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## MJCCA News

**BOOK FESTIVAL CONTINUES.** The 23rd Edition of the Book Festival of the MJCCA, running through November 19, features engaging speaker programs, author meet-and-greets, book signings, panel discussions, and more. Most events take place at the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta, 5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody.

The remaining events are:

• November 13, 10:30 a.m. (free to the community)

Ilana Danneman, *A Tale of Two Souls*

• November 13, 12:30 p.m. (Member: \$9/Community: \$14)

Rabbi Charles Sherman, *The Broken and the Whole*

Rebecca Alexander, *Not Fade Away*

• November 13, 7:30 p.m. (Member: \$13/Community: \$18)

Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel, *Reinventing American Health Care*

• November 14, 12:00 p.m. (Member: \$9/Community: \$14)

Joshua Max Feldman, *The Book of Jonah* (Book Club Pick)

Boris Fishman, *A Replacement Life* (Book Club Pick)

• November 15, 8:00 p.m. (Member: \$18/Community: \$24/Premier: \$50)

Andy Cohen, *The Andy Cohen Diaries: A Deep Look at a Shallow Year*

In conversation with Atlanta media personality Mara Davis

• November 16, 12:00 p.m. (Member: \$9/Community: \$14)

Kai Bird, *The Good Spy: The Life and Death of Robert Ames*

• November 16, 3:00 p.m. (Member: \$13/Community: \$18)

Bernie Schein, *Famous All Over Town*

In conversation with bestselling author Pat Conroy

• November 16, 6:30 p.m. (Member: \$13/Community: \$18)

Carl Hoffman, *Savage Harvest*

• November 16, 8:15 p.m. (Member: \$13/Community: \$18)

Dan Harris, *10% Happier*

• November 17, 8:00 p.m. (Member: \$13/Community: \$18)

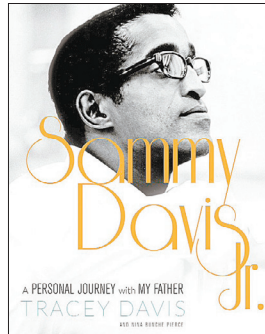
Mitchell Bard, *Death to the Infidels: Radical Islam's War Against the Jews*

This event takes place at The Temple, 589 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta.

• Closing Night: November 19, 7:30 p.m. (Member: \$13/Community: \$18)

Tracey Davis, *Sammy Davis Jr.: A Personal Journey With My Father*

For program details, ticket purchases, and additional information, call the MJCCA Box Office at 678-812-4005, or visit [atlantajcc.org/bookfestival](http://atlantajcc.org/bookfestival).



### BESSER GYMNASTICS PAVILION DEDICATED.

On October 26, the MJCCA held a dedication ceremony for the Besser Gymnastics Pavilion, in recognition of Abe and Marlene Besser. Mr. and Mrs. Besser are also the benefactors of the MJCCA's Besser Holocaust Memorial Garden, one of the preeminent Holocaust memorials in the Southeast.

"We are so pleased to recognize Marlene and Abe for their longtime friendship and loyal support of the MJCCA," said Doug Kuniansky, president of the MJCCA. "This generous commitment was made in support of the MJCCA's Framework for our Future Capital Campaign, which the agency recently completed."

The 7,000-square-foot Besser Gymnastics Pavilion houses the MJCCA's extensive gymnastics program, including early childhood, youth, and adult gymnastics classes; Perimeter Gymnastics competitive teams; tumbling and cheerleading; birthday parties; and the MJCCA's outstanding gymnastics summer camps. All of MJCCA's classes are led by highly trained professional coaches.

"The Besser Gymnastics Pavilion enables



**Ezekiel Emanuel**  
(Photo: Candace diCarlo)

and Abe



**Rain Pryor**



**Doug Kuniansky, Marlene Gelernter Besser, Abe Besser, and Gail Luxenberg** (Photo: Barry Taratoot)

us to offer a broad array of gymnastics programs and provides the space and equipment to house what has become the largest gymnastics program in the Dunwoody/Sandy Springs area," explains Gail Luxenberg, MJCCA CEO.

For more information on MJCCA gymnastics, call 678-812-4046, or visit [atlantajcc.org/gymnastics](http://atlantajcc.org/gymnastics).

**ARTS & CULTURE.** The MJCCA's 2014-2015 Arts & Culture season includes offerings for audiences of all ages, with most programs taking place at the MJCCA, 5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody. Arts & Culture co-chairs are Jennie Medeiros and Kimberly Dollinger. Offerings include:

**FAMILY THEATER.** *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, December 4-14, MJCCA's Morris & Rae Frank Theatre (ideal for children ages 5-10); MJCCA Youth Ensemble Presents: *Disney's The Aristocats Kids*, December 15-16, 2014, Morris & Rae Frank Theatre (all ages); Lightwire Theatre performs *The Ugly Duckling* and *The Tortoise and the Hare*, February 8, 2015, 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Morris & Rae Frank Theatre (ideal for ages 4-10); and *Charlotte's Web*, April 23-May 3, 2015, Morris & Rae Frank Theatre (ideal for ages 5-12).

**COMEDY.** *Fried Chicken and Latkes*, *A Rain Pryor Solo Show* (presented in Partnership with Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company), January 15-17, 2015, Southwest Arts Center (ideal for ages 18+).

**VISUAL ARTS.** "Chalom Yashan (A Journey Back Home—Original Works by Hirut Yosef)," January-March 2015, MJCCA Katz Family Mainstreet Gallery.

**MUSIC.** Jazz at the JCC Presents: The Bonaventure Quartet, January 25, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Morris & Rae Frank Theatre; The Maccabeats, April 19, 2015, 4:00 p.m., The MJCCA; and Jazz at the JCC Presents: Mace Hibbard, June 14, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Morris & Rae Frank Theatre.

**THEATER.** Jerry's Habima Theatre Presents: *Disney's Aladdin Jr.*, February 26, 2015-March 8, 2015; Morris & Rae Frank Theatre (ideal for all ages); *More Glory Days: A Community Theatre Event*, March 19-29, 2015, Morris & Rae Frank Theatre.

**YOUTH ENSEMBLE.** MJCCA Youth Ensemble Presents: *Disney's Sleeping Beauty Kids*, May 11 and 12, 2015, Morris & Rae Frank Theatre (ideal for ages 4-10).

For ticket information and purchases, call 678-812-4002, or visit [atlantajcc.org/boxoffice](http://atlantajcc.org/boxoffice).