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Jewish Federations CEO to Headline Main Event

The Savannah Jewish Federation's 2011 Annual Campaign will kick off on Wednesday, October 13th at the JEA with a buffet-style dinner featuring President and Chief Executive Officer of The Jewish Federations of North America, Jerry Silverman. Silverman is coming to Savannah directly from meetings with officials in Israel so he will be able to give the most up-to-the-minute update on the security situation in Israel, the state of relations between Israel and the Diaspora, as well as the state of Jewish federations nationwide

and the needs of world Jewry.

Sherry Dolgoff, chair of this year's annual campaign, said: "We're really lucky to have such an approachable, down to earth, and unassuming, yet hugely compassionate and incredibly inspiring speaker. I heard him a few weeks ago and am looking forward to



Jerry Silverman

seeing him here. To have such an important person come to Savannah for me is like a little kid getting a big bowl of ice cream. I'm truly thrilled for such an honor and a privilege."

Other upcoming campaign events include a Campaign Briefing for all campaign solicitors and event workers on October 7th with Mark Wright, the past co-chair of the United Jewish Communities Young Leadership Cabinet; the annual Women's Division

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Savannah Brings Back Medals from 2010 JCC Maccabi Games

JCC Maccabi Games are an Olympic-style sporting competition held each summer in North America. Since their inception in 1982, the JCC Maccabi Games has grown from a small pilot project in one host community to an Olympic-style sporting competition held each summer in multiple sites throughout North America. The combined Games are the largest organized sports program for Jewish teenagers in the world. Today, close to 5000 teens participate in the JCC Maccabi Games each summer.

This year the Savannah delegation took ten athletes to participate in the JCC Maccabi Games in Richmond, VA, and compete against more than

700 athletes from 28 different delegations including a delegation from Israel. Our athletes included Elliott Kooden, Jared Samuels, Josh Goldstein, Marissa Levine, Evan Bridges, Matthew Freedman, Isaac Freedman, Sam Raskin, Max Strauss, and Sophie Lichtman. Our athletes participated in soccer

(combined with 5 other delegations), table tennis, bowling, and tennis. All of our athletes had a great time with the Maccabi experience. By the final day the JCC Maccabi experience climaxed for the majority of our athletes because of the medals that they won. Being a



Front Left to Back Right - Sophie Lichtman, Marissa Levine, Samuel Raskin, Josh Goldstein, Max Strauss, Matthew Freedman, Evan Bridges, Jared Samuels, Isaac Freedman, Elliot Kooden

small delegation, you don't expect to bring home medals. But never underestimate the underdog. Our athletes brought home 7 medals total:

Elliott Kooden	Gold	Soccer
Jared Samuels	Gold	Soccer
Josh Goldstein	Gold	Soccer
Sophie Lichtman	Gold	Table Tennis
Isaac Freedman	Silver	Bowling team
	Bronze	Bowling singles
Sam Raskin	Bronze	Tennis, Doubles

When you see the athletes, please congratulate them on a job well done. Stephanie Johnson would like to thank all the parents for allowing her the opportunity to enjoy this moment in life with their children. They all had a great time and are looking forward to next year.

Thanks for everything!



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has admirably led the Federation for the past three years. She has agreed to continue in the position for a short term while a search is conducted for a new Director.

At the August meeting of the Board of Governors of the Savannah Jewish Federation, it was announced that Director Lynn Levine has tendered her resignation. Lynn

L'Shana Tova to all
from the Savannah Jewish Federation

(REBIRTH)

As the sounding of the shofar calls upon your reflection of the past and contemplation for the future, we extend our best wishes as you and your family gather to enjoy the foods symbolizing the sweet year to come. Shana tova.

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Some of My Best Friends

The high holidays always bring to mind my freshman year in high school. We were the only Jewish family in a small town, where I had been attending schools since the first grade. My friends knew I had been absent



Linda Zoller
President,
Savannah Jewish
Federation

for Rosh Hashanah, were vaguely intrigued by this different religion I practiced, and I was proud to explain it to them. I marched into the school cafeteria to pick up my absence slip.

The teachers on "attendance duty" were looking for truants, who were for the most part the more unsavory types. Excused absence slips were pink. Unexcused absence slips were yellow and required a reduction in the student's grade point average at the end of the quarter. (I'm sure you can see where this is going). This high school, that hadn't seen a Jewish student since my much older cousin graduated many years before, gave me a yellow slip. Those who know me might guess my response. I was the kid who did things by the book and worked hard to keep my grades as high as possible. I was embarrassed, angry at being singled out, and incensed at being likened to the troublesome.

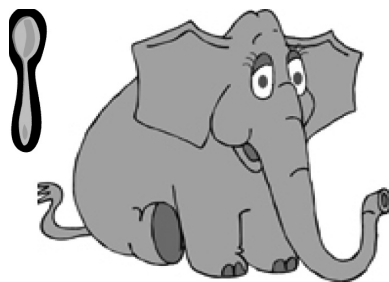
On my way to class and on the verge of tears, I managed to call my mother to tell her what happened (from a payphone no less - remember those). Murmurs stirred through the classroom when I entered it, yellow slip in hand, and my teacher gave me a hard stare. For the most part my friends were very tolerant of my Judaism, but I worried that perhaps they would think

differently if Jewish holidays were not excused.

Unbeknownst to me, my father was at home having coffee and overheard Mother's side of our conversation when I called. He picked up the phone and dialed our neighbor, the superintendent of schools. He explained the situation and the Superintendent apologized profusely. Dad reminded him that I was probably in a classroom somewhere having a very bad day. The next thing I knew the principal called me out of class, handed me a pink slip to replace the yellow one and said, "I don't know how this happened, Linda, some of my best friends are Jewish." (Honestly, that's what he said.)

My family chuckles about it to this day. Linda victimized; her father taking care of it. My gentle brush with what was probably ignorance had a fairly happy ending. It's just hard to be different no matter how well you are accepted and you never forget negative experiences, as minor as they might be, when you are alone in them.

Those who have lived in small towns know the isolation small numbers can bring. In Savannah ours is a vibrant Jewish community with a population large enough to work communally. In this New Year, I ask you to appreciate, embrace, and be involved in this community that we are so fortunate to have. May your holidays be shared with all of those you hold dear. Chag Sameach!



Together We Must Build Our Future

I'm not a big "Oprah person." I'm rarely around the TV in the late afternoon and I don't really have much interest in that type of television. But it was late one evening; I was watching a news channel when I "surfed" across Oprah being interviewed about what she had learned from her twenty years in television. She summed it up succinctly, "We all want to be heard...by sharing stories we learn from each other and get a glimpse of the power to change." I grabbed a piece of paper and jotted it down knowing that I would use this for the SJN column.

The past year was filled with numerous occasions where people wanted to be heard. It started with the Town Hall Meetings to share the Community Strategic Plan and continued with broad discussions about the future of the JEA. Most recently there were a series of focus groups about Early Childhood Education in which dozens of families participated.

What all of these have in common is Oprah's statement, "We all want to be



Adam Solender

heard." There have been innumerable difficult discussions, there were many statements made that I just didn't understand or didn't agree with, and there was the sharing of history, concern, insight, and incredible passion.

I am proud that our community organizations—the Savannah Jewish Federation and Jewish Educational Alliance—are willing to have the conversations, willing to listen, and willing to learn. The world around us is changing so very rapidly, and we must listen and learn from each other. In Sayings of the Fathers, Hillel stated, "He who does not increase knowledge diminishes it; and he who refuses to learn deserves extinction."

To survive and thrive in today's busy world, it takes a lot more than yesterday's strategies. We just cannot recreate the past. The discussion is healthy and necessary. We all have a responsibility to listen and learn from each other. Then together we must build our future.

As we begin the New Year, may we all be committed to listening more, learning more, and working together to sustain the Savannah Jewish community for the next 277 years. Wishing you and your loved ones a sweet, fulfilling, healthy and loving new year.

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Luncheon, chaired by Helene Sandler, will be held on Tuesday, November 16th; and the Super Sunday Funday Telethon co-chaired by Amanda and Josh Reeves is planned for Sunday, November 21st.

Before joining The Jewish Federations, Jerry served as president of the Foundation for Jewish Camp, the only non-profit national organization dedicated to raising awareness and support of non-profit Jewish resident camps. Since starting there in 2004 the FJC team oversaw a major expansion of the organization that helped bring a new focus on Jewish camping as a path to enhance Jewish identity and was extremely successful in building the quality, availability and demand for Jewish summer camps, creating

partnerships with key philanthropists and Jewish Federations.

Before that, he held a variety of executive positions at the Stride Rite Corp. of Boston, including president of both its international division and children's group and president of Keds Corp. Between 1979 and 1994, Jerry held several senior executive positions at Levi Strauss & Co. in San Francisco.

Over the years, Jerry has been on the boards of a variety of Jewish organizations, as well.

Jerry is married to Erica Silverman and is the father of five children.

If you are interested in helping out on Campaign or any of the events, please call or write Lynn Levine at 355-8111 or lynn@savj.org.

It's What Being Jewish Feels Like

Soon the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will be here, a time of serious reflection for all Jews. During services in their synagogues, Jews ask to be "inscribed in the Book of Life." Individuals atone for themselves as individuals and for the community as a whole. This emphasizes the Jewish concept of collective responsibility for the repairing of the world. It is also a time to give donations to charity to thank G-d for the blessings in one's life.

This year I have the privilege of being the Chairman for the 2011 Federation Campaign. I am cognizant of this honor. I am optimistic, too, because of the excellence of my Core Management Team, who will meet the challenges of our community. Peggy Harris is the Women's Division chair; Vivian Slotin is her co-chair. Dr. Harold Black is serving as the Men's Division chairman.

According to Judaism, philanthropy is not an option but a duty to G-d and one's community. It is best if this money is given with love and compassion; however, lack of emotion does not preclude the obligation to give. Please do not worry; I have enough emotion

for all of us!

In Jewish tradition, the spiritual benefit of giving tzedakah is so great that the giver benefits more than the recipient. By giving to charity, Jews recognize

the good that G-d has given to them. Giving tzedakah can make the world a better place.

Several months ago, I went to my 50th high school reunion. Fifty years? Impossible! That event, coupled with being Chair of the campaign, has given me many moments of serious introspection. How would I account for those years? What had I contributed of value? I believe that those years have led me to this commitment, and I will do my best, with your help, to make the 2011 campaign successful.

A donation to the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign is also a gift you give yourself. It's a gift to your family, to your friends, and to a Jewish future. It's what being Jewish feels like.



Sherry Dolgoff

Todah Rabah to the Contributors to the 2010 Jewish Family Services Friends Campaign

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prosperous New Year!

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Gershon Almost Ready for Savannah

Last week I finished the JAFI Shlichim training, and it was awesome!

The training was in Kibbutz Ramat Rachel, which is the only kibbutz in Israel that is located in the municipality territory of a city (Jerusalem). It is a beautiful place on the watershed, on the top of the central mountain ridge in Israel, so there is a wonderful view to the Judean Mountains from one side and to the Judean Desert and Dead Sea Valley from the other side.

The main objective of the training was to take potentially worthy candidates and make them Shlichim in real mode. The schedule was packed and dense, we had countless lectures, discussions and group talks about various topics like streams in Judaism, Jewish identity, educational philosophy and Jewish education, the Zionist movement in the modern time, Israel in the eyes of the world, Israel as a Jewish-democratic state, the role of the young Shaliach in the community, advocating Israel, and much more. We discussed all the issues and dilemmas that are burning on the Israeli society agenda, through the Israeli-Arab conflict on all of its elements, relationship between religion and state, pluralism in the Jewish streams and the Israeli society, the de-legitimization of Israel in the world, all the way to the refugee problem and foreign workers. The discussions were led by the top intellectuals, writers and philosophers in Israel, and it was very exciting and profound experience.

During the training we had several learning tours, in the Old City and the

Western Wall tunnels in Jerusalem, east Jerusalem and the conflict zones, the old quarters in Tel Aviv through the story of the first Hebrew city, the West Bank settlements and the security barriers. The trips were loaded with large information and different thoughts and opinions.

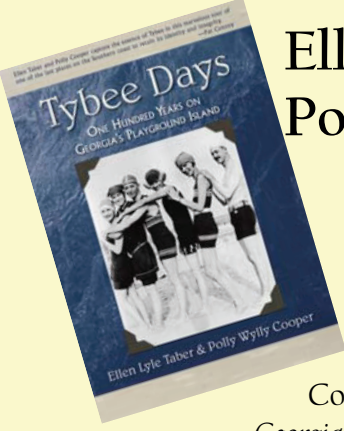

With all the discussions, lectures, tours and information; the best was the amazing people. Eighty Shlichim gathered together in one place, stopped their lives for two weeks. Most of them are students that were in the peak of the examination period in the university, some of them were in a vacation from their job or the army. I had the privilege to meet them. In the little spare time we found in the schedule, we hanged out together, singing and playing the guitars and the Darbuka (a Middle Eastern drum). I think we had fertilized each other with a lot of knowledge and diverse opinions, because we were very different people from one another, and that's the beauty of it all.

To make a long story short, I had a great time. The training was once in a lifetime experience, I learned a lot of new things and met wonderful people, I received the tools that will help me be the best Shaliach. I can't wait to start.

See you soon, Gershon.



Gershon

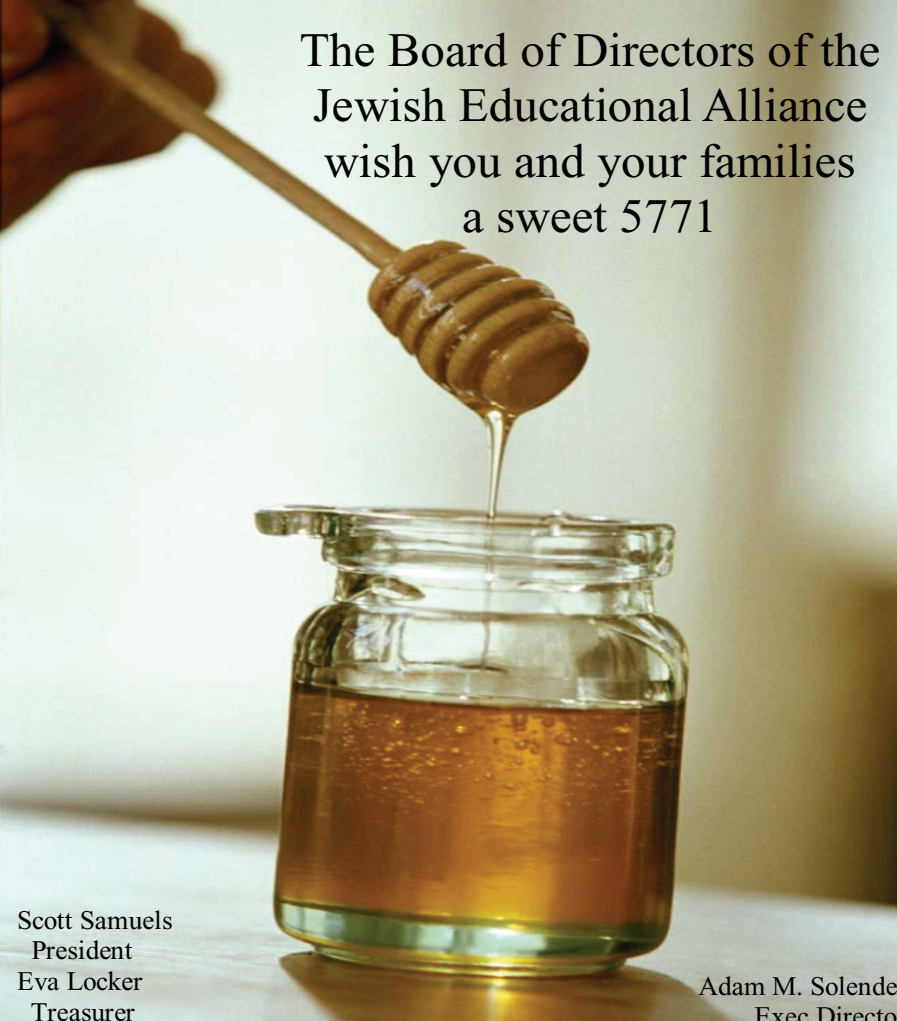
Ellen Taber & Polly Cooper

Come, Listen and Meet
Georgia Authors of the Year Winners
Discussing their books about Tybee and its history
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Thursday, September 16th
7pm—8:30pm

- Hear a short reading from their books
- Learn how the books came together
- View slides and recognize people from the past
- Panel discussion with retired Tybee Lifeguards
- Purchase autographed editions of their books

Plus, plenty of local Jewish families are mentioned in their books with photographs accompanying them.

Ellen Lyle Taber is a university assistant professor and novelist. Polly Wyllie Cooper has written historical books on surrounding communities, including Isle of Hope, and Beaufort, South Carolina. Both co-authors spent their childhood summers fishing, crabbing and running barefoot on the beaches of Tybee.



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Rosh Hashanah Greetings from Our Rabbinical Leaders

Words for All Seasons

From Rabbi Avigdor Slatus
Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob

The holidays are a time for prayer and introspection. We reflect upon the year that has past and we take inventory of our lives. This is the period in which we stand before our Heavenly

Creator and ponder the meaning of our existence and purpose of our being. We remove ourselves from the daily routines and we count our blessings and beseech the Al-Mighty for His blessings for the coming year. He knows our every thought and records our words and deeds. We are accountable to Him and we shall affix our names to His truthful judgment. We recognize the insignificance of man and how our lives are truly in His hands.

“Who shall live and who shall die” – the holy words of the U’Nesana Tokef touch the souls of even the most casual participant. “How many shall pass away and how many shall be born.”

Who can recite these words and not be touched! Rosh Hashana, for some, is just another holiday, an excuse for family to join together and indulge in gluttonous consumption of food. For the thinking, spiritual man, Rosh Hashana is a day of judgment, when Hashem ascends His throne of glory and presides in judgment of humanity. “Like a flock of sheep, as a shepherd seeks out his flock, making his sheep pass under his rod, so dost Thou make all the living souls pass before Thee.”

Yom Kippur affords us the remarkable opportunity to delete from our record any mistakes, transgressions or acts of negligence, even after our “day in court.” More than just an appeal, Yom Kippur allows us to attach ourselves to our Creator and retroactively remove all past errors and thereby “cancel the stern decree.”

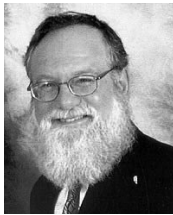
“On Rosh Hashana their destiny is inscribed and on Yom Kippur it is sealed.”

How fortunate we are to have been chosen to be judged by the King Himself, our Father, Our King, the Creator. Who dares question His will to pardon us! Who can oppose His decision to forgive us! Who can contest His judgment to bestow His blessings upon us! “Who shall be lowered and who shall be raised.” It is He who desires to raise us, to welcome our prayers, our repentance and commitment to fulfill His will. “Man comes from dust and ends in dust. He is like the shadow that passes, a cloud that vanishes, a breeze that blows, a dream that flies away. But Thou are King, the everlasting G-d.”

Only those whose ears have become numb, only those who do not perceive more than their physical being, see no value nor are moved by these sacred words of the U’Nesana Tokef. The powerful message is not limited to Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur but is intended to penetrate deeply within our souls and awaken us toward Hashem for the coming years of our lives. G-d attentively awaits our prayers the entire year and He patiently awaits our connecting with Him during all the days of our lives. Demonstrating that Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are not anomalies, we have opportunities throughout the year that display the sincerity of our High Holiday prayers. Shabbos is certainly the holiest day and most appropriate to reveal that the

U’Nesana Tokef has genuinely found residence in our hearts.

May we join together on the Holidays and every Shabbos, experiencing the eternal spirituality which is our Torah, and may we be blessed with a year of good health, prosperity and Shalom.



Rabbi Slatus

Teshuva: Repentance As a Communal Need

From Rabbi Kenneth Leitner
Congregation Agudath Achim

The story is told of brothers who had a terrible fight when they were young adults. The fight began as words, and ended in blows, and as a result, the brothers could not bring themselves to speak to each other. So deep was the anger and tension that all of the brothers chose to move away at the very first opportunity, to live at a distance from the town of their birth and upbringing.

At the insistence of their parents, as the brothers married and had children, invitations were sent to milestone simchas: a brit, a naming, a bar or bat mitzvah. At first, a brief acknowledgement might be given, and out of respect for the parents a grudging personal appearance might be made or a gift sent. Over time, as the rift grew deeper and deeper it was tacitly understood that invitations would be ignored – not even the courtesy of a response was expected. No matter how hard the parents tried, there was no bridging the divide. Years past, and cousins grew up knowing only what they were told of extended family, and this was, of course, tainted by the deeply felt mistrust and the accumulated anger that had grown over the years.

As is the course of all human life, the parents, hurt beyond belief, eventually died – sadly one within a year of the other. Twice in a span of less than twelve months, the brothers had to face each other, and twice, each one of them remained within their own self-imposed shell...unwilling to speak beyond the confines of their spouses and children. Not even the death of their parents could bring them to acknowledge each other. The parents had made explicit arrangements in anticipation of their own mortality, putting aside their last hope that even at such a time the brothers might reconcile.

CHAVERIM KOL YISRAEL. - We are all brothers. We know this. But the Jewish community is fragmented – internationally, nationally, and yes, locally. We are losing the will to communicate with each other, and the longer we allow this to continue, the greater will be the anger, the resentments, the sense of estrangement.

Where are we in the progression of the story told above? On some points we are speaking words; on others we have already exchanged figurative if not real blows. On some issues, we have walked away from discussion completely – as if we have left home, moved away, distancing ourselves so that we need not even show even a semblance of concern.

It is a deep truth that in a community – any community – there is an added level of complexity: we will all have different perceptions of where we are. On any given issue some will perceive that we are yet talking while others have pulled away, convinced that they are not heard and that nothing can be said that will be received with respect, let alone engender some change.

It is this complexity that makes communal teshuva so very difficult, and ultimately so very necessary, and essential to the very heart of our self understanding: Ashamenu, Bagadnu...it is the plural ‘us’ who speaks on these High Holy Days.

May we have the will, the faith, the trust, that when the ‘gates are closing’ we will have come closer together; that we will be more sensitive; and that we will be able to meet the mandate of the Holy One: V’havta l’Reiecha Kamocha – that we shall truly love each other as much as we treasure our selves.



Rabbi Leitner

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Wednesday, September 8th begins the celebration of the Jewish Holidays, also the start of the Annual Food Drive of the Savannah Jewish community known as OPERATION ISAIAH.

The New Year is a time for self reflection and thinking about those less fortunate. The Savannah Jewish Federation teams up with the Second Harvest Food Bank to help provide food for those in need.

Drop off barrels are located at five locations in Savannah: The JEA, Rambam Day School, Congregation Mickve Israel, Congregation B’nai Brith Jacob and Congregation Agudath Achim. Thousands of pounds of food are donated each year and distributed through the Second Harvest Food Bank throughout Savannah.

Please join the **Savannah Jewish Federation** and **Jewish Family Services** in observing the mitzvah of providing for those less fortunate.



Rosh Hashanah Greetings from Our Rabbinical Leaders

High Holiday Message

From Rabbi Arnold Mark Belzer
Congregation Mickve Israel

As many of you know, my favorite theme as we approach this holy season is “thankfulness” for the bountiful blessings that God has bestowed upon us. I do believe that we live in age of unlimited (and often unappreciated) miracles. Though far from perfect, our age is blessed. Clearly one of the most prevalent sins of our time is ungratefulness in the face of plenty and everyday miracles. The advances of modern medicine have given us and our loved ones longer and healthier lives and blessed us with miraculous healing. We live in luxury and comfort compared to our ancestors.

However, there is a sourness in our discourse, ungratefulness and complaining about our condition. There is a growing coarseness in our civil society and even in our Jewish community. Too many of us are silent in the face of growing intolerance. Day after day I am bombarded with hateful emails predicting a coming new Holocaust and focusing on Muslims as our natural and implacable enemies.

There are extremists among the adherents of the three great religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Our Jewish history is filled with tales of massacres and pogroms perpetrated in the name of Christianity and to a lesser extent Islam. In fairness, our extremists (and I hate to admit ownership) have been by comparison much less violent (but give them time)! Though, the recent rhetoric of Jewish extremists, which I will not repeat here, seems to mirror the rhetoric of Christian and Islamic extremists.

I have been told that the suffering of our people justifies extremist rhetoric and racist and “religionist” intolerance. We have been victims surely, but is it really an appropriate response for us to become practitioners of hate and advocates of violence?

Without a doubt I can agree with many rabbis and scholars that: “The relationship

between Islam and Judaism is a special and close one. The two religions share similar values, and Islam incorporates Jewish history as a part of its own. Muslims regard the Children of Israel as a central religious concept in Islam. Moses is mentioned in the...Qur’an more than any other prophet. Jews in turn see Muslims as perfect monotheists and as adherents of the Seven Laws of Noah. Thus, according to Judaism, Muslims are seen as righteous people of God.”

Maimonides, the Rambam, wrote in regard to Islam:

The Ishmaelites are not at all idolaters; [idolatry] has long been severed from their mouths and hearts; and they attribute to God a proper unity, a unity concerning which there is no doubt. And because they lie about us, and falsely attribute to us the statement that God has a son, is no reason for us to lie about them and say that they are idolaters And should anyone say that the house that they honor [the Kaaba] is a house of idolatry and an idol is hidden within it, which their ancestors used to worship, then what of it? The hearts of those who bow down toward it today are [directed] only toward Heaven . . .

Are there extremists, horrible *jihadists* and violence worshiping elements in Islam? Surely. Too many! Has the Muslim world been loud enough and courageous enough to adequately denounce the extremist elements in their religious culture? Sadly, no! Nevertheless, as a Jewish people who have been demonized and reviled, as a people who have been unjustly stereotyped, should we ourselves become haters, bashers, demonizers?



Rabbi Belzer

In Europe today, rabbis of all streams of Judaism recognize the demonization of Muslims in their midst as the mirror image of anti-Jewish bigotry. The rabbis of today's Germany, for example, see anti-Muslim bigotry as the new Nazism and regularly come to the defense of the (mostly Turkish) Muslim minority. Turks are the “new Jews” of Germany, the new scapegoats of traditional German xenophobia.

In Savannah, our Muslim neighbors are healing our bodies, working along side of us, paying their taxes, and contributing to the general welfare of our community. Might there be some extremists among them? Probably yes. Might there be some extremists, anti-Jewish and anti-Muslim among our Christian neighbors? Probably!! Might there be extremists in our Jewish community, **certainly!** Because I have heard and read their hateful words!!

Among our greatest blessings are these blessed United States of America: this Commonwealth founded on the concepts of democracy, freedom, and tolerance. In response to the controversy over the proposed building of an Islamic cultural center and mosque (named the Cordoba Center to honor the Golden Age of Spain, prior to the Inquisition, where Muslims, Jews, and Christians lived in relative harmony), New York's Mayor Bloomberg, insists that blocking the 13-story and Islamic cultural center would violate the essence of America. He said:

What is great about America and particularly New York is we welcome everybody, and if we are so afraid of something like this, what does that say about us?

Democracy is stronger than this. You know the ability to practice your religion was one of the real reasons America was founded. And for us to just say no is just, I think, not appropriate, is a nice way to phrase it....

If you are religious, you do not want the government picking

religions, because what do you do the day they don't pick yours?

In regard to those Jews and others of good will and inherent tolerance, who justify their opposition to the Cordoba Center strictly on the basis of “inappropriate, insensitive” location, perhaps they have a point. But exactly where do they stand in light of the fact that: “Existing or proposed American mosques hundreds and even thousands of miles from ground zero, from Tennessee to Wisconsin to California, are now under siege?”

There was a time when there was **widespread** opposition to the building of synagogues! Jewish historian Jonathan Sarna recently reminded the American Jewish community that:

In 1685, with the British in control of the city [of New York], 20 Jewish families petitioned to change Stuyvesant's precedent so that they might establish a synagogue and worship in public. They were curtly refused. “Public worship,” New York City's Common Council informed them, “is Tolerated...but to those that profess faith in Christ.”

In Professor Sarna's recent article he mentions other examples of opposition to synagogues even in our own time. We have been there! We have been stereotyped and painted with a wide and hateful brush. Not all Jewish businessmen are Bernie Madoffs. Among our own people are **heroes** and **scoundrels**. One can even pick at our our text tradition, take quotes out of context and paint our Judaism as “evil.” Anti-Semites have done just that for centuries. The greatest victory for those who hate the Jewish people is to become **indistinguishable** from our enemies.

As we approach Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur let us resolve to remove hatred and intolerance from our hearts. Let us remember that as the Jewish people were victims of hatred and intolerance we must not become like those who reviled and oppressed our people.

A million blessings to y'all in 5771!

SAVE THE DATES CAMPAIGN 2011:



Jerry Silverman



Duo Dmitri



**Oct. 7 / 6pm / JEA
Campaign Briefing &
Solicitor Training with
Mark Wright**

Former co-chair of the National Young Leadership Cabinet, Mark has led campaign training events all over the country. He'll take this year's campaign workers through the case for giving and then a special session with **Y'ALL** (Young Adults Learning Leadership).

**Oct. 13 / 6:30pm / JEA
SJF Annual Meeting &
Campaign Main Event
with Jerry Silverman**

Fresh from Israel, Jewish Federations of North America CEO Jerry Silverman will give the latest update on the security situation, overseas needs and other issues affecting Diaspora Jews at our annual awards banquet & campaign kick-off.

**Nov. 16 / 12:15pm / JEA
Women's Div. Luncheon
with Duo Dmitri**

Luba Agranovsky & Dmitri Kasyuk are winners of many Russian piano & flute competitions. They moved to Jerusalem in 1990 with the help of the Jewish Agency. They tell their story interwoven with their beautiful music.

**Nov. 21 / 10am-3pm / JEA
Super Sunday-Funday
Telethon & Family Fun**

Join all your friends from around the community for a day of fun at the JEA. There will be activities for kids of all ages, including something from The PJ Library. We'll have some fun and raise some funds, all at the same time!



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Happy New Year
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A Happy & Prosperous
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To Our Family and Friends
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with the blessings of health,
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New Year
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Harold, Peggy, Josh & Steffi Yellin

Merry, Richard and Lisa Bodziner
Erica, Raanon, Judah and Maayan Gal
We wish all Relatives and Friends
A Healthy and Prosperous Year



The 2010 Meddin Family Reunion

By Nancie Clark

“Tell everyone to have a reunion instead of waiting for a funeral to get together! I had a BALL,” said 86 year old Phyllis Meddin Fields. Hopefully 92-year-old, Doris Meddin and 77-year-old, David Meddin; the elders of the Meddin family, felt the same about being with the other 81 people attending.

The 3 day family reunion took place in Savannah Aug. 13 – 15 with the main event being a dinner at Meddin Studios, the production company that purchased the old Meddin Meat Packing Plant. It was instigated and hosted by Nick Gant, Jason Osterday and their staff.

Seven family members served as its planners: Doris Fields Blum, Donna Pearlman Bolton, Nancie Meddin Clark, Jeannie Fields Holstein, Ann Meddin Hellman, Ellen Schneider Goodrich and Jeff Meddin.

At its height, Meddin Meat Packing Company, located in Savannah on the Louisville Road, supplied meat to much of Southeast Georgia and Coastal South Carolina and had a very favorable listing with the venerable financial firm of Dun and Bradstreet. The Meddin Brothers name is part of the masonry that now houses Meddin Studios.

Though the Savannah abattoir was its main base, meat packing company plants were also located in Charleston, SC and Macon, GA. The company continued to expand in the late 1930s with a presence in Savannah’s old City Market until 1954. In the late 1960s as Meddin Enterprises and its real estate branch, Meddin Investments, it dealt mainly with mortgages, but at one point also owned the whole of Ft. Screven on Tybee Island, having purchased it from the US government after World War II. A street, Meddin Drive, in Ft. Screven

still bears the family name.

The historical record shows the Meddin brothers as leaders, builders and members of the Savannah Jewish community and the community at large. They were active in Congregation B’nai B’rith Jacob, Congregation Agudath Achim, Congregation Mickve Israel and the JEA (Jewish Educational Alliance) in Savannah. They participated and held offices in numerous other civic, shrine, community and religious organizations in Savannah and Charleston, SC as well.

In 1893 Abraham Meddin made his way to Savannah having entered the US via Ellis Island, NY. He came to North America aboard a ship named the Spaarndam. His wife Hannah and their 2 eldest sons, Isaac and Alexander, followed in 1901 aboard another ship, the Statendam.

They had come from what was then Kolonia Russia, now Belarus (White Russia) where the family owned and operated the village lumber mill. Kolonia is located in that flexible European area that had once also been Russia and Lithuania.

Beginning in 1902 three more sons, Asa, Hyman and Elliot were born to Abraham and Hannah in Savannah. A daughter, Freida, was born too, but died

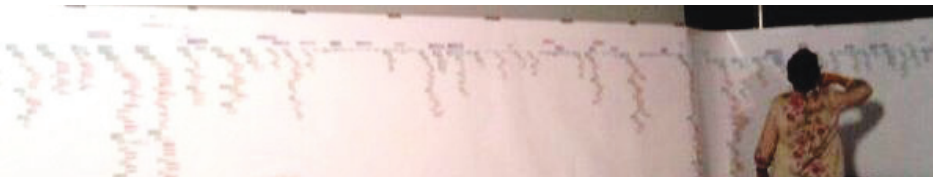


Robert Clark Ellen Goodrich and Jeff Meddin open the Meddin Family Reunion

as a toddler. Their home was located on Tattall Street just off the bluff on the Savannah River.

Abraham ran a shoe repair shop. His five sons on reaching adulthood tried a number of ventures, but finally bought Butler Provision Company in the 1930s and Meddin Meat Packing Company was born.

Each of the five brothers went on to have families of their own. Though none of the brothers survive today, their direct descendants numbered well over a hundred individuals living as of 2010 in Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, North Carolina, Alabama, Maryland, Washington, Tennessee, California, New York and Australia. Some are still proud to be living in Savannah.



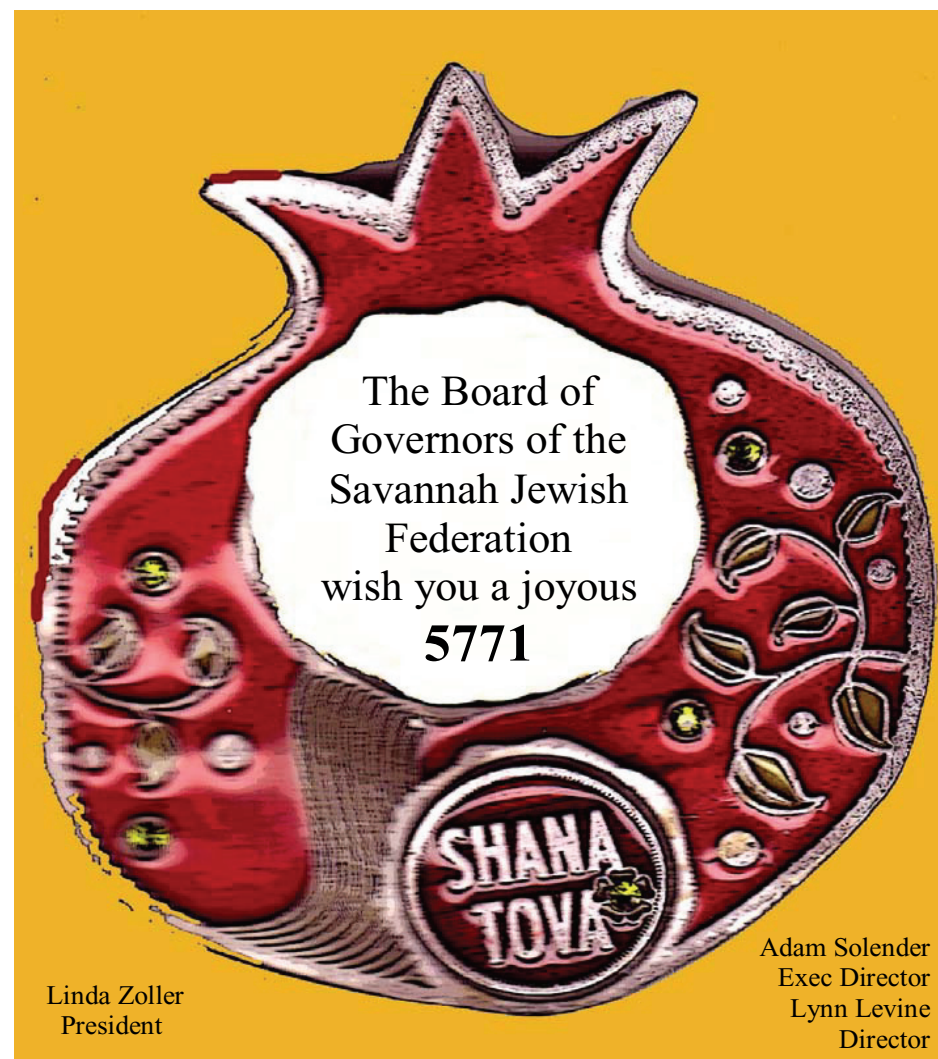
Cookie Gale looks over the 900 name Meddin Tree begun by Nancie Meddin Clark and Rose Bookman OBM in 1985

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Join us at the JEA After School Program!

Who: Our program is for all children ages 4years-5th grade. Our college-degreed instructors will offer homework help in all subject areas to every age.

What: In addition to homework help, we have Kids Yoga, art, cooking, sports, swimming and much more! We will also be doing appropriate holiday crafts.

Where: We pick up from Rambam and provide transportation from most local schools to the JEA (Heard Elementary, Jacob G. Smith, Charles Ellis) *Minimum Participation Required*

When: Our after school program ends at 6 pm Monday-Thursday and 5 pm on Friday (the JEA closes at 5 pm on Friday).

Price: Members-\$50/week (\$10 per day). \$12 for individual days (\$15 late registration fee)

Non Members-\$75/week (\$15 per day). \$18 for individual days. (\$20 late registration fee)

Transportation: \$30/month or \$3 per trip.

For more information, contact Ashley Frankel, 355-8111, ext. 225.



Happy Sukkot

New JEA Members

The JEA would like to thank our members. Without your membership and support, we would not be able to offer all the services that we do. Our members are our most important asset! (New Members as of August 13, 2010)

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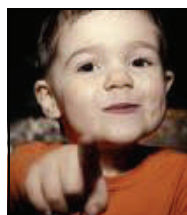
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**ADVT SUBMISSION DEADLINE
August 31st, 2010**



At the JEA we are lucky to be able to celebrate two New Years!

The secular new year on January 1st and Rosh Hashanah which is next week. Why wait until January 1st to start a workout program? Rosh Hashanah is a great time to get that jump start on a 'NEW' workout. There are no excuses. . . t he kids are back at school, it has cooled off a bit, and the JEA has a great group of trainers who are just waiting to assist you with a healthy start to the New Year of 5771.

Many of you have stopped by and asked for a workout regimen and I've been glad to help. I'd like to work with more of you in the coming weeks. Stick your head in my office and we'll make a time to do an evaluation and establish your personal fitness goals.

In speaking to many of the members, we have been told that you wanted a "consistent schedule." Well, starting September 1st we will be having group fitness classes at the same time every day. Every day at 8:30,9:30, and 6pm there are different fitness classes (see the new schedule to the right). Of course, we have our Silver Sneakers classes and water exercise classes every day as well. So, whether you are looking for Yoga, Pilates, Step & Weights, or Boot Camp, we have it all to offer YOU throughout the week. Throughout the year we'll look to enhance the offerings to keep it fresh and new. If you have an idea, we are here to listen.

Please call or stop by my office so we can re-evaluate your workout regimen. It is always great to change your routine.

Look forward to seeing you at the Alliance!

Stephanie Johnson

Stephanie Johnson
Health & Wellness Director



Group Fitness Classes

Aerobics Room

Sunday

9:15a Pilates: Sanders
10:15a Total Body Blast: Christina
1:00p Billy's Boot Camp: Billy

Monday

8:30a Firm it Up: Linda
9:30a Gentle Yoga: Sanders
10:30a SilverSneakers MSROM: Elaine
6:00p Yoga Power Hour: Dawn

Tuesday

8:30a Pilates: Sanders
10:30a SilverSneakers Cardio Circuit: Elaine
6:00p Step & Weights: Carol

Wednesday

8:30a Firm it Up: Linda
9:30a Gentle Yoga: Sanders
10:30a SilverSneakers MSROM: Elaine
6:00p Billy's Boot Camp: Billy
7:00p Yoga Flow: Amanda

Thursday

8:30a Pilates: Sanders
10:30a SilverSneakers Cardio Circuit: Elaine
6:00p Total Body Blast: Christina

Friday

8:30a Firm It Up: Linda

Indoor Pool

Monday

5:00a Master Swim
10:00a Aquasize: Michelle
6:30p Water Aerobics: Maria

Tuesday

10:00a SilverSplash: Don

Wednesday

5:00a Master Swim
6:30p Water Aerobics: Maria

Thursday

10:00a Aquasize: Michelle
6:30p Water Aerobics: Maria

Friday

5:00a Master Swim
10:00a Aquasize: Michelle

Youth Sports Registration

Jr. Swim League will start taking registration September 1st and will end on September 30th. Practice will start on October 5th, Monday – Thursday from 4:30 – 5:30 and will end on March 31, 2011. For ages 5 & up.Jr. Swim League is a month to month sport. Registration is \$50 per month per child for members and \$75 per month for non-members. If you have further questions, please contact Stephanie Johnson by phone at 355-8111 or by email at stephanie@savj.org.

Basketball registration will start October 1st through November 30th. Basketball practice is scheduled to start on December 5th. Practices will be on Sunday's at the JEA after 1pm. For ages 4-12If you have further questions, please contact Stephanie Johnson by phone at 355-8111 or by email at stephanie@savj.org.



NEW YEAR!		NEW CLASSES!		NEW TIMES!	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	5-6 am Master Swim		5-6 am Master Swim		5-6 am Master Swim
9:15-10 am Pilates	8:30-9:30 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:30 am Firm It Up	8:30-9:30 am Pilates	8:30-9:30 am Firm It Up
	9:30-10:30 am Gentle Yoga		9:30-10:30 am Gentle Yoga		
10:15-11 am Total Body Blast	10-11 am Aquasize	10-11 am SilverSplash		10-11 am Aquasize	10-11 am Aquasize
	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® MSROM	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® Cardio Circuit	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® MSROM	10:30-11:30 am SilverSneakers® Cardio Circuit	
1-2 PM Billy's Boot Camp	Noon-2 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2 pm Noontime Basketball		Noon-2:00 pm Noontime Basketball
	4-5:45 pm Maxine Patterson Dance	4-5:45 pm Maxine Patterson Dance	4-5:45 pm Maxine Patterson Dance	4-5:45 pm Maxine Patterson Dance	
	5:30-7:30 pm Karate		5:30-7:30 pm Karate		
	6-7pm Step & Weight Aerobics	6-7 pm Yoga Power Hour	6-7 PM Billy's Boot Camp	6-7 pm Total Body Blast	
	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics		6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics	6:30-7:30 pm Evening Water Aerobics	
			7-8 pm Yoga Flow		
		7-9 pm Savannah Fencing Club		7-9 pm Savannah Fencing Club	



Health & Wellness /
Youth Sports
Important Dates 2010 -11

September 2010
1st Jr. Swim League Registration Opens
30th Jr. Swim League Registration Closes

October 2010
1st Basketball Registration Opens
5th Jr. Swim League Begins

November 2010
28th Soccer Award Banquet
30th Basketball Registration Closes

December 2010
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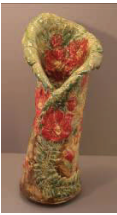
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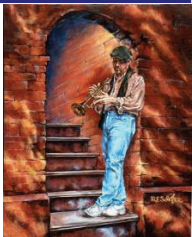
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October Artists—Margaret Clay, Carolyne Graham, Betsy Haun & Ron Schaffer
“Heart, Spirit & Soul”

Margaret Clay - Biography

Margaret is also a writer and in 1999, some of her writings became known as “Monkeyminders: Loving Thoughts to Still the Monkey in Your Mind”. In 2007, Margaret started what she calls ‘Intuitive Painting.” Many of these paintings have words in them and most of them have Monkeyminder messages associated with them. Since then her images and words have been sold as prints, greeting cards, bookmarks, journals and t-shirts. This year, Margaret began hand-painting silk scarves. Her work has jumped to a new level of brightness and energy through these scarves. She is currently working on a Water Series, focusing on the sea life most affected by the recent Gulf tragedy.

Carolyne Graham - Biography

Carolyne combines the medium of clay with her love of painting. Her expressive work views the natural world and its beauty sparked with a touch of whimsy. For the last few years, she has focused on the vessel as a relief visage to tell her tales in colorful glazes and forms. Fanciful flora & fauna of the Low-country most often represent her clay giftware, signed with her trade name “Caro.” Carolyne is a native of Savannah, Ga.

Betsy Haun - Biography

Betsy Haun has loved watercolors since high school, but it wasn’t until 1995 that her passion came to life. Inspired by seeing the paintings of a prominent doctor, Betsy decided “to drop her inhibitions and follow her dream.” Painting out of her home and wanting to learn more about her own style, she decided to join the Savannah Art Association. In September of 1999, she won a Best in Show Award which gave her the boost for her next move in November of that year. Teaming up with two other artists in City Market, they opened a studio/gallery. In 2001, she won an Honorable Mention Award. She has done numerous commissions including house portraits, churches and a painting of a family crest.

Ron Schaffer - Biography

In 2001, Ron Schaffer moved to Savannah from LA and is involved in Savannah’s Art Community. His artwork has evolved into expressive and sensitive Portraits, Faces, and Series work that portray stories of the people who live in those faces. He chooses pastel and oil paint, but works in all media. Ron studied Industrial Design at the UCLA and Illustration at Art Center School of Pasadena. He created a company called “Reflections of California,” designing and manufacturing innovative furniture that was honored by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Ron has worked as an Artist and Illustrator, both commercially and industrially. His work includes book covers, illustrations and several large murals.

Artwork available for viewing October 3-31, 2010

Art Reception October 10, 2010, 3-5 PM

September 2010							
September 2010	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Daily Calendar Events	Aug. 30 Facials By Deloris Seminar— 6 pm	31	1	2 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program Movie & A Beer Night— 7:30 pm	3	4
	5 Labor Day Pool Party— 10 am	6 Labor Day JEA Offices Closed Fitness open 9 am-5 pm	7	8 Erev Rosh Hashanah JEA Closes at 4 pm Daycare open until 5 pm	9 Rosh Hashanah JEA Closed	10 Rosh Hashanah JEA Closed	11
	12	13	14	15	16 -12:30-2:30 Senior Lunch & Program Co-Author Presentation— 7 pm	17 Kol Nidre JEA Closes at 4 pm	18 Yom Kippur
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	26	27	28	29 Erev Shemini Atzeret JEA Closes at 5 pm	30 Shemini Atzeret JEA Closed	Oct. 1 Simchat Torah JEA Closed	Oct. 2



High Holiday Greetings from JEA President Scott Samuels

When Benjamin Bloom, our fine Federation Program Director, asked me to write this article, Ashley and I were about to embark on a journey that would find us accompanying eight of ten children from Savannah to the Maccabi Games in Richmond, Virginia. This was our son Jared's second Maccabi games (he went along with Elliot Kooden and Mathew Freedman to San Francisco last year) but our first. He had told us how "awesome" the games were and that every Jewish kid should experience it. Well after my first games I can tell you he was wrong. It wasn't "awesome" — it was more than that.

When you see 900 Jewish children gathered from around the country, Israel and Canada, awesome just doesn't begin to describe it; try fantastic, spectacular, or heart touching. He also was wrong that every Jewish kid should experience the games. The parents,



Scott Samuels

grandparents, friends or anyone that supports Jewish causes also should attend these games to reaffirm why they do what they do. The games are more than just a week-long sporting event; they are the road map to Jewish continuity and they are a way for the next generation to connect and form lasting friendships that will pave a path to the future.

At the opening ceremonies the kids came into the arena just like the parade of nations at the Olympics. They saw a singer and comedian perform and they even had a torch bearer that lit the "Olympic Cauldron." But the most important and touching part of the evening was a presentation that is given every year and at every Maccabi opening ceremony. It memorialized that horrible day in Munich in 1972 when eleven members of the Israeli Olympic delegation were kidnapped and ultimately murdered by terrorists. At the end of the presentation there was a ceremony giving the first gold medals of the games to eight Holocaust survivors. I don't believe there was a dry eye in the arena! It is an important

lesson for our children to learn that no matter how good you think you have it, the sacrifices of the past are what have allowed us to get where we are now.

Experiencing these games allowed me to reflect on the past as well and to think about how fortunate I am to live in a small southern town that has a vibrant Jewish community. Yes I know that we all have our own opinions about different things: why does this group do this and why does that group do that? The bottom line is that we are one Jewish community that must work together in order for us all to survive. We are blessed with three synagogues, a Day School, a Federation that raises much needed funds for the community and the world, and a Jewish Community Center that has been here for nearly 100 years.

With the Holidays upon us it gives us a chance to reflect on the past and plan for the future. Have we really done all we can do to support Jewish causes, not only locally but nationally as well? I'm not just talking about monetary support but volunteer support as well. I know that all of our local organiza-

tions do a great job but with the help of a strong community they can do more, reach more people and make a greater impact. I call on all of us to do more for the Jewish community in the coming year. If it's giving to the JEA's donor dues campaign, increasing your pledge to the Federation Campaign, buying two tickets to Rambam's car raffle or giving more to your synagogue's Yom Kippur appeal, stretch yourselves. If you can't give more money this year then call your organization of choice and volunteer your time to help plan an event or help them raise the money you personally are unable to give. We must all do more if we are going to continue to have a vibrant Jewish community in Savannah.

Honor those that have made the ultimate sacrifice and be an example to your children that being Jewish is more than just a religion; it is an honor that comes with the responsibility of leaving this world a greater place than the one we live in now. Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy and Sweet New Year.

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Shalom School Welcomes New Principal, Eva Locker

The Board of Directors of Shalom School is happy to announce that Eva Locker has been hired as the school's new Director/Principal. Following a national search for this position, Eva was selected because of her many years of experience as a Jewish educator. She has lived in Savannah and taught Hebrew at Shalom School for five years. During the years that she taught at the school she built creative lesson plans that motivated her students' commitment to learning Hebrew and appreciating their Jewish history and customs. Eva gives her students a broad understanding of prayer while making their learning process enjoyable. Above all, she endeavors to encourage and enhance a lifelong passion for learning, questioning and experiencing Judaism across a pluralistic environment. Eva also has tutored many students in preparation for Bar and Bat Mitzvah.

Prior to moving to Savannah, Eva worked for seven years with the Israeli Minister of Labor running a national level educational program that included 230 courses a year for youth

in the 9th through 12th grades, as well as courses for unemployed adults. During those years, she worked daily in close collaboration with curriculum professionals, school principals and faculties. In addition, Eva received an MBA from EDC (Ecoles des Dirigeants et des Créateurs d'entreprise) in Paris.

Eva also has worked with younger children, especially since she and her husband, Motti, have three of their own; Tomer, Shani, and Uri. Motti is the administrator of Congregation Agudath Achim. Eva is an active volunteer in the Jewish community, at her synagogue and currently as treasurer of the Jewish Educational Alliance.

Eva, Shalom School welcomes you as our new Director/Principal and looks forward to working with you as we move into a new phase.



Eva Locker,
Rambam Principal

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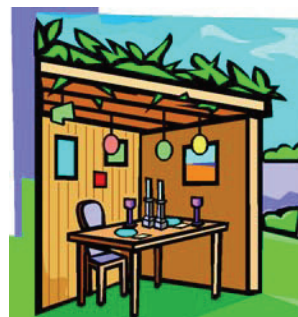
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Please RSVP by September 7th to Benjamin Bloom, programming@savj.org or call, 355-8111.

Join Savannah's PJ Library for Upcoming Events

November 21— **Savannah Jewish Federation's Super Sunday/Fun Day**
12am—3pm Join other families in the PJ Library Corner for fun & games with periodic story telling during this day filled with fun for the entire Savannah Jewish community.

December 2— **Community Chanukah Celebration**
6pm—8pm Come and celebrate the holiday of Chanukah with the entire Savannah Jewish community. PJ Library will be making menorahs to make this holiday brighter.

More Details to Follow



Thoughts from Rambam

One always uses the approach of a new year as a time to reflect on the past and as an opportunity to prepare and plan for the future. As the New Year, 5771, approaches there is so much within the Savannah community to reflect upon. As principal of Rambam Day School much of my focus is on the school, and how to constructively build upon the school's successes to increase that success, and how to build upon the school's weaknesses and turn them into improvements.

One area of strength is the success of our graduates. Individuals approach me often and compliment the excellence of the school basing their opinions on the success of students in high school who graduated from Rambam. Rambam Day School has also been very successful in promoting its commitment to being a Community Day School. Is that rumbling I hear? A very expected response, however, I cannot change the facts that make up what the school is. The school most definitely has Orthodox teachers teaching our Judaic studies. This seems to be a key factor in promoting the wrong impression. So, let me ask you a question?

In a Solomon Schechter School, (Solomon Schechter schools are affiliated with the Conservative movement) of Nassau County of Long Island, a policy of their school reads as follows; "Our school policies also are reflective of the work that we do. For example, with regard to observance, the school requires that birthday parties be held outside of school and Bar/Bat mitzvah

celebrations not be held on Shabbat or on a Jewish holiday, and that all food served at the party be kosher." **The question: Does this policy make every child or family attending this school Sabbath observers or does this policy mean that each family attending this school keeps a kosher home?** The rules are to support that they are a Jewish school teaching about the Jewish heritage. I would think your answer to the question is, **no**. Therefore, just as those who attend the school of Nassau County cannot become categorized as observant because they follow the policies, **RAMBAM DOES NOT BECOME ORTHODOX, BECAUSE WE HAVE ORTHODOX TEACHERS.**

Rambam's teachers are teaching what the Torah says; teaching the history of our people, teaching in depth about the holidays of our heritage, and exposing our children to the richness of our Holy Land, Israel. My children have attended Orthodox schools and Rambam would not be welcomed as a partner in their educational system.

Savannah is a small community and can only financially support so much. What the Savannah Jewish community supports should be **all encompassing** for all levels of observance amongst our community members.



Ester Y. Rabhan,
Rambam Principal

A New Year, New Beginning for All of Us

For most of us, this time of year is an interesting mix of organized chaos and anticipation, in an atmosphere of excitement and joy! Children wonder: What will my teacher be like? What will it be like to learn Hebrew? Do I even remember anything? With whom will I be in class and who will become my new friends?

We take all that wondering at Shalom School very seriously. I have spent many hours during the summer planning and organizing to ensure a great year for the children. The teachers can't wait to meet their students, and I am eager to begin the school year, my first as the Principal.

Every summer I try to spend as much time in Israel as possible. I like to reconnect with the people, culture and the unique atmosphere of Jerusalem.

And inevitably, my husband and children will plan another one of their hair-raising nature hikes. As the years pass, their increasing sense of adventure has them looking for more and more challenges, while my increasing sense of self-preservation has me opting for less and less.

Last week, as we drove down toward the impressive sight of the Dead Sea, we had a fundamental choice to make: a left towards a state-of-the-art spa, or a right toward the sheer cliffs of the Judean Mountains. You would think that this was an obvious choice – pampering and relaxation wins hands down over sweat and terror – right? Four votes to one had us making a right for another death-defying hike that

included: extreme heat, inconsiderate rocks, nameless crawling things and numerous opportunities to become much closer to Hashem – heart-palpitating heights!

But nothing could equal the glow on my children's faces, or their joy and sense of accomplishment when we reached the top. I learned a lot on that hike and I'm hoping to carry those lessons with me through this upcoming year. When I'm feeling overwhelmed and I am not sure I'll reach my goal, I need to try harder. It can be done ... one step at a time. I learned that it's OK to take a break and rest while I'm moving toward my goal. I learned that it's important to take moments to stop and marvel at the beauty of nature all around, the smells, the sounds. And most of all, I learned it's easier to make the journey toward your goal with someone beside you.


What will 5771 bring us? I'm sure it will hold a mixture of wonder and challenges, goals and obstacles. Remembering we each have the potential to reach the top and are always surrounded by God's presence can only make the journey through 5771 that much sweeter for all of us.

Wishing you and your children peaceful and successful beginnings in all areas of your lives.

L'shana Tova



Eva Locker,
Rambam Principal



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John Davis

usually table arrangements. We like to make each one of these with an artistic flair. Exotic tropicals like ginger or orchids and seasonals, like beautiful hydrangeas are our favorites! Each of our designs is unique... like me!

3. What do you find the most rewarding with your business?

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event extra special. I think that my designers and I have a very special gift for making our clients design dreams come true!

4. What is most bizarre floral or decorative request that you've heard, that could be shared with the community?

I don't think any request is bizarre. Everyone has a different taste... that's one of the most interesting aspects of this industry!

If you don't mind... I'd like to take

a second to thank our loyal friends and customers for their continued support during our remodeling. As most people know, as a result of a fire, we are operating out of a large double garage in the back of the actual florist. It's not pretty... but I promise, it has allowed us to keep creating without missing a beat!

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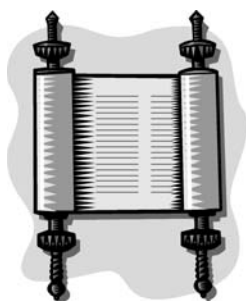
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Greetings from an Old Friend

I am so happy to write to everyone in Savannah. It has been a year since I left and Udi is coming back to Israel. I understand you had a wonderful year together. It has been a busy year for me; I just finished my first year in university. I am studying at Ben Gurion University and I live in Beer Sheva.

I study Israel state studies, which includes a lot of history and politics and sociology. It's really interesting. I have to admit that the reason I wanted to study the history of Israel came after the shlichut. It all makes me realize again that we are a very complex country, but so many people have been working on its survival and development.

The Negev is very hot now, but I really like it in Beer Sheva. I have a lot of new friends and it is fun to be back at



Maia and her dog Nil wishing everyone in Savannah a Shana Tova!

school.

I worked this year in a school that is only for first grade. It is for children that have studying difficulties and at the end of the school year they decide if they are going to be in special education or not. My main work was with a young boy; his name is Hussein, from an Israeli Arab family that lives in Beer Sheva. He was very sweet; I learned from him a lot about how to make things more interesting in order to overcome his difficulties and meet his needs. I also learned a lot of things I didn't know about Muslim culture. The year is over for us but I am still in touch with his family, which is nice. I am taking him to the pool on Sunday.

I also was in touch this year with Eyal and the Jewish Agency, meeting a lot of new Shlichim coming to the States. I know the new shaliach, Gershon, must be so excited to come to Savannah.

In Israel we get tense news from north and south, that makes people be worried, but students are on vacation and everyone is trying to enjoy their summer. People go on trips, to the beach, there are free shows in the evening in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. A new year is coming and I am excited, start-

ing to plan what I will do next year.

I think about my year in Savannah all the time. It's hard for me to write e-mails regularly, but I miss you all a lot. I still cannot comprehend how much I have learned the year I spent with you, and I can't express my love and the appreciation I have for the community, for bringing Shlichim to share this experience.

When you read this, we will be celebrating the High Holidays. I wish you Shana Tova Vemetuka—a Happy, Sweet New Year. I hope we will have a



Former Savannah Shlichim Maia Koiller and new Shaliach Gershon Peru sharing a l'chaim before he departs on his new adventure

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Dr. Lester Gretenstein, 1921-2010

Dr. Lester Gretenstein, who served as President of the Jewish Educational Alliance from 1968-1970, died on August 17, 2010. Gretenstein, a member of the JEA since moving to Savannah after the World War II also was a member of Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, where he also served on the Board of Directors.

Gretenstein, retired from a long career as a dentist, begun after graduating from Atlanta Southern Dental College (now Emory University). During the Second World War, he served in the Medical Corps in Europe for the United States Army.

He is survived by his two sons,

Steven Gretenstein and his wife Barb Shrut, of Coral Gables, Florida, and Harvey (Judy) Gretenstein, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and three grandchildren, Amy Gretenstein, Mark Gretenstein and Julie Gretenstein. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Solomon Gretenstein.

Remembrances: Jewish Educational Alliance; Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob.



Dr. Lester Gretenstein

Condolences

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Leon Isadore Smithberg

Who died on July 21, 2010

He is survived by his sons, Steven Malcolm Smithberg and Roy Smithberg; daughter-in-law, Patricia Lynn Smithberg; brother, Maurice Smithberg; sister-in-law, Betty Smithberg, and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob or Hospice Savannah or the American Cancer Society

Sarah Kaplan Epstein

Who died on July 25, 2010

She is survived by one daughter, Rosalyn (Bert) Campbell, of Pauleys Island, SC; four sons, Hymie Epstein, Norman (Jan) Epstein, David (Kathy)

Epstein, Jay (Donna) Epstein; one brother, Nathan (Dell) Kaplan, Plano, TX; four grandsons, Elliott, Samuel, and Richard Epstein, Louis (Jill) Campbell; one granddaughter, Shelley (David) Carand; one great-granddaughter, Zoe Caran and several nieces and nephews.

Remembrances: Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob

Evelyn Klein Scharf

Who died on August 14, 2010

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Phil; her daughters, Ellen (Jeff) Hagan and Susan (Jules) Nissim, of Milburn NJ; her son, Paul (Julie) Scharf, of Charlotte, NC; her sister Lee (George) Burnett, of Walnut Creek, CA; five grandchildren, Lainie and Emily Nissim, Allison Hagan, Jack and Brad Scharf, and several nieces and nephews.

Remembrances: Hospice Savannah or Savannah Association for the Blind

Hot Days Call For Chilled Soups

Chai y'all! It's hotter than matzo ball soup out there! This time of year (with these down right oppressive temperatures) I crave fresh, chilled menu options. I was inspired when just last week my mother made her famous chilled vichyssoise. I remember eating this soup as a child (but back then I'd stick it in the microwave to heat it up a little, which is also delicious), but as I grew older my palate learned to appreciate the subtle nuances in flavor that this soup holds chilled. Please don't think "It's French! It's hard to make!", because nothing could be further from the truth. It is in fact quite simple, as you will see.

Mom's Vichyssoise (6-8 servings)*requires blender

3 large leeks, washed well (they are frequently quite silty, cut in half longwise to give them a good wash)- sliced thinly, white part only
2 Tbs. butter (butter is best, but olive oil works too)
2 baking potatoes, peeled and sliced thinly
3 cups of vegetable stock
2 cups half and half (if you want to make it "skinny" use fat free)
1/4 Tsp. white pepper
chopped fresh chives for garnish

In a heavy saucepan over low heat, melt the butter and add the leeks. Cook the leeks until wilted, we don't want to brown them mind you- just cooked through. Add the potatoes and the vegetable stock, cover and simmer for 30-40 minutes, until potatoes are cooked. Remove from heat and let sit 15 minutes. Puree soup in a blender in small batches (the soup will still be warm so be careful not to burn yourself!). Once your soup is pureed, you may press it through a fine sieve (this is the classical french preparation), but I usually don't. Return the soup to your saucepan, add the half and half (**soup cannot be too hot or the half and half will curdle when you add it) and pepper. Chill the soup five hours to overnight before serving. Garnish with chives. **note- chilling the soup mellows the flavor, depending on the saltiness of your stock you may need to adjust the

seasonings before serving.

Back in the 1990's I worked in a Turkish restaurant in downtown Charleston that was known for many great dishes, but in summertime people really came in for the cucumber dill soup...talk about refreshing! It's very light, healthy and exceedingly easy to make (not to mention a great vegetarian option). The most efficient way that I've found for seeding a cucumber is to cut it long ways and use a spoon to remove the seeds, simply scraping them out.

Turkish Chilled Cucumber Dill Soup (4-6 servings)*requires blender

2 cucumber peeled, seeded and chopped
1 scallion (green onion) chopped
1 clove garlic, minced (optional)
1 tablespoon fresh squeezed lemon juice (if you don't have any, substitute vinegar)
1 cup half and half (to make it "skinny" use fat free)
1 16 oz. container sour cream (may use light, but I don't suggest fat free here)
salt and pepper to taste (I use 1 tsp. salt, 3 dashes pepper)
1 Tbs. minced fresh dill, plus 1 Tsp. minced dill to garnish
olive oil to garnish

In your blender puree the cucumbers, scallion, garlic and lemon juice. Pour mixture into a large bowl, then whisk in sour cream, half and half, salt and pepper and dill. Whisk until smooth. Chill for 2-3 hours before serving. Taste and adjust seasonings for salt and pepper. Garnish with dill and a drizzle of olive oil.

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Who Will Receive Your Property?

"I would rather have it said, 'He lived usefully,' than, 'He died rich.'" - Benjamin Franklin

"Who should receive my property?" remarked Helen to her attorney. "There are so many decisions to make. Should I give property to the children? Outright or in trust? Is there a best age for them to receive the property? And what if one of them were to pass away before I do? The grandchildren are still too young to manage property. I also have made a loan to one of the children - should I forgive that loan?"

Helen's questions are very common. She is trying to decide who should be the beneficiary of her will. Plus, there are questions about how old children or other heirs should be when they receive her property.

A famous American who included a variety of types of gifts in his will was Benjamin Franklin. He gave his son William all of his property in Nova Scotia "to hold to him, his heirs and designs forever." Because William received the property outright, he was a primary beneficiary.

You might own specific property such as land, a home, or a family heir-

loom that you want transferred to a primary beneficiary. This is often the starting point for planning your estate distributions.

Franklin owned three homes on Market Street in Philadelphia, other property within Philadelphia and pasture land on Hickory Lane next to the city. He transferred the right to use that property together with his "silver plate, pictures and household goods" to his daughter Sarah Bache and her husband Richard Bache for use "during their natural lives."

This bequest created a life estate. You may have a home or other real property and desire for a person to use that property for his or her lifetime. A life estate is an excellent way to give a person life use of property.

After the lives of Sarah and Richard Bache, the property in Philadelphia that they used was transferred to their children. This property was then solely owned by the children.

Following a life estate, the property is usually transferred outright to the remainder or final beneficiaries. If you create a life estate for a person, then you may also designate a person or

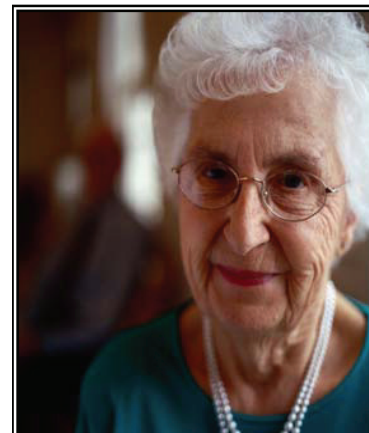
perhaps a charitable organization to own the property after your life tenant passes away.

Ben Franklin wanted to transfer property to his daughter and son-in-law for life, with the final distribution to their children. But what if one of the children were to pass away prior to the demise of both parents? Franklin indicated that if one of the children were "to die under age, and without issue," that share would be "equally divided among the survivors."

Ben Franklin also understood that some of the children of his daughter

Sarah might be quite young at the time when both parents pass away. He stated that some of them are "under age" and "may not have capacity" to manage the property. Therefore, he ordered the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to select "three honest, intelligent, impartial men" to manage the property.

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