



## SJF Annual Meeting Sept. 14 Breman Museum's Berger to Speak



Sherry Dolgoff



Allan Ratner



Aaron Berger

At the meeting, Sherry Dolgoff will be honored for her recent service as President and Allan Ratner will be installed as the next President of the Federation. Continuing as officers of the Federation are Harvey Lebos, Vice President, and

Matthew Allan, Secretary-Treasurer. Retiring Governors also will be recognized for their service and new Governors invested.

As is customary, the annual gathering will be an opportunity for the awarding of special presidential recognitions, updates on the State of the

Federation, the Executive Director's report, the presentation of the Annual Report and all other general business.

Aaron Berger has led the Breman, as it is commonly referred to, since January 2012, overseeing large growth in its operating budget. He has a background in museum and non-profit management; last year the Breman was named one of Atlanta's Top 10 museums by USA Today.

The officers and Board of Governors of the Savannah Jewish Federation hope you will join them for the Annual Meeting, Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the JEA.

The Savannah Jewish Federation invites the community to its 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm at the JEA. Aaron Berger, Executive Director of the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum in Atlanta, the new home of the Savannah Jewish Archives, will be the guest speaker.

## JEA Gala, Sept. 18, 2016 Havana Nights

Mojitos! Music! Mambo! It can only be another exciting JEA Gala. Celebrate sultry *Havana Nights* on Sunday, September 18, 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 free services and offer year-round programming and activities for youth, adults and seniors from the entire Savannah community.

Gala co-chairs Peggy and Stanley Harris and Arlene and Allan Ratner, with Gala Coordinator Anna Berwitz, have led a Gala Committee that has planned a special event sure to transport you straight to Havana for a night of romance and intrigue, dining and dancing.

The evening begins with a wonderful assortment of tapas and cocktails. Chef Jeffrey Quasha and his team are back to prepare the food. There will be a Mojito Bar sponsored by Savannah Bee Company along with a full bar. Tapas will be followed by a light, Cuban-themed family-style dinner and then Cuban-inspired desserts. (All food is Kosher; there will be

beef, chicken, fish and many vegetarian selections. Certified Kosher meals are available upon request.)

The *Wall of Wine* will be back and the Gala Committee has been all over securing fun and popular items for the silent and live auctions. A sampling of some of the things to choose from that night includes: Tickets or passes to local cultural festivals (Savannah Film Festival, Savannah Voice Festival, Savannah Music Festival, Savannah Jewish Film Festival, Savannah Philharmonic); at-home dinners and luncheons; vacation rentals; Johnny Harris memorabilia; Monkey Joes children's birthday party; Judaica; personal training packages and so much more!

And there is still so much more to be enjoyed that evening! Acclaimed local salsa band *Grupo Son Del Coqui* will be on hand to get you on your feet and the SalSavannah Dance Team also will provide entertainment. Carlson's Premier Events is sponsoring a photo booth – bring your smiles.

Tickets are \$100 per person and may be purchased online at [www.savannahjea.org](http://www.savannahjea.org) or at the JEA, (912) 355-8111.

## Campaign Team Announced

Stacey Schlafstein, the previously announced Chair of the Savannah Jewish Federation's 2017 Campaign and Jamie Cahn, Campaign Director, announced that Linda Sacks will Chair the Women's Division and that Matthew Allan will Chair and Harvey Lebos will Co-chair the Men's Division for the upcoming campaign. All three are seasoned Federation and campaign leaders. Sacks has provided years of service to the Federation Board of Governors and has held numerous leadership roles in previous campaigns. Both Allan and Lebos currently are officers on the Federation Board; Allan has been active in a number of recent campaigns and Lebos previously has led the Men's Division.

"With so much experience to draw on, and with the generosity of our community, I am confident of our ability to once again provide for the needs of our community and our people. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Main Event on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to kick off the campaign," said Schlafstein.

### Candle Lighting Times

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| Friday, September 2  | 7:29pm |
| Friday, September 9  | 7:20pm |
| Friday, September 16 | 7:10pm |
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# Your Campaign Dollars at Work

## Camp Barney Medintz 2016

by Ellie Neil

This summer I completed my second year at Camp Barney Medintz. This year I went for a full month and it was so much fun! I had so much more time to get to know my cabin mates and make other friends outside of my cabin. It was neat to be around so many Jewish kids. Even though I have a couple Jewish friends in Savannah, it's nothing compared to being around all kids who are Jewish too! I got to be at camp for three Shabbats which was great because I was able to really learn all the camp songs. Each unit got to lead one Shabbat and when it was my unit's turn, we all had a great time!

Some of my favorite camp activities were arts and crafts and swimming in the lake. I love doing tie dye at arts and crafts and I wear my tie dye camp T-shirt all the time to remind me of all the fun I have at camp. My counselors were super nice and I got to know them really well. I still text my counselors and my cabin mates and we talk about all of our memories. It would be really cool if I got to see them during the school year and I definitely hope they all go back to camp next year so we can catch up! I am definitely going back to Camp Barney next year – I will be waiting for it all year long!

Ellie attended Camp Barney Medintz this past summer with the assistance of a Jewish Youth Summer Experience grant from the Savannah Jewish Federation made possible by your generosity during the annual Community Campaign. Ellie, 11, is in sixth grade at Savannah Country Day School. She is the daughter of Melissa and Jeff Neil. For more information on Jewish camping, see the website of the Foundation for Jewish Camp, [www.jewishcamp.org](http://www.jewishcamp.org).

## Vital Statistics



Mazel tov to... Tami and Lenny Tishberg as they celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



Ellie Neil with her 2016 cabin mates and counselors; she is second from the right.

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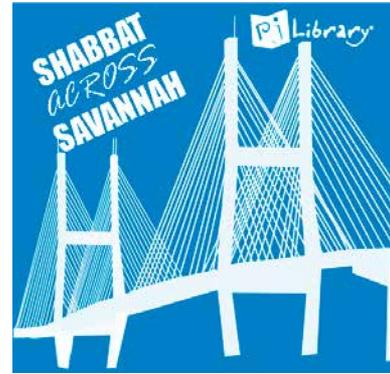
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MISSION: To create a pluralistic community of Jewish high school teens. More Jewish Teens, More Meaningful Jewish Experiences.

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This summer two Savannah BBYO teens attended CLTC (Chapter Leadership Training Conference) at B'nai B'rith Beber Camp in Mukwonago, Wisconsin and Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia. CLTC is one of four leadership programs in BBYO's Summer Experiences. Thousands of teens from around the world take part in these experiences each summer.



Blake Strauss, David Finn AZA Moreh (VP of Membership)

This year I wanted to further expand my BBYO experience. I heard all the amazing things from older members how CLTC was amazing and how it changed their lives. CLTC was one of the best experiences of my life. For 12 days, I met over 100 BBYO members from all over the world and learned everything to know about leading a chapter and a council.

During CLTC, the coordinators and advisors created programs that taught us how to be a leader in BBYO. I learned how to introduce non-members into BBYO, plan events, run a chapter, among many other things. My favorite part of CLTC was having our own mock chapter. It was a good way to learn about how chapters operate in preparation for the year ahead. At the end, it was extremely sad to leave but I thought about the many memories I made and friendships I will keep.



Richard Epstein, Dixie Council S'gan

I went to CLTC 5 in Mukwonago. I didn't really know what it would be like. My expectations were that it would be the size of a regional convention, and I would act like I normally do, not really outspoken and keep my thoughts to myself. But when I got there, and there were only 75 people, I felt like I could make myself known and meet people from the entire country, which I did. This was one of the first "conventions" where I knew some people but not the vast majority, so I made myself known. Which was, and still is, a great feeling for me.

At CLTC we learned many things. How to be leaders, how to organize and run programs, and how to facilitate those programs. This is a big help for me being the council S'gan (Vice President of Programming). I now know how to be a S'gan, and if I did not go, I would not have felt as prepared to be Council S'gan.



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Book Review

# Rabbi Abraham

by Stan Harris

WE CALLED HIM RABBI ABRAHAM—Lincoln and American Jewry, A Documentary History—Rabbi Gary Phillip Zola, PhD Southern Illinois University Press (2014) provides a distinct and interesting commentary on the interaction of President Abraham Lincoln and the Jews in our country. The author examines Mr. Lincoln's relationship with the Jewish community from the mid-19th century and traces the evolution of the ongoing affection for the 16th president from the time of Lincoln's assassination up to the present day.

The text is oriented towards Mr. Lincoln's formative years, his presidency and interpretations of his legacy among the Jewish community. Within the term of presidency, specific events affecting American Jews were presented. A section of the legislation to raise a volunteer army at the outbreak of the Civil War (or, War Between the States for southerners) called for regimental commanders to appoint chaplains of the Christian faith for regiments. The president addressed that matter resulting in a provision that a chaplain, must be, "a regularly ordained minister of some religious denomination."

General Ulysses S. Grant, in 1862, issued General Orders No. 11 which banished all Jews from the military department of Tennessee, which included the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, parts of Mississippi and Alabama. This was his attempt to address the interaction between troops and merchant-peddlers. The president did revoke that order. The dynamics of that situation are interesting.

Another episode was the effort of a small group of Christians to amend the Constitution to include references to God and Jesus Christ. The NRA

(National Reform Association) was the group targeting that effort. Though much pressure was exerted from both sides, the President took no action on that issue.

The Jewish reaction to the President's assassination presented a variety of orientations. The text analyzes the different sects of the faith both in the North and South. The commentary is quite compelling. Substantial expressions of Lincoln's affiliation with and ongoing affection for Jews are set forth with the author noting the persistent speculation that Lincoln descended from Jewish lineage.

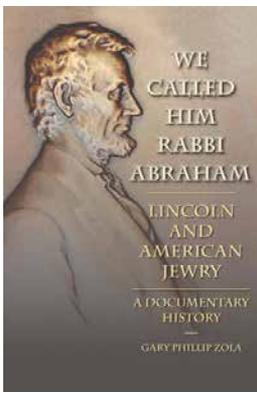
Another facet of the text to this writer was the interchange of "rabbi," "reverend," "preacher" and "minister" when referring to Jewish clerics. Pursuant to an inquiry, Dr. Zola explained to this writer that during the 19th century, prior to the mass migration of Jews to the United States, "protestantized terminology..." was used to, "Americanize Judaism—not to Christianize it."

This writer commends the text not only to those interested in Jewish history but, also, for devotees to Abraham Lincoln.

The format of the volume is interesting. Each chapter is followed by a series of documents, references and images. Also, each individual named is followed by the years of their birth and death in parenthesis.

**We Called Him Rabbi Abraham: Lincoln and American Jewry, A Documentary History**

Southern Illinois University Press | 458pp | \$49.50



# Time for Football... Here & in Israel

As your favorite college and pro teams prepare to hit the gridiron, Israelis are suiting up, too! The Israel Football League (IFL), a full-contact tackle football league started in 2007 is based in Jerusalem at the Kraft Family Stadium. The league, sponsored by New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft, is made up of eight teams from all over Israel. When they aren't playing in Jerusalem, they play in soccer stadiums elsewhere. The league has its own championship process culminating in the Israel Bowl.

Players from the IFL form the Israeli national football team which competes in tournaments and games around the world. The team participated in the European Championships of the European Federation of American Football where they beat Spain and earned a berth in a more advanced group for the Championships in Italy this September.

Flag football also is growing in popularity in Israel. The Israeli men's national flag football team will be competing in the World Championships in the Bahamas September 8-11 where they have been assigned

to Group B, along with the USA, the number one ranked team and defending world champions. The Israeli women's national flag football team also will be competing there.

Steve Leibowitz, President of American Football in Israel, said, "In both men's and women's draws, I believe that Israel got lucky to be placed in the weaker of the two groups. If we play up to our potential there in no reason our teams cannot advance



The Israeli national football team prepares to take the field at the European championships

to the quarterfinals. We have the talent to be on the podium. It's just a question of whether we have the mental and physical toughness."

To learn more about the IFL, look for the documentary Touchdown Israel, which screened at the 2016 Savannah Jewish Film Festival.

## Condolences

We express our sympathy to the family of:

**Aron Girard Weiner**  
Who died August 20, 2016

He is survived by his wife, Marsha Weiner; his children, Laurie (Jeff) Rubnitz, Alan (Michele) Weiner and Jay (Lisa Perlin) Weiner; six grandchildren; brother-in-law, Michael

(Karlyn) Flisnick; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Carol Myers.

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## My Hero: Unforgettable Elie Wiesel

Eighteen years ago Elie Wiesel was scheduled to speak at the Savannah Civic Center. I was there and it was one of the most memorable experiences of my life. To help me remember some details, I referred back to an article posted by reporter Gene Downs on Wednesday, October 13, 1999, in the *Savannah Morning News*.

What I certainly remember well is waiting. "Due to weather and traffic conditions that stranded Wiesel at Atlanta's airport most of the day, the start of the lecture was delayed twice — from 7pm to 8:15 and then to about 9:30pm. As a result, the crowd shrunk from a full house to about half that many in the 2,500-seat venue." But not me—I didn't leave. Couldn't leave. Would not leave.

"Fewer still might have stayed except the Telfair Museum of Art acted quickly to open its doors after hours, allowing lecture patrons to pass the time by viewing the current exhibit, Witness and Legacy:

Contemporary Art About the Holocaust. Event organizers also piped radio coverage of the night's Atlanta Braves game through the speakers on the civic center stage."

Once he arrived, "Wiesel himself expressed surprise at seeing so many faces in the audience. 'In truth, I didn't expect you to be here,' he said. I was in a plane for so many hours, I was convinced there would be a policeman at the door to say, 'They all went home.'"

Among those of us who stayed were two Holocaust survivors and a group of schoolchildren from Jacksonville, FL; we were glad we did.

Downs' article, titled "Nobel laureate and Holocaust survivor makes a plea for compassion at Savannah Civic Center lecture," which recapped Wiesel's words about the danger of indifference, could just as well have been written today. Downs stated, "In a world that lacks men of character and honor, Elie Wiesel is one of the true heroes." I couldn't agree more.

That night, Wiesel spoke of how our humanity towards one another is a reciprocal dynamic. He said, "My humanity is determined by my attitude to your humanity."

"Those of us who went through the Holo-

caust will tell you we suffered as much from indifference as from the killers in power. There were so many people indifferent to what they were doing to us... And we didn't believe. We couldn't believe people could do that to other people. We couldn't believe civilized people could do that to other people."

Relating the biblical story of Job, Wiesel said the lesson of the familiar tale is one of indifference.

"Job could have accepted God being unjust, because what do we know about justice? But Job could not accept — nor could I — God being indifferent."

And the same issue applies as clearly today as it did thousands of years ago.

"Indifference is the enemy I believe to be threatening the next century," he said.

"We're heading to a human philosophy that says indifference is wrong. The shortest way to God is through another human being. Therefore, that means human involvement. Human beings shouldn't be alone. If there are people who suffer from AIDS, people who feel abandoned, prisoners of injustice who feel alone and we do nothing to relieve their loneliness, something is wrong with us."

*"Those of us who went through the Holocaust will tell you we suffered as much from indifference as from the killers in power... Indifference is the enemy I believe to be threatening the next century."*

— Elie Wiesel

"I've always heard stories about (the Holocaust), so I was interested because he's actually been through it," said Savannah Country Day School senior Dee Dee Lewanski.

"The survivors are getting a lot older," added her classmate Tamar Gal. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, because they're not going to be around forever."

The then 71-year-old Wiesel spoke for 40-minutes that began and ended with extended standing ovations. I am still standing in his honor and clapping.

Each year that I taught middle school my classes spent at least a month learning about the Holocaust. *Night*, read by my eighth graders, left the most emotional impact on both my students and me. Years ago one of my former students saw me in the hall with red and swollen eyes and paused and asked one question: *Night*? Of course.

I believe that we were extraordinarily fortunate to share the world for too brief a time with an unforgettable human being such as Elie Wiesel. The difficulty will be to live in this world without him.

Remember.



Jamie Cahn,  
Savannah Jewish  
Federation Campaign  
and Community  
Outreach Director

## It's About Connection

Savannah Jewish Federation Campaign and Community Outreach Director Jamie Cahn is the guest columnist this month.

On July 17 I left for Israel to staff a Birthright trip with 40 Jewish young adults — ages 22-26 from around the country. Most of them identified with being Jewish but had no participation in the Jewish community at all and only six of them had ever been to Israel before.

We traveled throughout the country — starting in the north, into the dessert for the Bedouin experience and camel rides, up Masada, to Jerusalem for Shabbat and to the beach and to party in Tel Aviv. Although each place we traveled was amazing, Birthright is not about the sites that we see — it is about the connection the participants make to each other, to the land of Israel and to their Judaism.

On Shabbat, after services (led by our own participants), I led a program on Jewish identity. I had run this program many times before in different settings but never with young adults. And this group was a sample of young adults from around the country, from different Jewish backgrounds and different levels of engagement in their Jewish communities.

The group was split into six groups and each got little cards with different aspects of Jewish life written on them — keeping kosher, being a part of the Jewish community, giving to Jewish causes, celebrating holidays, joining the IDF, keeping traditions, Shabbat, marrying a Jew, remembering the Holocaust. The first task of each group was to narrow down the 25 cards to the 10 that they as a group thought were most important to them as Jewish young adults. Each group had in-depth discussions and chose their ten cards. Each group came up with a different list but all of the groups chose being a part of the Jewish community, giving to Jewish causes, celebrating holidays and keeping Jewish traditions.

Once they had their ten, they were asked to narrow down the list to five and then to three. By the final three, no group chose "marrying a Jewish partner" but each group chose "Keeping Jewish Traditions" as their final card. The groups explained that they felt like being involved in a Jewish community, giving to Jewish causes, celebrating holidays and raising a Jewish family all fell under that one value.

So often, at community planning and Federation Board meetings, I am asked about what young adults are looking for from the Jewish community. And now here they were having the conversation and I couldn't get enough of listening to them. What was reinforced to me is what we have been saying for the past two years, young Jewish adults want to be involved. They believe in Jewish continuity and being part of the community. Many of them just don't know how to get involved or haven't been asked. The Savannah Jewish Federation has taken that barrier off



Jamie Cahn, second from right, in Jaffa with some of the Birthright trip participants, with the unmistakable Tel Aviv shoreline in the background.

the table — we reach out to each and every Jewish young adult that we hear of to learn how they would like to be engaged.

As we landed back in the U.S., the trip participants began posting pictures to Facebook and summing up their experiences. One wrote, "Going to Israel was truly a life changing experience. I left the US with no connection to Israel and little connection to Judaism. I returned with a new respect and interest in a more participatory role in the Jewish community of my city. It really was a once in a lifetime trip that created memories I'll never forget."

From this short but impactful Shabbat program in a basement meeting room in a Jerusalem hotel, I got to see in the minds of these young adults and to be honest, I am so hopeful about the future of our Jewish community.

# What I did on My Summer Vacation

by Joel A Greenberg, M.D.

Seventeen years ago, while on a whirlwind college tour with our son, we found ourselves in Amherst, Massachusetts, the home of several fine liberal arts institutions. Among these are Hampshire College and, while driving in, I noticed the sign—marked by a skinny goat—for the Yiddish Book Center. I told Carol, who looked at me, our surroundings, and said, “You must be kidding; there are no Yidden here!”

So we were both surprised when we did indeed discover this remarkable institution—the 36-year-old vision of Aaron Lansky started with donations of abandoned and discarded Yiddish books here and there that now boasts over one million volumes and more than 40,000 separate titles of Yiddish literature, music and all manner of printed Yiddish language material. We have been supporters ever since.

Fast forward to this spring when, among our mail I found an invitation to come to Yidstock... that’s right, Yidstock: a four day festival of Yiddish music hosted at the Yiddish Book Center. I had exactly the same initial response I’m sure you had: I had found the ideal 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift for my wife!

So it was that in mid-July Carol and I found ourselves back in Amherst to attend Yidstock. We knew we were in the right place when we saw the ubiquitous goat, this time perched on a clarinet. There are, incidentally, a number of explanations for the goat logo: many attribute it to the *Chad Gadya* song, some (darkly) to the scapegoat images, but personally I favor Zlata, the goat who is the heroine of the eponymous classic tale by Isaac Bashevis Singer.

By the time we got to Yidstock we were several hundred strong, and everywhere was a song and a celebration (my apologies to Joni Mitchell and Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young). We were treated to the unequivocal shining lights of Klezmer music: *The Klezmatics*, *The Klezmer Conservatory Band*, Eleanor Reissa, Lorin Sklamberg, Frank London and Paul Shapiro (who just happens to be a cousin of our own Adam Solender) and his *Ribs and Brisket Revue*. Carol is the klezmer connoisseur. I, on the other hand,

like folk music and 60’s rock. What we heard was all manner of modern Yiddish music, with elements of folk music (even melodies written for words penned by Woodie Guthrie), jazz, big band, Middle Eastern and, of course, the strains of Old World Jewish music. It was transcendent.

I am not a country music fan, but when we went to Nashville several years ago representing Savannah Jewish Federation at the annual GA (General Assembly), we went to the Grand Ole Opry and I was astounded by how much I enjoyed it. When excellent entertainers do what they do best, even the skeptical members of the audience can be moved. Here too I was pleasantly surprised. We heard the modern incarnation of our grand-

parents’ music, and their culture and language. We took lessons in Yiddish songs and *nigunim* (tunes) and Yiddish dance (*shers*—the Jewish answer to the square dance).

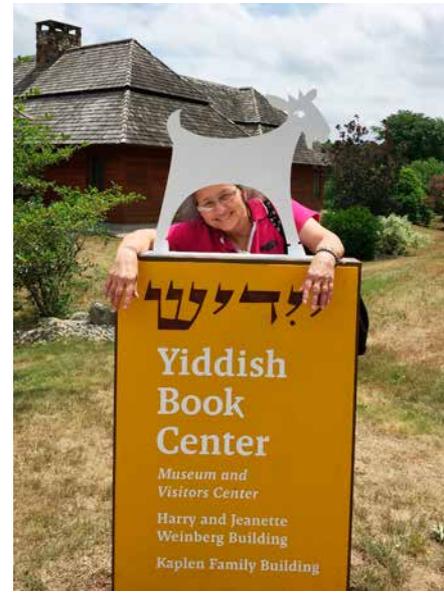
We toured the library (now much larger than it was seventeen years ago) and the area where they prepare the materials they receive every week, and in which they process, repair and then lend and sell these items. The mission of the Yiddish Book Center is not only to preserve and educate about Yiddish language, literature and culture, but to bring these books back into circulation and breathe new life into these words by making them accessible to a new generation who will continue the rich history of Yiddish as a living culture and a growing language.

We bought the souvenir hat and shirt and a few books and some albums to listen to on the ride back to Boston, and, of course the requisite Sholom Aleichem finger puppet (it happens to be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his *yahrzeit* this year). More importantly, we left with a new appreciation of something I had always thought of as the music of a bygone era.

Our parents, mine mostly from Poland and Carol’s mostly from Russia and the Pale, learned precious little Yiddish from their parents. It was considered a vestige of the Old World, a reminder of days of persecution or life in the *shtetl*. It was more

important that they communicated in the language of their new home and succeed as Americans. We and our generation, learned even less: the occasional idiom or word for which there is no English substitute (*schlemiel*, *kvetch*, *rugelach*...). Two or three generations later, young American Jews are secure in their identities and want to explore their origins. Yiddish music and literature are being rediscovered and renewed—not just by white-haired *bubbies* and *zaydies*, but by a surprising number of young people, as we saw at Yidstock.

All in all, I had lots of fun, heard great music and had a small epiphany. I would encourage others to attend in the future and to support the work of the Yiddish Book Center. And while there were no naked bodies and no circulating drugs (well, at least no non-prescription drugs),



Carol Greenberg with the Yiddish Book Center’s goat

and while it seems unlikely that any folk-rock legends will be writing songs about it: “we are stardust, billion year-old carbon”... and it was nice to “get ourselves back to the garden.”



Joel Greenberg (r) with saxophonist Paul Shapiro

## Yidstock

With apologies to Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, Joni Mitchell and all of you! From Carol M. Towbin Greenberg

A flier read by two southern yids, inspired a trip just up the road ‘Cuz friends asked, for your double chai anniversary where will you be?

We said we’re going down to Aaron Lansky’s place,  
going to listen to a klezmer band.

Got to get back to the land, and set our souls free.

We are almost retired, we are now golden,

And we got to get ourselves back to Gan Eden.

By the time we got to Yidstock,  
the campus was several hundred strong,

And everywhere was a song and a celebration.

We expected people our age, but were amazed at all the youth  
who also felt in truth, Yidstock was a sensation!

The lectures and music left us happy,

and for now quenched our thirst—

For a deeply Jewish cultural fix at the Yid Library in Amherst!

Well, then why don’t we try to arrange it,  
so such rich culture is down our street?

And we can sing or dance to a Klezmer beat—all within our tradition

We can offer up some memories, but also classes for our kids

To connect them to other Yids who are reclaiming history

We yearn to make connections to our future generations.

What better way than to get families out to a klezmer celebration?

~~~~~  
Klezmer Local 42

Live at the Shalom Y’All Jewish Food Festival

October 30, 2016

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Forsyth Fountain Stage sponsored in part by the JEA

# Four Questions

for the rest of the year



Marc Lebl, Haifa  
North America

In May of this year Israeli-based Haifa Group opened a state-of-the-art plant here in Savannah to manufacture Controlled Release Fertilizer (CRF). Using

Haifa's proprietary polymer coating technology, CRF is popular for its ability to optimize nutrition with a single application, minimize fertilizer losses from leaching, eliminate contamination of ground water and remove dependency on irrigation. The plant, located off President Street in Dulany Industries' SeaGate Industrial Park, is the company's first production facility in North America and is being used to manufacture Haifa's Multicote™ and CoteN™ CRFs.

We spoke with Marc Lebl, President and CEO of Haifa North America, about the company's new presence in Savannah. Lebl is a seasoned American businessman who has

been with Haifa for ten years. He is based at Haifa N.A.'s headquarters in Altamonte Springs, Florida, near Orlando.

### **What brought Haifa Group to Savannah?**

There were multiple reasons we located here. Savannah is geographically suited for our ability to get to our customers in the north and south. We have great access to the port. Also, we have excellent access to the raw materials we use for production and we have excellent relationships with other facilities in the area. We looked at several east coast locations, but Savannah made the most sense based on how all the variables came together.

### **Are you satisfied with how things are going so far?**

Yes. The plant is coming along very nicely and we're already working to expand manpower with additional shifting to meet increased demand. The Savannah community has been



Haifa's new facility holds two blending drums with the capacity for another

very welcoming from 'day one' and working with SEDA [Savannah Economic Development Authority] has been great.

### **How many people have you hired locally into what kind of jobs? Have any people from Israel been relocated to Savannah?**

We have the potential to create about 20 jobs locally and are on track to do so. The positions are a combination of production/manufacturing and lab-related jobs as well as some management and administrative positions. No one has been relocated to Savannah from Israel.

### **Do you have competitors in the Controlled Release Fertilizer market? If so, what is your share?**

We do have some competitors in the CRF market – they probably aren't names you would recognize but three or four of them are sizeable. The Koch brothers recently bought one. As for our share of the market, I can tell you that it continues grow, based in part on bringing the supply chain closer to our business partners.

The bulk of our CRF sales are for horticulture [gardening], with the rest going to agriculture and some to the turf market. Haifa is mostly a specialty plant nutrient company, though in Israel they do make a few other phosphate products for the food industry, such as a leavening agent for baking.

## A Sincere *Todah Rabah* To the Contributors to the 2016 Jewish Family Services Friends Campaign *Friends Do Make a Difference!*

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## Change of Command & Officer Installations

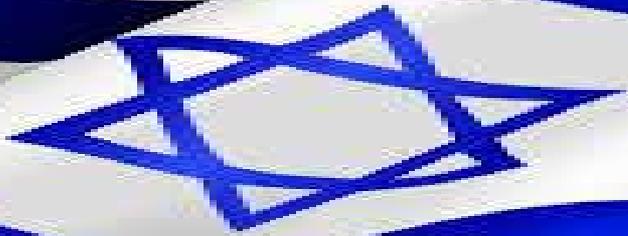
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Breakfast will be served.

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# I on Israel

## Promising Stroke Drug in Development

A new drug that may reduce acute bleeding and brain damage after hemorrhagic strokes is being developed in Israel by PamBio, a biotech company led by two Israeli Muslims, an Israeli Jew and an Israeli Christian.

A hemorrhagic stroke is either a brain aneurysm burst or a weakened blood vessel leak; blood spills into the brain and creates swelling and pressure, damaging cells and tissue in the brain. These strokes account for only 15% of all strokes, but 40% of all deaths from stroke. Currently, the only way to treat them is to drill a hole in the skull to relieve the pressure on the brain and wait for the bleeding to subside.

Professor Abed Higazi, a clinical biochemist at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, and his wife, Dr. Noha Higazi, discovered that one's body,

instead of increasing clotting activity after a hemorrhagic stroke, in fact reacts opposite to the way it should and increases anti-coagulant activity, causing more bleeding and more harm to the brain.

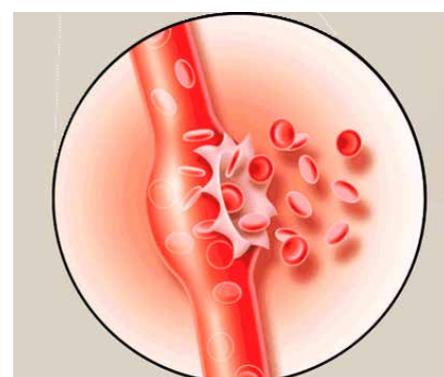
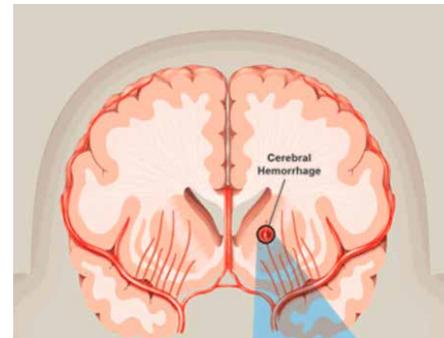
They went to work on a drug that would counteract this reaction and developed a protein molecule-based solution to be administered intravenously. In laboratory testing it has shown promising results for reducing brain bleeding, minimizing blood toxicity and improving neurological outcomes. Prof. Higazi told *Times of Israel*, "...now we need to take this to human trials."

"The next challenge will be to transfer this drug from the research labs into a product that is stable and can be manufactured in commercial amounts in an efficient way," Dr. Amos Ofer, the CEO of PamBio said.

"We also need to set out a timeframe and plans for the clinical trials which we hope to start in 2019."

The fourth principal in PamBio is Isabelle Dai, a biologist and the company's laboratory manager. The developers believe the drug, which as of now does not have a name, will have additional applications in the future for treating other bleeding disorders such as traumatic brain injuries, surgical bleeding, general injuries and post-birth hemorrhaging.

PamBio was established in collaboration with Hadasit (the technology transfer company set up by Hadassah to promote and commercialize medical innovations developed at Hadassah Medical Organization) and NGT3 (a venture capital fund based in Nazareth with a license from the Israeli government that funds early-stage companies, primar-



ily in innovative medical devices and life sciences, and encourages Arab and Jewish entrepreneurship).

## Revolutionary Gun Lock

Amidst all the concern for gun safety in light of recent high-profile shootings, an Israeli company has developed a gun lock that is garnering a great deal of attention as a potential game changer in the industry.

ZORE, based in Jerusalem, was started by a group of IDF veterans after the accidental death of their friend, Captain Tal Nachman, in a friendly fire incident in February 2014 near the northern Gaza border. The incident led to the dismissal of four unnamed soldiers from service in combat units.

The group's gun lock, ZORE-X, is a caliber-specific cartridge that connects to semi-automatic firearms. Its combination-lock dial uses a PIN code and can be operated easily and speedily in any conditions, including darkness. Once the correct code is entered, the locking cartridge is ejected and a live round is chambered.

The company says that with practice, a user should even be able to unlock their weapon behind their back. A training app that comes with the device encourages practice to develop that dexterity and includes

'surprises' to test users to see how quickly they can access and unlock their guns.

While unintentional shootings, such as the one that inspired the creation of ZORE, account for a small percentage of all gun violence, they are tragic for all involved. Already this year, 148 shootings have been reported in the U.S. in which a child, 17 or under, pulled the trigger of a loaded gun resulting in the *unintentional* death or injury of them self or another person. Statistics are not readily available for unintentional shootings by adults.

In addition to the ZORE-X gun lock, the company is offering two ancillary devices that may be purchased in packages with the core product. ZORE Bridge lets the user know any time someone attempts to tamper with the locking mechanism. ZORE Watchdog is a small attachment with a magnetic strip that can be placed on the user's gun or on the safe or drawer where the gun is stored. Any movement of the gun or storage device triggers a notification sent to the user's smart phone via WiFi.

ZORE launched in June through a crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo. Hoping to raise \$100,000 with its first product offerings, as of this writing the company had raised almost \$430,000 with sales to more than 2,400 'backers.' Product deliveries are scheduled for next February.



A Glock pistol equipped with a ZORE-X lock

## Home Brewed

SodaStream ventured into the increasingly popular home beer brewing market this summer with the introduction of its *Beer Bar*.

Using a standard SodaStream carbonation device and a special flavored concentrate, *Beer Bar* will generate approximately three liters of *Blondie* beer. According to the company, *Blondie* is 4.5 percent alcohol by volume, on par with other global beers, and has "a smooth authentic taste and a hop filled aroma."

A SodaStream spokesperson told FoxNews that the concentrate is made in Italy using a brewing process similar to that for regular beer but "with less water and a higher alcohol by volume percentage to ac-



count for the fact that it will be diluted."

*Beer Bar* systems and *Blondie* starter kits launched in Germany and Switzerland and will roll out in other markets later this year and next year. SodaStream also plans to release later this year its recently unveiled *SodaStream Mix* model that can carbonate anything from cocktails to juice.



The Jewish Educational Alliance presents a monthly program guide:



# CENTERPIECE

Jewish Educational Alliance

September 2016



## Children's Programming

### Scenes from JEA Camp Savannah 2016

Thank you for making 2016 Camp Savannah's most memorable summer yet!  
We had a record number of children and a record amount of fun this year!



## Functional Training



**Functional training** is a classification of exercise which trains the body for the activities performed in daily life safely and efficiently.

These exercises train your muscles to work together by simulating common movements you might do at home, at work or in sports.

Functional fitness exercises also emphasize core stability. For example, a squat to bicep curl is a functional exercise because it trains the muscles used when you pick up an object from the floor. By training your muscles to work the way they do in everyday tasks, you prepare your body to perform well in a variety of situations.

In the context of personal training, functional training involves mainly weight-bearing activities targeted at the entire body. Most fitness facilities have a variety of weight training machines that target and isolate specific muscles, but the movements do not necessarily bear any relationship to the movements people make in their regular activities or sports.

### What are the benefits of functional fitness training?

Functional exercises tend to be multijoint, multimuscle exercises. Instead of only moving the elbows, for example, a functional exercise might involve the elbows, shoulders, spine, hips, knees and ankles. This type of training, properly applied, can make everyday activities easier, reduce your risk of injury and improve your quality of life.

Functional training will lead to better joint mobility and stability, as well as more efficient motor patterns. Improving these factors decreases the potential for an injury sustained during an athletic endeavor. The benefits may arise from the use of training that emphasizes the body's natural ability to move in six degrees of freedom. In comparison, though machines appear to be safer to use, they restrict movements to a single plane of motion, which is an unnatural form of movement for the body and may potentially lead to faulty movement patterns or injury.

Functional fitness exercises use multiple joints and muscles at once to train your whole body. Examples include:

- Multidirectional lunges
- Squat to bicep curl
- Step-ups with weights

These activities are taught in our Firm it Up (Mon., Wed. and Fri. at 8:45am) and Total Body Blast (Mon. and Wed. at 6:00 pm) classes. These classes are designed to take you off the single planer machines and put you into a more functional atmosphere under the watchful eye of our instructors. Functional Training is very individualized and should only be intrinsically motivated.



## Adult Programming



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



### Community Garden

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

**Join us on each Thursday at 12:30 p.m. for Food For Thought!**  
 Visit with old friends and meet new ones, enjoy a delicious lunch for only \$ followed by an educational speaker or performer.

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| <b>September 1</b>  | <b>Physical Therapy, Stuart Fife</b>         |
| <b>September 8</b>  | <b>Heart Health, Dr. Chad Stouffer</b>       |
| <b>September 15</b> | <b>La Americana, Melanie Bowden Simón</b>    |
| <b>September 22</b> | <b>Seniors and Vaccines, Dr. Linda Sacks</b> |
| <b>September 29</b> | <b>JEA Preschool Savannah, Jodi Sadler</b>   |
| <b>October 6</b>    | <b>Meditation with Tai Chi, Trevor Jaha</b>  |

Don't forget to call and make your reservation at the JEA Front Desk

## JEA Donations

(June 21-August 10, 2016)

### ARKIN-CLARK GARDEN FUND

*In honor of Betty Lasky*  
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# Health & Wellness

## The Joys of My First Year



Kirby Southerland  
Aquatics Director

I am lucky to be in a position that allows me to work with so many different people every day at the JEA. I get to experience different learning styles and personalities from all the children and adults that I teach to swim. Each person I swim with helps to shape my development as an instructor and helps me to be a better person by teaching me to be more patient and understanding.

One of the first families that I started swimming with a year ago was the Hay family. I began swimming with Evan, who is now 6, to work on stroke improvement and to help him gain confidence so he would eventually feel comfortable enough to try the swim team. He picked up the skills quickly and his energetic personality was contagious. Soon, our lessons were more of a workout for both of us as we began swimming laps back and forth across the pool.

After a few months his parents, Linh and Zac, approached me and asked if I was ready to begin swimming with their younger son, Dexter. At first, Dexter, who is 3, was hesitant to get to know me and he wasn't sure how he felt about the whole swimming thing. Dexter and I quickly warmed up to each other and we began working on basic skills to keep him safe in the water. I was swimming with Dexter and Evan every week and the boys' skills were quickly improving. Dexter was becoming much more comfortable in the water and he often had a smile when walking into the pool for our Thursday afternoon sessions.

I learned soon after Dexter and I began swim-

ming together that he was diagnosed with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis. Even when he is in pain, he is smiling and happy and always willing to try something new, even if it is a little scary. I soon noticed that just being in the water was a huge relief for him as it helped to alleviate his pain.

I took a break from trying to teach new skills and for a while, we worked on being comfortable being in the water and trying to establish a great relationship with the water. This summer, Dexter and I ramped up our swimming lesson sessions and began swimming every day. Dexter was resistant at first, but suddenly, it just happened. Everything clicked. Dexter put his goggles on, put his face in the water and swam to me, without any assistance at all. He pushed through the obstacles of being diagnosed with a painful illness and proved to himself that he could do it.

In the past year of swimming with Evan and Dexter, I have been reminded that swim lessons serve a much bigger purpose than teaching a life skill. Swim lessons teach patience, instill a stronger sense of pride and help grow confidence in both the swimmer and the instructor. Every time I see the Hay family walk onto the pool deck, I am greeted by warmth and positivity, and it's radiant. I am truly very lucky to be able to come to work every day and love what I do and where I do it.

Thank you to all of the wonderful families that have touched my life and helped me grow as an instructor and as a person in my first year at the JEA.



## 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
- 10:30 am - SilverSneakers Classic
- 6:00 pm - AquaDance
- 6:00 pm - Total Body Blast

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

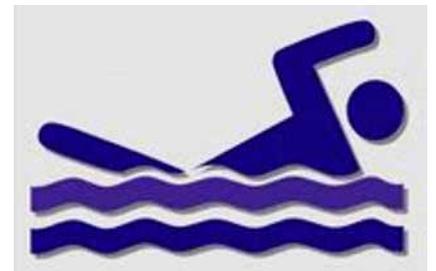
- 8:45 am - Firm It Up
- 10:00 am - Sun Flow Yoga
- 10:30 am - SilverSneakers Classic
- 6:00 pm - Total Body Blast

### Thursday

- 9:30 am - Barre Blend
- 10:45 am - Aquasize
- 10:30 am - SilverSneakers Circuit
- 6:00 pm - Savannah Kenpo
- 7:00 pm - Savannah Fencing Club

### Friday

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



## Junior Swim Registration Has Begun!

Coach Kirby is excited to announce that the JEA is offering year-round swim league. Designed to enhance competitive swimming techniques and abilities, our young swimmers practice for an hour executing drills for all four competitive strokes: Freestyle, Breast Stroke, Butterfly and Back Stroke.

Our goal is to achieve personalized goals for each individual swimmer; goals range from time and technique to stroke knowledge and lap completion.

The best time to get ready for Summer Swim 2017 is NOW! Its a great way to get year-round exercise, develop team spirit and discipline, all while developing a life-long skill.

- Session 1 - Aug. 16-Oct. 6
- Session II - Nov. 1-Dec. 22
- Session III - Jan. 10-Mar. 20
- Session IV - Mar. 21-May 12

Age: 4 yrs to 16 yrs

Cost: Community Member: \$135  
JEA Member Value: \$130

For any questions, contact Kirby. 912-355-8111 or [aquatics@savj.org](mailto:aquatics@savj.org).





## JEA Preschool Savannah News

# Enroll Now 2016-17 School Year

- Openings 12 months & walking & 4-year old (limited opportunities available)
- 2, 3 and 5-day options for the toddlers
- For full details, visit our website at [www.SavannahJEA.org](http://www.SavannahJEA.org)

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

### See How We've Grown!

What exciting growth we have had since opening our doors in August 2013! Kol Hakavod/All of the Honor to the teachers, staff, JEA Board members, and ECE Committee members for their efforts and support in creating a premiere preschool program for our Savannah and Jewish communities! Thank you to the families who have trusted us with their most precious gems, their children.

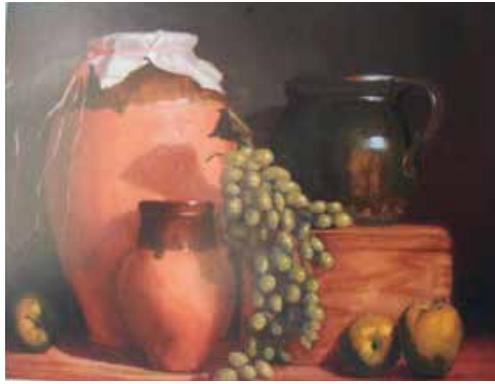
| August 2013<br>Year 1 | August 2016<br>Year 4 |
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| 3 Classrooms          | 6 Classrooms          |
| 23 Children           | 85 Children           |
| 5 Teachers & Staff    | 16 Teachers & Staff   |
| 20 Families           | 76 Families           |



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



## in the JEA Art Gallery



September 2016 Artist  
Cornelia Pratt



Originally from New England, Cornelia Pratt relocated to Jacksonville, FL, about thirty years ago where the opalescent skies and watery expanses inspired her to take up painting. She began seriously experimenting with watercolor, pastel and collage, ultimately choosing to paint in oil.

Training in traditional oil painting techniques has led Cornelia Pratt to paint still lifes and landscapes in a realistic, yet painterly style. She has exhibited in various art associations in North Florida. In addition the Club Continental in Orange Park, FL has shown her work during the holiday season. Her landscapes depict North Florida nature and landmarks, while her still lifes bring out the beauty in common objects.

Artwork available for viewing September 1-30, 2016

## 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 6/18/16-8/10/16)

Lynn Bailey  
 Matthew & Victoria Bryarly  
 Joshua & Jessica Burford  
 Danny & Jordan Chase  
 Brian & Emily Coyne  
 Clay & Natalie Crawford  
 Sinisia Domazet & Krista Kastner  
 Blake Ellis & Katherine Oxnard  
 Jackson & Maggie Evans  
 Yucel Henderson  
 Gregory Johnson & Penny Clarke  
 Dallas & Holly Lewis  
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 Brenda Sommers  
 Michael & Virginia Speer  
 Chad Tindell  
 Sherry Walsh  
 Barbara Wilkes  
 Tithia Young

## More Camp Photos!



# It Is My Duty

by Amy L. Rotker

This summer I had the opportunity to attend a fantastic trip to Germany and Poland through the Holocaust and Jewish Resistance Teachers Program. I received a scholarship through the Matthew Cranman Foundation which gave me the ability to have this amazing experience. I can truly say it was life changing. As an English teacher, I have been teaching my students about the Holocaust for many years. We read *Night* by Elie Wiesel and Vera Hoffman, a local Holocaust survivor, tells her incredible story to my students regularly. I have spent hours talking about the horrors of Auschwitz-Birkenau. We have watched *Schindler's List* and Oprah's interview with Wiesel in Auschwitz. After going on this trip I realized one thing: I had no idea.

I had no idea that some camps were the size of a small city. I had no idea of the sense of loss there is today in Poland. We visited the Jewish district of Krakow. There were vendors on the street selling Jewish magnets and *kippas*. There were temples and

a cemetery. There was a blind violinist on the street playing a song from *Fiddler on the Roof*. There were traditional Jewish and Polish foods. There was also something missing... Jews. I felt a quiet sense of loss for my missing people. Of the few that survived many chose not to return to their hometowns. There was no reason to return because so few made it out alive.

The first crematorium I saw was at Ravensbrueck, a mainly female concentration camp in Germany. Nothing can prepare a person to see such a horror. The camp was situated on a lake and there was a town, well within sight of the camp, on the other side of the lake. Ashes were thrown into this lake. I wrote the following after our visit on July 4<sup>th</sup>:

## *The Dead Bird*

*An open space with grey rocks  
A bit of grass where barracks used to be  
They are still there. I can feel them.*

*A quaint little town  
A pretty lake  
A church on the other side  
How could they not have known?*

*A short walk, up two steps  
The place where so many were burned  
Names written in bricks on the wall*

*Outside  
On the cobblestone  
A dead bird.*

In Birkenau the crematorium had collapsed. The Nazis did this to hide the evidence of their crimes. As we approached them there was a smell. It was not anything that I ever wanted to smell. This is 70-plus years after Nazi Germany. It still smelled. There is no hiding the horrors of that place.

At the end of the trip, I returned to Savannah after four flights that started out in Poland. Exhausted, I arrived at the airport here around midnight. As I was walking towards the parking lot, I looked on the ground. There lay a dead bird. It put me back in Ravensbrueck. There are memories everywhere.

Has this changed my teaching? Of, course. The experience has changed my life. I must share what I have

learned in memory of the millions who did not survive. I will talk about what I saw for those survivors who are unable to find the words. I will continue to speak up for those who remain nameless and for those whose lives were so brutally cut short. I must. It is my duty as a teacher, as a Jew, and now, as a witness.

*Amy Rotker teaches ninth and tenth grade English at Woodville Tompkins Technical and Career High School in Savannah. Her travel with Angela Grosse this past summer on the Holocaust & Jewish Resistance Teachers Program was funded with a grant from the Matthew J. Cranman Holocaust Teacher Education Endowment Fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah.*



*Amy Rotker at Auschwitz-Birkenau*

# To Bear Witness

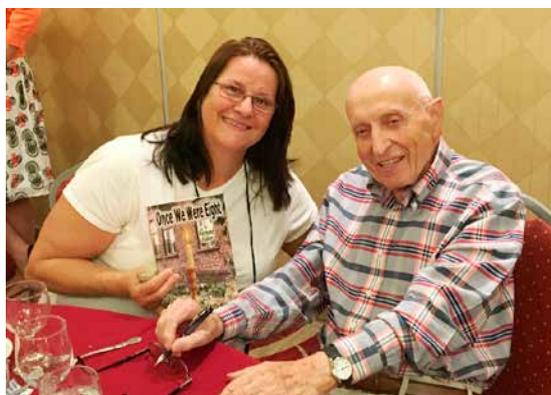
by Angela Grosse

My name is Angela Grosse and I am an English teacher at Islands High School. I have always wanted to apply to the Holocaust and Jewish Resistance Teachers program (HAJRTP) to help guide me in how I teach. The program, begun by Vladka Meed, provides a rich historical background to not only the Jewish resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto, but also takes teachers on a trip through Germany and Poland to study the Holocaust. After a rather detailed application process I was thrilled to be notified that I was one of 22 people selected from throughout the United States to attend the 2016 program. I was notified by a representative of the Matthew Cranman Fund that they would like to meet with me concerning a scholarship for this program.

It is such an honor to represent this community as well as the friends and family of Matthew Cranman. Locally, two recipients were chosen and we met with Adam Solender from the JEA and Karen Cranman, the mother of Matthew Cranman, to discuss the purpose behind the scholarship fund. Matthew Cranman was a beloved son who as a young man died of cancer. His family and friends honor his memory with this scholarship for educators

to learn more about the Holocaust. There are no words that can fully explain the magnitude of this gift. Not only was the trip fully funded but I also received a stipend for meals not covered. The experience changed my life and provided resources that will affect how my students learn about the Holocaust.

This however in no way prepared me for my experiences this summer during the HAJRTP trip. Each educator chosen to attend brought along their knowledge and shared ideas, books, and programs. As the entire group bonded over discussion, workshops, and ultimately meeting with survivors, we began the journey that would change the way I view Holocaust education. We spent several days together as a group discussing Holocaust education, learning about resources like "Echoes and Reflections," and really hearing the stories of survivors. Meeting Raymond Fisher, Holocaust survivor and au-



*Angela Grosse with Holocaust survivor and author Raymond Fisher*

thor of *Once We Were Eight*, helped all of us understand that we must bear witness. Again and again throughout the trip our group leaders reminded us that we must bear witness and share what we learn. Together we learned about "choiceless choices" — decisions made not based upon what was best, but in order to survive.

After arriving in Hanover our group traveled to the first of many camps, Bergen-Belsen. This place, covered in green grass, surrounded by trees, and filled with the sound of birds, still carries the burden of such enormous loss. Meeting with the education department from Bergen-Belsen we took part in a workshop that helped us identify what buildings once stood on these grounds. I was even able to identify a piece of equipment used in fire fighting from pictures taken at the camp.

From there we traveled to Track 17 in Berlin, Sachsenhausen and finally to Poland. As we went to each of the camps: Auschwitz-Birkenau, Belzec, Majdanek, Treblinka, we often wept together at the inhumanity. Each experience built on the other as the guides shared the experiences of those who lived in the camps.

One important aspect concerning this trip was the opportunity to also visit places that shared life before the Holocaust. We must remember also the joy, happiness, children, scholarship, home, family, celebrations, religion that

reveals such a rich history. This is an element that I am now adding to my teaching. In order for students to understand the ultimate loss of the Holocaust they must learn that this life before the Holocaust began was so human, normal, like them.

Ultimately as an educator, a human being I will bear witness. I am so grateful for the Matthew Cranman Fund and the support provided by this scholarship. Meeting teachers with similar interests in Holocaust education has opened up doors for me that I did not know existed. I am currently working on a new unit on the Holocaust that I will teach in my Multicultural Literature course this spring. Through this program I have learned about so many texts that I must read and obtain for my students. Opportunities I never knew existed have opened up for me. Next summer I hope to continue with additional training at the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC.

Several weeks after returning from the trip I was fortunate to meet with Karen Cranman, Sherry Dolgoff, and fellow HAJRTP attendee Amy Rotker to discuss the HAJRTP. We shared our adventures as well as commitment to Holocaust education. It is an honor and a privilege to be a part of this program.

*Angela Grosse is the AP Coordinator and Gifted Lead at Islands High School in Savannah where she also teaches twelfth grade English.*

# Preserving the Past

by Vernon Mosheim

When I retired more than umpty-ump years ago, heads wiser than mine advised me in the strongest of terms that the time had arrived for me to pay back; to become involved; to offer my skills, my knowledge, my time as a volunteer to philanthropic organizations and institutes or seats of learning and cultural outlets. That led me to the New York City Opera, the New York Philharmonic, NYU and, last but not least, the Leo Baeck Institute.

I had heard friends speak of the Institute, but beyond knowing that it dealt as an archive for preserving the history of German-speaking Jewry, I knew very little else. Since I am still able to read, write and speak German (I could even still decipher Suetterlin, those obsolete, grotesque, Gothic 'chicken tracks' every German schoolboy and -girl had to learn, before they introduced Latin script), I was sure that they could use my services.

Once I was 'hired,' I started translating letters, memoirs, and documents. I had always thought that LBI, as we refer to it at the Institute, is a Holocaust memorial organization. Wrong. Absolutely wrong. True, the Holocaust may have been the circumstance that made the organization necessary. However, LBI's purpose is far, far different. LBI houses and preserves an unparalleled collection of documents, books, art and artifacts that preserve the history of Jews in German-speaking lands from the Middle Ages to the present.

My little 'corner,' under the direction of the very personable and outgoing Michael Simonson, does focus on that period of persecution, incarceration and murder, when the Nazis exerted their powers to eliminate, eradicate, and kill European Jewry. However, based in New York and with an office in Berlin, LBI's purpose goes far beyond that limited window. With symposia, lectures,



A poster announced the completion of the digitizing of the collections at the Leo Baeck Institute, including memorabilia belonging to Albert Einstein and the 18<sup>th</sup> century German Jewish philosopher Moses Mendelssohn, pictured at the left of the top row.

exhibitions (to wit, two current must-sees: *Stolen Heart: The Theft of Jewish Property in Berlin's Historic Center, 1933 - 1945* and *Odessa/Одесса: Babel, Ladyzhensky, and the Soul of a City*), concerts, theatrical productions and more, they keep alive German-Jewish history on both sides of the Atlantic. (The Odessa show actually is sponsored by the Center for Jewish History.)

In my time there, I've learned that LBI possesses an 80,000-volume library, the world's largest repository of German-Jewish history. It is a library in flux, with constant additions acquired through donations and purchases. There is also a notable collection of artwork in various media, again acquired through donations or purchases.

Leo Baeck Institute is located at the Center for Jewish History, 15 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street, New York. Please stop in whenever you visit New York. You can find me there every Tuesday from mid-March through early November. During the intervening months, I 'live' at the JEA in Savannah and, thanks to online computer capabilities, continue my translations long distance.



Jodi Sadler,  
JEA Director of  
Early Childhood  
Education

# Endings and Beginnings

It was a Friday morning in August, the last day of our Summer Program. We knew we had a few children who would not be returning for the beginning of the preschool year. They were either our weekly summer children or they were going to be attending a different school.

One mom, who has been part of our JEA community since her child was 6 months old, stopped me in the hall. She was feeling bittersweet as this was her child's last day at JEA Preschool Savannah. She was excited for her son to be growing up and moving on to other adventures but

she was sad that she and her family wouldn't be a part of our community during the coming school year.

She appreciated all that her son had experienced and learned and was grateful to all of the teachers and JEA staff. She told me that her 6-month-old baby will be joining us as soon as she turns one and begins walking independently. She wouldn't have her in any other program!

This encounter certainly set a positive and meaningful tone for the start of my day. Conversations like these help to maintain the focus of our mission at JEA Preschool Savannah. We will continue to provide love and care to the children in our Savannah and Jewish communities at JEA Preschool Savannah and positively impact the lives of children and families.

The Officers and Board of Governors of the Savannah Jewish Federation cordially invite you to

# 73<sup>rd</sup> Savannah Jewish Federation ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Jewish Educational Alliance

Remarks from Outgoing President, Sherry Dolgoff  
Installation of Allan Ratner as President  
Election of Board of Governors  
President & Director's Reports to the Community  
President's Award

Remarks from Guest Speaker Aaron Berger of  
The William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum  
Introduction of 2017 Campaign Leadership

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## Creature of Habit

So many of us always have two task lists in September: one with school supplies, activities registrations, etc.; the other one with New

Year resolutions, guest lists for the Rosh Hashanah meals, etc. But with the leap year behind us and Rosh Hashanah still a few weeks away, this year we have the rare opportunity to handle one task list at a time, something that many Jewish mothers will appreciate!

After a summer of late bedtimes and too much TV or snacks, reinstating our old family routines and creating new ones is at the top of many September task lists. Parenting books and early childhood experts tell you that routines provide children with a measure of predictability that is necessary and comforting. They give children a sense of safety in an unsafe world. Routines and rituals are emotional regulators, guides to positive behavior, ways to decrease conflict, and perhaps most importantly, the basis for learning.

It is not by chance that Jewish tradition provides us with a myriad of routines and rituals. Like the ritual hand washing before eating bread, the tzedaka box where we empty our pockets or of course, the recitation of the *Shema*, where we transform bed-

time into Jewish time. Since most of our actions in a given day are based on habit it is important to practice a lot until the “habit stage” is reached and the routine is in place. Getting up at a certain time, getting ready a certain way... If I was to decide tomorrow to change one of my habits and do things differently, it would feel very odd. Same goes with all the rituals and mitzvot we are teaching. Our task is to make our students feel comfortable with all the little changes and the holiness we want to incorporate in their daily life. From thanking God with a blessing before a meal, or getting their parents’ blessing on Friday night, we want them to embrace the change in their routine by taking the odd feeling away. And the more consistent they are, the easier it becomes and the stronger the habit will be. Force of habit is one of the most powerful forces in our life. It can help motivate us to accomplish anything.



Eva Locker,  
Principal,  
Shalom School



Ester Rabhan,  
Principal of  
Rambam Day School

## Opportunity to Take a Hand, Open Minds and Touch Hearts: School

Recently, during one of our unbearably hot days, my daughter and I just lounged around in the pool, chatting, drinking cold (well semi-cold) drinks and soaking in the sun. It was the quintessential lazy summer morning, and we had a blast.

With school having begun, although I miss having a flexible schedule and sun bathing by my pool, and playing with my grandchildren; I welcome the new school year and all the new families and new staff that have joined RDS. I welcome them with an enthusiasm to face a new school year with all the obstacles it will bring, all the challenges, all the excitement of accomplishments, all the fun, all the mishaps and all the goals we are dedicated to meeting.

The summertime is good for children’ and living life a little on the wild side and calm side. It’s also a time that presents us with the opportunity to not focus quite as much on matters that are important and should

be taken seriously; like our children’s education. Even with summer work both children and parents don’t always take it as seriously as we would like (because it does serve a purpose). Come the school year, it is so important for parents to view their children’s education as a fundamental aspect of their growth. If parents look to their children’s schooling as an essential part of their lives, then children will tend to consider it something of value. And education is priceless; it opens many doors and certainly broadens the mind.

So we look to our parents to reinforce our efforts to enrich their children’s lives. As well, we thank our parents for entrusting their children to us and providing us the honor and opportunity to make a difference in their child’s life. A difference that we hope will impact them for years and years to come.

To all those who support Rambam and make this opportunity for us and for our students possible – to you we are deeply indebted.

We look forward to an exciting year and I look forward to sharing with you through the Savannah Jewish News how our year progresses.

## European Culture

September 4<sup>th</sup> marks this year’s official celebration of the *European Days of Jewish Culture*, an annual event started in 1996 that now promotes Jewish cultural activities to share the cultural and historical heritage of the Jewish people throughout Europe. The activities are coordinated

by the European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture (AEPJ), the European Council of Jewish Communities, B’nai B’rith Europe and the Network of Jewish Quarters in Spain.

It was just announced that this year a record 35 countries — as diverse as Azerbaijan to Luxembourg — will participate with various types of programming (concerts, lectures, tours) in more than a hundred cities. This year’s theme for the celebration is language; in previous years the themes have been women in Judaism, intercultural bridges, Jewish humor, Jewish cooking and others.



A Slovenian musical group performs during a previous European Days of Jewish Culture celebration.

In Portugal, where many Jews used to speak the major Jewish dialect of Ladino, one of the events will be held slightly after the official date, on Sept. 10-11, in the city of medieval city of Ourém, 80 miles north of Lisbon. The event will feature concerts by Rodrigo Leão, one of Portugal’s most popular singers and a winner of the nation’s Golden Globe award, who will sing in Ladino. Ourem had a Jewish population of several hundred before the Portuguese Inquisition.

Many of the events may be looked up by country on the AEJP website, [www.jewishheritage.org](http://www.jewishheritage.org).



Savannah native and part-time resident Robert Friedman’s latest art show, *At the Border*, recently opened at Saunders Farm in Garrison, New York. Bob says the title of the installation reflects the ongoing international refugee crisis and the nine figures represent a “spectrum of today’s asylum seekers: male, female, young, old, African, Syrian, Mexican, Asian, pregnant.”

If you are visiting the New York area and would like to see Bob’s work, Saunders Farm (853 Old Albany Post Rd, Garrison) is open to the public on weekends or you can contact Bob and Vernon Mosheim at 845-526-3413 or 912-441-2346 (mobile) to arrange a private viewing.

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Melinda Stein

# It's a Funny Thing

by Melinda Stein

Mr. and Mrs. Cohen decided to take their granddaughter to a fine restaurant for dinner. The youngster asked her grandmother what would be the best salad to order.

"I think you should try the Caesar salad," answered Grandma.

When the waiter came by to take their orders, the girl called out, "I'll have a Caesarian, please!"

Sign hanging in Dr. Levinson's dental office: "Be True to Your Teeth, or They Will Be False to You."

Rabbi Weisman was going to deliver a sermon on the Book of Numbers, regarding the Israelites wandering in the desert.

"The Lord heard you when you wailed, 'If only we had meat to eat!'" he read.

"Now the Lord will give you meat. You will not eat it for just one day, or two days, or five, or ten or twenty days, but for a month — until you loathe it."

As the Rabbi paused, there was a loud whisper from a congregant, "Hey, isn't that the Atkins diet?"

Bachelor Sam Gold decided to ask his Rabbi for advice. "Any girl I bring home is never good enough for my mom. I don't think I'll ever be getting married, Rabbi!" Sam wailed.

The Rabbi responded, "Son, look for a young lady who is similar in many ways to your mother — even cooks like her — and I'm sure your mother will approve."

In a month, Sam returned to the Rabbi.

"Oh Rabbi, your advice did not work at all! I found a girl just like my mother — speaks like her, acts like her, she even dresses like her!"

"So what was the problem with this girl?" asked the Rabbi.

"My father couldn't stand her!"

A fundraiser approached the home of a wealthy man named Steinberg and knocked on the door. When Mr. Steinberg answered, the fundraiser asked, "Please, sir, I am collecting money for the poor, could you spare a donation?"

Mr. Steinberg said, "I'll make you a deal. If you go around the back of my house, you will see a gallon of paint and a clean paintbrush. Paint the porch, and I'll make a considerable donation."

So the fundraiser went around back and a little later he again knocked on the door.

Steinberg said, "Finished already? Good. I'll write you a check."

The fundraiser replied, "Thank you very much, Mr. Steinberg. But there is something that I think you should know. It's not a Porch, it's a BMW."

Did you hear that in Washington, D.C., they're considering a plan to have Reagan National Airport be run by Israel's El Al Airlines for security reasons?

Of course they would have to change the name of the airport to Hebrew National.



**Don't miss this chance to include your holiday greetings in the next issue of the Savannah Jewish News!**

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### 2016/5777 High Holiday Schedule

|         |          |                                 |
|---------|----------|---------------------------------|
| Sept 24 | 7:30 pm  | Selichot Dinner                 |
|         | 8:30 pm  | Musical Program                 |
|         | 9:45 pm  | Dessert & Coffee                |
|         | 10:30 pm | Selichot Service                |
| Oct 2   | 6:00 pm  | Dinner                          |
|         | 7:45 pm  | Rosh Hashanah Evening Service   |
| Oct 3   | 10:15 am | Rosh Hashanah Morning Service   |
|         | 12:45 pm | Tashlich Services               |
|         | 2:45 pm  | Children/Family Service         |
| Oct 4   | 10:00 am | 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah Service   |
| Oct 7   | 6:00 pm  | Shabbat Shuva Service           |
| Oct 8   | 11:00 am | Shabbat Shuva Service & Kiddush |
| Oct 11  | 7:30 pm  | Erev Yom Kipper Prelude         |
|         | 7:45 pm  | Kol Nidre Service               |
| Oct 12  | 10:30 am | Yom Kippur Morning Service      |
|         | 2:45 pm  | Children/Family Service         |
|         | 4:00 pm  | Afternoon Service               |
|         | 5:30 pm  | Memorial Service                |
|         | 6:00 pm  | Concluding Service              |
|         | 7:00 pm  | Break the Fast                  |

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## CONGREGATION MICKVE ISRAEL

# The Shalom Y'all Jewish Yum! food festival

**Oct 30, 2016 11am - 3pm - Forsyth Park**

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## Making the Savannah Jewish Archives Accessible

By Lindsay B. Resnick

In July 2015, the Savannah Jewish Archives (SJA) moved from the Georgia Historical Society to the Cuba Family Archives for Southern Jewish History at the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum in Atlanta. I was hired as the archivist for the collection at that time.

Since July 2015, we have processed approximately 88 linear feet of records, scrapbooks, and manuscripts, including the historic Minis Family Papers, the Hadassah (Savannah Chapter) Records, and the records of Congregations Agudath Achim and B'nai B'rith Jacob. We have made the finding aids to these collections available to researchers around the world through the museum's website.

Most recently, we have completed the process of digitizing the Jewish Educational Alliance (JEA) Scrapbook Collection, which ranges in date from 1920 to about 1986.



Correspondence from the Minis Family Papers, 1836.

Included in these scrapbooks are newspaper clippings from the *Savannah Jewish News*, the *Morning News* and *Evening Press*, the *Southern Israelite*, and the *New York Times*.

The scrapbooks are local, national, and international in scope, with clippings relating to Jewish individuals and organizations in the Savannah area, as well as news of Jewish interest nationally, covering Israel, the status of Jewish Americans, and the separation of church and state. They contain clippings from local editorials as well as letters to the editor relating to Israel, discrimination, and religion.

This collection is a look into the mindset of Savannah's Jewish population as well as its accomplishments and events, all placed within the context of American and world Jewry.

Because of the generosity of the Savannah Jewish Federation, the Breman Museum has not only been able to safeguard the history of Savannah's Jewish community, we have also been able to begin making the collections accessible through digitization. The digitized scrapbook files will be made available to researchers upon request. If interested, please contact Jeremy Katz, [jrkatz@thebreman.org](mailto:jrkatz@thebreman.org), or 404-870-1862.



The Savannah Jewish Archives is generously supported by the Savannah Jewish Federation





JEA Preschool Savannah founders, recognizable by the bead necklaces made for them by the school children, gather for the evening's festivities



JEA Executive Director Adam Solender accompanies Preschool Director Jodi Sadler on "Hine Ma Tov" from Psalm 133 — Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!



Preschool parents and Founders celebration planners Robyn Carroll (l) and Garrett Kaminsky unveil the wall of building blocks that honors the school's founders

*JEA Preschool Savannah held a champagne reception on August 18th to honor its supporting founders and welcome parents for the 2016-2017 school year.*

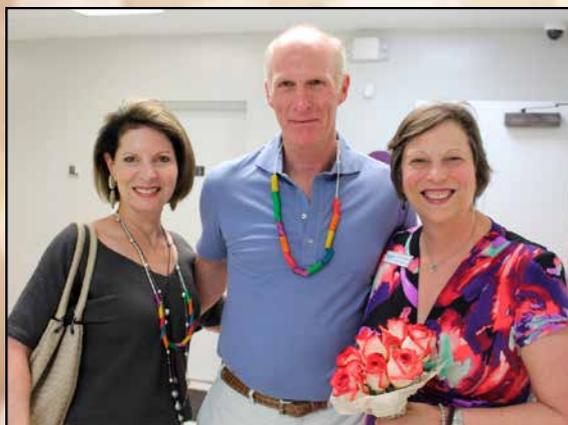
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The very world rests on the breath  
of children in the school house.**

**Talmud. Shabbath, 119b**

*Inscription on Founders' Wall*



The talented preschool artists prepared beautiful works of thanks for the school founders.



Founders Fran & Myron Kaminsky with Jodi Sadler



After the Founders celebration, "Miss Penny" Breslow (far right) reviews classroom goals for the year with parents of three- and four-year-old students



Parents of three-year-olds get creative making cards for their children



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Want to help plan events?  
Have ideas you want to share?  
Just want to hang out?  
Let us take you for coffee!*



**We want to hear from you!**  
For more information about Young Jewish Savannah call Jamie Cahn at 912-355-8111 or email [yjs@savj.org](mailto:yjs@savj.org).

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.*

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JOIN YOUNG JEWISH SAVANNAH FOR  
the countdown to

**5777**

at

*Jew Year's Eve*

A New Years Party With a Jewish Twist

Saturday, September 24, 2016 • 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.



**SHABBAT  
ACROSS  
SAVANNAH**



Young Jewish Savannah is planning 6 Shabbat dinners throughout the next few months and is looking for young adults who would like to open their homes & host.



# THE SAVANNAH NIGHTS JEA GALA

## 18 SEPTEMBER 2016

TICKET PRICE  
**\$100 PER PERSON**

SUNDAY EVENING  
**AT 6PM**



SAVANNAH'S JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

### GALA COMMITTEE

JEA Gala Coordinator • Anna Berwitz  
JEA President • Joel Greenberg  
Gala Co-Chairs • Peggy and Stanley Harris,  
Arlene and Allan Ratner

### ENTERTAINMENT

Grupo Son Del Conquist Salsa Band

### FOOD & DRINK

Libations • Tappas  
Family Style Cuban Inspired Dinner • Dessert Bar  
Executive Corporate Chef Jeffrey Quasha  
of Morrison Healthcare  
Savannah Bee Honey • Mojito Bar

Serving kosher meat dinner with many vegetarian options.  
Certified kosher meals available upon request.

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