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Jewish Community News

News of the Jewish VA Peninsula Community

April 2023/5783

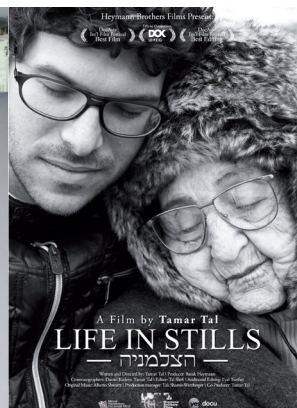


Celebrate Israel's 75th birthday with the UJC!



Crossroads & Connections:

Collections of the National Library of Israel



Jewish Family Services Fund

In memory of my family & the 6 million other Jews who perished in the Shoah
Steve Marks

Senior Meals Fund

In honor of Marilyn & Mike Ashe's 60th anniversary
Ernestine Adelman

Mikveh Fund

In honor of Lisa & Sam Margolin's new grandchild
Meryl & Bob Kessler

In honor of Barbara & Neal Rosenbaum's daughter, Ariel's engagement
Meryl & Bob Kessler

Secure Community Fund

Wishing Jonathan Eisner a speedy recovery
Joan & Steve Marks



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save the date

LION AND CHAI

TEA party

CELEBRATING THE POWER OF WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY

sunday, april 30

3:00 pm

Lion & Chai celebrates the women in our community who make an individual gift of \$1,800 or more to the UJC Annual Campaign

President's Message - Wendy Eisner



I'm excited to give you all several updates about what's happening at the UJCVP.

First and foremost, we are bustling with activities and programs, including exercise classes, youth programming, Grand Club, CRC events, and many more! Our preschool is bursting at the seams with 109 students, and camp registration is open and quickly filling up.



Speaking of the preschool, as many of you already know, the preschool building unfortunately suffered significant damage over winter break when we had very cold weather. We are diligently working to have repairs made and move the children back into their own



building. I want to give a big shout-out to all the preschool staff that came in during their time off to ensure that our children did not miss a day of school.



As we continue to move forward this year, we are also working to upgrade our security needs, as maintaining the safety of our community is always our top priority. In addition to establishing a Security Community Fund, we have reached out to all of you for support. I want to give a sincere thank you to all who have already donated to this fund.

Lastly, campaign is thriving under the leadership of Jenny David. Super Sunday was back on campus this year, and it was a wonderful event. Thank you to Jenny and all of those who helped to make it a great day, full of food, fun, and community involvement.



As I close out this note, I would like to say thank you to all who participate, volunteer, and donate to the UJCVP. It takes a village to keep us going, and we would not be able to successfully move forward without all of your support.



Wendy

The UJC will be closed
Thurs. & Fri. April 6th & 7th and
Wed. & Thurs. April 12th & 13th
in observance of Passover.



Pearl Society **Party**

Our UJC Pearl Society hosted its sixth annual social action party this year to benefit Smart Beginnings Virginia Peninsula. Thanks to generous donations from the ladies (and some men) of our community, we were able to assemble 28 Calm Down Kits for early childhood educators and their students. Calm Down Kits are containers with items that provide children with mental or sensory distraction that they can use to calm down or distract themselves when their emotions might overwhelm them. These kits will be distributed to early childhood educators across the Peninsula - and Smart Beginnings has donated the first eight kits back to our own Sarfan Early Childhood teachers!

If you would like to join the Pearl Society Women's Giving Circle, or would like more information about our group, please contact Sara Traster: straster@ujcvp.org.





GRAND CLUB

Lunch & Bingo on Thursdays

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

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

NO GRAND CLUB ON 4/6 & 4/13
Email Carmela:
carmela@ujcvp.org for more info or to RSVP



The Bus is Back!

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

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

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

YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM & CEREMONY

Monday, April 17th, 7:00pm at the UJC

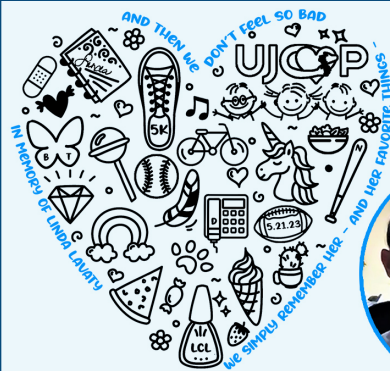


Please join us for this year's Yom Hashoah commemoration with speaker, Dr. Steven Marks.

RSVP at ujcvp.org



For more information, please email Jessi Malkin: jmalkin@ujcvp.org



Sarfan Early Childhood Center 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run

in memory of
Linda Lavaty



SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

Join us for our 37th race year!

PLACE: Mariners' Museum Southern Route
(across from Warwick High School)

TIME:

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

ENTRY:

Pre-Registration (by 5/1)
1 Mile - \$15 | 5K - \$25
Regular Registration (after 5/1)
1 Mile - \$20 | 5K - \$30



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



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Adult Pickup Basketball

Saturdays @ 7:00pm
in the UJC Gym

All experience levels
welcome!

For more info, text Eric:
617-780-2916

Education Corner - William & Mary Hillel



The Jewish student community is growing and expanding in new ways at William & Mary. Close to 200 students took part in the annual Purim carnival on campus. Great food, games, a live band, and much more took over the Sunken Gardens on the morning of Sunday, March 5th. Students told the story of Purim and ran tables offering face painting, hamentashen, and more. Students could even pie their favorite student board member for a small donation. This program continues the growth of the Jewish student community at William & Mary.



The Shenkman Jewish Center is full of students every day doing their homework and just hanging out, in addition to the almost daily programming and events that take place in the building. This was the vision of the late Bob Spivak, past

president of the board of directors who passed away last May. W&M Hillel and the family of Bob are raising funds in his memory to facilitate the expansion of programming at the SJC.



To donate please go to www.wmhillel.org/spivak. Checks made out to William & Mary Hillel may be sent to P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187. Please contact Rabbi Gershon Litt at rabbilitt@wmhillel.org for more information.



PILATES CLASS is
back at the J!
with instructor, Nicola Ashlin



Wednesdays @
5:30pm
April 19, 26
May 3, 10, 17

Passport Members - Free!
Non-Members - \$10 / person per class

Register at ujcvp.org



Daddy and Me



Sunday
April 2nd
10-11am

Build Your
Own Wind
Chimes

Light snacks
& drinks

Newsletter Photo of the Month

Do you have a photo
reading the
newsletter?

Send it to
Sara, and if
your photo
is featured
in the next
issue, ***you***
will win a
prize!



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Sick Loan Shelf

The Hampton Roads Section of the National Council of Jewish Women has served the community with the Ida Fenigsohn Sick Loan Shelf for more than 70 years. The council maintains a stock of durable medical equipment to loan for free.

**For information or to request an item please call:
Margo Drucker, 757-358-2036**

Durable medical equipment for loan including:
Walkers, crutches, rollators, wheelchairs, bedside commodes, shower chairs, motorized wheelchairs (may need replacement batteries), electric hospital beds.



**The Sarfan Early Childhood Center will be closed:
April 6th-7th and April 12th-14th**

Easy Passover Cookie **Recipe**

Almond Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies



1 c. almond butter
1 tsp. vanilla
1 egg
1 c. chocolate chips
1 c. packed brown sugar
1/2 c. chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix together almond butter, egg, brown sugar and vanilla.

Fold in chips and walnuts.

Spoon tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheet

Bake for 11 mins.

Allow to cool on cookie sheet for 5 mins.

Transfer to baking rack to finish cooling.

JCC Maccabi Moment

Leading up to the Maccabi Games this summer, we will be featuring the teen athletes who will be representing the UJC on Team Newport News!



NAME: Elijah Katz

AGE: 14

SCHOOL: Hornsby Middle School

SYNAGOGUE: Temple Beth El of Williamsburg

SPORT: Table Tennis

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

Meeting new people; other Jewish kids - there aren't many around here.

If you could travel the world, what would be your first stop?

I'd say Israel, for the food. My first stop would be the closest place that has rugelach and babka.

What's your favorite movie?

The Empire Strikes Back - it's really well-made and it completes the story of *Star Wars*.

Who is your table tennis icon?

Adam Bobrow, he's a big table tennis player on YouTube. He is really fun to watch.

If you could choose any super power what would it be?

I would say super speed. That could translate into a lot of other super powers. Speed translates to momentum, which equals strength



Good luck, Elijah!

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

THE UNITED JEWISH COMMUNITY
WISHES TO CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING STUDENT
AND HIS FAMILY ON HIS BAR MITZVAH
LEVI LACEY

JCC Maccabi Moment

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NAME: David Spigel

AGE: 15

SCHOOL: Hampton Roads Academy

SYNAGOGUE: Rodef Sholom Temple

SPORT: Tennis

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

I am looking forward to socializing and meeting more Jews from all across the United States and to engage in a friendly match of tennis.

If you could interview any historical figure, who would it be and what would you ask them?

Leonardo DaVinci. I would ask him what it was like to have everyone against him and if it changed when he succeeded.

What was the best book you've read this year?

Atomic Habits by James Clear. It is packed with evidence-based self-improvement strategies.

What is your favorite late night snack?

Oats (oatmeal) with protein powder and bananas

What animal do you associate with?

An owl. I work better at night.



Good luck, David!

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April 1st
Ursula Pulley
Mazel Tot Teacher



April 25th
Evelyn Mason
UJC Chef/Caterer



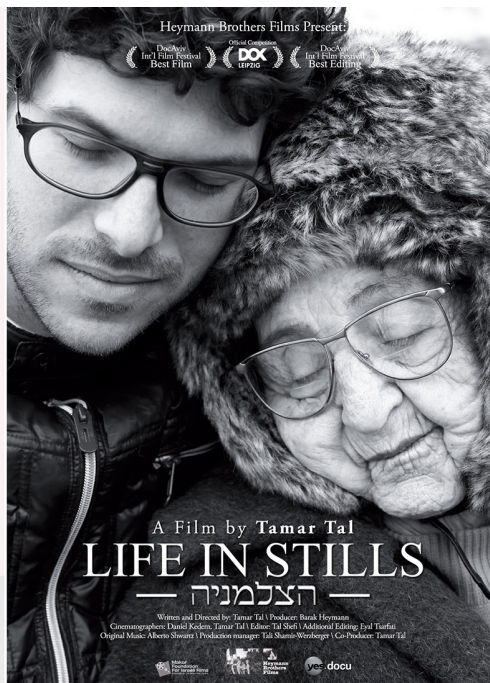
April 26th
Lizz Bresnahan
Nitzanim 2-year-olds Teacher

In honor of Israel's 75th birthday, the UJC is hosting a screening of *Life in Stills*

Thurs. April 27th @ 7pm
at the
CNU Gaines Theater

The showing will include a conversation with Photo House owner and co-star, Ben Peter.

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
Please RSVP at ujcvp.org



LIFE IN STILLS
2011, Documentary, 1 hr

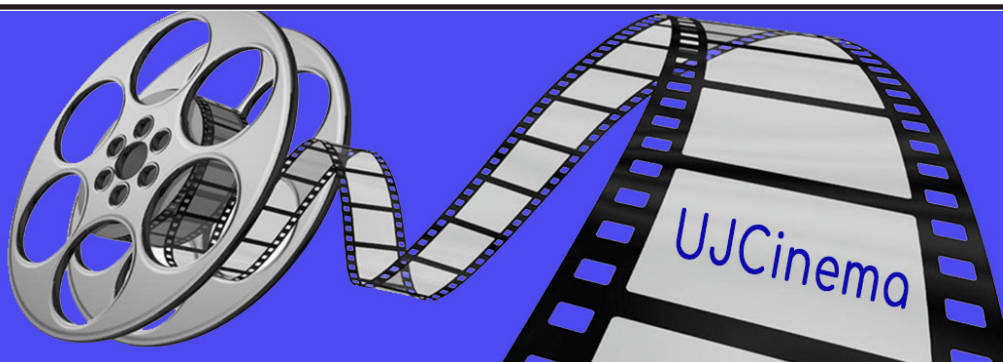
At the age of 96, Miriam Weissenstein never imagined that she would be facing a new chapter in her life. When "The Photo House" - her late husband's life's work - was destined for demolition, she knew she needed help. A special relationship is forged between Miriam and her grandson, Ben, as they join forces to save the shop and its nearly one million negatives that document Israel's defining moments. Despite the generation gap, Ben and Miriam embark on a heart-wrenching, humorous, and touching journey together.



CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT
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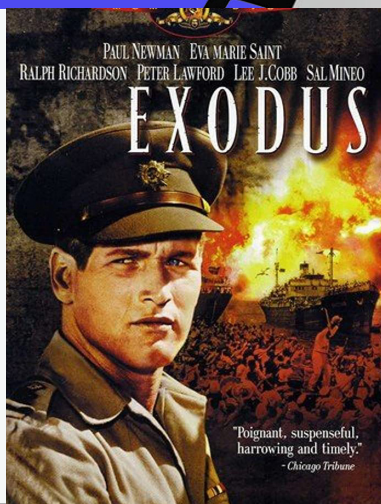


UJCinema Presents: Exodus
1960, 3 hr 28 min, Not Rated

Tues. April 25th
6:00pm

Passport Members - Free
Non-Members - \$10/person
Popcorn & light snacks will be served

RSVP at ujcvp.org



Based on Leon Uris' novel, this historical epic provides a dramatic backstory to the creation of the state of Israel in 1948, in the aftermath of World War II.

Ari Ben Canaan (Paul Newman), a passionate member of the Jewish paramilitary group Haganah, attempts to transport 600 Jewish refugees on a dangerous voyage from Cyprus to Palestine on a ship named the Exodus. He faces obstruction from British forces, who will not grant the ship passage to its destination.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel at 75

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Sunday, April 23rd * 12-3pm

Music | Photo Booth | Petting Zoo | Blow Ups
Giant Slide | Raffle | Vendor Fair | Pie Throwing
Falafel & all the Fixings (for sale)

Butterfly House

*and the release of 75 butterflies in commemoration
of Israel's 75th year!*

Free Community Event
RSVP @ ujcvp.org

In partnership with JCCA

**THE JCC MOVEMENT
CELEBRATES ISRAEL 75**



Crossroads & Connections:

Collections of the National Library of Israel



**Visit the Exhibit on the
UJC Campus!**

April 23rd - 28th

Home to the intellectual and cultural treasures of Israel and the Jewish people worldwide, the National Library of Israel (NLI) has embarked on a visionary journey of renewal, including a wide range of initiatives to expand its collections and make the Library's resources available to audiences across the globe. As part of this initiative, and in celebration of Israel's 75th anniversary year, NLI presents an exhibition of highlights from the Library's collections which represent cultural and religious creativity in Israel both historically and today.

This exhibition is free and open to the community.



Executive Director's **Message** - Eric Maurer



Friends,

As we prepare to mark Israel's 75th anniversary this month, I want to share a brief vignette with you.

The famed Israeli photographer Rudi Weissenstein arrived in Israel from Czechoslovakia in 1936 with nothing but the change in his pocket, his camera and the dream of a Jewish homeland. Photography was his passion and the people of Israel his subjects. His photos captured the birth and growth of the Jewish state and during his life he created an archive of more than one million photographs capturing key moments in the state's history.

But there is a story of the one photo he did not take. As the state was declared on May 14, 1948, Rudi could be seen capturing the key moments from the momentous occasion. But as David Ben-Gurion struck the final gavel and the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra played the new anthem, *Hatikvah*, Rudi was overcome by his love of country and people, putting down his camera to cry and sing with the crowd. In all the photos of the momentous occasion, there is not a single picture of the crowd as they sang *Hatikvah*.

I share Rudi's deep love and responsibility for Israel and its people. And I find this moment of celebrating 75 years overwhelming as we reflect on the many years of struggles, resiliency, and hope.

At the same time of this big milestone, we are also witnessing existential conflicts over aspects of both the Jewish and democratic character of Israel. I believe in the resiliency of Israel and the aspirational

vision for our Jewish democratic state that includes checks and balances, protection of minorities and respect for all expressions of Judaism.

In that spirit, after consultation with Federations across the country — including the UJCVP — Jewish Federations of North America shared a letter with Israel's elected officials calling on the government to embrace the compromises for which President Herzog has called. The letter can be found on the UJCVP website. I believe the JFNA letter reflects the sentiments of a broad cross-section of our community and North American Jews, and I proudly support it. In the face of the conflict we are seeing, we must stay engaged directly with Israel and to continually educate ourselves about the complexity of this present moment.

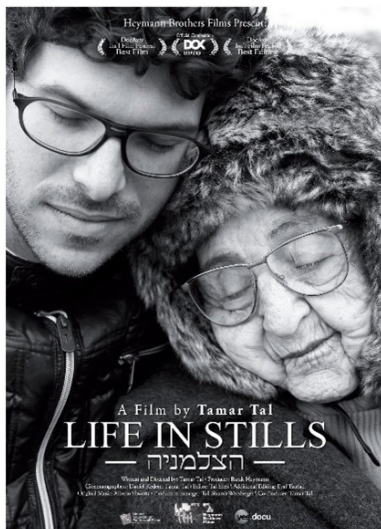
And at the same time, we also celebrate 75 years.



I hope you will join me for one — or all — of the following opportunities to celebrate Israel at 75.

The grand **community-wide Yom Ha'atzmaut** celebration will take place on Sunday, April 23rd on the UJCVP campus and will feature activities for all ages including Israeli music, falafel with all the fixings, a petting zoo, vendors, blow-up bounce houses and slides, and a special butterfly house that will release 75 butterflies in commemoration of Israel's 75th year. We're going to party like it's 1948! Join us!

The National Library of Israel has developed a curated collection of treasures titled, *Crossroads & Connections* that will be displayed at the UJCVP. The selected items speak to the diversity of the region and represent the land of Israel as a crossroads for exploration and connectivity. This land — a destination, a homeland, an inspiration — has given rise to art, music, poetry, and writings that bind the stories of great civilizations past and present. The collection will be showcased at the community



wide Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration and displayed throughout that week at the UJCVP.

And we are thrilled to welcome Ben Peter, the grandson of Rudi Weissenstein, who will join us in-person for a screening of the documentary, *Life in Stills* on April 27th at 7:00pm at the Gaines Theater on

the CNU campus. The film tells the heart-wrenching, humorous and touching story of how Ben and his grandmother work to save his grandfather's shop and its nearly one million film negatives that document Israel's defining moments, absent of course, the one photo that was never taken.

I hope to celebrate with you at one – or all – of these occasions and for us to find the opportunity to put down the camera and relish in the moment we are experiencing, 75 years later.

Am Yisrael Chai,

Eric

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Helmets required!

**Light snacks
Free Event**

**Camp Chaverim:
Weekend on Wheels!**
Sunday, April 16th, 11am-1pm
at the UJC

**All kids MUST be
accompanied
by an adult!**

**Register at:
ujcnp.org**

Congregation Adath Jeshurun

401 City Center Blvd. , Newport News, VA 23606

Telephone # 757-930-0820 | Website: www.ajshul.com

Rabbi Gershon Litt, 757-559-1836



An important aspect of Passover is the Family. G-d asks us to turn our homes into places of family worship at a Seder to answer the questions of children. Children are our future. The home is where we first form our identities and discover our values.

At the Seder, the children are the stars and their questions are treated with respect. From asking the Four Questions, to finding the Afikomen, to singing the songs at the end of the Seder, this is a special time to share our history and traditions with the next generation.

Have a beautiful Seder and Passover. Chag Pesach Sameach



Shabbos Candle Lighting Times:

April 5 - 7:13pm (Yom Tov)

April 6 - 8:11pm (Yom Tov)

April 7 - 7:15pm

April 11 - 7:18pm (Yom Tov)

April 12 - 8:17pm (Yom Tov)

April 21 - 7:27pm

April 28 - 7:33pm

Rabbi Litt's Shabbos Schedule:

April 21st, May 12th, June 16th, July 21st



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Rabbi Scott Gurdin

Cantorial Soloist Dr. Jonathan Rathsam

Musical Accompanist Dr. Ben Corbin

Shabbat Services

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



Passover is a time for learning about our history and our freedom and sharing with family. To everyone celebrating, Happy Passover from CEVO.

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

Special Events & Other News

Shabbat Services – April 14, 21, and 28.

Our Shabbat service on April 7th will be
Shabbat In the Home.

First Seder - April 5th.

Yom Hashoah – April 17th at the UJC.

Congratulations to Benjamin Mastro and his family as they celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on April 1st!



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Passover Schedule

Wednesday Evening, April 5th
Seders held in homes

Thursday Morning, April 6th
Services at 9:30am followed by lunch

Thursday Evening, April 6th
Seders held in homes

Friday Morning, April 7th
Services at 9:30am followed by lunch

Friday Evening, April 7th
Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6:00pm followed by oneg

Saturday Morning, April 8th
Shabbat Services at 9:30am followed by lunch

Monday Morning, April 10th
Morning Minyan Services at 7:45am followed by breakfast

Wednesday Morning, April 12th
Services at 9:30am followed by lunch

Thursday Morning, April 13th
Services at 9:30am followed by lunch



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, April 7th @ 6:15pm - Community Passover Seder. Call the Temple office (757) 596-8352 for more information.

Saturday, April 15th @ 10:00am - New Member Welcome Service, followed by light Kiddush luncheon

Friday, April 21st @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 29th @ 10:00am - Yom HaAtzmaut Service, followed by light Kiddush luncheon

Sunday, April 30th @ 10:00am - Adult Education Torah Study with Jonathan Homrighausen & Fred Levy, an informational Torah discussion and a delicious bagel nosh.

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





Mikveh Project

American Jews Should Embrace Mikveh by M. Honig

I have a spiritual practice of immersing once a month, through my work. I love helping people find their own paths toward a mikveh practice of their own. Over 450 people a year come to immerse in this one sacred

space I know so well. When I'm immersed in the waters of the mikveh, I feel connected to the Source of Life, to my ancestors, and to my body.

Ritual like mikveh immersion are placeholders or words or emotions that we don't know how to express otherwise. I believe that embodied rituals are the most powerful ones because when we do something with our bodies (as opposed to just speaking words, or engaging intellectually) we access deeper wisdom. Words come out of our mouths, but actions

emanate from our souls.

Rituals may not always work the way they are supposed to. In other words, they aren't magic spells or incantations. Instead, they are intentions, remembrances,

outgoing calls to another time and place, or shouts into the chaos saying, "Here I am, trying to connect" or "Remember us."

Adath Israel Community Mikveh has become a place

where people now immerse to mark all kinds of life transitions: becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, recovering from an illness or addiction, graduating, finishing a time of mourning, moving to a new city... along with the traditional uses for a mikveh.



Our UJCVP is a member of the consortium RISING TIDE, a national network devoted to opening the mikveh experience to the entire Jewish community.

For more information, or with any questions, please contact Steve Shapiro,
UJC Mikveh Chairman: stevenishapiro@outlook.com



Volunteer Opportunity

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

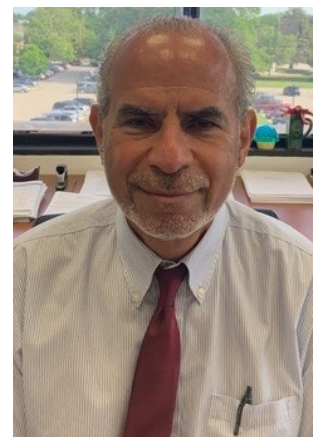
UJC Board **Spotlight**

Steve Shapiro, UJCVP Board Vice President of Education/Outreach

About Steve:

I'm Steve Shapiro, VP of Education and Outreach on the UJCVP Board of Directors. I'm retired after 37 years of working for the City of Hampton, retiring as the Deputy Director of Community Development. I now have a consulting LLC that keeps me busy. I donate to the Annual Campaign and stay involved with the UJCVP because I personally witness the great things that the "J" provides for the community, day in and day out. From the award winning Sarfan Early Childhood Center to the meals that are provided to those in need to all of the activities in the gym and to all of the myriad programs that our exceptional staff coordinate every day. I hope you'll agree with me that this is money and time we'll spent.

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Jewish? Need College \$?

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TELL STUDENTS TO APPLY
JAN 3^{THRU} APR 30

Email Libby Batten: lbatten@ujcvp.org or visit jelf.org

Theodore H. & Esther Beskin Memorial Scholarship Award

SCHOLARSHIP  OPPORTUNITY

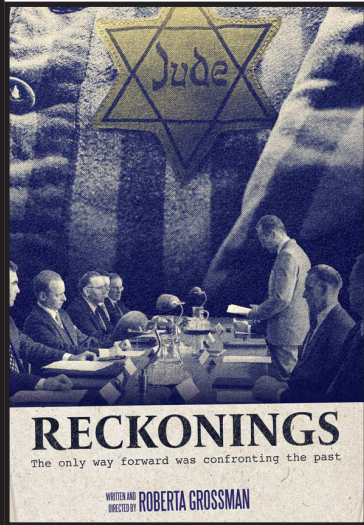
Scholarship Application Available
Deadline to return application to the UJC is
Friday, May 5th, 2023

Established in 1959 in memory of beloved and outstanding humanitarians and leaders, the Theodore H. and Esther Beskin Memorial Scholarship Award is given annually to a worthy local Jewish senior high school student. The recipient is selected on the basis of outstanding achievement and diligence in academic, personal, and community endeavors, as well as other pertinent criteria.

Applications for the \$1000 scholarship are available online at ujcvp.org

Temple Beth El's 22nd Annual Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival

The Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival at the UJCVP,
401 City Center Blvd. Newport News VA



Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 2:00pm

Reckonings

2022, 1 hr 24 min, Documentary

It has been said that it felt as if the souls of the six million who were murdered during the Holocaust were in the room with them when the meeting began. They met in secret to negotiate the unthinkable – compensation for the survivors of the largest mass genocide the world had ever known. Survivors were in urgent need of help, but how could reparations be determined for the unprecedented destruction of a people and atrocities suffered by millions? *Reckonings* explores this fascinating true story set in the aftermath of the Holocaust and leading to the groundbreaking Luxembourg Agreements of 1952.

Peninsula BBYO will have popcorn, soft drinks and baked goods available for purchase. Please plan to support our local Jewish teens.

The Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival Committee greatly appreciates the support and loyalty of our audiences.
Sponsored by Temple Beth El

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Thursday, April 20th @ 12pm

Join us at the J for lunch followed by a gentle
Tai Chi class (chair option available)
with instructor, Sang Me Ko.



**Passport Members - \$5/person
Non-Members - \$10/person**

**Please register at ujcvp.org
by April 17th!**

Questions?

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**Fun
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Summer Camp Chaverim 2023



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**2023 Summer
Day Camp**

The United Jewish
Community of the VA Peninsula

June 26- August 18



**CAMP CHAVERIM 2023 IS
THE PLACE TO BE!**

Registration is NOW OPEN and
space is filling up fast!

Start your summer countdown
today by visiting:

ujcvp.org/camp-chaverim
to register online.

**CHECKOUT OUR
SUMMER CAMP CALENDAR**



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

Calendar of Fun

Week 1: June 26-30
Lost in the Woods

Week 2: July 3-7
(closed July 4th)
Camp's Got Talent

Week 3: July 10-14
Art STAR Bizarre

Week 4: July 17-21
Hands Up For STEM



Calendar of Fun

Week 5: July 24-28
Rock, Tumble & Roll

Week 6: July 31-Aug 4
A Taste of Israel

Week 7: August 7-11
Color Wars: Maccabi Games

Week 8: August 14-18
SUMMER BLAST!



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Peninsula BBYO Attends International Convention 2023 in Dallas, Texas

Three teens from our community's local chapter of BBYO traveled to Dallas last month to attend BBYO's annual International Convention (IC), which welcomed over 5,000 attendees from 60 different countries.

David Dorfman, Carson Frank and Lainey Epstein share their experience:

The magic of IC began as soon as delegates walked through the door, with friends from all across the globe made during zoom calls, summer programs, and past conventions reuniting.



After registration and some free time to explore the convention center and catch up with other teens, everyone gathered in the main stage area for opening ceremonies. During opening ceremonies, we celebrated the accomplishments of BBYO members - and our movement as a whole - from the past year, hyped up the weekend ahead, and heard from inspiring guest speakers, including former Prime Minister of Israel, Naftali Bennett; 2nd Gentleman of the United States, Douglas Emhoff; U.S. Special Envoy to Combat and Monitor Anti-Semitism, Dr. Deborah Lipstadt; youth activist, David Hogg; cast members from Broadway's Hamilton; and Olympic gymnast, Gabby Douglas.

The next day was dedicated to LEADS, BBYO's global initiative to inspire teens to be a positive force in the Jewish community through service and philanthropy. Participants chose a LEAD program from a variety of options, ranging from Dispatched to Help, a joint program in which teens visited and learned from experts from the Dallas Fire Department, to For the Kids, in which teens attended a workshop led by nonprofits who provide assistance to children in need.

After LEADS, a completely different atmosphere spread across the convention center as teens prepared for Shabbat. Shabbat is one of our favorite parts of any convention. After five years in the organization, we are still blown away by the magic of Shabbat at BBYO.

Shabbat is a perfect example of the beautiful pluralism that BBYO strives for. An integral aspect of our mission is to ensure that all Jewish teens are welcome and comfortable

in our organization, regardless of their identity or practices. To accomplish this, BBYO offers Shabbat accommodations for every level of Jewish practice. Carson and Lainey attended a "camp-style" Havdalah service with a blend of Hebrew and English prayers, and English BBYO songs.

For teens seeking a more observant experience, if you walk further down the main lobby, you'll see signs indicating that you're entering the "Shomer Shabbat Space." In this area, David attended a traditional service led by an orthodox rabbi with orthodox siddurim and a mechitza.

Afterwards, Carson and Lainey attended a special Class of 2023 dinner, while David joined in on Aruchat Erev Shel Shabbat dinner with his international friends from Israel, Argentina, and Kazakhstan. During this dinner, David got to meet Ryan Turrel, an orthodox Jew studying at Yeshiva University and a player in the NBA G League. Ryan's story of balancing his Judaism with his professional athletic career was moving and inspirational.

After dinner, it was time for yet another one of our favorite BBYO traditions: separates. Separates are designed to facilitate brotherhood and sisterhood bonding through AZA-only programs (for members of BBYO's fraternity, the Aleph Zadik Aleph) and BBG-only programs (for members of BBYO's sorority, the B'nai B'rith Girls).

As the weekend continued, there were countless more opportunities for education and empowerment. One example that was particularly impactful was a talk with Shoshanna Nambi. Shoshanna grew up in Uganda, and is currently studying in New York to be the first female rabbi



of her home country.

Additionally, we had the opportunity to explore Dallas outside of the convention center, such as a trip to the Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum. On the last night of IC, we had one last hoorah in the form of a concert with prominent musical artists, including Nicky Youre and 24KGoldn.

It was an amazing experience overall. We met tons of people and we are so glad we went. All three of us left



International Convention with a renewed sense of passion and responsibility for the global Jewish community, and we couldn't recommend the life-changing experiences BBYO offers enough for Jewish teens.

For more information feel free to visit bbyo.org/ic, or connect with David at (716) 348-7273. Thank you for reading!

David Dorfman, Carson Frank, and Lainey Epstein

The Virginia Peninsula BBYO chapter is a program of the UJCVP and made possible through your generous support of the Annual Campaign. Thank you for investing in the next generation of Jewish leaders.



BBYO is going Strawberry Picking Save the Date!

Sunday, May 7th, 12:00pm

Visit ujcvp.org for more information as the date gets closer.
All teenagers welcome!

Contact Reece David with questions: hegunfachu061@gmail.com



Update from the Jewish Cemetery of the Virginia Peninsula

The historic burial place for the Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula is on Kecoughtan Road. Our cemetery has been in continuous use since the 19th century. We are in our third century because of those who kept the promise, as must we. You will soon be receiving a letter in the mail which details our history, our current needs and ask you for your support.

One of our distinct advantages is that we have been able to limit our price increases for our plots. The price will increase on May 1, 2023 from \$2,400 per plot to \$3,600 per plot. Please email E.D. David, President of the cemetery association, at eddavid@davidkampfrank.com if you would like to purchase a plot before the increase.



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UJCVP Community April 2023 Calendar

Saturday, Apr. 1, 2023

7pm - Adult Pickup Basketball

Sunday, Apr. 2, 2023

10am - Sarfan Center
Daddy & Me

Tuesday, Apr. 4, 2023

4:30pm - Hebrew School

Thursday, Apr. 6, 2023

UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

Friday, Apr. 7, 2023

UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

Saturday, Apr. 8, 2023

7pm - Adult Pickup Basketball

Wednesday, Apr. 12, 2023

UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

Thursday, Apr. 13, 2023

UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

Friday, Apr. 14, 2023

SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

Saturday, Apr. 15, 2023

7pm - Adult Pickup Basketball

Sunday, Apr. 16, 2023

11am - Camp Chaverim
Weekend on Wheels
2pm - Virginia Peninsula
Jewish Film Festival @ the UJC:
Reckonings

Monday, Apr. 17, 2023

7pm - Yom HaShoah Program

Tuesday, Apr. 18, 2023

4:30pm - Hebrew School

Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2023

7pm - UJC General
Board Meeting
5:30pm - Pilates

Thursday, Apr. 20, 2023

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
12pm - Cafe Chai: Tai Chi

Saturday, Apr. 22, 2023

7pm - Adult Pickup Basketball

Sunday, Apr. 23, 2023

Nat'l Library of Israel *Crossroads
& Connections* Exhibit
12pm - Yom Haatzmaut
Israel at 75 Celebration

Monday, Apr. 24, 2023

Nat'l Library of Israel *Crossroads
& Connections* Exhibit

Tuesday, Apr. 25, 2023

Nat'l Library of Israel *Crossroads
& Connections* Exhibit
4:30pm - Hebrew School
6pm - UJCinema: *Exodus*

Wednesday, Apr. 26, 2023

Nat'l Library of Israel *Crossroads
& Connections* Exhibit
5:30pm - Pilates



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חג פסח שמח

Thursday, Apr. 27, 2023

Nat'l Library of Israel *Crossroads
& Connections* Exhibit
10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
7pm - *Life in Stills* at
CNU Gaines Theater

Friday, Apr. 28, 2023

Nat'l Library of Israel *Crossroads
& Connections* Exhibit

Saturday, Apr. 29, 2023

7pm - Adult Pickup Basketball

Sunday, Apr. 30, 2023

3pm - Lion & Chai Tea Party

