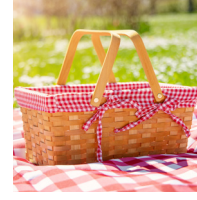




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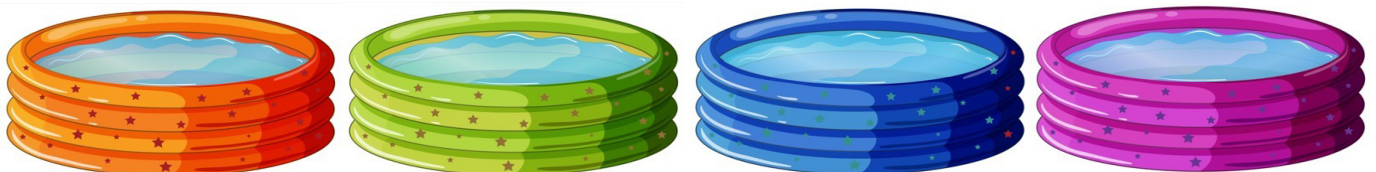
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In honor of Steve Marks becoming president of the UJC
Martha & Tsvi Katz-Hyman

In memory of Kelli Paul's father
Sara Traster & Dave Harriss



President's Message - Steve Marks



Embracing New Opportunities Together

I am deeply honored and excited to begin this term as the President of the UCJVP. Reflecting on our rich history, I am reminded of the countless lives we have touched and the positive changes we have sparked. As I step into this role, I am filled with optimism and enthusiasm for the incredible opportunities that lie ahead. Together, we have the power to make a lasting impact and continue building a brighter future for our community.

Our dedicated team, passionate volunteers, and generous supporters have always been the heart and soul of our mission. We have a diverse and talented board composed of seasoned veterans and new young leaders. As we begin implementation of our Strategic Plan, we are at a pivotal moment where our potential for growth and innovation is boundless. Our priorities will be building on our foundation, addressing our challenges, and growing the resources required to sustain our community. Here are some of the exciting initiatives and goals we will be focusing on in the coming months and years:

Stronger Together: We aim to inspire a cohesive, collaborative, and flourishing community where everyone feels belonging, connection, and engagement. In this regard, we will enhance our commitment to pluralism that builds a culture of connection that values diverse expressions of Jewish practice. We will expand collaborative programming both on and off the campus to foster partnership with our Jewish congregations and agencies. Jewish community leadership will be convened in dialogue to evaluate pressing community needs and nurture relationships. By forging new partnerships and strengthening existing ones, we will widen our impact and bring hope to those who need it most.

Broadening Engagement: We will strive to strengthen Jewish life by expanding UJCVP programs, services, and relationships through intentional outreach to the broader non-Jewish community. Building allyship in non-Jewish partners and diverse organizations will foster camaraderie in times of need and abundance. By engaging with policymakers, media, and the public, we will raise awareness about the realities of antisemitism, champion the causes that matter to us, and drive meaningful change at a systemic level. Establishing consistent general interest programs

can increase public participation and increase revenue.

Investing in our Campus: The UJCVP campus will serve as the hub of the community where people easily and routinely gather and form meaningful relationships with each other in a well-maintained facility. A Facilities Committee will perform an audit of our existing and buildable spaces as we work to upgrade and maintain the current infrastructure. Campus spaces will be expanded to strengthen existing programs and design intergenerational gathering spaces. We will harness the power of technology to achieve new ways to connect, engage, and serve.

Deepening Philanthropy: We will promote a culture of giving that fosters connections, diversifies philanthropic streams, and engages the next generation of leaders. Increasing Endowment, and building a committed cadre of new leaders who give of their resources and capabilities, will ensure a secure financial future. Diversifying funding sources, exploring additional grants, and engaging corporate partnerships can provide further support to the community of tomorrow. Transparency and accountability will guide our stewardship of these resources.

"I was given my life,
some two and a half billion seconds:
I did some reckoning,
and I decided to do something
with those seconds
so that I might make a difference."

SHIMON PERES

As we embark on this exciting new chapter, I am confident that, together, we can achieve extraordinary things. Our collective passion, creativity, and resilience will be the driving forces behind our success. Each one of you plays a vital role in our mission, and your continued support and involvement are invaluable.

I invite you to join us on this journey with a spirit of hope and determination. Let us celebrate our achievements, learn from our challenges, and boldly pursue our vision for a better future. I am eager to collaborate with all of you and witness the remarkable progress we will make hand in hand.

Thank you for your trust and commitment. Here's to a future filled with promise, growth, and positive change! I hope you are happy with the house we build together.

With heartfelt gratitude and optimism,
Steve Marks

Campaign Corner - Jessi Malkin



Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!

The love and support you have shown our community through your gifts to the Annual Campaign and the Israel Relief Fund this year have surpassed our wildest expectations.

Together, we have raised over \$1.5 million!

We might be a small community, but we sure are mighty in our generosity. Your actions speak volumes.

I am not the first to point out how trying this year has been for the local and global Jewish community. We have all been worried about friends, family, soldiers, and hostages in Israel; not to mention our students on college campuses and our security as we gather to pray, learn, and socialize at our various synagogues. Your financial support has supported trauma and humanitarian relief efforts in Israel, and increased funding to secure and support our college students through Virginia Hillels. Your campaign dollars fund our SCN regional security advisor, Dave Brackins, who advises and trains us all.

Many of you have been asking, *what else can I do?*

I am happy to formally announce our UJCVP CommUNITY Mission to Israel. Together we will bear witness to the atrocities of October 7, meet with survivors, and explore our holy land. This mission is being planned with inclusivity in mind, whether you are Jewish or not, if this is your first trip or your 30th. Please consider joining us from December 1-9, 2024.

Please see the flyer on page 14 for more information.



20/30S YOUNG ADULT GROUP MUSIC & ICE CREAM ON THE LAWN

Wednesday, July 10th | 6:00pm

Meet up with your young adult friends on the lawn at Port Warwick for live music and a BYO ice cream treat.
(buy your own ice cream)

RSVP at ujcvp.org

Questions? Email Sara Traster: straster@ujcvp.org

Mariefocseneanu Awarded the Inaugural Barbara Rosenbaum Young Leadership Award



At the UJCVP Annual Meeting, Mariefocseneanu was awarded the inaugural *Barbara Rosenbaum Young Leadership Award*. This award recognizes an emerging leader who devotes time and energy to better the Jewish community.

“Mariefocseneanu stood out as an exemplary choice for the inaugural presentation of the award,” shared UJCVP outgoing President Wendy Eisner. “Mariefocseneanu has shared her passion and ideas as a board member of the UJCVP, and this year extended her commitment by serving on the Strategic Planning Committee, where she contributed significant time addressing some of our community’s most pressing issues.”

Mariefocseneanu, her husband Eric (Karlin) and their two children are all active members of the Jewish community, attending both the Sarfan Early Childhood Center and Camp Chaverim.

The Barbara Rosenbaum Young Leadership award aims to acknowledge these role models while seeking to stimulate their continuing participation in Jewish communal affairs. This annual award comes with a stipend to participate in an immersive Jewish leadership experience, such as participating in an overseas JFNA mission or attending the JFNA General Assembly.

The award is named in honor of Barbara Rosenbaum, a pillar of our community, and whose tireless dedication to the UJCVP has spanned decades.

“It is well known that the leaders of the IDF precede their troops into combat using the word ‘acharai,’ meaning ‘after me,’” shared Eisner. “Barbara’s life in this community follows this same pattern. As a leader, she is always at the front of every cause, leading by example and teaching and motivating those who come after her. Her life is the essence of leadership in our Jewish Community.”

“Upon arriving on the Virginia Peninsula, Barbara became a Lion of Judah in 1986 and has remained a Lion for 39 consecutive years. Also, about 25 years ago, Barbara endowed her Lion so that her gift will maintain itself in perpetuity. Barbara has served as a Board Member of the UJCVP for close to 20 years and she often mentors younger community members and encourages and recruits new community leaders. Barbara is no stranger to the financial needs of local organizations; she perennially serves on the UJCVP Campaign Council and actively solicits needed dollars for our Annual Campaign.”



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 11am, lunch is served at 12:00pm

-- No GRAND CLUB on JULY 4th --

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

Education **Corner**

Director of Education & Program Development, Carmela Malkin Kuhn

Sarfan Center Assistant Director & Summer Camp Chaverim Director, Naioki Wood



Sarfan Early Childhood Center Pre-K Graduates 2024



Liyana Ashraf
Henry Babcock
Gene Breslow-Hacke
Hayes Chambley
Isla Chi
Myles Downer
Ayano Fukuhara
Isaac Galinski
Zohar Harari-Tal
Maverick Hirsch

Rento Hozumi
Enzo Hu
Kentyn Inman
Max Karlin
Scarlett Kidd
Noah Kurtyka
Finley Morena
Alexandra Riddle
Sophia Shore
Maximilian Vance



The Sarfan Early Childhood Center looks forward to a summer session filled with LOTS of water play, outdoor games, creative art, and science fun!

Hebrew School Graduates: Max Malkin and Caleb Moore

Thank you to our loving Pre-K and Hebrew school educators: Gavrielle Bargash, Julia Downer, Tori Dixon, Maya Yartsev, Kayla Hille, Danile Spokony, Reece David, and Eden Marziano!



Summer Camp Chaverim

Our summer camp team hit the ground running the moment June started as we prepared for our 2024 season. We spent six days together learning, growing, building trust, and understanding our roles on a deeper level. Three of the six days were spent on the adventure ropes course, familiarizing ourselves with each element and becoming certified adventure course trip leaders. Together our summer staff formed a unified bond, where everyone is supported and challenged to be their best selves! We can't wait to share that knowledge and bond throughout the summer.



Camp Chaverim Expands Programming through Partnership with Mariners' Museum

This summer, campers at Camp Chaverim will have an exciting opportunity to engage in meaningful watershed, educational experiences (MWEEs) both on land and water as part of a new partnership between the Mariners Museum and the UJCVP. The Mariners' Lake, which sits within The Mariners' Park, is a stunning 167-acre freshwater lake that makes the perfect backdrop for outdoor activities! Starting this year, campers will participate in kayaking and nature-based activities that include an introduction to paddling and water safety, understanding various habitats and biodiversity, and exploring the impacts of human behavior on the health and sustainability of ecological systems. These programs will broaden the campers exposure to outdoor experiences, better understand global maritime culture and history, provide environmental conservation education and recreational opportunities, and empower them to embrace their community as environmental stewards.



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Eden Marziano Awarded 2024 Beskin Scholarship

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. Eden Marziano was selected as the 2024 recipient of the Beskin Memorial Scholarship award. "Eden's growth into a model Jewish woman dedicated to our community is a testament to her character and values," shared Danile Spokony. "It is a pleasure to see her thriving and making a difference."



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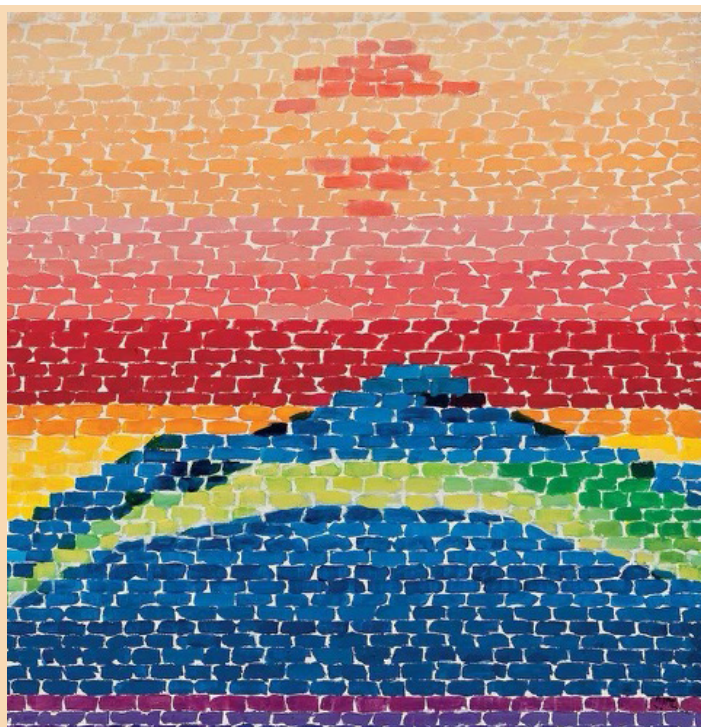
Adult Paint Night
Tues. August 13th, 6:00pm

Learn to paint a LANDSCAPE in the style
of ARTIST, ALMA THOMAS

Passport Members - Free
Community Members - \$15/person

MUST BE 21+
Wine & snacks will be served
RSVP: ujcnp.org

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: STRASTER@UJCV.P.ORG



Jewish Family Services - Libby Batten



Food insecurity in the Jewish community, like many others, can stem from a variety of different factors, including economic hardship, unemployment, or many other circumstance that happens beyond our control. Supporting the Jewish Family Services Food Pantry is a meaningful way to make a positive impact in the community, ensuring that those in need have access to food.

Food items may be dropped off at the UJCVP front entrance and left on the table in the vestibule.
Thank you for your support!

Needed food items:

Canned Food

- Tuna
- Salmon
- Fruit
- Vegetables

Boxed Food

- Crackers
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Rice

Snacks

- Cookies
- Non-refrigerated pudding
- Chips

Staples

- Peanut butter
- Jelly



If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Libby Batten:
lbatten@ujcvp.org | 757-223-5635

Pearl Society Challah Bake Sale

Pre-order now through July 15th.

Challah orders will be made FRESH and ready for pick up at the UJC on July 18th & 19th.



To Order:

visit ujcvp.org --> News & Events drop down --> Pearl Bake Sale or find the pre-order link on our Facebook page





July 23
Beth Arager
Sarfan Center Mazel Tots teacher



July 27th
Kristen Hall
Sarfan Center Tziporim 3-year-olds teacher



July 28th
Katie Fannin
Sarfan Center Etzim 2-year-olds teacher



July 30th
Eric Maurer
UJC Executive Director



August 27th
Julia Downer
Sarfan Center Pre-K teacher & Camp Chaverim art teacher



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Thursdays:
July 25th & August 29th
10am-12pm

Join our group at the J for a morning of chatting and crafting.

All fiber arts crafts welcome!

RSVP at ujcvp.org
Questions? Email Jessi Malkin
jmalkin@ujcvp.org

WJCC Schools Receive 'No Place for Hate' Designation at all 16 Schools

WILLIAMSBURG-JAMES CITY COUNTY – Williamsburg-James City County (WJCC) Schools earned the “No Place for Hate” designation at each of the division’s 16 schools for the 2023-24 school year from the Washington, D.C.-based Anti-Defamation League (ADL).

During the year-long effort, WJCC said each of its schools in the district followed the program’s four-phase approach, maximizing student engagement. Each school formed a diverse student committee, encouraged students to participate in the WJCC Unity Pledge, conducted a student Unity survey, and implemented student-led activities to support the program’s tenets.

For the first time, all 16 Williamsburg-James City County Schools joined approximately 1,800 other schools across the nation by earning “No Place for Hate” designations.

The UJCVP’s Community Relations Council worked with the WJCC district to bring the ADL’s “No Place for Hate” program to the district.

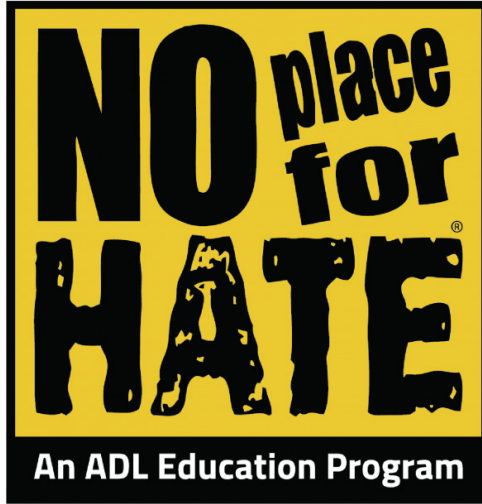
“During a time of rising antisemitism, we applaud the WJCC School District on making meaningful investments in building a culture free of hate,” shared UJCVP Executive Director Eric Maurer. “We know antisemitism does not happen in a vacuum. It lives hand-in-hand with the virus of racism and hate that targets many marginalized groups. It takes a village to join together in saying loudly and clearly that there is no place for hate in Williamsburg or anywhere else.”

WJCC said its students led the way by designing and implementing three activities to positively influence school climate during the 2023-24 academic year. The program focused on creating sustainable change by fostering inclusivity and a sense of belonging. By empowering students to learn about and take a stand against discrimination and bullying, WJCC Schools said students gained knowledge of simple concepts like respect, appreciation for differences, and acceptance.

One example the school district cited as an activity students implemented was at Jamestown, Lafayette, and Warhill High Schools. All three schools hosted the national BMX “No Hate High School Tour,” an educational program that uses the energy and excitement of action sports to deliver bullying prevention tools, techniques, and information to students, staff, and school leaders.

The program features BMX stars performing high-energy action sports shows on campus while speaking to the students about their own experiences with bullying, overcoming obstacles, being an ally, kindness, problem-solving, mental health awareness, and other important subjects for teens.

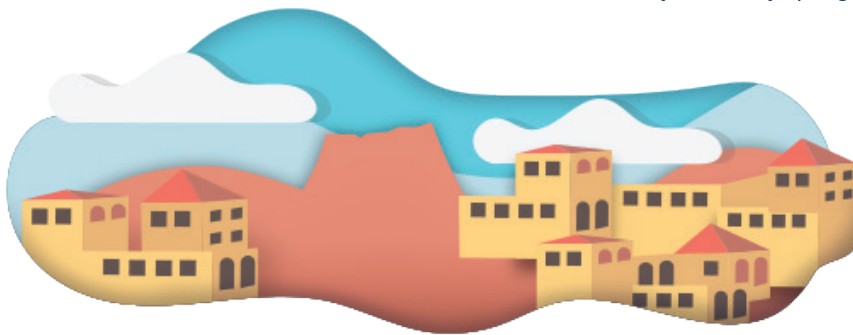
“I am proud of WJCC Schools’ student leaders for their commitment to positively shaping our community. Programs like ‘No Place for Hate’ prepare our students to be respectful citizens with the courage to effect change,” said Olwen Herron, superintendent of Williamsburg-James City County Schools.





Highlights

- Meet with IDF soldiers and residents of the communities where Hamas brutally attacked on October 7 and hear firsthand about the tragedies they experienced
- Enjoy a unique tour of the Tel Aviv markets, including tastings of Israel's diverse cuisine and wines
- Pay homage to the military and political heroes who laid the foundation for, and fought for, the survival of Israel at Mt. Herzl
- Travel back to the first century to hear and see the compelling story of Masada, while touring the site
- Relax and float in the Dead Sea and enjoy a beautiful Dead Sea spa
- Enjoy a Shabbat like no other, in Jerusalem, starting at the Kotel, followed by a traditional Shabbat dinner



Mission at a Glance

Travel to Israel to build community with our Israeli brothers and sisters and local people. Explore the land through a lens of resilience as we tour ancient and modern-day historical sites. Bear witness to the horrors of October 7 through visits to landmarks and discussions with local heroes. Hear their stories and give back to their communities with your presence and your patronage. It will be the trip of a lifetime, made better with commUNITY.



Dates

December 1-9, 2024

Cost

Double Occupancy: \$3,500 per traveler

Single Supplement: \$800

Price includes 4-star hotel accommodations, transportation, guides, most meals, taxes, tips, group transfers, and security. Participants are responsible for airfare and travel insurance.

Chair

Mike Stupar

Website

www.ujcvp.org

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If you fit in it, you sit in it!

Mon. July 15th, 7-8:30pm

Bring your own pool – we will provide the grass (plus games, snacks & adult beverages)!
 Drop off your pool on Friday 7/12 so we can fill it for you on Monday – please make sure to label your pool.

rsvp: ujcvp.org

PJ Library

Picnic on the Playground

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
2-4pm

Families, come enjoy a picnic, snack and craft based on the book Picnic at Camp Shalom.

The UJC will provide all supplies

Passport Families: **FREE**

Community Families: **\$10/family**

RSVP: ujcvp.org

BAGELS & FRAYLOX

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, August 18th - 2pm at the UJC

Tu B'Av Concert with Bagels & Fraylox Klezmer Band

\$10/person | RSVP: ujcvp.org

light refreshments will be served

JCC Maccabi Moment



NAME: Eli Green
AGE: 15
SCHOOL: Poquoson Middle School
SYNAGOGUE: Rodef Sholom Temple
EVENT: Basketball



NAME: Mia Green
AGE: 13
SCHOOL: Poquoson Middle School
SYNAGOGUE: Rodef Sholom Temple
EVENT: Soccer

As someone returning to Maccabi, what are you most looking forward to?

Seeing the people I met last time

What's your favorite Maccabi swag?

The jerseys

What do you like to eat before you compete?

Oranges

What is an Olympic sport that doesn't exist, but should?

Pickleball

What is one thing you would want to see at the Houston Maccabi Games this summer?

A famous person

Describe your perfect pizza.

Tons of cheese with meatballs and asiago cheese sprinkled on top

Who makes you laugh the most?

My friends and my grandpa

As someone returning to Maccabi, what are you most looking forward to at the JCC Maccabi Games?

I'm looking forward to playing soccer with my friends that I made last year.

Which athlete do you love the most?

Sophia Smith

What is your favorite Maccabi swag?

Sunglasses or the backpack

What do you eat before you compete?

Honeydew

What song do you listen to to get yourself pumped up?

California Girls by Katie Perry

What is one thing you would want to see at the Houston Maccabi Games this summer?

Cool pins to trade

Who makes you laugh the most?

My friends



JCC Maccabi Moment



NAME: Seth Green
AGE: 15
SCHOOL: Poquoson Middle School
SYNAGOGUE: Rodef Sholom Temple
EVENT: Basketball



NAME: Sam Schorr
AGE: 15
SCHOOL: Tabb Middle School
SYNAGOGUE: Temple Sinai
EVENT: Swimming

As someone returning to Maccabi, what are you most looking forward to?

I am looking forward to being with my Nashville teammates from last year and meeting new people

What's your favorite Maccabi swag?

My favorite swag is the team water bottles

What do you like to eat before you compete?

Before I compete, I like to eat a banana and drink a Gatorade

What song do you listen to to get yourself pumped up?

Probably something peaceful or new style hip hop/rap

What is one thing you would want to see at the Houston Maccabi Games this summer?

I'd love to see a group Maccabi night at an Astros game

Who makes you laugh the most?

My friends telling jokes or falling down

As someone returning to Maccabi, what are you most looking forward to at the JCC Maccabi Games?

I am looking forward to being able to compete again and more competitively

What is your favorite Maccabi swag?

The pins because you're able to trade them with other teams and they look nice

What do you eat before you compete?

I love to have pasta before my races

What song do you listen to to get yourself pumped up?

I just listen to whatever is on my playlist

What is one thing you would want to see at the Houston Maccabi Games this summer?

I would like to watch other sports compete because last time, I wasn't able to due to the timing of events

Who makes you laugh the most?

My friends make me laugh the most



Israeli Military Operation Rescues Four Hostages From Gaza

by: Ron Kampeas (JTA)



her abduction emerged that day. The fate of her boyfriend, Avinatan Or, also seen in the video being led away by terrorists, is not known.

Photos of Argamani enjoying herself before her abduction featured prominently on posters, fliers and social media advocating for the release of the hostages, and Hamas released at least two videos of her in captivity since Oct. 7.

Her plight gained additional note as her mother Liora, who has terminal brain cancer, pled for her release. Argamani was reportedly able to see her mother on Saturday; the

Israeli forces rescued four hostages held since Oct. 7 in the central Gaza Strip, including Noa Argamani, the festival-goer who was filmed screaming as she was carried away by terrorists on a motorcycle.

father of another rescued hostage, Jan, was found dead on Saturday, the victim, his sister said, of a broken heart.

In addition to Argamani, 26, the army said in a statement that Almog Meir Jan, 22; Andrey Kozlov, 27; and Shlomi Ziv, 41, were rescued Saturday in the raid. All four were attending the Nova music festival on Oct. 7, when Hamas terrorists killed approximately 1,200 people and abducted some 250, launching the war.

Israeli forces have now rescued a total of seven hostages from Gaza in three separate operations. More than 100 others were freed as part of a ceasefire deal in November. Israeli forces have mistakenly killed three hostages, and others are known to have been killed since Oct. 7. Israel has recovered a number of bodies of hostages who have died.

The army said special forces carried out the operation in Nuseirat in the center of the coastal territory. Arnon Zamora, a commander of the operation, was killed in the battle.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke with the released hostages. Images of the hostages reuniting with family proliferated on Israeli media. In a statement, Netanyahu congratulated the commanders of the operation. "The entire nation salutes you and the courageous fighters who today risked their lives in order to save lives," he said. "Yet again you have proven that Israel does not surrender to terrorism and acts with boundless valor and resourcefulness to return home our hostages."

Hamas initially said "dozens" of Palestinians were killed in the operation. Media later quoted the Hamas-run Gaza health ministry as saying the number was more than 200. It did not report what proportion were civilians and what proportion were combatants.

The Biden administration also praised the action. "We commend the work of the Israeli security services that conducted this daring operation," Jake Sullivan, the national security adviser, said in a statement.

A Hamas spokesman later said that Israeli captives were among the dead, but did not offer any evidence. The spokesman, posting on Telegram, said the attack would "pose a great danger" to the remaining captives. About 120 people are thought to remain captive, including dozens who have been killed.

The operation came as Hamas is weighing a ceasefire proposal from Israel and the United States that would see more hostages go free. Netanyahu has faced pressure from protesters to reach a deal, though his allies on the far right oppose the one that is on the table.

Argamani in particular became a symbol of Oct. 7, and especially of the massacre at the Nova festival where terrorists killed 364 people, after footage of

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SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES.



Services – 10:00AM



Light kiddish – 11:30 AM

For Community Passover Seder please visit our website .

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As we celebrate July 4th, we are reminded that our Founding Fathers were committed to religious freedom. Thomas Jefferson, author of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, stated that no person can be compelled to attend any church. The Statute states that an individual is free to worship as he pleases with no discrimination.

President George Washington, in a letter dated August 21, 1790, to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island, concluded the Government of the United States "Gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

Today our country needs to remember the wisdom of our Founding Fathers. Especially with today's disease of Anti-Semitism.

Shabbos Candle Lighting Times:

- July 5 - 8:10 pm
- July 12 - 8:07 pm
- July 19 - 8:04 pm
- July 26 - 7:59 pm
- August 2 - 7:52 pm
- August 9 - 7:45 pm
- August 16 - 7:37 pm
- August 23 - 7:27 pm
- August 30 - 7:18 pm

Rabbi Litt's Shabbos Schedule:

July 12-13, Aug. 9-10, Sept. 13-14,
Oct. 3-5 (Rosh Hashanah), Oct. 11-12
(Yom Kippur), Nov. 22-23, Dec. 20-21



July Shabbos lunch sponsored by Rabbi and Sarah Litt in honor of Dovid's birthday.

August Shabbos lunch sponsored by Rabbi and Sarah Litt in honor of their anniversary.



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Musical Accompanist Dr. Ben Corbin

Shabbat Services

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

July 5th – Shabbat in the Home

July 12th – Rabbi led services

July 19th – Cantor led services

July 26th – Lay led services

August 2nd – Lay led services

August 9th – Rabbi led services with cantorial accompaniment

August 16th – Lay led services

August 23rd – Lay led services

August 30th – Shabbat in the Home

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

Special Events & Other News

July 8th and August 12th – Board Meetings

Planning for the Fall.....

Religious School starts on Sunday, September 8th
at 10:00

First AlefBeit event will be for Sukkot on
Sunday, September 20th at 9:00

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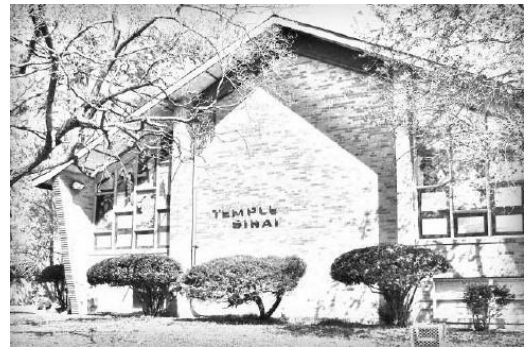
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Worship Services

- Friday, July 5th, 7:30 p.m.- Kabbalat Shabbat Service (Zoom only)
- Saturday, July 13th, 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Chavurah Service led by Irene Jacobson followed by light Kiddush luncheon
- Saturday, July 20th, 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Service & Baby Naming followed by light Kiddush luncheon
- Friday, July 26th, 7:30 p.m.- Kabbalat Shabbat Service of Healing

- Saturday, August 3rd, 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Service followed by light Kiddush luncheon
- Friday, August 9th, 7:30 p.m.- Kabbalat Shabbat Service (Zoom only)
- Saturday, August 17th, 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Service followed by light Kiddush luncheon
- Friday, August 23rd, 7:30 p.m.- Kabbalat Shabbat Service (Zoom only)
- Friday, August 30th, 7:30 p.m.- Kabbalat Shabbat Service (Zoom only)

Religious School

Our Religious School fosters an inclusive social-emotional Jewish learning environment featuring innovative and fun programs in partnership with special institutions and educators. Check it out!

For more information about services or Religious School, contact Mary Beth Colgan at: admin@nnsinai.hrcxmail.com or (757) 596-8352.

THE UJC STAFF GOT AXED! (BUT IN THE BEST WAY)

The UJC office staff and Sarfan Center teachers got to spend a fun afternoon at Stick It Axe Throwing. Everyone enjoyed good company, friendly competition, and ALL the snacks!



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Rodef Sholom Temple Golf Classic In Memory of Martin Damsky and Adam Deyong Sunday, July 14, 2024, 8:30am Woods Course



Format: Captain's Choice, 4-Person Teams. Shotgun Start at 8:30am
(If you do not have 4 players, enter individually and a team will be formed for you)



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In-Person and Zoom Services:

Minyan: Monday & Thursday @ 7:45 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday @ 6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Morning Services: Saturday @ 9:30 a.m.

Contact the Temple Office for Zoom information.
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'Suffs' creator Shaina Taub cites Jewish text in Tony Awards acceptance speech

by Philissa Cramer (JTA)



To celebrate her second Tony of the night on Sunday, June 16, "Suffs" creator Shaina Taub turned to Jewish tradition.

Taub won awards for best book of a musical and best original score written for theater for the Broadway show about the women who fought to be able to vote in the United States. In her acceptance speech for the second award, she thanked her mentors and gave a shoutout to "all the theater kids out there."

Then she quoted a Jewish text that she said had a prominent place in her show's literature. "The epigraph on my script is a quote from the

Talmud: You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it," said Taub, who also plays suffragist Alice Paul in the show. She added, "This is a hard year in our country, and I just hope that we can remember that when we organize and we come together we are capable of making real change and progress for this country for equality and justice. And so I hope we can all do that together."

The famous quotation, from Rabbi Tarfon, is found in the canonical text of Jewish ethics, Pirkei Avot. It is part of the Mishna, the code of oral law that is at the core of the Talmud. The saying has animated legions of Jewish activists, from acolytes of the late liberal Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the acting attorney general at the end of Donald Trump's presidency, who have sought to battle against steep odds to make change.

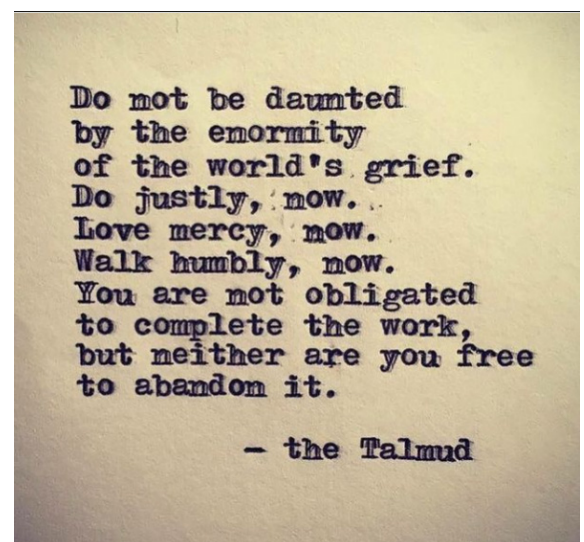
Taub, who was raised in a Jewish family in Vermont where she said she had little access to Jewish community, first shared the text on Instagram on Oct. 27, 2018, after a white supremacist murdered 11 Jews in a Pittsburgh synagogue. There, she posted a meme that shows several lines from Jewish texts, including an exhortation to "do justly" that appears in the Bible.

"The only thing bigger than my rage toward these white supremacist cowards is my love for the Jewish community and all its allies," she wrote at the time. "These words from the Talmud ground me in these times, so I offer them to you."

Taub elaborated on her connection to the quotation in an interview with Hey Alma in 2021, at a time when the public launch of "Suffs" was on hold because of the pandemic.

"It's part of the thesis of the show," she said at the time. "So much of the language of activism is about this finality of finishing a struggle — never again, enough is enough, if not now, then when. But the fights and the struggles for equality and justice are never finished, and no generation really completes that work. It doesn't mean you don't still have to work and fight and organize as if you could finish it. It's holding that contradiction in your head as an activist, and as any person working towards a better future."

"Cabaret" and "Prayer for the French Republic," two shows that include Jewish characters and stories, were shut out after being nominated for multiple awards. Alex Edelman, the Jewish comedian, won a Special Tony in recognition of his one-man show about antisemitism and identity, "Just For Us," that completed a Broadway run last year and is now streaming on HBO.



5 Jewish Recipes to Savor Over the Summer



Summer is here! It's time to savor some time at the beach, drinking on the porch and some delicious summer eats. Here are a few perfect summer Jewish foods: sip some classic Israeli-style mint lemonade; serve it like the Israelis and spike it with Arak, an anise flavored liquor. For a fun, kid-friendly twist, you can try limonana ice pops. It doesn't get more classic East-European Jewish than borscht: filling and refreshing on these hot summer days. Look to the cookie! Or in this case, look to some black and white cookie ice pops. A fun appetizer: Shabbat: challah wrapped hot dogs!

BLACK & WHITE COOKIE POPSICLES

A spin on the Jewish deli classic

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 c whole milk
- 1/2 c heavy cream, divided
- 2 tbsp sugar, divided
- 1-2 tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder
- 8 oz black and white cookies (if you can't find b&w cookies, use a similar amount of any cookie and follow directions accordingly)

DIRECTIONS

Divide the cookies in half - place the chocolate halves aside.

Place 3/4 c of milk, 1/4 c heavy cream, 1 tbsp sugar, and half the vanilla cookie halves into a blender. Chop the remaining vanilla halves into small pieces.

Blend the mixture for 30 seconds. Pour into popsicle molds, going only halfway up. Place a few chopped cookie pieces in each mold. Add popsicle sticks and freeze until frozen.

Clean out your blender and add the remaining 3/4 c milk, 1/4 c heavy cream, 1 tbsp sugar, cocoa powder, along with half the chocolate cookie halves. Chop the remaining chocolate halves into small pieces. Blend the mixture for 30 seconds. Keep refrigerated until ready to use.

When the pops are frozen from freezer, add the chocolate mixture and a few chocolate cookie pieces to each mold. Freeze overnight.

To release the pops, hold molds briefly under hot water. Yields 8-10 popsicles.



LIMONANA - FROZEN MINT LEMONADE

A simple, sweet, refreshing Middle Eastern slushy drink with lemon and mint. Takes 5 minutes to make. Easy, vegan, kosher, pareve.

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 c sugar (more to taste)
- 1 3/4 c water (divided)
- 1 c fresh lemon juice
- 3 1/2 c ice
- 1 c fresh mint leaves
- 6 mint springs for garnish (optional)

DIRECTIONS

In a small saucepan, combine 1 c water and sugar. Heat over medium heat, whisking constantly, until sugar dissolves. Let cool to room temperature.

In a blender, combine sugar water, fresh lemon juice, ice, fresh mint leaves and 3/4 c water. Pulse for a few seconds, then blend for 1 minute until the ice is thoroughly crushed and the drink takes on the texture of a thick slushy. Taste. This recipe produces a mildly sweet limonana; add sugar to taste, if desired, and blend again.

Pour into cold glasses and garnish with mint.

**Note: you can also make this drink with Stevia or your favorite low glycemic sweetener. Rather than making sugar water, add a cup of unsweetened water to the blender (2 c of water total) and blend without sugar. Add your sweetener of choice to taste, blend again, and serve.*



LIMONANA ICE POPS WITH FRESH MINT

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 c sugar
- 1/2 c water
- 2-3 mint leaves
- 1 1/2 c fresh lemon juice
- 2 tbsp fresh lemon zest
- 1/2 c water
- 2 c ice
- 1/4 c additional mint leaves



DIRECTIONS

To make the mint simple syrup, place sugar, water and mint leaves in a small pot over medium high heat. Once sugar has dissolved, remove from heat and allow to cool. Remove mint leaves.

Place lemon juice, lemon zest, water, ice and simple syrup in a blender. Pulse a few times and then add additional mint until ice is broken up and flecks of green can be seen throughout.

Pour mixture into ice pop molds and freeze overnight.

When ready to eat, place molds under hot water to release. Serve immediately.

BORSCHT

A recipe for traditional cold beet soup

INGREDIENTS

- 1 c soup cream
- 6 peeled boiled potatoes (optional)
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 2 tbsp sugar or to taste
- 2 lbs raw beets
- Salt and pepper



DIRECTIONS

Peel the beets and dice them. If they are young, cutting will be easy. If they are old and too hard to dice, cut them in half, boil then cut them up.

Put the beets in a pan with 9 c of water and salt and a dash of salt and pepper. Simmer for 1 1/2 hours.

Let soup cool, then chill, covered in the fridge. Add the lemon and sugar to taste before serving. Remove some of the beet pieces with a slotted spoon if it seems like there are too many of them (and save to eat with a salad).

Serve with a boiled potato, putting one in each bowl (optional). Add a dollop of sour cream.

CHALLAH HOT DOGS

A fun appetizer for summer parties, Shabbat dinners, game-nights or kids' birthday parties.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 tbsp dry active yeast
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 1/2 c lukewarm water
- 4 1/2-5 c all-purpose flour
- 1/4 c vegetable oil
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3/4 c sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 packages kosher hot dogs
- 1 egg + 1 tsp water

DIRECTIONS

Make your challah dough:

In a small bowl, place yeast, 1 tsp sugar and lukewarm water. Allow to sit for 10 minutes until it becomes foamy on top.

In a large bowl or stand mixer with whisk attachment, mix together 1 1/2 c flour, salt and sugar. After the water-yeast mixture has become foamy, add to flour mixture along with oil. Mix thoroughly.

Add another 1 c of flour and eggs. Mix until smooth. Switch to the dough hook attachment if using a stand mixer.

Add another 1 1/2-2 c flour, mixing thoroughly and then remove from bowl and place on a floured surface.

Knead remaining 1/2 c flour into dough, continuing to knead for 5 minutes.

Place dough in a greased bowl and cover with damp towel. Allow to rise at least 3 hours, punching down at least once. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

After dough has risen, start cutting it into 3 oz pieces (use a digital scale if you have one). Wrap dough around each hot dog, pinching ends under and placing on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.



Whisk 1 egg with 1 tsp water and brush each challah dog with egg wash. Top with sesame seeds, poppy. Bake for 18 minutes, or until puffy and golden all over.

Serve with mustard (optional).



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UJCVP Community July/August 2024 Calendar

Thursday, July 4, 2024

UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

6pm - 20/30 Music & Ice Cream

Thursday, July 11, 2024

11am - Grand Club/Bingo

Monday, July 15, 2024

7pm - BYOP Party

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Pearl Challah Pick Up
11am - Grand Club/Bingo

Thursday, July 19, 2024

Pearl Challah Pick Up

Thursday, July 25, 2024

10am - Kibbitz & Create
11am - Grand Club/Bingo

Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024

11am - Grand Club/Bingo

Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024

11am - Grand Club/Bingo

Sunday, Aug. 11, 2024

2pm - PJ Library Picnic
on the Playground

Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024

7pm - Adult Paint Night

Thursday, Aug. 15, 2023

11am - Grand Club/Bingo

Sunday, Aug. 18, 2024

2pm - Tu B'Av Concert with
Bagels & Fraylox Klezmer Band

Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024

11am - Grand Club/Bingo

Thursday, Aug. 29, 2024

10am - Kibbitz & Create
11am - Grand Club/Bingo

