



Southeast Consul General of Israel, Judith Varnai Shorer, to speak JEA

By Shani Locker
Contributing Writer

The Savannah Jewish Federation facilitates ways for the Savannah Community to connect positively to Israel.

The latest effort brings the Southeast Consul General of Israel, Ambassador Judith Varnai Shorer, for a talk at the JEA, Thursday, March 8.

Ambassador Shorer will discuss the current geopolitical status between Israel and the United States, the relationship between the state of Georgia and Israel, and other events.

The ambassador's visit comes when ties between Savannah and Israel are stronger every year. The evidence of the growth of Israeli industry in metro Savannah includes the arrival of Ceaserstone, a manufacturer of quartz countertops, and Haifa-Group, a producer of controlled-release fertilizer. Other relationships include Zim Integrated Shipping Services and the Port of Savannah, plus Israeli contractors and Gulfstream.

Extensive diplomatic experience
A nearly 40-year veteran of the Israeli diplomatic corps and a former ambas-



Ambassador Shorer

sador to both Hungary and Bosnia-Herzegovina, Ambassador Shorer was a former minister of Congressional affairs at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, DC.

Before her posts in Europe, she served as the first secretary and mission spokesperson for Israel's Mission to the United Nations in New York.

A graduate of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the Hebrew University Graduate School of Communications, Ambassador Shorer was a Research Fellow at Johns Hopkins University, The SAIS Center for Strategic Studies, where she published a position paper titled "U.S.-Israel Relations vis-a-vis the Peace Talks."

The ambassador has substantial experience in the U.S. and the Middle East. She speaks Hebrew, French, English, and Hungarian. She was born in Beer Sheva, Israel.

From 2007 to 2010, she served as projects director for the Euroasia Division for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Her most recent post was desk director at the Center for Policy Research.

Ambassador Shorer's latest program focused on Global Issues of Mass Destruction Weapons at the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University in Washington, D.C.

Two times to hear the ambassador

Attendees will have two chances to hear Ambassador Shorer speak and ask questions at the JEA, Thursday, March 8.

1) **Food for Thought.** Begins with lunch at 12:30 p.m. The talk starts at 1:15 p.m. Lunch: \$5.

2) **Evening program.** Begins 7 p.m. at the JEA. Free.

About the author.

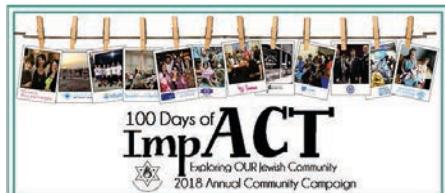
Shani Locker is a 17-year-old student at the Savannah Arts Academy where she is studying communications. Upon graduation, Shani will attend Stern College and study business management after spending a gap year in Jerusalem, Israel.



Candle Lighting Times

Daylight saving time begins on 2 a. m., Sunday, March 11.

Friday, March 2, 2018	6:05 p.m.
Friday, March 9, 2018	6:10 p.m.
Friday, March 16, 2018	7:15 p.m.
Friday, March 23, 2018	7:20 p.m.
Friday, March 30, 2018	7:25 p.m.
Friday, April 6, 2018	7:30 p.m.



2018 Campaign Update

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Family fun at the Community Purim Carnival, March 1

Families, wear your favorite costumes and join us for a fun-filled Purim Carnival sponsored by the JEA, Federation, and PJ Library.

This year's celebration on Thursday, March 1 begins at 5 p.m. The event features a chicken and veggie kebab dinner, hamentashen, yummy icy dessert, drinks, and snacks.

The JEA Children's and Programming Departments have planned great activities for children of all ages, including a special toddler/baby play section, two large inflatables, and an airbrush tattoo artist.

You'll find arts and crafts galore



with crowns and masks for our costume parade.

A special Tikkun Olam PJ Library Community Service project, "A Bottle of Smiles," will be donated to the Willett Children's Hospital at Memorial Medical Center.

- **Costume Parade:** Begins at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to join in, including parents!

- **The Purim Carnival hours:** 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at the JEA.

- **Cost:** \$5 per person; \$15 per family and includes dinner and all activities.

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Exotic ingredients bring the Middle East to Purim

Jews around the world are gearing up for Purim (February 28 through March 1), the joyful festival celebrating Queen Esther and her uncle Mordechai, who foiled wicked Haman's plot to destroy the Jewish people in ancient Persia.

Purim is a time for family fun and wonderful traditions – costumes and games, feeding the hungry, and a raucous reading of The Book of Esther. It's a time for visiting friends and exchanging sweets and treats like hamantaschen, a triangle-shaped filled pastry symbolizing Haman's three-cornered hat.

But revelers can't live on hamantaschen alone, can they? When company's coming for dinner (Purim Seudah), you have to serve the whole Megillah.

For Purim 2018, Pereg, purveyors of ancient whole grains, pastas, and seasonings, developed some dishes with the help of KosherMoms.com that capture the intriguing flavors of Israel:

- Tahini with ras el hanout
- Kufta kebabs with sumac

- Chicken shwarma with authentic shwarma spices
- Limonana, a sweet lemony punch made with Louisa leaves



Kufta kebabs

- 5 lb of ground meat
- 3 tbsp sumac
- 3 tbsp cinnamon
- 2 tbsp cumin
- 2 tbsp kosher salt
- ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
- 7 cloves crushed fresh garlic
- ½ cup seltzer

Mix everything together very well until combined. Shape into oblong balls. Place balls an inch apart on a parchment-lined baking sheet and refrigerate for an hour. Cook at 375 degrees for 45 minutes. Serve

with tahini and a refreshing salad. Yields about 50 kofta.

Shwarma chicken

- 2 lb chicken cutlets sliced into thin strips
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 medium red onion, sliced
- 2 tbsp shwarma mixed spices
- Juice of 1 lemon

Place chicken strips in a large Ziploc bag. Combine olive oil, lemon juice, and garlic and pour over the chicken. Then add red onion and spices to the bag. Seal the bag and shake to ensure the chicken is well-coated. Marinate overnight. Cook covered at 375 degrees for 30 minutes and then uncovered for 15 minutes. Serve in a pita with pickles and Israeli salad.

Tahini with ras el hanout

- ½ cup tahini paste
- ½ cup water
- ½ tsp paprika
- ½ tsp cumin
- ½ tsp salt
- ¾ tsp ras el hanout
- a few squeezes of fresh lemon juice

Combine everything in a container and refrigerate until ready to use. Store in the fridge for up to a week.

Limonana

Make lemon verbena simple syrup:



- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 5 sprigs Louisa leaves

Combine the sugar and water in a small saucepan. Bring to a simmer, stirring to make sure the sugar dissolves. Once the sugar is dissolved, remove from the heat and add in the Louisa leaves. Let the syrup cool completely, then refrigerate.

Fill a 2.5 gallon beverage dispenser one quarter of the way with ice. Pour in 1 gallon of prepared lemonade, ½ gallon of water, and the lemon verbena simple syrup. Stir until the drink is mixed well. Place some mint leaves and lemon slices on top for decoration and added flavor.

Credit Recipes courtesy of Shoshie Steinhart for KosherMoms.com, a lifestyle blog dedicated to family, food and fun. See Pereg at www.pereg-gourmet.com.

PURIM PALOOZA

Community Purim Carnival

-Dinner & Dessert

-Inflatables

-Costume Parade

-Games

Thursday, March 1

5:00-7:00 pm

Jewish Educational Alliance

\$5 a person or \$15 a family

-Tikkun Olam Project

-Baby-Toddler Play Space

-Airbrush Tattoos

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Pajamas! We know those special times of reading, dancing and singing together happen when your children are wearing their pajamas.

Who is eligible to register?

Families with children 6 months to 8 years old and at least one Jewish parent in the household, currently residing in the Savannah area.

What's the cost?

Thanks to our generous local donors, PJ Library® is free when your child is enrolled in the program. One subscription per child.



PJ families celebrating Shabbat as part of our Shabbat Across Savannah program!

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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 or 912-355-8111.

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

BBYO Connect teens having winter fun at events in December and January!



Sunday, March 25

LETTERS

T O T H E E D I T O R

Thanks from the JTA

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation,

We are deeply grateful to have received your allocation to JTA, the global Jewish news source.

70 Faces Media — comprised of JTA, MyJewishLearning, and Kveller — is the largest most diverse Jewish digital media company in North America. Your continued support allows JTA to remain the premiere Jewish newsgathering organization and syndication service that keeps all of us informed and connected.

Thank you so much for your continued recognition of the vital work 70 Faces Media does each day to keep the global Jewish community informed.

With warmest wishes,

Ami Eden
CEO and Executive Editor
JTA

Helping Yad Sarah's therapeutic activities

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation,

Thank you so much for your gift to Yad Sarah. We are grateful for this vital financial support and for your confidence in the work of Yad Sarah and its volunteers.

Yad Sarah is indeed building and growing. Your gift will go directly to purchase new wheelchairs, patient hoists, breast milk pumps, and other equipment for distribution through our extensive volunteer-staffed Lending Service — to bring outreach

services to those in need and to help revitalize their lives through life-enriching programs and therapeutic activities.

Now more than ever, Israelis in large cities and small towns alike are turning to Yad Sarah volunteers for help and support, and your generosity enables our network of branches to respond, embodying the promise that all Israel is responsible for one another.

Thank you again for this special gift to the people of Israel.

Warm regards,

Adele Goldberg
Executive Director
Friends of Yad Sarah, Inc.

Donation to JELF appreciated

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation,

Thank you for your generous grant to the Jewish Educational Loan Fund (JELF) 2017 Annual Campaign.

JELF's mission: Increases to the cost of education continue to outpace inflation, driving demand for JELF interest-free loans.

In 2017, JELF awarded \$907,826 in interest-free, "last dollar" loans to help 242 Jewish students fulfill their potential with undergraduate, vocational, or graduate degrees.

Your gift helps bridge the gap that remains between other resources available to them and the cost of higher education.

99% repayment rate: 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 become JELF financial supporters and volunteers.

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

Sincerely,

Marianne Daniels Garber
President
JELF
Jenna Leopold Shulman
Chief Executive Officer
JELF

Bayith Lepleitot says thank you

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation,

There is no doubt that you have managed to turn so many days to beautiful ones with your kind donation.

By joining with us in the support of educational and rehabilitation institutions in Israel, the U.S., and throughout the entire world, you have indeed touched the lives of so many.

In the names of all the beneficiaries of your kindness, babies to brides, orphans, and everyone else, I add my personal, deepest appreciation to the heartfelt thanks of those hundreds of deprived and disadvantaged individuals.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Avraham Y. Stern
Bayith Lepleitot Inc.



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Editorial/articles submissions should be in Microsoft Word format (.docx or .rtf). For best results, photos should be high resolution (300 dpi) with width and height dimensions as large as possible, as .jpg, .tif, or .psd (Adobe Photoshop) files. Artwork, drawings, line art, and other graphics are best sent as "vector" files, e.g. .eps or .ai (Adobe Illustrator). We will accept .jpg, .tif, or .psd files, if necessary.

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The Savannah Jewish News is a community paper. Letters should be civil and considerate in tone and not contain personal attacks, random attacks on businesses, or defamation. All statements of facts must be verifiable (state the original source of the information).

Letters should be no more than 250 words and may be edited for length, clarity, or factual content. The opinions expressed are always the writer's.

All letters must include the author's full name, address, and phone number (only your name, and if appropriate, job title and organization or business name, will be published).

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Submit letters to sjnews@savj.org. The Savannah Jewish News retains full and sole discretion about which letters to publish.

Savannah Jewish Federation Mission Statement

Charged with raising, collecting and distributing funds, the Savannah Jewish Federation 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.



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Adam Solender
Executive Director
JEA/SJF

Executive Director's message

The Can

I walked into the JEA as I oft do on a Monday morning, ready for a new week armed with

my "To Do List" that seems to grow exponentially with the passing weeks (every Sunday I review the week past and rewrite my To Do list).

After greeting staff at the front desk and chatting with a JEA member, I went toward my office when from the corner of my eye I saw what appeared to be an "old can" sitting in front of the mailboxes.

As I got closer to the can, I saw writing on the side. "What does it say?" Upon inspection, I read:

"It is in your hands — There is no one else — We must accept the challenge—Israel's survival depends on us — We are one!!"

What your money does

- **\$1 a day — \$365:** Provides a month's care for a parentless child
- **\$.70 a day — \$250:** Provides a month's care for an elderly bedridden patient
- **\$.30 a day — \$100:** Provides an illiterate immigrant with a six months' study course to earn a living
- **\$1 a week — \$52:** Provides nutritious lunches to a school child with an otherwise inadequate diet.

Wow — it was a Community Campaign Tzedakah can from many

years ago. You could kind of tell the age as the label was a typed label (for those who are younger — what we used before computers). It was filled halfway with coins.

Unlike tzedakah boxes of today, which typically have a rubber plug on the bottom or are made of heavy-weight cardboard, this can was sealed tight top and bottom (I had the bright idea that I could look at the coins to get an idea of when it was from). There was no way anyone was looking through these coins for money to feed a parking meter . . . that can is sealed. When the money went in, it was not going to come out until it helped someone.

With a little sleuthing, I found out that former Campaign Chair and community volunteer extraordinaire, Sherry Dolgoff, dropped it off. She told me that the can had been in one of her "back rooms" for many years. It was originally given to her by Lena Rosensweig when Sherry first came to town.

From time to time, people dropped a coin in, and somehow over the years, it got lost in the myriad of books and knick knacks. Sherry and one of her daughters were organizing that room and came across the can. Of

course, she brought it to us as it was intended 40+ years ago.

Thank you, Sherry!

My grandmother, the fundraiser
It made me think of a story from my Dad while I grew up in Brooklyn. My grandmother was always active in Ha-dassah and the Jewish National Fund . . . a Zionist, way before Israel was ever created. Ever the fundraiser, at that time they were trying to raise money to support JNF's (you may know them as the "Trees in Israel people"; but they do so much more than just trees) purchase of land in Ottoman Palestine (later the British Mandate for Palestine and ultimately, Israel).

In the early 1930s, JNF owned about 50,000 acres of land, and by the end of that decade, 10% of the Jewish population lived on JNF land.

With a challenging fundraising goal (remember, this was soon after the Great Depression), my grandmother got a great idea: She'd post her cute eight-year-old son at the Utica Avenue station in East Flatbush, and let him "make the pitch."

My dad greeted the (mostly) men disembarking from the train with a pitch: "Pennies for Palestine?" Of course, he had the ubiquitous blue box in his hand and a smile on his face. When someone put a penny in his pushke, he'd give them a small blue flower of thanks for their lapel.

The pushke tradition today

Like it was in my Dad's day — in

the era of "the can" sitting on a desk — or today, it is the tradition of Judaism. In the Torah, God commands the Jewish people to perform acts of tzedakah (the Hebrew word for "justice or righteousness").

We read in Deuteronomy 15:7-8:

"If, however, there is a needy person among you, one of your kinsmen in any of your settlements of the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not harden your heart and shut your hand against your needy kinsman. Rather, you must open your hand and lend him sufficient for wherever he needs." (JPS Tanakh)

The commandment directs the Jewish community to create a social welfare system based on individual and communal responsibility to care for those who cannot care for themselves, and throughout history, organizations that are part of the system provide pushkes to collect funds for their causes.

Today, the Savannah Jewish Federation plays just that role providing for those in need locally, in Israel, and in 70 countries around the world. While many of us write checks or donate through a website, we are fulfilling the same mitzvah: "Filling the pushkes" for those in need.

If you have a can sitting on your window sill or on the dryer, as my wife has (anything that comes out of my pants goes in the pushke), consider doing what Sherry did. Bring it to the Federation to help fund the myriad of programs and services that reflect and define our Jewish community.



Allan Ratner
President
Savannah Jewish
Federation

President's message

Give what you can as campaign closes in on mission

The 2018 Savannah Jewish Federation Campaign is almost over. Hooray!!

As this newspaper goes to press, we are very close to our goal of \$1.1 million.

It takes time, effort, and exhausting work by our volunteers to raise the funds the Savannah Jewish Federation needs to keep our community programs viable. If you haven't been called for a pledge, please forgive us, don't stand on ceremony.

Please call the JEA and offer your pledge unsolicited. If you have been called, and told the solicitor you would "think about it," please decide

on giving and make the call.

I have been told that some individuals don't think that others are giving their fair share. So what! I don't look in other peoples' checkbooks, or in their minds, to see what they should be giving.

Each individual decides what they are comfortable giving; do the best you can. We ask each donor to please make a "meaningful" gift. Meaningful is different for each person.

Programming is active early
We are just one month into the new year, and the activities are already moving fast.

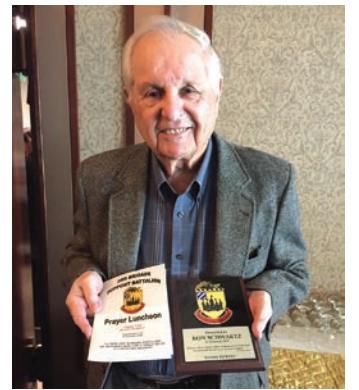
The Jewish Film Festival just ended with great food and great films.

If you did not like any of the films, we would be happy for you to serve on the selection committee next year. Just email Jacqui Drazen at programming@savj.org.

The Yesod Leadership Program had its first program with 20 participants. We are looking for great things from this group of current and future leaders.

Federation provides funding for so many programs, some that didn't exist even five years ago. Please help us to have another great year.

Mazel tov, Ron Schwartz



Ron Schwartz was a guest speaker at a 3rd Brigade Support Battalion luncheon at Fort Stewart, Ga., January 18.

The battalion presented Schwartz with a plaque with a quote from John Quincy Adams, the sixth President of the United States from 1825 to 1829:

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

Congratulations, Ron.

CONGREGATION MICKVE ISRAEL

We have docent-led tours of our museum available from 10:00am - 3:30pm during the week.

For a complete schedule of Services & Events, check our website at www.mickveisrael.org
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Passover Seders

Shalom School Chocolate Seder
Sunday March 18th at 12pm

Women's Seder
Sunday March 18th at 6pm

Men's Seder
Thursday, March 22nd at 6pm

First Night Seder
Friday, March 30th at 6pm

Second Night Seder
Saturday, March 31st at 6pm

Call 912-233-1547 to find out more information on cost and to RSVP.



REPRESENTATIONS OF JEWS
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Mickve Israel, Georgia Southern University's Center for Irish Research and Teaching, and the Consulate of Ireland in Atlanta present:

Representations of Jews in Irish Literature

The exhibit and special events honor and celebrate Ireland's Jewish literary legacy throughout history and illuminate the special connection between the Irish and Jewish Communities in Savannah.

Please Join us for one or all of the following events:

Sunday, March 4th, 4 pm

Opening day reception & Inaugural Day lecture featuring Dr. Pól Ó Dochartaigh – Vice President, National University of Ireland-Galway, Member, Royal Irish Academy

Thursday, March 15th, 7 pm

Daniel O'Connell, the Emancipist: A Hero to the Jews – and in Savannah Featuring Howard Keeley, Ph.D., Director of The Center for Irish Research and Teaching, Georgia Southern University

Saturday, March 24th, 12:30 pm

Minority Communities: Irish-Jewish Intersections in Savannah Featuring descendants of Rabbi George Solomon and members of the Mickve Israel's History & Heritage Committee

Wednesday, March 28th, 7 pm

Exhibit Closing night reception

The Exhibit is free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 am – 4 pm.

SHABBAT SERVICES:

Friday 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday 9:45 am Shabbat Service & Kiddush Luncheon
Saturday Evenings Mincha/Maariv & Havdalah

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Rabbi Steven Henkin

DAILY SERVICES:

Sunday 9:00 am & 6:00 pm,
Monday 7:15 am & 6:00 pm,
Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 am & 6:00 pm,
Wednesday 8:00 am & 6:00 pm
Friday 7:00 am & 6:00 pm

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Jewish Educational Alliance

March 2018



Children's Programming

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

Special trip to Pooler Fun Zone!

6:30pm - 10pm
Saturday, March 10, 2018

Member: \$25/child or \$45/family
Non Member: \$30/ child or \$55/family

Ages: 4 - 5th grade

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THURSDAY, MARCH 29

3PM - 6PM

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- 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 6,000 children daily. For more details, "like" **Midtown Miracle Community Garden** on Facebook or email Carol Greenberg at MStarArts@gmail.com.



Food For Thought

Join us each Thursday at 12:30pm

March 1	<i>Downsized & Organized</i> Jenny Shear	March 22	<i>Importance of Knowing your Breast Density</i> Terri Logan
March 8	<i>Consul General of Israel to the Southeastern United States</i> Ambassador Judith Varnai Shorer, Consul General of Israel to the Southeastern United States	March 29	<i>Impact Creativity has on Veterans</i> Ken Martin
March 15	<i>The Spirituality of Passover Prep</i> Rabbi Steven Henkin	April 5	<i>No Food for Thought</i> Passover

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 desk or by calling 912-355-8111.

Introducing Fitness for New and Expecting Moms with Kitt Dobry!



Kitt Dobry
Fitness Instructor

I am delighted to announce I am now a "Girls Gone Strong" certified Pre- and Post-Natal Coach and will be offering personal training, as well as small group classes, dedicated to pregnant and post-pregnant women.

"Girls Gone Strong" is by women for women, committed to providing the highest quality, evidence-based, body-positive information available for women who are trying to conceive, currently pregnant, or in post-pregnancy.

My personal mission is to help women and mothers build better health and fitness that takes into account their unique needs and goals, while

fostering body positivity. Every woman who has had a baby knows the pressure to "bounce back" afterward, and those pressures do little to support the health and fitness of new moms. My aim is to help women feel comfortable in their bodies and gain the strength, mobility, endurance and flexibility to support their lives and passions! I'll cover topics from physiology, psychology, nutrition specifically for pregnancy and breastfeeding to how each trimester impacts exercise programming, and common post-partum issues such as incontinence.

I couldn't be more excited to begin coaching strong moms! I'll be offering a small group class in the spring, but you don't have to wait for that to start training with me!

To set up your personal training with Kitt,

JEA Donations

(December 12, 2017-January 31, 2018)

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In honor of Anita Schlossberg
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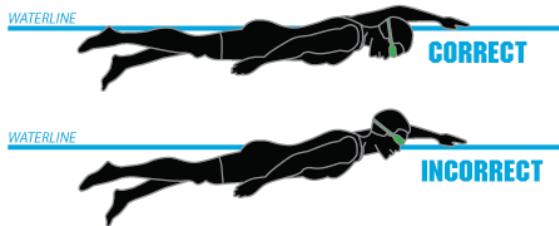
Four Common Swimming Mistakes ... And How You Can Fix Them



Kirby Southerland
Aquatics Director

1. Head too high: The most common mistake is improper head position. The natural tendency is to look forward while swimming to see where you're going. While this instinct is understandable, it's a habit that should be broken.

When you raise your head to



see, it causes your hips to drop. This means you swim lower in the water, increasing resistance and slowing you down.

The easiest way to fix this problem is to find something on the bottom of the pool to watch. Most people use the black line in the center of the lane as a focal point.

2. Bad breath timing: This mistake comes when you breathe during the wrong time of your stroke. It's important to get your breathing rhythm down correctly so you're not worrying about passing out or breathing in a mouthful of water.

Breathing too early during your stroke is one common mistake.

It is best to begin your breath as your hand enters the water to begin the pull part of your stroke. Then, finish the breath as your hand exits the water. Don't forget to rotate which side you breathe on! Also make sure to breathe out of your nose while you swim, it helps to promote higher

quality, more efficient inhalation.

3. Bent Knees: The first instinct would have you think that the more you kick, the faster you'll propel yourself. For freestyle, this is actually untrue. Kicking with freestyle does provide a little thrust, but its main role is to regulate the vertical position in the water.

The most common mistake is to bend your knees while kicking. If you do this, you increase the surface area creating resistance. Instead, you want to keep your legs as straight as possible.

The easiest way to correct this mistake is to visualize kicking from your hips, not your legs. As you do this, try to also keep your ankles as loose as possible. If needed, you can stretch your ankles before to increase flexibility.

4. Swimming Flat: This mistake seems almost contradictory at first. Of course, you want your body to remain as straight and streamlined as possible when you swim. The problem with swimming flat comes not from your body alignment, but from how you move through the water.

Many people have a tendency to swim with their belly button always facing the bottom of the pool.

This is swimming flat.

In reality, you should be rolling to the side with every arm stroke, allowing your arm a more natural stroke pattern. At the end of each stroke, your navel should face the side of the pool, and rotate to face the other side of the pool with each dig. Make sure you are fully extending your arm on each stroke, because the only way for that to happen will be by rolling to the side a little.

If you pay attention while swimming, you should feel the rotation. And you will know you've done it correctly if your armpit is facing down.

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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



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

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10:00 am - Sun Flow Yoga
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in the JEA Art Gallery

John Alexander

Originally from Columbia, Maryland, John has been a resident and photographer in beautiful Savannah, Georgia since 2005. His formal training is from University of Maryland, Baltimore County where he received a BA degree in photography & graphic design in 1998.

John is a well-known local photographer, specializing in commercial, portraiture, real estate, special events and fine art. John's photography has been featured in publications such as *Sailing World Magazine*, *South Magazine*, *Savannah Magazine*, *Connect*, and *Well FED*, as well as many of Savannah's most prestigious businesses.

John's fine art portfolio demonstrates his fascination and love for the natural world. His images come alive with personality; personality that reveals a unique relationship between the photographer and his subject.

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Eye on education
Teaching today, so they can lead tomorrow

Ester Rabhan,
 Principal
 Rambam Day
 School

It's been an interesting journey watching the children in our new Baby Care program take off.

It's not just the calls from parents wanting to see our program or to inquire if we have room for their children; it's watching the children we have.

I'm used to observing the two year olds and how much they grow up from the first day of school until about December when they suddenly blossomed out of babyhood. But, I'm not used to babies (little three month olds to 15 month olds) being around and hearing them cry, babble, or get excited to see the older children.

The ones who barely moved are now rolling around the room, and the ones who were moving a little are walking all over. In fact, they transition into our two-year-old class for a little while during the morning, and they love it. It's like they're all grown up!

We make a difference

One gets so much pleasure working with children. You learn so

much from their innocence, and you do so much to protect that innocence. You truly, very deeply touch a young life. It's priceless.

If children come to us from strong, healthy functioning families, our job is easier. If they come from families that are not strong, healthy and functioning, our job is more important.

We love them all

A child cannot be taught by anyone who despises him, and a child cannot afford to be fooled.

As teachers, we must be prepared to love them all — no matter what kind of home they come from, no matter their strengths or weaknesses. We must be prepared to hold out our arms and embrace them and the challenges they send our way.

Every day, I appreciate more and more what being an educator means. What it involves. What it demands of me. The energy I need. The patience. The love. The understanding.

I hope I was generously expressive to my children's teachers about how much I appreciated them, and still do.

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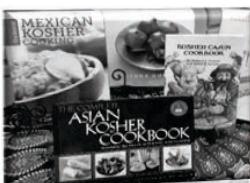
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Eye on education

The 'everyday things' fulfill mission to build positive relationships

Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director
Early Childhood
Education

As I go through my day at work, I try to appreciate and find joy in the everyday activities around me. This helps keep life in perspective and maintain a positive and grateful attitude.

One of my favorite "everyday things" is the opportunity to chat with moms and dads about their children. It can be in a formal meeting or in a casual conversation in the hallway. For more formal times, moms come with their concerns about toilet training, temper tantrums, sleep habits, or the upcoming school year.

One of the more casual conversations I recently had was with a mom of a toddler. While walking her out of the preschool one morning, she shared her positive comments about the new Kaymbu communication program.

She told me that when she received text messages or emails about her child, her co-workers were envious of her receiving such precious pictures and documentation of the learning experiences that her child was engaged in.

Insight of parents furthers classroom teaching

Listening to these mom's thoughts and experiences is enlightening and offers insight into how they feel and deal with issues. These conversations help teachers work within the classroom to meet the child's needs. Their words also help us know what is going well in the classrooms and with the children.

Another special "everyday thing" is when I get to visit the classrooms. It's exciting to hear the children's voices as they sing with me or join me in a finger play — a short poem or rhyme that is either spoken or sung and involves the use of hands and fingers to help "act" it out.

I also enjoy reading books to the children to enrich their language and listening skills; it provides such powerful and positive interactions. The wonderful part is hearing the child say "I can do that" or "Let's do it again."

Teacher candidates see the excitement of learning

A conversation with a potential teacher is considered an "everyday thing," too. It is gratifying to hear the candidate share that she felt warmth and love while walking through the preschool doors and could tell from the smile on the teachers' and children's faces that this was a happy place.

Another teacher candidate told me she heard good things about the JEA as an organization because it provides meaningful community activities.

By recalling these "everyday things," I realize the importance of what we do at JEA Preschool Savannah. Building positive relationships everyday between children, family, and teachers is vital to our mission. We all do it in so many ways each and every day.

Please come join us. You are invited to experience those "everyday things" with all of us at JEA Preschool Savannah. You'll be glad you did!



Eva Locker,
Principal
Shalom School

Eye on education

Costumes enliven Purim events

In my house, the most visible sign that Purim approaches is that costumes are popping out of the closet. One of the most exciting parts of Purim's celebration, for old and young, is definitely dressing up.

As we were discussing costume choices over dinner last week, I asked the question: "Why exactly do we dress up for Purim?" After some research, I discovered several explanations.

Three concepts

1) Nothing was as it seemed.

Naturally, many commentators connect this tradition to the nature of the Purim story: Esther masquerades as a member of the ruling Persian family while practicing her religion behind closed doors. Haman's plot is "turned on its head." Instead of annihilation, the Jews enjoy salvation and freedom!

To commemorate that story, we dress up as something we are not. We disguise our authentic identity with a fraudulent one. We choose attire that has no connection to the real person that lies beneath it.

2) **Miracles add up.** Other commentators say while much of the story appears to naturally unfold, in reality, the story is a compilation of small miracles, God is HIDDEN within the details (his name is never mentioned in the Megillah).

3) **Minimize embarrassment.** Another explanation is that we dress up to minimize the embarrassment of the poor we visit when bringing tzedakah on that day.

While we have several explanations, we must point out that the dressing up in costumes and masks are not mentioned in the Book of Esther. We see no indication that anyone ever dressed up for Purim in the Mishnah, Talmud, or in the literature of the Gaonim. Nor is the practice mentioned in the writings of Rashi and Maimonides in the Middle Ages.

So where did it come from?

The earliest reference to dressing up on Purim is found in the 14th and 15th century in Italy, where Italian Jewry tradition seemed to adopt the practice of local celebrations of that time.

With all those possible explanations, the answer that I prefer best is that the dressing up relates directly back to the meaning of Purim: Miracles are hidden in the ordinary.

All the miracles that happened on Purim are directly related to the people in the story and their actions. Miracles happen every day, and it often takes the actions of a few to perform these miracles. Esther was a regular woman who took action and whose bravery in the face of fear changed the course of an entire people.

Let's use the Purim story to remind our children that it is not really about the costume but about how to be more like Esther, brave and ready to act for what is important.

A sure way to be God's partner for any miracles, small or big, that might come our way.

Chag Purim Sameach.

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

David Durben

Who died January 2, 2018

He is survived by his wife, Marcia Durben; four children, Shelley (Sandy) Shultz, Melissa (Bussey) Evans, Richard (Debbie) Durben and Barbara Jelstrom; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

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Robin Klein Browder

Who died Tuesday, February 6, 2018

She is survived by her husband Miles Heater; mother Faith Klein; sister Holly Newcombe (husband Keith and their son Mason); brother Christopher Klein (wife Nita Ann and their daughters Grace and Frances).

David Michaels

Who died February 6, 2018

Brian Harris Palefsky

Who died Wednesday, February 7, 2018

He is survived by his two daughters, Madden Palefsky and Emma Palefsky, his parents Linda (Marvin) Cranman and Elliot (Vivian) Palefsky, his brothers Eric Palefsky, Sheldon (Lainie) Palefsky, Michael (Haley) Cranman and Brian (Laura) Cranman, his step-siblings, Bianca (Steven) Hollander and Mathew (Rainey) DelNostro, and many nieces and nephews.

Remembrances: Donations may be made to the Raymond and Morris Rosen Memorial Fund at the

Jewish Educational Alliance.

Jean Caines Gilmore

Who died Saturday, February 10, 2018

She is survived by her husband Alex Gimore; their children, Alan Gilmore of Savannah and Harriet Shaughnessy (Joe) of Jacksonville, FL; their grandchildren, Chandler, Hunter, Hailey, Caitlin, Ryan, and Conner; and her beloved canine babies, Max and Barney.

To the many nurses, doctors, and friends that have shown care and compassion for Jean and her family for the past several years.



Veterans corner

Small numbers of U.S. Jews in military, but they will be honored

By A.J. Haysman,
Lt. Col., USAF (Ret)
Post 320 Commander
Jewish War Veterans

As a member of the Jewish community, I am proud of the support that the Jewish community gives to members of the armed forces here in Savannah.

Unfortunately, while Jews are doctors, lawyers or members of science (virtually any profession), for example, we are sorely under-represented in military service.

Reuters reported a year ago that a 2009 survey published by the Congressionally-mandated Military Leadership Diversity Commission indicated an estimated 1.09% of the members of the U.S. armed forces are Jewish. Go to <http://reut.rs/2EZCNbz>

In an Oct. 26, 2001 commentary in the *Jewish News of Northern California* (<http://bit.ly/2EiPBZn>), I remember the statement "truth be told, nice Jewish boys and girls aren't raised to grow up and be soldiers, except of course in Israel." It is an interesting read.

Jewish War Veterans mission

Nevertheless, we owe great honor to all Jewish veterans. The national Jewish War Veterans (JWV) website (<http://www.jwv.org>) cites the mission:



"Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV) is the voice of the Jewish serviceperson and friend to all veterans. Formed in New York in 1896 after the American Civil War, the Jewish veteran group was known as the Hebrew Union Veterans Association.

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With over 120 years of service, JWV is the oldest, continuously operating Veteran Service Organization in the country."

In the coming months, we will discuss this subject while I continue

to update the community on our Post.

Finally, we'd like to congratulate Ed Wexler, Col, USAF (Ret) once more for his election in November 2017 as the Veteran of the Year for the Veterans Council of Chatham County!

This is a tremendous honor and is only given out to the most outstanding veterans that have served their nation and community. The next time that you see Ed, please congratulate him.

The last Jewish person in Savannah to receive this honor was Morris Lamhut in 1986.

Upcoming Post 320 events

- Monthly planning meeting, March 6, 2018, JEA, 6:30 p.m.
 - Memorial Day, March 25, 2018, 9 a.m. We will be placing flags in Bonaventure Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day.
- We will continue as long as we are able to put a flag on every Jewish veteran's grave whether the person was a member of the organization or not. We have the flags, and we hope for beautiful spring morning. It is a great way to walk, talk, and enjoy socializing. Everyone is invited.



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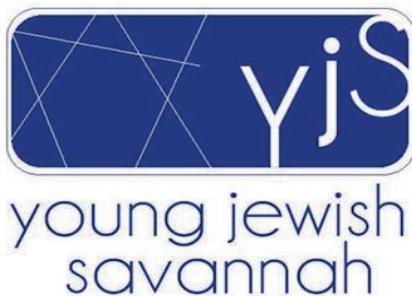
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Israeli tour guide David Sussman inspires with his struggles toward new purpose

By Deganit (Degi) Ruben
Contributing Writer

David Sussman is one of the most sought after tour guides in Israel, and he has an incredible story to tell.

David is a Boston-bred former “band groupie” who lived in his van following his favorite band and later served in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). Now, he is one of Israel’s most popular and inspiring tour guides.

Speaking to more than 120 Savannah Jewish community members on January 18, David discussed a “Birthright for Moms” trip to Israel, a troubled childhood, and surviving a terrorist attack.

In summer 2015, David guided a group of local Jewish women on a “Birthright for Moms” trip to Israel through an organization called the Jewish Women’s Renaissance Project (JWRP).

On that trip, he made a significant impression on them and they on him, and he committed to visiting and speaking to the Savannah community the next time he would be in the United States on a speaking tour.

More recently, he guided members of the Kaminsky family around Israel and helped arrange a family Bat Mitzvah for them.

When the one-day opportunity arose to have him come speak here, the community rallied — on short notice — and all three synagogues sponsored the event and encouraged their congregants to attend.

An audience of over 120 people, of all ages and observance levels, filed into the Bnai Brith Jacob social hall for a delicious buffet dinner and an evening of inspiration.

Growing up painfully

David spoke of a troubled childhood in a rough area of Boston, including divorcing parents, getting kicked out of school, being sent to military high school, and living in a van driving from concert to concert.

When the band retired, he found himself with no purpose in life and arbitrarily decided to buy a plane ticket to Israel.

That decision led to a bartending job in Tel Aviv where after witnessing a horrific terror attack, he joined



Six women went on a 2015 “Birthright for Moms” trip with Israeli tour guide David Sussman. From left to right, Hilary Kronowitz, Melanie Sussman, Dina Linfoot, David Sussman, Deganit (Degi) Ruben, Joanne Foss, and Stacy Krapf.

the IDF, eventually fighting in the Lebanon War in 2006. During this period, he faced what appeared to be certain death.

But he spoke of his miraculous survival and the subsequent need to live his life with a renewed purpose.

His change begins

He immediately began the long and intense training required to become a certified Ministry of Tourism educator and guide. Learning the history and archaeology of Israel sparked an intense desire to understand the meaning of being Jewish.

David began studying in a Yeshiva, which led to a much deeper awareness of and connection to his

Jewish roots.

David brought these experiences to life as he spoke. It is impossible not to be moved and inspired by his story.

Today, Sussman owns David Sussman Israel Tours and is the host and writer of “Land of the Bible,” a popular half-hour show on cable TV. He guides for many organizations throughout Israel, including the Jewish Women’s Renaissance Project and Aish HaTorah. He lives in Jerusalem with his wife and two children.

Many thanks go to all three Savannah synagogues and their congregants: Bnai Brith Jacob and the Kollel, Agudath Achim, and Congregation Mickve Israel, as well as all of those who came to hear his powerful message.

About the author.

Deganit (Degi) Ruben teaches Hebrew and Judaic studies to students of all ages, including pre- and post-Bnai Mitzvah preparation and related studies. Two summers ago, she participated in the Jewish Women’s Renaissance Project trip to Israel with other community women. She lives in Savannah, GA, with her husband and two daughters.



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