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Your Campaign Dollars at Work

One Gift... A World of Good

The Savannah Jewish Federation is the helping hand for many parts that make up the Savannah Jewish community. The dollar resources that are raised during the campaign are used to support many programs and institutions locally, nationally and overseas. Many people ask, "What does the Federation do?" What doesn't the Federation do?

The main job of the Savannah Jewish Federation is supporting the Jewish community through financially helping those places that create Jewish community and our community at large. But what does the Federation actually do through its financial resources; it helps families who have fallen on hard times; it encourages young Jews to make connections and carry on

the Jewish faith and Jewish community; it creates a stronger Jewish family through providing Jewish books for bedtime reading; it provides emergency aid like clean drinking water and medical supplies to people caught in catastrophic events domestically and internationally; it ensures that seniors

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Because It's Right and Important

Sherry Dolgoff
Overall Chair, 2011 Savannah Jewish Federation Campaign

"I'm originally from Houston, TX and when I was a senior in high school my friend and I were BBYO co-chairs and felt that since BBYO was a recipient agency of Federation funds, we should get involved in helping to raise funds for the Federation. We just felt it was important to contribute. That's why I have served on



Sherry Dolgoff

both the JEA and the Federation boards for at least the last twelve years or more. I've served on the Executive Board of the JEA as Treasurer. I've been co-chair of Super Sundays for far too long. I've been a chair and co-chair of the Women's Division. And, currently, I'm the Overall Chair for the 2011 Savannah Jewish Federation Campaign. Let me tell you, I've been a believer and supporter of Federation since I was seventeen years old and after I became a teacher, a parent and a grandparent it has become all the more important."

all been involved with the Federation. And I've been involved with the Federation and the JEA off and on my whole life too. I've also been active with my shul as a Past President of Bnai Brith Jacob. Also, I've held positions of leadership in professional organizations and other area organizations."



Harold Black

Peggy Harris
2011 Women's Division Chair

"I was born and raised in Memphis, TN and as long ago as I can remember my mother was always involved and even worked for the Jewish Federation in Memphis. And being a Jew of the Jewish community, I've always felt it is important to be a part of the Jewish Feder-



Peggy Harris

ation. In the past, I was President of the Institute of Jewish Education from 1981 till 1983. I've also served on the board of Mickve Israel and been the Vice-President of the National Council of Jewish Women's local chapter."

Vivian Slotin
2011 Women's Division Co-Chair

"I came to Savannah originally from Brooklyn, NY and no matter the size of my donation; I've always been a federation donor. When I lived in Augusta, GA I worked for the Jewish Federation there for thirteen years as the Administrator under the Director; we were the only two employees of the Federation. Since coming to Savannah I have co-chaired Trading Places and co-chaired the Super Sunday Telethon. Currently, I'm on the Hadassah board as the Jewish National Fund Chair."



Vivian Slotin



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Harold Black
2011 Men's Division Chair

"Well, I've lived in Savannah, GA for seventy-five years, my entire life. When I was in BBYO during high school I was the Aleph Godol of the AZA in 1953 and for as long as I can remember my family and friends have

After the Holy Days

We have had a busy month, after blowing the *Shofar*, dipping the apples in the honey, picking the pomegranate seeds, writing the blessing cards, visiting the congregations, doing our soul examination and fasting, asking forgiveness from people we hurt, sitting, eating (more than we can) and heaving guests in our *Sukkah*, finishing our torah reading and starting all over again. No doubt, it is a busy month for

the Jewish people.

It was my first month in Savannah, and I enjoyed every moment of it, even the difficult ones. I just want to thank all the great people that welcomed me and let me feel like home.

I didn't think that it would be so soon but, I already miss home. I can



Gershon Peru

just imagine how things are back in Israel. The unbearable heat of August is over; the squills, a local flower, that announce the beginning of autumn are already at their peak. You can almost smell the *Hayore* – the first rain after the summer. You can still see *Sukkoth* that haven't been removed yet, and the holydays spirit is still noticeable on peoples' faces.

In Israel there is a familiar but undefined time period, that called "After the Holydays". You want to setup an appointment? Call me "After the

Holydays". "After the Holydays" I will start working on all my commitments. "After the Holydays" I promise I will start a diet. So we are just "After the Holydays", and we can't delay anything now. It is a great time to start new things, meeting new people, and having a little change in your life.

For those of you that I haven't met yet, I want to wish happy and sweet year, a year of fulfillment and prosperity, a year of peace and love, a year of achievements and new experiences.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Friends of Evelyn Scharf,

We write this letter to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Savannah Jewish Community "family" who called, visited, e-mailed, donated, and provided meals to our family through Mom's

five-year battle with cancer.

We always knew Mom was a very special person...funny, smart, friendly, talented, and caring. But it wasn't until her passing that we realized how many other folks thought of her the same way we did. We have been

overwhelmed with the sheer numbers of people who called her their friend. The stories we've heard from her very diverse group of friends have made us laugh and cry. They've made us so proud of her.

Thirty-seven years ago when our family prepared for our move to Savannah from New York, we anticipated it to be a tough time. We didn't know

about Southern hospitality, and we didn't know what a wonderful Jewish community Savannah had. We were embraced by all of you then and now, and we thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Phil Scharf, Ellen Hagan,
Sue Nissim, Paul Scharf and
our families

Campaign.....

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have a place to go and kosher meals to eat; it sustains Jewish education; it saves Jews from peril around the globe; and it supports the State of Israel and helps the Savannah community maintain ties with Israel.

Locally, the Federation has been instrumental through its Jewish Family Services in helping many families and individuals in need of last dollar aid to help them make ends meet. Requests for assistance have skyrocketed, but the needs have been met. Also, there are some in our community who need counseling to help them cope with the stress of growing older or assistance managing their own mental illness. Without Federation's resources allocated to Jewish Family Services, those individuals might have to look elsewhere or worse, not get the help they need and deserve.

Nationally, this past year Nashville, TN, a city with approximately 8,000 Jews, experienced the worst flooding in its history. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Council, better known as the JDC or the Joint, a Savannah Jewish Federation service partner, was on the scene helping families escape flood waters and distributing clothing and aid items that were needed at the time. And when they aren't helping out at catastrophes here at home, JDC is best known for the services they provide maintaining Jewish life in more than seventy countries around the world, as

well has providing emergency services whenever necessary.

Internationally, JAFI, the Jewish Agency for Israel operates the Aliyah program for those who want to move to Israel, rescuing Jews in peril throughout the globe and bringing them from their dangerous home countries to Israel. Campaign dollars raised in Savannah a few decades ago went to help rescue Russian Jews in the Former Soviet Union. Conceivably, was it not for JAFI's mission to rescue the Former

Soviet Union Jews, Savannah might not be sharing and learning from our current Israeli Shaliach, who was part of that "Operation Exodus."

The campaign dollars raised this year, and every year, are vitally important to securing a Jewish future, for Savannah and the global Jewish community, which is strong and vibrant. The Savannah Jewish Federation is grateful for your support. **Volunteer. Donate. Make A Difference.**

Reunion Plans Underway for Friends from 60s

On October 23, 2010, the Jenkins High School class of 1960 is having their 50th reunion. A group of Savannah Jewish people from the class (and some from other schools) is trying to put together a reunion of Jewish mem-

bers of the classes of 1959, 1960 and 1961 on Friday October 22. If you are interested in attending, contact Harris Gottlieb at harrisgottlieb@lunch.org, or by phone, 678-481-0644.

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To a Successful Campaign!

It just seemed like a good idea. Federation always has its annual meeting in September and then a month or two later kicks off its annual campaign with a large community event. This year, why not combine them so we don't have to come out twice? This isn't an installation year requiring speeches from incoming and outgoing Presidents. Why not save some of our most valued resource... time... giving us all a little more of it for our families and friends.



Linda Zoller
President,
Savannah Jewish
Federation

With that in mind we are having a combined annual meeting and campaign kick-off on Wednesday October 13th at 6:30 pm. We will serve a delicious dinner and enjoy an outstanding speaker, Jerry Silverman, CEO of Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA, formerly UJC, formerly UJA). How often does someone so high in the Federation organization come to Savannah? He will be arriving directly from Israel so his news will be timely.

We say Campaign begins in October, but really that's not true. Sherry Dolfoff and her Campaign Management Team of Peggy Harris, Harold Black, and Vivian Slotin have been working for months. Division Chairs have been selected and campaign workers have been recruited. Asking people to give money is not an easy thing to do. Our volunteers do it because they are selfless and believe in aiding their fellow Jews. They should be applauded.

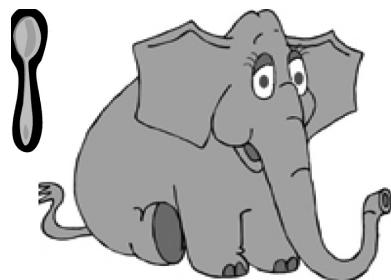
What a lineup of campaign events! The Women's luncheon on November 16th with Duo Dimitri offers a musical

program combined with the story of immigrating to Israel. I can't remember a concert as part of a campaign event but, how refreshing! The "Step Up" brunch will be an elegant event at the home of Judy Byck for women moving up to a higher level of giving. This was Judy's idea and it is a wonderful one.

Telethon has a brand new look this year, too. Josh and Amanda Reeves are chairing Super Sunday/Super Funday on Sunday November 21st, at the JEA. There, volunteers will be manning the phones while a carnival takes place for their families and the entire community. There will be great food, activities and fun. Community members are invited to drop in, join the festivities and make their annual campaign commitment. It will be exciting.

The economy continues to present us with severe challenges. Jewish Family Service requests for assistance here in Savannah have skyrocketed. Our Allocations volunteers agonized last spring over having fewer funds to give to organizations faced with greater needs than ever. It was a distressing experience that we all would love never to repeat, and with your kindness and generosity, hopefully we never will.

This October, help us to serve this community as well as our fellow Jews here and around the world. Mark your calendars to attend the events and help Federation make this a successful campaign year. It will be fun!



No Better Time and No Better Cause

Many of us have received the following riddle over the Internet: *What's the thing we all have but never have enough? What's the thing that sometimes crawls and other times flies? What's the thing we try and save, yet never stop spending it...and always run out of it?* The answer is, "time."



Adam Solender

Statements about time seem to dominate our lives: "I don't have enough time," "It's time to go," "What time is does that show start?"

There is no better time and no better cause. The time is now.

There are so many songs about time: **Time** in a Bottle, **Time** is on My Side, Does Anybody Really Know What **Time** It Is, **Time** Passages, **The Times** They are a Changin'." The list goes on and on.

Judaism is a religion of time. Think back to the creation of Shabbat. It was G-d carving out time to rest, to rejoice, to sanctify, and to reflect on the glory of our world. For centuries, Judaism has been governed by time—time to light candles, time to fast, time to mourn, time to celebrate. When we heard the shofar blasts during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, ate in our Sukkahs, and shook the lulav, we were transported back in time. Every generation throughout time has done the same thing at the same time of the year.

In our community we have some of our own "markers" of time: The last Sunday in October is time for Mickve Israel's Shalom Y'all Food Festival, the beginning of the month is time for the latest Savannah Jewish News, September is the time for Rambam's annual car raffle, January is the time for Hadassah Presents, and Thursdays at five is the time I send out the com-

munity eNews.

October marks a very important time in our community. It is the time when we begin the Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Campaign. It is the time that we put aside our personal projects, time that we gather together as one community, time to take care of the most needy, time to fulfill the obligations and blessings of Jewish peoplehood with collective responsibility and action.

When you give to the SJF Annual Campaign you sustain our local community—Jewish Family Services, Shalom School, the JEA, Rambam Day School, BBYO, and area Hillels.

When you give to the SJF Annual Campaign you are supporting Jewish people throughout the world. Through our partners, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Israel, are the penultimate organizations in the world to provide immediate rescue and relief to Jews, no matter where in the world they live.

When you give to the SJF Annual Campaign you are helping to ensure a Jewish future for generations to come.

You could not spend your time more wisely than to attend the SJF Annual Meeting and Campaign Kickoff event on October 13th at the JEA.

You will have the time to hear about what the Federation has accomplished in the last year in Savannah and throughout the world when our guest speaker, Jewish Federations of North America President, Jerry Silverman shares his views on Jewish peoplehood throughout the world.

You will have time to socialize with your friends, and have time to make your generous commitment to Campaign 2011.

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, who am I? If not now, when?" Ethics of the Fathers (1:14)

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Your Campaign Dollars at Work

My Summer Experience at BBYO CLTC

By Aaron Solender

Thanks to support from the Savannah Jewish Federation, I was able to attend one of the most meaningful experiences of my life: BBYO's Chapter Leadership Training Conference (CLTC) at the American Hebrew Academy (AHA) in North Carolina.

Before attending this trip, I had looked at BBYO and AZA as something that took up a few weekends out of my year – meet at the JEA, load up a bus with someone of my fellow Jewish teens from Savannah, and go take part in a dance with other Jewish teens from Augusta, Charleston, and Columbia.

It was at one of those gatherings last year, that one of the seniors (now a college freshman) said I should attend a summer program, preferably CLTC. I didn't know what it was, but I knew he would steer me in the right direction. I looked up the program and signed up long before the summer even began.

It's a pretty cool feeling to know that I can go anywhere in the country and have a place to stay with my Jewish friends.

When this past summer came along, I was totally enraptured in football practices and working at JEA Camp Savannah, so I wasn't all that excited for the trip. In fact, I had almost completely forgotten about it. All of a sudden, it was the week before I was scheduled to leave. I remembered what other participants had said about their experience in the past. To be honest, I really doubted that CLTC could live up to that much hype.

When I arrived at AHA, I found that most of the other eighty participants had already been communicating with and getting to know each other on Facebook and through instant messaging. Others had come there with friends from their city. I felt a little bit like the odd man out. That feeling ended about two hours later. All of the participants were broken up into five dorms in which they would be staying for the next twelve days.



Aaron Solender at CLTC in a Challah Baking workshop

I became closest with those I lived with.

Over the course of twelve days we participated in dozens of activities from "dorm bonding" to playing basketball to something just as simple as eating meals together that really brought the entire group together. Instead of eighty independent kids all gathered together on the campus of the American Hebrew Academy, we became a kehilah, our own Jewish community.

This program helped me to become an entirely different person. I developed a sense of maturity, leadership, brotherhood, and of course enjoyed an intense Jewish experience that created a time that I will never forget. All too quickly it came to an end; the twelve days flew by in an instant.

I returned to Savannah and the first thing I wanted to do besides sleep (after all, I am a teenager) was to share everything I had learned with my community of the fellow members of our Savannah chapter of AZA, David Finn #206.

There's nothing I would have changed about those twelve days, except to make it longer. It's a pretty cool feeling to know that I can go anywhere in the country and have a place to stay with my Jewish friends. It's pretty cool to have learned new skills to share with my BBYO chapter.

To those who are thinking about going on a BBYO "experience" – stop thinking – go to their website and sign up now! It's a life changing experience.

Thank you to the Savannah Jewish Federation for making it all possible.

Your generous gift to the Savannah Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign make it possible for local Jewish youth in Savannah to attend leadership and identity development programs. For more information about BBYO visit, www.bbyo.org

A Rolling Memorial to Honor a Woman of Valor Always on the Move

By Carol Greenberg

Liberty County has a new fire truck "Ruby", named after long-time Savannahian Ruby Frenkel Perlman, who died of cancer last May. Ruby Perlman leaves a legacy of service that the Guardian of the Ribbon/Southside Georgia Chapter (GOTR) felt mirrored the hard work and selfless commitment exhibited by the fire station staff and the truck, a sym-

bol of responsibility and trust, that they ride. The public will have a chance to see and autograph *Ruby*, painted pink in time for breast cancer awareness month, at this year's Shalom Y'All Jewish Food Festival, Sunday, October 31 from 11AM to 4PM in the north end of Forsyth Park.

At the recent dedication of *Ruby*, the newest in the fleet of pink service vehicles, husband Philip Perlman and grown children Lacy Chivers and Lance Perlman received a dedication plaque presented by GOTR representatives Crystal and Tim Allen and had the opportunity to be the first to sign messages of hope and remembrance on this rolling memorial.

Family friends followed suit including Arlene Schwartz, who served as Congregation Mickve Israel Sisterhood Co-President with Ruby and her husband Ronald, Dr. Joel Greenberg, who presided over many boards on which Ruby was active, and Dawn Kaley, who through her work with the Girl Scout Council of Historic Georgia appreciates the excitement the pink truck could bring to informational events on cancer prevention and awareness.

The committee selected Ruby as a great name for a truck, as it was for the woman's spirit it would represent, after reading a contest essay written by MStarArts Creative Director Carol Greenberg. Besides working for years in the Mayor's Finance Office, Ruby served on executive boards of many Savannah civic and charitable organizations. Among them, she was CFO of MorningStar Cultural Arts Group, where she was so greatly missed that it translated into the winning essay which began, "Wouldn't Ruby be a wonderful name for a fire truck? It was even a better name for a person...be-



A Fire truck named Ruby

cause Ruby was a woman of valor, 'whose value was far above Rubies...' (Proverbs 31)"

Ruby earned the coveted Woman of Valor Award for Lifetime commitment to Jewish Values and was remembered as a loyal friend, a fierce competitor, an efficient worker, a tireless volunteer, a woman not afraid to try new ways to help, yet devoted to traditions. The essay continued: "Ruby, like a fire truck, was impressive, service-oriented and even when seemingly at rest, was never static: she would be quietly going about getting things done while others were in the forefront; she worked to make things better, and not to be singled out for accolades. Her presence was always felt in the care with which she accomplished her tasks no matter how simple. She was always moving—always a blur of activity, always leading people to do something, always charging ahead or taking charge."

The Guardian of the Ribbon/Southside Georgia Chapter appears at public functions and allows cancer survivors, family members and well-wishers alike the opportunity to sign the trucks. The 2009 truck, Carolyn, has collected over 10,000 signatures. Though operational, Carolyn, the pink patrol car, Lori, and now Ruby, will join forces in the fight against cancer by drawing attention to inspirational and educational events that pinpoint patient resources and promote healing.

Ruby also served several times as Food Fest Chair. As this year's festival will be dedicated in part to her memory, it is most fitting that Philip will be honored with a ride to the festival in Ruby, the Fire truck his wife inspired. The truck and its dedication plaque will be on hand for people to sign during the festival.



Today, Tomorrow, Together

Celebrate as one Jewish community
as we review the past year,
and plan for tomorrow.

Savannah Jewish Federation 67th Annual Meeting Campaign Kickoff Dinner

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Jerry Silverman is the President and Chief Executive Officer, of The Jewish Federations of North America, a position he took in May 2009. Before joining JFNA, Silverman served as President of the Foundation for Jewish Camp, the only non-profit national organization dedicated to raising awareness and support of non-profit Jewish resident camps. Under his leadership, FJC oversaw a major expansion of the organization that helped bring a new focus on Jewish camping as a path to enhance Jewish identity.



World-Class Athletes in our Midst

Many of us take pride in maintaining our fitness routines as we gracefully age, but we all should be a little proud of two members of the Savannah Jewish community who can be noted for becoming world class triathletes. Jerry Rothschild, in his early 40's, and Danny Nagelberg, in his late 50's, have more than twenty years of triathlon experience combined, each qualified for the recent 2010 Triathlon Age Group World Championships in Budapest, Hungary and for the 2010 Triathlon Age Group National Championship.

A triathlon is a race that pits individuals against themselves and the race clock in three different elements; swimming, bicycling and running. Triathlon races vary in distance. According to the International Triathlon Union, and USA Triathlon, the main international race distances are Sprint distance (.47mile swim, 13.1 mile bike, 3.1 mile run), Olympic distance

(.93 mile swim, 24.8 mile ride, 6.2 mile run), the Long Course or Half Ironman (1.2 mile swim, 56 mile ride, 13.1 mile run), and Ultra Distance or Ironman (2.4 mile swim, 112 mile ride, and a marathon 26.2m run); the most popular branded is the Ironman triathlon.

Rothschild, an assistant district attorney and father of two small children, and Nagelberg, a psychologist, father of two children and husband of Cathy for more than 24 years, share not just their Jewish faith but also a love and drive for this sport. "I suspect that most serious triathletes are like me, more internally rather than externally motivated. Plus, it's fun. If I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't do it," said Rothschild. Nagelberg believes that, "even though it's an individual sport, I get motivation and fun through the friends I've made in my training group."

To be good at this sport there's no specific avenue that ensures success. Jerry's athletic background is in high school football as an offensive tackle and then rugby at UGA. "UGA Rugby had a succession of coaches that ran us to death. Everyone complained but, fairly quickly I noticed I had an aptitude for it. And that I liked it," commented

Jerry. Danny's path was different: "I've been competitively running for about forty years. I started as a senior in high school — my friends got me interested in the sport. Then I ran cross country and track in college at Bucknell, where I attended from '71-'75. At that time, I could run a 4 minute 11 second mile."

These guys definitely help to break the myth that Jews aren't good athletes, and there's no doubt that in the twentieth century there were some great Jewish athletes including boxers Max Baer, the heavyweight champion, and Samuel Berger, the first ever Olympic heavyweight gold medal champion. And, of course, who could ever forget the great baseball Hall of Fame pitcher, Sandy Koufax? In addition, in more recent years there have been great Jewish swimmers, gymnasts, basketball, football, soccer and even hockey players. Both of these local athletes feel that while culturally, Jews put more emphasis on education and professional success, with the right

frame of reference, Jews can be proportionally represented in sports for population size.

For anyone thinking about running a marathon, training for a triathlon or preparing for a 5K; these two have some wise words of advice for you. Nagelberg believes, "the only thing keeping you from success is not working hard in training and not having the right attitude." And Rothschild's advice is, "Don't over think it. Remember it's supposed to be fun. Avoid the temptation to obsess over the numbers like a lot of competitors. Obsess over numbers at work... this is not work. Remember the classic line from *Star Wars*, 'Use the force, Luke. Turn off the targeting computer.'"

Both of these athletes earned slots at the 2010 Age Group World Championships in Budapest, Hungary, which were held on September 12th, but only Nagelberg competed. He finished 15th (*yasher koach!*) in an age group with 68 finishers. And both earned slots in the 2010 Age Group National Championship in Tuscaloosa, AL, on September 26th where both were to compete. These competitive races are Olympic or standard distance races. Nagelberg's final thoughts are, "It's a great passion and great diversion!"



Danny Nagelberg

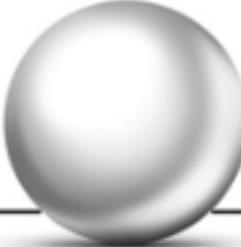


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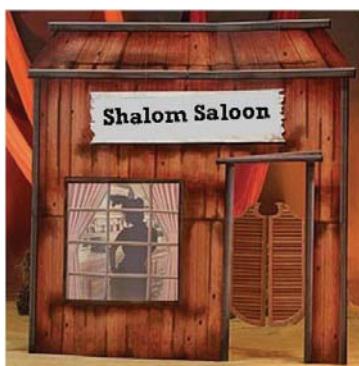
October 7 at 6pm, JEA

Women's Division Luncheon with *Duo Dmitri*

Luba Agranovsky & Dmitri Kasyuk are winners of many Russian piano and flute competitions. They moved to Jerusalem in 1990 with the help of your campaign dollars and the Jewish Agency. They tell their compelling story interwoven with their beautiful music. Join us for our annual luncheon. Watch the mail for your invitation or RSVP online at www.savj.org



November 16 at 12:15pm, JEA



Super Sunday—Fun Day

Telethon from 10am–12pm Family Fun 12pm–3pm

Join all your friends from around the community for a day of fun at the JEA. There will be activities and games for kids of all ages at the Aleph Bets of the Wild West. Hitch your ride to the post and come on in for root beer, food and fun. Come to raise funds and stick around for the fun! To volunteer, email or call Benjamin Bloom, programming@savj.org, 355-8111.

November 21, JEA

Volunteer. Donate. Make A Difference.



Your Campaign Dollars at Work

JDC Responds to Devastating
Russian Heatwave

Amidst 100-plus degree temperatures and the suffocating, smoky air from fires south of Moscow, 82-year-old "Svetlana" suffered without air-conditioning in her cramped apartment and wondered how she would survive. The intolerable heat and discomfort brought on by the ecological disaster made respite nearly impossible. What was she to do? Fortunately, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the Savannah Jewish Federation's overseas partner for providing rescue and relief to our fellow Jews in need, was already in action—its response team ready to do everything necessary from check-in calls, in-home visits, revitalizing meal deliveries, and fan purchases to help those most tormented by the scorching weather. The JDC, a leading provider of humanitarian aid in Russia, stepped up its daily services for seniors and children in response to the emergency situation, including creating a Moscow-based volunteer program led by more than 40 young Jewish students and professionals.

"With thousands of Jewish seniors and children languishing in the unprecedented Russian heat and smoke pollution, we leapt into action. By activating our strong network of community centers and social workers with supplemental help from young people who gave up their traditional Russian summer vacations to volunteer, we have helped many people escape the oppressive and exhausting conditions brought on by this environmental crisis," said JDC CEO Steven Schwager.

In Moscow alone, JDC staff and the young volunteers—often recruited through Facebook and JDC young leadership programs—made more than 900 calls and numerous home visits to isolated seniors. Campaign dollars raised in Savannah and other Jewish communities around the globe made it possible for



Helping Victims of Russian Fire

young people to provide much-needed solace to the elderly and bring extra food, drinking water, medicine, and help clean their homes. These volunteers have also staffed a children's care center at the Nikitskaya JCC, where air-conditioned relief is being provided for low-income families.

Outside Moscow, JDC efforts include increased monitoring and support of the elderly; the installation of additional air-conditioning units in its local community centers in regions most affected by the heat and the transportation of seniors from their hot homes to these centers. JDC also joined leaders like Russian President Dmitry Medvedev in making a donation to the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation's fund for victims of the wildfires that were sparked by the high temperatures. *About JDC*

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) is the world's leading Jewish humanitarian assistance organization. JDC, with support from the Savannah Jewish Federation and hundreds of other Federations like ours, works in Israel and more than 70 countries to alleviate hunger and hardship, rescue Jews in danger, create lasting connections to Jewish life, and provide immediate relief and long-term development support for victims of natural and man-made disasters. To learn more, visit www.JDC.org.

Your Campaign Dollars at Work

Aliyah of Rescue

The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), the Savannah Jewish Federation's partner providing social services and more in Israel, has brought the Jewish world together since 1929 to do the impossible. Building the State of Israel; bringing 3 million Jews home. Sure, they've made history, but does anyone think the issues we face today are any less monumental? Think again. The issues we face today are complex and the solutions certainly not easy. Of course, neither were those that faced generations before us. The good news is one more thing we've learned along the way: when we partner with purpose, anything is possible.

In the not so distant past, it was thought that Jews around the world were safe. That rescue missions were no longer necessary as they were a few decades ago. But as global events such as the economic crisis and international terrorism take center stage, anti-Zionists and anti-Semites have whipped into action. We now face a new reality. There are places around the world where Jews who assumed that they could live their lives freely may need to be rescued.

For over 60 years, the Jewish Agency and partners like the Savannah Jewish Federation have kept an unwavering promise to the Jewish people: to bring any Jew, from anywhere in the world, to safety in Israel. Working with the Israeli government, JAFI carried out one of the most miraculous rescue missions in history, airlifting 14,310 Ethiopian Jews to Israel in the span of 36 hours as rebel forces fiercely overthrew Mengitsu's dictatorship.

With our help, in the midst of a bloody civil war, JAFI went into the heart of Sarajevo and evacuated and saved thousands of Yugoslavian Jews in 1992. For years, JAFI worked relent-



New Immigrants' Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport

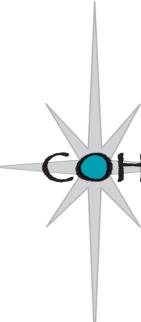
lessly to bring Soviet refuseniks to Israel. Sending emissaries to the farthest corners of the former Soviet Union immediately after the fall of the Iron Curtain, we brought over one million Jews home to Israel, including the family of our current Shaliach, Gershon Peru.

In August 2008, as the conflict in Georgia escalated, JAFI brought Jews on emergency aliyah flights to Israel and settled them in absorption centers around the country.

Recently, clandestine missions rescued Jews from virulently anti-Zionist countries.

Keeping the Promise. There are over 60,000 Jews living in countries where they are at risk. These countries have been, and will continue to be, in the news. But too much publicity can endanger Jewish lives. We must tread cautiously to ensure that we protect, and do not expose, the people in these communities in: the volatile Middle East regimes where democracy is unheard of; countries that have no diplomatic relations with Israel; regions in which anti-Jewish sentiment and racism are on the rise; republics that pledge the destruction of the State of Israel; and countries in which the Jewish population is seriously threatened.

But we need your help, before it is too late, to ensure that Jews everywhere know that the Jewish people are behind them.



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2010 *Speaker's Series*

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The Pine Woods Project and Independent Living

Retired healthcare attorney and mental health advocate, Jane Nangle has spearheaded the Pine Woods Project in Savannah.

She and Project Director, CJ Washington, will talk about their quest to provide independent living opportunities for those in our community with severe mental challenges. They will also describe their work to educate people about the frequency, severity and treatment of schizophrenia spectrum disorders and major depressive disorders.

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

The 2010 Speakers Series is made possible thanks to generous support from the Judith Blumenthal Memorial Lecture Fund at the Jewish Educational Alliance.

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- Iron Chef—Dec. 18
- Olympic Games—Jan. 8
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- WII Challenge—Feb. 12
- Costume Party—Feb. 26



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- ★ **Activities** - Monday: Sports Spectacular
Tuesday: Mixed Media Art
Wednesday: Cooking
Thursday: Swimming
Friday: Crazy Game Day
- ★ **Transportation** - \$30/month or \$3/trip
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- ★ Open all 1/2 days off of school
- ★ Vacation Camps
- ★ Certified staff
- ★ Snack / daily activities / homework help



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 September 13, 2010)

- William Coffee
- William & Lydia Cubbedge
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- Marlene Seidman
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- Maggie Zakary

New Class Forming

Have you ever watched Cirque du Soleil and marveled at the beauty, strength, and physique of the dancers? Now you can tone your body like theirs. Aerial Silks is great for building core strength and flexibility. You will twist, turn, flip, and drop. Try the new Aerial Silks classes to get you up in the air and flying in less than an hour! It is designed for beginners, but includes advanced variations to challenge all levels. Aerial Silks combine the beauty of dance with the exhilaration of flying through the air. Students learn to move their body through space, control the fabric, and build core strength while increasing flexibility. All ages, shapes, and sizes are welcome to try the Aerial Silks Intro class.



Classes will be held Mondays from 7:30 to 8:30pm, as well as the four week Aerial Silks Beginner course (four classes, Wednesdays 7:30 to 8:30pm).

The cost of the Aerial Silks Intro classes is \$20/student and the four week Aerial Silks Beginner course is \$100/student.

This is scheduled to start in November. Please contact Stephanie at 355-8111 or Stephanie@savj.org



2011 JEA COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

JEA Community Directory

The **JEA Community Directory** reaches over 2,000 members, donors and community supporters in Savannah and the surrounding communities. It is a **complimentary** gift to our members and a wonderful way for advertisers to support JEA programs and services, while at the same time increasing their visibility year-round.

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Aerobics Room

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 10:15a Total Body Blast: Christina
 1:00p Billy's Boot Camp: Billy

Monday

8:30a Firm it Up: Linda
 10:30a Gentle Yoga: Sanders
 10:30a SilverSneakers MSROM: Elaine
 6:00p Step & Weights: Carol

Tuesday

8:30a Pilates: Sanders
 10:30a SilverSneakers Cardio Circuit: Elaine
 6:00p Yoga Power Hour: Dawn

Wednesday

8:30a Firm it Up: Linda
 10:30a Gentle Yoga: Sanders
 10:30a SilverSneakers MSROM: Elaine
 6:00p Billy's Boot Camp: Billy
 7:00p Yoga Flow: Amanda

Thursday

8:30a Pilates: Sanders
 10:30a SilverSneakers Cardio Circuit: Elaine
 6:00p Total Body Blast: Christina

Friday

8:30a Firm It Up: Linda

Indoor Pool

Monday

5:00a Master Swim
 10:00a Aquasize: Michelle
 6:30p Water Aerobics: Maria

Tuesday

10:00a SilverSplash: Don

Wednesday

5:00a Master Swim
 6:30p Water Aerobics: Maria

Thursday

10:00a Aquasize: Michelle
 6:30p Water Aerobics: Maria

Friday

5:00a Master Swim
 10:00a Aquasize: Michelle

Youth Sports Registration

Basketball registration will start October 1st through November 30th. Basketball practice is scheduled to start on December 5th. Practices will be on Sunday's at the JEA after 1pm. For ages 4-12. If you have further questions, please contact Stephanie Johnson by phone at 355-8111 or by email at stephanie@savj.org.



Single? Come Mingle in Charleston!

Want to meet other single, Jewish southerners? The Charleston JCC and their Young Adult Division has invited all YJS single-ites to join them at the "Singles Mingle" on **Saturday, October 23**.

Join them for an evening of fun in the JCC's courtyard for beverages, snacks, and just maybe, some sparks flying! Columbia and Myrtle Beach singles are invited as well. \$15 per person.

More information can be found at www.charlestonyad.org/events

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	5-6 am Master Swim		5-6 am Master Swim		5-6 am Master Swim
9:15-10 am Pilates	8:30-9:45 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:45 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:45 am Firm It Up
10:15-11:15 am Total Body Blast	10-11 am Aquasize	10-11 am SilverSplash		10-11 am Aquasize	10-11 am Aquasize
	10:30-11:45 am Gentle Yoga		10:30-11:45 am Gentle Yoga		
	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® MSROM	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® Cardio Circuit	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® MSROM	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® Cardio Circuit	
1-2 PM Billy's Boot Camp	Noon-2 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball
	3:45-5:45 pm Maxine Patterson Dance	4:30-5:30 pm Maxine Patterson Dance	4:30-5:30 pm Maxine Patterson Dance		
	5:30-7:30 pm Karate		5:30-7:30 pm Karate		
	6-7pm Step & Weight Aerobics	6-7 pm Yoga Power Hour	6-7 PM Billy's Boot Camp	6-7 pm Total Body Blast	
	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	7-8 pm Yoga Flow	7-9 pm Savannah Fencing Club	



Health & Wellness / Youth Sports
Important Dates 2010 -11

October 2010

1st Basketball Registration Opens
 5th Jr. Swim League Begins

November 2010

28th Soccer Award Banquet
 30th Basketball Registration Closes

December 2010

5th Basketball Practice Begin

January 2011

1st Baseball Registration Opens
 9th Basketball League Begins

March 2011

1st Baseball Practice begins
 6th Basketball Playoffs
 13th Basketball Award Banquet

April 2011

1st Swim Team Registration Open
 30th Swim Team Registration Closes

May 2011

3rd Swim Team Begins
 29th Outdoor Pool Opens

Art at the JEA



Margaret Clay—
Joy WM



Carolyne Graham—
Red Bloomers



Betsy Haun—
Night Bubba



Ron Schaffer—
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October Artists—Margaret Clay, Carolyne Graham, Betsy Haun & Ron Schaffer
“Heart, Spirit & Soul”

Margaret Clay - Biography

Margaret is also a writer and in 1999, some of her writings became known as “Monkeyminders: Loving Thoughts to Still the Monkey in Your Mind”. In 2007, Margaret started what she calls ‘Intuitive Painting.’ Many of these paintings have words in them and most of them have Monkeyminder messages associated with them. Since then her images and words have been sold as prints, greeting cards, bookmarks, journals and t-shirts. This year, Margaret began hand-painting silk scarves. Her work has jumped to a new level of brightness and energy through these scarves. She is currently working on a Water Series, focusing on the sea life most affected by the recent Gulf tragedy.

Carolyne Graham - Biography

Carolyne combines the medium of clay with her love of painting. Her expressive work views the natural world and its beauty sparked with a touch of whimsy. For the last few years, she has focused on the vessel as a relief visage to tell her tales in colorful glazes and forms. Fanciful flora & fauna of the Low-country most often represent her clay giftware, signed with her trade name “Caro.” Carolyne is a native of Savannah, Ga.

Betsy Haun - Biography

Betsy Haun has loved watercolors since high school, but it wasn't until 1995 that her passion came to life. Inspired by seeing the paintings of a prominent doctor, Betsy decided “to drop her inhibitions and follow her dream.” Painting out of her home and wanting to learn more about her own style, she decided to join the Savannah Art Association. In September of 1999, she won a Best in Show Award which gave her the boost for her next move in November of that year. Teaming up with two other artists in City Market, they opened a studio/gallery. In 2001, she won an Honorable Mention Award. She has done numerous commissions including house portraits, churches and a painting of a family crest.

Ron Schaffer - Biography

In 2001, Ron Schaffer moved to Savannah from LA and is involved in Savannah's Art Community. His artwork has evolved into expressive and sensitive Portraits, Faces, and Series work that portray stories of the people who live in those faces. He chooses pastel and oil paint, but works in all media. Ron studied Industrial Design at the UCLA and Illustration at Art Center School of Pasadena. He created a company called “Reflections of California,” designing and manufacturing innovative furniture that was honored by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Ron has worked as an Artist and Illustrator, both commercially and industrially. His work includes book covers, illustrations and several large murals.

Artwork available for viewing October 3-31, 2010

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October 2010							
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 2010	Daily Calendar Events	Sept. 27	28	29 Erev Shemini Atzeret JEA Closes at 5 pm	30 Shemini Atzeret JEA Closed	Oct. 1 Simchat Torah JEA Closed	2
	3 Savannah Jewish Archives 15th Anniversary— 4 pm	4	5	6	7 Campaign Worker Training— 6 pm Movie & A Beer— 7 pm	8	9
	10 Art Gallery Reception— 3 pm	11	12	13 SJF Annual Meeting & Campaign Main Event— 6:30 pm	14	15	16
	17 Speaker's Series— 7:30 pm	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31 Jewish Food Festival— Forsyth Park	Nov. 1	2 Elections	3	4 Art Gallery Reception— 5:30 pm Movie & A Beer— 7 pm	5	6



Have a Blast at Jewish Food Festival, October 31

The ram's horn blast at 11 am Sunday, October 31, 2010 will again mark the start of The Shalom Y'all Jewish Food Festival™ held in picturesque Forsyth Park, and the shofar blast will mark its close at 4 pm. In just five short hours, this sampling of delectable treats hosts an average attendance of 10,000 people per year making it the largest food festival of its kind; and many say it's the most delicious in the country. A much-awaited festival each year by Savannahians, South Carolinians and tourists, Jewish and non-Jewish patrons alike, there are so many ways to enjoy the Shalom Y'all Jewish Food Festival™, filled with deli delights such as corned beef and pastrami and New York egg creams, family favorites like foot long hot dogs and sour pickles, traditional fare like mouth-watering brisket, savory chopped liver and stuffed cabbage and Jewish staples like blintzes, kugel, and of course potato latkes. Less traditionally, Rabbi Belzer inspired and with his wife Arlene created the Ah-Mein Lo-Mein booth, which has always been a crowd favorite. And of course, homemade Food Fest canine treats and glitter tattoos for the kids will also be available.

Now in its 22nd year and its tenth on Forsyth Park's north side, this taste of heavenly New York and southern Jewish delicacies offers take-home boxes for those in a hurry. The park provides plenty of shade and benches, and the festival sets up tabled areas for seating around the stage and handicap accessible drop off points and portable facilities. Advance sales of group or individual tickets, as always, carry a 10% discount and are easily arranged, as are sponsorships, by calling 912-233-1547 or on the website at www.mickveisrael.org.

Though the various booths always have been sponsored by community businesses, 2010 marks the tenth anniversary year that matzah ball soup, long touted as the cure for whatever ails you, again will be sponsored by area physicians, and the Legal Bagel Bar by local lawyers. Host opportunities for these and other booths are still available.

This year will boast an expanded gift shop section and Sisterhood Baubles Boutique and will feature family entertainment that includes

Israeli dancing hosted by *Maxine Patterson School of Dance* and *Shalom School* and back by popular demand, concert performances starring Hank Weisman's *Old Folkers* and headlining Bill Averbach and his *Carolina Klezmer*. For the fifth year this concert has been selected for promotion from the *International Harmony Days* by the Daniel Pearl Foundation and is always a crowd pleasing addition to the festivities.

This year's Food Fest chair, Lauri Taylor and her committee wanted to give patrons what they have always loved while adding a few touches of their own. This year, at any drink booth, patrons can give a donation to toast the memory of or honor of a loved one. A good problem to inherit was that challah has been so popular that it always sells out early. This year the committee has increased the number of cooking classes and volunteers baking challah to make sure there is enough for all.

But Jews do not celebrate special occasions with bread alone! As always, a favorite will be the rugelach and other sweets from our Sisterhood Sweet Shop. Also the challahs will be moved to a new booth offering other Jewish soul foods and delicacies associated with various seasonal holidays — such as apples and honey or honey cake for Rosh Hashanah, shaped sugar cookies for Hanukah, triangular fruit filled hamantashen, served as a Purim treat and welcoming back a festival favorite matzo brei.

This year's Food fest not only will serve up great food but also should serve to provide the funds for daily operation of Savannah's oldest and one of the nation's most revered congregations. Our congregants volunteer their time, cooking, and effort to make each year a greater success than the year before. The proceeds from this event help support Congregation Mickve Israel



Foods being prepared at the Shalom Y'all Jewish Food Festival

and its many wonderful outreach programs including our award winning Backpack Buddies for example, which provides food for over 45 public school children during the weekends. For further information, contact Mickve Israel's Executive Director, Anne

Maner at 912-233-1547 extension 21 or mickveisr@aol.com.

Come indulge your senses at the 22nd annual Shalom Y'all Jewish Food Festival™ and have a blast from beginning to end!

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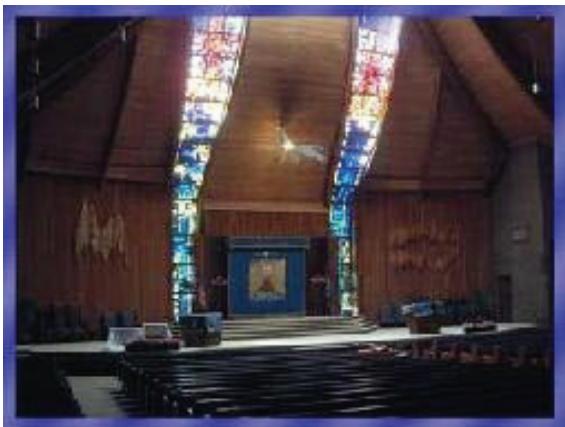
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GILEE SHABBAT

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We are pleased to welcome a visiting delegation of Israeli law enforcement officers along with members of the Savannah Police Department and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to Congregation Agudath Achim Friday, **October 8, 2010 6:00 p.m.** The entire community is invited to attend Friday night dinner.

Please call the Synagogue office at 352-4737 for reservations and pricing.

GILEE Shabbat is being underwritten by a grant from the Shernoff Family Philanthropic Fund

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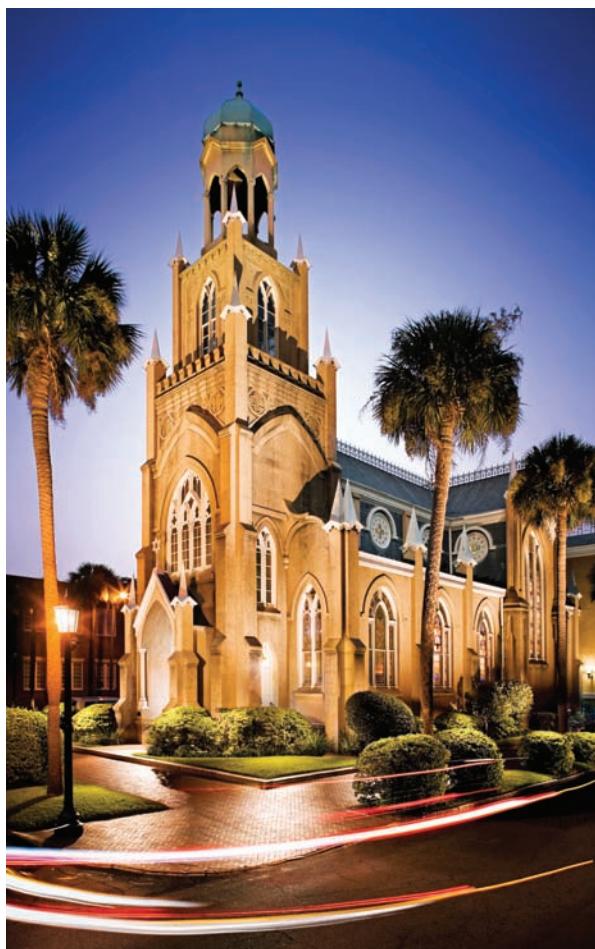


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Join Us At Mickve Israel

Mickve Israel extends to you an open invitation!

To Worship: In addition to special children services and holiday events, we have Shabbat services on Friday evenings at 6:00 pm. From June 25 through September 3, 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 31, 2010, 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.



Four Questions with...

Four Questions for the Rest of the Year

Kaye Kole, Founder, Savannah Jewish Archives

1. How and when did the Savannah Jewish Archives begin?

"The archive was officially founded in 1995. However, I was really encouraged to start the archive by people associated with the Southern Jewish Historical Society, located at the College of Charleston, and by a number of friends during the late eighties to early nineties to help save and preserve."



Kaye Kole

through materials at the Savannah Jewish Archives, I came across a letter related to a local shoe store and found a very disturbing logo on the letterhead; a swastika."

2. How did you get interested and involved in archives?

"The death of my mother moved me to an interest in my own genealogical history; I have traced my family back to the mid-1700s through a variety of European countries as they journeyed to America. In addition, I hold a degree in English with a minor in Library Science from Armstrong Atlantic State University."

3. What was one of the most interesting pieces you have found in the archive?

"One time, while I was searching

4. What do you hope for the future of the Savannah Jewish Archives?

"I hope that the Jewish Archives continues into the future. I feel that it is so vitally important. I hope that young people get involved with the Archives because if they don't all that has been collected so far could be lost and Savannah's Jewish past could be forgotten."

"I hope that many readers will show at the JEA on October 3rd to help us celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Savannah Jewish Archives. The celebration will begin at four o'clock in the afternoon."

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Alan S. Gaynor

Who died on August 21, 2010

He is survived by cousins, Gere Gittelsohn, Marjorie Hurwitz, Alan Gittelsohn, Evan Gittelsohn, Marc Gittelsohn, Marion Levy Mendel, Jane Kahn, Margery Braverman, Peggy Coplon, Harriet Marks Alperin.

Remembrances: Congregation Mickve Israel Museum or Congregation Mickve Israel Building Fund or Georgia Legal Services.

Bailee Tenenbaum Kronowitz
Who died on September 10, 2010

She is survived by her husband of fifty-one years, Ronald; and her children Lowell (Hilary) Kronowitz and Rachel (Mark Lewis) Kronowitz; her brother Arnold (Lorlee) Tenenbaum; and her five grandchildren, Daniel, Jack, Peter, Tessa and Amanda.

Remembrances: the Bailee Tenenbaum Kronowitz Memorial Kiddush Fund at Agudath Achim Synagogue.



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Thoughts from Rambam

Another school year for Rambam has ended, and we are now anticipating another exciting and successful school year for 2010-2011. When the summer heat hits, we use the time to reflect on the year that has passed; our strengths and our weaknesses. A specific strength that I would like to share with the Jewish community is the assessment that was made upon reviewing our ITBS scores. ITBS scores are the results of achievement testing that Rambam does in the springtime of our school year. This assessment was done as part of our SACS accreditation process which is up for renewal this coming year.

Each student is tested in Reading, Language Arts, and Math. The test compiles the results of the subtests and yields a core total for each student. The ITBS also reports a core total average for each class. When we compared our core totals this year, 2010 to those of last year, 2009, we saw increase in each grade. The average increase of all the core totals for grades first through eighth grade, was 4.4 percentile points over last year's scores. Even more impressive, our graduating eighth grade class of 2010 showed an increase of 8 percentile points over last year and a total increase of 25 percentile points over their core total five years ago.

Rambam is in an ongoing process of always evaluating, analyzing and mak-

ing changes to keep our reputation of excellence current.

At this time, I would also like to thank our Shaliach, Udi for all the wonderful programming he brought to Rambam. Udi was a welcomed partner in our commitment to teaching our students about Israel. He will be greatly missed, and Rambam hopes the success over the last two years of the Shaliach program continues.

Rambam is proud to share that for this school year, the computer lab has all new computers, thanks to a generous donation made by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Garfunkel. Rambam has also just purchased six Mimio, interactive white boards. They are portable, and can be used in various places. Some of the staff already viewed samples of what these interactive boards can do, and their excitement was uncontainable.

These purchases were made possible by the RDS garage sale, an anonymous parent alumni, Sam Raskin from his Bar Mitzvah money and PKR Inc. (an anonymous group). Rambam is very fortunate to be able to bring to our students the technological advances that can enrich their learning experiences.



Ester Y. Rabhan,
Rambam Principal

Making a Good Day

For any parent, teacher or school principal, the first day of school is always a balance between excitement and anxiety. Last Sunday morning, I left the house desperate to hear that commonly used blessing expressed to one another: "have a good day". Maybe if I heard it often enough, it would happen.

Well, let me reassure you, the first day went exceptionally well and we had a lot of fun while learning about Rosh Hashanah. It was only at the end of this emotionally charged day that I realized what had happened. Our day didn't turn out well because somebody wished it for us. We had that terrific day because each one of us took it upon him/herself to make that day into a great one.

Ellie and Sam in pre-K made the brave decision not to cry when their mommies left; the seventh graders decided that they were not too old to join the younger kids when braiding challot; and the 5th and 6th graders decided to make sure that no paint will decorate the carpet when painting their honey and apple trays. Our teachers made sure they'd have a good day when they carefully and diligently prepared their lessons for that day, and our parents made sure they made Jewish education a priority when they drove them to school on a Sunday morning.

So the lesson I took from that first day is an obvious one, but one that we need to remind ourselves constantly:

We don't just "have a good day", we "make a good day". It is not another consumer commodity I can acquire. Despite our partnership cards, our local grocery stores don't stock "good days" on their shelves. Amazon doesn't carry it. You can't even bid for it on EBay. A good day is something we need to work for to make it happen. It's not a passive concept; it's an active one.

When saying "Mode Ani" every morning, we thank G-d for granting us another day, and while we may not have a choice in what comes our way for that day, we always have a choice in how we respond to what comes. We can be fearful or courageous, pessimistic or optimistic, despairing or hopeful. The choice is always ours to make. Every day we wake up with opportunities, with a plate-full of possibilities. No matter what mood we wake up in, we always have the power to make it a good day for ourselves and for others.

Hard work, positive attitudes and determination, that is what our student body and our faculty brought to school that first day. Thanks to all of you for deciding to make that first day a good day.



Eva Locker,
Shalom School
Principal



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Corrections

In the September edition of the *Savannah Jewish News* we inadvertently labeled photos. Eva Locker is the new principal of the Shalom School and should have been labeled as such. Ester Rabhan is principal of Rambam Day School. In addition, in the Thank You to our Voluntary Subscribers anonymous was spelled incorrectly, we apologize to that anonymous family and thank them for their support.



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Seared Tuna Steaks from Gefilte Girl

Chai y'all!

Greetings from sunny south Florida! Though I am currently in the land of amazing Cuban, Haitian and Caribbean food, I am drawn to the flavors of a certain (to remain unnamed) Japanese steak house that has been one of my favorite restaurants since early childhood. I ate lunch at this certain (blue roofed) establishment last week, and though all of the food was amazing, again it was the salad dressing that caught my special attention. It's zingy, fresh and light...and so so good! The vinaigrette does have a lot of ingredients and may look a little daunting, but it's worth it- and trust me, it's the perfect compliment to sesame seared tuna steaks.

*Tip: I have found that making the vinaigrette the day before serving it allows the flavors to meld and mellow- just shake or whisk to re-incorporate it!

SESAME SEARED TUNA STEAKS OVER GINGER MIXED GREENS

Ginger Vinaigrette: yield 1 3/4 cups

- 1/2 cup minced onion
 - 1/2 cup peanut oil
 - 1/3 cup rice wine vinegar
 - 2 tablespoons water
 - 2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger root
 - 2 tablespoons minced celery
 - 2 tablespoons ketchup
 - 4 teaspoons soy sauce
 - 2 teaspoons white sugar
 - 2 teaspoons lemon juice
 - 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- Put all ingredients in a blender, blend

until all the ginger is pureed, about 30-45 seconds. Store for up to a week.

Sesame Seared Tuna Steaks: yield 4 portions

- 4 8-oz. tuna steaks, approx. 1" thick
- 3/4 cup sesame seeds
- 1 tbsp sesame or canola oil
- 1 tbsp peanut or canola oil (to sear the fish)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

Wash and pat dry your tuna steaks. Brush sesame or canola oil on both sides. Salt and pepper the tuna steaks and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Heat 1 tbsp. peanut or canola oil in a non-stick pan. Over medium-high heat cook tuna steaks for 3 minutes on each side or more depending on how well done you like your tuna. Transfer the tuna to a plate and let rest.

Dress some mixed greens with your ginger vinaigrette- add any or all of the following- cucumber, tomato, julienne carrot, shaved red cabbage, snow peas, bean sprouts, green onion, red peppers and for the daring - some wasabi! Serve sesame tuna (warm or chilled, both tasty!) on top of the greens for a yummy and healthy meal!

Elizabeth Hale Ratner is a member of Temple Mickve Israel, a graduate of Johnson and Wales Culinary School, professional chef for 15 years, and has owned several restaurants in South Florida. She currently resides in Bluffton, SC where she is the proud owner of Savannah City Catering.



*Gefilte Girl
Elizabeth Hale*

Savannah Jewish ARCHIVES

Oral History Excerpts

Our Archives holds an excellent collection of oral histories. In the coming months we'll continue showcasing excerpts from the early interviews. Other excerpts appear in our publication *Voices of Savannah*.

EVELYN (WARD) KARSMAN (1913-2001) interviewed in 2000



Evelyn Karsman

In World War II, I was married and lived in the famous Tomochichi Apartments, which was on H a b e r s h a m and 40th Street. Someone from Atlanta came in and they said that they heard of so many things that went on at the Tomochichi Apartments. There were eight apartments, and there was so much fun that went on in those apartments. They heard about Tomochichi, and they wondered whether that was an Indian reservation... there were seven Jewish families that lived in the Tomochichi and one gentile family.

That's where both of my children were born, and I thought I was in heaven living on 40th Street... And I probably paid \$21 or \$25 a month rent... There was Fanny and Arthur Wetherhorn; it was Evelyn and Morris Homansky; there was Reuben and Rose Schneider; the Fleischakers lived there; Miriam Center and her family, Miriam Kantsiper and her family lived right across the hall from us; there was a family by the name of Gildner that moved to Miami that lived down on the first floor; and a different time when anyone moved out, different people moved in. One time Pearl Portman lived there for just a, not a long time. For a while Esther and Gilbert Kantor lived there. And then the Yellins moved in there. That was a great place to live because everybody had a friend and everybody had something to eat and everybody shared. It was wonderful.

If you wish to read more from this oral history or from another in the collection, or if you wish to purchase a copy of *Voices of Savannah*, contact Archives staff at (912) 651-2125, ext. 34 or lstoudt@georgiahistory.com.

Fifteenth Anniversary Reminder!

Join us at the JEA at 4pm on Sunday, October 3rd, 2010 to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Savannah Jewish Archives.

Meddin Reunion Follow-Up

Last month we included a story about the Meddin family reunion that was attended by more than 80 family members. After all the bills for the weekend were paid, the remaining funds were donated in the name of the entire Meddin family and their descendants to the Jewish Family Services weekly Senior Lunch program. The donation mirrors earlier donations made by family members who began a lunch program at Barnard Street School during the Depression using meat donated by Meddin Brothers.

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Home Care to Meet Your Needs

By Jana Feiler

● The Friedmans are planning the Bar Mitzvah of Jacob, the family's first grandson. This celebration would not be complete without Uncle David, who currently resides in an Assisted Living community in New York. The concern is how to keep him comfortable and well cared for during three days of family festivities.

● Esther has lived in her home in Kensington Park since she and her husband, Harry, married in 1954. Harry passed away in 2003, but Esther continued to live on her own until she fell and broke her hip. Now her children, none of whom are still in Savannah, feel there is no other option for her other than moving to a facility where she would be taken care of in a safe environment.

● Harriet moved in with her son and daughter-in-law after a stroke left her unable to maintain her home or drive to see friends. Her children both work full time, leaving Harriet feeling lonely and isolated from her friends and community. Unable to get

out on her own, she longs for interaction with her friends and the occasional game of Mah Jongg.

All of these folks, like so many others, have been impacted by huge changes in the way we live: people are living longer, women are working full time outside of the home, and families are spread across the country – and the globe!

Fortunately, resources have been constantly developing to meet these changing needs and numerous living arrangements for seniors and those with special needs have been developed. Our vastly improved transportation systems make Uncle David's trip possible. And one of the most positive and humane focuses of the last 30 years has been the development of in-home services. These services allow people to stay independent in a place of their own choosing for longer than would ever have been possible before.

Private Home Care Agencies are licensed by the State of Georgia and can provide whatever help a person

needs to maintain a comfortable and secure lifestyle – at home. Locally, we are fortunate to have a number of companies providing this service and one, in particular that has the unique ability to meet the needs of Savannah's Jewish community.



Jana Feiler

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Many of the members of the management of Coastal Homecare are part of the Jewish community and are especially geared to in-depth understanding of kashruth, Jewish customs and celebrations. Operations Manager Jana

Feiler and Clinical Director Francine Robin, RN will be glad to meet with you, at no charge, to discuss your specific situation. Please call on us when we can solve your short term or maybe longer term need. While any of the caregiving staff can provide the usual tasks such as personal care, homemaking and cooking, there is emphasis on careful selection and training to meet a family's individual needs. Housekeeping and cooking in a Kosher home can be requested as well as finding just the right companion to accompany a person to synagogue.

Jana Goldberg Feiler, Coastal Home Care Operations Director, was raised in a family where "care" was an everyday occupation. As a small child, when other little girls played with dolls or played "house," Jana played "Eldercare." That's because Jana is her mother's daughter. Her mother Ellen Goldberg was a pioneer in the development of home care services in Georgia. Jana and her husband Preston have a 2-year old son, Brice, and are becoming more involved in the Jewish Community here in Savannah.

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Giving Tied More to Happiness Than Wealth

Staff Reporter (Philanthropy Journal)

Happy people are more likely than wealthy people to give to charity, a new study says.

The World Giving Index, released by the Charities Aid Foundation in Britain, also says 20 percent of the world's population had volunteered in the month before they were surveyed, 30 percent had given money to a charity, and 45 percent had helped a stranger.

The Index, based on a Gallup Survey on the charitable behavior of people in 153 countries representing 95 percent of the world's population, is the largest ever to examine charitable behavior worldwide, the Charities Aid Founda-

tion says.

The survey asked people whether they had given money to a charity in the previous month, and to rank how happy they were with life on a scale of one to 10.

To develop the Index, the Charities Aid Foundation compared the strength of the relationship between giving with both a nation's gross domestic product and the happiness of its population.

The link between the giving of money and happiness is stronger than the link between the giving of money and the gross domestic product of a nation, the study says.

"Donating money to charity is something that is traditionally seen as being driven by how wealthy a person is,"

Richard Harrison, director of research at the Charities Aid Foundation, says in a statement. "However, it is clear that happiness plays an important role in influence whether people give."

The findings also suggest "a positive cycle where one person gives to charity, the charity improves the happiness of the individuals they support and they in turn are more likely to give," he says.

The Index also measured volunteering time and helping a stranger, and developed the Index by combining the levels of the three types of charitable behavior to produce a ranking of the most charitable nations.

Australia ranked first overall, followed by New Zealand, Canada,

Ireland, Switzerland, United States, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Sri Lanka and Austria.

The data also show that "globally, the older we are, the more we tend to give," the study says, although that trend is reversed in some specific emerging and developing countries.

And in most regions, it says, "we are least likely to help a stranger when over 50."

Global patterns in volunteering vary greatly by region and by country, the study says.

In North America, for example, 34 percent of the population ages 15 to 24 had volunteered in the previous month, compared to 76 percent of those over age 50.

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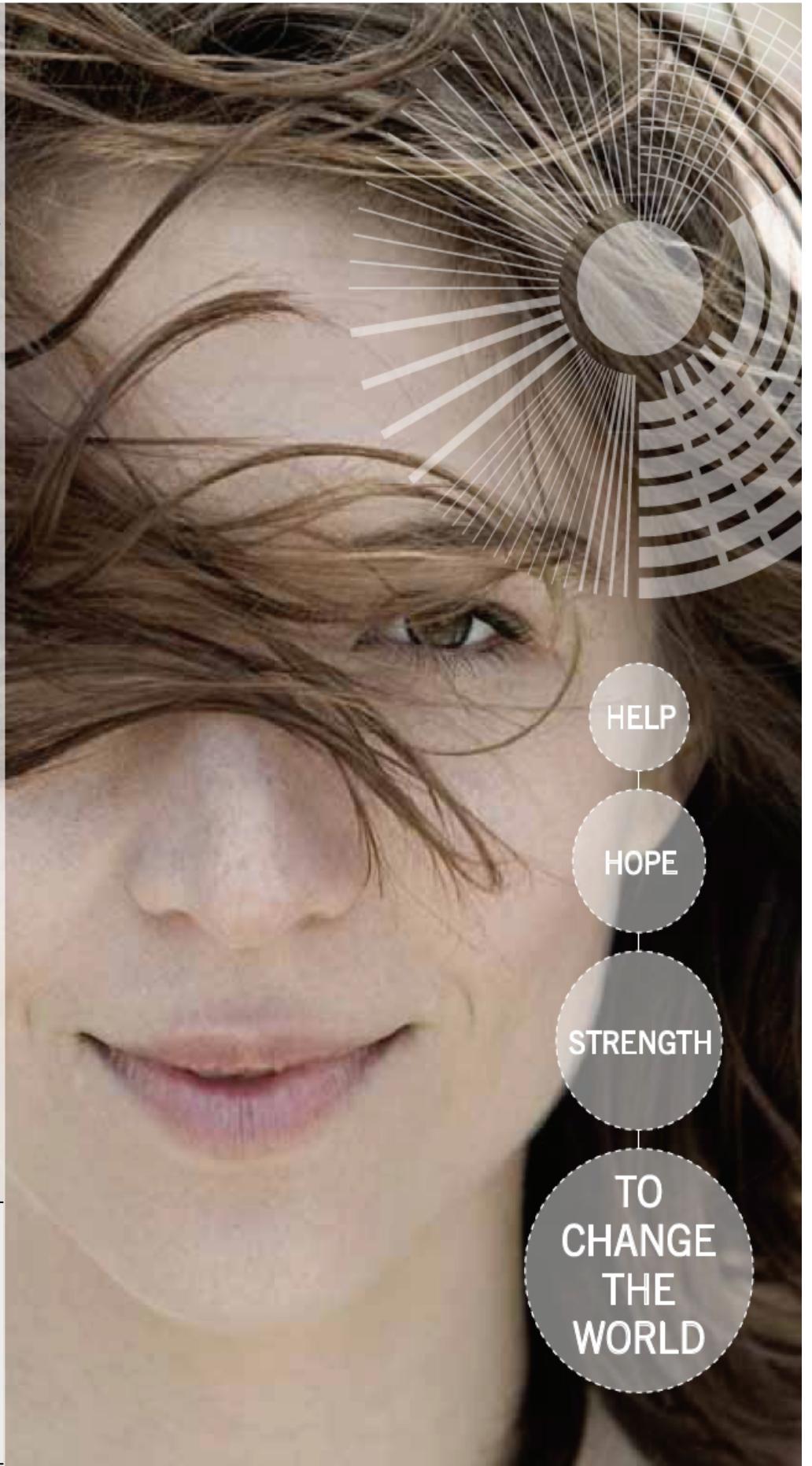


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