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## Ethiopian-Israelis to Visit Savannah

Israel is a country, like the USA, populated by a wide variety of Jewish peoples. The State of Israel, through the Jewish Agency for Israel, has done a superb job at rescuing and bringing Jews from around the world to her. One of the peoples that have made mass Aliyah to Israel were the Jewish people from Ethiopia that, through a series of somewhat secret operations – Operation Moses being the most widely known – have made a new life and continued their Jewish traditions in their new country.

A small group of three Ethiopian-Israelis will be coming to Savannah on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and the morning of March 9<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, they will be visiting Shalom School in the af-

ternoon and will be presenting their Israel to the entire community at 7pm at the JEA. The group is interested in meeting Americans and sharing Israel's culture, technology and society with the community. Please don't miss this opportunity, it'll be a great!

Tomer Marsha, Hava Matbabo and Rachel Tabay are excited to be visiting Savannah; all have completed their military service, have plenty of life experience, fluent in English and are currently enrolled in universities in Israel. With interests in



Israel At Heart Delegation to the United States

law, communications and public governance, these late-twenty something's come from large families and have a number of siblings and were either

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## Community Purim Carnival at the JEA

Purim is generally considered the most festive and joyous holiday in the Jewish tradition. To put a recap on the Purim story and why the Jewish people celebrate the holiday; the Jewish people are celebrating the miracle that happened in the ancient Persian Empire after they were saved from Haman's plan to annihilate them by Queen Esther. We celebrate this holiday to relive the story, celebrate and

carry out the mitzvahs associated with the holiday. There are four important commandments in Purim: Reading "Megilat Esther", Feasting and being joyful and happy, giving "Mishloach Manot" to friends and members of the community, and giving gifts and Tzedakah to the poor and unfortunate.

In Israel, Purim is the holiday that all the kids can't wait to arrive. Everybody begins to plan and make their costume months ahead of the holiday. There is no bigger prestige then to win the school's Purim costume contest. Cowboys, Dracula, super heroes, rock stars and clowns walking down the streets, making a lot of noise, having fun and celebrating this festive holiday. "I remember my brothers and me dressing up for the holiday and the excitement involved and enjoying the hamentash-

It has been a tradition in our Savannah Jewish community to have a Community Purim Carnival much like last year, and the year before that at the JEA. This year, the Community Purim Carnival has been planned by our wonderful committee members; Joanne Kooden, Melissa Leto, Katie Eichelbaum, Deganit Ruben, Jessica Lebos and Michele Ruskin. They've gratefully spent many hours and much of their creative powers to help put this year's celebration together, thank you.

This year the Community Purim Carnival will be on March 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11:30am. The carnival will be in the turn around behind the building and in the backyard at the JEA, and will start with big and festive costume parade (Come Dressed-Up! It's a Mitzvah!). After the parade, there will be a

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en cookies that are associated with this day," said, Gershon Peru.



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## The Invisible Israeli

Even though the invisible Israeli and his kind are the majority of 7 million citizens, he is still invisible.

The invisible Israeli has a loving wife, 2.8 children, a dog or a cat, and a mortgage for the next 25 years. The invisible Israeli defines himself as a Jew, a Zionist, and an Israeli (not necessarily in that order).

The invisible Israeli feels that the Jews in the Diaspora are more Jewish than him, but also a little less. He thinks it's his personal business when he hears that someone painted a swastika on a synagogue wall in Bolivia. He is deeply offended when someone tells him that the holocaust is not an argument any more.

Every invisible Israeli had a grandfather who was an important rabbi somewhere, but he doesn't know what was so important about him. The invisible Israeli has proud in being a Jew; he knows every Hollywood actor who has a Jewish dad. He can say "Einstein, Freud and Marx", even though he never read Einstein, Freud or Marx. He knows at least 2 quotes by Maimonides, as if they were good

friends. He feels that he is not less of a Jew than the most religious ultra-orthodox in *Mea-Shearim* but he also feels uncomfortable when he sees a Rabbi and a Priest together in Chelsea's Clinton wedding. He doesn't understand Jews that have returned to Germany after the war, but he thinks that in America he would already be a millionaire.

The invisible Israeli thinks that the fact he can speak the same language as Jacob, David, and Jeremiah is no less than a miracle. He knows that the Torah is his History and Geography. He believes that a nation that was persecuted throughout history for no reason has a right to their country, plus an F-16 fighter jet as a gift from the manufacturer. The invisible Israeli knows he lives better than billion Indians, 1.3 billion Chinese, 250 million Indonesians, Thais, Filipinos, Russians, Ukrainians and the entire Muslim world. He lives in a state under siege, without natural resources, yet the traffic lights



Gershon Peru  
Israeli Shaliach

always work, computers are connected to broadband internet, and you can forget about finding a parking spot in Tel Aviv.

The invisible Israeli has mercy for the refugees from Sudan, and because of the Holocaust, he has a moral obligation for every 5 year old refugee with sad eyes, but he doesn't understand why a country smaller than New Jersey should solve all the world's troubles. The invisible Israeli is rude, impatient and loud, but also sends blankets to people he doesn't know after a big fire. He believes that his security and safety are the first priority, and the IDF should get the biggest percentage of the tax money, but also that education, health and welfare are important as well. He wants to be right and just, because the all world is looking at him, but they also should know that they can mess with us. He wants the American government will stop telling Israel what to do, but also he can't imagine Israel without American support. He wants peace with the Palestinians, he truly believes it's just a matter of time, and that deep inside we all know that the reasonable solution is two states, but also that you can't negotiate with

them, and if you offer something, tomorrow they will want even more, and the memories of the Oslo agreements and the Disengagement are still fresh. The invisible Israeli knows that in the bottom line, what it all comes down to is whether it's good for the Jews or bad for Jews.

There's a small chance you'll ever meet an invisible Israeli, or even see him on TV. you will always see the predictable typecast, the radical 17 year old settler that sat in a trailer on a hill in Samaria and uproots Palestinian olive trees, the left wing extremist anarchist that protests against the occupied territory and the security barriers. People will always try to simplify the situation. The invisible Israeli is full of contrasts only because of necessity. The truth is that in a complicated place like Israel, there's no black and white, there's no magic solution, and the most dangerous people are those who claim that there's no dilemmas, they have all the answers, and they always know who's right.

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It was good to see in the lead article of last month's Savannah Jewish News that membership has increased so much; as I know we direly need the funds, but please allow me to reflect for a moment about why it's just not good enough! For those of us who had the good fortune to have been born and raised here in Savannah, the JEA was always "our home away from home." It's true that times have changed and our lives have become much more fragmented, but deep in our hearts we do need to "dwell together." We just sometimes assume that everyone grew up with that same sense of "community," but the facts don't really reflect that assumption. If you do some research, you will find that for a Jewish community of our size, our facility is absolutely phenomenal and offers programming for every single age group. We run a very successful summer day camp for children of all ages and a terrific senior program that so many people look forward to each week. In addition, we have a state-of-the-art fitness center, and we house a Jewish Day School. We also host a myriad of civic and cultural events that are nothing short of amazing, but Savannah is quite a unique community! We have three thriving Synagogues, many outreach programs, and a Federation that, somehow, despite our small numbers, manages year after year to raise a lot of money for so many worthwhile causes.

So what do we need? We especially need people who are members of the Savannah Jewish Community to become members of our Jewish Educational Alliance. The cost is minimal compared to the benefits received. If you grew up here, let your conscience be your guide! If you are new to our city, please just come and look around to see what we're about. Visit our monthly art exhibits featuring Savannah's foremost artists. Attend our Jewish Film Festival or many of our free concerts or lectures by some of the countries most notable speakers. The JEA is such a vital part of this community and we need YOU to help us continue to thrive. We need YOUR support! Won't you please join us.

Sincerely,  
Sally Krissman

Editor,

Although we are not Jewish, my husband, Dan Parrott and I are long time members of the Jewish Educational Alliance and have enjoyed the JEA Athletic & Health Club where we frequently strive to get a good workout and stay in shape and where we catch up on news with friends. There is so much to see and do at the JEA. Over the years we have enjoyed the art exhibits, speakers such as Bruce Feiler, performances and inspiring programs in the auditorium and the wonderful yearly Jewish food festival.

In these tough economic times, we cannot stand by and watch the JEA and Federation struggle financially without making an effort to help an organization that does so much for the community. We have benefited so much from our membership. We would like to make a

donation to the Savannah Jewish Federation and specifically to the JEA Athletic & Health Club Fund in memory of our good friend Lee Kuhr who introduced us to the JEA many years ago.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Rowden

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## Mighty Big Shoes

Sometimes being president of the Savannah Jewish Federation has its sad moments. One of those occurred for me in late January with the passing of Norton Melaver. Norton was a giant in the Jewish community. He was always there to help with his hard work, his sharp intellect, his invaluable advice, his good sense, and his generosity. He was a past president of the Savannah Jewish Federation and of the J.E.A. He was the first recipient of the Jack Malitz Levy Award, the greatest honor bestowed on a member of our Jewish community. The Melaver name is at the entrance to the JEA; there would be no Shaliach program without him. Walking to the JEA auditorium, I see

“Norton was a giant in the Jewish Community.”

the picture of a teenage Norton on his basketball team and another with his wife Betty and their son Martin wearing hard hats. He was involved with and held leadership positions in national Jewish organizations. Where he found the time to do that and all of his work in the community at large, I'll never know.

Like most newcomers to Savannah, I met Norton, Betty and their sister Millie early on. They were gracious, welcoming, and hospitable to my husband Michael and me. I remember Friday night dinners, meals in the sukkah, and a Semel retreat at the beach. I remember their hospitality at the GA. (GA is short for General Assembly and is the annual meeting of Jewish Federations). Norton, Betty, and Millie's hotel rooms became the meeting place for the Savannah delegation. We must have had

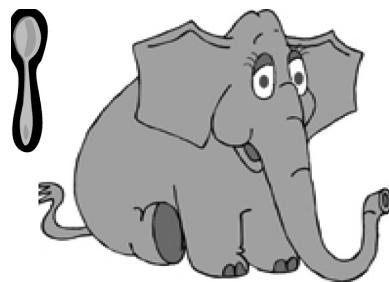
20 people going in those days, mostly because of the Melaver influence, their enthusiasm, and encouragement. We hung out there, snacked there, planned where we would go for dinner, and discussed the countless topics covered in the breakout sessions. It was leadership development Melaver style and *it worked!*

Norton loved his Judaism. It was a part of everything he did. He was a prominent member of the Agudath Achim synagogue. I remember with admiration the haftorah he chanted every Yom Kippur. Jewish study and learning were his passions and we as a community benefitted. He brought speakers to town that we never would have had otherwise.

I am privileged and thankful to have known him for over 30 years. I will miss him as the Federation, and indeed the entire Jewish community, will miss him. I find myself wondering who will rise to take his place in the next generation. I just don't know. Norton walked in mighty big shoes.



Linda Zoller,  
President,  
Savannah Jewish  
Federation



## Elvis Has Left the Building

At the end of Elvis Presley's concerts, the public address announcer would often announce, "Elvis has left the building!" Some people said its origination was after Elvis sang, everyone would want to leave. The announcer would plead with the concert-goers not to leave the hall and to remain for the other acts...*Elvis has left the building, sit down for the next act.* Others have said, it was the promoter's way of telling people that there would not be an(other) encore....*Elvis has left the building-It's time to go home.*

I couldn't help thinking of this phrase this month when Lynn Levine finished four years working at the Savannah Jewish Federation. Lynn stepped into a position that she wasn't looking for and a job for which she had not trained. She "fell into the position" when the former director left the community for another opportunity. Lynn was one of the first people I spoke with when I was interviewing to come to Savannah.

Over the past four years I have spent more time with Lynn than my own family. She has been a colleague, confident, teammate, partner, and friend. Just about every day for the last four years, Lynn and I have sat down over coffee to talk about Israel, Torah, event, speakers, programming, newspaper articles, fundraising, and community history.

How many times have I asked Lynn for someone's name, history, and family relationships? How many times have I asked Lynn to edit my column, brochures, and review annual reports

for content and context? How many times have I asked Lynn what she thought about a program, speech, advertisement...?

I did this because I value Lynn's sensibilities and sensitivities; I did this because I

respect Lynn's knowledge of Savannah; I did this because Lynn made me better than I am; I did this because I knew that Lynn always "had my back."

I'm always grateful for the compliments I receive about my eNews and SJN columns. The truth is, whatever you've read over the past years always had Lynn's editorial pen in it. She deserves quite a bit of the credit. I was a little sad writing this very column knowing that when Lynn reads it, it will have plenty of mistakes and she will be circling all the split infinitives, misused pronouns, and incorrect possessives. No spell or grammar check comes close to Lynn's editor's pen.

Being the Federation Director is not an easy job. The hours are long, recognition is minimal, and gratitude is nominally proffered. As the old joke says, "It's no job for a nice Jewish woman," yet Lynn didn't let it get her down. She always gave far beyond expectation because she loves her community and the people in it.

I don't know what "life at the JEA/Federation" is like without Lynn, because she has always been here. I know that whoever comes after her will have large shoes to fill.

Lynn has left the building.



Adam Solender  
Executive Director of  
JEA/SJF

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### Harvey Rubin Memorial Award 2011

## SCAD Hillel Nears a Decade

By Stephanie Muschenheim,  
President, SCAD Hillel

When Hillel originally started at the Savannah College of Art and Design, almost ten years ago, it was intended to provide Jewish students with a place to be on the holidays. It has evolved into a community of students and faculty that meet not only on the high holidays, but also many times throughout our academic quarters to meet, talk, and keep in touch.

For the past several years, we usually get together three to four times during each quarter, especially for religious holidays. Our group plays host to many SCAD students and faculty during Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Passover. This year, Rosh Hashanah fell before classes began so our annual dinner included students back early as well as new students and their parents here for freshmen orientation. Fall quarter also included a Yom Kippur Break Fast, dinner in Mickve Israel's sukkah, volunteering at the Jewish Food Festival and a screening of *Waltz with Bashir* after a delicious Israeli dinner prepared by Gershon Peru. Sadly, we have yet to host a Chanukah themed celebration because it almost always falls during our winter break. We have had it! To make up for this, our group will be hosting *MA-CHANUKAH-Y*, or a "Chanukah in May", celebration. Similar to a Christmas in July party, we are planning to exchange white elephant gifts, play dreidel, and nosh on gelt well after the holiday season.

Winter quarter began with a casual night to catch up over a pizza dinner followed by a meaningful Tu B'Shvat seder organized by Gershon. He effortlessly cooked a fabulous dinner, led us in prayers over and discussion about the symbolism of the various fruits and nuts we were eating. Not all of our events focus on Judaism. Later this quarter, we will be having a rip-roaring evening of competitive BINGO! Students will get together, reminisce over a game from childhood, fight for prizes and bragging rights, and munch on ever-present snacks and refreshments. Our final winter event is an annual, albeit early, Purim celebration. We celebrate this like all Jewish college students away from home...by making Mishloach Manot for the elderly! We prepare baskets loaded with fruit, great kosher packaged foods and handmade cards, while we eat hamantashen and watch movies. We do encourage students to dress in costume, but you'd be surprised at how shy some art college



SCAD Hillel Participants

"Many of our members are from all backgrounds and levels of Jewish Education."

students can be.

The highlight of our spring quarter is our largest and most popular event of the year: our annual Passover Seder. Although some students return home to celebrate with their families, most of the seventy-plus names on our email list make it out to this event. Each year, the guest list keeps growing, and parents visiting from out of town often join us. For the past few years, Neal Szatmary, father to our advisor, Heather, led the seder. Neal loved these seders and though he passed away last year, his spirit will be present at all our future seders. Students take turns reading from the Haggadah and munch on delicious foods catered from Gottlieb's. After Pesach, the days till summer seem to fly by.

In addition to Pesach and *MA-CHANUKAH-Y*, spring quarter will include Shabbat dinner at one of our member's homes. It is this intimate setting surrounded by friends that so many of our members miss when coming to SCAD for the first time. We also plan to head out to the movies and the park just for some stress-releasing fun.

SCAD Hillel tries to meet many needs of a large range of Jewish and non-Jewish students from all over the country and the world. Many of our members are from all backgrounds and levels of Jewish education. At every event, our members are chat loudly and laughter is always heard in the room. Over the almost 10 years since the founding of SCAD Hillel, friendships have been made and connections kept as students have graduated, moved throughout the world and continued on with their lives. We have recently been reaching out to alumni to gather contact information and career updates, and as a result, we keep hearing back about their warm memories of time at SCAD Hillel.

## Savannah BBYO Holds Annual Sweetheart/Beau Dance Weekend

David Finn AZA and Wexler/Clark BBG hosted close to 80 kids from Charleston, Columbia, and Augusta during the weekend of December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, for its Annual Sweetheart/Beau Dance weekend. Shabbat services and a Chanukah program were held Friday night at the home of Sarah Segall, and Shabbat services were held Saturday morning at the home of Matt Klugman.

The Saturday night dance, held at the JEA, featured a "Whiteout Night" theme complete with white decorations, white snacks, and all attendees dressed in white. David Finn AZA elected Hannah Slotin as its 2011 Sweetheart, and Wexler/Clark BBG elected Elliot Kooden as its 2011 Beau. It must run in families as Hannah's mom, Susan was an AZA Sweetheart in the early 1980's, and Elliot's dad, Michael was a Beau in 1977.

The weekend was topped off Sunday morning with a breakfast, Dixie Council meetings, and a friendship circle



Elliot Kooden and Hannah Slotin

complete with BBG and AZA spirit, before the busses departed the JEA. For more information, contact Rachael Cohen, Savannah's BBYO Advisor, by email at rachaelblair317@yahoo.com.

*BBYO and its Annual Sweetheart/Beau Dance was made possible in part due to a generous grant from the Savannah Jewish Federation. Your Campaign Dollars at Work!*

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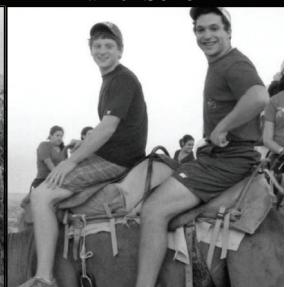
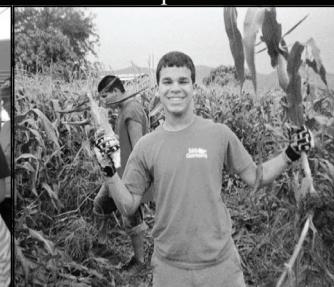
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born in Ethiopia or the Sudan before being rescued and making their way to Israel through Operation Moses.

They are looking forward to meeting both Jews and non-Jews to spread their perspective of Israel and share what they know about their home. They are a segment of Israel society that many are unfamiliar with in Israel and especially abroad. Many in America believe that Jews only come in one color but, this group helps dispel this myth.

These young people are being brought to Savannah with the help of the Savannah Jewish Federation and are a part of Israel at Heart, a non-prof-

it organization established in 2002. Their mission is to promote a better understanding of Israel and its people and to improve Israel's image abroad. As an independent organization, they are unaffiliated with any Jewish organizations, government agencies or political parties; therefore, enabling them to express ourselves freely and implement pioneering programs that require no bureaucracy.

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special Purim performance, back by popular demand, Reuben 'Prodezra Beats' Formey. Reuben, born and raised in Savannah, is a very talented Hip-Hop Singer-Songwriter, and you will not be able to resist moving your hands and dancing to the sounds of Jewish Hip-Hop from the South.

Of course, we didn't forget the favorites either like the amazing bouncy inflatables, so you can use your Sunday energy to jump and run around, Climbing Jacob's ladder, running around Noah's arch, competing in the Extreme Challenge, and much more. Special dressed-up unicorn ponies will be

waiting for you to take a magical ride. Lots and lots of games and entertainment, balloon animals, face painting and many Purim prizes for the winners - masks, groggers, hats, games and more. If you are feeling creative you will be able to make your own noisy grogger and festive Purim crown in our arts and crafts stations. Come and eat lunch with us, we will have hamburgers and hotdogs, chips and sodas, popcorn and cotton candy for the children. Admission is just 5\$ per child, and 15\$ for the whole family. It's pure fun for the entire family.

## Vital Statistics

**Mazel Tov - Julian R. Friedman**, of counsel, one of nine attorneys from Oliver Maner, LLP, having been recognized by Best Lawyers in America for 2011 for employee benefits law, tax law and trusts and estates.

**Mazel Tov - Barbara and Ricky Friedenber**g announce the engagement of their daughter, **Erin Beth Friedenber**g, to **Jordan Shane Rubinste**n, son of Karen Rubinstein of Aventura, Florida and Jeffrey Rubinstein of Pinecrest, Florida. Erin is the granddaughter of Pearl and Lou Friedenber of Savannah, Georgia and Elaine Dreizin of Macon, Georgia and the late Ike Dreizin of Macon, Georgia and the sister of Brian. Erin graduated from Georgia Southern University with a degree in Child and Family Development and is currently employed as a New Business Analyst at Benefitmall in Alpharetta, Georgia. Jordan is the grandson of Diane and Louis Fine of Miami, Florida and Tina and Frank Rubinstein of Palm Beach, Florida and Livingston, New Jersey and the brother of Danielle. Jordan graduated Cum Laude from the University of Florida with a degree in Finance. He is currently employed as an Internal Consultant with Siemens Industry in Alpharetta, Georgia. An April 2012 wedding is being planned.



*Erin Friedenber and Jordan Rubinstein*

## Norton Melaver

Walk down the "Hall of Presidents" at the JEA you'll see the pictures of the men and women who have led the JEA and Savannah Jewish Federation over the last seven decades and only a handful have ever been the president of both organizations. One of those leaders, a gentle man, died this past week. Norton Melaver, husband of Betty Stein Melaver, died Thursday evening, January 27, 2011, at his home. Born in Brooklyn, New York in 1926 and moved with his family to Savannah in 1940. After attending Savannah High School, he attended Armstrong State College for two years before matriculating at the University of Georgia, majoring in chemistry. Following a stint in the United States Navy in the medical corps, he returned to Savannah, where he joined his mother Annie Melaver in a local grocery store business called M & M Food Store. Over the ensuing four decades, he grew the business into M & M Supermarkets, a regional chain of 14 grocery stores employing over 750 people. He sold the business and oversaw the creation of a sustainable real-estate company, Melaver, Inc., still owned and managed by family members. Beyond being an accomplished businessman, he was deeply involved in community affairs and served as president of the Jewish Educational Alliance, president of the Savannah Jewish Federation, Chairman of the United Way, Chairman of the Savannah Port Authority (predecessor to SEDA), and the Chairman of the Savannah/Hilton

Head Airport Commission.

The entire Savannah community was a beneficiary of Norton Melaver's "can do" attitude. He assisted in founding numerous visionary programs and foundations, including the first joint high school/business partnership program, founding the Armstrong Foundation, and Melaver Foundation. He was active on local boards such as Memorial Medical Center, First Union Bank, Carson Products, the Chatham-Effingham Regional Library, and Second Harvest Food Bank, as well as national boards such as CLAL, Florence Heller, and Council of Jewish Federations. Among his many accomplishments, he was most proud of being in the forefront of hiring African-Americans for managerial positions at M & M Supermarkets as well as being the catalyst for significant governance reform at Memorial Medical Center. Surviving are one son, Martin Melaver and his wife, Nirit; two daughters, Tovah Melaver and Ellen Melaver; one sister, Millicent Melaver, and four grandchildren, Dana Melaver, Alon Melaver, Ian Krupp and Aliyah Melaver. A quote from his wife explains him best, "Norton rarely talks about himself, he's a doer."



*Norton Melaver*

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# Judge H. Sol Clark honored by EOA

By Nancie Meddin Clark

As part of the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Martin Luther King Observance, Judge H. Sol Clark was honored posthumously.

with the Ralph Mark Gilbert Award by the Economic Opportunity Authority (EOA) for Savannah and Chatham County. His son, Fred S. Clark accepted the plaque in his father's memory.

"He was an individual", according to John H. Finney, Executive Director of EOA," who played a key and important role in advancing human relations and civil rights".

In 1972, Clark became the first Jew in the history of the state of Georgia to be appointed to the Georgia Court of Appeals and named as a member of the State Judicial Council. He practiced law in Savannah for 73 years, 42 of them in partnership with Fred.

Clark was an author, writing extensively on legal issues. He co-authored "Georgia's Appellate Judiciary," as well as several editions of a Georgia law book, "Settlements: Georgia Law and Strategies" with his son. He was a former president of Scribes, a national organization of noted legal writers and is noted for the colorful language, usually Yiddish that characterized his legal opinions on the Georgia Court of Appeals.

Though he died in 2003, Clark is fondly remembered locally, nationally and statewide. In 1946 he established the Savannah Legal Aid Society to help the underprivileged, served as its president and went on to help create similar programs in Augusta, Macon and other cities. With his father's encouragement, Fred established the Legal Aid Society in Athens while still in law school.

Clark headed the State Legal Aid Committee as Chairman for 25 years, served on the National Legal Aid Board of Defenders Association (NLADA) Board of Directors and was the only person to ever receive the two highest NLADA awards. He served as President of the Savannah Bar Association

in 1952. On three occasions the State Bar of Georgia honored him with its Distinguished Service Award. The State Bar also created the H. Sol Clark Award, which is given annually for outstanding service in Legal Aid. The Harvard Law School Association presented him with a plaque naming him "The Father of State Legal Aid in Georgia". He received several awards from the American Bar Association as well.

In 1999 The Supreme Court of Georgia designated him "Amicus Curiae" for his distinguished service and contribution to the improvement to the administration of justice. That same year, the Atlanta division of the Anti-Defamation League recognized him for his contributions to his community and state

Dedicated to the Jewish Community, he was at age 27, the youngest president of the Jewish Educational Alliance. He was the first President of the JEA "raised in the Alliance". While President, he prevailed on the Board to hire Matilda Shapiro as Executive Director. Shortly after she became Executive Director, she became his wife. They were happily married for 64 years.

He served as Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and headed various other charitable causes. He was a member of Congregations Bnai Brith Jacob and Temple Mickve Israel.

A graduate of Cornell University, he was honored by membership in the prestigious Sphinx Head Senior Honor Society.

A 1924 honor graduate of Benedictine Military School (BC), he was awarded the Benedictine Medal of Excellence as an alumnus for his support of the school in 1970. While in high school though Jewish, he won the school's religion medal.



Judge H. Sol Clark

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## Four Questions for the Rest of the Year

Brian Markowitz  
New Parnas of  
Congregation Mickve Israel



### 1. Why did you want to be the Parnas (president) of Mickve Israel?

I have been a member of Congregation Mickve Israel for 43 years, served on the Board for the past five years and feel that I could contribute to the strengthening and growth of our congregation. I know the next two years will present opportunities and challenges, but I look forward to both.

### 2. You are one of the younger leaders of Congregation Mickve Israel; how do you think your age might affect your tenure?

At 43, I know that I do not have all the answers but having served on the Board for the past five years I've had the opportunity to work with a number of knowledgeable and committed leaders past and present who I can count on for support and advice. I hope that my involvement will encourage members of all ages to become more involved.

### 3. What do you hope to accomplish in your two year presidency?

My greatest hope is that we are able to strengthen and expand our

congregation. I would like to see our congregation become closer with active participation by a larger number of people. In the immediate future, we are facing a period of transition. I would like to see the transition to be a smooth process and trust that with the support of our board members and congregants, that can and will happen. If we work together, I am confident that we can accomplish a great deal over the next two years.

### 4. You are a native of Savannah. Did you always imagine that you would spend your adulthood here and do you think being a native has any influence on the way you approach your responsibilities at Mickve Israel?

After college, I knew that I wanted to make my home in Savannah. My parents and grandparents both placed a great value to their affiliation with Mickve Israel and the love of the congregation was passed on to me. The opportunity of being Parnas gives me the chance to give back to a congregation that has played such an important role in our family.

## DELIVERY

By Charles Meyers

Lying on the littered platform of an empty Paris train, a tattered rag doll could be seen, a remnant of the terrified Jewish children being sent to the death camp at Auschwitz for the Final Solution.

*La-Rafle*, the French version of Schindler's List, is a new film that depicts the seizure and deportation of 4,051 children with their parents from the safe confines of Paris on July 16, 1942. What follows is a vivid description of the Nazi Storm Troopers' actions and French attitudes toward stateless Jews from Poland and other east European countries who were considered vermin and unclean.

Jewish veterans of the Great War refused to believe and accept that they too will be deported to the death camps. They considered themselves Frenchmen with an intense love of the language and culture. This fatal error in judgment prevented many from fleeing to the Free Zone of France before the seizures became a reality.

Seized and brought to the temporary camp in the Velodrome d'Hiver, an indoor bicycle racing track and stadium in *rue Nelaton*, not far from the Eiffel Tower, they fought to maintain a sense of dignity as family units despite the merciless treatment at the hands of the French police. They failed.

After an interminable wait, policemen with guard dogs empty the Velodrome of its human waste by forcibly thrusting them into waiting cattle cars. The train is brought to a temporary wire enclosed transit camp. There, they reside for days without adequate water and food.

Psychologically numbed by the inhumane treatment, they did not offer any resistance when trains came to take them to Auschwitz and the crematoria. Devoid of any hope, they awaited the end of the pain and suffering that had filled their lives.



*La Rafle*

*Charles Meyers is a new resident of Savannah. An Elizabethan Historian and author, he has spent over forty years researching the life of Dr. Hector Nunes, secret Jew, merchant, physician, and English spy. Academic papers have been published in Australian, English, Israeli, Italian, and American journals, 1996-2011. He has also written two historical novels on Dr. Nunes: Escape (2008) and Painful Passage (2010).*

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*President of the Board, Dr. Leon Aronson presenting a campaign donation from Workmen's Circle Credit Union to Savannah Jewish Federation Executive Director, Adam Solender*

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# “To God’s Ears”

## 20 Cantors Perform Jewish Music in Rome

By Cantor Nancy Kassel

So what’s a nice Jewish cantor from Georgia doing singing in a basilica in Rome? In November of 2010 I was among twenty American Reform cantors, all members of the American Conference of Cantors, who participated in The Second Conference on Catholic-Jewish Relations sponsored by the New York-based Interreligious Information Center. The conference, organized by Gunther Lawrence of the IIC, included a concert of Jewish Choral music and was held in Rome, Italy. A film crew from San Francisco was at our side, filming for a documentary to be titled “To God’s Ears”.

After all twenty cantors, some of their family members, two accompanists, organizers, and participating members of URJ congregations all assembled in Rome on November 14, we went to the North American Pontifical College for a rededication of a Yom HaShoah menorah on the college campus. While there, we had an opportunity to meet with mostly American seminarians studying in Rome. As our goal was to build relations between Jews and Catholics, we used this short time together to discuss our individual religious journeys and paths to becoming clergy and intentionally steered away from more controversial topics. I believe that when these seminarians return to the United States and have the chance to meet and interact with Jewish clergy in their own cities, a groundwork for understanding and collaboration will have been laid.

Next stop on our full agenda was a visit to Great Synagogue of Rome where we were met by Chief Rabbi Riccardo Shmuel Di Segni. We learned



Cantor Nancy Kassel

a bit about the history of this beautiful synagogue built 106 years ago. While we once again refrained from discussing controversial subjects, this time between an Orthodox rabbi and a group of (male and female) Reform cantors, we were very much aware that in Italy, there is no official recognition of non-Orthodox movements of Judaism. I was touched to see hanging on the gates outside the synagogue, a large poster calling for the release of Israeli soldiers Gilad Shalit and Ron Arad. Only weeks before I had attended a rally for the release of Gilad Shalit at Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta. As the synagogue is nestled in Rome’s Jewish Ghetto, we were able to have a brief tour of this historic neighborhood. We also attended the Regular Papal Audience and had an extensive tour of Vatican City.

Whenever and wherever possible, we squeezed in rehearsal time for our concert on November 16, presented at: Basilica Santa Maria degli Angeli e dei Martiri (The Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and the Martyrs) a basilica dedicated to the Christian martyrs, known and unknown. The scope and design

of this basilica was beyond impressive and our music resonated throughout the church, often seconds after the notes were sounded. The Monsignor of the basilica, the American Ambassador to the Vatican, and the Vice Chair of the Italian office on Interreligious Issues attended this concert, the first of any such concert performed in a significant Roman Catholic venue.

As cantors, we rarely have the opportunity to sing such quality choral music with other cantors and at concert’s end we found ourselves on both a musical and spiritual high. The concert featured composers (Salamon Rossi, Salomon Sulzer, Samuel Naumbourg, Louis Lewandowski, Ernest Bloch, and Max Janowski) from many countries, dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century up to the present. Deserving particular mention is a musical setting of Psalm 116, in both Hebrew and Latin, composed specifically for this concert by our colleague Cantor Erik Contzius. His ethereal use of chant beautifully melded the musical traditions of Judaism and Catholicism. Quite honestly, were it not for concerts like this, most American Jews would not realize the rich diversity of our Jewish musical heritage.

After the concert I spent Shabbat in Florence, attending Erev Shabbat services with the Progressive synagogue “Shir Chadash” and Shabbat morning at the Great Synagogue. It’s nice to be reminded that almost wherever you go, you can connect to a Jewish community.

I take back from this experience – an inspiration to reach out to the greater religious community of Roswell, GA and explore how music can become a vehicle to strengthen these relationships. In the meantime, I eagerly await the release of the documentary of this journey, “To God’s Ears” and invite you to check out excerpts of the Nov. 16 concert on YouTube.com.

*Cantor Nancy Kassel is the daughter of Valerie and Milton Kassel, formerly of Savannah, and the neice of A.J. and Kelly Cohen who reside in Savannah, GA. She received her Master of Sacred Music degree from Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion and serves as cantor for Temple Beth Tikvah in Roswell, GA*



Choir of Cantors

## JELF Interest-Free Educational Loans Available

Applications for interest-free loans for post-secondary education (college, graduate school, vocational and professional courses) will be available to Jewish students for the 2010-2011 school year from the Jewish Educational Loan Fund. The loan application will be available March 1 – April 15 on JELF’s website at [www.jelf.org](http://www.jelf.org).

JELF loans are need-based and offer “last-dollar” financing, meaning that JELF provides the final dollars that bridge the gap between a student’s total financial resources and the cost of

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March 1 – April 15

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2011  
*Speaker's Series*

Sunday March 6—7:30 pm  
**Benjamin Feldman**

*From Billy Graham to the Baal Shem Tov—A Jewish Boy's Flight from the South in the Time of Sputnik*



A New York City historian, author, raconteur and "New York Wanderer," blogmaster Feldman delights the mind's eye of history, riding the tall tale bus with stories of growing up Jewish in a small Southern city in the time of Sputnik. Immersed among foot washing Baptist neighbors and their revival tent summers, Benjamin Feldman found his Yiddish keit by fleeing to New York, first with his nose in a book

of Damon Runyon, then off at age 17 to Jewish Gotham for the next 40 years.

His love of Yiddish and stories of growing up down South are filled with delicious idioms and elegiac endings: tartly observing the treasures of life and death in Vilna on the Hudson, from Orthodox retro kitsch to obscure eateries in the Hasidic hinterlands.

Tickets: \$10 at the Door (Non member),  
\$6 at the door (Member),  
FREE for Active Military & Students

*The 2011 Speakers Series is made possible thanks to generous support from the Judith Blumenthal Memorial Lecture Fund at the Jewish Educational Alliance.*

## New JEA Members

The JEA would like to thank our members. Without your membership and support, we would not be able to offer all the services that we do. Our members are our most important asset! (New Members as of 2/9/10)

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Azin Alizadehardabili  
Craig & Lisa Arcos  
Cynthia Barnett  
Christopher Beatty  
Dora Beatty  
Charles Bodine  
Nicki Brewer  
Rob Busam  
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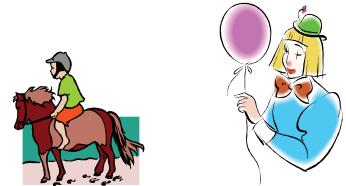
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Scott Jones  
Todd Krull  
Harry & Lesley Manning  
Steve & Jennifer McEvoy  
John Mell  
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Michelle Onuoha  
Matt Roseman  
Mark Rosenberg  
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## Community Purim Carnival



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- \* Pony Rides
- \* Face Painting
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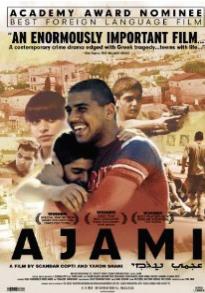


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## A Movie & Beer!

Adults 21 and Over—  
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**March 3<sup>rd</sup>—Ajami**—Ajami is an area of Jaffa where Arabs, Palestinians, Jews and Christians try to live together in an atmosphere that is to say the least electric. Omar, an Israeli Arab, struggles to save his family from elimination by a gang of extortionists. He also courts a beautiful Christian girl, Hadir, but marrying her is far from obvious. Malek, an illegal Palestinian worker, tries to collect enough money to pay for his mother's operation. Dando, an Israeli cop, does his utmost to trace his missing brother who may have been killed by Palestinians. Binj, Malek and Omar's Arab friend, suffers from being rejected by other members of his community for mixing with an Israeli girl. All of them will meet violence, most of the time ... with violence.



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**Week #2-June 20th-24th**  
**Spirit Week**

**Week #3 - June 27th-July 1st**  
**Wet N Wild**

**Week #4 - July 5th-8th**  
**Safari Adventure/Hockey**

**Week #5 - July 11th-15th**  
**Harry Potter Week**

**Week #6 - July 18th-22nd**  
**Knights and Princesses**

**Week #7 - July 25th-29th**  
**Glee Week**

**Week #8 - Aug. 1st-5th**  
**Soccer/Gymnastics**

**Week #9 - Aug. 8th-12th**  
**Color War**

**Chaverim / L.I.T. Campers**

**Week #1 - June 13th-17th**  
**Camp Invention (Create)**

**Week#2-June 20th-24th**  
**Spirit Week**

**Week #3 - June 27th-1st**  
**Wet N Wild**

**Week #4 - July 5th-8th**  
**Safari Adventure/ Hockey**

**Week #5 - July 11th-15th**  
**Harry Potter Week**

**Week #6 - July 18th-22nd**  
**Camp Invention (Spark)**

**Week #7 - July 25th-29th**  
**Glee Week**

**Week #8 - Aug. 1st-5th**  
**Lacrosse/Gymnastics**

**Week # 9 - Aug. 8th-12th**  
**Color War**

**JEA Donations**

(as of 2/9/11)

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**March 2011**

1<sup>st</sup> Baseball Registration underway  
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**April 2011**

1<sup>st</sup> Swim Team Registration Open  
 30<sup>th</sup> Swim Team Registration Closes

**See our booth at the Purim Carnival**

# JEA T-ball and Baseball

Hey parents! It's time to start thinking about JEA t ball and baseball for your young ones. Even though winter just started, spring is right around the corner. Registration starts January 2<sup>nd</sup> and ends February 25<sup>th</sup>.



**Practice start dates**  
 \* Feb 6<sup>th</sup> for baseball at Guy Minnick Park  
 \* March 13<sup>th</sup> for t-ball behind the JEA

**T-ball information:**  
 \* Parent guided  
 \* Plays in the Hunter league  
 \* Practice days & times TBD

**Baseball information:**  
 \* Hunter or City League for U8  
 \* City League for U10 & U12  
 \* Pitching machine for U8 & U10  
 \* Kid pitch for U12  
 \* Practice days & times TBD

We are always looking for parental volunteers and sponsors. If you are interested in helping out please let me know. You can find the registration forms on the JEA web site or at the front desk at the JEA. If you have any questions you can contact me at 355-8111 or by email at [stephanie@savj.org](mailto:stephanie@savj.org).

## Join the JEA Tornadoes in 2011

**Ages 5 & Up**

**First Practice: Tuesday May 17th**  
 8 & under—5:45-6:30pm  
 9 & up—6:30-7:30pm

Our program provides an environment where children of all talents can participate and feel as though they have contributed to the team's success. All children are welcome to join the team as long as they can swim safely. You don't have to be fast to be on the team, you just have to want to come out and have fun!

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	10:30 11:45 am Gentle Yoga		10:30 11:45 am Gentle Yoga		
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	6 7pm Step & Weight Aerobics	6 7 pm Total Body Blast	6 7 PM Billy's Boot Camp	6 7 pm Yoga Flow	
	6:30 7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics		6:30 7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics	6:30 7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics	
		7 9 pm Savannah Fencing Club		7 9 pm Savannah Fencing Club	

# Art at the JEA



## Upcoming Events

- March 3**– 6:30 pm. Brotherhood poker event
- March 12** Help YJS'ers Yael Elfassy Conner and Brad Conner raise money for child cancer patients as they boldly "SHAVE FOR THE BRAVE" and shave their heads to help raise money for cancer patients. For more information email [youngjewishsavannah@gmail.com](mailto:youngjewishsavannah@gmail.com).
- March 13** Second Sunday Book Club. Start reading "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak today!
- March 24**– Happy Hour (not the Third Thursday this month)
- TBD**– Sisterhood Vash Ti Party with AA Sisterhood.

## JEA After School Care

- ★ **Ages:** Kids Klub: Pre K to 1st grade  
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### April Artist—Tiffani Taylor

#### Tiffani Taylor - Biography

Nature is a cathedral where Divinity speaks in moments of beauty and inspiration. Tiffani Taylor transforms these moments into rich, textured paintings and original pottery. Lush and vibrant, Tiffani's art is a tribute to things the eye cannot see: the journey of life; inner beauty; feelings of gratitude, reverence and appreciation.

Her paintings and pottery are inspired by nature and travel, particularly to Paris and Italy. They are a portrayal of her deep emotion in moments of beauty: sketching dancing red poppies while growing up in Utah; studying red cardinals outside her window at home in Savannah; viewing the Sistine Chapel; and stumbling upon an explosion of color at flower markets in Rome.

She begins each canvas with a foundation of base materials. She adds layer upon layer, taking the canvas into nature with each addition. Antique sheet music, handwritten recipe cards, ancient maps, notes, or poetry harmonize with marks left by blowing leaves or a spray of soil. The mixture is indicative of life, the delightful in harmony with the difficult, one tempering the other. Acrylic and Payne's Gray paints create areas of light and dark. Gold leaf expresses gratitude for "the magic hour," the moment in time when nature's splendor fills all awareness. These paintings and pottery are a material tribute to radiance that lies beneath the external – beauty that would otherwise go unnoticed.

Tiffani's work is shown in galleries internationally, including the Dali Museum. In addition, it is included in the collections of Vogue Editor at Large Andre Leon Talley, celebrated designer Diane von Furstenberg, Oprah Winfrey, Savannah College of Art and Design President Paula Wallace, Philanthropy Legend and Museum Board Member of Arts and Design in New York: Barbara Tober, Hilton Savannah Desoto and Memorial Hospital.

Artwork available for viewing April 1-29 2011

March 2011	March 2011						
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Feb. 27 Speakers Series 7:30 pm	Feb. 28	1	2	3 Senior Lunch– 12:30 pm Movie & Beer Night– 7 pm	4	5
	6 Speakers Series– 7:30 pm	7	8 Israel at Heart Program– 7 pm	9	10 Senior Lunch– 12:30 pm	11	12
	13 Community Purim Carnival– 11:30 am	14	15	16	17 Senior Lunch– 12:30 pm	18	19 Megillah Reading
	20 Purim	21	22	23	24 Senior Lunch– 12:30 pm Rambam School Play– 6:30 pm	25	26
	27 Rambam Night Out	28	29	30	31 Senior Lunch– 12:30 pm	April 1	2

## Savannah Jewish ARCHIVES

### The Mickve Israel Collection

By **Margie Levy**, Board Member of the Savannah Jewish Archives and Past President of Congregation Mickve Israel

Congregation Mickve Israel owns The Congregation Mickve Israel Records which is a collection within the Savannah Jewish Archives housed in the Georgia Historical Society. This collection includes approximately thirty-seven cubic feet of congregational records, family papers, papers of organizations and clubs under the leadership of Congregation Mickve Israel, and the history of its congregants. The collection covers the years of 1733 to the present.

There are papers that address the day to day operations of the congregation including minutes and reports of the Board of Adjunta which trace the activities of and developments within the congregation from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. Rabbis' papers include sermons and correspondence of many of Mickve Israel's spiritual leaders since the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Family and vital records include birth, death, and marriage records of individuals and families. Also included are family correspondence and diaries, as well as the genealogical research regarding Mickve Israel members.

Records from organizations and clubs include: Brotherhood of Mickve Israel; Hebrew Benevolent Society; Little Helpers Society; National Council of Jewish Women, Savannah Section (although not a Mickve Israel organization, many members were also members of Mickve Israel); Religious School; Sisterhood of Mickve Israel; and Temple Youth Group.

There are miscellaneous records, some of which have no direct relationship to the congregation business or members, cemetery records, and unpublished manuscripts. Of particular interest are the burial lists and studies of the Levi Sheftall Cemetery and Moredecai Sheftall Cemetery.

Any portions of this collection can be viewed, or used for research, by visiting the Georgia Historical Society.

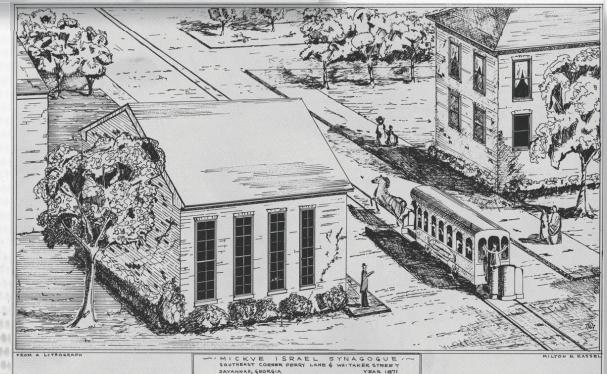
Some photos from the vast collection

Herman Myers funeral procession passing up Bull Street on its way to the Synagogue, 1909. (Herman Myers was a multi-term Mayor of Savannah and member of Mickve Israel).



Unveiling the marker designating the original site of Mickve Israel, the first synagogue in Georgia, at the northeast corner of Liberty and Whitaker streets. January 17, 1954.

Mickve Israel Synagogue, Whitaker Street Sanctuary. Lithograph, 1871.



## Condolences

We express our sympathy to the family of:

**Frances E. Berman**

Who died on January 7, 2011

She is survived by one son, Dr. Earl (Goldie) Berman of Hollywood, Florida; one daughter, Cindy Berman of Atlanta, GA; seven grandchildren, Blake Berman, Kelsey Berman, Meir (Perla) Nemetsky, Shani Nemetsky, Yael (Shmuli) Katz, Aliza Nemetsky and Akiva Nemetsky; one brother, Nathan (Adele) Effel of Atlanta, GA; and several nieces and nephews.

Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob or Rambam Day School.

**Reuben "Ruby" Grunin**

Who died on January 13, 2011

He is survived by two sisters, Bertha (Morris) Grunin Lamhut and Martha Grunin Gincel; three nieces, Minnie Katz, Faye Brill and Sherry L. Spevack; one nephew, Lester Lamhut; one great-niece, Janine Spevack, and two great-nephews, Mark Brill and Louis Jacob Spevack.

Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob.

**Lawrence Mintz**

Who died on January 31, 2011

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Tischler Tenenbaum Mintz; three daughters, Sharon Mintz of Southfield, MI, Rhonda Tenenbaum of Washington, DC, and Lori (Israel) Dubin of Boca Raton, FL; one son, Zelik (James Peterson) Mintz of New York City, NY; and three grandchildren.

Remembrances: Congregation Agudath Achim or Hospice Savannah.

**Chaim Melamed**

Who died on February 12, 2011

He is survived by one son, Milton (Susan Brocaglia) Melamed of Florham Park, NJ; a daughter-in-law, Phyllis Melamed of Denville, New Jersey; two granddaughters, Lisa Silvers (Ross) Kaminsky, Laurie Silvers Ross; two grandsons, Brandon Melamed and Trevor Melamed M.D., both of New Jersey; two great-grandchildren, Helena Wells and Robert Adger Ross; his

nieces, Regina Richman and Ellen Einstein and his cousins, Kalman Baruch and Bronia Krause.

Remembrances may be given to the Kaminsky Holocaust Fund or the Jewish Educational Alliance.

**Abe Klugman**

Who died on February 16, 2011

He is survived by his wife, Doris; his

children and their spouses - Murray (Joanne Seymour), Sheri (Hal), Danny (Susan), and David (Susan); five grandchildren, Jarin Simon, Alli and Matt Klugman, Kallie and Kyle Klugman; and several nieces and nephews.

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**To Worship:** In addition to special children services and holiday events, we have Shabbat services on Friday evenings at 6:00 pm. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, our Friday evening services will be held at 6:30 pm. Instead of being held in our historic sanctuary, these Exotic Resort Location services will be hosted at member homes around the community. Our Saturday morning services are at 11:00 am and are followed by a Kiddush lunch.

**To Tour Our Historic Sanctuary and Museum:** We offer docent-led tours Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and again from 2:00 to 4:00 pm with the last tour starting approximately 30 minutes before the end of the session. The suggested donation for a tour is \$5 per person.

**To Shop:** Our Judaica Shop is stocked with a variety of items for children and adults. If we don't have what you are looking for, we can order it for you! The shop is open during tour times and other times upon request.

**To Eat:** The Shalom Y'all Jewish Food Festival will be held in Forsyth Park on Sunday, October 30, 2011, from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm.

For more information on the third oldest Jewish congregation in America founded in 1733, which is right in your community, contact Mickve Israel at 912.233.1547 or visit [www.mickveisrael.org](http://www.mickveisrael.org).

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## AA Sisterhood Begins Torah Fund Campaign

United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Sisterhoods across America raise money to support the Jewish Theological Seminary and related institutions through what is known as the Torah Fund. Donations to the campaign help secure the future of Conservative Judaism by providing scholarship for rabbis, cantors and educators.

In support of the campaign, there will be a brunch and ceremony, chaired by Mary Friedman and assisted by Steffi Zerden, Linda Sacks and committee members, on Sunday, April 3, at 10:30 A. M. at Congregation Agudath Achim, 9 Lee Boulevard, Savannah.

Congregation Agudath Achim Sisterhood traditionally takes this opportunity to honor a woman who has significantly contributed her time and energy to the sisterhood, the synagogue and/or the Jewish community. This year's honoree is Ellie Galin who has been president of the Agudath Achim Sisterhood for a number of years.

Ellie, a native of Washington, DC, attended Simmons College in Boston and majored in Medical Records Administration. Her internship, as a senior, was at the U. S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Hospital in Balti-

more, Maryland. During that year, she met and married Melvyn Galin, a native of Savannah, who had moved to Washington. After graduation, Ellie joined the USPHS as a Lt. JG and was stationed in Washington until she and Mel moved to the Boston area where Ellie continued her experience as head of the Medical Records Department of the USPHS Hospital. They have three children: Cindy, David, and Danny, and five grandchildren. Upon retirement in 1992, Mel and Ellie moved to Savannah and are busier than ever.

The entire community is welcome to participate in the campaign and to attend the brunch and ceremony. Please RSVP by calling Congregation

Agudath Achim 352-4737. Contributions to the Torah Fund in any amount are welcome. Donor levels are Benefactor, \$180; Brakhot, \$50; Koah, \$36; and Chai, \$18. For gifts at the \$180 level, donors receive a pin (can be worn as a pendant on a chain) that is specifically designed in Israel for the Torah Fund Campaign. The brunch is a Sisterhood sponsored event; all contributions are to be made out to the Jewish Theological Seminary and are tax deductible.



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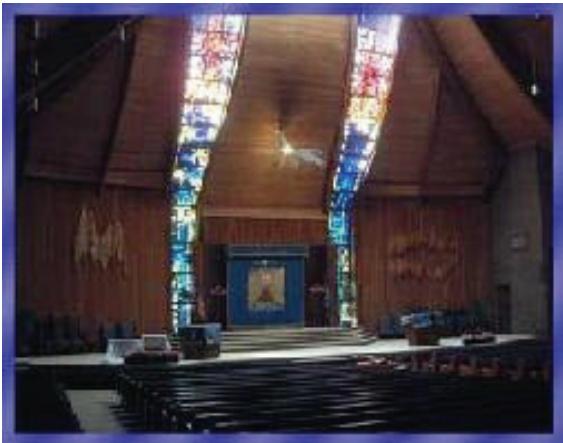
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At the AA, we believe that our best fundraising is family raising and that Judaism of the heart can also be Judaism of the mind. We try to intensify our Jewish involvement every day and we accept upon ourselves Jewish Law while living in the 21st century. AA is not only a shul its a *mishpacha*.

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## Rambam Education is for All Children

Multiple deities, meditation, fasting, praying five times a day, praying three times a day, belief in modern prophets, charity, dietary laws, pilgrimage once in a lifetime to Mecca wrapped in a white sheet, abstention from alcohol and tobacco, divorce not encouraged, and no interfaith marriages. All of these practices describe various religions, including Judaism. In fact, some of them have similar practices. I certainly didn't research Muslims, Hindus, Baptists and Seventh Day Adventist .... Just to fill some spare time. There was a loftier intention.

There has been a lot of conversation about Rambam over the last several months as the community exerts itself to examine the needs of the community and solutions to those needs. Within every religion, there are practices that to the uneducated eye could very well come across quite eccentric, even perplexing. However, the simple truth is, these religions are foreign to us, and therefore, so too are their practices. What is most unfortunate is how uneducated many of us are about our own religion, thereby making it additionally just as awkward. It is education that makes individuals comfortable with an idea or a practice of which they are unfamiliar.

Prior to a major surgery, or when a doctor must convey the details of a serious illness, the doctor informs the patient in lay terms about the procedure that will be performed and/or about the illness that has been diagnosed. This information will not make the patient or the family experts; however, the information will put them more at ease.

It is the responsibility of a father to personally circumcise his son. Not too many fathers are equipped to do this mitzvah or have their wives willing to allow them to perform this procedure. However, the Jewish law requires this of every father who bears a son. However, the Jewish law also allows for the father to appoint an agent to fulfill the mitzvah on his behalf. Hence, we have

skilled individuals referred to as *mohels*.

It is incumbent upon parents to ensure that their children are educated about the laws and customs of the Jewish heritage. Not every parent is proficient in all of the laws, nor are all parents available for the amount of time needed to imbue within their children all the information. Thus, we have Rambam Day School. Rambam Day School teaches our students the laws and customs of our heritage. There is NO ultimate goal other than our students becoming gifted in the knowledge of the Jewish heritage. The myths about Rambam are not *personally* exasperating, because my children have been through the system, and I being the principal, am well aware of what transpires within the classrooms of the school. The frustration I feel is for those who are not committed enough to obtain knowledge about their Judaism and then committed enough to choose an avenue that will instill within their children the due knowledge. How can we deprive our children of what is rightfully theirs?

We allow fear of the unknown to govern our choices. Yet this fear is ours, not our children's, yet the depravity of knowledge becomes ours and theirs. Rambam is not fanatical. Even the non Jewish teachers that are professionals in the school can attest to that truth. Anyone who has conveyed to you that Rambam is anything less or more than a COMMUNITY SCHOOL, SENSITIVE TO ALL LEVELS OF OBSERVANCE AND BELIEFS, has done a disservice to you, this community and to Rambam.

Once again, come by the school. Stay for awhile, visit the classrooms, and talk to the teachers. We have nothing to hide and every reason to promote pride in our efforts, our commitments and our successes.



Ester Rabhan,  
Principal of  
Rambam Day School

## Sweet or Sour?

Unless you've been out of the country or choose to dwell under a rock, you have probably heard about the Tiger Mom phenomena, a Chinese education model where excellence is the ultimate goal. Best described by Yale Law professor and tiger mom herself, Amy Shua, the model includes extreme homework practice, a strict "only A" and "no play date" policy and some level of verbal abuse.

I am more of the typical Jewish Mom type, so when my child shows up cranky after a sleepover and whines about school tests or piano practice I cannot stop but ask myself: Am I under the influence of a Western culture that's too permissive when I allow TV time or sleepovers?

While my children think I am a dragon sometimes, they also think that a day without internet access is a Spartan day and they'll keep arguing endlessly about that. A Tiger Mom does not tolerate any argument and her Sundays are probably more peaceful than mines because of it.

But then, perhaps that's why there are so many Jewish lawyers: Jewish kids debate at home. They argue while practicing their powers of persuasion on their exhausted parents.

As Jews, we come from a long tradition of learning. Up until two generations ago, success was measured by the amount of study one would include in his day rather than the amount of possessions one had. I can remember my father talking about the long hours he would spend every day after school, studying Torah under the guidance

of the person who was both the Rabbi and his grandfather.

If we happen to be professional successful people, it is not because of any gene upgrade but thanks to our strong learning tradition. Like our father and their father, we do expect our children to sit and learn, but haven't we along the way lost our standard of excellence?

In the constant desire to keep our progeny happy, sometime we may compromise our beliefs and traditions and fall into the pit of compassion at a time when firmness would be required. How many of us didn't pretend to be ecstatic when receiving birthday cards that were poorly scribbled at the last minute or provide comfort for a bad grade on a test for which a child didn't properly prepare himself?

While pleading guilty I know I would do it again and again. We, Jewish mothers, like Chinese mothers, strive for successful children, we just message it differently. Does it always work? Absolutely not! Do we overprotect our children? Most of the time!

While I let you decide whether or not you will serve your Matzah Ball soup over a dragon flame, I know I am not ready to implement Mrs. Chua's method, but I am grateful for one thing: no more guilt, next time I'll ask for an improved birthday present!



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## Grow Savannah

By Nancie Meddin Clark

“Grow Savannah” is a Jewish community initiative and a thoughtful way to welcome people interested in moving to Savannah. The 2004 brainchild of Savannah Jewish Federation’s (SJF) Human Resources Development Committee, it provides a welcoming voice and guidance to those who are interested.

On the “Relocating to Savannah” page of the SJF website it offers “an organized informal network of businesses and individuals who can assist with real estate inquiries, career opportunities and a general welcome to Savannah”. In reality it is the hard work of two very active community members, Carol Greenberg and Toby Hollenberg.

They answer several hundred inquiries a year from people looking for new job opportunities, a place to retire or just vacationing nearby and exploring the local Jewish culture. Both offer their advice from personal experience and consider Grow Savannah to be an opportunity to integrate newcomers into the local community. Carol moved here from North Carolina in 1986 with her husband Joel, a neurologist. Joel is also a former SJF president. Toby moved to Savannah with her husband, Steve, OBM in 1998 when he retired from GE.

Carol has shepherded the program from its beginning 7 years ago when she was looking for someone to show relatives around the city in her absence

“It was Toby’s experience that really got things moving though,” she said.

Nancy Alderman from Teaneck, NJ stayed with the Clark family while surveying the area as a possible place to retire. Carol made the Meddin family connection even though it was through great grandparents. Although she did not move here, Nancy has been back to visit.

“Toby was amazing. I felt like I already knew her, long before we actually met,” said Stayce Koegler. “We talked a number of times before we actually moved here last May,” Stayce recently bought a home at Long Point moving to Savannah from Redondo Beach, CA with her husband, Jeff, their 5 year old daughter, Sarah and their 2 year old son, Max.

Marlene Seidman is in Savannah because her parents, Alan and Leslie Seidman are planning to retire here. From Andes, New York; they connected with Toby and a local realtor, then bought the Ardsley Park home where daughter, Marlene is living until they are ready to move. While looking for a permanent job, Marlene is substitute teaching in Chatham and Effingham Counties. She has made her own local connections participating in functions and services at the Mickve Israel and regularly exercising at the JEA.

Because our community has so much to offer, there are many other similar stories. “It’s important”, says Carol, “to greet people and make them feel welcome. Everyone can help us identify and welcome newcomers.”

## It’s A Funny Thing

### A Humorous Look at Jewish Life and Savannah

By Melinda Stein

As a “new immigrant” here, I often needed advice from a local. So I called a new acquaintance, who said, “I’m sorry but I can’t chat just now, I’m fixing dinner.” I responded, “Oh, sorry --what happened to it?”

Southern food from the Jewish perspective was explained to me. “Seafood is a huge part of life here. And in my opinion, oysters can be considered kosher.”

I expressed surprise at that idea.

“Oh honey,” was the response, “any food that has an ‘oy’ in it has got to be kosher!”

Another Savannahian shared her Alabama family’s favorite Jewish recipe: Southern fried gefilte fish patties (please pass the Pepto Bismol.) As for boiled peanuts, Yiddish says it best: *Feh*.

I was amazed to learn that Southern non-Jews often give their children first names that are traditional family last names, for example, Wells Johnson. Imagine, though, if this became a Jewish tradition too: Here’s the teacher taking attendance: “Lefkowitz Eisenhorn! Pfefferman Kamenitzer! Borenstein Saperstein!”

In 1985, the Hilton Head Jewish population decided to establish a congregation. They chose a name to reflect their island location, Beth Yam,

meaning House by the Sea. But to South Carolina locals, the name has another connotation: House of Sweet Potato.

There once was a synagogue in which a debate raged over whether

or not to stand during the Shema prayer. The issue was so divisive that the President paid a house call to the eldest member of the congregation.

“Moshe,” he said, “was the original custom to rise for the Shema?”

“No,” said the oldster, “that’s not the tradition I remember.”

“Oh, then we should remain seated?”

“No,” Moshe repeated, “that’s not the tradition I remember.”

The President said sternly, “Moshe, you don’t understand. Friendships are broken, people are fighting at the Kiddush table, Board members are yelling at meetings about this. It’s awful!”

And Moshe says, “Now THAT’S the tradition I remember!”

*Melinda Stein is a teacher of Judaic subjects, and a lecturer on the staff of The Learning Center. She is also specializes in Jewish Humor, and has performed comedy in Savannah and Hilton Head.*



Melinda Stein

## BBJ Gearing Up for Purim

By Elissa Freedman

The BBJ Synagogue is gearing up for the exciting holiday of Purim. The Sisterhood will host its Purim Seudah on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be a feast fit for a king, and of course a queen. The BBJ Youth will hold a Purim carnival that day, with lots of fun, food, and the ever popular dunk tank.

Speaking of youth, the youth program at the BBJ, under the leadership of Rabbi Eli Lob is thriving and active. They have hosted conventions and held such programs as a sushi night, an Extreme Makeover Home Edition viewing party, skating nights, game nights, and more. Keep your eyes and ears open for more programs.

The BBJ offers a myriad of classes and

learning opportunities for men, women and children that go on all year. Rabbi Avidor Slatos and the Kollel, under the leadership of Rabbi Ephriam Rabhan offer group classes and one-on-one learning at the synagogue and at private homes. Contact the synagogue at 912-354-7721. All who want to learn are welcome!



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# Liz's French Pot Roast from Gefilte Girl

Chai y'all!

I just love the ease of a one pot meal, there's only one pot to wash when you're done! This month I wish to share with you a recipe that I adapted from a peasant French dish called 'Daube du Boeuf', which essentially is pot roast cooked in wine. I highly recommend making this the day before you want to serve it, the flavors become richer and you may skim any fatty solids that develop off of the top.

\*note: buy a decent and inexpensive bottle of cabernet sauvignon to make this, if the bottle has been open for more than a week...toss it!

## LIZ'S FRENCH POT ROAST

(1) 3-4 lb. lean chuck roast  
2 medium onions, quartered  
2 leeks, trimmed and washed, sliced (white parts only)  
2 carrots, peeled and sliced  
2 stalks of celery, sliced  
2 yukon gold potatoes, large dice  
1 container sliced mushrooms (I like baby portobellos)  
4 cloves of garlic (less if you're sensitive to it), peeled  
1/2 bottle cabernet sauvignon  
1 carton beef broth  
2 sprigs fresh rosemary  
3 bay leaves  
kosher salt  
cracked pepper  
olive oil

In a large dutch oven, heat enough olive oil to coat the bottom of the pan. Generously salt and pepper the chuck roast. Cook the roast till browned on both sides, remove to a plate and set aside. Add onions, carrots, leeks, celery and garlic to the oil (you may add a little more oil if needed). Cook until the onions and celery start to soften, scraping any beefy bits off the bottom with a wooden spoon. Put the roast back into the pan with the vegetables, add wine and beef broth. If the meat and vegetables aren't completely covered add water until they are. Toss in the rosemary and bay leaves. Cover and cook over medium-low heat 3 1/2 hours, or until the meat is fork tender. Add the potatoes and mushrooms, cook until potatoes are soft, about 30 minutes. Taste and adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper. Serve as is or over rice, and eat it listening to Edith Piaf's "La Vie en Rose"!



Gefilte Girl  
Elizabeth  
Hale Ratner

Elizabeth Hale Ratner is a proud new Savannah resident and member of Congregation Mickve Israel. Visit her website at [savannahci.tycatering.com](http://savannahci.tycatering.com).

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Prompt: *What are the lessons of the Holocaust?*

Open to all Chatham County Middle & High School Students

For Rules and Stipulations to participate, contact Benjamin Bloom by email, [programming@savj.org](mailto:programming@savj.org) or by phone, 912-355-8111.

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Attention teens and young adults

Looking for an opportunity to volunteer?  
Want volunteer hours for school?  
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The Savannah Jewish Foundation is an independent, nonprofit corporation with its own identity and corporate structure affiliated with our federation endowment/foundation. Generally, establishment of a supporting foundation requires a minimum of \$1 million in assets.

While it qualifies as a public charity with all attendant tax benefits, it has many of the advantages of a private foundation. Its own board of trustees, including yourself, a majority appointed by the federation and others appointed by you, governs your supporting foundation, determining investment strate-

gies and policy matters.

Trustees meet at least annually to decide on grant making, focusing on your special interests. Because your supporting foundation is linked in perpetuity with your Jewish federation, succeeding generations of your family will carry on your tradition of Tzedakah.

Below are a few frequently asked questions about foundations and their answers:

1. Will personal and financial information I share be treated confidentially?

Yes. The Foundation strictly

guards the privacy of all donors and their sensitive personal and financial information. All communications, documents and discussions are held in the highest confidence.

2. I'm thinking of starting a private foundation. Is there any value in working with the Jewish community's Foundation?

Yes. We've helped many people set up real alternatives to private foundations. You can use assets like real estate and closely-held stock which are problematic to use in funding a private foundation. We take care

of all bookkeeping, compliance issues and other record-keeping, so you can keep focused on the joy of philanthropy and fulfilling your charitable passions

3. Where and how do I begin to start the process of establishing a Foundation or fund?

Easy. For information or to speak with someone about it, call Adam Solender, Executive Director of the Savannah Jewish Federation and Jewish Educational Alliance, 912-355-8111 or email him adam@savj.org.

# An Endowment is Forever

*Let your name be remembered as a blessing*



## Everyone leaves footprints.

Our prints are made by the impression of our lives on this earth. A person is remembered for the weight of his or her character, for marks of accomplishment, kindness, generosity, personal warmth and values.

Thoughtful estate planning is one means we have to leave our imprint. The simplest way to make a charitable gift in your estate plan is by a bequest in your will. This can be done when writing or updating your will or revocable trust. A simple statement is all that is needed. For example: "I give, devise and bequeath to the Savannah Jewish Federation..."

There are many options available for charitable giving when you do your estate planning. Some can provide you tax savings and income for the rest of your life.

Please contact  
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