



# Jewish Community News

News of the Jewish VA Peninsula Community

April 2022/5782

## Executive Director's Message - Steven Wendell



At the writing of this column, March 10, the scenes of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and its devastating consequences for the Ukrainian people, their cities, and homes, is playing in stark reality on TV and computer screens across the world. These pictures of the consequences of war on civilians, whether it be in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, or Europe, inevitably take me back to the 1960s, Vietnam, my anti-war days, including involvement with SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) on the campus of the University of Iowa, and the "draft." This is a story I don't often tell. I have great respect for the men and women who choose to serve in our military. And I am not a "conscientious objector." But the scenes of bombing apartment buildings, hospitals, evacuation convoys, and other obvious civilian targets in an attempt to destroy the morale of a people and their will to fight takes me back to the scenes of Napalm, Agent Orange, and Mai Lai.

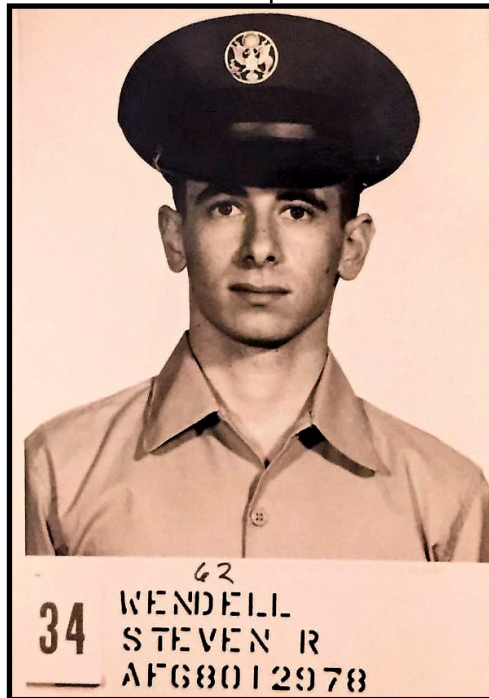
In the comfort of our living rooms, many of us applauded the defiance and strength of the Ukrainian people in standing up to the Russian bully. And there have been some reports of Russian soldiers voluntarily surrendering or refusing to carry out orders in a war they do not support. Whether it be the brave Ukrainians, and their President, who

have told the Russians to "go f\_\_\_ yourself," or the Russian soldiers who refuse to fight, or the brave Russian civilians risking prison to protest "Putin's War," most of us, at one time or another, face situations where we need to make difficult, moral, choices that potentially have significant, personal consequences, whether they be large or small.

One such moment for me came in 1967, when I lost my II-S student draft deferment and was reclassified I-A while still an upperclassman at the University of Iowa. The change resulted from President Johnson implementing the "normal progression" clause to the Vietnam War draft system. And since I had spent a year in Israel on an independent work/study tour, I lost my student deferment. For an anti-war activist wearing a button that said, "Hell No, I Won't Go," this was a moral crisis. I could not allow myself to

be drafted.

As a student from a comfortable, middle-class family, I knew that I could pursue a myriad of legal options to, at a minimum, postpone being drafted when my draft number was called. But as an activist, I also was acutely aware of the unfairness



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## BBYO Fund

In honor of Joe Shapiro's special birthday  
Jackie & Eddie Cohen

Sending best wishes to Joe Frank and his family  
Jackie & Eddie Cohen

## Marc Minkoff Sports

### Scholarship Fund

In memory of Marc for Karen Minkoff's birthday  
Arthur Reilly

### Mikveh Fund

Wishing Pamela Adelman & Kumar Das many years of good health  
Ernestine Adelman

## Senior Meals

Congratulations to Joshua Nyman on the new job  
Ernestine Adelman

Wishing Val & Matthew Blaes many years of good health

Wishing Marla & Abbey Puckett many years of good health  
Ernestine Adelman

## UJC Youth Fund

Mazel tov & welcome to Remy Lavaty  
Linda Lavaty & Family

In honor of Linda Lavaty on the birth of her new grandson  
Sara Traster & Dave Harriss

In honor of the RST volunteers  
Harry Kirschbaum

## Ukrainian Relief Fund

In memory of Joan & Leonard Aaron  
Debra Aaron

## UJCVP Senior Lunches & Grand Club

We are offering freshly-made, kosher lunches for pick-up on Tuesdays each week for our senior community members.

Grand Club meets at the J on Thursdays for in-person lunch and Bingo.

*(Subject to Covid restrictions)*

Lunch for ages 60+ - \$2.50 | Lunch for Passport Members - FREE!

*\*Additional charges for Bingo Cards\**

Email [linda@ujcvp.org](mailto:linda@ujcvp.org) for more information or to RSVP

## *Executive Director's* **Message** *continued from page 1*

of the draft and how it disproportionately affected young people who were not college students based on economics, whether it be an inability to pay for college or the need to work to support themselves and their families. So if I avoided or postponed being drafted when my number was called, someone with a higher number and less ability to avoid the draft would need to be called to meet the “quota” for draftees for that month.

My choice was to enlist on the condition that I be trained and assigned to a medical unit and serve my time saving lives. I chose the Air Force because the recruiter sounded sincere in promising me my assignment of choice. After taking the series of aptitude tests prior to enlistment and being told I was eligible to serve in a medical support unit, I “signed on the dotted line.” Of course, after basic training, I soon found out that whatever I was promised by a recruiter had little to do with reality. The Air Force, in its infinite wisdom, decided that my tests indicated I had an aptitude for something else they needed. I was to be trained and assigned to do logistical support on a Lockheed C-121 Warning Star aircraft, designed to direct and protect fighter aircraft mostly over North Vietnam during bombing raids. This also called for a relatively high-level security clearance.

At this point, I was back to “Hell No, I Won’t Go.”

There are many back story details to what happened to me from this point on. But the end result was an Honorable Discharge from the Air Force, which was a way for them to get rid of me and avoid some potential embarrassment regarding recruitment and clearing an anti-war, SDS, activist for a high-level security clearance. Turns out the JAG officer who took my case was good at his job and a quiet, anti-Vietnam War sympathizer himself.

This story could have ended very differently. And after all was said and done, my actions probably had no impact on the next person in line after me who was drafted to the Army.

In the decade from 1965 to 1975, US involvement in Vietnam cost the lives of 58,000 American troops and some 3 million Vietnamese. In May of 1967, in a memo to then President Lyndon Johnson, former Secretary of State, Robert McNamara wrote: “There may be a limit beyond which many Americans and much of the world will not permit the United States to go. The picture of the world’s greatest superpower killing or seriously injuring 1,000 non-combatants a week, while trying to pound a tiny, backward nation into submission on an issue whose merits are hotly disputed, is not a pretty one.” And in a memoir in 1995, McNamara wrote that his own behavior in shaping the war, which was often called, McNamara’s War, a term he himself endorsed, was “wrong, terribly wrong.”

While I don’t pretend to stand on any moral high ground with my personal decision on my role in the Vietnam War, and as noted, this is not a story I often tell, I can’t help but reflect that in some way, those decisions I made prior to and in the fall of 1967 and spring of 1968 reflect the values that I have attempted to carry during my 53-year, professional career serving the Jewish community, which began in the fall of 1968. That fall, at the start of my career, I joined with a minister and a priest to form the Greater Bridgeport Interfaith Draft Counseling Organization focused on helping inner city young people better understand their legal options relating to the Vietnam draft.

Putin, the Russian military, the Russian people, and the world might do well to remember the unfortunate lessons of Vietnam and the individual and collective roles all of us play during such maddening and destructive events.



# President's Message - Kelli Caplan



Many, many years ago, when my children were little and I was active on the preschool parent committee, I used to frequently find myself in the UJC office.



I was a young, naïve parent of toddlers and infants in need of support and guidance. Honestly, I had no idea what I was doing.

One of the people whom I would often bump into at the UJC was Sarah Barnett. She was a mainstay, and a constant source of reassurance and information. I always thought of her as being wise when it came to parenting and advice. She would dole out answers and talk to us preschool parents as we traveled by her door.

Fast forward, and over a span of more than a decade, Sarah's office has consistently been a place to sit down and unload. I often joked that the couch in her office was like a therapy couch. Once you sat on it, you instantly felt lighter and better.



Through many life changes, Sarah and her couch have been there for me, and for many others. I know that I have used that couch on many, many occasions, and what I received was advice, ideas and just a shoulder to lean on. When I had internal debates within myself, including whether I should take the role of board president, I found solace and answers on that couch. Sarah, in so many instances, has been my sounding board, and I often have left her office with newfound clarity and much needed confidence.



I am definitely not the sole beneficiary of Sarah's insight. She has not only guided the community as a whole, but also community members like myself who sought out her wisdom.

Sarah has been a pillar at the UJC. Everyone has a different Sarah story to tell. And I can assure you that they are all anchored in Sarah's love for moving the UJC forward. She embodies the core Jewish values of caring and fairness. She is generous of her time and her resources.





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As Sarah winds down her career here, she deserves an enormous thank you for playing such a vital role in helping propel us into the future with a foundation of creativity and outside-the-box thinking. She has helped shape so much of what happens here each and every day.

I know the “Sarah” influence on me will have a lasting, positive effect. The moments on her couch will resonate with me for many years to come.

Thank you, Sarah, for pouring yourself into our community. We are better for having you as part of our world and your legacy will undoubtedly reflect that. We hope you find much earned peace and relaxation outside of this office, and smile often when you think of all the good you have done.



Tune in for the next episode of  
**Makin' with Mrs. Jessi:**  
**Passover Desserts**



**MAKIN' WITH MRS. JESSI**

The episode will be out just in time for Passover. You can view it on our UJC Facebook Page or in our weekly UJC eblast.

If you don't get our weekly emails, please contact Sara Traster at [straster@ujcup.org](mailto:straster@ujcup.org)

# Development Report - Sarah Barnett



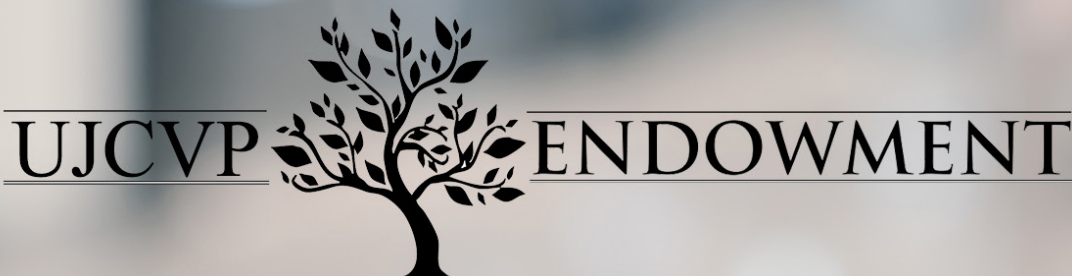
Dear Friends,

*Eighteen years working at the UJCVP has made for an amazing journey, travelled with the help, guidance, and support of so many of you! With much excitement and some sadness, it is now time to leave my position as Director of Development at the UJCVP, take a pause, and start new journeys with my husband Jim, who has been most patient with my round the clock Jewish communal life and all that entails. My last day here will be on Friday, April 29th.*

*Though this was an unintended journey 18 years ago, it certainly has been a rewarding one, filled with joy, learning, love, and professional growth, enabling me to achieve more than I ever could have anticipated or hoped for. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for the tremendous opportunity to serve this Jewish community. Thank you for joining me to make this a place of deep connections and caring. I look forward to serving this community in different ways and seeing all of you around town, in shul, at a J program, and wherever we run into one another!*

*With Deepest Gratitude,  
Sarah*

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### **We Support Communal Need and Creativity**

We are proud that our reach extends beyond our local community and are excited to announce the creation of a new fund to support Virginia Tech Hillel. Thanks to the generosity and forethought of Tech alums and Hillel Board members, Guy Levy and Ed Sarfan, our Endowment now houses *The Virginia Tech Hillel Fund*.

Earnings from this fund, in accordance with our Endowment spending policy, will be distributed to Virginia Tech Hillel annually. Though the Levy and Sarfan families have provided significant seed funding for this project, it is their intent and ours, that others will help to grow this fund. Under the outstanding leadership of Executive Director, Sue Kurtz, Virginia Tech Hillel has witnessed substantial growth in the past decade and is responsible for Tech now being considered a “Jewish Destination School.” Many of our own Peninsula grads find their way to Tech, and like all of our college students, they deserve a strong, vibrant, and welcoming Hillel community.

***If you are interested in making a contribution to the fund, contact Ed Sarfan at [sarfans@aol.com](mailto:sarfans@aol.com), Guy Levy at [guylevy@cox.net](mailto:guylevy@cox.net) or visit our Special Funds Page at <https://ujcvp.org/special-funds%2Fmisc>***



# Development Report continued



**And we need your help to continue to soar!**  
We're sorry if we missed you during our  
*Super Sunday Day of Giving at the J on January 30th.*

We count on each household and every donor to make our UJCVP Annual Campaign a success!

Your contribution to our Annual Campaign touches everything we do at the UJC. Together we make a great community by caring, creating, and connecting in so many ways.

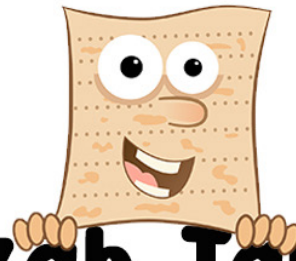
**Our work is not done until we have reached you.**  
**Please take a moment to call or go online to make a 2022 Annual Campaign pledge.**

757-930-1422 | [www.ujcvp.org/annual-campaign-pledge](http://www.ujcvp.org/annual-campaign-pledge)





PASSOVER 2022



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Forks, a film reel, and a knife icon.

**Flicks and Food**

**When Do We Eat?**  
My Big Fat Jewish Seder

Thurs. Apr. 7th  
12:15pm

*When Do We Eat?*  
2005, R, 1hr 26min

Members of the Stuckman family gather for Seder. Chaos erupts after the patriarch unknowingly ingests Ecstasy.

Passport Members - FREE  
RSVP to [jmalkin@ujcvp.org](mailto:jmalkin@ujcvp.org)

Non-Members - \$10 / person  
Visit [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org) to RSVP & pay online  
Includes Lunch

# Jewish Family Services - Libby Batten

Celebrating Passover is a beautiful tradition that requires special food to properly observe the holiday. However, it can be difficult for families living on a limited budget to afford the high cost of Passover items.



Jewish Family Services is asking for donations of Passover food items, monetary donations, or to volunteer your time to help make Passover special for our community members in need.

## Food Items Needed:

- Matzah (Regular or Egg)
- Gefilte Fish
- Matzah Ball Mix
- Macaroons
- Biscotti
- Candied Fruit Slices
- Or any other Passover items

**Deadline to bring in items is  
Thursday, April 7th.**

Your donation will provide Passover meals for vulnerable families and home-bound adults in our community. The items will be delivered in time for Passover.



*If you or someone you know is struggling to celebrate Passover this year, or if you have any questions, please reach out to Libby Batten (Jewish Family Service Director) 757-223-5635 lbatten@ujcvp.org*

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## We are a campus of caring. Everyone deserves care.

# RAISE YOUR HAND DAY

## THURS. APRIL 28TH, 9am-2pm

If you have a problem or issue PLEASE call for assistance to find out how we can help.  
*It's ok to not be ok. We are here to listen. Better starts here!*

Call our UJC Jewish Family Service Office  
Libby Batten, MSW | 757-223-5635







# Mikveh Project

## A Rabbi's Reflections, Part 1

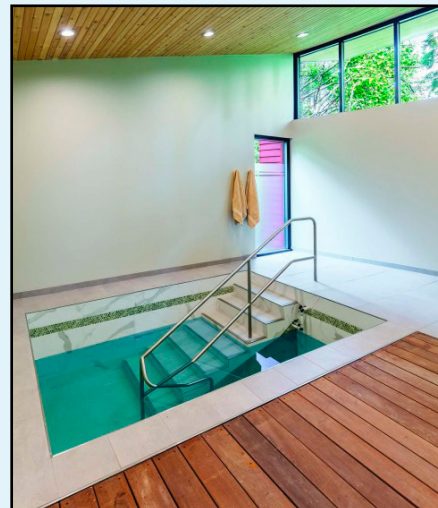
by Rabbi Gilah Dror

If we let ourselves feel it, there can be something primal, even elemental, about submerging ourselves and then emerging anew from the waters of the Mikveh; of connecting ourselves with the waters of the Garden of Eden - the waters of innocence, of holiness and of creation.

Maybe I said a traditional blessing before immersing myself in the waters of the Mikveh. Maybe I whispered silent, personal words of prayer. Maybe I simply intuited the power of dwelling in the moment; of entering into a space where the mystery of life, of creation, is acknowledged.

Whatever my intention, whatever my purpose, if I allow myself to feel it - immersion in the waters of the Mikveh can be a prelude to emerging stronger, calmer, more focused, more true to oneself.

If you will it, it is no dream. If we want to have access to an experience of mystical proportions - it is within our reach. Imagine the added depth of Jewish experience if our UJCVP campus included a Mikveh!



*Rachel's Well Mikveh  
Portland, OR*

Our UJCVP is a member of the consortium **RISING TIDE**, a national network devoted to opening the Mikveh Experience to the entire Jewish Community.

For more information, or with any questions, please contact Steve Shaapiro,  
UJC Mikveh Chairman: [sshapiro@hampton.gov](mailto:sshapiro@hampton.gov)



**April 1st**  
Ursula Pulley  
Mazel Tots Teacher



**April 7th**  
Sarah Barnett  
Director of Development



**April 25th**  
Evelyn Mason  
UJC Chef/Caterer





# JOIN US AT THE J!

Tuesday, April 5th, 7pm



Sarah Barnett



Judie Kavit

With questions or to RSVP, please email:  
Sarah Barnett - [sarah@ujcvp.org](mailto:sarah@ujcvp.org)  
or  
Judie Kavit - [jkavit@gmail.com](mailto:jkavit@gmail.com)

**Waterways**  
A Community Mikveh  
Education Series  
presents:

## Modern Mikveh Guides, A Story of Safe Passages

Come learn about the  
modern concept of  
Mikveh-guiding from  
Sarah Barnett and  
Judie Kavit, recent  
graduates of the  
Rising Tide Mikveh Guide  
Training Program.

Pottery and art  
classes for  
adults, teens, &  
children



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Sara Traster at  
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for more information  
regarding cost  
and guidelines.



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# PJ LIBRARY Find the FROGS!

Join YOUR PJ friends on the UJC Nature Trail  
Sunday, April 3rd, 1-3pm

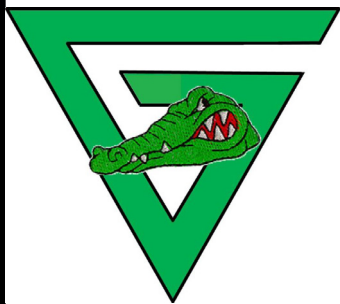


Free event and prizes  
for found frogs.

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

**\* No live frogs will be collected, just toys! \***

## Glendale Pool is Hiring Lifeguards for the 2022 Summer Season!



- Starting pay at \$11/hr
- Flexible hours
- Must have up-to-date certification (Red Cross or equivalent)

**Submit your application at:**  
<https://glendalegators.org/employment-application/>

**For more information, or with any questions, please email:**  
[nnglendaleoperations@gmail.com](mailto:nnglendaleoperations@gmail.com)

## Don't miss out on Summer Fun with the J!

Get your UJC Passport Membership today to take advantage of all our summer programs and events, plus access to Glendale Pool!  
**Visit [ujcvp.org/passport-membership](http://ujcvp.org/passport-membership)**





**Mixing with Manischewitz:**  
**A Passover Cocktail & Recipe Hour**  
 Visit [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org) to sign up!

**Tues.**  
**4/12**

**7pm**



*Save the Date*

JOIN US FOR A

*“Change of Course”  
 Community Celebration  
 for Steve Wendell*

SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH 2022  
 AT 5 PM

*INVITATION TO FOLLOW*



# Education Corner - Naioki Wood, Sarfan Center

## Springing For Joy

Trees are budding, birds are chirping, and our preschool children are jumping for joy as they take advantage of the warm sun. It's amazing to see how much learning can happen while playing outside. Whether they are talking a walk, playing on the playground, or exploring our nature trails, our classrooms are flourishing with new language and so many opportunities for hands-on discovery. The Sarfan Center has so many outdoor spaces to share. Our playground is complete with numerous play sets, a bike track, rock wall and large outdoor building blocks. Our nature space includes one outdoor nature-based classroom, two ponds, and several trails leading through our UJC woods. Let's not forget about our other outdoor spaces we use frequently like our Mazel Tot yard, basketball court area and our three small nesting bird-boxes, which the children love to check up on. Nothing is better than watching our classrooms lining up (or buckling up) in excitement as they prepare for their next outdoor adventure!



**Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open!**  
More info & registration forms can be found at [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org)



Theodore H. & Esther Beskin Memorial Scholarship Award

SCHOLARSHIP



OPPORTUNITY

**Scholarship Application Available**

**Deadline to return application to the UJC is Monday, May 2nd, 2022**

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

***Applications for the \$1000 scholarship are available online at [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org)***



**Blood Pressure Clinic**

Thursday, April 7th  
11:30am-12:30pm

Swing by the J to get your blood pressure checked with the nurses from the Personal Touch Hospice & Palliative Care team.

*FREE COMMUNITY EVENT*

**RSVP to Jessi Malkin: [jmalkin@ujcvp.org](mailto:jmalkin@ujcvp.org)**



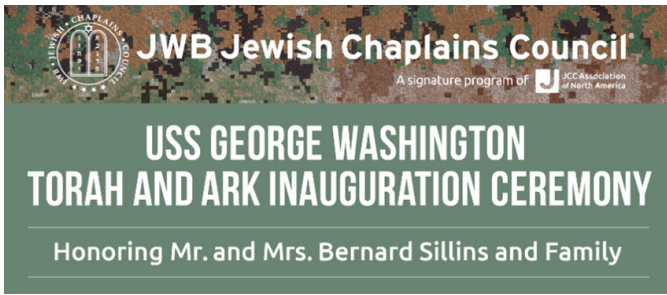
**Kibbitz and Create**

Sunday, April 24th  
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)**





The UJC will have the privilege of hosting Doron Krakow, President and CEO of the Jewish Community Centers Association, and JCCA Board Chair, Gary Jacobs, in our community on Monday, April 11. Doron and Gary are looking forward to touring our campus and learning about our community and the programs we offer.

Prior to their visit to our community, Kelli Caplan, UJC Board President, and Steve Wendell, Executive Director, have been invited to join Gary and Doron, and other area dignitaries, in Norfolk for a very special program. The JCC Association of North America and JWB Jewish Chaplains Council® (JWB) is sponsoring a Torah and Ark Inauguration Ceremony aboard the USS George Washington aircraft carrier. This event will showcase another remarkable side of the work that the JCC Movement does in support Jewish military servicemembers.

JWB has a long-standing commitment to ensure that every carrier, ship, and military base or installation has the basic ritual objects to enable Jewish observance and worship—including a sefer Torah. Several years ago, the USS George Washington entered the Newport News Shipyards in Virginia for a multi-year and complex overhaul of the ship. While under repair, the ship’s Chaplain turned to JWB and Rabbi Irv Elson to hold and protect the ship’s well-traveled Torah which was also in need of significant restoration.

Thanks to the patriotic generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Sillins and Family, the ship’s sefer Torah has been immaculately restored, and a custom-designed ark, resembling the hutch of President George Washington’s personal desk, has been crafted to hold the scroll in the ship’s new chapel space.



**Doron Krakow** is president and CEO of JCC Association of North America. Since joining JCC Association in 2017, he has guided the organization in forging new partnerships, deepening its relationships with philanthropic donors, and

strengthening Jewish life across the U.S. and Canada. Krakow, who brings more than 25 years’ experience with Jewish organizations to his work, previously held senior leadership posts with American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Jewish Federations of North America; and Young Judaea. He is a vice chair of the JPRO Network board and a board member of Tzofim: Friends of Israel Scouts. He holds an MBA from Cornell University and a bachelor’s degree in economics from Rutgers University. Krakow and his family are longtime members of the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades.



**Gary E. Jacobs** is the current board chair of JCC Association of North America. Jacobs is founder and managing director of Jacobs Investment Company LLC, which has over \$100 million dollars of investments, primarily in the United States and Israel. He is a general partner in NGT Healthcare

2, a technological incubator in Nazareth that focuses on Israeli Arab entrepreneurs. He serves as the board chair or a director of several private companies. Jacobs is chairman of the board of trustees of the Gary and Jerri-Ann Jacobs High Tech High, a charter school system with four campuses that serves 5,300 diverse students in San Diego, California. He is working with Israel’s Ministry of Education and school chains there to bring the High Tech High philosophy of education, equality, and social justice to the country’s schools. Jacobs also is co-founder of JITLI (Jacobs International Teen Leadership Institute), which is dedicated to bringing Jewish and Arab teenagers together to learn each other’s stories.





Inviting all registered and interested camp families to compete in our 1st Annual Camp Chaverim Cornhole Tournament! We're forming teams of 2: 1 adult/1 child  
*Music, prizes, snacks, and lots of fun!*

**Do you love pickleball? Or have you always wanted to learn to play?**  
 Join our UJC Pickleball group!

**Tuesday Evenings @ 7:00pm in the UJC Gym**  
**Sunday Mornings, Outdoor Courts Off Campus**

Open to all adults 18+ Beginners & couples welcome!  
 Balls & paddles will be provided.

Passport Members - FREE!  
**COVID IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED**  
 Visit [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org) or email Steve Wendell ([swendell@ujcvp.org](mailto:swendell@ujcvp.org))  
 for registration information.



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



In 1943 with sounds of tank rounds and gunfire all around them, the last remaining Jews of Warsaw huddled together in bunkers to live their final hours as proud Jews, reading the Passover Haggadah. In the hours that followed, they would rise up to one of history's most iconic feats of resistance.

Today in Ukraine, Jews are gathered in basements and bunkers to daven and celebrate Shabbos and soon, to celebrate Passover, as tanks and bullets surround them.

**Shabbos Candle Lighting Times:**

April 1 - 7:10pm  
April 8 - 7:16pm  
April 15 - 7:22pm (Shabbos & Yom Tov)  
April 16 - 8:21pm (Yom Tov)  
April 21 - 7:27pm (Yom Tov)  
April 22 - 7:28pm (Shabbos & Yom Tov)  
April 29 - 7:34pm

**Rabbi Litt's Shabbos Schedule:**  
April 30, May 20

While we were unable to help the Jews of Warsaw in 1943, today we must unite in support of our Ukrainian brothers and sisters. Donate to the Federation's Ukrainian Emergency Fund or your preferred organization to support Ukrainian Jewry.



Congregation  
**Emet V'Or**

*Truth and Light in the Reform Tradition*

Office.CEVO@gmail.com  
www.emetvor.org  
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.*



*Passover is a time for learning about our history and our freedom and sharing with family. To everyone celebrating, Happy Passover from CEVO.*

**Special Events & Other News**

**Religious school dates** – April 24 (no school on April 3, 10, and 17, due to Spring Break and Passover. Enjoy your vacation.

**CEVO Board Meeting** – April 11 (Zoom).

**Shabbat Services** – April 1, 22, and 29.

**First Seder** - April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Yom Hashoah** – April 27<sup>th</sup> at the UJC.

**Our Shabbat service on April 8<sup>th</sup> will be Shabbat In the Home.**

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

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## In-Person & Zoom Services

Minyan:

Mondays & Thursdays @ 7:45am

Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays @ 6:00pm

## In-Person Shabbat Morning Services & Zoom

Saturdays @ 9:30am

## 2022 Passover Schedule

Friday, April 15th: Services are cancelled; seders held in homes

Saturday, April 16th: Services at 9:30 am followed by lunch

Sunday, April 17th: Services at 9:30 am followed by lunch

Friday, April 22nd: Services at 9:30 am followed by lunch

Friday, April 22nd: Friday evening Shabbat service at 6:00 p.m. followed by oneg

Saturday, April 23rd: Services at 9:30 am followed by lunch

***\*Meals subject to change***

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

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## Celebrate Passover Together Community Seder is Back!

- April 16 starting at 6:30 pm.
- In-person, at the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists (WUU), 3051 Ironbound Road.
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### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Saturday, April 2nd @ 10:00am** - Shabbat Service

**Friday, April 8th @ 7:30pm** - Kabbalat Shabbat Service (Zoom only)

**Friday, April 15th @ 6:15pm** - Community Passover Seder. For further information and to RSVP please call the Temple office (757-596-8352) by April 4th.

**Friday, April 22nd @ 7:30pm** - Pesach 7th Day Service (Zoom only)

**Saturday, April 30th @ 10:00am** - Shabbat Service

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





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Wednesday  
April 27th  
7:00pm

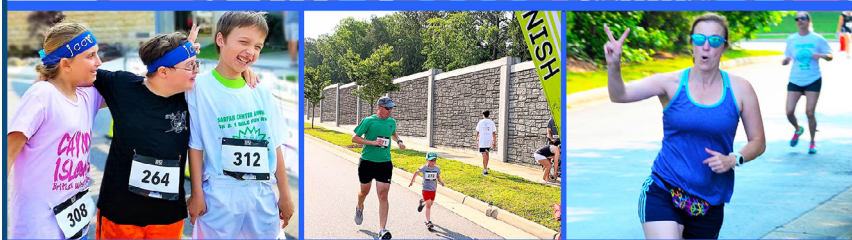
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this year's Yom Hashoah  
commemoration with  
speaker,  
Mikaela  
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More information  
to follow.



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**SARFAN CENTER SUPERHERO 5K & 1 MILE FUN RUN**



**SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022**

GET OUT YOUR SUPERHERO CAPES & RUNNING SHOES FOR OUR 36TH RACE YEAR!

**PLACE:** UJCVP, 401 City Center Blvd. Newport News, VA 23606



**TIME:**

8am - Registration  
 9am - 1 Mile Fun Run  
 9:30am - 5K Run/Walk  
 10:30am - 50 Yard Dash

**ENTRY:**

Pre-Registration (by 5/1)  
 1 Mile - \$15 | 5K - \$25  
 Regular Registration (after 5/1)  
 1 Mile - \$20 | 5K - \$30

FOR COURSE MAPS, RACE FAQs & SPONSORSHIP INFO VISIT [UJCVP.ORG/SARFAN-CENTER-5K](http://UJCVP.ORG/SARFAN-CENTER-5K)



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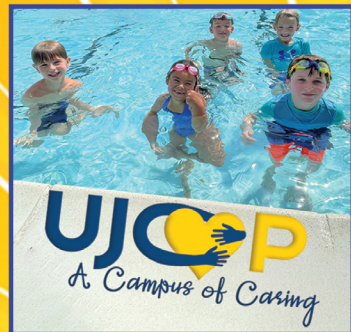
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### Calendar of Fun

Week 1: June 27-July 1  
Let's Go Camping!

Week 2: July 4-8  
(closed July 4th)  
The Art of Clay Part I

Week 3: July 11-15  
The Art of Clay Part II

Week 4: July 18-22  
Maccabi Games: Color Wars

### Calendar of Fun

Week 5: July 25-29  
Oh, The Places We'll Go!

Week 6: August 1-5  
Science Wizards

Week 7: August 8-12  
Cooking All-Stars

Week 8: August 15-19  
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## UJCVP Community April 2022 Calendar

### Sunday, Apr. 3, 2022

1pm - PJ Library Find the Frogs

### Monday, Apr. 4, 2022

SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

### Tuesday, Apr. 5, 2022

SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

12pm - Grand Club To Go

7pm - Mikveh

Waterways Program

7pm - Pickleball

### Wednesday, Apr. 6, 2022

SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

### Thursday, Apr. 7, 2022

SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

JFS Passover Food Donation

Deadline

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo

11:30am - Blood Pressure Clinic

12:15pm - Flicks & Food: *When Do We Eat?*

### Friday, Apr. 8, 2022

SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

### Tuesday, Apr. 12, 2022

12pm - Grand Club To Go

4pm - Hebrew School

7pm - Mixing with

Manischewitz

7pm - Pickleball

### Thursday, Apr. 14, 2022

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo

### Friday, Apr. 15, 2022

First night of Passover

### Monday, Apr. 18, 2022

Matzah Talk Live on FB

### Tuesday, Apr. 19, 2022

Matzah Talk Live on FB

12pm - Grand Club To Go

7pm - Pickleball

### Wednesday, Apr. 20, 2022

Matzah Talk Live on FB

### Thursday, Apr. 21, 2022

Matzah Talk Live on FB

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo

### Friday, Apr. 22, 2022

UJC CLOSED

SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

### Sunday, Apr. 24, 2022

10am - Kibbitz & Create

1pm - Camp Chaverim

Cornhole Tournament

### Tuesday, Apr. 26, 2022

12pm - Grand Club To Go

4pm - Hebrew School

7pm - Pickleball

### Wednesday, Apr. 27, 2022

7pm - Yom Hashoah Program

### Thursday, Apr. 28, 2022

Raise Your Hand Day

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo

4pm - Hebrew School

