

Jewish Community News

News of the Jewish VA Peninsula Community

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Executive Director's Message - Steven Wendell

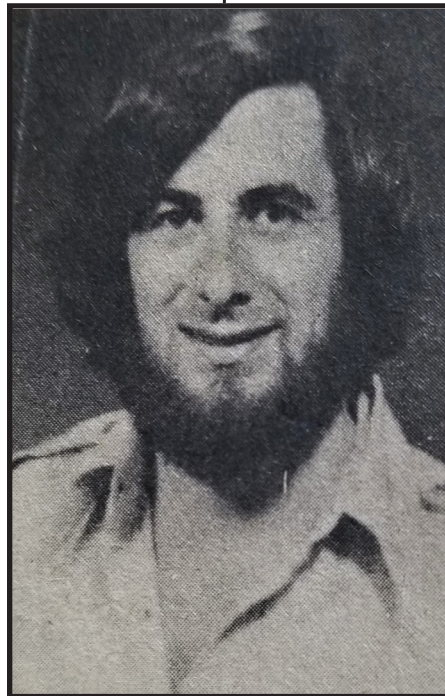


Here's the third installment in my "professional retirement" musings. I did not anticipate this to be a monthly topic in this column, but there seems to be some interest in these writings, so I'll try another.

After my first few years as a JCC youth worker, having achieved some measure of success, I was approached by the leadership of the JCC Day Camp Committee, several members of which were also on my Youth Committee. It seemed that key leadership of the JCC, including the executive director, were putting together a proposal to sell the JCC day camp site, which included some 50 acres located about 20 minutes north of the JCC building, and had been operating for about 35 years. The day camp had individual cabins for each age group, a large ball field, a Quonset hut that served as an indoor gym, a large pool, a corral for horses, an administrative building, a caretaker's house, etc. In short, it was a great day camp facility able to accommodate more than 400 campers.

So why sell such a valuable asset? Well, camp registration had dipped below 200 and it was losing money. And the "big donors" at the JCC wanted funds to redo the men's health club and thought this would be a great way to raise that money plus bail out some accumulated operating deficits. The camp leadership, who had attended the day camp and sent their kids to the camp, were totally opposed to selling a program asset that had been so impactful on their lives and the lives of their children.

A compromise was reached. The JCC leadership agreed to let the "kid" (me) run the camp for a maximum of two years. If it didn't turn around financially by then, it would be sold. I am certain that the JCC leadership thought they had a foolproof way of placating the folks who were lobbying to keep the camp and who represented



Steve Wendell, featured in a newspaper article, 1968

the younger families with younger children, few of whom were paying triple dues to be men's health club members. To further guarantee that the camp would continue to fail, there was no budget for much needed repairs to the camp facilities.

Of course, I thought this was a great opportunity for me to be elevated to Camp Director in addition to my Youth Director position. And being young and naïve, I was cocky enough to think I could succeed where others with much more experience than me, had failed.

Eagerly, I drove up to the camp to inspect my "new kingdom." As I walked around the swimming pool and stepped to the edge near the pool's gutter, a 10-foot section of the pool gutter and supporting wall collapsed into the empty pool. That's when the scope of the challenge began to set in... a failing facility infrastructure, poor registration, no significant money for repairs, and a novice camp director.

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**MINDFULNESS
&
MEDITATION**

Mindful Monday
February 14th
7:00pm

Topic: Self Love

Visit our UJC website
for Zoom login info.

Questions? Email

Jessi Malkin:

jmalkin@ujcvp.org

BBYO Fund

In honor of Ed Cohen's birthday
Chickie & Claude Steinberger

Jewish Family Services Fund

In memory of LJ Richman
Ellen Waranch & Barbara
Gordon

Leonard & Sylvia Waters

Memorial Library Fund

In memory of Leonard & Sylvia
Waters' 70th anniversary
Susan Waters

Marc Minkoff Sports

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Simon Nelms
Karen Minkoff

Marilyn & Dr. Mark Nataupsky Holocaust Education Fund

In honor of Linda & Stan Molin
Paulette & Larry Molin

Mikveh Fund

In honor of Meryl Kessler
Anonymous

Unrestricted Endowment Fund

In memory of Burt Aaron
Ettalea Kanter

In memory of LJ Richman
Sarah Heasey, William Pucher,
& Nina Kruger

Prior to the tragic events at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, the UJCVP committed funds to work in partnership with the Richmond and Tidewater Jewish Federations to provide our region with a security professional through Secure Community Network (SCN).

SCN is the Jewish Federation-funded security arm serving all Jewish institutions, including JCCs, Federations, and synagogues in North America.

David Brackins, SCN Regional Security Consultant, has been providing expertise and training in areas of institutional security and security grant writing for all of our Peninsula Jewish organizations, as well as acting as our advocate with local area police departments and the FBI.

As recent events across the country have highlighted, security awareness and training has become one of the highest priorities for our institutions.

Please contact Steve Wendell, UJCVP Executive Director, swendell@ujcvp.org with any questions.

Executive Director's Message *continued from page 1*

So what's a person to do? You call ghostbusters! In my case, the "ghostbusters" were the teens with whom I had developed a close relationship. We set up an ongoing series of weekend mitzvah days solely devoted to cleaning up and repairing the day camp facilities. With the help of some generous donations from "camp people," the teens and I were even able to re-cement the pool (no city inspections required) with a special waterproof, fast drying cement mixture. The work, of course, took longer than expected, so a day before the opening of the camp season, we were filling the pool at the deep end while still finishing painting the shallow end. The pool never lost that underwater paint smell all summer and there were a few large pieces of pool paint that would need to be removed from the pool each morning. But we had a working pool, and the teens were very proud, and invested, in that pool and all the other work they had done to get camp ready for the summer. Those teens, and their parents, were our best marketing "experts" at getting kids to register. And, of course, they all had summer jobs at "their" camp.

Within two summers, camp registration went from 180 to more than 400. By the third summer, the day camp was the largest, programmatic, surplus producing department of the JCC. When I left the Bridgeport JCC (the first time) in 1977, the day camp had a registration waiting list and more staff applicants than we had positions. The camp offered off-site waterskiing, on-site horseback riding, softball, tennis, soccer, archery, pottery, wood crafts, nature, weekly overnights with campfires and s'mores, and even a staff softball team that was part of a city league with full uniforms and multi-evening games. We ran a dozen leased school buses driven by trained and licensed counselors who

earned extra money driving the buses, while at the same time, being camp ambassadors twice daily as they picked up and dropped off kids at their homes. It was exhilarating to be part of this program and to have played a role in its growth.

But... in spite of all this success, within 4 years of my departure from the JCC and the day camp, the property was sold. It seems that some of the JCC key leadership learned that a highway connector to Route 95 was being planned and could run through the camp property. The developers bid up the worth of the land and the JCC couldn't resist the temptation. The camp was sold, and the money put into a new health club.

Fast forward 30 years. The highway was never built on the old camp property. I was recruited by the JCC leadership, who were the same teens, now all grown, that I had worked so closely with, to return as the JCC Executive Director to try and save the JCC from closing. I maintain that the decision to sell the day camp, thereby removing a valuable program from the community that served families with children, the future leaders, and funders of the JCC, was at least an element, if not the main reason for the financial collapse of this JCC after it had served the Jewish community for 100 years. The condition of the building and operating debt was too large to save the JCC. It became my job to negotiate the sale and closing of that institution, where I started my career and learned so much. Bittersweet memories.

It is essential for volunteer and professional leadership, in making impactful decisions related to facility development, to consider how investments in the present can be maintained in the future and who will be the future leaders invested in the continuity of those investments.

Do you love pickleball? Or have you always wanted to learn to play?
Join our UJC Pickleball group!

Tuesday Evenings @ 7:00pm in the UJC Gym
Sunday Mornings, Outdoor Courts Off Campus

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

Passport Members - FREE!
COVID IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED
Visit ujcvp.org or email Steve Wendell (swendell@ujcvp.org)
for registration information.





Mikveh Project

I never considered myself as a kind of Jew who goes to the mikveh. I always considered the mikveh a place for Jews more observant than myself and belonging to an older, more traditional form of Judaism. I attend services regularly, buy kosher meat, lead services, read Torah, and am active in my synagogue, but still I saw the mikveh as not belonging to me. This all changed however, a few years ago. I went to the mikveh a couple of days before getting married, and it was one of the best decisions I made about the entire weekend. After discussing different aspects of a Jewish wedding with our rabbi, and getting good advice from my mom (thanks, mom!), I decided that this was a part of a Jewish wedding that I may regret not doing later in life.

I am lucky to belong to a synagogue with its own mikveh, so the logistics were easy, and in the moment, the logistics are what I focused on; arriving on time, removing all my makeup and nail polish, etc. However, the experience became about so much more than just going through the motions. It was about walking 2 miles from my apartment to the synagogue on a Thursday morning with two of my bridesmaids who live far away. I was able to spend quiet and meaningful time with them. It was about removing every last piece of clothing and jewelry, which often feels like a second skin. I have a great picture of my friends removing my nose ring for me, which I have not taken out in 10 years. It was about creating a spiritual space for myself before moving forward into a new phase of life, and on a practical level, it was about having a few moments of peace or quiet before days of nonstop celebration.

Going to the mikveh was the perfect way for me to start my wedding and marriage, but in the end, it was also the perfect way for me to gain strength in my own religion and faith. In many ways, I felt that I was reclaiming and embracing a part of Judaism that I thought was only for a certain part of the community, a part that I thought might not always view my Judaism as correct.



I make conscious choices each day to be Jewish and have a Jewish home in an ever-changing and modernizing culture, and I am proud to be part of a global Jewish community wanting to change with me. The mikveh is not a part of Judaism that should be reserved for a few, but rather a space, both physical and spiritual, for any of us during life's biggest and best moments.

Special thanks for this personal personal mikveh story by Elizabeth Barnett Glidden.

Elizabeth Barnett Glidden grew up in Yorktown, VA attending preschool, Hebrew School and summer camp at the UJCVP. Elizabeth and her husband David have just returned to the US from three years living in Mexico City, where Elizabeth immersed in Spanish to help further her career in public health and where she also worked for a global NGO serving refugees in Mexico. They are both thrilled to be returning to their

Washington DC Adas Israel community, where Elizabeth and David both immersed in the mikveh prior to their wedding. Our own mikveh committee is excited for our upcoming trip to Adas to tour their mikveh and learn from their experiences.

Please support a mikveh for ALL at the UJCVP.

President's Message - Kelli Caplan



It's that time of year again! New Year's resolutions, fresh perspectives and lofty goals are aplenty.

And at the UJCVP, the New Year brings a renewed sense of purpose and community. With that comes a wave of innovative ideas, plans and fundraising targets. And of course, our annual penultimate fundraising event: Super Sunday.

This year, Super Sunday falls on Jan. 30. It's an all-day affair when our amazing volunteers work the phones, calling as many of our members as possible, touching base with them, enlightening them about our achievements during the past year, and ultimately asking for their support.

This day is important to the UJCVP on so many levels. First, it is a wonderful way to bring volunteers together to work toward the common goal of growing and bettering our community. To hear our callers on the phones is truly remarkable. They are committed and talented in the way their conversations engage our members and showcase our victories. These callers believe in what we are doing and are proud to share it with our members, who live near and far and run the age gamut from young to old.

This is a day that frames all that we do. Without the support of our members, we could not accomplish much of anything. We depend on your financial commitment to help us offer our community a huge array of services and programs. I have said it before, and I will say it again: the UJCVP is like a glittering prism, bathing our community in amazingly beautiful light. That light shines brightly only because of you and your generosity.

As 2022 unfolds, we have lots of dynamic plans and ideas on how to make the UJCVP even better. We are in sound financial shape, have a staff second to none, and envision an exciting upward trajectory as we move into the new year.

So, when your phone rings on Jan. 30, we hope you will answer the call and join us in our mission to make the UJC shine even brighter.

Thank you in advance for your support. We are beyond grateful for each and every one of you, and your shared commitment to see our beloved UJCVP thrive!



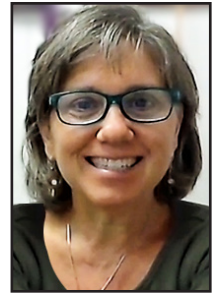
Don't forget to follow us on Instagram @ujcup_nn and LIKE our Facebook page!

Development **Corner** - Sarah Barnett



Because... When we soar we can reach even higher!

When we reach higher we have the best core programs on the Peninsula in the realms of Early Childhood and Day Camping.



When we reach higher we respond to our community members in need and strive to provide the best programming possible, in person, virtual, and drive thru!

When we reach higher our vision dictates that we do not settle for what we have; rather we contemplate what we can add.

When we reach higher we don't pat ourselves on the back for a job well done, we question what we could do better the next time.

When we reach higher we connect with more folks every day and every week.

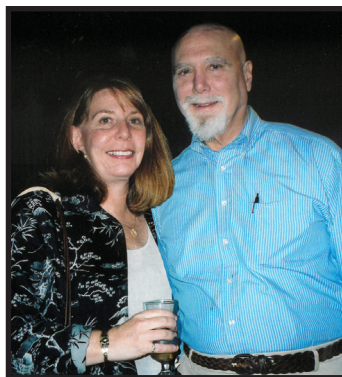
But...

We cannot reach our highest peak without first reaching you, our donor partners. If we missed you or you missed us on Super Sunday, please visit our website and make your Annual Campaign commitment today! www.ujcvp.org



UJCVP ENDOWMENT

We are excited to announce the establishment of the **Youth Fund of the UJCVP**. This exciting new fund was created with a generous contribution from community member Ellen Eisenberg in loving memory of her late husband, and active UJCVP leader, Dr. Mike (Myron) Eisenberg who passed away at the age of 72 in 2016. Mike was a regular fixture at the UJC for decades and served as our Education Chair for fifteen years, acting as a pivotal steward during The Sarfan Center's most significant growth period. Not only was Mike a pleasure for our staff to work with, but he was also quietly passionate about this institution's responsibility to serve our young people, including his own, beloved daughter, Toby, who attended preschool and Hebrew school on our campus, and who he made sure to highlight and mention at every opportunity! In making this contribution, it is Ellen's desire that the UJCVP will continue to honor Mike's legacy by using the proceeds of this fund to enhance



anything on our campus that works toward the social, cultural and educational service of our youth. It is her hope that the greater community will, over the years, help to grow this fund beyond even its initial significance. As with all of our special funds, individual contributions may be made to the Youth Fund by visiting our UJCVP Funds page at <https://ujcvp.org/giving> (scroll down to the list of funds) or mail a check made out to UJCVP and indicate the fund in the memo.

Along with Ellen, it is our hope that this special Youth Fund, along with all of our special use funds, will grow to be an important part of funding our vision for the future.

If you have an area of special interest for which you would like to consider creating a fund, please contact Sarah Barnett, Director of Development: sarah@ujcvp.org or 757-930-1422



THIS WAY TO **BFFS**

At Jewish overnight camp, kids discover who they are - and who they want to become - while having the time of their lives. They race across ziplines, jump into lakes and learn important life skills. And they create enduring friendships.



Give your child the gift of a Jewish overnight experience, with up to \$1000 off!



THIS WAY TO **COMMUNITY**

They sing under the stars, share jokes and meals and clothes, and build traditions. And they do it with an amazing crew of friends and counselors. Plus you might be eligible for up to \$1000 off your camper's first summer!

There's a perfect camp for every Jewish camper. Find yours today at OneHappyCamper.org



For more info or to apply for a grant, email sarah@ujcvc.org or visit OneHappyCamper.org

JEWISH SUMMER CAMP OVERNIGHT EXPERIENCES!

Once again, the UJCVP & UJCVP Endowment Inc. wants to help you provide your child with an exceptional overnight summer experience. If your child is attending a Jewish overnight summer camp, or you are making plans to register your child for a program and would like to be considered for a summer grant, we want to hear from you!

In order for your child to be considered for a grant, we need to hear from you by the end of March 2022.

If you are interested but don't know which program to choose, we can help with that as well.

Please email Sarah Barnett:
sarah@ujcvc.org

Need-based scholarships must be applied for through our UJC Jewish Family Service office.

Please contact Libby Batten:
lbatten@ujcvc.org



SUMMER EXPERIENCE IDEA: **SABABA BEACHAWAY**

Sleepaway surfing camp in Virginia Beach!

Team Sababa is inviting anyone who is interested, to a Zoom info session.

February 2nd @ 7:00pm

More info about Sababa Beachaway on Page 13!



JCC Maccabi Games 2022

San Diego, CA • July 31–Aug 5

Team Virginia and Newport News - email jmalkin@ujcvp.org



An Olympic-style competition for Jewish teens ages 13–16

A signature event of
 JCC Association of North America

#WeAreJCCMaccabi
jccmaccabi.org
 @JCCMaccabiGames @JCCMaccabiGames



“1800 Jewish athletes of all levels of observance from all over the US and other countries is a terrific way to make the Jewish world a smaller place for our children.”

“Maccabi was the single best five days of my life. Everything about it was spectacular, enriching and memorable. ... Winning medals is not what makes the Games great or not, but the all-around experience and the friendships are what make it great. It is impossible to not have an outstanding time.”

“JCC Maccabi was easily, without a doubt, the best week of my life. Being able to interact with Jewish teens from all over the world is an incredible and awesome experience to be able to have. Better yet, I get to do the thing that I love most with other Jewish teens that love it just as much as I do! Meeting all the other kids and learning about where they’re from and the sport/art that they do. It’s an incredible opportunity to have, and I would be so happy if I was lucky enough to be selected to come back.”



Sister Cities

Newport News

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Join us **Wednesday, February 16th at 6pm** for a special Dinner & Learn presentation from Kate Helwig, Executive Director of Sister Cities Newport News!

Passport Members - FREE Non-Members - \$15/person

Visit ujcvp.org to RSVP Questions? Email Jessi Malkin: jmalkin@ujcvp.org

Jewish Family Services - Libby Batten



The Torah mentions welcoming the stranger no less than 36 times...

UJCVP Jewish Family Services was happy to be a part of resettling Afghan refugees on the Peninsula by providing five new car seats for newly settled families.

Car seats were donated to our friends at Hampton Roads Refugee Relief (www.hr3.org), which is aiding in this resettlement process. Because of the numbers of families who were processed through Virginia military bases, our community has welcomed more than 35 Afghan families in recent weeks and months.

We are happy to have played a very small, yet important part in this process!

Saif Ahmadzai, Operation's Manager for Hampton Roads Refugee Relief, picking up new carseats at the J for newly resettled Afghan refugees.



February 3rd
Logan Rajman
Parparim 3-year-olds Teacher
& BBYO Advisor



February 5th
Merissa Donnell
Mazel Tots Teacher



February 26th
Gavrielle Bargash
Pre-K / Kindergarten Teacher



THE UNITED JEWISH COMMUNITY
WISHES TO CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS
AND THEIR FAMILIES ON THEIR
BAT & BAR MITZVAH

AZALEA GLASSER & JOSH MERZ



2022 Program Passport Membership

The following programs are **INCLUDED** at no additional charge with your Passport Membership:

**Adult Hebrew Classes *Cooking Classes *Family Programs *Fitness Classes *Flicks & Food *Grand Club & Senior Meal Delivery *Holiday Programs *In The Box *JCCY Events *jCraft To Go *Jewish Education Classes *Lunch & Learn *Mindfulness & Meditation Classes *PJ Our Way Teen Events *Pool Admission *Pool Events & Activities *Ropes Course*
AND MORE!!

Subject to Covid Restrictions

PJ LIBRARY CELEBRATES FREELANCE WRITERS WEEK!

Swing by the J during business hours Feb. 7th - 11th

Pick up a book kit to write your own bedtime story!

Passport Members: **FREE!**

Non-Members: \$10 / book kit

WE WILL SHARE OUR TALES VIA ZOOM ON FEB. 13TH @ 6:30PM

UJC MINI SPONSORSHIPS

Do you have a business you'd like to promote? Become a UJC Program Sponsor!

WHAT YOU'LL GET:

*Ad space in our UJC Newsletter

(this thing that you're reading!)

*A postcard / coupon/ business card included in one of our take-home programs

(can be your own design or created by us!)

*Your name / business name on marketing materials for the program you are sponsoring

*Sponsorship Price: \$100

Contact Jessi Malkin:
jmalkin@ujcvp.org
for more info.

jccv PAJAMA JAM

SATURDAY,
FEB. 26TH FROM 7-9PM



visit: ujcvp.org to register!

PJ OUR WAY™ S'MORE KARAOKE!

Visit: ujcvp.org to register!



Saturday, Feb. 26th
7-9pm

Education Corner

Sarfan Center, Naioki Wood



Our Pre-K and Kindergarten Students are Soaring to New Heights

2022 is here and our soon-to-be Sarfan Center graduates are taking their learning journey to another level. From reading comprehension, early math concepts, creative arts, and more, our Pre-K and Kindergartners are showing us just how much fun it is to be at preschool. The Pre-K/K teaching team, Ms. Gavrielle and Mrs. Maya, provide all 22 of their students with unique experiences that will guide them to success beyond the Sarfan Center. Experiences like having Mr. Alec Wolf, fellow community member and cellist, to share his passion for music enrichment. During this lesson, our students were able to learn about the letter C in a unique way. They were able to investigate what a cello is and its musical expressions. They listened in awe as the sounds from this beautiful instrument sent vibrations through the classroom, igniting their wonder and curiosity. This sparked more interest in conversations regarding other musical instruments and lets face it, A LOT of dancing. Like their lesson with the cello, Ms. Gavrielle and Mrs. Maya continue to create learning experiences to expand thinking and help our little ones explore as much of the world as they can, right here on our campus.



SAVE THE DATE:

SARFAN SUPERHERO 5K RUN + FUN

**SUNDAY, MAY 15TH
AT THE UJCVP!**

**DUST OFF YOUR SNEAKERS +
SUPERHERO CAPES**

MORE INFO COMING SOON!!

SABABA BEACHAWAY

Jewish Camp at the Beach



SUMMER 22 INFO SESSION

Join us on zoom to learn about what makes summers with Sababa so special!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

7-8 PM

RICHMOND/NEWPORT NEWS, VA

In Partnership with:



Jewish Community Federation OF RICHMOND



Zoom link provided upon RSVP
info@sabababeachaway.org

SURFING-SAILING-SCUBA-OCEAN DISCOVERY

Sababa Beachaway is a co-ed Jewish sleepaway camp located in Virginia Beach, VA for rising 5th - 12th graders.

Join us for 1, 2, or 3 two-week sessions.

Find Your Balance - Stoke Your Flame

Have the Best Summer of Your Life.

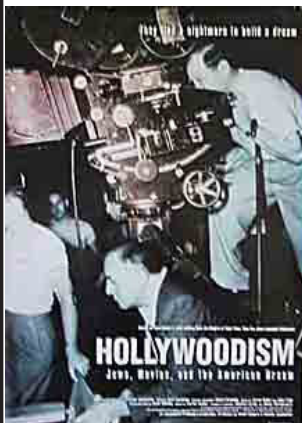


COMMONPOINT QUEENS
Community happens here

www.sabababeachaway.org info@sabababeachaway.org 516.499.5349



Flicks and Food



Thurs. Feb. 24th
12:30pm

1998, Documentary
1hr 38min

The history of the influence of Eastern European Jewish Emigre culture has had on Hollywood and the films created in its golden age.

Passport Members - FREE
RSVP to jmalkin@ujcvp.org

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

SHABBAT IN A BOX

THURS. 2/10
5-5:30PM

EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR A FUN & MEANINGFUL SHABBAT AT HOME.



RSVP TO
JMALKIN@UJCVP.ORG

Summer Camp Chaverim

Day Camp Director, Naioki Wood

Assistant Day Camp Director, Stephanie Delneky

75 Years and Counting!

Are you ready for the summer? Is your child ready for fun and friendships? (We are!) Camp Chaverim at the UJC is the place to be, featuring activities kids love most, like swimming, art, athletics, cooking, science experiments and so much more! All children grades K-10 are welcome to participate in our eight weeks of summer adventures, for as little as one week or as much as all eight weeks.

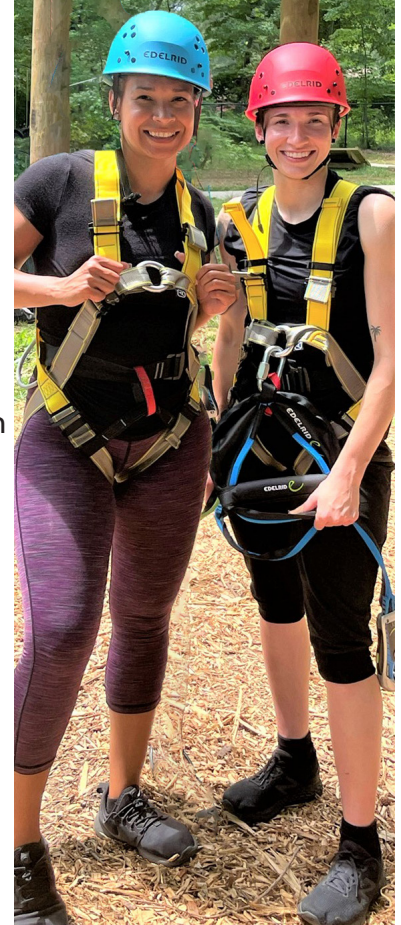
Campers in 5th-10th grade get the opportunity to build skills such as teamwork and critical thinking as they spend the summer tackling our Adventure Ropes Course. Last year we featured our TAL (Teens As Leaders) program, where teens come together to develop skills in leadership and community through team building exercises, workshops and activity programming experiences. Encouraging campers of all ages to be the best they can be is our greatest passion!

The UJC has provided summer camp and lifelong memories for more than 75 years! Camp Chaverim is accredited by, and a proud member of, the American Camp Association (ACA). This means we are committed to providing a safe and nurturing camp community, focused on your children. **We are excited to bring back many of our favorite camp staff including our Sports Coach and newly appointed Assistant Camp Director, Stephanie Delneky!**

Health and safety procedures are guided by ACA, CDC and other professional standards to provide a safe experience where kids are able to PLAY with one another and still create those lifelong CONNECTIONS.

Summer is right around the corner and our Camp Staff is preparing for a spectacular 2022 camp season!

For details about Camp Chaverim, please visit: ujcvp.org/camp-chaverim



It's S'more fun at
Camp Chaverim!



Make s'mores with us & register for Summer Camp Chaverim 2022!

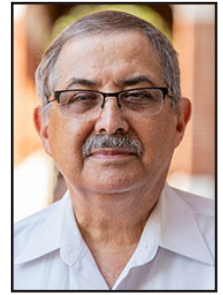
Sunday, February 13th @ 1pm

Join us by the fire pit, out back by the tennis court, for s'mores, raffles, games, and to catch up with your camp friends!

RSVP to Naioki Wood
nwood@ujcvp.org

Education **Corner** continued

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



Your chance to study **Biblical Archaeology at CNU!**

RSTD 361-Hebrew Bible and Archaeology
Professor Richard Freund , Bertram & Gladys Aaron Professor in Jewish Studies
MCM 310
January 11 - April 20, 2022
Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30-8:45pm



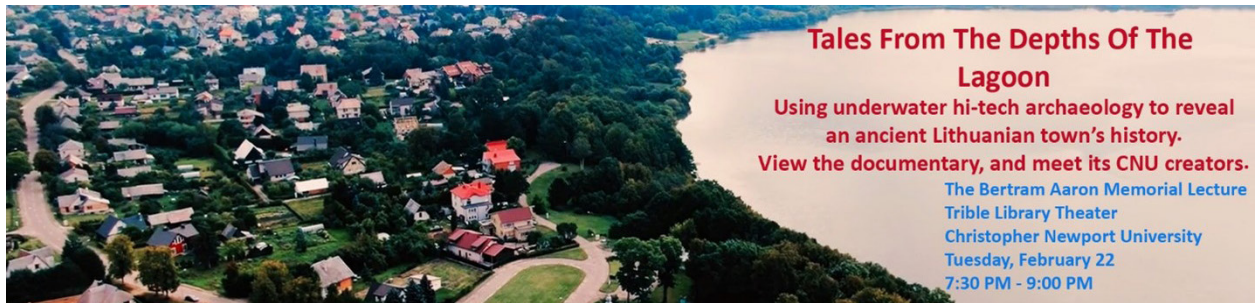
You must register through the university!
Special senior rates apply.

Do not hesitate to contact Registrar at 757-594-7155 or register@cnu.edu with questions!

Course Description: This course is an overview of the chronological and cultural structure of the archaeological periods from the third millennium (3000 BCE) through the beginnings of the Byzantine period (4th century AD/CE) with an emphasis upon the textual information presented by the Hebrew Bible and how archaeology has illuminated these texts.



The Bertram Aaron Memorial Lecture - February 22, 2022 7:30-9pm, CNU Tribble Library



Join us in honoring the life and legacy of Bertram Aaron with an evening of film and discussion.

Special screening of *Tales from the Depths of the Lagoon: Finding a Lost Shtetl with Geoscience* at CNU's Tribble Library.

Hear from Dr. Richard Freund who will discuss the search for a Jewish village (Shtetl) at the bottom of an artificial lake outside Kaunas, Lithuania using sonar and ground-penetrating radar, two of Bert's favorite topics.

Masks & Covid Vaccinations required for indoor event.
Zoom option available.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83200069525>

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



In thinking about how we seem to be going backwards... we are in the middle of the latest virus surge; grocery shelves are empty again and prices are rising.

We need some happiness, some faith in the future. The way to get there is on your face.
To change the world, start with a smile and see where that leads.



Shabbos Candle Lighting Times:

February 4 - 5:16pm
February 11 - 5:23pm
February 18 - 5:30pm
February 25 - 5:38pm

Rabbi Litt's Shabbos Schedule:

February 26, March 26
April 30, May 20



Truth and Light in the Reform Tradition

Shabbat Services

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

Due to the increasing number of COVID cases, the CEVO Board of Directors has voted to return to online activities. For the next few weeks, we'll conduct Shabbat services and religious school through ZOOM.

You can get more information by sending an email to office.cevo@gmail.com, or by going on our Facebook page.

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Rabbi Scott Gurdin
Cantorial Soloist Dr. Jonathan Rathsam
Musical Accompanist Dr. Ben Corbin

Special Events & Other News

Religious school dates – February 6, 13, 20, & 27

CEVO Board Meeting – February 14 (Zoom)

Community Dinner and Children led service –

Our dinner and service on February 18th will be determined in early February. Contact our email address or go on Facebook to get more information.

Parent and Me and **Tot Shabbat** will start up after we resume meeting in person.

CEVO will be feeding the homeless through **PORT** at Hilton Baptist on February 12-13.

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Minyan:

Mondays & Thursdays @ 7:45am

Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays @ 6:00pm

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Saturdays @ 9:30am

Contact the office for Zoom information: office@rodefsholomtemple.org

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SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, February 4th @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, February 11th @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service. Talk by Shirley Confino-Rehder about the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Friday, February 18th @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Healing Service

Friday, February 25th @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service

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

Sunday, February 6th @ 4:00pm - Presentation on the Jewish Calendar by Robert Rubenstein.



21st Annual Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival

Winter Series

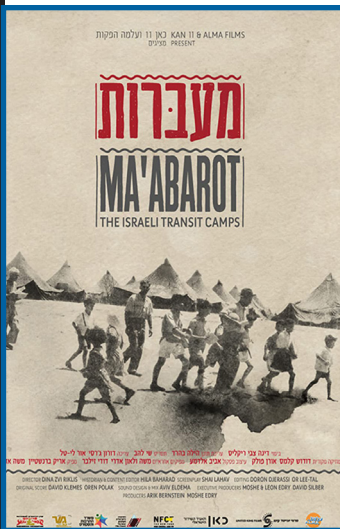
March 6th - *Ma'abarot* March 27th - *Shared Legacies*

The Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival's Winter Series continues on Sunday, March 6th and Sunday March 27th. The films can be viewed both in-person and virtually.

To view the film in person, please join us at the Williamsburg Regional Library Theater, 515 Scotland St, Williamsburg, VA at 2pm on Sunday, March 6th and Sunday, March 27th. **Attendees must be masked and practice social distancing.**

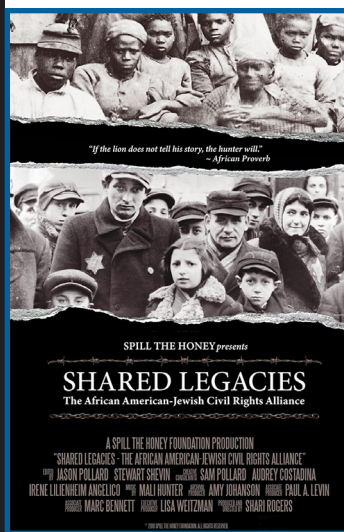
To obtain a link to view a film virtually, send an email to: vpjff@tbwilliamsburg.org no later than noon on the Thursday before the film screening date. The link will be emailed to you on the Friday before the film screening date.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, there is no charge for any of the Winter Series films.



Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 2pm
Ma'abarot
2019, 50min

Ma'abarot is the first documentary project about the story of the Israeli transit camps. The transit camps were a controversial enterprise, housing hundreds of thousands of new immigrants from various parts of the world, transitioning them into becoming part of the Israeli cultural tapestry. The film unravels the many stories of the camp residents, examining and discovering many surprising new details, shattering common stereotypes of the current Israeli discourse.



Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 2pm
Shared Legacies
2020, 1 hr 35min

The often-forgotten story of the coalition and friendship between the Jewish and African American communities during the Civil Rights Movement. The crucial historical lessons of Black-Jewish cooperation are revisited and revived in this fascinating, urgent call to action. Common cause was found in the turbulent '60s Civil Rights era, as Jewish leaders backed Dr. King's efforts at racial equality and harmony. Yet, the relationship has frayed in recent years, as a once mighty bond of support and respect has seemingly faded, been forgotten, or ignored.

More information about the films can be found on the Film Festival page of the TBE website: tbwilliamsburg.org

Donations to the Film Festival can be made by check payable to Temple Beth El of Williamsburg and mailed to: Temple Beth El of Williamsburg, PO Box 3640, Williamsburg, VA 23187 or via the donations page on the TBE website.



**JOIN OUR FUN
20/30
SOMETHING
GROUP!**

Our next meet-up
will be:

Sunday, February 20th @ 1-3pm

Williamsburg Winery

5800 Wessex Hundred Williamsburg, VA 23185

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



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UJCVP Community February 2022 Calendar

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022

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

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022

7pm - Sababa Beachaway
Zoom

Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022

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

Monday, Feb. 7, 2022

PJ Library Book Kit Pick Up

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022

PJ Library Book Kit Pick Up
12pm - Grand Club To Go
4pm - Hebrew School
7pm - Pickleball

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022

PJ Library Book Kit Pick Up

Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022

PJ Library Book Kit Pick Up
10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
4pm - Hebrew School
5-5:30pm - Shabbat in a Box

Friday, Feb. 11, 2022

PJ Library Book Kit Pick Up

Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022

1pm - Camp S'mores &
Registration
6:30pm - PJ Library Story Share
Zoom

Monday, Feb. 14, 2022

7pm - Mindful Monday Zoom

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022

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

Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022

6pm - Dinner & Learn: Sister
Cities Newport News

Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022

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

Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022

1pm - 20/30 Something Young
Adult Group: Williamsburg
Winery

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022

12pm - Grand Club To Go
4pm - Hebrew School
7pm - Pickleball
7:30pm - CNU Bertram Aaron
Memorial Lecture

Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022

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

Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022

7pm - JCCY Pajama Jam
7pm - PJ Our Way S'more
Karaoke

