This is an original oil painting on canvas by Israeli artist Ketti Camus available for purchase in our gift shop. Ask Ann for details and pricing.
Hadassah Savannah Chapter

Light refreshments will be served
Hadassah members: $36
Guests: $54 (includes 1-year membership)

Register online: https://bit.ly/31qawWP
or RSVP to Lynn Levine
lynnlevine@aol.com • (912) 232-1019

Monday, March 23rd
6pm
Congregation Mickve Israel
20 E. Gordon St.
Seating is limited; reservations required by March 19

Please join us for an evening with
Shannon Sarna Goldberg

Author of
Modern Jewish Baker
Founding editor of The Nosher
Co-host of the Kveller podcast
Call Your Mother

Hear about Shannon’s Jewish journey
Enjoy an interactive babka demonstration and tasting
Recognition of Hadassah Savannah life members

If you are Jewish, in your 20s and 30s and want to meet new people, connect to the community and make a difference - YJS is where you want to be!

Young Jewish Savannah’s goal is to provide meaningful opportunities for engagement in the Jewish community through social and professional networking, community service, Judaic and leadership programs for Jewish young adults in their 20s and 30s.

Young Jewish Savannah is made possible through the Savannah Jewish Federation.
## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

| FRIDAY 3/6 | Kabbalat Shabbat Service: 6:00pm |
| SATURDAY 3/7 | Shabbat Morning Service: 11:00am |
|            | Kiddush lunch sponsored by Toby Hollenberg in honor of March birthdays. |
| MONDAY 3/9 | Mishloach Manot and Purim Tot Program, 5:30pm |
|            | Purim Dinner, Megillah Reading, and Spiel, 6:00pm |
|            | See page 6 for details |
| FRIDAY 3/13 | Tot Shabbat: 5:30pm |
|            | Musical Shabbat Service: 6:00pm |
| SATURDAY 3/14 | Shabbat Morning Service: 11:00am |
|            | Kiddush lunch sponsored by the Rubnitz family in honor of René’s birthday, their 37th wedding anniversary, and 42nd anniversary of their first date which was St. Patrick’s Day. |
|            | Weekly Torah Study, 1pm |
| FRIDAY 3/20 | Kabbalat Shabbat Service: 6:00pm |
|            | Shabbat Morning Service: 11:00am (babysitting available on the 3rd floor starting at 10:30am) |
|            | Kiddush lunch sponsored by Gail and Michael Siegel. |
|            | Weekly Torah Study, 1pm |
| FRIDAY 3/27 | Kabbalat Shabbat Service: 6:00pm |
| SATURDAY 3/28 | Shabbat Morning Service: 11:00am |
|            | Weekly Torah Study, 1pm |
|            | Kiddush lunch sponsored by Mel Gamzon in honor of his Mickve Israel friends. |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

| Sunday, March 1, 12:00pm | Purim Schpiel Pizza and Practice, |
| Tuesday, March 3rd, 6:30pm | Judaism 101: The American Jewish Experience and Diversity |
| Wednesday, March 4, 10:30am | Sun City Study Session |
| Monday, March 9 | Mishloach Manot Packing for kids, 5:30pm |
|            | Purim Spiel, Megillah Reading & Dinner, 6:00pm |
|            | Cost: $8/person, $20/family for members; $12/person, $30/family for non-members |
|            | RSVP to the office at 912-233-1547 |
| Tuesday, March 10, 6:30pm | Judaism 101: Living a Jewish Life – Prayer, synagogue, liturgy, and music |
| Friday, March 13 | Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm |
|            | Musical Shabbat Service, 6:00pm |
| Monday, March 23, 6:00pm | Hadassah presents: An Evening with Shannon Sarna Goldberg |
|            | Cost: $36 for Hadassah members, $54 for guests (cost includes 1 year membership) |
|            | RSVP by March 19 to Lynn Levine at lynnlevine@aol.com or (912) 232-1019 |
| Tuesday, March 24, 6:00pm | Men’s Irish Jewish Whiskey and BBQ Seder |
|            | Cost: $33/person |
|            | RSVP to the office at 912-233-1547 |
| Wednesday, March 25, 6:00pm | Women’s Seder |
|            | Cost: $28 per person |
|            | RSVP to the office at 912-233-1547 |
| Thursday, March 26, 1:00pm | CMI Book Banter Book Club Reading: The Button Man, by Andrew Gross |
Welcome New Members:

Jonathan, Jennifer, Heath [9th grade], Meryl [7th Grade] and Arden [5th grade] Fleishman have made Savannah and the Landings home for a number of years, moving here from Cincinnati after four years in Atlanta. Jonathan is a self-employed psychotherapist and Jennifer a homemaker and busy mom. They look forward to the girls’ joint Bat Mitzvah in December at Mickve Israel with Rabbi Haas.

We welcome another busy young family to our congregation. Steven and Bianca Hollander are the parents of three young children (ages 6-1/2, 5 and almost 3) who, according to their mom, love Shalom School. Steven, the son of Robbie and Sandy Hollander, grew up at Mickve Israel. Bianca’s parents, Vivian and Elliot Palefsky, are also connected to the Savannah Jewish community. Steven is an Account Executive Supervisor with an international shipping company and Bianca is also in that industry as a Trade Development Manager. They are delighted to be raising their children at Mickve Israel and look forward to increasing involvement.

Having met many Mickve Israel members through Sheila Weinberg and others at Sun City where she resides, Judith (Judy) Miller, is delighted to join the congregation. She has thoroughly enjoyed coming to services and hearing Rabbi Haas at events at Bluffton as well. Raised in New England, she moved to this area in 2007 and enjoys Southern living. She is a bridge and tennis player and very involved with the VIM (Volunteers in Medicine) program.

Caring Committee

We would very much like to send a personal note to share your joy or express our sympathies. Please let Lucile Smith know if you are aware of events that should be acknowledged by the Caring Committee.

Contact Lucile Smith at
tourguide49@comcast.net or 912-354-3764.

MEMBERSHIP
A Festive Holiday

At some point, probably in the fourth century B.C.E, someone wrote down the story of Esther, and it became an instant sensation. The story of the survival of the Jewish people and of course, the colorful characters, made for a fabulous story. So much so, that when the Rabbis decided which books to codify into the Hebrew Bible, they included the Book of Esther, even though the word “God” remained absent from the book in its entirety. The great historian, Josephus, spoke of the book in “The Antiquities of the Jews,” and Rabbis from countless generations discussed the story and created very specific rules for the holiday in both the Mishna and the Talmud. Later generations would continue to devour the opportunity to celebrate the only truly “fun” holiday commemorated by the Jewish masses. Over a 2,500 year period, parties, spiels, hamantaschen, alcohol, Tzedakah, food, sarcasm, even male cross-dressing became the norm. Children loved dressing in costumes and adults enjoyed drinking alcohol while dressed in costumes. It seemed that nothing could stop the Purim Celebration train, and it would remain our most venerated of all the minor holidays for all time.

Of course, one holiday would though eventually rise from the ashes of anonymity to challenge Purim for supremacy in the category of “Fun” holiday. At first, Hanukkah seemed to be nothing more than a cheap pretender to the crown, but as the world changed, this holiday, based on two books which didn’t even merit inclusion in the Bible, wrestled the mantle from Purim to become the most joyous holiday on the Jewish calendar.

I know we all enjoy the festiveness of Hanukkah, but let us not forget Purim, the holiday originally created to ensure that we as Jews celebrate festively at least once a year. The story of Esther, Haman, Mordecai, and Achashverosh struck a vital chord in our ancestors, who often lived through times of dearth and struggle. So let’s continue to dress in costume, to eat hamantaschen, to jeer at the name of Haman, and to generally enjoy the fact that we live in a wonderous Jewish world these days.

We will be celebrating Purim this year on March 9th, and if anyone is interested in participating in the Spiel, please let me know, as we will repeat one of our favorite spiels this year….”A Very Muppet Purim.”

Myths and Legends of Judaism

Despite making it very clear in the Torah in both Exodus and Deuteronomy that Judaism is opposed to any form of magic, sorcery, or divination - Jewish history, tradition, and lore offer many examples of dubious and nefarious characters and demons with questionable dark powers. In addition, there are Jewish legends whose existence and stories attempt to explain the good and evil forces at work in the world. Throughout history, many cultures have harbored mythical stories and legends to try to make sense of and explain the ills in society. Jewish culture is no different.

Curious? Come and learn about those legends and characters which have helped to make our Jewish tradition as rich—and eerie—as any other. And, surprisingly enough, several of them have their origins in the pages of the Bible.

When: Friday, March 20, 7:00pm,
Cost: $8/person, $20/family for members,
$12/person $30/family for non-members
RSVP: To the office at 912-233-1547
CONGREGATION SURVEY
What You think? We want to know!
Please fill out your answers to these questions and mail them to us. We’ll also be sending them via email!

HIGH HOLY DAY QUESTIONS:
Do you think CMI should continue to have a professional cantor during the High Holidays?

Yes _____ No_____

If yes, then do you prefer the cantor to sing familiar (traditional for our congregation) or non-traditional melodies during the High Holidays?

Familiar___ Non-traditional_____

If you want to continue having a Cantor, do you think the current amount of the service the cantor is involved in is:

Too little_____ The right amount_____ Too much_______

If you want to continue having a Cantor, do you think the cantor should lead a discussion during High Holiday services?

Yes_______ No________

ABOUT THE CONTACT NEWSLETTER:
Would you like to receive the Contact via email only?

If you’d like to OPT OUT of receiving a paper copy of the Contact, please email the office at info@mickveisrael.org or call us at 912-233-1547 to let us know.

How would you like your CMI Membership to be FREE?
Only 100 tickets will be sold (good odds, right?!).
Take a chance, help us raise a little cash and YOU may be the big winner!

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(CMI MEMBERS ONLY)
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1 YEAR
MICKVE ISRAEL
MEMBERSHIP
$40 TICKET

(ASSOCIATE, SINGLE, OR FAMILY - MAX VALUE OF $1430)
ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
**ESSEN ESSEN BY INA KULLER**

**ITALIAN COUNTRY CHICKEN**

**Ingredients**

- 1 whole chicken cut up, or parts of your choice
- 2 Tablespoons, extra virgin olive oil
- 1 medium onion
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced thin
- 1 small jar pitted kalamata olives, drained
- 1 small jar julienned sun-dried tomatoes packed in oil, drained
- 1- 8.5 oz. can artichoke hearts, water packed, drained, and cut in half
- 4 garlic cloves, chopped fine
- 2 T. fresh sage chopped
- 2 bay leaves
- salt and pepper
- 3 /4 cup chicken stock
- 3 /4 cup dry white wine
- Kosher salt and black pepper

**Directions:**

Pat chicken dry with paper towel; season with salt and a generous amount of black pepper. Heat olive oil in Dutch oven and brown on both sides then transfer to a bowl. Remove all but a few T. of oil from the pan; add onions and peppers and sauté on medium heat until onions are slightly translucent; then add garlic for 30 seconds and stir. Add wine and allow to reduce for 1 minutes. Add back chicken along with reserved juices, sun-dried tomatoes, olives, sage, bay leaves, and wine and chicken stock. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Add artichoke hearts and continue to cook uncovered 15 minutes. Discard bay leaves, and place chicken on serving platter. You can reduce the sauce further at this point if you’d like, then pour over chicken.

Serve with penne pasta, garlic bread, orzo, or rice.

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**MONTHLY BABYSITTING ON SHABBAT**

Mickve Israel is proud to now offer babysitting at Saturday services once a month. Babysitting will last from 10:30am - 12:30pm every 3rd Saturday of the month.

**Upcoming Babysitting Dates**

March 21, April 18, May 16 & June 16

Babysitting is ideal for children 5 years and under, and will be staffed by highly trained professionals. There will be a check-in and check-out procedure. Please RSVP to the office by Thursday prior so we can staff appropriately.

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**PROJECTS HAPPENING ALL THROUGHOUT THE DAY!**

Go to www.savj.org to sign up to participate.

Join millions of people around the world as we all do good together for the benefit of others and the planet.

**Sunday, March 29**

Let’s do good together!
A Huge "Thank You" From Backpack Buddies

You needed to be at the Trade Center on Wednesday evening, January 29, 2020 to witness an unbelievable happening: 360 BackPack Buddies bags were packed by 300 employees of Drager, Inc. In addition to the bags, they also put together 40 bicycles, dog beds, and another 60 backpacks for the Inner City Night Shelter.

Drager, based in Pennsylvania and Germany, manufactures medical and safety technology products. As part of their Savannah convention, they performed community service projects. For our program, tables were set up with our food items, and instructions for packing, and the fun began. Thank you to Jack and Sam Levine who came to help with the packing and then to Alan Seidman, Andrea and Mark Matthews, Paula and Mike Bowers, Jerry Bluett, Xenia Halfacre and her nephew, Ameer Phillips for transporting the 360 bags from the convention center to the appropriate schools.

Also, a big thank you to Ann Howell, President of Cobblestone Connections, and her daughter Julette, for selecting our program to be part of their community service project. Ann and Julette met me at Second Harvest a week before and picked up our biggest order ever (4800 pounds), stored it at their warehouse, and finally schlepped and unloaded everything at the Trade Center. Drager picked up the tab for this entire order.

Also thank you to Jennifer, Daren, Dennis, and Chris at CMI for schlepping some of the items that were not used to the United Way basement.

It was an exhausting but exhilarating and rewarding experience. Thank you everyone.

If you want to learn more about BackPack Buddies, please contact me at 598-9760 or 604-2779.

FEATURED FOOD FOR THE MONTH:
Individually packaged cookies or snacks.
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

MARCH 6 & 7
Mildred S. Byck
Nathaniel J. Dewald
Sophia Gazan
Jean Guckenheimer Guthman
Doris Kroskin
Paul T. Kuhr
Marion Levy Mendel
Edith Schafman
Joan Weiner E. Schwartz
Pauline Mirsky Stein
Selma Sternshine
Esther Saloshin Straus
Helen Edel Udell
Dr. William Weichselbaum
Ferdinand A. Weil
Arthur Wetherhorn

MARCH 13 & 14
Nathan Coleman
Nathan Gazan

Dr. Leroy S. Harris
Sidney H. Levy
Shirley Mekler
Joseph H. Mendes Jr.
Betty H. Michels
Alice Oppenheim
Theresa J. Oppenheim
Alice Weichselbaum Osterweil
Myrna Penn Reiter
Adele Meddin Schneider
Lawrence Mayer Steinheimer

MARCH 19 & 20
Fred Kazlow
Charles Lichtman
Rose G. Michels
Jean Eichholz Mopper
Clemmie Mayer Pinkussohn
Arthur Rosenthal
Faye S. Schwartz
Benjamin F. Sheftall

MARCH 20 & 21
Herbert S. Traub Jr.
Sam L. Trotz

MARCH 27 & 28
William Bear
Sara Deich Coleman
Dora Deutsch
Audrey Green Goldsmith
Reginald Max Goldsmith
Isaac D. Hirsch
Mildred A. Kuhr
Dorothy Mendel Levin
Yetta G. Lindauer
Jonas Mendel
Herman Myers
Evelyn J. Nagelberg
Lucille M. Perlinski
Mary Toomer
Gloria Ellen Weiner
Marsha E. Weiss
Carrie D. Wortsman

HONOR DUES AS OF FEBRUARY 19TH, 2020

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 2020.

PILLAR
($10,000 and above)

Benefactor
($5,000–$9,999)

Sustainer
($3,600–$4,999)

Leader
($1,800–$3,599)
Ms. Nancy Green

Patron
($720–$1,799)
Anonymous
Mr. & Mrs. Julius Edel
Mr. Julian Friedman
Mr. & Mrs. Mires Rosenthal, Jr.

Chai Member
($360–$719)

Supporter
($100–359)
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Levine
Mr. & Mrs. Kayton Smith, Jr.
Ms. Sue Solomon

Gift Shop Volunteers

Congregation Mickve Israel welcomes over 10,000 tourist every year. Greeting people from all over the world and helping out in the gift shop can be very rewarding. We really need your help.

Volunteering a couple of hours a week would be much appreciated. Please call the Temple at 233-1547 and ask for the gift shop.

MAZEL TOV

If you or someone you know will be celebrating a special occasion, please send us their information so we can add it in the next Contact. Email: jill@mickveisrael.org.

Our next issue will be the April issue, so keep that in mind when sending any mazel tovs, ads or articles. We will need everything by Friday, March 13th.
TO THE BUILDING REPAIR/MAINTENANCE FUND
In memory of Sylvia Dane
- Judy Byck
- Donna & Tony Eichholz

In honor of Jane Feiler’s birthday
- Eileen Cohn

In honor of Sissy Levy’s gracious hospitality
- Lisa Dayan

TO THE KIDDUSH LUNCH FUND
In memory of James Gaskey, father of April
In honor of the birth of Ezra Chisolm Robinowich
- Tami & Lenny Tishberg

TO THE MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION FUND
In memory of Sylvia Dane
In memory of Fran Wilson
- Sue Friedman

In thanks to Dr. David Byck
- Harriet & Eric Meyerhoff

TO THE GENERAL FUND
In memory of Sylvia Dane
- Cathy & Philip Solomons
- Linda & Michael Zoller

In memory of Aleen Wolf Feiler
- The Feiler Family

In memory of Julius “Boo” Hornstein
- Cathy & Philip Solomons

In memory of Sylvia Barnett
- The Berz Family

In honor of the birth of Ezra Chisolm Robinowich
- Lydia Sawyer & Julian Friedman

In honor of Sandy Berens’ birthday
- Sherri & Allen Weiss

TO THE MUSEUM FUND
In memory of Sylvia Dane
- Jane & Ed Feiler

TO THE SOCIAL ACTION FUND (BACKPACK BUDDIES)
In honor of Peggy Harris and her speedy recovery
- Lucile & Kayton Smith

TO THE GEORGE & JULIA SOLOMON FUND (RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND)
In memory of Anne Ehrlich Solomon, mother of Jan & Sue
- Lydia Sawyer & Julian Friedman

In memory of Charles Schwartz
- Harriet & Sid Schwartz

In memory of James Gaskey, father of April
- Ann & Steve Solomon
- Sheila Weinberg

In memory of Philip
- Nancy Cooper

In honor of the marriage of Ann & Harrison Garrett
- Caleb Ben-Avram & Tim Slivinski

In honor of Rabbi Haas
- Nancy Cooper
- Maxine & Don Patterson

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Women's Seder 2020
Sunday March 25th at 6pm

Cost: $25 per adult, $15 for ages 12 and under payable at time of reservation

This will be a joyful celebration of women and freedom highlighted by a delicious Seder meal, music, and dancing.

The dinner menu items will be prepared by chef Bryan Graves

Each attendee is asked to bring one of the following to share: Passover wine, grape juice or a Passover dessert.

Reservations are required by March 17th.
RSVP to Teresa Victor at 912-657-4108

(Make checks out to Sisterhood and drop off at the temple office)
US ELECTION FOR 38TH WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS
REGISTRATION & VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1
Go to: www.ZionistElection.org and click on the ‘Register & Vote’ button.

STEP 2
The registration form will now appear on your screen. Please fill out all the required information, then click ‘Submit.’

STEP 3
A form asking for a verification number will now appear on your screen. Retrieve your verification number in your email or by text message. Enter the verification code and hit ‘Submit.’

STEP 4
A payment page will then appear. Select your method of payment and complete the payment section. Once you have entered in your payment information click ‘Submit.’ The acceptable payment methods are: American Express, Visa, Mastercard, Discover, PayPal, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Debit Card, ACH/e-check, personal check (for paper ballots* only).
*Paper ballots are available at www.azm.org/elections.

STEP 5
You are now ready to vote for the Reform Slate!
You will be asked to provide your email address and a ‘Voting PIN Code.’ You can retrieve your ‘Voting PIN Code’ by text message or email. Enter the information and click ‘Submit.’

STEP 6
Select the "Vote Reform: ARZA Representing the Reform Movement and Reconstructing Judaism" option! We will be listed 2nd on the ballot. Choose only one Slate. Click the ‘Submit’ button to confirm you are voting for the slate you want and click the ‘Vote’ button.

AFTER YOU HAVE VOTED

Once you receive a confirmation email, spread the word!
● Share that you have voted with family and friends.
● Post on social media with the hashtag #VoteReformWZC.
● Change your Facebook profile to “I Voted Reform” frame.
If you are on the slate, you will receive your Voting Pin on January 21st.

YOU HAVE NOW VOTED FOR THE REFORM SLATE IN THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTION!
THANK YOU!
Need to get in touch?
Call 912-233-1547

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