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## MJCCA News

**BOOK FESTIVAL CONTINUES.** One of the community's most anticipated cultural events, the 24th Edition of the Book Festival of the MJCCA continues through November 22. From history to mystery, fact to fiction, politics to religion, and humor to political satire, the Book Festival's exceptional repertoire has something to offer all book lovers. More than 10,000 visitors come together each year, to listen to, meet, and interact with their favorite authors, in a variety of forums, such as author meet-and-greets, book signings, a community read, panel discussions, children's and teen activities, and more.

Featured authors included Arlene and Alan Alda; Faye, Jonathan, and Jesse Kellerman; Ted Koppel; Ambassador Dennis Ross; Dr. Ruth Westheimer, Alan Dershowitz, Judy Blume, and Mitch Albom. The festival is presented by Barbara and Ed Mendel, Greenberg Traurig, and Wells Fargo.



**Ted Koppel**

Most events will be held at the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta,

5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody. To purchase tickets, call 678-812-4005, or visit [atlantajcc.org/bookfestival](http://atlantajcc.org/bookfestival).

**SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOPS FOR TEEN GIRLS.** The MJCCA has introduced Girls Can Fight Too!, a self-defense workshop for girls in 6th-8th grades, and Fierce and Fabulous, workshops for 9th-12th-grade girls. Classes began in October, at the MJCCA's Zaban Park campus.

The MJCCA is partnering with Atlanta-based Divas In Defense, a company that provides the training and tools to empower women and girls of all ages to gain the confidence and the skills to defend and protect themselves both physically and socially through fun, interactive learning.

Girls Can Fight Too! workshops include basic self-defense training, bullying prevention, internet safety, and personal empowerment. The Fierce & Fabulous workshops include basic self-defense training, as well as personal and street safety, boundary setting, and personal empowerment. For more information on the programs, visit [www.atlantajcc.org](http://www.atlantajcc.org).



### Great Big Challah Bake

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**GREAT BIG CHALLAH BAKE.** On October 22 at the MJCCA Zaban Park, hundreds of people participated in the Great Big Challah Bake. This event was part of the Shabbat Project, in which more than 170 cities and more than 1,000 communities took part in the experience of preparing challah for Shabbat.

Participants made their own challah dough and learned how to braid challah bread in preparation for Shabbat. All ingredients and utensils were provided.

This project was a worldwide effort encouraging Shabbat observance from sundown on October 23 until nightfall on October 24.

**CAMP PROGRAM EXPANDS.** The MJCCA is bringing its popular Day Camps program to Congregation Dor Tamid, in Johns Creek, to provide camp opportunities to North Fulton, Gwinnett, and Forsyth County families.

The MJCCA program will utilize buildings, multi-purpose rooms, gardens, and the kitchen at Dor Tamid. The expansive, wooded area on the 10-acre campus will accommodate a variety of camp activities.

Serving more than 2,000 campers this past summer, the MJCCA offers more than 100 options for rising Pre-K to 10th-graders. MJCCA Summer Day Camps are currently held on the 52-acre Zaban Park campus in Dunwoody. For the first time this past summer, the MJCCA's popular Performing Arts Camps were held on the campus of Emory University.

For more information about the MJCCA Day Camps, call 678-812-4004, or e-mail [camps@atlantajcc.org](mailto:camps@atlantajcc.org).

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**ARTS & CULTURE FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES.** The MJCCA has numerous upcoming Arts & Culture programs and Family Theatre productions that are perfect for kids and families. The programs below take place at the MJCCA's Morris & Rae Frank Theatre. For more information, visit [www.atlantajcc.org/boxoffice](http://www.atlantajcc.org/boxoffice), or call 678-812-4002. Programs are suitable for all ages, unless otherwise specified.

**Family Theatre:**

- MJCCA Youth Ensemble presents *The Music Man Jr.*, December 13-14, 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5-\$10.

- *Bucket of Blessings* (presented by Alliance Theatre's Theatre for the Very Young), January 17, 2016, 12:15 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:45 p.m. Admission is \$5-\$10. This program is ideal for children 18 months-5 years.

- *Moon Mouse* (presented by Lightwire Theater), January 31, 2016, 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$10-\$20.

- *Fancy Nancy* (Presented by Synchronicity Performance Group), March 20, 2016, 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$10-\$20.

**Theater:**

- Jerry's Habima Theatre presents *Shrek the Musical*, February 24-March 6, 2016. Admission is \$15-\$35.

• Children's theater:

MJCCA Youth Ensemble Presents *James and the Giant Peach*, May 8-9, 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5-\$10.