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News of the Jewish VA Peninsula Community

October 2021/5782

President's Message - Kelli Caplan



L'Shana Tova! I am optimistic that this year will bring everyone a renewed sense of hope, an abundance of happiness, and a million reasons to smile, laugh and enjoy one another. As the new year is ushered in, I urge each and every one of us to work hard to stay positive and supportive of one another.

There is no denying that the past year has had many challenges. It tested all of us in new, and not always comfortable ways. It had lots of unexpected turns and twists, but it also revealed to us many positive attributes of our community. My hope is that all of these attributes will flourish and grow stronger with time.

The start of a new year is not only an ideal time for reflection, it is also the perfect opportunity to set intentions and goals for year 5782. The gift of a new year is that we get an opportunity for a fresh start. Let's make the most of the possibilities! So much good can come from a new outlook and an upbeat attitude.

I know that I personally am intent on making this a year of reinvention, perspective and purpose. Join me in moving forward into the new year with replenished energy and a drive to be more productive in achieving our goals and kinder to all of those around us.

At the UJC, the new year will bring continued focus on programming that will enrich all of our lives with knowledge and togetherness. We will strive to be even better this year, to reach more people and to play a more significant role in our community. We have hands down the most creative and capable staff around. I know this year at the UJC will be fabulous, with loads of opportunities for all of us to be involved. Being relevant is key to our future. We must look at the big picture, set our priorities and put a plan in place to bring them to life.

Working together, lay leadership, staff and our members can do wonders to advance our mission and our reach.

It's been a year since I took over as president of the board. I have learned so much and watched our campus progress beyond my expectations. I look forward to this year, knowing wholeheartedly that we will keep the momentum going.

We want you to be part of our pursuit of excellence in 5782. If you have any suggestions on how to make the UJC more relevant to your life, please let us know. We are always open to community input and new ideas.

I look forward to a productive and sweet 5782!
Kelli



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Thursday, October 7th
11am-1pm

Regular & senior doses will be available. (Ages 3+)

Drive-ups welcome but we encourage you to make an appointment. Let us know if you need a ride!

Email Jessi Malkin
jmalkin@ujcvp.org

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



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

Jewish Family Services

In honor of Tova & Jay Warren
Sarah & Jim Barnett

In honor of Libby Batten
Harry Kirschbaum

Mikveh Fund

Wishing Joanne Gordon a speedy recovery
Tova & Jay Warren

Reimagine Camp Fund

In honor of Sarah Barnett
Harry Kirschbaum
Thanks for the Week 8 Camp Video, *Meet Me in the Middle*
Harry Kirschbaum

Senior Meal Fund

Wishing Linda Lavaty a speedy recovery
Sara Traster & Dave Harriss

UJC Preschool Fund

In honor of all the Sarfan Center teachers that have loved our kids over the last 9 years
Jessi & Michael Malkin

In memory of Jane Susan Frank
In memory of Mayer & Dorene Sarfan

In memory of Jayne Zilber
Jackie & Jim Batterson

UJC Unrestricted Endowment Fund

In memory of David I. Katz
Ettalea Kanter

In memory of Steve Lieberman
Frosty & Rick Gross

A Thank You From Linda Lavaty

To the WHOLE VA Peninsula community who prayed, visited, fed, donated, sent cards, notes & messages that reminded me how much you all mean to me!

Executive Director's Message - Steven Wendell



A Bright September Day

It's 5:15 am and the alarm goes off as usual to wake Charlene and me for our daily commute to work from our home in Connecticut to Manhattan. We need to be at the Bridgeport Metro North train station to catch the 6:40 express train to Grand Central. If we miss that train, we'll have to take a local train and most likely not get a seat together.

From Grand Central, Charlene walks the 15 blocks south to her JCCA office on 27th Street and I use the underground tunnels to the north exit of Grand Central and walk (when the weather is good) the 20 blocks to my Young Judaea office on the 7th floor of the Hadassah Building on 58th Street. On this sunny and cool early fall day, the walk is both pleasant and great exercise. And everyone I encounter on the crowded streets of Manhattan seems to be sharing in the good mood that the great weather can inspire.

It's Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

By 8:20 that morning I'm settled in my office with my coffee catching up on emails and scheduled tasks for the day in my role as Director of American Programs for National Young Judaea, the (at that time) youth division of Hadassah. A half hour into my workday a colleague comes into my office and asks: "Is Adam OK?" Adam is my son and the colleague, Rob, is a high school friend of Adam from our years in Pittsburgh. My puzzled response to Rob: "Sure, why would you ask?" Rob's responds: "Isn't his train stop for his commute from New Jersey the World Trade Center?" To which I respond: "Yes, why?" And Rob says: "Don't you know what's going on? They say a small plane from Boston hit the North Tower a few minutes ago."

Keep in mind that while we did have technology twenty years ago, instant communication as we know it today was not yet a fine art. So I didn't get news alerts from an app on my phone, and I wasn't tuned into a news channel on my computer. So a "small plane" hitting the World Trade Center at 8:46 am did not immediately catch my attention. Not fully trusting what I heard, I walked to our conference room to check the TV for any news. A half dozen folks had already congregated around the TV. And

as I stood there watching the smoke and fire from the North Tower in amazement, at 9:03 am, live on the TV, we saw the second plane hit the South Tower exploding in a massive fireball.

Now the panic set in. My son, Adam, did indeed commute each morning to his first career job as a recent graduate of NYU Law School at a Wall Street law firm. And the closest train stop to his office was the underground train platforms at the World Trade Center.

Before all the phone and internet service went down, Charlene was able to make contact with Adam and learned that after his wife, Sarah, dropped him off at the train that morning about 8:45 for his short commute under the Hudson River from Jersey City to Manhattan, she called him as he was boarding his train and told him that she just heard something was going on at the World Trade Center and he might want to get off the train a stop before and walk to avoid the problem. Adam exited the train at the Wall Street stop, the one before the World Trade Center. As he came up from the underground station, he saw and heard what he described as: "All hell breaking loose." He turned and ran down the station steps jumping on a departing train headed back to New Jersey. It turned out to be the last train out before they closed all the tunnels and bridges to and from

Manhattan.

Between the collapse of the South Tower and North Tower, the FBI informed us that all buildings associated with Jewish institutions needed to be immediately evacuated because of a



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“credible threat” that we could be targeted. That morning, Charlene had taken the subway to a meeting at the Jewish National Fund building on 68th Street. I still had spotty cell service and was able to contact Charlene and arrange to meet her on the corner of 58th Street and 5th Avenue. From there, we would walk down to the north tunnel entrance to Grand Central at 48th Street and wait for the Station to reopen. That walk down 5th Avenue was surreal. The only traffic consisted of emergency vehicles heading south with their sirens blaring. And nearly all the pedestrians were heading north, some covered with grey soot looking dazed.

After waiting anxiously at the locked entrance to the North tunnels for what seemed like an eternity, an attendant open the door and I grabbed Charlene’s hand and we ran toward the Metro North platforms hoping for a track announcement for a Bridgeport, CT train. We were one of the first people to get on the train. And as we sat there for about an hour, the train filled with people many of whom were bloodied and covered with ash. A first aid area was set up on the platform to treat those needing medical attention. As we sat on the train, underground at Grand Central, with no communication to the outside world, I turned to Charlene and commented: “I’m not so sure this is a good idea to be sitting on this train at this place. Maybe we made the wrong decision.” But what alternative did we have?

We finally did leave Grand Central and as the train exited the underground tunnels at 125th Street, our eyes struggled to refocus from the dark tunnel to the bright light of the sun shining against the clear blue sky.

As the magnitude of the destruction and loss of life from the terror attacks of that day, Tuesday, September 11, 2001, began to be fully understood, Charlene and I, and our family realized how lucky we were. Adam didn’t talk much about his close encounter. But soon after, when the opportunity presented itself, he took a new job with a smaller law firm in New Jersey. He said he wanted to be closer to home.

Much is written about this year’s 20th anniversary of 9/11. A whole generation has grown up post 9/11. I’m not sure Charlene and I could run through those Grand Central tunnels today as fast as we did then... well maybe Charlene still can. It seems a very long time ago. But that day will forever be a significant marker in our lives and the history of our country and the world. My family was fortunate that Tuesday in early September. The families of nearly 3,000 others were not so fortunate. Perhaps a lesson from that day is how fragile even the greatest things man can build really are and how quickly our world can turn to dust.

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Interested in joining BBYO this year?

**Contact David Dorfman - Davidawg713@gmail.com
or Zoe Epstein - Eppydaughter125@gmail.com**

Get ready for New Member Weekend at Camp Weaver!

October 22-24, 2021

**Email Jessi Malkin or Logan Rajman for more info.
jmalkin@ujcvc.org loganrajman@yahoo.com**



MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION

**Mindful Monday: Walking in Nature
Exploring the UJC Nature Trails**

Monday, October 11th @ 6:30pm

Passport Members - FREE
Non-Members - \$10 / person

RSVP to jmalkin@ujcvp.org
or visit ujcvp.org

Wear comfortable shoes & bring a camp chair!



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.



SAN DIEGO
JCC Maccabi Games • Access.

JULY 31–AUGUST 5, 2022

Email jmalkin@ujcvp.org if interested.

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.



Oct. 10, 2021, 6:30pm
Dr. Anita Sanchez
Indigenous Women for Healing Intergenerational Trauma



Oct. 24, 2021, 6:30pm
Freedom Cartwright
To Bear Witness



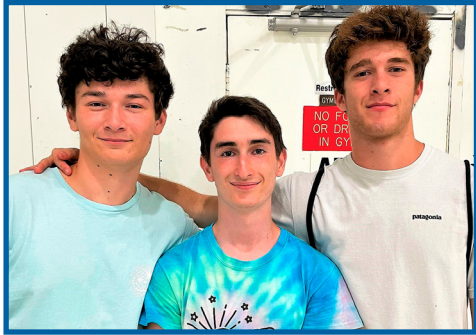
Nov. 9, 2021, 6:30pm
Ilana Kaufman
Beyond the Count: Perspectives and Lived Experiences of Jews of Color



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

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

Development **Corner** - Sarah Barnett



Because... We're Always **CHANGING, CONNECTING, AND CONTINUING**

Jimmy, David, and Josh were part of our amazing Camp Chaverim staff for summer 2021. All three of these terrific young men exemplify the three C's and couldn't do what they do without your support.

Continuity: All three boys have already spent a lifetime on our campus dating back to their early childhood years, from time spent at the Sarfan Center, Camp Chaverim, or both. All three have different stories and backgrounds that continue to intersect at the UJCVP. Jewish or not Jewish, all three have experienced a continued connection here at the UJCVP.

Change: All three were part of our fantastic summer of change for Camp Chaverim....an inaugural summer on our new, expanded and reimagined campus, with a first rate ropes course, nature trail, rock climbing wall, new programming, and so much more. David and Jimmy stepped up as part of our skilled ropes course team, guiding older campers through physical and personal challenges.

Connection: By his own description, David had his best summer ever at camp, and has grown into an amazing and patient counselor to our youth. Born in Newport News, David is a part of our community's absorption of Russian immigrants in the 1990s when his parents and two older siblings arrived here. His family's connection the UJC remains deep and we hope, as a local CNU student with aspirations to follow his two older siblings (who were also Camp Chaverim counselors) to medical school, he will continue connecting with our youth as JCCY staff.

As we gear up for Annual Campaign 2022, we are grateful for the three C's that help guide our mission and outreach every day. Because of YOU, and because of your generosity, we are able to cultivate all three! We look forward to reaching out to you in the coming months.

UJCVP ENDOWMENT

The UJCVP Endowment Inc. Continues to Support Communal Partnerships and Programs.

The Endowment, along with individual endowment fund holders, is proud to be a sponsor for Christopher Newport University's Holocaust Remembrance events scheduled for October 27 –November 19. Please see the schedule in this Newsletter for details about this important series of lectures, Auschwitz exhibit, and world premier opera.

Our Endowment's partnership of these events underscores our commitment to the support of a growing availability of Jewish programming and opportunities on the Virginia Peninsula.

Funds for this sponsorship come from The UJCVP Endowment Inc. Unrestricted Fund and the following donor advised funds:

The Diamonstein Family Charitable Fund
The Eugene and Betty Levin Family Philanthropic Fund
The Barbara and Ralph Goldstein Charitable Fund

If you are interested in finding out more about how you can support our UJC Endowment through you own fund or through contributions to existing funds,

please contact:
Sarah Barnett
sarah@ujcvp.org

Development **Corner** - continued

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DATES TO REMEMBER!

"Days of Giving" have become a regular staple in the nonprofit world and we certainly have significant dates on our UJC Annual Campaign calendar.

But remember, here at the UJCVP, except for Shabbat and Holidays, there is NO day that CANNOT be a Day Of Giving! Whenever your heart moves you, please visit us at www.ujcvp.org/pledge

Here are some Annual Campaign Dates to remember. If you are interested in any of these events or want more information please inquire at campaign@ujcvp.org




Sunday October 24th: Campaign Kickoff Donor Event at the home of Ginny and Johnny Francum

Tuesday November 30th: GivingTuesday UJCVP Lunch and Tours and Community Calling Night

Saturday December 11th: Young Adult Campaign Event at the home of Mike and Rosanne Stupar

Sunday January 30th: Super Sunday Community Day of Giving






THE TIME TO **GIVE BLOOD** IS NOW

Red Cross Blood Drive in the UJC Gym
Tuesday, October 12th
10am-3pm

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

To schedule an appointment visit ujcvp.org



give blood, give life

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS!

Saturday, October 9th, 7pm

(Rain Date: 10/16)

Passport Members - FREE!

Non-Members - \$10 / family

Free Popcorn! Other concessions available for purchase at the BBYO Snack Bar (cash & card accepted)



The Mitchells vs the Machines

2021 PG 1h 53min

A quirky, dysfunctional family's road trip is upended when they find themselves in the middle of the robot apocalypse and suddenly become humanity's unlikely last hope.

Visit ujcvp.org to RSVP

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ARE YOU IN YOUR 20s?
JOIN JESSI & LOGAN FOR 20Something HAPPY HOUR
AT TRADITION BREWING CO!

Wednesday, October 13th
6-8pm

Must be 21+
RSVP to Jessi Malkin:
jmalkin@ujcvp.org

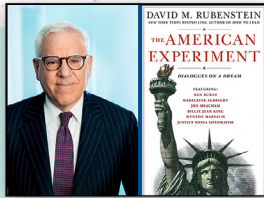
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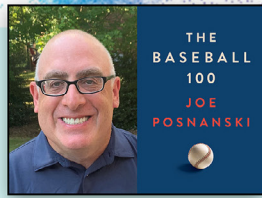
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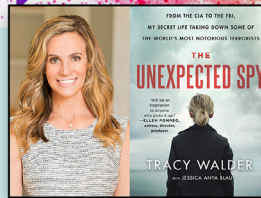
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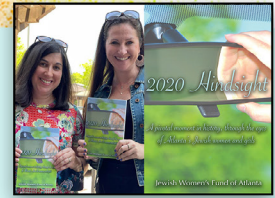
David Rubenstein
October 3, 8:00pm



Joe Posnanski
October 5, 8:00pm



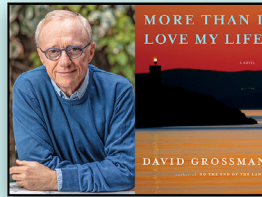
Tracy Walder
October 7, 7:30pm



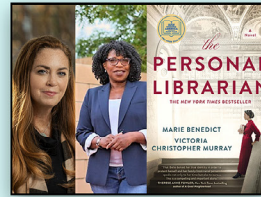
Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta
October 10, 7:00pm



Mindy Weisel
October 13, 8:00pm



David Grossman
October 22, 1:00pm



Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray
October 25, 8:00pm



Jasmine Roth
October 27, 7:30pm

VISIT UJCV.P.ORG FOR TICKET INFO.



Flicks and Food



Thurs. Oct. 21st
12:30pm

2019, TV-G
53 min

Scientists, engineers, and political leaders devise a plan to save the Dead Sea, whose level has declined by more than 65 feet since 1976.

Passport Members - FREE
RSVP to jmalkin@ujcvp.org

Non-Members - \$10 / person
Visit ujcvp.org to RSVP & Pay Online

Program includes lunch.

Congrats to our September
Program Participation
gift card winners:
**Tova Warren and
The Deyong Family!**



We want to stay in touch with your
college kid who is away.
Send us their mailing address and we will send
them some snail mail!

Sign up with **Jessi Malkin**
jmalkin@ujcvp.org

Jewish Family Services - Libby Batten



We are excited to announce that the Hanukkah Mitzvah Menorah will be placed in the UJC Lobby beginning Monday October 18, 2021. Please stop by and take a gift tag (or a few!) to purchase Hanukkah gifts and/or gift cards for local Peninsula Jewish children in need.

All gift items must be new and brought to the UJCVP unwrapped by November 15th.

Please attach the Mitzvah Menorah gift tag to the gift donation when dropping it off at the UJC. Monetary donations are also appreciated! Staff will ensure the requested gifts are purchased.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Questions? Call Libby Batten: 757-223-5635 or email: lbatten@ujcvp.org

UJCVP Mikveh Project

THE RISING TIDE OPEN WATERS NETWORK

Our Newport News Jewish Community is part of the Rising Tide Consortium of 27 communities in the United States, England, Israel, Canada, and Australia of existing, emerging, and aspiring members.

Mayyim Hayyim, the brainchild of *The Red Tent* author Anita Diamant (in Boston), created this kind of pluralistic Mikveh, making immersions more accessible to men, women, and children, both for traditional use as well as many, many spiritual uses. It is available to the Jewish Community for the affiliated and non-affiliated for traditional purposes as well as celebrating a joyful moment, making a transition, or dealing with a difficult situation.

Carrie Bornstein of Mayyim Hayyim stated, "We need to explain what this Mikveh is, and how it has the potential to change a community... I can see so clearly from my vantage point in Boston, that we are a different city because of Mayyim Hayyim. It fosters a respect and a sense of pluralism in the community - a Jewish identity that has a strong grounding."

Alabama: Birmingham
 Arizona: Scottsdale
 California: Danville, Napa, Los Gatos
 San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles
 Florida: Maitland, Miami
 Georgia: Atlanta
 Louisiana: New Orleans
 Maryland: Baltimore
 Minnesota: St. Paul
 New York: Manhattan
 North Carolina: Raleigh

Ohio: Cleveland
 Oklahoma: Tulsa
 Oregon: Portland
 Pennsylvania: Wynnwood
 Tennessee: Memphis
 Virginia: Newport News
 Washington D.C.
 Canada: Toronto
 England: London
 Australia: Woollahra
 Israel: Kibbutz Anaton



For Mikveh information contact Meryl Kessler at: mlk1939@verizon.net.
 Our committee is co-chaired by Dr. Gary Kavut, Scott Wolf, and Meryl Kessler.

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.

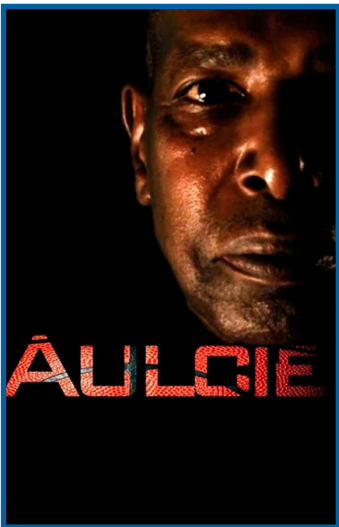
Tickets for Opening Night, November 6th are \$15 (\$10 for students) and a dessert reception is included. There is no charge for any of the Sunday films. Donations received by October 25th will be recognized in the program: Executive Producer - \$1,000; Producer \$500; Director \$250; Screenwriter \$100;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

Education Corner

Sarfan Center - Naioki Wood



Making Memories Rain or Shine!

The Sarfan Early Childhood Center kicked off the Fall 2021 school year with 9 full classrooms, bursting in unison with giggles and lots of much needed play! Rain or shine, our school family continues to create precious memories both inside the classrooms and while the children explore our beautiful outdoors. The best part about the start of the fall preschool season is getting the opportunity to strengthen our connections with one another and Judaism as we celebrate the High Holidays. Each classroom rediscovered the holidays by using all of their senses. Our little ones tasted apples with honey and wished each other a happy new year, and cheered in wonderment as they heard the trumpeting sounds of the shofar. For Sukkot, the classrooms gathered in their rooms as they learned about the harvest holiday and practiced their own harvesting. Every year during this time, we all get this sense of warmth and nostalgia as we walk onto our campus ready for what the new school day will bring.



Pickleball Coming to the UJC!

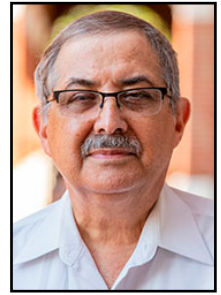
Pickleball is one of the fastest growing, easily learned, life-time sports in the US. And we are bringing it to the UJC campus. Based upon interest, the UJC will offer instructional, beginner, and open recreational times during the week. Our indoor, climate-controlled gymnasium can accommodate two courts providing a comfortable, social environment for our members.

If you are interested, let us know your preferred days/times (daytime and evening). Once we have enough responses, we'll follow up with more specifics about starting dates and scheduling.

Email Steve Wendell (swendell@ujcvp.org) or call the UJC at 757-930-1422 to be placed on our interest list. No obligation.

Education **Corner** continued

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



Christopher Newport University presents
Reflections on the Holocaust

Tuesday, October 26, 1:30-2:30pm
Tribble Library Theater
Klasse Film Discussion

A discussion on 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. The film features a dance created by Dr. Schwadron based on letters between her grandmother and a classmate.

Wednesday, October 27, 7:00-8:00pm
Tribble Library Theater
The Significance of Auschwitz

The opening of the Auschwitz exhibition, lecture and panel discussion, led by Dr. Richard Freund and Dr. Charles Sydnor of the Virginia Holocaust Museum in Richmond. Followed by guided tours of the exhibit for students and the community.

October 27 - November 19, Pope Chapel
Auschwitz Oświęcim

View an exhibition of Auschwitz photos and items, on loan from the Virginia Holocaust Museum. Exhibit tours by appoint-

ment only. Please email jewishstudies@cnu.edu to schedule an appointment. Opens 8:30pm on 10/27. All other days 10am-6pm.

November 4-6, 8pm & November 7, 3pm, Peebles Theatre

The world premiere of *Trial of God*, based on the play by Elie Wiesel, performed by OperaCNU and TheaterCNU.

Monday, November 8, 7pm, Tribble Library Theater

The Virginia premiere of *Tales From the Lagoon* documentary about the search for a buried shtetl under a lake in Lithuania (with subtitles). A panel discussion will follow. Free and open to the public.

Reflections on the Holocaust events sponsored by The UJCVP, The UJCVP Endowment Unrestricted Fund Inc., The Diamonstein Family Charitable Fund, The Eugene & Betty Levin Philanthropic Fund, The Barbara and Ralph Goldstein Charitable Fund.

UJC PEARL SOCIETY

The Pearl Society Women's Giving Circle is gearing up for another great year of fun and philanthropy! If you are interested in a social community activity that is also meaningful, we always welcome new Pearls. For information on how to become a new member, please contact

Sara Traster (straster@ujcvp.org) or Jessi Malkin (jmalkin@ujcvp.org)



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Shabbos is our day of rest. It starts at sunset on Friday and ends at sunset Saturday. You know the drill. But did you know there are extra benefits of celebrating Shabbos? Here are three:

1. A Day To Unplug - In modern times, for good or bad, we are barraged with media at all times. Screens provide us with constant communication, information, education and entertainment but they are also overwhelming. I don't think anyone would disagree that it's good for your mental health to unplug and disconnect sometimes. Shabbos is that perfect time.

2. Family Meals - Again, in modern times, we're always on the go. Every evening brings soccer, meetings, Hebrew School, homework, happy hour or any number of distracting events. It's rare for everyone's schedule to sync up perfectly so the whole family can sit down and enjoy a meal together. If only there was a day that was dedicated to not making other plans...oh Shabbos! Shabbos is the perfect time to enjoy meals without time limits, to stop and listen to what everyone has to say and just to be together once a week.

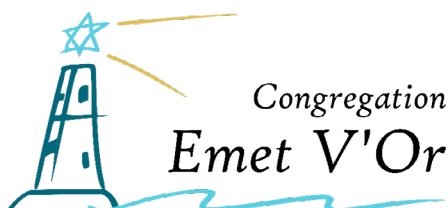
Candle Lighting Times:
October 1 - 6:30pm, October 8 - 6:20pm
October 15 - 6:10pm, October 22 - 6:01pm
October 29 - 5:43pm

Rabbi Litt's Shabbos Schedule:
October 15, November 19, December 10

3. Creating Jewish Family Memories - We are taught that repetition is a key learning aid because it helps transition a skill from the conscious to the subconscious. Shabbos repeats every week and with its iconic candles, wine, challah and blessings, your children will indubitably remember your family traditions forever. It's the foundation of any Jewish life or even just a Jewish identity.



Shabbat Shalom! Enjoy relaxation, your family and memories this weekend and the year ahead.



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Shabbat Services

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

- October 1** – Lay led Shabbat service
- October 8** – Rabbi led Shabbat service
- October 15** – Lay led Shabbat service
- October 22** – Rabbi led Shabbat service
- October 29** – Lay led Shabbat service

Special Events & Other News

- Religious school dates** – October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31
- CEVO Board Meeting** – October 11 (Zoom)



All are welcome to visit! Our location:
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CAN'T MISS EVENTS! RSVPs Required! Contact Rabbi Sokol: rabbiseverine@gmail.com

Thursday, October 7th, 3pm on Zoom

Oscar-winning producer Leo Sidran in conversation with best-selling memoirist & Emmy award-winning actor, Peter Coyote.

Tuesday, October 19th, 7pm on Zoom

LGBT History Month Event - Rainbow Jews: Jewish & Gay Identity in the Performing Arts with author, Jonathan C. Friedman

Sunday, October 24th, 10:30am on Zoom

Judaism's Great Debates with Rabbi Barry Schwartz

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, October 1st @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 9th @ 10:00am - Shabbat Service followed by Mariners Museum presentation on Noah

Friday, October 15th @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, October 22nd @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service of Healing

Saturday, October 30th @ 10:00am - Shabbat Service

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

October 3rd, 10-11am, grades 4 & up - Judaism's Great Debates with Jewish Publication Society's Rabbi Barry Schwartz

October 24th, 11am-12pm - Robbie Schaefer Family Concert. Robbie Schaefer is a musician, songwriter & playwright devoted to service through the arts. He is the guitarist/songwriter for indie folk band Eddie From Ohio. Robbie served as on-air host of XM Radio's Kids Place Live & has presented TEDx Youth talks in France. He has shared the stage with Jason Mraz, Sara Bareilles, Josh Groban, Keb' Mo', Michael McDonald, Emmylou Harris, and others. Robbie is also the founder of OneVoice, an international non-profit that unites & empowers youth through music & creative arts. His first work of musical theatre, *Light Years*, premiered in Arlington, VA in 2018 & he is currently collaborating with Scottish playwright, Grace Barnes on a new musical, *The Blue Poppy*. Also he likes olives. A lot.





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UJCVP Community October 2021 Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021

8pm - Book Fest: David Rubenstein

Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021

12pm - Grand Club To Go
4pm - Hebrew School
8pm - Book Fest: Joe Posnanski

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021

5:30pm - Pearl Society Pop Up

Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
11am - Drive Thru Flu Clinic
4pm - Hebrew School
7:30pm - Book Fest: Tracy Walder

Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021

7pm - JCCY/PJOW Family Movie

Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021

6:30pm - Choosing Justice: Dr. Anita Sanchez
7pm - Book Fest: Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta

Monday, Oct. 11, 2021

6:30pm - Mindful Monday

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021

10am-3pm - Blood Drive
12pm - Grand Club To Go
4pm - Hebrew School

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021

6pm - 20Something Happy Hour
8pm - Book Fest: Mindy Weisel

Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021

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

Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021

7pm - Rain Date Family Movie

Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021

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

Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021

7pm - UJC General Board Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
12:30pm - Flicks & Food
4pm - Hebrew School

Friday, Oct. 22, 2021

BBYO at Camp Weaver
1pm - Book Fest: David Grossman

Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021

BBYO at Camp Weaver

Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021

BBYO at Camp Weaver
5:30pm - Campaign Kickoff Donor Event
6:30pm - Choosing Justice: Freedom Cartwright

Monday, Oct. 25, 2021

8pm - Book Fest: Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray

Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021

12pm - Grand Club To Go
1:30pm - CNU Klasse Film Discussion
4pm - Hebrew School

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021

7pm - CNU *The Significance of Auschwitz*
7:30pm - Book Fest: Jasmine Roth
8:30pm - CNU Auschwitz Exhibit Opening

Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021

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

Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021

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*

Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021

2pm - VA Peninsula Jewish Film Festival: *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*
3pm - CNU Opera *Trial of God*

Monday, Nov. 8, 2021

7pm - CNU *Tales From the Lagoon*

Start saving your coins for our 3rd Annual Pushke Pour-Out on Tuesday, November 30th!