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25 Years of Pride & Appreciation

In 1989, Mikhail Gorbachev, then leader of the former Soviet Union, lifted restrictions on the ability of Jews to emigrate from the Soviet Union. Except for a brief 'opening of the gates' in the 1970s, it was the first time since Joseph Stalin had come to power that Jews were free to leave the Soviet Union. In what was known as "Operation Exodus," beginning in 1990 and lasting through 1997, the Jewish Federation movement helped facilitate the aliyah to Israel and immigration to North America of more than one million Soviet Jews. Jane Kahn helps us take a look back on the 25th anniversary of this momentous effort, of which the Savannah Jewish community was a part.

by Jane Kahn

Even today, 25 years after the fact, there's exuberance about what the Savannah Jewish Federation (SJF)

accomplished in resettling 43 families from the Soviet Union to Savannah.

Savannah agreed to accept them. Savannah got them here, got them host families, got them settled, got them housing, got them jobs, got them doctors and dentists, got them understanding English. And stocked their refrigerators! It was a mammoth undertaking, and the Federation did it in Savannah style.

Even today, after most of them have left for better jobs and larger cities, Savannah swells with pride. They were, for the most part, very high-skilled and Savannah just couldn't meet their professional requirements, said Marcia Steinfeldt Berens, the professional hired as Russian Resettlement Coordinator and Social Service director of the SJF. "It was the most rewarding of any position I ever had," said Mar-

cia. "We were entrenched in their lives."

The momentum flowed, said Berens, from meeting families at the airport, to finding, setting up and directing housing, to securing jobs and generally, to integrating these newly liberated Russians into the democratic society of the United States.

Most of the people from this second wave of Russian emigrants were already acclimated to the western world when former Soviet Union



Inessa Bredeson today with writer Jane Kahn

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Don't Miss Purim Carnival March 8th



Kids of all ages, plan to bring your parents to the community Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 8th. To be held at the JEA from 11am - 2pm, several hours of great fun and delicious food are planned for the whole family!

Sponsored and planned by the children's programming arms of the JEA

and Savannah Jewish Federation - JEA Preschool Savannah, The PJ Library, JEA Camps and After School programs - the Purim Carnival will include all the enjoyment you expect.

Be sure to come dressed as your favorite person from the Purim story or some other character to march in the costume parade. There will be inflatables to play on and face painting just for fun. Of course there will be all kinds of arts & crafts, including make your own crowns and groggers.

And this year we'll have edible crafts, too! Don't miss the Hamen-taschen Bar where you can fill your own with all kinds of yummy things like fruit fillings, pecan pie, s'mores and other good stuff. You also can decorate your own cookies shaped like crowns and masks.

We'll be serving lunch, which will include homemade Mac'n'Cheese and homemade applesauce. There will be snacks and drinks, too.

The admission fee of \$10 per family includes all activities, snacks and lunch. The Purim Carnival is a program of the Jewish Educational Alliance and the Savannah Jewish Federation.



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To the Editor:

Why has the world turned against Israel and anti-Semitism is on the rise?

I believe the turn against Israel begot the rise in anti-Semitism and this is my reasoning.

When Israel won the '67 War they were no longer deemed the underdog. Arabs became the victim. The world loves the victim.

Russia, as arms supplier to the Arabs, was made to seem weak. Furthermore, Russian Jews decided to immigrate to Israel. This gave hope to other Russian dissidents and Zionism became public enemy. Consequently, Russia let loose with a flood of anti-Israel propaganda.

Oil: Europe remains dependent upon oil. Whether it comes from Russia or The Middle East, Europe cowers at the prospect of being brought to their knees as in the past. This fear manifests itself in being pro Arab and anti-Jew.

Intellectual shift: Leftist thinking prevails among the press and media and progressive thinking emanates ironically from liberal Jewish Hollywood, California campuses and elite Ivy League universities.

Demographics: Israel, with a population of 6 million Jews, is surrounded by Arab and Muslim nations with a collective population of over 300 million. Arabs and Muslims, therefore, enjoy a 5 to 1 advantage and an even greater population disparity worldwide. They have used this leverage to take over the U.N. which

is decidedly biased against Israel.

Obama: His foreign policy is predicated on an anti-Colonial sympathetic Muslim basis and his continued foreign policy failures, flops, blunders work against Israel.

Even Mark Twain understood, when it comes to politicians, care not what they say. Watch what they do.

Notwithstanding Obama's comment that he has Israel's back watch how he allows Iran to become nuclear, ISIS and radical Islamists, which he cannot bring himself to define, are growing and their influence is spreading.

Economic and world tensions: anti-Semitism rises when world order is under attack. Man has character flaws and is always looking to project his concerns. Jews are a historically convenient 'piñata.'

I am sure there are other reasons but these are mine.

Netanyahu is one of the very few world leaders who understand the threat and, though one can lament the controversy surrounding his invitation to address Congress, America and the world, I consider his warnings the equivalence of Churchill's against Chamberlain's naivety and fecklessness.

Dick Berkowitz

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation:

Thank you for your generous allocation to the Jewish Educational

Loan Fund (JELF). All of us at JELF truly appreciate your support for our efforts to help Jewish students realize their dreams.

JELF's mission is more important than ever. Education cost increases continue to outpace inflation, driving demand for JELF interest-free loans. In 2013, JELF awarded over \$852,000 in interest-free, "last dollar" educational loans to help 227 Jewish students fulfill their potential with undergraduate, vocational or graduate degrees. This level of funding represents a 17.5% increase over last years lending. Your gift helps bridge the gap that remains between other resources available to them and the cost of post-secondary education.

JELF graduates are dependable, as demonstrated by our 99%+ repayment rate. As they repay their loans, that money is used to fund other students, creating an extraordinary circle of giving. Many of our former loan recipients even become JELF financial supporters and volunteers.

Again, thank you for your allocation. We are confident that the young people who benefit from this act of tzedakah will, by their achievements in the years to come, create a lasting tribute to your generosity.

Warmly,

Rob Rickles, President

Jenna Shulman, Executive Director
Jewish Educational Loan Fund

Community Shabbat March 27th



One week before Pesach. You're letting the food run down in the refrigerator and pantry. You're busy cleaning the house and cooking for the holiday. What a great time to let someone else do the cooking for Shabbat!

And how joyous it can be to come

together as a community to honor our traditions and celebrate the most essential part of being Jewish. The Savannah Jewish Federation and the Jewish Educational Alliance invite you to a special opportunity to enjoy Shabbat together regardless of denomination or affiliation. Gather together your family and friends and join us for another Savannah Community Shabbaton to be held at the JEA Friday, March 27th.

Shabbat Services will be held at Bnai Brith Jacob at their customary time and at the JEA at 7pm for congregants of Agudath Achim and Mickve Israel. Dinner will begin at

8pm. Chef Bryan Graves will prepare a scrumptious meal for all to feast on.

The Shabbaton is being planned by Sandy Goodman and Shabbaton veterans Carole Cohen and Peggy Harris. As always, it will be a family affair, with opportunities for the children to be blessed and to participate.

The cost for the Shabbaton is \$18 per person/\$36 per family. Paid reservations are required by March 23rd and can be made at the JEA Front Desk or by calling (912) 355-8111. Vegetarian meals and supervised kosher meals are available upon request at the time you make your reservations.

We look forward to celebrating Shabbat with you!

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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.

Vital Statistics

Mazel tov to Merry and Richard Bodziner, who...

Announce the wedding of Lisa Bodziner and Kenny Goldberg. They were married December 4, 2014 in Reisterstown, MD. The couple lives in Baltimore, MD...

And welcomed the birth of their granddaughter Adena Aliya Gal on January 5, 2015. Parents are Erica and Raanon Gal and siblings are Judah, Maayan and Leora Gal.



Community Shabbaton

Friday, March 27th, 2015 | Dinner at 8 pm

\$18/person | \$36/family

Paid reservations must be made by Monday, March 23rd.

**See above
for complete
details.*





Savannah Jewish Federation Secretary-Treasurer Margie Levy is this month's guest columnist.

My Experiences in Israel

25 Camels Insufficient

In 2011, I visited Israel, along with my husband B.H. and friends of ours. The trip was originally planned as a biblical journey to include Egypt, Jordan and Israel. However, as the time for our trip approached, the Arab Spring began in Cairo, forcing us to cancel our Egypt visit but also enabling us to expand the Israel portion of the trip.

Our Israel trip took us to the places that American Jews typically visit to get a feel for the distinctly different areas of an absolutely amazing country – focusing primarily on fascinating Jerusalem but also taking in bustling Tel Aviv, Haifa and Eilat, the mysticism of Safed, the Galilee and Golan Heights, the Negev, Beer-Sheva, etc. One of my primary trip goals was to see the sites from the Bible that we read about each Sabbath in the Torah service.

We also visited some of the biblical locations that are part of Jordan, such as Madaba with its beautiful ancient mosaics and Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land but was never allowed to cross over into it. We stayed four days in Jordan also visiting Amman as well as the amazing ancient cities of Petra and Jerash.

I have returned to Israel with B.H. three additional times since 2011 for him to attend meetings. On one occasion our son Benjamin joined us for his first trip to Israel. With Benjamin in tow, we revisited many of the same sites plus new ones.

We engaged tour guides for portions of each of our visits. Sometimes we used a private guide and on other occasions we joined larger guided groups. It has been interesting seeing the same sites with different guides and ending up with entirely different perspectives from one guide to another.

Some of these tours resulted in interesting encounters. In April 2013, one of our destinations was Bethlehem, where we met the Mayor in their City Hall. An unusual aspect was that the Mayor is a Palestinian female, Vera Baboun – in fact, the first female mayor of Bethlehem. She has a degree in African American literature and has taught English literature at Bethlehem University. She wore regular western attire (pantsuit) and makeup. We were not surprised to hear of her complaints that the Israeli government imposes restrictions on

services provided to the residents of Bethlehem, such as turning off the water supply randomly. The mayor spoke in English and was very cordial to our group. But it was evident that some of her words should be taken with a grain of salt. She also told us that she encounters significant challenges “simply because I am a woman...in the masculine community, the patriarchal community.”

Afterwards, while waiting to be picked up for our next destination, B.H. and I were approached by a Palestinian man who asked if we were together. After acknowledging yes, the man offered B.H. 25 camels in exchange for me. First we thought it was a joke and B.H. replied that it would take at least 50 camels. It soon became obvious that the man was serious but fortunately at that point our van appeared and we managed to climb on very quickly thereby escaping the camel trader.

That afternoon, we visited a community between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Neve Shalom (Oasis of Peace). It's an international cooperative village jointly founded in 1969 by Israeli Jews and Palestinian-Israeli Arabs in an attempt to show that the two peoples can live peacefully side by side, as well as conduct educational work for peace, equality and understanding. Educational activities in the settlement are held in both Hebrew and Arabic and are conducted in an atmosphere of tolerance and openness. Each year the residents choose the managing body and management positions are rotated between Jews and Arabs.

In November 2014 I participated in Israeli President Reuven Rivlin's first meeting with a Reform Judaism group (the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College), which was held in the president's home. I also attended a civic speech by the Mayor of Jerusalem, Nir Barkat. That same trip took me to the Prime Minister's office to hear Cabinet Secretary, Avichai Mandelblit and Jonathan Schechter, Advisor on Diaspora Relations.

I also had a tour and lecture with Colonel Danny Tirza, the IDF's Chief Architect for the Security Fence. He took my group to an entry gate through the security fence wall which is located near Bethlehem, and he explained the security features and how workers are allowed to come into Israel by day for jobs and return home after work.

I hope to return when more of Israel will be like Neve Shalom and perhaps there will no longer be a need for the Security Fence and walls.



Adam Solender Executive Director of JEA/SJF

The Canary in the Mine

At the time of writing this column, the Jewish press was buzzing with articles concerning the White House's claim that the murders of Jews at Hyper Cacher, a Kosher market in Paris, was a “random” act by a “bunch of violent, vicious zealots.”

The terrorist's motivation was as clear as day as Amedy Coulibaly (the perpetrator killed during the police raid) said during the siege that he killed his victims because they were Jewish. Is there much ambiguity about the motivation of a gunman storming through the doors of a Kosher supermarket on a Friday afternoon with a Kalashnikov blazing?

Leadership in the French Jewish community has been warning the government for years about the “slow creep” of anti-Semitism. Whether it is the desecration of Jewish grave sites, anti-Jewish graffiti or intimidation of Jewish students in the streets, the trend is clear and the trend should be of concern to every one of us.

Is anyone surprised that *aliyah* (immigration to Israel) from France has risen from 3,400 in 2013 to more than 7,000 in 2014? The Jewish Agency for Israel projects that number to double again this year to over 15,000. Speaking for the Jewish Agency, Avi Mayer stated, “It is the first time that more than one percent of a Western nation's Jewish population has left for Israel in a single year.”

Lest you think that France is unique, Great Britain reported more than 1,100 anti-Semitic incidents—more than double the year before; firebombs have been thrown at a synagogue in Germany; anti-Semitic smears mark the streets of Rome; an Israeli soccer team was attacked in Austria; in the Netherlands, a Jewish civil rights organization receives 3-5 violent, threatening phone calls per week and an Amsterdam woman was severely beaten and her home fire bombed for hanging an Israeli flag on her balcony; a Belfast synagogue had its windows smashed; and an Antwerp doctor refused to treat a Jew-

ish woman with broken ribs telling her son, “Send her to Gaza for a few hours, then she'll get rid of the pain.”

European teens have taken to wearing baseball caps to hide their yarmulkes, mezuzahs have been taken down lest they identify Jewish homes to violent thugs, and people no longer are wearing Stars of David. These reactions and more are not responses to “random” violence by a “bunch of violent, vicious zealots.”

A recent article gave the eerie quote that “Never again has become ever again.” And it has.

What was once talked about in a quiet discussion held behind closed doors has now become reality to many: “Do Jews have a future in Europe?”

Europe in 2015 is not Germany of the 1930s, and many political leaders have been clear and strident in their denunciation of anti-Semitism; yet, the trend is clear. Some have posited

“Never again has become ever again.”

that what we are seeing is just “good old fashioned anti-Semitism” that has lain sleeping for a few decades and now has awakened with a roar. But clearly, the post WWII taboo of European anti-Semitism is long gone.

Anti-Semitism has always been called the “canary in the coal mine.” The deep hatred that is being espoused can not be allowed to grow as it not only threatens the Jewish people and the Jewish state, it threatens the entire world. It is only a matter of time before these same fundamentalists target another group unlike themselves.

While our lives in Savannah are wonderful and we are able to practice our faith in any way we choose, we must acknowledge that we live in a global society. We cannot be indifferent to what's happening anywhere in the world—what affects one, affects us all.

“What was once talked about in a quiet discussion held behind closed doors has now become reality to many: ‘Do Jews have a future in Europe?’”

I hope you put March 25th on your calendar to hear from geopolitical risk and security expert, Olivier Guitta from the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, who will be speaking at the JEA about Jewish communities in Europe in danger and rising anti-Semitism in Europe. The Savannah Jewish Federation is pleased to present this program to the community in support of world Jewry.



MOVIE SPIEL

by Bonnie Strongin



Bonnie Strongin

Film.

A medium which captures man's journey, a moving canvas which testifies to our existence in a continuum of peace and upheaval, of change and permanence.

A contradiction in terms, it expands our universe to unimagined dimension, yet shrinks it back to an isolated skirmish waged over a boundary drawn in the sand.

Film allows us to question without risk, to dialogue with our innermost thoughts without consequence, to experiment without retribution. Like ancient hand prints on sunless cave walls, it bears unflinching witness that, good or bad, we were here.

A film allows us...

To Think!

Does hate come from ignorance? Can barriers be brought down by dialogue? Can thinking find new channels of direction? Can prejudice melt through knowledge?

To Reflect Upon the Human Condition!

To be the proverbial fly upon the wall and observe unnoticed the ebb and flow of different lives, of philosophies and traditions, of mores and ceremony from people unknown.

To Question!

Is there an answer or a resolve? Can there be compromise? Is there a right way, an only way? Can one learn to forget the unthinkable? Is change within the realm of possibility?

To Debate!

Can compromise come from controversy? Will the heat of emotion disallow peace? With a world in flames, can a film provide opportunity for debate in a place to disagree without risk, or at the very least, to argue issues without penalty?

Munich, the film that so poignantly and directly deals with terrorism and counter-terrorism, forces us to tackle, 'WHO, WHICH ONES are the terrorists?' Certainly, the gunmen who attacked and massacred the 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics. But what of the secret agents who are told by Golda Meir to exact revenge so the world can see Israeli blood does not come cheap. Do brutal acts of vengeance enable terrorism perpetrated by both sides?

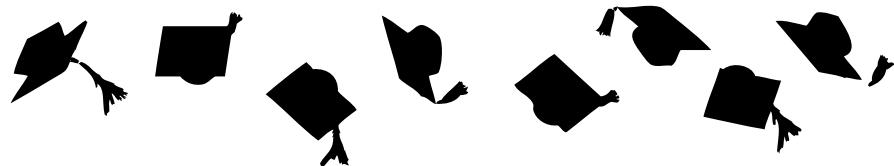
More than once, it has created a dialogue inside my head.

I guess I was thinking.

*I think;**Therefore, I am.**Descartes [1596-1650]*

Congregation Mickve Israel Parnasit (President) Toby Hollenberg (left) and long-time docent and Museum Committee member Eileen Lobel stand next to one of the new cabinets that will house the congregation's treasured "George Washington letter."

The cabinets are being installed as part of the renovation of CMI's Lawrence and Nancy Gutstein Museum, now being completely gutted and rebuilt by Studio Displays Inc. of Charlotte, NC, the company that designed the traveling exhibit of the "Dead Sea Scrolls." The next phase will be the installation of the museum's graphics.



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You are invited to submit your pictures and records of achievement for publication in our special graduation section of the June issue of the Savannah Jewish News.

To be included, please download the submission form from www.savj.org or pick one up at the JEA.

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Walter Jospin

On the Personal Side

Walter Jospin has been named Regional Director of the Atlanta office of the Securities and Exchange Commission where he will oversee enforcement and examinations for a region covering five states. Jospin previously served in the SEC's Atlanta office

as an enforcement attorney in the early 1980s. Most recently, he was a partner at Paul Hastings LLP in the Atlanta office focusing on securities enforcement, internal investigations, corporate transactions and corporate governance. He graduated from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and Emory University School of Law. Walter is the son of Sara and Sam Jospin.

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Lawrence "Larry" Waggoner

Who died February 10, 2015

He is survived by his wife, Frances; his daughter Margie Smith; his son-in-law Michael Karpf; two grandchildren; two great-grandsons; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his daughter Susan Karpf, his brother Burton and his sister Betsy.

Remembrances: Cong. Agudath Achim, 9 Lee Blvd., Savannah 31405; Savannah Jewish Federation, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah, 31405; or Hospice Savannah, Box 13190, Savannah 31416.

Rena Kemper Adler

Who died January 31, 2015

She is survived by her daughter, Allyson Golob of Atlanta; her son, Glenn M. Golob of Savannah; her sister, Arlene (Arnold) Coleman of Atlanta; a niece and nephew. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin Adler.

Remembrances: Cong. Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn St., Savannah 31405 or the National Kidney Foundation, 2951 Flowers Rd. South, Suite 211, Atlanta, GA 30341.

25 Years.....from pg 1

President Mikhail Gorbachev opened the gates for them to leave, said Elaine Radetsky, volunteer chairman for the Federation. This was Savannah's second (late 20th century) wave of Russian immigration—the 1990s group following a smaller group that came here in the 1970s. (That group was handled by Doris Lukin, SJF president at the time, and Janet Lipsitz).

"Elaine was dynamite," said Marcia, and she pointed to other community volunteers: Ricky Eichholz (a major provider of jobs) and Savannah grocers Walter Lowe, Norton Melaver^{z1} and Millie Melaver. With a flair that only she could execute, Thelma Rosen decorated and furnished apartments, usually at the now demolished Lamara Apartments.

Then SJF President Ricky Eichholz remembers it like yesterday: "It was 10 o'clock, or later, and bad weather. We took a group of local people to the airport," including some earlier arrivals who could speak Russian. At baggage claim they "were met with an unbelievable assortment of heavy stuffed duffel bags. It was after midnight when we took them to their apartments. We just made room for everybody. We brought them home."

Why was Savannah chosen for this resettlement program? The larger communities were saturated and could not handle the huge influx, Elaine said. Because more were allowed into the United States, the Jewish Federations of North America (UJA at the time) had to resort to smaller communities. Dana Braun was chairman of Federation's Community Relations Committee and had told the national group that Savannah could only take four families.

But local families buddied up with the new Russian families, a "family-to-family" program. A huge committee system was established, including English as a Second Language (in conjunction with the Board of

Education), a food committee, a furniture committee, a job-finding committee. Non-Jewish volunteers came forward to help, religious groups helped—the entire community took to them. Many offered jobs, Elaine said.

"It was successful. A lot of good came out of it. We did our jobs. We did the best we could" by getting them settled." (A Savannah Jewish News article from that time showed them working in jewelry shops, in grocery stores and other retail stores, in auto dealerships, in beauty supply businesses, in doctor's offices and hospitals.

There were problems, and many of them left for better jobs or to join family that had moved to the larger cities.

But there were—still are—resounding successes.

"I am so happy here!"

Inessa Bredeson arrived in 1993 from Belarus with her then in-laws, the Isayev family (who was joining family who arrived here with an earlier group). Their group was nine members strong including Inessa's two children—then 6 and 8. (Both college-educated, Roman, now 28, works at Gulfstream in Savannah, and Katya, now 29, teaches English as a second language in the Bronx, and, boasts Inessa, without a trace of an accent!)

Inessa was 29 years old, educated in Belarus as a piano teacher and headed for a university degree when the opportunity arose for her family to join family already in Savannah. "I didn't know how to raise children (in a foreign land). "I didn't speak to people! I couldn't speak the language."

"We didn't know where we were going or what to expect. We wouldn't have had a good start without the Savannah Jewish community," she said. "They helped so much

with everything."

Resettlement director Marcia (also a host family) was so helpful, accompanying Inessa to a job interview and advising her that whatever they had available, she was to say she could do it! When Levy Jewelers' Aaron Levy offered her a part time job in machine engraving, she readily agreed.

"I didn't know what engraving was, but I said, with a smile, 'I can do it,'" including, she laughed, interpreting elaborate Old English font! Within two months, she became a full time employee. "I felt like Levy Jewelers was my family." Today, she's back at it, part time, in the basement of the new location at Broughton and Bull.

She also picks up work as a tax specialist and at the River Street Farmers Market.

In between, Inessa worked as a hotel housekeeper, studied accounting at Savannah Technical College and received a degree in accounting from Savannah State University. She remains involved with community musical events. She has traveled ex-

tensively, has been back to Russia to visit her family and they have visited Savannah.

"It was not bad in Belarus, but when we had the opportunity to come here, we used it. I have no regrets. I am very happy that I live in this country because of more opportunities and more freedoms. I know the difference between America and a foreign country."

Back in Russia, Inessa's mother had taught her to "never give up." Eternally optimistic, always smiling, seeing life as good, Inessa speaks the language of the Savannah Jewish Federation's Russian Resettlement of a quarter century ago.



The Isayev and Boyarina families not long after they immigrated to Savannah. Front row (l-r): Roman Isayev, Yekaterina Isayeva, Yulia Boyarina, Mila Barkhatkov. Back row (l-r): Gene Isayev, Inessa Isayev, Victor Isayev, Feyga Litvinov, Maya Isayeva, Svetlana Boyarina, Sergey Boyarina. (Photo courtesy Savannah Jewish Archives, item 5612)

Save the Date

Yom Ha'Shoah

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Observance Ceremony

Thursday, April 16th, 2015

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With featured speaker

Bernd Wollschlaeger, MD

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Expert to Address European Anti-Semitism



Olivier Guitta

Olivier Guitta, a geopolitical risk and security expert, will speak at the JEA on March 25th at 7pm about Jewish

communities in Europe in danger and rising anti-Semitism in Europe.

Guitta, an Adjunct Fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, is a counterterrorism and foreign affairs consultant in Washington, DC. His clients include private companies, financial institutions, law firms and think tanks. As well, he is the founder of the counterterrorism and foreign affairs newslet-

ter, *The Croissant*. He lectures around the country, mostly on Radical Islam and terrorism. His daily reading of the Arabic, European, Israeli and US press, combined with the business experience acquired throughout his career in finance, give him a different perspective on world events.

"It is an important part of Federation's mission to be able to provide programs like this to the community," said Steve Greenberg, President of the Savannah Jewish Federation, which is sponsoring Guitta's appearance. "One of the goals of the Savannah Jewish Federation is to educate and inform our community about the larger state of Jewish affairs around the globe. Events over the last twelve months continually bring home to us

the international challenges to our brothers and sisters in Europe. Federation took advantage of the opportunity to bring a distinguished expert like Mr. Guitta to Savannah. His background and career promise an interesting, educational and important evening," said Greenberg.

Guitta has briefed the governments of many European countries, the European Union, NATO, the US Congress and US presidential candidates. He is a speaker at international security conferences and he briefs chief security officers from some of the largest companies in the world. His writings on geopolitics and security issues have been published in *The Times*, *Le Monde*, *Forbes*, *World Affairs*, *Weekly Standard*, and *Jane's Weekly*, and he makes appearances on broadcasters including the BBC, CNN, NBC, CNBC, ABC Radio, Ca-

nadian TV, Fox News and NPR.

Guitta was born in Morocco and lived in Spain, France and Germany before moving to the United States in 1992. He has a Finance MBA from a French business school and a Masters in economics from the University of Cologne, Germany. He speaks four languages and has over a decade of experience in international banking and portfolio management with two major firms in New York and Miami. After September 11, he decided to switch careers and devote his life to fighting the war of ideas. He moved to the Washington, DC, area in 2004.

Guitta's appearance is sponsored by the Savannah Jewish Federation in collaboration with the Jewish Federations of North America Speakers Bureau and is free and open to the public.

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American Jewish World Service

As part of the 2014 Campaign and Allocations process, the Savannah Jewish Federation reapproved the Overseas Investment Grant program whereby community members recommend overseas agencies to receive \$500 Overseas Investment Grants, with up to 20 being approved.

Eighteen submissions were made this year and this continues our introduction to you of the grant recipients.

American Jewish World Service (AJWS) is the leading Jewish human rights and development organization working to realize human rights and end poverty in the developing world.

Founded thirty years ago, AJWS pursues lasting change by providing financial support to local grassroots and global human rights organizations working in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. AJWS mobilizes American Jews and others in the U.S. to advocate for policies that will benefit people in the developing world. They focus on three areas of work:

Advancing the Health and Human Rights of Women, Girls and LGBT People

AJWS supports women, girls and LGBT people so that they can stop violence and discrimination, gain control over their lives and bodies, and live in health, safety and dignity.



AJWS President Ruth Messinger on one of the group's service trips

Promoting Recovery from Conflict and Oppression

AJWS aids communities in their work to recover from conflicts such as civil wars, fights oppression, speaks out against injustice and creates vibrant, peaceful societies that respect the rights of all citizens.

Defending Access to Food, Land and Livelihoods

AJWS supports communities that are protecting the land, water and natural resources that they depend on for survival. These crucial resources are too often threatened by exploitative development projects, including digging mines and building dams.

Believing that the obligation to pursue justice is at the heart of Jewish tradition, AJWS uses a four-pronged strategy based on grant-making, education, advocacy and volunteer travel opportunities to fulfill its vision of *tikkun olam* and social justice.



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I on Israel

Israel: It's not just for Breakfast Anymore

If we wanted to, we probably could do an entire issue of the *Savannah Jewish News* about the food scene in Israel. From Mediterranean standards to European continental to deli; from casual street food to the finest white linen dining; whether in chic Tel Aviv, historic Jerusalem or on the shore of Lake Kinneret; there are delicious options to please any taste and style one could want, just about any place you go in the country.

As with so many other industries in Israel, the food scene is burgeoning. Young, talented chefs are becoming celebrities; specialty food products are growing in popularity (both at home and abroad); cooking shows are abundant on television, including an Israeli version of *Master Chef* (most recently won by an Israeli Arab woman) and the newest hit from Keshet Broadcasting, *Help! I Can't Cook*, an A-list celebrity competition.

Other businesses also are taking advantage of all the interest in Israeli food. Are you a foodie and planning on traveling to Israel sometime soon? There's culinary tourism for you. Travel companies will suit just about any need with tours and tastings that last several hours to several days. Most of the tours are accompanied by guides, but if you find yourself with a half a day or day when you would like to explore on your own, some companies offer self-guided tours with vouchers for tastings. Even Birthright Israel offers a trip planned especially with the foodie in mind!

Of course, Israel being the "start-

up nation," technology also plays an important role in all things food. We've already written about some of the impressive advancements in agritech (I on Israel, December 2014). In February, as we went to press, the Israel-France Chamber of Commerce and Industry co-sponsored the first Israeli FoodTech Competition to showcase the best start-ups and entrepreneurs in Israel's food

tech industry. The competition was being held as part of the "So French, So Food" event sponsored by the Embassy of France in Israel. Prize categories were to include healthy food (health, wellness and security); social food (learning, sharing and delivering); and growing food (agritech and clean tech).

The interest in Israeli cuisine is spreading throughout the world. Israeli chefs are bringing the flavors of their homeland to fine restaurants in cities across North America, Europe, and Australia. Documentary filmmaker Roger Sherman (*Medal of Honor*, et al.) and Philadelphia restaurateur Michael Solomonov (see below) recently completed principal photography in Israel for *The Search for Israeli Cuisine*, a documentary planned for PBS.

Restaurants

We are not going to attempt to list individual restaurants here – the Israeli restaurant scene is exploding throughout the country. However, if you are planning a trip to Israel, the Food & Drink section of *Time Out Israel's* web site (<http://timeout.co.il/en>) is very useful. Also, a simple Internet search of "best Israeli restaurants"



An Israeli chef's modern take on gefilte fish



Olives in the Carmel Market in Tel Aviv

Shakshuka

from Einat Admony's *Balaboosta*

In Israel the word shakshuka is synonymous with breakfast. It's best with a slice or two of challah to sop up the juices. This is a version of my dad's recipe, except that he used to mix the eggs together, because my older sister refused to eat the egg whites. Here is the recipe I prefer.

Servings: 4 - 6

Ingredients

3 Tbsp. canola oil
2 medium yellow onions, chopped
1 large green bell pepper, cored, seeded and chopped
1 large jalapeno chili, cored, seeded and chopped
7 cloves of garlic, finely chopped
1/4 cup tomato paste
1 (28-oz) can whole peeled tomatoes, crushed by hand
1 bay leaf
2-1/2 Tbsp. sugar
1-1/2 Tbsp. kosher salt
1 Tbsp. sweet Hungarian paprika
1 Tbsp. ground cumin
1-1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
1 tsp. ground caraway
1/2 bunch Swiss chard or spinach, stemmed and chopped
8 -12 large eggs



Directions:

1. Heat the oil in a large skillet.
2. Add the onions and sauté over medium heat until translucent, 5 to 10 minutes.
3. Add the bell peppers and jalapeño and cook just until softened, 3 to 5 minutes.
4. Stir in the garlic and tomato paste and sauté for another 2 minutes.
5. Slowly pour in the tomatoes.
6. Stir in the bay leaf, sugar, salt, paprika, cumin, pepper and caraway and let the mixture simmer for 20 minutes.
7. Layer the Swiss chard leaves on top.
8. Crack the eggs into the tomato mixture.
9. Cover and simmer for approximately 10 minutes or until the whites of the eggs are no longer translucent.

will yield plenty of other good leads for where to eat while there.

Please remember, while some of the finest are, not all restaurants in Israel are kosher (though it may have seemed so at one time). If you are observing dietary laws, be sure to check before you go.

On Our Shores

Of course we have to mention the influence that Israeli cuisine is having on the food scene here in the U.S. *Hummusiyas*, shops/café's offering a variety of hummus and salads, are popping up all over. *Shakshuka*, an Israeli-Tunisian breakfast staple of eggs poached in spicy tomato sauce, now is showing up on brunch menus everywhere.

Einat Admony and her husband opened Ta'im, their first falafel shop, in New York in 2005. Originally from Tel Aviv, Admony now is a cookbook author, Ta'im is a chain and their growing empire of NYC restaurants also includes Balaboosta and Bar

Bolonat, the "real" Israeli restaurants she wanted to open all along.

Michael Solomonov was born in Israel, grew up in Pittsburgh and as a Philadelphia restaurateur became known for his fried chicken at Federal Donuts. In 2008 he opened Zehav, which quickly gained national acclaim for its modern Israeli dishes. Last year his company also opened Dizengoff, a hummusiya, and Abe Fischer, which serves "Jewish favorites." All are in Philadelphia.

What about here in the south? Atlanta's offerings include Café Sababa (Hebrew slang for awesome), Pita Palace (kosher) and Yalla, recently opened by rising star Todd Ginsberg and partners, each with their own approaches to Middle Eastern standards. And if you're in Birmingham, check out Eli's Jerusalem Grill with all your favorites from Israel – falafel, chicken schnitzel, shwarma, tabouli – they're all there!



The Jewish Educational Alliance presents a monthly program guide:



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March 2015



Children's Programming



JEA Camp Savannah June 1 - July 31, 2015

	Week 1	Holiday Bonanza June 1st – June 5th	Highlights: LIT/CIT Sleepover & Wildlife Presentation Dress-Up Days: Go Green! Shabbat: Disney Purim Breakfast Celebration
	Week 2	Siesta Fiesta June 8th – June 12th	Highlights: All-Camp Sleepover Dress-Up Days: Crazy Sombrero, Onesie PJ's Shabbat: Mexican Fiesta Taco Celebration
	Week 3	Cowabunga Corral June 15th – June 19th	Highlights: On-site Carnival, Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan Dress-Up Days: Bandana Bonanza, Cowboys and Aliens Shabbat: Hoedown Throwdown Celebration
	Week 4	Color War June 22nd – June 26th	Highlights: Olympic Day, Magic Marc Performance Dress-Up Days: Crazy Hair, Crazy Socks Shabbat: Hogwarts Chanukah Feast Celebration
	Week 5	Gameboy Remix June 29th – July 3rd	Highlights: Clubhouse Field Trip Dress-Up Days: So Geek, So Chic; Nintendo Bazaar Shabbat: Minecraft Build Your Own Burger/Hotdog Celebration
	Week 6	Arctic Blast July 6th – July 10th	Highlights: On-site Water Park, Dress-Up Days: Tacky Tie Dye, Beach Bum Shabbat: Polar Pizza Party Celebration
	Week 7	Into The Woods July 13th – July 17th	Highlights: Movie Theater Field Trip Dress-Up Days: Villain Vogue Off, Prince Charming's Soiree Shabbat: Medieval Times Banquet Celebration
	Week 8	Camp Ruach July 20th – July 24th	Highlights: LIT/CIT Sleepover & On-site Extreme Obstacle Course, Black Out Pep Rally Dress-Up Days: Ultimate Sports Fan, Neon Tutus and Ties Shabbat: Camp Fire Cook-Out Celebration
	Week 9	Glee July 27th – July 31st	Highlights: All-Camp Sleepover, Glee Performance Dress-Up Days: I Love the 80's, Celebrity Look-Alike Shabbat: Drive-in Diner and Movie Celebration

Visit www.SavannahJEA.org to download camp brochure and registration paperwork.

Saturday Night Out

"Go Bananas"

March 7th - 7:00-10 pm

The time has come to say farewell to another amazing season of Saturday Night Out. Before we can say goodbye, there's some monkey business happening around the JEA and it's up to you to find the golden banana. Through a mix of clues and a scavenger hunt, tonight will prove to be more fun than a barrel of monkeys. Complete the mission and reward yourself with a banana split. Dinner will be served.

When: 6:45-10:00 pm Who: 4y-6th grade
Where: JEA

Check www.SavannahJEA.org for more details

Jewish Educational Alliance's

Spring Days @ the JEA

The JEA offers year-round vacation programming for children pre K-8th grade. Your child will enjoy Days @ the JEA as each are packed with activities such as field trips, swimming, cooking, sports and crafts!

Upcoming Days @ the JEA:
March 16th-20th - Spring Break

Member Prices: \$30.00 per day
Non-Member Prices: \$40.00 per day

Please call 355-8111 or email DJ Horton at kids@savj.org for more information.

Changes Around the JEA



Justin Robertshaw
Facilities Director

Since the end of July 2014 my staff and I have been working on two important projects for the future growth of the JEA.

One was getting a new preschool room renovated and ready for use in January of 2015.

An emergency door had to be added so that there would be two modes of egress. This is a state requirement. Ceiling tiles were replaced. We painted the walls, ceiling grids, doors and jambs. Two exit signs were also put in this room to meet state regulations. All overhead lights were replaced with energy-efficient lights. The heating and cooling system was rebuilt.



Outside contractors built new cabinets, cut the new doorway, placed the new door jamb in the opening and added baseboards to the flooring. Everything else was done in-house. ECE parents set up the room with new furniture.

The second of the major projects was not as difficult as I thought it might be. DJ (Aftercare Director) moved all of his programs to four classrooms on the second floor. All four rooms have computers at work station cubicles to help the children do homework. Internet service was run to the classrooms.



The lights in these rooms had already been replaced with energy-efficient lights. All the rooms, including the restrooms, received occupancy sensor switches. These turn the lights off

after 15 minutes of no motion. We added bulletin boards in two of the rooms and an outside contractor put new flooring and baseboards in two of the four rooms.

The JEA Green Space Group invites you to

Work Party Weekend Sunday - March 22, 2015, from 1 to 3 pm

- Take a building & grounds tour
- Help plan our community greenspace
- Learn about our community garden initiative

Event is free but RSVP - 912-355-8111



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Adult Programming



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



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.



Lunch Bunch - Every Thursday 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

Join us for Thursday Lunch Bunch! Visit with old friends and meet new ones, enjoy lunch followed by an educational speaker or performer.

March 5th - Let's Talk Purim - What did Queen Esther do for our People?

March 12th - "Rejoice" - A video musical exploration with Itzhak Perlman and Cantor Yitzchak Meir Helfgot

March 19th - Trivia Day hosted by Bob Schwartz and Mike Strear

March 26th - "Your Life Story" hosted by Sherry Dolgoff and Debbie Rotkow



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Health & Wellness

Are You an Intrinsic or Extrinsic Exerciser?



Stephanie Johnson
Health & Wellness
Director

Motivation is the interest, drive or desire to do something. Motivation comes in two different forms: intrinsic (inside) and extrinsic (outside). Intrinsic motivation involves engaging in a behavior because it is personally rewarding; essentially, performing an activity for its own sake

rather than the desire for some external reward. For example: coming to the gym and working out because you find it enjoyable or playing a game because you find it rewarding. Extrinsic motivation occurs when we are motivated to perform a behavior or engage in an activity in order to earn a reward or avoid a punishment. For example: going to the gym to become more athletic for the football team in hopes of finding a girlfriend.

Generally speaking, motivation can come from the outside, such as the motivation to win medals, receive financial rewards, and attract attention from the media. This is known as external, or extrinsic, motivation because it involves participation in sport for some kind of reward that is external to the process of participation. On the other hand, athletes who participate because they enjoy the process—that is, they find sport interesting, stimulating, and enjoyable without being preoccupied by external rewards—are predominantly internally, or intrinsically, motivated.

Intrinsic motivation is closely allied to the fundamental motivation to learn and acquire new skills. The building blocks, or psychological needs, that underlie intrinsic motivation are the need to determine one's behavior (what psychologist's term self-determination), the need to feel competent, and the need for relatedness, or to have meaningful relationships with other people. When these basic needs are satisfied, high intrinsic motivation results and athletes are stimulated by their participation in sport; they strive to learn new skills and improve their performance.

I ask you to identify the main difference between intrinsic motivation and self-motivation. Intrinsic motivation is about enjoyment and immersion in an activity, whereas self-motivation can involve an internal pressure to perform well, which is part of personality. Intrinsic motivation comes with a complete absence of any internal or external pressure to perform well. Most people can recall a time from their childhood when they were playing a game with friends that was so enjoyable that they were entirely engrossed in what they

were doing; it didn't matter who won the game, and the time just flew by because they were having such a great time.

Athletes who have the best motivational outcomes, such as persistence, a positive attitude, and unflinching concentration, tend to be both extrinsically and intrinsically motivated. Athletes who are predominantly extrinsically motivated tend to become discouraged when they do not perform to expectations and can experience a downturn in form. Conversely, athletes who are predominantly intrinsically motivated often do not have the competitive drive to become champions. This is because they tend to enjoy mastering the tasks that comprise their chosen discipline, but they lack a strong competitive streak in their personalities.

For adult athletes, high performance levels may be stimulated partly by the tangible rewards that sport provides, but still the emphasis should be on the fun associated with participation. On balance, it is much more important to be high in intrinsic motivation than to be high in extrinsic motivation. In the long run, extrinsic motivation is only effective when intrinsic motivation is high. Being driven solely by extrinsic motives is not psychologically healthy because the lack of intrinsic rewards can lead you to quit or seriously question your involvement. Having intrinsic motivation helps you get through dry patches in your career and keeps the emphasis on having fun.

It does not matter which type you are. It does not matter if you can work out on your own or if you need a Personal Trainer to keep you focused on your workout. The bottom line is that you do something that benefits you all the way around. It takes 4 weeks for you to see your body changing. It takes 8 weeks for your friends and family to see a change. It takes 12 weeks for the rest of the world to see the change. As the Old Russian saying advises, you should take time to smell the roses!



Winter Fitness Classes

Sunday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

- 9:15 am - Power Pilates
- 10:00 am - SilverSneakers Splash
- 10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
- 5:45 pm - Zumba
- 6:00 pm - Savannah Kenpo
- 7:00 pm - Savannah Fencing Club

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 9:30 am - Barre Blend
- 10:00 am - Aquasize
- 10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
- 6:00 pm - Savannah Kenpo
- 6:30 pm - Yoga Flow
- 7:00 pm - Savannah Fencing Club

Friday

- 5:00 am - Master Swim
- 8:30 am - Firm It Up
- 10:00 am - Yoga
- 10:00 am - Aquasize

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JEA Art Gallery



**March Artist:
Lisa Watson**



Lisa D. Watson earned a BFA from the Columbus College of Art & Design in Columbus, Ohio, and a Certificate in Interior Design from Learning Tree University in Chatsworth, California. She is also an Accredited Professional with the American Rain Catchment Systems Association.

Her artwork has been exhibited in galleries nationally including Indigo Sky Community Gallery in Savannah, GA, the Armory Center for The Arts in Los Angeles and the Gallery at Paper Mill Village in Marietta, GA, where she was awarded with two Merit Awards.

Lisa's mural work can be seen in four of Bill Viola's Film Art Installations including *Going Forth By Day* at the New York and Berlin Guggenheim, *Saint Catherine* at the London d'Offray Gallery in England and *Emergence* at the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles.

Since 1992, Lisa has been freelancing as an eco-conscious artist, designer and film production art director. She has created commissioned residential and commercial murals in several cities. Besides her scenic work on such projects as the Academy Awards, and Fox Kids Network, she art-directed infomercials and videos, including Hip Hop Abs and Gaiam exercise videos.

Lisa owns Plan It Green Design in Savannah. When not consulting clients in "green" interiors, outdoor living spaces and native and drought tolerant garden design, she produces art.

"For as long as I remember, I've been obsessed with humanity's throw-away society. My everyday life is not burdened by the tasks of recycling, composting and reusing...I enjoy knowing my footprint is small. That said, I still can do more and continue finding ways to express my concerns with the environment. When it comes to my artwork which is made from 90% - 95% reclaimed materials, I walk the talk by producing art in the manner that I live."

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Your Campaign Dollars at Work

Forever Changed

by Bari Bridges

If you know someone who has been on a Birthright Israel trip, then you have heard “how incredible” the trip was, and how “life is forever changed” because of the trip.

Being the skeptic I am, I knew I would have a good time, but I didn't expect much more than 10 days with a bunch of young Jewish people. I figured we would be going to the infamous Israeli clubs, eating at the most popular restaurants, and running wild around the big cities. Sounds like a good deal, right?

I couldn't have been *more* wrong. There were no Israeli clubs, no popular restaurants, and no running wild. In fact, it was quite the opposite. Our days consisted of long drives on a crowded bus going from one place to the next, mall food courts for lunch and dinner, and a lot of discussion. I mean hours of discussion. Sound like a life-changing experience to you? IT WAS! How did the mall food courts lead to this conclusion, you wonder?

A common misconception of Birthright is that it exists to guilt you into being *more* Jewish. Or perhaps you have heard it serves primarily as a Jewish dating service. I don't think either of these could be further from



Bari, left, with new friends at Masada at sunrise

the truth.

Being raised in a semi-observant Jewish home, I had learned about the importance of Israel to Jewish people in history and current times. I wasn't expecting to find that it meant so much to me. Being in Israel, I felt like I was home. In every city you visit, everyone welcomes you and makes you feel as though you have a right to be there just as much as they do. *Being Jewish is so easy there.*

The thing that impacted me the most was seeing how unselfish Israelis are. Everything they do is for the betterment of the country. Small things like taking shorter showers, driving more fuel efficient cars (no big trucks, GASP), and then not-so-small things like giving years of their life to serve the country they love. There is a feeling of unity amongst Israeli Jews that is unlike anything I have ever felt in America.

The trip I participated in offered the unique experience of having Israelis attend the trip with us. Listening to them, and hearing their perspective on everyday life was fascinating for me. I remember in one discussion, we were asked how we spent Memorial Day in the USA. People offered suggestions like barbecuing, going to the beach, drinking beer. The Israelis responded with spending the day mourning for those they have lost, followed by a day of celebrating what they accomplished; the true definition of Memorial Day.

The trip was not nearly long enough, but in nine days I was able to experience life on a Kibbutz, Shabbos in Jerusalem, riding camels in the desert followed by an evening in the Bedouin tents, and hiking Masada at sunrise (just to name a few things). Some of the more impactful days were spent at the Israeli Holocaust Museum, Yad Vashem, visiting the graves of fallen soldiers on Mount Herzl, and touching the Western Wall.



Bari Bridges on a camel ride in the Negev Desert with a friend, Josh Pollock.

It's no wonder people come back changed and with lifelong friends. The physical, emotional, and spiritual experiences I shared with my group were unlike anything I could ever have imagined. For these reasons, if you are a skeptic like I was, or too busy to take the time off from work, or keep telling yourself “there's always next year”, then STOP. A free life-changing trip to Israel only comes around *once in a lifetime.*

Bari Bridges, 26, is a Registered Client Associate with Merrill Lynch in the Skidaway Island office. She is the daughter of Renee and Russell Bridges. Bari went on a Birthright Israel trip during their recent winter session. Taglit-Birthright Israel, a beneficiary of the Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Campaign, provides free, peer group, educational trips to Israel for Jewish young adults ages 18 to 26 with the belief that a trip to Israel strengthens Jewish identity and is the best way to build a lasting bond between young Jewish people around the world and their peers in Israel. For more information, see www.birthrightisrael.com or call Jamie Cahn at (912) 355-8111.

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Rambam Happenings

Every year our first grade students prepare for their Siddur (prayer book) Presentation. It usually takes place somewhere between January and February. This year it was January 29th and we had a full house. Lisa and Nathan Garfunkel sponsored the evening in honor of Barbara Epstein and in loving memory of William Epstein and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Garfunkel.

Each student receives their very own siddur which is theirs to keep forever. Inside the siddur is a book plate acknowledging the sponsors and those for whom they sponsored the evening and there is a book plate from Morah Rena, the first grade teacher with a poem about the meaning of this siddur.

The children sing various songs depicting how they will use their siddur and what it means to daven (pray) to Hashem.

Each child is given their siddur by someone they have chosen to be their presenter. When their siddur is presented, the presenter says a few words to the recipient. The words of each presenter vary, however, the

concepts almost always cover the idea of giving a blessing, expressing how special this moment is and how meaningful it is to be able to open a siddur and talk to Hashem whenever you want. The children ran to receive their siddurim as they were incredibly excited and had been waiting with great anticipation for this very moment.

What makes this evening so unique and special is the idea of celebrating that which every Jewish child has a right to experience – the ability to read the prayers and use the words found within the siddur to articulate special thoughts to the Almighty. And if this moment is every Jewish child's rightful privilege, then why all the hullabaloo? Just like when a boy celebrates his Bar Mitzvah or a girl celebrates her Bat Mitzvah; it is their rightful place among our people to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, however, not everyone embraces the celebratory measures appropriate to proclaim one has become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. When one does, it is cause for great celebration as they are acknowledging they know what this moment means and they enter into this moment with great joy, excitement and a sense of responsibility.

Our first grade students realize there is an excitement in receiving

their own siddur. They understand it as a means for talking to Hashem and they also know that once this moment takes place they are very much like the BIG kids who already have their own siddur. What they don't really understand is what it means to

turn to Hashem in times of joy and in times of difficulty. Thus the evening is emotionally charged for the adults because the aura is one of appreciating the children's excitement, understanding this is a milestone and all the while knowing just how pertinent to their lives this siddur can be.

In Rambam Day School, one of our many goals is ensuring our students understand what it means to rely on the Almighty. What it means that He is always there; in good times and in difficult times. We teach them how the siddur and G-d can help them get through the rough patches in life and how important it is when everything is wonderful to remember that everything comes from G-d and they must express appreciation.

This is not a lesson learned over night or over a week or over a month. It takes years to develop this understanding so that it becomes an integral part of you throughout your life.

Rambam parents afford their children this priceless opportunity.

Our eighth grade students visited Buckingham South and were teaching some of the residents how to use iPads. The residents were quite fascinated and the children loved it. In the near future we will be purchasing several iPads for the residents.



Rambam first grade siddur presentation ceremony

There are a couple of people within the Rambam Family who are not well and the students have taken on an Asher Yatzar project. Asher Yatzar is a blessing many people say after using the wash room. The prayer expresses one's gratitude that everything within their body is functioning as it should. This particular prayer because of its nature is a great merit when said not only on our own behalf but said with the intention of others benefiting from the merit of us uttering it. All the students from first through eighth grade mark special cards when they remember to say this special blessing. We have had several winners who have completed their card and have begun another one. The children all know they are saying this prayer as a mitzvah and in hopes that the merit of their saying will bring a speedy and complete recovery to our friends. It is so beautiful that within our heritage, deeds we do for ourselves with others in mind benefits us and someone else.

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Eva Locker,
Principal of
Shalom School

Traveling with Shalom School

● We traveled through generations as parents joined their children for a Parent/Child study group. Parents had the opportunity to see firsthand what a Sunday morning at Shalom School is like. David Giver lead 6th graders and their parents in a lesson about Tu B'Shevat. After a discussion of the environmental implications of the holiday, the session ended with kids planning a Seder menu using the seven species. Look for some of these kids on the next season of Food Network's *Chopped!*

● We hosted traveler Robin

Shuler, Youth Director and Song Leader of Temple Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim in Charleston. She joined us to lead a fantastic morning of singing and prayer. The students learned new tunes and new moves! We can't wait for Robin to be back in Savannah!

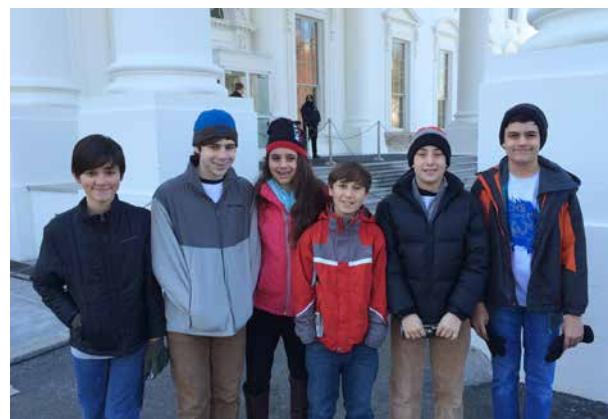
● We traveled around the world as we held a Tu B'shevat Seder for our midweek Hebrew students and learned how this holiday is celebrated in Israel. To add to the fun, Jennifer Rich from the PJ Library joined us to help plant parsley seeds. The plants should be fully grown just in time to appear on our Passover Seder plates!

● We traveled out-of-town as

our 8th and 9th graders journeyed to Washington, DC. This bi-annual trip gives these students not only the chance to visit the Holocaust Memorial Museum as a culmination of their Holocaust study unit, but it also gives them a glimpse of what life as a Jewish college student can be like. They attended Friday night services and ate dinner with the George Washington University Hillel chapter where they were warmly welcomed and learned more about the role of Hillel in a student's life.



Shalom School Tu B'Shevat program



Shalom School 8th & 9th graders in Washington, DC



Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director of
Early Childhood
Education

A New Way to Look at Ourselves

Ever since experiencing it for myself at the Jewish Early Childhood Education Leadership Institute summer program I attended this past July, I'd wanted to introduce a new learning activity to the JEA Preschool Savannah teachers. While at JECLEI, my group had the opportunity to participate in text study together and I learned a great deal about myself and the work I do with the children and families from this experience. I had been looking forward to sharing the experience with my teachers but hadn't found the right time to introduce it. That is until our January teachers' meeting.

It was early in the morning and I began the meeting with an introduction about what we were going to do. First, I explained that *Pirkei Avot* (literally "Chapters of the Fathers") is one of the best known Jewish texts and contains many of what we consider our ethical teachings, and that we would be studying this short text by Shammai, a 1st century Jewish scholar whose writings are prominent in *Pirkei Avot*:

Shammai taught: make a fixed time for study; say little and do much; and greet each person with a cheerful face. Pirkei Avot 1:15

Then the teachers read the text to themselves, to each other, discussed it in small groups and then with the entire group.

This was a very different kind of

activity for us; it was important to let the teachers know that there were no right or wrong responses. It was about how they interpreted the text and what it meant to them. The teachers were very insightful and made the following reflections.

One teacher said that to make a fixed time for study meant we need to look within ourselves and reflect upon what we are doing in our work with the children. Is the play intentional? Is the activity age appropriate? Are our environments set up in a friendly way?

Another teacher commented that welcoming the families and children with a smiling face is so important. It can set the tone of the day for everyone.

A third teacher reflected that it is important not to say too much to the children, rather to model the behavior we want them to perform.

A few days later, I asked some of the staff what they thought about the text study exercise. They commented that they really enjoyed it and would like to do it again. They were able to take the time to reflect and think about their work with children in the framework of these ideas.

Thank you to my staff for giving me the opportunity to study with them and for their cooperation and participation in this activity.

The teachers and I plan to do more text study together. We believe it will help us grow and think about what is best for our children, families, and ourselves.



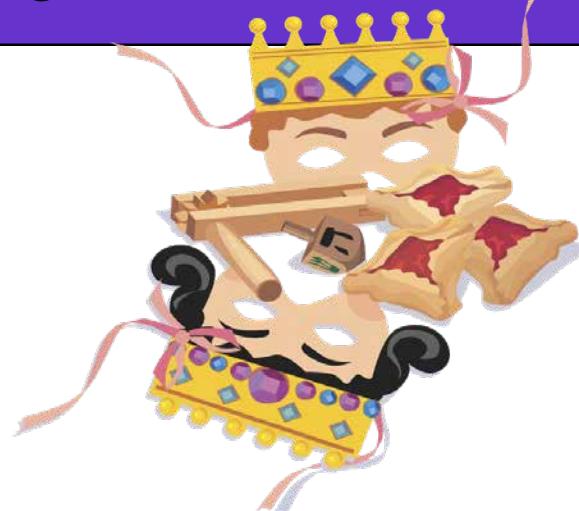
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ד'תשפ"ה



Melinda Stein

It's a Funny Thing

Estelle Cooperman is introduced to a rather snooty woman, Mamie Donaldson, at a garden party.

"I come from a famous fighting family," Mamie sniffs haughtily. "My great-great-grandfather fought the rebels at Gettysburg. My great-grandfather fought the Germans at Verdun. My grandfather fought the Japanese on Guadalcanal. And my father fought the North Koreans."

"My my!" exclaims Estelle. "Couldn't your people get along with anybody?"

The young Jewish women of today are a very different breed from those of yesteryear. These modern mamas will never holler at their grown children, "You never write! You never visit! You never call!" No, today's version will instead yell, "You never email! You never text! You never Skype!"

Rabbi Bloom and Rabbi Levy are sitting in their local kosher deli and when the waitress comes over, they ask for two glasses of water. When the water arrives, they take out homemade sandwiches from inside their coat pockets and start to eat.

The deli manager goes over to them and says, "I'm very sorry, Rabbis, but you can't eat your own sandwiches in here!" Rabbi Bloom and Rabbi Levy look at each other, shrug their shoulders, exchange their homemade sandwiches and carry on eating.

Jake had always wanted a Rolls Royce, and finally had the resources to buy one, the latest model. As he stopped for a red light, the car next to him was also a brand new Rolls. Rolling down the window, he got the attention of the other Rolls Royce driver. Jake calls, "How do you like your Rolls Royce, with all the bells and whistles?" The other fellow says, "It's great, especially the bed in the back."

Jake abruptly turns the car around and hightails it back to the dealership. He demands that his car have a bed put in.

Next day, he's driving on the same street, stops at the same red light, and sure enough, the same driver pulls up next to him. Jake again gets his window down and honks the horn to get the other driver's attention. One honk, two, three – finally the other window descends and the man yells, "What do you want??"

"Jake replies, "Now I have the bed in back, like you!"

And the man replies, "You got me out of the shower to tell me *that*?"

Finally, some wonderful humor from the late Joan Rivers:

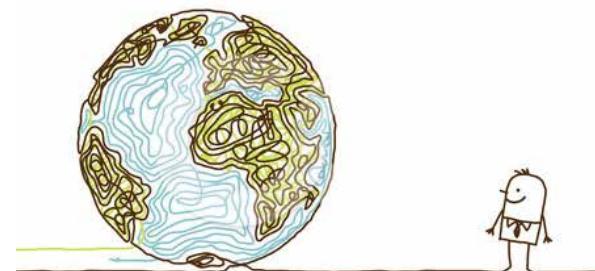
I was born in 1962 ... and the room next to me was 1963.

The first time I see a jogger smiling, I'll consider doing it.

I wish I had a twin so I could know what I'd look like without plastic surgery.

You know it's time to start using mouthwash when your dentist leaves the room and sends in a canary.

People say that money isn't the key to happiness. I believe that if you have enough money, you can always get a key made.



The Federation encourages you to be a part of the Community Campaign and Allocations process and nominate an overseas program that you know about for an Overseas Investment Grant.

Nominations end May 15, 2015; the guidelines are:

- The organization being nominated must primarily have a direct impact on the lives of Jewish people outside the United States;
- Grants will not be considered to other grant-making organizations;
- There is a limit of two nominations per person;
- Nominations are due no later than May 15, 2015.

You can nominate one of your favorite overseas organizations for a 2015 Savannah Jewish Federation Overseas Investment Grant online at www.savj.org.

March Services

- Mar. 4: Purim Service, 7pm
- Mar. 6: Kabbalat Shabbat Musical Service, 6pm
- Mar. 7: Shabbat Morning Service, 11am
- Mar. 13: Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service, 7pm
- Mar. 14: Shabbat Morning Service, 11am
- Mar. 20: Kabbalat Shabbat Choir Service, 6pm
- Mar. 21: Shabbat Morning Service, 11am
- Mar. 27: Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6pm
- Mar. 28: Shabbat Morning Service, 11am

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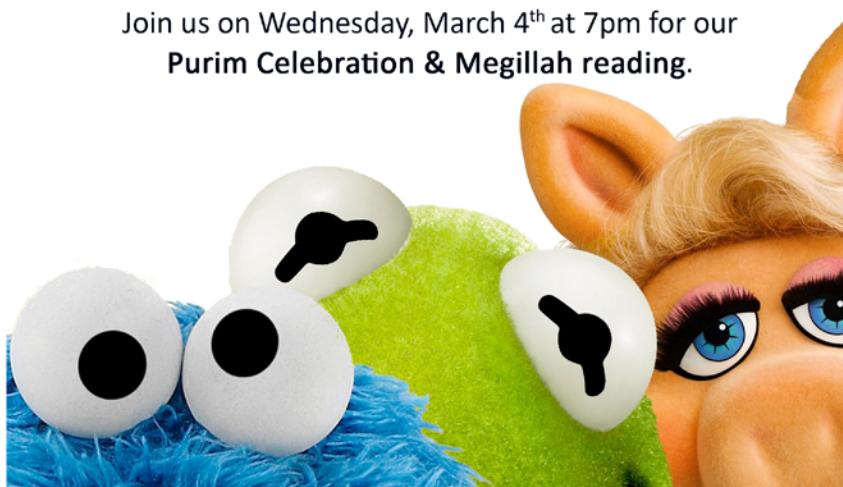
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The Higher Ground Revisited

Greener Grounds in a Jewish Context

by Carol M. Towbin Greenberg

Yes it was January—and not Yom HaShoah—yet the early appearance of our community's first yellow daffodil of the season, poking up right by the Children's Holocaust marker was a cause for excitement! Several people arriving for at the Savannah Jewish Film Festival sought me out to tell me they saw the flower. Since the film that night was a masterfully told story of a Holocaust experience through a child's eyes, it seemed so appropriate.

As part of a national project, in 2012 the JEA Garden Club—an extension of our Buildings & Grounds Committee—hosted various groups to plant 324 yellow daffodil bulbs as part of our JEA Centennial celebrations. We joined groups throughout the country that honored the memory of the children lost in the Shoah with this living memorial. Volunteers who planted the bulbs included JEA members, students from Rambam Day School, Shalom School, the JEA winter camp, and our Israeli Shlichah Tal Bratman—a Tel Aviv city girl who found digging in the dirt a new experience and said it was funny she needed to travel to the United States to have “a pioneer experience.”

As a child that survived, there was no one more suited to design the memorial marker than local artist Rochelle Frank who was born in Germany and immigrated to Israel at the beginning of the state's inception. She was aided in the implementation of the marker by the Rich family—who now has so many members actively involved in the JEA and other Jewish community organizations.

We are tied to our traditions, we



The first daffodils appear near the Holocaust Memorial marker at the JEA

are tied to our history, we are tied to the land, and we are tied to each other. Each time we celebrate together a new cycle of seasons, we affirm life and the continuance of the Jewish people.

Yes it was January, but it was also the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and the week before Tu B'Shvat celebrated the birthday of the trees. In a time when so much of the daily news challenges us as Jews, this simple flower gave many pause to remark about this bright yellow star of hope.

The JEA Building & Grounds Committee, with the help of our community, is committed to making sure even the appearance of our garden flowers always reflect our Jewish values. If you are interested in being part of our newest venture, a Jewishly inspired community garden, please contact JEA President Arlene Ratner.

LASTING LEGACIES

For many years, men of a certain age would gather on Tuesday mornings at the JEA. Calling themselves the Kibbitzers, and taking up where the JEA Men's Club had left off, they extended an open invitation for anyone who wished to do so to join them.

There would be juice and coffee, bagels and a schmear, often eggs or some other hot breakfast staple. More importantly, always there would be good-natured conversation, laughter and camaraderie. This was the place to come for a joke – some you could tell your grandchildren, some maybe not.

The Kibbitzers enjoyed being with each other to socialize and also to help out with programs at the JEA. They often could be found in the kitchen helping to cook for an event or to bartend if called upon.

But as sometimes happens, the Kibbitzers found that with age their ranks were thinning and the 'youngsters' weren't picking up the rear, so to speak. They found that they really were no longer able to meet regularly as a group.

However, while they were still able, the remaining Kibbitzers wanted to decide what to do with what remained of their operating funds. The **Kibbitzers JEA Fund** was established as a designated fund with the



Kibbitzers Nate Siegel (left) and Phil Scharff, both of blessed memory, share a nip while helping out in the kitchen on Yom Ha'Atzmaut in 2009.

Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah. Income from the fund will be used in perpetuity to provide support for senior programming at the JEA. The Kibbitzers JEA Fund helps to assure that the JEA always will be a place for senior members of our community to enjoy a good meal and a good time, things that were the essence of the Kibbitzers.

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