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# Jewish Community News

News of the Jewish VA Peninsula Community

May 2023/5783



#### 2023 Annual Campaign

In memory of Lina Aleksandrovna (Berelovich) Hammer

Susan & Alex Berelovich

In memory of Joshua Solomon Glenn Solomon

## **Eric & Jack Luckman Memorial Endowment Fund**

In honor of Lori & Jeff Luckman's wedding anniversary Mark Nataupsky

In honor of Robin & Guy Levy's new grandson, Asher Lori & Jeff Luckman

In honor of Jennie Ann & Don Lovis on their recent marriage Lori & Jeff Luckman

In memory of Richard Cooper Lori & Jeff Luckman

#### **Maccabi Team NN Fund**

Sarah & Jim Barnett

## **Secure Community Fund**

In honor of the birth of Robin & Guy Levy's grandson Becca & Eric Maurer

In honor of the birth of Joan & Steve Marks' granddaughter Becca & Eric Maurer

#### **UJC Youth Fund**

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

## **Leonard & Sylvia Waters Library Fund**

In memory of Mike Klesmer Sandy & Howard Waters

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## Are You a Jewish Alum of William & Mary?

We want to know what William & Mary was like when you attended and show you what is happening on campus for Jewish students now!

## Please send your information to: rabbilitt@wmhillel.org.













#### Come see us at the newest Peninsula Farmers Market at the UJC!

- \* Fresh Produce \* Fresh Baked Goods \* Personal Care Products \* Home Cleaning Products \* Mead \* Sorrel \*
- \* Honey \* CBD Products \* Goat Milk Soap \* Special Sauces & Seasonings \* Handmade Dog Treats & Accessories \*

\*Fresh Healthy Snacks \* Fresh Grilled Meats Prepared Each Thursday On Site \*

Everything grown, produced, and created by regional businesses!

Skip the lines at the chains and buy local, farm to table for your family!

# **Education Corner**

## Director of Education & Program Development, Carmela Malkin Kuhn



The Sarfan Early Childhood Center thrives on the connections we make with our families. Connections made through morning coffee talks in the preschool, Walk-in Wednesdays for our families, and our biggest on-campus preschool event, Grandparents Day. For quite some time we were unable to share these face-to-face connections with our community due social distancing and caution. However, I am happy to say that those times are over!

The Sarfan Center recently welcomed 200 grandparents and grand-friends to celebrate their impact on our lives with a special presentation by our early childhood teachers and students. For months, our classrooms prepped, practiced and made beautifully crafted personalized notecards for this special occasion. Our wonderful parent committee was right by our side, making sure every component of the Grandparents Day "comeback" went smoothly. After Grandparents' Day wrapped up, our Sarfan Center staff didn't waste any time continuing with programs. We brought in our preschool parents to share our space and create something beautiful with their children with our Daddy & Me and Mommy & Me events.











## **Lunch & Bingo on Thursdays**

Lunch for ages 60+ - \$2.50 Lunch for Passport Members - FREE! Additional charge for Bingo Cards

> Bingo begins at 10:45am Lunch is served at 12:00pm Bingo resumes after lunch

**Email Carmela:** carmela@ujcvp.org for more info or to RSVP



#### The Bus is Back!

The UJC has resumed bus transportation for Grand Club / Bingo with a handicapped accessible bus.

If you, or someone you know, would like to join us for lunch and bingo on Thursdays and needs transportation, please email Martha Vogel: mvogel@ujcvp.org or call the UJC main office: 757-930-1422.

We can't wait to see you back on our campus!



#### **Volunteer Opportunity**

The UJC is looking for volunteers to call Bingo on Thursday mornings (10:45am) and Thursday afternoons (12:30pm). If you would like to volunteer, please email Martha Vogel: mvogel@ujcvp.org or call 757-930-1422.

Theodore H. & Esther Beskin Memorial Scholarship Award



**Scholarship Application Available** Deadline to return application to the UJC is Friday, May 5th, 2023

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



## Mindful Monday (via Zoom)

with instructor, Molly Link

Monday, May 22nd, 7pm **FREE EVENT** 

For Zoom link, please visit our website: ujcvp.org

Questions? Email: jmalkin@ujcvp.org

# 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: Eli Green

AGE: 14

SCHOOL: Poquoson Middle School SYNAGOGUE: Rodef Sholom Temple

SPORT: Basketball

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

I am looking forward to meeting new people and new experiences.

#### What is your favorite movie?

*Space Jam!* It has basketball and Looney Tunes, Michael Jordan, and golf. I would recommend it to anyone who likes basketball.

#### What's your favorite dessert?

A cookie cake, with frosting and ice cream.

#### Do you have any secret hobbies?

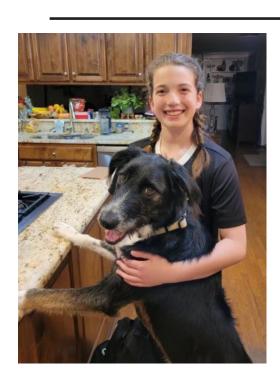
I play tennis, pickleball, and I got a 197 in bowling once.





What goal do you hope to achieve this year? I hope to get all As this whole year.

Good luck, Eli!





NAME: Mia Green

AGE: 12

SCHOOL: Poquoson Middle School SYNAGOGUE: Rodef Sholom Temple

SPORT: Soccer

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

I'm looking forward to meeting new people and play-

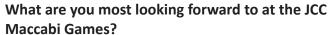
JCC Maccabi Moment

NAME: Seth Green

AGE: 14

SCHOOL: Poquoson Middle School SYNAGOGUE: Rodef Sholom Temple

SPORT: Basketball



Going to Florida, since I have never been there be-

fore.

#### If you could interview any historical figure, who would it be and why?

Honestly, probably my grandpa, Lester. He fought in the Army and worked for the stock exchange, and he has lots of stories to tell.

In your opinion, who is the better athlete: Giannis Antetokounmpo (Milwaukee Bucks basketball) or Mike Trout (Los Angeles Angels baseball)?

I think Giannis Antetokounmpo because he is big and strong and can jump high... but it's close!

How would you describe yourself in 3 words?

Outgoing, smart, friendly





Good luck, Seth!

ing soccer with different people.

# If you could have any pet, what animal would you

A cat who isn't shy because I wouldn't want it to be mean and bite or hide all day.

#### What's your favorite vegetable?

Carrots. I like them cooked and soft.

#### What was the best book you read this year?

"Among the Hidden" by Margaret Peterson Haddix. It was about a third child in a place where having more than two children was illegal.

#### Cake or Pie? Why?

Cake! I don't like pie. I like red velvet cake.

To learn more about competing with, or supporting Team Newport News in the JCC Maccabi Games this summer, please call or email Jessi Malkin 757-930-1422 | jmalkin@ujcvp.org



# Jewish Family Services - Libby Batten

#### **Mental Health Awareness Month**

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. It has been observed each May in the United States since 1949. It has never been more important than now to recognize that mental health is an

essential component to one's overall health and

well-being. Studies have found that the most relaxing activity is being in the natural environment. Below is a list of activities to help you relax.



#### **Relaxation Techniques**

Peaceful deep breathing

Replacing a negative thought with a positive

Listen to soft music

Read a book

Watch the sun rise

Gentle yoga

Meditation/guided imagery

Massage

Gardening

Spend time with a lovable Ppet

The UJCVP and JFS are observing Mental Health Awareness Month with massages, spa treatments and sensory fun, SPCA visiting animal ambassadors and more. Please join us for an evening of self-care on *Tuesday, May 16th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm*. RSVP at ujcvp.org.

May 2nd
Angela Morris
UJC Controller

May

May

May

John
UJC



May 21st

**Mdy 5th** John Donnell UJC Maintenance Supervisor





Maya Yartsev Sarfan Center Pre-K Teacher



The UJC and Sarfan Center will be closed:

Friday, May 26th in observance of Shavuot and Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day



# Executive Director's Message - Eric Maurer

The headline "The Fundamentals of the Baseball 'Game' Described for Non-Sports Fans" was featured on the front page of a 1909 edition of The Forward, a Yiddish-language daily newspaper for New York's newly arrived Jewish immigrants.





This image highlights how generations of Jewish immigrants sought acceptance through baseball:

understanding it, playing it, cheering it. Nothing blends the American Jewish experience quite like the love affair Jews have had with the sport of baseball. In the words of Solomon Schechter, the first President of the Jewish Theological Seminary – "In order to be a success in the American rabbinate, you must be able to talk baseball."

May is American Jewish Heritage Month. It is a moment to relish in the grand American Jewish experience. This month commemorates the contributions American Jews have made to the fabric of American culture, society and history – and mark the gratefulness of American Jews to America.

This month, organizations around the country will join together to help Americans of all backgrounds discover, explore, and celebrate the vibrant and varied American Jewish experience from the dawn of our nation to the present day.

In Virginia, we are particularly energized this year because our state legislative session saw the formal adoption of May as American Jewish Heritage Month. In recognition of the active role the Jewish community has played on the Peninsula for more than 125 year history, Mayor Phillip Jones of Newport News published a proclamation, which can be read in full online on our website.

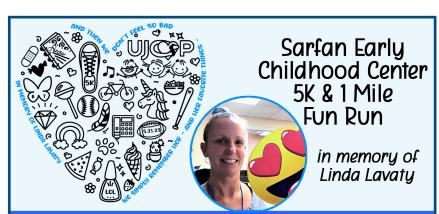
The proclamation highlights how Jewish immigrants "played a central role in the creation, growth, freedom, prosperity, and strength of the United States" and how the "enduring values of the Jewish faith were vital sources of inspiration for the founding of the United States, the Civil Rights movement, America's global leadership in the cause of freedom, Americans' commitment to social justice, and many of our country's most central tenets."

In the spirit of this month and the great American pastime of baseball, we are thrilled to welcome to the UJC, Assaf Lowengart, an Israeli baseball player on the William & Mary Baseball team, on May 18th for a conversation and screening of the film, Israel Swings for Gold.

More information about the film can be found on page 18 of the newsletter.









# SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

Join us for our 37th race year!

PLACE: Mariners' Museum Southern Route

(across from Warwick High School)

## TIMe:

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

#### entry:

**Pre-Registration** (by 5/1) 1 Mile - \$15 | 5K - \$25

Regular Registration (after 5/1)

1 Mile - \$20 | 5K - \$30

FOR COURSE MAPS, RACE FAQS & SPONSORSHIP INFO VISIT Ujcvp.org/sarfan-center-5k



# WANT TO BE A RACE SPONSOR?

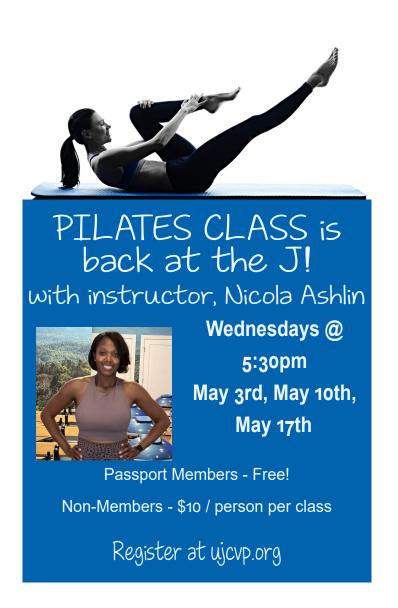
VISIT: UJCVP.ORG FOR MORE INFO!















# Cafe Chai: Flower Arranging Thursday, May 25th | 12:00pm

Join us at the J for lunch and then make your own flower arrangement to take home and enjoy!

Passport Members - \$5 / person

Non-Members - \$10 / person

SPACE IS LIMITED! Reserve your spot at ujcvp.org Questions? Email Sara Traster straster@ujcvp.org





#### **Kibbitz and Create**

Sunday, May 28th 10am-12pm

Join our group at the J for a morning of snacks and crafts. All fiber arts crafts welcome!

RSVP to Jessi Malkin: jmalkin@ujcvp.org



# Lawn Care & Landscape

Mowing (Electric Offered)

Garden Bed Maintenance

**Edging** 

Yard Design

**Bush & Branch Trimming** 

**Pressure Washing** 

Mulch

**Gutter Cleaning** 

**Brian Diamond** 757-329-5677

Facebook: Diamond Edge LLC

#### Congregation Adath Jeshurun 401 City Center Blvd., Newport News, VA 23606

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



We read the Book of Ruth on Shavuot. On the day that we celebrate the giving of the Torah, the Book of Ruth reminds us that small acts of kindness, such as Ruth staying with Naomi, and Boaz providing food for them, were important acts, which endeared them to Hashem and led to David and eventually the Messiah.

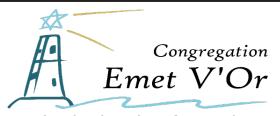


We can become the heroes of tomorrow through our small acts of kindness. One never knows which small deeds can have massive implications.

#### **Candle Lighting Times:**

May 5 - 7:39pm May 12 - 7:45pm May 19 - 7:51pm May 25 - 7:56pm (Shavuot) May 26 - 7:59pm (Shavuot, yizkor)

Rabbi Litt's Shabbos Schedule: May 12th, 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.

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Rabbi led services

May 12<sup>th</sup> – Cantor led services

May 19<sup>th</sup> - Rabbi led services

May 26<sup>th</sup> – Shavout, Shabbat in the Home

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cantor led services

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

#### **Special Events & Other News**

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Religious School

May 8th - Board Meeting (Zoom)

May 21st – Last day of Religious School for both AlefBeits and 1st – 10th graders



Shavuot starts the evening of May 25th. CEVO wishes everyone a happy holiday.



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# 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!

## **May Programs:**

Tuesdays with Rabbi Adult Education - Tuesdays at Noon via Zoom Shavuot Service - Friday, May 26th at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 27th at 9:30 a.m.



## In-Person and Zoom Services

Minvan: Mondays & Thursdays @ 7:45am Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays @ 6:00pm Shabbat Morning Services: Saturdays @ 9:30am Please see our website for more information.

Contact the office for Zoom information: office@rodefsholomtemple.org 401 City Center Blvd. - Newport News, VA, 23606 - 757-826-5894 - rodefsholomtemple.org



## **Grants are going fast!**

If you have any interest in summer sleepaway camp, contact Jessi Malkin 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 jmalkin@ujcvp.org or visit OneHappyCamper.org

# Temple Beth El of Williamsburg Religious School **Registration Open Now!**

First Day & Parent Meeting: Sunday, September 10th



- **Energetic community**
- Meet once per week
- Students in grades K-7
- Classes taught by William & Mary students
- Institute of Southern Jewish Life curriculum



Scan for Registration Form

For more information, e-mail school@tbewilliamsburg.org

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



#### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

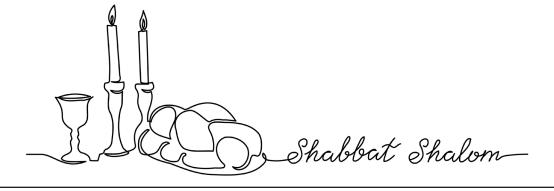
Saturday, May 6th @ 10:00am - Yom HaAtzmaut Service, followed by light Kiddush luncheon & Presentation on Masada by Paul Brindza.

Friday, May 12th @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service

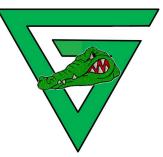
Friday, May 19th @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Sunday, May 21st @ 10:00am - Adult Education Torah Study with Jonathan Homrighausen & Fred Levy, an informal Torah discussion and a delicious bagel nosh.

Saturday, May 27th @ 10:00am - Shavuot Service & Baby Naming, followed by light Kiddush luncheon. Contact Rabbi Sokol at rabbiseverine@gmail.com or (314) 628-9196 if you are interested in attending services.



## **Glendale Pool is Hiring** for the 2023 **Summer Season!**



Lifeguards Head lifeguard/Manager

*Must have up-to-date* certification (Red Cross or equivalent)

## Submit your application at:

https://glendalegators.org/employmentapplication/

## For more information, or with any questions, please email:

nnglendaleoperations@gmail.com

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

Get your UJC Passport Membership today to take advantage of all our summer programs and events, including access to Glendale Pool! Visit ujcvp.org/passport-membership











## BBYO is going Strawberry Picking Save the Date!

Sunday, May 7th, 12:00 - 2:00pm

All teenagers welcome! | RSVP at ujcvp.org Contact Reece David with questions: hegunfachu061@gmail.com



Treat Yourself. An Evening of Self Care

Tuesday, May 16th | 5-7pm

Join the UJC and Jewish Family Services in observing Mental Health Awareness Month with massages, spa & sensory fun, the SPCA visiting animal ambassadors, and MORE!

Passport Members - Free | Non-Members - \$10 Register at ujcvp.org



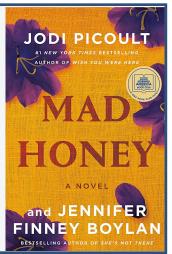
## **National Council** of Jewish Women **Book Club**

Open to the entire community Meeting Place: UJCVP

#### Wednesday, May 17th, 1:30pm

Discussion: Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult & Jennifer Finney Boylan A riveting novel about what we choose to keep from our past, and what we choose to leave behind.

Questions/RSVP: Lucy Sukman, Imoomaw15@aol.com | 757-508-4353



# Check out our UJC Blog: Chai Lights! ujcvp.org/ujc-chai-lights



### Farm & Freeze

Specializing in locally grown plants, produce, and freeze-dried foods.

Visit us at the Smithfield Farmers Market: May 13th, May 27th, June 10th, 9am-12:30pm 115 Main Street, Smithfield



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#### UJCinema Presents: Israel Swings for Gold



with special guest, Assaf Lowengart, member of the 2020 Israeli Olympic team and current althlete on the William & Mary baseball team.

Thursday, May 18th 7pm

Passport Members - \$5/person Non-Members - \$10/person Hot dogs, beer, Cracker Jacks, and popcorn will be served

RSVP at ujcvp.org



2023, 1 hr 18 min, Documentary

Israel Swings for Gold is the sequel to the 2017 underdog sports saga, Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel.

The documentary tells the story of the 2020 Israeli Olympic team composed of Jewish baseball players from around the world. Once arriving in Tokyo, the athletes faced unexpected bigotry from opponents, spectators, and fans. With no media allowed in the Olympic Village due to COVID restrictions, the competing athletes were given cameras to record their experiences.

Israel Swings for Gold will inspire viewers as Team Israel bands together to overcome religious prejudice.





# Evening Music Sunday, May 28, 2023 - 3:00pm at the UJC

Featuring Joshua Kang and Thomas Sunderland, two of the four winners of the 2022-23 YRSO Young Artists Concerto Competition, with YRSO conductors: Eric Reiff & Clint Correll

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

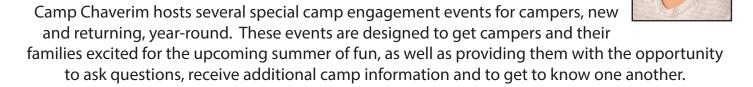
Tickets at the Door
Regular Admission: \$15
Student / Senior / Military: \$12
Passport Members: Free

Please visit yrso.org for more information.

Questions? Email Angela Morris: amorris@ujcvp.org

# Camp Chaverim

# Director of Summer Camp, Naioki Wood



So far our off-season events had campers walking in a Hollywood pajama fashion show, voting for our next camp T-shirt color, going on a scavenger hunt, having a pizza party and most recently, taking over the UJCVP parking lot with their bikes, skateboards, and scooters! Next on our agenda: celebrating National Physical Fitness and Sports Month with daily challenges throughout the month of May, which includes the upcoming 37th Annual Sarfan Center 5K/1 Mile Fun Run on May 21st at the Mariners' Museum.

#### **Camp Enrollment Update:**

DRUMROLL PLEASE...

We are at our highest enrollment for the month of May, with 97 campers so far leading the way to an amazing 2023 camp season!

Spaces are limited! Enroll today to reserve your child's spot for a summer to remember. Register at: ujcvp.org/camp-chaverrim















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# UJCVP Community May 2023 Calendar

**Tuesday, May 2, 2023** 4:30pm - Hebrew School

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023** 5:30pm - Pilates

**Thursday, May 4, 2023** 10:40am - Grand Club/Bingo

Friday, May 5, 2023

Beskin Scholarship Application Deadline

**Saturday, May 6, 2023** 7pm - Adult Pickup Basketball

Sunday, May 7, 2023 10am - Mommy & Me 1pm - BBYO Strawberry Picking 1pm - Cooking with Carmela Monday, May 8, 2023 6pm - Lag B'Omer Archery

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023** 4:30pm - Hebrew School

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 5:30pm - Pilates

**Thursday, May 11, 2023** 10:40am - Grand Club/Bingo

**Saturday, May 13, 2023** 7pm - Adult Pickup Basketball

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023** 4:30pm - Hebrew School 5pm - Treat Yourself: An Evening of Self Care

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

1:30pm - NCJW Book Club 5:30pm - Pilates 7pm - UJC General Board Meeting

**Thursday, May 18, 2023** 10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo 7pm - UJCinema: *Israel Swings for Gold* 

**Saturday, May 20, 2023** 7pm - Adult Pickup Basketball

Sunday, May 21, 2023 Sarfan Center 5K Race & 1 Mile Fun Run

**Monday, May 22, 2023** 7pm - Mindful Monday Tuesday, May 23, 2023

4:30pm - Hebrew School

**Thursday, May 25, 2023** 10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo 12pm - Cafe Chai

**Friday, May 26, 2023**UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**Glendale Pool Opening Day
7pm - Adult Pickup Basketball

Sunday, May 28, 2023 10am - Kibbitz & Create 3pm - YRSO Concert

**Monday, May 29, 2023**UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

