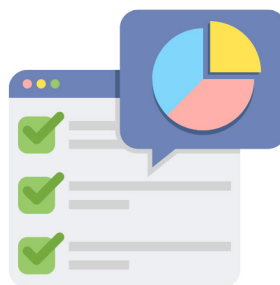




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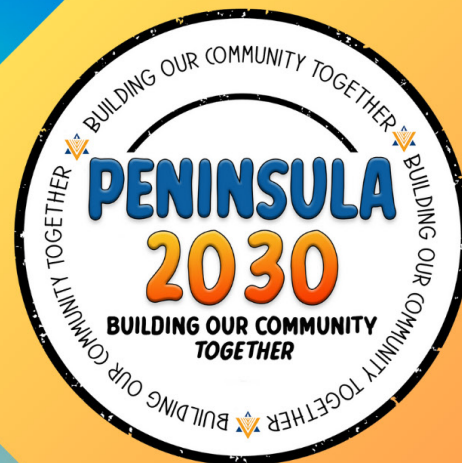
News of the Jewish VA Peninsula Community

September 2023/5784



EVERY VOICE MATTERS!

We cannot build a better community without listening to the voices within the community.



USE YOUR VOICE

We want to hear from EVERYONE!

Please take the Peninsula 2030 Community Survey to help us grow, enrich, and strengthen our community.

The survey will be available for the entire month of September. All community members who take the survey will be entered in a raffle to win a prize!

Please visit: ujcva.org/Peninsula2030 | More info on page 3

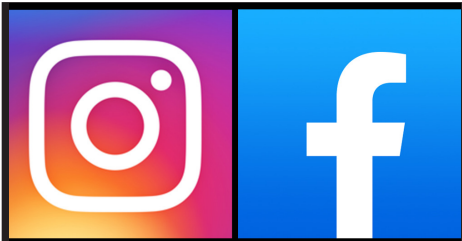
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In memory of Lucy Sukman
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Wishing Barbara Rosenbaum a speedy recovery
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In honor of Eric Karlin's birthday
Carmela Malkin Kuhn

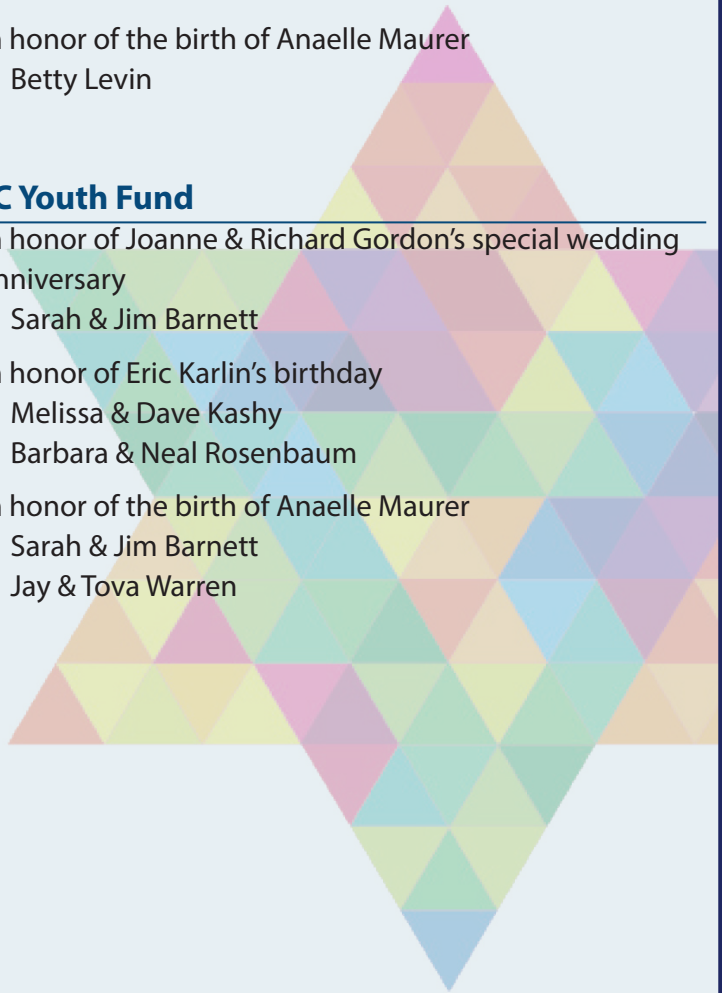
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UJC Youth Fund

In honor of Joanne & Richard Gordon's special wedding
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Sarah & Jim Barnett

In honor of Eric Karlin's birthday
Melissa & Dave Kashy
Barbara & Neal Rosenbaum

In honor of the birth of Anaelle Maurer
Sarah & Jim Barnett
Jay & Tova Warren



Make Your Voice Heard

Take the community survey at: ujcvp.org/Peninsula2023

Certainly one of the most common and recognizable memories of the Holidays is the blowing of the shofar. As congregants surround the shofar, the sound inspires celebration, jubilation, and unification. The shofar is representative of the calls of the biblical prophets who called upon the Jewish people to become better in the service of God. The shofar's sound reaches far and wide, calling people to attention and inspiring reflection.

Just as the shofar's notes vary in pitch and tone, our voices differ in opinions, experiences, and backgrounds. Just as the shofar's distinct sounds come together to create a powerful melody, so too do our diverse voices unite to form a rich tapestry of ideas and perspectives.

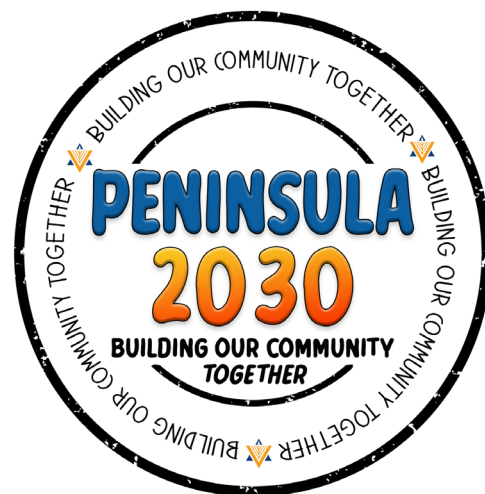
Our strategic planning initiative Peninsula2030: Building Our Community Together is the place where we will make every effort to hear and understand each other to grow, enrich, and strengthen our community in the New Year. As part of this process, we need to hear from you. We invite you to take our community survey by visiting ujcvp.org/Peninsula2030.

We cannot build a better community without listening to the needs of the community. We need the community to take these opportunities to make themselves heard. Like the mighty shofar, let your voice be heard!

L'Shanah Tova Tikatevu

Wendy Eisner, UJCVP President

Steve Marks, Chair, Strategic Planning Committee



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The UJCVP has embarked on **Peninsula2030: Building our Community Together**, a strategic planning process to set community priorities and a plan to accomplish them. The process is being guided by our strategic planning team, a group of leaders representing the diversity and passions of our community.

Steve Marks, Chair

Josh David, Wendy Eisner, Mariel Focseneanu, David Janoff, Jody Sarfan,
Marla Schuchman, Judy Kline, Carmela Malkin Kuhn, Eric Maurer

As part of the process, we are seeking wide input from the community and hope that you will share your voice.

It is an exciting opportunity for the community and we are looking forward to chartering our future forward together.

Education Corner

Director of Education & Program Development, Carmela Malkin Kuhn

Sarfan Center Assistant Director, Naioki Wood



A Blooming Early Childhood Center

Our UJC outdoor nature and educational spaces all began with Robin and Guy Levy's vision for a nature trail. Nathan Brauner, a UJC member, master gardener and environmental advocate, was brought on and a plan was formulated to create a UJC nature space. Together, the Levys, Nathan Brauner, and a local boy scout group, created our nature trail. Shortly after our nature trail was established, our Sarfan Early Childhood Center quickly jumped on the opportunity to have bird boxes with nesting cameras installed on our grounds. An outdoor classroom was then set up and a nature curriculum put in place.

Of course, we did not stop there! Currently, all thanks to Nathan Brauner and Eagle Scout Grady Williams, the Sarfan Center is now home to a community garden, consisting of six raised garden beds that will be used for social action projects as well as a farm-to-table curriculum for our preschoolers.

With all these wonderful nature elements now on our campus, we have recently been approved to be a Certified Wildlife Habitat from the National Wildlife Federation!

Summer Camp Chaverim



Art Star Bizarre

Camp Chaverim enjoys its traditions: gaga ball, color wars, pies in faces, challah, Hebrew word of the day, and our annual cardboard boat race in the pool, just to name a few. This summer we added another component that will hopefully become a well-loved camp tradition.

As we kicked down the doors of our 2023 camp season, we announced our vision of putting together an art show for the community. Mrs. Julia Downer, Sarfan Center Pre-K teacher and Camp Chaverim art instructor, brought our vision to life! This year we curated our own camp art show as we closed out another successful summer. Roughly 160 pieces of inspirational artwork from more than 100 campers were displayed in our UJCVP main building for our community to view. Leading up to the gallery, Mrs. Julia taught our campers all about surrealism, cubism, environmental art, Rene' Magritte, Pablo Picasso and so much more.

We cannot wait to see what the camp art show will transform into in the coming summers!




*Coming
 Soon*

**Little Movers & Shakers
 Parent / Child Play Group**
For ages 0-2

Wednesday, October 11th, 11am-12pm
 FREE EVENT | Registration Required
 Visit ujcvp.org to sign up!
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**PENINSULA
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Thursday, September 7 & 14,* 10a-2p

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| G&S Apiary | The Pearl Society - UJCV |
| Ironclaw Farms | Village Cheeseworks |
| ISLSNAC | Sweetheart Mitchell Collection |
| Kathi's Clam Chowder & Lobster Rolls | |

*Check our FB page "Peninsula Farmers' Market" for news about future Market plans .



**Thank you
 Molly Link
 for organizing
 our Sarfan
 Center school
 library shelves!**



September 22nd
 Ashley Norton
 UJC Bookkeeper



Campaign Corner - Jessi Malkin



In every moment, the UJCVP Annual Campaign makes a difference.



We help as soon as a need arises. In response to the devastating wildfires that have erupted in Hawaii, Jewish Federations of North America launched a Hawaii Wildfire Fund for urgent humanitarian aid. This includes toiletries, first-aid kits, non-

perishable foods, baby supplies and more, that will support those affected by the fires. Jewish Federation partners are on the ground to assess additional needs. Not only is support needed in Maui, but people are fleeing to Honolulu, where Jewish communal organizations will be working to support those in need.

We support Jews at home and abroad. As our mission states: The United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula (UJCVP) is dedicated to enhancing the quality of Jewish life in our community, Israel, and around the world. We take this mission very seriously and work hard to provide for our local community. We do this through our amazing Jewish Family Service programs, summer camp and Israel scholarships, Grand Club services, Camp Chaverim, youth programs (including PJ Library, JCC Maccabi and BBYO) and all our social and wellness programs. Our partnerships with the JCC Association and Jewish Federations of North America allow us to pool our resources to make a difference both domestically and overseas, supporting communities as they clean up and heal from natural disasters, acts of terror, and acts of war.

We are who we are because of our Annual Campaign. The United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula exists because of our community and our lay leadership who care so deeply for the Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula. We strive every day to be the place where everyone feels welcomed, safe and included. Our Annual Campaign is vital to maintaining and improving our commitment to you and your family for generations to come. Thank you for your continued support of the UJCVP.

To learn how you can impact moments like these and others, please call 757-930-1422 or email Jessi Malkin: jmalkin@ujcvp.org



THE FIRST DAY OF HEBREW SCHOOL IS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
To register, visit ujcvp.org/hebrew-school



Community Security Training

Sunday, September 10th

With the High Holiday season around the corner, we invite you to join us on the UJC campus for opportunities to learn how to manage active security threats, featuring our community's Regional Security Advisor, Dave Brackins.

This important, updated security training will enhance your situational awareness, empower you to help in a bleeding emergency, and leave you feeling more confident about knowing your options in the event of an active security threat.

Light snacks will be provided.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Please visit ujcvp.org to register.
Questions? Email: security@ujcvp.org



Lunch & Bingo on Thursdays

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

Bingo begins at 11am, lunch is served at 12:00pm

Beginning in Sept. bingo will NOT resume after lunch.

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

We have accomplished some remarkable things this year!

We could not do this without our donors and your support of our UJC Annual Campaign!



Our preschool has provided educational opportunities and care for **116** children currently enrolled.



Our JCRAFT To Go art program supplied **178** take-home art kits to crafty community members.

The JFS Mitzvah Menorah program provided **20** Peninsula children in need with an extensive list of Hanukkah gifts.



\$125 provides one week of snacks.



\$410 covers 45 art kits.



\$50 provides one gift card for one Jewish teen for Hanukkah



110 children and teens attended Summer Camp Chaverim



\$250 provides one inflatable rental for a fun afternoon at camp.



We have served **496** meals to our Grand Club seniors.

We have served **160** loaves of challah at Early Childhood Shabbat programs.



\$400 provides one week of Grand Club meals



\$600 provides one year of challas.



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What's the BUZZ About at the UJCVP?

With Rosh Hashanah around the corner, it is traditional to dip apples in honey to symbolize the hope for a sweet year. The New Year will be even sweeter with the addition of honey bees on the UJCVP campus.



Through a partnership with Bee Haven Farm & Apiary, an educational bee hut will be hosted on the campus providing kids and adults alike an opportunity to get close and personal to bees and see first hand the wonder of honey-making. This project was spearheaded by local Eagle Scout, Grady Williams and his Boy Scout Troop as part of his Eagle Scout project.

The bee hut will have a strong integration into the Sarfan Early Childhood Center's nature-based curriculum and also aims to provide individuals of all ages a way to learn more about bees, honey and their connection to Jewish life. On September 7th, Nathan Brauner of Bee Haven Farm & Apiary will host a conversation about the amazing honey bee and the new bee hut.

Check out some fun facts about bees and learn more with Nathan on September 7th!

Israel Trying to Save the Bees

The Israeli startup Beewise is working to replace traditional, wooden hives with high-tech, autonomous ones. Traditional beehives require beekeepers to dress up in full hazmat gear, light up a smoker before opening the hive and then manually feed and water the bees as well as collect the honey. This extensive, manual labor means that commercial beekeepers get to each hive only once every few weeks, during which many bees are lost to disease, pests or other problems. But no more – Beewise has developed an autonomous beehive called Beehome that can house up to 40 bee colonies, or 2 million bees, and take care of their health and upkeep using computer vision, AI and precision robotics. All data is transmitted

to the beekeepers via app to make them aware of any problems as they emerge.

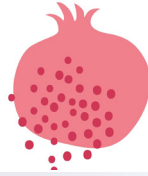
Archaeologists Discover Beehives from Ancient Israel

The world's oldest known apiary (collection of beehives) was discovered in northern Israel in 2007. The ancient city site Tel Rehov (located about 3 kilometers west of the Jordan River and south of the Sea of Galilee) is one of the largest Iron Age sites in Israel. Approximately 30 hives dating to the 10th to 9th century b.c.e. (the period of the reigns of biblical kings David and Solomon) were uncovered in various states of preservation, with an estimated total of 100 to 200 hives making up the original apiary. The hives were made from unfired clay cylinders with a small hole for bees to enter and exit, and a lid for beekeepers to extract honeycomb. It is estimated that as much as half a ton of honey could be cultivated each year from the hives.

More than Just a Sweet New Year

The custom of honey on the Jewish table during the High Holiday period is an ancient and universal Jewish custom. It is already recorded in the works of the Babylonian Geonim in the 7th century, and probably dates back to even much earlier times. It is no exaggeration to say that Jews always seemed to possess a sweet tooth. The obvious reason for the use of honey on our table at this time of the year is the symbolism of our desire for a "sweet new year." Sweet means dear, precious, enjoyable, satisfying, serene, secure and something most pleasing. That about sums up our hopes and prayers for the new year, and therefore honey serves as our representative in expressing these fervent hopes and prayers. Honey represents more than sweetness per se. It is one of the attributes of the Land of Israel which is described in the Bible as being a land that "flows with milk and honey." Thus honey on the table always reminded the Jew, wherever he or she resided, of their ancient homeland of Israel and of the Jewish attachment to its history and holy soil.





L'shana Tova! Happy New Year!

**Wishing you a happy, healthy year ahead.
We hope to see you on our campus
throughout the year!**

The UJC will be:

*closed Monday, September 4th
(Labor Day)

*closing at 12pm Friday, September
15th for Rosh Hashanah

*closed Monday, September 25th
(Yom Kippur)

*closing at 12pm Friday, September
29th for Sukkot

*closing at 3pm Friday, October 6th
for Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

The Sarfan Center will be closed 9/4 & 9/25 and closing early 9/29



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Secret Operation Rescues Israelis, Immigrants-to-be From War-Torn Region of Ethiopia

In August, the Israeli government, working with Jewish Federations of North America and the Jewish Agency for Israel, rescued more than 200 Israeli citizens and members of the local Jewish community waiting to immigrate to Israel who were trapped in Ethiopia's Amhara region due to ongoing clashes between a local militia and government forces. They were flown to the capital of Addis Ababa, where some will stay for the time being while others will continue on to Israel.



“We initiated this rescue operation as part of our shared commitment and strong dedication to our people. We won’t break our promise;

we won’t abandon any Jew who needs our help on the ground,” Jewish Agency Chairman Doron Almog said in a statement.

As battles between the government’s Ethiopian National Defense Force and the Fano militia group escalated in recent days in Amhara, the Ethiopian government declared a state of emergency, halting almost all travel into and out of the region, including from the city of Gondar, home to one of Ethiopia’s largest Jewish communities, which has seen some of the fiercest battles.

In light of this, the Israeli government, Jewish Federations of North America and the Jewish Agency began preparing to extract the approximately 140 Israeli citizens in Amhara, most of them in and around Gondar and others in the city of Bahir Dar, as well as the approximately 60 people eligible for Israeli citizenship. On Wednesday, when it became clear that the rescue operation could go forward, the Israeli Embassy in Ethiopia and the Israeli Foreign Ministry began contacting the 204 citizens and would-be immigrants, instructing them to get to one of several collection points in Gondar and Bahir Dar.

There they were taken by bus to the cities’ airports and flown on chartered flights to the capital city of Addis Ababa. Some of the 204 people who were rescued will remain in Addis Ababa for the time being, including the volunteers from the Jewish Agency’s Project TEN (a service-learning program), while others will make their way to Israel.

The UJCVP is proud that our annual campaign, combined with other Jewish Federations across the country, includes contributions for core, unrestricted funds, enabling the Jewish Agency to operate on the ground and respond with expertise in emergencies.



L'Shana Tova! Happy New Year!

Dinner & Discuss: The Amazing Honey Bee

Thurs. Sept. 7th, 6pm

Join Nathan Brauner, master gardener and local beekeeper, for dinner and a conversation about the amazing honey bee. Learn about our newest outdoor feature, the UJC bee hut!



Passport
Members:
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Cooking with Carmela Round Challah

Sun. Sept. 10th, 1pm

All ages welcome:
Fun for the whole family!
Make your challah dough at
the J then take it home to
bake for a sweet new year.

Passport Members: Free
Community
Members:
\$10/family



20/30 Group Rosh Hashanah Happy Hour

Tues. Sept. 12th, 6pm

Join our UJC Young Adult
group and learn to make
delicious holiday drinks while
you enjoy snacks & treats.

MUST BE 21+



Passport
Members: Free
Community
Members: \$10

Craft Night: Apple Print Tea Towels

Wed. Sept. 13th, 6:30pm

with art instructor,
Julia Downer

Passport Members - Free
Community Members - \$12

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for any
of these
programs.





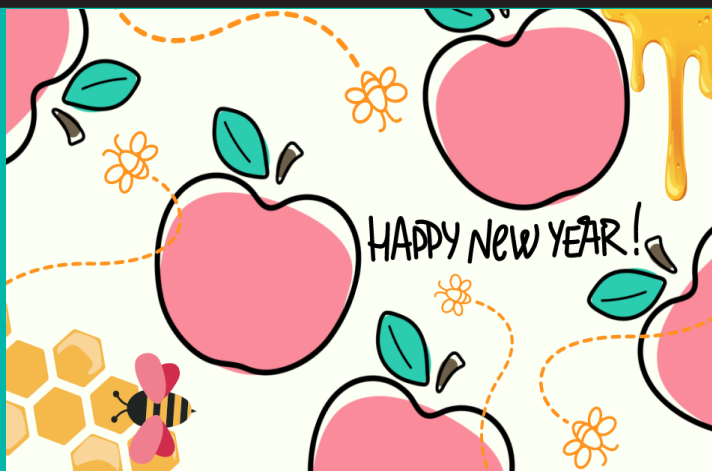
PJ library rosh hashanah story time

**Sunday, September 10th @ 1pm
Free family event! | RSVP: ujcvp.org**

**JCCY APPLE PIES
Sunday, September 10th, 3-5pm**

**K-3rd Graders:
Meet up at the J for a fun afternoon of
making a special apple pie dessert and
holiday greeting cards.**

**Passport Members - FREE
Community Members - \$10/child
RSVP @ ujcvp.org**



**PJOW TAKE n BAKE
Sunday, September 10th, 3-5pm**

**4th-7th Graders:
Join your friends and make a take n bake
apple pie and play some fun games together.**

**Passport Members - FREE
Community Members - \$10/kid
RSVP @ ujcvp.org**

JCC Maccabi Update - Jessi Malkin



I have been very clear from day one: I know very little about sports. I may attend a few games here or there, but not because I follow the teams. It's purely to be social with friends or family and to enjoy the stadium snacks.

Thanks to the JCC Maccabi Games, and more importantly, to Team Newport News. I (kind of) understand lacrosse, soccer, and tennis thanks to Brad Rubenstein, Mia Green and David Spigel. Lucky for Sam Schorr, Aliyah Stupar, Seth and Eli Green, I already understood swimming and basketball. I sincerely apologize to Elijah Katz, whose table tennis matches are so fast and intense, I needed to rely on him to tell me if he won! Evan Schorr was with us in Fort Lauderdale as well, but usually off with the other star reporting team members in the green room or at one venue or another, interviewing athletes and coaches.

The JCC Maccabi Games went by in a very sweaty blur of excitement and humidity. What I can say with 100% certainty is how proud I am of Team Newport News! From August 6-11, our nine athletes joined with 2,600 other athletes from all over the USA, Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Israel, South Africa, the UK and Ukraine to compete in the games in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Our athletes came to compete, and it showed! Brad and Mia played their hearts out on the soccer and lacrosse fields, both playing multiple games a day. This was Elijah Katz's first table tennis competition; he was only bested by the international ranking competitors. Aliyah and Sam were lucky to be somewhat cool in the pool, both medaling in their various swimming events



(Aliyah received bronze and Sam killed it earning two gold and two silver medals). David fought the sweat and heat on the clay tennis courts to finish with a bronze medal. Seth and Eli joined forces

with athletes from Nashville on the basketball court and proudly brought home silver medals.

While all our team bling is special, I would like to take a moment to share one particular achievement. Mia Green was given a prestigious Midot Medal for demonstrating core values of the JCC Maccabi games. These medals are given to only the most deserving individuals who display one or more of these qualities: Lev Tov (Big Hearted), Amiut Yehudit (Jewish Peoplehood), Rina (Joy), Ga'ava (Pride), Kavod (Respect), and Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World). Mia's soccer coach, Gayla, cited her positive attitude, joy, and team leadership when presenting Mia with her medal.

I could not be prouder of this group of 12-16 year olds. They played their hearts out, but more importantly they are respectful and kind individuals who came together to support one another during these games and hopefully long into the future. I could share more, but I know you would rather hear from the team and their families.

Thank you once again to all our generous donors!

JCC MACCABI TOP THREE FAVORITE MOMENTS

Mia

1. Meeting new people/making new friends
2. Receiving the Midot medal
3. Playing soccer

Eli

1. Meeting and hanging out with my new friends at the parties
2. Watching other people play and me playing basketball and winning silver
3. Meeting a very nice host family!!

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Monday, Sept. 4th - 11am-4pm



THE WELLNESS CONNECTION

Wednesday, September 6th
6:30-7:30pm

Come join Ariel Tal, licensed professional counselor as he guides us through a mindful and meditative journey through thoughts, sounds and health. Become grounded and self-aware on the present.

Passport Members - FREE
Community Members - \$10/person
Please RSVP by Sept. 1st @ ujcvp.org



Blood donors urgently needed



BE AWESOME. GIVE BLOOD.



Red Cross Blood Drives

Tuesday, September 19th
Wednesday, October 4th
10am-2pm
in the UJC Lobby

Visit ujcvp.org to schedule an appointment

Questions? Email Sara Traster
straster@ujcvp.org

1 pint of blood can save up to 3 lives!

SUKKOT CRAFT NIGHT

Tuesday, October 3rd - 6:30pm

Spend the evening at the J and make a dried citrus garland - perfect for your sukkah decorations or fall home decor.

Passport Members - Free | Community Members - \$15

SPACE IS LIMITED - RSVP @ UJCVP.ORG



JCC Maccabi Update (con't.)

Seth

1. Winning silver
2. My teammates
3. Closing ceremony/host family night

Aliyah

1. Making new friends
2. Competing
3. Meeting my host family

Elijah

1. Making new friends
2. Making awesome memories
3. Getting better at my sport

Sam

1. When I won gold in the 100 freestyle
2. Reuniting with friends from camp
3. Meeting Jewish kids from different places

Evan

1. Interviewing my brother
2. Meeting other Jewish people my age
3. Opening ceremony

Brad

1. Scoring
2. Gambling (at casino night)
3. Getting swag from other places

David

1. My favorite Maccabi moment was deliberately taking on a challenge I believed was impossible. Versing a tennis player much more advanced in the sport gave me a goal to not only learn throughout the match, but also kept my spirits high and I never gave up.
2. My second favorite Maccabi moment was trading clothes with other Maccabi teams. Trading clothes gave me a way to express my team, as well as introduce new teams into my own life.
3. My third favorite Maccabi moment was watching my teammates win and lose. By supporting them throughout their matches, my teammates and I became closer. This introduced new friendships into my life.

FROM THE PARENTS

These games were such a memorable way for our boys to build on their Jewish identity and experience the camaraderie and sportsmanship of a team. It is wonderful to see the local Jewish youth bonding and getting to know each other while surrounded by other Jewish teens from all over the world. Thank you Jessi and Hannah for your dedication to the mission of the UJCVP and developing the next generation of Jewish youth on the Peninsula.

Ali & Matt Schorr (Even and Sam's parents)

Our three kids all had a wonderful time at Maccabi! They had fun playing their sports, but most importantly, they made friends and realized that there are actually a lot of Jewish teens out there in the world! I played tennis in the Maccabi Games as a teen, and I'm so glad my kids got to enjoy the experience as well!

Lisa Green (Mia, Eli and Seth's mom)

We're very thankful that our son was able to participate in the Maccabi Games as part of Team Newport News. Along with the athletic competition, it was an opportunity to be part of a large, vibrant gathering of Jewish kids from around the world. That's a unique experience we could never provide locally.

Robin & Adam Rubenstein (Brad's parents)



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Rabbi Gershon Litt, 757-559-1836



Adath Jeshurun Synagogue wishes the entire community a healthy, prosperous and sweet New Year. To make your year even sweeter, here is a honey cake recipe courtesy of Jamie Geller. This is the best honey cake recipe. Enjoy!

Honey Cake

1 cup oil	3 tblsp. rum or brandy
2/3 cup brown sugar	3 c. all purpose flour
1 cup honey	2 tsp. baking powder
1 cup orange marmalade	1 tsp. baking soda
4 eggs	1/2 cup sliced almonds
1 tsp. each cinnamon, allspice and ginger	
3/4 cup strong coffee, room temp.	

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease bundt pan or tube pan. Sprinkle almonds in bottom of pan.
2. Whisk oil, brown sugar, honey, marmalade, eggs, coffee and rum or brandy in a bowl.
3. Mix remaining ingredients in a second bowl.
4. Combine both mixtures, thoroughly mixing only until just combined.
5. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake 1 hour, or until a knife or toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes and remove from pan.

L'Shanah Tova!

We welcome Rabbi Leifert, from Israel, back to join Rabbi Litt in conducting the High Holiday services. Please join us for a warm and meaningful Yom Tov.

Yom Tov Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah - September 15

Mincha/Maariv 6:45 pm

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 - September 16

Shacharis - 9:00 am

Mincha/Maariv - 7:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah Day 2 - September 17

Shacharis - 9:00 am

Shofar Blowing - 12:20 pm

Mincha/Maariv/Havdalah - 7:00 pm



Candle Lighting Times:

Sept. 1 - 7:16pm

Sept. 8 - 7:06pm

Sept. 15 - 6:55pm (Erev Rosh Hashanah)

Sept. 16 - 7:51 (Rosh Hashanah)

Sept. 22 - 6:45pm

Sept. 24 - Light before Kol Nidrei

Sept. 29 - 6:34pm (Erev Sukkot)

Sept. 30 - 7:29pm

Kol Nidrei - September 24 - 6:15 pm

Yom Kippur - September 25

Shacharis - 9:00 am

Yizkor - 12:35 pm

Neilah/Havdala - 6:00pm

Rabbi Litt's Schedule

Sept. 15 - 17 (Rosh Hashanah)

Sept. 24 - 25 (Yom Kippur)

Oct. 20

Nov. 10

Dec. 15

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Shabbat Services

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

September 8th – Lay led services

September 15th – Rosh Hashanah services at 6:30

September 22nd – Shabbat in the Home

September 29th – Lay led services

October 6th – Cantor led services

L'Shanah Tovah from all of us at CEVO

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

Special Events & Other News

High Holiday Schedule:

September 15th at 6:30 – Rosh Hashanah Eve Service
September 16th at 10:00 – Rosh Hashanah Day Service
September 24th at 6:30 – Yom Kipper Eve Service
September 25th at 9:30 – Yom Kipper Day Service

We welcome anyone who would like to join us!

Religious school news – If you'd like to sign your child up for religious school or the AlefBeit program (1-5 year olds) starting in September, please email us at office.CEVO@gmail.com.

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2023- 5784 HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SELICHOT - Saturday, September 9 - 8:45pm

ROSH HASHANAH - Friday, September 15 - 8:00pm
Saturday, September 16 - 9:30am
Sunday, September 17 - 9:30am

TASHLIKH - Tuesday, September 19 - 6:00pm
Huntington Beach, Newport News

GRAVESIDE PRAYERS - Sunday, September 24 - 11:00am
Jewish Cemetery of the Virginia Peninsula (Rosenbaum)

KOL NIDRE - Sunday, September 24 - 6:50pm

YOM KIPPUR - Monday, September 25 - 9:30am
Yizkor will be recited
Study Session - 4:30pm
Mincha/Neilah Service - 5:30pm
Shofar Blowing - 7:36pm
Maariv/End of Fast - 7:37pm
(followed by Break Fast)

SUKKOT - Friday, September 29 - 6:00pm
Congregational Dinner in Sukkah after services
Saturday, September 30 - 9:30am
Sunday, October 1 - 9:30am

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High Holidays with Temple Beth El of Williamsburg

High Holiday 5783 services will be multi-access. Attend in person or online.

2023—5784 High Holiday Schedule



Erev Rosh Hashanah	Friday, 9/15/23	7 pm, WUU
Rosh Hashanah Day 1	Saturday, 9/16/23	9 am, WUU
Tashlich Service	Saturday, 9/16/23	5 pm, CLP
Rosh Hashanah Day 2	Sunday, 9/17/23	9 am, TBEW
Kol Nidre	Sunday, 9/24/23	7 pm, WUU
Shacharit	Monday, 9/25/23	9 am, WUU
Yizkor	Monday, 9/25/23	1 pm, WUU
Michah & Neilah	Monday, 9/25/23	5:30 pm, WUU
Break Fast	Monday, 9/25/23	7:40 pm, WUU



- *Children's programming will begin at 10 am for both RH Day 1 and YK.*

Temple Beth El of Williamsburg (TBEW) is located at 600 Jamestown Road.

Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists (WUU) is located at 3051 Ironbound Road.

College Landing Park (CLP) is located at 1070 S Henry Street.

Contact office@tbewilliamsburg.org for the more information.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Friday, September 8th @ 7:30pm - Shabbat/Selichot Service

Friday, September 15th @ 7:30pm - Rosh Hashanah Eve Service

Saturday, September 16th @ 10:00am - Rosh Hashanah Service

Friday, September 22nd @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Shuvah Service

Saturday, September 24th @ 10:00am - Yom Kippur Eve Service

Monday, September 25th @ 10:00am - Yom Kippur Morning Service; 3:45pm - Yizkor Service; 4:45pm - Nei'lah Service

Saturday, September 30th @ 10:00am - Shabbat/Sukkot Service followed by light Kiddush luncheon

Contact Rabbi Sokol at rabbiseverine@gmail.com or (757) 268-6951 if you are interested in attending services.



Jewish Family Services - Libby Batten



A Wonderful Example of Philanthropy Demonstrated by the Teens As Leaders



It all began with a simple request - a request for me to speak with the TAL (Teens As Leaders) camp group about philanthropy. Neither Gavrielle Bargash, our teen coordinator, nor I could have predicted the outcome of this conversation and the response of from these kind and altruistic group of teenagers.

The TAL group dove into the idea of helping out Jewish Family Services. Immediately, they sought my input for service project ideas. It was decided that they would assist with organizing the newly relocated food pantry. Their excitement was contagious, and they worked hard to accomplish the task. One of the teens noticed something she considered "out of place" for a food pantry item. It was a can of Pantene hairspray.

It was an *ah-ha* moment for this enthusiastic volunteer: she suddenly realized that people in need might need more than food products; they likely need toiletries, makeup, hair care items etc. The food pantry organization project quickly ballooned into something more personal and relevant for these teenagers. Under the leadership of Gavrielle, this group developed a plan to build and



stock a toiletry cabinet. They devised ways to publish the need for toiletries, collected and organized donated items, and delivered the products to the JFS office.

My heart, and the hearts of the recipients of the products, will remain filled with happiness and gratitude for the philanthropic efforts of our community's young people.

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JFS Request for Volunteer Drivers

Help bring joy to seniors in the community!

Jewish Family Services is looking for volunteer drivers to deliver gift bags for Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

Volunteer drivers are needed for the following locations:
Newport News, Hampton, Yorktown, and Williamsburg.

Gift bags can be picked up on Monday, September 11th, between 10am and 4pm at the UJCV.

Please email Libby Batten (LBatten@ujcvp.org)
or call Monday thru Thursday: 757-223-5635 if you are interested.

Thank you!!!



Holocaust Survivor Awarded Medals on 100th Birthday

Henny Franks fled Nazi persecution in Cologne, western Germany, on the kindertransport as a teenager.

After arriving in the UK, she was kept in the war and volunteered for the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) – the women’s branch of the British Army – as a truck driver at a munitions factory.

But for 78 years, since the end of the Second World War in Europe, she never received the medals she was entitled to.

On Wednesday, June 28th – Henny’s 100th birthday – she was awarded the Defence Medal and the War Medal 1939-45 together with her HM Armed Forces Veteran Badge at a surprise ceremony in Jewish Care’s Holocaust Survivors’ Centre in London.

Jewish Care is one of the largest health and social care charities dedicated to London’s Jewish community.

The ceremony was organised by AJEX, The Jewish Military Association, which reunites Jewish veterans and their relatives with their war medals.

AJEX JMA national chair Dan Fox surprised Henny at the birthday party.

He said: “It was an honour to surprise Henny today.

“As the ‘greatest generation’ become fewer, lasting recognition of their service and commitment is more important than ever.

“The restoration and reclamation of medals is a striking way of ensuring this.

“They are artifacts of personal history, but also meaningful to families, communities and the nation as a whole.

“They help us remember what veterans went through and to take pride in what they did.”

Henny said she was “overcome with joy” to finally receive the medals and said it had been an “amazing” day.

She added: “Out of this world. I am so surprised – I expected a small party but nothing like this.”

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UJCVP Community September 2023 Calendar

Friday, Sept. 1, 2023
11 am-9pm - Glendale Pool

Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023
11 am-9pm - Glendale Pool

Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023
1-8pm - Glendale Pool

Monday, Sept. 4, 2023
UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED
11 am-4pm - Glendale Pool

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023
First Day of Preschool

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023
6:30pm - The Wellness
Connection

Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023
6pm - Dinner & Discuss

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023
11 am-4pm - Community
Security Training
1pm - Cooking with Carmela &
PJ Library Story Time
3pm - JCCY Apple Pie
3pm - PJOW Take n Bake

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023
6pm - 20/30 Group Rosh
Hashanah Happy Hour

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023
6:30pm - Craft Night

Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023
11 am - Grand Club/Bingo

Friday, Sept. 15, 2023
12pm - UJC Closing Early

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023
10am - Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023
7pm - UJC General
Board Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023
11 am - Grand Club/Bingo

Monday, Sept. 25, 2023
UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023
11 am - Grand Club/Bingo

Friday, Sept. 29, 2023
12pm - UJC & Sarfan
Center Closing Early

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023
4:30pm - First Day of
Hebrew School
6:30pm - Craft Night

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023
10am - Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023
11 am - Grand Club/Bingo

Friday, Oct. 6, 2023
3pm - UJC Closing Early

