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## Savannah Celebrates Israel @ 62!

This month the State of Israel celebrates her 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday and as is becoming our tradition, with the help of Udi, our Shaliach, we have a special birthday party planned on April 25<sup>th</sup>! And as is the custom in Israel, before we celebrate *Yom Ha'Atzma'ut* (Israel's Independence Day), we first will honor those who have fallen for Israel with a *Yom Ha'Zikaron* (Israel's Memorial Day) observance on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Both events will take place at the JEA.

The *Yom Ha'Zikaron* program will take place at 7:30pm on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The program for the evening will include a short service to honor the memories of those who have served Israel and given their lives for her. Afterwards, there will be a special screening of the new documentary, *Family in Captivity*, the story of Gilad Shalit's family and their journey to bring back their son. Shalit was taken captive by Palestinians at the age of 19 in a cross-border raid on



June 25, 2006 and it is believed he is being held prisoner in the Gaza Strip by Hamas terrorists. A video released last fall in exchange for 20 Palestinian women prisoners showed him holding a Palestinian newspaper dated September 14, 2009, the first 'proof of life' since his capture in 2006.

Then, a full day of fun — for people of all ages! — is planned for Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at the JEA from 12:30pm – 4:00pm when we have our community *Yom Ha'Atzma'ut* Celebration. This year's Israeli Independence Day theme

is "the Middle Eastern Experience." The "experience" will include many activities for kids and adults including live Israeli music, assorted foods from Israel, crafts, and even a special surprise. The program starts inside in the auditorium with a brief ceremony and performances to say "Happy Independence Day," then have lunch and the excitement begins!

Have you heard about the camel rides? What? That's right — camel rides. You can ride by yourself or with another person. And, if you want to make friends with a camel but don't want to ride one, there will be another camel there just for petting. Also, there will be a Bedouin tent where you can enjoy lounging while sipping on some Turkish coffee



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## Yom HaShoah Observance to be Held on April 11th

Savannah's observance of Yom HaShoah — Holocaust Remembrance Day — will take place on Sunday, April 11th, at the JEA at 2:00pm. The program, *Reflections and Remembrances*, will feature local students and participants of all ages presenting special readings, poems and performances about the

Holocaust, including original works, in a moving tribute to the 6,000,000 Jews who perished in the Holocaust and to the victims who survived to bear witness. The program also will include remarks by Savannah resident Joseph Wyant, who, as an American soldier, entered the Dachau concentration camp the day after it was liberated in May of 1945. (Judge Aaron Cohn, who was originally scheduled to speak, is unable to attend due to an illness in his family.)

With dwindling numbers of Holocaust survivors, Savannah and the rest of the world are faced with the reality that it is vitally important to listen to their stories and learn from them so that we can pass the knowledge and the understanding of what happened to them to future generations. It is our duty to make sure that the world knows what happened and to see to it that it will never happen again.

Also part of the program that afternoon will be a memorial candle lighting ceremony with the local Holocaust survivors and their families; the traditional children's procession; the presentation of the winners of the student writing and art contests; and a special Yellow Candle lighting ceremony.

In addition to the program on the afternoon of April 11th, there are a number of other events planned at the JEA to mark the observance of Yom HaShoah:

- The names of victims of the Holocaust will be read throughout the day at the JEA, from 9:00am to 6:00pm on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- During the week of Yom HaShoah

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# (FREEDOM)

This time of year, as you and your family gather around the Passover table to taste the foods of freedom and drink the wine of redemption, we celebrate your perseverance and faith.

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## A Passover Memory

My daughter, Becca, couldn't wait to tell me about a puzzling experience she had at the second Seder last year. She celebrated with our cousin Bobby Sue, formerly of Augusta, who is now raising a family in New York City. At the end of the meal, Bobby Sue passed a plate of cookies before she brought out dessert. Becca absent-mindedly tasted one, and found herself startled and confused. "I've had that cookie before," she told Bobby Sue, "but I've never been here for a Seder." Bobby Sue had no idea either; but, after a few minutes she smiled knowingly and declared ... "Aunt Rae!"

Aunt Rae moved to Augusta as a bride after marrying my husband Michael's uncle. She was widowed at a young age and returned to Boston with her two children to be closer to her family. She never lost touch with our family, though, and kept the ties strong.

Aunt Rae remarried long after her children were grown. She had raised them on her own, working as the Executive Assistant to the Dean of the Harvard Business School until her retirement. Aunt Rae was very Jewish minded. When scheduling appointments for her professor, she was quick to remind him of upcoming Jewish holidays, even though he probably would have preferred not to know. Aunt Rae was a fabulous cook, baker and an amateur social worker. Many a friend was counseled by her in troubled times.

Aunt Rae was delighted when we turned up in Boston as newlyweds for Michael's residency. She treated us as her own and nurtured my interest

in cooking. She loved to share recipes and taught me some of my best. One was her apricot jam. Another was her Matzah Farfel Cookies. Aunt Rae also shared recipes with Bobbie Sue and that's how "my" cookie turned up on Bobbie Sue's table, reminding Becca of seders growing up in Savannah.

Aunt Rae passed away in August and we all miss her. I'm glad I had the opportunity to share Becca's cookie story with her a few months before. Food carries with it strong and endearing memories. I hope, as you enjoy your Passover table this year that the foods trigger memories for you as sweet as the ones we have of Aunt Rae.

### Aunt Rae's Matzah Farfel Cookies

2 cups matzo meal  
2 cups farfel  
1-1/2 cups sugar  
1/2 cup nuts  
1 cup raisins  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
2/3 cup oil  
4 eggs (5 for a moister cookie)

Mix all ingredients together. When well mixed, form cookies with two teaspoons and put on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 - 30 minutes.

Enjoy!



Linda Zoller  
President,  
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## Federation 101

A few weeks ago, our Leadership Development group (called Y'ALL-Young Adults Learning Leadership) met for the first time. The topic was "Alphabet Soup-Understanding the Acronyms of the Jewish world." From that session it was clear that you don't need to be in a Leadership Development group to want to understand what the Federation is and what we do. Many years ago as a participant in a leadership development program in another community, I asked the Federation Director what his definition of Federation was. I wrote it down and have referred to it many times. He told me,

*"Federation is in the business of raising Jews. It provides the financial resource development that supports the programs, activities, and services that allow people to live comfortably as Jews. Its goal is to have a committed, articulate, and excited Jewish community that other people want to be a part of."*

I've often thought back to his words to help me format my goals at the Federation here in Savannah. Our campaign does provide the funding for many programs that might not have ever happened except for your generosity and commitment. With the excitement and vision of a great group of Officers and Trustees, the financial resources of the community at large, and hard work, we have been able to support dozens of initiatives that enhance our Jewish lives including the Savannah Jewish Film Festival, PJ Library, Holocaust Remembrance, Israel advocacy and celebration, the Shaliach (Israel Emissary) program, the JEA and all its programs and services, Rambam Day School, Shalom School, teen leadership funding including BBYO, support for Hillels, and Birthright Israel travel for college age young adults. Our Jewish Family Services may never

have been more needed than it is today assisting members of the community with financial, social, and therapeutic support.

All the while we support Jews in need throughout the world with our financial support of The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). JAFI is our partner in Israel assisting in aliyah, rescue, and absorption, uniting a global Jewish people with Israel, and partnering with communities throughout the world. The JDC works everyday in countries such as the FSU, Hungary, Ethiopia, and over 100 other countries.

Imagine, for the first time in our history, we have the ability and financial capacity to rescue any Jew in peril throughout the world. Never before have we been able to do this. It is your financial commitment that makes this all possible.

We begin the allocations process in two weeks as our Annual Campaign is essentially finished for 2010. It will be a difficult discussion as our campaign has contracted with many others in the country during these uneasy economic times. We will have to make painful decisions on where cuts are made.

So, how can you make your gift even more effective? You can give the gift of yourself. Your support and participation of programs, your ideas and dreams, are what this Federation is all about. **You have an open invitation...** .our doors are open. Give a call, send an email, or stop in to discuss what your version and vision of Federation is.



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# Who is Standing There for Us?

By Udi Tsemach

At a recent senior lunch at the JEA I was asked, "What do you think about the recent announcement by the Israeli government of their decision to build a new neighborhood in East Jerusalem at the exact same time when Vice President Biden was visiting Israel trying to renew the negotiation between the Palestinians and the Israelis. I responded that I think it was unplanned slip of the tongue of the minister of internal affairs. If it was not a mistake, it was PM Netanyahu sending a message to the US government about delaying the sanctions on Iran.

"Sending a message to the US government? It was more like spitting in the US face! Do you want to lose US finan-

cial support of Israel? Our President is not the strongest ally we have had in the last decade."

Well no, I do not want even to imagine that. Like any other Israeli if you would ask me what country is your greatest friend I will respond immediately, USA. However I am not sure if the last US "foot dragging" with Iran and the US dictating policy put Israel in a very dangerous place.

What policies? Call my father, he will tell you how the Israeli police strictly prevent the construction of new houses in Sha'arey Tikva, my parents home (only 20 minutes from Tel Aviv beach). It seems like very strange policy for a



Udi Tsemach

right wing government, which my father voted for. However, PM Netanyahu made a promise to President Obama.

The US-Israeli alliance is more than 40 years old, and this alliance is one of the major reasons why Israel enjoys relative supremacy in the Middle East. However, in the early days of Israel, when the young state was fragile and weak, the US did not take a stand in the Middle Eastern swamp. More than that, Israel was supported by the Soviet Union! The US Israeli alliance was real and strong just after the Six Day war in 67, just after Israel proved she can be strong and meaningful ally.

Four months ago during the Federation's campaign I saw someone writing a sizeable check to the campaign without blinking. I asked "Why you give so much money to the campaign?" He answered very simply "In the end, only Jews are

there for other Jews."

Two weeks ago I spent the day with Dr. Charles Richman. We discussed politics and other issues. It is very simple to say who the Israeli in this discussion is, just look for the one who tries hardest to criticize the Israeli government. It was awkward; Dr Richman just refuses to criticize Israel. I asked "How come you never criticize Israel?" He responded, "Believe me, I do not agree with everything Israel does, but there so many others who criticize Israel, they will do fine without me. I rather be the one who defends Israel".

Soon we will celebrate "Yom Hazikaron" and "Yom Ha'azmaut" (Memorial Day and Independence Day). We celebrate them in order to remind us important thing that we too often take for granted: the existence of a thriving, democratic Jewish state.

# Letters to the Editor.....

Today, my class of 53 adult students (USC-Beaufort Osher Program) had the unique privilege of the JEA shaliach, Udi Tsemach's lecture on Hamas' war against Israel and the West. He was outstanding; at ease, having facts not myths to report, a sense of humor, able to answer several hostile questions, poised, and polite to all. A very impressive young man and an outstanding ambassador representing

Eretz Yisrael and the Savannah JEA. *Toldah rabbah,* Charles L. Richman, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus Wake Forest University

There is truth to the adage that if you want something done, ask a busy person to do it. From all of us at MorningStar Cultural Arts Group thank you to some of the busiest

people we know, who are never too busy to help: Adam Solender and the staff at the JEA, Linda Zoller and Savannah Jewish Federation, and the staff at the area congregations and schools for promotion of our Healthy Girls' Nite Out, Family Matters and Cancer Answer programs. Thank you to also to Toby Hollenberg, Rene Lehrberger, Gail Robinson, Vivian Slotin, Lauree San Juan, and all the volunteers and to Shai Hufford-King and Aundria Cheever who organized all the professional presenters.

We were happy to bring such a quality health event to this area and we thank the community for 21 years of support.

Thank you again,

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Family Matters Volunteer Coordinator Toby Hollenberg and volunteer Renee Lehrberger greeting participants Linda and Herman Friedman

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## Making the Crooked Straight Debuts on HBO

Spotlighting the work of Dr. Rick Hodes, who has dedicated his life to helping heal the sick and poor of Ethiopia for the past 20 years, the documentary *Making the Crooked Straight* debuts on Wednesday, April 14, at 8:00pm ET exclusively on HBO2. Hodes is supported by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), a beneficiary agency of the Savannah Jewish Federation. Driven by his devotion to Judaism and its belief that "He who saves one life, saves an entire world," Hodes, an observant Jew, sees holiness in the act of healing those in the world who may go unnoticed.

"During our filming in Addis Ababa, Rick told us about how his work is about 'saving the lives of people who other people might not care about'. It is a simple concept, yet it reminds us of how we can do more for people in need." said director Susan Cohn Rockefeller, a writer and filmmaker who has dedicated her work to educating and



Screen shot from "Making the Crooked Straight"

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inspiring audiences with stories that show the passions and joys of the human experience.

*Making the Crooked Straight* explores Hodes' remarkable work, his family life, and his spirituality and observance that have guided all of his choices and sacrifices. It recently was shown in Savannah as part of the touring Mountain Film Festival and had a second screening in conjunction with the Savannah Jewish Film Festival.

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# U.S.-Israel crisis: This time, it's serious

WASHINGTON (JTA) March 15, 2010 — Last summer, when the relationship between the Obama and Netanyahu administrations was getting off to what appeared to be a rocky start, Israeli Ambassador Michael Oren was at pains — twice — to deny that he had been “summoned” to the State Department for a dressing down.

One such “meeting” was actually a friendly phone call, he said, and the other was a routine getting-to-know-you meeting. The distinction was key, he told journalists: When the State Department actually “summons” an envoy, “That’s serious.”

Welcome to the serious zone: Oren’s spokesman, Jonathan Peled, confirmed to JTA that the ambassador indeed had been “summoned” for a meeting Friday, March 12, with James Steinberg, the deputy secretary of state.

The summons came as the controversy engendered by Israel’s announcement of new construction in eastern Jerusalem during last week’s visit by U.S. Vice President Joe Biden showed no sign of abating.

“It wasn’t a meeting,” Oren told the Washington Jewish Week in an interview at a fund-raiser for a Washington-area school on Sunday night. “It was a summoning. I was told it was the first time that any ambassador had been summoned at that level.”

Oren said he is “working hard to avert an escalation. We’re working very hard to get back to what we need to do to make peace and stop Iran from making the bomb. We have apologized publicly and privately profusely.”

Oren said in a statement. “Recent events do not — I repeat — do not represent the lowest point in the relations between Israel and the United States. Though we differ on certain issues, our discussions are being conducted in an atmosphere of cooperation as befitting long-standing relations between allies. I am confident that we will overcome these differences shortly.”

Biden had come to allay Israeli concerns that Obama’s outreach to Muslims would come at Israel’s expense;

The controversy erupted last week with what both sides agreed was a humiliation for the U.S. vice president, considered to be Netanyahu’s best friend in the Obama administration.

just as he was getting ready to meet with Palestinian officials as part of the administration’s push to restart peace talks, Israel announced plans to build 1,600 housing units in Ramat Shlomo, part of disputed eastern Jerusalem.

Biden, furious, condemned the announcement — several times — but went ahead with a speech that affirmed the unshakeable U.S.-Israel bond. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu apologized for the timing and said he would probe how the announcement was made without his knowledge.



Vice President  
Joe Biden

“There was a regrettable incident, that was done in all innocence and was hurtful, and which certainly should not have occurred,” Netanyahu said in his statement. “We appointed a team of directors-general to examine the chain of events and to ensure procedures that will prevent such occurrences in the future.”

Israeli officials and leaders of pro-Israel organizations are asking the Obama administration to dial down the tension, in tones ranging from the pleading to the berating.

“The Obama administration’s recent statements regarding the U.S. relationship with Israel are a matter of serious concern,” the American Israel Public Affairs Committee said in a statement Sunday night, a rare direct broadside from an organization that generally operates behind the scenes. “AIPAC calls on the administration to take immediate steps to defuse the tension with the Jewish state.”

The statement comes just a week before the start of AIPAC’s annual policy conference, widely seen as the most important pro-Israel event in Washington.

Like an array of other Jewish groups, AIPAC wants the matter kept quiet: “We strongly urge the administration to work closely and privately with our partner Israel, in a manner befitting strategic allies, to address any issues

between the two governments.”

That echoed a plea Sunday morning from Netanyahu, to his Cabinet as much as to the Obama administration.

“I suggest that we not get carried away — and that we calm down,” he said. “We know how to deal with these situations — with equanimity, responsibly and seriously.”

But Obama administration officials, who accepted Netanyahu’s explanation that he had been blindsided by the announcement of new housing units for Jews in eastern Jerusalem, nonetheless were not ready to let the matter go.



Secretary of State  
Hillary Clinton

In addition to Friday’s summons of Oren, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley described a conversation the same day between Netanyahu and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in exceptionally blunt terms. Clinton objected to the announcement “not just in terms of timing, but also in its substance,” Crowley said.

The Netanyahu-Clinton phone call reportedly lasted 45 minutes — and by most accounts sounded less like the “conversation” Oren says he had with Steinberg and more like a lecture.

Haaretz reported that Clinton, who is scheduled to speak at the AIPAC conference next week, wants three demands met beyond Netanyahu’s offer to check into how the announcement was made. In order to defuse the U.S.-Israel tensions, Clinton wants Israel to reverse the decision to add housing in eastern Jerusalem, make a substantive gesture to the Palestinians, such as a prisoner release, and agree to peace talks that encompass not only borders but final-status issues such as refugees and Jerusalem.

On Monday, Netanyahu told a Likud Party meeting that construction in Jerusalem would not stop. However, his defense minister and Labor Party leader Ehud Barak said more needed to be done to assuage the Americans. Barak hinted at a Labor Party meeting that failure to do so could lead his party to withdraw from the government.

“Peace talks are a first priority for Israel and for the entire region,” Haaretz quoted Barak as saying. “The political process is in the interest of the state and it is a subject in which the Labor party believes. It is one of the things that anchors us in the government and drives us to work within it.”

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In the past, the pro-Israel community has been able to rally push back against demands like those of Clinton. The Ford administration backed down from its threat of "reassessment" in 1975 after AIPAC garnered more than 70 signatures from the Senate signaling that Congress would override any presidential attempt to cut back funds. That was the lobby's first signal victory, accruing to it the "don't mess with us" reputation it maintains until now.

Now, however, the president can count on a Democratic Congress less likely to break ranks with him in a Washington that has become much more partisan. Notably, Republicans — including Rep. John Boehner (R-Ohio), the minority leader in the U.S. House of Representatives — have sided with Israel in the matter, but as of Monday the only Democrat to speak out for Israel has been Rep. Shelley Berkley (D-Nev.), perhaps the most-pro-Israel stalwart in her caucus. Other more powerful pro-Israel reliable — like Rep. Howard Berman (D-Calif.), the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs committee — have been silent.

In a posting on the Daily Beast Web site, Martin Indyk, a Clinton confidante and former ambassador to Jerusalem who maintains an informal advisory role to the administration, recalled that the last time Netanyahu led Israel in the late 1990s, his boss, Madeleine Albright, then the secretary of state, was similarly embarrassed during a visit. She called Indyk, then the ambassador to Israel, and shouted: "You tell Bibi that he needs to stop worrying about his right wing and start worrying about the United States."

It's time to heed that advice, Indyk said. "There is one way to repair the damage to U.S.-Israel relations and to his own standing with the Israeli public," he wrote of Netanyahu.

**"He could immediately declare that in order to boost the chances for negotiations, he is calling a halt to all provocative acts in Jerusalem — including announcements of new building activity in east Jerusalem, housing demolitions, and evictions.**

He should also establish a mechanism in the Prime Minister's Office to ensure that his decision is implemented."

The State Department sounded an Albright-sounding note on Friday,

when Crowley stated that Clinton wanted to make clear to Netanyahu that "the United States considers the announcement a deeply negative signal about Israel's approach to the bilateral relationship — and counter to the spirit of the vice president's trip; and to reinforce that this action had undermined trust and confidence in the peace process, and in America's interests."

"The secretary said she could not understand how this happened, particularly in light of the United States' strong commitment to Israel's security," Crowley said. "And she made clear that the Israeli government needed to demonstrate not just through words but through specific actions that they are committed to this relationship and to the peace process."

There are signs of a push-back strategy among Israel and its Washington supporters: Frame Palestinian provocations as more damaging than the announcement of building in Jerusalem.

Headlines in Israel on Monday focused on calls by the Palestinian leadership to protest the rededication of the Hurva, an ancient Old City synagogue destroyed by Jordanian forces. P.A. officials reportedly have said that the building threatens the integrity of the Al Aksa mosque, although the synagogue is nowhere near the compound.

"If the Obama administration is pressing Israel these days over an untimely, but at bottom bureaucratic, step toward construction in Jerusalem, they must press the Palestinians harder over inciting their people with an inflammatory, but false, threat to their mosque on the Temple Mount," the Orthodox Union said on its Web site. "This is a present call to violence and danger."

Berkley listed Palestinian violations in her statement: "Where, I ask, was the administration's outrage over the arrest and month long incarceration by Hamas of a British journalist who was investigating arms smuggling into Gaza? Where was the outrage when the Palestinian Authority this week named a town square after a woman who helped carry out a massive terror attack against Israel? It has been the P.A. who has refused to participate in talks for over a year, not the government of Israel. Yet once again, no concern was lodged by the administration."

The Obama administration routine-

ly condemns Hamas terrorism and has chided the Palestinian Authority for dragging its feet on talks; the State Department's most recent human rights roundup cited Palestinian incitement as an ongoing problem. However, Obama officials have not condemned the naming of the square after Dalal Mughrabi, a woman who died leading a 1978 terrorist attack that killed 38 Israeli civilians, including 13 children. The Palestinian Authority postponed the official dedication until after Biden left to avoid embarrassing him, though less formal ceremonies reportedly did take place.



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

Meanwhile, the Israeli Cabinet appeared to get Netanyahu's message about the need to avoid future embarrassments of U.S. officials (and, for that matter, of the prime minister himself); the poorly timed announcement of the Ramat Shlomo building was believed to be part of a "more right wing than thou" contest

of wills between two ministers of the religious Shas Party, Interior Minister Eli Yishai and Housing Minister Ariel Attias. For his part, Attias was cowed, pleading on Israel Radio on Monday morning to "look forward" and asking "experienced and wise people" in the United States and Israel not to let matters further deteriorate.

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Israel.....cont. from page 1

or mint tea, maybe even play a little *shesh besh* (that's backgammon for those of you who haven't been in a *shuk* lately). For the little kids, there are opportunities to make crafts and enjoy a petting zoo; be sure not to miss the baby kangaroo.

Please be part of our growing tradition and once again help Savannah celebrate Israel. Both programs are free and open to the public, however, on *Yom Ha'Atzma'ut* be sure to bring some shekels for food and for your camel ride.

Yom HaShoah.....cont. from page 1

We will once again host a Holocaust Book and Multimedia Fair in the lobby of the JEA from Wednesday, April 7th through Monday, April 12th. All of kinds of books, CDs and DVDs about the Holocaust will be available for purchase — literature, history, and picture books. Student art works also will be on display.

1945. He says he was sent "to help, to see, to learn." Sixty years later, he still is relating the experience that he finds impossible to forget. He will share his remembrances at the Yom HaShoah program at 2:00pm.

The local Yom HaShoah observance is a program of the Savannah Jewish Federation's Community Relations Council, who invites everyone to participate in the program this year to honor the survivors who are part of our community and to honor the memory of the 6,000,000 Jews and 5,000,000 other victims of Nazi persecution.

• Joseph Wyant was a young Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Air Corps when the Commanding General of the Ninth Air Force ordered him and his unit to Dachau, on the outskirts of Munich, Germany, in the spring of

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# 2010 JEA Speaker's Series

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**Sunday, April 18, 2010—7:30 PM at**  
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**The Best of Kennesaw State Music**

An special evening—special musicians, special venue and special acoustics when the “best musicians” from the Kennesaw State Music Department visit the Speakers Series for a musical evening hosted at Congregation Mickve Israel. The evening’s program includes:

**Fritz Kreisler (1870-1909) Recitativo and Scherzo-Caprice for solo violin, Opus 6**  
**Eugene Ysaye (1858-1931) Sonata no. 3 for solo violin "Ballade"**  
**Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) Duet No.1 for Violin and Cello,**

1. Allegro comodo
2. Larghetto sostenuto
3. Rondo Allegretto. Vivace

**Claude Debussy (1862-1918) Images, Book I**

1. Reflets dans l'eau
2. Hommage à Rameau
3. Mouvement

**Franz Liszt (1811-1886) Concert Etude No.2 in F minor, "La Leggierezza"**  
**Liszt-Horowitz (1811-1886) Hungarian Rhapsody No. 15 "Rakoczy March"**  
**Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904) Slavonic Dance in C major for four hands, Opus 40, No. 1**  
**Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) Sonata No. 1 in F major for Cello and Piano, Opus 5, No. 1**

1. Adagio sostenuto - Allegro
2. Rondo. Allegro vivace

Tickets: \$10 at the Door (Non member)  
 \$6 at the door (JEA & Mickve Israel Members)  
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*This special Musical Evening is graciously cosponsored by Congregation Mickve Israel*

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



## JEA Spring Camp

March 29th—April 7th!

- Mar. 29th— Horseback Riding
- Mar. 30th & 31st— Closed
- Apr. 1st- Crazy Science Day
- Apr. 2nd— Tie Dye Extravaganza
- Apr. 5th & 6th— Closed
- Apr. 7th— Movie Day



## A MOVIE & BEER!

Adults 21 and Over—  
Join us at the JEA for a movie & a beer!

**April 1<sup>st</sup>—The Boy in the Striped Pajamas**—This is a story seen through the innocent eyes of Bruno, the 8-year old son of the commandant at a concentration camp, whose forbidden friendship with a Jewish boy on the other side of the camp fence has startling and unexpected consequences.



All movies shown at 7:30 pm  
FREE to Members with ID  
\$7 for Non-Members  
FREE Beer, wine, beverages and popcorn

Movie & Beer Night sponsored by  
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## Yom Hazikaron Israel Memorial Day Tues., April 20th-7:30 pm

A special service will include reading of “Izkor,” memorial songs.

Then, we will screen the movie, *Family in Captivity*. This is a documentary film about Gilad Shalit’s family and their journey to bring their son home. Shalit is the Israeli soldier held in captivity in Gaza by Hamas.

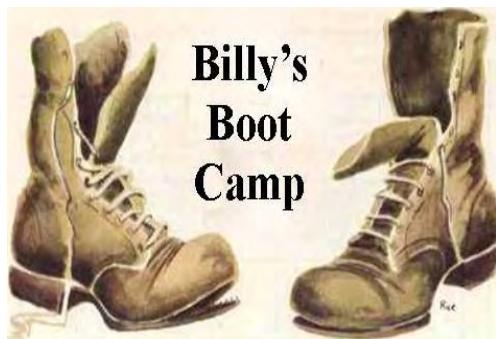
## Savannah Celebrates Israel Independence Day Sunday, April 25th 12:30-4:00 pm

Enjoy a special Middle Eastern experience with live Israeli music a children’s show and more surprises. There will be a craft station, petting zoo, Israeli food . . . Even camel riding!

**Prices:**  
Camel Riding: \$7/person, \$10/ couple

**Food:**  
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Bedouin Tea/Turkish Coffee/Hotdogs and more.





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**\*\*Starts in April**

**\*\*Minimum enrollment**

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**Teen Night Out**

**Saturday, April 17th-8:00-11:30 pm**



**6th-8th Graders**

**MIDNIGHT MADNESS (Pooler Fun Zone)**

Meet at the JEA and have a crazy-fun time riding go-karts, playing paintball or arcade games and miniature golfing with your friends!



**Only 14 spots available**

**\$25 each. PAID RSVP ONLY**  
(must RSVP by April 13th to ashleyf@savj.org)

**Art at the JEA Gallery**



**April Artist—C. Robert Friedman**

C. Robert Friedman is a Savannah sculptor and painter. The former professor of sociology and college administrator at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio and Iona College, New Rochelle, New York, Friedman came to his new-found avocation in 1997, when he was invited to a 'primitive firing' by the renowned raku artist, Hal Riegger. Introduced to the medium of clay, he began attending courses in hand building and the wheel at Savannah's Armstrong Atlantic University. He expanded his horizons further with workshops at the Penland School of Arts in Penland, NC, Arrowmont School, Gatlinburg, TN, Odyssey Center for the Arts, Asheville, NC, the Salmagundi Club and Greenwich House, both in New York City. Further studies throughout the United States and Europe put him in touch with such premier artists as Suze Lindsey, Ron Meyer, Louise Radochonsky, Debra Fritts, Jeff Shapiro and Paul Luccessi.

Friedman also developed an interest in acrylic painting under the guidance of Sandra Branam of Savannah. Primarily self-taught in this medium, he continued to rely on weekly non-instructional drawing sessions with live models and self-directed exploration.

From 2005 to 2008, he exhibited his ceramic output regularly at Chroma Gallery in Savannah. He has participated in juried group shows in Georgia and New York City. His work may be found in private collections in the United States, Europe and Israel.

**Artwork available for viewing April 7-30, 2010. Artist's reception on April 18<sup>th</sup> 5-7 pm.**

**JCC Maccabi Team Savannah**

The Savannah Delegation is taking 11 teen athletes to Richmond, VA to compete against other Jewish teen athletes from around the country.



The teens that are competing are Isaac and Matthew Freedman, Samuel Raskin, Jared Samuels, Allison Hagan, Max Strauss, Elliott Kooden, Marissa Levine, Josh Goldstein, Sophie Lichtman, and Evan Bridges.

These athletes are continuously fund raising in order to fund the trip. The following are things that they are going to be selling through June: \$1 shoes, \$12 Krispy Kreme doughnut cards, car washes, and grilling by the pool.



If you would like to purchase any items or donate to the cause, please call Stephanie Johnson or the front desk at 355-8111.



## JEA Summer Camp 2010

12 Awesome Weeks of Fun!



**Pre-Camp:** June 7th-11th & June 14th-18th

**Meet-N-Greet:** June 20th, 1-3 pm

**Post-Camp:** August 16th-20th & August 23rd-27th

Kids, Enjoy Games, Swimming,  
Field Trips & More!

Contact the Ashley at the JEA for more information, 355-8111.

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### K'Toni / Yeladim Campers

**Week #1 - June 21-25**

**Dinosaur Discovery**—Dinosaurs, big and small, where did they come from? Dig for dinosaur bones, put them together and make your own fossils.

**Week #2-June 28-July 2**

**Golf / Mixed Media Art**—Improve hand-eye coordination while learning the game of golf with our PGA Pro. Also, create artwork in a wide variety of media: marshmallow sculptures, spin art, mosaics and more.

**Week #3 - July 5-9**

**Journey to the bottom of the Sea**—Swim with sea creatures and transform our rooms into an underwater haven.

**Week #4 - July 12-16**

**Puppet World**—Puppet crafts engage the imagination and draw on child's artistic talents. Campers will bring to life favorite characters from children's literature.

**Week #5 - July 19-23**

**Outdoor Adventure**—Join us as we travel to far-away places to learn and explore: each day a new country! Each destination will bring opportunities to experience the food, culture, landmarks and animals that make that place special.

**Week #6 - July 26-30**

**Super Hero's & Fairy Tales**—Celebrate our heroes both real and make believe. Transport yourself to a world of princesses, magic and dragons. Have a blast making superhero costumes, swords and magic wands.

**Week #7 - Aug. 2-6**

**Dance / Cooking**—Following steps, timing, patience and consistency will all be worked on in this week. Refuel in the kitchen while learning to bake.

**Week #8 - Aug. 9-13**

**Maccabiah Games** (Color War) - An opportunity to promote camp spirit through engaging in physical and mental team challenges.

### Chaverim / L.I.T. Campers

**Week #1 - June 21-25—Camp Invention**

A nationally-acclaimed enrichment program focusing on science, math, history and art. A child's ability to learn is enhanced through teamwork and subject immersion.

**Week#2-June 28-July 2**

**Golf / Mixed Media Art**—Improve your golf game with our PGA pro. Focus on hand-eye coordination through golf activities. Learn to putt, drive and chip.

**Week #3 - July 5-9**

**Ocean Commotion**—Dive into this underwater adventure week. Learn to scuba dive, check out a coral reef or clean up an oil spill.

**Week #4 - July 12-16**

**Wii Challenge YOU!** - Wii week will allow campers to take on different personas, from Robin Hood at an archery competition to an Olympic skier in a downhill race.

**Week #5 - July 19-23**

**The Great Outdoors**—Rock Climbing, Fire Building, Archeology and more. Campers will explore different aspects of the outdoor world.

**Week #6 - July 26-30**

**CSI: Forensic Science**—Learn how to take teeth impressions, remove fingerprints, distinguish a mystery powder and calculate a criminal's height and weight based on a footprint.

**Week #7 - Aug. 2-6**

**Dance / Floor Hockey**—Learn the robot, work, running man and hip hop. Then we'll learn how to shoot and pass with our floor hockey expert.

**Week #8 - Aug. 9-13**

**Maccabiah Games** (Color War) - These games are an opportunity to promote camp spirit. Campers will engage in physical and mental team challenges.

**\*\* Field Trip's EVERY Wednesday**  
**\*\* Overnight's Week #4 & #7 (Thursdays)**

## MARCH-APRIL FITNESS CLASSES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	5:00-6:00 am Master Swim	8:30-9:15 am Spin Class	5:00-6:00 am Master Swim	8:30-9:15 am Spin Class	5:00-6:00 am Master Swim
9-10 am Pilates	8:30-9:30 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:30 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:30 am Firm It Up
10-11 am Total Body Blast	10:00-11:00 am Aquasize	10:00-11:00 am Aquasize		10:00-11:00 am Aquasize	10:00-11:00 am Aquasize
	10:30-11:30 am Gentle Yoga		10:30-11:30 am Gentle Yoga		
	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® Muscular, Strength, Range of	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® Cardio Circuit	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® Muscular, Strength, Range of Motion	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® Cardio Circuit	
1-2 PM Billy's Boot Camp	Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball
	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball	4:00-6:00 pm Open Court Racquetball
	5:30-7:30 pm Karate		5:30-7:30 pm Karate		
	6:00-7:00 pm Spin Class		6:00-7:00 PM Billy's Boot Camp		
	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics	6:30-7:30 pm Step & Weight Aerobics	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics	
	6:00-7:00 pm Yoga Power Hour	6:30-7:30 pm Badminton	7:00-8:00 pm Yoga Flow	7:00-8:00 pm Total Body Blast	
	7:00-8:30 pm Aikido	7:00-9:00 pm Savannah Fencing Club	7:00-8:30 pm Aikido	7:00-9:00 pm Savannah Fencing Club	





**Texas Hold'em Tourney-  
Tuesday, April 27th 7 pm**

Watch your mailboxes and ENews for details of the evening

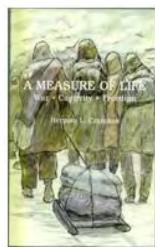
**Shuffle up and Deal!!**

**YJS Book Club**

Join us on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3 pm at the JEA for discussion, food and friends!

**Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>**

**A Measure of Life:  
War, Captivity, and Freedom**  
by Herman Cranman



World War II Memoirs. 375pp

Don't miss this special YJS Book Club event featuring local author & native Savannahian, Herman Cranman. Herman will be speaking about his book and his experiences in World War II.



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**Young Jewish Savannah Events**

**April 7th—YJS Passover Event.** Will you be in Savannah for Passover? YJS wants to make sure that everyone has a Seder meal to attend. Let us know if you would like to celebrate with others. We'll be happy to help match you up. There's a place at the table for everyone!

Passover will begin at sunset on **March 29th**. Let us know if you would like to attend First Seder, Second Seder or both. To let us know which holidays you will be in town for, please email [YoungJewishSavannah@gmail.com](mailto:YoungJewishSavannah@gmail.com).

**April 7th— Post Passover Pasta Party** at the JEA. Indulge on *chometz* after Passover with YJS. Dietary laws will be observed. Event is 6-9 pm in the large auditorium.

**May 8th— Margaritaville Party** Featuring a Jimmy Buffet impersonator, catering by Driftaway Cafe and more! Details coming soon.

**Join us at the JEA After School Program!**

Our program is for all children ages 4years-5th grade. Our college-degreed instructors will offer homework help in all subject areas to every age.

In addition to homework help, we have gymnastics with Coach Wayne, Kids Yoga, art, cooking, sports, swimming and much more! We will also be doing appropriate holiday crafts.

**Where:** We pick up from Rambam and provide transportation from most local schools to the JEA (Heard, Smith, & Charles Ellis) *Minimum Participation Required*

**When:** Our after school program ends at 6 pm Monday-Thursday and 5 pm on Friday (the JEA closes at 5 pm on Friday).

**Price:** Members-\$50/week (\$10 per day). \$12 for individual days (\$15 late registration fee.) Non Members-\$75/week (\$15 per day). \$18 for individual days. (\$20 late registration fee)

**Transportation:** \$30/month or \$3 per trip.

**Supersaver:** All 1/2 days off from school are included for the regular price of aftercare.

For more information, contact Ashley Frankel, 355-8111, ext. 225.

**JEA Golf Classic  
Monday, May 24th**



April 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Daily Calendar Events</b> <b>On-Going Programs</b>	Aquasize-10 am Gentle Yoga-10:30 am SilverSneakers-10:30 am Senior Lunch -12:30 pm Water Aerobics-6:30 pm Yoga Power Hour- 6 pm	Pilates- 8:30 am Kibitzers Kafe-10 am SilverSneakers-10:30 am Aquasize- 10 am Step & Weight Aerobics- 6:30 pm	SilverSneakers - 10:30 am Gentle Yoga-10:30 am Senior Lunch -12:30 pm Bridge-1pm Water Aerobics-6:30 pm Scrabble-6:30 pm Yoga Flow- 7:00 pm	Pilates- 8:30 am Aquasize - 10 am Mah Jongg - 10:30 am SilverSneakers - 10:30 am Senior Lunch -12:30 pm Senior Program-1:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics - 6:30 pm	Aquasize-10 am	<b>JEA Closed</b>
	<b>March 28</b> Rambam Program for Kids & Parents- 11 am Rambam Pre-Pesach Dinner- 7:30 pm	<b>29 Erev Passover</b> JEA Closes at 5 pm Babysitting at 6 pm Spring Camp	<b>30 Passover</b> JEA Closed	<b>31 Passover</b> JEA Closed	<b>1 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch &amp; Program</b> Movie & Beer Night- 7:30 pm Spring Camp	2 Spring Camp
<b>4 Erev Passover</b> JEA Closes at 5 pm	<b>5 Passover</b> JEA Closed	<b>6 Passover</b> JEA Closed	7 Spring Camp	<b>8 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch &amp; Program</b>	9	10
<b>11 Yom HaShoah</b> ACT Testing-9 am Yom HaShoah Program-2 pm	12	13	14	<b>15 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch &amp; Program</b>	16	17 Teen Night Out- 8 pm
<b>18 Kids Day—Savannah Civic Center-12 pm</b> YJS Book Club-3 pm Art Reception-5 pm Rambam Dinner-6 pm Speakers Series-7:30 pm	<b>19 Yom Hazikaron</b>	<b>20 Yom Ha'atzma'ut</b> JEA Yom Hazikaron event- 7:30 pm	21	<b>22 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch &amp; Program</b> Young Leadership Dinner-7 pm	23	24
<b>25 Yom Ha'atzma'ut Event-12:30 pm</b>	26	<b>27 Poker Tournament-7 pm</b>	28	<b>29 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch &amp; Program</b>	30	May 1

April 2010



# Passover Memories from Young Jewish Savannah

With the Passover holiday approaching, members of Young Jewish Savannah were asked to share some memories of Passovers from their past. Their prompt was: Please share with the community any rituals, customs or traditions that were unique to you or your family. These were some of the responses to that prompt.

## Benjamin Bloom:

"I grew up primarily in the Reform Jewish tradition, and my family typically adheres to the Ashkenazi traditions when it comes to *minhag* [custom] for holidays and festivals. However, well after my parents' divorce my father found and became a member of the Chabad of Memphis while I was in about 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

"That year I attended a Seder with my father at the home of one his friends, Sharon, who at the time attended the Chabad regularly, too. Sharon is from Morocco, via Israel, and his wife is Danish, via Israel. I am, and have always been, open to experiencing new ways of Jewish practice but there were many parts of that Seder that were foreign to me. The part that clearly stands out in

my head was when Sharon passed the Seder plate over our heads while saying 'Bibhilu yatsanu mimitsrayim,' then he half jokingly, half seriously tapped our heads with the Seder plate. I was curious and asked about this tradition to which I was ignorant. Sharon shared with me why *he* did it but, being a teacher, encouraged me to do my own research.

"What I found was that Moroccan Sephardic Jews hold the Seder plate aloft and pass it over the heads of all those at the Passover Seder table while announcing to each participant that 'they have left Egypt and are now free.' And Tunisian Sephardic Jews follow a similar custom, but instead of just passing the tray over the heads of each person, they touch the heads of each person with the tray which serves as an additional reminder to each person that they once carried burdens upon their heads as slaves in Egypt. I'm certain there is still a deeper meaning but it made for a very memorable Pesach."

## Dr. Dina Linfoot:

"I remember all the favorite *afikomen* hiding places in my mother's house: behind her wedding portrait, under the

cushions of the never-sat-on couches in the living room!

"However, one of my favorite Passover memories is the year we changed it up in the search for the *afikomen*: when the youngest was "too old" to want to search, we decided to hide the *afikomen* and have the "old folks" look for it. My grandparents played along and went on their search. I can't remember how much or if we rewarded them, but everyone had a great time!"

## Heather Szatmary:

"For the last three years, my parents have come to Savannah to spend Pesach not just with me, but also with forty or so of their adopted grandchildren – SCAD Hillel – many of whom they have never met. Their joy is tangible as the few dozen students trickle in, miles from home, looking for some place to spend the holiday.

"My parents did not plan to raise their children so far from their families as they did or to spend their retirement so far from their friends, as they are now. Regardless, my parents beam with joy as the crowd gathers. They giggle as they eavesdrop on the students. My father recounts the memory of the young soldier who thanked him

heartedly the previous year. I am tickled watching my mother fight the urge to take control of the kitchen from me and delighted to see my father smirk as the students search for the *afikomen* he has so skillfully hidden.

"I hope that the students enjoy my father's well-intentioned but feisty demeanor. I hope that the students appreciate my tone-deaf mother's gleeful singing. I hope that my parents understand the student who came in wrinkled shorts and dirty t-shirt. I hope nobody embarrasses me. I hope that memories of this evening make it onto someone's Facebook status. But mostly, I hope at the end of the evening that we all feel a little like family."



Heather Szatmary (left) and former community shlichah Maia Koiller (right) with students at last year's SCAD Seder

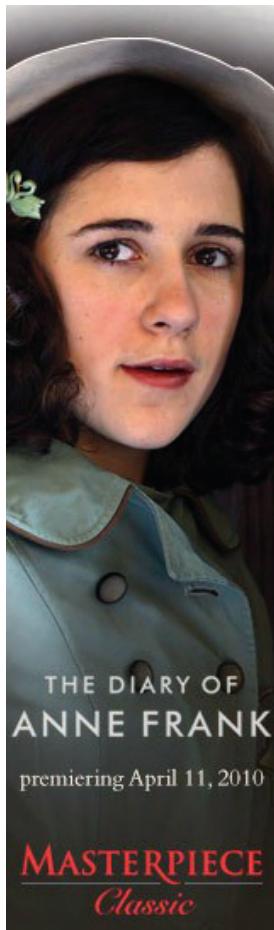
## Jewish Federations of North America to Sponsor PBS Masterpiece Classic's Diary of Anne Frank

The Jewish Federations of North America is proud to announce our exclusive sponsorship of a new PBS Masterpiece Classic production of The Diary of Anne Frank.

The two-hour PBS show will be broadcast on April 11, 2010 (Holocaust Memorial Day). This production represents the most accurate adaptation of the memoir, drawing on Anne Frank's own words. The young actress Ellie Kendrick, who appeared in the recent Oscar-nominated film *An Education*, stars as Anne Frank.

We are honored to have the Federation movement participate in this opportunity to bring the story of Anne Frank to young people across the country. Data suggests that many young people are

unaware of even basic details about the Holocaust. "It is critical that we help educate a new generation about the horrors of the Holocaust – so that



we never forget what happened," said Kathy Manning, Chair of the Board of Trustees of The Jewish Federations of North America. "This sponsorship also provides an excellent opportunity to promote the important work of our Federation movement to a significant audience."

A 15-second on-air spot for The Jewish Federations will appear at the beginning and end of the broadcast. The Jewish Federations will also receive an online credit on the Masterpiece homepage and on all pages of The Diary of Anne Frank Web site, which will house extensive information about the film and the diary, along with many related activities designed to engage diverse audiences in this material, while also introducing them to the Federation movement.

Masterpiece Theater is broadcast across the United States on Sunday evenings at 9 p.m.

## Graduating High School and College Seniors



You are invited to submit your pictures and information for a special feature in the June issue.

Secure a form from the JEA, download from [www.savj.org](http://www.savj.org), complete it, and return it to the JEA by May 11th.

You may mail it to us at Savannah Jewish News  
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## Thoughts from Rambam

In any Jewish day school, there will be variations of what makes each family comfortable or uncomfortable. What might be uncomfortable for one may not bother someone else, even if they are both affiliated with the same synagogue. That having been said, a school can only hope that parents understand this concept and respect that there is no way we can know everything that may make someone uncomfortable. Again, the emphasis being that *not everyone is uncomfortable about the same things*.

So what is a school to do? Ah, that is the million dollar question! However, the trillion dollar question is what is a *parent* to do? We as parents must understand the importance of our children knowing about their heritage. We must understand the importance of our children being *relevant* in the continuity of our people. We must also understand the significance of how the Holocaust diminished our numbers but not our existence. We most certainly need to understand that our existence is a gift from the Almighty. And most significantly, we must accept that it is *our* responsibility *as parents* to make sure that our children receive this education about their heritage.

Rambam would love to satisfy the needs, desires and comfort levels of all Jewish families in Savannah. That desire is deeply sincere; however, it's not possible. What is possible and very much needed is communication. Rambam cannot constantly be in changing mode to earn the reputation of being a school that listens. The key factor is communication, two parties talking, *two* parties listening. However, I must caution you, what you come and discuss may be the very idea that turns someone else away or it may be the very idea that would make you and someone else very happy. I can honestly say that changes have been made after listening to someone's perspective. Just last year someone shared a concern with me about the way an idea was presented in their child's class. The presentation is one that has been used for over 18 years in Rambam with no one expressing concern. I changed the format of the presentation. I pondered it, and I heard the perspective. Rambam is in a tenuous position trying to satisfy the needs of a whole community. With what I have just shared with you, can you now see more clearly how difficult it is to balance? Do you know of any institution that satisfies an entire com-

munity 100%?

Ask yourself how concerning is it if my child learns about things that as a family we don't practice? How terrible is it if your child learns something *you* never learned about? Learning about the history of the Jewish people and learning about the Torah given to the Jewish people, are lessons that we should be proud we are giving to our children.

During some point in the history of our people, someone made religion political. When that happened, a vital commandment was desecrated – Love your Neighbor as Yourself. I can't speak for everyone, but I can speak very clearly for the Board of Directors of Rambam, and I can speak for the staff and Rambam's administration – your child's education, both secular and Judaic matters to us. We are not concerned with synagogue affiliation. We are aware that we have children from various backgrounds and this requires sensitivity towards *every one*. It also requires those interested in a Jewish education to be willing to make sacrifices so we can try our hardest to balance appropriately.

I have sent seven children to Jewish high schools in other cities. Each high school varied in its intensity of Judaic studies. My children often came home with new perspectives on various Jewish practices. While everything they were learning did not partner with my own practices or how I raised them to practice, I was so grateful for the education they were receiving. They were having the opportunity to strengthen their bond with our people. They were having the opportunity to enrich their knowledge. How could I feel threatened or uncomfortable when their knowledge was being broadened about their own people?

Anyone committed to Jewish education will be willing to make sacrifices for that education. Even in larger cities, where there is more than one school to choose from, it will not be a *perfect* fit.

In a larger city I would have chosen a different school for my children. However, when I made the choice to move back to Savannah, it was with a commitment that every other child's



Ester Y. Rabhan,  
Rambam Principal

## From The Shalom School

During my last few columns in the Savannah Jewish News, I have been sharing our thoughts and programming concerning our efforts at Shalom School to educate, stimulate and retain our youngsters from the Bar/Bat Mitzvah years to well beyond. These are the years when we can begin to teach our students at a far more sophisticated level than in the earlier, primary grades and expose them to Judaic texts and concepts that will prepare them for their college years and adulthood.

One of our Congregations, Mickve Israel, has a confirmation requirement for students in ninth and tenth grades, which provides one important incentive to continue studying after the time Bar/Bat Mitzvah takes place. Shalom School, for its part, has created exciting curriculum offerings which, in the eighth grade, combine interactive learning with many experiential activities, all of which are offered at a more sophisticated, adult level that leave impressions with our children that last for years. Indeed, many of our students recall their experiences in the eighth and ninth grades in their Confirmation speeches.

To illustrate more dramatically; this is our current program:

- Judaism and Ecology, an exploration of Jewish responsibilities toward the environment, which combines text study with an extended tour of the Tybee marshes led by a trained naturalist;
- The World and Message of the Prophets, especially the Later Prophets, an area rarely dealt with by younger children;
- A comparative study of Judaism and Christianity, combining lecture and discussion with field trips to area churches;
- A survey of the major issues and trends in Jewish history, as well as Southern Jewish history (Savannah, the oldest Jewish congregation in the South and Charleston, the first Reform Congregation in the South), including a family day trip to Charleston;
- A major unit on Holocaust studies, culminating the following year in a weekend trip to the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., where students experience Shabbat, sight-see, and spend an unforgettable day at the Museum with their teacher, Melinda Stein; and
- Last, but not least, an adult exploration of our Jewish Writings, including the lessons of the Holocaust and the Book of Job.

As you can see, Shalom School has an ambitious program for our older students. Here are comments from Melinda Stein:

"The post Bar and Bat Mitzvah young person is a very different student than the younger, pre-life cycle event child. Once the preparations and expectations are over, our post-13 year olds don't know what to expect of Jewish learning, based on their earlier studies. We have tailored our curriculum to accomplish a number of goals for this very important age group: to expose these young adults to more advanced Judaic concepts; to foster discussions centering around their own experiences of being Jewish in a Christian-majority world; the Jewish responses to contemporary issues; to travel in search of relevant places and ideas; and to encourage the formation of a peer group of Jewish friends (who live in different areas and attend various schools).

The year builds up to the springtime Holocaust curriculum that is a source of deep interest to every eighth and ninth grader I have ever encountered. Their curiosity centers around the philosophical and moral questions such as, "How could people do such things to other human beings?" and "In what ways did Jews fight back and manage to survive?" When, after spending a Friday Evening Shabbat dinner with Jewish college students at George Washington University, and on Sunday a full day at the United States Holocaust Museum, the plane trip home contains a group of changed individuals. The youngsters have bonded with one another, and are moved, often to tears, as well as inspired.

A few weeks after the return from Washington, we have a debriefing session in which we share what was learned and felt during the trip. The experience is also put into the context of Jewish history, and of the Jewish response when tragedies occur. This too is an important issue for this age group. We always end on a high note – that in spite of sad events, our religion and heritage teach the overall importance of life, mitzvot, and joyfulness."

Until Next Time,

Jules Kerness, Principal



Jules Kerness,  
Shalom School  
Principal

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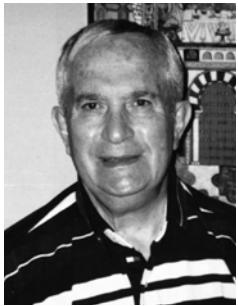


# Savannah Jewish ARCHIVES

## 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*.

CHARLES BECKER (1928-2009) interviewed July 2001



Charles Becker

The JEA. I don't think there's a better place to indulge yourself, enjoy yourself, than coming to the JEA. I come here every day, and the companionship, the camaraderie to be found nowhere in the United States. I've been to JEAs in Dallas, Atlanta, but you don't have that friendship you have here in Savannah every day. Every time I come here I'll be bound to meet somebody I don't know, and everybody is so very friendly. The Jewish people here, the people of Savannah, Georgia,

are just great. I would like to see nothing but great things happening to Savannah, Georgia, and the surrounding community. It's just a pleasure for my family to have been brought up here, and my wife and I to live here now.

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](mailto:lstoudt@georgiahistory.com).

### Save the Date

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

### We Need Your Support!

Memberships and donations are the sole source of funding for the Archives. We need your support to continue our mission to collect and preserve the rich history of our community. In addition to membership in the Archives, we welcome donations in honor of your family and friends. For more information, please contact Archives staff at (912) 651-2125, ext. 34 or [lstoudt@georgiahistory.com](mailto:lstoudt@georgiahistory.com).

### Rambam.....cont. from page 10

Jewish education was just as important to me as my own children's. It is because of that commitment that I have supported Rambam Day School. In a larger city I would not have to be as concerned about the Jewish education of others. In a larger city they would have available to them many different options for obtaining that education. *Savannah is small and needs to define its small number with unity and strength in a commitment that is for everyone's benefit.*

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## Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

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Brian (Diane) Minkovitz, of Savannah and Ross (Giuliana) Minkovitz, of Tampa, FL; six grandchildren, Scott and Bari Sadler, Heather Roach, Kevin, Jacob and Sophia Minkovitz and several nieces and nephews.

Remembrances: Hospice Savannah or Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob.



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## Recipe and Cooking Tips from Gefilte Girl

Chai y'all!  
Ahh kugel...how much do I love kugel? I love kugel so much that I named my cat Kugel (he's a handsome boy). As I was testing out some recipes for kosher Passover kugels I got to wondering, just



Gefilte Girl  
Elizabeth Hale

what does kugel mean exactly? With so many variations (noodle, sweet, savory, potato, matzo) I started to question where did this beloved dish come from and how can it have so many different forms?

Literally translated from German, kugel means "ball" or "globe"—these dishes were originally baked in round pots, therefore the name reflected their shape. As you know, these days we prepare our kugels in larger square pans, much more like a casserole. With all the different kinds of kugels that are out there I was able to only find a simple common denominator that makes them all kugels—they are all made without water and are bound with eggs or fat, simple as that.

My goal for this article was to test out some savory kugels for Passover. Let me tell you folks, I really went off the deep end. I made kugels with leeks, spinach, squash...you name it, I tried it...and after all of that cooking I settled on good old fashioned potato kugel. There is real joy in the simplicity of it, the ease with which it is made, and how it compliments your other dishes like roast chicken, brisket...delicious!

### SIMPLE POTATO KUGEL

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 1 hour

#### Ingredients:

- 8 medium potatoes
- 2 onions
- 6 eggs
- 1/2 cup oil
- 4 Tbsp. matzo meal
- 1 heaping Tbsp. salt
- 1/2-1 tsp. pepper

Preheat your oven to 400 degrees. In a large bowl mix eggs\* (see note below), oil, matzo meal, salt and pepper. First grate the onions (I do it by hand, but using a food processor is

a lot gentler on your eyes), then grate the potatoes (must be done quickly as they will turn brown). Squeeze excess liquid from potatoes, I do this by putting the grated potatoes in a fine sieve and pressing down on them. Add potatoes and onions to your egg mixture, mix by hand until combined. Pour mixture into a well greased 9x13 casserole dish. Bake uncovered for an hour or until crispy and brown on top. (Yields about 12 servings.)

**\*Egg tip:** Ever wonder how to tell if an egg is fresh? Here's how-

- Fill a deep bowl or pan with enough cold tap water to cover an egg.
- Place the egg in the water.
- If the egg lies on its side on the bottom, the air cell within is small and it's very fresh.
- If the egg stands up and bobs on the bottom, the air cell is larger and it isn't quite as fresh.
- If the egg floats on the surface, it should be tossed out.

It should also be noted that eggs from non kosher chickens are not kosher, and if there are any blood spots in the egg then it isn't considered kosher either.

*Happy Passover Y'all!*

If you have any questions, need any dinner ideas or simply want to drop a note, contact me at [gefiltegirlsavannah@yahoo.com](mailto:gefiltegirlsavannah@yahoo.com).

Elizabeth Hale 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 starting a new catering business.



## Unit Named to Honor Harold Solomon

When people make million dollar gifts to institutions, they often choose to put their own names on the door. But when Carol and Howard Anderson of Boston recently decided to give a million dollars to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, a teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School, it was Savannah-native Dr. Harold Solomon's name they wanted on a new intensive care unit.

Harold, the son of Lena and the late Samuel Solomon, is the Andersons' primary care physician. "He's an incredibly talented physician," says Mrs. Anderson, "and at the same time, he's one of the most caring and thoughtful people we know. He's a guy who really loves his patients, and he goes to extraordinary lengths to look after them."

Harold's sister Sydney Ratnow informs us that true to his roots, Harold helped open the Dr. Harold S. Solomon Medical Intensive Care Unit wearing



(l-r) Carol and Howard Anderson, Millie and Harold Solomon at the opening of the Dr. Harold S. Solomon Medical Intensive Care Unit

a University of Georgia Bulldog lapel pin. Of this tribute, Harold said: "I am grateful and honored that Carol and Howard have chosen to support BID-MC in this way... This gift will greatly enhance the training programs in the Department of Medicine for years to come."

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Lissy Isaacson, 2002

**College:** Tulane University  
**Major:** Psychology  
**Minor:** Studio Art  
**Current City:** New Orleans, LA  
**Study Abroad:** Taking classes at the University of Ghana, teaching elementary school English and Art.



"I owe a lot of my continued dedication to Judaism to my Rambam background and the education I received there. Not to mention all of my closest friends are people I met in Rambam preschool."

Do you know a Rambam graduate that we should profile? Please contact [office@rambamdayschool.org](mailto:office@rambamdayschool.org)

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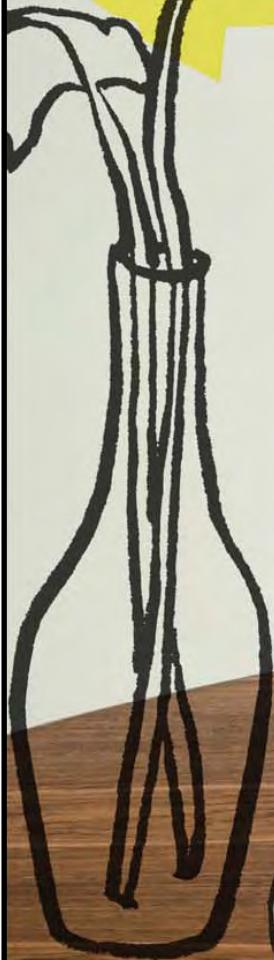
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Over the past year the Savannah Jewish Federation and Jewish Educational Alliance have helped countless people live enriched Jewish lives. We have provided a safety net for those most affected by current economic challenges. And we continue to provide funding to programs that sustain Jewish identity, provide for health and enrichment of our community.

But there is still much to do here at home, in Israel, and around the world.

This Passover, please help ensure there's a place at our table for everyone. Your support and membership of the Savannah Jewish Federation and Jewish Educational Alliance allows us to continue to provide for our community's urgent needs now, and to keep the door open for anyone who needs our help in the months and years ahead.



# A Gift of Real Estate

Did you know that you can make a gift of your Residence or vacation home, live in it for the rest of your life, support the Savannah Jewish Federations PACE program, and even reduce your taxes?

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## What is PACE?

- A national program of the Jewish Federations of North America designed to retain a community's level of annual giving through donor bequests
- A program through which donors fund individual, local PACE endowments
- An endowment-building fund whose earnings become annual contributions, in perpetuity, to the Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Campaign in the name of the donor

or Family name.

## What are donor benefits?

- Reduction in estate taxes (if applicable)  
*For example, Leaving your home to your spouse through your will or some form of joint ownership is not generally subject to Federal estate tax. The same home left to your children, another relative, or to a friend after your lifetime, could result in a substantial Federal estate tax.*
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For more information or to arrange a confidential meeting please call Adam Solender or Lynn Levine at 355-8111.

# Rubin Bequests to Light up JEA; Fund SJF Campaign

Bea Rubin, who died on February 9, 2010, left a generous bequest to the JEA in her will that the organization's Board of Director's has chosen to use to purchase environmentally-friendly lighting for the facility. In announcing the upcoming purchase, Scott Samuels, President of the JEA said: "Bea and her late husband, Dr. Jake Rubin, were lifelong supporters of the JEA. We hope that it would have pleased her to know that these funds will be invested in green technology that has the potential to have a lasting impact on both the world we live in and our organization's bottom line."

While the bequest was not sufficient to cover replacement of all lighting throughout the facility, it will be a great beginning and will make an immediate difference, according to Adam Solender, Executive Director of the JEA. The money will be used to purchase new, high-efficiency, low-energy use bulbs and to retrofit the fixture ballasts.

In addition to the bequest to the JEA, Bea Rubin also previously had established the *Dr. Jacob and Beatrice S. Rubin Campaign Fund* at the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah that now,

in perpetuity, will make a gift to the Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Campaign in their names.

If you would like information on making a legacy gift to the Jewish community, be it the JEA, the Savannah Jewish Federation, or any other local Jewish institution; please contact Adam Solender or Lynn Levine at the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah by calling 355-8111 to discuss the various ways to do so.



Bea & Jake Rubin on their 25th wedding anniversary in the 1960s.

*'But one whose deeds exceed his wisdom, to what is he likened? To a tree that has few branches and many roots, so that even if all the winds in the world come and blow upon it, it cannot be moved out of its place. As it is said, 'And he shall be like a tree planted by waters, that spread out its roots beside a stream. It sees not the coming of heat and its leaves shall be fresh. In a year of drought it is not troubled, nor shall it cease bearing fruit.'*

Pirke Avot (Ethics of Our Fathers) 3:22



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