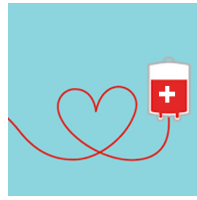


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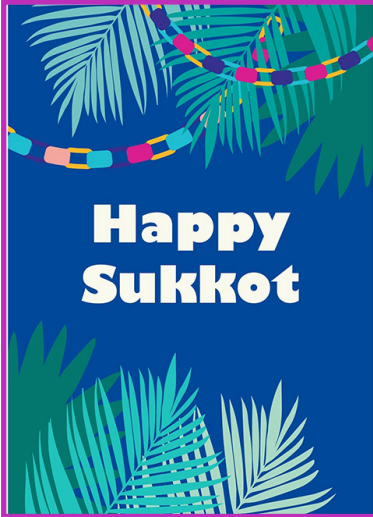


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# Jewish Community News

News of the Jewish VA Peninsula Community

October 2023/5784



**Happy  
Sukkot**



welcome to our  
**Sukkah**



**Happy  
Sukkot**

Join us at the J for Sukkot Craft Night! Tuesday, October 3rd More info on page 7



**Virginia Jewish Voters  
Guide**

**VIRGINIA  
IS FOR VOTERS!**

Information you need to be an informed voter!

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**REGISTER TO VOTE.**



For requirements, check your state's official election website.




**Shinshinim Bring Israel to the Peninsula:  
Meet This Year's Shinshinim!**

Turn to page 16 to meet Maya and Naomi!

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## Eric & Jack Luckman Memorial Endowment Fund

In memory of Bryan Dean Altman  
In memory of Linda Bauman  
Lori & Jeff Luckman

## Marilyn & Mark Nataupsky Holocaust Education Fund

In honor of the birth of Becca & Eric Maurer's daughter  
In honor of Becca & Eric Maurer's wedding anniversary  
In honor of Eric Maurer's birthday  
In honor of Mia Green winning the Maccabi Games  
Middot Medal  
Dr. Mark Nataupsky

## Senior Lunch / Grand Club Fund

Get well wishes for Valarie & Matt Blaes  
Ernestine Adelman  
In memory of Rabbi Norman Golner  
Michael Sukman

## UJC Preschool Fund

In honor of Mrs. Linda, Mrs. Jessica, Ms. Selena, and Ms. Katie  
The Hutcheson Family  
Wishing Jenny David a full recovery  
Joanne & Richard Gordon

## UJC Youth Fund

In honor of the birth of Anaelle Maurer  
Martha & Tsvi Katz-Hyman  
Susan & Neil Portnoff  
Danile & Larry Spokony  
In honor of Eric Karlin's birthday  
Beth Scharlop & Roger Schultz  
Wishing Barbara Rosenbaum a speedy recovery  
Beth Scharlop & Roger Schultz

## Unrestricted Endowment Fund

In honor of Becca & Eric Maurer's new baby  
Robin & Kenny Murov

# Strategic Planning Committee

If you know only one Hebrew word, that word is likely “Shalom” (שָׁלוֹם). What comes to mind when you hear this word?

The word “shalom” is used in a variety of expressions and contexts in Hebrew speech and writing. Shalom by itself is used as a greeting and farewell (“hello” and “goodbye”). Shalom is also often translated as “peace,” but it encompasses a broader sense of harmony, prosperity, welfare, and tranquility for society as a whole. In Judaism, shalom is one of the underlying principles of the Torah: “Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are shalom.”

Shalom Aleichem is an expression meaning “well-being be upon you,” and is used to greet others. It is also a song sung just before the Sabbath kiddish. Oseh Shalom (“peace maker”) is the part of a passage commonly found as a concluding sentence in much Jewish liturgy. Shabbat Shalom (“peaceful Sabbath”) is a warm and meaningful greeting exchanged on Shabbat. The greeting encapsulates the Jewish principles of observing the Sabbath, seeking peace and tranquility, fostering community, recognizing the sanctity of time, and pursuing spiritual growth.

Let us embrace the Peninsula 2030 project as we share the biblical vision of shalom as a community vision—a vision of human flourishing and a community that is holistic, healthy, and vibrant; a place of harmony, joy, and welcome.

Shalom Aleichem.

Steve Marks, Chairman, Strategic Planning Community

Wendy Eisner, UJCVP President



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

Wednesday, October 11th, 11am-12pm

FREE EVENT | Registration Required

Visit [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org) to sign up!

Questions? Email [carmela@ujcvp.org](mailto:carmela@ujcvp.org)



## THE WELLNESS CONNECTION

Wednesday, October 11th | 6:30-7:30pm

Come join Ariel Tal, licensed professional counselor as he guides us through a mindful and meditative journey through thoughts, sounds and health. Become grounded and self-aware on the present.

Passport Members - FREE  
Community Members - \$10/person

RSVP at [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org)





# Education Corner

Director of Education & Program Development, Carmela Malkin Kuhn



Sarfan Center Assistant Director, Naioki Wood

We are thrilled to start another school year with our families and friends, and to share our love of play and learning with our community. The 2023-2024 school year will bring so many wonderful opportunities for all to enjoy, including Shabbat sing-a-longs, High Holiday celebrations, parent socials, Sarfan Read-A-Thon, Grandparents Day, Annual 5K and so much more. We're so excited for all the great memories that will be made this year!



## Ancient Biblical Oaths and Current Israeli Politics

Thursday, October 19, 2023 | 5:00 pm

Presenter: Dr. Vered Sakal

How is it that an ancient Biblical oath has a tremendous effect on the way different Israelis establish and demonstrate their connection to the land and the state of Israel?

Our discussion will start off with the *Song of Songs* and end up with the religious-political questions that stand at the center of the political storm that is currently convulsing Israel and Israeli society.

*Free Event - No RSVP Required*

Questions? Email Dr. Vered Sakal: [vered.sakal@cnu.edu](mailto:vered.sakal@cnu.edu)

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

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The Department of English Presents

# MORE THAN FRIENDS:

## MUSLIMS, JEWS, AND MUSICAL INTIMACY IN ALGERIA



### Dr. Jonathan Glasser

Jonathan Glasser is Associate Professor of Anthropology at William & Mary. He is the author of *The Lost Paradise: Andalusí Music in Urban North Africa*, which in 2017 received the L. Carl Brown AIMS Book Prize from the American Institute for Maghrib Studies and the Mahmoud Guettat International Prize in Musicology from the Tunisian Ministry of Cultural Affairs. He is currently completing a book manuscript on Muslims, Jews, and musical intimacy in Algeria and France.



Music is a major site for remembering the Jewish presence in Algeria, and in many ways works against dominant discourses of Muslim-Jewish conflict and Jewish outsider status. But digging deeper uncovers multiple ways to read Muslim-Jewish intimacy around music, some of which edge into rivalry, hierarchy, and difference.

This talk weighs these multiple interpretations, drawing on historical archives and contemporary memory in Algeria and in France.



**Wednesday, October 11**  
**4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**  
**Torggler Lecture Hall**

**Approved Honors & PLP**  
**Leadership Discovery**  
**Event**

### The Scott Pollard Speaker Series

*Free Event - No RSVP Required*

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## Campaign Corner - Jessi Malkin



*"When keeping the body in health and vigor, one walks in the way of God."  
-Maimonides*



No one likes getting sick, or worse, having a sick child or spouse at home. It's not surprising that Jews have a lot of opinions on illness and preventing illnesses. We are expressly commanded to save a life above all else. While this law is in place to put physical wellbeing before prayer, it also teaches us to prevent illness when possible.

For many, many years, the UJC has been hosting a flu clinic, providing our staff and community with an opportunity to receive a free vaccine. Once the Covid vaccines became available, we began offering those vaccines as well, always covering the cost for anyone who would otherwise be unable to receive this preventative treatment.

Once again, we will be offering these vaccines to anyone who would like to receive them. Insurance doesn't matter, if you would like a vaccine, simply sign up online or give us a call and we will make sure you are covered (and even provide a lollipop after your ouchie!).



*This is just one simple way the UJCV Annual Campaign supports our community.*

**COVID-19 VACCINE**

**INFLUENZA VACCINE**

**Flu / Covid Vaccine Clinic**  
*Protect yourself from germs this fall and winter!*

Thursday, October 12th  
11am - 1pm

Please visit our UJC website: [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org)  
for more information and to reserve an appointment slot.

Questions? Email Jessi Malkin  
[jmalkin@ujcvp.org](mailto:jmalkin@ujcvp.org)

**THE FIRST DAY OF HEBREW SCHOOL IS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**

To register, visit [ujcvp.org/hebrew-school](http://ujcvp.org/hebrew-school)

Questions?  
Email Carmela Malkin Kuhn  
[carmela@ujcvp.org](mailto:carmela@ujcvp.org)



# Senior Security Training

## How to Recognize and Avoid Scams

Thursday, October 19, 12pm

Passport Members - Free

Community Members - \$2.50



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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

### SUKKOT CRAFT NIGHT

Tuesday, October 3rd - 6:30pm

Spend the evening at the J and make a dried citrus garland -  
perfect for your sukkah decorations or fall home decor.

Passport Members - Free | Community Members - \$15

SPACE IS LIMITED - RSVP @ UJCV.P.ORG





**Please enjoy our 2023 Annual Campaign Honor Roll.**

**The Annual Campaign is the lifeblood of our UJCVP activities and programs. Your generosity is appreciated and your commitment to our community is valued.**

*L - Lion of Judah (minimum contribution: \$5,000) | CS - Chai Society (minimum contribution \$1,800) | LOJE - Lion of Judah Endowment | PACE - Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment | \*- of Blessed Memory*

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 Jenny & Joshua David (LOJE)  
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 (PACE)

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 Janet Glasofer (L)  
 Shelly & Geoffrey Kostiner (L)  
 Carmela Malkin Kuhn (L)  
 Lisa & Sam Margolin (L)  
 Becca & Eric Maurer (L)  
 Edward Mirmelstein  
 Jay Mirmelstein  
 Neisser (PACE)  
 Edward Olshansky  
 Rochelle Portnoy (L)  
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 Judith Kline  
 Beth & Daniel Kluger (CS)  
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 Ryeken Kostiner  
 Myra & Linwood Kramer  
 Phillip Levy  
 Jessi & Michael Malkin (CS)  
 Sondra Markoff

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 Wendy Drucker (L)  
 Wendy & Jonathan Eisner (L)  
 Jean & Arthur Fass (L)  
 Mariel Focseneanu & Eric Karlin (L)  
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 Robin & Guy Levy (L)  
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 Lorraine Morewitz\* (LOJE)  
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 Jody & Ed Sarfan (L)  
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 Anonymous

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 Marvin Posner  
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 Linda Roos  
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 Bennett Stein  
 Rosanne & Mike Stupar

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Beth & Jack Arager (L)  
 Sarah & Jim Barnett (L)



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Lois & James Ullman  
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 Sandy & Howard Waters (CS)  
 Charlene & Steven Wendell  
 Eileen & Stephen Wood (CS)  
 Anonymous  
 Anonymous  
 Anonymous

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 Bonnie Brooks  
 Paul Cooper  
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 Margo Drucker  
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 Sandy Katz  
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 Sara & Gershon Litt  
 Karen Minkoff  
 Judy Mirmelstein  
 Angela & Michael Molin  
 Linda & Stan Molin  
 Judy Morewitz  
 Rhoda & Bill Nachman  
 Susan Nachman & Corey Adelson  
 Lisa & Geoff Nochimson  
 Celia Rinaldo  
 Bob Winsor & David Rottman  
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 Jerry Sharf  
 Barbara Smith  
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 Randi & Craig Turczynski  
 Tova & Jay Warren  
 Sheila & Paul Zubkoff  
 Anonymous

Bunnie & Bryan Altman  
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 Helene Goldsman & Walt Deskins  
 Barbara Gordon  
 Tori & David Gussman  
 Marley & Bob Keefer  
 Meryl & Bob Kessler  
 Sue & Michael Kornberg  
 Jessica & David Lasris  
 Ryann & Kevin MacLuskie  
 Doris & Harvey Margulies  
 Leorah & Stephen Massie  
 Joyce Miller  
 David Morewitz  
 Gloria & Aaron Ostroff  
 Janet & Gerald Peltz  
 Karen & Mark Pomeranz  
 Chandi & Bart Singer  
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 Glenda & Bruce Sykes  
 Sheryl & Arthur Wolfson  
 Mark Woloshin  
 Bobbi & Arnie Zimmer  
 Anonymous  
 Anonymous  
 Anonymous

All Others

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Mindy Rubin & Nick Adams  
 Yana & Slava Alekseyev  
 Monique & Paul Aronsohn  
 Margie & Aaron Auslender  
 Miriam & Joel Bader  
 Rhoda Beckman  
 Jamie Begor  
 Carol Bender & Howard Kessler  
 Natalie Berelovich  
 Polina Berelovich  
 Evelyn Bibi  
 Pat & John Blasko  
 Heidi Bloch  
 Beth Brauner  
 Michael Byalik

Maria Canzano  
 Ann & Woody Chapman  
 Barbara & Robert Cohen  
 Reece David  
 Carl Devore  
 Maria & Ivan Dickerson  
 Rhonda & Arthur Diamond  
 Laura Seltzer Duny  
 Sarah Eckhause  
 Boglarka & Joseph Edouard  
 Candy & Lawrence Familant  
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 Linda Lavaty\*

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 Mary & Joseph Lieberman  
 Lysuya & Aleksandr Lifshits  
 Molly & Eugene Link  
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 Asya Mirkes  
 Helen Myers  
 Mark Nataupsky  
 Robert Nochimson  
 Roni Pearcy  
 Barbara & Mike Perelman  
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 Beverly & James Phillips

Susan & Neil Portnoff  
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 Judy Salken  
 Ted Sandler  
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 Rebecca & Marshall Scheetz  
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 Leah & Travis Smith  
 Sydney Smith  
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 Sara Stein  
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Margaret & Mike Stiglitz  
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 Ella & Leonid Sukholutsky  
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**Passport Members - \$5 per class**  
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 \*this is not a UJC program\*



# UJCVP Partners with Newport News Police Department to Integrate FUSUS into Newly Updated Video Surveillance System

In August, the UJCVP completed a comprehensive project to upgrade and centralize our video surveillance system. Made possible by your generous contributions and a grant from the UJCVP Endowment, the project aimed at addressing security vulnerabilities by uniting all campus organizations under one shared server and upgrading to state-of-the-art IP cameras that offer enhanced picture quality, longer recording time and motion sensing capability. Additionally, the project expanded the coverage of cameras on the campus to eliminate gaps in coverage.

Last year, the UJCVP convened a conversation with Newport News Police Department (NNPD) Chief Steve Drew and his Command Team to review security needs of the Jewish community and areas of improvement in our security alignment with local law enforcement. One suggested area of improvement was for the UJCVP to formally partner with NNPD by integrating the FUSUS real-time video system into our surveillance system.

FUSUS is a camera integration platform that allows law enforcement to monitor video feeds from multiple public and privately-owned sources, in one place, all in real time. With FUSUS, in the event of an emergency, law enforcement could immediately access video footage and gain a rapid awareness of the situation inside. FUSUS keeps law enforcement officers and the communities they protect safer by enabling law enforcement to function more efficiently and with improved operational intelligence, by creating a common operating picture. By fusing public cameras like street and transit cams with private security cameras, FUSUS enables communities to collaborate to create safe zones that are secured and monitored. Police departments

have the ability to keep an eye on parking facilities, external building cameras, and surrounding streets to keep community members safe.



The UJCVP is the first faith-based organization in Newport News to partner with the police department to integrate the FUSUS system.

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# The Virginia Birthright Experience

“Birthright changed my life,” said CNU student, Shula Hochster. “I never would have invested as much time exploring my Judaism if it had not been for my Birthright trip with Rabbi Litt.”

Twice a year, students at ODU, William and Mary, Christopher Newport University and other universities have a unique opportunity to take advantage of going to Israel with a group from Virginia. “Hampton Roads and the Peninsula does not have one big university with a large, Jewish population, but when you bring all the local universities together, they can be a real force,” said Rabbi Gershon Litt, the Hillel director at William & Mary and rabbinic advisor for CNU Hillel. Litt said, “Local Virginia students cannot compete with larger universities like Texas, Maryland, or Penn, and therefore cannot guarantee buses of students going to Israel on Birthright trips, but if we all join together as one then the results are very powerful.”

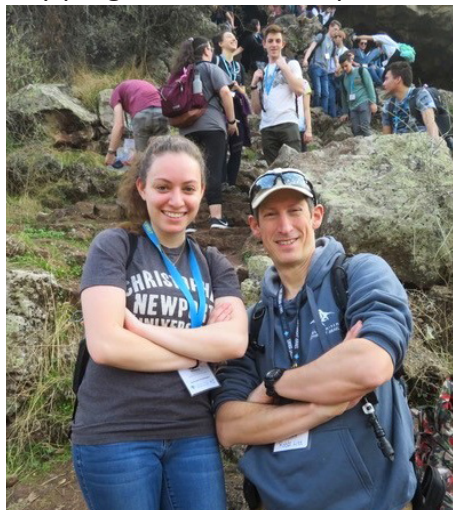
Since 2005, Rabbi Litt has led Taglit Birthright trips and has surpassed 40 trips. “It is one of the most rewarding parts of my job. To see the students experience Israel for the first time gives me tremendous inspiration and keeps me focused on continuing to educate college students about the importance of Israel as part of their Jewish identity,” said Rabbi Litt. The students love the idea that they can go to Israel with someone they know, experience everything Israel has to offer, and then come back as a group. Students have reunions, get together for Shabbos meals, bring Israel advocacy programs to their respective campuses, and have a new family of fellow students who experienced Israel together with them.

Former CNU student and past president of the CNU Hillel, Hannah Kaye, commented that Rabbi Litt’s Birthright trip, “Changed my perspective on Israel and connected me to Judaism in a way that I never thought possible. All I want to do is give other students that same opportunity.” Each semester the Hillel students plan a program on the CNU campus to raise awareness of that semester’s upcoming trip to Israel being led by Rabbi Litt.

Tristan Schnader, former president of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity at William and Mary, also went to Israel on the IFS Birthright trip with Rabbi Litt. “I learned what it meant to be Jewish and how important it is to bring that back to my fraternity,” said Tristan. In the past few years many AEPi brothers have gone to Israel with Rabbi Litt.

“I have been offering Jewish programming to university students in our area since 2007. The Jewish students here are wonderful, dedicated, and committed to learning more about Israel and Judaism. Birthright is a critical step in building the relationship between the Holy Land and the individual Jewish student. It brings the students back and empowers them to stand up, be advocates, continue to learn about their heritage, and make a difference for other Jewish students,” said Rabbi Litt.

Birthright Israel trips with Rabbi Litt offer a great combination of Jewish heritage and history, political insight, and travel. The tour guides are some of the best in the industry and each trip gets to take advantage of IFS’s years of expertise.



If you or someone you know is a student in a Virginia university and wants to take advantage of Rabbi Litt’s Birthright program please contact him at 757-559-1836 or rabbilitt@wmhillel.org.

*You gift to the UJCVP Annual Campaign nurtures the next generation by supporting our Hillels throughout Virginia.*





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# WORLD PREMIER FILM EVENT TO FIGHT ANTISEMITISM

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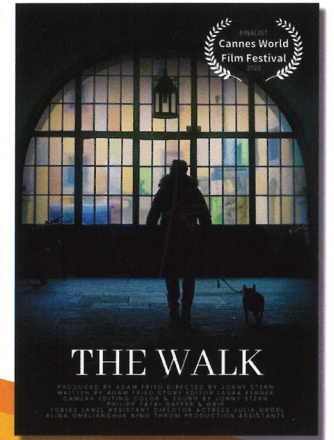
## THE WALK

The true story of a Jewish man stuck living in Germany to be with his only daughter. Everyday he is faced with reminders of the Holocaust as he walks his dog through the city which was known for antisemitism and Nazi activity during World War 2.

**JOIN US  
OCTOBER 11TH  
7:30PM**

- SHORT FILM
- DISCUSSION
- ACTION

WATCH THE TRAILER & REGISTER



All proceeds from the film support the fight against Antisemitism



## Kibbitz & Create

Thursday, October 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](mailto:jmalkin@ujcvp.org)

# BLOOD DRIVE

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, October 4th

in the UJC Lobby

10am-3pm

Visit [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org) to schedule an appointment

Questions? Email Sara Traster

[straster@ujcvp.org](mailto:straster@ujcvp.org)



# Sleepaway Camp Reflections



School might be back in session, but overnight camp is still on the minds of many of our community kids! Each of these campers attended a Jewish overnight camp - some for the first time and many returning year after year to these happy places!

One Happy Camper, funded by the UJCVP Endowment, provides first-time campers with a grant up to \$1000. More than 150 overnight camps participate in this program (including many of the camps below) allowing your potential camper to find their perfect summer. It's not too early to start looking.

Check out: <https://jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper/> or contact Jessi Malkin ([jmalkin@ujcvp.org](mailto:jmalkin@ujcvp.org)) to begin planning for summer 2024!



**Kaia Henderson**  
age 16, 2nd year camper  
Camp Tel Yehudah  
Barryville NY  
[telyehudah.org](http://telyehudah.org)

*This year, I went to Camp Tel Yehudah in Barryville, New York. I had so much fun, and it was so great to be able to see my friends again. My*

*age group got the opportunity to lobby for change in D.C., which was such a cool experience.*



**Macy Schorr**  
age 11, 3rd year camper  
Camp Blue Star  
Hendersonville, NC  
[bluestarcamps.com](http://bluestarcamps.com)

*My favorite part about Camp Blue Star was reuniting with all my cabinmates and friends and learning to kayak!*



**Rachel Kirsh**  
age 10  
3rd year camper  
Habonim Dror Camp  
Moshava  
Street, MD  
[campmosh.org](http://campmosh.org)

*My favorite part of Mosh was tubing. It was so fun to float down the river on*

*tubes. I can't wait to go back.*



**Sam Schorr**  
age 14  
3rd year camper  
Camp Blue Star  
Hendersonville, NC  
[bluestarcamps.com](http://bluestarcamps.com)

*My favorite part about Camp Blue Star this summer was the white-water rafting trip,*

*kayaking and camping outside.*



**Max Malkin**  
age 11  
2nd year camper  
Sababa Beachaway  
Virginia Beach, VA  
[sabababeachaway.org](http://sabababeachaway.org)

*At Sababa, I found myself doing things I never thought I'd*

*do. I was able to make lots of friends who helped me throughout the couple of weeks I was there. Even though you might get homesick, once you come home, you want to be back to camp!*



**Nathan Jack Traster**  
age 8  
1st year camper  
Capital Camps  
Waynesboro, PA  
[capitalcamps.org](http://capitalcamps.org)

*Capital Camps was fun.*

*I got to try lots of cool things for the first time: the zip line, canoeing, swimming in the lake, tennis, and archery.*



Jonah Deyong, Anna Deyong and Nathan Jack Traster at Capital Camps together.

# Camp Chaverim

# SLIME PARTY

Sunday, November 12th | 1-3pm  
RSVP REQUIRED: [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org)

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



**JCCY**  
UNDER THE BIG TOP

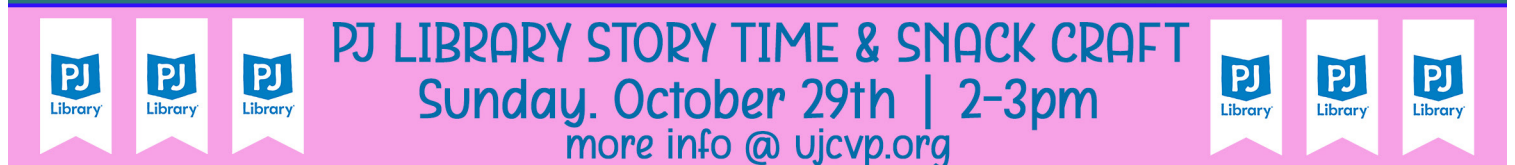
**FUN!**

★ | OCT 21 | 7.30 PM TO 9.00 | ★

RSVP @ [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org)

**ADMIT ONE**  
K-3RD GRADER

Icons: cotton candy, lollipop, popcorn



**PJ LIBRARY STORY TIME & SNACK CRAFT**  
Sunday, October 29th | 2-3pm  
more info @ [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org)

Icons: PJ Library logo (repeated three times)



**PJ OUR WAY**  
GAME NIGHT

Sunday, October 21st | 7:30-9:00pm

RSVP at [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org)

**GAME NIGHT**  
4th-7th graders

Icons: joystick, dominoes, puzzle pieces, dice, board game, controller



## Shinshinim Bring Israel to the Peninsula

In our ongoing commitment to connect our community with the people of Israel, the UJCVP is proud to partner with the Tidewater Jewish Federation for a second year to bring their ShinShinim program to the Virginia Peninsula.

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 on the Peninsula working with our youth on a regular basis. We thank the Tidewater Jewish Federation for their partnership.



### MAYA OSTROV

**FROM:** I live in Ramat Gan, a city near Tel Aviv, with my mom, dad and two siblings.

**HOBBIES:** Running, reading, spending time with friends and family.

**ONE THING MAYA LOVES ABOUT ISRAEL:** I like the people of Israel and the variety of colorful cultures, and that although there are differences and disputes, there is still a mutual responsibility for one another, especially in difficult times. I like the fact that we are warm and welcoming, but also straight forward and have some “Israeli Chutzpah.”



### NAOMI FRIEDLAND

**FROM:** I live with my parents, younger sister, and brother in Qiriat Ono (a suburb of Tel Aviv).

**HOBBIES:** Meditative walks, art, reading, and working with children.

**ONE THING NAOMI LOVES ABOUT ISRAEL:** I think the most striking thing in Israel that I appreciate is the mutual commitment between people. I’m always amazed to learn how many people volunteer in different charities. If I’m in trouble, I know I can rely even on a stranger to help me. The natural warmth of people makes every encounter familiar, as if you’ve always known the person you just met on the bus.



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

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

## Save The Dates!! November 5th and 12th

As we go to press, the Virginia Peninsula Film Festival committee is still finalizing the selection of films for the 2023 – 2024 Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival. For the latest information about the films, see the Jewish Film Festival page at: [www.tbewilliamsburg.org](http://www.tbewilliamsburg.org).

All films will be shown at the Williamsburg Regional Library Theater, 515 Scotland St., Williamsburg, VA.

Dates and times for the 23rd Annual Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival's films are:

Sunday, November 5, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

Sunday, November 12, 2022 at 2:00 PM

Sunday, January 28, 2023 at 2:00 PM

Sunday, March 3, 2023 at 2:00 PM

Sunday, March 24, 2023 at 2:00 PM

The Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival depends on the generosity of our patrons to cover our expenses. Please join us now to ensure that the Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival can continue with its mission to make this year's festival a reality. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

To donate by credit card, go to our website at: [tbewilliamsburg.org/donate/](http://tbewilliamsburg.org/donate/)  
On the Donation Form Page, select Film Festival as the reason for donation. Donations received by Monday, October 23rd, will be acknowledged in the program.



## ***Tales and Lore***

**Sunday, October 8, 2023 - 3:00pm at the UJC**

Featuring Emily Smith and Tyler Hyun, two of the four winners of the 2022-23 YRSO Young Artists Concerto Competition, with YRSO conductors: Eric Reiff & Clint Correll

### Advanced Tickets

Regular Admission: \$13  
Student / Senior / Military: \$10  
Passport Members: Free

### Tickets at the Door

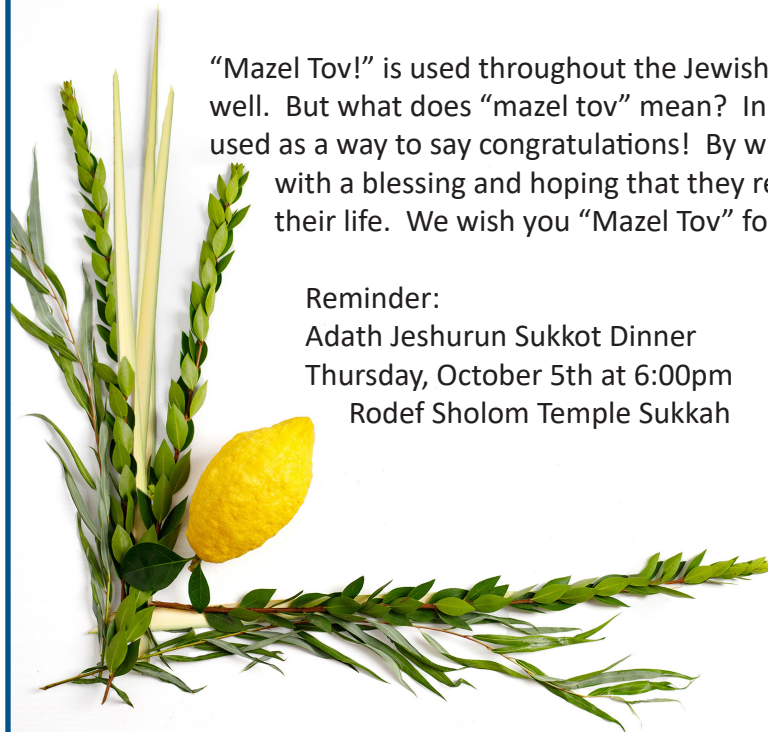
Regular Admission: \$15  
Student / Senior / Military: \$12  
Passport Members: Free

Please visit [yrso.org](http://yrso.org) for more information.

Questions? Email Angela Morris: [amorris@ujcva.org](mailto:amorris@ujcva.org)

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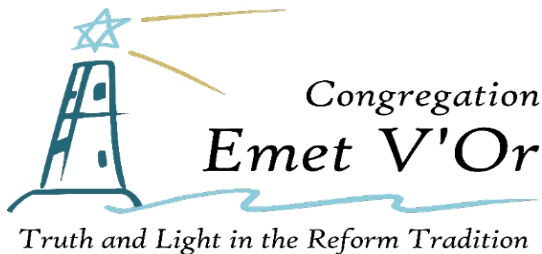


“Mazel Tov!” is used throughout the Jewish world and has entered the Pop Culture lexicon as well. But what does “mazel tov” mean? In Hebrew, “mazel tov” means “good luck,” but it is used as a way to say congratulations! By wishing someone “mazel tov,” we are instilling the with a blessing and hoping that they receive more and more blessings for the rest of their life. We wish you “Mazel Tov” for the New Year ahead!

Reminder:  
Adath Jeshurun Sukkot Dinner  
Thursday, October 5th at 6:00pm  
Rodef Sholom Temple Sukkah

**Candle Lighting Times:**  
October 6 - 6:23 pm (Yom Tov)  
October 7 - 7:18 pm (Yom Tov)  
October 13 - 6:14 pm  
October 20 - 6:04 pm  
October 27 - 5:56 pm

**Rabbi Litt's Shabbos Schedule:**  
October 20th, November 10th, December 15th



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.

- October 6<sup>th</sup>** – Lay led services
- October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Rabbi led services
- October 20<sup>th</sup>** – Lay led services
- October 27<sup>th</sup>** – Rabbi led services
- November 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Rabbi led services

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

### Special Events & Other News

#### **Religious School news:**

Religious School will meet on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 12:00. October 8<sup>th</sup> will be combined activities with the AlefBeit class for Simchat Torah and Sukkot. All are welcome to join us. October 29<sup>th</sup> will be religious school only.

**CEVO Board Meeting** - October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30



 [fb.me/CEVOcommunity](https://fb.me/CEVOcommunity)

# RODEF SHOLOM TEMPLE

FOUNDED IN 1913 AND A MEMBER OF THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM.

*We are: Warm, welcoming and steeped in the rich traditions of Judaism...Egalitarian and Eclectic  
Living personal Jewish journeys across a spectrum of participation...Looking forward to seeing you!*

## October Programs:

Men's Club Dinner & Scotch in the Sukkah - Sunday, October 1st at 5:30pm

Sisterhood Yoga in the Sukkah - Tuesday, October 3rd at 5:30pm

Shimini Atzeret Service - Saturday, October 7th at 9:30am

Simchat Torah Lite Supper followed by Service - Saturday, October 7th at 5:00pm

Simchat Torah Service - Sunday, October 8th at 9:30am



## In-Person and Zoom Services

Minyan: Monday & Thursday @ 7:45am

Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays @ 6:00pm

Shabbat Morning Services: Saturday @ 9:30am

*Please see our website for more information.*

Contact the office for Zoom information: [office@rodefsholomtemple.org](mailto:office@rodefsholomtemple.org)

401 City Center Blvd. - Newport News, VA, 23606 - 757-826-5894 - [rodefsholomtemple.org](http://rodefsholomtemple.org)

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



### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Saturday, October 7th @ 10:00am** - Shabbat/Simchat Torah Service with presentation by Jonathan Homrighausen followed by light kiddush luncheon.

**Friday, October 13th @ 7:30pm** - Kabbalat Shabbat Malachim Service

**Sunday, October 15th @ 10:00am** - Adult Education Torah Study with Jonathan Homrighausen & Fred Levy, an informal Torah discussion and a delicious bagel nosh.

**Sunday, October 21st @ 10:00am** - Shabbat Service followed by light Kiddush luncheon.

**Friday, October 27th @ 7:30pm** - Kabbalat Shabbat Service



*Shabbat Shalom*

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

Contact Rabbi Sokol at [rabbiseverine@gmail.com](mailto:rabbiseverine@gmail.com) or (757) 2686951 if you are interested in attending services.



## Virginia Peninsula Jewish Voter's Guide

The Community Relations Council (CRC) of the UJCVP is excited to share with you the 2023 Virginia Peninsula Jewish Voter's Guide. This year's election will be based on new legislative districts approved by the Virginia Supreme Court on December 28, 2021. This Guide will provide the information you need to be an informed voter. You can use the links below to determine which district is yours, which candidates are running, and where and how you can cast your ballot. Get started at Who's My Legislator from the Virginia General Assembly to find your current legislators and your legislative district designations.

Once you know which district is yours, you can look for the corresponding candidate statements in these pages. We have collected statements only from candidates with districts on the Virginia Peninsula, including those running in uncontested races. The statements in this Voter's Guide were compiled by inviting each candidate to provide a photograph, a link to their campaign website, and a 300-word statement to the Jewish Community. We have provided the responses (in full) for each candidate who replied. For candidates who did not submit a statement, their bios were copied from their campaign websites and marked with an asterisk (\*).

Election Day in Virginia is Tuesday, November 7, 2023. In-person, early voting is open between September 22 and November 4 at local voter registration offices. Check the Virginia Department of Elections website to register to vote or check your registration status to find your polling place, and to apply to receive an absentee ballot. Other statewide resources can be found here:

### **Who's My Legislator?**

[www.whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov](http://www.whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov)

### **Voting on Election Day**

[www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/in-person-voting/](http://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/in-person-voting/)

### **Absentee and Early Voting**

[www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/early-absentee](http://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/early-absentee)

### **Accessible Voting**

[www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/accessible-voting/](http://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/accessible-voting/)

\*The Community Relations Council of the UJCVP does not make political endorsements.  
This voter's guide is for educational purposes only.

Jeff Luckman, Chair of the Community Relations Council of the UJCVP  
Eric Maurer, Executive Director of the UJCVP, [emaurer@ujcvp.org](mailto:emaurer@ujcvp.org)



## Senate District 23

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### Mamie E. Locke (D) - incumbent

[www.senatorlocke.com](http://www.senatorlocke.com)

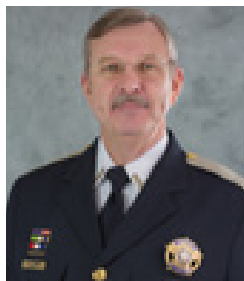


I am Senator Mamie E. Locke. I have represented the 2nd District for 20 years. This district has now become the 23rd district following redistricting, covering the entirety of the City of Hampton and half of Newport News. Prior to serving in the Senate, I served on the City Council and as the Mayor of Hampton. I recently retired as Professor of Political Science

from Hampton University. In the Senate I serve on the following committees: Education & Health, General Laws & Technology, Rehabilitation & Social Services, Finance & Appropriations, and Rules (Chair). I am also Chair of the Senate Democratic Caucus. My priorities have always been education (all levels, from early childhood to higher education), housing, criminal justice reform, voting rights, and women's reproductive health care. I have served on the Virginia Housing Commission since serving in the Senate as well as the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission. Through the work of the latter and my membership in the Southern Poverty Law Center, I am a strong advocate for equality and justice. That is why my priority is funding for early childhood education (education is the great equalizer) and ensuring that a constitutional amendment for restoration of voting rights is enshrined in the Virginia Constitution. It is through the SPLC that I continue to learn about the proliferation of hate crimes, most notably antisemitism and holocaust-denial conspiracies. The organization publishes a hate map and publishes information about issues pertinent to racism, antisemitism, voting rights, and criminal justice reform. I use this information in my advocacy for ensuring that equality becomes a reality, not just for the 23rd District, but for the Commonwealth.

## Senate District 24

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### Danny Diggs (R)

[www.diggsforsenate.com](http://www.diggsforsenate.com)

I am J. D. "Danny" Diggs. I have been married for 43 years and have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. I have been a law enforcement officer for 45 years with the last 23 years as the Sheriff of York and

Poquoson. I retired on January 1 to be a full-time candidate for State Senator. My reason for running is to serve the people of the 24th District as a common-sense conservative representative.

In 2016, I was blessed to have been chosen by AIPAC to visit and tour Israel with several other Sheriffs. The time I spent in Israel learning about the history, culture, and geopolitical issues being faced was eye opening and an experience that I will cherish.

As Senator, one of my priorities will be public safety. I believe we need to take a tough-on-crime approach to ensure that everyone feels safe in their homes, communities, and that our kids are safe in our schools. While we will never be able to fully eradicate hate speech and bigotry, we can actively take steps to punish people who commit hate crimes. In 2020, several bad-for-public safety bills were passed that allowed criminals to be released from jail early and in the 2020 Special Session they voted against a bill that would increase penalties for certain hate crimes. If someone commits a crime, they need to serve their full sentence and we should actively pursue individuals who are using antisemitism as a weapon to intimidate. As Sheriff, I did not tolerate any hate crimes and instructed my deputies to investigate any perpetrators to the fullest extent possible. I would support any legislation that would enhance the safety of the Jewish community. I hope that I can earn your support.

### Monty Mason (D) - incumbent

[www.masonforvirginia.com](http://www.masonforvirginia.com)



Hello to the Jewish community of the Virginia peninsula! My name is Monty Mason, and I am running for re-election in the newly drawn 24th district which covers York County, Williamsburg, Poquoson, and parts of Newport News and James City County. Throughout my time in the General Assembly, I have relied on many different factors to guide me as a legislator, including my family, my moral compass, and my faith.

The mission for me has always been to create a Commonwealth that works for everyone, regardless of what you look like, where you come from, or what faith you practice. As antisemitic incidents have been on the rise across Virginia, I have taken action to combat that discrimination directly by supporting policies like voting to establish grant funds for non-profits at risk of hate crimes including synagogues.

I have also supported other vital legislation aimed at protecting and supporting the Jewish community, including voting for HB 1606. This bill updated the definition of antisemitism in Virginia code to match the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition, which will be helpful to

law enforcement as they review antisemitic incidents across the Commonwealth.

I have enjoyed a very close relationship with the United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula for the past ten years in the General Assembly and I look forward to continuing that friendship. There is still much work still to be done, but I am dedicated to ensuring that the Jewish community of the peninsula and entire commonwealth are supported in Richmond. It would be an honor to have your support for my re-election this year.

## Senate District 26

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**Pamela Garner (D)**  
[www.garnerforva.com](http://www.garnerforva.com)



Pam served over 30 years in the Air Force and Air National Guard, retiring as Lieutenant Colonel. Her last position was Strategic Plans and Policy Joint Director, successfully managing high-level military programs. She managed statewide COVID-19 response efforts across 11 agencies and localities, managed budgets of more than \$25.5 million, commanded

a 200+-member military squadron, and overhauled inefficient systems to increase productivity and transparency.

She earned a bachelor's and master's degree in physics and taught high school physics and math in Richmond, Chesterfield, and Gloucester County public schools for over a decade.

She is a small business owner in Gloucester and serves as an elections officer there.

She and her husband, Chief Master Sgt. Angus Garner, founded a non-profit with four other couples to provide health and financial literacy seminars, scholarships, and school supplies for local students in the Middle Peninsula Gazette Journal Article B C United Outreach Aug 5. Their daughter Breanna Bowman is a physical therapist.

She has served her country and community since 1989. Now she wants to serve you! She is vowing to protect reproductive freedom, expand gun safety and ensure strong public schools so every child gets a world class education. Democracy is on the ballot, and we MUST protect all Human Rights. She will also fight against unlawful discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, or disability. If you want to learn more, donate or volunteer connect with the campaign at <https://www.garnerforva.com>.

**Ryan McDougle (R) - incumbent**  
[www.ryanmcdougle.com](http://www.ryanmcdougle.com)



\*As a lifelong resident of Hanover County, Ryan understands the interests of the local community while seeking to maximize individual freedoms and conservative principles. Ryan's commitment to public service is influenced by a grounded and humble upbringing. He quickly learned the value of hard work through his Mother's small business, Sandy's Plants, at a young age. He went on to attend James Madison University before attaining his Juris Doctor degree at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law and The College of William and Mary.

Upon graduation, Ryan worked as a prosecutor for the Hanover County Commonwealth Attorney's Office, where he specialized in prosecuting domestic violence and family abuse offenders. His professional work on behalf of children grew into a personal commitment that resulted in the creation of the Hanover County Child Advocate Response Team. Ryan began his legislative service in the House of Delegates in 2002 and went on to win a special election in 2006 for a vacant 4th Senate District Seat, where he currently serves. Ryan is Chairman of the Virginia Senate Republican Caucus. He is honored to be a member of the Judiciary, Privilege and Elections, Rehabilitation and Social Services and Rules Committee.

Ryan currently operates his own law practice, McDougle Law Firm, P.C. in Hanover. When he is not practicing law, working downtown at the Capitol, or visiting with constituents in the 4th District, Ryan spends his time with his wife Dr. Robyn McDougle and their daughter, Reagan.

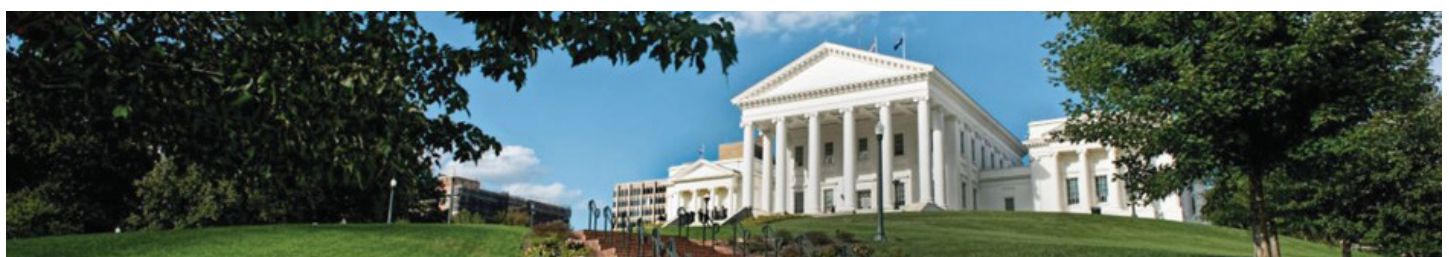
## House of Delegates District 69

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**Chad Green (R)**  
[www.greenfordelegate.com](http://www.greenfordelegate.com)

Supervisor Chad Green is a lifelong resident of Hampton Roads. Born and raised on the Peninsula, Chad attended the Hampton Roads Academy before his admission to university. Chad is a practicing attorney, and is admitted to practice law in several states, and the United States Supreme Court. Chad is also a licensed waterman, boat captain, and published author. Chad was first elected to the York County Board





of Supervisors in 2015. During his tenure, he served as Vice Chairman of the Board for one year, and Chairman for two. Chad has held the line on taxes, supported law enforcement, and worked to grow York County's economy. He is also an active member of his community, including serving as the President Emeritus as the Grafton Kiwanis Club, on the Board of Directors of the Victory YMCA, and on the Board of Directors for the York County Waterways Alliance. He is also a lifetime member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Chad is also the father of two children, and is married to his wife, Ashley.

## House of Delegates District 70

### Michael Bartley (L)

[www.votebartley.wordpress.com](http://www.votebartley.wordpress.com)



I want to bring liberty and justice for ALL Virginians. I have lived in my house in Hiddenwood since 2008. I live in a four generational household with my wife, two children, mother-in-law and grandmother-in-law. I am an aerospace engineer at Eagle Technologies, and the moderator of my church, Warwick UCC. The fundamental unfairness of law being unevenly

applied and punishing people unjustly is the primary reason for interest in politics.

My big three issues are: End all victimless crimes. We squander money and ruin lives by sending police officers after people who are doing things that cause no harm to others. Our policing resources are scarce, and we need to focus on bringing justice to the victims of crimes.

Fund children, not schools. Educating our children is one of the most important things we can do for our future. Unfortunately, our tax dollars go to a school system that has assistant principals that do not know what to do when a child has a gun. I support funding children so they can take their education dollars to any school, public or private, that best supports their educational needs. This would include Jewish education, or any public or private school.

End corporate welfare. Spending the tax dollars collected from profitable companies to subsidize their competition is foolish and wrong.

My political philosophy can be summed up as fiscally conservative and socially tolerant. My faith can be summed up in five words: love your neighbor as yourself. I believe this philosophy is aligned with the Jewish community.

God bless,

Michael Bartley

### Shelly Simonds (D) - incumbent

[www.simondsfordelegate.com](http://www.simondsfordelegate.com)



Shelly Simonds is a current member of the Virginia House of Delegates who is running for re-election in the 70th district in Newport News. She is a former journalist and Spanish teacher, who started her time in elected office as a member of the Newport News School Board. Del. Simonds is a passionate advocate for students and teachers as a member

of the Education Committee in the House, where she has passed legislation promoting STEM education and workforce development. She also co-founded the Career and Technical Education Caucus, a bi-partisan effort to connect students to careers. After a dramatic tied election in 2017, Del. Simonds has been dedicated to fair elections and voting rights while serving on the Privileges and Elections Committee in the House. Del. Simonds attended Bucknell University for her undergraduate degree and Stanford University for her Master's degree. With two daughters currently away attending college, she lives with her husband, a NASA engineer, in the northern part of the City of Newport News.



### Matt Waters (R)

[www.mattwaters.com](http://www.mattwaters.com)

My name is Matt Waters, and I am the Republican candidate running for House Delegate seat 70 in Newport News VA. I am a father of five and married 25 years. I am the CEO of a political consulting company based in Washington DC that

was founded in 2008. I am a native of Newport News VA, born and raised, and moved to Northern Virginia where I received my BA from George Mason University and my MA from Reformed Theological Seminary. My top three priorities are focused on Education, Economic Opportunity and Medical Freedom.

With the rise of technological advancements, education is portable and affordable. My priority is outcome--or, put another way, are our 28,000 K-12 public school children being given the best education? I think everyone agrees there is room for major improvement. Education is a gift we give our children. Together, we can make K-12 education safer and our students more successful.

I will also advocate that we expand and extend Enterprise Zones across the Newport News area, offering businesses unforeseen opportunities to invest, tax free, in our city. Enterprise Zones create jobs and renew communities. Together, can renew the strong manufacturing spirit of Newport News.

My third priority is lofty, that of introducing a Medical Freedom Amendment to our Constitution. This also speaks directly to Religious Freedom as well. The government of Virginia (of the US) does not have the right or authority to close public places of worship. Medical freedom is a fundamental right. While we all hold different views, protecting each other's medical rights

unifies, while allowing for diversity. Let's respect, and protect, our medical rights.

## House of Delegates District 71

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**Jessica Anderson (D)**  
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Jessica "Jess" Anderson is a lifelong Virginian, wife, mother, community activist, and runner. She has raised her family in the 71st District for the past 21 years, which includes the entire City of Williamsburg and parts of James City and

New Kent Counties. Jess currently works as a front office receptionist at a public elementary school in her district.

Jess's priorities include strengthening the public education system, enacting family care policies like paid sick leave and affordable childcare, protecting reproductive rights, and passing common sense gun safety reforms that will keep our kids and communities safe. Jess is a proud supporter of equality and will seek to advance legislation that roots out discrimination and hate in all forms.

Several years ago, while going through a difficult divorce, Jess navigated social safety net programs so that she could provide for herself and her three daughters. She will bring a unique perspective to the House of Delegates on how we can better uplift and support Virginians during their toughest times and believes that all families deserve the same opportunities to thrive as she has had. Jess is ready to get to work for the 71st District and deliver results on the issues affecting her community the most.

For more information or to reach out to the campaign, visit her website at [Jess4VA.com](http://Jess4VA.com).

## Amanda Batten (R) - incumbent

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\*Delegate Amanda Batten represents the 96th District (soon to be the 71st District) in the Virginia House of Delegates. First elected in 2019, Amanda is Caucus Chair of the House Republicans. She is a member of the House Commerce and Energy, House Rules, House Education, and House Public Safety Committees.

Amanda also serves on the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation Board of Trustees, the Commission on Civic Education, the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, the Online Virginia Network Authority, and the Governor's Aerospace Advisory Council. Prior to her election, Amanda worked as a legislative aide to former Delegate Brenda Pogge.

Amanda resides in Toano with her husband, Rick. Her son, Troy, is an engineering major at Virginia Tech. She is currently a James City County Ruritan member and a board member of the Colonial Virginia Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Amanda previously served on the board of the Thomas Nelson Community College Educational Foundation, the Virginia Symphony Society, and as president of the Providence Classical School Board. A graduate of Ashford University, Amanda has also completed the University of Virginia's Sorensen Political Leaders Program and the Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance's LEAD Historic Triangle program.

## House of Delegates District 85

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### Marcia Price (D) - incumbent

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I am Marcia "Cia" Price, and I am proud to represent the 95th District in the Virginia House of Delegates, an honor I have had since 2016. In that role, I also serve as the Vice Chair of the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus, and I serve on the Health, Welfare, and Institutions Committee and General Laws Committee. I have previously served as Vice-Chair of

the Privileges and Elections Committee and Chair of the Voting Rights Subcommittee, among other leadership roles. Since I was first elected to the House, I have been focused on protecting and expanding voting rights, which we were able to do even more effectively once we passed my bill, the Voting Rights Act of Virginia, in 2021. Access to the ballot box ensures all of our other rights and helps us obtain a representative government responsive to the needs of its constituency. Alongside community organizers and advocates, I have also championed efforts to support housing justice, increase healthcare access through Medicaid Expansion, secure more mental health resources for the Commonwealth's children, fight domestic terrorism, especially with hate crimes and hate speech, create much-needed reforms to the student debt crisis, and increase critical funding for public education. This crucial work continues.

I am also dedicated to addressing the epidemic of gun violence that continues to plague our communities. We know there are community-based, non-profit-driven, data-backed approaches that result in safer communities and less firearm violence. As extremist political rhetoric continues to incite hate-fueled violence against religious, racial, and social groups, it's even more important that we address gun violence in a substantive way; one that provides direct interventions and resources for innovative programs, and protects targeted communities.

I have the honor of representing the district where I was born and raised, and this is truly my home. I take my role as a public servant, very seriously. And I feel called to speak truth to power, stand up to those weaponizing hate to win elections, push back against extremism, and focus on delivering results for the residents we are so honored to serve. My work is inspired by the concerns I hear directly from constituents, and I look forward to hearing your ideas and feedback.

## House of Delegates District 86

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### A.C. Cordoza (R) - incumbent

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\*A.C. Cordoza was born to a family full of work ethic and a belief in service to our nation. Growing up, A.C. spent many days working with his father learning the value of hard work and technical precision serving as an apprentice to his fathers construction projects. Enlisting into the Air Force to serve America was A.C.'s destiny as generations of Cordozas

had done. Following a service of 3 years A.C. honorably left the Air Force and sought to further his education at Thomas Nelson Community College. There he began to gain interest in politics during the 2008 Presidential Campaign as the possibility of the nation electing the first black President. Soon after the election, A.C. began reflecting on the policies of the new Democratic Party finding that his core values did not align with the Democrats, but the Republicans. A servant's heart led A.C. to being asked to run for the Virginia House of Delegates in 2021 where he successfully won a race that he was outspent by big corporate money 16:1. Today, A.C. is known as the voice for the blue collar worker, focusing on real solutions for problems facing Virginia's working class.

Unlike many in office, A.C. Cordoza cannot be bought, he votes for his community and for what is right for the people of the 86th District. From service to the country to service to the city of Hampton he worked in cyber security for Newport News Shipbuilding where he focused on keeping our Naval assets safe against enemy threats. AC works for the City of Hampton and lives in Hampton where he serves as Vice-Chairman of the Hampton Republican Party. A.C. Cordoza votes for his community and for what is right for the people of Hampton, Poquoson and York County. In his first two years in office, Delegate Cordoza has earned the reputation as one of Virginias most effective legislators passing 10 bills into law, advancing four resolutions and securing a historic Virginia Attorney Generals opinion that benefits prioritizing educational opportunities.

### Jarris Taylor (D)

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\*Dr. Jarris Louis Taylor, Jr., is a Veteran, Educator, Leader who is running for the House of Delegates in the 86th District. Dr. Taylor's theme is Service Before Self and his vision for the 86th District is to provide world renowned representation in the General Assembly for all the members of the District with an emphasis on five key priorities:

Education, Healthcare (Women's Reproductive Rights), Veterans, Environment, and Transportation.

Dr. Taylor is a servant leader, committed and dedicated to community service and has held numerous executive leadership positions while serving the nation and the Commonwealth of Virginia: Obama Administration, 2009 – 2017, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. United States Air Force, Master Sergeant (Retired) 1985 – 2005. He is currently a member of National Security Leaders for America and a Board of Trustees member of the Virginia Veterans Services Foundation. He was appointed by Governor Tim Kaine to the Commonwealth of Virginia Governor's Advisory Board on National and Community Service, Chair, 2008-2010; Commonwealth of Virginia Governor's Commission on National and Community Service, Commissioner, 2007- 2008. He is a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

## House of Delegates District 87

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### John Chapman (R)

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\*Growing up in the Newmarket area of Newport News, John had the opportunity of spending time in both Central Baptist School and later Warwick High School. This meant learning from an early age the value of hard work and sacrifice. Sacrifice meant doing without many things so he and his siblings could attend a Christian school and the values he was taught at

home would carry into his school environment.

John and Marlin have always looked for ways to be involved in serving others. In New York, they served in youth ministry at their Indonesian church. In Richmond, they enjoyed





the opportunity to serve as therapeutic foster parents. In Hampton, John currently serves as a Deacon at Bethel Baptist Church as well as overseeing the Wednesday children's outreach ministry, Awana. He also currently serves on the school board for Bethel Christian School.

Dramatic changes have occurred in Hampton since John's childhood. It is a different city where crime continues to increase right outside his door. The cost of living is out of control and families are fighting just to survive. Instead of working together with families to educate the children of the community, we have entered a battle between parents' values and the values of the State.



**Jeion Ward (D) - incumbent**  
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I would like to express my deep gratitude to the Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula for the opportunity to introduce myself and connect with your community.

I'm immensely proud to serve as your delegate in the General Assembly, and I bring with me a lifetime of experiences deeply rooted in the Civil Rights Movement. Growing up in pre-integrated Virginia during the era of the Civil Rights Movement, I witnessed firsthand the struggles and triumphs of that time. I remember how the Jewish community stood side by side with Dr. King in those pivotal moments, and it left an indelible mark on me.

My dedication to eradicating hate speech, bigotry, and antisemitism is unwavering. I understand the profound importance of unity in our communities and the shared values that bind us together. I carry the lessons of those times with me as I work tirelessly to ensure that every member of our community feels safe, respected, and protected.

My legislative priorities align with our shared commitment to fighting hate and promoting security. I staunchly support measures that combat antisemitism and create a safer, more inclusive Virginia Peninsula. Access to nonprofit security grant funding is a vital tool in safeguarding our religious and community institutions against potential threats, ensuring peace of mind for all.

In addition to these priorities, I am deeply dedicated to addressing the broader concerns of our community, including affordable housing, funding for public education, economic development, and protecting women's reproductive rights. My goal is to create an environment where everyone, regardless of background, has equal opportunities to thrive and succeed.

I am honored to work hand in hand with the Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula and all of my constituents to effect positive change and build a brighter future for our region.

Delegate Jeion Ward

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**20/30 SOMETHING YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

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# Jewish Family Services - Libby Batten



Please help bring joy to the faces of Peninsula children and teens this Hanukkah season!



Wondering how you can help?

Jewish Family Services will be placing the Mitzvah Menorah in the UJC front lobby on November 1st. Please stop by to pick a dreidel tag to purchase gifts for our Peninsula children and teens in need.

Beginning November 1st, you can also visit our JFS Amazon Wish List to purchase items online to be sent directly to the UJC. Or consider a tax-deductible monetary donation to JFS and we will buy the gifts and wish list items that are needed.

The deadline for bringing in gifts is November 16th. Gifts may be dropped off at the UJC. Thank you!



## 20/30 Something Young Adult Fall Craft Night

Thursday, October 26th  
7:30pm

Join in for a fun paint night with art instructor, Julia Downer

Passport Members - FREE  
Community Members - \$10/person  
RSVP at [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org)

## TRIVIA NIGHT

## 20/30 Something Young Adult Trivia Night

Wednesday, October 11th  
@ Tradition Brewing Company  
7-9pm

RSVP at [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org)

Questions? Email Sara Traster  
[straster@ujcvp.org](mailto:straster@ujcvp.org)



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# UJCVP Community October 2023 Calendar

**Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023**

4:30pm - 1st Day of Hebrew School  
6:30pm - Sukkot Craft Night

**Wednesday, Oct. , 2023**

10am-2pm - Blood Drive

**Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023**

11am - Grand Club/Bingo

**Friday, Oct. 6, 2023**

3pm - UJC Closing Early

**Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023**

3pm - YRSO Concert

**Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023**

4:30pm - Hebrew School

**Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023**

11am - Liittle Movers & Shakers  
4:30pm - CNU Lecture: *More Than Friends*  
6:30pm - The Wellness Connection  
7pm - 20/30 Trivia Night  
7:30pm - *The Walk* Film Premier

**Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023**

11am - Grand Club/Bingo  
11am - Vaccine Clinic

**Monday, Oct. 16, 2023**

5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness

**Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023**

4:30pm - Hebrew School

**Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023**

5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness  
7pm - UJC General Board Meeting

**Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023**

11am - Grand Club/Bingo  
12pm - Security Training for Seniors  
5pm - CNU Lecture: *Ancient Biblical Oaths & Current Israeli Politics*  
7pm - 20/30 Laser Tag

**Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023**

7:30pm - JCCY Under the Big Top  
7:30pm - PJOW Game Night

**Monday, Oct. 23, 2023**

5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness

**Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023**

4:30pm - Hebrew School

**Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023**

5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness

**Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023**

10am - Kibbitz & Create  
11am - Grand Club/Bingo  
7:30pm - 20/30 Craft Night

**Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023**

2pm - PJ Library Story Time

**Monday, Oct. 30, 2023**

5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness

