels and gold of the Egyptians, the manna falling from Heaven, the Clouds of Glory protecting them, the fight with Amalek and many others. I challenged the students and asked them how could the Jews fall so hard after being the recipients of such intense closeness with the Almighty?

I was proud that the children were able through discussion with each other and myself, to understand the terrible tragedy that befell the Jewish people. Klal Yisroel became too comfortable with their surroundings and lost appreciation for all that was being done on their behalf. What an incredible lesson for a child to learn through their very own ancestors. If one becomes oblivious to the source of their good fortune, their good fortune no longer feels like a blessing.

And so this lesson begins in the very early years of a child's experience in Rambam. When they are just learn-

ing to speak and express themselves, they learn the Mode Ani, a verse from our prayers that thanks the Almighty for blessing us with another day to live and to appreciate all that we have. As the children become older and wiser, they add more and more to the prayers they say. Though the children may not be able to translate word for word all that is found in the Siddur, they become knowledgeable in what it means to pray to the Almighty and not only make requests, but as well, to express their gratitude for all life has given them.

Often a parent will share with me that their Rambam dollars have been put to good use. Usually they proceed to tell me how their son recited the kiddush at their meal on Friday night. Other times I have been told how proud a parent was because when a loved one passed away, their child was offering comfort that now this special individual is with Hashem.

Within the doors of Rambam there is instruction taking place at all times. Some of these lessons are lessons for life. I assure you they are lessons for all ages.



Ester Y. Rabham

## The Chai Curriculum in Action

By Jules Kerness, Shalom School Principal

Our Shalom School long has been committed to providing quality Judaic education for our children within our framework as a supplementary Jewish religious school. What we do strive for is the creation of a strong academic environment that imparts the love of Judaism in our children as well as an understanding of the basic tenets of our faith and culture that encourage life-long learning when they become adults. We refer to this concept as "Enduring Understanding."

To further these objectives, we seek new initiatives to enrich Jewish education. When considering change, we have noted that recent trends in contemporary Jewish education continue to stress the importance of experiential over didactic learning in order to stimulate and strengthen traditional course offerings in history, Torah, holidays, Jewish ethics and worship.

To gain perspective, I have focused on this issue at a number of Jewish educational meetings, including most especially the annual summer conferences of the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE) as well as the biennial meetings of the Union for Reform Judaism. In addition, our School's Curriculum Committee undertook a comprehensive survey of the curricula of combined Reform/Conservative supplementary religious schools throughout the country, in order to assess and evaluate these curricula in comparison with our own. Our objective has been to develop and implement curriculum changes, if and where appropriate.

The results of our studies were two-fold. In the first place, Shalom School's curriculum gets high ratings in comparison with those of our contemporaries and few modifications were necessary in terms of theme and content. However, when viewing our teaching materials, approaches, and

methodology, there appeared to be room for improvement to better capture and sustain student interest and knowledge retention.

We felt it was now time to teach our tradition and our great Books with a far more comprehensive approach.

The CHAI Curriculum, developed by the Union for Reform Judaism and used with great success in combined Reform/Conservative religious schools throughout the United States, appeared to fit the bill. CHAI groups its material according to the three cornerstones of Judaism: Torah, Avodah (worship) and G'milut Chasadim (acts of loving kindness) and combines text learning with classroom based experiential activities in order to convey to our children those "Enduring Understandings" of the tenets of Judaism that will stay with them to adulthood and encourage life-long learning.

To try out the CHAI Curriculum, last year's third graders became the pilot test group led by Sarah Kovensky, one of our wonderful, experienced educators. Sarah spent the year teaching the new material and based, upon her experiences, as well as extensive in-service faculty training last summer, Shalom School is implementing CHAI throughout its grades (two through seven) this year. A CHAI first grade curriculum recently has been completed and will be implemented here next fall.

However, to proceed from the general to the specific but, to avoid making this an overly long article, please look for the next issue of the Savannah Jewish News where, with great delight, I will share with you the words of our teachers about the many CHAI learning experiences our children are having in their classrooms this year.



Jules Kerness

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This scholarship is given based on need, availability and the applicant's scholastic achievement.

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.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## March

**Sunday, March 2**

### JEA Art Gallery Reception

Greet the March artist of the month, Lynne Garcia Harris.

JEA Art Gallery; 2 – 4:30 pm; free; 355-8111 for information.

**Thursday, March 6**

### A Movie and A Beer

Desperado Square

JEA—7 pm; Free to members;

Adults 21 and over only please.

Sponsored by Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein.

**Friday, March 7**

### Shabbat Across America

Thousands of Jews throughout the US and Canada are brought together to eat, relax, dance and enjoy. The JEA will host children from the community to celebrate with traditional blessings, candle lighting and Torah readings.

JEA—4 to 5:30 pm; free; call Elaine at 355-8111 by Feb. 29 to reserve a place.

**Thursday and Monday, March 13 & 17**

### Israeli Dance Classes

Fast-paced fun for all levels of dancers

Instructor: Lorena Rother

JEA—6 pm; free to members; \$5 per session for non-members.

**Sunday–Tuesday, March 16–18**

### Bar Kocva Israeli Art Expo

Arts and crafts from more than 45 Israeli artists will be on display and for sale.

JEA—Sunday, 10am – 6pm;

Monday & Tuesday, 10am – 8pm.

**Monday, March 17**

### BBJ Sisterhood Special Program

Cookbook author Susie Fishbein

will be appearing

Home of Debbie Rotkow—6:30 pm;

\$150 per person; seating is limited.

**Sunday, March 23**

### Community Purim Carnival

Events will include a dunk tank, costume contest, hot dogs, hamburgers, face painting, prizes and much more

JEA—12 – 2 pm; free activities, hot dogs & hamburgers 50¢ each; call Ashley at 355-8111 for more information.

**Saturday, March 29**

### A Movie and A Beer

Fictitious Marriage

JEA—7pm; Free to members;

Adults 21 and over only please.

Sponsored by Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein.

**Sunday, March 30**

### 2008 Speakers Series

Relevance of Culture and Why Art?

Featuring Bill Eiland, Director of

Georgia Museum of Art and Steven

High, Director, Telfair Museum of

Art/Jepson Center for the Arts

JEA—7:30pm; \$10 at the door;

\$5 for students; free for military.

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Federation and members of the

community.

## April

**Sunday, April 6**

### Kids Day

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Noon to 4 pm – Savannah Civic

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Sponsored by the JEA

**Sunday, April 6**

### Rambam Night Out

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Rambam Day School

Fundraiser

JEA— 7pm; \$150.00. Call 352-7994

for more information.

**Friday and Saturday, April 11-12**

### Agudath Achim Scholar In

### Residence Program

Guest speaker is Alana Newhouse,

Arts & Cultural Editor of The

Forward.

Agudath Achim Synagogue—Times

and cost to be announced. Call

Motti Locker, 352-4737 for more

information. Sponsored by the Abe

and Esther Tenenbaum Library.

**Sunday, April 13**

### Jack Malitz and Miriam Slotin

### Levy Memorial Concert

Savannah Sinfonietta Orchestra will perform.

JEA—3 – 5 pm; free. Sponsored

by the Jack Malitz & Miriam Slotin

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**Tuesday, April 15**

### AASU Jazz Ensemble

JEA – 7pm; free. Sponsored by the

JEA as part of Jazz Appreciation

Month.

**Through Tuesday, April 15**

### Israel & Me Oral History Project

Share your stories about Israel.

Some will be selected to be part of

a documentary that will be shown

at the Israel at 60 Festival on May

18<sup>th</sup>.

E-mail [MStarArts@aol.com](mailto:MStarArts@aol.com) to

schedule an interview.

If you have an event that you would like

included in the calendar, please submit it

to Midge Schildkraut, [mschildk@bellsouth.net](mailto:mschildk@bellsouth.net)

or call 355-1839. Final determination is

at the discretion of the editor.

## Join Hadassah on Tour of Savannah

There's nothing quite as lovely as springtime in Savannah. On Sunday, March 23rd, Hadassah members are invited to enjoy the best Savannah has to offer at this time of year.

New and old members alike are

invited on a tour of downtown Savannah, led by seasoned tour guide Sharon Galin, who will show the sites and share lots of unknown tidbits about our town. Old time Savannahians can share the best of the South with new-

comers.

After the tour everyone is invited to the home of Savannah Hadassah Chapter President Sue Ruby for a "spot of afternoon tea." Sue's home will be a stop the following week on the famous 2008 Savannah Home and Gardens tour. She is graciously opening up her home first to Savannah's Hadassah members.

The tour begins at 11am. Everyone will gather in front of Sue Ruby's home (204 West Jones Street), where the

tour bus awaits.

RSVPs are a must – so Hadassah will know what size bus to rent. RSVP to Sue Ruby, 236-3395 or [iruby64@comcast.net](mailto:iruby64@comcast.net) or Sue Adler, 598-7935 or [adlersavannah@aol.com](mailto:adlersavannah@aol.com).

When: Sunday, March 23, 2008

Where: 204 W. Jones St.

Tour: 11am-1pm

Tea: 1pm-2pm at the home of Sue Ruby

No charge for Hadassah members

## Congregation Agudath Achim Plans Scholar in Residence Weekend April 11-12

Alana Newhouse, Arts and Cultural Editor of The Forward will be the guest speaker at Congregation Agudath Achim's Scholar in Residence program on April 11 and 12. The event is sponsored by the Abe & Esther Tenenbaum Library Fund.

Newhouse's work has appeared in the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Washington Post, the Boston Globe and other publications. Before joining The Forward, she worked for New York political consultant David Garth. She is a graduate of Barnard College and the Columbia University School of Journalism.

At the Friday night service, she will talk about "From Tony Soprano to Jewish Mothers: Judaism in American Popular Culture." The Friday night service will be followed by a dinner. Her topic on Saturday night will be



Alana Newhouse

"Living Lens: Century of Jewish Life."

The cost for the weekend is \$15 per person or \$35 for a family. For more information, call 352-3747.



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Rabbi Kenneth R. Leitner was installed as the new pulpit rabbi at Congregation Agudath Achim on Feb. 17 by Rabbi Gilah Dror, who will become first female president of the Rabbinical Assembly of United Synagogue next year. Rabbi Leitner wore the talits that his daughter and son, who could not be present for the occasion, wore on their bat and bar mitzvahs. Looking on and assisting was Congregation President Buddy Metzger. The congregation's past presidents also were honored that evening in a special candle lighting ceremony led by president-elect Ed Wexler.

Photo courtesy of Jack Streicher

## Save the Date!

Jack Malitz & Miriam Slotin Levy  
Memorial Concert  
Sunday, April 13, 2008  
3:00pm at the JEA

The Savannah Sinfonietta orchestra will perform at this annual, free event sponsored by the Jack Malitz & Miriam Slotin Levy Memorial Concert Fund



## Savannah BBYO Name Sweetheart and Beau for 2008-2009

The David Finn AZA Chapter recently elected Caroline Eichholz as its 2008-2009 Sweetheart and the Wex-

ler-Clark BBG Chapter elected Barney Sadler as its 2008-2009 Beau. They were elected at the 2008 Sweetheart-Beau Dance held at the JEA on January 12. The local chapters of BBYO hosted many teens from the Dixie Council Region.

The theme of the dance was the "New Year's Ball." The annual Sweetheart-Beau dance weekend included Shabbat dinner with host families and services and programming on both Friday night and Saturday morning. The dance was a success thanks to the leadership of the past sweetheart, Ashley Schlafstein, and past beau, Jordan Cranman.

JoAnne Kooden orchestrated behind the scenes to insure a smooth weekend of events.

Both the new Sweetheart and Beau look forward to a fun and successful BBYO season.



Caroline Eichholz and Barney Sadler are the local 2008-2009 AZA Sweetheart and BBG Beau respectively.

## Condolences

We express our condolences to the families of

### Stephen David Cohen Who died January 21, 2008

He is survived by a son, Lance (Molly) Cohen; two daughters, Debra Cohen and Lisa (Doug) Goldstein; a brother, Edward (Becky) Cohen and two grandchildren, all of Savannah.

Remembrances may be sent to the American Cancer Society or to the Morris & Sylvia Cohen Memorial Fund at Congregation Agudath Achim, 9 Lee Blvd., Savannah, GA 31405.



David Rosenzweig

### David Rosenzweig Who died February 3, 2008

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Ethyl Richman Rosenzweig, daughter and son-in-law Harriet Zabusky-Zand and Howard Zabusky, daughter and son-in-law Eve Bluett and Gerry Bluett and son and daughter-in-law Edward Z. Rosenzweig and Barbara Nama, and grandsons Adam Zand, Noah Lazarusp and Matt Rosenzweig.

Remembrances may be sent to Hospice Savannah.

## On The Personal Side

MISCELLANY. Riette and Gerald Pollack recently celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Jacob, son of Katie and Irwin Pollack of Livingston, N. J. Jacob is also the grandson of Kate and Stan Lipinski of Surf City, NJ.

SPORTS. Faye Kirschner won second place in her age group in the Tybee 5k (3.1 miles) Race in February. Chris Addy placed fourth in her age group.

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JEWISH EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE

## Vital Statistics

### BORN

\*A son, Isaac Henry, weighing 8 lbs., 1 oz., 19 inches long, on July 23, 2007 to Amanda and Eiran Gorodeski of Shaker Heights, Ohio; grandparents are Nancy and Paul Feldman of Savannah.

\*A daughter, Emma Eligra, on September 18, 2007 weighing 7 lbs. 20oz. and 20 inches long to Eric Roth and Alexi Drosu of Los Angeles, California; grandparents are Dr. Steve and Beth Roth of Savannah.

\*A daughter, Samantha Maurine, weighing 5 lbs., 11 oz. and 19 inches long on September 22, 2007 to Tag and Megan Garson of New York City;

grandparents are Buddy and Julie Metzger of Savannah.

\*A daughter, Ellie Renee, on September 24, 2007 weighing 7 lbs., 5 oz. and 19.5 inches long to Matthew and Lisa Zerden of Boston, Massachusetts; grandparents are Steffi and Sol Zerden of Savannah.

\*A daughter, Sarah Isabel, on October 9, 2007 weighing 5 lbs., 15 oz. and 19 inches long to David and Sharon Galin of Shaker Heights, Ohio; grandparents are Ellie and Mel Galin of Savannah.

\*A son, Ryan Benjamin, on November 29, 2007 weighing 7 lbs., 12 oz. and 21.5 inches long to Arin and Lorne Tritt of Atlanta, Georgia; grandparents are Steffi and Sol Zerden of Savannah.



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