

Arts Center Formed

A musical staged at the JEA last July by the late author Ja JaHannes about the civil rights movement in Savannah proved it could be done—the JEA stage could accommodate a quality theatrical production with lighting, sound and specialty projections to a packed house.

That was inspiring to Joan Silver, the Committee Chair of the newest department to join the JEA team—the Jewish Arts and Culture Center (JACC). With their first successful lecture and organizational meeting under their belt this past August, the steering committee is excited to announce plans for several offerings this year starting with a personal storytelling evening on Thursday, November 5th at 7PM. *The Shpiel*, (a Yiddish word for play) will be an intimate evening of performed read-

ings and music complete with desserts!

All are invited to participate in this event by submitting a story or song that has a Jewish connection that you want to perform or by volunteering as stage, site or publicity crew by October 1. If you are a little shy about putting your story on paper and want to learn how to write a piece for performance, why not join our stories for stage writer's workshop on Thursday, October 29 from 3:15 to 5 PM at the JEA.

You can also keep your skills and talents on file with the JACC database for future workshops and show opportunities. Send *Shpiel* materials and other inquiries to Carol Greenberg at MStarArts@gmail.com with JACC in the subject line or call 912-352-1238.

Youth Outreach Dir. Arrives



Devra Silverman

Devra Silverman joined the staff of the Savannah Jewish Federation on August 17th as Outreach Coordinator. In this newly created position, Devra primarily is responsible for outreach to teens and very young adults. These populations were targeted in the last round of allocations as community priorities, deserving of increased attention and improved services.

Devra will begin an outreach effort aimed at these groups similar to the successful one being conducted by Jamie Cahn for Young Jewish Savannah. Among other things, she will oversee BBYO and a new 'ambassador' program for SCAD Hillel. Federation President-elect Sherry Dolgoff said: "Devra impressed me with her interest in young people and her sincere hope that she could reach out and make a positive connection with those she meets, connecting them with the Jewish community and each other."

Devra grew up in Youngstown, Ohio, in the northeastern part of the

state, where she was very involved in the Jewish community. She had her Bat Mitzvah and was confirmed at Temple El Emeth, and served as president of Dodi Li BBG. Devra graduated this past May from the University of Cincinnati with a major in Communication and a minor in Judaic Studies. While at UC, she was an engagement intern at Hillel, an advisor for the children's "Jewish Stars" group at Adath Israel Congregation, and was an advisor for Ner Tamid BBG in Cincinnati. She also spent two summers as an event intern at the Mayerson Foundation and Mayerson JCC in Cincinnati.

Devra is the daughter of Harry and Elyse Silverman; she has two older brothers, Jonathan and Phillip and his wife Laura, and their twin daughters Addison and Cameron. She is looking forward to joining the Savannah Jewish community and is confident her past experiences in the Youngstown and Cincinnati Jewish communities will be beneficial to her in her new position.

After the last few brutal winters in Ohio, Devra is excited to be moving to the warm weather of Savannah. She hopes you will introduce yourself when you see her.

LASTING LEGACIES

Veteran newsman Tom Brokaw has been quoted as saying, "It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference."

Jacob Bluestein, or "Yank" as everyone knew him, made a difference with his life and then left a legacy that still makes a difference today and will keep on doing so. **The Jacob Bluestein Fund** at the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah was created with a testamentary gift to the JEA and annual income from the fund benefits the programs and services of the JEA.

Yank Bluestein died in 1992 at the age of 75. He had been the owner and operator of Yank's Market in Yamacraw Village for many years. Yank was a lifelong member of the JEA where he served on the Board of Directors and was active in the Men's Club and the Kibbitzer's Club. He also served on the Board of the Savannah Jewish Council (predecessor to the Savannah Jewish Federation).

Yank participated in every aspect of

the Savannah Jewish community. A member of Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, he joined the synagogue's Brotherhood and Chevra Kadisha. He was a life-member of the Zionist Organization of America, was a member of the Jewish War Veterans and also was a member of American Legion Post 184.

Jacob "Yank" Bluestein chose to serve and make a difference to the JEA and the Jewish community in his lifetime and thanks to his generosity, that legacy lives on.

Create a Fund

A designated fund can benefit a specific purpose dear to your family or the community at large. Funds can be created and activated now or established with a bequest or other financial instrument. To discuss establishing a Lasting Legacy for your family with a fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah, contact Adam Solender at (912) 355-8111 or adam@savj.org.



Calendar of Events (subject to change)

BBYO — 9th—12th Grades

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| Sept. 5 | Charleston Labor Day Dance |
| Sat., Oct 3 rd | Sukkah Hop |
| Oct. 16-18 | Council AIT/MIT Convention |
| Sun., Oct. 25 th | Jewish Food Festival |
| Nov. 6-8 | Southern Region Convention |
| Nov. 20-22 | Jr/Sr Weekend w/Eastern Reg. |
| Sun., Dec. 6 th | Chanukah Program |
| Dec. 18-20 | Eastern Region Convention |
| Jan. 9 th | Savannah's Dance |
| Feb. 7 | Annual Super Bowl Party |
| Feb. 11-15 | International Convention (IC) – |
| March 11-13 | Dixie Council Spring Convention |
| April 15-17 | Kallah with Atlanta and CSR |

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BBYO Connect— 6th—8th Grades

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| Sun., Oct. 11 th | Bowling-Tibet | 1:30-3:30 pm |
| Sun., Nov. 15 th | Laser Tag-Pooler | 1:30-3:30 pm |
| Sun., Dec. 20 th | Chanukah Scavenger Hunt | tbd |
| Sun., Jan. 31 st | tbd | tbd |
| Sun., Feb. 21 st | tbd | tbd |
| Sun., March 6 th | 'Iron Chef | tbd |
| Sun., April 10 th | tbd | tbd |
| Sun., May 15 th | tbd | tbd |

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