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News of the Jewish VA Peninsula Community

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Miriam & Joel Bader

In memory of Linda Lavaty
Molly & Eugene Link

In memory of Tyre Nichols
Cheryl Snyderman & Alan
Guttman

Jewish Family Services Fund

In memory of Becca Maurer's
grandparents, Elaine & Ed Bader
Joan & Steve Marks

In memory of Charles Becker
Betty Levin

Eric & Jack Luckman

Memorial Endowment Fund

In memory of Becca Maurer's
grandparents, Elaine & Ed Bader
Lori & Jeff Luckman

Mikveh Fund

In memory of Becca Maurer's
grandparents, Elaine & Ed Bader
Meryl & Bob Kessler

Marilyn & Mark Nataupsky

Holocaust Education Fund

In memory of Elaine Bader
In memory of Ed Bader
In memory of Evie Rosenkrantz
In memory of Nat Weeks
Mark Nataupsky

Secure Community Fund

In honor of Lisa & Sam
Margolin's new grandchild
Joan & Steve Marks

In honor of Sam Margolin & the
Security Committee
Eric Maurer

UJC Preschool Fund

Wishing Arnie Abrams a
complete & speedy recovery
Carmela Malkin Kuhn

In honor of Ariel Rosenbaum's
engagement
Melissa & Dave Kashy

In memory of Becca Maurer's
grandparents, Elaine & Ed Bader
Beth & Jack Arager
Sara Traster & Dave Harriss

UJC Youth Fund

In honor of the birth of Lisa &
Sam Margolin's grandbaby
Sarah & Jim Barnett

In honor of Roy Lasris' special
birthday
Barbara & Neal Rosenbaum

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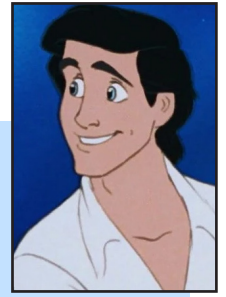
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE - Eric Maurer



Happy Purim!

V'nahafoch hu: it was flipped upside down.

Purim is the celebration of one long tale of tragic events, which eventually were flipped upside down. Esther is taken to the palace: BAD. But ultimately, Esther's position as queen is what lets her save the Jewish people: GOOD. Haman builds gallows to hang Mordechai: BAD. But ultimately, Haman is hanged on those very same gallows: GOOD. Haman chooses 13 Adar as the day to annihilate the Jews: BAD. But ultimately, the 13th of Adar is switched to a day when the Jews defeat their enemies: GOOD.

On Purim, we recognize that through unity, the Jews of Shushan managed to flip everything on its head. When Haman convinced Achashveirosh to agree to wipe out the Jewish people, Haman described the people as "Muzar U'Meforad - scattered and separate." We were not as united as we should have been. Esther remedies this by gathering the community and uniting them in prayer and action.

Purim is a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish when we stand together, united. Just flip through the pages of this newsletter or take a look at our community to see what we can accomplish when we stand together as a community. We share our collective voice to advocate for ourselves and others (page 14). We respond to disasters around the world (page 19). We build incredible schools and institutions that nurture the next generation (page 13). When we stand together, we do good that goes everywhere. I hope you will join us on Sunday, March 12th, for the UJCV's Purim festivities and help us spread friendship and unity on Purim and everyday!

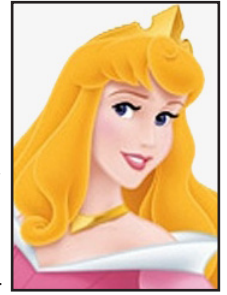
Check out our UJC Blog: Chai Lights!
ujcvp.org/ujc-chai-lights

Each spring, our Pearl Society Women's Giving Circle throws a party for all women with the purpose of having fun and doing good in our greater community.

This year we're hosting a
Calm Down Party!

See page 9 for more info.

Jewish Family Services - Libby Batten



Passover Food Drive

Celebrating Passover is a beautiful tradition that requires special food to properly observe the holiday. Jewish Family Services is requesting donations of Passover food items, grocery gift cards, and/or volunteer time.

Please contact Libby Batten if you would like to volunteer to deliver a gift bag or two, and let her know which local area is convenient for you. If you have the time, the delivery can include a brief visit.
(Deliveries are Newport News, Hampton, Williamsburg and Yorktown.)

The gift bags will be ready for volunteers to pick up at the UJCVP between March 30th and April 3rd. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Food Items Needed:

Matzah (Regular or Egg)

Gefilte Fish

Matzah Ball Mix

Macaroons

Mandelbrot

Candied Fruit Slices

Or any other Passover items

**Deadline to bring in items
is Friday, March 24th.**

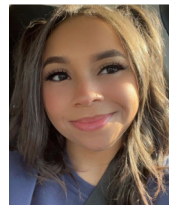
Your donation will provide
Passover meals for families that
are living on a limited budget
or are homebound.



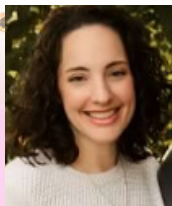
If you or someone you know is struggling to celebrate Passover this year, or you have questions, please reach out to Libby Batten, Jewish Family Service Director: 757-223-5635 lbatten@ujcvp.org or Martha Vogel, UJC Office Manager: 757-930-1422 mvogel@ujcvp.org



March 23rd
Sasha Nasirova
Infant Perakhim Teacher



March 26th
Selena Armstrong
Mazel Tot Teacher



March 27th
Sara Traster
Marketing & Communications,
Program Team



March 30th
Lysie McIlhinney
Chaverim 3-year-olds Teacher

Why Mikveh Matters

Demystifying the Mikveh

Thurs. March 2nd
7:00-8:00pm at the UJC

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Kosher Wine | Cheese | Dessert

Registration Required!
Please RSVP at ujcvp.org

Gather with Jewish community members around the globe for an evening of ritual, storytelling, and dreaming.

Together, via Zoom, we will travel across time to soak up the power of water immersion, starting all the way back from Bereishit, the beginning, until today.

Questions?
Email Carmela Malkin Kuhn: carmela@ujcvp.org



2023 Program Passport Membership

A UJC Program Passport gives you access to all of our amenities and participation in many of our programs and classes at no cost or at a discounted rate.

The following are **INCLUDED** at no additional charge with your Program Passport Membership:

- *Cooking Classes
- *Dinner & Discuss Events
- *Family Programs
- *Fitness Classes
- *Flicks & Food
- *Grand Club & Senior Meals
- *JCraft To Go Art Projects
- *Jewish Holiday Celebrations
- *Jewish Life & Learning Classes
- *Admission to Glendale Pool
- *Youth Programming

Visit ujcvp.org for pricing & more info!





give blood, give life

**Red Cross Blood Drive
in the UJC Gym**

Monday, March 20th
10am-3pm

*All donors will receive a \$10 Visa prepaid
gift card by email!*

Schedule an appointment at ujcvp.org

Questions? Email: straster@ujcvp.org



Mindful Monday (via Zoom)

with instructor, Molly Link

Monday, March 20th, 7pm

FREE EVENT

Please register at ujcvp.org

Questions? Email: jmalkin@ujcvp.org



Blood Pressure Clinic

Thursday, March 23rd
11:30am-12:30pm

Swing by the J to get your blood pressure
checked with the nurses from Traditions
Health. *FREE COMMUNITY EVENT*

Register at ujcvp.org

Questions? Email: jmalkin@ujcvp.org



Kibbitz and Create

Sunday, March 26th
10am-12pm

Join our group at the J for a morning of
snacks and crafts.

All fiber arts crafts welcome!

RSVP to Jessi Malkin: jmalkin@ujcvp.org

UJCVP Mikveh Project

I Got Out of the Mikveh and Realized... by Dan Buonaiuto

My group of friends has a history of going on mikveh adventures. Once, it was skinny dipping in a river before Shabbat. Another time it was in a cave in Israel. Most recently, my friend Moises, invited us to join him at Mayyim Hayyim a few days before his wedding.

The five of us sang *niggunim* (melodies) in the lobby and we reflected on the relationships most meaningful to our lives. Each of us was facing a big change: a new job, an upcoming move, a family shrinking, a family growing.

While in the waters of the mikveh I felt surrounded by images of my wife, our one-year-old twins, and our three-year old.

I got out of the mikveh and realized, "That was the first time I've been alone in the past two years."

Most of the time, I am too busy to pause. I'm racing around, consumed by the highs and lows of parenthood in a pandemic, with all its joys and complexities.

Mayyim Hayyim gave me a way to carve out space to take my time. I stepped away from the "too-muchness" where I could create my own break and ground myself with intention.



Our UJCVP is a member of the consortium RISING TIDE, a national network devoted to opening the mikveh experience to the entire Jewish community.

For more information, or with any questions, please contact Steve Shapiro,
UJC Mikveh chairman: stevenishapiro@outlook.com



Don't forget to follow us on Instagram @ujcup_nn
and LIKE our Facebook page!



CAFE CHAI:

BOARD GAMES AND HOT COCOA BAR

Thurs. Mar. 9th
12pm

Come in from the cold, enjoy homemade lunch, play some classic board games, and make a delicious hot cocoa with all the toppings!

PASSPORT MEMBERS: \$5.00
NON-MEMBERS: \$10.00
RSVP: UJCV.P.ORG

UJC MINI SPONSORSHIPS


Do you have a business you'd like to promote?

Become a UJC Program Sponsor!


WHAT YOU'LL GET:

- *Ad space in our UJC Newsletter (this thing that you're reading!)
- *Your name / business name on marketing materials for the program you are sponsoring
- *Sponsorship Price: \$100

Contact Jessi Malkin:
jmalkin@ujcvp.org
for more info.




GRAND CLUB



Lunch & Bingo on Thursdays

Lunch for ages 60+ - \$2.50
Lunch for Passport Members - FREE!
Additional charge for Bingo cards

Bingo begins at 10:45am
Lunch is served at 12:00pm
Bingo resumes after lunch
Email Carmela:
carmela@ujcvp.org for more info or to RSVP




Adult Pickup Basketball

Saturdays @ 8:00pm
in the UJC Gym

All experience levels welcome!

For more info, text Eric:
617-780-2916



The Pearl Society ladies happily invite you to their 2023 Social Action party!

Thursday, March 16th, 5:30pm
at the UJC

Snacks | Drinks | Games
Calming Group Mindfulness Activities
with Instructor, Ariel Tal

Then join us as we assemble
Calm Down Kits for local early childhood
educators and their students.

Admission:
Please bring items for the Calm Down Kits
Visit ujcvp.org for a full list of needed items

Questions / RSVP
Sara Traster: straster@ujcvp.org




Join in on the fun and get crafty with us!

Swing by the J, pick up a jCraft To Go, take it home, and unpack your studio!

Next Project: Spring Mini Gallery Art

Pick Up: Thurs. March 30th, anytime from 3-5pm

Program Passport Members - FREE!

Non-Members - \$12 / package

Register for your Jcraft kit at ujcvp.org

Questions? Email:
Naioki Wood (nwood@ujcvp.org)
or Sara Traster (straster@ujcvp.org)



JCC Maccabi **Moment**

Leading up to the Maccabi Games this summer, we will be featuring the teen athletes who will be representing the UJC on Team Newport News!



NAME: Brad Rubenstein

AGE: 15

SCHOOL: Lafayette High School

SYNAGOGUE: Rodef Sholom Temple

SPORT: Lacrosse

What are you most looking forward to at the JCC Maccabi Games this summer?

I guess the competition. I get to play against people from all over the country.

If you could learn any skill in an hour, what skill would it be and why?

Juggling chainsaws - that would be pretty cool!

What's your favorite TV series?

I just finished the *National Treasure* show on Disney Plus. It reminds me of the second movie.

What is your favorite milkshake flavor?

Cookies and cream

How would you describe yourself in 3 words?

I'm the best!



Good luck, Brad!

To learn more about competing with, or supporting Team Newport News in the JCC Maccabi Games, please call or email Jessi Malkin 757-930-1422 | jmalkin@ujcvp.org



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Sarfan / Gary S. & William M. Nachman Philanthropic Fund for your donation in support of JCC Maccabi Team Newport News!



COOKING WITH CARMELA
Prepping for Purim

SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH, 1PM

Learn to make traditional Jewish kreplach, wonton-like dumplings. Then take your kreplach home to cook up!

PASSPORT MEMBERS – FREE
NON-MEMBERS – \$10/FAMILY
SPACE IS LIMITED!
Visit ujcvp.org to register.

UJC PURIM CARNIVAL 2023

Sunday, March 12th
12-2pm

COSTUME PARTY
FACE PAINTING
PHOTO BOOTH
BALLOON ANIMALS
BLOW UPS
GAMES & PRIZES
LUNCH & HAMENTASCHEN
(for sale)

RSVP @ ujcvp.org
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT



Grants are going fast!

If you have any interest in summer sleepaway camp, contact Jessi Malkin ASAP for camp info.

Give your child the gift of a Jewish overnight experience, with up to \$1000 off!

For more info or to apply for a grant, email jmalkin@ujcvp.org or visit OneHappyCamper.org

Get ready for Passover this year by purchasing your kosher wine through the UJC!

When you use our special link at kosherwine.com, a percentage of each purchase goes back to the J to support our UJC programming!

ujcvp.org/passover-wine-shop

Frogs Here, Frogs There: Exploring Everyone's Favorite Plague

Sunday, March 26th | 1-3pm @ the J

VLM Frogs & Amphibians Show

Frog Crafts • Seder-Friendly Snack Station • Find the Frogs

Passport Members:
\$5 / family

Non-Members:
\$10 / family

RSVP @
ujcvp.org



EDUCATION **corner**

Director of Education & Program Development,
Carmela Malkin Kuhn

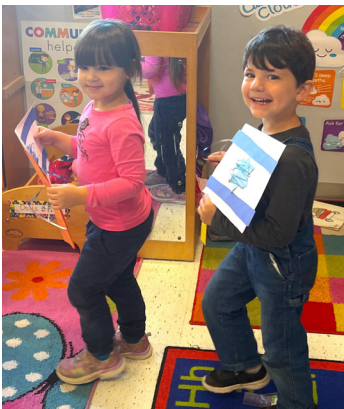
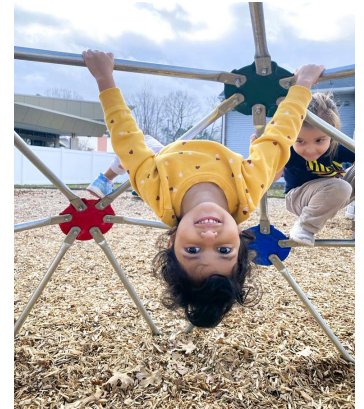
Sarfan Center Assistant Director, Naioki Wood



Registration is open for the 2023-2024 school year!

We are now offering in-person tours.

Contact us to schedule a tour and learn more about our early childhood program!



Register at: ujcvp.org/sarfan-early-childhood



It's time to vote for the BEST OF 2023!

Vote for the **Sarfan Center** for *Best Child Development Center* AND **Camp Chaverim** for *Best Summer Camp*!

Only ONE vote per person PER CATEGORY for the duration of the contest *Voting ends March 6th*

votevista.com/contest/2023-cova-best-of

Jewish ADVOCACY day REFLECTIONS - Lisa Stern

As my first year attending Virginia Jewish Advocacy Day at the State Capitol, I wanted to take an active role in petitioning our legislators. I felt that my Jewish community's issues needed a collective voice and it was my turn to take the initiative.

We departed bright and early aboard the UJCVP bus to Richmond, making a pitstop along the way to pick up the rest of our delegation in Williamsburg. The bus was filled with diverse members of our Jewish community, representing all of our local synagogues. We spent the drive to Richmond strategizing about our day together and reviewing with Community Relations Council (CRC) chair Jeff Luckman progress that had been made on the legislation for which we would be advocating.

While, the legislative priorities of the Jewish community are broad and impact more than our own community, on this Jewish Advocacy Day we came to voice our support of legislation that directly impacts and is designed to protect the Jewish community.

Specifically, we were urging our legislators to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism as its framework, adds ethnicity to the hate crimes laws, and confirms that the Commonwealth will not engage in business with companies that discriminate against the only Jewish State.

Getting off the bus in Richmond, it quickly became clear the magnitude of the day as buses full of Jewish advocates from all over the state were converging on the streets of Richmond. After a quick coffee and breakfast, we were off to meet with our legislators. Thanks to the efforts of Richard Gordon, the UJCVP

delegation met with Senator Monty Mason, Senator Tommy Norment, Delegate A.C. Cordoza, Delegate Mike Mullin and a legislative aide to Senator Mamie Locke. I

found, for the most part, that our group's meetings were warmly received, relaxed and encouraging. A very different reality than anticipated.

Our efforts to meet with our legislators was magnified by the other delegations meeting with their representatives. In total, 86 members of the Virginia General Assembly met with

members of the Jewish community.

Following our legislative meetings, the broad group reconvened to hear from the governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general. The Peninsula's very own Irene Jacobson kicked off this presentation with an introduction to Lieutenant Governor Winsome Earle Sears and noted how much stronger we were when we work together.

I am certainly happy that I stepped up to raise awareness about our selected bills and encourage our senators and delegates to make changes to legislation or policy in the coming voting session(s) or stay the course.

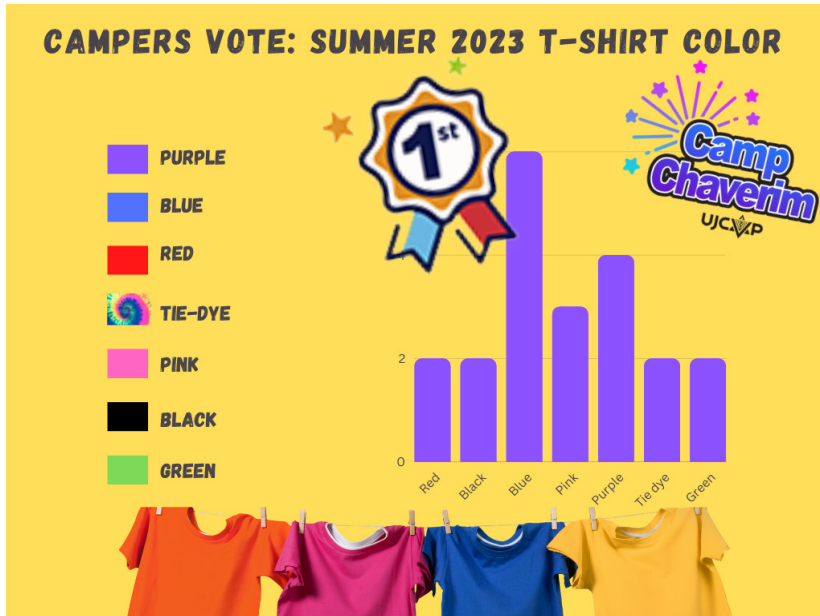
I look forward to participating in Jewish Advocacy Day again next year. Our voice is so important and showing up really makes a difference. I hope next year you will join me.

Be well, Lisa



Summer Camp **Chaverim**

We tallied the votes from our last camp event and the winning shirt color for Summer 2023 is BLUE!



REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP CHAVERIM 2023 TODAY!

For scholarship info, please contact Libby Batten: lbatten@ujcvp.org

Summer Camp Chaverim 2023

UJCVP
2023 Summer Day Camp
The United Jewish Community of the VA Peninsula
June 26- August 18

Calendar of Fun

Week 1: June 26-30
Lost in the Woods

Week 2: July 3-7
(closed July 4th)
Camp's Got Talent

Week 3: July 10-14
Art STAR Bizarre

Week 4: July 17-21
Hands Up For STEM

Calendar of Fun

Week 5: July 24-28
Rock, Tumble & Roll

Week 6: July 31-Aug 4
A Taste of Israel

Week 7: August 7-11
Color Wars: Maccabi Games

Week 8: August 14-18
SUMMER BLAST!

Follow on FB [Camp Chaverim UJCVP](#)

Registration ujcvp.org/camp-chaverim

Congregation Adath Jeshurun
401 City Center Blvd. , Newport News, VA 23606

Telephone # 757-930-0820 | Website: www.ajshul.com
Rabbi Gershon Litt, 757-559-1836



In these times of concern over global antisemitism, we are fortunate to have the story of Purim to look for enlightenment. In the Megillah, Hashem tells us, "Do not be afraid. Even if it feels as if I am so far away, hidden and concealed, I will never abandon you, My dear children." Purim gives us this message of courage and strength to seek the hidden hand of G-d through uncertain times. This is the true definition of faith.

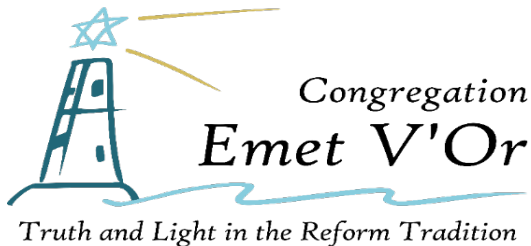


Shabbos Candle Lighting Times:

March 3 - 5:43pm
March 10 - 5:50pm
March 17 - 6:56pm
March 24 - 7:02pm
March 31 - 7:09pm

Rabbi Litt's Shabbos Schedule:

March 24th, April 21st, May 12th,
June 16th, July 21st



Office.CEVO@gmail.com
www.emetvor.com
757-952-3737

Rabbi Scott Gurdin
Cantorial Soloist Dr. Jonathan Rathsam
Musical Accompanist Dr. Ben Corbin

Shabbat Services

Erev Shabbat services are held Friday evenings at 7:00pm unless otherwise noted.

- March 3** – Shabbat in the Home
- March 10** – Rabbi led Shabbat service
- March 17** – Lay led Shabbat service
Happy St. Patrick's Day
- March 24** – Cantor led Shabbat service
- March 31** – Rabbi led Shabbat service

Special Events & Other News

Religious school dates – March 12th , 26th
**Religious school on March 26th will be with our 2-6 year olds Alef Beit group. Rabbi Gurdin will lead our children's Passover Seder that day. If you'd like to attend, please call the number above with a head count.

Board Meeting – Monday, March 13th (Zoom)

Purim Carnival – Monday, March 6th. Please call the number above for informatior

All are welcome to visit! Our location:
101 Production Drive, Suite 101, Yorktown, VA 23693



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Living personal Jewish journeys across a spectrum of participation...Looking forward to seeing you!*

March Programs:

Tuesdays with Rabbi Adult Education - Tuesdays at Noon via Zoom

Purim Celebration - Monday, March 6th beginning at 5:30pm with a lite supper

Men's Club Shabbat - Friday, March 11th and Saturday, March 12th

Volunteer Recognition Congregational Dinner - February 24th following Kabbalat Shabbat Services



In-Person and Zoom Services

Minyan: Mondays & Thursdays @ 7:45am

Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays @ 6:00pm

Shabbat Morning Services: Saturdays @ 9:30am

Please see our website for more information.

Contact the office for Zoom information: office@rodefsholomtemple.org

401 City Center Blvd. - Newport News, VA, 23606 - 757-826-5894 - rodefsholomtemple.org



Temple Beth El of Williamsburg
600 Jamestown Road—www.tbewilliamsburg.org

Purim Celebration — March 6

The TBEW Purim Celebration will take place in person and on Zoom on Monday night, March 6th, starting at 7 pm. Please plan to join us, in person or online.

Please come wearing a costume, and please bring your best homemade Hamantaschen for our famous Iron Chef Hamantaschen Bake-off. Also, please plan to share a spiel, and bring your inner performer with you to brighten our evening.



We celebrate Jewish life all year!
Learn more at tbewilliamsburg.org

Temple Sinai
11620 Warwick Blvd, Newport News, VA 23601
(757) 596-8352



WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, March 3rd @ 7:30pm -Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Sunday, March 5th @ 10:00am - Temple Sinai's Women & Men's Breakfast Social. You **MUST RSVP** by calling the Temple office **no later** than March 1st and advise how many in your party. Guests are welcome. Cost will be \$7 per person. If you pay by check, make it payable to Temple Sinai Sisterhood. Cash is also accepted.

Saturday, March 11th @ 10:00am - Shabbat/Purim Service, followed by light Kiddush luncheon

Friday, March 17th @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Sunday, March 19th @ 10:00am - Adult Education Torah Study with Jonathan Homrighausen & Fred Levy

Saturday, March 25th @ 10:00am - Shabbat Malachim Service, followed by light Kiddush luncheon

Friday, March 31st @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Contact Rabbi Sokol at rabbiseverine@gmail.com or (314) 628-9196 if you are interested in attending services.



UJC Cinema Presents:
Conspiracy
2001, 1 hr 36 min, Rated R

Tues. March 21st
7-9pm

Passport Members - Free
Non-Members - \$10/person
Includes Popcorn

RSVP at ujcvp.org



They came to Wannsee as high-ranking leaders of Germany's World War II effort. Two hours later, SS Gen. Heydrich (Kenneth Branagh) and his associate, Lt. Eichmann (Stanley Tucci) left as co-conspirators in the murder of millions of Jews.

This is the story of the top-secret Nazi meeting in which fifteen men debated -- and ultimately agreed upon -- the merits of Hitler's 'Final Solution,' the extermination of the entire Jewish population of Europe.

Jewish Federations of North America Provide Relief in Turkey and Syria Following Earthquake

A devastating series of earthquakes hit Turkey and Syria, causing acute damage and destruction within a 200-mile radius and aftershocks felt as far as Israel. Thousands have been confirmed killed, and many more injured. The Jewish community in Turkey has also been hard hit. The president of the Antakya community, Saul Cenudioglu, is feared dead along with his wife, Fortuna. The town's synagogue was also partially destroyed.

"This tragedy is a reminder of the importance of our global humanitarian network, which is supported through our annual campaign at the UJCVP," shared Eric Maurer, Executive Director of the United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula. "Jewish Federations have a long and proud history of response to global crises, aiding vulnerable Jewish populations and individuals of all faiths and backgrounds in the hardest-hit places, providing food, shelter, medicine, and other forms of humanitarian aid."



Our core partners worked with the Turkish Jewish community to evacuate 10 communal members from the immediate disaster area. All 10 are now safe, and six of the group have been given accommodation in the community's assisted living facility. The team arrived on the ground within 36 hours of the quake and have been helping some of the estimated one million people left without homes cope with living outdoors in very difficult conditions. They

will be supplying thousands of tents, heaters, thermal clothing, ready-to-eat meals and first aid kits.

Jewish Federations of North America Board Chair Julie Platt added, "We mourn the tragic loss of life brought by this disaster and send our hopes and prayers for all those who have been injured. We remain in close contact with our disaster relief partners on the ground and are mobilizing our communities to raise funds to support their life-giving work. Our Jewish values of tikkun olam guide us day-in and day-out to extend our hands to those in need, and Jewish Federations pledge to carry out this mandate with pride and dignity."



The UJCVP is a member of Jewish Federations of North America. Our annual campaign is the underlying foundation that enables us to respond and mobilize immediately in times of crisis – anywhere in the world.



Theodore H. & Esther Beskin Memorial Scholarship Award

SCHOLARSHIP



OPPORTUNITY

Scholarship Application Available
Deadline to return application to the UJC is Monday, May 5th, 2022

Established in 1959 in memory of beloved and outstanding humanitarians and leaders, the Theodore H. and Esther Beskin Memorial Scholarship Award is given annually to a worthy local Jewish senior high school student. The recipient is selected on the basis of outstanding achievement and diligence in academic, personal, and community endeavors, as well as other pertinent criteria.

Applications for the \$1000 scholarship are available online at ujcvp.org

NCJW[®]

National Council of Jewish Women Book Club

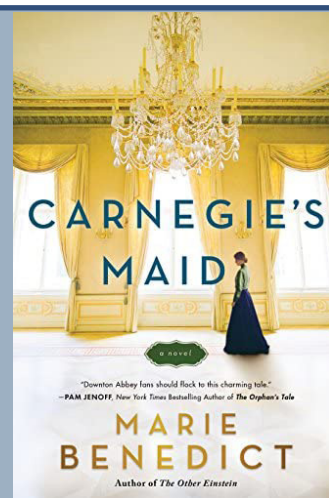
Open to the entire community
Meeting Place: UJCVP

Wednesday, March 22nd, 1:30pm

Discussion: *Carnegie's Maid* by Heather Terrell

A mesmerizing tale of historical fiction that asks, "what kind of woman could have inspired an American dynasty?"

Questions/RSVP: Lucy Sukman, lmoomaw15@aol.com | 757-508-4353



20/30 Something Young Adult Group Challah Bake & Shabbat Dinner

Friday, March 31st, 6:30pm

at Josh Codron's house in Williamsburg

Join our fun young adult group as we make challah for Shabbat and enjoy a delicious Shabbat dinner together.

\$10/person | RSVP at ujcvp.org

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Questions? Email Jessi Malkin: jmalkin@ujcvp.org





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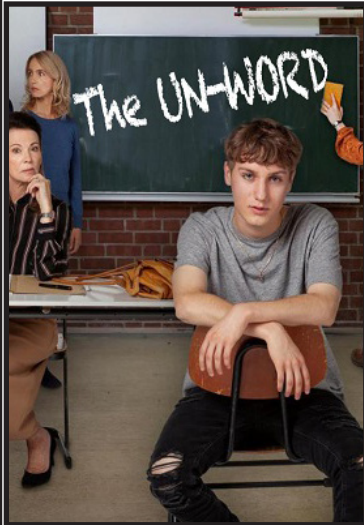
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Temple Beth El's 22nd Annual Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival

at the Williamsburg Regional Library Theater - 515 Scotland Street, Williamsburg VA

All films are free



Sunday, March 5, 2023 at 2:00pm

The Un-Word

2020, 1 hr 25 min, German, English subtitles

This German satire lays bare the discords of modern multiculturalism. Tempers flare after a Jewish student is goaded in a schoolyard brawl. After more taunts by Muslim classmates, the 15-year-old fights back, injuring an Iranian and a Palestinian student. The film is intended as a darkly humorous conversation-starter, seeking a common language in the unending fight against intolerance.



Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 2:00pm

Betrayed

2020, 2 hr 6 min, Norwegian, English subtitles

Based on true events, this Norwegian narrative film exposes how Norway's government and people systematically persecuted the country's Jews, and then collaborated in deporting them to German death camps. The horror and callousness of those times is embodied in the experiences of one Jewish family, the Braudes, whose members we get to know through their photographs and their prize-winning portrayals by actors, making this a very personal story for the audience.

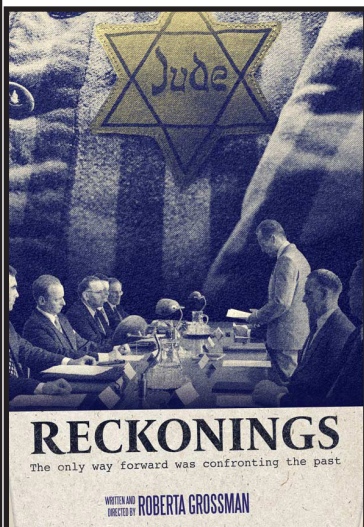
*The Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival at the UJCVP,
401 City Center Blvd. Newport News VA:*

Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 2:00pm

Reconings

2022, 1 hr 24 min, Documentary

It has been said that it felt as if the souls of the six million who were murdered during the Holocaust were in the room with them when the meeting began. They met in secret to negotiate the unthinkable – compensation for the survivors of the largest mass genocide the world had ever known. Survivors were in urgent need of help, but how could reparations be determined for the unprecedented destruction of a people and atrocities suffered by millions? *Reconings* explores this fascinating true story set in the aftermath of the Holocaust and leading to the groundbreaking Luxembourg Agreements of 1952.



We greatly appreciate the support and loyalty of our audiences.

The Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival Committee

Sponsored by Temple Beth El

RECIPES FOR Purim



THE PURIM PUCKER - LEMON MINT COCKTAIL

On the Purim holiday, Jewish tradition calls for cocktails.

This aromatic sweet-and-sour Purim cocktail was inspired by limonana, the unofficial “national drink” of Israel. Rum adds a tipsy kick to this lemony drink. It’s a light, cool, and refreshing cocktail— perfect for a springtime Purim celebration.

INGREDIENTS (makes one serving)

- 1 1/2 ounces rum
- 1 ounce fresh lemon juice
- 1 ounce sweet and sour mix
- 2 tbsp frozen lemonade concentrate
- 1 1/2 tbsp chopped fresh mint
- 5 ice cubes
- club soda, chilled
- fresh mint leaves for garnish



DIRECTIONS

In a blender, blend together rum, fresh lemon juice, sweet and sour mix, lemonade concentrate, chopped fresh mint and ice cubes until ice is fully crushed. Pour into

an iced highball glass. Top off glass with cold club soda. Garnish with fresh mint leaves and serve.

<https://toriavey.com/the-purim-pucker/>

HOJUELAS - ESTHER'S MEGILLAH PASTRIES

This dish takes us on a journey from Spain to Argentina.

Sephardim are familiar with these rolled thin strips of pastry that are quickly fried and deliciously covered in sugar or with syrup. Though they are known under many names (fijuelas, fazuelos, hojuelas), their characteristic shape is always undeniably reminiscent of Esther’s Megillah, the scroll read during the Jewish holiday of Purim, which is when hojuelas are traditionally prepared.

INGREDIENTS (for the hojuelas)

- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder



- 3 beaten eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tsp water
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 7 tsp neutral oil, plus more for frying
- fresh mint leaves for garnish

INGREDIENTS (for the syrup)

- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup orange blossom water
- 1/2 cup sugar

INGREDIENTS (to decorate)

- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup sesame seeds



DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl, combine, flour, baking powder, eggs, sugar, water, salt and 7 teaspoons oil and mix with a spoon.
2. Finish mixing with your hands. The dough should be smooth, without lumps. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and cool in fridge for 15 minutes.
3. Sprinkle flour on work surface and roll out the dough. It must be thin and not sticky. Cut strips 1 generous inch wide and about 15 inches long.
4. In a deep pot or deep fryer, heat oil over medium heat. Take a strip of dough in your hand. Insert the tines of a fork into one end of the strip, and put the fork in the oil to cook this portion of the strip while keeping the rest out of the pan. Small bubbles will form on the dough. Every two seconds, gently turn the fork to roll up a little more of the strip, and fry that portion. Continue like this until the entire strip of dough has been wrapped around the fork and fried.
5. Set aside and continue in the same way for all hojuelas.
6. Prepare the syrup: place water, orange blossom and sugar into a pan. Stir over low heat for 5 minutes. The mixture should remain very liquid and transparent. Individually place each cooked hojuelas into the syrup pan and tilt the pan so the syrup covers it completely, being careful not to break them before placing on a serving dish.
7. Place sesame seeds and powdered sugar on 2 separate plates, and dip one side of each hojuela into one or the other alternately.

<https://jamiiegeller.com/recipes/hojuelas/>



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UJCVP Community March 2023 calendar

Thursday, Mar. 2, 2023

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness
7pm - Why Mikveh Matters

Saturday, Mar. 4, 2023

7pm - Adult Pickup Basketball

Sunday, Mar. 5, 2023

1pm - Cooking with Carmela

Tuesday, Mar. 7, 2023

4:30pm - Hebrew School
5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness

Thursday, Mar. 9, 2023

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
12pm - Cafe Chai
5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness

Saturday, Mar. 11, 2023

7pm - Adult Pickup Basketball

Sunday, Mar. 12, 2023

12pm - Purim Carnival

Tuesday, Mar. 14, 2023

4:30pm - Hebrew School

Wednesday, Mar. 15, 2023

7pm - UJC General Board Meeting

Thursday, Mar. 16, 2023

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
5:30pm - Pearl Society Calm Down Social Action Party

Saturday, Mar. 18, 2023

7pm - Adult Pickup Basketball

Monday, Mar. 20, 2023

10am - Red Cross Blood Drive
7pm - Mindful Monday

Tuesday, Mar. 21, 2023

4:30pm - Hebrew School
7pm - UJCinema: *Conspiracy*

Wednesday, Mar. 22, 2023

1:30pm - NCJW Book Club

Thursday, Mar. 23, 2023

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
11:30am - Blood Pressure Clinic

Saturday, Mar. 25, 2023

7pm - Adult Pickup Basketball

Sunday, Mar. 26, 2023

10am - Kibbitz & Create
1pm - Frogs Here, Frogs There

Tuesday, Mar. 28, 2023

4:30pm - Hebrew School

Thursday, Mar. 30, 2023

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
3pm - JCraft To Go Pick Up

Friday, Mar. 31, 2023

6:30pm - 20/30 Something
Young Adult Group Shabbat

