

JULY 2019

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Celebrating 286 Years

CONGREGATION MICKVE ISRAEL
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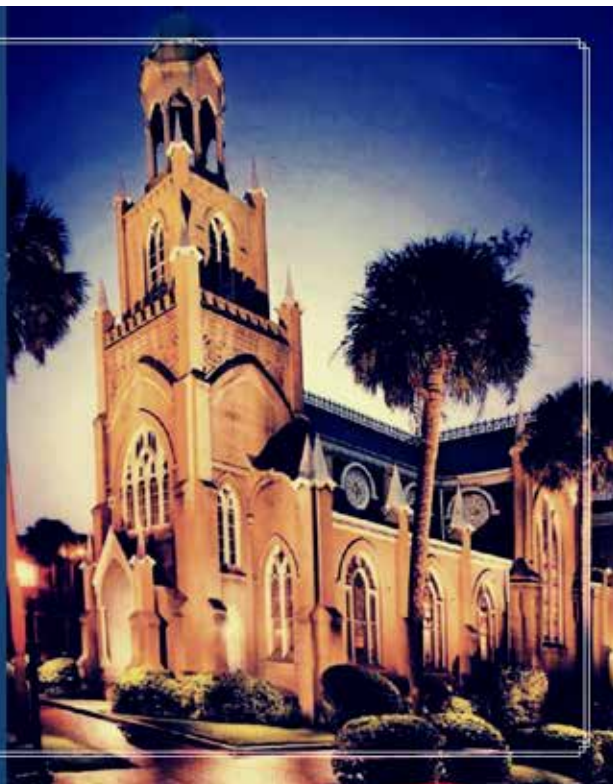
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

THURSDAY, JULY 11TH

6:00-8:00PM

TICKETS: \$40

COCKTAILS, HORS D'OEUVRES,
TOURS, MUSIC, AND SILENT AUCTION
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Please join us for our 286th Anniversary Celebrations

CONGREGATION MICKVE ISRAEL'S

286th Anniversary Shabbat



Saturday, July 13th, 11:00am

Come and learn about newly discovered Mickve Israel history!
Learn about an ancient biblical Jewish practice with a Mickve
Israel twist! Hear one of our historic Presidential Letters!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 7/5

Exotic Shabbat Service at the Goldbergs' on Isle of Hope: 6:30pm
Please RSVP to 912-233-1547 to get location information and to sign up for a potluck dish.

SATURDAY 7/6

Shabbat Morning Service: 11:00am
Weekly Torah Study: 1:00pm

Kiddush lunch sponsored by Teresa and Herbert Victor in memory of Leo Barton, Jack Golden, and Henrietta Victor and in honor of Teresa and Herbert's 40th Anniversary.

FRIDAY 7/12

Exotic Shabbat Service at the Friedmans' in Midtown: 6:30pm
Please RSVP to 912-233-1547 to get location information and to sign up for a potluck dish.

SATURDAY 7/13

286th Anniversary Shabbat Morning Service: 11:00am

Kiddush lunch sponsored by the Levys in memory of Marion Mendel and Mickve Israel's 286th Anniversary and the Rubnitzs in memory of Timmy Rubnitz.

FRIDAY 7/19

Exotic Shabbat Service at the Harris' on Tybee: 6:30pm
Please RSVP to 912-233-1547 to get location information and to sign up for a potluck dish.

SATURDAY 7/20

Shabbat Morning Service: 11:00am

Weekly Torah Study

Kiddush lunch sponsorship still available. Call the office at 912-233-1547 if you would like to be a sponsor.

FRIDAY 7/26

Exotic Shabbat Service at the Leblangs' at The Landings: 6:30pm
Please RSVP to 912-233-1547 to get location information and to sign up for a potluck dish.

SATURDAY 7/27

Shabbat Morning Service: 11:00am

Kiddush lunch sponsored by the extended Leder family in honor of Malvina Leder's 90th birthday.

FRIDAY 8/2

Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Gabriella Blattner: 6:00pm

SATURDAY 8/3

Shabbat Morning Service and Bat Mitzvah of Gabriella Blattner: 11:00am

Kiddush lunch sponsored by the Blattner family in honor of Gabriella's Bat Mitzvah.

No Torah Study

KIDDUSH LUNCH FUND

We invite you to sponsor a Kiddush lunch individually or with a group of friends in 2019 or contribute to the Kiddush lunch fund.

Contributions can be made in honor or memory of a friend or loved one and any amount is greatly appreciated! Please contact the office to make a contribution at 912-233-1547.

JUDAICA SHOP SALE

Enjoy a 20% discount off everything in the gift shop throughout the entire month of July!



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome New Members:

Larry Silberman, his wife, Sally, and their daughter, Hattie (a fifth grader), have been active in Savannah and the Savannah Jewish community for many years. Larry has served on the Board of the JEA as well as the Savannah Jewish Federation's Allocation Committee.

Larry is Vice President and General Manager of WTOC and has served on the boards of the United Way, the Susan G. Komen Foundation of the Coastal Empire, and the Georgia Association of Broadcasters. Sally is the Public Information Officer for the Coastal Health District whose mission is to improve the health of those who live, work, and play in Bryan, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, and McIntosh counties by preventing disease, injury and disability; promoting health and well-being; and preparing for and responding to disasters.

By joining Congregation Mickve Israel, they hope to enhance their connection to the Savannah Jewish community and expose Hattie to the Jewish side of her heritage. We are delighted to welcome this fine family to our congregation.

OF BLESSED MEMORY

Martin Fleischaker
brother of Carol Cohen
Friday, June 14, 2019

David Medden
Saturday, June 22, 2019

MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Biff and Jerry Montana on the birth of their great grandson, Eli.



Introducing with great joy
our grandson

Logan Murray Martin (Mordechai Lev haLevi)

born in Durham, N.C.

on Shabbat 5.25.19

7lb 3oz --19 inches big!

Parents Stephanie & Justin
and
big sister Henley
are all doing fine!

Carol & Joel Greenberg



Summer...time for celebrations, Savannah Banana games and Exotic Summer Shabbat locations!

As we head into July and the summer envelops us like a never-ending steam bath, escape the heat with us during our 286th Anniversary celebrations! Beginning Thursday, July 11th, the celebrations kick off with the First Annual Night at the Museum event which will feature wine, cocktails, appetizers, several special exhibits of Mickve Israel treasures, a silent auction (including High Holy Day parking spaces!), and live music plus evening tours of the sanctuary and museum. Continuing Saturday, July 13th, the morning Anniversary Shabbat Service will feature newly discovered Mickve Israel history! You'll learn about an



ancient biblical Jewish practice with a Mickve Israel twist and hear one of our historic Presidential Letters.

July 17th join us at the Savannah Bananas' game! (more details on pg 3) and join us for one or more of the Exotic Location Shabbat's Friday July 5th, July 12th, July 19th and July 26th.

Beginning July 1st, we're raffling off 2 Rosh Hashana parking spaces, 2 Yom Kippur parking spaces, and a One Year Mickve Israel membership (a value of up to \$1430)! All details are below.

Raffle winners will be chosen at our Annual End of Summer Block Party on Sunday, August 25th!

Enjoy this special time of year, slow down and as they say in Israel – Shtu Mayim (drink water!)

Jennifer

**READY TO
RAFFLE?**

5 RAFFLES

**5 GREAT
PRIZES**

**\$20
TICKET**

**ROSH
HASHANA
PARKING
SPACE
(2 AVAILABLE)**

**\$20
TICKET**

**YOM
KIPPUR
PARKING
SPACE
(2 AVAILABLE)**

**\$40
TICKET**

**ONE YEAR MICKVE
ISRAEL MEMBERSHIP
(ASSOCIATE, SINGLE,
OR FAMILY - MAX
VALUE OF \$1430)**

**BUY ONE, BUY ALL, BUY MULTIPLES!
ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
FOR EACH RAFFLE ITEM**

CMI RAFFLE

**ALL DONATIONS
ARE 100% TAX
DEDUCTIBLE**

FOR TICKETS CALL 912-233-1547

SHALOM Y'ALL FOOD FEST SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND TO HELP UNDERWRITE THE COSTS OF OUR WONDERFUL SHALOM Y'ALL JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL, MAKING IT THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVENT FOR OUR CONGREGATION AND THE COMMUNITY.

Please consider choosing a category and contact Toby Hollenberg at tobyjanemail@aol.com or 912-598-8921 to let her know how you can help. Please note the many new categories at \$118 per person or per couple!

2019 Shalom Y'all Food Festival Sponsorship Opportunities

PILLAR OF THE FESTIVAL - \$2500 and up

Contribution underwrites event logistics and security

- All incentives from Chaverim (Friends) plus:
- Receive Category Designation in our Congregation Mickve Israel Business Directory
- Quarter page recognition in all Festival promotions
- Hourly Thank You from Entertainment MC
- Receive 5 ticket books

SUSTAINERS - \$1000 to \$2499

Contribution underwrites the Deli, Lamb and Hot Dogs Booths

- All incentives from Chaverim (Friends) plus:
- Receive Category Designation in our Congregation Mickve Israel Business Directory
- Business card sized recognition in all Festival promotions
- Thank You from Entertainment MC at beginning and end of festival
- Receive 3 ticket books

MITZVAH TRIBE (A Mitzvah is a commandment and a good deed) - \$500 to \$999

Contribution underwrites the Latkes, Stuffed Cabbage and Blintz Booths

- All incentives from Chaverim (Friends) plus:
- Receive Category Designation in our Congregation Mickve Israel Business Directory
- Receive 1 ticket book

FESTIVAL BOOSTERS (FOR INDIVIDUALS OR BUSINESSES) - \$250 to \$499

Contribution underwrites the Kugel, Chopped Liver, Challah & Cold Drink Booths

- All incentives from Chaverim (Friends) plus:
- Receive Category Designation in our Congregation Mickve Israel Business Directory

CHAVERIM (FRIENDS) (FOR INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES OR FAMILIES) - \$118

Contribution underwrites Paper Goods, Entertainment, and Comfort Station

Recognition Listing on Sponsor Banner Wall in Monterey Square

Receive Listing on Map/Menu Handout - by name under the following categories:

- Doctors/Health Professionals
- Lawyers
- Financial/Insurance Services
- Real Estate/Property Management
- Educators
- Friends of the Festival

Payment may be made by sending a check to: Congregation Mickve Israel, P.O. Box 816, Savannah 31402
or by calling the office at 912-233-1547 to put on a charge card.

Dr. Diego (Samuel) Nunes (Also spelled Nunez) Ribeiro: Georgia's First Public Hero Part II

By Margie E. Levy

(In Part I, Dr. Samuel Nunes, Portugal's Grand Inquisitor's former physician, escaped house arrest during the Inquisition by fleeing to Great Britain with other Crypto-Jews, joined Bevis Marks Synagogue, and began expanding their Judaic knowledge. Although struggling financially, spiritually, and socially, they tried to integrate into British life. After James Oglethorpe founded the Georgia Colony, Bevis Marks congregational leaders purchased their passage on the William and Sarah to become Georgia colonists.)



Page from Sheftall Diaries listing Georgia's original Jewish settlers

When the William and Sarah arrived, Oglethorpe requested a legal opinion from British lawyers in Charlestown, South Carolina, who responded that Georgia's royal colonial charter contained no prohibition against Jews. Oglethorpe then welcomed the Jewish immigrants with open arms – because he needed to populate Savannah as a military barrier against the Spanish in Florida and because, between February 12, 1733 when Oglethorpe arrived in Savannah and July 11, 1733, a third of the population of colonists had died due to “swamp fever,” probably yellow fever. One who died was Oglethorpe's only physician. Dr. Nunes was immediately put to work and successfully quelled the epidemic. Infectious diseases were his specialty. No further deaths occurred due to “swamp fever.”

The Jewish colonists brought a Torah scroll and circumcision kit supplied by Bevis Marks. They began to hold religious services soon after their arrival and named their congregation Kahal Kodosh Mickva Israel, Holy Congregation of the Hope of Israel. They soon established a ritual bath and later Oglethorpe gave them a plot of land just outside the southern edge of Savannah (now the median of Oglethorpe Avenue at Bull Street) for use as a cemetery.

Oglethorpe granted the new Jewish immigrants all the same privileges that were granted to other colonists, including rights to own real estate, bear arms, and vote. Thus, Georgia became the only one of the original 13 British colonies to grant Jews all the same rights as Gentiles. Dr. Nunes eventually acquired six farms. The Trustees of the colony sent Oglethorpe a letter in November, 1733 admonishing him to make sure no Jews were allowed

to settle in Georgia. By the time the letter was received, the Jews were already an integral part of the economic, military and cultural fabric of the new colony. The Jews stayed and were fully integrated into all facets of colonial life.

The War of Jenkins' Ear broke out in 1739 between Great Britain and Spain. Savannah's Portuguese Jews became nervous because the Spanish in Florida were getting close to Savannah. They were afraid that the Inquisition would catch up with them, so they fled north to places like Charleston, Philadelphia, and New York. Nunes, then in his seventies, and some of his family moved to Charleston in August, 1740. Soon after, he moved to New York with his daughter, Sipra, and apparently died there. In time, two Nunes sons, Daniel and Moses, returned to Georgia, where they became wealthy landowners and respected citizens.

Dr. Nunes may be considered Georgia's first public hero after saving the colony from a medical catastrophe. He paved the way for the first Jewish settlement in Savannah. Subsequent generations of Jewish doctors have enhanced the image of Jewry in the South, none more than Dr. Moses Sheftall who was credited with helping to found the Georgia Medical Society.

Dr. Nunes left many descendants influential in American history. His great-great-grandson, Commodore Uriah Phillips Levy, was one of the best known. Instrumental in the abolition of flogging in the Navy, Levy later helped preserve Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson. Among several others important in American history, Supreme Court Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo was another famous descendant of Dr. Nunes, a true Georgia hero.



GA historic marker recognizing Dr. Nunes' contribution to the colony



1733 Torah

Resources used:

Third to None by Rabbi Saul J. Rubin

Mickve Israel docent information

Alan Gaynor's written materials

Photos courtesy of Mickve Israel's

Nancy and Lawrence Gutstein Museum

To learn more about our congregation's story as well as Savannah and American history, explore the Gutstein Museum, our sanctuary, and our Slany Torah exhibit.

SISTERHOOD HONEY SALE

Mickve Israel Sisterhood 2019 Honey Sale

Can you believe we're already planning for the High Holidays? It's time to place your orders for the sweetest of all **Rosh Hashanah** greetings to your family, friends and business associates. Your Mickve Israel Sisterhood has a lovely way to help celebrate the start of the New Year -- send them a jar of Sisterhood's honey! Cost per jar is \$12, which includes shipping a festive 8-ounce jar of kosher clover honey, a gift card, the blessing for apples and honey, and a personalized note from you. Your lucky recipients will just add apples! Your individual gift package is shipped by ORT Atlanta by first class postage to anywhere in the United States, arriving in time for Rosh Hashanah on September 29, 2019. *Every jar ordered helps.* Proceeds from honey sales help Sisterhood fund the **Yom Kippur Break the Fast**.



Order now to take advantage of **FREE SHIPPING** -- orders placed after midnight on August 5th (this is ORT Atlanta's deadline!) will be charged an extra \$5 per jar for shipping. Honey orders will be accepted through the High Holidays. To order honey online, visit orthoney.com/CMI and sign in for a new account or to pull up your account used in previous years. Announcement of opening date for orders and any possible updates will be published in Mickve Israel's weekly e-news.

If you're unable to order online, complete the order form below and mail it with your payment to us by

July 15th to:
Sisterhood Honey Sale
Congregation Mickve Israel
P. O. Box 816
Savannah, GA 31402.

Please make all checks payable to MI Sisterhood.

For assistance or questions, contact Teresa Victor at (912-657-4108) or thvictor@bellsouth.net

If sending to multiple recipients, provide the information requested on the form or on a separate list attached to the form.

Honey Order 2019 (Please print and complete one form for each recipient.)

Recipient Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

From _____

No. of Jars _____ Amount Enclosed (@\$12 per jar) _____

**CMI BOOK BANTER
BOOK CLUB WILL BE
TAKING A BREAK FOR
THE MONTH OF JULY**

**We will be back
August 25 at 1pm
with the book
Journey from the Land of No
by Roya Hakakian**



Sisterhood News

The Sisterhood of Congregation Mickve Israel recognized and highlighted the lives and accomplishments of two trailblazing women, each of whom had the courage and conviction to create a more just and equitable world. These two women were namely, Julie Hirsch and Phoebe Kerness.

Close to 60 women and men came together on a stormy, Wednesday night, June 5th, to eat, drink and toast these two women. Jules Kerness and Eileen Lobel spoke about Julie and Phoebe, reaching back to the past for warm and loving stories and tales. There was a surprise for Julie when I was able to read a very poignant toast to his mom, written by Julie's son, Jonathan Hirsch.

There was a wonderful dinner prepared by our very own chef, Bryan Graves, and the staff, led by Daren, was attentive and efficient! The room was a sea of pink, highlighted by beautiful floral arrangements, done by Barri Weinberg. On each plate was a beautiful program, compiled by our very own talented Jill Sandberg.

All in all, it turned out to be a memorable evening, one which I hope Julie and Phoebe will hold dear.

Sheila Weinberg



WE REMEMBER THOSE WITH YAHRZEITS

Only those names with Memorial plaques are published. For information on purchasing a plaque or to request that a loved one's name be read during Shabbat services, contact Jennifer Rich at 912-233-1547, ext. 302 or jennifer.rich@mickveisrael.org

JULY 5 & 6

Michael Walter Gerstel
Jean Lindauer Harris
Julian B. Harris
Milton Triest Herman
Michael Nash
Mrs George Perlinski Reis
Biddie Simon Richard
Gloria Silverman Weiss

JULY 12 & 13

Harry Eichholz
Joan & Murray Gefen
Lucile Levy Herman
Lee J. Kuhr
Hyman Leder
Rebecca Stein Meddin
Ida L. Mohr

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Timothy Rubnitz
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Sidney S. Victor

JULY 19 & 20

Em Olivia Bevis
David A. Byck Sr.
Janet Marian Clark
Meyer Denmark
Melvin J. Feiler
Henry E. Kroskin
Mrs. Matiel Leffler
Lily W. Levy
Kenneth Miller
Emma A. Perlinski
Benjamin M. Smith

JUNE 26 & 27

Anne Cohen Amdur
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Frances Gazan
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Thank you!

The generosity we receive does not go unnoticed. We thank everyone who supports Congregation Mickve Israel through contributions, participation, volunteerism and other means. A special thank you to those listed below who have given Honor Dues. Please consider joining this special group by giving Honor Dues in 2019.

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(\$10,000 and above)

The Solomons Family

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(\$5,000–\$9,999)

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(\$3,600–\$4,999)

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HONORING YOUR MICKVE ISRAEL LEGACY

The William and Sarah Legacy Society proudly celebrates the commitment and generosity of congregants and other community members who have provided a Legacy Gift to Congregation Mickve Israel to insure that Judaism and the congregation remain strong for future generations in Savannah.

It's easy to join and benefit from tax advantages while supporting our historic congregation:

- Talk to your attorney about including Congregation Mickve Israel in your will.
- Speak with your financial advisor about other ways to designate Congregation Mickve Israel as a beneficiary of some of your assets.
- Advise the congregation of your intention (no specific monetary information need be given) to leave a legacy. Legacy Gifts may be made in a specific dollar amount or as a percentage of assets and may be in any amount. No minimum is required.
- If you wish, allow us to celebrate your generosity and encourage others through recognition as a participant in the William and Sarah Legacy Society (a listing of those who have acknowledged that they have made provisions for a Legacy Gift to Congregation Mickve Israel).
- Contact Toby Hollenberg (tobyjanemail@aol.com; 912-598-8921) for further information.

MICKVE ISRAEL PRESENTS

END OF SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

AUGUST 25TH, 12PM

Join us for food, games, puppets, face painting and so much more!

Cost: FREE FOR ALL AGES!!
RSVP to 912-233-1547

MICKVE ISRAEL & THE SAVANNAH BANANAS!

WED, JULY 17, 7PM AT DAFFIN PARK

Cost: \$18 per person includes
all-you-can-eat food and a fireworks show.

RSVP to the Temple at 912-233-1547
to get your tickets.



Enjoy Shabbat this summer with our Exotic Location Summer Shabbats

All Friday services begin at 6:30pm with a potluck dinner. Guests are asked to RSVP by calling the Temple at 912-233-1547 to get location information and to sign up for a potluck dish (no pork or shellfish) for 8-10 people.

Summer Shabbat dates:

July 5 at the Goldbergs' on Isle of Hope,
July 12 at the Friedmans' in Midtown,
July 19 at the Harris' on Tybee,
and July 26 at the Leblangs' at The Landings

LADIES

*Do you have old or broken jewelry
you've been meaning to get rid of?*

*Do you have sterling or gold that is
broken or missing a mate?*

*Do you have watches that need batteries
and you don't want them anymore?*

*Do you have estate jewelry that
you'll never wear?*

*Do you have screw back earrings
you don't like?*

The Sisterhood Baubles Booth for the Food Fest wants these items.

*Please bring them to the Temple office
Or call Harriet Schwartz
for more information: 843-645-2440*

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