

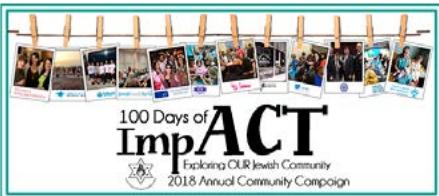


# 2018 Jewish Film Festival Sure to Leave You Feeling Good



## Candle Lighting Times

Friday, January 19	5:28pm
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The 13th Joan and Murray Gefen Memorial Savannah Jewish Film Festival will open on Wednesday, January 24th, with the award-winning Israeli film, *The Testament*. The film follows Yoel, a meticulous historian leading a significant debate against Holocaust deniers, who discovers that his mother carries a false identity. The Testament is a mystery about a man who is willing to risk everything to discover the truth. The screening will be preceded by an Opening Night Reception starting at 6pm.



The Festival continues through February 3rd and includes some of the

most highly praised Jewish films from the past year. Join us the next day for lunch at 12:30 pm followed by Cuba's *Forgotten Jewels*, a documentary that tells the story of Jews that left Europe to evade Nazi capture, crossing the Atlantic to a tropical paradise. Of course lunch will have a Cuban theme as well!

The evening film on Thursday, January 25, is the acclaimed documentary *Big Sonia*. Big Sonia is the story

of a Holocaust survivor, grandma and diva who has just been served an eviction notice for her popular tailor shop in suburban Kansas City. Societal issues this film addresses with wit and sensitivity include: health, elder rights/ageism, inter-generational communication, discrimination and injustice.

Saturday evenings at the Festival will start with complimentary dessert receptions followed by outstanding films. January 27 we will show *Menashe*, an official Sundance Film Festival selection, and one of the few films made in Yiddish since the long-ago demise of the Yiddish film in-

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## New Leadership Initiative Gets Underway

The Savannah Jewish Federation is thrilled to announce the first cohort of Yesod, the Savannah Jewish community's new leadership development initiative. Yesod is launching this month with 20 participants, meaning all available spots in the class are filled. These participants — who were nominated by leaders of various Jewish organizations in Savannah — are a talented and diverse group of outstanding individuals, ready to develop, practice and apply new leadership skills.

Yesod, the Hebrew word for foundation, will further develop the participants' leadership capabilities and inspire them to take part in shaping the future of the Savannah Jewish community.

The program uses a curriculum written by Dr. Erica Brown, director of the Mayberg Center for Jewish Education and Leadership at George Washington University, and sponsored by the Jewish Federations of North America, in partnership with the Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence and the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning.

The group will participate in eight sessions, beginning with an ex-

amination of the individuals' personal journeys to leadership and continuing with exploration of topics such as mentorship, community and communication — all taught and discussed through a Jewish lens.

The program will culminate in graduation at the Federation's Annual Meeting on September 12, 2018.



### Introducing the 2018 Yesod Participants:

- Michelle Allan* – Prevention education teacher at the Rape Crisis Center
- Matthew Allan* – Real estate broker at Moves with a Purpose
- Kasey Berman* – Pediatrician at Be Pediatrics
- Daniel Eichholz* – President & owner at Eichholz Law Firm
- David Eichholz* – Attorney & owner at Eichholz Law Firm

- Adam Fins* – Executive Vice President at Friedman's Framing
- Lauren Fins* – Owner of Fins Animal Trainers
- Seth Grenald* – Software expert at Gulfstream Aerospace
- Stuart Halpern* – Attorney at Weiner, Shearouse, Weitz, Greenberg & Shawe, LLP
- Steven Hollander* – Transportation & Project Analyst at John S. James Co.
- Jonathan Javetz* – Property Manager at Low Country Property Management
- Allison Konter* – Stay-at-home mom
- Steven Richman* – Project Engineer at Gulfstream Aerospace
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- Naomi Silva* – Pediatric Radiologist at Memorial Health
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- Jason Tirey* – Merchandiser at National Distributing Company
- Tara Tirey* – Lead teacher at JEA Preschool Savannah
- Tova Tolman* – Director of Educational Consulting at Bright Horizons



Aaron Levy, son of Jack Malitz Levy and a past Levy Award recipient, introduces the Levy Award

January 7, 2018  
*The Jack Malitz Levy Leadership Award*, the highest honor bestowed by the Savannah Jewish Federation, was awarded to Jeffrey W. Lasky at a gala brunch. Lasky was honored for his commitment to the Jewish community and for his commitments to the legal profession and the community at-large.



Betty Lasky (center) with her children (l-r) Kenneth and Jodi Sadler, honoree Jeffrey and Stacy Lasky



Master of Ceremonies and past Levy Award recipient Paul Kulbersh presented Jeffrey Lasky with a special Levy Award recognition gift



It was an emotional day for the Lasky family



The honoree gets his turn to speak.



Stephen, Stacy and Darryl Lasky



Adam Solender and Scott Samuels toast the honoree



A delicious brunch of Jewish soul food specially selected by Jeffery was enjoyed by all!

(Photo credits: Dick Hochman, Shelly Mobley, Adam Solender)



Savannah Jewish Federation President Allan Ratner with Master of Ceremonies Paul Kulbersh

## January 7th also was a big day for Hadassah in Savannah!



Savannah's own Joanna Rich (r) was installed as the new Southeastern Region President by Rachel Schonberger, Hadassah's National HMO Chair



Sue Ruby (l) and friend enjoy examining the wares available for purchase at the conference



Murray Arkin accepted a certificate from Jean Weitz recognizing the memorial fund established in honor of his wife, June Alper Arkin, a tremendous supporter of Hadassah who died in October, 2017



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Kids will be in the room next door at *Superhero Bash*, an evening of Super games, crafts, a Havdalah program, and so much more! Don't forget, kids can come dressed as their favorite superhero!

We can't wait to see you on February 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jewish Educational Alliance!

**What does PJ stand for?**

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**Who is eligible to register?**

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**Parents Night Out For Parents**  
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 • Mixology Class  
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The Savannah PJ Library is made possible through generous support from the Savannah Jewish Federation, Jane Slotin, Nancy & Leon Slotin, and the Ceceile Richman JEA Fund.

For more information about PJ Library, please contact Devra Silverman, Community Engagement Coordinator at [pjlibrary@savj.org](mailto:pjlibrary@savj.org) or 912-355-8111.

# Savannah bbyo

**MISSION:** To create a pluralistic community of Jewish high school teens. More Jewish Teens, More Meaningful Jewish Experiences.

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Savannah BBYO welcomed Chanukah with their annual Chanukah Party. Teens enjoyed games, competitions, and of course, latkes!

Spring Calendar of Events		
<p><b>David Finn AZA</b></p> <p>Jan. 11 - Chapter Dinner                      Jan. 14 - Chapter Meeting                      Jan. 28 - Chapter Program                      Feb. 4 - BBYO Super Bowl Party                      Feb. 11 - Chapter Meeting                      Feb. 22 - Chapter Dinner                      Feb. 25 - IC Recap Program/Meeting                      Mar. 3 - New Member Program                      Mar. 11 - Chapter Meeting                      Mar. 15 - Chapter Dinner                      Mar. 18 - Board Meeting                      Apr. 15 - J-Serve                      Apr. 25 - Year End Awards Celebration                      Apr. 26 - Chapter Dinner</p>	<p><b>Dixie Council Conventions</b></p> <p>Feb. 15-19                      International Convention, Orlando, FL</p> <p>Mar. 23-25                      Kallah w/ Atlanta Council</p> <p>TBD                      Spring Convention</p>	<p><b>Wexler Clark BBG</b></p> <p>Jan. 6 - Chapter Dinner                      Jan. 14 - Chapter Program/Meeting                      Feb. 4 - BBYO Super Bowl Party                      Feb. 11 - Chapter Meeting                      Feb. 24 - New Member Program                      Mar. 10 - Chapter Dinner                      Mar. 18 - Board Meeting                      Apr. 8 - Founder's Day Tea                      Apr. 15 - J-Serve                      Apr. 24 - Chapter Meeting                      Apr. 25 - Year End Awards Celebration</p>



**MISSION:** To create a community of Jewish 5, 6, 7 and 8 graders through social and meaningful experiences that will serve as a gateway to continued involvement in Jewish life.

For more information about BBYO or BBYO Connect, please contact Devra Silverman, Community Engagement Coordinator at [engagement@savj.org](mailto:engagement@savj.org) or 912-355-8111.

**Havdalah by the Pool**  
 Saturday, January 27 • 6:30 PM • Jewish Educational Alliance  
 Havdalah • Dinner • Night Swimming • Movie @ Pool  
 RSVP by Wednesday, January 24 to Devra Silverman at [engagement@savj.org](mailto:engagement@savj.org) or 912-355-8111

# Film Fest.....from page 1

Set deep in the heart of New York's notoriously guarded Hasidic Jewish community (Borough Park) using mostly non-professional actors, *Menashe* is the story of an amiable but somewhat hapless grocery store clerk who struggles against tradition to keep custody of his only son after his wife dies.

Sunday evening, January 28, will feature *Past Life*, a mystery/thriller by famous Israeli director, Avi Nesher. Tuesday evening we lighten things up a bit with, *90 Minute War*, a bold satire that shows us a completely different take on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict—this time it takes place on the soccer field.

Our last matinee on Thursday, February 1, will be *In Our Hands: The*

*Battle for Jerusalem*. This powerful docudrama tells the story of Israel's 55th Paratrooper Brigade and how Israel Defense Forces risked everything for the sake of their homeland. With firsthand interviews and historical reenactments, this timely film focuses on the commitment and sacrifice of the soldiers who reunited Jerusalem.

The final Thursday evening film is sure to be a crowd favorite! *The Wedding Plan*, a hilarious romantic comedy, is the story of an Orthodox Jewish woman whose fiancé bows out on the eve of their wedding. But Michal refuses to cancel the wedding arrangements, insisting that God will supply her with a husband before it is too late.

We close out this year's Festival

on Saturday, February 3rd, with the WIDELY acclaimed *The Women's Balcony*. This good-hearted tale about women in Jerusalem attempting to unite their neighborhood and preserve their traditions is sure to leave you feeling joyous and empowered! It has been a sell-out at film festivals all across the country.

Watch your mail for complete details on the Festival schedule. Full Festival Passes and meal reservations may be purchased on our secure website, [www.savj.org](http://www.savj.org). Meal reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance. Tickets for individual films will be available at the door, 30 minutes prior to each screening.

See you at the movies!

# LETTERS

T O T H E E D I T O R

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation,

On behalf of the children and the Board of the Jewish Institute for the Blind in Jerusalem, I would like to thank you for your most generous contribution. We greatly appreciate this gift as well as your friendship and dedication in making it.

Your gracious support makes it possible for us to maintain and expand vital services for blind and handicapped children and adults in Israel. Thanks to your kindness, we are better able to help those with disabilities to live more confident, productive and fulfilling lives, in fact to bring light to those without sight. When you are in Israel please visit us and see firsthand how your contribution has made a difference.

Thank you again for your generosity, and may you always devote your energies toward assisting worthy causes.

Very truly yours,

Leo Brandstatter  
Executive Director

(AJWS) and our partners throughout the developing world, we thank you for the Savannah Jewish Federation's generous gift supporting AJWS's Mexico Earthquake Relief Fund.

In September 2017, the double punches of deadly earthquakes and Hurricane Katia claimed hundreds of lives in Mexico and reduced thousands of homes and buildings to rubble. People in Oaxaca, Chiapas, Veracruz States, and Mexico City were the hardest hit and are in desperate need of shelter, food, and water.

By being part of our community, you are helping AJWS stand by the Mexican people and offer immediate relief and support for long-term recovery. We are working with emergency relief Mexican aid organizations that are working day and night to help survivors rebuild damaged homes and infrastructure, and aid people without food and water.

We will stay the course through the long-term recovery to ensure that Mexico's people are able to live with dignity and human rights in the aftermath of the destruction.

With warm gratitude,

Robert Bank  
President and CEO

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation,

On behalf of the board and staff of American Jewish World Service

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation,

We know we live in a tense time for Jewish communities. It was only a year ago when organizations around the country were scrambling as they were receiving bomb threats. Since then, many Jewish buildings around the country have been vandalized. Security is undoubtedly a high priority issue for any of us who live and work in the Jewish world.

We at Congregation Agudath Achim are therefore grateful to the Federation for awarding us a security grant to make our building safer. With the grant, we were able to expand our security cameras' views around the building, update our existing cameras and our system, and be able to view the cameras remotely through a specialized app. This allows us to keep a more careful watch on what is going on around our building and be aware of issues before they occur.

While we are blessed to live in an area which has not seen much antagonism towards our people in recent years, we are grateful to the Federation for helping us be more vigilant, as we continue to pray that all these measures are never needed.

B'Todah,

Rabbi Steven Henkin  
Congregation Agudath Achim

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### Savannah Jewish Federation Mission Statement

Charged with raising, collecting and distributing funds, the SJF seeks to "advance the welfare of the total Jewish community." The Federation strongly supports Israel and world Jewry. Additionally, the organization strives to "preserve the civil, political, economic and religious rights of all Jews" to develop an articulate, intelligent and constructive Jewish community and to promote mutual understanding with the community at-large.



Adam Solender  
Executive Director of  
JEA/SJF

## Wallet Full of Experiences

Approximately 17 years ago the first Taglit (Hebrew for "Discovery") Birthright Israel trip happened. The

brainchild of philanthropists Charles Bronfman and Michael Steinhardt, Birthright has brought more than 600,000 young men and women from around the world to Israel to discover "new meaning in their personal Jewish identity and connection to Jewish history and culture."

For the past 15 years, the Savannah Jewish Federation has been a financial partner with other Federations, philanthropists and the State of Israel in this unbelievable enterprise which has provided over 125 Savannahians with a "free" 10-day journey to Israel. The "typical" tour includes roundtrip airfare from the U.S., hotel, two meals a day, and touring throughout the county to religious and cultural sites including Jerusalem, the Western Wall, the Dead Sea, Yad Vashem, and dozens of other locations.

A major feature of all the trips (just ask anyone who has participated) is "mifgash" (Hebrew for 'encounter') where the participants travel with Israeli peers (often soldiers serving in the Israeli Defense Forces). It is a "real world" encounter, from morning to night, when

they get to know each other to better understand each other's world view and Jewish identity. Through guided discussions, participants learn more about how Jewish life in Israel differs from that in the Diaspora and how mandatory military service impacts a person's commitment to their country (in addition to the 600K participants from around the world, there have been an additional 65,000 Israelis who have been a part of Birthright).

When Birthright began, there were many skeptics in the Jewish community... those who thought it was folly, those who thought it would not be meaningful, those who thought it was "just" a free trip. But they were wrong, and study after study has shown the long reaching effect of Birthright to transform lives. The facts bear it out: Compared to similar young Jews who did not participate in the program, those who experienced Birthright are more highly connected to Israel, are more likely to have a Jewish spouse, more likely to raise Jewish children, and more likely to continue to engage in Jewish life.

In the most recent study of over 2,700 participants, of those that applied between 2001 and 2009, the Birthright impact "remains and has melded into their adult life experiences."

The most long-lasting impact is on participants' connection to the Land of Israel...and the largest effect

is on those who are the offspring of an intermarried couple. Talk about "bang for your buck!"

It is hard to quantify the "real long-lasting effect" of experiencing Israel as a part of a Jewish group and experiencing life together in the Jewish homeland. Anyone who has ever participated in a Mission to Israel with their synagogue, JCC, or Federation can certainly attest to the binding effect of traveling together as a group in Israel. Somehow, people who hardly knew each other become close friends having had that common experience. Only by directly connecting with other Jews can we fully appreciate what Jewish identity means.

Programs like Birthright Israel are bold strokes in engagement of "next generations." The Savannah Jewish Federation leverages your campaign dollars with local programs designed to enhance and engage Jewish identity including Young Jewish



Savannah, YESOD ("foundation" in Hebrew) Leadership program, PJ Library, BBYO, and Hillel at SCAD. Each is designed for a different age group and cohort.

At a professional gathering many years ago, a speaker told the story. From birth to young adulthood, the Jewish Federation works to fill the wallet of experiences. We put some Jewish stories, Jewish education, Jewish social events, peer travel to Israel, Jewish experiential learning and more into that wallet so that one day there is a wallet brimming with experiences...and then there is the payout when we draw from that wallet of experiences to create a Jewish life.

It's a great investment in the future. We are proud to be filling those wallets of the next generation.

Your Campaign Dollars at Work

## Youth Grant Applications Deadline Approaching

Is your child considering a Jewish experience this coming summer? Overnight camp? A youth group leadership program? A peer group trip – to Israel, throughout the U.S., or to Europe for Holocaust education?

The Savannah Jewish Federation recognizes that any and all of these experiences can be transformative in the development of a child's or young person's Jewish identity. The Federation makes available *Jewish Youth Summer Experience Grants* to offer financial assistance to ensure that as many local youth as possible enjoy and benefit from these experiences.

Grants may be awarded for chil-

dren to attend Jewish overnight summer camps and for youth/teen education experiences that will enrich the recipients and increase the likelihood of their engagement in Jewish life in our community and in the future. Such experiences may include conventions, Jewish youth group summer programs and leadership development programs.

The deadline to apply for 2018 *Jewish Youth Summer Experience Grants* is March 2, 2018. Applications may be downloaded at [www.savj.org](http://www.savj.org). Limited funds are available.

## JEWISH YOUTH

Jewish Youth Summer Experience Grants Available



Grants available for:

- Overnight summer camp
- Conventions
- Jewish youth group summer programs
- Leadership development programs

2018 Application Deadline: March 2, 2018

Limited Funds Available

Don't forget to apply for our other college and Israel travel scholarships. All applications available at [www.savj.org](http://www.savj.org)



Grants are provided from the Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Campaign and awarded on a non-needs basis.

# Ethiopian Émigré to Share Story

The Savannah Jewish Federation's Women's Philanthropy division and Levy Jewelers are sponsoring a Champagne Brunch on Sunday, February 11, 10am at the JEA. The event, *Bubbles & Baubles*, is open and free to all women who have made a pledge to the Federation's 2018 Annual Campaign and will feature Daniel Sahalo, marketing and sales manager for Yvel jewelry company's Megemaria line.

Sahalo emigrated to Israel from Ethiopia as a child during Operation Moses, the covert operation that brought 8,000 Jews out of Ethiopia in 1984. He will share his life story and tell about the socially-conscious vision of Isaac and Orna Levy, founders of Yvel, who along with the Israeli NGO, Yedid (The Association for Community Empowerment), and World ORT's arm in Israel, Kadima Mada, have all teamed up to provide

an inspirational training program for Israel's particularly vulnerable Ethiopian immigrants.

"The school is an exciting model," says Sahalo, who as a child was part of the world success in bringing the new community of Ethiopian Jews to Israel. The Megemaria (meaning Genesis in ancient Aramaic) School teaches students to develop self-sufficiency. Its graduates are trained to work at Yvel or in Megemaria to be makers of truly beautiful jewelry, inspired by their Ethiopian culture and language.

All contributors to the 2018 Savannah Jewish Federation Women's Philanthropy campaign are invited. If you have not yet made your commitment to the 2018 campaign and would like to do so, please contact Jamie Richman, [campaign@savj.org](mailto:campaign@savj.org) or (912) 355-8111.



# Negev Development Leader to Speak

Tamar Gil, considered an Israeli superstar in community development and innovation, will speak at an event sponsored by Jewish National Fund (JNF) on Monday, February 5th, at The Landings home of Connie and Tom Glaser. Tamar is Director of Resource Development for Tor Hamidbar, one of the organizations working to develop southern Israel in the Negev, in conjunction with JNF and their Lauder Employment Center in Be'er Sheva.

Tamar Gil grew up in Norway and New York, the daughter of a diplomat. She then served as a commander in the Israeli Air Force. Tor Hamidbar believes in encouraging the relocation and retention of young adults to



Israel's periphery and providing the mentoring to enhance their connection and commitment to the area.

Tamar conducted more than 500 interviews to understand the needs of young adults in the Negev and found that lack of employment was the biggest hurdle for young people who wanted to stay there. Working with JNF and the Lauder Employment Center, they also have partnered with CISCO Israel and others to offer education, business training and entrepreneurial workshops leading to quality employment, all fostering a cultural renaissance in the Negev that Tamar believes can be replicated in other peripheral communities around the world.

For more information about the event, contact Kate Samuels, Director, JNF Southeast, [ksamuels@jnf.org](mailto:ksamuels@jnf.org), 404-236-8990, x850.



**JEWISH NATIONAL FUND**

*Your Voice in Israel*

# BUBBLES & BAUBLES

THE 2018 SAVANNAH JEWISH FEDERATION'S WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY EVENT

Sunday, February 11  
10:00 a.m.

**Jewish Educational Alliance**

*Champagne Brunch Reception*

This free event is open to all women who have made a pledge to the 2018 Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Community Campaign.

Featuring Special Guest

**Daniel Sahlo**

Daniel, marketing and sales manager for Yvel jewelry company's Megemaria line, will share his story of emigrating from Ethiopia to Israel.



Jewelry will be available for purchase at the event.

Call 912-355-8111 or email [campaign@savj.org](mailto:campaign@savj.org) to reserve your seat by Friday, February 2.



In 2018: GO from Passion to Action



HADASSAH CELEBRATION 2018

To Washington DC!

**Hadassah Day on the Hill & Women's Health Empowerment Summit**  
Tuesday, May 15-Thursday May 17

To Israel!

**Hadassah Milestone Mission**  
October 7-15 (Three day Extensions available)

*In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Hadassah Medical Organization, School of Nursing and Ophthalmology Department and, of course, The 70th Anniversary of the State of Israel!*

[Hadassah.org](http://Hadassah.org) for booking tour

[Joanna@chirphealth.org](mailto:Joanna@chirphealth.org) for local info

Great Early Bird discounts & some grants available!

# Four Questions

for the rest of the year

We spoke with Debbie Rotkow about the interactive workshop series she will be conducting through Hospice Savannah beginning in February. The series, *A Life, A Loss, A Story: Unpacking Your Grief One Story at a Time*, affords participants who have experienced profound loss the opportunity to both write and talk about their losses, journeys and their futures in a group setting.

Debbie and her husband Joel lost their daughter, Stephanie, to cancer in April, 2016. Debbie—who was co-director of the Coastal Georgia Writing Project for 15 years, designed and facilitated writing workshops with Sherry Dolgoff at Senior Citizens Inc. and elsewhere, and was a former first grade teacher at Rambam Day School who taught many of the community's children how to write—naturally turned to writing as an outlet for her grief, leading to the creation of these workshops.

"I think developing these workshops gave me something to look forward to. It's helped bridge the time from where I was after Stephanie died to where I am today," Debbie said. "It's become a legacy for Stephanie. Stephanie would do anything for anyone. She would do without; she would skip something she was supposed to do if someone needed her help and I think she would smile knowing that because of her death other people are going to be helped."

### *Let's talk about how you came up with the idea for these workshops.*

It started when I was doing my thank you notes. I took great pains to write thoughtful notes which helped me work through some issues. It gave me a venue for venting my grief. I would write and cry. I didn't have to be stoic; there wasn't anyone around. It was a cathartic experience for me. I wanted to keep writing and I thought, how can I continue writing?

I felt so strongly about the collaborative theory of learning and the value of the group I knew whatever I did I wanted to be part of a group that would be able to work through this together and have writing be a part of it. So I used my experience

and designed these workshops.

I did a pilot group. It was based on the theory of all the workshops I've done before: End up where you want to be and build up steps to that point; allow room for people to think



Debbie Rotkow (center) with both of her children, Stephanie and Eric

— writing is a thinking tool. One of the participants in the pilot group said the writing helped her focus and organize where she wanted to go. Another thing that came out of the pilot group was that the writing serves as a good impetus for discussion and helping people get their thoughts organized.

### *Did you use writing to help you through Stephanie's illness?*

I journaled, but not all the time. My intent had been to journal the funny moments. I tried to find the lighter things in that not-funny environment. I tried not to go to dark places because if I did that was where I would take Stephanie so I always tried to be up and to have a smile on my face. Words are so powerful to me that I would have spent the whole time crying if I had done it differently. My writing really came after she died, when I wrote about that in the workshops.

### *Are these workshops for people who traditionally use writing to express themselves or for anyone grieving a loss?*

Both. I think that people who already value writing will certainly wrap their arms around it, as well as people who are just now trying writing as a means of expression. In my previous experience, people come into a workshop and they might be intimidated, thinking they can't write like the others. But I'll start and read something, then someone else will read something, and people

will start to think, 'Well mine is as good as that,' and realize their words are valued. The writing is a method to get to where you want to go.

The other thing is that reflection is a big part of these workshops. I've been very reflective in my journey—which isn't over. It started with remembering Stephanie and her worth and how she will be remembered. I really concentrated on the lessons I learned, such as how important it is to tell someone you are thinking about them. You may not have the words to tell them, but a simple "I'm thinking about you" means so much. And all the cards, letters, phone calls and texts meant so much to Stephanie — to know you're part of a community that's pulling behind you. That was a valuable lesson. There will be opportunity to write about lessons learned and heroes in your life during that time.

### *Tell us about the format of the workshops and how much writing is expected.*

The idea is a progression — not a drop-in. It works by going through the progression of the four workshops. They're 90 minutes long so there will be plenty of time to talk without short-changing the time needed to complete the writing task. They're limited to no more than seven people so there will be time for everyone to share what they want to share but there's also a minimum of four people because otherwise it wouldn't be a group and that dynamic is very important.

People can write as much or as little as they want — I don't have any expectation. In other workshops I've done we did have work-product expectations, but that's not the case here. I hope each person will do enough writing to help them think through what they need to think through, but nothing is for publication — it's all private and nothing leaves the group. Of course, if someone would like to take their writing further, I'm open to that, but I don't expect it.

The workshops are designed to be effective for people at all different stages of the grieving process. If your loved one died six months ago, maybe by writing about it, and hearing what others have to say, you can focus on what your tomorrows might be. If you're like me, and it's been two years, maybe what I have to say—because I'm going to write what helped me—maybe that will help you. It's

scaffolding, helping people get from where they are to where they want to be. One of the pilot group participants said it helped turn her around.

I hope when the four workshops are over the participants will see they are not alone; that there are people who understand and will support them; and that somehow, if they have not already, they will start working on ways to make their lives rich and valuable after the loss of a loved one they still are grieving.

**What:** A Life, A Loss, A Story: Unpacking Your Grief One Story at a Time interactive grief workshops

**When:** Wednesdays for four weeks, beginning February 7th, 10-11:30am

**Where:** Hospice Savannah Demere Center for Living, 6000 Business Center Dr.

**Cost:** No charge, call (912) 303-9442 to enroll

## New Book on Grieving the Loss of a Child

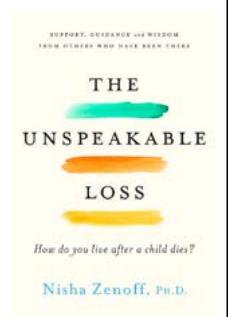
Nisha Zenoff, who grew up in Savannah as Nancy Robinson, lost her son Victor in 1980 in a tragic accident when he was seventeen years old. Her first book, *The Unspeakable Loss: How Do You Live After a Child Dies?*, was published in November 2017.

From Amazon — Now, with decades of experience as a grief counselor and psychotherapist, [Zenoff] offers support and guidance from her journey and from others who have experienced the death of a child.

No matter where you are in your grieving process, *The Unspeakable Loss* provides a space to mourn in your own way, and helps you understand how the death of a child affects siblings, other family members and friends, recognizing that we each grieve differently. And while there is no one prescription for healing, Zenoff provides tools to practice the important aspects of grieving that are easily forgotten—self-compassion and self-care.

### **The Unspeakable Loss: How Do You Live After a Child Dies?**

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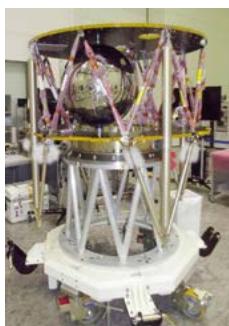




# I on Israel

## To the Moon (?)

Its prospects for winning the Google Lunar XPRIZE competition are starting to look iffy for SpaceIL, the Israeli team that was the first to qualify as a finalist in this 'modern moon race.' The contest, which we've been following for several years, began in 2007 with 33 teams from around the world, but was narrowed to five finalists at the end of 2016 (I on Israel, March 2017). To win, a team must have a successful landing on the moon of an unmanned spacecraft by March 31, 2018 (extended from the end of 2017). Teams must be privately sponsored—government funding may not exceed 10% of its total mission cost.



SpaceIL CEO Eran Privman said, "Our spacecraft is now completed and stopping here is not an option for us, we are working tirelessly to complete our mission—both technological and educational." However, the group says lack of immediate funds threatens to kill their dreams of making Israel the fourth nation in the world to land on the Moon and of inspiring the next generation of the "Start Up Nation."

For Team SpaceIL, the Google Lunar XPRIZE competition always has been about more than just the Moon Race—it also has been an opportunity to promote science and scientific education in Israel, to ensure Israel's edge in technology, which the team considers critical to the country's safety.

Many have contributed to SpaceIL since its founding, primarily the Dr. Miriam and Sheldon Adelson Foundation. Additional supporters include philanthropists Morris Kahn, Sami Sagol, Lynn Schusterman and Steven Grand, among others. Israeli Aerospace Industries (IAI), the Weizmann Institute of Science, Tel Aviv University, Israel Space Agency, Israeli Ministry of Science and Bezeq are among SpaceIL's partners. SpaceIL also was the recipient of a 2017 Savannah Jewish Federation Overseas Investment Grant.

To complete its mission, SpaceIL said it needed another \$20 million by the end of 2017. Businessman, philanthropist and major donor Morris Kahn pledged another \$10 million if the remaining sum of \$20 million could be raised from other private donors and from the Israeli government. (The results of this effort were not available before we went to press.)

SpaceIL says they are determined to complete their 'Moon Shot' and are ready to proceed to the testing phase, which is meant to last several months until the launch. During this phase, the spacecraft will undergo a series of very costly tests in special facilities—at an Israel Aerospace Industries space facility and at facilities abroad—in order to ensure that it can withstand the extreme conditions of space. Further progress is dependent on SpaceIL's ability to secure funding.

## Toyota Invests in Startup

Toyota is making its first investment in an Israeli company, the startup Guardian Optical Technologies. Guardian, founded in 2015, has developed an optical sensor for a car's interior that makes it possible to detect very small movements and to create video data and a depth map of the vehicle.

Gil Dotan, founder and CEO, says the quality and diverse uses of Guardian's sensor make it possible to reduce the number of sensors installed



in a car. Reducing the number of sensors could represent savings of \$20 on the production of each car and \$200 million a year in total savings for the auto industry.

According to Dotan, Guardian's sensors will have applications as varied as monitoring the behavior of passengers in autonomous cars (in order to adapt the compartment to new ways of travel) to making sure that no one has been left inside the car, such as children in the back seat.

Toyota invested in Guardian's first financing round, which raised \$5.1 million, through the Mirai Creation Fund, which it founded two years ago with SMBC Bank and the investment firm, SPARX Group Co. Ltd. The fund's manager is SPARX CEO Shuhei Abe, who said, "Our task

is to support innovative companies with clear growth potential that are likely to lead the field decades into the future. We expect the technology developed by Guardian Optical to continue developing and succeeding, and we expect to be part of its success."

Dotan told Globes (Israel's business news service), "This is the first time that they [Toyota] are investing in an Israeli company, and it makes me feel very proud. Toyota is a very intriguing and supportive investor."

About their products, Dotan said, "There are many great sensors companies providing the automakers with eyes for understanding what is happening outside the vehicle. We're giving the automakers the ability to understand in depth the situation within the vehicle."

Guardian Optical currently has 14 employees, most of them physicists and algorithm developers, and is based in Tel Aviv. The company plans to increase its staff to at least 30 in the coming year, a challenge the company calls "good troubles," given the intense competition in Israel for technology personnel.

## Something to Crow About

RoboTiCan, an Israeli developer of autonomous robots, recently debuted its Rooster, the newest addition to its line of self-directed automata. So named because, like the bird, it prefers to walk but can fly when it must, Rooster is a highly maneuverable search-and-rescue device, capable of reaching victims of natural disasters when human rescue workers can't. Other robotic search-and-rescue devices can either 'walk' or fly, but not both.

Rooster is an 11.8 by 15.7 inch ro-

bot that rolls inside a metal cage. RoboTiCan's COO Ofir Bustan told ISRAEL21c the structure allows Rooster "to take some pretty hard hits. It can crash from six meters high and keep on working."

Rooster's communications system also distinguishes it from other search-and-rescue robots. A single operator can deploy a team of Rooster robots in a disaster zone; the 'team' will then set up their own wireless mesh network (basically an independent, ad hoc wireless radio network, not depen-

dent on cellular phones) by which they can communicate with each other and the operator across hundreds of meters.

If the size of the disaster zone exceeds the distance capabilities of the communications network, the operator can send out single Roosters in stages—the first one as far into the

zone as necessary, the next one as far as necessary to pick up communications from the first, and so on—with situational data relayed back to the operator 'piggyback' style.

While Rooster is not considered artificially intelligent, it is an autonomous robot—that is, it is capable of making small decisions on its own and solving some problems. Ro-



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The Jewish Educational Alliance presents a monthly program guide:



# CENTERPIECE

Jewish Educational Alliance

January-February 2018



## Children's Programming



# Days at the J



January 15th; February 19th & 20th  
8:00am - 6:00pm

Don't forget to bring a bathing suit, towel and lunch! This program is full of games, friends, sports, art, crafts, baking and field trips!

**Cost: Member Value Price**

\$35.00 - 1st child / \$33.00 - 2nd child

**Non Members**

\$45.00 - 1st child / \$43.00 - 2nd child

**Ages:** Pre-K - 8th Grade

To register, email [kids@savj.org](mailto:kids@savj.org). For a complete schedule of activities visit [savannahjea.org](http://savannahjea.org).

## SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

ENJOY A NIGHT OUT ON THE TOWN WHILE THE KIDS ARE HAVING FUN! YOUR CHILD WILL ENGAGE IN THEME ACTIVITIES, SNACKS, MOVIES, AND BUILD STRONG FRIENDSHIPS WITH OTHER CHILDREN FROM THE COMMUNITY. PROGRAM IS OPEN TO CHILDREN FOUR YEARS OLD - 5TH GRADE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY THE THURSDAY PRIOR.

Saturday, February 10th, 6:30-10:00 pm

JEA Member: \$25 single child or \$45 family

Non-Member: \$30 single child or \$55 family

**Feb. 10 - Pizza Party** - Bring your appetites tonight because we are making PIZZA! Campers will get to craft their own personal pizza masterpiece. Don't worry, though. We'll work off some of those calories with your favorite JEA games. Snacks will be served.

Registration forms are available at the JEA front desk & at [savannahjea.org](http://savannahjea.org).





# 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 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm



## Community Garden

Love to garden, but don't have the space? Be part of the JEA Garden Club and help work one of the 18 garden boxes at the Midtown Miracle Community Garden, three blocks north of the JEA. Excess produce and herbs will be donated to Second Harvest to aid them in their mission to feed up to 6000 children daily. For more details, "like" **Midtown Miracle Community Garden** on Facebook or email Carol Greenberg [MStarArts@gmail.com](mailto:MStarArts@gmail.com).

## JEA Donations

(November 7, 2017-December 11, 2017)

### JEA GENERAL DONATIONS

*In memory of Lena Solomon*

- Marilyn & Joe Benoit
- Rachelle Berliner
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*In memory of Lena Solomon*

- Cookie Gale
- Barbara & David Gottlieb
- Arlene & Allan Ratner
- Sharon & Bill Sand
- Marilyn Seeman

### BERTHA & HYMIE KANTER YOUNG AT HEART FUND

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- Dixie & Jonathan Dorus
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*In honor of Elise & Victor Shernoff*

- Patrick Salter

### HENRY W. CENTER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*In memory of Henry W. Center*

- John Patterson

## Food For Thought

Join us each Thursday at 12:30pm

<p><b>January 18</b> <i>Serendipity in Medicine</i> Linda Sacks</p> <p><b>January 25</b> <i>SJFF Film</i> Cuba's Forgotten Jewels</p> <p><b>February 1</b> <i>SJFF Film</i> In Our Hands: The Battle for Jerusalem</p>	<p><b>February 8</b> <i>Kendra Scott Styling Session</i> Megan Carr</p> <p><b>February 15</b> <i>How Animals Help with Health</i> Lauren Fins</p> <p><b>February 22</b> <i>Art of Editorial Cartooning</i> Mark Streeter</p> <p><b>March 1</b> <i>Downsized &amp; Organized</i> Jenny Shear</p>
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Visit with old friends and meet new ones while enjoying a delicious lunch for only \$5 followed by an educational speaker or performer. Don't forget to make your reservation at the JEA

**The 29th Annual Savannah Black Heritage Festival**

*"Celebrating the Dynamics of Cultures and Shared Experiences"*

## The Future of Jazz Legacy Concert

**A Tribute to the Late Ben Tucker**

**Tuesday, February 13 - 7:00 PM**

Presented in part by the Jewish Educational Alliance

The 29th Annual Savannah Black Heritage Festival is presented by Savannah State University

The Future of Jazz Legacy Concert features a group of young, gifted instrumentalists and soloists, all under 25 years of age, who are currently attending middle school, high school, college or graduate school, or have completed advanced degrees in jazz/music programs. This outstanding group, selected by, and under the direction of trombonist, teacher, composer and musicologist Teddy Adams, are truly representative of the Future of Jazz.

Jan.-Feb. 2018 Centerpiece



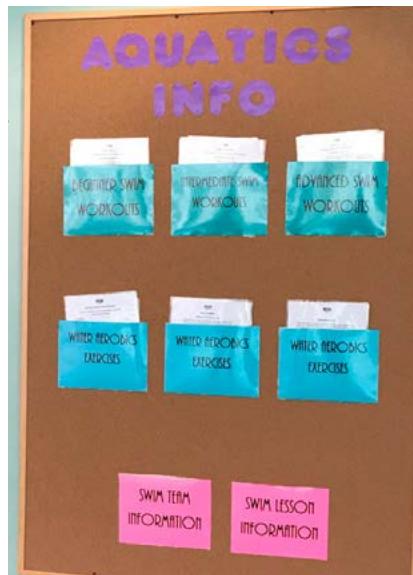
# Health & Wellness

## Aquatics Information Center



Kirby Southerland  
Aquatics Director

People often come to me and ask what they can do in the pool to strengthen their core, to improve their balance or to better their stroke to become more efficient swimmers. All of these questions inspired me to build an information center at the pool. This information center has swim workouts, as well as exercises designed to improve balance, strengthen various muscle groups and add a little extra fun to your pool experience. Check it out next time you come for a swim!



## Fitness Classes

### Sunday

- 9:15 am - Power Pilates
- 10:30 am - Total Body Blast



### Monday

- 8:45 am - Firm It Up
- 9:45 am - Aquasize
- 10:00 am - Vinyasa Yoga
- 10:45 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
- 5:15 pm - Fast & Fit
- 6:00 pm - Total Body Blast



### Tuesday

- 6:15 am - Sunrise Circuit
- 9:15 am - Power Pilates
- 10:00 am - SilverSneakers Splash
- 10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
- 5:45 pm - Shimmy Chic
- 7:00 pm - Aikido

### Wednesday

- 8:45 am - Firm It Up
- 10:00 am - Sun Flow Yoga
- 10:30 am - Silver Step
- 4:30 pm - Fast & Fit
- 6:00 pm - H.I.I.T



### Thursday

- 6:15 am - Sunrise Circuit
- 9:15 am - Barre Sculpt Express
- 10:00 am - Aquasize
- 10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
- 5:15 pm - Fast & Fit
- 7:00 pm - Aikido



### Friday

- 8:45 am - Firm It Up
- 10:00 am - Aquasize
- 10:00 am - Yoga Stretch

## Five Tips to a Successful Fitness Resolution



Kathy Ackerman  
Fitness Director

It's that time of year again... time to focus on your New Year's resolutions. Many people begin an exercise program, but abandon it before Passover. Here are five tips to help you increase your chances for long-term success.

### Determine Your Readiness

Make sure you're both physically and mentally ready to start an exercise program. Check with your doctor to make sure you're healthy enough to start. Once you have been physically cleared to proceed, consider your mental readiness. How likely are you to stick with an exercise program once you begin?

### Create a Plan

Before you start your exercise program, answer three questions. First, when will you exercise? Identify three days and times that are convenient for you and stick with those days. Second, what type of exercise will you do? The best type of exercise is one you enjoy. Don't worry about what everyone else is doing; pick an exercise that works for you. Third, how much time will you spend exercising? Start with as little as 10 minutes per session and slowly build up to at least 30 minutes per workout.

### Bring a Friend

You may know someone who also wants to start exercising in the New Year. Begin your fitness journey together. It will increase your chances for

success and you'll have more fun. For this to work, you have to find an exercise that both of you enjoy. This might be a challenge, but it's worth it since an exercise partner provides you with a support system, a positive social experience and inspiration. There will be times when you don't feel like working out and a partner can be just the motivation you need to get going. Making an appointment with a Personal Trainer will also help keep you and your partner accountable.



Training with a Partner

### Take It Easy

Think of your resolution as a lifelong commitment to a healthier lifestyle. You are much more likely to be successful if you take it easy at the beginning. For instance, you may see people exercising at a very high intensity, but you should start with low-to-moderate intensity workouts. You can always add days and times after you start your program.

### Be Realistic

Setting goals is a great idea, but make sure they are realistic and feasible. A goal to lose 12 lbs or run a 5K by Passover are both reasonable

and achievable. A goal to complete a marathon by that date is unrealistic and potentially unsafe for newbie runners. Develop a solid foundation of fitness and then build upon that foundation as your fitness improves.

If you need help to get started contact the Fitness Department at [fitness@savj.org](mailto:fitness@savj.org).



Take it easy in the beginning



## JEA Preschool Savannah News

### Enroll Now 2018-19 School Year

We want you to be a part of our premiere preschool program! Mark your calendars with these important dates.

#### JEA Preschool Savannah Enrollment Dates for 2018-2019 School Year

- Jan. 2-Feb. 2 - Reenrollment for current children
- Feb. 5th -21st - Sibling priority registration
- Feb. 22nd - Open Enrollment begins
- For full details, visit our website at [www.SavannahJEA.org](http://www.SavannahJEA.org)

Contact Jodi Sadler, Director, at [Jodi@savj.org](mailto:Jodi@savj.org) or 912-355-8111

### Preschoolers Enjoy the Fiestaval of Lights - Chanukah 2017



JEA Preschool Savannah admits students of any race, color, national, racial or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

Providing for the social, emotional and cognitive growth of young children in a Judaic setting.



## in the JEA Art Gallery

### Kenneth Martin

In 1965, Kenneth Martin was working as a welder at a Ford Motor Co. plant in Detroit when his life took a tragic turn.

Coming home from work one day, the 22-year-old's car hit a patch of oil on the freeway and skidded, causing a catastrophic car accident. Martin was thrown from his vehicle and suffered numerous injuries, including a devastating spinal cord injury that left him partially paralyzed.

During his recovery process, Martin discovered the therapeutic power of art, studying with several different instructors who opened his eyes to a whole new creative world.

"After my accident, I had to redefine who I was and what I wanted to do," he admits. "It was a process. I began to see how art was a form of expression."

He's been painting ever since. Today, Martin serves as an art instructor at the VA Center and the Jepson Museum, helping wounded warriors get in touch with their own creativity.

*(Excerpted from an article originally written by Allison Hersh, Savannah Morning News titled "Art & Soul: Therapy provides artistic inspiration". Posted, June 14, 2014.)*

Artwork available for viewing February 1-28, 2018

Join us for the Art Gallery Reception February 4th, 2-4 pm



Backyard Garage



Bessie Coleman

### JEA Art Shows

Are you an artist? Would you like to show your work in the JEA Art Gallery?

We feature artists from many different fields: oil painters, water colorists, sculptors, photographers, potters, quilters, textiles, mixed media, wood sculpture, mosaics and more!

Each show lasts an entire month and you may choose to have an opening reception. There's no charge to use our space, but we do ask for a small percentage of anything sold.

Having a show at the JEA is a great way to have your work seen, and to help your community.

Please contact Vicky at [vicky@savj.org](mailto:vicky@savj.org) to inquire about available months for your show!

## Join the JEA

Join the JEA and you will be glad you did when you take advantage of our special member pricing, FREE classes and events! The JEA provides many different types of memberships to accommodate everyone.

#### Types of Membership include:

- Family Plans
- Couple Plans
- Senior Plans
- Young Family Plans
- Young Adult Plans
- College Student Plans
- Individual Plans
- Military/Law Enforcement (active duty only)

Visit us at 5111 Abercorn Street or online at [www.SavannahJEA.org](http://www.SavannahJEA.org) for more information!

## 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 11/7/17-12/15/17)

- David Burkoff & Emily Pointer
- Kevin Conway
- Devin & Heather Horenstein
- Charity Lee
- Eric & Marla Lind
- Sergio Moreno & Cynthia Gallegos
- Ted & Claire Schumacher
- Mehrdad-Taos & Frani St. Louis





# Savannah Jewish FILM FESTIVAL 2018

## January 24 - February 3



6:00 PM | OPENING NIGHT  
Hors D'oeuvres & Cocktails

7:00 PM | FILM  
**THE TESTAMENT**

Yoel discovers his mother carries a false identity. A mystery inspired by true events about a man who is willing to risk everything to discover the truth.

(Drama, 88 min | Hebrew)



12:30 PM | LUNCH  
1:30 PM | FILM

**BIG SONIA**

A national treasure, Holocaust survivor, and diva, Sonia Warshawski, has just been served an eviction notice for her popular tailor shop in suburban Kansas City.

(Documentary, 93 min | English)



6:00 PM | DINNER  
7:00 PM | FILM

**CUBA'S FORGOTTEN JEWELS**

Marion escaped war torn Europe as a young girl with her family, evading Nazi capture and crossing the Atlantic to a tropical paradise.

(Documentary, 46 min | English)



7:30 PM | DESSERT RECEPTION  
8:15 PM | FILM

**MENASHE**

In New York's Hasidic community, a good-hearted but hapless grocery clerk, struggles against tradition to keep custody of his son after his wife passes away.

(Drama, 88 min | Yiddish)



6:00 PM | DINNER  
7:00 PM | FILM

**PAST LIFE**

Two sisters, the daughters of Holocaust survivors, investigate a taboo topic: the mystery of their difficult father's experiences in Poland during World War II.

(Mystery/Thriller 110 min | Hebrew)



6:00 PM | DINNER  
7:00 PM | FILM

**THE 90 MINUTE WAR**

After decades of strife and failed peace talks, both sides in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict decide to settle their differences on a soccer field in this bold satire.

(Narrative, 84 min | various languages)



12:30 PM | LUNCH, 1:30 PM | FILM

**IN OUR HANDS: THE BATTLE FOR JERUSALEM**

The story of Israel's 55th Paratrooper Brigade and how Israel Defense Forces risked everything for the sake of their homeland. Includes firsthand interviews and historical re-enactments.

(Documentary, 109 min | English)



6:00 PM | DINNER, 7:00 PM | FILM

**THE WEDDING PLAN**

When her fiancé bows out on the eve of her wedding, Michal refuses to cancel the wedding arrangements. An Orthodox Jew, she insists that God will supply her a husband in this hilarious, romantic comedy.

(Comedy, 110 min | Hebrew)



7:30 PM | DESSERT RECEPTION  
8:15 PM | FILM

**THE WOMEN'S BALCONY**

When a charismatic rabbi enters their lives, some women in Jerusalem attempt to unite their neighborhood and preserve their traditions as they speak truth to patriarchal powers.

(Drama/Comedy, 96 min | Hebrew)

## Savannah Jewish Film Festival Ticket Info

**FULL FESTIVAL MOVIE ONLY PASS**  
Includes Opening Reception

Community Members: \$100  
JEA Members: \$80

**OPENING RECEPTION & MOVIE**

Community Members: \$22  
JEA Members: \$18

Meals must be reserved 2 days in advance.

**SINGLE MOVIE TICKET**

Community Members: \$10  
JEA Members: \$8

**DINNER & MOVIE TICKET**

Community Members: \$24  
JEA Members: \$20

**LUNCH & MOVIE TICKET**

Community Members: \$15  
JEA Members: \$13

MEALS MUST BE RESERVED 2 DAYS IN ADVANCE

**SPONSORSHIP LEVELS**

**Platinum: \$750.00**

(4) Full Festival Movie Passes  
(4) Full Festival Meal Passes  
(4) Opening Reception Passes

**Silver: \$425.00**

(4) Full Festival Movie Passes  
(4) Opening Reception Passes

**Gold: \$450.00**

(2) Full Festival Movie Passes  
(2) Full Festival Meal Passes  
(2) Opening Reception Passes

**Bronze: \$225.00**

(2) Full Festival Movie Passes  
(2) Opening Reception Passes



All movies screened at the Jewish Educational Alliance: 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah, GA 31405.  
All meals are kosher, not under supervision. Certified sealed kosher meals are available upon request.  
For information about becoming a sponsor, please call 912.355.8111 or email programming@savj.org.





Ester Rabhan,  
Principal of  
Rambam Day School

## Know What You Feel, Know What You Should Feel

Asarah B'Teves (the 10th of the Jewish month of Teves), which fell on December 28th, was a fast day. It is unfortunate how many

Jewish fast days are unbeknown to our people.

Asarah B'Teves is the day the wicked Babylonian King Nevuchadnetzar began his siege on Yerushalayim, which began the end of the first Holy Temple, which culminated with its destruction on 9th of the Jewish month of Av several years later. Therefore, our sages declared it a public fast, one of four public fast days that memorialize different aspects of the catastrophes and national tragedies associated with the destruction of both Holy Temples.

The purpose of any fast is not just to commemorate past events but to focus on the spiritual significance of the fast and allow it to be a catalyst for us to improve as individuals and as a people. So let's pull a very important lesson from this fast day; the mere threat of our Holy Temple being destroyed should resonate internal feelings of great loss. The Holy Temples were the places where the Jewish people came and experienced in its greatest form the presence of the Almighty. The Holy Temples are described that any one passing by stopped and was in awe of its magnificence.

What were the Holy Temples to impart to us? They were the essence of all that was found within the Torah; the blue print of life for every Jew. The first Temple was destroyed because of immorality, murder and idolatry. Seventy years later we were worthy to have the Temple rebuilt. We changed our ways and recognized the importance of believing in G-d, acting appropriately with morals, and recognizing once again, the value of life.

When the second Temple was destroyed it was because of baseless hatred between one Jew and another. Look around, there is no rebuilding of the third Temple in sight. One can assume that we found it easier to give up murder, idolatry and immorality; however, giving up hating our fellow Jew continues to be a struggle.

We have been working so hard with our students to encourage

that they focus very seriously on how they treat one another and to consider what it feels like to make someone feel left out, or how it feels to be treated meanly. My greatest concern is while we are working so diligently on imparting these values to our students and to model the very behaviors we are teaching; what are our children being exposed to when they are not in our presence?

Loving a fellow Jew isn't rationalizing one's actions and expressing the desire that all should be forgiven and move on. During the times of the Holy Temples when one sinned against a fellow Jew they had to reconcile with that individual and bring an offering to the Almighty; because when one sinned against man, they sinned against G-d as well. So if we expect our schools to address character and teach our children appropriate behaviors and hold them accountable – what should we expect from their parents, community leaders, presidents of important institutions and so on.

One may be driven, successful, and smart, but whether they choose to show respect to all people, to all groups of Judaism or not, speaks volumes about how other people will see them.

V'ahavta L'rai'acha Kamocho – love your fellow man as you love yourself. The greatest manner in which to fulfill this commandment is to NOT Do Unto Others What You Would Not Want Done To YOU. We often say we can't know how someone else feels because we're not in their shoes. Well we teach our Rambam students - Get In Their Shoes! You can't live life making excuses – reach out and feel what your fellow man feels and if you say you're sorry, be able to express exactly what you did that shouldn't have been done. And if you can't say you're sorry then know you lack empathy and work hard to gain that trait. It's empathy that separates the real men from the boys...



Eva Locker,  
Principal of  
Shalom School

## A Partnership

In a time when Sunday Schools weren't around, or too far away, or simply not according to one's line of thought, parents were

the sole vector for passing Jewish education to their children. In the world we live in today, Sunday Schools are part of every congregation in one form or another. Even though great effort has been made to make Sunday school available to all, in our Jewish tradition parents are the ones who play the most significant role in their children's spiritual journey. They are the primary agents of Jewish developmental influence, the first to show their child sets of behavior which connect all people, to model making mitzvot and Chessed (charity) part of the daily life. The Shemah reminds us every morning and every night that passing Jewish knowledge to our children is part of God's commandments: *"You shall teach them diligently unto your children, and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk your way and when you lay down and when you rise up."*

To help us achieve the lofty task of Jewish Education, Judaism provides us with a long list of traditions we can rely on. Tradition's role in the family is to build and strengthen a Jewish foundation that children then bring to the first days of their formal Jewish education. The parents' connection with Sunday School and its mission can begin well before the students come on those first days. It is never too soon for one to begin establishing early family traditions introducing Holy into the daily routine and these are some easy ways are to include that spiritual dimension for children:

- Introduce vocabulary of spirituality and God: make some change in the language and favor "holy" terminology such as "doing a mitzvah" when teaching empathy or talking about "showing Kavod" (respect) for one another when teaching manners to a child.
- Emphasize the holiness of Shabbat versus the rest of the week by including the blessings over candles, wine, and bread on Friday.
- Mention the Shehecheyanu blessing (Blessing of Praise) every time something new happens in your child's life.

The traditions you'll create will be the pillars of Jewish life that your child will rely upon to further build his relationship with God.

As years go by and children grow, we hear parents mentioning about their children that "They're leading us on a Jewish journey, we're learning through them" or "There is more Jewish conversation in the house". This is when we know that we have successfully connected the two vessels that family and Sunday school are.

As time allocated for supplementary Jewish education (Sunday school, Hebrew School) has shrunk over the years, the need to partner with parents in passing Jewish knowledge has increased. Pirkei Avot (2:21) teaches us "It is not your responsibility to finish the work alone...", and we are looking forward to partnering with parents to complete what is the most important and rewarding Jewish experience in life — education.

For more resources to use at home visit: [www.bimbam.com/parenting-resources/](http://www.bimbam.com/parenting-resources/).

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problems. RoboTiCan, a child of necessity, launched in 2011 when three Ben-Gurion University of the Negev students, wanting to study robotic programming language, couldn't afford the \$120,000 robots on which to run the code and had to build their own. Their resulting \$20,000 robots were a hit at Ben-Gurion and other universities and they soon had a real business that expanded to the defense and private sectors.

Today, RoboTiCan's autonomous robots have dozens of uses throughout the world in academia, government, defense and private industry including security patrols, agriculture monitoring, 3D mapping and autonomous navigation. Some of the manufacturing is outsourced, but research and development and final assembly of RoboTiCan's robots take place in Israel.

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## Layla Tov

As part of the 2017 Campaign and Allocations process, the Savannah Jewish Federation reapproved the Overseas Investment Grant program whereby community members recommend overseas agencies to receive \$500 investment grants. We continue our introduction to you of the grant recipients.

Layla Tov (Hebrew for "Good Night") is a joint initiative of Tel Aviv bar and club owners together with activist nightlife goes that seeks to minimize sexual harassment and sexual violence in the local nightlife scene.

The group is dedicated to creating an enjoyable, safe and harassment-free spaces for women and men where everyone can dance, drink and enjoy their leisure time. Members adopt a zero tolerance policy towards sexual harassment and sexual violence and offer full support to anyone who is assaulted or harassed in any way. Layla Tov believes this message will resonate in the nightlife scene, giving support and confidence to women and men who are harassed, and sending a clear message to harassers that such behavior is not acceptable in their clubs or bars.

Bars and clubs joining the Layla Tov initiative sign a voluntary code, which includes the following policies:

- Their staff, managers and owners

must undergo dedicated training on recognizing, preventing and addressing sexual harassment and sexual violence. These trainings are taught by professionals from a certified organization (such as a Rape Crisis Center) and must take place annually.

- Signs must be hung in visible places within the bar or club, notifying customers of the zero tolerance policy it has adopted, and that staff members are qualified to assist in this matter if needed.

• Staff members must be assigned who will be in charge of coordinating all related matters; as well as one that will be the go-to person each evening.

- Sexual harassment complaints must be addressed immediately, respectfully and sensitively.

Layla Tov is supported by The Association of Rape Crisis Centers in Israel and the Israel Women's Network; and collaborates with the municipality of Tel Aviv-Yafo.

Layla Tov began in Tel Aviv in 2015, and to date, more than 40 bars and clubs from across the city and region have joined. There also are sister initiatives in Jerusalem and Haifa.



The women behind the Layla Tov project  
(Photo Credit: Moti Milrod, Haaretz)



Jodi Sadler,  
JEA Director of  
Early Childhood  
Education

## It's a Small World... Even at the NAEYC Conference

My week of learning at the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) began with a day spent at the Ahava Learning Center in Atlanta. The National Jewish Early Childhood Network, along with the Paradigm Project, organized a day entitled *Sharing Stories, Inspiring Connection, and Building Community* as an adjunct to the NAEYC meeting.

All of the workshops were inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy, an innovative and inspiring approach to early childhood education that values the child as strong, capable and resilient; rich with wonder and knowledge. For the first activity we told our own professional stories and made a community "quilt." Then we went to our breakout sessions. I chose Small World Play and learned what those words mean. Questions like why early childhood classrooms should use small world play, and how it can bring meaningful experiences to young children intrigued me to learn more. Small World Play is play using characters in environments that are small enough for a child to manipulate. It is an appropriate activity for single or partner play.

And it truly is a small world. As I was going into this workshop I saw a colleague from Chicago who is part of my JCCA Sheva Learning group. It was great reconnecting and learning together again.

After our session we had the opportunity to tour the Reggio-inspired, newly remodeled learning center at Ahavat Achim Synagogue. I saw many interesting displays and learning environments that I hope to bring to our program.

Our afternoon session took us to the NAEYC conference at the World Congress Center. We entered an auditorium filled with 6,000 early childhood educators to hear the keynote speaker, Steven Pemberton, the Senior Executive for Walgreens Boots Alliance and the first Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion at Walgreens. He began by telling us that he was going to share his life story. It had already been a morning and afternoon filled with learn-

ing and I said to myself that I really didn't want to listen to this. However, it turned out to be one of the most powerful and motivational speeches I have ever heard.

Pemberton's life had been filled with pain, loneliness, hardships and so much more. But this articulate, statuesque man who was born from biracial parents and was in foster care for most of his childhood had become very successful in his life. He overcame all of the obstacles with determination and perseverance. What he told this audience was that it was the teachers in his life that had saved him—literally saved his life. Suffice it to say that weeks later I am still remembering and thinking about the message from this unbelievable speaker.

The next few days were filled with learning from sessions such as Executive Function Skills in Young Children, A Practical Guide for Tackling Employee Turnover, and Beyond Counting and Naming Shapes to name a few. In between sessions we spent time in the Expo Exhibit Hall. The Expo is a gathering of more than 300 companies with a long history of providing resources and solutions to the early childhood education com-

munity. It's an opportunity to see the latest in early childhood educational toys, furnishings, and music as well as a fun time with giveaways galore!

And once again, it turned out to be a small world. On the final day, while walking from one side of the world Congress Center to the other (it's a huge facility), I happened to see another colleague from my Jewish Early Childhood Education Leadership Institute program. We reconnected in the lobby before attending our next session.

The day after my return home, I shared some of what I learned with the teachers at our morning meeting. Since then, I've visited classrooms to read a new book along with a demonstration of some fun movement songs. I can't wait to share more from NAEYC with the teachers in the days and months to come.

It was motivating and exciting at the NAEYC conference and I hope that one day, additional teachers from JEA Preschool Savannah will join me there.



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# A Rust Belt synagogue 'runs out of people' and gathers to bury its past

By Alanna E. Cooper

NEW CASTLE, PA (JTA) — It was a frigid 10 degrees on Sunday, the last day of 2017, but some 20 people gathered at Congregation Tifereth Israel's cemetery in this city of 22,000 on the Ohio border. A blue tent and folding chairs had been set up for attendees, and a pit in the ground had been opened.

No hearse would be arriving at this unusual burial, which was not for a person. Still, a few attendees choked up when they greeted each other with hugs and wiped tears from their cheeks. This was a subdued sort of mourning because no friend or relative had been taken from their midst. Nor was the "death" a sudden one. Indeed, the congregation had been preparing for this day for years.

Deep below, the hole was lined with cardboard boxes containing yahrtzeit plaques, tallit prayer shawls and other ritual items that cemetery caretakers had carefully lowered in a few days before.

The mourners had come to bury, in a sense, their synagogue.

Congregation Tifereth Israel was founded nearly 125 years ago. In 1894, synagogue members lived in a busy town with a suddenly booming economy. Linked first to the canal system and later to the railroad, the population of New Castle swelled at the turn of the 20th century as the town's manufacturing base grew. Tin plate and paper mills and steel and ceramic factories brought great prosperity to the region. Ancillary businesses cropped up to support the growing population. Many of these — drug stores, department stores, furniture stores, groceries — were owned by New Castle's Jewish residents...

In the 1950s, the town's population reached its peak of 48,834. At the time, the Jewish community boasted two synagogues, the Reform Temple Israel joining Tifereth Israel, with 300 to 400 active families in total.

As the economy changed in the 1960s, New Castle's population dwindled, along with so many other Rust Belt cities. By 1990, the numbers had dipped to 28,334 residents; today the number stands at about 23,000. Those looking for a more robust Jewish community for their children went else-

where. Others simply moved away for better economic opportunities.

Faced with shrinking numbers, the town's two Jewish congregations merged in 1997. The newly named Temple Hadar Israel operated out of the Tifereth Israel building and remained affiliated with the Conservative movement. The consolidation helped retain some vibrancy. Still, as the population continued to age and young people became scarce, it became difficult to gather a minyan for Shabbat services. Members began to consider the possibility of winding down synagogue operations.

"We never ran out of money," Sam Bernstine, the congregation's president said, "but we ran out of people."

About five years ago, Temple Hadar Israel members reached out to the Jewish Community Legacy Project, or JCLP, an organization that works with small, dwindling congregations

you want the last person left to have to shut off the lights?"

Bernstine said his goal was to have the congregation face its own end in a "respectful manner," to be "in control of our own destiny." Step by step the synagogue divested of its material assets. The congregants sold the building, with the agreement that they could rent back space from the new owners and continue to meet in the sanctuary. They donated their synagogue records, photographs and a few ritual items to the Rauh Jewish History Archives at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh, the Klau Library of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the Lawrence County Historical Society.

The yahrtzeit plaques posed a more delicate problem because each of them has a connection to a particular person. Members who still live in New Castle claimed their family members', and efforts were made to locate relatives of those who grew up in New Castle but were now scattered across the country...

Temple Hadar's nine Torah scrolls went to congregations across the world to help those struggling to get by and reinvigorate others. One went to the new Progressive congregation Beit Centrum Ki Tov in Warsaw and another was sent to a tiny community in Indonesia that recently revived its connection to the Jewish world. One went to a Houston congregation that suffered damage in the recent floods. Other recipients included a Reconstructionist congregation in Cleveland, a Reform temple in South Carolina and three summer camps.

Next month, the last remaining scroll will be donated to the Hillel Jewish University Center of Pittsburgh amid a weekend of festivities.

Even with the great care to find a home for each ritual object, some remained orphaned. Among them were prayer books, prayer shawls, curtains for the Torah ark and many unclaimed yahrtzeit plaques. Rather than dispose of them, a burial was planned.



Congregants from Temple Hadar Israel in New Castle, Pa., gathering at the local Tifereth Israel cemetery to bury ritual objects from their defunct synagogue, Dec. 31, 2017. (Alanna E. Cooper)



A hole at the cemetery was lined with cardboard boxes containing yahrtzeit plaques, tallit prayer shawls and other ritual items from the once vibrant synagogues in New Castle that merged to form Hadar Israel.

to help insure their legacies. A partnership of the Jewish Federations of North America, the Reform and Conservative movements, and two national Jewish historical societies, the JCLP helps congregations preserve historic documents, catalog and dispose of ritual objects, create oral histories and divvy up assets. JCLP says it has worked with 50 such communities and identified 100 more that meet its criteria for assistance.

Bernstine cares deeply about the congregation, which helped raise him after he lost his mother to cancer when he was 9 years old. His loyalty, though, never got in the way of his pragmatism.

"Do you want a dignified end?" he asked his fellow congregants. "Or do

On December 30, the members of Temple Hadar Israel held prayer services in their sanctuary for the last time. Every person was called to recite a blessing during the Torah reading — an honor known as aliyah — and people offered reflections at the final kiddush lunch. The following day, congregants drove through the snowy cemetery grounds to the pit that held the last of their items...

The ground was too cold to shovel dirt. Instead, congregants took hold of a few final items — including the prayer books that had been used for Shabbat services the day before — and together tossed them into the hole.

To close the ceremony, Eric Lidji, director of the Rauh Jewish History Program and Archives, offered a few words of reflection on the verse from Ecclesiastes: "There is a time for scattering stones and a time for gathering stones." Although Temple Hadar Israel has disbanded, Lidji explained, its stones have been gathered in the archives and here, too, in the cemetery.

"These are big things that say 'we are here' and 'we belong here,'" he said. The markers convey that "everything that happened here matters, and will continue to matter."

As Lidji concluded, someone in the huddled group spoke up.

"Shall we say Kaddish?" this person asked, referring to the Mourner's Prayer.

Their prayer books were in the pit, but everyone seemed to know the words by heart. They recited the prayer together, memorializing their shared past, their last act as a congregation. Final hugs were exchanged as the group dispersed with lowered heads. They returned to their cars, driving in a procession up the snowy hill and out of the cemetery.

(Alanna E. Cooper is director of Jewish Lifelong Learning at Case Western Reserve University and an adjunct assistant professor in its Department of Anthropology.)

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# Leadership, Full Circle

by Shani Locker

I spent last summer on NCSY's premier leadership program called JOLT (Jewish Overseas Leadership Training). On JOLT we traveled through Poland, Austria and Israel and made a few stops on the way in a couple of other countries.

The trip started off in Poland where we learned about our past, by traveling through the concentration camps, ghettos, towns, and graveyards which many of our relatives suffered through.

After seeing the destruction and facing the death that so many wanted to inflict upon the Jewish people we went to Austria to instill within others what it means to be a Jew. In Austria, JOLT together with the Lauder Foundation, ran a camp for kids from all over Europe who do not have much of a Jewish community and do not have the proper means or education to know much about their religion. We spent two weeks with this camp, JSummer, in Austria where JOLTers served as counselors and mentors for these kids and teens. We learned with them, played with them, and most importantly learned from them.

Two weeks later we flew to Israel where we spent the last ten days of the trip traveling the land which is the past, present, and future of the Jewish people. In Israel we had some time to

relax and reflect on our experiences in Poland and Austria, while learning and experiencing what it means to be a Jewish leader in today's world.

After going from seeing the destruction of the Jewish people in Poland, to seeing the struggle that people are currently facing to live in a Jewish environment, to seeing my homeland, the state of Israel, and the Jewish people stand strong, I have gained a new sense of pride and

Jewish identity that I could not have imagined before this trip. I now have a strong sense of what Jews have been through and what people are still sacrificing in order to live a Jewish life. I am now ready to take what I have seen and experienced and bring it back to the Jewish communities I am involved with, in order to insure that the lessons of the Holocaust are never forgotten and the future of the Jewish people will stand strong.

*Shani, 17, is the daughter of Eva and Moti Locker. She is a senior at Savannah Arts Academy and an intern with the Savannah Jewish Federation/JEA. Shani traveled with NCSY's JOLT program this past summer with the assistance of a Jewish Youth Summer Experience grant from the Savannah Jewish Federation made possible by your generosity during the annual Community Campaign. For more information on JOLT, see <https://jolt.ncsy.org>.*



Shani Locker (center, top row) and friends in Austria

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**About Lesley Sachs:**

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