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2021 Annual Campaign Leadership

By Jamie Richman

Autumn has arrived, and believe it or not, the 2021 Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Community Campaign season is also here! We are excited to announce the 2021 Campaign Leadership Team and thank them for their commitment to our Federation and entire Jewish community.

Michelle Allan has graciously agreed to serve as the 2021 overall Campaign Chair after serving as Women's Campaign Chair for the 2019 & 2020 campaigns.



Michelle Allan

Allan has provided years of service to the community including serving on the Jewish Educational Alliance Board of Directors and teaching at Shalom School.

Hilary Kronowitz will chair the Women's Campaign. Kronowitz has chaired the Lion of Judah division for the past handful of years, sits on the Federation Board of Governors and is excited to coordinate the entire Women's Campaign.

Benjamin Eichholz and



Hilary Kronowitz



Benjamin Eichholz

David Eichholz will co-chair the Men's Campaign. This father-son duo will be sure to mix things up this campaign season with their passion for and



David Eichholz

dedication to the Savannah Jewish community. David is currently the Vice-President of the Federation Board of Governors.

When you get a call from one of them or one of our many dedicated volunteers, please answer and give graciously.

Creativity flourishes through COVID-19

By Jennifer Rich

When COVID-19 shut down Synagogues in Savannah and throughout the United States in March, the usual way of "doing business" came to a halt. Congregations quickly pivoted to virtual classes and services utilizing Zoom, YouTube and Facebook. Many synagogues had been streaming services prior to 2020, but now it became imperative for all to get on board the virtual train.

Our local congregations were able to successfully conduct the High Holiday services through a combination of in-person and social distant services, live in-sanctuary services plus congregant participants involved via Zoom, and pre-recorded services with congregant participation, cantor and choral participation. All three congregations locally, and congregations all over the U.S. and the world utilized creativity and fortitude to ensure that the High Holidays were accessible and meaningful. It was truly inspiring to see what was accomplished.

For our Savannah congregations, the availability of online classes and services has opened up an opportunity for participation amongst those

who, prior to the shutdown, were not able to come to the synagogue due to limited mobility or health reasons. The accessibility of local, yet online, Judaic classes has resulted in an uptick in participation. Though people prefer to be together in the same space for learning, fitting a class into a tight schedule certainly is easier when you can attend from home. The Conservative, Orthodox, Reform and Reconstructionist movements have created extensive resources for their synagogue leaders to utilize and each denominational website features educational and spiritual content for all Jews to access.

What's happening throughout the rest of the Jewish world? Jewish Together (jewishtgether.org) is a "virtual community and informative resources" developed by the Jewish Federations of North America. The site features experiences for kids, teenagers, young adults, and post-college adults, with a variety of formats (fellowship, classes, camp, one-time and recorded) and content from learning & spirituality to arts & cooking and Israel & Hebrew. It also includes "virtual meetups" where you can join in on

timely topical conversations, access to curated resources to help with our personal, emotional, and spiritual well-being and resources to engage in Racial Justice. Jew It at Home (jewitathome.com) is a "Global Jewish Community" that developed soon after COVID-19 began. It was created by Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills as a global "farmer's market" of Jewish synagogues, non-profits and now includes organizations that span the globe. With a weekly calendar of live educational, spiritual and entertainment events, the site makes it possible to expand your Jewish horizons. Last but not least, our Savannah Stay Connected platform accessible through the savannahjea.org website has links to Jewish Arts, Education and Cultural sites including Harvard's "Judaism Through Its Scriptures" course, the Museum of the Jewish People in Israel, the Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation, Israeli Theatres and performances and Jewish Film Festival links from around the world.

The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly caused irreparable harm but it's also forced our Savannah Jewish community and the Jewish

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Now More than Ever!!

As the holidays recede, and we begin to return to our normal routine

worldwide and this year it is never more important. IT'S NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER.

Who else but the Federation can provide for the necessary funds that help Shalom School, The JEA, Hillel, the Jewish Agency for Israel, and The Joint Distribution Committee?

This past year the Federation was able to provide a special allocation to the JEA, just so we could keep the doors open. Can you imagine our Jewish Community without the JEA, I know I cannot?

The Annual Campaign is not some esoteric endeavor, it is the lifeblood of our community. It is the work of many community volunteers who understand how important this work is. So, with

that in mind I ask you to give to the Annual Campaign. But just as important, please take some time to help solicit. It is not easy, but it is rewarding, and you can MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

Also, mark your calendar for this year's Annual Campaign Kick Off for November 5th. This year's speaker is Simone Knego. You will not want to miss this extraordinary speaker.

As we look to the future, there are still many challenges ahead. We have met every one of the challenges in the past since the founding of the Savannah Jewish Community and I am confident with your help and your generosity, we will meet every future challenge with much success.

Kenneth Sadler (what stands for normal now), the focus is on the Savannah Jewish Federation Annual Campaign. Every year the Savannah Jewish Community raises funds to meet our local and international needs. This year the Campaign is NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER.

This year's Campaign goal is \$1,150,000. It's an ambitious goal for our community, but it is a challenge we are up to.

The money we raise is so important to our local institutions and to Jews

LETTERS

T O T H E E D I T O R

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation
We are writing to express our thanks for your 2019 contribution to ADL.

In just the last year, ADL Southeast provided anti-bias and anti-bullying education training and professional development for over 200,000 students across the region. We worked together with synagogue and local agencies to empower hundreds of Jewish teens and families to stand up to anti-Semitism and anti-Israel rhetoric. Additionally, we led a symposium for more than 150 local law enforcement agencies and community leaders to prevent and respond to hate crimes, and we continue to share our resources when new, critical information becomes available.

Your support has provided us with the means to remain a unique and invaluable institution in American life that fights anti-Semitism, racism, and bigotry in all forms and works to promote respect, cooperation, and goodwill in our increasingly diverse society. With your gift, you are helping us

bring about a world that is more inclusive and respectful and safer for everyone.

We are so appreciate of your support and our partnership. With gratitude,
Allison Padilla-Goodman
ADL Southeast Regional Director

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation,
It is our pleasure to acknowledge your recent gift in support of Camp Szarvas.

As JDC begins its second century of activity, we continue to confront the evolving challenges facing the world's most vulnerable populations. Along with our ongoing mission to strengthen the global Jewish family, JDC's ability to provide critical care and meaningful assistance where it is most needed is the end-goal of all of our efforts. Our wonderful partnership changes countless lives for the better and working together makes all the difference. With your support, our global community is growing in vitality and resilience.

On behalf of those we serve, please accept our heartfelt appreciation.

Stanley A. Rabin, President
David. M Schizer, Executive VP & CEO

Dear Savannah Jewish Federation,
We are deeply grateful to have received the Savannah Jewish Federation's allocation to JTA, the Global Jewish News Source.

As the funding model for Federations has changed, we are grateful and inspired that your community has continued to support our work and partnership in our efforts to share the stories of Jews and Jewish communities throughout the world as well as serve as a virtual town square for Jews everywhere.

Thank you again for all that you do in support of our work. With warm wishes,
Ami Eden, CEO and Executive Editor



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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.



Adam Solender
Executive Director
JEA/SJF

Watch Our Community Pivot

I recently came home after a long day, sat down at the kitchen table, and started to leaf through the day's mail (yes, we still get

mail) and opened the latest edition of the Georgia Tech magazine and there it was, "*The Year of the Pivot*," an article about how businesses pivot to remote operations and how we each are "taking stock" of our skills and re-assessing our goals in the short and long term.

You can't turn the page of a newspaper or click on a screen without seeing the word **pivot**.

In college business class (in the old days) we studied the pivots of major companies like Hewlett Packard which began as a engineering company and pivoted to personal computers or the Wrigley company who gave away a stick of gum as an incentive with each purchase of soap or baking powder (you know what happened with this one) or Suzuki, the maker of high performance motorcycles who began as a sales company of weaving loom machines to Japan's silk industry. Each of these companies looked at the landscape and pivoted to a different business model to stay viable.

When I reflect on the word **pivot** my mind immediately goes to my childhood when the greatest pivot players were Wilt Chamberlain, Bill

Russell, Willis Reed, and Kareem Abdul Jabbar—the **pivot** giants. In writing this column, I looked up the definition of a pivot player: "*one who keeps one foot anchored to the floor while the other foot moves freely.*" It's a metaphor for what our community has done.

That definition really resonated with me when we all watched thousands of synagogues pivot to online services during the holiday season. Synagogues by nature are consistent, dependable, and here in Savannah, historic. When COVID-19 hit mid-March, synagogues closed their doors (not all synagogues, but most) pivoting to online. While their buildings closed (and remain closed), synagogue leadership innovated on how they served their congregants, first figuring out how to do Passover and weekly Shabbat and then turned to the needs of congregants and potential participants. Whether it was a friendly phone call or a pick up Shabbat dinner, the synagogues pivoted a new way of "doing business." The holidays were a whole new challenge, a challenge where they put their buildings to a 'back burner' and put new technologies to the front. I've heard from dozens of community members who were thrilled with distant services. While we all missed the communal prayer, the variety and creativity of our area synagogues and synagogues around the country was spectacular. One person said to me, "*while I was in my home, distant from the synagogue, I've never been more*

present in the moment."

Kol HaKavod to the professional staff and lay leaders who made the Chagim so meaningful in a very challenging time.

The JEA and Federation did its pivot on March 20th when it introduced its STAY CONNECTED portal. We had to adapt to a complete 180 degree change in how we operated. Suddenly, our building was empty and instead of entering our lobby, we entered your homes...virtually, of course. JEA Preschool Savannah went to online classes (as much as you can provide to 1-4 year olds), Afterschool and Camp families had daily programs, Arts and Culture programs were provided, Food for Thought (our weekly meals program) did not miss a beat continuing weekly educational programs and delivering meals (close to 3,000 to date). Our Health and Wellness department went to virtual classes (and is continuing them to this day).

It's hard to believe that the JEA and Federation have been back in business for over 30 weeks. Over that time there have been innumerable meetings (virtual and distanced in-person), almost three months of Camp Savannah, Preschool Summer camp, and our Fitness Center has been open (including socially distanced pools). Preschool began its 2020-21 school year as scheduled and has been operating successfully since August 3rd. Our Children's Department is now beginning its fourth session of All Day at the J (distance learning support

program) and will be continuing as long as our members need it.

Perhaps the 'biggest' pivot (so far) was the JEA Gala. Unable to gather together, Jamie Richman engineered a virtual Gala...and the community responded generously. While it didn't have the hugs, the live auction and the sumptuous dinner, we did have a successful auction: a one-hour online program (you could feel the energy through the internet) and a lovely goodie bag (who among us couldn't use a tie-dye J mask?) We were so appreciative of the support, the community, and the energy that went to help the Alliance.

And now the latest pivot--- the Savannah Jewish Federation's Campaign Kickoff 2021 with special keynote speaker, Simone Knego. It will be a whole new way of beginning the Annual Campaign-the engine that drives our Jewish community and provides support for Israel and Jewish communities around the world. While there won't be a dinner, there won't be a cocktail hour, it will be a meaningful one-hour program. And at that program, we will do what we have done in this community for 285 years: raise the essential funds to support each other. Go online and sign up—there's no cost—and you'll receive Simone Knego's book.

We will continue to pivot and "keep one foot anchored to the floor" while rising to the meet the ever changing needs of the community.

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community nationally and internationally to become very creative and collaborative. The Jewish world has been historically very community based with access to Jewish religious, educational and cultural content largely determined by your location. Small communities had limited offerings and large cities had a plethora of offerings to choose from. This traditional model of Jewish participation had become a hindrance for many who might not have felt comfortable in organizational settings, for those who might not have felt that they fit in with the crowd of regulars at an organization, for those who don't feel comfortable with their level of Judaic knowledge, or

because they've not had a meaningful and engaging experience in the past.

Now, partnerships amongst one-time competitors have developed to bring Jewish worship, learning and entertainment out of community silos, onto online platforms and into our homes. This creative and collaborative movement has already shown positive effect. The Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation and the Jim Joseph Foundation conducted a "Virtual Engagement Research" study and published the results in August. Their research targeted Jews ages 18 - 40 in an effort to understand the impact (or lack thereof) of virtual Judaic programming and to reveal what makes

that programming meaningful and worthwhile to participants. The study revealed that 90% of those surveyed have participated in at least one virtual event and 38% are participating at least one time per week or more. 62% reported having participated in an event that was "memorable, worthwhile, or satisfying." What was the best and most promising statistic of all? 75% of these young Jews stated that they would "definitely or probably attend another event with the same organization." (Benenson Strategy Group (2020) Virtual Engagement Research, retrieved from [https://jimjosephfoundation.org/learning-resources/virtual-engagement-](https://jimjosephfoundation.org/learning-resources/virtual-engagement-research/)

research)

75% percent reporting that they would probably or definitely attend again is a very good sign and shows there is great potential with the virtual medium. With good quality programming and events that are fun, but also interactive and meaningful, it IS possible to engage and reach populations of Jews that have been out of the loop. For all of us, that is definitely something positive that's come out of this difficult time - that this ever-increasing access to Jewish content will enable us all to engage with Judaism in ways that are meaningful to us.

“Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I’m 64?”

A Personal Reflection on Retirement

By Carol M. Towbin Greenberg

When I typed and then emailed out the agenda, reserving a printed copy for myself as I have for the last 31½ years, they were just words on a paper. Agenda item 2 a, b and c of a 5 itemed annual meeting—usually occurring in the spring, but now six months later and on Zoom – took less than ten minutes of the under one-hour meeting. In the amount of time one can cook a hard-boiled egg, I was transformed.

Before I grasped the meaning of the Zoom moment, it zoomed away and was gone—I was officially retired and the unique 501c3 charitable organization I founded, MorningStar Publications, Inc., doing business as *MorningStar Cultural Arts Group* since 1989 had transitioned to *MorningStar Arts Creative* under the capable and energetic leadership of its new Director, Camille Snowden Hulbert.

Years of service were acknowledged with high praise and appreciation to outgoing Executive Board members Lauri J. Taylor, of Taylor Upholstery, and Joanna Rich, of Rich Leather International, Inc. who in addition to their board responsibilities, served above and beyond their job descriptions of CFO and Secretary, and also took up the slack for Member-at-Large Frances Lowery

Wilson, who passed away in October of last year.

Welcome and installation followed for incoming Executive Board members Greg Schnitzer, global recycler executive for Sims Metal Management, Michelle Rivera, a first grade teacher and tutor, and Abigail Stevens, artist, educator and Programming Coordinator at the JEA. That done, Camille Hulbert, our Special Projects Coordinator, and one of Savannah Magazine’s 2020 New Guard honorees, was duly installed at the helm of *MStarArts.org*, with her own vision of multi-cultural, multi-generational social service projects that are more in keeping with her talents as a fiber artist and teacher. As my last official duty I conceived, and Camille actualized, the creation of a new *4 for Fran Garden* at Park Place Outreach, where Fran Wilson worked as a social worker and case manager. Highlighting flowers that lend fragrance, fiber, food and fun, the Garden will be used in weekly

youth food cooking and dining classes continued by Dr. Linda Sacks and art projects taught by Camille Hulbert.

In addition Camille, an active member of *Midtown Miracle Community Garden (MMCG)*, (another MorningStar creation), has taken over the care of Frances Wilson’s herb box, named by friend Dr. Joel Greenberg, the Ark of the Condiments. In a different project, the *Seed to Fibre Textile Art Garden*, sponsored in part by Center PARC Credit Union, youth experience both

hands-on and virtual classes in the history, cultural significance and life cycle of growing and using plants to produce useable, decorative or wearable art—including face masks.

When I first announced my retirement in 2013 during *Jewish Journeys Women’s Art Festival* at the JEA slated for Dec 2014, following the Bull Street Library Jewish Savannah Oral History Project *TREELoft*, MStarArts had donated 900 projects and programs, mostly anonymously to the Savannah community.

MorningStar always had a philosophy of trying to solve a problem creatively, to try one, perfect it and pass it on for sustainability since as a 100% volunteer and donation-funded organization, we had neither the manpower nor funding to maintain the projects long term. Camille became active with MStarArts projects since joining the MMCG and was effective promoting and teaching some of our recycle art projects like *Plarn Mat-ters*, our plastic bags to crocheted sleep mat and pillow project for people who are homeless served through the Union Mission. She incorporated the goals of this project, for example, into classes and art shows she produced for Oatland Island Wildlife Center, the Telfair and the JEA After-Care students. It wasn’t until the Zoom call ended with Camille announcing her new site *MStarartscreative.org*, then calling our 2020 Annual meeting to a close that I realized what I had done. With thanks to my husband and many other friends for financial, volunteer and in-kind service support over the years and to HaShem for our many blessings, I am finishing out my 64th year for the first time since age 15 without a full-time occupation. So I shut down the computer for awhile, and went to dwell in my sukkah.



Carol Greenberg with Camille Snowden Hulbert

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We express our sympathy to the families of:

Allan Lawrence Cooper

Who died Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Allan was a loving and devoted husband to Barbara Weinstein Cooper who predeceased him, father to Nicole Cooper and Erik (Aviva Klein) Cooper, and grandfather to Noah, Ari and Jacob Cooper. He was a dedicated brother to previously deceased siblings Louis, Arthur, and Frank. He will be deeply missed by siblings Edwin (Aviva) Cooper, Neal (Sydne) Cooper, and Cindy (Joel) Bauman, sisters-in-law Laura Cooper, Sheila Cooper and Tara Sadler and his beloved dog Charlie.

Remembrance donations may be made to Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob – 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405

Barbara Hollander Abrams

Who died Monday, September 28, 2020

She is survived by her husband, Ellis Abrams, brother, Jody Hollander of Kuna, ID, son Sidney Abrams of Gaithersburg, MD, and daughter Hannah Morris of Brookhaven, GA and four grandchildren, Noah and Andrew Abrams and Maxwell and Major Morris.

Remembrance donations may be made to Hospice of the Lowcountry, PO Box 3827, Bluffton, SC 29910.

Moses Samuel Robbins

Who died Monday, October 5, 2020.

He is survived by his wife Saralyn Oberlin Robbins; four children, Beatrice Robbins and her partner, Alec Caldwell, Jacob Robbins and his partner, Gloria Sheng, Joy Robbins and her partner, Lawrence Molloy, and Aaron Robbins and his partner, Kip Murray; three grandchildren, Constantine Moses Caldwell, Hudson Lawrence Robbins and Kairos Hope Molloy; one brother,

Solomon Robbins and his wife, Harriet, and four nieces.

Remembrance donations may be made to Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob – 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405

Marvin Jules Lesser

Who died Wednesday, October 7, 2020

He is survived by his son, Mark Lesser and his wife, Nancy; his grandson, Sammy Lesser; his granddaughter, Nicole L. Daughtry; his nephews, Gary Barr, Kenny Barr and Eric Barr; his niece, Brianna Barr, and many cousins.

Remembrance donations may be made to Emory Winship Cancer Institute – 1365-C Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30322 or Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob – 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405 or Congregation B'nai Torah – 700 Mt. Vernon Highway, NE Sandy Springs, Georgia 30328.

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Who died Wednesday, October 7, 2020

He is survived by his wife, Aura Ayn Ackerman Welch; three sons, Nathan Patrick Welch, Jacob Ryan Welch, and Mikkel Kagan Welch; his sisters, Donna Swikow and her husband, David, and Lewanna Boyd and her husband, Otis; his brother, Ron Kalna; his mother-in-law, Lynda Ruth Salov Ackerman; his sister-in-law, Nova Ackerman; his brother-in-law, David Ackerman and his wife, Kathy, and his nieces and nephews, Skylar, Snow, Silver, Harry and Hailey.

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Young Jewish Savannah



Legislate Anti-Semitism Definition Now

In May 2016, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) gifted the world an opportunity to abandon subjective decisions of what does or does not qualify as anti-Semitism. The IHRA – a united front of 31 nations whose common goal is to promote Holocaust education and remembrance – negotiated the working definition of anti-Semitism which empowers moral and well-intentioned democracies to create policies that effectively combat the spread of this stubborn global contagion.

Many nations, including the United States, adopted the non-legally binding working definition. The stronger option is to give the working definition the force of law. Sadly, the U.S. has failed to take this step.

Today our nation is in the throes of an important conversation about how America can be truer to its ideals. The focus on race, ethnicity, socioeconomics, gender and other factors is healthy and reflects a mature society willing to struggle with what America will stand for in the 21st century. We must add to this conversation how America defines anti-Semitism so we can rise above it once and for all.

This is not to suggest that America has failed to take the rise in anti-Semitism seriously. To the contrary, law-enforcement agencies track anti-religious hate crimes and how anti-Semitism manifests in violence. And Congress passed the Never Again Education Act, critical legislation designed to combat anti-Semitism at the earliest ages through the most effective means – education. But the fact remains that we are at war with an enemy we have yet to define.

Congress is on record in recognizing the IHRA working definition as foundational in crafting federal law. The Combating European Anti-Semitism Act of 2017 — signed by the president in 2019 — is constructed in part upon the working definition and its further clarifications on how anti-Semitism manifests itself.

Hadassah agrees and is encouraged by congressional support of this definition. Hadassah's track record of focusing on combating anti-Semitism demands that we continue to amplify congressional voices that are influencing this discussion. It is time for the United States to write the IHRA definition into law. We urge Congress to do so now.



Rhoda Smolow
Hadassah
National President



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Bring canned food to donate
Interactive storytime
Snacks

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PJ Library is for Children birth to 8 years old being raised in a Jewish home, residing in the Savannah area. Parents can register their children for PJ Library at PJLibrary.org

Families with children ages 9 to 12 years old can register for PJ Our Way at PJOurWay.org. Check out the new website!

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November 2020



Children's Programming

All Work and No Play Doesn't Happen at the JEA



Jackie Laban
Asst. Children &
Camp Director

For many years the Children and Camp Departments at the JEA have been known for their safe, fun, creative and engaging programs. The programs have always been designed around what is best for the children and what interests them the most. When DJ, Lynette and

I were met with the challenge of creating a Distance Learning Program, we knew we had some challenging work ahead. We had to create a program that catered to 60 different children from eleven different schools across seven different grades. We had to re-train our counselors to become 'educational supervisors' and 'IT professionals' overnight. But most importantly, we had to determine how to keep the children excited about coming back each day when they are coming for school and not the fun programs that they are used to at the JEA.

One of the hardest parts of providing a Distance Learning Program of this magnitude is that every child's schedule is different. While some children have two short Zoom meetings a day with a little bit of busy work in between, others are on Zoom for hours at a time and still have work to do when their meetings are done. They have different lunch times, the 'brain breaks' don't line up and even the start and end of the school days

aren't the same. So how does one implement a routine when faced with so many outliers?

It wasn't easy. At the end of the first day, the Children's Department leadership team went home feeling defeated. Between connectivity issues, missing passwords, websites crashing, and a lack of communication from teachers and/or parents we felt that our program might not succeed. We were expecting to be inundated by emails from our parents frustrated that their children didn't get everything accomplished. But what happened next really surprised us.

We were inundated by emails, not written out of frustration, but out of appreciation. Parents were thankful to have a place that they could send their children and know that they were safe and engaged. They were excited to finally be able to let their children socialize with others outside of the house, in a safe, supervised environment. They were excited for the first bit of 'normalcy' that they have had in months. That positivity kept us going and by our second week of operating All Day at the J, we finally felt like we had a handle on things.

Like every business and organization, we have had to pivot constantly. Each pivot

creates a new layer of questions and scenarios we have to face. One of the few things that has remained a constant throughout all of this is that 'kids just want to be kids.' They know they have to "go to school" (whatever that may look like) but they also want to have fun and socialize with their peers.

We are so excited that we are able to be here for our community and continue to offer programs that have significance and value for our members.

Enroll your child now in our

PARENT & ME YOGA CLASS!

This class is designed to help strengthen the physical and emotional bond between parent and child through fun poses, games, storytelling and songs.

*Ages 3-5 years old

Session 1 will run from 10/18-11/22

Sundays 11-11:30am



Sign up now!
Email fitness@savj.org

See page 3 of CenterPiece for more information!



Adult Programming



THURSDAYS AT 1:00 PM

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- NOVEMBER 5** How to NOT live with Chronic Pain
Dr. Pandya - Optim Orthopedics
- NOVEMBER 12** Jewish Sports and Modern Society
Rabbi Jeremy Fine
- NOVEMBER 19** Jewish Ethics and the Climate Emergency
Dr. Jennifer Thompson
- NOVEMBER 26** No Food for Thought - Happy Thanksgiving

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 September 10, 2020)

Winston Edwards
Angelisa Savage-Bryant
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Check out our updated group fitness schedule which includes both NEW virtual and in-person classes at the JEA!

GROUP FITNESS SCHEDULE

Starting on Sunday, October 18th!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	Firm it Up w/ Linda (Virtual Class) (8:45-10am)		Yoga Flow w/ Sarah (Virtual) (7-7:45am) Firm it Up w/ Linda (Virtual) (8:45-10am)		Firm it Up w/ Linda (8:45-10am)
Pilates w/ Dawn (10-10:45am)	Step Aerobics w/ Dawn (9:30-10:15am)	Upper Body w/ Jess (10-10:30am) Core Blaster w/ Jess (10:35-11am)	Pilates w/ Dawn (9:30-10:15am)	Lower Body w/ Jess (10-10:30am) Core Blaster w/ Jess (10:35-11am)	
	Water Aerobics w/ Jennifer (11-11:45am)	Water Aerobics w/ Jennifer (11-11:45am)	Water Aerobics w/ Kim (11-11:45am)		Water Aerobics w/ Kim (11-11:45am)
Yoga Flow w/ Sarah (3-3:45pm)					Bootcamp w/ Jess (12:30-1:15pm)
	Family Workout w/ Jess (Kids 6+) (5:15-6pm)		Couch to 5k w/ Jess (5:15-6pm)	Yoga w/ Katy (5:15-6pm)	

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*Virtual Classes can be found on the JEA Health & Wellness Facebook page

Classes are subject to change so check back for the most up to date schedule





Health & Wellness

Group Fitness Outdoors?



Jess Whitacre
Health & Wellness
Director

We're excited to announce we've added more group fitness classes to the schedule, both virtually and in-person! You may notice that the majority of our new classes are held outdoors. By bringing our classes outside, we can ensure that participants are properly

distanced from each other and that allows you to move more freely. Outdoor classes also allow you to work out without a mask so that you can work at the intensity you wish to while being able to breathe fresh air. Beyond the regular benefits of exercising that you also get from exercising indoors, you will get vital exposure to the sun, increasing your levels of Vitamin D! You may also find that an outdoor workout will leave you feeling positive, energetic, and ready to take on the rest of your day. Don't worry; we are still taking additional precautions even while our classes are outdoors including extra sanitation both before and after class.

As always, YOUR SAFETY is our #1 priority! If you have not tried an outdoor class yet, go ahead and reserve your spot. We cannot wait to have you back in our classes with us.

You can reserve your spot by going to our website, SavannahJEA.org/Health-Wellness/Fitness-Classes and scroll down to the green box that says 'Reserve Your Spot.'

Learn More About Our Class Offerings:

These classes are subject to change

Family Workout: Looking for a workout that gets the entire family involved? Look no further, because we are offering a family outdoor workout that will help improve cardiovascular endurance, strength and mobility. Kids 6+ will be allowed to join a parent or guardian for this hour-long group exercise session.

Step Aerobics: Check out this 45-min class to change up your normal workout routine. This class is designed to burn calories, test

your endurance, and tone your entire body as strength movements are worked into this step routine as well. You will use a small step to move up and down in different choreographed patterns to music you love!

Bootcamp: This afternoon Bootcamp class is designed to give you a full body workout combining both strength and cardio exercises. This class will challenge you and help improve cardiovascular endurance, strength and mobility.

Couch to 5k: The Oy Vey 5k is just around the corner! Join this 45-minute class and improve your muscular and cardiovascular endurance so that you are ready for the 5k this season. We will meet you at your fitness level whether you have never run before or are a frequent runner.

Water Aerobics: This is an hour class that meets in the shallow area of the pool. This aerobic workout provides high-intensity work with low impact on your joints. Join this high-energy class and change up your routine in the pool!

Yoga: This 45-minute yoga class consists of yoga poses modified to an individual's needs. Our yoga class includes gentle movement sequences to help improve the body's movement patterns, flexibility, and mobility and will encourage deep breathing and relaxation.

Firm-It-Up: Join this energetic class that combines both strength and cardio to music you love! Some of the benefits of the class include improved endurance, strength and overall muscle tone.

Pilates: Join our 45-minute Pilates classes that include both muscle toning, core-focused strengthening exercises and breath work. Our Pilates classes range from a Pilates flow that also incorporates yoga poses to mat Pilates where you will still get a full-body workout without having to leave your mat.

Upper Body: Check out this 30-minute upper body blaster that will tone and strengthen

your entire upper body. Join the core blaster immediately following this class for a quick core finisher!

Lower Body: Check out this 30-minute lower body blaster that will tone and strengthen your entire lower body. Join the core blaster immediately following this class for a quick core finisher!

Core Blaster: Check out this quick class that only includes 20 minutes of work. Use this to compliment the upper or lower body classes or your own workout if you need a quick core blaster!

Check Out Our New Fitness Class Designed for Preschoolers!

We recently kicked off Session 1 of our new **Parent & Me Yoga Class!** (More sessions to follow so stay tuned).

Parent & Me Yoga Class is an out-door class designed to help strengthen the physical and emotional bond between parent and child through fun poses, games, storytelling and songs.

Each class includes six (6) 30-minute sessions.

Ages: Children ages 3-5 years old (up to 6 kids per class)

Class Time: Sundays at 11am on the Outdoor Pool Deck

Safety Precautions: This is an outdoor class and masks will only be required to and from the class. Participants will be distanced at least 6-ft apart. The class will move indoors in the case of inclement weather and masks will be required for the entirety of the class in this case.

For more information, check out: SavannahJEA.org/health-wellness/aquatics/swim-lessons

**Please email Jess at fitness@savj.org to inquire about future sessions.*



JEA Preschool Savannah News

Open Enrollment
Currently enrolling 3-yr olds for half-day and full-day program.

New operating hours: 8am-5:30pm

Limited spaces available.

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

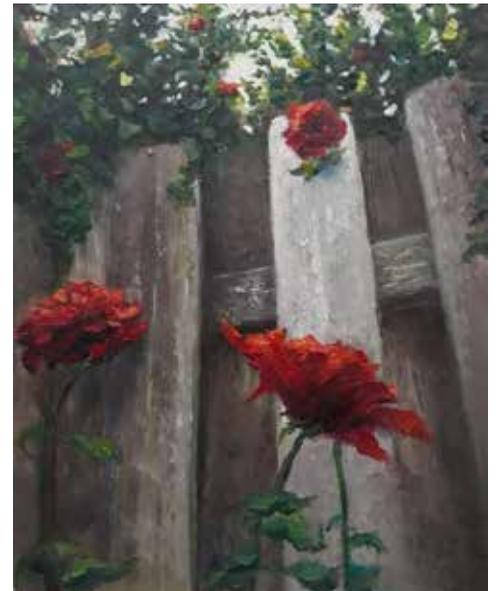
JEA Preschool Enjoys Sukkot!



in the JEA Art Gallery

Vanessa Withun - November 2020

Vanessa Withun is a contemporary representational artist of Puerto Rican and Dominican heritage originally from Bronx, New York. Coming from an artistic family, she was always drawn to the arts. After serving in the military and moving to the Southeast, she developed an interest in landscapes and nature. She was inspired by the wetlands and marshes that surrounded the coastal area and decided to pursue a degree in environmental science. Although her work is representational, she heavily relies on an intuitive process which gives her paintings a sentimental and romantic quality. Her style is a combination of Expressionism and Realism and she believes that both forms of art are necessary in order to achieve an aesthetic balance. She enjoys painting from life and using color and heavy textures to show the intricacies of form and the behavior of light. Although she focuses on coastal landscapes, she enjoys painting portraits and still life as well. Her work has been exhibited across the United States.



Climbing Roses

*Artwork available for viewing November 1-30, 2020
Join us for the Art Gallery Reception November 29, 2-4pm*

JEA Art Shows

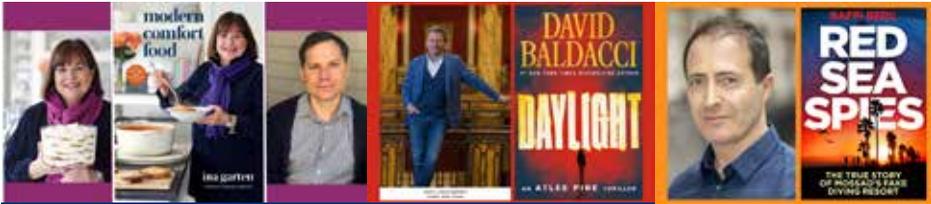
Are you an artist? Would you like to show your work in the JEA Art Gallery?

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

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

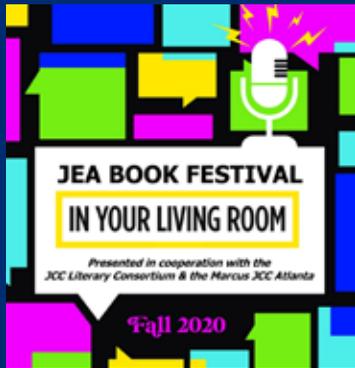
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Upcoming Events

- BBG Picnic in the Park November 1 - 12:00pm
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- Regional Convention (Virtual) November 13-15
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The Breman Museum, home of the Savannah Jewish Archives, announces its new and innovative oral history catalog that makes content more searchable than ever before!

This new system allows the media to be played alongside an annotated and timestamped transcript and index.

New content is constantly being added to the catalog, which is available for you to research at no cost. Visit it here:

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Densmore with Blackfoot chief, Mountain Chief, during a 1916 phonograph recording session for the Bureau of American Ethnology.

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Robin Rackoff

Mah Jongg and More

Last Thanksgiving, there were 50 of us. We traveled by plane, train, and automobile to be

with the family in New Jersey. We squished and squeezed and rejoiced in being together. At the end of the holiday, as each relative would leave, they would say, "See you next year!"

How innocent we were! But really, who could have imagined a pandemic? In this crazy Groundhog Day kind of a year, it is almost Thanksgiving again. This time, there will be just three of us – my husband and me, and Tom (the turkey), and we will travel by foot from the kitchen to the dining room.

There has been so much sadness over these last eight months that many people will have to think long and hard about what they are thankful for. My cousin, who makes Thanksgiving every year for her family, will need three fewer chairs when the group next gets together, the former occupants all victims of COVID. If you haven't lost any loved ones, if you still have a roof over your head, and if you

continue to have a job (if you want a job), then you have been very fortunate.

Because I write about mah jongg, people often tell me the status of their mah jongg games. I was recently in the supermarket, and a person (absolutely unrecognizable with her full-face mask and face shield, hat, and latex gloves) said, "Robin, I still play only online." I had no idea who she was, but with that amount of protective gear, no one would have been surprised to hear that pronouncement. On the flip side are the folks who tell me that their game is now live, but they're "being very careful." Just thinking about those three empty seats at my cousin's table and the other 200,000-plus victims in our country alone will keep me from playing any games in person for a long, long time.

I think that this year, instead of calling the holiday Thanksgiving, I will call it "HOPE-giving." I HOPE that this pandemic will finally be over, I HOPE that the sick people will recover, and I HOPE that we can all be with our loved ones again soon, holding them in our arms with no barriers or masks. Be well, be safe, and Maj On!

Eva Locker,
Principal of
Shalom School

Eye on education

Parenting is a Partnership

As many of us have found out, being at home right now while working and taking care of children at the same time is not simply "working from home". Trying to keep making a living while shielding your family from a world pandemic is a much loftier thing. A thing that at times brings feelings of desperation, loneliness and worst of all, doubt about our ability to be a parent. Long gone are the days we aimed at being the "Best" parents. Today the focus is on family survival, emotionally as much as physically.

The Talmud tells us that at the time the child is created, there are three partners involved: the child's father, the child's mother and God Himself. God, who gives the child his or her spirit, who gives his or her soul and the parents, who are seen as partners in God's creation of each human being. Even if the news headlines every morning make us feel that we are on our own lately, we must remember that God is omnipresent. He is always by our side and he knows everything there is to know about us. He knows

that often we prefer chatting on the phone with friends instead of playing "I spy"; He knows that sometimes we shout rather than speak; and He knows that we're not always sure what's the right plan of action. And, even though He knows all the details of our imperfections, He chose us to be the parents of our children. And because He chose us, we must trust that we are the very best possible parents for our children - that we are the ones who are most capable of giving our children what they need in order to grow and thrive.

Yes, there are times during which we are overwhelmed, and times when we wish for our own in-house therapist and education consultant. It's these times we need to remember that the goal is not to be perfect parents, but the best parents we can be for our children. So, while you are navigating through this challenging time, take a minute to pat yourself on the back: you used to be a lawyer or a nurse maybe, now you are also a teacher, a tech specialist, a hairdresser, a Zoom consultant and so much more. Today, you are SuperMom and SuperDad.

On the Personal Side

Mazel Tov to Don Kole on his milestone birthday

Mazel Tov to Eva Odrezin on her milestone birthday

Mazel Tov to Max Richards, son of Beth Vantosh and Kenneth Richards who became a Bar Mitzvah at Congregation Mickve Israel on October 17, 2020. Max is the grandson of proud grandparents Jill and Jeff Vantosh,

Atlanta, GA, and Chloe Richards, London, England and great grandmother, Claire Karesh, Atlanta, GA. A seventh grader at Savannah Country Day School, Max raised funds for the Humane Society of Greater Savannah for his social action project.



Max Richards

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Eye on education

Rambam Day School Rallies On

Ester Rabhan,
Principal
Rambam Day
School

We've already been in school for several weeks and there are days when it

feels like we just started, and there are days when I can't remember having a summer break. It's an interesting school year. We brought sheltered down right into school, only our friends are with us. Lots of rules and regulations but far better than sheltered down in our homes.

Masks have become second nature. Seeing a child or colleague without a mask is the unusual. One of my Judaic teachers made Simchas Torah t-shirts with his class. Rabbi Gordon makes these t-shirts every year. This year's t-shirt says, "I danced on Simchas Torah with a mask". A Simchas Torah to remember. A t-shirt that will recall an unusual time.

Just when we had the regulations down pat and all routines were becoming second nature; a couple of teachers were exposed to COVID-19 positive individuals. It seemed strange being in school, and my teachers were zooming in to their classes. Another new reality.

Rambam is marching on and not letting COVID-19 or teachers needing to quarantine, get us down. During the

intermediate days of Succos, we rented a blow-up miniature putt-putt course. It was adorable and enjoyed by adults and kids.

For one of the intermediate days, our Student Council created an Escape Room for each class. The students had to follow the clues and try to beat each other's time finding the clues and figuring them out. Another day we had the ice cream truck come. From 2Y through eighth grade and beyond, ice cream was enjoyed by all.

Learning continues! I applaud my staff for stepping in when a couple of teachers had to quarantine. While my quarantined teachers kept on teaching, we needed people monitoring their classes. My staff rallied together. Our staff is dedicated to each other and our students. I have the best of all worlds as I come to work and know my colleagues have my back and each other's. I am grateful to have a staff dedicated to excellence even in the face of masked faces!

We continue to hope all of you are taking precautions to be safe. We wish everyone good health, happiness, and sanity as we maneuver through COVID-19.



Eye on education

Teachable Moments at JEA Preschool Savannah

Jodi Sadler,
JEA Director
Early Childhood
Education

As we begin to think about Thanksgiving and all that we are grateful for, it can be

hard to do during this pandemic period. However, I like to think positively and share that I am truly thankful for the teachers and staff at JEA Preschool Savannah. It is because of their diligent efforts in maintaining the COVID-19 protocols while giving the children the love and security that we have been successful in keeping everyone safe and healthy.

Because of the pandemic situation and all the challenges it has brought to the children, we are focusing on the social and emotional development of young children. We are participating in a variety of professional development opportunities, reading articles together, and then implementing the strategies that we have learned.

Here are two stories from one of our two year old teachers, Ms. T. Try to imagine these two situations in your mind:

Ms. T. asked a child to use walking feet in the classroom and the child got upset and began crying on the carpet. Another child came over and began to pat her shoulder. And then a second child came to pat the other shoulder. So now, there is a crying two year old child being patted on each shoulder by two friends. This certainly is a display of empathy that the two friends had for the upset child. Ms. T.

was intentional in acknowledging to all of the children the kindness they showed to the upset child. What a wonderful teachable moment for all of the two year olds in this classroom!

This teacher experienced another teachable moment for social and emotional skills when the class was walking down the hall. One little boy, for an unknown reason, maybe he was tired, plopped on the floor on the way down the hall. Another child extended his hand and helped the child get up off of the floor. They continued to walk down the hall, hand in hand. Again, Ms. T. shared with the children how kind the boy was to help his friend.

Besides the hands on experiences, there are many ways to teach young children important social and emotional skills. Here are a few ideas:

- Use children's books
- Ask open ended questions
- Give effective praise
- Model appropriate behavior
- Provide verbal cues
- Create safe classroom spaces

We will continue this journey in learning and implementing strategies to strengthen the social and emotional development in children throughout the year. Stay tuned for additional teachable moment stories!

Wishing everyone a truly Happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

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PJOW Book Review *Sami's Sleepaway Summer*

By Dinah Henkin

In *Sam's Sleepaway Summer*,

Sami's mom tells her she has to go to Camp Cedar Lake for four whole days, but she really, really doesn't want to. Sami's nervous that she won't know anyone except her sister at camp and does everything she can think of to get out of going. But her plans do not end up working. Before she knows, Sami is crammed in a seat next to her cousin Daniel on the bus that will take them to camp. When they get to camp, Sami is still sure that she'll be miserable the entire time, but then she meets her bunkmate, Gabby. Before long the two are close friends, and Sami starts to feel a little bit better, and eventually, she even starts to have fun. When Friday arrives, Sami

finally finds her sister, Maya, who wasn't waiting at camp for Sami

when she arrived because her cabin was on a trip. Sami and Maya have a fight and Sami talks to Daniel. She realizes that Shabbat at camp isn't actually that bad, and services certainly aren't just a bunch of boring old men mumbling weird words! Sami enjoys the rest of her time at camp with her new friends and can't



Dinah Henkin

wait to come back next year.

I liked this book because it reminds us to not judge a situation before you have given it a chance. It also made me remember my sleepaway camp, Ramah Darom, and the great memories that I made there. I would recommend this book to kids who are 8-10 years old.

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Mickve Israel Staff

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November 17, 2020 – "The Storm" Intensifies will consider
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To register for any or all of the sessions, call Tim at
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