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Friday, May 3	7:48pm
Saturday, May 4	8:46pm
Friday, May 10	7:53pm
Saturday, May 11	8:52pm
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Friday, May 24	8:03pm
Saturday, May 25	9:03pm
Friday, May 31	8:07pm
Saturday, June 1	9:08pm

JEA Annual Meeting – YOU are the key to our success

The 107th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Educational Alliance will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd at 7pm.

This year will focus on the volunteers who have helped to make this year such a successful one for the JEA. Those that volunteer their time to sit on the JEA Board and working committees, those who worked so hard to make the fundraisers such as the JEA Gala, Preschool ArtBash & Oy Vey 5K a success and everyone who has pitched in this year because they care about the JEA community.

President Robyn Carroll and Treasurer, Margie Levy will be continuing in their roles for the second of a two-year term. Also to be recognized at the meeting for their service to the community on the JEA Board are retiring Board members, Peggy Harris and Lauren Fins who fulfilled the maximum number of

consecutive terms (three) allowed by the constitution.

The meeting will also feature presentation of President's Awards and the JEA Community Service Award (previously awarded to Tom Kohler and Judge Michael Karpf).

As they all seem to be, it has been a busy year for the JEA. We finally finished the Security Project with all building doors being secured, biometric access limiting access from the lobby, the installation of (even more) cameras, and new door locks on all classroom and meeting doors. Each change has been welcomed by the membership and community as a whole and reflect best practices for a community center.

Some other projects accomplished and in process include all new vanities and sinks in the locker rooms, our "wayfinding project" (scheduled to be done soon

after the publication of this paper), a full rehab of the Senior Lounge (new paint, floors and ceiling), and many other small projects throughout the building. Ray Adamson and his staff have continued to provide the maintenance and setups for more and more programs.

Maintaining a building of this age and size is a constant challenge and in the near future, we will have significant investments in the property to be able to be competitive and to provide what our membership expects.

Children's programming continues to thrive. JEA Preschool Savannah is already at over 90% of capacity for the 2019-20 program, camp enrollments are more than double what they were at this time last year, and our afterschool

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JEA Gala, Sept 8, A Gala to Remember

Throwback dresses, corsages and boutonnieres, spiked punch and cheesy prom photos! Get ready to experience another exciting JEA Gala. Come in your best throwback prom inspired look as we celebrate A Gala to Remember on Sunday, September 8, while supporting our beloved Jewish Community Center. The Gala is the annual centerpiece of the Jewish Educational Alliance's fundraising efforts and over the years has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars so that the JEA can serve the community with services, and offer year-round programming and activities for youth, adults and seniors from the entire Savannah community.

This year's gala is sure to impress

with mother daughter duo co-chairs Sharon Sand and Allison Konter along with Gala Coordinator, Ashley Yellin. The committee has been planning a classy evening that will have you breaking out those prom dresses and securing your prom date.



Allison Konter and Sharon Sand

The JEA is excited that Ashley Yellin has come on board as the JEA Gala Coordinator. She will be the professional working to make the 2019 Gala a success. Ashley Yellin moved to Savannah with her husband Josh in 2017 from San Francisco. Ashley has worked as an event planner for large corporate events and weddings for the last seven years. Prior to joining in the events



Ashley Yellin

industry, Ashley worked as a criminal prosecutor for the San Francisco District Attorney's office and a civil defense litigator. Ashley and Josh have one daughter who attends the JEA preschool and love their new community.

The evening will begin with an assortment of hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Chef Jeffrey Quasha, Executive Chef for Morrison Healthcare, and his team are back-donating their time once again to prepare the menu and all of the food the night of the event. Cocktail hour will be followed by dinner and a dessert bar. (All food is Kosher; there will be plenty to choose from – from chicken to fish and many vegetarian selections. Certified Kosher meals are available

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Your Campaign Dollars At Work

My Summer Camp Experience

By Jordan Linfoot

I have been going to Camp Barney Medintz for five summers.

Camp has been such a big part of my life that I consider it as a second home. This past summer, I was in the Alufim unit. Alufim is the third oldest unit at camp. Each unit has special trips and activities that every camper looks forward to as we get older. This summer, my favorite trip was "three day", a three day out-of-camp trip to NOC (Nantahala Outdoor Center), where we zip-lined, white-water rafted, and did the high ropes course.

My favorite in-camp activity in Alufim this summer was "Trio" - this is an overnight campout with two other people from your unit. As a group of three, we were on our own to make camp, fire, and cook for ourselves. Trio gives everyone a chance to bond with people they haven't gotten a chance to know yet. It also serves as a practice run for

next year's "Solo", where we do the same thing - but completely on our own!

I think that going to a Jewish summer camp is very important! It is a great experience and opportunity. Ever since I have been going to camp, I have become much more active in Savannah's Jewish

community. Camp has amazing activities and a supportive and inclusive atmosphere.

Some of my favorite activities are: the omega zip-line across the camp lake, tie dye, Israeli dance, and campouts. The activities at camp are certainly a lot of fun, but what really makes camp special is the people. The reason I keep going back each summer is for the friendships that I make.

Last summer, I met one of my best friends. She lives in California, so

getting to go to camp and see her is one of the best parts of camp.

My last camp favorite is Shabbat! On Shabbat, the whole camp comes together in our beautiful Chapel, under one roof, and we sing and dance together. It is a special feeling that you cannot find anywhere else!

Thank you to the Savannah Jewish Federation for helping to send me to Camp Barney Medintz, My Summer Place!

Jordyn Linfoot, daughter of Scott and Dina Linfoot is a 9th grader at St Andrews School in Savannah and will be returning to Camp Barney for her 6th

summer (her last as a camper). Your support of the Savannah Jewish Federation's Annual Community Campaign makes it possible to support Jordyn and many other Savannah area teens with an immersive Jewish summer experience.



Shabbat with my friend



Shabbat in the Chapel



Hillel

On April 7th, Hillel campuses all over the nation participated in Good Deeds Day. The SCAD Hillel students, faculty adviser Heather Szatmary and SJF's Caitlin Gardner partnered with Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers to remove trash from Tybee Beach after a busy weekend of visitors. Tybee Clean Beach is a grass-roots organization that works with the City of Tybee to minimize the human impact to the environment. Hillel students removed pounds of trash within a few hours, which was then recycled through municipal recycling or specialty recycling companies. Students hope to continue partnering with this and other organizations to give back to the community.



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Adam Solender
Executive Director
JEA/SJF

Executive Director's Message

The Value of Community

Hillel was recorded as sharing two essential teachings about

Jewish life. The first is a simple mandate – “Do not separate yourself from community.” The second, and perhaps the more famous of the two, being – “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, who am I? If not now, when?” Both of these teachings, which emphasize the core Jewish value of community, have helped to guide, sustain and enrich the Jewish people through history.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, the emeritus chief Rabbi of England, has articulated in a more personal sense, the power of community. He writes in his book *Celebrating Life*, “Community is the human expression of Divine love. It is where I am valued simply for who I am, how I live and what I give to others. It is the place where they know my name.” He also wrote in the book, *From Optimism to Hope*, “Community is a society with a human face – the place we know we’re not alone.”

Hillel’s and Rabbi Sacks’ emphasis on community raises important questions for our own lives. Do we have a sense of community or communities in our lives and if not, what can we do to build and nurture this sense of connection? What are the benefits of belonging to community and are we willing to make sacrifices in order to benefit and sustain our community?

If I didn’t understand the value of community through all my professional work, I certainly learned it over the past few months with the death of my father. During his weeks of decline I took extra time to be at his side in Florida. It was an

important time to provide comfort and support to him and his wife. During my time away, the staffs at the JEA and Federation picked up whatever needed to be done. They gave me the space to spend those last days with my father without the intrusion of everyday life.

And when the day came, that he had died, it was more of the same. I dropped what I was doing to drive back to Southern Florida for his burial and a few days of shiva. My colleagues picked up everything that needed to be done and more. I am grateful for their support.

But it was when we returned home to Savannah, and I use the term home for a reason. Not only is it where we live, but it was the larger home that we returned to...the home of our community.

We only sat shiva for one more day in Savannah, but the response was truly overwhelming. It was not like I grew up in Savannah or that people here had met my dad, but on a Sunday afternoon, hour after hour, people streamed in the door to pay their respects, offer a few words of support, to shake my hand or give me a hug. It was exhausting, exhilarating, warm, and truly meaningful.

And in the weeks that followed there were text messages, letters, cards, and many donations in my Dad’s memory. I was only sorry that he was not there to see it. He would have been so excited to see me in my community, my caring community, my warm community, filled with people who stopped what they were doing to reach out to me, to remember him.

Sometimes we all need a reminder of just how unique, how special Savannah is. Thank you for making me feel so very good at a challenging time in my life. I will never forget it.

Going for the Green

By Garrett Kaminsky

Beginning May 1st JEA-goers will be privy to new bins on campus. Bright blue recycling bins, conveniently adjacent to existing waste receptacles throughout the center, will represent a small portion of a big change taking place. And this change is good!

As the global effort to make businesses “greener,” the JEA is eager to follow suit. While the new recycling service comes at a small fee to the JEA, this initiative comes at no cost to the JEA community. Bins will be used to recycle in a single stream manner, meaning recyclable materials (paper, plastic, aluminum and glass) will not need to be individually sorted, and will be collected into one single bin.

With the leadership of JEA President, Robyn Carroll, the “Green Committee” has taken significant steps to reduce waste, recycle supplies and repurpose used items. Committee members Heather Horenstein, Garrett Kaminsky and Lisa Mackowiak, along with Carroll and the JEA staff, look forward to continuing the growth of this initiative, as the benefits are evident.

“I feel strongly about being a good steward of the environment and how closely this links to the future. Being mindful of waste is not only

environmentally conscious, but also a financial decision,” Carroll stated recently at a committee meeting.

The JEA Preschool has led the way on this green initiative. Lisa Mackowiak generously donated reusable cups, bowls, and plates to each classroom for twice daily snack time. This has drastically reduced daily waste, and in turn reinforced respect for our place on the planet.

“...Providing a school environment that cares for our natural environment changes the culture from an early age. The children will begin to see this as nothing new or

different, rather just the normal way to take care of the impact we cause. I am really glad that we are moving in the direction of making better choices for our children’s future world,” stated Mackowiak.

Teachers have enthusiastically adopted the “new protocol,” which has significantly reduced waste.

An added bonus: by reusing the plates, cups, and utensils, the program reduces supply costs for the school. A true win-win.

The JEA hopes to see active participation as it continues to grow the community in a more environmentally sound manner.



The JEA Preschool Doobim Pre-K class has been learning about the importance of recycling. The children collected plastic straws during the month of March in an effort to aid coastal Georgia sea life. They collected over a hundred straws, many of which you can see on the classroom rug of this photo. This class plans to continue their recycling of plastic straws for the rest of this school year.

A Gala To Remember

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upon request.)

The Gala Committee is busy securing fun and popular items for the silent and live auction, including passes to local cultural festivals, gift certificates to restaurants around town, vacation rentals; personal training packages and the ever so coveted parking spaces located in the front of the JEA building and so much more!

A DJ from First City Events will be spinning the tunes late night for those wishing to stay after dinner to enjoy the music and drinks with friends.

This year’s Gala will surely be one to remember! Tickets are \$136 per person and may be purchased online at www.savannahjea.org or by calling the JEA, (912) 355-8111.

A Friendly Reminder

The next issue of the Savannah Jewish News will be our June issue.

The deadline for all submissions is May 6th. Please send all materials to sjnews@savj.org.



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With this huge achievement complete, we will now be turning our attention towards the remaining photograph collections and the oral history collection in the Savannah Jewish Archives. Stay tuned for further updates!

Image caption: JAPH 3241, 1962 BBG Beau Dance, Savannah Jewish Archives General Photograph Collection, The Breman Museum, Atlanta, GA.

Any questions about the Savannah Jewish Archives? Contact us at lresnick@thebreman.org or jrkatz@thebreman.org. There's history in your home! Please consider reaching out to make an appointment to explore the Archives if you're in Atlanta, or donating to the collection.



Robin Rackoff

Mah Jongg And More

How pitiful is my life that the most exciting moment of the year is when I get the new Mah Jongg card. I'd be willing to win the Powerball lottery just to see if that is more exciting, but I doubt it could be.

Everywhere I go, people call out, "I LOVE the new card!" And I do as well. But then again, I always love the new card, just because it's new. It's not until a few weeks have gone by and we're out of the honeymoon phase that I can judge more honestly. I know that with this card, I will be paying more attention to the Quint hands. I usually don't even glance their way unless I have three jokers, but since the first Quint is technically possible to make with only one joker, I will look at that neglected section more often. If you tend to avoid the Singles & Pairs, avoid no more! It seems to be easier than usual to convert a Singles & Pairs hand to a regular hand if you find that you're dead or if you start to pick jokers. I was going for the Single & Pairs FF 11 22 DD 11 22 DD when in three successive turns, I picked jokers (just when I didn't want them!) I quickly discarded the dragons and

switched to the Consecutive Run FFFF 11 222 11 222, and got mah jongg in no time. Remember how important eights were in 2018? This year, fives and nines rule! If someone exposes a kong of fives, they could be playing more than twenty different hands.

There are so many changes to this card that I actually need to study, which is not my strong point. As a teenager, my idea of studying involved a Princess phone and an unopened textbook. Not anymore! Now I mean business, using all of my spare time and brain power to learn the new hands. Every evening, I try to play online, usually Myjongg.net, and it is helping enormously.

The National Mah Jongg League has acknowledged that there are two omissions to the text on the card, both under Consecutive Runs. The fifth hand should read "Any one suit, any two consecutive numbers," and the last hand should say "Any three consecutive numbers, pungs must match pair, pair must be the middle number".

I hope this spring will bring you not only flowers but dragons and winds and jokers as well. Until next time, let's maj on!



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The Jewish Educational Alliance presents a monthly program guide

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May 2019



Children's Programming



The JEA Children's Department had a great 2018-2019 School Year! We hope everyone has a fun, safe, and fantastic summer!



JEA Camp Savannah "Inside the Outdoors"

READY, SET, SURVIVE

Jun 3-7

This action-packed week will be an awesome guide to make sure campers are ready and set to survive!

BACKYARD EXPLORERS

June 11-14

We will venture around Savannah searching for geocaches, learn to fish, and taste some local treats.

NATURE UNLEASHED

Jun 17-21

Make volcanoes explode, tornadoes twist, and shake things up with seismographs and terrariums

THE AMAZING RACE

Jun 24-28

Journey to Asia for sushi making, Australia for boomerang building and Scotland for bagpipes

SHIPWRECKED

July 1-5

Search for shark teeth, compete in our own Shark Tank, and enjoy the 3rd Cardboard Boat Regatta

WET, WILD, & YUCKY

July 8-12

Messy Olympics & Fear Factor competitions and Color War leave everyone wanting more!

CLAWS, PAWS & JAWS

Jul 15-19

Create treats for animal shelters, venture on a dolphin cruise, and a visit from special animal friends

CAMP ROCKS

Jul 22-26

Rock out learning dance routines to perform at an all new take on our Annual Glee Show

Open to all children grades K - 10th
For more information please visit www.SavannahJEA.org



Adult Programming



Scrabble	Thursdays	6-8pm
Mah Jongg	Mondays	2-4pm
	Thursdays	2-4pm



Food For Thought

Join us each Thursday at 12:30pm

May 2	Yom HaShoah My Family's Survivor Story Elsa Van Thyn	May 16	Radiation Oncology St. Joseph/ Candler
May 9	Post Election Israel Motti Locker	May 23	Lag B'Omer Rabbi Robert Haas
		May 30	Coastal Jazz Association Paula Fogarty

Visit with old friends and meet new ones while enjoying a delicious lunch for only \$5 followed by an educational speaker or performer.
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May 20-31

Shalom Summer

School is out and summer fun is at the JEA! Join us as we count down to the best summer of JEA Camp Savannah yet! Activities will include cook-outs, field trips/stay trips, creative projects, new games and, of course, what would camp be without a few surprises?!

There will be no Days @ the JEA offered on May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

July 29-Aug. 9

Sayonarra Summer

Summer fun is not over yet. Help us send off summer in true JEA style as we recreate some of 2019's biggest moments. No need to be sad, though. Days at the JEA will be here all school year to hold you over until Camp Savannah 2020!!

New JEA Members

The JEA would like to thank our members. Without your membership and support, we would not be able to offer all the services that we do. Our members are our most important asset!
(New members as of Mar. 6, 2019)

Spencer & Kara Adoff
Steve & Marie Booker
Barbara Gatens
Harley Krinsky & Casey Anderson
Hope Mills
Thomas & Mary Patricia Murphy
Ariane Noel de Tilly
Jerome & Erin Rose
Lee & Erin Sellinger

SUMMER

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May 26: Water Safety Day

June 3-5 Lifeguard Certification Course

June 16 : Babysitting
Certification Course

June 23: Pediatric CPR Course

July 7: CPR for the Professional
Rescuer Course

May 26: Water Safety Day-Meet your life-guards, sign up for swim lessons and learn how to make sure your family is Water Smart!

June 3-5: Lifeguard Certification Course-Teaches the skills for both water and land-related emergencies. CPR, Lifeguarding and First Aid certifications are included.

June 16: Babysitting Certification Course-Ideal for ages 11-14. Learn the skills to become confident babysitters including first aid training, feeding and changing infants, and learning age-appropriate games!

June 23: Pediatric CPR Certification Course-Learn how to confidently intervene in pediatric emergencies!

July 7: CPR for the Professional Rescuer-Do you know what to do in an emergency? Join us for a hands-on training class that will prepare you for real-life emergency scenarios!

For more information, check out our website and Facebook page



Health & Wellness

Gym Etiquette 101 (Just in case you forgot)



Kathy Ackerman
Fitness Director

What does proper gym etiquette consist of? Don't be the obnoxious, disrespectful gym rat that annoys everyone in the gym. Here is a list of common-sense rules for gym etiquette and a list of the most annoying things many still do.

- **Come To Train:** The gym is a place to exercise! If you want to take a nap, stay at home.



No sleeping

- **Use a Towel:** Even though men sweat and women glisten, everyone should use a towel if they are perspiring.
- **Treat It Like You Own It:** Don't beat up or jerk around the equipment. No jerks at the J.
- **Give People Space:** Don't hover around a person as they're doing their sets. It's not polite and kind of creepy.
- **Don't Hog the Bench or Resistance Equipment:** Get your sets done and move on to your next exercise, or allow others to work in with you. You could make a new friend.
- **Rack-Em and Stack-Em:** If you use plates, take them off when you're finished. If you use dumbbells, don't be a dummy, re-rack them. If you use a mat re-stack it!

- **Never Make Fun of Other Gym-Goers:** No bullies at the J. We are the JEA family.
- **Wipe Down Equipment After Using It:** If you sweat all over the treadmill, please clean up after yourself. Don't you remember your mother telling you that?
- **Keep Phone Conversations to a Minimum:** No one in the gym wants to hear your neighborhood gossip. Please turn the ringer off also.
- **Avoid Excessive Grunting or Vocalizing:** We all need a little push to get that last rep but let's not be the center of attention.
- **Ask Permission Before Changing the TV Channel:** The gym is a happy place, politics don't belong here. Be nice to your neighbor.
- **Only Sing Your Tunes In Your Head:** Unless you're Elton John or Adele!
- **No Youth Under the Age of 16 Allowed in the Fitness Center without the Fitness Director's Approval:** The gym is not a playground and we are not babysitters.
- **Keep Your Privates Private:** Be sure you're properly covered at all times.



No "creepy" hovering

Fitness Classes

Sunday

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



Monday

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



Tuesday

9:15 am - Power Pilates
10:00 am - SilverSneakers Splash
10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
10:30 am - Gentle Yoga
7:00 pm - Aikido



Wednesday

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

Thursday

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



Friday

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

Join the JEA

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

Types of Membership include:

Family Plans, Couple Plans, Senior Plans
Young Family Plans, Individual Plans

Visit us at 5111 Abercorn Street or online at www.SavannahJEA.org for more information!



JEA Preschool Savannah News

Enroll Now 2019-20 School Year

Limited spaces available for the upcoming school year.

Contact Jodi Sadler, Director, at Jodi@savj.org or 912-355-8111 to set up a tour

JEA Preschool Summer Program Accepting Registration for 2019 beginning June 3. Open to all children ages 12 mos and walking through 4 years old.

June 3-14 - Session 1:

Commotion in the Ocean

We'll learn about the underwater world of our oceans and create an aquarium.

June 17-28 - Session 2: Space is the Place

We'll learn about gravity, astronaut food and more!

July 1-12 - Session 3:

Mountain Madness

We'll camp out, learn about animals, waterfalls, creeks and more!

July 15-26 - Session 4: Diggin' in the Desert

Try an archeological dig, discover reptiles and build a teepee!

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

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

JEA Camp Savannah Presents:

Potions with Professor C

K-2ND: JUNE 3-7
3RD-10TH: JUNE 17-21

Join us as we create magical potions and experiment with wacky materials!

BRAND NEW AND EXCITING SPECIALTY CAMPS!

For more information and to register visit our website:
www.savannahjea.org

Nature's Pantry

June 24-28

Open to all children in grades K-10

MULTI-CULTURAL FARM TO TABLE COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS

TRAVEL CAMP

Come explore Tampa with us!
Busch Gardens, ZooTampa, Clearwater Aquarium and more!

June 10-14

Open to all children in grades 6-10

Space is limited!



DAY TREKKERS

A daily travel camp filled with fun adventures!

Open to all children in grades 3-10

July 15-19

MAGIC CAMP BY MAGIC MARC

July 22-26

Open to children grades K-10

Come take a magical journey and learn illusions and card tricks with more than a few surprises!

Spaces are limited!
All specialty camps are subject to cancellation dependent on minimum enrollment.

Save the Date

A Gala
to Remember

...AGAIN!

THROW BACK PROM

SEPTEMBER 8

6:00 PM

Join us for a night
you'll never forget.

Drinks • Dancing
Food • Prom Pictures
...and so much more!

Co-Chairs

Allison Konter
Sharon Sand

Gala Coordinator
Ashley Yellin

Your Campaign Dollars At Work

My Summer Camp Experience

By Sydney Linfoot

My name is Sydney Linfoot. The summer of 2018 was my third summer at Camp Barney Medintz. I was in the Shomrim Unit. My counselors were Roberta, Sarah, and Taylor.

There were 9 other girls in my cabin. Most of us came from either Savannah or Atlanta. Our cabin was so much fun! My favorite out-of-camp trip this summer was our tubing trip. We went to the water park in Helen, Georgia. It was so exciting.

At camp, I loved to hang out with my friends, and I liked to get really muddy in the BOG! Some of my other favorite activities were swimming in the lake, the Iceberg, and the Rave. Next year, I will finally be old enough to go on the Omega Zip Line!

I liked getting to be a waiter

for dinner. When you are the waiter, you go to the dining hall early and set the table for your cabin. Once, when my friend Sam and I were the waiters, while

we were picking up the ketchup and mustard, the hot sauce dropped and broke on the floor! At first we were so scared, but then a counselor came to help us, and everything was ok. Now, whenever we say, "hot sauce", we laugh! It is our inside joke.

The best day of every week is definitely Shabbat! On Shabbat, the entire camp comes together in the Chapel, on the top of the hill, overlooking the lake. Deddy Paz plays the guitar, and we all sing songs together. At camp, everyone is Jewish, and it feels great!

This was probably my BEST SUMMER YET! As of today, it is



Color War fun



Sydney's cabin leading Shabbat

only 278 days until I get to be back at my summer place with my best friends. Thank you to the Savannah Jewish Federation for helping to send me to Camp Barney.

Sydney Linfoot, daughter of Scott and Dina Linfoot is a 4th grader at St Andrews School. She can't wait to spend her 4th summer at Camp Barney.

Your support of the Savannah Jewish Federation's Annual Community Campaign makes it possible to support Sydney and many other Savannah area teens with an immersive Jewish summer experience.



JServe

On Sunday, April 7th, Jewish teens all over the nation in the spirit of JSERVE 2019. JSERVE is the national Jewish teen movement under the auspices of BBYO, which aligns with Good Deeds Day. Savannah Jewish teens from BBYO and NCSY, along with their respective City Directors, Caitlin Gardner (far left) and R" Eli Lob (far right), gathered at Oatland Island Wildlife Center, which was recently devastated by a tornado. The teens helped with restoration efforts outside of the Welcome Center and helped prepare the annual Fairy Gnome fundraiser project. Proceeds will help feed and maintain the habitats of the many animal species at the preserve. Afterwards, the teens toured the nature trails and animal habitats.



Ester Rabhan,
Principal
Rambam Day
School

Eye on education Where We Were, Where We Are.....

It's that time of year where we begin to look back over the last months of school and ask ourselves, "Did we accomplish all that we could?"

The answer is always no; however, that's not a remorseful answer. It's an acknowledgment there is always so much more to achieve and strive towards. What we can say as we analyze our year is it was a good year. We watched children grow emotionally and academically. We learned along the way new strategies for approaching several challenges. We as a faculty grew alongside our students.

Several out of towners passed through and came by the school and their comments on our school were invigorating and certainly boosted our egos. A professional from Bright from the Start (Georgia's state licensing) was here for one of our required observations and she was incredibly complimentary of our pre-school and the interaction between teachers and students and assistants and students. She even praised the interaction between teachers with their assistants.

Our eighth-grade students have been accepted to the schools of their

choice, and we will graduate them with the confidence they possess the tools needed to be successful in high school.

Many of our staff work a full day at Rambam. They may teach elementary in the AM and move on to middle school in the PM or vice versa. We have a teacher out for an unknown amount of time and finding substitutes is not always easy, especially when it could be for a while. Somehow, we figured out how to work the schedule so three teachers could be maneuvered from their own classes and step in to the class which needs a teacher. Their own classes don't miss a beat due to how we have worked it out. I share this with you, because I think teachers' responsibilities when fulfilled to the fullest are demanding positions. Three colleagues stepped up to take on more demands..... What better means to teach Rambam students what it means to care than to show them? If a school isn't about the whole school, every individual who makes up the family; if a school isn't about the whole child; every child who makes up the family, then the school should re-evaluate what it really is.

I'm proud to be a part of the RDS family, because we are truly a family. A school that can be a family in a school setting is a healthy place for a child to grow up.



Eva Locker,
Principal of
Shalom School

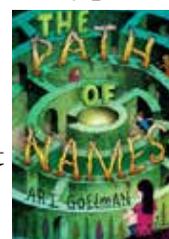
Eye on education When They Are So Bored

Summer vacation is around the corner. You may have lined up camp sessions, a week of family vacation or downtime at grandma's

but inevitably you will be hearing at some point the infamous "I'm so booooooored". Books will be a wonderful option in those moments. If during the school year our children are overwhelmed by their busy schedule, those summer moments are the opportunity to promote reading habits: your child, in this current state of boredom/weakness is less likely to refute your reading suggestions. While there is plethora of amazing books for each age group, having a Jewish reading list is another way to strengthen your child Jewish identity.

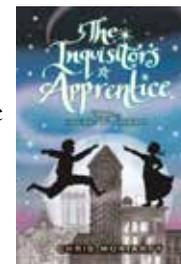
The PJ library would be an easy place for reading suggestions for children under 12. If you have teens, you will have to compile that reading list yourself. Fantasy and historical novels are a favorite of many teens. Here are a few that are widely praised and that you may want to look at:

The Path of Names, (Kathy Kacer). This novel that take place at a Jewish summer camp, blends



Jewish mysticism with the familiar background of that first summer away from home. The book touches on spirituality, friendship, courage and much more.

The Inquisitor's Apprentice (Chris Moriarty), a novel which is the 1st volume of a series, is about the life of a Jewish boy in New York at the beginning of the twentieth century where homegrown witchcraft, and magical gangs rule the streets from Hell's Kitchen to Chinatown.



Shanghai Escape (Kathy Kacer). Young Lily Toufar's real-life experiences in Shanghai's Jewish community and Hongkew ghetto. A book that manages to achieve a delicate balance between the horrors of the Holocaust and the age of young readers.



Whatever your kid's age, interests, or literary predilections, he or she has no excuse to whine this summer. Action charge summer reading for all! Bring a little intensity to those too tranquil summer days!

Your Overseas Dollars At Work

Israel Guide Dog Center

The Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind (IGDCB) is dedicated to improve the quality of life of visually impaired Israelis. The IGDCB provides them with mobility, independence, self-confidence and companionship through the faithful assistance of guide dogs specially trained in Hebrew to meet Israel's rigorous and challenging environment. Founded in 1991, the Israel Guide Dog Center serves Israel's 24,000 blind and visually impaired citizens and is the only internationally accredited guide dog program in the country.

The Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind (IGDCB) began as a dream of a young paratrooper in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). A lifelong

animal lover, Noach Braun trained dogs in the IDF for military purposes.

When Noach left the military, he dreamed of continuing to work with animals—but only for man's greater good. To his surprise, Noach discovered that there was no guide dog school in Israel. There had been a woman who trained guide dogs in the 1960's named Dr. Rudolphina Menzl however, when she passed away, the program was abandoned. Noach decided to make it his life's mission to reestablish a guide dog school in Israel—so all blind or visually impaired Israelis could obtain the mobility, independence and companionship that only a guide dog can provide. Prior to opening of

the center in 1991, a visually impaired Israeli had to go to Jerusalem to pass an English test. If they understood English well enough, they



were then sent to the USA or UK for a month of instruction with a guide dog. Not only was this hard on their families, but the dogs were not trained to handle obstacles and challenges found only in Israel—traffic circles, cars parked on sidewalks, security barriers, aggressive drivers, warning sirens and other issues that simply do not exist in other countries. Plus, the dogs were trained in English, not

Hebrew.

When IGDCB matches a guide dog with a visually impaired person, they call it a "Partnership." But Noach would never have realized his dream without creating other partnerships as well. "I was lucky to meet

Norman Leventhal, and many other people who have joined together to make this center a reality."

The grant to the Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind was made possible by a nomination from a member of the Savannah Jewish community as part of our Savannah Jewish Federation's Overseas Investment Grant program.

“Genes and Judaism:
Designer Babies and Abortion”
with Rabbi Dr. Akiva Tatz



May 1st

Sisterhood
Mother’s Day Brunch



May 12th

Sisterhood Annual
Lag B’Omer Picnic



May 26th

Savannah Kollel
Morning of Learning



Date Forthcoming



Spring Regional Retreat
May 24-26th
in Orlando, Florida



Contact Rabbi Lob: lobe@ncsy.org to sign up

Daily and Shabbos Services
Dynamic Youth Programming
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We have docent-led tours of our museum available
from 10:00am - 3:30pm Monday - Friday.

For a complete schedule of services & events,
check our website at www.mickveisrael.org

JEWS IN ROCK & ROLL DINNER & DISCUSSION



Friday, May 17th at 7pm
following Shabbat service

Members: \$8/person \$20/family
Non-Members: \$12/person \$30/Family
RSVP to 912-233-1547 by Wednesday May 15

BRIDGE A COVENANTAL NARRATIVE

A SOLO EXHIBITION:
RONIT JOY HOLTZ
MAY 2 - MAY 16, 2019

RECEPTION:
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 6PM-9PM

ARTIST TALK:
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 12:30PM

CONGREGATION MICKVE ISRAEL
20 EAST GORDON ST. - SAVANNAH, GA

Join us for an artist talk
Saturday, May 4, 12:30pm

Ronit Joy Holtz

presents

Bridge: A Covenantal Narrative

Ronit Joy Holtz (b. 1997, United States) is a painter and an installation artist from Kadima, Israel. Her work has been featured in galleries and private collections in New York, Georgia, Virginia, Arizona, Texas, California, France, Tel Aviv, Netanya and Herzliya. The past two years, Holtz has participated in over fifteen exhibitions both within the US and internationally. Holtz currently resides in Savannah, GA where she is finishing her B.F.A in painting at the Savannah College of Art and Design.

In the summer of 2019, Holtz will reside as a permanent studio artist in Tel Aviv as she aspires to become an Art Therapist establishing programs in orphanages, refugee camps, hospitals and schools.

Enjoy Shabbat this summer with our Exotic Location Summer Shabbats

All Friday services begin at 6:30pm with a potluck dinner.
Guests are asked to RSVP by calling the Temple at 912-233-1547 to get location information and to sign up for a potluck dish (no pork or shellfish) for 8-10 people.

Summer Shabbat dates:

May 31 in Midtown, June 7 on Tybee,
June 14 in Midtown, June 21 in
Hardeeville, SC., June 28 in Midtown,
July 5 on Isle of Hope, July 12 on
Skidaway Island, July 19 on Tybee, and
July 26 at The Landings

(Cover image) Seizing the Occasion 2019, prayer shawl, 1,749 Bible pages, covered feet, kiddush cup, Shabbat candle holders and the tree of Life on canvas, 64" x 38"

Hadassah Savannah Sponsoring Advocacy Program

Have you ever been concerned about something – maybe an issue concerning women or Israel – and then thought, “I’d like to do something about that but I don’t know where to start?” Hadassah Savannah invites you to our next program, The Sisterhood of Advocacy, where you can learn from two leading experts how to make your voice heard.

Karen Barall, Hadassah’s director of government relations in Washington, DC, and Amy Hughes, a partner in Hughes Public Affairs, Savannah, will talk about how to effectively communicate with government officials and policy makers about the topics important to women today. The program will be held on Tuesday, May 21st, at 7pm at the home of Jean Weitz, 202 McLaws St.

Karen Paikin Barall returned to Hadassah in October of 2018, having previously supervised Hadassah’s Young Judaea / Israel Summer Youth Programs early in her career.

In the years since, Karen worked as a development officer at the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. Until the 2009 Presidential Inauguration, she served as a politically appointed foreign affairs officer in the U.S. Department of State’s Office to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism. Karen also has served as Special Assistant for Community Affairs to

New York Governors Pataki and Spitzer, advising on issues relevant to the New York Jewish community. She was the national director of project development for the Jewish National Fund and worked on several projects for Hadassah, as well as educational programs for the Jewish Agency in Israel.

Amy Hughes

Amy Hughes has worked as a lobbyist at the local, state and federal levels for almost three decades. In 2007, she and her husband Lee formed Hughes Public Affairs, combining their interests in sound governmental policy and their experience working with Georgia government. Their clients have included Gulfstream and Kinder Morgan, the Savannah Convention Center and the Reardon Center for Autism.

Amy served as Vice President of Government Affairs for Memorial Health for eight years. Before moving to Savannah in 1994, she worked at the state Capitol as a lobbyist, a reporter and as Assistant to the Press Secretary for Lt. Governor Pierre Howard.

Amy is a contributing columnist for the Savannah Morning News. As a certified yoga instructor, she enjoys practicing and teaching Power Vinyasa Yoga in her Smiling Dolphin studio.

There is no charge for the May 21st program, but we kindly ask that you let us know if you will be attending. RSVP to suedemberadler@gmail.com.

JEA Annual Meeting

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programming continues at breakneck speed.

The JEA is proud to partner with the Federation’s Food for Thought weekly luncheon program. Orly Henkin has done a great job scheduling new and exciting programs. Weekly attendance averages over 50 community members with some programs having over 120 participants.

Our Youth Sports programming, lead by Kirby Southerland has grown each of the past three years with waiting lists for some of the

programs. Swim instruction under Kirby’s leadership has grown as well.

In an effort to maximize use of the building, we have had many more facility rentals from area groups and individuals looking to use our excellent, convenient auditoriums.

The entire community is invited to share in the excitement of the JEA’s achievements and the investiture of the new Board members at the Annual Meeting on May 22nd at 7pm. Dairy desserts, hors d’oeuvres and cocktails will be served.

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:



Neil Haysman

Who died Wednesday, March 13, 2019

He is survived by his brother, Melvin (Roberta Kamine-Haysman) Haysman, sister-in-law, Marsha Haysman, several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Remembrance donations may be made to the Abe and Ethel Kamine Senior Meal Fund – c/o Jewish Educational Alliance – 5111 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405 or a charity of the donor’s choice.

Marvin Frederick Eichelbaum

Who died Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

He is survived by two sons, Dennis (Julie) Eichelbaum, David (Katie) Eichelbaum and one daughter Susan (David) Goldstein; thirteen grandchildren Bari Eichelbaum, Emma Eichelbaum, Aaron Eichelbaum, Natalie Eichelbaum, Max Eichelbaum, Elizabeth Eichelbaum, Zippora (Mordechai) Zuber, Miriam (Bnaya) Deustch, Elisheva (Yossi) Lieberman, Shaia Goldstein, Gila Goldstein, Hadassah Goldstein and Yechezkel Goldstein; five great-grandchildren, Levi, Uriel, Naomi, Hodaya and Elena, and Rosalyn Taratoot, his constant companion for the last year.

Remembrance donations may be made to St Jude Children’s Research

Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

Myron “Mutt” Gaspin

Who died Sunday, March 24, 2019.

Lewis Perelman

Who died Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Perelman, step-sons Stuart and Stevan Keith, daughter-in-law, Ellen Keith and four grandchildren, Sara, Matthew, Andrew, and Sean Keith.

Remembrance donations may be made to American Diabetes Association – 5105 Paulsen Street, Suite C236, Savannah, Georgia 31405.

Gershen Weiner

Who died Thursday, April 4, 2019.

He is survived by his sons Joel (Susan E.) Weiner, Brad R. Weiner and grandchildren Margo L. (Joel) Brewer, Abigail R. (Tyler) Noreika, Jamie B Weiner, Adam M. Weiner, and Aron J. Weiner.

Remembrance donations may be made to the charity or organization of your choice in the name of Gershen Weiner.

Davida Arlene Bowbrow Stockton

Who died Saturday, April 6, 2019.



Mazel Tov to all High School & College Graduates and Your Families!

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.

All submissions must be received by the absolute deadline of May 10th, 2019. Listings will be published only in the June issue.

Return forms & pictures to: sjnews@savj.org or Savannah Jewish News
5111 Abercorn Street, Savannah 31405



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



**CONGREGATION
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SAVANNAH GEORGIA'S CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE

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

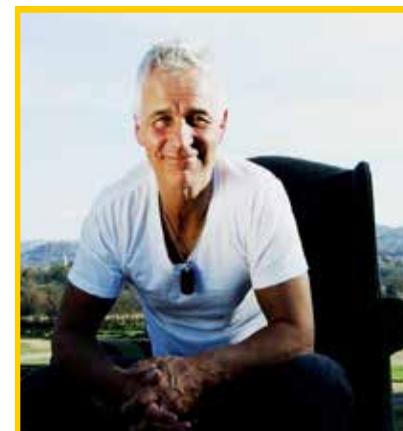
ANNUAL GALA & RAFFLE

Celebrating a tribute to Jerusalem on Jerusalem Day.

Sunday, June 2nd, at 5:30 p.m.

Silent & Live Auctions, Raffle, Music and Dinner

First prize: A trip for 2 to Jerusalem OR \$2500 cash
\$136 for 1 ticket or \$300 for 2 tickets and a 3rd chance
on the Raffle



To buy tickets or an ad, contact the office 912-352-4737

Honoring David & Gale Hirsh ~ Featuring Kenny Munshaw and his friends



If you are Jewish, in your 20s and 30s and want to meet new people, connect to the community and make a difference - YJS is where you want to be!

Young Jewish Savannah's goal is to provide meaningful opportunities for engagement in the Jewish community through social and professional networking, community service, Judaic and leadership programs for Jewish young adults in their 20s and 30s.

Young Jewish Savannah is made possible through the Savannah Jewish Federation.

LAG B'OMER BONFIRE

THURSDAY
MAY 23
7:00 PM

AT THE HOME OF
JAMIE & STEVEN RICHMAN

CELEBRATE LAG B'OMER WITH A TRADITIONAL BONFIRE, POTLUCK DINNER & BEAUTIFUL SUNSET OVER THE RIVER.

RSVP TO YJS@SAVJ.ORG TO GET ADDRESS DETAILS



SEARCHING FOR YJS CONNECTORS

Do you want to help Young Jewish Savannah grow? Want to help people connect to the Jewish community? Want to be the first person to meet the new people in town? Young Jewish Savannah is looking for YJS Connectors! Interested?

Send an email to yjs@savj.org.





Meet Cohort 2 of the Yesod Savannah Leadership Initiative



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