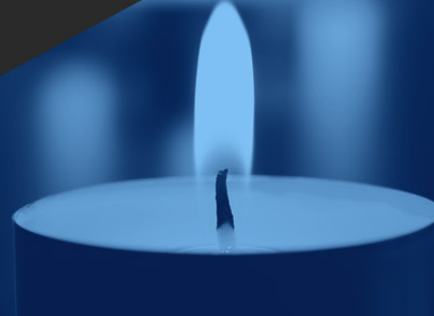


Jewish Community News

News of the Jewish VA Peninsula Community

October 2024/5785

October 7th Marking One Year



A Night of Remembrance, Resilience and Hope

Join the United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula for a community-wide event to honor the lives lost and held captive in the October 7 terrorist attacks.

The event will include the display of *Resilience in the Rubble: Portraits of Strength After Destruction*. This photo exhibit captures the horrific attacks of October 7, 2023 followed by the inspiring journey of healing, hope, and recovery. The images paint a stark contrast: raw devastation and horror set against the strength and resilience of the Israeli people.

Date: October 6, 2024

Location: UJCVP
401 City Center Boulevard
Newport News

Schedule:

6:00pm - Doors Open
7:00-8:00pm - Ceremony

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - WALK-INS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

Please register at:

ujcvp.org/community-calendar/marking-october-7



Bernice Gordon Fund of

Rodef Sholom

Mazel tov to Wendy & Jonathan Eisner on the engagement of Jamie & Max
Joanne & Richard Gordon

Jewish Family Services

In honor of Stan Dickman's birthday
Tzina Richman

In honor of Elliot Errera
Sam & Susan Parrucci

In memory of Shelly Frank Currin
Tzina Richman

Eric & Jack Luckman

Memorial Endowment Fund

In honor of Jody & Rabbi David Eligberg's daughter's engagement
Lori & Jeff Luckman

Mazel tov to Lori & Jeff Luckman in honor of their granddaughter, Ryder
Joanne & Richard Gordon

In honor of Ed Olshansky's volunteer work at Arira Senior Living
Lori & Jeff Luckman

In honor of Barbara Rosenbaum's Young Leadership Award in her name
Lori & Jeff Luckman

In honor of David Spigel's confirmation
Lori & Jeff Luckman

In memory of Patricia Rolphe
Lori & Jeff Luckman

Barbara Rosenbaum Young

Leadership Fund

In honor of Mariel Focseneanu Martha & Tsvi Katz-Hyman

UJC Preschool Fund

In honor of Libby & Buddy David's anniversary
Nathan Sharf

Mazel tov to Betty and Roy Lasris on the arrival of their new granddaughter
Carmela Malkin Kuhn
Sara Traster & Dave Harriss

Mazel tov to Lori & Jeff Luckman on the arrival of their granddaughter
Carmela Malkin Kuhn

In memory of Alan Goldberg
Nathan Sharf

UJC Youth Fund

In memory of Shelly Currin
Janet & Jon Frank

Marilyn & Dr. Mark

Nataupsky Holocaust

Education Fund

In honor of Becca & Eric Maurer's anniversary
Mark Nataupsky

In memory of June Mayer
Mark Nataupsky

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Unrestricted Endowment Fund

In memory of Scott Gordon Schreiber
Jackie & Eddie Cohen

Leonard & Sylvia Waters Resource Center Fund

In memory of Stan Jakubowski
Sandy & Howard Waters

As the shofar call signals the start of a new year, we are reminded of the incredible power of unity, hope, and renewal. This Rosh Hashanah, as we step into 5785, let's imagine the possibilities that lie ahead when we come together, As One.



Imagine the Hope We'll Spread

As One, we will remain steadfast in our support of our brothers and sisters in Israel as they continue to heal and rebuild. We will draw strength and inspiration from their stories of courage and resilience in the face of tragedy. We

will strengthen the bonds that unite our global family in Israel and over 70 countries, and ensure flourishing Jewish communities around the world.



Imagine the Lives We'll Touch

As One, we will be a source of hope and compassion for all members of our community. We will actively seek out those feeling isolated or vulnerable to extend a hand of friendship and support. We will care for and support

those struggling or facing food insecurity. We will ensure that everyone in our community feels seen, heard, and valued.



Imagine the Legacy We'll Build

As One, we will keep the stories of Holocaust survivors alive. We will confront the insidious rise of antisemitism, and stand up to hatred and bigotry in all of its forms. We will invest in educational programs that

build bridges across cultures, and advocate for policies that promote peace and understanding. We will fight for Israel's security and protect its right to exist as a democratic Jewish State.



Imagine the Future We'll Shape

As One, we will build sanctuaries of learning and joy in our synagogues and community center where Jewish life can flourish. We will foster inclusive and welcoming spaces where our differences are celebrated,

and everyone feels a sense of pride and belonging.

As we approach 5785, let's renew our commitment to each other and the values that make our community so special. As One, we can create a year filled with hope, joy, and meaningful connection.

Wishing you and your loved ones a sweet and happy new year. L'shanah Tovah!



Eric Maurer
CEO



Steve Marks
President

Campaign Corner - Jessi Malkin



*“One question is always relevant:
How can I use this to move forward?”
- Rebbetzin Tziporah Heller*

With a new year upon us, I cannot help but feel the forward momentum pushing me into 5785. Like many of you, I am ready to leave the stress, anguish, and uncertainty of 5784 behind. Let’s look to the future.

Let’s look to December 2024, when our community will travel to Israel to respect the past, acknowledge and live in the present, while looking toward the future of our homeland in Israel and on our peninsula. We would love to have you travel with us.

Let’s look toward Hanukkah when the lights from our menorahs will guide us into 2025. (This has not happened since 2005.) I cannot wait to see the creative spin this will add to the holiday season. I truly hope it tops Thanksgiving 2013!

Let’s look to the future of our community, where the planning has already begun. We are fortunate to be supported by leadership who always plan and provide for the future. As One, we secure, we support, we respond, we engage in the present to allow for our collective future.

Wishing you and your family a healthy, prosperous, and joyful future in 5785!

To learn more about contributing to the future of the UJC through our Annual Campaign or the UJC CommUNITY Israel Mission, please email: jmalkin@ujcvp.org





Community Hebrew School Begins October 1st

Jewish values and traditions are vividly brought to life and made relevant at our after-school program, inspiring Jewish pride and identity in children of all levels.

Hebrew School meets Tuesdays from 4:30-6pm at the UJC

To enroll your child(ren), please visit: ujcvp.org/hebrewschool

Questions? Email Carmela Malkin Kuhn
carmela@ujcvp.org

Tepper Foundation Awards UJCVP \$50,000 Security Grant



Jewish institutions across the U.S. have tightened security measures as a response to an increase in antisemitism since the attack on Israel by Hamas on October 7. Because those measures have come at great financial cost to the community, the United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula (UJCVP) has been working to identify outside funding to help offset the costs incurred by our local synagogues.

The UJCVP is pleased to announce they were named as a recipient of a national grant funded by the Tepper Foundation. The \$50,000 grant is aimed at addressing urgent increased security needs and focuses on supporting security for programs and institutions providing services to early-aged children through the end of 2024. This grant from the Tepper Foundation will be dispersed to our community's synagogues and to the UJCVP to help offset the cost of hiring security personnel.

The Tepper Foundation, whose focus is on combatting identity-based hate, identified a need for security personnel in Jewish institutions serving young children. "At the Tepper Foundation, we believe that everyone has the right to enjoy the full expression of their identities, and that includes feeling safe in their local meeting spaces and places of worship," said David Tepper, Founder and Chair of the Board of the Tepper Foundation. Tepper focused on safeguarding Jewish spaces frequented by families and children for this nationwide grant.

"Sadly, security is a top concern for our Jewish community and we are doing everything that we possibly can to bolster communal security," shared UJCVP CEO Eric Maurer. "The Virginia Peninsula was one of the first communities in North America to join SCN's Regional Security Director program. Through this regional partnership, we monitor and improve our community's security posture and offer a range of security training programs and safety assessments to Jewish organizations on the Virginia Peninsula."

The Tepper Foundation's current round of grants totaled \$9 million and was awarded to 76 local Federations, including the UJCVP, across 30 states with a requirement that they be a recipient of Jewish Federations' LiveSecure funding. LiveSecure participating Federations, all of which have established comprehensive security plans under the auspices of Jewish Federations of North America, have committed to building and strengthening relationships with other religious leaders and faith-based institutions in their communities by sharing their security expertise.

As part of the UJCVP's acceptance of the grant from the Tepper Foundation, the security investment will be leveraged to offer support and expertise to local faith-based institutions outside the Jewish community through annual trainings and Non-Profit Security Grant (NSGP) security assessment support. In doing so, local faith-based institutions will improve their ability to secure their own community, while the Jewish community strengthens its community relations efforts.

The UJCVP is proud to help create a safe, secure, and flourishing Jewish community. To learn more about the UJCVP's Secure Community Initiative, please visit ujcvp.org/security



Education **Corner** - Carmela Malkin Kuhn



Sarfan Center Spotlight: Corin Keller, Farmer Extraordinaire

Our children almost always grab the spotlight at the Sarfan Center, however today we are placing the spotlight on one of our teachers. Corin Keller, our Tziporim 2-year-olds lead teacher, has been working at the Sarfan Center for three years. This spring, she took on a new role at the preschool: she has become our green thumb community gardener. All summer, Corin has worked hard through the scorching heat to tend to our school garden. Whether it is weeding, watering, or harvesting crops, you can find Corin in our garden each morning.

The school garden has become a new learning space for our children, incorporating curiosity and social responsibility (especially when our preschoolers share their cucumber and tomato harvest with our UJCVP Grand Club seniors).

Our garden is flourishing with flowers, basil, snap peas, squash, cucumbers, tomatoes and peppers. And can you believe we actually have pumpkins growing for Sukkot?

We will now move onward to winter gardening, complete with spinach and beets. Corin's commitment to being the school gardener will reap many rewards. Winter, spring, summer and fall, we surely appreciate the hard work and dedication of our Sarfan Gardener. Thank you Corin!



The Sarfan Center will be closed the following dates:

Thurs. 10/3 & **Fri. 10/4** | **Thurs. 10/17** & **Fri. 10/18**

Thurs. 10/24 & **Fri. 10/25**

W&M Hillel Brings Israel Fellow to Campus, with Support from UJCVP Endowment

College is a time for young Jews and non-Jews alike to learn new perspectives and explore issues that really matter to them. While college years give many students a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn about Israel, and even spend time studying in Israel, anti-Israel sentiment and activism are all too commonplace. In 2023-2024, North American campuses saw an alarming rise in anti-Israel and antisemitic incidents with the growth of the BDS movement and the ongoing war in Israel following the October 7, 2023 attacks by Hamas.

William and Mary Hillel recognized the need to support Jewish college students in this hostile and challenging reality and is doing so by adding an authentic and engaging Israeli presence to the campus this year. William and Mary Hillel has brought on Yeela Mimrod, an Israel Fellow through The Jewish Agency, as a full-time employee.

Jewish Agency Israel Fellows are charismatic young professionals who have graduated from college and served in the Israel Defense Forces. In their roles on campus, they share personal experiences of modern Israel through the lens of its socially-progressive values and its accomplishments in technology, life sciences, and the arts. Working hand-in-hand with Hillel professionals on campus, the Fellows support students and help them to grapple with complex issues that are often emotional and may seem contradictory. Israel Fellows often become the face of Israel for the North American students they work with, offering them a unique and authentic relationship with Israel and Israelis.

“Yeela has extensive experience working with young adults in Israel from various backgrounds,” shared W&M Hillel Executive Director, Rabbi Gershon Litt. “Our student president, Lilly, loved Yeela and believes

that Yeela will inspire our new and returning students to learn more about Israel and not hide their identities, but rather be proud of who they are as Jews at this complicated time. She will live near campus and be part of the campus community.”

In addition to her work at William & Mary Hillel, Yeela will build relationships with students at Christopher Newport University, as well as facilitate programming in the larger community.



In addition to the support from the Jewish Agency, the UJCVP Endowment has awarded W&M Hillel a grant to help make this opportunity possible.

“We recognize the critical importance of Israel education and the profound impact that this initiative will have on Jewish students at William & Mary and beyond,” shared UJCVP CEO Eric Maurer. “The challenges that our community has faced since October 7th have indeed brought Israel into sharper focus, and we commend W&M Hillel’s proactive approach in meeting these challenges head-on.”

The UJCVP Endowment strengthens and protects the Virginia Peninsula’s Jewish community by building a permanent pool of charitable dollars provided by generous donors who share our vision of a strong, resilient and joyous community for generations.

Guided by Jewish values, we assist donors in structuring charitable gifts, building legacies, facilitating personalized philanthropy, helping our partners establish a culture of endowment giving, and distributing community grants to a broad range of programs and institutions.

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**Humor and Play in
Rabbinic Literature:
Laughing at God**

FEATURING
Professor Christine Hayes



Professor Christine Hayes
Sterling Professor of Religious Studies
in Classical Judaica at Yale University

In many legends and stories, the Talmudic rabbis depict God in shockingly human terms: the divine being wears tefillin and prays, studies Torah, weeps, makes mistakes, and suffers correction by humans. Were the rabbis just having fun? This lecture considers the ancient rabbis' use of humor and play to explore and express the "seriously" distinctive character of Israel's God.

Sunday, October 20, 2024
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Their Memory Is A Blessing by Julia Downer

There are two types of people when it comes to obituaries, those who enjoy reading them and those who do not. Thankfully for the J, I am a person that does.

Many know me on campus as a teacher in various ways: art at camp, pre-k during the school year, art events in the evenings. While much of my experience has indeed been in art and education, my master's degree is actually in museum studies. So when approached with the project of digitizing and organizing the Jewish Cemetery records, Eric Maurer apologized for the "not very exciting" task. Truth was that I genuinely enjoy working with historical and material culture, and thankfully because of my background, I know my way around collections management. What Eric did not know is that he would end up with a detailed, color-coded spreadsheet of nearly 2,000 records to start the transition of digitizing this priceless information. Later I would come to find out that carrying on this work truly was kismet.

Sure, reading obituaries can seem morbid, but I would argue it honors those no longer with us, fully embracing *zichrona livricha*, and allowing their lives to continue blessing ours. For weeks I would go through the cemetery records in file folders, reading each obituary that was included. The staff in the office humored me as I excitedly shared tidbits of lives I found fascinating, whether it was the dentist that was also a stained glass artist or the woman who was finally bat mitzvah'd at age 73.

Judaism teaches us that honor, respect, and caring for a person who has died is one of the greatest mitzvot we can do. Changing our physical relationship with the person into a spiritual one, enriching our lives with their life and their wisdom. Within these records, each person had a story to tell and I eagerly listened.

This was not the first time cemetery records were compiled to get a better understanding of who, and where, our community members are located within the historic Rosenbaum cemetery. A few have taken on the task over the years including a name I recognized: Stan Glasofer (z"l). Long before I taught at the J, or before my children attended school there, my husband and I bought a house that happened to be owned by Stan

and his wife; one of many small ways connecting us to this community - again, kismet.

In reading I learned that Stan's father, Seymour Glasofer (z"l) was a veterinarian who would take him to the now Mariners' Lake to vaccinate the ducks.

I learned that Lillian Diamondstein (z"l) was a coffee girl in WWII that once borrowed a handkerchief from a soldier to blot her lipstick. That soldier then kept it as a good luck charm to get through the war and they met again two years later. Yes, he still had the handkerchief, lipstick stain and all.

I learned that Edwin Joseph (z"l) earned his first job in a fish market by reciting "excellent" Hebrew he learned for his bar mitzvah.

I learned that David Cohen (z"l) was a professional magician by the name of "The Great Cohini" that sadly had a heart attack mid-show.

I learned that Lotte Goldstein (z"l) was born in Sieburg, Germany and as a young girl her parents sent her to America in 1936, alone on a ship, to avoid the Holocaust.

I learned that Jeanne Cohen (z"l) was known as "an immaculate dresser."

I learned that Sybil Heilberg (z"l) was instructor of Chinese cooking for NNPS. Her husband Max (z"l) was barred from practicing law by the Nazis so he left Germany. He met Sybil in England and the two moved to Cuba, then the US.

I learned that Lawrence Lieberman (z"l) was a medical administrative officer in Normandy after D-Day.

I learned that Irving Goldstein (z"l) earned a scholarship to study art all across Europe.

I learned that Donald Rosenbaum (z"l) wrote his own obituary, opening with: "Why should I cause my wife the anguish of composing an obituary?"

I learned that George Lebolt (z"l) was an award-winning bonsai artist, donating most of his collection to the Montreal Botanical Gardens where you can still



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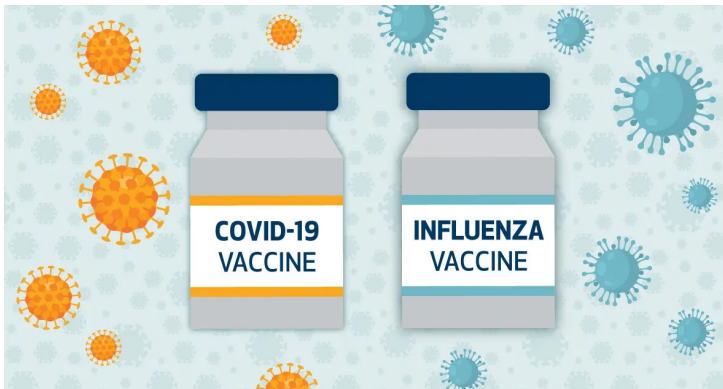
visit today, in the George LeBolt Bonsai Collection.

I learned that G. Ben Levinson (z"l) helped repopulate livestock across Israel post-WWII.

I learned that Freda Wolf (z"l) had an "uncanny ability to come up with a show tune for nearly every occasion."

I learned that Rachel Melamed (z"l) survived the horrors of Stutthof Nazi Concentration Camp.

I finished inputting each record around the same time my family was getting ready to move out of Stan's house. Before we left, I grabbed a small stone from the front yard and wrote our house number on it, then made the drive over to the cemetery. After reading through file after file of plots, I feel like I know the cemetery so well already despite it being my first time there. I walked around and found Stan, and left my stone on his marker, what I have come to learn is a sign of respect, a mitzvah in honoring the deceased. It was an honor to carry on work after Stan, in our home, and again within this community.



Vaccine Clinic at the J

Thursday, October 10th

11am-2pm

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Kibbitz & Create

Thursday

October 31st, 10am-12pm

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

All fiber arts crafts welcome and anyone can join in!

RSVP at ujcvp.org

Questions? Email Jessi Malkin
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Summer Camp Chaverim - *Naioki Wood*



We Take Fun Seriously!

This summer, Camp Chaverim opened its doors to 132 enthusiastic campers. Little did they know, they were in for a SERIOUS treat! Each week, campers were presented with challenges, new skills to learn, and a lot about which to talk. Campers kicked off the summer with the knowledge that they would be off campus more than they have in the past. Each week, our camp groups traveled to the Mariners' Museum to enjoy recreation, wellness, and learning by the Lake. Campers spent their time learning how to kayak, investigate specimens, and went on scavenger hunts through the museum.

Our esteemed team of counselors helped to continue the task of keeping our summer enthusiasts busy. Campers and counselors worked together to build vessels sturdy enough to protect a watermelon from a 10 foot drop, learned how to play volleyball, participated in soccer and Taekwondo clinics, celebrated Shabbat through dramatic arts, crafted beautiful clay pinch pots, enjoyed perfecting their cannonball skills at Wendwood Pool, made challah from scratch, and successfully launched themselves off the UJC zipline. Campers young and old created summer moments that could not have happened anywhere else. It has become clear to all, Camp Chaverim takes having fun very seriously!



Mark your calendars for our Camp Chaverim Reunion Bash!
Sunday, November 10th
More info on page 15

New Teen Philanthropy Board Empowers Youth to Put Jewish Values Into Action



This year, the UJCVP has launched a year-long program for 8th-12th graders from across the Peninsula to develop strong leadership skills, learn the ins and outs of philanthropy through a Jewish lens, and allocate grants to effect real change in the causes they care about most.

The group will use a consensus process to choose an issue area to focus on for the year, learn about non-profits, grant proposals and how to evaluate them, raise funds, go on site visits to different agencies, and eventually allocate money to various non-profits of their choice — all while experiencing firsthand how the grant-making cycle works and how philanthropy is applied to real life.

The program starts on October 20th and will meet every two to four weeks, for two hours. There will also be a grant presentation ceremony to close out the year in late spring. In the spring, each board will do 3-5 site visits to learn more about their different non-profits. Full engagement in each session is strongly encouraged and there may be minimal work required in between.

The program is designed for caring and motivated teens who are interested in philanthropy, leadership and transforming the world around them.

For more information, or to sign up, visit ujcvp.org/changemakers.



JCCY FALL FEST

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Passport Members - Free
Community Members - \$10/child

JCC Youth is for K-3rd graders ujcvp.org/children

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LA-BASED KLEZMER BAND MOSTLY KOSHER BRINGS A MUSICAL FEAST TO NEWPORT NEWS

Mostly Kosher, the acclaimed klezmer-rock band, radically reconstructs Judaic and American cultural music through ravenous klezmer beats and arresting Yiddish refrains.



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TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE MOSTLY KOSHER BAND ON NOV. 3RD!

Joint Sunday School, 10am-12pm

**Mostly Kosher Kids
Interactive Workshop**

Band members Leeav and Janice introduce Klezmer and Yiddish music to kids, while stomping, clapping, stamping and snapping to Old World beats and New World rhythms!

*Program for grades K & up.
Early Childhood kids may attend
with an adult.*

Dessert Reception, 3pm

**Old World Meets New
with Mostly Kosher**

Learn about the history of Klezmer and Yiddish music with Mostly Kosher band leaders Leeav Sofer and Janice Mautner Markham, see where they have traveled, geographically and artistically!

Program for teens to adults.

**RSVP AT: UJCVP.ORG
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Mostly Koshers Concert
 at Ferguson Center for the Arts

Sunday, December 1st - 3:00pm

Tickets on sale at:
fergusoncenter.org/events/detail/mostly-kosher

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 at checkout
 to save 15% off
 ticket prices!



Read more about Mostly Kosher on page 16!

World Renowned Klezmer Band Comes to Newport News

Acclaimed klezmer-rock band Mostly Koshers has been described as delivering a musical feast that explodes into a global food-fight of jazz, Latin, rock, and folk. The Ferguson Center at Christopher Newport University will welcome their radically reconstructed Judaic and American cultural music, filled with what have been called “ravishing klezmer beats and arresting Yiddish refrains,” on Sunday, December 1st at 3:00pm. All seats are just \$43, with an additional discount if you use promo code “UJCVP.”

Led by frontman Leeav Sofer, one of Jewish Journal’s “30 under 30” most accomplished professionals in the Los Angeles Jewish diaspora, Mostly Koshers includes violinist Janice Mautner Markham, drummer Eric Hagstrom, bassist Adam Levy, trombonist Mike King, and Will Brahm on guitar, with guest artists Anibal Seminario and Anderson Quintero.

The music of the Jewish people from Eastern Europe, Klezmer grew to popularity in the 1800s and has enjoyed an American resurgence in recent decades. As Markham said in an interview last year, Mostly Koshers fits comfortably under the World Music tent. “Jews have lived all over the globe. Our music is far from a one-size-fits-all,” she said. “But the common denominator is that it comes from the core of the Jewish cultural heritage; we just pick it up from whatever country of origin we find it, and then drive it to a whole new destination.”

Along with leading the Mostly Koshers band, Leeav Sofer is on faculty at the Colburn School in Los Angeles, and he is dedicated to progressing cultural folk music of Judaic heritage. He is the founder of The Urban Voices Project, a program that provides music workshops for men, women and families suffering from homelessness in Skid Row and around Los Angeles County.

Violinist Janice Mautner Markham is on faculty at the

Herb Alpert School of Music at UCLA, and is associate band leader of Mostly Koshers. She is Artistic Director of Vox Box Arts Collective, a non-profit supported by numerous organizations including The Alaska Mental Health Trust, The NEA, and the James Irvine Foundation. Janice is involved in boots-on-ground activism as a volunteer canvasser through The Leadership Lab at the Los Angeles LGBT Center. She earned a Masters in Social Justice/Human Rights at Arizona State University and is a Doctoral Researcher at Birmingham University, UK, for her thesis, *Women Composers Impacted by the Holocaust*.



In advance of the December 1st concert at the Ferguson Center, Leeav and Janice will be making an advance visit to the UJCVP on November 3rd to share a taste of what is to come. In the morning, they will lead an interactive workshop for kids and families to learn all about klezmer music while stomping, clapping, stamping and snapping to Old World beats and New World rhythms! Participants will learn joyous Freylekh beats and Yiddish niguns while incorporating body percussion, “call and response” singing and yai dai dai-ing!

In the afternoon on November 3rd, they will lead an exploration for adults on the history of Klezmer and Yiddish music with Mostly Koshers band leaders Leeav Sofer and Janice Mautner Markham. Mostly Koshers has relished their genre mixing and mash-ups of Judaic folk music and modern genres - get an inside look as they deconstruct their process.

More information about both these offerings can be found at ujcvp.org.

The UJCVP is proud to partner with the Ferguson Center in bringing these opportunities to the community.

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Jewish Family Services - Libby Batten



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Empowering Seniors, One Step at a Time, featuring helpful presenters and real solutions.

Join us for special programming geared for our senior community members. Come for Grand Club and stay an extra 30 minutes while you finish up lunch and dessert.

Our first program will be on November 7th at 12:30pm with a guest from Dominion Energy for energy saving tips.





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

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



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OCTOBER 2-4

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
6:30 Evening Services 7:15
Community Holiday Dinner

ROSH HASHANAH
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
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Shabbat Services

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

October 4th – Shabbat in the Home

October 6th - Tashlich at 11:00, please meet in the Mariners Museum parking lot, followed by lunch out.

October 11th – Kol Nidre services at 6:30 PM

October 18th – Lay led services

October 25th – Cantor led services

L'Shanah Tovah from all of us at CEVO

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

Special Events & Other News

High Holiday Schedule:

October 2nd at 6:30PM – Rosh Hashanah Eve Service
October 3rd at 10:00AM – Rosh Hashanah Day Service
October 11th at 6:30PM – Yom Kipper Eve Service
October 12th at 9:30AM – Yom Kipper Morning Service
October 12th at 3:15PM – Yom Kipper Afternoon Service
October 23rd at 6:00PM – Simchat Torah Service

We welcome anyone who would like to join us!

Sukkot will be celebrated during our AlefBeit program on Sunday, October 20th at 9:00. This program is open for 2-5 year olds. If you'd like to join us, please rsvp to office.cevo@gmail.com.

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Candle Lighting Times:

October 2 - 6:28pm Rosh Hashanah
October 3 - 7:23pm Rosh Hashanah
October 4 - 6:25pm Shabbos
October 11 - 6:16pm Yom Kippur/Shabbos
October 16 - 6:09pm Sukkot
October 17 - 7:04pm Sukkot
October 18 - 6:06pm Shabbos
October 23 - 6:00pm Shemini Atzeret
October 24 - 6:56pm Simchas Torah
October 25 - 5:58pm Shabbos

Rabbi Litt's Shabbos Schedule:

November 22-23
December 20-21

A message from Rabbi Litt:

As we approach the holidays, consider what you can do in the memory of a loved one, in the memory of those that the Jewish people have lost this year, or in the merit of acts that you commit to doing in the coming year. In just a few weeks we will say, "Repentance, prayer, and tzedakah avert the severe decree." May the tzedakah that we give this time of year be a tikkun, a remedy, for ourselves, our loved ones and the Jewish people. May the upcoming year of 5785 usher in a time of peace, harmony, and the rebuilding of our Holy Temple, speedily in our days.
Shana Tova

Yom Tov Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashana - Wed. Oct. 2nd

Mincha/Maariv 6:15 PM

Rosh Hashana Day 1 - Thurs. Oct. 3rd

Shacharis 9:00 AM

Shofar Blowing 12:20 PM

Mincha/Maariv 6:00 PM

Rosh Hashana Day 2 - Fri. Oct. 4th

Shacharis 9:00 AM

Shofar Blowing 12:20 PM

Mincha/Maariv 6:00 PM

Shabbos Day - Oct. 5th

Shacharis 9:30 AM

End of Shabbos 7:20 PM

Kol Nidrei - Fri. Oct. 11th

Kol Nidrei/Maariv 6:00PM

Yom Kippur - Sat. Oct. 12th

Shacharis 9:00 AM

Yizkor 12:35 PM

Neilah 5:45 PM

Maariv/Havdala 7:10 PM



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2024- 5785 HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

ROSH HASHANAH - Wednesday October 2 - 8:00pm
Thursday, October 3 - 9:30am
Friday, October 4 - 9:30am

GRAVESIDE PRAYERS - Sunday, October 6 - 12:30pm
Jewish Cemetery of the Virginia Peninsula (Rosenbaum)

KOL NIDRE - Friday, October 11 - 6:00pm

YOM KIPPUR - Saturday, October 12 - 9:30am
Yizkor will be recited
Study Session - 4:15pm
Mincha/Neilah Service - 5:00pm
Shofar Blowing - 7:11pm
Maariv - 7:12pm
End of Fast (followed by Break Fast) - 7:28pm

SUKKOT - Thursday, October 17 - 6:00pm
Friday, October 18 - 9:30am
Friday, October 18 - 6:00pm
Congregational Dinner in Sukkah after services
Saturday, October 19 - 9:30am

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Our warm, inclusive congregation welcomes all guests, including Jews by heritage, Jews by choice, secular Jews, interfaith families, couples, singles, children, and LGBT+ members.

If you would like to attend services, contact Mary Beth in the Temple Office 757-596-8352.



Worship Services

- Friday, Oct. 4th, 7:30 p.m. – Kabbalat Shabbat Shuvah (Zoom only)
- Saturday, Oct. 19th, 10:00 a.m.- Shabbat/Sukkot Service & light Kiddush luncheon
- Friday, Oct. 25th, 7:30 p.m.- Kabbalat Shabbat/Simchat Torah Service & Oneg

Save the Date:

Sunday, Nov. 10th, 2:00 p.m. - Robbie Schaefer concert co-sponsored by the UJC

Adult Education Program

Sunday, Oct. 20th, 11:00 a.m. - Come and join Joanna Homrighausen and Fred Levy at the Temple for an informal Torah discussion and a delicious bagel nosh! Zoom option available.

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.

High Holidays with Temple Beth El of Williamsburg

High Holiday 5785 services will be multi-access. Attend in person or online.

2024—5785 High Holiday Schedule



Erev Rosh Hashanah	Wednesday, 10/2/24	7 pm, SME
Rosh Hashanah Day 1	Thursday, 10/3/24	9:30 am, SME
Tashlich Service	Thursday, 10/3/24	5 pm, CLP
Rosh Hashanah Day 2	Friday, 10/4/24	9:30 am, TBEW
Kol Nidre	Friday, 10/11/24	7 pm, SME
Shacharit	Saturday, 10/12/24	9:30 am, SME
Yizkor	Saturday, 10/12/24	1:30 pm, SME
Mincha & Neilah	Saturday, 10/12/24	5:00 pm, SME
Havdalah	Saturday, 10/12/24	7:12 pm, SME
Break Fast	Saturday, 10/12/24	7:20 pm, SME



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

St. Martin's Episcopal (SME) is located at 1333 Jamestown Road.

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

Contact office@tbewilliamsburg.org for the more information.

Temple Beth El of Williamsburg Shabbat Kulanu in the Sukkah — October 18



Join us for Shabbat Kulanu in the Sukkah, on Friday night, October 18 at 5:30 pm. This family-oriented service features guitar playing, a puppet show, and pizza!

Come observe **Simchat Torah and Religious School Consecration** with us at services on Friday night, October 25, starting at 7:00 pm. Participate in person – in the synagogue Sanctuary – or online, via Zoom.



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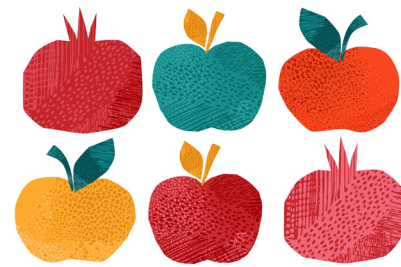
Join us for our NextGen Peninsula Event!
December 2024 (date TBD)

If you are Jewish, or Jewish adjacent, and in your 20s, 30s or 40s and want to socialize and make a difference, NextGen Peninsula is where you want to be!

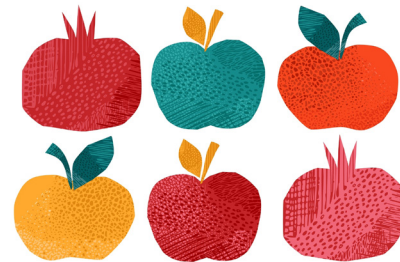
NextGen Peninsula, an initiative of the United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula, provides meaningful opportunities for engagement in the Jewish community through social and professional networking, community service, and Judaic and leadership programs for Jewish young adults.

NGP welcomes the participation of interfaith couples and families, and people of all abilities, backgrounds and sexual orientations.

Questions? Email Jessi Malkin: jmalkin@ujcvp.org



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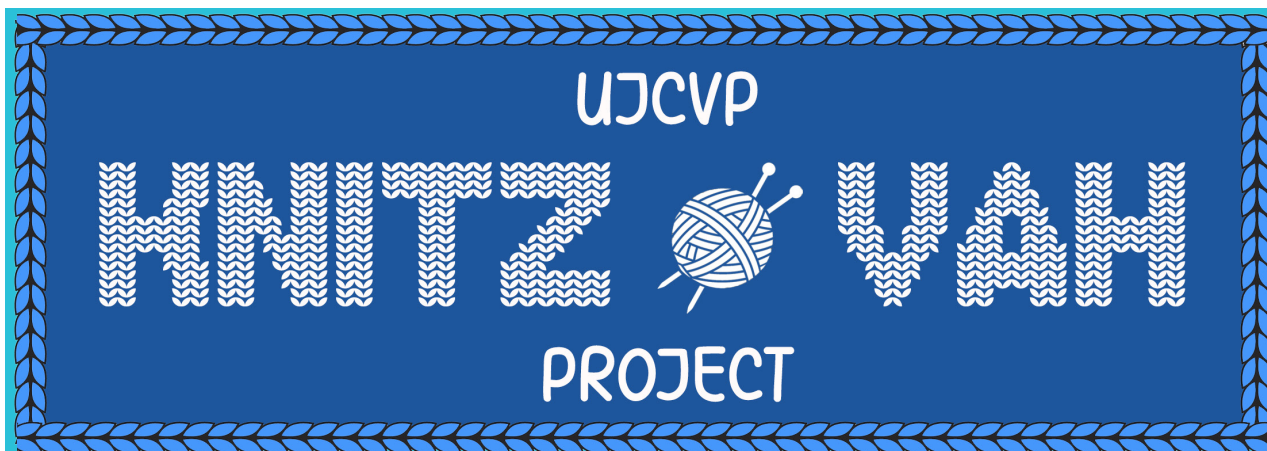
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We'd love your help for our Knitz-vah Project!**

As the weather turns colder, we will be collecting handmade blankets, quilts, scarves, sweaters, hats, gloves and toys to be donated to a local women and children's shelter and IDF soldiers in Israel.

Items will need to be dropped off at the UJC by Giving Tuesday: December 3rd. Please email straster@ujcvp.org and let us know if you will be making something!

Join us Tuesday,
October 29th
for yoga class with
instructor Holly Vance.

5:30-6:30pm

RSVP: ujcvp.org/wellness



Yoga Class at the J

Please bring a yoga
mat and water.
Chairs will be available
for chair yoga.

Passport Members - Free
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Evening classes at the J!
Monday / Wednesday Evenings (beginning 10/21)
5:30-6:30pm with instructor Kelli Paul

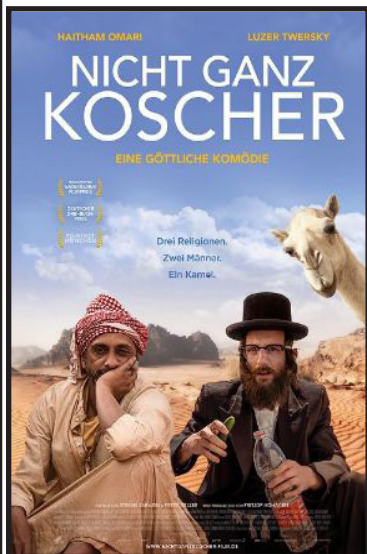
Bootcamp Fitness, LLC provides strength, cardio, core, and flexibility training (modifications are always provided). Choreography shifts between cardio intervals, fun cardio "air" boxing with hand pads, bootcamp stations, strength training with dumbbells, and adventurous fitness challenges! **Participants need to bring water and a mat. Bootcamp Fitness provides all other equipment.**

Passport Members - \$5/class | Community Members - \$10/class

Visit ujcvp.org/wellness to sign up!

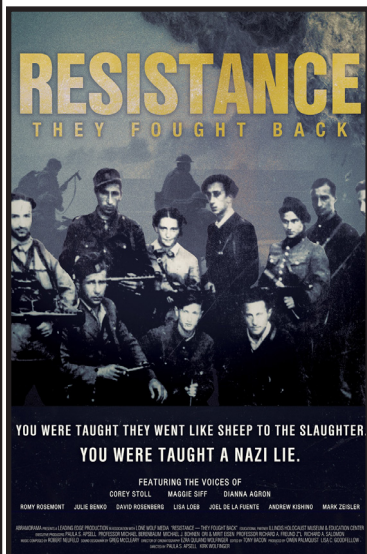
Temple Beth El's 24th Annual Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival

at the Williamsburg Regional Library Theater - 515 Scotland Street, Williamsburg VA



NOT QUITE KOSHER (Nicht Gans Koscher)
Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 2:00pm
 2023, 2 hrs, Comedy-Drama (Germany)

To save the once-largest Jewish community in the world from being shut down in Alexandria, Egypt, an ultra-orthodox Brooklyn Jew is sent out to be the desperately needed tenth man to celebrate Passover in this heartwarming tale. But when he misses his flight and gets stranded in the middle of the Sinai desert after being kicked off a bus, he finds himself in a perilous situation. His only hope arrives in the form of a grumpy Bedouin man in search of his lost camel. In an endearing twist of fate, these two men from opposite ends of the world, must overcome their differences and learn to work together to survive. As destiny would have it, their car breaks down, and their very survival now depends on each other. Winner of several international prizes including at the Munich Film Festival, this buddy comedy and road movie set in the heart of the Holy Land wrings plenty of emotion and joy from a most unlikely friendship.



RESISTANCE: THEY FOUGHT BACK
Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 2:00pm
 2023, 1 hr40 min, Documentary (USA)

Did the Jews go as “lambs to the slaughter”? Paula Apsell, producer of the NOVA series, made this riveting new feature describing the various ways of resistance, from armed to daily life resistance, using rare archives and the most important scholars of Holocaust research, and remaining survivors, to answer this question. This is a must-see documentary, especially for youngsters growing in today’s world where info is not always reliable

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Sunday, January 12th, 2pm

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- *closing at 12pm Wed. 10/2 for Rosh Hashanah
- *closed Thurs. & Fri. 10/3 & 10/4 (Rosh Hashanah)
- *closing at 12pm Fri. 10/11 for Yom Kippur
- *closing at 3pm Wed. 10/16 for Sukkot
- *closed Thurs. & Fri. 10/17 & 10/18 (Sukkot)
- *closing at 3pm Wed. 10/23 for Sukkot
- *closed Thurs. & Fri. 10/24 & 10/25 (Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah)

Temple Sinai Hosts Concert with Robbie Schaefer



On November 10th at 2pm, Temple Sinai in Newport News will host Robbie Schaefer, a musician, songwriter, and playwright devoted to service through the arts.

Robbie Schaefer's concert weaves original songs together with musical midrash, a good dose of humor, and the occasional Paul Simon psalm. Punctuated with stories from a lifetime of spiritual traveling, Schaefer creates an afternoon of heart-centered, Jewishly-infused insight and joy, simultaneously returning us home to our ancient tradition and our sacred, present-day selves.

Schaefer is the guitarist and songwriter for the indie folk band Eddie From Ohio (winners of 7 Wammie Awards; over 150,000 cd's sold) and has released several solo albums, including his most recent, 2017's *Sounds Like Home: Songs From the Musical, Light Years*.

As a solo performer Schaefer has shared the stage with Sara Bareilles, Jason Mraz, Josh Groban, Michael McDonald, Keb' Mo and Emmylou Harris, among others.

"Robbie Schaefer lives, loves, creates music and holds space for anyone who's up for suspending time so we can actually remember what it feels like to be human again," shared Jen Lemen. "Aliveness is his jam and he helps us find our way by being a regular guy saying the most honest, real thing, whether it's in a song or an insight that's just come to him in a flash."

"Robbie travels from place to place--from wounded hearts, to fields of new growth--showing people the magnificence of the Divine, and then with a sleight of hand, revealing that they are THAT," shared Dr. Alicia Todd. "He is a spiritual minstrel healing hearts with songs and stories and messages from the Beloved".

In 2011, Schaefer founded OneVoice, an international non-profit devoted to uniting and empowering youth through music and the creative arts. The organization has completed on-going projects in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Nicaragua, India, and Pikpa refugee camp in Lesvos, Greece.

The concert is presented by Temple Sinai and co-sponsored by the United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula. **Admission is free and the community is invited to attend. Donations to Temple Sinai are appreciated.**

For more information, or to RSVP
visit: ujcvp.org/community-calendar/robbie-schaefer-concert
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UJCVP Community October 2024 Calendar

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024

4:30pm - 1st Day of Hebrew School
5:30pm - Adult Hebrew Class

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024

12pm - UJC CLOSING EARLY

Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024

UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

Friday, Oct. 4, 2024

UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024

7pm - Marking October 7

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024

4:30pm - Hebrew School
5:30pm - Adult Hebrew Class

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024

7pm - UJC General Board Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024

11am - Grand Club/Bingo
11am-2pm - Vaccine Clinic

Friday, Oct. 11, 2024

12pm - UJC CLOSING EARLY

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024

4:30pm - Hebrew School
5:30pm - Adult Hebrew Class

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024

3pm - UJC CLOSING EARLY

Thursday, Oct. 17, 2023

UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

Friday, Oct. 18, 2024

UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

Sunday, Oct. 20, 2024

11am - CNU Lecture: *Humor & Play in Rabbinic Literature*
3pm - The Changemakers: Teen Philanthropy Board Meeting

Monday, Oct. 21, 2024

5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2023

4:30pm - Hebrew School

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024

3pm - UJC CLOSING EARLY

Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024

UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

Friday, Oct. 25, 2024

UJC CLOSED
SARFAN CENTER CLOSED

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024

7:30pm - JCCY Fall Fest
7:30pm - PJOW Art Night

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024

2pm - PJ Library Pajama Party

Monday, Oct. 28, 2024

5:30pm - Bootcamp Fitness

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024

4:30pm - Hebrew School
5:30pm - Adult Hebrew Class
5:30pm - Yoga Class

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024

10am-2pm - Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024

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

