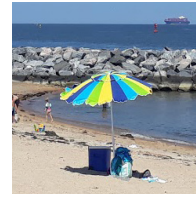




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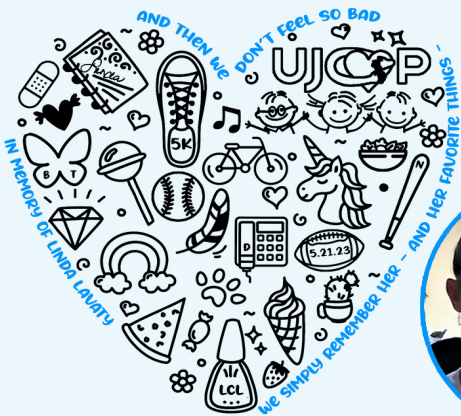
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Our UJCVP joins with JCCs and Federations across the country in recognizing and supporting Pride Month and reaffirming our commitment as an agency to be welcoming to ALL members of our community!



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Thank you to
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2023 Annual Campaign

In recognition of CEVO's 10th anniversary
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Joanne & Richard Gordon

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In honor of Patty & Steve Meyerson's daughter's wedding
Sara Traster & Dave Harriss

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In memory of Tiger, Rhonda Diamond's beloved horse
Sara Traster & Dave Harriss

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UJCVP Executive Director Eric Maurer and CRC Chair Jeff Luckman pose with Governor Youngkin and other members of the Virginia Jewish Federation Leadership at the ceremonial signing into law of HB 1606, on Monday, May 8th, which adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism.

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Sarfan Early Childhood Center Pre-K Graduates

Gan (Garden) 1 Class

Caroline Diamond
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George Norris
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Chiho Nakashima
Riho Nakashima
Macie Sparks
Edele Traster
Caleb White
Desmond Wilson

Gan (Garden) 2 Class

Owen Bales
Hayes Chambley
John Garcia-Finn
Eliza Gruber
Gresham Horner
Alexander Kinney
Josephine Kramer
Macie Lucas
Ava Mastros
Lucy Meyers
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Hebrew School Graduates: Lana Bargash & Netta Marziano

Thank you to our loving educators: Gavrielle Bargash, Julia Downer, Tori Dixon, Maya Yartsev, Danile Spokony, Reece David, and Eden Marziano!





2023 Award Winner

Sarfan Early Childhood Center
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Thank you to everyone who voted for our amazing UJC Sarfan Center and Camp Chaverim!



Hebrew School graduates Netta Marziano and Lana Bargash with their certificates of completion.

A graphic for the UJCVP Annual Meeting 2023. It features the UJCVP logo at the top, followed by the text "ANNUAL MEETING 2023". Below this, the date "Wednesday, June 14th" and time "7:00pm" are listed, along with the location "401 City Center Blvd.". A section titled "You're Invited!" encourages attendance to celebrate the work of the UJCVP. At the bottom, it says "RSVP at ujcvp.org". The graphic is decorated with colorful geometric shapes like triangles and stars in blue, orange, and yellow.

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Wednesday, June 14th
7:00pm
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Come together to celebrate the work of the UJCVP and recognize the critical role each of us plays in building and sustaining our community.

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JCC Maccabi Moment

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



NAME: Evan Schorr
AGE: 16
SCHOOL: Tabb High School
SYNAGOGUE: Temple Sinai
EVENT: Star Reporter

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

Trying something new - I've never participated in a sporting event this big!

What is your favorite joke?

I'm afraid for the calendar... it's days are numbered!

What is one question you wish people would ask you more?

How are you? Or, how is your day going? But mean it.

If you could choose a new name, which one would it be?

Hmmm... Jackson Boris Isenberg



What is your favorite kind of cuisine?

Italian. I like pasta carbonara.

Good luck, Evan!



Thank you to everyone who came to throw pies at Maccabi Team NN at the UJC Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration!



JCC Maccabi Moment

NAME: Sam Schorr
AGE: 14
SCHOOL: Tabb Middle School
SYNAGOGUE: Temple Sinai
SPORT: Swimming



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

Swimming and competing, and eating good food.

What skills do you have that you are most proud of?

My video gaming skills (Fortnite) and I guess I'm smart... I'm pretty smart.

What is your favorite celebratory dinner?

Carbonara pasta!

What is one thing that instantly makes your day better?

Having a lot of free time during the week or school getting cancelled.

What is the grossest thing you would do for \$100?

Kiss my dog on the lips!



Good luck, Sam!

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President's Message - Wendy Eisner

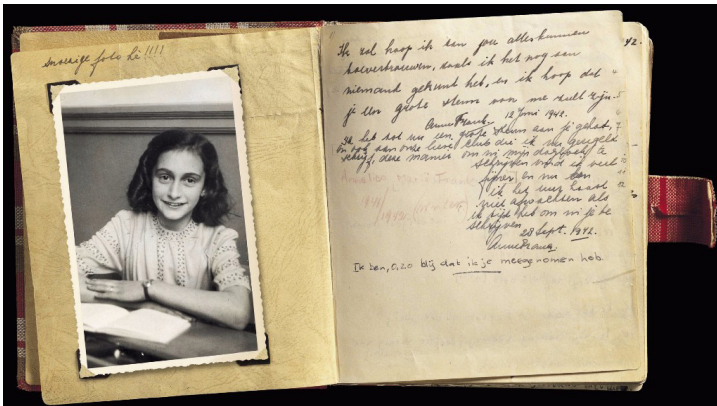


Anne Frank's story is one with which we are all familiar with. We have all learned about how she had to hide in an attic in order to avoid Nazi terror on the Jewish people. This story always makes me sad and angry. She was curious and bright, and yet, she never had a chance to grow up and see where her future would take her. Her diary has been used for the purposes of education for decades. However, now it is being questioned whether it is appropriate for children. It has been said that it is too scary for a child to process, or too sad. Recently, it has been questioned because of Anne's discussions about her changing body.

The big question now: why?

A new law has gone into effect in Virginia that relates to sexually explicit materials in books that are used for educational purposes. Since Anne Frank discusses her changing body, her diary has been flagged as a book with sexually explicit material.

I find this shocking and personally believe that banning books is never a good idea. Although the story is sad and difficult to read at points, it also provides an accurate account of a young girl's experience in the Holocaust. If this book is banned because it is said to have "sexually explicit material," then the point of Anne's story is being missed. Students need to understand what her life was like, how it ended, and why. As antisemitism rises, it is my fear that more Holocaust books will be questioned, and potentially removed, from our educational system. Therefore, it is more important than ever to use our collective voice to remind educators why this book, and others like it, should not be banned. This is the UJCVP at work.



Wendy



Parent / Child Swim Class

for ages 6 months – 2 years

Thurs. June 29
Thurs. July 6
Thurs. July 13
5:30-6pm

Join your little one in the water for songs, beginning water skills & water play activities!

An adult must be in the water with each child



Passport Members - FREE!
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Preschool Swim Class for ages 3-5

children must be able to sit on the side of the pool deck during instruction time

Fri. June 23
Fri. June 30
Fri. July 7
Fri. July 14
Fri. July 21

CLASS 1 - 5:30-6PM
CLASS 2 - 6-6:30PM

Register at: ujcvp.org
(space is limited)

Passport Members - FREE
Non-Members - \$45/child

Questions? Email Sara: straster@ujcvp.org

JCC Maccabi Moment

NAME: Aliyah Stupar
AGE: 15
SCHOOL: Grafton High School
SYNAGOGUE: Rodef Sholom Temple
SPORT: Swimming



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

Probably meeting new friends and seeing friends from last year.

What is the best vacation you've ever taken?

Going to New York! We went two years ago and saw Broadway shows. It was a lot of fun.

A genie grants you the ability to have infinite amounts of one item. What is it?

Puppies! (I'll share.)

What is the strangest food combination you enjoy?

French fries and mustard. I don't know why, but mustard instead of ketchup.

What skill would you like to learn?

I want to learn Greek. I would love to live in Greece.



Good luck, Aliyah!

To learn more about Team Newport News in the JCC Maccabi Games, please call or email Jessi Malkin
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THANK YOU!

Thank you to Sarah & Jim Barnett, Tova & Jay Warren, and Scott Wolf for your donations in support of JCC Maccabi Team Newport News!



Special Opportunity: *Conversation with Virginia Attorney General Jason S. Miyares*



Join David Brand, Special Assistant for Outreach in the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia, for a conversation with the Honorable Jason S. Miyares, Attorney General of Virginia, as he shares takeaways from his March trip to Poland and Israel in a statewide conversation online, on **Thursday, June 1st at 12:30 pm.**



The bi-partisan trip spearheaded by Attorney General Miyares, co- led by North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein, included 14 attorneys general from across the country.

The delegation visited Auschwitz with one of the foremost Holocaust scholars in the United States, where they discussed the historical rise of antisemitism in the 1930s and 1940s, and how it was able to thrive in progressive European cities.

Included in their visit to Israel, was a meeting with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where they learned about the background and impact of the global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement, and a visit with Israeli President Isaac Herzog and Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister, Ambassador Ron Dermer.

The Attorney General returned to the Commonwealth with renewed determination to combat the scourge of antisemitism through his newly created Antisemitism Task Force.



Learn more about Attorney General Miyares' trip and how his experience will impact the fight against hate in the Commonwealth.

FREE and open to the entire community.

Pre-registration is required. A link to join the conversation will be provided to those registered for the event.

To register for this program, please visit our UJC website: ujcvp.org

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Meet behind the J at the camp playground in the UJC backyard for Shabbat stories, songs and challah for snack time.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH - 10:30AM
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!

- Rain or shine -

Please RSVP at ujcvp.org
Questions? Email Jessi: jmalkin@ujcvp.org



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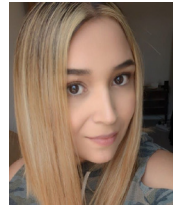
Meet at Glendale Pool - 53 Minton Drive

Tues. June 20th - Thurs. June 29th - Mon. July 3rd - Thurs. July 6th (6:30-7:30pm)

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Community Relations Council

Anne Frank and other Holocaust Books in the Hampton School District

On April 22, 2023, The Daily Press published an article detailing how Hampton City Schools, in addition to others in Virginia, have created lists of books found to contain “sexually explicit content” as described in Senate Bill 656, which passed the state legislature last year. The list included a number of Holocaust related books, including *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *The Book Thief*, *Number the Stars* and *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*. The updated Instructional Materials Policy requires teachers to send notices before these materials are taught, warning families that they contain sexually explicit content and giving the option to use an alternative reading.

The UJCVP mobilized to respond and organized a delegation to attend the Hampton School Board meeting. At the meeting, the UJCVP Vice President Steve Shapiro in his public comment asked, “What is the value of misconstruing the content of a book? Silencing the history of the Holocaust has potentially dangerous outcomes, not to mention the message this sends to the many minority students who attend Hampton public schools. Practices such as these have proven to be dangerous in periods of history, such as the Holocaust, and we must learn from and about these periods in history.”

Responding to Senate Bill 656, Shapiro shared that “each reader of the statute and its definition is different; it appears vague on purpose, intending to isolate titles focused on certain topics. Reading is a foundational skill critical for future learning, complex thinking, and the ability for today’s students to become active participants in society in the future.”

The UJCVP convened a productive meeting with senior leadership from Hampton City Schools to discuss its policy and share concerns about how it can impact Holocaust education in the school. Understanding that the district must remain compliant with Senate Bill 656, the district recognized our concerns and committed to take the following actions:

- The district has eliminated the rating system that categorizes books as having “mild,” “moderate,” or “explicit” sexual content.
- The list of books containing sexual content will be removed from the Language Arts page on the website pending a full review of the books on the list.
- This summer, the district will organize teams to review every book on the list, grading the books against a rubric and noting the pages where sexual content is included.
- The district will create resources to support educators in implementing this new policy that discourages educators from choosing not to use books on the list.
- The district will reconvene with the UJCVP again in the fall to review.

We applaud the school district for responding to our concern with seriousness and committing to meaningful steps that are compliant with the legal code.

Jeff Luckman, Chair of the Community Relations Council of the UJCVP



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Here's an easy Summer Recipe. Leslie Frank's Aunt Polly Ellenson made this every year and the family always loved it. This is an easy version. You may need more ingredients, depending on the size of your bowl.

Simple Strawberry Trifle

- 1 kosher angel food cake, torn into bite-sized pieces
- 3 lbs. strawberries, washed, hulled & sliced
- 3 containers of kosher whipped topping
- 3 pkgs. of kosher strawberry gelatin

Prepare gelatin. Place in refrigerator until it begins to set



and has the consistency of egg whites. In a large glass bowl, make a layer of cake pieces, a layer of strawberries, a layer of gelatin, and a layer of whipped topping. Repeat for 2 more

layers. Decorate top with sliced strawberries. Let it sit in refrigerator for 1-2 days. Serve and enjoy!

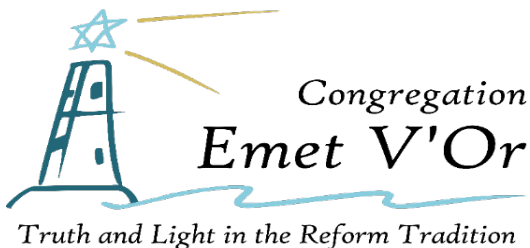
You can change the fruit, gelatin, or pudding flavors in any combination. A great, refreshing summer dessert!

Shabbos Candle Lighting Times:

June 2 - 8:01pm
June 9 - 8:05pm
June 16 - 8:08pm
June 23 - 8:10pm
June 30 - 8:10pm

Rabbi Litt's Shabbos Schedule:

June 16th, July 21st



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

Shabbat Services

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

June 2nd – Special Shabbat celebration with Rabbi, Cantor and Music accompaniment

June 9th – Rabbi led services

June 16th – Shabbat in the Home

June 23rd – Rabbi led services

June 30th – Shabbat in the Home

July 7th – Rabbi led services

All are welcome to visit! Our location:
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Special Events & Other News

June 2nd – Get your party hat on – it's CEVO's 10th anniversary. Please join us for a special Shabbat service with all three of our leaders – Rabbi Gurdin, Cantor Jonathan Rathsam, and our musical accompaniment, Ben Corbin. For planning purposes, please email Rita Cooper at fsucalum@cox.net if you're planning on joining us.

June 8th – Board Meeting (Zoom)

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Thurs. June 15th, 6-8pm

Games & Ice Cream

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Sun. June 25th, 11am-2pm

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Friday, June 16th @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 24th @ 10:00am - Shabbat Service for Healing, followed by light Kiddush luncheon

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

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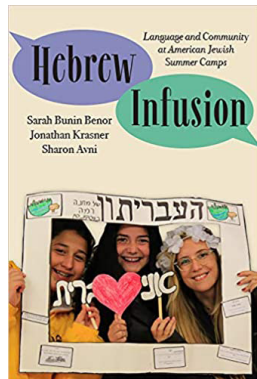


A Brief History of Jewish Summer Camp

by Kara Baskin

For most people, camp involves tales of first crushes, canoes, bunk beds and bug bites. We write post-cards and letters back home. But Brandeis University scholar Jonathan Krasner has co-authored an actual book about camp, “Hebrew Infusion,” detailing how summer camps adopted Hebrew, not for proficiency, but to cement Jewish identity and attitudes in post-war America.

As a researcher, he’s also an expert on the history of Jewish summer camps overall, digging beneath the fun memories to trace their ethnographic origins. He talked to JewishBoston about how camp originated and evolved, and the role it plays in modern childhood.



Tell me about your research and your book, “Hebrew Infusion.” My colleagues Sarah Bunin at Hebrew Union College, Sharon Avni at City College of New York and I wrote a book that was published last year called “Hebrew Infusion,” which is really about Hebrew use in Jewish summer camps. We looked at over two dozen summer camps across the United States, different denominations and affiliations and different regions of the country. We did site visits to these camps, and we also did a larger survey of the camps, including camps we didn’t visit. It doesn’t capture every single camp, but it is statistically valid in terms of what we found.

What did you ask?

We asked questions about the kind of Hebrew they use at their camp and what their goals were in using Hebrew at camp. We were able to, through both the survey and through our observation, talk a little bit about what the purpose is and how Hebrew acts in various ways in summer camps. I’m a historian, so I was able to trace the use of Hebrew in summer camp back quite a bit.

Let’s talk about the history of summer camps. When did Jewish summer camp start getting popular, and why did parents start sending their kids there?

In the 20th century, Jews started sending their kids to summer camps. Also at the beginning of the 20th century, many camps had restrictions around religion. So Jews set up their own summer camps, because Jewish kids weren’t really welcome at Christian summer camps. A lot of these early camps were religious. There were two types of summer camps set up from the beginning. One type of summer camp was mostly for middle-class, upper-middle-class kids. The idea was,

with the increase in urbanization, and with the increase in leisure time, people were going to the country on vacation. You could send your kid to a camp while you go up to the mountains. In the early 20th century, as people were becoming more urban, they were losing touch with nature. The idea was to introduce kids to the great outdoors and to a wholesome environment, and to get them out of the city for the summer. So that was one group of people who started going to summer camp. The other people who were going to summer camp were children of immigrants.



Tell me about that.

In the early 20th century, there were a lot of Jewish immigrants, along with a flood of other immigrants from Europe, and a lot of them lived in very congested parts of cities. There were philanthropic agencies that started sending those kids off to summer camp for a few weeks, in order to, again, expose them to the great outdoors, to Americanize them, to give them the opportunity to eat wholesome food. So that was really how it started—the middle-class track and the immigrant track.

What happened next?

By the 1920s, there was a recognition that Jewish



camp, just like non-Jewish camps, could also be used for educational and ideological purposes, so you began to have Zionist summer camps, you began to have

Jewish culture camps and you began to have camps that were Yiddish-speaking. So that was the next stage in the development of camping, and more people started sending their kids to camps. But it really didn’t explode in popularity until after World War II, as Jews were becoming more middle class and had more disposable income.

They began sending their kids to camps in larger numbers. And that was really the time when the Conservative movement opened up their Ramah camps, and the Reform movement opened up the URJ camps and a lot of federations and JCCs [opened camps]. Some of those federation camps, by the way, date to the beginning of the 20th century. Some of them started out as camps

for philanthropic purposes for those immigrant kids I was talking about. But then, camping had really become mostly a middle-class endeavor, and it really wasn't so much a philanthropic thing anymore, even though some offered scholarships for needy kids. But, really, it wasn't noblesse oblige anymore. It really wasn't until the 1990s when Jews began to be very concerned about our continuity and about assimilation. There was a notorious population study that was done in 1990 that showed a 52% intermarriage rate. There was a certain amount of—I don't think it's too strong a word—hysteria in the Jewish community about survival. I think people were really looking for magic bullets that were going to ensure Jewish survival. People knew from the data that, if you send your kids to day school, there were good outcomes in terms of Jewish continuity.

But the problem with a Jewish school education is it's really expensive. It was an attempt to try to look at other kinds of settings that could also move the dial on Jewish continuity. People began to look at summer camps, along with Israel trips and other kinds of experiences, as potential interventions that could positively affect Jewish identity.

What's an important takeaway for people who are looking at camps this year, especially in terms of your book?

We were able to document that there were a lot of camps that use various amounts of Hebrew in the day-to-day life of camp. And one of the things that is documented through my historical research is that there was actually a time, around when the State of Israel was created, when there were a number of camps that for ideological reasons really wanted to teach kids the Hebrew language so they could be proficient in Hebrew. What we found and what parents might be surprised about is that the vast majority of Jewish camps today that use Hebrew are not really interested in proficiency. They're not really interested in the kids being fluent Hebrew speakers when they come home.

What are they interested in?

They're interested in promoting positive association with the Hebrew language, with the State of Israel, with Jewish ritual, and also they're interested in making camp fun. And one way of making anything fun, if you've ever belonged to a secret society, or if you ever belonged to a club when you were younger, [is that] people have secret handshakes or secret languages. Hebrew kind of performs in that way at camp. It's like an insider language that people use; it's a way of inducting kids into camp life and the world of camp.

What would you say to parents who are on the fence about sending their kids to camp?

First of all, I would say that Jewish summer camps are one of the most positive, joyful places where Jewish kids can live their Judaism and be around other Jewish kids. The environment is much more permissive—the great outdoors, fewer rules. It doesn't feel like a school environment. It's a way of acculturating kids or socializing kids into Jewish life, but not in a formal classroom environment.

I would also say that there's a great variety of Jewish camps out there, to choose from, and there's bound to be a camp that speaks to your particular interests.

I also think that, if you care about Judaism, and if you're interested in promoting positive associations with Judaism in your kids, send them to a place where chances are they're having a good time.



Full article can be found at:

<https://www.jewishboston.com/read/a-brief-history-of-jewish-summer-camp/>



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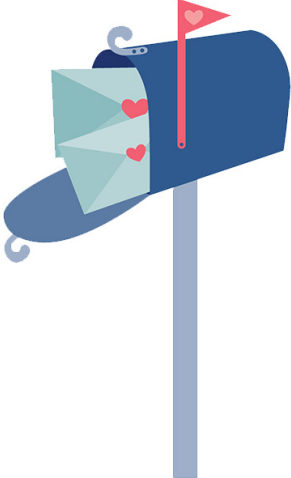







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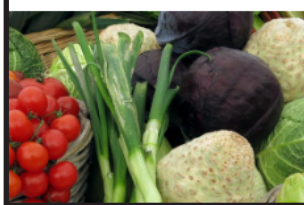
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The Sarfan Early Childhood Center will be closed Monday, June 19th through Friday, June 23rd. Summer session begins on Monday, June 26th.





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UJCVP Community June 2023 Calendar

Thursday, June 1, 2023

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
12:30pm - Conversation
with VA Attorney General

Saturday, June 3, 2023

11am - Glendale Pool
7pm - Adult Pickup Basketball

Sunday, June 4, 2023

1pm - Glendale Pool

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

10am-3pm - Blood Drive

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Mel Brooks Film Fest:
10am - *Spaceballs*
1pm - *High Anxiety*
7pm - *The Producers*

Thursday, June 8, 2023

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo

Saturday, June 10, 2023

11am - Glendale Pool
8pm - Glendale Midnight Swim

Sunday, June 11, 2023

1pm - Glendale Pool

Monday, June 12, 2023

1pm - Glendale Pool

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

11am - Glendale Pool

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

11am - Glendale Pool
7pm - UJC Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 15, 2023

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
11am - Glendale Pool
6pm - 20/30 Group
Get-Together

Friday, June 16, 2023

11am - Glendale Pool

Saturday, June 17, 2023

11am - Glendale Pool
7pm - Adult Pickup Basketball

Sunday, June 18, 2023

11am - Glendale Pool

Monday, June 19, 2023

SARFAN CENTER CLOSED
1pm - Glendale Pool

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

SARFAN CENTER CLOSED
11am - Glendale Pool
6:30pm - Water Aerobics

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED
11am - Glendale Pool

Thursday, June 22, 2023

SARFAN CENTER CLOSED
10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
11am - Glendale Pool
(Pool closing at 4pm)

Friday, June 23, 2023

SARFAN CENTER CLOSED
11am - Glendale Pool
5:30pm -Preschool Swim Class 1
6pm - Preschool Swim Class 2

Saturday, June 24, 2023

10:30am - PJ Library Shabbat
Story Hour
11am - Glendale Pool
7pm - Adult Pickup Basketball

Sunday, June 25, 2023

11am - 20/30 Group Beach Day
1pm - Glendale Pool

Monday, June 26, 2023

FIRST DAY OF CAMP CHAVERIM
FIRST DAY OF SARFAN SUMMER
1pm - Glendale Pool

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

11am - Glendale Pool

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

11am - Glendale Pool

Thursday, June 29, 2023

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
11am - Glendale Pool
5:30pm - Parent/
Child Swim Class
6:30pm - Water Aerobics

Friday, June 30, 2023

11am - Glendale Pool
5:30pm -Preschool Swim Class 1
6pm - Preschool Swim Class 2

