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Shalom Savannah

Adam Solender

While it's not officially Summer yet, it sure feels like it. The afternoon thunderstorms have begun and the JEA hallways are filled with over 300 children every day. The Board rooms have become bunks, the drop off lines extend on to Abercorn Street, and the pool is filled every day.

While we are used to having a myriad of activities going on at the same time, camp is very different. There is something about hearing the excitement about passing a swim test, listening to camp songs, and watching (with pride) former campers leading younger children as role models. You may not have attended summer camp, but if you did, you totally understand the feeling and are a little wistful wishing to be back in those days.

While Summer is a change, the work on behalf of the community continues, albeit at a different pace (and sometimes in shorts, tshirts, and flip flops). One of the things we love to do is "calendarizing." It's a time when our staffs get together and envision what 2022-23 activities, celebrations, observances, and programs we'll be offering to the community. It's a time of dreaming and inspiration, a time to stretch our imaginations asking ourselves, "What if we..."

And this coming year brings extra excitement. With the JEA Community Capital Campaign well underway, we anticipate that on September 6th, bulldozers will be coming on to the property to start the 8-month process of building a new handicap-accessible pool. Long overdue, the pool is a centerpiece of the many capital projects that will happen at the Alliance over the coming 36 months. We have already invested in the Fitness Studio, refinished the Slotin Gym floors, are rehabbing the outdoor courts right now including the installation of three pickleball courts, and recently renewed our Holocaust memorial sculpture.

We already have plans for Campaign events, holiday celebrations, the second Savannah Jewish Cultural Arts Festival, concerts, films, speakers, and more. Over the summer we will work out details, design marketing, and establish budgets.

While Summer is just beginning, we are not looking past the Dinners at the Pool, GlideFit classes, Camp programs, and a myriad of other programs. We hope to enjoy them all and hope you do too.

The Federation and Alliance wish you a wonderful, active, engaged and restful Summer season.



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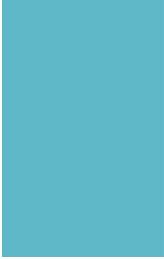
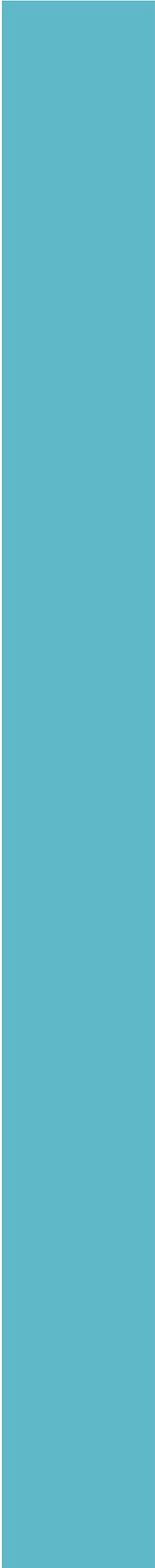


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Crisis in Ukraine

After more than three months of fighting, the war continues in Ukraine. Millions of Ukrainians, including tens of thousands of Jews, have fled the country, many to Israel. Jewish Federations and our partners continue to work together to ensure that urgent relief reaches the neediest.

Jewish Federations continue to raise money for Ukraine relief efforts, and have collectively raised some \$60 million since the fighting began.

Locally, the Savannah Jewish community has raised over \$100,000.

Recipient organizations include our Jewish Federation partners, The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), and World ORT; as well as United Hatzalah, Hillel International, Nefesh B'Nefesh, HIAS, the Israel Trauma Coalition, Hadassah Medical Organization, Chabad, Shma Yisrael, Project Keshet, JCC Krakow, Jewish Community Vienna, the Emergency Volunteer Program and others.

Here are some examples of what the dollars raised help to do:

- JDC evacuated over 12,500 Jews from Ukraine including 84 medical evacuees.
- Provided more than 35,500 refugees with vital necessities, such as food, medicine, and psychosocial aid as they crossed the borders
- Delivered over 314 tons of humanitarian aid, including food, medicine, soap, and other crucial supplies to Jews sheltering in Ukraine and those who have fled to Moldova.
- The Jewish Agency for Israel is helping 38,000 olim (immigrants) celebrate their first Yom Ha'atzmaut as Israeli citizens this year (a two-decade record in aliyah)
- Birthright Israel alumni in Ukraine are packing and delivering dry food packages to families in need
- And, so much more!



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JEA Community Service Award

Larry Silbermann, JEA President

My first encounter with Dayle and Aaron Levy, much like most people in this region, came from their television commercials on WTOC.

The spots would feature Aaron and Dayle Levy standing side-by-side, as they have been as partners in marriage and in business since 1963.

They would tell us that they were just back from a trip to Israel where they'd purchased a cache of diamonds at a discounted price, and like with everything they do, they wanted to share their good fortune with us.

A microcosm of who they are not only played out in 30 second increments on TV, but also in the way they live every moment of every day. Their support and loyalty know no boundaries be it our Alliance or Federation, Hadassah, the United Way, the Telfair Museum, of Hospice Savannah, the Savannah Music Festival or countless other local, national and even international non-profits. When we launched our current capital campaign, Aaron

and Dayle were among the first to step up by writing a check and then by asking what else they could do to help. The Levys have always led by example, which is why they work tirelessly to ensure the JEA remains on solid footing, a family tradition that goes back as far as the early '50's when Aaron's [grand] mother literally help set the cornerstone of our great facility.



So as it was with Jack and Miriam, it remains with Aaron and Dayle, the Levys have been builders of this Alliance for generations.

Aaron, as a past President of the JEA, remains incredibly active in the governance of the organization, in fact, he likes to say, "I don't have a vote, but here's what I think." I

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Richman Named COO

JEA and SJF are pleased to announce the promotion of Jamie Richman to the position of Chief Operating Officer.

Richman joined the organization in 2014 as Campaign Director. In that role, she led the Savannah Jewish Federation to raise

over \$1 million each year through the Annual Community Campaign. In 2017, Richman was promoted to Director of Community Impact where, in addition to overseeing the community campaign, she became responsible for the allocation grant process, all community-wide programming and leadership and strategic development. She has been the visionary behind the community "babies to bubbies" engagement strategy - engaging different demographics into the community in meaningful ways.

Richman's mission throughout her career has been to help people create meaningful connections to Jewish life. Communication, organization and strategic thinking are some of her strongest assets. She is a very detail-oriented team player and always enjoys a challenge. Most importantly, she cares deeply about the work that she does.

Richman says her success is all about relationships. "I believe that everything I do is built on relationships. From fundraising to programming to strategic planning - creating relationships with people and organizations is the most important part of my work. Creating relationships and partnerships opens doors and is essential to the success of everything that I do."

In her new role as Chief Operating Officer, Richman will provide leadership and strategic vision to both the Savannah Jewish Federation and Jewish Educational Alliance.

Richman is a graduate of Leadership Savannah (class of 2019), member of the Congregation Mickve Israel Board of Adjuncts, volunteer with Inspiritus and the Afghan refugees and a member of The Rotary Club of Savannah. She is currently in the JCCA Leadership Bless Our Workforce Cohort as well as starting the JFNA Grow to Lead Group Coaching Program this summer.

Jamie lives with her husband Steven who is Director of Flight Test Integration at Gulfstream, their two sons, Micah who is 4.5 and Blake who just turned one, and their dog Simi. They love spending time on the boat, spending weekends at soccer games, and exploring all Savannah has to offer.

Hate Ends Now: Cattle Car Experience

It started with an email from Richard Bodziner, "Do you know anything about the 'Hate Ends Now' tour?" Along with the query was a brochure describing the project originally created by Shadowlight whose mission is to "enable people of all ages, especially students, to connect to the Holocaust on a personal level, both emotionally and physically and inspire them to make a positive impact on the current world through infusing them with a sense of reasonability and empowerment."

A pretty lofty mission statement. It all started when Jordana Lebowitz participated in March of the Living when she was 16, followed by placements at the Museum of Tolerance in California, the Jewish Holocaust Centre in Australia, the Raoul Wallenberg Center for Human Rights in Montreal and the Holocaust Outreach program at the UN Headquarters in New York.

As a first-year student (2015) at the University of Guelph (Ontario, Canada) she volunteered to chair the Hillel Holocaust Education Week. She and a group of her peers decided that they would locate a cattle car, like the ones used to transport Jews and other minority groups to concentration, labor, and death camps during the Holocaust, and bring it to the campus. After an exhaustive search and ready to give up, she found an exact replica of a German Cattle car which was brought to campus where they lined the walls with pictures and words describing the unimaginable atrocities that took place during the Holocaust, with each wall representing a different era.

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Thus was the genesis of the Hate Ends Now: The Cattle Car Experience which was here in Savannah on May 15-17.

In a brief 22 minutes, the exhibit showcases a moving collection of imagery and footage dating from 1933-1945. Included are recorded documentaries of Holo-



caust survivors such as Hedy Bohm describing their inhumane experiences on those days in the cattle car. Participants feel the development and aftermath of the Holocaust as well as a presentation of current instances of discrimination and intolerance.

Hate Ends Now explores the behaviors of Nazi leadership and ordinary people who committed or witnessed crimes of indifference, providing participants with an opportunity to reflect on the ways they can take a stand against the hatred shown towards Jewish people and other groups today.

This program, which was brought to us through NCSY Savannah, is a partnership between NCSY, Savannah Jewish Federation, Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, and Jewish Educational Alliance. It was all made possible thanks to the Dena Yaschik Bodziner Memorial Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Savannah.

Throughout the three days in Savannah, over 650 people came through to experience the Cattle Car - from Jewish community members to educators to aldermen and those just passing by.

If you did not get a chance to participate, the Hate Ends Now Cattle Car will be back in Savannah in January when it will travel to a number of locations around Savannah.

JEA Holocaust Memorial Rededicated



Picture of the rededication with caption – JEA President-Elect Allison Konter, Holocaust Rededication Chair Steven Hollander, SCAD Professor & Holocaust Memorial Sculptor Ed Barbier and SCAD Chief of Staff Michael Shreve at the JEA Holocaust Memorial Rededication on Yom HaShoah.

It was all Steven Hollander had to say was, “I’ll do it,” when it was brought up that the Holocaust Memorial in front of the Jewish Educational Alliance was looking a little shabby and maybe we should think about rehabbing it. Through months of work, roping in his dad Sandy Hollander and a lot of hard work scrubbing and visioning, Steven Hollander did do it. He had the vision to not only look at the actual memorial but the whole plaza around the memorial. “Let’s take out some trees.” “What if we put lights so it can stand out at night?” And, while the paint was barely dry, the community rededicated the JEA Holocaust Memorial on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day.

Through the process, more information came to light on what and where the memorial came from. It was a gift from Paula Wallace and SCAD as a thank you to the JEA for being a strong supporter of the Savannah College of Art and Design from the beginning. In particular, SCAD wanted to thank the JEA for being “extremely gracious to SVCAD by hosting sports teams for practices at all hours of the day, and by welcoming students, faculty and staff into the community.”

The memorial itself was a two-year collaboration between SCAD and the JEA. The memorial, sculpted by SCAD professors, Ed Barbier, are based on a photograph of people boarding the train to Auschwitz. The design of the sculptures is based in part on meetings and interviews with the 10 Holocaust survivors that were a part of the JEA community at the time. The

theme or message that all the survivors wanted to convey was that “people should never forget.” In his sculpture, Barbier wanted to depict the moment of greatest desperation – when the victims are boarding the Auschwitz train and they can see smokestacks billowing in the horizon.

The sculpture, visible from Abercorn Street, is five feet wide and eight feet tall, and rests on a one-foot pedestal. The memorial is an illusion of the scene at Auschwitz, using crescent shaped impressions and protrusions. The nearly white color of the sculpture will cast different illusions throughout the day. “Due to the sun,” Barbier explained, “the outdoor sculpture emanates a spiritual aura. It is generalized so that drivers are able to perceive the significance in a short amount of time.”

“A forever reminder of history’s darkest chapter, the Savannah Jewish Educational Alliance rededicated their Holocaust memorial sculpture on Remembrance Day 2022. I vividly recall when SCAD professor Ed Barbier’s striking sculpture was first dedicated in 1998 – surrounded by the warmth of prayer, the embrace of community, the strength of survivors. 24 years later, we gathered with our friends at the JEA and further committed to never forget.” Commented Paula Wallace, president and founder of the Savannah College of Art and Design on the rededication.



JEA Holocaust Memorial before the rehab

Welcoming the Stranger

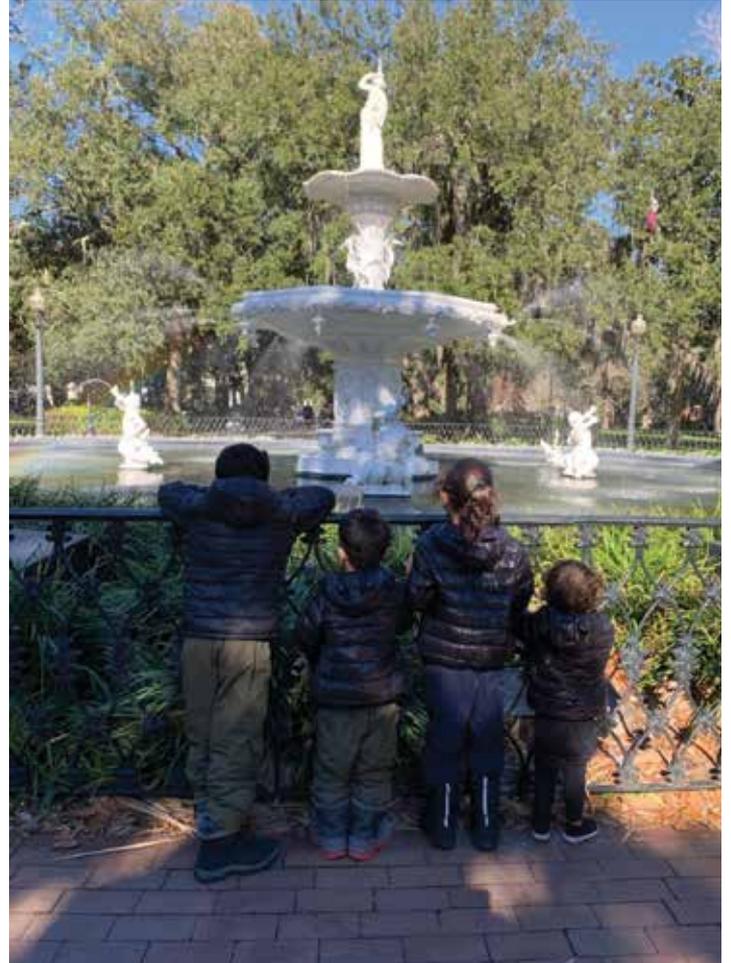
Jennifer Rich

Immigration in the United States was relatively free and open until the Supreme Court set forth federal regulation of immigration in 1875. Large numbers of Jews were allowed to emigrate in times of crises and danger until immigration laws significantly changed in 1924. During World War II, when we desperately needed to escape the Nazis overtaking Europe, the doors were nearly closed with only about 100,000 Jews arriving in the 1930's.

The direct negative impact of immigration policies on the Jewish community are a stark reminder of the impact of policies that are against ethical ethos. We are taught that one of the most important precepts of our Jewish faith is that of welcoming the stranger. Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik – Modern Orthodox Rabbi, Talmudist and Jewish philosopher - stated, “Whenever the Torah wishes to impress on us the Mitzvah of having compassion and sympathy for the oppressed in society, it reminds us of our similar helplessness and lowly status during our bondage in Egypt. The most defenseless elements in society are usually the slaves, strangers, widows, and orphans, and we are repeatedly enjoined by the Torah to be sensitive to their plight. For this reason, as the Talmud indicates, the Torah exhorts us in thirty-six references to treat the stranger kindly.”

As humanitarian crises continue around the world, countless individuals and families are fleeing their homes and seeking new lives in the United States. Congregation Mickve Israel recently partnered with Inspiritus (formerly Lutheran Services of Savannah) to welcome a family from Afghanistan including Mom and Dad, two sons and two daughters. The goal of the program is “to assist refugees, asylees, and immigrants on their journey from surviving to thriving. Inspiritus aims to help new Americans achieve self-sufficiency and integrate successfully into their new communities and country.” (www.weinspirit.org) Many Mickve Israel congregants helped by donating funds and household items. Congregants also stepped in to give much needed hands-on help and support. Here are their stories:

Margo & Andrew Ames, “We both have been so delighted to connect with our Afghanistan family and they have reminded us that we are all more alike than we are different. They can now live free of the Taliban and their children, including their daughters, will be educated.”



The children explore their new home in Savannah

Melissa, Jeff, Jessa and Ellie Neil, “We have learned that as busy as we all think we are, we can always squeeze in time to help others in need. A 15-minute stop at the family’s house can be a tremendous support - showing them they have a support system who shows up, checking the fridge to make sure they have milk and eggs, making sure they don’t have any important mail overlooked, teaching them a few more words in English, checking the kids backpacks for overlooked notes from school. We’ve also learned that teenagers can make a difference and alter their schedules to have an impact – Jessa and Ellie are incredibly invested in the family. From Jeff: “I’ve been amazed at the human ability to communicate without speaking the same language. I’ve found ways to express myself to them that I didn’t even know I could do.”

Jamie and Micah Richman and Debbie Sistino: “A few days before the family arrived, my son Micah (4.5 years old) picked up a PJ Library book titled, Yuvi’s Candy

Tree. It's the story of the Ethiopian refugee's journey to Israel. I took that opportunity to share with Micah that we were helping a family that was coming from a bad place also. That they were going to get here and have nothing - and we were going to help them. My mom and I were honored to be part of the group that picked up the family at the airport. Their flight came in at 10 PM and when they got off the plane, they looked so tired and didn't speak a word of English. I showed the mom pictures of my two sons to share that I was a mom too. The day after they arrived, I took Micah to store to buy the kids some toys, games, and books. We made each kid a basket and Micah was able to give it to the kids. They spent the afternoon playing together - soccer, coloring, hide & seek. It didn't matter that they didn't speak the same language. They were just kids playing together."



Jeff & Melissa Neil, along with Jamie Richman and her mom Debbie Sistino picked the family up at the airport to begin their new life in Savannah

Cathy Rosman, "As a proud American woman, I see their opportunities as knowing no bounds. They will be able to live and worship freely and without fear of bodily harm. They will have plentiful sources of food - such basic things that we take for granted that don't exist in Afghanistan today. Their children (including their daughters) will be educated and will have the opportunity for college and jobs as professionals - something neither one of the parents had."

In the words of Rabbi Soloveitchik, "The stranger, in particular, personifies the helpless one who has no family or friends to intercede on his behalf." Margo, Andrew, Melissa, Jeff, Jessa, Ellie, Jamie, Micah, Debbie, and Cathy have performed the Mitzvah of helping and showing kindness to strangers, thus becoming the friends our Afghan family needs as they start their new life in Savannah. May we all do the same if given the opportunity.

Yom HaShoah Art & Writing Contest

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, or essay OR enter the art contest. All who entered the contest did a fabulous job. Congratulations to the winners!

The front cover of this issue is one of the entries from Savannah Arts Academy's Carter Cummings. Carter is a 9th grade student in Mrs. Amy Hatch's Literature class. His artist's statement about the piece, stated, "The space between the colors resembles broken shards of glass and the red color represents a cut or wound."

Visit www.savj.org to see all of the winners.

For more information on Holocaust education, contact Jamie@savj.org.



Detail from Yom HaShoah Art Project by 8th Grade Class at Savannah Country Day School which won 1st place in the middle school art contest

Savannah Dentist Volunteers in Jerusalem

Michelle Levin (DVI)
with Carolyn Zalesne

Worldwide reaction to the war in Ukraine has motivated some ordinary citizens to step up in extraordinary ways. For Savannah dentist, Jonathan Holskin, it meant volunteering through a special program called Dental Volunteers for Israel (DVI) at the Trudi Birger Dental Clinic in Jerusalem where Ukrainian refugees are welcomed and treated free of charge.

The Trudi Berger clinic provides dental care and oral health education to thousands of needy children in Jerusalem every year, regardless of race or religion, thanks to the benevolent support from friends and visiting volunteer dentists from around the world. This most recent trip was Dr. Holskin's fourth visit to volunteer at DVI; this time he went specifically to help Ukrainian refugees.

When the war started, DVI relied on its relationship with Bridges for Peace, the Israeli refugee assistance program, to schedule children for free dental care. DVI also partnered with the Children's Home, a Ukrainian orphanage in the Shatner region of the Ukraine that recently relocated to Nes Harim in Israel. DVI offered free dental care to these children whose parents are unable to care for them – either temporarily or long term – due to financial, safety, or legal circumstances. DVI dentists are proud to “adopt” these children.

The first Ukrainian refugee Dr. Holskin treated was Dalia, a fourteen-year-old girl who, having studied a little Hebrew in the Ukraine, assumed the role of translator for the group. Dalia, her twin sister, and her ten-year-old sister were orphan residents in Shatner.

“One morning I heard a plane overhead and then the booms started. I was so scared and ran inside, not sure where my sisters were. I ran downstairs, as far below ground level as possible.”



As the situation worsened, bus transport was arranged for the children of his home. They made it safely to Israel, leaving behind everyone dear to them.

“I speak to my mother,” Dalia said, “who reports that the ‘booming’ usually begins in the evening where she lives, and she takes cover in a cellar behind her building. My father is fighting in the war.”

Despite her smile, her anxiety is evident.



DVI has been staffing this dental clinic with volunteer dentists from around the world for more than 40 years. Together with their Israeli colleagues, these volunteers perform over 1,000 treatments each month, all at no cost to the patients, in an effort to maintain proper dental care and keep these children in school.

Through the years, DVI has won numerous awards for its mission, including the Presidential Award for Volunteerism, Israel's most prestigious honor awarded to a non-profit organization.

In recent years, the clinic has also treated the elderly by providing free dentures to Holocaust survivors living in Jerusalem and the surrounding areas.

Dr. Holskin's experience in the Trudi Birger Clinic over the years has been consistent. “The clinic is well-equipped, and the staff is skilled and dedicated to excellence. The dental assistants, who speak several languages, are wonderful with the children, communicating with them in their native language to provide a comfortable and productive experience for the patients and the dentists.

“While dentistry – and the sometime apprehension that accompanies it – is the same worldwide, there is a unique energy that comes from the challenge of providing quality dental care in a multi-language, multi-cultural, multi-circumstantial partnership. I am gratified to be able to do *tzedakah* with people of every background.

For more information about DVI, please visit <http://www.dental-dvi.org.il> or email michelle@dental-dvi.org.il

Stephen F. Greenberg awarded Levy Award



Congratulations to Stephen F. Greenberg on being awarded the Levy Award

Stephen F. Greenberg awarded Levy Award
On May 22, 2022, over two years since the

originally scheduled event, Stephen F. Greenberg received the Jack Malitz Levy Leadership Award, the highest award the Savannah Jewish community gives out.



The Greenbergs



Past SJF President Edwin Byck & Greenberg's law partner speaks to Steve on behalf of WSWG Law Firm

As Aaron Levy wrote the next day, the night was "mag-ic." If you missed the event, you can watch a recording on the JEA YouTube page (search Savannah JEA on YouTube).

(A special thanks to Bunny Ware for the images that captured the wonderful evening..)



Steve's sister Caryl Greenberg Smith address Steve



Past JEA President Robyn Carroll with her husband Sam Carroll and JEA President-Elect Allison Konter



Steve's wife Sally gives heartfelt remarks

Mah Jongg and More

Robin Rackoff

I love teaching mah jongg. I've been doing it for years, and it never gets old. I get old, but not the teaching. When I start a new class, even though I've warned my students that it's a complicated game, they fully expect that in two hours, they'll be experts. I spend the first half of the lesson introducing the tiles and explaining their relationship with the card, and the second half setting up the walls and showing them the play of the game. When you're an experienced mah jongg player, you forget what you initially struggled with. New students are confused about everything: why does one flower have a number on it but another has a season, and the tile with the bird, is it or isn't it a flower? I tell them that if it has a one and it has a bird, it's a one bam. I show them how the soap does double duty: it's not only a dragon, but it's also a zero. Two for the price of one! Why can't they use a joker in a pair? Why weren't they able to call that tile that they needed? By the time the first lesson is over, their heads are spinning. As they walk out the door, I hear them saying, "I had no idea it was so hard!" Never in the history of the game has anyone said, after the first lesson, "That was much easier than I thought it would be."

For lesson number two, they show up nervously, realizing that they underestimated the level of difficulty. I tell them that it's normal to be overwhelmed because it's not only a new game. It's like a new language. I spend most of this session reinforcing and reassuring, part teacher and part therapist. They can't remember whose rack gets pushed out or which way to go in the Charleston. We review the acronym that will help them remember the order of passing: ROLLOR (right, over, left, left, over, right.) And selecting a hand - they think they'll never figure that out. My favorite moment usually comes during lesson number three, when you can see the lightbulb go off as each player starts to get it. At week four, we actually play a couple of games, although they make many mistakes and need a lot of help.

It's possible that I might run out of students to teach since it seems that almost everyone knows how to play. Maybe next I can teach spelunking, but first I'll have to learn what it is and how to do it. I'll get back to you on that.

Until next time, keep learning, and let's maj on!

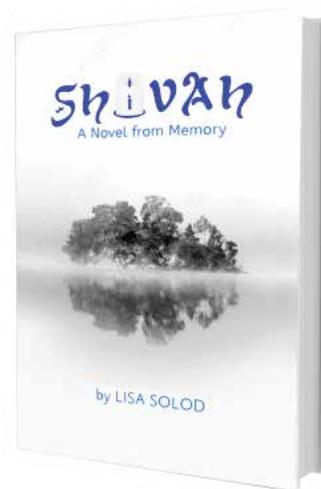
Local Author Releases New Book

Savannah's own Lisa Solod's new book, *Shivah*, comes out this month. Lisa has held jobs as a newspaper writer, magazine editor and writer, freelance writer and book reviewer and has received 22 fellowships to the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts many of which saved her sanity during the early years of trying to raise two young children and write. Lisa's novels have been shortlisted for four major fiction prizes. Her award-winning short fiction and essays have been published in dozens of literary journals and anthologies.



Shivah is about a middle-aged woman, her sisters, and her aunt, finally manage to trick Mother into an alcohol rehabilitation program only to find, once Mother has dried out, that there is something terribly wrong.

Join Lisa at Congregation Mickve Israel on Thursday, June 23 at 7:00 PM as she reads from her novel *Shivah* and talks about fiction versus non-fiction, especially we sensitive topics. There will be a Q&A after, with coffee, tea and cookies provided. The Book Lady will be there selling copies of the book which she is happy to sign.



Artist Spotlight



June: John Newton

Showing June 1-30, 2022 (no reception)

John Newton is a self-taught artist who lives in rural Effingham County, Georgia. A graduate of the University of Georgia's Grady School of Journalism, he spent 20 years in advertising, then launched La Voz Latina, a monthly bilingual newspaper for South Georgia's Hispanic community in 2002. He retired two years ago. Fascinated by the vivid colors associated with Hispanic culture, Newton combines acrylic paints with aluminum cans and bottle caps to create his mixed media works.



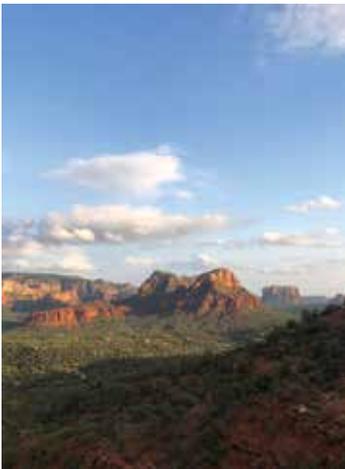
July: Jim Holmes

Showing July 1-31, 2022, Reception July 3, 2 - 6 PM

Holmes, a Savannah native, received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in photo design from the University of Georgia Lamar Dodd School of Art.

Holmes has had two grant-funded solo exhibitions and participated in group shows and publications, according to the JEA. He sold prints at Fisherman's Wharf through the San Francisco Art Commission program. This morphed into a Kitty Button business for several years. All of the buttons were hand-printed in a dark-room on Agfa paper.

Holmes also owned and operated a gallery and a commercial studio in Savannah where he photographed over 500 weddings over 20 years.



August: Grenville T. Emmet IV

Showing August 1-31, 2022, Reception August 5, 4-6 PM

(Sean) Grenville T. Emmet IV was born in Hartford Connecticut and raised in New York City. He went to Canterbury boarding school in New Milford Connecticut. His family moved to Leesburg Virginia while attending Canterbury. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in Farmville Virginia. Sean lived in Savannah, Georgia, for eighteen years before moving to Fernandina Beach, Florida, in 2021. This is Sean's second exhibit at the JEA's gallery. His first photography showing displayed the United States and European nature settings, cemeteries and municipalities. The upcoming showing focuses on subjects of this Country's natural settings and towns. Of special note in the exhibit are photographs from New Mexico's Brushy Mountain and the nearby ghost town of Mogollon. Another is Sedona, Arizona. The town is surrounded with highly-colored, picturesque red rock cliffs and buttes. They are considered vortexes with healing elements.

Are you an artist? Would you like to show your work in the JEA Art Gallery? We feature artists from different fields: oil painters, water colorists, sculptors, photographers, potters, quilters, textiles, mixed media, wood sculpture, mosaics and more! Each show is one month, and you may choose to have an opening reception. There's no charge to use our space, but we do ask for a small percentage of anything sold. Having a show at the JEA is a great way to have your work seen and to help your community. Please contact Vicky@savj.org to inquire about available months for your show!

Congratulations Graduates

Jordyn Paige Linfoot

The daughter of Dina and Scott Linfoot. Jordan graduated from St. Andrews School where she participated in varsity cheerleading and held leads in MainStage Musicals including The Addams Family, Oliver!, and Mama Mia! She was involved with BBYO locally and regionally and was a counselor at JEA Camp Savannah. Right after high school graduation, Jordyn will leave for Camp Barney Medintz, where she will work on the Waterfront Staff for the summer. After camp, she will head off to Israel, on a Gap Year with Young Judaea Year Course. When she returns from Israel next year, she will enroll as a freshman at Georgia Southern University. Jordyn treasures all of her summers spent first as a camper, and then as staff, at the JEA & Camp Savannah! Thanks to everyone who helped her get to this milestone in her life.



Jacob Skidmore-Hess

The son of Dan and Cathy Skidmore-Hess. Jacob graduated from Jenkins High School. Jacob is currently dual enrolled at Georgia Southern & plans to continue his studies in Statesboro with a major in Information Technology.

Jared Loncar

The son of Jessica and Michael Loncar of Marietta, GA and the grandson of Kerry and Phil Rosen. Jared graduated from Wheeler High School. He was on the varsity baseball team and a part of STEM Magnet as well as being a 2022 Georgia Scholar. He will attend University of Georgia in the Fall.

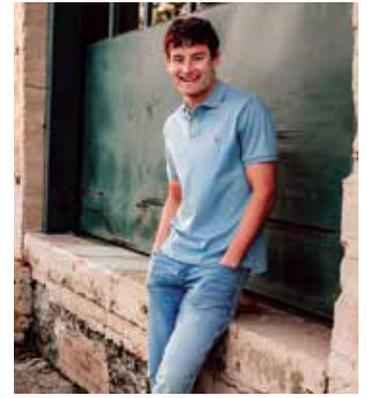


Tyler Kahn

Son of Mark and Judy Kahn and grandson of Jane Kahn. Tyler graduated from Rensselaer Polytech Institute in San Francisco.

Jordan Foss

Jordan is the son of Joanne & Terry Foss. He graduated from Statesboro High School. He participated in Youth Leadership Bulloch, and the Boys Soccer Team where he earned a letter. He was also an active participant in NFTY-SAR. In the Fall, Jordan will participate in the Young Judea Year Course program in Israel, then college after that.



Zoey Loncon

Zoey is the daughter of Lori Loncon and Chuck Loncon. She graduated from Savannah Arts Academy. Throughout high school, she was involved in the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta (math honor society) and Film Forum Club. She was also an active member in Wexler-Clark BBYO. In the Fall, she will attend University of South Carolina.



Sarah Loncon

Sarah is the daughter of Lori Loncon and Chuck Loncon. She graduated from Savannah Arts Academy. Throughout high school, she was involved in Film Forum, SPEAR Club, National Honor Society, Beta Club, and Mu Alpha Theta honor society. She was also an active member in Wexler-Clark BBYO. In the Fall, she will attend Georgia College and State University, and study math and computer science.



Liam Boggs

Liam is the son of Kathleen O'Sullivan. He graduated from Georgia Southern University with a degree in Civil Engineering. He is starting a job with United Infrastructure Group as an engineer in May 2022 in Columbia, SC. He passed the Fundamental Engineer certification in 2021 and plan to sit for the Professional Engineer certification in 2022.



Sarah Pine

Sarah is the daughter of Amy & Jonah Pine. She graduated from Savannah Country Day School where she was the writer and editor for The Buzz magazine, member of the Young Democrats Club and Book Club. She was also president of the NCSY Savannah chapter (2020-22), Inducted into National Honor Society and National Cum Laude Society. In the Fall, she will be attending the University of Pittsburgh Honors College and planning to pursue a career in journalism.



Jessa Neil

Jessa is the daughter of Jeff and Melissa Neil, granddaughter of Toby Hollenberg from Savannah and Mincy Neil from Rockville, MD. Jessa graduated Cum Laude from Savannah Country Day School (SCDS). She has attended SCDS every year since kindergarten, with the exception of 10th grade, which she spent studying abroad in Zaragoza, Spain. In Zaragoza, she lived with a Spanish host family and took her classes in Spanish. Jessa has pursued many interests in high school. Among those were Mock Trial, SCDS Honor Council and co-leader of the SCDS One Love Animal Rescue Club. Throughout high school Jessa also took leadership roles in UTime, a program for differently abled children, and at Horizons, a summer enrichment program for underserved children in Savannah. Jessa is headed to American University in Washington, D.C. in the fall to study International Affairs and Political Science at the University's School of International Service. She is excited to experience college life in a big city.



Abraham Lightning Lebos

Abraham is the son of Jessica and Mark Lebos. He graduated this May from the University of Georgia with a double major in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology and Psychology. He's a new member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society and co-published a paper on immune response with the Regenerative Bioscience Center. He spent many Shabbats with UGA Hillel and continued to cultivate his stage talents with the university's environmentally-minded a cappella group, the Eco-



tones. In spite of the pandemic's disruptions, in 2020 he co-founded the Athens Farmers Market Friends and the UGA Farm to Campus market, organizing volunteers to bring fresh, local food to students and the surrounding community. He plans to attend medical school after a much-needed gap year.

Liberty Ruth Lebos

Liberty is the daughter of Jessica and Mark Lebos. She graduated from Savannah Arts Academy this May with a major in Theater. Along with performances in Chicago, The Trojan Women, and A Midsummer Night's Dream, she constructed and presented an original dress design this year for the school's acclaimed recycled fashion show, Junk 2 Funk. She was chosen as a Hadassah Leader of Tomorrow and went to Israel with Young Judaea in the summer of 2021, and is also a member of the National Honors Society, Beta Club, and Thespian Society. She played varsity soccer for all four years and served as a captain her senior year for the team's winning season. With plans to major in civil engineering, she will follow her older brother, her father, and her uncle to the University of Georgia this fall. Go Dawgs!



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On The Personal Side

Mazel Tov

To **Max Koegler**, son of Jeff & Stayce Delp Koegler, who became a Bar Mitzvah at Congregation Mickve Israel on March 5, 2022.

To **Tova Tolman** and **Jonathan Javetz** on their marriage on April 3, 2022.

To **Devra Silverman** and **Scott Sadler** on the marriage on April 3, 2022.

To **Elizabeth Micheline** and **Dean Danosh** on their marriage on April 7, 2022.

To **Eli Chapman**, son of Dan Chapman, who became a Bar Mitzvah at Congregation Mickve Israel April 9, 2022.

To **Jared Samuels**, son of Scott and Ashley obm Samuels, and Danielle Grinzaid on their marriage on May 1, 2022.

To **Ron and Anne Ginsberg** who celebrated their "Golden" Anniversary

To **David Reeves** on the sale of his business and retirement. Well deserved!

To **Don Kole** who was recognized by Senior Citizens, Inc with it's Legends, Leaders, and Life Well Lived Award at its Annual Award Luncheon.

To **Faye Kirschner** who was honored by GA Southern University for her lifetime support of tennis. A court was dedicated in her honor.

To **Penny and Jerry Berkman** who celebrated their "Golden" Anniversary.

To **Stephen Greenberg** who received the highest honor our community gives when he was recognized with the Jack Malitz Levy Leadership Award by the Savannah Jewish Federation.

To **Sarah Loncon and Zoey Loncon** on receiving the JEA Henry W. Center College Scholarships.

To **Jordan Foss and Jordyn Linfoot** on receiving JEA Kay Becker Israel Scholarships.

To all of the **2022 graduates**

Tell us your good news! Celebrating a significant event, simcha, birthday or anniversary? Submit to savannah-jewishlife@savj.org by August 1st.

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Obituaries

through 5/31/2022

Stanley "Stan" Paul Plonchak

Who died Thursday, February 24, 2022.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene "Cubby" Freilich Plonchak

Marie Morace Dodson

Who died Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

She is survived by numerous cousins and special friends.

Remembrances: Congregation Mickve Israel, PO Box 816, Savannah, GA 31402

Ronald "Ronnie" Isadore Hornstein

Who died Thursday, March 17, 2022.

He is survived by his brother, Hebert "Herbie" Perry Hornstein, and his cousins.

Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31405 or Rambam Day School, 111 Atlas Street, Savannah, GA 31405.

William Daniel "Bubba" Adler

Who died Friday, April 1, 2022.

He is survived by his three sons, three sons, Brandon (Monica Zell) Adler, Jared Adler, and Jason Adler; three sisters, Sheryl Lefkowitz, Harriet Levitansky, and Debbie Welis; and nieces and nephews.

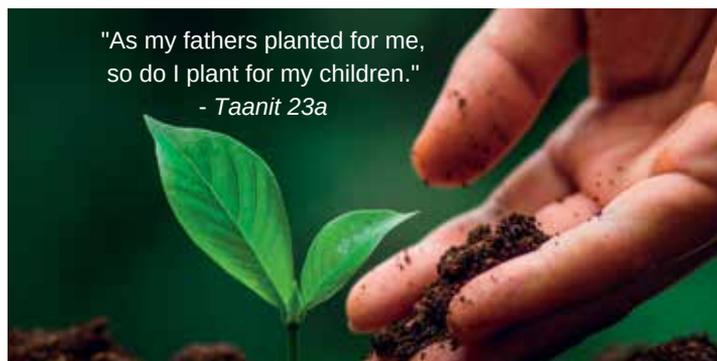
Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, 5444 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31405

Norman Epstein

Who died Friday, April 15, 2022.

He is survived by his wife, Jan Weiss Epstein; two sons, Elliott Epstein and his wife, Kelly, and Sam Epstein and his wife, Alessandra; one step-daughter, Rachel Wisniewski and her husband, Matthew; one step-son, Seth Brody and his wife, Emily; five grandchildren, Naomi, Bram, Ryder, Oliver and Lily; one sister, Rosalyn Campbell and her husband, Bert; two brothers, David Epstein and Jay Epstein and his wife, Donna, and nieces and nephews.

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"As my fathers planted for me,
so do I plant for my children."
- Taanit 23a



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Rabbi Rosenberg Remembered

Anonymous donor gives \$18,000 to dedicate a Day of Learning annually at the Rabbinical School of Yeshiva University, in memory of Rabbi Abraham I. Rosenberg who served for many years as the leader of Congregation B'nai Brith Jacob of Savannah.



This dedication which will take place each year on the anniversary of Rabbi Rosenberg's passing, 19 Shevat.

This is a beautiful way to honor Rabbi Rosenberg's memory and to keep him alive in a way that would have meant so much to him. Through this gift, generations of serious Jewish learners will know his name and find some inspiration in it, thus fulfilling the traditional words said of one who has departed this world, "May his memory be for a blessing."



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JULY 14
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JULY 28
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Savannah VOICE Festival

AUGUST 11
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AUGUST 18
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AUGUST 25
Israeli Hummus

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Filling Each Other's Buckets

Jodi Sadler, Director

Ms. Penny, our PreK and garden enrichment teacher, was working with the PreK children in the butterfly & flower garden one Friday morning. The children clearly had had enough of pulling weeds, and digging in the dirt so they were sent to enjoy free play on the playground. However, one child asked if he could stay with Ms. Penny to help her. He put on her garden gloves, pulled some more weeds, and helped plant the colorful pansies. After a while of gardening, Ms. Penny told T. that she needed to stop a minute for a break to rest her back. (Gardening can be physical work!) T. put down Ms. Penny's gloves, walked to the other side of the garden and picked up Ms. Penny's bench. He brought it over to her and said, "Ms. Penny, you need to sit down if your back hurts. Here, this bench is for you!" Ms. Penny's heart melted right in the garden at that moment in time!

What a true act of kindness! In Hebrew it's Gimilut Chasadim. This is the kind of behavior and actions that we want to instill in all of our children at JEA Preschool Savannah. In the PreK class, the teachers talk to the children about filling buckets with kind acts. Helping another child clean up, giving hugs to each other, saying I love you, are all ways that children



can fill each other's buckets.

T. certainly filled Ms. Penny's bucket on that gardening day.

Have you filled someone's bucket today?



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Dive Into Summer at the J

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Ready for some family fun? Look no further as the JEA has lots to offer such as our Midsummer Splash Bash, Youth Sport Clinics, JEA Orcas Swim Team, Stroke Clinics, Lifeguard & CPR Certifications, Swim Lessons, and more! Additionally, join us at the outdoor pool for a variety of meal options all summer long including burgers and hot dogs at the Sunday Summer grill and FREE Holiday Grill, along with grilled chicken & fresh sides at our biweekly Wednesday evening Dinner by the Pool.

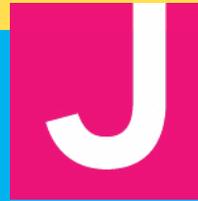
While we have tons of activities available for the kiddos, we also have some exciting activities for the adults as well! Check us out for kid free nights at the outdoor pool on Thursday evenings and occasional Saturday evenings for Adult Swim and Adult Night Out. Adult Night Out will also include adult beverages (21+) and J-Care is available for your children during this time!

Lastly, don't forget about those fitness goals this summer! We still offer group fitness and personal training. In addition to our regular class offerings, we

have multiple seasonal pool classes available at the outdoor pool... plus, GlideFIT is BACK!

What are you waiting for? With so many activities available at the J this summer, it is time to dive right in!

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- J- CARE BABYSITTING
- DINNER BY THE POOL
- SUNDAY & HOLIDAY GRILL
- ADULT NIGHT OUT
- MIDSUMMER SPLASH BASH
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Why is Quality Rated important?

Research has found a connection between the quality of early care and education programs and how well children who attend those programs are prepared for school. Because of that important connection between quality and child outcomes, the goal of Quality Rated is to ensure that Georgia's families can easily identify and find high quality early education and school-age care programs in which to enroll their children.

How is a program rated?

To determine a program's level of quality, Quality Rated staff carefully look at the following items: a program's teaching practices; how the teachers interact with the children; the qualifications and credentials of the program's staff; how the program interacts with and involves families; how equipped the program is with appropriate materials to enhance children's learning; and the physical environment that houses the program. All programs that volunteer to participate in Quality Rated are demonstrating a commitment to improve quality early care and education by going above and beyond Georgia's licensing standards.

What does Quality Rated mean for families?

Choosing an early care and education provider is an important decision. Quality Rated helps families find high quality early care and education programs by clearly identifying the level of quality the program provides using a one star, two star, or three star rating.

What does a Quality Rated program look like?

Quality Rated programs provide the following: an atmosphere in which children feel nurtured and supported; opportunities for families to be involved with their child's early education and care: intentionally planned activities and instruction that support child development and help prepare the child for a lifetime of learning; and efforts to ensure that ALL of Georgia's children receive meaningful early learning experiences.

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Jewish Learning in the Summer



Eva Locker

Summer is a Great time for Jewish learning Religious School is a strong link to Judaism in the life of our children but summer is here and school is out. Luckily there are many fun ways for parents to infuse Jewish values and learning in the little ones during the summer:

Increase your Mitzvot (Good Deeds) With more time on their hands, children can now do more like helping a sick neighbor or visiting older relatives. Build a mitzvah (good deed) goal poster and challenge your family to reach that goal. (Of course, wild celebrations must happen when the goal is reached!).

Pray Together Learn new prayers, practice old ones or, make your own. Mark those 1st time summer events like the first day at camp or first day at the pool with the Shehechyanu prayer. Have the kids say shehakol nihiyah bed'varo (bracha said over miscellaneous food) every time they eat candy. Also, improvise new prayers more often, modeling for your children how easy it is to praise or thank God in our own words.

Visit Jewish Sites Going on a family trip? Make a habit of looking for the synagogue or the JCC. It is often

surprising to children to discover that there are Jews even in far away or remote places. Then take the opportunity to learn about the history of the Jewish community in those places.

Welcome Shabbat Together Every Friday night. Just add a fun summer twist to it like having a picnic dinner in the yard with a "fancy" tablecloth in honor of Shabbat or kiddush done grape juice popsicles!

Read Books with Jewish Characters Spend time reading one of the many PJ library books. Or try the children's section at www.Jewishbookcouncil.org. This organization is exclusively devoted to the support and celebration of Jewish literature is a great way to find inspiring books.

We look forward to hearing all about your Jewish summer when Shalom School resumes on August 21!

For more information on Shalom School, contact Eva Locker at theshalomschool@gmail.com or visit www.theShalomSchool.com.

JEA Community Service Award

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can assure you his thoughts and opinions carry far more weight than any one vote ever could.

As for Dayle, her idea of a family business had little to do with ownership and more to do with employee and customer relationships. You'd be hard pressed to find a person who had an encounter with her who didn't walk away thinking they had a new friend, because the reality was, they did. Dayle was also able to use her sales skills to become one of our area's most prolific fundraisers.

I will let you in on a little secret, whenever I was at a loss for words, or needed a little inspiration or a lot of historical perspective, I would always turn to Craig Harney. It's been a struggle since we lost Craig to find someone to help continue to tell the great stories of Savannah. But as I was researching some of Dayle and Aaron's accomplishments, I was reminded that they were honored as Junior Achievement Laureates and were inducted into the Savannah Business Hall of Fame back in 2006. I was able to pull Craig's story on them from our archives, so I am able to share a bit of his wisdom and insight.

In that video, Aaron talked of how they came very close to selling Levy's to a national chain but decided, at the very last minute, to walk away from the deal. Aaron and Dayle

worried, and rightfully so, that a nationally owned, big box entity would destroy the family values and loyalty that have been a benchmark of Levy's since its founding in 1900 and remain so very much today.

Family is everything to Dayle and Aaron, but that essence reaches beyond their two sons Phillip and Richard and their grandchildren.

In that Craig Harney video I referenced, Dayle ends it by saying community service and family are the main reasons to be alive and all these years later, Dayle and Aaron are the living embodiment of that philosophy. It is my honor to present our 2022 Community Service Award to Aaron and Dayle Levy.

Kol Hakavod to Dayle and Aaron Levy, two people who embody service to others.

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The William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum is pleased to announce the appointment of Casey Fishman as Director of the Ida Pearle and Joseph Cuba Archives for Southern Jewish History at The Breman Museum. Fishman joins The Breman with expertise in museum archival work, art history, and art therapy from the Jewish Museum of Florida, The Jewish Museum in New York, Boston's Carter School, and the Archives of the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, NY.

Casey brings to The Breman an extensive museum and archival background with experience in processing archival collections and making them available to scholars and the public, as well as working closely with curators to create exhibits, and documenting oral histories that tell unique stories about the lives of Jewish people and communities. She holds a B.A. in Art History from Columbia University, a B.A. in Jewish Literature and an M.A. in Jewish Art and Visual Culture from The Jewish Theological Seminary, and an M.A. in Art Therapy from Lesley University. At The Breman, Casey will serve as the primary liaison between the Cuba Family Archives for Southern Jewish History and the community.

"The work of the Breman museum, connecting the public to Jewish history, art and culture, is a mission that is very dear to my heart." Fishman comments. "I believe that opening doors to a deeper understanding of the nuance and texture of the Jewish story is a benefit not just to the Jewish community, but to the wider world."



"We are excited to have Casey join The Breman at a key time in our evolution and growth, as we embark on our next 25 years," said Executive Director Leslie Gordon. "Casey brings a fresh approach and seasoned experience along with a desire to help move the archives at The Breman into a bright future."

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