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Jewish Community News

News of the Jewish VA Peninsula Community

November 2021/5782

Executive Director's Message - Steven Wendell

Anti-Israel and Anti-Zionism that translates into Anti-Semitism on college campuses presents a growing insecurity and threat to college students from our community. In recent years, a number of concerned parents, students, relatives, and friends of students have reached out to me to express their concern and ask what the organized Jewish community is doing about the rising number of incidents targeting Jewish students and Jewish organization on campus. The following information from organizations supported by our UJC Annual Campaign dollars provides some insight into the latest initiatives dealing with this challenge.

From Hillel International:

We're reaching out to let you know about Hillel's critical new student-driven initiative:

A social media campaign called #OwnYourStar to help Jewish college students around the world stand up to antisemitism, both on campus and online.



If you're active on social media, use the hashtag #OwnYourStar to share your Jewish pride and support for Jewish students by posting a photo or video of your Star of David, hamsa, or chai necklace or t-shirt... or a Jewish experience, memory, or beloved piece of Judaica that makes you smile.

If you're not on social media, don't worry! You can still see all of the newest images of Jewish pride by visiting the campaign website at:

Hillel.org/OwnYourStar

Antisemitism should have no place anywhere in our society, especially on a university quad. But the number of antisemitic incidents on college campuses has tripled over the past 10 years. That's too high. Way too high.

But thanks to the support of members of the Jewish

community just like you, Hillel has been providing a safe space on campus and helping Jewish students counter antisemitism and hate for more than 98 years. And the #OwnYourStar campaign launching today is just one of many new Hillel initiatives that will help make Jewish students safer than ever before.

Together, we can show the world that being Jewish is something to be proud of...and never to fear. Because antisemitism has no place to hide when our stars come out!

From SCN (Secure Community Network):

Jewish Groups Launch Online Portal For College Students To

Report Antisemitic Incidents

Source: Jewish News
Syndicate

Hillel International has teamed up with the Anti-Defamation League and the Secure Community Network

to launch an online portal where college students can report antisemitic incidents on their campus and receive immediate support. The creation of ReportCampusHate.org is in response to the growing threats of antisemitism on college campuses. Hillel International recorded 244 antisemitic incidents on college and university campuses last year, up from 181 the year before. "When students are impacted by antisemitism, it can be confusing and isolating to garner appropriate law-enforcement attention and support," said Michael Masters, National Director and CEO of SCN, the security arm of The Jewish Federations of North America. The new website "will be a safe way for students to report these incidents and activate SCN's security infrastructure to assess the threat and prompt immediate attention."




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Red Cross Blood Drive in the UJC Gym
Tuesday, December 21st
10am-3pm

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

To schedule an appointment visit ujcvp.org
 Questions? Email Sara T: straster@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 for more information or to RSVP

<p>Jewish Family Services In memory of Joe Gordon Ernestine Adelman</p> <p>Leonard & Sylvia Waters Library Fund In memory of Joyce Burroughs In memory of Jane Susan Frank Sandy & Howard Waters</p> <p>Marilyn* & Dr. Mark Nataupsky Holocaust Education Fund In memory of Jane Susan Frank Mark Nataupsky</p> <p>Mikveh Fund In honor of the birth of Betty & Roy Lasris' new grandchild In honor of Bob & Meryl Kessler's son's wedding Wishing Linda Lavaty a speedy recovery Meryl & Bob Kessler</p>	<p>Reimagine Camp Fund In honor of Ben Kavit's wedding Wendy & Jon Eisner</p> <p>UJC Unrestricted Fund In memory of Florence & Alfred Cohen In memory of Molli & Simon Cohen In memory of Jane Susan Frank In memory of Sadie & Samuel Hirsch Wishing everyone a healthy & happy new year Wishing Larry Familant a speedy recovery Jackie & Eddie Cohen Marlene Cohen</p>
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President's Message - Kelli Caplan



Sometimes, life's unexpected surprises are what bring the most joy and satisfaction. One of those little surprises for me has been the Pearl Society.

Life is busy and full of many meetings and commitments. So, when Sarah Barnett suggested the idea of a giving circle several years ago, my first thought, was 'sounds wonderful, but please not another meeting to add to the schedule.'

Well, fast forward to today, and I can tell you that I always look forward to these get togethers. Really. I would not call them meetings at all. In fact, they are fun, educational and very interesting.

The Pearl Society is a group of women who meet regularly to determine the best use of our funds. We donate to local and international causes that move us. Some of the beneficiaries are Jewish



organizations and some are not. We talk at great length about each potential recipient organization and then vote. I learn something

at every meeting about the great work being conducted in the world.

Being a member of Pearl comes with a small price tag, not at all over the top, but just enough to allow us to be effective in our giving.



What I find most remarkable about Pearl is the group of women who comprise it. This group has grown over the years, but has always at the core maintained its mission and character. These women are fabulous, and all adore being a Pearl. It's a group of many different personalities and viewpoints. These are women of all ages who would not necessarily cross paths regularly. But

Pearl provides a commonality for us. It allows us to learn from and get to know one another despite our varying life paths.

Our meetings always involve lots of laughter, discussion, and food. What could make for a more enjoyable get together? Pearl has allowed me to meet women who I probably would not have, had it not been for this special group. I am grateful that Pearl has brought us together, and I think the world and community are better for our connection to one another and our common goals of making the world better.



Pearls in the jewelry world are gorgeous. They resonate class, simple beauty and an underlying sense that a

lot happened to make them so pretty. That too is true of each Pearl in our giving circle. Each one of us brings a unique perspective that shines in its own beautiful way. When we get together, I can't help but think of us a string of pearls. Pearls are always lovely alone, but on a string together they are elevated to a different level of exquisiteness. That too is true of Pearl Society. Together, we radiate a more sparkling splendor than we do alone.



I am thrilled to be part of the Pearl Society. We have already made such an impact on the world and on one another. If you want to join us, there is always more room on our string!



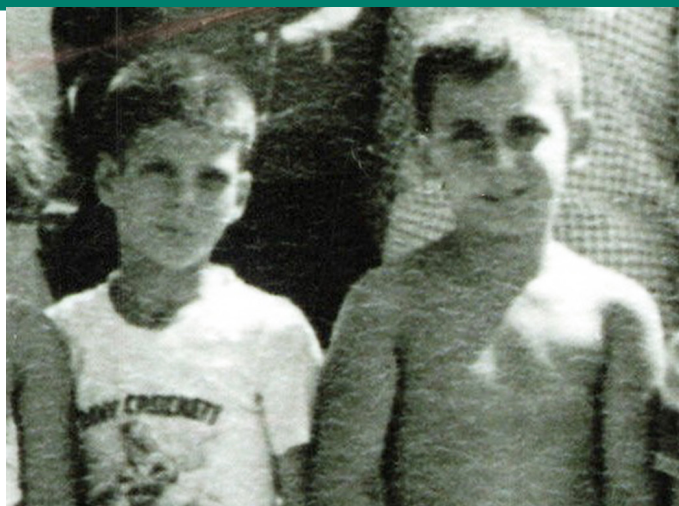
Kelli

NEWSLETTER NOSTALGIA

Do you know who's in this photo?

Be the first to submit a correct answer to straster@ujcvp.org and you will win a gift card!

The answer will be posted in next UJC newsletter. Good luck!



Do you love pickleball? Have you always wanted to learn to play? Join us in our UJC Gym for the fastest growing recreational sport in the US!

Tuesday evenings beginning November 2nd @ 7:00pm

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

Passport Members - FREE!

COVID IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED
Visit ujcvp.org for registration information.

UJC PEARL SOCIETY

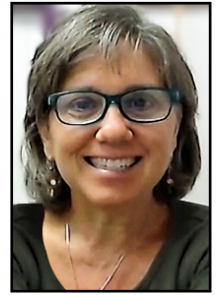
Pearl Society got off to a wonderful start on October 6th in Beth Arager's backyard. Fifteen ladies chatted, caught up, noshed, and talked about doing good. ALL fifteen support our UJCVP Annual Campaign but also enjoy doing more good together. This year we will continue exploring nonprofits locally in our own backyard, nationally, and internationally, and make a final decision regarding where to direct our Pearl Society Giving Circle funds. In addition to an Annual Campaign gift, each Pearl member contributes to the Pearl Pot for giving



circle distributions. We are happiest when we do these things together. This year we will meet 5 more times by early summer, including for an annual pearl party that all women in our community will be invited to. Our Pearl Society philosophy is that there is no reason not to have fun while learning and doing good!

If you are interested in joining us please email
Sara Traster:
straster@ujcvp.org
or Jessi Malkin:
jmalkin@ujcvp.org

Development **Corner** - Sarah Barnett



Because... **Murphy is looking up and so are we!**

We are soaring higher and higher and with your help there is nothing we can't do! Every WHY is followed by a BECAUSE. So, why will we be dogged in connecting with you this year for your Annual Campaign support?

BECAUSE...

...We care about our Jewish Community and we think you do too!

...A robust Annual Campaign allows us to build on our strengths

...Only with you do we grow stronger

...Annual Campaign dollars touch everything we do

...We care about creating a Campus of Caring!



Annual Campaign Dates to Remember

November 30th: Lunch and Tour at the UJCVP

November 30th: Donor outreach calling night

December 8: Virtual tour for our out of town friends

December 11: Young Adult Donor Event at the home of Mike and Rosanne Stupar

January 30th: Super Sunday

UJCVP Helps with Afghan Refugee Relief

Thank you to UJCVP Board and Community Relations Council member, Quentin Kidd, for organizing a donation drive for our community non-profit friends, Hampton Roads Refugee Relief. HR3 provides needed gap resettlement assistance to asylum seekers who resettle in our area. Pictured below, Quentin delivered two car-loads full of household supplies to Saif Ahmadzi at HR3's storage unit, where we learned they were getting ready to resettle a large family locally. We were fortunate to connect to Saif and strengthen our bonds as local non-profits, both concerned with doing good and caring for people.



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COME VISIT CAPITAL CAMPS!

Register on our website at:
<https://capitalcamps.org/contact-us/events-tours/>



Join us for private tours of camp in Waynesboro, PA throughout the Fall and Winter!



Choosing Justice: Bringing Tikkun Olam Home To Our Communities

Join us for an exciting interactive virtual speaker series moderated by Rabbi Dr. Tirzah Firestone in conversation with leaders at the forefront of racial justice, collective healing, and change-making in our communities. The series will provide us and our communities with creative opportunities for critical reflection on race, religion, and identity, and will generate authentic and meaningful conversation so that we can show up in the world with more sensitivity and compassion.



Nov. 9, 2021, 6:30pm
Ilana Kaufman
Beyond the Count: Perspectives and Lived Experiences of Jews of Color

Ilana will share findings from Beyond the Count, the latest research commissioned by the Jews of Color Initiative. This was a national study to dig deeper into collective experiences and perspectives of Jews of Color such as experiences of community building, racial discrimination, and Jewish identity. The Count Me In study was conducted by a multi-racial research team at Stanford University, and the findings will be used to implement change in Jewish communities.



Nov. 14, 2021, 6:30pm
Dr. Penny Rosenwasser
Choosing Justice Despite our Fears: Uprooting Internalized Antisemitism & White Supremacy

Dr. Rosenwasser will share stories, experiential practices, and lessons learned from her ongoing journey as a white Ashkenazi anti-racist Jew: a path of unlearning patterns of racism and internalized Jewish oppression, self-reflection, solidarity, and relationship-building, and the intertwining of Jewish self-love with social justice. She will cite her experience of transformational anti-racism work going on at the Kehilla Synagogue in Oakland, CA, as a model for social justice reform in the Jewish community.

For More Program Info & To Register Visit: ujcvp.org

IN YOUR LIVING ROOM *live*

FALL 2021

 Michael Ben-Zohar Nov. 2, 7:30pm	 Matthew McConaughey Nov. 6, 8:00pm	 Lucy Adlington Nov. 7, 3:00pm	 Mark Oppenheimer Nov. 7, 7:30pm	 Nicole Krauss Nov. 8, 8:00pm
 Dorie Greenspan Nov. 9, 8:00pm	 Rachael Ray Nov. 10, 8:00pm	 Andrew Lawler Nov. 11, 7:30pm	 Andrew Feiler Nov. 14, 7:30pm	 Alice Hoffman Nov. 15, 8:00pm
 Nick Davis Nov. 16, 7:30pm	 Ivan Maisel Nov. 17, 7:30pm	 Gary Shteyngart Nov. 18, 8:00pm	 Wayne Federman & Annabelle Gurwitch Nov. 21, 7:30pm	 Jodi Picoult Nov. 29, 8:00pm

VISIT UJCVP.ORG FOR TICKET INFO.



ROSH CHODESH WOMEN'S GROUP

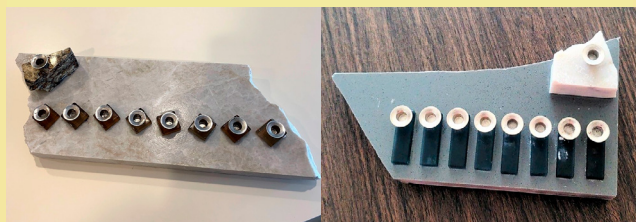
Kick off the Hanukkah season by creating your own granite Chanukiyot and let's celebrate all Kislev long!

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD
7:00PM**

Passport Members - FREE!
RSVP to Jessi Malkin: jmalkin@ujcvp.org

Non-Members - \$10 / person
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This monthly newsletter gets printed and mailed to 1400 households and electronically distributed to over 1100 individuals.

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- Full Page - \$300 (7.5 x 10 inches)
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Discounts for multi-month ads!
Contact Sara Traster at straster@ujcvp.org



Calling all 13-16 year old athletes!

The JCC Maccabi Games, the Olympic-style sporting event for Jewish teens from around the world, is just around the corner!

The largest organized in-person Jewish teen sports experience will include both team (basketball, baseball, flag football, ice hockey, soccer, volleyball) & individual (chess, dance, Esports, swimming, table tennis, track & field) competitions.



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Email jmalkin@ujcvp.org if interested.

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Education Corner

Director of Education & Program Development, Carmela Malkin-Kuhn



UJC Community Hebrew School

It was difficult to make the right determination as to whether to come back to the campus in person for Hebrew School or continue virtual learning. After reaching out to the parents and addressing the concerns of the students not yet vaccinated as well as mixing several different schools, it was decided that our first semester would operate virtually. We hope that we will be back for in person Hebrew School come January.

We are fortunate that our two teachers, Danile Spokony and Gavrielle Bargash, together with our two teaching assistants Reece David and Carson Frank are all well-versed Zoomers! This year we have participation from four of our local synagogues.

We can't wait to welcome our students back in person! They are greatly missed.

Sarfan Center, Naioki Wood

Play-Based Learning at its Finest!



The Fall semester here at the Sarfan Center is underway and now that our campus has adjusted to the start of another wonderful school year, we are ready to get busy and messy as we go head first into our guided curricula.

Since our partnership with the University of Virginia's Center for Advance Study of Teaching and Learning, we have fully rolled out their comprehensive curriculum STREAMin3, spanning from infancy through preschool ages. This guided curriculum supports our educators by providing our classrooms with the building blocks for success in Kindergarten and beyond. STREAMin3 has a play-based and child-led focus, promoting curiosity, intentional interactions, and exploration.

Our classrooms are buzzing with excitement and wonder as they share their love of learning together!



**Hanukkah
at City Center**

**Sunday, Nov. 28th
6:00pm**

Near the Market Stage Plaza

Music , Latkes,
Donuts, Raffles &
Photobooth Fun

Entire Community Welcome!

Sponsored by the UJCVP

3rd Annual UJC Pushke Pour Out Drive Thru

Swing by the J to empty your tzedakah boxes, piggy banks and pushkes in support of our UJC programming.



Tuesday, November 30th, 9am-5pm
 For our 3rd year, help us reach our goal of \$3000!
 Our drive thru is for all types of giving:
 PayPal, Venmo, Cash, Checks, Credit Card, and of
 course, Coins!

Questions?
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jmalkin@ujcvp.org

#GivingTuesday
#Hanukkah





GOOD TO KNOW THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES

Practiced at Libi Eir Community Mikveh in Raleigh, North Carolina

In Judaism, the number seven is redolent with the wonder and wholeness of the week-long creation story. Seven steps lead into the warm waters of the Mikveh, Judaism's older resource for the renewal of the soul.

1. JEWISH LAW (HALACHA)

Commitment to traditional legal standards for the building and maintenance of the bor (collection pool) and Mikveh (immersion pool).

2. MODESTY (TZNIYUT)

We respect the privacy, modesty, and confidentiality of those who come to immerse, and offer certain hours for women or men exclusively. We recognize that the time of immersion, an individual is extraordinarily vulnerable. Our thoughtful and sensitive Mikveh Guides (male and female) are trained to help visitors feel safe and comfortable.

3. LOVE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE (AHAVAT YISRAEL)

We honor and cherish the differences among the Jewish people and provide the space for Jews to practice the ritual of immersion according to their interpretation and understanding.

4. JEWISH COMMUNITY (KLAL YSRAEL)

We are one Jewish people.

5. EDUCATION (HINUKH)

We are committed to providing educational opportunities for children and adults. We are a gateway institution where everyone can deepen their understanding about Jewish thought, Jewish life and Jewish values.

6. BEAUTIFYING THE MITZVAH (HIDDUR MITZVAH)

The rabbinic admonition to beautify religious life is central to our vision. Our Mikveh is a place that pleases the eye and uplifts the spirit.

7. OPENNESS AND INCLUSIVITY (PETICHUT)

Access and availability for all Jews and those becoming Jewish. We strive to be inclusive of all who wish to learn and/or immerse, regardless of sexual orientation, physical/development ability, or background.



Thank you Rabbi Jenny Solomon and Libi Eir Mikveh for sharing your Seven Principles!

21st Annual Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival

The Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival's Opening Weekend is November 6th and 7th. Depending how the pandemic progresses, we are planning to have in-person, socially distanced showings at the Williamsburg Regional Library's theater. We continue to strive to use the power of film to entertain, educate and connect you to issues related to Jewish life in the U.S., Israel, and around the world. If conditions do not allow us to show the films in person, we will have a virtual option available. Our Winter Series films will be screened on Sundays: 1/30/22, 3/6/22 and 3/27/22.

Tickets for Opening Night, November 6th are \$15 (\$10 for students) and a dessert reception is included. There is no charge for any of the Sunday films. Donations received by October 25th will be recognized in the program: Executive Producer - \$1,000; Producer \$500; Director \$250; Screenwriter \$100; Cast Member \$25; Audience Member - any amount will be greatly appreciated!

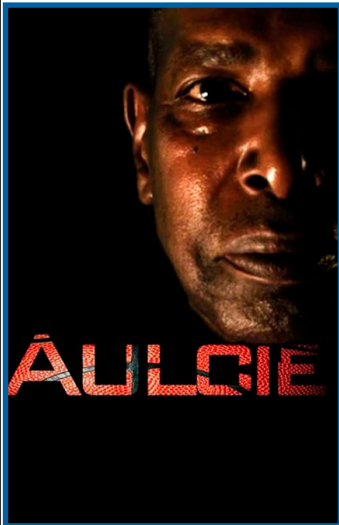
Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Please make checks payable to Temple Beth El of Williamsburg and mail to: Temple Beth El of Williamsburg, PO Box 3640, Williamsburg, VA 23187.

Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 7pm

Aulcie

2020, 1h 15min



Aulcie tells the story of Aulcie Perry, an African American basketball player, who, after being the last one cut by the New York Knicks, embarked on a career with Maccabi Tel Aviv, where he became an Israeli athletic and cultural superstar. After leading his team to an upset win in the European Championship, Perry converted to Judaism and became an Israeli citizen. Rather than the racism he experienced in the United States, in Israel, he found a place where he was judged by the content of his character and not the color of his skin.

Aulcie's rise to fame was precipitous, and his relationship with supermodel Tami Ben Ami became the subject of relentless media attention. However, chronic knee pain culminated in drug addiction that led to his arrest and imprisonment in the US. Since his release he has committed himself to uplifting those suffering from drug abuse and addiction. Today, he teaches youth basketball and is still warmly received by appreciative fans in his adopted home. This inspiring film tells the story of a remarkable athlete who captured the spirit of a nation, triumphant and victorious against all odds.

Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 2pm

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit

2019, 1h 59min



In 1933 in Berlin, Anna is only nine years old when her life changes from the ground up. Her father, a harsh critic of the Nazi government, learns that he is on an enemies list and that his passport will be confiscated and, as a result, must flee to Zurich. His family, Anna, her twelve-year-old brother, and her mother, follow him shortly thereafter. Anna must leave everything behind, including her beloved pink rabbit, and face a new life full of challenges and privations abroad. As the wave of antisemitism spreads across Europe, the family travels to France before settling in England.

This is a Holocaust era film that focuses on facing obstacles and gaining hope from connecting with family and holding Jewish values as a means of surviving and ultimately, thriving.

JCCY
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OUTDOOR GAME ROOM!

Sun. Nov. 14

JCCY (k-3rd grade) - 1-2:30pm
 PJOW (4th-7th grade) - 3:30-5pm



Program Passport Members - FREE!
 Non-Members - \$10/kid or \$25 for 3+
RSVP & REGISTER: ujcvp.org

Questions? Email Jessi Malkin
jmalkin@ujcvp.org



JCraft is back...
 Get crafty with us!

Pick up a jCraft To Go, take it home, and unpack your studio!

Next Project:
DIY Yarn Pumpkins
 Pick Up: Thurs. Nov. 18th
 anytime between 3-5pm

Limit 1 craft kit per household



Passport Members - FREE!
 RSVP to Naioki or Sara T.
nwood@ujcvp.org / straster@ujcvp.org

Non-Members - \$12 / kit
 Visit ujcvp.org to rsvp & pay online

If you have a Family Simcha that you would like to highlight, please contact Sara Traster at straster@ujcvp.org for more information regarding cost and guidelines.



Funny That Way

Thurs. Nov. 11th
12:30pm

2020, PG-13
1hr 13 min

Directed by
Newport
News native,
Susan Sandler

The moving, funny
and triumphant
comeback story of
trans comedian,
Julia Scotti,
“the crazy
old lady of
comedy.”

Includes lunch.



Olympic Dreams

Thurs. Nov. 18th
7:00pm

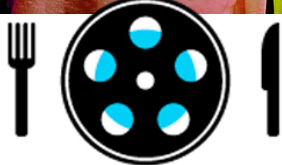
2019, PG-13
1hr 25 min

In the Olympic
Athlete Village,
a young cross-
county skier
bonds with
a volunteer
doctor after her
competition
ends.

*Popcorn, wine &
appetizers
included.*

Passport Members - FREE - RSVP to jmalkin@ujcvp.org

Non-Members - \$10 / person - Visit ujcvp.org to
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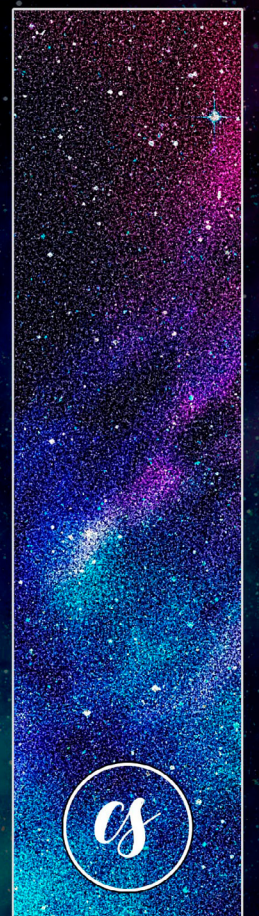
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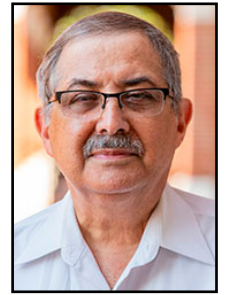
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BEAUTIFUL DESIGNS



Education **Corner** *continued*
Dr. Richard Freund, Prof. of Jewish Studies - CNU



CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY
 PRESENTS

Brundibár

COMPOSER **Hans Krása** LIBRETTIST **Adolf Hoffmeister**

PERFORMED BY
THE VIRGINIA CHILDREN'S CHORUS

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
Carol Thomas Downing

WORLD PREMIERE
 BASED ON THE PLAY BY ELIE WIESEL

The
Trial of God

COMPOSER **Andrew Scott Bell** LIBRETTIST **Dr. Jason Carney**

DIRECTOR **Dr. John McGuire** CONDUCTOR **J. Lynn Thompson**

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NOVEMBER 7, 2021 AT 3 P.M.

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Reflections of the Holocaust
 Co-sponsors include:

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The Eugene and Betty Levin Philanthropic Fund

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Tales From The Depths of the Lagoon

Using underwater hi-tech archaeology to reveal an ancient Lithuanian town's history.
 View the documentary, and meet its CNU creators.

Tribble Library Theater
 Christopher Newport University
 Monday, November 8
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY *presents*
Reflections on the Holocaust

The World Premiere of Opera CNU's *Trial of God*

An exhibition, events and original opera based on the play by Elie Wiesel

OCTOBER

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***Klasse* Film Discussion**

1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Tribble Library Theatre

A discussion of the film *Klasse* on the Nazi's transport in 1938 of children from an elementary school in Hamburg, Germany, featuring Dr. Hannah Schwadron of Florida State University, whose grandmother was in that transport.

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"The Significance of Auschwitz"

7-8:30 p.m., Tribble Library Theatre

Lecture and panel discussion led by Dr. Richard Freund, Bertram and Gladys Aaron Professor of Jewish Studies, and Dr. Charles Sydnor of the Virginia Holocaust Museum. Followed by guided tours of the exhibit.

Oct. 27–Nov. 19

Auschwitz Oświęcim

Pope Chapel

View an exhibition of photos on loan from the Virginia Holocaust Museum. By appointment only, email jewishstudies@cnu.edu. Opens at 8:30 p.m. on 10/27, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. other days.

NOVEMBER

1

"The Art of Samuel Bak"

2 p.m., Tribble Library Theatre

Afternoon lecture (for LifeLong Learning Society members and public) by Dr. Amy Morris of the University of Nebraska.

"Kristallnacht"

6 p.m., Tribble Library Theatre

Evening lecture featuring Dr. Mario Mazzarella, professor emeritus of history.

2

Poster exhibition: "The White Rose"

5:30 p.m., Tribble Library Rotunda

Exhibition telling the story of a group of Munich students and their supporters bravely conducting a leaflet campaign against the Nazi regime from 1942-43.

13th Annual CNU German Seminar

"Time to Act! Sophie Scholl and the White Rose Movement: The Defense of Democracy and Resistance to Tyranny"

6-7:30 p.m., Tribble Library Theatre

Address by Sebastian Heindel-Gaiser, member of the Embassy of Germany. Followed by panel discussion with Dr. Brian Puaca, professor of history; and Franz-Josef Paulus, Lt. Col. (ret) Bundeswehr. Moderator: Dr. Mario D. Mazzarella. Includes Q & A.

3

"Remembering the German-Jewish Past"

4 p.m., Tribble Library Theatre

Lecture and panel discussion featuring Dr. Laura Deiulio and Dr. Brian McInnis of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, and Dr. Jennifer Hansen-Glucklich of The University of Mary Washington.

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***Brundibár*/The *Trial of God* World Premiere**

Peebles Theatre, Ferguson Center for the Arts

Free, ticketed event. For tickets please call the Ferguson Ticket Office at (757) 594-8752.

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"Jewish Spiritual Resistance in the Holocaust: Music, Art and Literature"

6:30-7:15 p.m., Torggler Fine Arts Center 102

Pre-concert lecture on the operas by Dr. Richard Freund.

"Reflective Responsibility"

7:30-7:50 p.m.

Peebles Theatre lobby, Ferguson Center for the Arts

Pre-concert performance by the Virginia Children's Chorus Chamber Singers. Dr. Matthew Russell, director.

5 & 6

"Musical Testimonies From the Depths of Hell: *Brundibár* and *The Trial of God*"

6:30-7:15 p.m., Torggler Fine Arts Center 102

Pre-concert lecture on the operas by Dr. Galit Gertsenzon, Honors College, Ball State University.

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"Jewish Spiritual Resistance in the Holocaust: Music, Art, and Literature"

1:30-2:15 p.m., Torggler Fine Arts Center 102

Pre-concert lecture on the operas by Dr. Richard Freund.

"Reflective Responsibility"

2:30-2:50 p.m.

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SIMCHA SHOUT-OUT CORNER!

Mazel tov to Edythe Lichtenstein, recipient of the 2021 Lifelong Citizenship Award!

2021 marks the 14th Annual Lifelong Citizenship Awards Ceremony in which Newport News Parks, Recreation & Tourism's Active Lifestyles Program Advisory Committee recognizes local nonagenarians (those over 90) for their years of dedicated service and support to the citizens of Newport News.

"I gained gratification, appreciation, and fulfillment. Gratification - in helping people achieve their dreams. What is a hut to one person is a palace to another. Appreciation - for what I have been blessed with. Fulfillment - in acquiring life-long friends and extended family relationships." ~ Edythe Lichtenstein

Past Jewish Community Lifelong Citizenship Award Honorees:

Sarah Deyong (2019), Sidney Fink, MD (2019), Lawrence Sacks, PhD (2018)



Greek Jewish Hanukkah Is Not A Paradox

Celebrating Hanukkah with unique Greek Jewish customs by Ethan Marcus

I am sure people wonder how you can be Greek and Jewish, especially around Hanukkah, a time when we're taught that the Maccabees proudly rose up against the pagan Greeks and regained Jewish independence. But it has never been a problem for me.



I'm a proud Sephardic Jew and grew up in the small but robust Greek Jewish community in New York. My congregation, Kehila Kedosha Janina, remains the only Greek Jewish Romaniote synagogue in the Western Hemisphere. Unlike Sephardic Jews like me who arrived in the former Ottoman Empire after the expulsion from Spain and spoke Ladino, Romaniote Jews have had a continuous presence in Greece and the former Byzantine Empire for over 2,300 years. These communities only spoke Greek or a Judeo-Greco dialect and practiced unique Jewish customs not found in any other communities.



Rabbi Gabriel Negrin at the public menorah lighting for the Jewish Community of Athens, Greece in 2018

I don't think my Papou (grandfather), born in the small town of Veria in what is today northern Greece, would've recognized anything about the celebratory practices of "American" Hanukkah. Most of what we mistakenly call American Hanukkah traditions are actually Ashkenazi in origin and, other than lighting the menorah, are quite different than what I grew up with.



Kehila Kedosha Janina in New York City

In Ioannina, a city in northern Greece that was once a major hub for Romaniote life, Hanukkah was a relatively minor holiday but still celebrated proudly. Romaniote Jews would often cook delicious loukoumades, a classic Greek dessert of fried dough balls in oil with honey and sugar, as opposed to the conventional sufganiyot in Eastern European communities. Growing up in New York, my father would make bimuelos, the Sephardic equivalent of fried dough or matzah meal made for Hanukkah as well as Passover. These delicious treats are what I think of when Hanukkah comes to mind.

I, like many other Greek Jews, reject the notion that being Greek and Jewish is a paradox on Hanukkah. In fact, many theologians in the Greek Orthodox church look at the Maccabees as martyrs who modeled Christian monotheism against evil paganism.

These Hanukkah traditions are a testament to the diverse history and perseverance of the Jewish people, as well as our coexistence with local communities throughout the diaspora, particularly in Greece. This highlights something so rare in today's Jewish world. Indeed, my hope is that as the Jewish community in the United States continues to develop into the 21st century, the conventional Jewish narrative no longer defaults to Ashkenazi Jewry and its traditions. Perhaps this Hanukkah, you'll plan to cook some loukoumades or bimuelos with your children and sing the Ladino holiday song Ocho Kandelikas.

Full article can be found at: <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/2019/12/19/greek-jewish-hanukkah-is-not-a-paradox/>

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As Jews, we are taught about good deeds, mitzvot, from a very young age. Hanukkah is one of the best holidays for exhibiting mitzvot. It's a mitzvah to be generous and give gifts, but also keep in mind that mitzvot come in all shapes and sizes. One of the biggest is Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. Fixing what's broken speaks to something centrally Jewish, our belief in human responsibility. Pick a gesture of good will for every night of Hanukkah.

You can start with Tzedakah. In Jewish thinking, society simply does not work when we neglect those in need. Donate money, food, clothes or your time.

Next is Chesed, "loving kindness". It's not just an emotion, it's the action of showing up when someone is at their most vulnerable. Making those in need feel loved.

You can think about ways you can improve equality. The Torah states that all humans are descended from Adam, meaning we are all created equal. This isn't a scientific statement, it's a moral one: We are all part of the same human family.

We should also be mindful of our words. Proverbs tells us that "death and life are in the power of the tongue". Wars begin with evil words, with defamation, with language and propaganda. Take a night of Hanukkah to think about the words you say and how they affect others.

Lastly, think about uniqueness. Hashem created each human being to be unique. There has never been anyone else like us. We all have a unique contribution to make to the world.

That should be enough to get you through all eight nights of Hanukkah. Give gifts but give to the world too.

Candle Lighting Times:

November 5 - 5:45pm, November 12 - 4:40pm,
November 19 - 4:35pm, November 26 - 4:32pm

Rabbi Litt's Shabbos Schedule:

November 19 & December 10

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

November 5 – Rabbi led Shabbat service

November 12 – Lay led Shabbat service

November 19 – Rabbi led Shabbat service and
Community Dinner

November 26 – Shabbat in the Home

December 3 – Rabbi led Shabbat service

Special Events & Other News

Religious school dates – November 7, 14, & 21

CEVO Board Meeting – November 8 (Zoom)

Community Dinner – November 19

November 28 – First night of Hanukkah!



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Hanukkah Recipe from Greece: Bunuelos (Doughnuts) with Honey

How to give your Hanukkah a multicultural Greek flavor from Chef Michael Natkin

Eating Greek at Hanukkah might seem like a contradiction. After all, at Hanukkah time, there is a stark dichotomy drawn between Jews (good) and Greeks (bad). According to the historical account, Hanukkah celebrates the victory of the small band Maccabees over tremendous military forces of the Syrian Greeks led by Antiochus IV Epiphanes. The Greek culture, with a focus on idol worship and beauty was a clash with Jewish values. So getting rid of the Greeks, rededicating the Holy Temple in Jerusalem to a monotheistic God was a triumph of good over evil.

But on the flip side of this dichotomy are centuries during which Greek-Jewish flourished with Jews living and thriving in Greece.

And the Jewish food of Greece can add so much to Hanukkah celebrations.

Greece is not far from the land of Israel, and there was travel and connection between the two countries as far back as 330 C.E. The book of the Maccabees lists several Jewish communities including those in Sparta, Rhodes and Cyprus. These early Jewish Greek settlers came to be known as Romaniyot or Romans.

Over the generations, Greece served as a refuge for Jews from many other places. Jews from Hungary settled in Greece in the 1300 and 1500s bringing their own customs but eventually being absorbed into Greek Jewish life. Another important group of Jewish refugees maintained more of its own historic culture even as it came to dominate and define much of Greek life. In 1453 CE, the Ottoman Turks began to rule over Greece. The Ottoman Empire recognized the Jews as a unique nation with its own religion. Hoping they would help improve the economy, the Ottomans welcomed Jews to Greece just as they did to other parts of their empire. Therefore, beginning in the late 15th century, Greece became a haven for Jews and Anusim (Jews forced to convert to Catholicism during the Inquisition, but maintained secret loyalty to Judaism). These immigrants ushered in a new era of dynamic Jewish life. Jewish music, foods and customs developed with their own unique Greek-Jewish-Sephardic twists.

The Holocaust decimated the Greek Jewish community and today there are only small Greek Jewish communities left in Greece itself.

Yet in the United States and other places Greek Jews continue to celebrate Hanukkah with strong reminders that move beyond the good/bad paradigm.

You too can join in the Greek Jewish fun by trying out this wonderful recipe for Bunuelos or Bimuelos, a fried doughnut that chef Michael Natkin learned to cook when he married into a Greek Sephardic family in Seattle.

Natkin explains, "The dough for bunuelos should be quite wet. This isn't a doughnut that you roll out. You wet your hands, grab a piece of dough, form a rough ball and poke a hole with your thumb, then drop it straight in the oil. The result is unfussy, light and airy, and altogether insanely delicious. They are so simple to make that you could stir up the dough in just a few minutes before dinner, and fry them up afterwards to entertain and thrill the kids."

Here is his recipe reprinted with his permission:

Bunuelos (or Bimuelos) with Honey

Vegan if you use powdered sugar instead of honey.

Yields about 14 donuts

- 1 package dry yeast (2 1/4 teaspoons)
- 2 cups warm water, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 3 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- oil for deep frying
- honey (or powdered sugar)



- 1) Stir the yeast into 1 cup warm water & allow to proof. Mix in the remaining cup of water along with the salt, sugar & oil. Slowly stir in flour & keep stirring until you have a smooth, wet dough. Cover & allow to rise in a warm spot for at least 1 hr.
- 2) Put 3 inches of oil in a pot suitable for deep frying & bring to 370 F. Line a tray with paper towels. Get a bowl of water ready.
- 3) Moisten your hands in the bowl of water & grab about 3 tbsps of the dough. Quickly form it into a rough ball & poke a hole through the center. These are supposed to be rustic, don't spend any time trying to make them perfect. Drop carefully into the oil. Repeat for as many as will fit comfortably in your pot without crowding. Fry until golden brown on one side, then flip & brown the other side. Use a slotted spoon to remove to paper towels.
- 4) Drizzle with honey (or offer honey for dipping, or dust with powdered sugar) and serve immediately.

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/2015/11/16/eating-greek-at-hanukkah/>

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Friday, November 12th @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Friday, November 19th @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday, November 27th @ 10am - Rachael Curtis Bat Mitzvah

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Tuesday, November 16th at 7:30 pm on Zoom:
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2pm - CNU Lecture: *The Art of Samuel Bak*
6pm - CNU Lecture:
Kristallnacht

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021

12pm - Grand Club To Go
4pm - Hebrew School
5:30pm - CNU Poster Exhibition:
The White Rose
6pm - CNU Panel Discussion:
Time to Act
7pm - Pickleball
7:30pm - Book Fest: Michael
Bar-Zohar

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021

4pm - CNU Lecture:
*Remembering the German-
Jewish Past*
7pm - Rosh Chodesh Women's
Night

Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
4pm - Hebrew School
8pm - CNU Opera *Trial of God*

Friday, Nov. 5, 2021

8pm - CNU Opera *Trial of God*

Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021

7pm - VA Peninsula Jewish Film
Festival: *Aulcie*

8pm - CNU Opera *Trial of God*
8pm - Book Fest: Matthew
McConaughey

Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021

2pm - VA Peninsula Jewish Film
Festival: *When Hitler Stole Pink
Rabbit*
3pm - CNU Opera *Trial of God*
3pm - Book Fest: Lucy
Adlington
7:30pm - Book Fest: Mark
Oppenheimer

Monday, Nov. 8, 2021

7pm - CNU *Tales From the
Lagoon*
8pm - Book Fest: Nicole Krauss

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021

12pm - Grand Club To Go
4pm - Hebrew School
6:30pm - Choosing Justice:
Ilana Kaufman
7pm - Pickleball
8pm - Book Fest: Dorie
Greenspan

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021

8pm - Book Fest: Rachael Ray

Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
12:30 - Flicks & Food: *Funny
That Way*

4pm - Hebrew School
7:30pm - Book Fest: Andrew
Lawler

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021

1pm - JCCY Outdoor Games
3:30pm - PJOW Outdoor Games
6:30pm - Choosing Justice: Dr.
Penny Rosenwasser
7:30pm - Book Fest: Andrew
Feiler

Monday, Nov. 15, 2021

Deadline for Mitzvah Menorah
gift donations
8pm - Book Fest: Alice Hoffman

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021

12pm - Grand Club To Go
4pm - Hebrew School
7pm - Pickleball
7:30pm - Book Fest: Nick Davis

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021

5pm - Gratitude in a Box
7:30pm - Book Fest: Ivan Maisel

Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
3-5pm - jCraft Pick Up
4pm - Hebrew School
7pm - Flicks & Food: *Olympic
Dreams*
8pm - Book Fest: Gary
Shteyngart

Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021

1pm - PJ Library Thank-Fall
7:30pm - Book Fest: Wayne
Federman & Annabelle
Gurwitch

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021

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

Thursday, Nov. 25, 2021

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Friday, Nov. 26, 2021

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Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021

First Night of Hanukkah
6pm - Hanukkah at City Center

Monday, Nov. 29, 2021

8pm - Book Fest: Jodi Picoult

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021

Giving Tuesday
9am-5pm - Pushke Pour Out
12pm - Grand Club To Go
4pm - Hebrew School
7pm - Pickleball

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021

10am-3pm - UJC Blood Drive