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Savannah Federation Mission to Cuba Planned for January

The idea of travelling to Cuba has a bit of an air of mystery, conjuring images of a place where time stood still fifty or sixty years ago. Long forbidden as a destination for most Americans, travel to this small island country with a fascinating Jewish history now is permitted to groups with a special license from the U.S. government. Join the Savannah Jewish Federation next January 17 - 24 on a humanitarian and cultural mission to visit the Jewish community of Cuba.

This once-in-a-lifetime journey will offer you the opportunity to participate in Tikun Olam, repairing the world, as the group will go to Cuba bearing donations of much-needed items for the Jewish community there. The gifts will range from medicines to school supplies to household items - an exact list of their current needs will be provided as the trip date approaches. The joy and gratification of delivering these items to the people who will make use of them is a truly special experience and one that can be had only on a mission such as this.

In addition to the humanitarian aspects of the mission, the trip offers a rare chance to learn first-hand about the history and culture of the Jews who settled in Cuba, some of whom trace their history to Marranos who fled the Spanish Inquisition. Just before Fidel

Castro came to power in 1959, in Havana alone, there were five synagogues and an estimated 15,000 Jews. Today, there are only about 1,500 Jews in the entire country and five operating synagogues. There is no full-time Rabbi on the island. A visiting Rabbi, whose services are provided by the Federation's partner, the JDC, comes to conduct life cycle events, facilitate Jewish holiday celebrations and operate informal education activities such as camp programs and Israeli dance festivals. Shabbat observances and daily services are led by congregational lay leaders who are committed and determined to maintain a Jewish way of life in Cuba.

The mission, planned for 8 days and 7 nights, will give the group the opportunity to meet Jewish communities in various parts of Cuba. Departing from Miami, where the group will gather for orientation, the Cuba adventure begins on the southern part of the island in Santiago de Cuba, the country's second largest city. There the group will make its first humanitarian delivery and spend Shabbat with the community. While still on the southern side of Cuba, the group also will visit Guantánamo.

Download the day-by-day, detailed trip itinerary at www.savj.org.

The group then heads northwest to

Havana for the remainder of the trip to continue its humanitarian aid, visits to the Orthodox and Sephardic synagogues there, the new Holocaust Study Center, Jewish Community Senior Center, and many historic sites, such as Finca Vigia (Ernest Hemingway's estate) and the home and studio of José Rodríguez Fuster (the Caribbean Picasso).

Included in the price of the Mission are airfare from Miami/Santiago/Havana/Miami; accommodations in Santiago (2 nights) and Havana (5 nights) at 5-star hotels; 7 breakfasts/3 lunches/6 dinners; Cuban visa; health insurance in Cuba; and much more!

Download Mission pricing and a full list of everything that is included in the cost of the mission and everything that you will need to provide at www.savj.org.

This mission represents an unprecedented opportunity to perform a mitzvah for your fellow, less fortunate Jewish brethren and see a fascinating part of the world. But you must act fast.

To join the 2014 Savannah Mission to Cuba, you must submit your deposit and passport information by September 25, 2013. You will not be able to receive the proper government license and visa after that date. For more information, contact Adam Solender, (912) 355-8111 or adam@savj.org.



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L'Shanah Tova

See you at the SJF Annual Meeting & Installation
 Tuesday, September 17th, 7:00 pm



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L'shana Tova

It is hard to believe that two years have passed since writing a High Holiday greeting as my first official act as President of the Savannah Jewish Federation. I am honored that my final column as President is also a High Holiday message to the community.

Two years ago I wrote about the concept of reflection during the holidays. I wrote about both personal reflections on how we treat others and about a communal reflection of how our organizations treat each other. I want to quote something I wrote then that I truly believe still rings true today:

"The Federation is committed to embracing the diversity of our community and treating each organization and each of its members with respect. It is only through mutual respect and embracing our diversity that we, as a community, can reach our greatest potential. After all, I am sure Hashem expects no less from us."

As each of us sits in synagogue on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur reflecting on our own personal actions this past year, it is my hope and prayer that we all can learn to embrace our differences as Jews. We must all realize that despite our differences, those differences should never be so great that we forget that which binds us together: We are in fact all Jews.

On behalf of the officers and Board of Governors of the Savannah Jewish Federation, I want to wish each and every one of you a year filled with good health, happiness and a newfound respect for each other and for our diverse community. L'shana tova. May we each be sealed in the Book of Life.



Jeffrey Lasky,
President,
Savannah Jewish
Federation

L'Shanah Tova from JEA President

I would like to wish everyone a L'Shanah Tova, a happy and healthy New Year, from Sharon and me. This certainly has been an event-filled year at the JEA.

As I write this, we are preparing for the opening of JEA Preschool Savannah. The members of the Early Childhood Education committee, along with Jodi and her staff, have worked tirelessly to make this a successful program and to fill a need indicated by the members of our community. Our license is in place, the rooms are all set up, the outdoor learning space is complete, our curriculum is planned, and our teachers are ready. This was accomplished on time and under budget. The curriculum is based on the JCCA's Sheva preschool program, and as the mission statement indicates, we will be engaging children in a nurturing, safe, and inclusive environment, based in Jewish values.

As expected, our class of youngest students is near capacity. We anticipate that by the third year our school will be at or near the capacity of 75 students as dictated by our license. There are so many people to thank for their efforts to make this vision a reality, beginning with Lynn Reeves and Marcy Konter, who chaired the ECE committee. The renovation of the indoor and outdoor space was lead by Jerry Konter. Also contributing to the renovation efforts were David Reeves and Sam Carroll. At the risk

of leaving someone out, I will refrain from listing everyone who pitched in, but there were many, many people. It was a truly community effort.

Our new security system is about to go live. This new system includes cameras throughout the building, both inside and out, as well as a biometric system to control access to the preschool area and fitness center. This project is long over due and it will enhance our ability to ensure the safety of all who use our facilities. Coming in the near future is a new and expanded front desk to aid in welcoming everyone who comes into our building that will make it easier for us to help them get to the correct location if they need that assistance.

We are in the process of starting a Holocaust Center. This project is being led by Sherry Dolgoff and Melinda Stein. (See story elsewhere in this issue.) This will be a meaningful addition to the programming offered to our community.

As you can see, we have been busy at the JEA. These are just a few of the activities that are available to our members and we hope that in the coming year, you have many opportunities to join us for some or all of them. L'Shanah Tova!



Bill Sand,
JEA President

A Pretty Good Plan

Three weeks ago we packed up the car to take our son, Aaron, back to school at Georgia Tech. Needless to say, the car was packed from under the seats to the ceiling. Somehow, a year's worth of stuff actually fit.

Sarah and I crammed only a small overnight bag with the important items: change of clothes, a Dopp kit, and, of course, cell phone, iPad, and chargers (heaven forbid, we'd be incommunicado for 36 hours).

After a long day of unpacking and scrubbing the remnants of last year's residents of the room, we arrived at the hotel for a much needed shower, a check of the email, and an overdue collapse on the bed. I opened our overnight bag to grab the iPad—it was nowhere to be found (after Sarah had diligently found a reasonably priced Atlanta hotel with free wifi!). The bag was not very large, but I searched it three times. After resigning myself to "no iPad," I immediately fell asleep knowing that the iPad must have slipped under a seat in the car.

The next morning (after the valet brought the car around for the "reasonable price of \$18.95" plus gratuity), I tore through the car—no iPad. I lifted up the convertible seats—no iPad. It was very curious, but I must have left it home on the kitchen table.

After an interesting breakfast (another story unto itself), we said goodbye (sniff, sniff) and made the drive back to Savannah. Arriving home, I tore the car apart again (as if my previous forensic inspection was faulty)—no iPad. We went into the house, and as you might guess—no iPad. We searched the house high and low, moved furniture, stripped the bed (it could have fallen between the sheets) searched through the newspaper recycling pile. It even crossed my mind that my son might have hidden it in an attempt to drive me crazy (it did!).

I finally gave up the search assuming that it fell out of the bag, would eventually turn up somewhere in the house, or somehow was stolen from the car.

It was three days later that my extension rang at the JEA, "Is this Adam Solender? I have your iPad." I was speechless for a moment and I stammered something like, "How did you... where did you...who are you" After a few more disjointed comments, the voice on the phone said to me, "I could return it to you...where are you?" I certainly had no expectation that someone would find my iPad, search me out, and then deliver it back. I told him, "I'm at the corner of

Derenne and Abercorn" to which he responded, "Oh, the JEA, the pink building. I can be there in 15 minutes, will you meet me outside?"

Fifteen minutes passed, and as promised, he drove up in a late model sedan (I'm bad at car models). In his hand he held my iPad—it had a cracked screen, the case was badly torn, but it was fully functional. I leaned in his window, introduced myself and shook his hand, asking, "Where in the world did you find it and what was your motivation in returning it?"

He looked at me, reached into his door pocket and pulled out his iPad secured in a "Halloween Orange" colored case. Holding it up, he told me a brief story:

"Two weeks ago, it was a lovely Sunday and I went to Ellis Square to enjoy a cigar, some beer and jazz music. I parked my car on MLK Boulevard, and walked down to the square, spent two hours with good friends and great music when I realized that I had left my iPad on the roof of my car. Knowing that it was 'long gone,' I didn't rush back. As I walked back down the street to my car, my eyes got larger and larger when to my surprise; the iPad was still sitting on top of the car. Imagine, with all the SCAD kids walking by, all the crime in the city, all the temptation, no one took my bright orange iPad. So, yesterday, when I was driving out of Savannah on I-16, and thought I saw what looked like an iPad on the side of the road, I pulled over, backed up, and found it. When I saw that you had 1,300 contacts, I knew it was important to you. It didn't take me long to find and call you. Two weeks ago I received a blessing and I thought it was only right to do the same for someone else."

I thanked him profusely, shared a token of my appreciation, and promised him I'd do the same for someone else. He responded to me, "That's God's plan," smiled, and drove away.

I reflect on this story at the New Year as part of what we do every day at the Savannah Jewish Federation: to help those in need in our community, to share our blessings, and to pass them on to the next generation. It's a pretty good plan.

L'Shanah Tovah



Adam Solender
Executive Director of
JEA/SJF



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Stan, Linda & Cynthia

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L'Shana Tova

Sarah Denmark
&
Adam Solender

Happy Holidays
AM Goldkrand
Judith Goldkrand
Lucy & Joy Goldkrand Cheskin
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& BZW

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Wish all our Friends and Family
A Happy and Prosperous
New Year
Wishing all of our Friends & Family

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A Healthy and Peaceful
New Year
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Sophie & Evie Carmel
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Wish Friends and Family
A Happy New Year!

Wishing All of our Dear Friends
A Year of
Health and Happiness
And Tolerance of Each Other

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Wishing Everyone
A Healthy and Happy New Year
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Wishing our Family and Friends a
Healthy and Happy New Year
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May the Coming Year Bring all of us
Happiness and Health
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Ashley & Parker Goodman
Jill, Ken, Ben & Carly Goldstein

Wishing Family and Friends
A Happy and Healthy
New Year
Sharon & Bill Sand

Happy, Healthy
New Year
To Our Friends and Family

Kevin & Michelle
Avi & Eli Heyman

Wishing Everyone
A Happy, Healthy New Year!
The Adlers
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We Wish all our
Family and Friends
A Happy and Healthy New Year
Sally, Steve, Greg, Susan,
Matt & Karina Greenberg

Wishing our Friends and Relatives
A Happy, Healthy
And Prosperous New Year
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Jason & Kristina Shernoff

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A Happy, Healthy
And Peaceful New Year

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A Happy and Prosperous
New Year

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A Healthy and Happy
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A Happy and Prosperous
New Year

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Paul & Harriet; Brian, Jennifer &
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Dana, Eric, Ross & Alyssa
Wish Everyone a
Happy and Healthy New Year

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Wish Friends and Family
A Happy and Healthy New Year

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Wish you health, happiness
And prosperity

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Wish all their Relatives and Friends
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A Happy, Healthy
New Year
Jane Winter

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Send Holiday Wishes
To Friends and Family
For a New Year
Filled with Happiness and Health

Marilyn & Jim Farley
Wish Everyone
A Happy and Healthy New Year

Kathy Levitt
Wishing All My Friends
A Healthy and Prosperous
New Year

Linda, Michael & Jonathan Zoller
Becca & Eric Stone
Wish Everyone a
Happy and Healthy
New Year

A Happy and Healthy
New Year
Adelle & Ted,
Zvee, Haley & Joseph Geffen

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Happy, Healthy and Prosperous
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Margie & B.H. Levy, Jr.

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A Happy and Healthy New Year
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A Happy and Healthy New Year
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A Happy, Healthy
New Year
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A Happy, Healthy New Year
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Wishing Friends and Family
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Wish all our Relatives and Friends
A Sweet and Healthy New Year

Happy and Healthy New Year
To my Family and Friends
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From our home to yours
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Wishing Friends
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Wishing Family and Friends
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Wishing Family and Friends
A Happy and Healthy New Year
Sarabel & Ross Stemer

Wishing Family and Friends
A Healthy and Happy New Year
Tami & Lenny Tishberg



Holocaust Center Forming at JEA

At this time, the start of the New Year, a new project is taking shape at the JEA – The Holocaust Center. Spearheaded by Sherry Dolgoff and Melinda Stein, this entity will serve as a central resource for our community, for students, for the larger non-Jewish community, and for those in outlying areas to become more educated about the events of the Nazi era during World War II.

“The inspiration for the Center was born out of a number of experiences,” explains Stein. “First, as the Co-Chairs of the annual Holocaust Memorial Day, Sherry and I realized that our annual Yom HaShoah observance commemorates the past but a great deal more is needed than a single day can achieve. So much of the history of this period needs to be effectively taught, and so many of the issues of this epoch in history must be explored. Second, we are all aware that the generation of survivors is diminishing and we can no longer count solely on their first-person testimony to communicate what happened to the Jews and other groups in Nazi Europe. Young people are especially in need of education. Third, there is continuing interest and curiosity about many aspects of the Holocaust: the Righteous Gentiles who hid and rescued so many, the creative accomplishments that flourished in camps like Terezin, the other groups persecuted by the Nazis in addition to the Jews, the incredible faith that sustained the imprisoned, the stories of the millions of children, and the inspiration of the survivors that forged new lives, to name just a few.”

Dolgoff and Stein are bringing to life a vision of a place that had been only talked about for a number of years; a place that would be part library, part archive, part art display space, but most of all, an interactive facility offering ongoing lectures, discussions, seminars, films, exhibitions, debates, and school presentations. As an added benefit, these offerings will bring many new faces into the JEA.

After fleshing out the concept, the two women presented their idea to the Boards of the JEA and the Savannah Jewish Federation. In both cases, the Board members unanimously approved going

forward with the project as envisioned. There was genuine excitement and offers of help.

A committee has since been formed, consisting of the three congregational Rabbis plus representatives of diverse segments of the community. A preliminary meeting was held to begin the process of discussion and planning.

For the coming year and beyond, here are some of the features that are in the works:

Bringing in an extensive exhibition on the Holocaust and World War II, (similar to the one presented many years ago on Anne Frank), consisting of large-scale displays, banners, photographs and texts, with trained docents to guide visitors;

A series of programs, such as “How To Talk To Your Kids About The Holocaust” and “The Music of Terezin”;

Teacher training in Holocaust education;

Student groups coming for age-appropriate programming;

Special events for the weekend leading up to Holocaust Memorial Day.

There is one more factor that will make this a success, and that is YOU. There's a great need for participation and volunteers: to serve as docents for the exhibition, to participate in promotion and communication, to help carry out plans for events and help bring them to fruition. Everyone can make a contribution. If you would like to be part of this exciting and most meaningful project, please contact Melinda at 598-8090 or Sherry at 352-2868.

The Holocaust Center will work in our community to preserve the legacy of the past, remember those who perished, celebrate those who survived, honor those who upheld righteousness, explore moral and ethical responses to prejudice and hatred, and educate new generations, in order to safeguard the future.



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Rosh Hashanah Greetings from Our Rabbinical Leaders

The Closing Gates



Rabbi Avigdor
Slatus,
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Bnai Brith Jacob

There is no denying that Yom Kippur is demanding and restrictive. In addition to fasting, refraining from consumption of any quantity of food or liquid, we are also instructed to refrain from washing, wearing leather shoes, etc. The mitzvahs enable us to focus upon the sanctity of this day by removing distractions that could interfere with our prayers. Yom Kippur is that moment in time in which the Gates of Prayers and Forgiveness are open. This is the point in which man is afforded the opportunity to speak and connect with G-d as no other

creation, even angels, can do.

King David states "serve G-d with awe and rejoice with trembling." (Ps. 2:11) This verse refers to Yom Kippur in which we approach our Creator with great awe and we rejoice as we tremble. Indeed, one would tremble at the thought of the awesome experience of approaching and having an audience with the King of Kings, the Holy One, blessed is His name. However, how are we to understand the verse when it speaks of "rejoicing?" Our Sages explain that Yom Kippur is a gift unto man. All the mitzvahs associated with this unique day are designed to elevate the human being beyond the natural limitations of our earthly existence. We rejoice as we recognize that Yom Kippur is an expression of Divine love from G-d unto Klal Yisroel. The very awe that we sense that could cause one to tremble is the source of our rejoicing!

What greater simcha could be per-

ceived than the human soul and mind being filled with an awe of G-d? Sensing our relationship with Heaven, recognizing our mortality and that we are mere insignificant creatures in relation to the Divine scheme of the Cosmos, enables us to cleanse ourselves and put our lives and goals into proper perspective. Although the fasting might weaken our bodies, our spirits are strengthened and there exists a unique sense of unity amongst Jews throughout the world.

What began with the sacred Kol Nidre that stirred our souls, concludes with Neilah, the closing of the Gates; a final service by which we call upon our reserves of energy and pour forth, one final time, our hearts beseeching G-d to overlook our flaws and bestow upon us His gratuitous blessings. Even as the Gates close one tear, one prayer, one "krech" of the soul can seep through the crevices and reach the Throne of Glory.

As Yom Kippur ends and we return home to break our fast, the sense of accomplishment reverberates within our hearts. We gaze upon our children and grandchildren and recognize this precious gift of Yom Kippur, a totally spiritual bond that joins generations everlasting. The wonderful reality of Yom Kippur is not limited to this day exclusively - it can be preserved and used as a foundation for the coming year. The sense of being whole and not distracted, of bonding with generations past and future, of realizing the unique relationship we share with G-d and Klal Yisroel can serve as a means of growth for the entire year.

May Yom Kippur be a blessing for all and may we see the Divine blessings become a visible reality for all of Klal Yisroel.

Yom Kippur: Contemplation Required



Rabbi Robert Haas,
Congregation
Mickve Israel

When I ask non-Jews what they believe to be the most important of the Jewish holidays, they almost universally answer "Hanukkah." We of course realize this to be untrue, as Hanukkah isn't even found in the Bible, let alone the Torah, and in order to be listed as an official holy day on our calendar, the day (or days) in question must be found in the Five Books of Moses. So, when I ask this same question of most Jews, I am usually given Yom Kippur as the answer. The question seems almost ridiculous to many of us. Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the year, and that's that. It's part of our tradition. However, the answer really isn't so simple. In Leviticus, we read, "In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and you shall not do any work....For on that day, he shall provide atonement for you to cleanse you from all of your sins before the Eternal One." (Leviticus 16:29-30) Officially, Yom Kippur is never placed above any of the other holy days, and fasting (actually self-denial) is the only unique biblical action mandated. It is called the Sabbaths of Sabbaths, but we could easily make a case for any of the other holy days as being our holiest. In ancient times, Sukkot actually carried more weight, as it was the holy day in which people prayed for rain during the fall season, rain being a necessity for agricultural society. Yet today, I have no doubt that most of us consider Yom Kippur the holiest day of the year. Even as a child I

understood that this day stood apart. It was a day of extra contemplation, a day when adults fasted, and the day when everyone showed up at services. I often wonder then why we have placed this day above all others in our minds, when it is the least celebratory of our holidays. I would think that we would give preferential treatment toward the fantastic moments in our history such as the story of creation, the receiving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai, or the Exodus from Egypt. On the surface, it would seem that we would place Rosh Hashanah, Shavuot, or Pesach as our most hallowed of days. After all, it is here that we commemorate the seminal events in our history. Instead, we chose to take an altogether different path. We chose to call Yom Kippur our most hallowed day, a choice, I believe that speaks volumes about our people. It shows we understand our frailties and weaknesses. It shows that we need Yom Kippur more than we need any other day.

We all want to be forgiven! We all want atonement! However, we also understand that we struggle with contemplation and reflection. Let's face the facts. Atonement isn't easy. The cleansing of sins is a messy business. No one enjoys admitting their mistakes, and many of us would prefer to ignore them altogether and simply move on with our lives. Yom Kippur guarantees yearly contemplation. We as human beings subconsciously understand that we require this established moment in time if we hope to consistently search for atonement in our lives. We created a day on the calendar which requires us to reflect on our behavior, even if we really would rather do anything else. As we read in Psalms, "Have mercy upon me, O God, as befits Your faithful-

ness; in keeping with Your abundant compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly of my iniquity and purify me of my sin; for I recognize my transgressions, and am ever conscious of sin." (Psalms 51: 3-5)

Every year, Yom Kippur forces us to face the reality of our imperfect nature. Every year, we are commanded to do better, and nothing save serious physical impairment should deter us. I know myself pretty well, and I can honestly say that if it were left up to me, there would be times in my life when I would only sporadically search for atonement. It's a painful and even messy process, and it's one I would often prefer to ignore altogether. I'm so busy with work and play, and drudging up the mistakes of my past only serves to plague my already frayed constitution. Why would I volunteer for such punishment? I can live my life and even be successful in many ways without it. I can sweep the mistakes under the rug, tiptoe around the elephant in the room, or turn a blind eye... except that Yom Kippur stands in the way of such avoidance. I need a day like Yom Kippur, a day on which I must struggle with myself. I need this day of reflection, a day in which nothing else blocks my view of the past. Even during especially turbulent personal days, we are assured of this desperately needed contemplative moment. Even the most gifted of procrastinators may delay the inevitable no more than twelve months at a time (thirteen during a leap year). This is why we have elevated it in many ways above all others.

We truly want to connect with God on a higher level as we face our past missteps. Yet we know we are skilled at avoidance, and we fear the shame atonement seemingly requires. Fortunately, Yom Kippur gives us a venue in which

we can reflect and receive atonement in public without suffering this embarrassment. We are not required to stand alone in front of a crowd and openly reveal our missteps in front of one and all. Instead, we come together as a community and privately atone for our sins publically. The liturgy provides lists of sins for us to read together as a community before God, each of us knowing full well which sins we have truthfully committed.

Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer, the human rights activist once suggested we change the translation for the "Ten Days of Repentance" (from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur). "I would like to suggest that for these days to have new dimensions of meaning we translate Aseret Yemei Tes-hvuah as the ten days of searching and twisting and turning, of wrestling with our souls and trying desperately to find new meaning to our existence." We have chosen the most uncomfortable day of the year to be our holiest. Yom Kippur peels back the layers of excuse and forces us to both acknowledge and atone every single year of our adult lives. We realize the vast implications of this choice. We must face our mistakes, even when every inclination of our body and mind tells us otherwise. In order to achieve the divine purpose of continued and consistent growth of spirit, we as a community look to Yom Kippur for assistance. If not for Yom Kippur, our mistakes and miscues might continue to pile up upon each other in uncomfortable silence. We need the respite from our own inclination to neglect the obvious. We need the directness of spirit that only Yom Kippur can give. I wish all of us the best for this High Holiday season, and I pray that each of us finds us a little improvement in our lives this year.

Rosh Hashanah Greetings from Our Rabbinical Leaders

Bringing Joy into the Jewish Holidays



Rabbi Ruven Barkan,
Congregation
Agudath Achim

Most of my positive memories of the holidays as a kid took place in the hallways of the synagogue. I learned from a young age that inside, the synagogue service was solemn and stale; all of the action took place on the outskirts, in the hallways of the synagogue. That is where we played as kids. That is where we messed around in high school. That is where we caught up on college breaks. My memories of the services are few and far between, and mostly negative: the Hazzan repeating the same words over and over again; the rabbi talking about things I didn't understand; and standing until it was painful. Basically, I grew up with a strong disaffection towards the High Holiday services. Now, as the rabbi, I feel a personal challenge to bring joy into the service and Jewish life back into the synagogue.

The Holiday period actually begins

seven weeks before Rosh Hashanah with Tisha B'Av, the day we commemorate the destructions our people have suffered throughout history. We consciously mark seven weeks of comfort, paralleling the days of Shiva after the loss of a loved one. Thus, Rosh Hashanah marks the joy of new beginnings. The rabbis brilliantly structured the cycle to teach us how to deal with the pain of life and to begin again every day, every year, as a people and as individuals. The joy we celebrate on Rosh Hashanah is not the joy of escaping from pain by maximizing pleasure; rather it emerges out of an acknowledgment of our painful reality, the possibility to come to terms with it, and the reaffirmation of the blessings in our lives despite it. Rosh Hashanah thus teaches us how to develop a deep and abiding joy that is a product of reflection and a sign of wisdom.

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we take responsibility for our part in improving our lives. We acknowledge our shortcomings and commit to doing better in the coming year. Yom Kippur

is a day of purification. Whereas the fast on Tisha B'Av is a mourning fast, the fast on Yom Kippur is meant to be uplifting. At the end of this intense process, we celebrate our relationship with God. We affirm God's forgiving nature and our commitment to do good. This fosters an optimistic joy in how we view ourselves and our ability to be a force of good in the world.

Sukkot is called Zman Simchateinu -- "The season of our rejoicing." Five days after doing the hard work to acquire the joy of a good life, we enter into the Sukkah, our temporary booths, for a full week to embrace the blessings of this fragile world. The major mitzvah on this holiday derives from the Torah's command of V'Samachta B'Chagecha -- "You shall rejoice on your holiday." We fulfill this by simply enjoying meals with family and friends in the Sukkah. The holiday of Sukkot becomes the model of how we are to live with joy in the moment. Without Sukkot, the High Holidays are indeed grave and solemn. Without the perspective of the High Holidays, our seeking pleasure becomes an unattainable fantasy. Both these extreme paths

lead to misery. On Sukkot, we read the book of Ecclesiastes which emphasizes the fleeting nature of life. The High Holidays teach us how to come to terms with this reality; and on Sukkot, we sanctify the joy of our momentary pleasures.

These different facets of joy which we experience on the holidays teach us how to build meaningful and joyous lives throughout the year. This purpose to the synagogue experience on the holidays empowered me to take ownership of my Jewish identity. What originally felt overwhelming and unbearable about the services evolved into an essential source of meaning in my life. As we bring a sense of joy into the services this year, may we see Judaism return from the hallways into the sanctuary and from the fringes of our individual lives into the center of our hearts and our community.

I want to take this moment to join with my rabbinic colleagues at BBJ and Mickve Israel to wish all of you a joyous celebration of the holidays. May such joy allow us to reaffirm the great blessings of life; to serve God; and celebrate with our families and our community.



Operation Isaiah

September 3, 2013 - October 6, 2013

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**JEA, Congregation Agudath Achim,
Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob,
Congregation Mickve Israel, Rambam Day School**

However, Feel Free to Drop Off Food at Anytime at the JEA for Jewish Family Services to Distribute to Those Who Need

Tuesday, September 3rd marks the beginning of the Annual Food Drive of the Savannah Jewish community known as OPERATION ISAIAH. The New Year is a time for self reflection and thinking about those less fortunate. The **Savannah Jewish Federation** teams up with the Second Harvest Food Bank to help provide food for those in need.

Drop off barrels are located at five locations in Savannah: The JEA, Rambam Day School, Congregation Mickve Israel, Congregation B'nai Brith Jacob and Congregation Agudath Achim. **In 2012 we collected nearly 3,700 pounds of food and with your help we hope to exceed that amount this year!**

The food that is donated is distributed through Second Harvest Food Bank and Backpack Buddies. Please join the **Savannah Jewish Federation** and **Jewish Family Services** in observing the mitzvah of providing for those less fortunate.

Area Swimmers at Maccabiah Games

Ryan Salmon, of Savannah, and Halle Friedman of Marietta, Georgia, both were selected to represent the United States in swimming at the 19th World Maccabiah Games held in Israel this past July. Ryan is a senior at Georgia Tech where he is a member of the swimming and diving team. He is the son of Nadine and Richard Salmon and the grandson of Shirley Salmon of Savannah. Halle is a senior at Walton High School in Marietta and is the granddaughter of Mary and Ernie Friedman of Savannah and the daughter of Stephen and Annette Friedman of Marietta. Ryan and Halle were two of 24 American swimmers chosen to participate in the Maccabiah games this year.



Ryan Salmon & Halle Friedman

Both Ryan and Halle received silver medals in the 400 Medley Relay events. Ryan swam the breaststroke leg for the men's event and Halle swam the butterfly leg in the women's event.

A record 9,000 athletes from 78 countries took part in the international competition this year. The Maccabiah Games are held in Israel every four years and are open to Jewish athletes around the world and to all Israeli athletes, regardless of religion.

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Four Questions for the Rest of the Year

Peter Max

The art of Peter Max is one of the most iconic bodies of work in the Pop Art movement. He is one of the most well-known, living American artists. Peter Max Finkelstein was born in Berlin in 1937. He and his parents fled Nazi Germany shortly thereafter, taking sanctuary first in Shanghai, China, then in Israel, and finally settling in New York, where Max has lived ever since. A retrospective of Max's work will be exhibited at the Karis Art & Design Gallery on Hilton Head Island, September 14th – 21st, see story elsewhere in this issue.

You and your parents moved to Israel in 1948, the year that Israel was declared a state. You recently served as the Official Artist for the 2013 Celebrate Israel Parade in New York. Can you talk a little about what this honor meant to you?

It meant a lot. I was born in Berlin and grew up in Shanghai, we moved there when I was not even one. I grew up with a lot of Jewish people in a beautiful community where a lot of people from Europe lived, and I went to a British school for foreigners living in Shanghai at that time. I lived there for about the first ten years of my life. In 1948, when Israel became a nation, I don't know who it was, but some very successful people sent a big, big ship to China for all the Jewish people who

wanted to go to Israel. I was lucky to be part of that. We went to this amazing little country. My father was beyond, beyond, beyond over the moon – being in Israel, a Jewish state. That was my experience as a child, to see that excitement for him and my mother. We lived there for 3-1/2 years. I went to school in Haifa and I learned to speak Hebrew. When I was 14 or 15, we moved to Paris and lived there for about six months, and then we moved to the United States where I went to high school. I still stay in touch with friends from Israel.

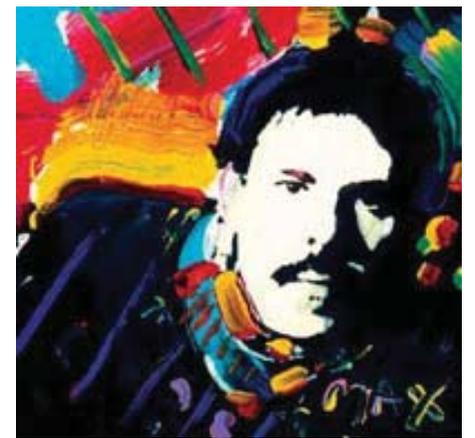
Your upcoming exhibition on Hilton Head Island is being billed as "unlike any other presentations of late...as it is truly a retrospective of Max's career...and speaks to a lifelong passion to create. It also speaks to Max's heritage and personal journey..." Would you say that you are entering a more reflective phase in choosing subject matter?

No, I would say it's a continuation of what I do. For me, art is a wonderful, wonderful evolution of what I love. I draw and paint every day. For me, it's just some of the most exciting things that happen to me on a daily basis. I have a beautiful large studio, with about 40 or so people working here, helping me in different areas. But when I'm in my painting room, it's just me and maybe

an assistant. The music goes on and the paints are revealed. I have 70 colors laid out in rainbow fashion, music is playing – music I love – I have a DJ type of system. Boyd, a DJ fellow, he's here with me while I'm painting. I listen to jazz, rock & roll, pop music, so many favorites you can't imagine. I'm in heaven, painting to the music that I love.

Can you tell us a little about your interest in the heavens and its influence on your art?

When I was a young boy in China I had this interest and then in Haifa there was this wonderful place, the Technion, where even as a teenager I could take astronomy classes, which was very, very exciting for me, just to be able to imagine the profound hugeness of the universe. To me, every day when I look into the world of my imagination, what I know about it, it's beyond fascinating, what I understand and what little we know of the universe. We are smaller than a little atom compared to the universe. It's just fascinating to know that everything is so infinite. How did it all happen? What's keeping it going? There's so much awesomeness and at the same time joy. When I came here when I was 15 or 16, I was going to be an astronomer but [after high school] a friend was going to art school and I joined him and I was good at it and stuck with it.



I know that you are a big proponent of art education. Given the realities of budget cuts in most school systems these days, do you have any suggestions for parents who would like to expose their children to the visual arts?

If parents feel that their kids have an interest in creativity, whether it's art, colors, music, design, architecture or whatever – art as we know it or creativity in any area, photography, fashion design or something else – be aware of it and try to give the children an edge in life by maybe getting them into some kind of creativity classes. Art classes, music classes, whatever they need to develop that interest they already have because it can make such a profound difference for them if they can just get some schooling in the area they love.

Crohn's Disease, a Jewish Concern

by Gail Siegel

There are about 1.4 million cases of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) in the United States. It is estimated that of that number, about half of the people suffer from Ulcerative Colitis and the other half from Crohn's Disease. Out of the group that suffers from Crohn's Disease, 75% are of Askenazi Jewish descent.

Children can be diagnosed in infancy. Most adults are diagnosed before age thirty; however IBD can strike at any time with onset well past middle age. IBD can significantly affect patients' quality of life with chronic pain, severely debilitating symptoms and invasive surgical procedures. The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) is the largest voluntary non-profit health organization dedicated to finding a cure for IBD. CCFA has annually received a four star rating (out of five) by Charity Navigator. For each dollar raised, 82 cents goes directly to research or education.

The Savannah Chapter of CCFA provides patient services in the following ways:

- * A support group meets from 6pm-7pm at the Jewish Educational Alliance on the third Thursday of every month.
- * Patient Education Programs
- * Camp Oasis for Children with Crohn's and Colitis. Camp Oasis is a traditional, week-long summer camp program for children with IBD.

The camp is located at Camp Will-A-Way in Winder, GA, and serves about 120 children each year. Children with all levels of disability are welcomed and cared for by a team of physicians, nurses and camp staff. No child who wishes to attend is turned away. The cost to families for a week of summer camp is \$250. The actual cost of taking care of a child at Camp Oasis is \$1,500, with CCFA picking up the difference through donations. * Information Resources and the availability of a 1-1 patient "buddy system" of support.

On November 17, the Savannah Chapter of CCFA will host our annual fundraiser, the 'Take Steps Walk' in Daffin Park. We encourage people to organize their own walking teams or to cheer on a friend. Check out cctakesteps.org/savannah for this fun event.

For more information about any of CCFA's programs, contact Katie Cooper at kcooper@ccfa.org or Mary Ball at mball@ccfa.org.

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Peter Max Retrospective on Hilton Head

The works of legendary artist Peter Max will be on exhibit in a “never-before-seen” collection, September 14th – 21st, at the Karis Art & Design Gallery on Hilton Head Island. The collection has been assembled from his greatest and most revered imagery spanning four decades, representing everything from his Pop Art designs commemorating Woodstock to the 2013 unveiling of Max’s design for a cruise ship.

With paintings in hundreds of museums and galleries worldwide, Peter Max



Peter Max's rendering of Taylor Swift's Speak Now album cover

and his vibrant colors have become part of the fabric of contemporary culture. Max has been successively called a Pop Icon, Neo Fauvist, Abstract Expressionist and the United States’ “Painter Laureate.” The artist has had the distinct honor of painting the last seven U.S. Presidents and the world’s best loved celebrities, among them most recently the young music pop star, Taylor Swift, having painted versions of all of her album covers.

This exhibit, a museum-like retrospective of Max’s works, features some of his best-known pieces, among them Statue of Liberty, the famous “Flag” pieces, Umbrella Man and the prestigious Cosmic Runner. There also will be presentations of his celebrity portraiture, as Peter Max is revered for his celebrity commissions and portraits.

For our interview with Peter Max, see *Four Questions for the Rest of the Year*, elsewhere in this issue.

Peter Max has painted for five U.S. Presidents and his art is on display in presidential libraries and U.S. embassies across the globe. He has been the

Official Artist of five NFL Super Bowls, the 2006 Olympics, the World Cup USA, the World Series, the U.S. Open, the Indy 500, the NYC Marathon and the Kentucky Derby. Earlier this year, he was the Official Artist for the 2013 Celebrate Israel Parade in New York City.

Exhibit previews begin September 14th and the exhibition extends through September 21st, 2013. Peter Max will be making two appearances at receptions at Karis Art & Design Gallery on Friday, September 20th, 2013 from 6-9pm and September 21st from Noon to 2pm. All viewings of the exhibit, including at the receptions, are complimentary and open to the public, however, RSVPs are required for the artist receptions. The artwork will be available for purchase.



When: Exhibit, September 14th – 21st
Artist Receptions (RSVP required):
Sept. 20, 6pm-9pm;
Sept. 21, 12pm-2pm

Where: Karis Art & Design Gallery
1000 William Hilton Parkway
C-4 Village at Wexford
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

RSVP: 843-785-5100 or
iconimages@aol.com
www.karisartgallery.com

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Oct. 10th, 7:00 pm

Dessert Reception
\$10 per person
JEA Member Value Price:
\$8 per person

JEA Journeys: Why Your Family History Matters with Author and Speaker Marcia Fine

Genealogy is a very popular pursuit these days but beneath the leaves of your family tree are the true treasure - stories of your family history. The stories, memories and heirlooms passed down from generation to generation are valuable pieces to the puzzle that is you. Join Marcia Fine as she leads you on a fascinating exploration of your family history and learn why your family history matters.

Oct. 20th, 6:00 pm

3 course meal, martinis &
music, live & silent auction
\$100 per person

Moonlight & Martinis JEA Annual Gala

Featuring some of Savannah’s Finest chefs - Laurence Gottlieb, Robert Leoci, Kirk Blaine and Bryan Graves - join us for a magical night of wonderful food, dancing to the music of Jeremy Davis and the Fabulous Equinox Orchestra Quintet, and tasty Martinis. It’ll be a night to remember!

Oct. 30th, 7:00 pm

Popcorn, Beer and
Sodas for Sale
Price: \$10 per person
JEA Member Value Price:
\$8 per person

Jews on Screen: Treasures from The National Center for Jewish Film

with Sharon Pucker Rivo

Join NCJF director Sharon Pucker Rivo for a peek into the archive vaults and view clips of rare films from the Center’s collections, including: Ghetto Fish Market 1903, Cohen’s Advertising Scheme 1904, home movies of pre-war Jewish communities, German-made Nazi propaganda, Yiddish feature film classics, and Harry Truman toasting Eddie Cantor at an Israeli Bonds dinner in 1957. *This special evening is made possible by the Savannah Jewish Film Festival.*

Nov. 19th, 7:00 pm

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United Against Nuclear Iran: Preventing a nuclear-armed Iran with Bob Feferman

In this briefing, Bob Feferman - Outreach Coordinator for UANI, a non-partisan advocacy group - will provide information and tools to take action to increase the economic pressure on Iranian regime in order to provide more leverage for a diplomatic solution to this issue. Through their campaigns, UANI has been successful in persuading dozens of major multi-national companies to end or curtail their business in Iran. For more information about UANI, visit www.UANI.com



The Jewish Educational Alliance presents a monthly program guide:



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Children's Programming

Jewish Educational Alliance's DAYS @ THE JEA



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Upcoming Days!

October Days:

October 14th (Columbus Day)

November Days:

November 11th (Veteran's Day)

November 27th (Thanksgiving)

Days @ The JEA Prices: \$40.00 per day / \$180.00/week

Member Value Prices: \$30.00 per day / \$135 per week

Register in person, online at www.SavannahJEA.org, call us 355-8111, or e-mail DJ Horton at kids@savj.org

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After School hours are Monday-Thursday 3:00-6:00 pm, Fridays 3:00-5:00 pm. We pick up from Garrison, Charles Ellis Elementary, and Jacob G. Smith Schools.



Aftercare Prices: \$18.00/day plus transportation
\$75.00/week plus transportation

Member Value Prices: \$12.00/day plus transportation
\$50.00/week plus transportation

Register in person at the JEA at 5111 Abercorn Street
Phone (912) 355-8111 E-mail DJ.Horton@savj.org

Mark Your Calendar

September 1

Labor Day Pool Party. 11:00 am

September 2

Labor Day. Fitness open 9:00 am-5:00 pm.
JEA offices closed.

September 3

Operation Isaiah Begins

September 4

Erev Rosh Hashanah. JEA closes at 4:00 pm

September 5-6

Rosh Hashanah. JEA closed.

September 13

Kol Nidre. JEA closes at 4:00 pm

September 14

Yom Kippur. JEA closed.

September 15

Gray's Reef Film Festival. 11:00 am

September 17

SJF Annual Meeting. 7:00 pm

September 18

Erev Sukkot. JEA closes at 5:00 pm

September 19-20

Sukkot. JEA Closed

September 24

Sukkah in the City. Begins at 12:30 pm

September 25

Erev Shemini Atzeret - JEA closes at 5:00 pm

September 26-27

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah. JEA Closed



Adult Programming



Bridge - Wednesdays 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Scrabble - Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Mah Jongg - Mondays 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 Thursdays 10:30 am to 12:30 pm



JEA Mid-Week Garden Group - Wednesdays 9:00 am to 10:00 am
We meet twice monthly on alternate Wednesdays to tend our JEA gardens. Feel free to bring your own garden gloves, tools, hat and water. Some tools are available. Summer hours vary. Bi-weekly meetings will resume in the fall, but due to the holidays, call or email Carol for dates. Contact Carol at MStarArts@gmail.com or 912-352-1238.



Lunch Bunch - Every Thursday 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Join us for Thursday Lunch Bunch! Visit with old friends and meet new ones, enjoy lunch followed by an educational speaker or performer.

Special Schedule for September: Due to the Jewish High Holiday schedule, the Lunch Bunch will take place Thursday, September 12th. Then - See below.



JEA and Hadassah Present Sukkah in the City! The third annual *Hadassah Sukkah in the City* traveling holiday party will make its first stop at the JEA for a lunch program on Tuesday, September 24th. We will have lunch in the Sukkah. Open to people of all ages. You do not have to be a Hadassah or JEA member to participate. Call to RSVP, 912-355-81111.

Plant Bulbs in Fall for Gorgeous Spring Color



Justin Robertshaw
Facilities Director

When fall arrives, your local home center begins selling flower bulbs. Bulbs come in many shapes and sizes and bloom in a variety of colors. One thing to remember is that while they come back year after year, the bulbs themselves are actually only good for a few years. After that time, you need to replace them.

When purchasing your bulbs, it's important to know the region you live in and purchase accordingly. Your region will have a big impact on what you plant and how you plant it. For example, here in the Southeastern US, deep frosts don't happen very often as compared to New York State, or where I grew up, Washington State. Freezing temperatures play a big part in the growth of the flower and in many cases, freezing is necessary.

Be sure to choose healthy bulbs - don't pick ones that are dry or withered, spongy or moldy.

Once you've gotten your bulbs, you'll need to place them in the freezer to begin the "hibernation" process the bulb must go through. Keep bulbs in the freezer for a minimum of 2 weeks and maximum of 4 weeks.

While the bulbs are freezing, prep the ground where you will plant them. Turn the soil over to a depth of 6-8 inches and add bone meal. The bone meal is food for the bulbs.

As to where to plant, most bulbs prefer sunny

spots, but as they grow and flower in early spring before most tree leaves are out, spots in your yard that appear shady in summer, may still be perfect for spring bulbs.

Make sure your flower bed is well drained. When water collects and sits, it can cause the bulbs to rot in cool weather.

After your 2-4 week freezing period, be prepared to plant the bulbs quickly. You want them to still be frozen as you plant them. The soil will hold the cold for the bulb. This helps promote good growth in the spring.

Plant the bulbs pointed side up. The pointed end is the stem and you may even see some shriveled roots on the other end.

Bulbs look best if you plant them in clumps, rather than singly. This will give you the best "pop" of color when they bloom.

Once planted, water your bulbs once a week. Fertilize both during and after the growing season. The growing season typically begins after the last frost as temperatures begin to rise.

Also, don't remove the green leaves too soon. The leaves are how the bulb gets its strength to grow next season. When flowering is done, cut back the flower stalk to ground level. Let the foliage die back naturally.

And here's a hint: If you have trouble with rodents digging up and eating your bulbs, sprinkle some red pepper in the planting hole!

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Health & Wellness

2013's Updated Dirty Dozen-Produce List



Stephanie Johnson
Health & Wellness
Director

Each year, the Environmental Working Group ranks supermarket produce by its pesticide load. The top offenders become the Dirty Dozen, the fruits and vegetables you should consider buying in their organic form.

The group's guide ranks pesticide contamination on

48 popular fruits and vegetables. To determine the ranking, the EWG analyzes more than 28,000 samples that have been tested by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration.

2013 Dirty Dozen

The fruits and vegetables that rank the highest in pesticide load are known as the Dirty Dozen, and the EWG advises that if you can't afford to buy all organic produce, you should at least buy organic versions of these 12 items. There are also two extra Dirty Dozen Plus vegetables on the list. The explanation for those is below.

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| 1. Apples | 7. Sweet bell peppers |
| 2. Strawberries | 8. Nectarines |
| 3. Grapes | 9. Cucumbers |
| 4. Celery | 10. Potatoes |
| 5. Peaches | 11. Cherry tomatoes |
| 6. Spinach | 12. Hot peppers |

2013 Clean 15

The produce that ends up on the bottom of the list, those with the least amount of pesticide contamination are known as the Clean 15. If you cannot afford to buy organic, but you want to be

exposed as little as possible to pesticides, these 15 fruits and vegetables should make up a good amount of what you eat.

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| 1. Mushrooms | 9. Papayas |
| 2. Sweet potatoes | 10. Sweet peas – frozen |
| 3. Cantaloupe | 11. Cabbage |
| 4. Grapefruit | 12. Avocados |
| 5. Kiwi | 13. Pineapple |
| 6. Eggplant | 14. Onions |
| 7. Asparagus | 15. Corn |
| 8. Mangoes | |

Dirty Dozen Plus Category

This plus category includes domestically grown summer squash and leafy greens, specifically kale and collards. While they did not make the top 12, they were found to be commonly contaminated with pesticides that are exceptionally toxic to the nervous system, including organochlorine, which has been banned for home use and withdrawn for many agricultural uses, but is still applied to certain commercial crops.

Keep in mind that the information in EWG's Shopper's Guide to Pesticides in Produce is based on produce bought at supermarkets. If you shop at farmers markets, you can ask the farmers about their growing practices. Even if what they sell is not certified organic, many of them farm very sustainably. If you're confident that your farmer uses as few pesticides as possible, many of those foods on the Dirty Dozen become good choices, even if they aren't certified organic.

Of course, you can always plant a garden in your yard or grow a few containers of vegetables on a sunny windowsill or an apartment patio. That way, you will know exactly how it has been grown.

Fall Fitness Classes

Sunday

- 9:15 am - Pilates Basic
- 10:30 am - Total Body Blast
- 1:00 pm - Extreme Toning

Monday

- 5:00 am - Master Swim
- 8:30 am - Firm It Up
- 10:00 am - Aquasize
- 10:00 am - Vinyasa Yoga
- 10:30 am - SilverSneakers Classic
- 6:00 pm - Evening Water Aerobics

Tuesday

- 8:30 am - Pilates
- 9:30 am - Pilates Barre
- 10:00 am - SilverSneakers Splash
- 10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
- 5:45 pm - Zumba
- 6:00 pm - Savannah Kenpo
- 7:00 pm - Savannah Fencing Club

Wednesday

- 5:00 am - Master Swim
- 8:30 am - Firm It Up
- 10:00 am - Yoga Pilates Fusion
- 10:30 am - SilverSneakers Classic
- 6:00 pm - Billy's Boot Camp
- 6:00 pm - Evening Water Aerobics

Thursday

- 8:30 am - Pilates
- 9:30 am - Pilates Barre
- 10:00 am - Aquasize
- 10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
- 6:00 pm - Savannah Kenpo
- 6:00 pm - Evening Water Aerobics
- 6:30 pm - Yoga Flow
- 7:00 pm - Savannah Fencing Club

Friday

- 5:00 am - Master Swim
- 8:30 am - Firm It Up
- 10:00 am - Aquasize
- 12:00 pm - Noon Basketball



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JEA Art Gallery



September Artist: Rachel Raab

Rachel Raab, a Jewish Canadian born in Montreal, is the daughter of a gifted writer and a world-renowned painter. She received her first camera at the age of 14 and taking photos has been a passion ever since.

Raab's life is a constant reflection of those surrounding her as seen through whiskey-glazed eyes and the tail end of coffee-fueled creative binges. Her work is an abstraction of her surroundings.

Finally, after a year in remission, she has created a collection; some portraits, people she knows and photos she has taken, and others - found imagery collaged to form something that would be weird if it really existed. All pieces are decalcomania's transferred on to a wooden panel inlayed into a recycled silk screen.

Rachel is also the Creative Director for TheSodaShop.com.

Artwork available for viewing September 2-30, 2013



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FREE!

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- 2:00 – 6:20 pm Welcome
- 2:00 – 2:05 pm Your National Marine Sanctuary: NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries
- 2:05 – 2:15 pm Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary: NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries
- 2:15 – 3:15 pm Otter 501: Directed by Bob Talbot
- 3:15 – 3:30 pm Break
- 3:30 – 3:55 pm Oceans at the Tipping Point: Ocean Health Index, narrated by Harrison Ford
- 3:55 – 4:40 pm Sharks of Lost Island: National Geographic filmmaker Enric Sala
- 4:40 – 5:00 pm Break
- 5:00 – 6:20 pm Chasing Ice: Independent filmmaker Joe Tufano Page

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 6/15/13-8/9/13)

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- Christopher Conostas & Vanessa Platacis
- Peggy Costner
- Luciano Flor & Sebastian Flor
- David Giver & Maria Olarte-Giver
- Soumitra Goswami
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JEA Preschool Savannah News

September 2013

Thank You...

To all our volunteers who gave of their time for our Community Build Days. Tasks included uncrating cartons of furniture, assembling cabinetry, schlepping tons of sand from the trailer to the sandbox, distributing pallets of cedar mulch, and erecting the magnetic sand wall and sail shade. JEA Preschool Savannah has opened its doors on time thanks to the herculean efforts of our ECE Committee members, JEA Board members, JEA Preschool Savannah teachers, and especially the parents and community members who contributed their valuable time helping us get ready. At the risk of forgetting someone, we won't try to list you all by name, but please know that we appreciate each and every one of you! Todah Rabah!



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12:30pm – 6:00pm

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JEA Preschool Savannah is OPEN!



Check it Out!

12 Creative Uses for Pinterest

Pinterest offers imaginative and colorful daily inspiration (or pinspiration) to moms, but there's more to do on the photo-sharing site than just pinning favorite snack and craft ideas. Parents.com found 12 moms, active pinners and bloggers, with ingenious ideas to help you organize finances, plan vacations, and more.

Check out their section that directs you to Pinterest for 12 creative ideas. The boards include saving money on groceries, a guide for baby gifts, a list of children's books with rhyming words, and much more.

<http://www.parents.com/parenting/technology/creative-uses-for-pinterest/>



Royalty at Its Best

First and foremost, I apologize to Tomer Locker. I inadvertently did not include a quote from his graduation speech in last month's article. My deepest apologies to Tomer. A quote from Tomer's graduation speech on June 4th, 2013: "When you begin to reflect on your past, and as you ponder your future, what could be more bittersweet than the feeling that you are about to leave those who make you feel you are leaving family.

"Being in a small school gives us the opportunity to have more of our own questions answered. It gives us the opportunity to develop close relationships with our teachers which allows our teachers to get to know us really well. Yes, our teachers can often predict what we're going to say, which comes in handy when they stop us before we get into trouble.

"Most importantly, we don't feel we missed out being in a small school. We think we gained a lot and we will always remember Rambam knowing we were loved." – Tomer Locker

It's been a wonderful experience watching Rambam's new site come to life! The colors in the new buildings are bright, cheery, and inviting. The entire experience has been uplifting, not just watching it all come together but hearing parents, community members and children's comments as they observed the process. I can't begin to put a number on how many people on a daily basis are walking through the modular buildings just to take a look. I think the workers must believe that oodles of people are going to be working in these buildings! The enthusiasm for what lies ahead continues to mount to greater and greater heights!

Kate and William's child who was born just a couple of weeks ago is in line to be a future king. He is in line to be head of the armed forces, supreme governor of the Church of England and head of the Commonwealth, which covers 54 nations across the world and consequently,

head of 16 countries. Wow, those are some serious expectations for that little baby boy who is not yet able to even say his name.

And yet he entered this world with his mission and duties and responsibilities set before him. And we the public look on to his birth with excitement and intrigue. And we don't have any doubts that he will take his position seriously and serve successfully. All this and we don't know a thing about this little guy's intelligence, interests or his own personal goals for his life. And furthermore, we will follow his every step and applaud his successes and shed tears over his failures should there be any.

In truth, every Jewish child is born into royalty and serves in the most prestigious armed forces. Every Jewish child is born with a regal task that is closely supervised by the Almighty Himself, and He applauds their successes and cries over their downfalls. What is the royal responsibility of the Jewish child? To learn as much as they can on a continuous basis about their heritage, so they can be knowledgeable Jews making knowledgeable decisions.

To this truth, Rambam Day School stands in support of its very prestigious students who are determined individuals, dedicated to leaving their mark on this world and on their community.

Through all the glamour of our new site and all the preparations, and all the successful fundraising, there lies one noble truth: Rambam Day School doesn't define its students; it does however, stand in support of them and encourages them to reach their potential as students and as Jews.

When called upon, I hope you will participate in supporting the Jewish education of our royal subjects.



Ester Rabhan,
Principal of
Rambam Day School

New Beginnings

We might not always be aware of it, but the Bible offers us a multitude of opportunities for new beginnings. Cycles running through our life, crossing each other and offering us new starting points: Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of a new year; Rosh Chodesh, the beginning of a new month; and Shabbat that ends one week and heralds the start of a new week... and each time an opportunity to rewrite the lines. So many opportunities for individuals, families and communities to start fresh.

With every Rosh Hashanah, the slate is wiped clean and instinctively, in our human nature we all make plans for changes and improvements.

But changes and new commitments are often more easily planned than done. We try, we hope to succeed and sometimes we fail. So the many opportunities and cycles that our Jewish calendar offers allow us to try again and again and hopefully get better at it.

Shalom School is no different, so we start every school year with new goals, new ideas and small changes. Except that this year, the changes won't really be that small.

An amazing new program called "The Hebrew Wizards" will now be incorporated into our curriculum. Through weekly sessions, our students will learn in a summer camp atmosphere. We'll sit all together in a camp fire style to learn as we play. Our older students, our Madrichim, will help teach the younger ones.

This new program will also incorporate technology such apps and on line games so the learning can go on past school time. It will be more exciting, offer more opportunities for new friendships and... be more efficient.

The other big change will hopefully impact our community at large in the long run. After planning this for a long time it is finally happening: our older students will now have the opportunity to join Shalom School "Jewish Community Leadership Program". Alternating visiting speakers with hands on experiences, this program aims at getting our youth involved in all aspects of our community life. While strengthening their Jewish identities our teens will learn about leadership and involvement.

B'reishit, the Torah portion that opens our new year, is significant not just because it marks a new beginning in the bible or because the creation of the world is its main focus, but also because it has the ability to inspire new beginnings in our lives. So this Rosh Hashanah, let's allow ourselves to be inspired, be brave and ambitious; let's look for the same inspiration all through the year, every Rosh Chodesh and after every Shabbat.

Wishing you a Shana Tova, and a year full of new and successful beginnings.



Eva Locker,
Principal of
Shalom School

Reflections and Celebrations

The Jewish New Year Season—a time of introspection, thinking, and renewal. It's about new beginnings, too. We set new personal and professional goals and embark on new journeys and endeavors. JEA Preschool Savannah is our community's newest and exciting program at our Jewish community center.

I, along with the Early Childhood Education committee and leadership of the JEA, have spent the past twelve months visioning and creating this new dynamic program that meets the developmental needs of the very young child in our community. From the creation of a name, to planning the renovations to the inside and outside spaces, to the recruitment of children and families, this truly has been a labor of love. It has not always been a smooth ride, but worthwhile and valuable projects never are! It's the bumps in the road which we learn and grow from that help us move forward.

JEA Preschool Savannah is a dream realized as we opened our doors on August 14th to excited, anxious, and happy families. Our teachers are loving and creative with a total of more than 50 years of experience teaching children. As we cel-

brate Shabbat each week, sing songs in Hebrew and English, and teach about core values, we engage children and families in meaningful ways. I am passionate about reaching our Jewish families through this entry way into our JEA.

As we take on the opportunities and challenges of this new beginning, I hope that you will come see what all of the excitement is about. Please volunteer to read to the children or be our special Shabbat Guest. Perhaps you will come by and see the beautiful learning environment we have created and have a chat with the children. Language and literacy is one of the most important domains of learning for the young child and we welcome your participation!

So as we reflect on the past and celebrate our new beginnings, I wish you all a Shana Tova Umetukah!

May you be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life for the upcoming 5774 year!!



Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director of
Early Childhood
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Teen Benefits from BBYO's ILTC

by Natalie Ourhaan

This summer I attended BBYO's summer program, International Leadership Training Conference (ILTC). ILTC is the second-step summer program for leadership development in BBYO. Previously I attended CLTC (Chapter Leadership Training Conference), which provided me with basic leadership skills in order to better my chapter and Savannah Jewish youth activities. As both the local and regional S'ganit (Vice President) it was required before I ran for the board position that I commit to attend ILTC. However, I was planning on attending prior to running for the board because of the amazing experiences I had the summer before.

This program was even bigger and better than CLTC. Close to 250 teens were in attendance from all over North America, the UK, and Bulgaria. Every day we participated in Jewish education (Limud), song session (Shira), blue prints (leadership training), planning programs for the rest of the body, and regional planning.

Our first major task was to develop a

business plan for our region as part of a competition. Savannah's representation was strong through Lena Hirsch and me as we competed on a team with the rest of our region (Charleston, Augusta and Columbia). The winning region received \$500 worth of scholarship for summer programs. Sadly, our region was not first, but our counterparts (Atlanta) took a solid third place.

The next most important part of ILTC was blue print. In our blue prints we took lessons on membership recruitment, programming, and how to be an effective and communicative leader. Honestly, I truly learned so much in the short three weeks I was there. The small environment brought me very close to people I would have never met without BBYO, provided with a variety of opportunities to lead my peers, make important decisions, and help make plans for the future of BBYO as a whole.

Today I am proud to say that I can visit Canada, the UK, Bulgaria or almost any state in the United States, and be welcomed with open arms. BBYO has given



Natalie's Blue Prints leadership group; she is second from the left in the second line, standing

me the experiences of a lifetime and I look forward to this coming year being better than any year before.

Natalie Ourhaan attended BBYO's ILTC with the assistance of a Teen Jewish Summer Experience grant

from the Savannah Jewish Federation.

Natalie is the daughter of Michelle and Tracy Ourhaan. BBYO is a youth led organization for teens in the 9th-12th grades. For more information on Savannah BBYO, contact Jill Strauss at jbstrauss1@comcast.net.

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*The Higher Ground***Our Field Of Dreams**

by Carol M. Towbin
Greenberg

Jews celebrate the cycle of the year, month-to-month, season-to-season, with a strong connection to traditions and the earth. Each month not only has its own holiday foods and ritual practices, but also seemingly its own spirit and character that often dictates the brand of mitzvot we choose to add to our routine. The somber month of Av, turns to expectations during the month of Elul, to the promise of Tishrei and the New Year. Then every sense seems heightened with expectation: sounds of the shofar, the smells of round challahs baking, the crispness of the apples (that for those of us growing up in the north often mirrored the crispness of the cooler fall air) and thick, luxurious honey, leading to teshuva and soulful reflection during our sacred fast, all better with the social opportunities at a break-the-fast, and giving way to the bounty of Sukkot.

The Rabbis tell us that the Jewish calendar year gives each of us a chance for constant self evaluation, reflection and renewal of spirit and chances to apolo-

gize for past missteps, reconnect with each other, and despite differences to plant new seeds of cooperation. Renewed respect for each other grows into better understanding as we each reinvent the way we practice and live our Judaism. With my perspective as a member of the JEA Building and Grounds Committee for three years, I have seen a lot of changes that have led me to think that we can heal ourselves, heal our community and repair the world if only we would tend the garden.

Reacting to members' interest in community gardens, we started the Jewish Educational Alliance Garden Club. We did a dozen small projects (including our daffodil Holocaust Children's Memorial). Then, in a joint effort of over 75 volunteers of all ages in the back of the JEA including students from Rambam, Shalom School, JEA camp, and Hillel as well as children and parents with PJ Library and Hadassah, our little garden was born Tu B'Shvat 2011. The few plants remaining had been maintained by Rambam students and JEA volunteers, but had not been attended to since the end of the school year. Also, two years ago the Savannah Jewish Federation as part of our mission of Tikkum Olam, or repairing the world, sponsored an informational trip

to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

So last month I took some herbs to Second Harvest Food Bank that I harvested from that small community garden. We never harvested much—100 bags of herbs at our best for the students to use at Passover; but the rosemary and a few onions survive. Chef Floyd Jackson at Second Harvest was overjoyed at the gift. He tries to use no salt or sugar in the food production, so creating palatable meals for the 3,600 to 6,000 children he feeds every day is a challenge. He set right away to dry the leaves so he could spice the food he produces and was so grateful at our meager offering. It is in this spirit and with your support that I hope to provide them with bigger bounty this year!

A unique opportunity arose when FEMA designated a flooded property three blocks from the JEA to be used as an organic community garden set in raised boxes. When I called Second Harvest with my proposal to create a garden in which growers designate a percentage of yields to their food bank, they were very pleased. I have several people interested in the project because of its location in the midtown neighborhood, but mostly because we

are concentrating on giving back to our community food bank. Our intent is to provide the land for mixed use gardens (flowers, herbs and vegetables) and allow all people (youth groups as well) who sign up for a plot, to grow what they want for their own use, with partners of up to ten people a box, just as long as they grow at least one crop on the Second Harvest list of needed items that is to be donated.

This Midtown Miracle garden will support itself with sponsors who can receive tax letters or planter box naming opportunities for their businesses. Email MStarArts@gmail.com or call 912-352-1238 to get involved. Maybe by working on mitzvah projects together we can be fruitful and find our way back to the garden for the sake of all our children.



Second Harvest Chef Floyd Jackson and Joanna Rich discuss the planting of garden boxes

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Savannah Jewish Federation

Happy New Year from Hadassah



Yelena Chernyak,
President
Savannah Chapter of
Hadassah

Congratulations to us all—our own Jean Weitz was elected to Hadassah's National Board for a 3-year term while at the Hadassah National Meeting in Baltimore this past July. "It is an honor to be appointed, helping me complete 15 years of

service on the national board by the end of my term," Jean said. Jean finds "inspiration on the national level" that translates to real changes here in Savannah. She encourages Savannah women (and men) to get involved because she has "seen firsthand how the medical research at Hadassah Medical Hospital touches the lives of so many of our family and friends right here in Savannah. Savannah resident Ronnie Rosen also continues to serve on the National Board.

Ruthanne Warnick, Southeastern Region President reminds all Georgians and South Carolinians that Hadassah operates medically in Israel but operates socially here in the states to connect with women (and their Hadassah men) of all ages especially on issues of importance in the areas of health, wellness, culture and Zionist education.

Access to Hadassah's stellar educational and news updates is easier than ever! With the internet and the intranet, Savannah has its own connection to what's hot in our area! You can find us by typing: www.hadassah.org/southeastern, click Our Chapters on the right hand side, choose Savannah and see your friends in our slide show from the Centennial convention in Jerusalem, 2012! This year we'll keep updating information on-line about our chapter, so you can explore Hadassah activities at your convenience, and participate locally. Make sure we have emails and other current contact information for you so you can receive all the invitations and free information that we can offer. Send that information to past president Joanna Rich at Joanna@chirphealth.com.

All of us have choices to make about how to spend our precious time. The emphasis this year is the campaign to Choose Where to Make Impact with all details on the website. For each national objective we have selected local programming to benefit you. Hadassah has so many ways to connect with people while doing mitzvahs of which you and your families can be proud! For example, the newly formed Hadassah PRAZE Division is off and running. This newly formed division, headed by Ellen Hersh-

kin and Debbie Mazon, encompasses PRogramming, Advocacy, Zionism, and Education in projects that engage, educate and empower women, while promoting wellness. National has put together a comprehensive Hadassah's Heart Health Program. The Savannah Chapter will take advantage of these new materials this year as one of two Women and Health programs provided free and open to the community. A new brochure, The Facts Speak for Themselves, that highlights what Hadassah does in Israel, the U.S. and around the world will be offered as part of the Savannah community celebrations of Yom Ha Atzmaut and Yom Yerushalyim this year.

So, welcome back all of the members of Savannah Chapter (and to those of you we'd love to have join) to a year of exciting plans including a fun way to meet and greet with the third annual Sukkah in the City—this year scheduled in five locations over two days September 24 and 25th! And of course Hadassah Presents, our annual fundraiser that provides the resources necessary for our beloved Hadassah Hospital to continue its brand of cutting edge medicine will be in the early spring. Sign up now to work on these exciting programs.

As we approach the High Holy Days we have chance to review our successes and accomplishments, our promises and the ways in which we can improve our

services and connections to those projects and programs that matter most to our members. It is time to see where we are now and where we would like to be next year.

In Jerusalem at the Convention last year we could see our accomplishments that change the lives of people we might never see and know. As Savannah Chapter of Hadassah is facing some structural challenges, we know our mission and our vision, but we need your voice and your participation to continue making a difference.

In the year ahead we will continue to do our life-changing work. We would love to do it with your increased involvement. Happy, healthy and sweet New Year, with many blessings for you and your family.

Shanah Tovah!

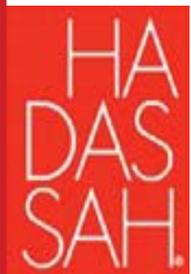
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10:45 am - K'Toni & Jr. Congregation
11:00 am - Sermon
4:00 pm - Tashlich (at the back of the Heard Elementary)
followed by Mincha at the Rabbi's house

Friday, September 6th, Rosh Hashanah

9:00 am - Shacharit
10:30 am - Shofar Blowing
10:45 am - K'Toni & Jr. Congregation
11:00 am - Sermon
7:15 pm - Mincha
8:02 pm - Havdalah

Friday, September 13th, Kol Nidre

6:45 pm - Mincha
7:00 pm - Kol Nidre
7:14 pm - Candle Lighting

Saturday, September 14th, Yom Kippur Yizkor

9:00 am - Shacharit
10:45 am - K'Toni & Jr. Congregation
12:00 pm - Sermon/Yizkor
4:30 pm - Study with our Chazzan, Rabbi Moshe Silvershein
5:30 pm - Mincha
6:30 pm - Neilah
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It's A Funny Thing

by Melinda Stein

I recently read on the Internet about a new Asian restaurant that, like many such ethnic eateries, specializes in noodle dishes. The name of the restaurant is – Lukshon! (the Yiddish word for noodles)

Wishing everyone a sweet New Year (and maybe a nice bowl of chicken soup with lukshon).

It was Rosh Hashanah morning and everyone was heading to services. On his way to the synagogue, the Rabbi noticed one of his elderly congregants sitting on a bench.

“Sam, aren’t coming to pray?”

“Not this year, Rabbi.”

“Why not, Sam? Don’t you think you should ask G-d for another year of good health?”

“Rabbi, I’m ninety-three years old. Most of my friends are gone. I have a hunch that in heaven they’ve forgotten about me. So the last thing I want to do is . . . remind them!”

A few years ago, before the High Holy Days, the television comedian Stephen Colbert announced a new toll-free phone number called The Repentance Hotline, 1-800-OOPS-JEW. The recording said,

“Shalom! Welcome to Stephen Colbert’s atonement hotline. At the tone, please be a mensch, and unburden your soul by stating how you’ve wronged me. Your call will not returned, but selected apologies will be played on the air. You should be so lucky!”

Sign on a synagogue door during the High Holy Days:

“Your sins are not so many that you should stay out . . . nor so few that you shouldn’t come in.”

Said one man to another after the Rabbi delivered a Yom Kippur sermon on the congregation’s myriad sins, especially the breaking of so many of the Ten Commandments, “Well, at least I haven’t made any graven images.”

Rabbi Herzl was visiting Mrs. Stern, the eldest member of his congregation, one afternoon during the period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

“You know, my dear Mrs. Gold, you are really getting on in years and you should be spending some time thinking about the hereafter.”

Mrs. Gold replied, “You know, Rabbi, lately I am always thinking about the hereafter.”

“Really?” the Rabbi asked.

“Oh yes, Rabbi. Lately, every time I go

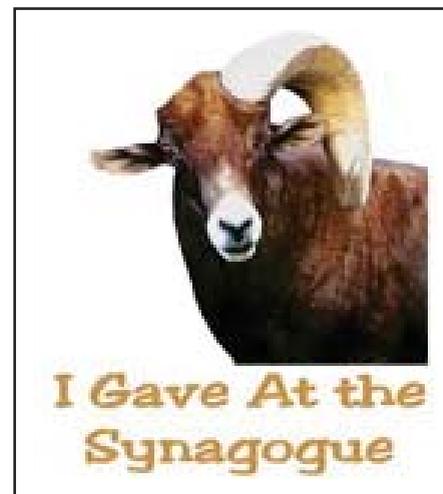
into a room, I ask myself, ‘What am I here after?’”

Two men were down on their luck and decided to paint houses to earn more money. They asked the Rabbi of a local synagogue if he would like the building painted before the holidays.

The Rabbi agreed and the men went to buy paint. At the paint store the fellows decided to mix half paint and half water in order to increase their profits. When they finished the job, they called the Rabbi outside to see their work.

“Great job,” he said, handing them the check.

Suddenly, the skies opened and rain came pouring down. The paint on the walls began running, and a deep voice from heaven intoned, “Repaint! Repaint and thin no more!”



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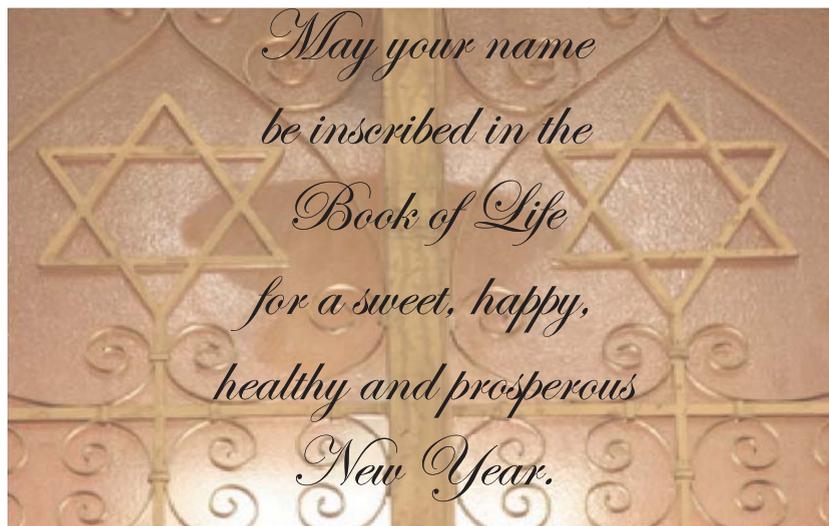
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Murray Bono, 1921 – 2013

Murray Bono, 92, a retired businessman and community volunteer, died July 26, 2013. He served as President of the Savannah Jewish Federation from 1975 to 1977.

The son of Gussie Schine Bono and Mesod Bob Bono, owner of Bono Men's Quality Shop on Broughton Street, Murray was in the first class to graduate from Savannah High School's Washington Avenue location. In his youth he studied violin with Professor Rudolf Jacobson and later performed with both the Savannah Symphony Orchestra and its precursor, the Savannah Chamber Orchestra.

Murray interrupted his education at Armstrong Junior College to join the "Mighty Eighth" Air Force Division in World War II. After the war, he returned to Savannah and in 1945 started Savannah Wholesale Company with Albert (Bucky) Yellin^{obm}, selling primarily ladies hosiery and undergarments to stores throughout the southeast. Savannah Wholesale Company grew to 250 employees after Bono and Yellin founded Allied Department Stores in 1958, naming the stores both to capitalize on the post-war popularity of the word "Allied" and to describe the wide range of merchandise offered. Eventually, there were 72 Allied Department Stores in Georgia, South Carolina and Florida employing

hundreds more people. Murray retired after selling the enterprise in 1978, but the stores still operate today as part of the Citi Trends chain.

Murray was active in a number of civic and charitable institutions. He was a member of Congregations B'nai B'rith Jacob, Agudath Achim and Mickve Israel, the Jewish Educational Alliance, the Chatham Club, and the Savannah Golf Club. Murray served as President of both B'nai B'rith Men's Chapter 76 and the Savannah Jewish Federation. As a young man, he was an exhausted rooster of the Jaycees, and after retirement he served in the International Executive Service Corps in both Savannah and Iloilo Island in the Philippines.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Muriel Lewis Bono, and his sons: Michael (Susan) Bono of Houston, David Bono (Holly Happe) of Boston, and Mark (Brenda) Harris of Houston; four grandchildren; and many other relatives with whom he was close.

Remembrances: Hospice Savannah, P.O. Box 13190, Savannah 31416 or a charity of the donor's choice.



Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

William J. (Billy) Alpert
Who died July 30, 2013

He is survived by his son, Maury (Kristin) Alpert; his stepson, Daniel Crovatt; his stepdaughter, Beth (Ken) Bethune; one granddaughter and two great nieces. Also surviving is his life-long friend, Grace Crovatt.

Remembrances: The Humane Society for Greater Savannah, 7215 Sallie Mood Dr., Savannah 31406-3922.

Leonard Shawl
Who died July 28th, 2013

He is survived by his wife, Sara Horovin Rabhan Shawl; one son, David (Goldie)

Shawl; one daughter, Elissa (Pesach) Schaffer; one stepson, Joseph Rabhan; two stepdaughters, Linda Auerbach and Tziporah Sperling; twenty-four grandchildren and forty great-grandchildren.

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Albert Ikenberg
Who died May 24, 2013

He is survived by his wife Chris; his son Michael (Carin) Ikenberg; his daughter Shari, and four grandsons.

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When my children were young they used to put up a fuss about attending High Holiday services. I would answer their complaints by asking them "Do you enjoy the Seders at Passover? Do you love the latkes and presents at Chanukah? Don't you have fun building and decorating the sukkah at Sukkot? It's a package deal, you don't get to pick and choose."

But, while I encouraged my young sons to think about things they might have said or done that might have hurt someone during the past year and commit to being kinder, more respectful and generous in the New Year, I realized their point. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur truly are adult holidays which become more and more meaningful as we age, experience pain and loss, confront mortality and see life through the perspective of the long view.

As an adult, I have always treasured the Days of Awe, the chance to sit in synagogue, to slow down from the daily rush, to stop and consider the year past and to think about the year to come. To repent, as a member of a community, with the recognition that we all are imperfect and have the responsibility and duty to strive to be better, to live with honesty, integrity and a commitment to make the world a better place. To recognize that time is valuable and that our time on earth is finite. As we reread the disturbing story of Abraham and binding of Isaac, we consider our commitment to G-d and to our children. Beginning again the cycle of Torah, we once again delve into the treasure trove of our Tribes' stories, in hopes that the wisdom of our ancient ancestors will illuminate our path in the coming year.

The Yiskor service has become particularly meaningful to me, as people that I have loved and shaped my life have passed away. What have their lives meant? What does my

life mean? These are all questions that flash through my mind as I soberly confront mortality. As I listen to the familiar and comforting words about our departed loved ones, "that they still live on earth in the acts of loving kindness they performed," I acknowledge that there is not a day that I don't think about my mother and father. How their commitment to each other, to their families, to the Jewish community, and to our country shaped who I am today. I admire their intelligence, culture, industry, bravery, and integrity. I wonder at their ability to survive the cataclysmic events of the 20th century: how The Great Depression permanently imprinted my mom with a sense of insecurity and need for thrift, how my father's love for this country led him to volunteer in both the World Wars, how anti-Semitism affected my mom's ability to get a job as a legal secretary, how having the name Rosenberg impacted on them in the early 1950's, how my parents proudly and steadfastly chose to live in an integrated community in Chicago during the days of the Civil Rights movement.

Without my parents' intellectual curiosity and the experience of traveling with them as a child, I never would have developed my deep love and interest in traveling the world. Nor would I have encouraged my children to have their global perspective or involvement in different cultures. While neither of my parents were from Savannah or even ever visited here, I know that without my father's youthful spirit of adventure and my mother's sense of fiscal responsibility, I would never have had the courage to relocate here with my husband after having lived our whole lives in Chicago. Without my mother's deep love for history and Jewish culture, I wouldn't be involved in most of my interests today.

Bruce Feiler, one of Savannah's favorite Jewish sons, wrote in his most recent book, *Secrets of Happy Families*, that research has found that feeling kinship is central to having a happy life, that all humans strive to be an accepted member of a group. Not surprisingly he writes, "the group most important to our sense of identity, to our self esteem, to our capacity to love, to our ability to be satisfied in our lives is our family." To that end he stresses the necessity of providing a story of a family's history and values. He cites Emory psychologist, Marshall Duke, whose research "showed that the more children know about their parents and grandparents, especially their successes and failures, the more they were able to overcome setbacks".

It is customary at the High Holidays to make a charitable contribution to the synagogue in honor of our departed loved ones to practice the charity which they would have participated in if they were still with us. In addition, I would suggest, a most meaningful way to honor our mothers and fathers, is to record the story of their lives. As Feiler writes, "if you want a happier family, spend time crafting, refining and retelling the story of your family's positive moments and your ability to bounce back from the difficult ones."

Share these important stories about your parents and grandparents with your children and grandchildren at the High Holidays and throughout the year. Then, make a copy of your remembrances for the Savannah Jewish Archives along with a donation, so that these stories will be preserved not only for your descendants but for the greater Jewish community as well. In that way you will give a measure of immortality to your loved ones and give a lasting gift to future generations. L'Shanah tovah taketavu.

On Meaning, Memory and Yiskor by Annette Carnow

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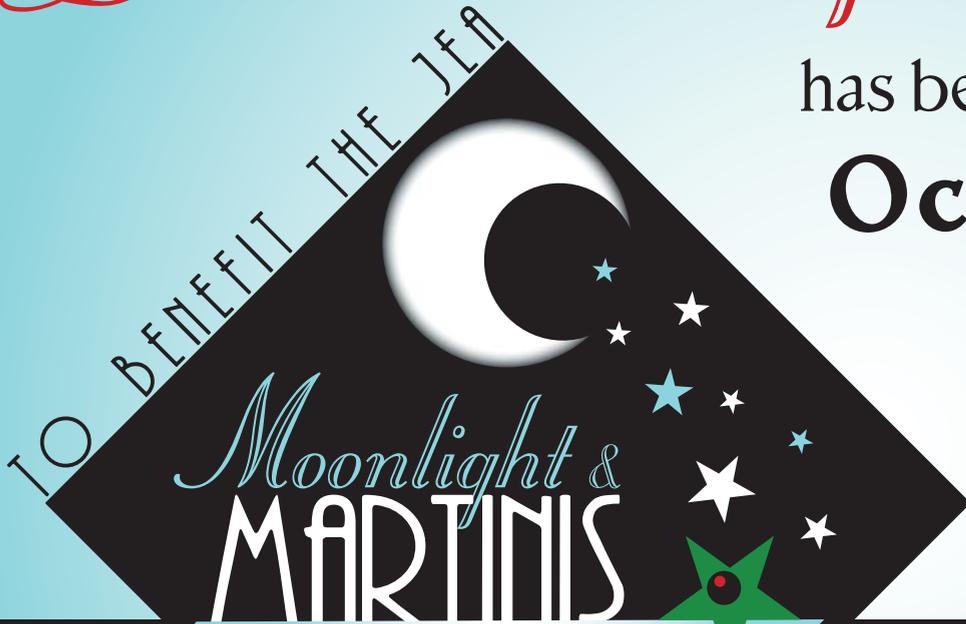


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