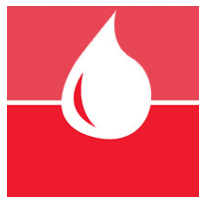




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# Jewish Community News

News of the Jewish VA Peninsula Community

March 2022/5782

## Executive Director's Message - Steven Wendell

A career spanning more than 53 years doesn't survive without great partnerships, fantastic colleagues, and a high dose of good luck. There are so many times over the years that my career could have taken different turns. And there are many times my career path led me in directions I would have never dreamed possible and afforded me opportunities that many folks don't get a chance to experience.

Ukraine is in the headlines these days as a tug of war between Russia and the West unfolds on the Ukrainian border. In the winter of 2004, I was fortunate to be part of a resident camp director, international summer staff hiring tour that traveled to Kyiv as one of our camp job fair stops. We

found ourselves in the midst of the "Orange Revolution" protesting the results of the Ukrainian Presidential Election held that fall. This mostly peaceful protest included thousands of young demonstrators camped out in the rather "chilly" winter weather on the main streets of Kyiv. As Americans, the demonstrators were most eager to engage us in conversation about their issues. I even have an official "Orange Revolution" scarf given to me as a gift from a demonstrator. It was fascinating and

very informative to be able to interact in real time with participants during this historic event and learn about Ukraine and its issues from their perspective.

From Kyiv, we traveled to Moscow for a camp hiring fair there. I was overwhelmed by the beauty and cleanliness of the Moscow subways.



Just going down the long, steep escalators was like taking a slow ride on a roller coaster, and almost as scary. And I also took away a bit of the feeling of what it must be like to live in a country where your every move is being watched. We were never without our special "government chaperone" wherever we went.



*Steve (top left) and Charlene (bottom left) on an Emma Kaufmann Camp whitewater rafting excursion, 1984*

Over the years that I worked in resident camping, I was fortunate enough to be able to attend many international camp hiring fairs, including trips to Warsaw, Krakow, Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Auckland, London, Manchester, and Amsterdam. Hiring international staff for US resident camps was, and remains even today, a big business. And of course for our

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## Jewish Family Services Fund

In honor of Libby Batten  
Jan & Jon Frank

## Senior Meals

Wishing Matthew Blaes a  
speedy recovery  
Ernestine Adelman

## Leonard & Sylvia Waters

## Memorial Library Fund

In memory of Bert Aaron  
Sandy & Howard Waters

## UJC Youth Fund

In honor of Ed Cohen's 80th  
birthday  
Margie & Joe Shapiro

In honor of the birth of Robin &  
Guy Levy's grandson  
Sarah & Jim Barnett

In honor of the Super Sunday  
volunteers  
Sara Traster

## Mikveh Fund

Wishing Sarah Deyong a speedy  
recovery  
Ernestine Adelman

In honor of Tess & Richard  
Goldblatt's first grandchild  
Meryl & Bob Kessler



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Dont' forget to vote  
for our AMAZING  
Sarfan Center!

Visit the Coastal VA voting  
website:

**covabestof.com**

and vote for the Sarfan Center  
for BEST CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
CENTER!

*Voting is open through March 4th*



Each year, our Pearl  
Society Women's  
Giving Circle throws  
a party for all  
women with the

purpose of having fun and doing good in our  
greater community. This year we're hosting a  
Happy Hour Slumber Party (PJ attire welcomed,  
but not required)!

**See page 15 for more info.**



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

Jewish resident camps, hiring Israeli staff is a major emphasis that enabled me, both for summer camping and year-round JCC and Federation staffing, to travel to Israel some two dozen times.

But to be able to fully engage and thrive in my Jewish communal professional career, including relocating to different communities seven times over the 53 years, it took a supportive life partner of 52 years. In many of the positions I have held, Charlene and I worked together as colleagues. The photo on the cover is from a Pittsburgh JCC camp staff whitewater rafting, staff bonding trip during counselor orientation to the Youghiogheny River. I



love whitewater rafting, at least in my younger days, and took the counselor staff and oldest campers on annual excursions. In the photo, if you look

closely, you will note Charlene's expression of terror as she realizes that as we head into a strong rapid, with large rocks on either side, she is in the front of the raft most exposed to danger and relying on me at the back of the raft as I struggle to navigate the group safely through the rapids. Now that's a

true partnership and trust! And of course, we came out of that rapid in perfectly good shape and the partnership survives to this day!

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Don't forget to follow us on Instagram @ujcvp\_nn and LIKE our Facebook page!

**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.





## The ABCs of PJ Library

### A - ABOUT

PJ Library is a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, a North American Jewish non-profit organization based in Agawam, Massachusetts. It was created in December 2005 as a Jewish engagement and literacy program for Jewish families with young children. PJ Library is modeled after Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. PJ Library sends out free Jewish children's books to families "with Judaism as part of their lives" by monthly subscription. The UJCVP has been a partner in distributing these books since about 2008, allowing 200+ families the opportunity to learn together and celebrate our heritage through monthly bedtime stories. While PJ never charges families for their books, we have been very fortunate to have the Eugene M. and Betty N. Levin Philanthropic Fund generously step in from day one to provide for our community's children.

### B - BOOKS

PJ Library selects both classic works like *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins* and *Hillel Builds a House* and more modern titles such as *Bubbe's Belated Bat Mitzvah* and *Queen of the Hanukkah Dosas*, which explore more contemporary and blended families. PJ Library sends more than 220,000 books to kids aged 6 months through 8.5 years in the USA and Canada each month. At 9 years old, tweens are invited to join PJ Our Way, a choose your own book program. Over 30 tweens on the Peninsula are currently selecting their own chapter book each month. These paperbacks range from works of fantasy and contemporary to historical fiction and biographies. Tweens are also given the opportunity to suggest titles and provide reviews in their online selection portal. PJ Library has even gone as far as providing parents with books, sometimes a holiday guide and sometimes a choice of biography or memoir. With over 670 titles (not including PJ Our Way) and even more not yet in circulation, PJ Library will continue to provide Peninsula kids book for years to come.



### C - COMMUNITY

In addition to books, PJ Library strives to connect families to their local Jewish communities. Here on the Peninsula, that means PJ Library events for all our UJCVP families and PJ Our Way (PJOW) events for our 4th-7th graders. We strive to offer an event for each age group monthly. PJ Library has met at the pool, different parks, Home Depot in Williamsburg, and of course on Zoom. Recently, we have started a PJ Library of the Virginia Peninsula Facebook group to allow parents to connect with each on their own schedule. PJOW is a bit different; this youth group enjoys activities like trips to the planetarium and movies, cooking and fashion competitions, and even had zoom talent shows and scavenger hunts during the pandemic. Most recently, tweens made s'mores and had a karaoke party that channeled the best of the 1990 Bar Mitzvah scene. Upcoming events include the Community Purim Carnival on 3/20 and A Pre-Passover Find the Frog hunt on 4/3!

Thank you to our generous UJCVP partner, The Eugene M. and Betty N. Levin Philanthropic Fund, for continuing to provide for Peninsula Children.





# hamentaschen happy hour!

tues. 3/15, 7pm

Just in time for Purim,  
come enjoy hamentaschen  
paired with some  
unbelievable  
cocktails!

*Must be 21+ to attend*

Passport Members:  
FREE!

Non-Members:  
\$10/person

rsvp:  
[jmalkin@ujcvp.org](mailto:jmalkin@ujcvp.org)

## 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)*

Lunch for ages 60+ - \$2.50

Lunch for Passport Members - FREE!

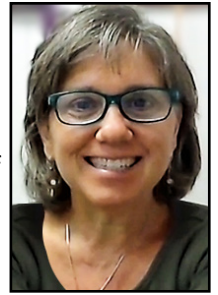
*\*Additional charges for Bingo Cards\**

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

# Development Report - Sarah Barnett



On Sunday, January 31 we had a terrific Super Sunday, Day of Giving at the J. The energy of our volunteers before, during, and after this event was nothing short of inspiring and an indication of the diverse group of people who show their communal love with their energy and hard work!



**Thank you to the following folks who helped make this event so special:**

**Beth Arager, Jim Barnett, Kelli Caplan, Sylvia Craft, Jenny David, Wendy Eisner, Allen Fraley, Denille Francis, Joanne Gordon, Richard Gordon, Lisa Green, Melissa Kashy, Martha Katz-Hyman, Judie Kavitt, Geoffrey Kostiner, Roy Lasris, Leonid Lembersky, Yelena Lembersky, Guy Levy, Sam Margolin, Steve Marks, Eddie Olshansky, Linda Roesen, Neal Rosenbaum, Barbara Rosenbaum, Jody Sarfan, Steve Shapiro, Mike Stupar, Tova Warren**

If we have not been able to reach you so that you can participate in our Annual Campaign, please know that we are sorry we missed you! We are sorry we missed you because...

Without you... our Annual Campaign is not complete  
Without you... we have not reached our full potential  
Without you... we are missing an important connection  
Without you... we are not as strong as we can be  
WITH You...we are COMPLETE and able to build, nurture, and create a vibrant and exciting Jewish community.



When more of you choose to invest in us, together we can accomplish so much more of our mission to build the best Jewish community possible. Your participation at any level is valued and matters.

**Here are ways you can give:**

Visit our pledge page on our website ([ujcvp.org/annual-campaign-pledge](http://ujcvp.org/annual-campaign-pledge))

Email [campaign@ujcvp.org](mailto:campaign@ujcvp.org) and tell us what you would like to commit and we will contact you.

Mail a check to us at 401 City Center Blvd, NN 23606

Call us at 930-1422 and talk to us about your commitment

## UJCVP ENDOWMENT

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

The UJCVP Endowment Inc. is proud to utilize our resources to create more good in the community through our process of grant allocations. In the past year our Grants Committee and UJCVP Endowment Board of Directors have awarded grants to:

**Temple Beth El Social Action Committee** to support its efforts to manufacture and distribute sought-after face shields to community institutions during the worst of COVID.

**CNU** to support its Holocaust Remembrance Activities on campus and world premiere Opera, *Trial of God*.

**Chabad of Williamsburg** to support its mezuzah outreach project

Awarded grants come from our UJCVP Endowment Unrestricted Fund. Grants can be requested from local Jewish organizations on a quarterly basis.

For more information regarding our grant request procedures and calendar, please contact Sarah Barnett: [sarah@ujcvp.org](mailto:sarah@ujcvp.org)



## GRANTS ARE GOING FAST!

If you have any potential interest, please contact Sarah Barnett ASAP for camp info.

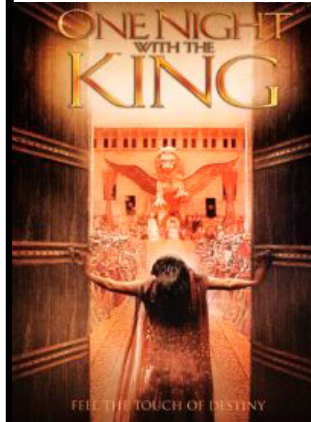


Give your child the gift of a Jewish overnight experience, with up to \$1000 off!

For more info or to apply for a grant, email [sarah@ujcvp.org](mailto:sarah@ujcvp.org) or visit [OneHappyCamper.org](http://OneHappyCamper.org)



## Flicks and Food



Thurs. Mar. 10th  
12:30pm

*One Night with the King*  
2006, PG, 2hr 3min

A young woman disguises her Jewish origins when the Persian king comes looking for a new bride among his subjects.

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? Need College \$?

**Tip** JELF provides interest-free, last dollar loans for higher ed.

**Apply** JAN 3 THROUGH APR 30 SEPT 1 THROUGH SEPT 30  
**LEARN MORE AT JELF.ORG**



Help us help you!

Questions? Email Libby Batten: [lbatten@ujcvp.org](mailto:lbatten@ujcvp.org)

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Thurs, March 31st  
10am-3pm



### National Blood Crisis

The Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade. The dangerously low blood supply levels have forced some hospitals to defer patients from major surgery, including organ transplants. Your donation is desperately needed!

**Visit [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org) to schedule your appointment today.**

# Education **Corner**

*Director of Education & Program Development,  
Carmela Malkin-Kuhn*



## **Teens as Teachers - Wonderful Additions!**

Our UJC Community Hebrew School is finally meeting in person! We have welcomed back students from all our local synagogues and couldn't be happier. As they settle into their classrooms, they are met with two new teaching faces.

We are delighted to welcome Reece David and Eden Marziano to our Hebrew school education team.

Reece has been a volunteer teaching assistant for the past three years. In fact, after graduating from Hebrew School and becoming a Bar Mitzvah, Reece never left the folds of Hebrew School, returning to volunteer his time to assist the teachers and help the students achieve their goals, both at the school and remotely when we moved to virtual instruction.

Eden begins her role as a teaching assistant for the first time this year. She is a graduate of our program and has been part of the Sunday School

education team at Rodef Sholom Temple.

We are extremely fortunate to have these remarkable teens as a part of our Hebrew school team. They bring with them a comprehensive knowledge of Hebrew, while continuing to make learning fun. These teens are certainly ideal role models, already obvious by the high classroom attendance.



WELCOME REECE!  
WELCOME EDEN!

## 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)***



# Education **Corner**

## *Sarfan Center, Naioki Wood*

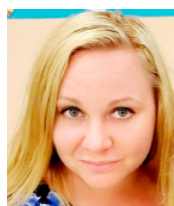


### **We've Got a Shabbat Feeling, Deep in Our Hearts**

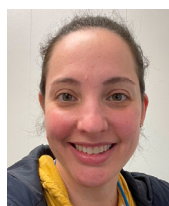
At the Sarfan Early Childhood Center, that special Shabbat feeling is celebrated weekly through singing, dancing, and learning about the many wonderful traditions. It's a time when we get to slow down from our busy week to come together as a school family to share our love for one another and to actively take a moment to reset our minds and bodies. The Shabbat Bag is another Friday afternoon tradition the Sarfan Center has always looked forward to. The Shabbat Bag is filled with everything needed to celebrate: grape juice, challah, candles, blessings, and a Shabbat story or song. Every week a new student gets to take home their decorated to-go bag. Their homework for the weekend is to enjoy time together and find your own meaning of why we celebrate Shabbat. The bag then returns on Monday morning, along with their experience through words and photos. This precious moment captures the essence of the importance of bridging school and home life, which is something our Early Childhood Center values. We are overjoyed to share our Shabbat feeling with our school family!



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



**March 23rd**  
Sasha Nasirova  
Perakhim Infant Teacher



**March 27th**  
Sara Traster  
Marketing Director



**March 30th**  
Lynsie McIlhinney  
Chaverim 3-year-olds Teacher



# UJC Purim Carnival 2022

Sunday, March 20th | 2-4pm

Join us for an afternoon of outdoor fun!

- Hamentaschen •
- Photo Booth • Blow Ups •
- Games • Raffles • Prizes •
- Costume Party •

We can't wait to see you!

RSVP: [carmela@ujcvp.org](mailto:carmela@ujcvp.org)

Free Community Event!



**Join in on the fun and get crafty with us!**

Swing by the J, pick up a jCraft To Go, take it home, and unpack your studio!

**Next Project:**

Painted Stained Glass

**Pick Up: Thurs. March 31st, anytime from 3-5pm**

**Program Passport Members - FREE!**

**Non-Members - \$15 / package**

RSVP to: Naioki Wood ([nwood@ujcvp.org](mailto:nwood@ujcvp.org))  
or Sara Traster ([straster@ujcvp.org](mailto:straster@ujcvp.org))





# Rosh Chodesh Women's Group



**Thurs. Mar 24th  
6:30–8:30pm**

**Seder Plate Making  
at  
Village Studio Arts  
\*Space is Limited\***

**Passport Members: FREE  
Non-Members:  
\$18 per person**

**Visit [ujcvp.org](http://ujcvp.org) to  
RSVP/Pay Online**

Pottery and art  
classes for  
adults, teens, &  
children



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**If you have a family  
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Sara Traster at  
[straster@ujcvp.org](mailto:straster@ujcvp.org)  
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and guidelines.**



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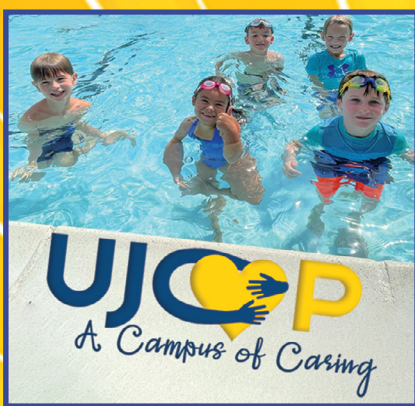
## President's **Message** - *Kelli Caplan*



The idea of warm weather and summer days brings into focus a different piece of our campus: the outside areas and all of the potential they possess for our community.

We have set our sights on improving the many outdoor spaces that grace our campus. Last year we asked you to reimagine camp, to help us make our vision of an enhanced camp experience a reality. The response was incredible, and that generosity allowed us to build a state-of-the-art ropes course and climbing tower, upgrade our basketball court, create nature trails and install bird cameras, hire a professional camp art instructor, and install an outdoor recreational canopy. The difference that the outdoor enhancements made was expeditious and took camp to a whole new level of greatness.

**Reimagine More:  
More Fun! More Space!  
More Community! More Memories...**



**Reimagine  
Summers  
at the J!**



**For information on how you can contribute to this effort,  
contact Sarah Barnett: [sarah@ujcvp.org](mailto:sarah@ujcvp.org)**

But we are not finished. There is still so much to be done to elevate our outdoor space so that it is usable and appealing for all of our members, old and young.

We are continuing to brainstorm ways to make our campus multi-dimensional, a place that can be enjoyed year round. We hope you are as excited about the possibilities as we are, and that you will continue to help us make these ideas come to life. Consider this phase of the project as Reimagine our Campus, as the concepts are broader than camp and pull in many different segments of our member base.

This year, the plan includes hiring a new assistant camp director, who will also be a ropes course specialist; adding an art studio/multi-purpose, additional art equipment; and a new playground. Probably the biggest undertaking in this phase is a feasibility study of building a pool on our campus.

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A committee has been created to look into all aspects of a pool and what sort of financial and programmatic impact it would have on the UJC community. The committee is researching all angles of having a pool on campus again and will report back with its findings.

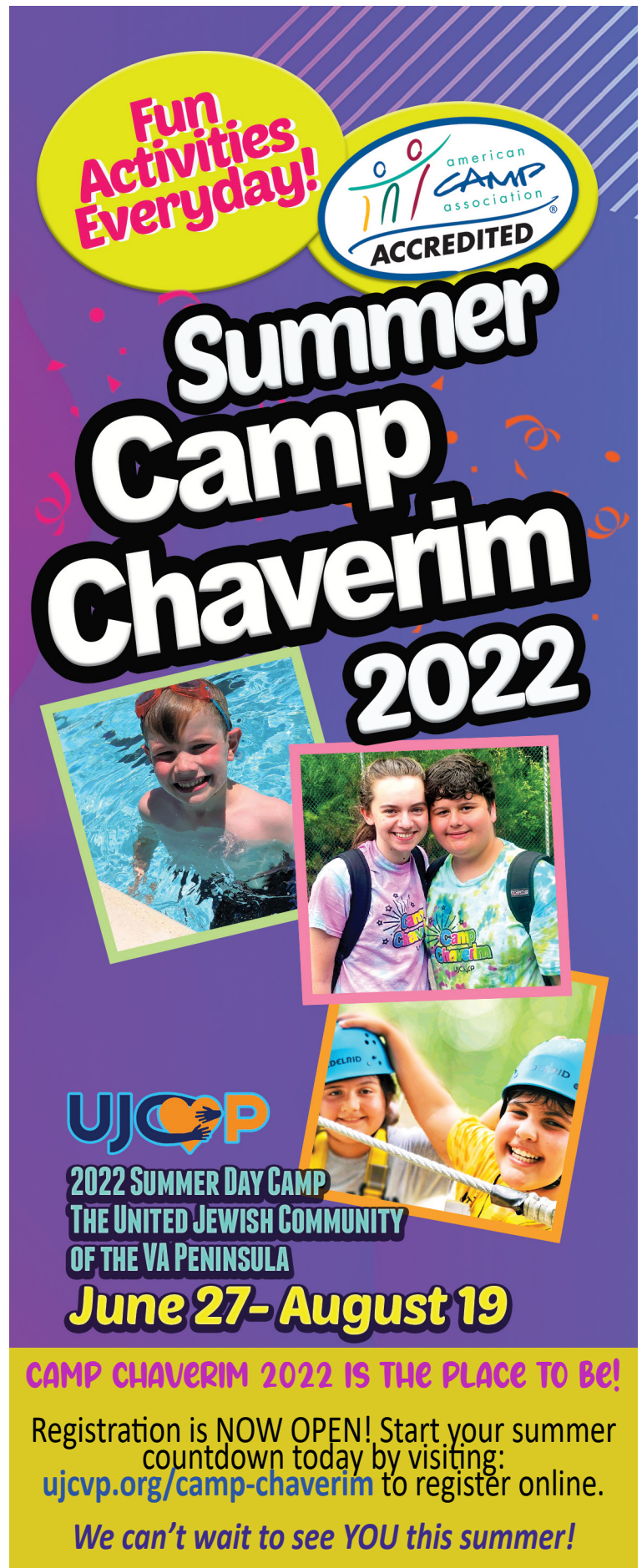
We cannot make these improvements without your support and generosity. We thank you for believing in our vision and continuing to help us grow and improve by leaps and bounds. We always welcome your ideas and feedback, and would love to hear your thoughts on reimagining our campus.

By adding so much to our campus we are enriching lives and our legacy. The more we positively impact our members, the more relevant we become to their lives. We want to be a place where people want to come, a place that brings joy, enlightenment, education, fun and fellowship.

I can't think of a better way to bring generations together than to broaden our outdoor and recreational spaces. There is no doubt that opportunities and possibility for togetherness and solidarity in those areas will abound, and that is where the magic of community happens and the future takes root.

Thank you in advance for being part of our dream to reimagine. It's a big undertaking, but it is one that we think is well worth the work and we are confident that it will bear fruit for years to come.

You are an integral part of making great things happen on campus, and we are eternally grateful for your support and dedication to seeing the UJC thrive.






The poster is for 'Summer Camp Chaverim 2022' and features a vibrant purple and yellow color scheme. At the top left, a yellow circle contains the text 'Fun Activities Everyday!' in pink and yellow. To its right is a blue and yellow oval logo for the 'american CAMP association' with the word 'ACCREDITED' in a blue banner. The main title 'Summer Camp Chaverim 2022' is written in large, bold, white letters with black outlines. Below the title are three photographs: a boy smiling in a pool, two girls in camp t-shirts, and two boys in blue helmets participating in a rope climb. The UJC logo is positioned above the text '2022 SUMMER DAY CAMP THE UNITED JEWISH COMMUNITY OF THE VA PENINSULA'. The dates 'June 27- August 19' are prominently displayed in a yellow banner. At the bottom, a yellow banner reads 'CAMP CHAVERIM 2022 IS THE PLACE TO BE!' followed by registration information and the website 'ujcvp.org/camp-chaverim'. The closing line 'We can't wait to see YOU this summer!' is in a yellow banner.

**Fun Activities Everyday!**

american **CAMP** association  
**ACCREDITED**

# Summer Camp Chaverim 2022



**UJC**

**2022 SUMMER DAY CAMP**  
**THE UNITED JEWISH COMMUNITY**  
**OF THE VA PENINSULA**

**June 27- August 19**

**CAMP CHAVERIM 2022 IS THE PLACE TO BE!**

Registration is NOW OPEN! Start your summer countdown today by visiting:  
[ujcvp.org/camp-chaverim](http://ujcvp.org/camp-chaverim) to register online.

**We can't wait to see YOU this summer!**

# Pool Committee Report

Recently, the UJC Board approved, unanimously, to create a pool committee charged with “investigat(ing) what is needed to build and operate a pool on the UJCVP Campus.”

The committee is made up of David Harriss (Chair), Kelli Caplan, Kevin Hudson, Eric Karlin, Judie Kavit, Betty Lasris, Steve Marks, and Kenny Murov.

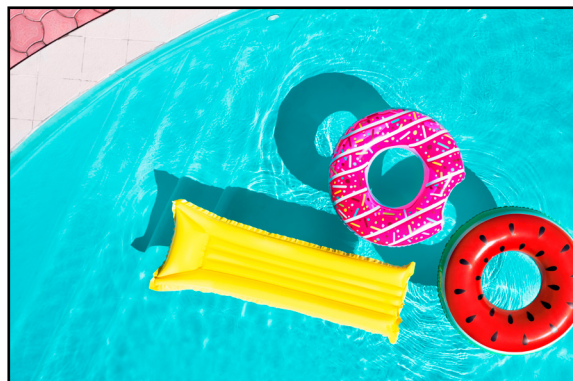
UJC Operations & Programs Vice President Judie Kavit said, “We’re excited to see a team of people come together to explore ways we can gain vision for our outdoor campus and growth.”

The idea behind the committee is gathering and presenting to the board the required data and information needed to explore a community aquatic asset as part of our UJC campus and programming.

“I’m just super grateful for the thoughtful leadership this team provides and we aim to make quick, accurate work of our findings.” said committee chair, Dave Harriss.


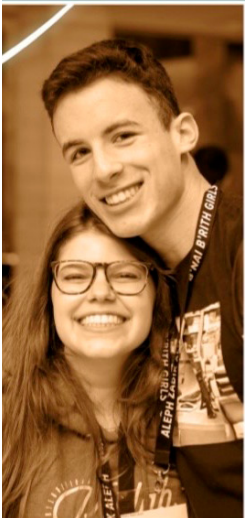
We are eager to share more information in the coming months.

For any questions please email: [david.harriss@gmail.com](mailto:david.harriss@gmail.com)



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**Peninsula BBYO  
Chapter Elections**


Run for a position on our chapter's board!

**DATE:**  
March 20th, 2022

**Time:**  
5:00-8:00 pm

**LOCATION:**  
UJCVP  
401 City Center Blvd

**DETAILS:**  
Interested in running? Email [pyabbyo@gmail.com](mailto:pyabbyo@gmail.com) for more information! The deadline to begin the election process is February 27th, so make sure to reach out before then. Even if you're not interested in running, all chapter members are encouraged to attend the election as voters!

 **bbyo**



**UJC Fiber Arts Group**

Sunday, March 27th  
10am-12pm

Join us for a morning of snacks and crafts. All fiber arts crafts welcome!

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



# Social Services Committee Report

It has been a pleasure to serve as the UJCVP Social Services committee chairperson.

As a relatively new committee, we are helping our Jewish Family Service office chart a new course as an independently run office after our very amicable separation from Jewish Family Service of Tidewater.

Supporting our Social Worker, Libby Batten, MSW, as she charts a new course for our community is a rewarding journey that we all look forward to sharing with you. In addition to the exceptional case work that Libby has always provided for our community members, her new independence will allow for more flexibility and increased possibilities in how we will be able to reach out and care for even more community members. Our committee, made up of dedicated UJCVP volunteers (Jim Barnett, Kevin Hudson, Joel Kirsch, Judy Kline, Steve Shapiro), meets with Libby on a regular basis to evaluate current practice and brainstorm ways we can help her serve you.



In the meantime, if any of you are interested in volunteering for future JFS endeavors, please feel free to reach out to me, Elaine Abrams, Social Services Committee Chair ([elainea@msn.com](mailto:elainea@msn.com)) or Libby Batten ([lbatten@ujcvp.org](mailto:lbatten@ujcvp.org)).

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**PEARL SOCIETY BED-TIME PARTY**  
**WED. MARCH 30TH**  
**5:30PM**

Help us collect NEW bedding for the non-profit,  
Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which provides beds and bedding  
for children in need.

**JOIN OUR SLUMBER PARTY!**  
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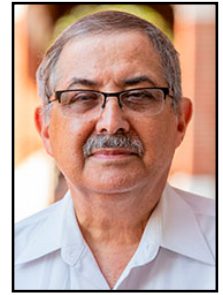
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- Sheets
- Pillows
- Blankets
- Comforters

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*\*Fun juvenile prints*  
*\*Solid colors*

# Education **Corner** continued

## Dr. Richard Freund, Prof. of Jewish Studies - CNU



### Holocaust Archaeology: Retracing the Steps of Jewish Resistance

Thursday, March 17th, 12:20pm

You are invited to a lecture by graduating CNU senior, Mikaela Martínez Dettinger, who accompanied Dr. Richard Freund and his science team and worked in Poland, Lithuania and Latvia in summer 2021 and was chief docent for the Auschwitz exhibit at CNU. Mikaela was supported by the Smart Family Foundation and was a CNU OURCA Summer Scholar for Dr. Freund.

Her presentation is on Thursday, March 17 at 12:20 on MCM 101 and will be on Zoom.

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83953247750>

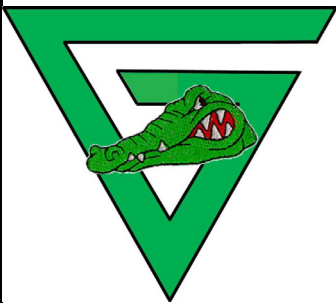
For questions, please email Dr. Richard Freund: [Richard.Freund@cnu.edu](mailto:Richard.Freund@cnu.edu) or call 757-594-9196.



*Mikaela at the mass burial site in Rumbula, Latvia.*

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# Mikveh Project

## Occasions for Immersion

**MILESTONES** - Graduation, coming out as LGBTQ, Retirement, Longevity Marker

**HEALING** - A painful diagnosis or illness where you can renew your hope and resolve

**MOURNING** - The loss of a loved one - acknowledging the love for that person, and the love that you carry with you when they're gone

**NIDDAH** - The most traditional use of the Mikveh, the mitzvah of monthly immersion celebrates the incredible workings and cycles of your body.

**BODY POSITIVITY** - Bodies of all sizes, shapes, weights, colors and ages are Holy and the Mikveh can support your positive body image.

**WEDDING - FOR A BRIDE OR A GROOM** - Reminding you about the love, partnership, and creating a future together in this incredible transition.

**BIRTHDAYS** - A time to celebrate and reflect.

**BECOMING A BAR OR BAT MITZVAH** - As you become an adult in the Jewish tradition, immerse to celebrate this transition and your commitment to the Jewish People, the Torah, and Tikkun Olam.

**CONVERSION** - You have made an incredible, life-changing decision to become a part of the Jewish People...making the Mikveh experience as beautiful, transformative, and welcoming as it possibly can be.

**CONVERTING A CHILD** - A baby or child will immerse with a parent who will say the Brachot for them while an older child may immerse by themselves or with a parent.



**PREPARING FOR CONCEPTION** - The step toward parenthood by immersing.

**IN/FERTILITY** - Immersion is a chance for turning towards new beginnings, new possibilities and new hope.

**BEFORE GIVING BIRTH** - An opportunity to honor your body for its ability to nurture and shelter another human being, and an amazing reminder to take time for yourself.

**WEANING** - To be thankful for the miraculous workings of the body in this new stage of your child's life.

**GRATITUDE** - Take a moment to be thankful for the gifts that surround us everyday.

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,  
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This year on March 17th, we celebrate the holiday of Purim. We can learn life lessons from the story of Queen Esther. One of which is: *Unity Brings Strength.*

Esther succeeds in her mission to save her people by uniting the Jews and bringing them together in prayer and fasting. And she leaves a wish for us, her children. Esther asks that we celebrate this day together with joy, parties, charity and sending food (shloach manot) to one another. Esther is telling us to create a feeling of unity and peace. The antidote to all disagreements is reaching out to one another with friendship. Unity brings strength.

We don't have to be the same. We must only know that we are brothers and sisters, one family.  
Stop judging and start loving one another.

***Shabbos Candle Lighting Times:***

March 4 - 5:44pm, March 11 - 5:51pm  
March 18 - 6:57pm, March 25 - 7:03pm

***Rabbi Litt's Shabbos Schedule:***

March 26, April 30, May 20



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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.*

**CEVO Has Reopened!**

CEVO Shabbat services are now open in a hybrid arrangement. We're observing Shabbat services at our location for all interested and are also offering them on Zoom simultaneously. An email will continue to be sent with the weekly Zoom address.

We can't wait to see everyone who would like to attend services. If you're attending in person, please remember that **masks are required.**

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

**Special Events & Other News**

**Religious school dates – March 6, 13, 20, & 27**

**CEVO Board Meeting – March 14 (Zoom)**

**Community Dinner – March 25, Welcome back Rabbi Gurdin!**

**Purim celebration - March 16**

Stay tuned for new **Parent and Me** and **Tot Shabbat** dates.

***Our Shabbat service on March 18 will be Shabbat In the Home.***

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## Temple Beth El of Williamsburg is celebrating!

- Our Purim Celebration will start at 7 pm on Wednesday, March 16 in person and on Zoom.
- We'll be reading the Megilah in English as well as some Hebrew, with Purim spiels by our religious school children and members of the congregation. Come for the costumes and fun! Join us for this raucous and enjoyable evening!
- Contact us for the Zoom link at [office@tbewilliamsburg.org](mailto:office@tbewilliamsburg.org)



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**SHABBAT SERVICES**

Friday, March 4th @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 12th @ 10:00am - Shabbat Service

Friday, March 18th @ 7:30pm - Purim Service

Saturday, March 26th @ 10:00am - Shabbat Service & Sharsheret Presentation on Breast Cancer

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



# YOM HASHOAH

## HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM & CEREMONY

Wednesday  
April 27th  
7:00pm

Mark your calendar for  
this year's Yom Hashoah  
commemoration with  
speaker,  
Mikaela  
Martinez  
Dettinger.

More information  
to follow.





# 21st Annual Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival

## Winter Series

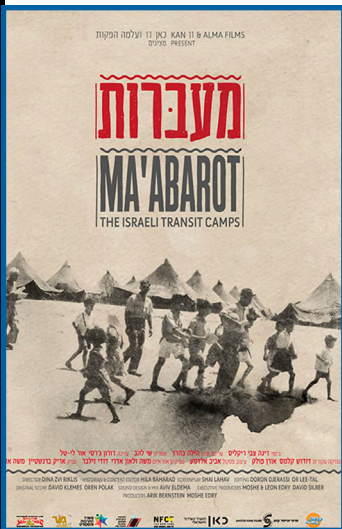
**March 6th - *Ma'abarot*    March 27th - *Shared Legacies***

The Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival's Winter Series continues on Sunday, March 6th and Sunday March 27th. The films can be viewed both in-person and virtually.

To view the film in person, please join us at the Williamsburg Regional Library Theater, 515 Scotland St, Williamsburg, VA at 2pm on Sunday, March 6th and Sunday, March 27th. **Attendees must be masked and practice social distancing.**

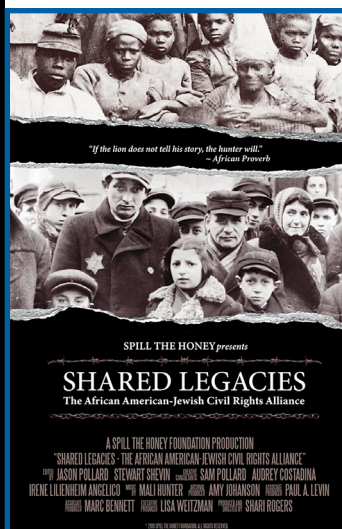
To obtain a link to view a film virtually, send an email to: [vpjff@tbewilliamsburg.org](mailto:vpjff@tbewilliamsburg.org) no later than noon on the Thursday before the film screening date. The link will be emailed to you on the Friday before the film screening date.

**Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, there is no charge for any of the Winter Series films.**



**Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 2pm**  
***Ma'abarot***  
2019, 50min

*Ma'abarot* is the first documentary project about the story of the Israeli transit camps. The transit camps were a controversial enterprise, housing hundreds of thousands of new immigrants from various parts of the world, transitioning them into becoming part of the Israeli cultural tapestry. The film unravels the many stories of the camp residents, examining and discovering many surprising new details, shattering common stereotypes of the current Israeli discourse.

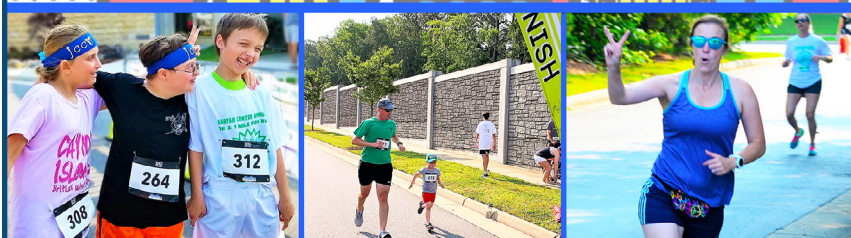


**Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 2pm**  
***Shared Legacies***  
2020, 1 hr 35min

The often-forgotten story of the coalition and friendship between the Jewish and African American communities during the Civil Rights Movement. The crucial historical lessons of Black-Jewish cooperation are revisited and revived in this fascinating, urgent call to action. Common cause was found in the turbulent '60s Civil Rights era, as Jewish leaders backed Dr. King's efforts at racial equality and harmony. Yet, the relationship has frayed in recent years, as a once mighty bond of support and respect has seemingly faded, been forgotten, or ignored.

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.*



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**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

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for more info.





# Celebrate Purim With These Unique Hamantaschen Recipes

## Pizza Hamantaschen Makes 20-24 hamantaschen

### For the dough:

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 4 oz butter
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tbs sour cream/yogurt
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp sugar
- 1/3 cup cold water
- 1 tbs white vinegar



### For the filling:

- 1/2 cup marinara sauce
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

### Preparation:

1. In a food processor pulse flour, butter, egg yolk, sour cream, salt, and sugar until a coarse meal is formed. With machine running, add water and vinegar, a bit at a time, until dough pulls together.
2. Turn dough out onto counter and knead a few turns to combine. Flatten into a disk and wrap in plastic or parchment paper and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or for up to 2 days.

### Assembly:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. Roll dough out to quarter-inch thickness. Cut dough into 3-inch circles. Spoon sauce into center.
3. Sprinkle cheeses over sauce.
4. Brush edges with egg wash and fold over into a triangle, seal tightly, be sure corners are firmly pressed together. Place hamantaschen on prepared pan and leave about 2 inches between for dough to expand.
5. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes, or until golden brown.

*Recipe by Jamie Geller can be found at:*

<https://jamiiegeller.com/recipespizza-hamantaschen/>

## Gluten-Free, Sugar-Free Hamantaschen Makes 20-24 hamantaschen

### For the dough:

- 1 cup (110 g) cashews
- 1 egg
- 1 cup (95 g) almond flour
- pinch of sea salt
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 3 tbs (45 ml) sugar-free maple syrup
- 1/4 cup (28 g) coconut flour



### For berry filling:

- 1 cup (140 g) frozen or fresh raspberries
- 1/4 cup (60 g) coconut palm sugar
- 1/2 lemon, juiced

### For apricot filling:

- 1/2 cup (160 g) fruit-sweetened apricot preserves
- 1 tbs (8 g) poppy seeds

### Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. To make the dough, place the cashews in a food processor or blender and pulse until you have a "flour." Add in egg, almond flour, salt, baking soda and maple syrup. Blend until all ingredients are well combined and form a dough.
2. Spoon the dough onto a piece of parchment paper and begin sprinkling in the coconut flour, 1 tbs at a time. The dough will be sticky to start, but the coconut flour will take care of this. Once the stickiness is gone, roll out the dough between two pieces of parchment paper until it is about 1/4 inch thick. Use a drinking glass or round cookie cutter to cut circles out of the dough. Set the circles aside.
3. To make the berry filling combine the raspberries, sugar and lemon juice in a small saucepan over medium heat. Mash the fruit until it is soft and combines well with the sugar. Allow the mixture to simmer for about 8 mins or until it thickens and reduces. To make the apricot filling, combine the preserves with the poppy seeds and stir well.
4. Next, assemble the cookies by taking one dough circle and placing a dollop of filling in the center; do not over-fill. Fold the circle into thirds, sealing off the edges until a triangular shape is formed. Make sure you pinch the seams closed, or they can reopen while baking. Repeat until all of the dough is used. Place cookies on a parchment-lined baking sheet and bake for 10 mins. Remove from the oven and allow to cool slightly before serving.

*This recipe is excerpted from The New Yiddish Kitchen: Gluten-Free and Paleo Kosher Recipes for the Holidays and Every Day*

*Recipe can be found at: <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/the-nosher/gluten-free-sugar-free-hamantaschen-recipe/>*



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## *UJCVP Community* March 2022 Calendar

### **Tuesday, Mar. 1, 2022**

12pm - Grand Club To Go  
4pm - Hebrew School  
7pm - Pickleball

### **Thursday, Mar. 3, 2022**

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo  
4pm - Hebrew School

### **Sunday, Mar. 6, 2022**

2pm - Virginia Peninsula Jewish  
Film Festival: *Ma'abarot*

### **Tuesday, Mar. 8, 2022**

12pm - Grand Club To Go  
4pm - Hebrew School  
7pm - Pickleball

### **Thursday, Mar. 10, 2022**

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo  
12:30pm - Flicks & Food: *One  
Night with the King*  
4pm - Hebrew School

### **Tuesday, Mar. 15, 2022**

12pm - Grand Club To Go  
4pm - Hebrew School  
7pm - Pickleball  
7pm - Hamentaschen Happy  
Hour

### **Thursday, Mar. 17, 2022**

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo  
12:20pm - CNU: *Holocaust  
Archaeology*

### **Sunday, Mar. 20, 2022**

2pm - Purim Carnival  
5pm - BBYO Elections

### **Tuesday, Mar. 22, 2022**

12pm - Grand Club To Go  
4pm - Hebrew School  
7pm - Pickleball

### **Thursday, Mar. 24, 2022**

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo  
4pm - Hebrew School  
6:30pm - Rosh Chodesh  
Women's Group: Seder Plate  
Making

### **Friday, Mar. 25, 2022**

BBYO VAC Spring Cultural

### **Saturday, Mar. 26, 2022**

BBYO VAC Spring Cultural

### **Sunday, Mar. 27, 2022**

BBYO VAC Spring Cultural  
10am - Fiber Arts Group  
2pm - Virginia Peninsula  
Jewish Film Festival: *Shared  
Legacies*

### **Tuesday, Mar. 29, 2022**

12pm - Grand Club To Go  
4pm - Hebrew School  
7pm - Pickleball

### **Wednesday, Mar. 30, 2022**

5:30pm - Pearl Society Bed Time  
Party

### **Thursday, Mar. 31, 2022**

10am - Red Cross Blood Drive  
10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo  
3pm - JCraft To Go  
4pm - Hebrew School

