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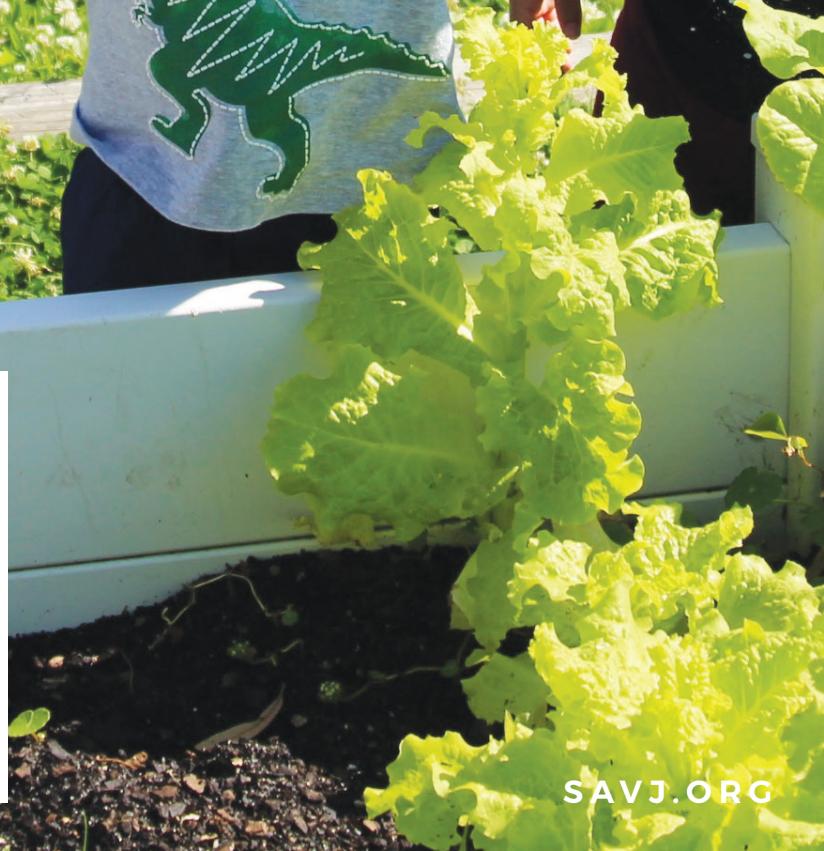
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# Shalom Savannah

**Adam Solender,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The sun has been shining, we've had our first heat wave of the season, the halls are noisy, and families are gathering around the pool. All the synagogues have begun to carefully hold services in person, the JEA just had its Annual Meeting in person (and online), a sold out summer preschool program and JEA Camp Savannah begin in just a few weeks, and the Federation will soon be meeting to allocate the generous dollars many of you have contributed to the Annual Campaign. In many ways life is back to normal, and in other ways, the specter of the pandemic lays just below the surface.

One of the preschool students told me that we are all caterpillars waiting to become butterflies...not a bad allusion to where we all are. You can see the transformation in the number of people attending Shabbat services, those coming to work out, and gatherings, formal and informal. There are those that are asking when we are going to meet again in person (despite the great and convenient Zoom attendance of the past year). Plans are actively being made for in-person events like the Federation Annual Meeting, JEA Gala, Campaign Main Event, and a Fall Maccabeats Concert. We are hoping for the best and warily maintaining alternate modes of service and engagement.

With increased vaccinations and the availability for children (12-15), "normalcy" looks like it is within our grasp. And with the



recent masking recommendations by the CDC, we each have even more 'safe' options.

Will it be as easy as just changing back to what we were? I don't think so. Will there will be some "bumps in the road?" Most certainly. Are there people who will be uncomfortable being unmasking? Sure (and that's OK). Whatever the situation, whatever the facts on the ground, whatever the communal situation, we will work our way through it, together.

Soon there will be the "meetings after the meeting" (the traditional 15 minutes of discussion out in the parking lot after a meeting). Food for Thought in person, and concerts, movies, and speakers—all in person. We are all looking forward to being together.

We can't wait to see you all, and we suspect that in the months to come, that caterpillar will transform into a beautiful butterfly.

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# From Parents to Partners

## Transmitting Jewish Values in the Family Business

Jennifer Rich

*L'dor V'dor* - from generation to generation - customarily refers to the transmission of Jewish values, rituals, traditions and history to the next generation. We can also apply the phrase to the transmission of Jewish values and business ethics in multi-generational Jewish family businesses. Multi-generational businesses are historically very common in the Jewish world. So too in Savannah, with many Jewish owned multi-generational businesses exemplifying *L'dor V'dor*.

Three examples thriving today are Buy-Rite Beauty Salon & Spa Equipment founded by Harry Eichholz, Lasky Cooper Law founded by Jeffrey Lasky, and Southern Motors founded by Julius Kaminsky.

Harry Eichholz embodied *chesed* (kindness) and *emunah* (honesty and trustworthiness) in all his efforts. He grew Buy-Rite - originally Ben Sheftall Beauty Supply - from a door-to-door business in 1936 to a well-known downtown Savannah store. After Richard Eichholz joined his father in business in 1975, they grew it into a multi-location salon furniture and equipment company. Richard's sons, Adam and Jason, joined the business in 2013. All embody the Jewish values of *chesed* and *emunah* that Harry passed on.



JEFFREY & DARRYL LASKY

Jeffrey Lasky founded Lasky Cooper Law with Arthur Cooper in 1981. Jeffrey's career in law has "focused on representing individuals and their families who have been injured or killed as a result of the negligence of others." Helping others when they are most vulnerable requires *kavod* (honor each person), *emunah* (honesty and trustworthiness), and *gevurah* (strength). Jeffrey's innate expression of these values has been passed on to his son, Darryl, who joined Jeffrey's practice in 2015 and shares his Dad's passion for helping others.

Julius Kaminsky founded Southern Motors in 1932, his ethos being *emunah* (honesty and trustworthiness) and *zerizut* (acting with enthusiasm). Julius knew customers wanted safe vehicles, they wanted good customer service and he knew it was critical to stay ahead of the pack and pursue new opportunities. Myron, who joined Julius in business in 1969, learned the values of *emunah* and *zerizut* from Julius and has passed them along to his sons Adam and Ross, who joined Southern Motors in the 1990's.

Transitioning from a parent-child relationship to a business-co-worker relationship is an enormous challenge in family businesses. Jewish values, including *kavod* (treat yourself and others with respect) and *b'tzelem elohim* (all are created in God's image), support the positive transition by establishing the respect required for sustainable working relationships.

Myron Kaminsky committed to Adam and Ross that he would entrust them with decisions early on and treat them as partners rather than as subordinates. This freedom and trust allowed Adam to utilize his analytical talents and his MBA to their fullest and allowed Ross to maximize use of his excellent people, marketing and communication skills. Harry Eichholz embraced his son Richard's talents and abilities and together they brought their business visions to life with Buy-Rite. Richard did the same with Adam and Jason who have contributed their corporate accounting and finance experience as well as further developed a positive management and work culture. Darryl Lasky joined



ADAM, MYRON & ROSS KAMINSKY

Jeffrey's practice immediately after law school. He's contributed his breadth of knowledge about the world and insights about people and their motivations to the practice. Jeffrey has increased Darryl's operational responsibilities as he's gained more experience and knowledge about the law and running a law practice. The growth and evolution of Darryl and Jeffrey's relationship as parent-child and as business partners is something they both cherish.

*L'dor V'dor* is a powerful edict for the transmission of Judaism and Jewish values in all aspects of our lives. Richard Edelman, CEO of the Edelman Global Communication firm states, "In a

secular society, we generally don't discuss the values — cultural, familial and religious — we bring to the workplace that define the shape of our business. But a company's culture is shaped by the actions of individuals, which are shaped by values." Perhaps the most important being *Shalom bayit* (striving for peace in the home, family, workplace). The Eichholz, Kaminsky and Lasky families have consciously worked towards *Shalom bayit*. They communicate openly and honestly, treat each other respectfully and respond rather than react in difficult situations. They understand that the first word in family business is f.a.m.i.l.y. and "at the end of the day we're still family and family trumps EVERYTHING."



ADAM, JASON & RICKY EICHHOLZ

## It All Starts With You

Because of your generosity, the Savannah Jewish Federation 2021 Annual Community campaign raised

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And because of your generosity...

- ★ Delivered over 5000 meals in the last year
- ★ Provided over \$150,000 in needed assistance in rent, mortgage, and utility assistance as well as daily living expenses such as groceries & medications
- ★ Stayed connected with Jewish students at SCAD, BBYO teens and Young Jewish Savannah through engagement opportunities in person and virtually
- ★ 175 Jewish Children ages 6 months-12 years old receive Jewish books in the mail each month through PJ Library and PJ Our Way
- ★ Advocated for the Savannah Jewish community through government relations, Israel advocacy, inter-group relations, and social justice.

And so much more! Thank You!



# Interning in Israel

Nathan Luskey

In October, I finally had enough of spending six months in zoom class, so I started looking for a way to explore after graduating in December and before starting graduate school in August. A friend from Jewish sleepaway camp (Ramah Darom) told me about his experience for an Israeli summer internship program, so I started looking. I found a great Masa sponsored internship program starting in January that I was incredibly excited for. Unfortunately, about a week before I had been scheduled to enter Israel, Ben Gurion Airport was shut down and Israel's borders were sealed.

While I am grateful for the time I was able to spend with my family, I'm *really* happy that after Passover, I was able to finally come to Tel Aviv. Upon arrival, unlike the normal chaos of traveling to another country, I went straight into quarantine. My apartment suitemates and I passed time cooking dinners, learning Hebrew in Ulpan, and watching cheesy movies. After ten days and two PCR tests, we finally got out of quarantine on Yom Ha'atzmaut.

That morning, I ran up and down the beach and got coffee and borekas in Shuk HaCarmel. Since then, I've been incredibly happy to explore Tel Aviv from lunch in Jaffa to a herring



sandwich in the northernmost point at the Tel Aviv Port Market; yes, I really like food. I have equally enjoyed meeting new friends from across the USA and the world improving my odds in the game of Jewish Geography. I am looking forward to continuing to explore Tel Aviv, and to start exploring Israel from hiking in the Golan Heights to swimming in the coral reefs in Eilat.

I'm working with a startup - Olive Diagnostics ([www.olivek2.com](http://www.olivek2.com)) - gaining great work experience and getting travel advice from my coworkers.

*Nathan Luskey completed his undergraduate degree at Georgia Tech and will be attending Carnegie Mellon University in the fall to pursue a Master's in Computer Science.*

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# PJ Our Way Book Review

Dinah Henkin

One of my favorite PJ Our Way books is called *Yael and the Party of the Year* by Tamsin Lane. I like this book because it is a "choose your own adventure" type of story.

It is a perfect choice for a PJ Our Way book because just like you can pick your book as part of PJ Our Way, in this book, you get to pick what happens. What is cool is that, unlike in real life, if you don't like the way things turn out, you can just go back and choose a different option. For example, at the beginning of the book, you can choose if Yael goes to Eli's house or the "Maize." You can decide what type of party she has and at the end of the book, you pick if Yael chooses to hang out at her Bat Mitzvah party with her friends or with her crush, Gabriel. If you don't like



how the story ends, you can go back to the beginning or just a few chapters and change the outcome.

I think this is a really interesting and relatable book for kids who are preparing to become Bar/Bat Mitzvah or have already had theirs.

*PJ Our Way* is the next chapter of PJ Library for kids ages 9-12. It is available free to families raising Jewish children. Every month, kids can choose the book they want to receive. Kids can also submit reviews and videos about the books. For more information and to register contact [PJLibrary@savj.org](mailto:PJLibrary@savj.org).

# Mah Jongg and More

Robin Rackoff

I was going through my closet, trying to squeeze into my summer clothes, when a lightbulb went off in my head: that's why they say June is *Busting Out All Over!* Just between us, the pandemic was not very kind to my waistline. Fortunately, the stretchy yoga pants that I wore every day were very forgiving. Each morning, I would think, should I wear my black yoga pants or my black yoga pants?

Now that we are getting out, I want variety! I love different colors and all kinds of fabrics. I've never been one who could build a wardrobe around "one quality piece" like they tell you in the fashion magazines. I'd sooner go to TJ Maxx or Chico's and get lots of pieces. I can choose from so many outfits. I might even wear a necklace.

I feel the same way about my dinner dishes. Waterford or Wedgewood from Neiman Marcus? Not in my house. I'd rather go to HomeGoods or Bed Bath and Beyond (with my 20% off



coupon, of course.) If I'm making Asian cuisine, I love to use the blue square ones with the cherry blossoms, and if the dinner is Southwest, the yellow dishes with the chili peppers set the mood.

This desire for variety extends to my Mah Jongg sets as well. I considered a fancy Crisloid set with an equally fancy price tag, but at \$1,750, I couldn't bring myself to do it. Instead, I bought three inexpensive sets to keep my three company. I love having a variety of tiles, checks and plaids and rainbows, pinks and blues and greens. When it's my turn to host, everyone is excited to see which tiles made the grade that day.

Until next time, remember that Variety is the Spice of Life, and Maj On!

# You Can Go Home Again

## Harriet Zabusky-Zand

Harriet Zabusky-Zand is back at home in Savannah. When she was a teenager she couldn't wait to leave Savannah. "*I was very rebellious and I was passionate about opposing racial segregation. I was bored at school, and generally miserable. My parents couldn't decide whether to send me to reform school or boarding school. When I was 18, I finally left to attend college in Boston. Now, I'm 78 years old and have lived in England, Boston and Cape Cod. Well into my 40-something year career as an artist, I couldn't wait to return to Savannah.*"

She attended Lasell Junior College, transferred to Boston University and later received a Master of Social Work degree from Simmons College and worked in the field. But making art has always been a strong driving force in her life.

*"My art education began as a child when I used to accompany my father, David Rosenzweig, on weekly sketching trips around beautiful, colonial Savannah as well as the neighboring fishing villages."*

Sometimes art and life take different turns. When she married Howard Zabusky, she and her son Adam went to live in England where Howard worked. The English countryside inspired her, and she wove tapestries and rugs and later took painting classes.

After returning to Boston in 1979 she was accepted at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts where she earned a degree in fine arts. She continued her studies at Massachusetts College of Art where she received her Master of Fine Arts degree.

Abstract expressionism was a major influence on the works she



produced at the time. The sense of infinite space, luminous, sensuous color and allusions to landscape allowed for the expression of her artistic vision.

In 1990, she moved to Cape Cod where she fulfilled a dream of building a home and studio on the shores of a beautiful pond. Living next to a beautiful lake inspired a series of paintings, *Faith Like Flowing Water*.

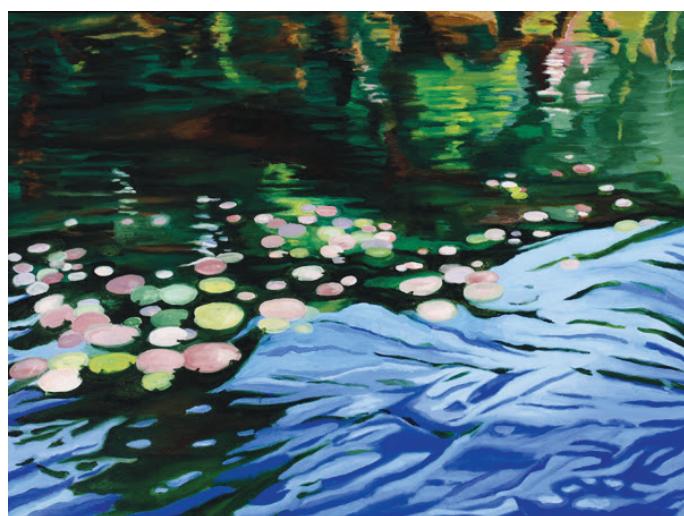
After more than thirty years of painting, Harriet took a change of direction and fell in love with ceramics. Now, a ceramic artist, she creates unique crystalline glazed art pots as well as functional pieces like platters, plates, vases and mugs.

Harriet's art has been widely exhibited throughout the US and England. Her work is included in the Gillette Corporation, Sonesta Sonnabend, Westin Hotel, Accenture, Mohegan Sun Casino, Marriott Hotels, and Mandarin Oriental (NY) collections, as well as many other corporate and private collections. You can see her paintings and prints on her websites, [www.harrietzzart.com](http://www.harrietzzart.com) and [www.art-izz.com](http://www.art-izz.com), and her ceramics on [www.feastsofclayceramics.com](http://www.feastsofclayceramics.com).

Her path is a "full-circle story" as Harriett (and husband) have returned to live permanently in Savannah. She has built a lovely new studio where you can view (and purchase) her beautiful ceramics, paintings and works on paper.

*"Art has been part of my life since birth and I know my parents would be absolutely thrilled that I have returned to be inspired and share my vision in Savannah."* In Harriet's mind, and in her work, you 'can come home again.'

You can view Harriett Zabusky Zand's works at her new studio at 817 E. 69th Street and contact the artist at [harrietzzart@gmail.com](mailto:harrietzzart@gmail.com) or 508-737-0945.



# Artist Spotlight:

## Paul Michael Glaser

The Artist of the Month of June is Paul Michael Glaser whose art is displayed in the JEA Art Gallery. Many may not be familiar with the artist's work but may still recognize the name of the artist. Paul Michael Glaser played Detective Dave Starsky on the show "Starsky & Hutch" and also acted in "Fiddler on the Roof."

Paul Michael Glaser has spent much of his time in recent years devoted to 21st century modern art disciplines, and through his exploration of digital formats and creative processes, the celebrated actor, creator, writer, director, producer and philanthropist has developed a style uniquely his own.

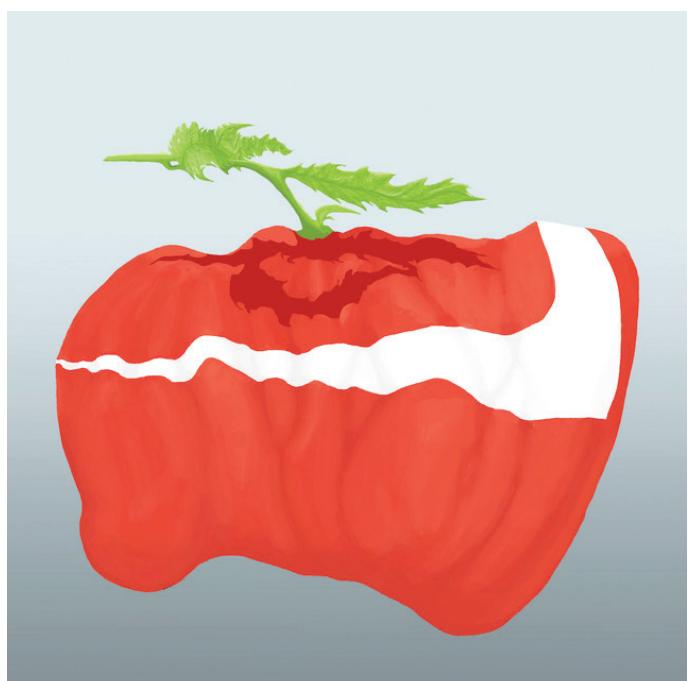
Abstracts, body-forms and portraits are represented in his collections, as are the creatures and every-day objects which draw in the eye for their colors, unique digital brush work and other worldliness. Glaser equally enjoys expressing his art through digital painting, pencil and charcoal, painted sketches as well as illustrations.

Glaser was born into an inherently creative family in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was inspired by his father's well-known original architectural designs and art collection, his mother's creative gift of storytelling and the entire family's passion for theater, museums, gallery art and symphonies. Glaser was encouraged to explore his creativity in a variety of ways in which he could artfully express himself.

Later in life, Glaser published a successful book, *Chrystallia, And The Source Of Light*. He also created a book of his artwork integrated with poetry, *The Edge of Whimsy*. Glaser is currently in the final stages of illustrating his second book, *Hookfoot and Peg, A Cautionary Tale*.

Glaser is a devoted father to his grown children and continues to vigorously enjoy outdoor activities such as golf and fishing. He resides in California. Glaser has exhibited his artwork throughout Los Angeles and it has been placed both on television and film as well as within private collections.

*Paul Michael Glaser's artwork will be available for viewing from during the month of June in the JEA Art Gallery.*



# JEA Community Service Award

## Judge Michael Karpf

The highest honor bestowed by the JEA is our Community Service Award. This award is intended to recognize those difference makers within our Jewish community and also those in the larger community of Savannah. For calendar year 2020 we have a most worthy recipient in Van Johnson, Mayor of Savannah and I am honored to bestow this award to him.

As we all know, 2020 was a year like no other. I won't repeat the litany of adjectives that have been used to characterize last year. Suffice it to say, for most of us 2020 was a more difficult, trying period of time than we have ever experienced. As fate would have it, our fair city was blessed with a leader who was equal to the many challenges. He is courageous, insightful and completely dedicated to the best interests of Savannah. He did not flinch at the obstacles and the seemingly intractable problems which came his way. He drew on an inner strength of which even he was probably unaware. Yet, that strength gave him the fortitude and resolve to do the right thing for Savannah. The community owes him our gratitude, and this award is but one small token of the measure of thanks to which he is entitled.

January of 2020 was a time of great excitement and anticipation for Van Johnson. Our newly elected Mayor was about to embark on a four year term as the leader of our wonderful city. I know that in the years leading up to his victory Van had great plans and dreams for Savannah. Little did he know or imagine that a microscopic virus would turn his world and ours upside down. In keeping our city safe, Van defied the President of the United States, the Governor of Georgia, and more importantly, at least around here, the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. He imposed a mask requirement in the city and he cancelled the big parade. He closed bars and restaurants and limited public gatherings. None of these decisions was popular, but as later events would prove all were crucial to the health and safety of our citizens. Indeed, the Governor backed down and the Parade Committee swallowed its disappointment and recognized the wisdom of the Mayor's orders. And during all of the resulting



tumult Van was everywhere, exhorting citizens and visitors to do the right thing—wear those masks, observe social distancing, be responsible. At the same time Mayor Johnson saved our city from the racial strife that swept other parts of the country, even as he acknowledged that Savannah and its institutions must do a better job of ensuring equality for all citizens. His leadership at this critical juncture cannot be overstated.

I could go on and on about the many programs, committees and initiatives Van Johnson has been a part of during his long career in public service. As important as those efforts were, they were but a prelude to the heroic performance he displayed in 2020. I have known Van Johnson for many years and I am proud to call him my friend, but I am even prouder to call him my Mayor. Congratulations to Van Johnson, Mayor of the City of Savannah, recipient of the Community Service Award from the Jewish Educational Alliance.

*The JEA Community Service Award was established in 2017 to recognize individuals in the community "who have made a difference."*

2017 Tom Kohler

2018 Judge Michael Karpf

2019 Dare Dukes

# Yom HaShoah Contest Winners

Each year, the Savannah Jewish Federation invites Chatham County middle and high school students to participate in a Holocaust writing and art contest. Teachers throughout Savannah took time to teach this important and difficult subject to the next generation of leaders so history does not repeat itself.

Students were asked to use their creativity to express the difficult and inspiring lessons of the Holocaust. Due to this challenging year, the subject of the contest was more open than in years past. Students could enter the writing contest by submitting a poem, newspaper article, story, play/dialogue or essay OR enter the art contest.

All who entered the contest did a fabulous job. Congratulations to the winners!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ART



### 1st Place

"The Power of Silence"  
Thomas Federowicz  
*Hancock Day School*



### 2nd Place

"Blooming Hope"  
Leila Reeves  
*Coastal Middle School*



### 3rd Place

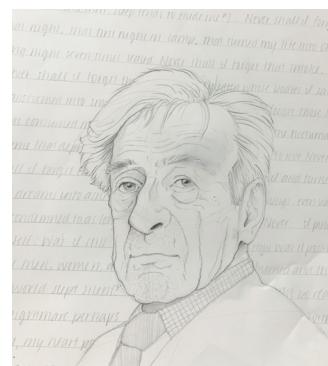
"The Individuality Stolen from Victims of the Holocaust"  
Louisa Coley  
*Hancock Day School*

## HIGH SCHOOL ART



### 1st Place

"More Than A Number"  
Kennedy Reid  
*Savannah Arts Academy*



### 2nd Place

"Elie Weisel"  
Ava Goto  
*Savannah Arts Academy*



### 3rd Place

"Religious Persecution"  
Cecilia Ramirez  
*Savannah Arts Academy*

## MIDDLE SCHOOL WRITING

### 1st Place

"Worse Than a Nightmare"  
Jamison Beck, *Hancock Day School*

### 2nd Place

"What Was Lost"  
Jasmine Dewitt, *Hancock Day School*

### 3rd Place

"Fighting in the Holocaust"  
Caleb Brown, *Coastal Middle School*

## HIGH SCHOOL WRITING

### 1st Place

"Flower Prince"  
Hannah Park, *Savannah Arts Academy*

### 2nd Place

"Poems of Remembrance"  
Tyron Ford-Everett, *Savannah Arts Academy*

### 3rd Place

"The Thief of Millions of Lives: Intolerance"  
Moneb Asimi, *Savannah Arts Academy*

Visit [www.savj.org](http://www.savj.org) to read the writing submissions.

For more information on Holocaust education, contact [programming@savj.org](mailto:programming@savj.org).

# Congratulations Graduates



## Hallie Bender

The daughter of Cari Feiler Bender & Rodd Bender, granddaughter of Jane & Ed Feiler, Hallie graduated from Friends' Central School. She was Captain of the lacrosse and tennis teams, VP of Student Council and was a 12-season varsity athlete. A competitive gymnast and volunteer at

Prevention Point, Philadelphia, Hallie will be attending Cornell University in the fall pursuing a pre-med course of study.



## David E. Byck

The son of Melinda & Edwin Byck, grandson of Ellen & David<sup>obm</sup> Byck and Robert<sup>obm</sup> & Florence<sup>obm</sup> Long, David graduated from Savannah Country Day School. He was a member of the Varsity football and tennis teams, and was inducted into the National Honor Society. This fall, David will be attending Auburn University.



## Emmett Dennis

The son of Cherie Dennis & George Dennis, Emmett graduated from Savannah Arts Academy, Emmett was a Band Major, was first Chair Oboe (Band and Orchestra), District Honor Band (9-12), All-State Honor Band (12), in the Tri M Music Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta

Math Honor Society. Outside of school, he was in Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, the Armstrong Youth Orchestra (9-12) and was a volunteer at People Helping People, feeding the homeless. Emmett plans to attend Pepperdine University to study chemistry in preparation for medical school. As a scholarship recipient in the Fine Arts, he will continue his music passion with the Pepperdine Orchestra and Pepperdine Wind Ensemble.



## Owen Elkin

The son of Lisa & Gary Elkin, Owen, Owen graduated from Savannah Country Day. He was a four year member of the Varsity soccer and cross country teams. He was on the Math Team (4 years), Quiz Bowl (4 years), and Student Council (Treasurer-4 years). Owen distinguished himself

as a National Merit Semifinalist (11th grade), National Honor Society (10-12) and Cum Laude Society (11-12). As a volunteer, he was active at the Savannah Center for Blind and Low Vision and Horizons Savannah throughout his high school years. This fall, Owen will be attending Georgia Tech's Scheller College of Business.



## Bailey Ginsberg

The son of Jill & Marc Ginsberg, Bailey graduated from Benedictine Military School. During his high school years, he was a member of the Science Club and was a member of the golf, cross country, and swim teams. Bailey assisted with Special Olympics, volunteer camp counselor at Camp Villa Marie and was an active participant packing food for Backpack Buddies. A member of the National Honor Society, he was pinned Captain of the school's JROTC. Bailey will be receiving the HOPE/Zell Miller academic scholarship when he attends Georgia Tech in the fall where he will be pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering.

### **Sarah Lily Javetz**

The daughter of Lynn & Jay Javetz, granddaughter of Arlene & Norman<sup>obm</sup> & Rochelle & Harold<sup>obm</sup> Javetz, Sarah Lily graduated from Savannah Arts Academy where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Spanish Honors Society, and Future Business Leaders



of America. She won the Stachel Award at SAA's Junk-2-Funk for outstanding design and creativity last year. As a volunteer she was active at Ronald McDonald House, Red Shoe Crew and at GHC Hospice. An "Outstanding Rising Leader, Member of the Year, and Most Outstanding Leader" in BBYO, Sarah Lily was a great role model for rising teens. She will be attending the University of Georgia majoring in Human Development and Family Services.



### **Sophie Rich**

The daughter of Jennifer & Jason Rich, granddaughter of Michael Strear and Joanna & Bob Rich, Sophie graduated from St Andrews School where she was a member of the Spanish, Tri-M, National Art, National Science Honor Societies. She was also on the Headmaster's List or Honor

Roll throughout high school. Sophie participated in the Low Country Student Diversity Conference (founding member) for two years. She played the upright bass in the orchestra since fourth grade. Even as a busy student, Sophie found time to lead at Wexler Clark BBG as Maskirah and N'Siah and attended numerous conventions locally and nationally. She also spends her free time sewing, painting, crocheting and creating jewelry and has a successful jewelry and accessory shop on Etsy. She will be attending Georgia Tech in the fall majoring in Applied Mathematics.



### **Ben Adler**

The son of Susan & John Adler, Ben graduated with a joint JD/MBA degree from the Berkeley Law School and Haas School of Business at University of California-Berkeley.



### **Skylar Ducker**

The daughter of Jami & Scott Ducker and granddaughter of Arlene & Allan Ratner, Skylar graduated from University of Colorado, Boulder (Dean's List) with a BA in Linguistics, Minor in Education and a Certificate in TESOL. She is currently working as a substitute teacher and assistant in a K-8 school in

Denver and looks forward to attaining her teaching credentials with an eye towards teaching English as a Second Language.



### **Emma Loncon**

The daughter of Lori Loncon & Chuck Loncon, Emma was President of the Georgia Southern University Sociological Society, a member of the Phi Eta Sigma and Pi Gamma Mu Honor Societies and was on the President's list throughout her college years. Throughout her college years,

Emma has been a leader to countless children as a swim instructor and Team Leader at the JEA and teacher at Shalom School. She will be attending graduate school at Vanderbilt University in the fall to pursue a Master's degree in Human Development Counseling with the goal of being a school counselor.



### **Allison Samuels**

The daughter of Ashley Samuels<sup>obm</sup> & Scott Samuels. Allison was a member of Sigma Delta Tau at University of Georgia. She is graduating Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences and will be pursuing a Master's degree in Health Administration.

# On The Personal Side

## Mazel Tov to

**Joel Greenberg** on his retirement.

**Marlene Seidman-Robinowich** whose photographic exhibit at the JEA was prominently featured on the front page of the Savannah Morning News Arts section.

**Liberty Lebos** on winning the 2021 National Hadassah Leaders of Tomorrow Award for Young Women.

**Emma Loncon** on being named the 2021 Outstanding Graduating Senior in Sociology at Georgia Southern University in recognition of the "hard work and dedication put into her academic pursuits."

**Nina Altschiller**, newly invested President of the League of Women Voters of Coastal Georgia

**Jack Levine** who was named to Morgan Stanley's prestigious Century Club, a group of the firm's most successful Financial Advisors.

Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob's new President, **Adam Pritzker**, and to outgoing **President Joe Goldstein** for a job well done.

**Jordan Tishberg**, grandson of Tami & Lenny Tishberg, who was recently recruited by Amazon for an internship in Workplace Health & Safety. A rising senior at SUNY Potsdam, he maintains a 3.6 GPA as a Business Administration major while also working and volunteering as a Potsdam Fireman.

**Brian Tillinger**, grandson of Arnold Tillinger and son of Jerry, who recently received a scholarship to the University of Washington School of Law.

**Leslie Westmoreland** on the marriage of her daughter Rachael Westmoreland to Elliot Gruber on May 14.

**Jamie & Steven Richman (and big brother Micah)** on the birth of Blake Asher Richman on February 18.

**Zach & Ashley Schiffman** on the birth of Coleson Wilder.

**Julia & Matthew Weiner** on the birth of Alexander Dennis Weiner on April 10.

**Haley Pollack & Jared Carter** on the birth of Charlotte Jean born on April 15.

**Gil & Miriam Kreisel** on the birth of their baby boy.

Great Grandmothers **Margie Gordon & Doris Klugman**, grandparents **Susan and Danny Klugman** and parents **Alli & Jaron Solomon**, on the birth of Sadie Alex Solomon.

Great-grandmother **Barbara Kooden**, Grandparents **Joanne & Michael Kooden** and parents **Whitney & Ross Kooden**, on the birth of Lucy Jordyn Kooden.

Grandparents **Nancy and Bobby Isaacson** and parents **Lissy Isaacson & Ari Finkelstein** on the birth of a baby boy

**Crystal Williams & Roy Maynard** on the birth of their son, Roman William Maynard.

**Liv Rotker**, son of Amy & Bobby Rotker, on his Bar Mitzvah on July 24 at Congregation Mickve Israel.

**Brice Feiler**, son of Preston & Jana Feiler, on his Bar Mitzvah at Congregation Agudath Achim on August 14.



# Obituaries

## Eve Garfunkel Goldman

Who died Monday, February 8, 2021.

She is survived by her sister, Margie Kahn of New York City and by her children, Alan Garfunkel and his wife Lori of Scarsdale, NY and Debbie Popper and her husband David Popper of Yardley, PA and her daughter-in-law Esta Garfunkel of Miami, FL. She is also survived by ten grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren who all loved her dearly and whose names and birthdays she always remembered and by many nieces and nephews and two stepsons, Paul and Danny Goldmann.

Donations: Congregation B'nai Brith Jacob Synagogue - 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405 or Rambam Day School - 111 Atlas Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405-5461 or a charity of the donor's choice.

## Sanford Samuel Yagendorf

Who died Friday, February 12, 2021.

## Stephen L. Solomon

Who died Saturday, March 13, 2021

## Joan Silver

Who died Saturday, March 13, 2021

She is survived by her sons, Bennett (Nicole) Silver and Jeremy (Gabi) Silver.

## Erica Blayne Kreh

Who died Tuesday, March 30, 2021

She is survived by her parents Dr Gustave "Stavie" Maurice Kreh and Sheryl Kayle Karp Kreh, brother Aaron Michael Kreh, and her uncle, Sidney Karp.

Donations: The Eric Nathan Karp Memorial Fund at Congregation Agudath Achim - 9 Lee Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 31405

## Nathan Scott Dayan

Who died Thursday, April 1, 2021.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa Ann Binder Dayan; his mother, Carole Barbara Haven Dayan of New Orleans, Louisiana; two sisters, Esther Hendler and her husband, Marc, and Juliet Lieberman and her husband, Richard, all of New Orleans, Louisiana; one niece, Alexandra Lieberman, and four nephews, Joshua Lieberman, Miles Hendler, Sean Hendler, and Andrew Sacharin.

Donations: Angels Among Us - Tisch Brain Tumor Center - DUMC Box 3624, Durham, North Carolina 27710 or Congregation Agudath Achim - 9 Lee Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 31405-5707.

## Morris "Mo" Stoltzman

Who died Sunday, April 4, 2021.

He is survived by Jordyn Stoltzman and his wife, Anna, Eric Stoltzman, and Michael Stoltzman; his mother, Lilian Koblenz Stoltzman of Savannah, and a sister, Barbara Talisman and her husband, Paul, of Houston, Texas.

Donations: Congregation B'nai Brith Jacob Synagogue - 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405

## Millard Lee Biloon

Who died Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

He is survived by his wife Audrey Biloon; a step-daughter, Debbie Bisno and her husband, David Goldman; a step-son, Rabbi Aaron B. Bisno; two step-grandchildren, Adam and Michael Bisno; a sister, Elice Biloon, and a niece, Jessica Butter Kolis.

Donations: Hospice Savannah - Post Office Box #13190, Savannah, Georgia 31416-0190 or the Savannah Jewish Federation - 5111 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405-5214.

## Dawn Kaley

Who died Friday, April 23, 2021.

She is survived by her son Ian (Viva) Kaley, siblings Bonnie (Jacqueobm) Teboul of Israel, Joel Warmund of Columbus, Ohio, nieces/nephews: P'nina (Yonaton) Ben-Gal, Yona (Shachar) Shemesh, Alisa (Josh) Kermisch, Josh (Danielle) Warmund, and their children Or, Eyal, Ofir, Roie, Lihi, Ido, Noah, Isabelle, and Brooklyn.

Donations: Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia or Congregation Mickve Israel.

## Obituaries 2/1/21 through 4/30/21



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# Around Town

## What's happening in Jewish Savannah

You can check out the most up-to-date community calendar at [www.savj.org](http://www.savj.org)

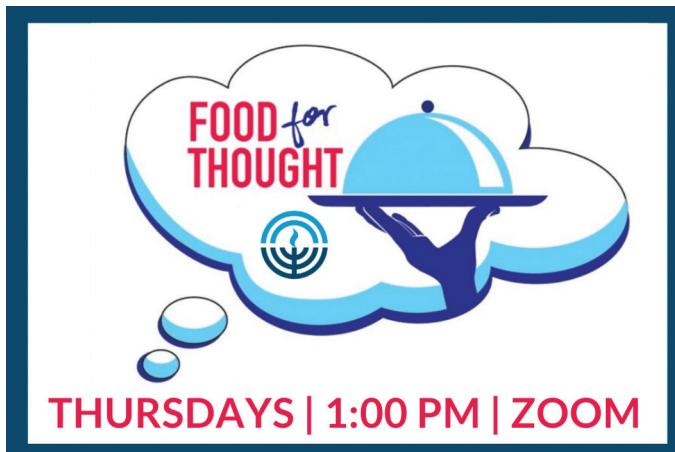
### Food for Thought

Thursdays at 1:00 PM

Join virtually each Thursday to hear from speakers from around the world on topics relevant to you.

Food for Thought will stay virtual for June & July but will be back in person at the JEA in August!

Visit [www.savj.org](http://www.savj.org) for an up-to-date calendar of speakers.



### JEA Art Gallery Reception - Paul Michael Glaser

Sunday, June 6 | 2:00-4:00 PM

### Young Jewish Savannah Beach Day

Sunday, June 13 | 2:00 PM

### Congregation Agudath Achim Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 20 | 10:30 AM

### JEA Mid-Summer Splash Bash

Sunday, June 27 | 3:00-6:00 pm

Join us at the JEA Outdoor Pool for summer fun and treats from the grill



### JEA Art Gallery Reception - Kitt Dobry

Thursday, July 8 | 5:00-7:00 PM

### Congregation Mickve Israel's 288th Anniversary Service

Saturday, July 10 | 11:00 AM

### Shalom Y'all Family Reunion - A Mickve Israel Fundraiser

Sunday, July 11 | 4:00 PM

### Tisha B'Av

Sunday, July 18

Tisha B'Av (the 9th day of the month of Av), is the saddest day on the Jewish calendar. Although a large number of disasters are said to have befallen the Jews on this day, the major commemoration is of the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem.

### Tu B'Av

Saturday, July 24

The Jewish day of love.



### Congregation Mickve Israel Block Party

Sunday, August 8 | 12:30-3:00 PM

### BBYO Kickoff Party

Sunday, August 15 | 1:00 PM

### Congregation Agudath Achim Fundraiser

Sunday, August 22 | 5:00-10:00 PM

### JEA Art Gallery Reception - Carrie Christian

Thursday, August 26 | 5:00-7:00 PM

Submit your event or gathering to [savannahjewishlife@savj.org](mailto:savannahjewishlife@savj.org).

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## JEA ART GALLERY



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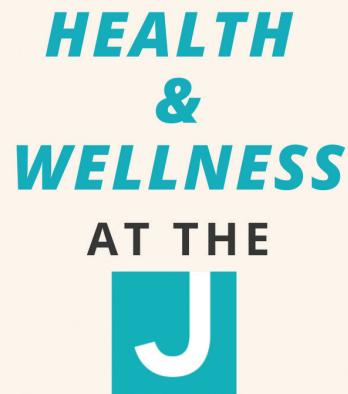
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# Dive into Summer at the JEA

Summer is finally here and the JEA started off summer with a splash! A variety of new aquatic and fitness activities have started and it's not too late to join.

We are excited to introduce Sunday morning Stroke Clinics open to both adults and children. These hour long clinics focus on improving both your technique and endurance with individual attention from our experienced swim instructors. Additionally, registration is also open for our Parent & Tot Group Swim Classes designed to help your child grow comfortable in the water and develop swim-readiness skills through fun and confidence-building experiences.

Looking for some family fun? On Sunday, June 27th we will be holding the Midsummer Splash Bash at the outdoor pool! This event will include some family friendly games and entertainment

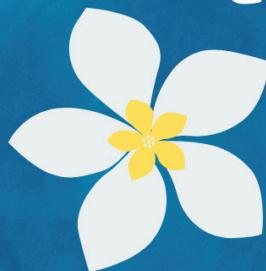


followed by a cookout for dinner around the pool deck.

Lastly, don't forget about those fitness goals this summer. Try out one of our new StandUp Paddleboard Fitness classes at the outdoor pool with offerings such as Yoga, Cardio Circuit, strength classes, and more! You can also get up and get moving early this summer with one of our new Small Group Training classes including Women's Weightlifting and Kickboxing/Cardio Combo Classes.

Dive on in this summer and sign up now at [savannahjea.org](http://savannahjea.org).

## *Dive on in this Summer!*



- **Stroke clinics**
- **Midsummer Splash Bash**
- **Parent/Tot Swim Classes**
- **Small Group Training**
- **Paddleboard Fitness Classes**



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# BBYO Addresses Adolescent Wellness



In a first-of-its kind partnership, JCC Association of North America (JCCA) and the BBYO Center for Adolescent Wellness (BBYO-CAW), with support from the Jim Joseph Foundation, will collaborate to assess and support mental, emotional and social health among adolescents.

The pilot initiative comes as mental health issues such as anxiety and depression have surged among adolescents who have been isolated from their peer groups as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This initiative marks the first time JCC Association of North America and BBYO have joined forces to bring a BBYO-CAW program to the JCC field.

"JCC professionals are often on the front lines in observing what may be emerging issues affecting the well-being of adolescents," said Doron Krakow, JCCA president and CEO. "This partnership is all the more meaningful in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. BBYO is the ideal partner for us, to ensure that we'll be well-

positioned to provide the services and support our teens may require."

Drew Fidler, BBYO-CAW Director, said, "Given the expected post-pandemic influx of activity from audiences with these potential needs, we understand how important it is for JCCs to be organizationally ready to support the youth populations they serve. Our goal is to further enable our Jewish communities to be a place where young people can thrive mentally, emotionally and socially."

BBYO-CAW will help JCCs better understand how their policies, procedures and training create and ensure safe environments for young people.

Training sessions to JCCs will cover such topics as mandated reporting, building and maintaining appropriate boundaries with children and adolescents, recognizing mental health red flags, and helping children and adolescents with mental health issues.

To find out more, visit [centerforadolescentwellness.org](http://centerforadolescentwellness.org).



**BBYO is the leading pluralistic Jewish teen movement aspiring to involve more Jewish teens in more meaningful Jewish experiences.**



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**Sunday, August 15  
1:00 - 3:00 pm**

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# Creating a Legacy

An endowment at the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah is an investment in the future of the Savannah Jewish community. It is a permanent gift that provides one of the most secure sources of future revenue for our community's meaningful programs.. Endowments are the most lasting way a donor can give, benefiting the mission of the Federation, JEA or your synagogue and ensuring excellence in perpetuity.

## **How do endowments work?**

Endowment funds are managed to provide a permanent source of income for general support of our institutions or for specific programs of interest to the donor. The endowment, a set of pooled assets, is generally composed of many individual funds that are invested in a purposeful and accountable manner. The income generated honors the donors' intended purposes for their gift, supports the operating budget of the institution, and is reinvested to protect the value of the endowment against inflation. Recently, Jodi & Kenneth Sadler and Stacy & Jeffrey Lasky made a gift in honor of their parent's memory in creating the "Betty and Larry Lasky Endowment Fund" for *"the support and operation of the JEA's preschool."*

## **How do I create an endowment?**

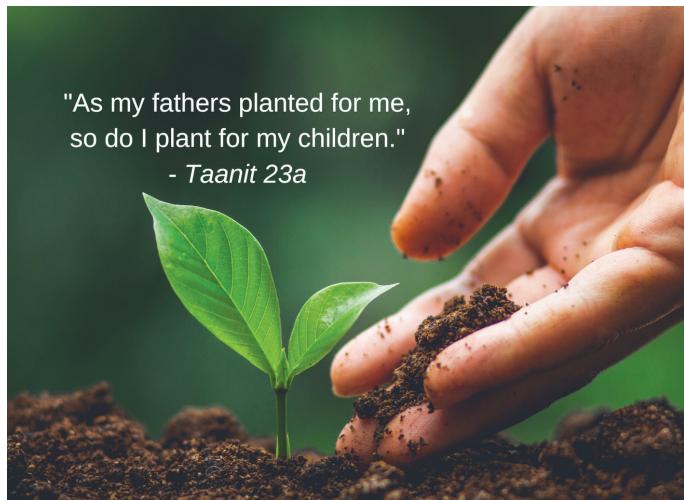
Contact the Savannah Jewish Federation and a brief gift agreement will be drafted that will govern your gift according to your wishes. You may designate your endowment for a specific purpose as long as it is consistent with Savannah Jewish Federation policy and state and federal laws. Once a gift is accepted, the conditions of the gift are followed in perpetuity. Endowments may be funded with cash, securities, insurance policies, real estate or deferred gifts at any time.

## **How is the spending allocation determined?**

Once your endowment is fully funded and invested for at least one fiscal year, an annual spending allocation will be calculated for your fund as determined by an annual audit. The annual spending allocation is based on a predetermined rate applied to the average balance of your endowment and is limited to available investment return. The current spending rate is five percent. Unused spending allocations are carried forward to be used in subsequent years. Investment return in excess of the spending allocation is retained within the endowment, increasing its size over time, therefore increasing the amount of support generated for the donor's specified program.

"As my fathers planted for me,  
so do I plant for my children."

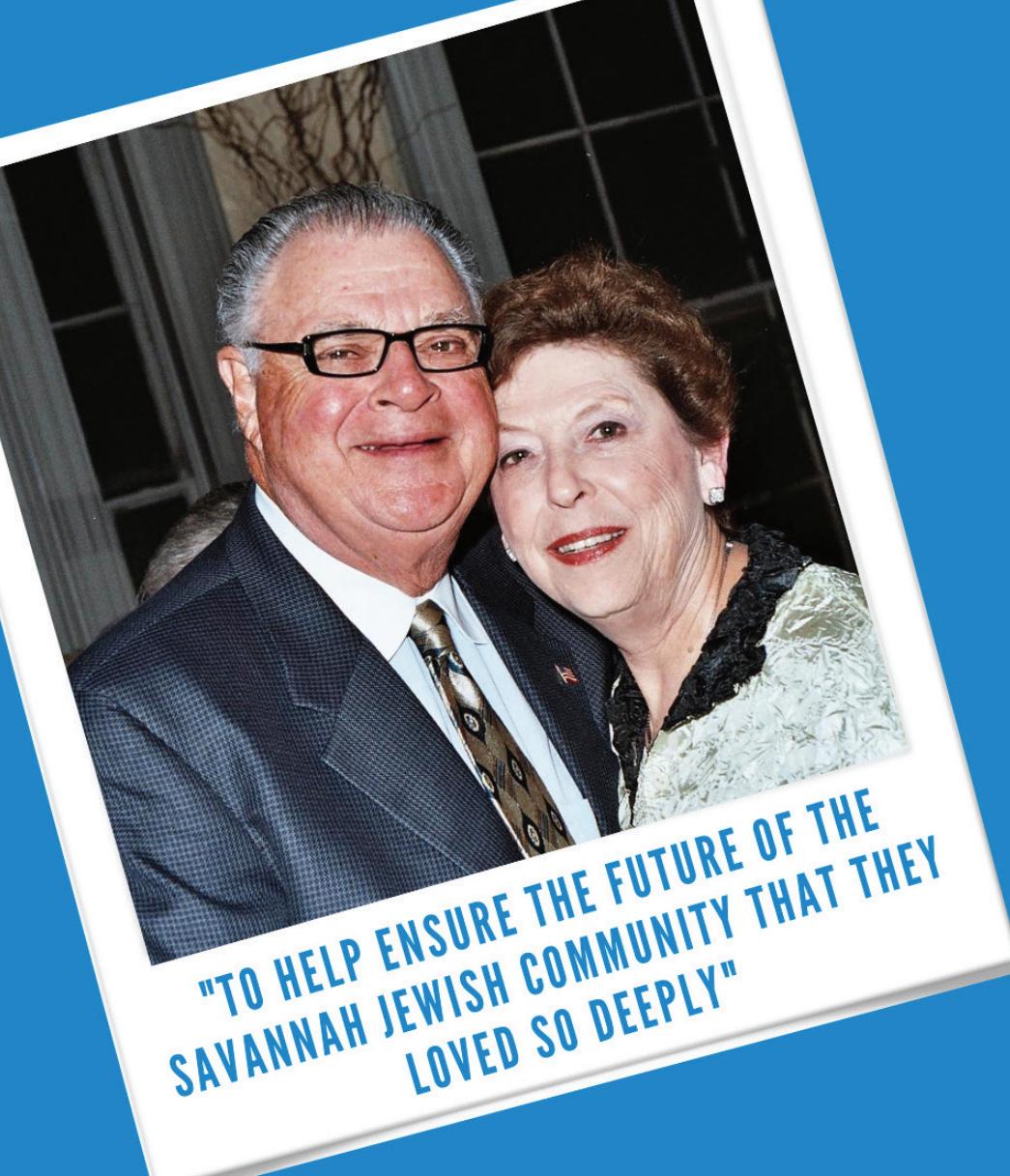
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## **How does the market affect my endowment account?**

Earnings added to the fund fluctuate with the markets. Although the portfolio is well diversified, some investments may occasionally lose value. The spread of the investment allocation helps compensate for losses by a particular style of investment and takes advantage of earnings realized when an investment style is in favor with the market.





Jodi, Jeffrey, Stacy, Kenneth & their children wanted to honor their parents and grandparent's commitment to the Jewish community and to help ensure the future of the Savannah Jewish community that they loved so deeply, and which meant so much to their family. This is the reason the Lasky and Sadler families established the Betty & Lawrence Lasky JEA Preschool Savannah Endowment Fund.

"TO HELP ENSURE THE FUTURE OF THE  
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LOVED SO DEEPLY"

# WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

For information about creating a legacy with the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah, contact [Adam@savj.org](mailto:Adam@savj.org).



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# JEA Preschool Savannah

I have had the wonderful opportunity of conversing with parents of young children as to what we offer their children at JEA Preschool Savannah. What I say to them is that if we can do two things every day, then the rest will come. What are those two things? They are love and security. If we can provide love and security (in every way) then the academic information will follow. Research shows that strong social and emotional skills for a young child are the building blocks for a solid learning foundation. This means that if a young child can get along with others, self-regulate, negotiate with friends, and problem solve, for example, then the child will be ready to learn.

A child may be able to name the planets and states and capitals at the age of four, but can she work well with others, have positive play interactions with a friend, or follow a two step direction? These "soft skills" are crucial to the positive growth and development of a young child.

Following the top two components of love and security, the importance of our early childhood educational program providing opportunities for children to develop both their gross and fine motor skills is a priority.

Activities promoting gross motor skills help children develop control of their large body parts, such as the head, legs, arms, and trunk. We strive to provide ample outdoor activities that include dumping and filling buckets with water and sand; relay games in the field that include running, throwing, and catching; and playground equipment and opportunities that encourage climbing, building, pedaling (bikes), and lifting things up and down (such as with the parachute game).

Inside the classroom, our teachers work with the children on their



fine motor skills, which include activities using scissors, paints, crayons, paste, beads, play dough, cookie cutters and puzzles. These encourage development of a child's fingers and hands. Singing, blowing bubbles and blowing a whistle sharpen a child's lip and tongue muscles, which are also fine motor skills.

Providing our preschoolers with a warm environment, where they feel safe, secure and valued, in combination with daily, multiple opportunities to develop their gross and fine motor skills, are the primary goals of our early childhood education program at the JEA. These are the components needed to promote an emotionally and physically age appropriate experience, readying them for the next steps of learning and development in kindergarten and beyond.

In general, early childhood education is important because it leads to success later in school and it will lead to individuals who have strong social and emotional skills. Helping a young child to grow up to be a mensch, a decent person, is what is important in life!



# JEA Children's Department

This year has been a true testament to how the Children's and Camp Department were able to provide a quality program during unprecedented times. While we embraced the many changes and persevered through the challenges, we have strived to maintain our quality programming that our families are accustomed to.

Once the guidelines for camps were released, camp leadership was tasked with building a new camp program that coincided with the recommendations. With the many changes that were made, we were fearful that our families would not enjoy this version of camp. After the first week, we were overwhelmingly surprised with the positive feedback that we received. Parents were very appreciative that we were able to provide their campers with an experience that was safe, familiar and enriching.

As summer progressed, we still didn't know what the start of school would look like. Once the decision was made to prolong the start date we extended camp for an additional two weeks totaling 11 successful weeks. After we gained clarity on what the return to school looked like, we knew that we had to develop a program that catered to distance learning in addition to offering an afterschool component once school is out. We quickly turned over our camp cabins to mimic a classroom setting to accommodate the 60 campers that were registered for our brand new program, All Day at the J. Although it was not an ideal way to return to school, we were able to pivot for the many changes and have been very pleased with how resilient our staff and campers have proven to be.

This year has truly defined who we are as a department and organization. We have always made it our mission to provide quality programming. Our dedicated staff enables us to create a welcoming environment that is both crucial and appealing to

## CAMP & CHILDREN

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our families. It is that environment that nurtures our campers into becoming the next set of camp leaders. We are proud to announce that 8 Counselors in Training (CITs), from last summer have signed on as counselors for summer 2021. While we are hopeful that things will soon begin to return to a sense of normalcy, we are present, ready and willing to adjust as needed.

*For more information on children's and camp programs at the JEA, visit [www.SavannahJEA.org](http://www.SavannahJEA.org).*

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"We felt it was a safe & enriching space for our son to spend his weekdays while we are at work. We are very grateful to have you guys as a resource that we can rely on to help praise our kid." - Camp Parent

"I cannot thank you all enough for what you do and have done for my camper and for the community. I tear up thinking about it because without you all, so many people's lives would be exponentially harder not only that, the care you provide is stellar. It means everything to be able to leave one's child with another person / organization and not worry. The level of care and attention to each child's development is amazing."  
- All Day At The J Parent



# Rambam Graduates Stand Out

Ester Y. Rabhan

In Savannah Jewish Life's last issue, we touched on the excellent news that there is a 40% increase in Jewish day school attendance. During our thirty-plus years in the community, we've witnessed many reasons why parents choose to send their children to Rambam Day School.

Some parents are looking for small class sizes or a nurturing environment while socializing with positive peer groups. Others are looking for an academic experience steeped in the Jewish tradition of critical thinking and ethical behavior. Some parents are drawn to Rambam by another family's positive experience. There is truly something for every family at Rambam from superior high school preparatory programs to engaging activities.

With over thirty years strong in the Savannah community, we continue to work closely with area high schools. These administrators recognize our students as natural leaders and strong critical thinkers who can easily handle the rigors of higher learning.

*"Benedictine is most grateful for our students from Rambam. The young men from Rambam routinely perform well in the classroom and quickly acclimate to the high school setting. Outside of the classroom, these young men give back to their community and truly embrace our Core Values of Character, Spirituality, Purpose, and Brotherhood,"* Jacob Horne, Principal, Benedictine Military School.



*"Rambam Day School intentionally and thoughtfully builds a strong academic foundation for each of their students in preparation for their transition to high school. Rambam students know how to study and manage their time. Besides a firm academic foundation, a Rambam student brings to Country Day a strong sense of caring for their classmates and are leaders in helping others in the Savannah community and beyond,"* Kef L. Wilson, Head of School, The Savannah Country Day School.

*"Students at Rambam are infused with a strong connection to their Jewish faith and identity. Students who come to us from Rambam confidently transition to our faith-based environment with rigorous academic standards and thrive. As a Catholic school inclusive of all faiths, we consider sharing traditions and experiences to be a dynamic part of our school experience,"* Mary Anne Hogan, President, St. Vincent's Academy.

High schools and colleges are an investment just as a Jewish day school is an investment in your child's Jewish future.

With Jewish day school attendance on the rise, we welcome the opportunity to take you on a virtual tour of Rambam, either while children are in classes or after hours. Please contact our office at 912-352-7994 or by email at [office@rambamdayschool.org](mailto:office@rambamdayschool.org).



# Shalom School

Eva Locker,  
PRINCIPAL

We are back together! Finally, after a year on Zoom we reunited in classrooms April 25, and like old friends it's like we never left each other. Teachers have been amazingly creative this year to keep the learning, but also the school spirit going so the transition to in-person learning was a breeze. A breeze with masks and distancing to keep us all safe.

Being able to resume our past routine was so rewarding! We started our morning services together in the main sanctuary, led by our pre-bar mitzvah students, before joining our classrooms together for the rest of the morning. Students learned about Yom Haatzmaut, Shavuot and more. After those last weeks of school together, summer will be the time for our staff to get more training: new safety standards and less technology (for a while) will be added to the typical Jewish Education topics we are usually focused on. Zoom has widened our training options and every Jewish educator has access to incredible resources.

We look forward to coming back in August with a full house with both old and new faces, kindergarten to high school seniors. We have gifted teachers who teach Jewish values, bible, Jewish holidays and history. Hands-on learning is at the core of the school values that is why we provide an array of ways to engage our students: arts, music, color war games, to name a few.

A way to support our mission is to contribute to our yearly fundraiser. Your support this past year has allowed us to ensure everyone was able to keep learning including a special COVID-19 scholarship, providing additional tuition assistance to families



financially burdened by the pandemic. In the coming year, your support could help us purchase new books, send our teens on a field trip to bond while learning about ecology and Judaism or maybe, to the Holocaust Museum in DC as a closure to their studies on this difficult topic.

If working with children and Judaism happen to be a missed vocation for you, we'd love to welcome you as part of Shalom School staff.

There are many ways for you to take part, support Shalom School, and join our family!

Wishing you a safe summer full of friendship and time finally together.

For more information on Shalom School, contact Eva Locker at [theshalomschool@gmail.com](mailto:theshalomschool@gmail.com) or visit [www.TheShalomSchool.com](http://www.TheShalomSchool.com).



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We are back to Shabbat in person services.  
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can sign up online on our weekly e-news.

Congregational Annual Meeting  
June 20, 2021 at 10:30am  
Join us in welcoming our new board.

- **Rabbinic Literature Study Group** Thursday afternoons, 2:00-3:15 pm
- **Skeptics Study Group** second Thursday of every month, 11 a.m.
- **The Rabbis of the Mishnah**, their life and deed. Classes will be held on **Wednesday** at 10:30am.



Save The Date  
AA Gala August 22, 5pm  
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# CONGREGATION MICKVE ISRAEL

## Join Us for In-Person Saturday Shabbat Services

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**June, 12th at 12:30pm  
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**The interview will be streaming  
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**The Zoom link will be sent out via our weekly email  
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**Make plans to  
Join us in July as we  
Celebrate our  
288th Anniversary  
with a  
Service and Celebration**

For a complete schedule of services & events,  
check our website at [www.mickveisrael.org](http://www.mickveisrael.org)

## Summer at Mickve Israel

Mickve Israel begins this summer excited to re-open our sanctuary for in-person Saturday morning services. We're starting slowly with a maximum of 50 people and hope to increase as the summer progresses.

We continue to stream services Friday night and Saturday morning for those who aren't able to attend in-person. Rabbi Haas and Tim Slivinski are also teaching classes on Zoom and streaming them on our CMI YouTube channel.

Shabbat links, class topics and zoom links are available in our weekly e-news. Sign-up to receive our weekly e-news at [rsvp@mickveisrael.org](mailto:rsvp@mickveisrael.org).

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# Jewish War Veterans

Who Was Martin E. Kirschbaum, Jr?

**Col. Edward Wexler**

**POST COMMANDER JWV 320, USAF, RETIRED**

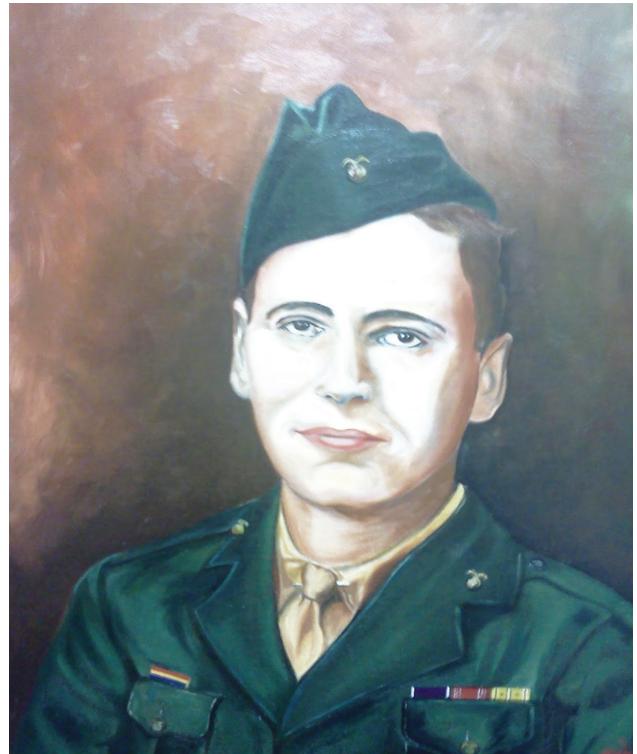
Savannah Jewish War Veterans Post 320 was named in memory of Private Martin Edward Kirschbaum, Jr. In researching Private Kirschbaum, there appears to be at least two other Savannahians who gave their lives for freedom during WWII. These were 2nd Lt. Milton L. Hymes, Jr and Private Leon Lindauer.

Hymes was a navigator assigned to the 389th Bomb Group. He was killed in a B-24, mid-air collision over Langeland, Denmark. Of the 20 crew members involved only three survived.

Lindauer had a Bar Mitzvah at age 15 in Savannah. He was a member of Boy Scout Troop 2 sponsored by the JEA. He enlisted in the US Army in 1943 and was assigned to the 351st Infantry Regiment. He was killed in action on September. 28, 1944 while on patrol in the Po Valley, Italy.

Private Martin E. Kirschbaum, Jr. was confirmed at Congregation Mickve Israel, class of 1932 at age 15 or 16. He enlisted in the US Marine Corps January 12, 1942. He was assigned to the 5th Marine Division and deployed to the Solomons region during the Guadalcanal Offensive. On November. 3, 1942, he was killed in action and buried on the beach in that region. The gravesite may have been destroyed and his remains are not accounted for. He was awarded a posthumous Purple Heart. How Savannah Post 320 chose Private Kirschbaum as its namesake over the other serviceman is unknown.

The Savannah Post 320 was established in November, 1946. Post 320 exists to honor the service of Jewish veterans, both living and deceased, in the Savannah area. Twice yearly, before Memorial Day and Veterans Day, we inspect or replace American flags at the graves of these veterans at Bonaventure and Laurel Grove cemeteries. The flags and JWV grave markers are provided by the JEA. We also present colors at community events such as Yom Hashoah commemorations. We proudly participate in the Savannah Veterans Day Parade and attend monthly meetings of the Veterans Council of Chatham County. To join Post 320, the veteran must have served in one or more of the following:



WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Cold War, Gulf War/Post Gulf War, and the Global War on Terror. This service does not require actual combat participation and is also open to any armed service including the National Guard and Reserves. Applicants will be asked to provide verification of honorable discharge. Membership is also open to current members of the military. Post dues are \$45/year and free for those currently in service. For a full application, refer to [www.jwv.org](http://www.jwv.org) or call 202-265-6280.

Post 320 is planning to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, the oldest active national veterans' service organization in America, on Sunday, November. 7, 2021 at the JEA. Full details are forthcoming. The JWV was created in 1896 by American Civil War veterans to raise awareness of contributions made by Jewish service members in part as an attempt to stave off growing anti-Semitism.

*For additional information, feel free to contact Ed Wexler, Col. USAF Ret., at [ewexler06@comcast.net](mailto:ewexler06@comcast.net).*

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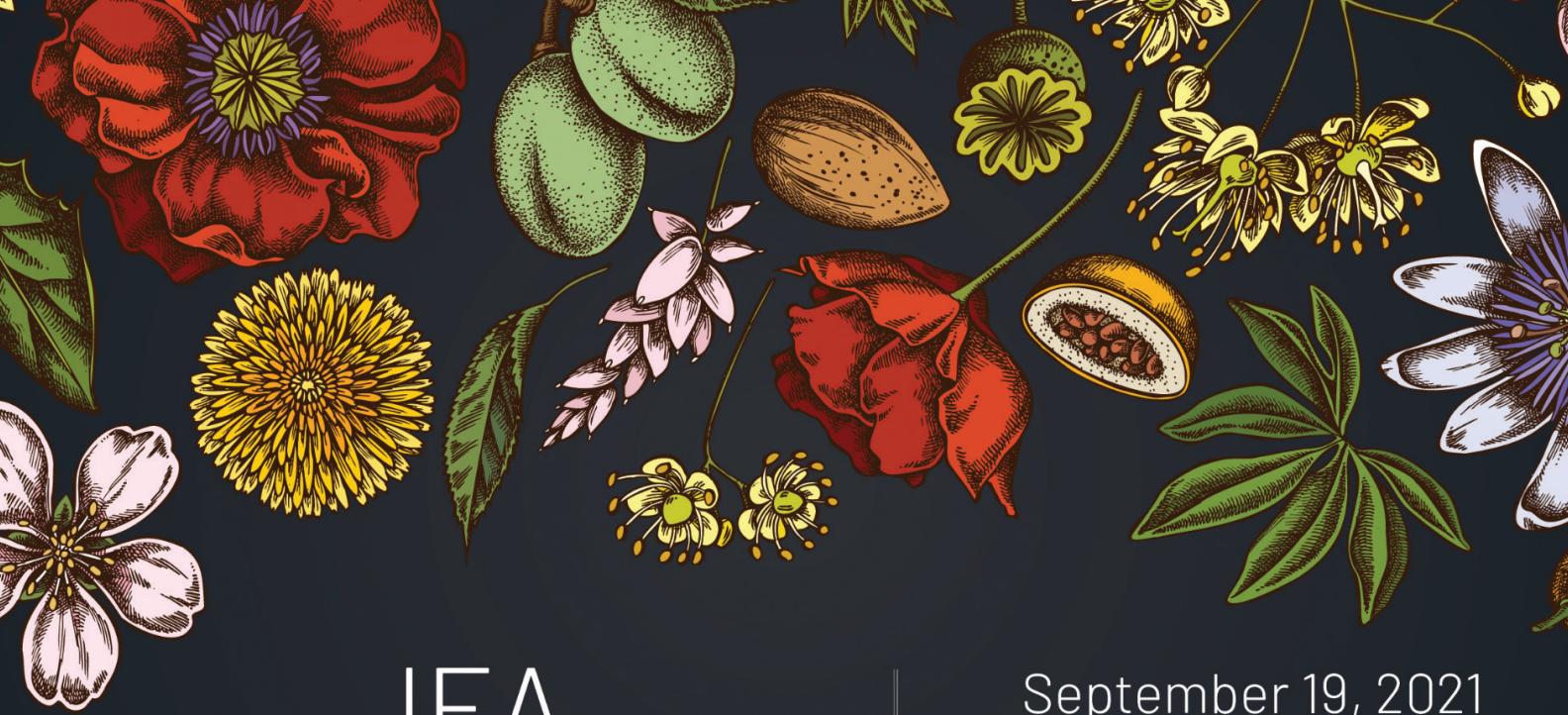
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