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# Jewish Community News

News of the Jewish VA Peninsula Community

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## Executive Director's Message - Steven Wendell



Monday, September 9, 1968, the number one song on the pop music chart was The Rascals' single, *People Got to Be Free*. The first two stanzas read:

*All the world over, so easy to see  
People everywhere just wanna be free  
Listen, please listen, that's the way it should be  
There's peace in the valley, people got to be free*

*You should see  
What a lovely, lovely world this'd be  
Everyone learned to live together, ah hah  
Seems to me  
Such an itty-bitty thing should be  
Why can't you and me learn to love one another?*

The song was popular perhaps because it represented the idealism and passion running through much of the country's youth at that time including the deep strain of anti-Vietnam War sentiment coupled with the Woodstock generation.

September 9, 1968 is also memorable for me because it was my first day of employment as Director of Teen Activities for the Jewish Community Center of Bridgeport, CT; my first, full-time job and the beginning of my career as a Jewish communal professional.

As many of you know, this June I will be retiring after a nearly 54 year career that has included positions in six states encompassing JCCs, Federations, day schools, resident camps, and a national Jewish organization. It's been a fantastic and fulfilling journey. And other than this current pandemic, I could not have chosen a more rewarding position than as Executive Director of the UJCVP to end my career and where Charlene and I have decided to call our retirement community.

My career began less as a planned opportunity and more as an opportunity of circumstance and convenience. As I was pondering my post graduate options, I got a call from my former BBYO Regional Director who had also directed Camp B'nai Brith in Canada, and a JCC overnight camp in the Catskills, both of which I had worked as a counselor and unit head. He told me that there was an immediate need for a teen worker at the JCC in Bridgeport, a half hour from my home, and he

thought I would be a great candidate for the job. It seemed that the person they had hired suddenly was no longer available. At the encouragement of my father, I agreed to interview and subsequently take the job for what I thought would be maybe a year, giving me time to plan my future finding a "real job" and/or graduate school. My father warned me not to ask for too much money because JCCs didn't pay very well, but the experience would be worthwhile. At the interview, after it became clear that either I impressed the JCC Director or he was just desperate to fill the position, when he asked how much annual salary I needed to take the job, I told him \$5,000. His response was that he'd love to hire me, but the salary I asked for was not within their salary scale. The minimum starting salary was \$5,500. From that moment on, I learned always to ask for the highest salary you could imagine and then negotiate from there. One of the most valuable career lessons learned over a half century and from the many opportunities to come.

During the next few months, in this column of our UJC Newsletter, I hope you will indulge me as I share some thoughts, highlights, and lowlights of my career and what I have learned along this journey covering some 7 decades. I'll try not to bore too much!

**From Charlene, my wife and partner for what will be 52 years this January, and me, we wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah, and a safe, and healthy holiday season.**



*Steve Wendell, just a little before taking his employment as Director of Teen Activities.*

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## MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION



**Mon. December 13th, 7pm via Zoom**

Topic: Tevet - Finding Light in Difficult Times

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## UJCVP Senior Lunches & Grand Club

We are offering freshly-made, kosher lunches for pick-up on Tuesdays each week for our senior community members. And in-person lunch and Bingo on Thursdays.

*(Subject to Covid restrictions)*

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### Senior Meal Fund

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In memory of LJ Richman  
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In memory of William Talbott  
Beth Stern

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In memory of Stan Glasofer  
Harry Kirschbaum

# President's Message - Kelli Caplan



When I heard about the UJC program that was centered around creating our own menorah, I was immediately in. It sounded like a fun evening. And every family needs another Menorah, right?

What the program turned out to be was much more than menorah building. It was a night built on a foundation of togetherness, friendship and positivity.

It was wonderful to gather at the J again. Seeing people face to face and hearing their laughter and stories was good for the soul. Never did I think that being in the same room with fellow community members and friends (of course, doing so with safety protocols in place) would illicit so much inner peace and happiness. It was comforting and just plain fun. COVID has definitely created a new appreciation for togetherness and community. That night, I felt like everything was normal again, that life as we knew it has resumed. There is certainly solace to be had when life returns to normal, even if it's a new normal.

Not only did we bask in each other's light, we created menorahs that will light up our homes and bring hope and the promise of luminosity for the year to come. It was the perfect way to start the holiday season. We have so much to be thankful for, and happy about this year. We seem to have emerged from the darkness stronger and more resilient. Our relationships with each other and our ties to the UJC have strengthened, and I know I have a new gratefulness for them. Being together is truly important in so many ways, and nothing has illustrated that more clearly than the pandemic.

Speaking of positives, the next Hebrew month is Tevet. It is the 10th month on the Jewish calendar and this year flows into January. The root for Tevet is tov, which means good.

I find that connection ideal for this time of year, as the holidays have just ended and we are heading into a new year. Let's use Tevet as a platform to leap into 2022 with upbeat thoughts, encouraging words for one another and constructive actions that bring good to all!



**Please see an important UJC Search Committee announcement on Page 6**



# Mikveh Project

## *Rachel's Well: 4 Years of Immersions by Deborah Moon*

When Rachel's Well Community Mikvah turned 4 on Nov. 1, the ritual bath will have enabled more than 1,200 traditional and contemporary immersions. Rachel's Well is owned by the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland with ritual supervision provided by the Oregon Board of Rabbis.

"Rachel's Well is here for the most traditional and for everybody who self-identifies as Jewish for the most contemporary of reasons," says Rachel's Well Mikvah Manager Caron Blau Rothstein. Before COVID limited access to the mikvah, nearly 400 immersions took place annually. In the past 12 months, despite pandemic restrictions, more than 250 immersions took place. Numbers will likely increase as the mikvah resumes normal operations.

"The Federation has done a tremendous service to the community by both the building of the mikvah as well as the professional oversight that provides a comfortable, efficient and safe environment for all those who use it. I see it as truly symbolic that an organization such as the Jewish Federation, which is situated at the center of the Portland Jewish community, has stood up to the responsibility to provide such an institution that is so central to Jewish life," says Rabbi Chanan Spivak, CEO of the Portland Kollel. The Kollel has been designated by the OBR to be the mikvah's halachic supervisor.

In a video for Federation, mikvah volunteer guide and user Toni Jaffe says that a mikvah open to all Jewish people for any reason really struck a chord with her. "I think we need more ritual in our life to mark transitions, to mark ceremonies, to mark passages," says Toni. "Rachel's Well is an experience of immersion you can enter as one person and exit as another person who has gone through a particular time or situation or passage in your life."

Portland may well have the only mikvah in the country that was built and owned by a Federation, according to Lucy Marshall, director of the Rising Tide Network. Though many Federations provide financial support for mikvaot, Lucy says none of the 34 communities in six countries in the network have a Federation-owned mikvah. "The leadership Federation has taken is inspiring," says Carrie Bornstein, CEO of Mayyim Hayyim, one of five core mikvaot that launched the network. "Rachel's Well is a model for other Federations."



*Rachel's Well Mikvah in Portland, OR*

**The full article can be found at: <https://www.jewishportland.org/jewishreview/jr-stories/rachels-well-4-years-of-immersions>**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Dec. 9th, 7pm via Zoom



Rabbi Jenny Solomon



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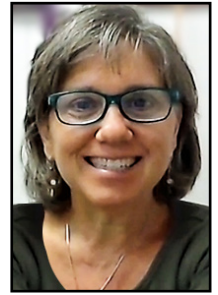
**Waterways:  
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### **PART 1**

**An inspirational evening  
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Libi Eir Awakened Heart  
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rabbi at Beth Meyer  
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# Development **Corner** - Sarah Barnett



## Because... we create Light.

*Back in person again at the UJCVP. Our Rosh Chodesh participants made lots of light with their DIY menorahs.*

We create light for each other and for our greater Peninsula community. While we program and take care of our own Jewish community as our mission and priority, we increasingly recognize our value as an agent of good for our entire region. Whether it is providing the best and most respected Early Childhood program and summer day camp programs on the Peninsula, or by reaching out on a regular basis to dialogue with our Muslim neighbors to create bridges of understanding and commonality, or by collecting food, clothing and supplies for many local nonprofits through our Facebook Together program, or by delivering senior meals to people of all faiths and backgrounds, the UJCVP is a force of light and good. We do this through all of our departments including education, programming, Jewish family service, and community relations, understanding that convening our Jewish community to reach out to others makes us better and stronger. Because... the Annual Campaign touches everything we do on our campus and as a UJCVP community, it is your generosity that helps *make* the light and then *shine* the light. Hanukkah is a great time to reflect on the light we bring and to rededicate ourselves to community by making a UJCVP Annual Campaign commitment.

**Pledges or donations to our Annual Campaign can be made by visiting us at [www.ujcvp.org/pledge](http://www.ujcvp.org/pledge) or by sending a check or emailing one of our staff at [campaign@ujcvp.org](mailto:campaign@ujcvp.org)**

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**The York River Symphony Orchestra will present its *Winter Dreams* concert at the UJC on December 12th at 3pm.**

All are welcome to attend this free concert! Details about the orchestra can be found at: [www.yrso.org](http://www.yrso.org)  
The *Winter Dreams* concert will feature *Hatikvah*, *Kol Nidre*, *Hanukkah Dances*, *Sleigh Ride*, and selections from *Fiddler on the Roof* with conductors, Eric Reiff and Clint Correll.



# Search Committee Report - Jenny David

Steve Wendell has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2022, and the UJCVP has formed a Search Committee to find his replacement as Executive Director. The members of the Search Committee are: Jenny David, Chair, Kelli Caplan, Wendy Eisner, Ettalea Kanter, Ed Sarfan, Steve Shapiro, Scott Wolf, and Steve Wendell, *ex officio*. The Committee prepared a job description, which has been posted with the Jewish Federations of North America, the JCC Association, [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com), [www.jewishjobs.com](http://www.jewishjobs.com), and [www.jewishstaffing.com](http://www.jewishstaffing.com).

Résumés can also be sent directly to the Committee by emailing Jenny David at [jodavid@davidkampfrank.com](mailto:jodavid@davidkampfrank.com). The Committee will review all applications, conduct interviews where appropriate, and recommend qualified candidates for evaluation by the Board of Directors and community leadership. Please contact Jenny David at (757) 672-4297 or by email at the address above if you have any questions or would like more information.

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**Mazel tov to Barbara Smith, recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Association of Transpersonal Hypnotherapists (NATH).**

*The National Association of Transpersonal Hypnotherapists (est. 1989) is the oldest and largest transpersonal hypnotherapy organization in the US. It maintains an outstanding reputation for certifying and registering professional and clinical hypnotherapists from a variety of backgrounds across the US and abroad. Focus is placed on continuing education and the unification of professionals who use meditative-trance states as the primary catalyst for creating transformations in the body, mind, and spiritual directions of their clients.*



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MENORAH!**

**Saturday, Dec. 4th, 6-7PM**

**Free  
Community  
Event!**

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**COVID IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED**  
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**Red Cross Blood Drive in the UJC Gym**

**Tuesday, December 21st**  
10am-3pm

*ALL individuals at blood drives MUST wear a face mask regardless of vaccination status.*

To schedule an appointment visit [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org)

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




**Mystery Mendel & Bonfire**

**Dec. 5th 5-6:30pm**


RSVP to Zoe Epstein:  
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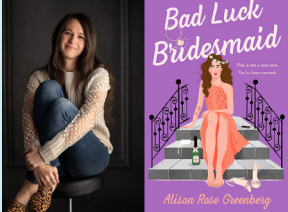
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Thursday, Dec. 9th

David Javerbaum  
*The Book of Psalms*

8:00pm



Tuesday, Jan. 11th

Alison Rose Greenberg  
*Bad Luck Bridesmaid*

7:30pm

**For ticket and book purchases, please visit our website:**

[ujcvp.org/book-festival-in-your-living-room/](http://ujcvp.org/book-festival-in-your-living-room/)



**Flicks and Food**



Thurs. Dec. 16th  
12:30pm

2000, PG-13  
ComedyDrama  
Romance  
2hr 8min

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# Education Corner

## Sarfan Center, Naioki Wood

### Taking the Joy of Reading to Higher Levels!

The Sarfan Early Childhood Center celebrated early literacy with a school wide Read-A-Thon. Together, families and teachers shared their love of books as we tracked 2,778 minutes of reading as a school family! From our littlest infants to our BIG kindergartners, we are finding the magic in storytelling, literature, and storybooks in exciting ways. Watching our early childhood community come together to participate and support this enriching platform of learning is transformative.



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# Education **Corner** *continued*

## *Rabbi Gershon Litt, W&M & CNU Hillel*

### **Hillel Happenings**



When G-d created the world, our tradition teaches us it was created, “Yesh Me’ayin,” which means, “something from nothing.” If I had to put into words how this year has gone so far on campus, I would say that coming out of last year’s COVID situation with just about zero in-person contact to this year is like a completely new creation.

William & Mary Hillel has seen tremendous growth at the Shenkman Jewish Center. The back-to-school BBQ had almost 100 students, Rosh Hashana dinner had 80 participants, the succah was packed, baking challah has commenced in a major way, and just about any time-of-day students are studying and using the SJC in new and unique ways. The study rooms are all being used, and we can’t keep the new coffee bar stocked. This year is the second year of our full time Springboard Fellow, Andie Eichelbaum. Andie is busy each day finding new, Jewish students to bring to and engage at the SJC. Finally, W&M Hillel offered parents weekend and homecoming weekend events for the first time at the SJC. These events brought together people from all over the country who wanted to see how the Jewish campus community is thriving in ways they couldn’t have imagined when some of them attended the college. Many parents commented that they decided to send their students to William and Mary because we have the Shenkman Jewish Center. Having the space certainly continues to transform the lives of all our Jewish students and allows them to have a home away from home while on campus.

CNU Hillel is also moving forward with new strides. This fall has been a rebuilding year after last year’s COVID experience, but it started strong and has grown into a full program. Students come to a monthly Shabbat dinner with us in Newport News. While Rosh Hashana had lots of students every month, a group of Jewish CNU students come together to celebrate Shabbat with myself and my family in Newport News. They have enjoyed it so much that now we have started a monthly Shabbat dinner on campus. In addition, students enjoy latte and learn programs, monthly game nights, educational events, social gatherings, and trips, and even a Hillel hike. In the coming weeks students will be making Chanukkah boxes to give out to educate the CNU community about Chanukkah. Jewish Life at CNU is getting better and better thanks to the great Jewish students that we have and the help and assistance from the UJCVP who sponsors my presence as well as the programming that we offer.

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## **NEWSLETTER NOSTALGIA**

**We stumped everyone!**

From left to right:  
Joe Lieberman & Elliott Torn

Thanks to all who guessed!



# Jewish Family Services - Libby Batten



When asked, this community delivers! With the assistance of Elaine Abrams, Chair of the Social Services Committee, and the UJCVP staff spreading the word, the Hanukkah Mitzvah Menorah of 2021 has been a tremendous success. The abundance of Hanukkah gifts that have been donated have been overwhelming and exciting. Thanks to everyone's generous donations, the children in this community will have the happiest Hanukkah.

From 60 donors, we were able to collect around 400 physical gifts (clothes, toys, books, etc.) and gift cards, and we received \$2,566 in cash donations to purchase additional gift items. We truly appreciate everyone's support this Hanukkah season!

Additionally, the food pantry is overflowing with donated Thanksgiving items. Our clients in need and I are very grateful for the community's support this holiday!

## 21st Annual Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival

### Winter Series

**January 30th - *Transkids*    March 6th - *Ma'abarot*    March 27th - *Shared Legacies***

The Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival's Winter Series starts on Sunday, January 30th. The films can be viewed both in-person and virtually. To view the films in person, please join us at the Williamsburg Regional Library Theater 515 Scotland St, Williamsburg, VA. Attendees must be masked and practice social distancing. To obtain a link to view a film virtually, send an email to [vpjff@tbewilliamsburg.org](mailto:vpjff@tbewilliamsburg.org) no later than noon on the Thursday before the film screening date. The link will be emailed to you on the Friday before the film screening date. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, there is no charge for any of the Winter Series films.



**Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 2pm**  
***Transkids***  
2020, 1h 43min

*Transkids* chronicles the lives of four Israeli kids who are going through the process of their transition. The film not only presents a unique view of transgender youth and their families going through this journey, but also gives a window into Israeli society and its shifting attitudes toward LGBT struggles.

More information about the films can be found on the Film Festival page of the TBE website: [tbewilliamsburg.org](http://tbewilliamsburg.org)  
Donations to the Film Festival can be made by check payable to Temple Beth El of Williamsburg and mailed to: Temple Beth El of Williamsburg, PO Box 3640, Williamsburg, VA 23187 or via the donations page on the TBE website.



**December 2nd**  
Brianna Chappell  
Nitzanim Lead Teacher



**December 10th**  
Linda Lavaty  
Administration



**December 9th**  
Naioki Wood  
Camp Director & Preschool  
Assistant Director



## 5 Hot Israeli Drinks to Get You Through Winter

*All the hygge feels, with a Middle Eastern twist.*

While Israeli winters tend to be mild (40-60 degrees F), locals — spoiled from months of sunshine — suffer through the season, wrapped up in padded coats, a hot drink permanently in gloved hands. But I am not talking about just your average Swiss Miss hot cocoa packets. These five beverages keep them toasty as they huddle in cafes with fogged windows, or under blankets at home when a whiff of snow shuts down all public transport. Fragrant with spice, they'll warm you from the inside out.

### 1. *Sahlab*

Beloved throughout the Middle East, Israelis rely on this thick, creamy drink to keep them cozy through winter. Traditionally, it is made from ground orchid bulbs (said to cure coughs and colds, and act as an aphrodisiac — fun!) and milk, often flavored with rose water or orange blossom, and topped with nuts, dried fruit, and cinnamon. These days, many versions are thickened with cornstarch, and Israelis have gotten creative with the toppings, which include vanilla, caramel, banana, to name a few.



Ingredients to make Sahlab

4 cups whole milk or coconut milk, divided  
2 tsp vanilla extract or 1 vanilla bean, split and seeds scraped out of the pod  
3 tbsp sugar or honey, or to taste  
¼ cup cornstarch or 3 tbsp sahlab powder  
½ tsp rose or orange blossom water, or to taste  
Pinch of salt  
Finely chopped pistachios  
Shredded coconut  
Ground cinnamon or cardamom

### 2. *Coffee With Hawajj*

There are two versions of the Yemenite spice blend hawajj: a savory mix (for soup) and a sweet mix (for coffee). The coffee blend is like a less basic, super fragrant, punchy pumpkin spice mix. It has ginger and cardamom, and often cinnamon, cloves, and nutmeg. It is typically mixed into a strong



brew of black coffee (or just sprinkled straight on top), but works really well in hot cocoa, too.

### 3. *Aroma-Style Hot Chocolate*

Hot cocoa is rarely bad but Aroma Espresso Bar — Israel's largest coffee chain — have made it spectacular. Their version involves actual milk chocolate praline (candy!) at the bottom of the mug with steamed milk poured over, topped with cocoa powder. It's easy to recreate at home — just choose your favorite chocolate candy to stir in. You could use leftover Halloween candy or even Hanukkah gelt. Ridiculously decadent.



### 4. *Mint Tea*

Often, what Israelis call “tea” is actually an infusion (i.e. without any tea leaves). Tea is drunk year-round, but are especially beloved in winter. And mint tea — water with fresh spearmint leaves called “nana” — is the most popular; at once both warming and refreshing. You can adapt your tea to your taste, or what you have growing on your mirpeset (balcony); ginger, lemon, lemon verbena, and herbs are popular additions. Sweeten with a drizzle of honey or silan (date syrup).



### 5. *Hot Cider*

More often than not, Israeli hot cider is actually just hot apple juice with a cinnamon stick and maybe a couple of cloves. What it lacks in sophistication, it makes up for in comforting sweetness. If you're looking for the real deal, the Tura Winery and Kibbutz Elrom in the Golan Heights began to dabble in the cider business in the recent years, with some delicious results.



*This article, written by Rachel Myerson, can be found at: <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/the-nosher/5-hot-israeli-drinks-to-get-you-through-winter/>*

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This year as we get to the end of Hanukkah, I remember one of my favorite Hanukkah songs, *Light One Candle*, by Peter, Paul and Mary. I love this song. It means so much more than just candles...

After what we have all been through - and are still going through - with the Covid pandemic, I thought about the people who have helped us survive. We need to light one candle for them too. The medical professionals, the people who have been delivering every necessity, the mail carriers, the educators, police, firefighters and EMTs who risk their own lives, daily, facing the virus.

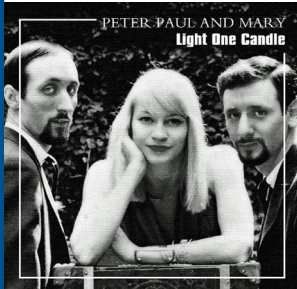
To all of these heroes we need to be thankful and as the song says, "Don't let the light go out."

***A Big Mazel Tov to the entire Litt family on the Bar Mitzvah of Yehudah on December 4th.***

***Shabbos Candle Lighting Times:***

December 3 - 4:31pm  
December 10 - 4:31pm  
December 17 - 4:33pm  
December 24 - 4:36pm  
December 31 - 4:41pm

***Rabbi Litt's Shabbos Schedule:***  
December 10 (new schedule next month)



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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.*

**December 3** – Rabbi led Shabbat service with musical accompaniment

**December 10** – Lay led Shabbat service

**December 17** – Lay led Shabbat service with musical accompaniment

**December 24** – Shabbat in the Home

**December 31** – Shabbat in the Home

**January 7, 2021** – Cantorial led Shabbat service

**Special Events & Other News**

**Religious school dates** – December 5, 12, & 19

**CEVO Board Meeting** – December 13 (Zoom)

**Community Dinner** – November 19

***December 5 – Last night of Hanukkah!***

**Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. We'd like all congregation members to attend to discuss and vote for important decisions happening in our congregation. More information will be coming. See you then.**

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

 [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!*



## **In-Person & Zoom Services**

Minyan:

Mondays & Thursdays @ 8am

Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays @ 5:30pm

## **In-Person Shabbat Morning Services & Zoom**

Saturdays @ 9:30am

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

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## **Temple Beth El of Williamsburg is celebrating!**

- First night of Hanukkah with the greater peninsula Jewish community at City Center in Newport News, Sunday November 28 at 6 PM
- Fourth night with Temple Beth El Night at the City Center Menorah, Wednesday December 1 at 6 PM
- Eighth and last night with our outdoor "Bring Your Menorah Night," in our parking lot and backyard, on Sunday December 5 at 5:30 PM



*We celebrate Jewish life all year!*

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## UJCVP Community December 2021 Calendar

**Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021**  
10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo  
4pm - Hebrew School

**Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021**  
7pm - JCC Kids Connect:  
Hanukkah

**Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021**  
5pm - BBYO Mystery Mendel &  
Bonfire

**Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021**  
12pm - Grand Club To Go  
4pm - Hebrew School  
7pm - Pickleball

**Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021**  
10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo  
4pm - Hebrew School  
7pm - Waterways Mikveh  
Program  
8pm - Book Fest: David  
Javerbaum

**Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021**  
3pm - York River Symphony  
Orchestra *Winter Dreams*

**Monday, Dec. 13, 2021**  
7pm - Mindful Monday

**Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021**  
12pm - Grand Club To Go  
4pm - Hebrew School  
7pm - Pickleball

**Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021**  
10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo  
12:30pm - Flicks & Food:  
*Keeping the Faith*  
4pm - Hebrew School

**Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021**  
10am-3pm - Red Cross Blood  
Drive  
12pm - Grand Club To Go  
4pm - Hebrew School  
7pm - Pickleball

**Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021**  
10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo  
4pm - Hebrew School

**Friday, Dec. 24, 2021**  
UJC CLOSED  
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

**Monday, Dec. 27, 2021**  
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**Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021**  
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**Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021**  
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**Thursday, Dec 30, 2021**  
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**Friday, Dec. 31, 2021**  
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**From the UJCVP Staff**