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Friday, August 31, 2018	7:31 p.m.
Friday, September 7, 2018	7:22 p.m.
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Monday, September 10, 2018	8:26 p.m.
Friday, September 14, 2018	7:13 p.m.
Tuesday, September 18, 2018	7:08 p.m.
Friday, September 21, 2018	7:04 p.m.
Sunday, September 23, 2018	7:01 p.m.
Monday, September 24, 2018	8:08 p.m.
Friday, September 28, 2018	6:54 p.m.
Sunday, September 30, 2018	6:52 p.m.
Monday, October 1, 2018	7:58 p.m.

Yesod Leadership Allocates Funds

By Steve Richman

Recently I, along with 19 others, had the honor of participating in the Savannah community as part of the first Yesod Leadership Initiative cohort. Yesod, the Hebrew word for foundation, aptly describes this vital initiative for the Savannah Jewish community. The goal of the Yesod Community Leadership Development Program is to support our community by aiding the development of excellent volunteer leadership. Graduates of the Yesod Community Leadership Development Program will help shape the future of the Savannah Jewish Community. After attending 8 sessions,



with this group of leaders, I am certain we are up to the challenge of helping lead the Savannah Jewish Community. Other members of the Jewish community have taken notice, the Allocations

Committee of the Savannah Jewish Federation allocated \$7,500 to the Yesod Leadership Initiative Cohort 1 to allocate as we saw fit. The goal of this allocation was to see the interests and passion of the up and coming leaders of the Jewish Community.

Our 8th and final session was spent trying to determine the best use of the allocation. Initially we discussed in pairs, then groups of 4, then

finally two groups of 10, and lastly one group. It was clear from the beginning that we all cared deeply and saw the importance of this allocation opportunity. What was planned to be a two hour meeting, quickly turned into a 3 and a half hour meeting, with no clear path to an allocation agreement in sight. If there was a bystander listening to our discussion, they would likely think we were trying to allocate the entire \$1,000,000 campaign. That is how serious and passionate this group of leaders viewed this opportunity. "With great power comes great responsibility," We all recognize the opportunity we had been given and were trying to make the most of it

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Esther & Aaron Buchsbaum Fund Created as a Legacy to Savannah

The Savannah Jewish Federation is proud to announce that Mrs. Esther Buchsbaum has created a legacy fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah, the planned giving arm of the Federation.

In creating the Esther and Aaron Buchsbaum Fund, Esther Buchsbaum established a Lion of Judah endowment that will support the needs of the community. Through Lion of Judah endowments, Jewish women across North America strengthen their Jewish communities by providing funds to meet needs at home, in Israel, and around the world... in perpetuity. They are a group of women (over 17,000) who make a powerful statement of their commitment to tzedakah, providing legacies to their communities. In perpetuity, each year there will be a gift to our community from the Esther & Aaron Buchsbaum Fund – for social services, for Israel, for Jewish education and whatever else our needs may be.

The fund document states
Whereas: Aaron Buchsbaum was

a lifelong resident of Savannah, and Esther Buchsbaum moved to Savannah from Atlanta after she married Aaron in 1956; and

Whereas: Aaron and Esther Buchsbaum were both active members of the Savannah Jewish community; and



Esther & Aaron Buchsbaum in 2011

Whereas: Aaron Buchsbaum practiced law in Savannah for more than 50 years and was a key figure in Savannah's civil rights movement; was

a founder and president of Georgia Public Radio; was president of Georgia Legal Services; and was a member of the boards of the Savannah Concert Association, Savannah Symphony, City Lights Theater and Savannah Landmark Rehabilitation Project; and served on the city's Cultural Affairs Commission; and

Whereas: Esther Buchsbaum served as president of the Savannah Concert Association; as the first forewoman of the Chatham County Grand Jury; on the boards of Hospice Savannah, Citizens for Clean Air, and the Chatham County Board of Equalization; and on the city's Cultural Affairs Commission; and she taught in the public elementary schools and later volunteered with music appreciation workshops and story time; and

Whereas: Aaron Buchsbaum served as chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, on the board of the Savannah Jewish Council, on the executive committee and as vice chairman of the

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The Engagement Ambassador Impact

Over the past three years, the Savannah Jewish Federation has made a great investment in outreach and engagement initiatives with the Savannah College of Art & Design's Hillel. The goal has been to connect students to one another, to Hillel, and to the larger Savannah Jewish community.

Hillel has been an official club at SCAD for 17 years, and is overseen by Faculty Advisor Heather Szatmary. Her dedication to growing the Jewish community at SCAD has been shown through the many holiday programs and Shabbat dinners that she has coordinated for students to enjoy.

Three years ago, the Savannah Jewish Federation began to focus on peer to peer engagement as a way to expand SCAD Hillel's reach across campus. Engagement is a strategic process, not a particular program. Engagement is the act of reaching others, getting to know them (and their passions), connecting with them and connecting them to their passions in the Hillel community. Students want to find meaning and feel connected to their generation of Jews.

With the help of the Savannah Jewish Federation, that year SCAD Hillel started the Student Engagement Ambassador program. Each quarter, SJF hires two students to be Engagement Ambassadors. They are tasked with finding, communicating, engaging, and connecting uninvolved

Jewish students to Hillel and its members.

Under the supervision of Devra Silverman, Savannah Jewish Federation's Community Engagement Coordinator, the Student Ambassadors would learn the art of engaging, networking, and connecting Jewish students to Hillel and its resources. During that first year the Ambassadors identified 60 new Jewish students at SCAD. In years two and three of this engagement initiative, the Ambassadors identified and engaged over 140 new Jewish students per year. Those students have become active members of SCAD Hillel; some stepping into leadership positions and even becoming Engagement Ambassadors themselves.

With the Ambassadors serving as a bridge between the Hillel members and the Executive Board, they help identify and present the wants and needs of the freshman class. Engagement Ambassadors have quickly learned over the years that not only are they a resource to new students, but they can have a significant impact on a student's Jewish experience while at SCAD.

We are looking forward to a new class of Jewish students and future leaders of our organization. We are excited to share more successes with you in the coming school year!

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advisory board of the Anti-Defamation League; and

Whereas: Esther Buchsbaum served on the board of Savannah Jewish Federation, as a volunteer for the Jewish Educational Alliance, as a Brownies troop leader and as a volunteer for Agudath Achim Synagogue,

The Esther and Aaron Buchsbaum Fund is created to meet the charitable, educational, cultural, and religious purposes of the Federation.

What a wonderful and meaningful gift to future generations of Savannahians!!

Created more than two decades ago, the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah

(JCFS) was established to promote philanthropy through meaningful partnerships with donors and community organizations in achieving charitable goals; to increase current and future support for a vibrant and secure Jewish and general community in Savannah, Israel, and throughout the world. With very little paperwork and no administrative hassles, JCFS makes it easy to focus on the important aspect of planned giving.

If, like Esther Buchsbaum, you would like information on setting up your gift to the community, contact JCFS Chair Jeff Lasky, or Federation Director Adam Solender, adam@savj.org, to discuss the variety of ways to do so.

The Savannah Jewish Federation Gratefully Thanks our Contributors

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