



Jewish Community News

News of the Jewish VA Peninsula Community

January 2022/5782

Executive Director's Message - Steven Wendell



As noted in the last issue of our Jewish Community News, my more than half century career as a Jewish communal professional began on September 9, 1968. I arrived bright and early that morning at the Bridgeport, CT, JCC with great anticipation and eagerness to see my new, private office. There it was, at the end of the hallway with a plastic sign that read, "Steve Wendell, Director of Teen Activities." What more could a young twenty something ask for? So I opened the door, which suddenly stopped halfway as it hit my desk. It seemed my new private office was a converted closet, barely large enough to accommodate a desk and chair!

No matter. Who cared about an office? I was ready to engage all these teenagers who I was certain would be arriving later that day and evening to meet me and talk about participating in exciting new activities. And they wouldn't fit into an office, large or small anyway. So I hung up my plastic peace sign (remember those?) and began walking the building, looking for places to host meetings and activities.

For the rest of the week, every afternoon and evening, I waited to meet the teens. Actually, for that entire first month, I waited... and waited... and waited. And other than the basketball league players who had no interest in "teen activities" outside of sports, no teen showed up.

Undeterred, I began to ask other staff in the building, and some of the basketball players who would at least stop and engage in a 10 second conversation, as to why no teens were coming to the JCC, and in particular, the JCC Teen Lounge, which doubled as the bridge club room during the day. The answer was universal. It wasn't cool for a teen to be seen at the JCC except perhaps for competitive sports. And then I remembered. That's exactly how I felt as a teen

just a few short years before. What cool teenager would want to be at the JCC in a structured, supervised environment, with an "adult" advisor, when you could just hang out with your friends at one of their houses where the parents were invisible and do whatever you wanted? (Jewish kids didn't hang out on street corners in Bridgeport.)

Well, I was getting paid this huge salary to do something. So I decided if the teens weren't going to come to me, I was going to go to them. After all, we were nearly the same age, and I was a pretty cool, single guy just out of college who knew exactly what these kids were doing when they were "hanging out." I had also learned the golden rule of

teen behavior as a youth leader in AZA (BBYO) and a resident advisor at a Hillel House: find a couple of "cool girls" and at least one "cool guy" to come to an event and everyone else will follow.

Just so happened that the secretary for the athletic department had a popular teenage daughter who was a junior in high school. After some "help a poor struggling colleague" guilt trips, I encouraged Florence (the single mom of the popular teen) to bribe her daughter to invite me to her home, and have her daughter

invite some of her friends just for a friendly chat. It probably didn't hurt

when Florence told her daughter she was inviting a "cute single college-age guy over" to meet her. And I guess I shouldn't have been surprised when half a dozen girls showed up... and no guys.

The agenda for the meeting was simple. I just asked the group what it would take for them to even consider coming

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Steve and Charlene, 1968

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Jewish Family Services

In honor of LJ Richman
Joanne & Richard Gordon

Leroy M. Spigel Early

Childhood Education Fund

In honor of Robin & Kenny
Murov's granddaughter's Bat
Mitzvah

Joy & Larry Spigel

Mazel tov to Bonnie & Norman
Katzenberg on the wedding of
their daughter

Joy & Larry Spigel

Wishing Eddie Olshansky all the
best on his move to Sarasota

Joy & Larry Spigel

Wishing Howard Mendelsohn a
speedy recovery

Joy & Larry Spigel

In memory of LJ Richman
Joy & Larry Spigel

Mikveh Fund

Wishing Sarah Deyong a speedy
recovery

Ernestine Adelman

Marc Minkoff Sports

Scholarship Fund

In memory of LJ Richman
Kristin, Jonathan, Maci &
Ryan Minkoff

Program Fund

In appreciation of Jody Sarfan
Jean & Norman Golner

Senior Meals Fund

In recognition of Evelyn & Rick
Mason & all their wonderful
creations

Ellen Hockman

In honor of Eddie Cohen's
special birthday

Marlene Cohen

Robert Deutsch

Linda & Richard Reitzes

In memory of LJ Richman

Eddie & Jackie Cohen

Helen Nachman

UJC Preschool Fund

In honor of Caroline & Emma
Diamond

Emily Danforth

Brenda Dixon

Judy Dixon

Ellen Dixon-Tulloch

In honor of Rhonda & Art
Diamond

Judy Dixon

Unrestricted Endowment Fund

In honor of Edythe Lichtenstein
for her recognition by Newport
News City

Ettalea Kanter

Mazel tov to Robin & Guy Levy
on the birth of their grandson
Ettalea Kanter

In memory of LJ Richman
Ettalea Kanter

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to the JCC to hang out. The one answer (other than free pot) that they all could agree upon was a teen lounge that was exclusively theirs and that they could decorate and manage themselves, and that was out of view of adults and younger kids. After several months of weekly meetings to discuss details, but more importantly, to establish trust and expand the group, a plan was developed.

When the JCC moved from downtown Bridgeport to the suburbs and built a new 100,000 square foot building, they included the basic infrastructure for a half dozen bowling alleys, which were a popular facility at the old building. During the several years of design and construction, the popularity of bowling declined significantly as a group, Jewish activity. The space reserved for the alleys, with the poured floor, including raised entry and seating areas, became an unfinished, large storage room in the lower level of the building. There was one raised area of about 2,000 square feet, with a stairway exit to the parking lot that I thought would be an excellent spot to put up some plywood and create a teen lounge space. The teens worked hard and creatively to come up with sketches and plans for the space and pricing for materials. They even solicited prospective donations of used furniture. And as they worked on the plans, the word spread, and excitement grew... a teen lounge that they created and would be their own at the JCC.

Of course, by now I had already learned that the executive director of the JCC, and the Board, would be resistant to such an idea. But, fortuitously, every January, the JCC Board of Directors hosted an open meeting for all members to attend and bring up any subject they wanted. Usually, no members except Board members showed up, but the PR looked good in the monthly newsletter. Since the meeting was open to members, and the teens were members either with individual or family memberships, I planted the idea that attending this open meeting and presenting their plan for a teen lounge might be a good idea.

About 15 minutes before the open Board meeting was scheduled to begin, I received a frantic call from my boss, the Executive Director. "You need to come upstairs and get rid of all these kids in the lobby. The Board meeting is about to start." To which, I replied, "Isn't tonight an open Board meeting? I think they're here for the meeting. But if you don't want them to come, including those whose parents are on the Board, then I guess you'll need to tell them to leave." Of course I knew the Exec, who could barely deal with me, was in no way going to deal with a bunch of teenagers.

The Board President was totally impressed that so many kids had showed up at a JCC meeting, and in particular, his daughter, who had not mentioned to him that she would be there. After the usual opening comments and niceties, the Board President asked the assembled teens, and me, if

they had something they would like to discuss. I explained that this group of teens represented our new "Teen House Council" and they had worked on an idea they wanted to discuss. Several teens, who not by accident, had parents on the Board, presented their idea for a teen lounge and asked for \$2,000 and permission to use a portion of the "storage room" to build their lounge. (Keep in mind this was 1969 dollars.) The Board then did what boards do when unprepared to deal with an idea, and began to discuss all the obstacles and problems with this project and were ready to "send it to committee" for further discussion.

Just at the moment all seemed lost and you could see the disappointment, and anger, on the teens' faces, a Board member and major donor in the community stood up and proclaimed: "I don't know how my daughter got involved in this project and what motivated her to even come to the JCC, let alone make this presentation to the Board, but if this is what it takes to get kids to care about this place, I'm prepared to contribute \$50,000 towards this effort, raise whatever else is needed, and hire an architect to design a proper teen lounge using the entire 10,000 square feet that was planned as bowling alleys." The daughter of this mega-dollar-donor whispered in my ear, "You can't let him take over our project. He won't listen to anything we say." I'm not sure how I would react to this situation today, but at that moment, having worked hard to gain the trust of these teens, I had little choice. I stood up and said, "Thank you very much for that generous offer Harold, but our teens cannot accept. They have worked hard to design their own space and that's why they are here tonight, to ask you for a space they can truly call their own. But if you are willing to give them total control and veto over all aspects of the project, maybe I can convince them to accept your generous offer."

The project was completed with the teens involved in every facet of the design, construction, furnishings, and equipment. At the ribbon cutting and opening Saturday night dance, 500 teenagers showed up. The Teen Lounge became the center of youth activities open six afternoons and evenings per week, with an average attendance of 25 to 75 teens per day. The Teen House Council ran the lounge and enforced a strict code of conduct for all users. They considered it their space and were very protective of it.

The early lesson I learned from this, aside from how to use children to get money out of parents, was that real power or influence lies not so much within a leader, but in a leader's ability to empower others.

UJCVP ENDOWMENT

The UJCVP Endowment is proud to provide you with local expertise in Jewish Philanthropy.

Our Donor Advised Funds make a significant philanthropic impact and comprise over 35% of our total managed assets. By industry standards, we may be small, but our reach is big, spanning local, national, and international priorities. In the past quarter, our Donor Advised Fund advisors recommended distributions to the following nonprofits:

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American Cancer Society
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
American Jewish World Service, Inc.
American Society for Yad Vashem, Inc
Chai-Life Line
Christopher Newport University
Doctors Without Borders
DOROT, Inc
Feeding America
Friends of Israel Disabled Veterans Inc.
Habitat for Humanity
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)
Hillel The Foundation for Jewish Campus
Hillel of Virginia Tech
Integrity First for America

Kiwanis Club of Mercury 64
Listen Foundation - CI Camp
Mazon
National Council of Jewish Women
Neve Michael Children's Village, Inc.
Planned Parenthood Action Fund
Randolph College
Rodef Sholom Temple
Salvation Army Virginia Peninsula
Southern Poverty Law Center
UJA – Federation of New York
Unicef
United Jewish Community
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
Virginia Peninsula Food Bank
Wellesley College Hillel

If you have not yet set up your own Donor Advised Fund or would like to explore other philanthropic directions please contact Sarah Barnett: sarah@ujcvp.org



Mikveh Project

For those who don't know me, I'm Steve Shapiro and I was honored when Kelli Caplan and Steve Wendell asked if I would chair the Mikveh Committee, following the Board's vote in September. As a refresher, the Board voted unanimously to establish a Mikveh Committee to undertake an investigative process related to the possibility of creating a modern mikveh. We were charged with: providing construction cost estimates, providing an operating budget, conducting outreach and providing education on the mikveh concept, administering the current Mikveh Endowment Fund and coordinating fundraising efforts. I know a lot of folks put in a lot of time and effort over the past 5 years to get us to this point and I applaud their efforts and commitment.

A little about me – I retired at the end of June 2021 from the City of Hampton after 37 years as Deputy Director of Community Development; 34 of which were as the City's Building Official, which meant I oversaw all construction inspections and all construction plan review, amongst other tasks. I was also President of Rodef Sholom Temple for 3 years, during which time I was Chair of the design committee for the construction of our new building on the UJC campus and worked alongside many dedicated RST volunteers to bring the dream of a new building to reality.

So, where are we with the Mikveh concept? Our committee has been formed consisting of myself as Chair, Meryl Kessler, Kelli Caplan, Judie Kavitt, Elaine Abrams, Lois Ullman, Wendy Eisner, Steve Marks and Steve Wendell and we conducted our first meeting in November. We have engaged Ritchie Curbow Construction as a design/build contractor to provide us with a concept plan and costs that we can then bring back to the Board. Ritchie Curbow has enlisted Mike Henry Architecture and A.D Potts and Associates Surveying to prepare the concept plans. We have also engaged Rabbi Eliyahu Stern as our Mikveh expert for everything religious in regards to a modern mikveh that can be used by our entire community.



Stay tuned for more exciting updates as we continue our journey!



Join in on the fun and get crafty with us!

Swing by our parking lot, pick up a jCraft To Go, take it home, and unpack your studio!

Next Project:

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Saturday, Jan 22 from 7-9pm

Passport Members - FREE!
Non-Members - \$10 / kid
(\$25 max for 3+ kids)

visit ujcup.org for more info & to RSVP




Tu B'Shevat Recipe: Shevat Haminim Salad by Chef Jamie Geller

When Tu B'Shevat rolls around, we always make a habit of cooking with the Shivat HaMinim, the 7 agricultural products enumerated in the Torah as special to the Land of Israel. Barley, wheat, figs, dates, grapes, pomegranates and olive (oil) are all represented in this salad. The honey is a nod to the land of milk and honey and even the red wine vinegar is a further play on the grape theme. Make this and you will have done this holiday proud.

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups cooked barley or Israeli couscous
- 1/4 cup dried figs, chopped or 3 fresh figs, quartered
- 1/4 cup pitted dates, chopped
- 1/4 cup seedless grapes, halved
- 1/4 cup pomegranate seeds
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil



- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup wheat and barley cereal (such as Grape-Nuts), optional
- 2 tablespoons parsley leaves, torn

PREPARATION

1. Combine barley, figs, dates, grapes and pomegranate seeds in a large bowl.
2. Place oil, honey, vinegar and mustard in a small bowl and whisk to combine. Pour over barley salad and toss to coat well.
3. Just before serving add cereal and toss to evenly distribute. Garnish with parsley leaves.

Full article can be found at: <https://jamiiegeller.com/recipes/shivat-haminim-salad/>

UJCVP Senior Lunches & Grand Club

We are offering freshly-made, kosher lunches for pick-up on Tuesdays each week for our senior community members. And in-person lunch and Bingo on Thursdays.

(Subject to COVID restrictions)

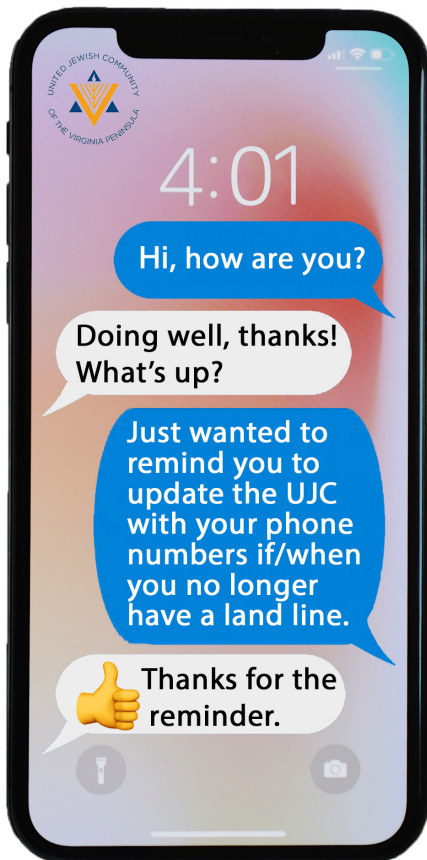
NO LUNCHES ON 12/28 & 12/30

Lunch for ages 60+ - \$2.50

Lunch for Passport Members - FREE!

Additional charges for Bingo Cards

Email linda@ujcvp.org for more information or to RSVP



jccv PAJAMA JAM party

Jan. 22th

7-9 pm

K-3rd graders: Wear your favorite PJs & bring your best stuffed friend to an EPIC pajama party at the J!

Passport Members: FREE!

Non-Members \$10 / kid

visit ujcvp.org for more info.

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.

21st Annual Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival

Winter Series

January 30th - *Transkids* March 6th - *Ma'abarot* March 27th - *Shared Legacies*

The Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival's Winter Series starts on Sunday, January 30th. The films can be viewed both in-person and virtually. To view the films in person, please join us at the Williamsburg Regional Library Theater, 515 Scotland St, Williamsburg, VA. Attendees must be masked and practice social distancing. To obtain a link to view a film virtually, send an email to vpjff@tbewilliamsburg.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, January 30, 2022 at 2pm
Transkids
2020, 1h 43min

Transkids chronicles the lives of four Israeli kids who are going through the process of their transition. The film not only presents a unique view of transgender youth and their families going through this journey, but also gives a window into Israeli society and its shifting attitudes toward LGBT struggles.

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

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San Diego, CA • July 31–Aug 5

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January 1st
Steve Wendell
UJC Executive Director



January 4th
Amber Barnes
Parparim 3-year-olds Teacher



January 8th
Carmela Malkin Kuhn
Director of Education &
Program Development



January 14th
Promyse Banks
Nitzanim 2-year-olds Teacher



January 23rd
Corin Keller
Tziporim 2-year-olds
Teacher




January 23rd
Kathrine Kjallander
Perakhim Infant Teacher

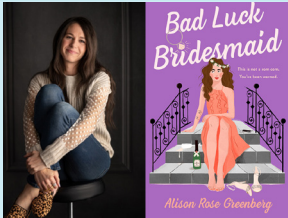


If you have a family Simcha that you would like to highlight, please contact Sara Traster at straster@ujcvp.org for more information regarding cost and guidelines.

BOOK FESTIVAL OF THE MJCCA
& The National JCC Literary Consortium



IN YOUR LIVING ROOM



Tuesday, Jan. 11th

Alison Rose Greenberg
Bad Luck Bridesmaid

7:30pm

For ticket and book purchases, please visit our website:
ujcvp.org/book-festival-in-your-living-room/



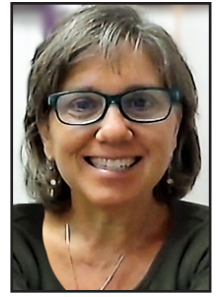
MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION

MINDFUL MONDAY – JANUARY 17TH, 7PM

Topic: Spiritual Growth

Visit ujcvp.org for Zoom login info.

Development **Corner** - Sarah Barnett



Because... We touch so many & so much!

Have you paused lately to think about how much we do and what our Annual Campaign dollars impact? It is truly incredible! In case you need a refresher, or never really knew how much ground we cover, here is a list of what our Annual Campaign dollars touch:

Sarfan Early Childhood Center
Camp Chaverim
Community Hebrew School
PJ Library and PJ Our Way
One Happy Camper Grants
BBYO Teen Programming
Young Adult Social Meet Ups



Jewish Family Service Office and Social Worker
Community Referrals
Mental Health Triage Services and Counseling
Emergency Financial Aid
Food Pantry
Senior Referral Services
General Mental Health Outreach and Response



Senior Lunch Deliveries and Grand Club Program
Adult Programs

Jewish, Art, Mindfulness, Culture

JCCY Youth Programs and JCC Kids Connect

Umbrella Organization Connections and Memberships

JCCA (Jewish Community Center Association):

Professional Development and Networking Services and Resources
Youth Maccabi Games Access

JFNA (Jewish Federations of North America):

Network of 154 North American Communities
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Rising Tide Mikveh Network

CNU Jewish Studies Program Partnerships

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but we cannot not reach our highest peak until we have
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



**It's 2022! Don't Forget to Renew or Purchase Your
Program Passport!**

Take advantage of all that the UJC has to offer with a
Program Passport Membership.

More details about Passport Membership on Page 19

Education Corner

Sarfan Center, Naioki Wood



The Sarfan Center Goes Global!

We are pleased to announce our partnership with Sister Cities of Newport News, an organization whose mission is to build and strengthen relationships with schools here and those around the world. The Sarfan Early Childhood Center was matched with Seibi No Mori Early Childhood Center, a school similar in size and enrollment in Neyagawa, Japan. We held our first Zoom gathering, where we were introduced to many of their Early Childhood Educators and learned more about how our schools' connection could benefit each other's communities. During this informative meeting, we realized that our program curriculum goals, activities, and educational philosophies were very similar. We will continue to meet frequently as we learn about each other's schools and practices. Although there is a 14 hour time difference, we intend to make the best of this wonderful opportunity. The next step will be sharing photos, videos and art work as we continue to build this wonderful relationship. Seibi No Mori shared with us a wonderful video of a typical day at their Early Childhood Center. You can view the video at the following website: <https://youtu.be/hKngWZT41Vk>

We are excited to have this opportunity to share a learning journey with Seibi No Mori Early Childhood Center and create lasting connections!

Carmela, Naioki, and the Sarfan Center Team



Thank you D. Jay Freedman from
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**SUNDAY, MAY 15TH
AT THE UJCVP!**

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SUPERHERO CAPES**

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Jewish Family Services - Libby Batten



Food insecurity is happening in the Jewish community. At this time, the Jewish Family Services office is requesting donations of grocery gift cards for our community members in need to be able to buy fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as perishable items like milk, eggs, cheese, yogurt, etc.

Thank you for everyone's continuous support!

Any questions, please contact Libby Batten, Jewish Family Services Director
757-223-5635 lbatten@ujcvp.org

NEW! FIBER ARTS GROUP

Sunday, January 23rd, 10am-12pm at the J

Bring your current project and your ideas for our new group!

All fiber arts crafts and ideas are welcome!

RSVP to Jessi Malkin - jmalkin@ujcvp.org



Flicks and Food



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

Thurs. Jan. 20th
12:30pm

2019, PG-13
1hr 25 min

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



JOIN OUR FUN
20/30SOMETHING
GROUP!

Our next meet-up
will be:

Sunday, January 23rd @ 1pm

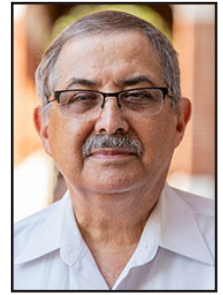
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PJ Library Plants at the Park

Sunday, January 9th, 1-3pm

Meet your PJ friends at Freedom Park for some Tu B'shevat planting fun!

5535 Centerville Rd. Williamsburg, VA 23185

Mitzvah Opportunity:

Bring non-perishable items to the park to help stock our Jewish Family Service food pantry.

Needed Items: oatmeal packets, hearty soups, tea bags, hot chocolate packets

**RSVP to Jessi Malkin
jmalkin@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



Soon after we celebrate the secular New Year we, as Jews, celebrate Tu’Bshvat. The reason the Talmud gives Tu’Bshvat as the New Year for Trees is that trees stop absorbing water from the ground and instead draw nourishment from their sap. In other words, they have become self sustaining and no longer depend on the soil. They have stopped taking and now are able to develop fruit to give. So let’s learn from the trees to take when we need, to give when we can and to give of whatever we may have, thereby, reaping the happiness and joy that is inherent in giving.

Don’t forget to give to JNF to plant trees in Israel for Tu’Bshvat and all through the year.



Shabbos Candle Lighting Times:

January 7 - 4:47pm
January 14 - 4:53pm
January 21 - 5:01pm
January 28 - 5:08pm

Rabbi Litt’s Shabbos Schedule:

January 22, 2022
February 26, March 26
April 30, May 28



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Musical Accompanist Dr. Ben Corbin

Shabbat Services

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

January 7 – Cantor led Shabbat service

January 14 – Lay led Shabbat service

January 21 – Cantor led Shabbat service with community dinner

January 28 – Lay led Shabbat service

February 4 – Lay led Shabbat service

Special Events & Other News

Religious school dates – January 9, 16, 23, & 30

CEVO Board Meeting – January 10 (Zoom)

Community Dinner and Children led service – January 21



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

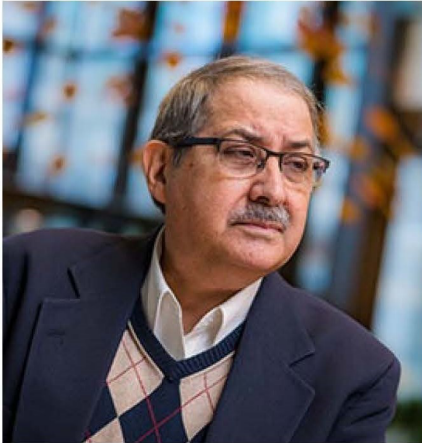
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RODEF SHOLOM TEMPLE

FOUNDED IN 1913 AND A MEMBER OF THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

*We are: Warm, welcoming and steeped in the rich traditions of Judaism...Egalitarian and Eclectic
Living personal Jewish journeys across a spectrum of participation...Looking forward to seeing you!*

"JEWISH ETHICS AND THE TORAH" Three-Part Lecture Series by Rabbi Dr. Richard Freund



The Book of Genesis is filled with eternal wisdom on many subjects. Jewish ethics is the systematic analysis of good and evil according to the different sources of Judaism.

In this three-part series we will explore a theory of Jewish ethics and three of the most significant topics in Jewish ethics through the lens of the weekly portion.

**December 4, 2021 : "Intro to Jewish Ethics: Truth-telling, Lying and Deception"
-Parshat Miketz**

January 22, 2022: "Self-Sacrifice and Altruism in the Bible". - Parshat Yitro

March 12, 2022: "War and Peace in Jewish Ethics" - Parshat Zachor

These lectures will be both in person and on Zoom during services.
Zoom links will be published closer to the dates of the lectures.

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In-Person & Zoom Services:

Minyan: Mondays & Thursdays @ 7:45 am

Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays @ 6:00 pm

In-Person Shabbat Morning Services & Zoom:

Saturdays @ 9:30 am

Contact the Temple Office for Zoom information.

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Join Our Torah and Tanakh Study Groups!

Temple Beth El of Williamsburg's Chellie and Bob Booth lead Tanakh study on Zoom Wednesdays at 7 PM.

Torah group is led by Rabbi David Katz and meets Thursdays at 10:30 AM.

Email office@tbewilliamsburg.org to get Zoom links. We look forward to meeting you.

Learn more at tbewilliamsburg.org

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SHABBAT SERVICES

No Shabbat Services on December 31st or January 1st

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

Friday, January 14th @ 7:30pm - Shabbat / Tu b'Shevat Service. Talk by Pastor Robert Ashley Whitehead in anticipation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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

Friday, January 28th @ 7:30pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Healing Service

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

Tuesday, January 18th @ 7:30pm on Zoom - *Searching for Sinai* with Rabbi Lane Steinger. Explore the historical facts of a significant event in Jewish history with Rabbi Steinger.

Rabbi Lane Steinger, Rabbi Emeritus of Shir Hadash Reconstructionist Community since 2009, is a distinguished scholar, educator and author. Join the Zoom program with the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89949032889?pwd=U2V4ZnVGaTJrT3RCZlgxcW0veHd2QT09>

Meeting ID: 899 4903 2889

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****



Passport Levels:

Family - \$400
 Individual - \$225
 Couple - \$325
 Senior Individual - \$125
 Senior Couple - \$200

Summer Pool Membership at Glendale Pool - \$300
 (Memorial Day thru Labor Day)

Sarfan Center Families - Free
 CNU / W&M Hillel Students - Free

Passport Memberships run Jan. 1 - Dec. 31

Questions? Email Sara Traster - straster@ujcvp.org

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UJCVP Community January 2022 Calendar

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022

10am - Red Cross Blood Drive
12pm - Grand Club To Go
7pm - Pickleball

Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
4pm - Hebrew School
6pm - CNU Hebrew Bible & Archaeology Class begins

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022

11am - Off Campus Pickleball
1pm - PJ Library Plants at the Park

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022

12pm - Grand Club To Go
4pm - Hebrew School
7pm - Pickleball
7:30pm - Book Fest: Alison Rose Greenberg

Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022

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

Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022

11am - Off Campus Pickleball

Monday, Jan. 17, 2022

7pm - Mindful Monday

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022

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

Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022

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

Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022

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

Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022

10am - Fiber Arts Group
11am - Off Campus Pickleball
1pm - 20/30Something at Williamsburg Winery

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022

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

Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022

10:45am - Grand Club/Bingo
3-5pm - JCraft To Go
4pm - Hebrew School

Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022

Super Sunday Day of Giving
2pm - VA Peninsula Jewish Film Festival: *Transkids*

