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Jewish Community News

News of the Jewish VA Peninsula Community

November 2023/5784

Virginia Peninsula Stands with Israel



Visit our Israel Mobilization Center at ujcvp.org to learn more about opportunities to support Israel locally.

We Stand with Israel

Please donate to support the relief efforts as the crisis in Israel unfolds.



100% of donations go directly to Israel humanitarian relief through Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA).



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2024 Annual Campaign

- In honor of Minnie & Moe Levin
- In honor of Joan & Lee Guttman
Cheryl Snyderman & Alan Guttman
- In memory of Deborah Kashy
Debby & Eric Bashkoff

Jewish Family Services Fund

- In memory of Deborah Kashy
Michele & Larry Linn

Eric & Jack Luckman Memorial Endowment Fund

- In memory of Deborah Kashy
Lori & Jeff Luckman

UJC Preschool Fund

- In honor of Eileen & Steve Wood on the birth of their grandchild, Max
Carmela Malkin Kuhn
- In memory of Rabbi Golner
Carolyn Vassos
- In memory of Deborah Kashy
Joanne & Richard Gordon
- In memory of Linda Lavaty
Sara Traster & Dave Harriss

UJC Youth Fund

- In memory of Deborah Kashy
Barbara & Neal Rosenbaum

President's Message - Wendy Eisner



As I sit down to write this article, I find myself at a crossroads. It is the day after the horrific attack on Israel and the Jewish holiday Simchat Torah. This is the time of the year that Jewish people celebrate the giving of the Torah and the end of the High Holy days. It is when we begin the cycle of reading the Torah.

As noted in an article by Chris Calim associate editor of the *Conversation*, “Simchat Torah represents renewals in endings — almost as though Jewish communities are receiving the revelation from Moses again for the first time, starting with the book of Genesis. Such a cycle is not redundant, but instead can promote resilience.” As Eli Wiesel notes, the biblical command to “rejoice” becomes the means through which tragedy can be endured — helping to explain Simchat Torah’s power and vitality today.

We are all trying to digest the tragedy that has taken place and the ongoing anxiety of what is going to happen. I am trying to reflect on all that I feel.

Loss is the first thing that comes to mind. The sadness of the loss of lives and the sadness of all the young men, women and children who are now in harm’s way.

Anger is the second emotion I am feeling. I keep asking myself *why?* Unfortunately, I know the answer. It is because we/they are Jewish. This infuriates me!

The third emotion is gratitude. Some of you may ask why or how? This brings me back to the beginning, as does Simchat Torah. Jewish people have been persecuted since the beginning of time. We are hated

for being different and stereotyped as being greedy. Frankly, we are hated for existing. So, why do I feel gratitude? It is because I am thankful for the UJCVP, Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and The Jewish Agency for Israel.

Israel became a reality as a result of the horrors of the Holocaust. Federation of North America came about for the same reason. As Jewish people, our response to the Holocaust is “never again.” As the needs in Israel arise from these violent terrorist attacks, it is imperative that wherever we are we

must stay united as one group. Our voices are stronger together and as we begin the rereading of the Torah, so must we begin this new chapter in our long history. This is a chapter that will require emotional support and money. As we fundraise for Israel and our own community, I ask you all to think about it in a way that you may never have before. Please remember that now, more than ever, we must come together to support each other. We must show the world that we are strong and resilient as a group. We must begin this chapter of our history united.

I am asking all of you to support our community. When we reach out for campaign dollars, please know the work we do cannot be done without your support. I have the utmost gratitude for our community. You have always stepped up when the need arises. We are small but mighty. Let us show the world what we can do together.

I thank everyone who has already donated, and I thank each of you who will donate in the future.
Praying for peace,
Wendy



Education Corner

Director of Education & Program Development, Carmela Malkin Kuhn

Sarfan Center Assistant Director, Naioki Wood



Our Pre-K classes had their first visit from our newest Shinshinim from Israel!

Shinshinim — a Hebrew acronym for *shnat sherut* or “year of service” — are the best and brightest of Israel’s recent high school graduates, who defer army service for one year to become emissaries in Jewish communities around the world.

They volunteer, engage people of all ages with Israel, build connections with community members, and bring Israeli culture to life through educational lessons, presentations, arts and crafts, and music. The Shinshinim serve as a living bridge between Virginia and Israel. Each one brings their own unique energy, love of Israel, and fresh views to our community.

We are excited to welcome this year’s shinshinim, Maya Ostrov and Naomi Friedland, who - in addition to their work in Virginia Beach - will be spending time here with us at UJCVP. We thank the Tidewater Jewish Federation for this wonderful partnership.



Dinner & Discuss: A Tale of Light and Darkness

Come join Dr. Vered Sakal, CNU’s Bertram and Gladys Aaron Professor of Jewish Studies, for dinner and a discussion.

November 14th, 6pm

As the days become shorter with the beginning of the Hebrew month of Kislev, let us turn our attention to darkness.

Where does it come from? What purpose does it serve, and what role does it play in Jewish culture? The discussion will begin with Genesis 1, explore the Talmud and Maimonides, and end up with current questions about Hanukkah.

Passport Members - Free | Community Member - \$10/person

Register at ujcvp.org

<p>9 Weeks: Nov. 21, 28 Dec. 5, 12, 19 Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23 6:30 - 7:30pm</p> <p>Passport Members FREE</p> <p>Community Members \$54 / person</p> <p>Register at ujcvc.org</p>		<p>IF YOU CAN'T READ THIS, YOU MAY NEED CLASSES</p> <p>Introductory Adult Hebrew Reading Class</p> <p>with instructor, Carmela Malkin Kuhn</p>
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 NEWPORT
 UNIVERSITY
 HOME OF THE CAPTAINS

WELCOMES

DR. VERED SAKAL
Jewish Studies Expert, Rabbi and Captain!



Christopher Newport University proudly announces the appointment of Dr. Vered Sakal (PhD – Hebrew University of Jerusalem) as the Bertram and Gladys Aaron Endowed Professor of Jewish Studies. CNU is building a strong Jewish Studies program with Sakal, an internationally renowned scholar, at the helm.

A special thank you to Gladys and the late Bert' Aaron for making this position possible for our students and the Jewish community.

**Little Movers & Shakers
 Parent / Child Play
 Group**
For ages 0-2

Thursday, November 16th
 11am-12pm
 FREE EVENT

Registration Required
 Visit ujcvc.org to sign up
 Questions?
 Email carmela@ujcvc.org



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Campaign Corner - Jessi Malkin



I am so lucky to live on the Virginia Peninsula. Let me step back. I grew up in a town called Monroeville, just outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Yes, about 20 minutes from Squirrel Hill (where most of the Jews live). The Greater Pittsburgh area boasts over 25 synagogues, a huge JCC divided into multiple campuses, kosher restaurants, and a large and generous federation. But I am so fortunate to have landed and planted seeds in Newport News.

This community is my heart and my home. This community knows how to support each other like no other. This community has supported my family in times of joy and sadness, and in turn, we have supported this community. I was prepared for a large group to attend our Israel Solidarity Rally. I was prepared to see faces I hadn't seen in years and faces I see weekly. I was not prepared for the support from our secular community. All the city representatives, elected officials, clergy from every religion and congregation. I was not prepared for our community members to stop by with checks for support from "the guy from my gym" and "the lady I worked with five years ago" and "my neighbor three doors down."

Working for the Jewish community, I know firsthand how amazing we are. I know how much we love and care for each other. I am humbled by how much the greater Virginia Peninsula cares for us. Eric Maurer, our UJC Executive Director, has said many times during this Israel crisis, "how we respond today will be remembered 50 years from now." I know I will never forget standing in a room with tears in my eyes as I joined with 400 friends waving flags, singing *Am Yisroel Chai*. I knew in that moment we would be OK. It will be hard; it will take lots of time and a great deal of healing. But Israel will prevail, and we will be OK.

The UJCVP was ready and able to respond quickly to the Crisis in Israel because of our Annual Campaign.



BOOT CAMP FITNESS

THOSE WHO SWEAT TOGETHER...STAY TOGETHER

Instructor: Kelli Paul



Evening classes at the J!

Mon / Wed evenings, beginning Oct. 16th
Tues / Thurs evenings, beginning Nov. 28th

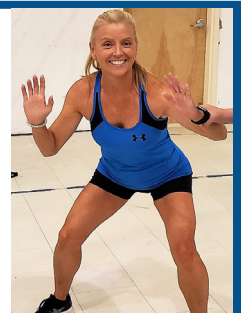
5:30-6:30pm

Bootcamp Fitness, LLC provides strength, cardio, core, and flexibility training (modifications are always provided). Choreography shifts between cardio intervals, fun cardio "air" boxing with hand pads, bootcamp stations, strength training with dumbbells, and adventurous fitness challenges!

Participants need to bring water and a mat. Bootcamp Fitness provides all other equipment.

Passport Members - \$5 per class
Community Members - \$10 per class

Visit ujcvp.org to sign up!
this is not a UJC program



WORDStoACTION

Empowering Students
to Address Anti-Semitism

Words to Action is an interactive program for Jewish middle schoolers and their parents that provides resources and tools to strategically respond to antisemitism in their lives, including:

- Stereotypes and Prejudice
- Hate Speech/Free Speech
- Vandalism

Sunday, November 12
1:30-2:30PM

▶ FIND YOUR VOICE.

Build confidence. Gain the knowledge
and skills to respond.



Contact us to learn more:

jmalkin@ujcvp.org
(757) 930-1422

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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 11am, lunch is served at 12:00pm

Email Carmela:
carmela@ujcvp.org for more info or to RSVP

#GIVINGTUESDAY™



November 28th, 9am-5pm

Stop by the J for a pour-out for programs! Empty your tzedakah boxes, piggy banks and pushkes to support UJC programming.

Help us reach our goal of \$2500 and enjoy hot drinks, snacks and a few surprises!



November 4th

Rick Mason
UJC Chef & Caterer



November 6th

Jessi Malkin
UJC Director of Campaign
& Community Impact



November 13th

Jessica Tucker
Sarfan Center Mazel Tots Teacher



Jewish Family Services - Libby Batten



Jewish Family Services is excited to continue the tradition of the Mitzvah Menorah!

The Mitzvah Menorah is a community outreach program to assist Jewish families in need with gifts for their children for Hanukkah.

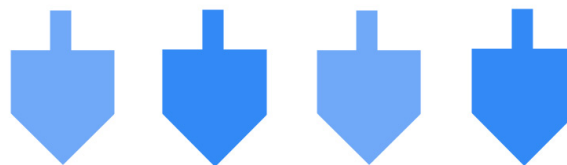
The Mitzvah Menorah will be placed in the UJC front lobby beginning November 2nd.

Stop by and take a gift tag (or a few) to purchase Hanukkah gifts and/or gift cards for local Jewish families in need.

All gift items must be new and unwrapped and brought to the UJCVP no later than November 16th. Please attach

the gift tags to each item dropped off. Monetary donations are also accepted and a UJC staff member will purchase that special gift. Also visit our UJC website and check out the JFS Amazon Wish List to purchase your gift and have the item shipped directly to UJC. Thank you in advance for your support!

If you have any questions, please contact Libby Batten at: lbatten@ujcvp.org or call 757-223-5635.



Camp Chaverim
SLIME Party

Sunday, November 12th | 1-3pm
RSVP REQUIRED: ujcvp.org

*Drop off event - \$5 per child
snacks & drinks provided*

It's not a camp reunion if we're not making a mess!

The Key

by Sarah Barnett

In my 32 years living on the Virginia Peninsula, I have seen Israeli military officers cycle in and out for joint programming and exchanges at Fort Eustis. They have been lovely young officers with families, some of whom I have gotten to know better than others, but none with whom I have become close. This time was destined to be different, long before October 7th.

My husband, Jim, and I met Shai in August, a day before we left for a two-week vacation. He dropped by our house after we heard that he had arrived from Israel alone, months before his wife, and his temporary housing was described as substandard. Jim and I were happy to offer our empty house, confident that any Israeli officer did not constitute a stranger living in our house. We were immediately drawn to Shai with his friendly and engaging personality.

We were accustomed to Lieutenant colonels from the IDF and Shai was a younger, more boyish Major. It felt like an instant connection and after a 30-minute tour of the house, complete with a key handover, we said goodbye and looked forward to meeting up with him after our return.

When we arrived home, Shai was long gone, having settled into his permanent rental home where his wife would join him in October. We had a few text message exchanges regarding returning a key but he was busy traveling around the country, while we were busy with the holidays. We weren't worried that he had our door key as we knew we would see him eventually.

Then the October 7th attack in Israel happened with its cruel, chaotic, and heartbreaking jolt to all of us. After checking on my own Israeli family, I was in touch with Shai, inquiring about his family, finding out that his wife, who had arrived in the United States had already flown back as she is also an IDF officer. Shai's family was fine (though no one is really okay) but he had lost many friends and military comrades. With less than perfect, even confusing English texting, he made it clear that though he was not

being summoned home, he was desperate to get home to defend his country. We subsequently learned that he had traveled to the Israeli embassy in D.C. for the week and was pulling all-nighters in an embassy crisis center. It was clear from his rambling texts that he was exhausted, yet still clear in his determination to get home to Israel.

At the end of week one, we learned that Shai was on his way back to the Virginia Peninsula from D.C. in order to catch a flight home originating from Norfolk. He felt strongly that he would be better situated if he returned to Israel with abundant military gear, much of which he had given away to buddies before coming to the U.S.

While driving back to Newport News, he was inquiring as to where he might find what he needed, while also letting friends know that this equipment might be costly and the help would be appreciated. It was only one week into the new reality of our Jewish world and Jim and I had been mildly struggling with where our own resources would be directed. I knew how successful the diaspora community would be in gathering immediate financial resources and how efficient our Federation allocations processes would be, in addition to a myriad of other organizations that would be doing their own fundraising. By comparison, our ability to give would be relatively small and we knew, unfortunately, we would have time to decide. I also knew that large agencies were advising that giving to individual needs might not be the best way to give and the IDF was committing to make sure that soldiers had what they needed.

But I also had friends who were giving to individual friends and family on the ground in Israel, and that Shai was in contact with friends on the ground who were advising him. Suddenly, I wasn't conflicted. So when Shai found that the best place on a Saturday night to purchase military equipment was a small store around the corner from my house, and when I found out that Shai had called ahead and asked them to please stay



open for him past their closing time because he was on his way, Jim and I turned our own errand-bound car around, and headed to GI Joe's Military Supply.

We parked and I saw Shai's car. The store had remained open as promised and when we entered we found Shai, surprised to see us (a mutual friend had told us he was on his way there). A hug to our new friend in the midst of combat gear at GI Joe's is exactly what this Jewish mother needed.

I have passed this store almost every day for decades and had assumed I would never be inside. But here we were, chatting with supportive, patient, and helpful store employees, taking out our credit card, and purchasing some of what Shai needed.

Shai then reminded me that he had my key and retrieved it from his key ring. He started to hand it back to me and all of the sudden, I realized that I didn't know where he was going, and what kind of harm he might confront. I couldn't take it back, and though we joked that he shouldn't take my door key to Gaza, that perhaps it could be a sort of good luck charm. I asked him to bring the key back to us when he returned, and that we would meet his wife, over a nice dinner.

I hugged him again before we left and felt, for a moment, what Israeli mothers must be feeling all over Israel and the world. For a moment he felt like my son. I think of him daily and know that I will receive regular signals that he is okay and will look forward to his return to complete his program at Fort Eustis.

I am grateful for the gift of that evening. There is no more angst regarding where and how Jim and I could give to Israeli aid efforts. In that moment, this IDF soldier needed us, and in an odd way, we needed him. We needed to feel this personal connection. We needed to, however briefly, feel like we were a part of the defense of our people in a tangible, though small, way.

But I also knew that we needed to give to our own communal UJCVP/JFNA emergency effort because we NEED to be counted as robustly as we can as a committed and supportive diaspora community.

Israel needs us. It needs our funds, as well as our personal connections, and we all need each other in a world that all too often, makes us feel so alone.

Jim and I had been struggling all week with how to give, where to give, how much to give, and how to connect in a meaningful way. In that store and in the small, dark parking lot where we hugged and said goodbye for now, I found answers that made sense.



The UJC has launched a Mobilization page for ways to stay informed about the crisis in Israel, resources, programs, and ways to help.

Please visit:

ujcvp.org/mobilization-center

It's Moments Like This

Community Gathering for Israel

Wed. Nov. 15th, 7:00pm

Gather together at the UJC to light memorial candles, sing songs led by Jonathan Rathsam, and hear from special speakers in Israel: Rebecca Brindza & Leah Garber.



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Child care available with reservation

Questions? Email carmela@ujcvp.org

Shabbat Kits and #BlueRibbonsforIsrael will be available.

Please visit our UJC Israel Mobilization Center: ujcvp.org/mobilization-center

SUPPORT ISRAEL and DONATE TODAY

ujcvp.org --> Support drop down --> Israel Crisis Fund

It's Moments Like This

Community Connect

(with coffee!)



Join us at the J each Tuesday in November (7th, 14th, 21st & 28th). Drop in anytime between 9:30-11:30am and enjoy a cup of coffee, a morning muffin, and to just be together!

Questions? Email Carmela: carmela@ujcvp.org



20/30 GROUP MUSIC BINGO

@ Tradition Brewing Company

Monday, Nov. 6th, 7-9pm

Join the fun and test your music knowledge!

RSVP: UJCVP.ORG

Questions? Email Sara Traster:
straster@ujcvp.org

A graphic for a 'Coat Drive' on a light green background. It features icons of a red hat, a family of three, and green gloves. The text reads: 'HAMPTON ROADS REFUGEE RELIEF COAT DRIVE'. Below this, it says 'COLLECTING NEW OR GENTLY USED COATS AND NEW HATS, SCARVES, AND GLOVES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS'. The drop-off location is 'Temple Sinai, 11620 Warwick Blvd, Newport News, VA'. Dates and times are 'Wednesday, November 1st and November 8th, from 10 AM to 1 PM'. The website is 'WWW.HR3VA.ORG'. There are also icons of a blue jacket and a pink jacket at the bottom.

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20/30 Group S'mores

It's getting colder out!
Come warm up at the firepit with
your 20/30 group friends for an
evening of s'mores, drinks, games and
lots of fun!

Sunday, November 26th
7:00-9:00pm

Passport Members - FREE!

Community Members - \$10/person

RSVP at ujcvp.org
Questions? Email Sara Traster:
straster@ujcvp.org

Virginia Peninsula Stands with Israel



The Virginia Peninsula community gathered in support of Israel on Wednesday, October 11, just days after the tiny nation was brutally attacked. Nearly 500 people, including many political dignitaries attended the Rally for Israel to condemn the terrorist acts of Hamas against the Jewish homeland and its people, as well as to demonstrate support for the country. The event took place on the UJCVP campus.

“At this time It feels right to gather together and to take comfort with each other. And to lift our voices together in prayer, in song and in solidarity,” shared Eric Maurer, Executive Director of the UJCVP. “In these times of sorrow and great pain, we seek community, we seek the fellowship our shared humanity provides. But these bonds of fraternity that we nurture today must stir us to action, must jolt us to act, must be converted into commitment!”

At the event, UJCVP President Wendy Eisner announced the emergency fundraising campaign for Israel that the UJCVP had initiated to meet the dire humanitarian need in and the matching gift opportunity. “The generosity of our community has been astounding as we raise these critical funds, but still so much more is needed. The scope of the devastation is unimaginable, and we will continue to raise significant support,” she said.

To date, the small, but mighty Virginia Peninsula Jewish community has raised nearly \$450,000 for the Israel crisis response.

“The funds our community has raised are being put to a slew of immediate and urgent needs, such as medical care, emergency services, evacuation, transport, housing, supporting victims of terror, trauma relief and psychological support, as well as preparing for medium- and long-term needs,” shared Eisner.

Another action required, was shared by Virginia Peninsula community member Danit Tal, whose grandfather was a Holocaust survivor from Poland and whose grandmother was born and raised in Tzfat - long before the country of Israel even existed.



At the rally she shared that she has “been guilty of staying silent when issues are spoken about because I don’t want to ruffle feathers or make enemies. But I see now that all that has come of that is the perpetuation of age-old antisemitism. The terrorist attack and the reaction to it has exposed the pervasiveness and resurgence of antisemitism today.”

“Every person who unequivocally supports Israel and Judaism and speaks up against antisemitism, gives courage to others to speak up. We must recognize

and combat the antisemitism that surrounds us and that is perpetuated in our country. Our platforms and voices are all we have, and we MUST use them before it's too late," Tal concluded.

The rally included prayers and messages from all of our Virginia Peninsula community synagogues. "As Jews, we believe in the power of prayer," shared Rabbi Gershon Litt of Adath Jeshurun Synagogue in Newport News. "We believe by doing an act, we can make a difference."

The event also included musical performances by Congregation Emet V'Or's Cantorial Soloist Jonathan Rathsam, Temple Sinai's Rabbi Severine Sokol and Temple Beth El's Rich Roston.

"We are one giant family," shared Rabbi David Katz of Temple Beth El in Williamsburg. "We are all connected and we all feel what happens to each other."

The UJCVP has launched a Mobilization Center on its website at www.ujcvp.org to stay informed and learn about opportunities to support Israel locally during this difficult time. The page will continue to be updated with opportunities and events as they come together.



War in Israel: Fighting Back Online A how-to document on fighting disinformation.

A note of concern before reading this: while it is important to never look away from the horrors being committed against Israel, it is critical to remember that social media is intentionally graphic and incendiary. Do not consume yourself with social media; remember to take breaks and also be sure to connect with people you care about offline.

Here are some messaging strategies to combat disinformation:

Stick with the Facts

You're going to hear the same narratives you've heard for years. And remember that this is an unprecedented situation. We should never feed into propaganda and we must use our online presence to educate and engage. Make sure to only share verified content; if you're not sure, don't share it. Please note that "verified" on Twitter/X no longer guarantees an account is an official source, or that the content of the tweet has been confirmed as true.

Avoid Debunking One-for-One

Resist the urge to immediately debunk or interact with disinformation. It is often the case that the people who share these falsehoods about the war want you to interact and try to correct their false information. But remember: Engaging with their content, even if it is to debunk or correct it, lifts up the content in algorithms and inadvertently contributes to its spread. If you must post a rebuttal, it's better to share a screenshot of the offending content than to reshare it.

Debunking Messaging

Debunking messaging uses a "truth sandwich" strategy: state the fact clearly, warn your audience about the myth, discredit the disinformation, and reiterate the truth. This works because audiences tend to remember the first and last things they read or hear in a message.

Make it Personal

Most often, those who are posting disinformation are not your target audience and you will not change the opinion of strangers. However, if your relatives, friends, or neighbors are posting inaccurate information, you have an opportunity to engage on a personal level. Sharing your individual experience and the human impact is a powerful tool. A tactic of disinformation is to have just enough truth to make it difficult to refute. Countering false information with personal anecdotes can help.

HANUKKAH CRAFT NIGHT
Monday, December 4th - 6:30pm
with art instructor Julia Downer

Learn the technique of Shibori Japanese art to make reusable gift bags.

Passport Members - Free
Community Members - \$12
SPACE IS LIMITED - RSVP @ UJCV.P.ORG



Holidays Fair

Presented by
United Jewish Community of VA

Sunday

December 10, 2023

11am to 4pm

United Jewish Community Center
401 City Center Blvd, Newport News

40+ Vendors
Raffle Prizes
Traditional Jewish Foods

4eventplanning.com/ujcholidaysfair

A festive Thanksgiving/Shabbat potluck poster with illustrations of a pie, candles, a cupcake, a mug, and various autumn leaves.

20/30 GROUP
FRIENDS GIVING SHABBAT

Join your UJC young adult friends for a Thanksgiving / Shabbat potluck

Fri. November 17th
6:30pm

RSVP: UJCV.P.ORG
Admission: bring a vegetarian dish for dinner

Temple Beth El's 23rd Annual Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival

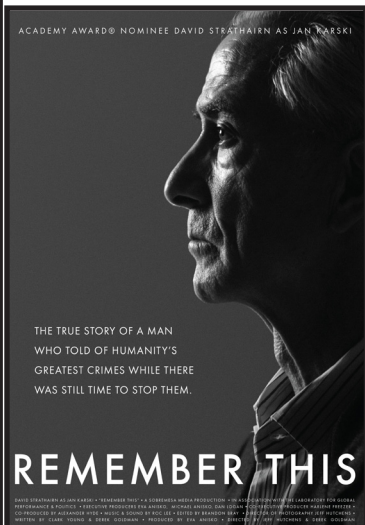
at the Williamsburg Regional Library Theater - 515 Scotland Street, Williamsburg VA



SCHÄCHTEN – A RETRIBUTION

Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 2:00pm
2022, 1 hr 50 min, Drama

This film is a post-war thriller. A twenty-something Austrian Jewish businessman survived the war as a child by living alone in the snowy forests after his grandparents, mother and sister perished in the Holocaust. In the 1960s, he meets Simon Wiesenthal and learns that Austria has rehabilitated Nazi leaders, who now live freely under assumed names, while government bureaucrats cover up old sins. After a commandant of Mauthausen is found not guilty despite harrowing eyewitness testimony, the businessman resolves to take the law into his own hands. As the net closes in on the commandant, we are treated to an exquisitely woven psychological drama set in the stunningly beautiful, snow-covered Austrian countryside. Inevitably, the moral question arises of whether vengeance can ever be justified, no matter what.



REMEMBER THIS

Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 2:00pm
2022, 1 hr 35 min, Drama

In a virtuoso solo performance, Academy Award-nominee David Strathairn portrays Jan Karski in this genre-defying, true story of a reluctant World War II hero and Holocaust witness. After surviving the devastation of the Blitzkrieg, Karski swears allegiance to the Polish Underground and risks his life to carry the first eyewitness reports of war-torn Poland to the Western world. In 1942, Karski volunteered to walk through the Warsaw Ghetto and a Nazi extermination camp before traveling to London to report to the Allied Nations on the conditions of occupied Poland and, specifically, the Holocaust. He personally delivered his eyewitness account—an urgent appeal for intervention on behalf of the Jewish people—to British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, and, later, President Franklin D. Roosevelt. His report was ignored. Strathairn captures the complexity and legacy of this self-described “insignificant, little man,” whose timely story of moral courage and individual responsibility can still shake the conscience of the world.

*All films are free.
Light desserts and beverages will be provided afterward.*

We greatly appreciate the support and loyalty of our audiences.
The Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival Committee
Sponsored by Temple Beth El

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

Telephone # 757-930-0820 | Website: www.ajshul.com
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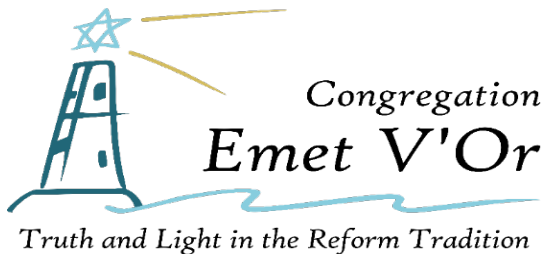


The Virginia Peninsula is 5,945 miles from Israel. The distance we feel in our hearts is a fraction of that. When something happens to Jews anywhere, it affects Jews everywhere. We're sad, we're depressed, we're helpless, we're all going through many emotions. We've also, most likely, heard from our non-Jewish friends or neighbors or a classmate from seventh grade, who want to let us know they're thinking about us. That's great and heartwarming and encouraging, but we also need to check in with our fellow Jews. Ask them if they're OK, if they need to vent, cry, yell, let them. We're all mishpacha and we get to carry each other. It's our privilege.

Shabbos Candle Lighting Times:

November 3 - 5:48pm
November 10 - 4:42pm
November 17 - 4:37pm
November 24 - 4:33pm

Rabbi Litt's Shabbos Schedule:
November 10th & December 15th



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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.

- November 3** – Rabbi led Shabbat service
- November 10** – Lay led Shabbat service with musical accompaniment
- November 17** – Rabbi led Shabbat service with cantorial and musical accompaniment
- November 24** – Shabbat in the Home

CEVO wishes everyone a happy Thanksgiving!

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

Special Events & Other News

Daylight Saving's is on November 5th. Don't forget to set your clock's back!

Election Day is November 7th. Every vote makes a difference

Our CEVO Board Meeting will be held on Monday, November 13th



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November Programs:

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Nov. 2nd & 9th at 7:30 p.m.

Sisterhood Book Club - Nov. 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Art as Midrash - Nov. 5th at 10:15 a.m.

Veterans Day Dinner

Nov. 10th following services

Sisterhood Hanukkah Boutique & Gift Fair

Nov. 12th at 10:00 a.m.



In-Person and Zoom Services

Minyan: Monday & Thursday @ 7:45 a.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays @ 6:00 p.m.

Shabbat Morning Services: Saturday @ 9:30 a.m.

Please see our website for more information.

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

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Participate in person – in the synagogue Sanctuary – or online, via Zoom.

Contact office@tbewilliamsburg.org for the link.



Future Dates:

- December 8, 2023
- January 19, 2024
- February 19, 2024
- March 15, 2024
- April 19, 2024
- May 17, 2024

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WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Saturday, November 11th @ 10:00am - Shabbat Service of Healing followed by light Kiddush luncheon

Sunday, November 12th @ 10:00am - Adult Education Torah Study with Joanna Homrighausen & Fred Levy, an informal Torah discussion and a delicious bagel nosh.

Saturday, November 18th @ 10:00am - Shabbat Service followed by light Kiddush luncheon.

Friday, November 24th @ 7:30pm - Shabbat/Thanksgiving Service

Our **Religious School** fosters an inclusive social-emotional Jewish learning environment featuring innovative and fun programs in partnership with special institutions and educators. Check it out!

Special Religious School programs this month include:

***Jewish Scribal Arts, learn to write the way of a sofer (scribe) writes** presented by a guest instructor from the Jewish Museum and Cultural Center of Portsmouth
***Thanksgiving and Hanukkah Songwriting Workshop** with grammy-nominated artist Paul Reisler



Shabbat Shalom

For more information about services or Religious School, contact Rabbi Sokol at rabbiseverine@gmail.com or (757) 268-6951

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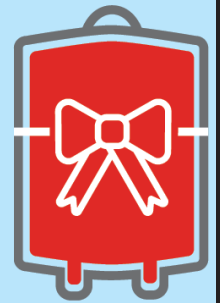
Thursday, November 30th
10am-12pm

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

Redefining the
meaning of gift bag:
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Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, December 1st
in the UJC Lobby
10am-2pm

National Blood Shortage!

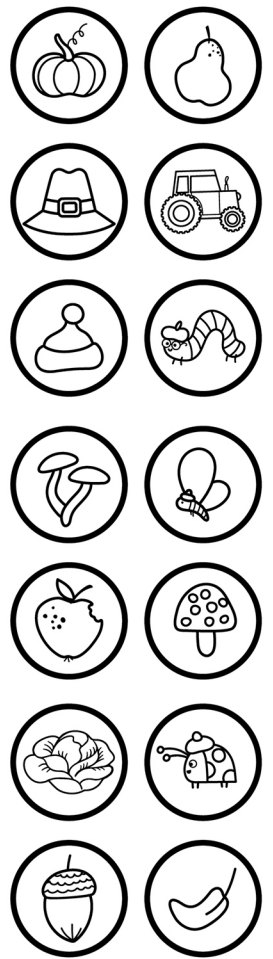
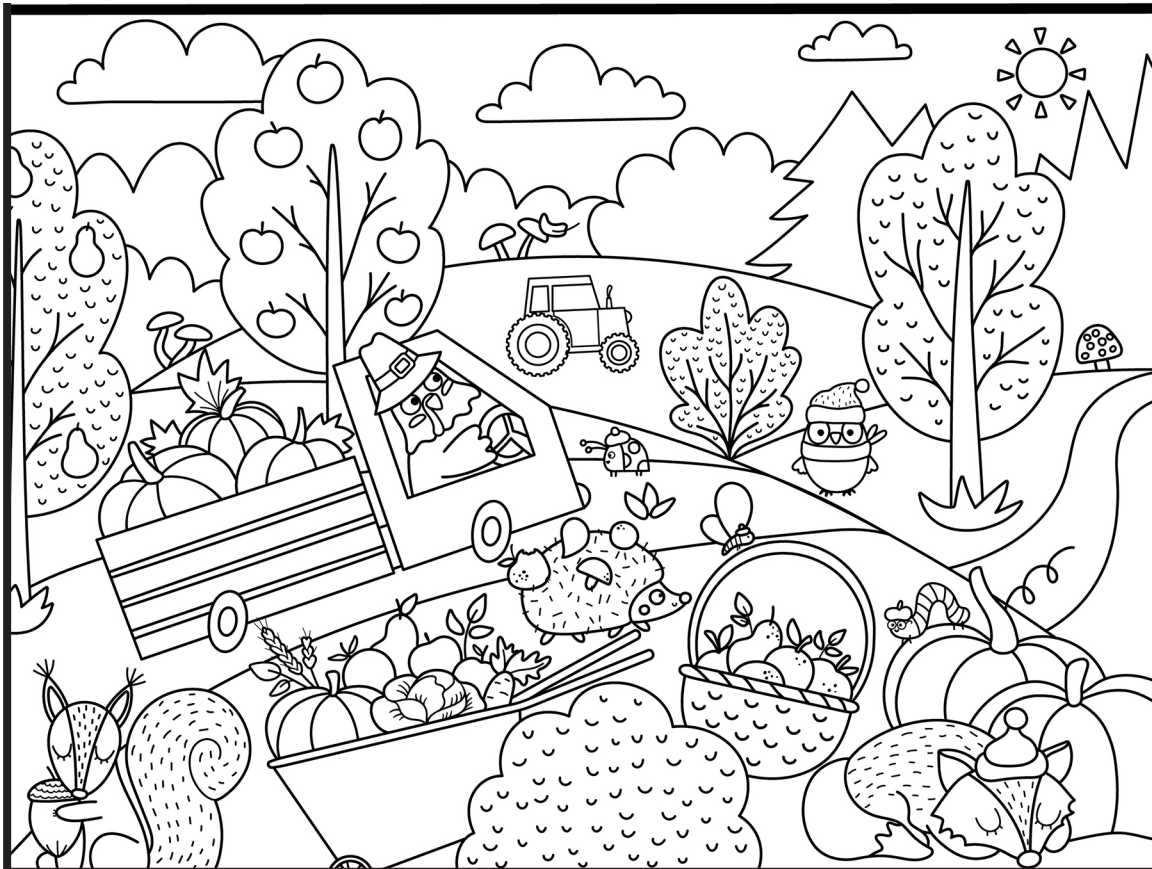
Blood donors of all blood types are
urgently needed.

Visit ujcvp.org to schedule an appointment
Questions? Email Sara Traster
straster@ujcvp.org



THANKSGIVING SEEK & FIND

find the objects in the picture



Join your PJ Library friends for storytime (“Give Thanks” by Naomi Shulman), a Thanksgiving-themed craft (make a grateful book / gratitude journal), and enjoy a pumpkin pie snack!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12th | 2:00-3:00pm

Passport Families - Free | Community Families - \$10/family

RSVP at ujcvp.org

Questions? Email Gavrielle Bargash: gbargash@ujcvp.org

JCCY / PJ OUR WAY THANKSGIVING Gratitude Night

Saturday, November 18th, 7:00-9:00pm

Registration Required: ujcvp.org | Questions? Email Gavrielle Bargash: gbaragash@ujcvp.org



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Sarfan Center

Wed. Nov. 22
Thurs. Nov. 23
Fri. Nov. 24

UJC Offices

Wed. Nov. 22 - closing at 3pm
Thurs. Nov. 23
Fri. Nov. 24

Happy Thanksgiving!



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17th
Annual
Celebration
at City Center
Thursday, Dec. 7th
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Newport News

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Celebration
at New Town
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UJCVP Community November 2023 Calendar

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023

5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness

Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023

11am - Grand Club/Bingo

Monday, Nov. 6, 2023

5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness
7pm - 20/30 Music Bingo

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023

9:30-11:30am - Community
Connect with Coffee
4:30pm - Hebrew School

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023

5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023

11am - Grand Club/Bingo

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2023

1pm - Camp Chaverim
Slime Party
1:30pm - Word to Action
2pm - PJ Library Give Thanks

Monday, Nov. 13, 2023

5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023

9:30-11:30am - Community
Connect with Coffee
4:30pm - Hebrew School
6pm - Dinner & Discuss

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023

5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness
7pm - Community Gathering
for Israel

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023

11am - Grand Club/Bingo
11am - Little Movers & Shakers

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023

7pm - JCCY/PJOW Thanksgiving

Monday, Nov. 20, 2023

5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023

9:30-11:30am - Community
Connect with Coffee
4:30pm - Hebrew School
6:30pm - Adult Hebrew Class

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023

SARFAN CENTER CLOSED
3pm - UJC CLOSING EARLY
5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness

Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023

UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

Friday, Nov. 24, 2023

UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023

7pm - 20/30 Fire Pit S'mores

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023

#GivingTuesday
Pushke Pour Out
9:30-11:30am - Community
Connect with Coffee
4:30pm - Hebrew School
5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness
6:30pm - Adult Hebrew Class

Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023

10am - Kibbitz & Create
11am - Grand Club/Bingo
5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness

Friday, Dec. 1, 2023

10am - Red Cross Blood Drive

