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View full itinerary on page 4. Download the full brochure at http://ujcvp.org/ujcvp-israel-trip/

Questions? Call Steve Wendell at 757-930-1422. A limited number of Endowment Subsidies are available for this trip on a first come first served basis. Please call Sarah Barnett or Steve Wendell for more information.

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday open from 12 to 6 PM
Tuesday and Thursday open from 12 to 8 PM
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And Sunday from 11 AM to 7 PM
“Today I Consider Myself To Be the Luckiest Man on the Face of the Earth.”
Neal Rosenbaum

Thank you members of the United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula for allowing me to serve as your President. As year #1 comes to a close, I marvel at the talented, dedicated people who have aided me on this journey, the UJCVP Staff, our Synagogues, the Officers on the Executive Board, our standing and special committees and the UJCVP Board. Surrounded by this magnificent community, I wake up daily saying, “Today I Consider Myself To Be the Luckiest Man on the Face of the Earth.”

No, I did not write these words but they accurately express this high that I have enjoyed since our last Annual Meeting. Do you know who spoke these words and why the number 2,130 comes to mind? In Yankee Stadium on July 4th, 1939, a man, an Iron Horse, Henry Louis Gehrig uttered these words during his retirement from baseball after playing in 2,130 consecutive games, a streak and a record that endured for 56 years until 1995 when a kid from Baltimore named Cal Ripken broke this record. On this occasion a little plagiarism helps to express my thanks to this community. True, Lou Gehrig and I are very similar. Both Lou and I are left handers. Further, my streak of playing and pitching for 30 consecutive years on the JCC softball team was twice as long as Lou’s streak. Finally, Lou batted behind Babe Ruth and the famous 1927 New York Yankees Murderers’ Row. In my career on the diamond, I often batted behind the JCC’s Murderer’s Row of Marty Moliken, Barry Nachman, Jeff Spigel and Randy Needham.

At the Annual Meeting we celebrated the accomplishments of the past year and the people who made it all happen, with a special shout-out to our Beskin and Greenspun Award winners. You are the future of this community. Congratulations Elana, Rosanne and Mike.

Our UJCVP enjoys a similar Gehrig and Ripken streak; close to 70 years improving and strengthening Jewish life on the Virginia Peninsula. This year was no exception. Let’s review the successes of our institutions and all-star players.

Temple Beth El scored early with the community Selichot Service and organized a fabulous Jewish Film Festival.

CEVO’s Shabbat Services are extraordinary with energetic seat exchanges and their magnificent Cantor, Jonathan Rathsam. The UJCVP recently voted to add the President of CEVO, Chuck Stern, to membership on the UJCVP Board.

Adath Jeshurun gained new energy this year when Rabbi Gershon Litt took over the pulpit. Adath Jeshurun and CEVO both hold services on our JCC campus.

Temple Sinai rose to new heights this year with the addition of Rabbi Severine Sokol to their lineup. Rabbi Sokol, our keynote speaker at the annual Yom HaShoah commemoration, hit the ground running and participated in every community event from working the kitchen at the Jewish Food Festival to participating in our Lunch and Learn series.

Temple Sinai’s building gained national recognition this year with its inclusion on the National Historic Register. Until this award was announced, many did not know that Temple Sinai’s building was designed to resemble Noah’s Ark. May your congregation always be blessed with a rainbow.

Rodef Sholom Temple, fresh from its joyous 100 year birthday celebration, jumped into high gear by voting to relocate to the UJCVP campus. With the capable leadership of Josh David and Robin Levy this vision will soon become a reality. It is my hope that all congregations will follow Rodef Sholom’s lead and make plans to build on this campus.

Not only were our congregations exemplary team
players but our community was full of home run hitters. Last week the UJCVP scored big with our 29th Annual Early Childhood Center Race, now relocated to the Mariners Museum. We tip our caps to Aime Clinkenbeard and Karen Bean, event co-chairs. Super women Amy & Karen are also Preschool parents and Preschool teachers. Adam Deyong ably headed the fund raising efforts.

Richard Gordon chaired the Community Relations Committee and led a most successful and well attended Day on the Hill in Richmond to lobby our elected Virginia Delegates and Senators.

Former UJCVP President Jim Segall enjoyed an All Star year with his chairmanship of the Campus Committee and his active role on the Budget Committee. Under Jim and Jenny David’s Leadership our Budget Committee provided a Balanced Budget for the coming year that will permit our community to provide a high level of programs and services while staying within our means.

Buddy David, Endowment Chair, presided over the establishment of a UJCVP Maintained Endowment Fund and secured the services of Bob Kessler to serve as our Endowment Professional. Buddy and Bob project that our Endowment Fund will soon reach the $15 Million Dollar level, insuring that our community will be able to support innovative and exciting programs for many seasons to come.

Dr. Mike Eisenberg capably guided the Education Committee to new heights. With record attendance of over 80 at our Preschool and 30 more students at our afternoon Hebrew School, Mike, our UJCVP Education VP was awarded a lifetime, no cut contract. Thank you Mike for making Jewish Education a top priority of this administration.

Judge Scott Stein will be sorely missed as an outstanding Campaign Chair. Under Scott’s leadership our 2015 Annual Campaign will raise $788,000. Covering 180 days, 50 volunteers obtained commitments from 509 generous donors - substantially more donors than last year with a most encouraging 49 brand new gifts. This accomplishment is even more impressive when the year started out with a $40,000 Stop the Sirens Campaign to aid Israel’s cities under fire. A big Thank You to Scott for serving as Campaign Chair for the year before starting his new role as Newport News General District Judge. For those of you who have studied a little Hebrew we recognize that Scott is actually remaining in the same profession as the words Tzedakah, acts of righteousness and Tzedek, justice, come from the same root.

We look forward to an exciting Campaign for 2016, when Hall of Fame Campaign Director, Sarah Barnett, introduces the J Cup Challenge when you will have the opportunity to join one of four teams who will, in a competitive spirit, raise the funds needed to support UJCVP activities for another year.

Before closing I would like the scoreboard to publicly recognize 3 people who cover all three bases in my ballpark; President-Elect, Jody Sarfan, a key participant on our Executive Board, will have to endure my final season before taking over the reins of the team; Guy Levy, Past-President of the UJCVP refused to sit on the sidelines. Guy has been by my side all year helping me to learn to become a better President. Steve Wendell came aboard less than a year ago but is already raising the bar on community involvement. Steve led a record delegation of 9 community leaders to the General Assembly of Jewish Federations at the National Harbor in Washington in November and organized a standing room only crowd at CNU for a Regional Hillel Shabbat Dinner. While only a rookie in the local community, Steve brings to the Peninsula a wealth of Jewish Communal knowledge and experience.

As anyone knows who has ever played baseball there are more than three bases on the diamond ...and the final base is called “home.” Covering home is my wife Barbara; my Greenspun Award Winner, and Mother of my two Beskin Award Winners; who presides over our Kosher home and prepares the most beautiful Shabbos and Holiday dinners for our family and members of the community. Without her, I would not be standing before you tonight.

Year number two is ahead. Lou Gehrig uttered the words, “Today I Consider Myself the Luckiest Man on the Face of the Earth” shortly after receiving the diagnosis of ALS, today known as Lou Gehrig’s disease. With a community full of robust and capable lay and professional leadership, strong community participation, a healthy endowment, generous donors of time and resources, how much more can we all endorse Gehrig’s words and count our many blessings.
A Picture's worth a Thousand Words! Many communities have to spend time seeking out photos, posing them or going to stock photos from other organizations.

Not us! Visit our UJCVP Facebook page and witness the delightful randomness that we see all day long, every day. Yesterday was no exception as these five beautiful children hung out at the UJC waiting for their mom’s to finish work in the early childhood wing so they could go to the pool. Happy kids, comfortable in their UJC home, comfortable enough to be regular fixtures. They represent five current and past early childhood center students, two current Community Hebrew School students, five current and past summer camp attendees, and most importantly the future of our Jewish community. They embody our current and future viability and vibrancy of not only OUR community but of the entire Jewish world. And here at the UJCVP they have a home that will nurture them socially, emotionally, and spiritually; a home that we hope will grow and continue to thrive as they travel through Hebrew school, BBYO, summer camp, and perhaps our local Hillels. They are certainly “A part of it”……with your 2016 UJCVP Annual Campaign pledge so are you!

Campaign 2016

On your mark, get set, go!
Okay, not yet. We’re still in summer mode but we are getting pumped for the J Cup Challenge coming soon to Annual Campaign 2016. Team captains are in position and team drafts are happening. Team Captains Jody, Jenny, Roy, and Jim hope you will join the fun! You can help as a volunteer. Teams need fund-raisers, facebook junkies, mascots, cheerleaders and anyone with any talents at all. If you are interested in helping with the J Cup Challenge please email sarah@ujcvm.org.

Captains are warming up, devising game plans and chomping at the bit to see who can raise the most money, make the most connections, and foster the best team spirit. They want YOU to be a Part of It and help the UJCVP sustain, maintain, and grow the best Jewish community campus and programs. Teams will be splitting the community up for contacts, starting with personal visits in the fall, invitations to a community kickoff in November, phone calling during the all-new Power of the Purse vs. Full Court Press, and finally a last round at Super Sunday in January. The J Cup Challenge league will be aptly monitored and refereed by staff members Sarah Barnett and Steve Wendell. Team administrative support will be provided by staff members Judie Kavit and Linda Lavaty. Look out Peninsula, because on Wednesday September 9th the J Cup Challenge arrives!
A Year in Review

Steven Wendell

Thank you to staff for their years of dedicated service to the UJC.
Sarah Barnett – 12 years (plus 12 as volunteer)
Rob Blarr – 5 years
Dennitte Davis – 21 years
David Jenkins – 10 years
Judie Kavit – 1 year (plus 8 as volunteer)
Linda Lavaty – 8 years
Carmela Malkin-Kuhn – 24 years
Jen Meyers - 9 years
Leslie Needham – 11 years
Nellie Quesnel – 9 years

Thanks to Neal and the entire Board of the UJC. It’s never easy adjusting to a new Exec and different styles and quirks. Thank you for your patience during my learning curve. And I would be remiss if I didn’t make a special note of thanks to Jim Segall who chaired the Search Committee and made this move possible.

Special events this program year started with Gaza and ended with pre-school graduation, with food, fun, dedication of the new Sarfan building, and a special thank you to our dear friend, Linda Molin, on her retirement after 27 years at the UJC, in between.
There is a general rule of thumb when changing jobs that it is always dangerous to follow someone who is both successful and well-liked. Add to that someone who is staying in the community and continuing to work for the organization, and the recipe can be one of disaster. But in our case, here, I think it’s worked out pretty well so far. I want to thank Bob for reaching out to me back in November of 2013 and encouraging me to think about coming to this great community; for agreeing to continue to share his special talents with us in his p/t capacity as Foundation Director, and for his ongoing professional and personal good council.

The other rule of thumb advice, which my father once shared with me, is that when taking over a new job in a community that has a history of success...try not to screw things up in the first year! Hopefully, I’ve listened to this advice. And I think, with the continued dedication of our staff and Board leadership, we’ve had a very successful year.

Looking towards next year, I see two major, immediate challenges:
1) Working with our Campus Committee, under the able leadership of Jim Segall, and with the endorsement of the UJC Board, we need to find creative solutions for integrating the expansion of our campus to house Rodef Sholom and continue to house Adath Jeshurun and Emet V’Or. We will be making decisions that will impact our community for a generation to come, both in building new facilities and having the ability to maintain those facilities. This will take a careful balance of creativity, cooperation, forward thinking, and prudence. At the same time, we must also make certain that the definition of “campus” for our Jewish community is broad enough to encompass all our institutions whatever their physical address. The UJC is not just an address, but an organization charged with strengthening and building Jewish community on the Peninsula, in Israel, and throughout the Jewish world.

2) The opening of City Center Blvd. has dramatically changed the visibility and accessibility of the Jewish Community Center aspect of our UJC organization. The more than 1200 visitors to our first Jewish Food Festival was a demonstration of the potential impact of our new status. And as you all are very much aware, more so than me, the newcomer, the improvements to our facilities in both size and appearance over recent years has been dramatic. With all this new potential, and to make certain that we can maintain our facilities now, and in the future, we need to develop, or perhaps redevelop, new streams of programmatic income that will tap into and more fully utilize our physical space and ease of access to the community. As an example, we saw a 38% increase in pre-school and day care income this year with the opening of our new facilities and infant care program. We also saw a 32% increase in expenses for staff, maintenance, and utilities. Or challenge will be to continue to grow our income in this and other areas and increase the margins between income growth and added expense. People often say that not-for-profit, mission based organizations, like the UJC, are not businesses and should not be run like businesses. And traditionally, that might have been the prevalent thinking in the industry. But that thinking has also led many traditional, building based, not-for-profits, including JCCs, to cease to exist. The more prudent approach, I believe, for successful not-for-profits to continue to serve their mission and the community is to develop sound business practices that maximize potential income and thereby better enable us to carry out our mission. The two, business and mission, are not necessarily at odds with each other.
Thank you.
TRIP ARRANGEMENTS:
Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv, October 19
Leonardo Club, Tiberisa, October 20
Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem, Oct. 21-27

Optional Flight Arrangements:
October 18:
IAD (Dulles) #1308, 9:45 AM, Jet Blue to JFK
JFK #002, 7:05 PM, EL AL to Tel Aviv
October 28:
Tel Aviv #001, 12:45 AM to JFK
JFK #1307, 10:45 AM to IAD

Day 1, Sunday, October 18
Depart Newport News—Today we leave Virginia on the beginning of our journey that will take us over 14,000 miles and 5,000 years!

Day 2, Monday, October 19
What an unforgettable feeling, looking down as we fly in from the Mediterranean for your first view of the land of Israel. You see the bustling, bustling modern city of Tel Aviv, which soon gives way to the gently rolling hills and farms off the coast of the country where Ben Gurion airport is situated. We will be picked up and make the short journey into Tel Aviv. We’ll check into our hotel and have dinner there this evening, and maybe even a walk along the beach before turning in.

Day 3, Tuesday, October 20
Today we leave Tel Aviv and head north, up the coast of the Mediterranean. Our first stop will be Caesaria. The city was built by Herod the Great in honor of his friend and patron, Augustus Caesar. Under Herod, the city became the largest and most opulent city in the entire region. Caesaria boasts an aqueduct, a hippodrome for chariot racing, and a grand amphitheater in which plays and concerts are still held today. All of which we will see! And he constructed the largest deep water port on the Mediterranean coast.

We then continue north to Rosh Hanikra, on the Israeli-Lebanese border where we’ll board the cable-car for a two-minute ride down a 210-foot cliff. We’ll walk through the grottoes and see the sea splash in before we call it a day, and head for our hotel in Tiberias.

Day 4, Wednesday, October 21
We’ll leave Tiberias and drive straight up into the mountains to the city of Safed. This is the city where Kabbala had its beginnings, and today is home to an outstanding artists’ colony.

From there we’ll go up onto the Golan Heights and see first-hand the area that played such an important role in so many wars. Since the Six Day War of 1967 the Golan Heights have been under Israeli jurisdiction and are an integral part of the State of Israel. We will go to the Syrian army bunkers and see exactly what the Syrian soldiers saw as they looked down on the Galilee, as it lay out in front of them. We’ll visit the city of Katzrin, and finally Har Ben Tal, on the Eastern side of the Golan Heights, which provides us with a look directly into Syria. When we leave the Golan Heights we’ll drive on into Jerusalem, where we’ll have our headquarters for the remainder of the trip.

Day 5, Thursday, October 22
Kings and prophets, emperors and sultans, presidents and prime ministers, rabbis, bishops and sheiks have all left their mark on Jerusalem. This morning we’ll be both charmed and moved as we stroll through the Old City that has stood here for nearly 3000 years.

We will ride from our Hotel in the new city of Jerusalem some 15 blocks and some 3,000 years to the Walled City of Old Jerusalem. First we’ll get an overview of the City and then a brief history lesson as we sit outside the Jaffa Gate, the main entrance into the Old City. We’ll also walk through the newly rebuilt Jewish Quarter to view the Byzantine Cardo and the remains of the ancient wall that surrounded Jerusalem 2700 years ago. We’ll stop for lunch in the Jewish Quarter, and then walk down to the Western Wall and the remains of the Second Temple, destroyed by the Romans in the year 66.

We’ll then go down to see the Western Wall tunnel, seeing stones so large that nothing on earth today could move them. Finally we’ll sit on the original Southern steps that led up into the Temple. An amazing first day in Jerusalem!

Day 6, Friday, October 23
Today we’ll visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial Museum. We’ll start at the Valley of the Communities, a stark memorial to the Jewish communities that were lost during the Holocaust. We’ll go through the museum and the Children’s Memorial, and have lunch there before we leave. We’ll go from there to Mach-
Day 7, Saturday, October 24
Shabbat is in Jerusalem, with the opportunity to go to the Great Synagogue. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 8, Sunday, October 25
Today we leave Jerusalem and enter the Judean Desert. We’re on our way to the Dead Sea, and what is arguably Israel’s most inspiring historic site, the ancient hill-top fortification of Masada. It was on the summit of Masada, in 73 CE, that Jewish zealots made their last stand against Roman rule. Masada was also the Winter Palace of King Herod, and one can still see the incredible opulence of what he built on a mountain-top in the desert. Today, the remnants of the fortress with its palaces and public baths are testament to a 2,000 year old civilization. This is also your chance to swim in the Dead Sea, at the lowest spot on earth, and the saltiest body of water in the world, where you float like a cork due to the composition of the water. It’s an experience you don’t want to miss!

Day 9, Monday, October 26
We start our day with an opportunity for each of us to leave a bit of ourselves there in Israel. We can plant a tree or two—in honor or in memory of a loved one.

After lunch, you are all going to become official Israeli archeologists! We will participate in one of the richest digs in the country. You will have the opportunity to dig for artifacts in a site that has not seen human hands in over 1500 years. Members of our groups have found pottery, coins, a large, intact water jug, and even a magnificent oil lamp on previous visits. We’ll also explore some amazing caves. This is always one of the most memorable days of our trip.

Day 10, Tuesday, October 27
It’s been great, but all good things do have to come to an end, sadly. We’ll bid farewell to Jerusalem (not “goodbye”, but “until next time”).

We’ve saved a few of the most outstanding sites for your last day, to take you to some exceptional and most memorable places. What makes today special is that the two main sites we’ll be going to are not museums, where you see items on display. Today we’ll be at the very site where these events took place and they are just as they were.

We’ll first go to a very special place that most visitors to Israel don’t get to see. Our first stop will be at the Machal Monument. This is a monument built in tribute to the hundreds of volunteers—Jewish and non-Jewish—who came from all over the world, but primarily from the United States, in the turbulent years of 1947 and 1948. These were World War II veterans who offered their assistance and know-how to a band of farmers and city workers who had no real army, so that Israel might have a chance to come into existence. You’ll get to hear the story of a number of these brave heroes.

Then we drive into a suburb of Tel Aviv, where a secret underground bullet factory existed under the nose of the British police, for over two years. An amazing story!

From there we’ll go into Tel Aviv, where we’ll be going to Independence Hall. This is where the State of Israel was declared by David Ben Gurion on May 14, 1948. We will sit in the very room where the invited guests sat that day, and hear what they heard as Ben Gurion called into being the first Jewish State in nearly 2,000 years. We’ll have a chance to walk around Tel Aviv somewhat and then go to dinner before leaving for the airport for our flight back home.

Day 11, Wednesday, October 28
We’ll arrive back in America this morning, filled with memories of an experience we will never forget!

Itinerary is always subject to change due to unforeseen conditions or occurrences in Israel.
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- Port Warwick Music Nights
- Hampton Block Party
- Movie Day Picnic in the Park

Check the website for details at www.emetvor.org

Mazel Tov Elana Turczynski for winning the UJC Beskin Scholarship!
Mazel Tov Emma Carroll on becoming a Bat Mitzvah August 1st

Call 952-3737 or email Office@emetvor.org for a tour, learn about Shabbat Services, Religious School, Adult Education and Social Action.

Celebrate Shabbat together at 7:30PM, at the UJC, 401 City Center Blvd. Please stop by or call with any questions. You are welcome to just show up any time! Facebook and www.emetvor.org also have information.
Taglit: Birthright Israel – “Changing the Jewish People”
Rabbi Gershon Litt

Spending 10 days with 40 students, 18-22 years old, is not my idea of a vacation. It is, however, one of the most important things that I do. I just returned from leading a Taglit: Birthright Israel trip with students from William and Mary, Old Dominion, VCU and other colleges and universities.

People often ask me why I continue to lead Taglit: Birthright Israel trips. They ask, “Is it not the same thing every time? Don’t you get tired of going to the same places, saying the same speeches, and schlepping around so many students all over the country?” The answer is yes, it is tiring, and yes, it is very hard work, but it is also very worthwhile. I just came back from my 27th trip as a group leader.

Over 75% of all the trips are exactly the same in terms of where we go and what we see, but no trip is identical to a prior trip because it is seen through the eyes of over 40 young men and women in completely new and unique ways. To go to the Western Wall and see so many young, Jewish students in awe of that experience, or to be with a group when they look over a balcony in the holy city of Tzfat, or to dance with students as they have a meaningful bar or bat mitzvah ceremony is never dull, never repetitive, and never monotonous.

One of my favorite moments of this trip was listening to 16 students make speeches on the top of Massada. We offered all of the students on the trip an opportunity to have a “Bar or Bat mitzvah ceremony” on Massada. Most students have had a ceremony when they were 12 or 13 years old, but this is something very special and unique. Each of the students who choose to do this made a speech explaining what Israel had meant to them at that point in the trip. The speeches were incredible. They talked about how they had little spiritual teaching back at home and now that they were in Israel they felt they could freely explore what it meant to be Jewish. One student was having family problems and talked about how this group felt like brothers and sisters and that all Jews now feel like siblings. One girl said that she wanted to make more of a commitment to her religion because she never knew that Judaism was so deep and powerful of a religion.

This is why I love leading these trips. To hear over the course of 10 days over 40 students express their new feelings towards their religion and their people rejuvenates me to be able to come back and continue to do the work that I do at home. Many students decided while they were in Israel not to come home with the group, but rather to extend their stay in Israel and do programs, learn more about their heritage, work at internships, or travel the country with new friends. To me, this is true success and this never gets old.

Taglit: Birthright Israel is changing the future of our people. If you, or someone you know who is Jewish, 18-26 years old and wants a FREE trip to Israel please feel free to contact me. My next “Virginia bus” trip will be during this upcoming winter break.

Rabbi Gershon Litt is the rabbi at Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, the executive director of the Norfolk Kollel, and Director of Hillel at the College of William and Mary.

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July, 2015

July 9- The “Jewish Way” class continues at 1 p.m. Join Rabbi Sokol for an informal study of the writings of the great Jewish sages. Explore a variety of everyday topics through a Jewish lens and engage in edifying discussions.

July 11- Saturday morning service at 10 a.m. in lieu of Friday night service.

July 13- Sisterhood meeting at 7 p.m at Temple Sinai. Please come and find out more about what your Sisterhood does for Temple Sinai.

August 13-Back to School Bash at the UJC, co-sponsored by Temple Sinai. Look for more information next month.
Some TBE University classes will meet over the summer, while others will start up again in the fall, after the High Holidays. Please contact Rabbi David or Synagogue Administrator Margaret Stiglitz for more information.

**Torah Study**
Our Torah Study group will meet every Thursday morning at 10:30am throughout the summer. The weekly Torah portion is studied primarily in English - no prior experience with Hebrew or Torah is required!

**New Adult Bnai Mitzvah Class**
TBE's second Adult Bnai Mitzvah class is now forming. The group will begin meeting regularly after the High Holy Days; a 12 to 18 month-long learning process is expected.

**Exploring Judaism**
Exploring Judaism is a group that meets to discuss a wide range of Jewish topics, including Jewish prayers and services, current events, Jewish practices, and more. The group also reads and discusses non-fiction books about Judaism a few times each year. The next session will take place on Wednesday, August 19, from 2-4pm, when the book Gonzo Judaism will be discussed.

**Conversational Hebrew Classes**
The advanced conversational Hebrew classes at TBE are scheduled on alternate Wednesday evenings. Please contact the office for more information and to register for class.

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**Rodef Sholom Temple**

**Annual Barbeque & Borchu**

**Friday, July 17th**

5:30 p.m. followed by services at 7:30 p.m.
Adults/Teens $12; Kids $5; Family Cap $36
Visitors and Guests most welcome!
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June 28, July 12th (Corn Hole Tournament w/prizes),
August 9 and 23 and Sept. 6, FROM 12 to 2

Programs at the Pool:

Damsel in Defense: July 15th at 7pm
Float and Floats: July 9th
3rd Annual Back to School Bash(UJC/ Temple Sinai):
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Pizza Night: July 30th
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Back to School Bash Pool Party!

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High Schoolers’ and College Students heading back to school –
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August 13th 7-10PM
at the JCC Pool

Got the end of the summer blues? Know what helps?
A pool party, live music, 2-$125 Best Buy gift cards, and all of your friends.

This event is co-sponsored by Temple Sinai and the JCC.
Leadership Development

A community with no young adult involvement is certainly a dying community. For the past two and half years our Lead Jew Leadership Development program has identified and nurtured our local young adult leaders. The original Lead Jew group emerged in January of 2013, transitioned to the Lead Jew 2.0 version last summer, and is now moving forward morphing yet again into Lead Jew 3.0. Any young adult (post college age) who would like to be involved in the greater Jewish community and would like to explore leadership roles, is welcome to join the fun. Lead Jew 3.0 will concentrate on continuing their successful pre Super Sunday Drink Globally party, address general and specific aspects of social outreach and programming, and rise to the next level of planning group topics and meetings related to community building. We are truly proud of this group of community members who are embracing the need for showing a commitment to nurture all Jewish life on the Peninsula.

This year’s amazing group members included:
Rosanne and Mike Stupar
Adam and Marissa Deyong
Laurie and Billy Simmons
Jessi and Michael Malkin
Sara Traster and Dave Harriss
Mark Woloshin
Rachel Lamanna
Marla Schuchman and Jonathan Rathsam
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It’s Summer Camp Season!
The Peninsula Jewish Historical Society
Remembers... Back in the Day - Camp Kadima

Do you recognize anyone in these photos? Let us know by contacting Jayne Zilber, auntjayne1@gmail.com
In the wake of the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake on April 25 that claimed thousands of lives and caused widespread destruction in Kathmandu and the surrounding region (including northeast India) — and following another major earthquake striking Nepal on May 12 — JDC is leveraging its expert disaster response team and coordinating with local authorities, the Nepalese and Indian governments, and global partners to assess the unfolding situation and continue providing for survivors' needs.

Working with local organizations and our trusted international partners, we are providing relief to those worst affected by the disaster. This has included:

- Bringing medical supplies, including neonatal incubators, in partnership with the IDF field hospital
- Distributing critically needed relief — like medical equipment, shelter supplies, hygiene products, food kits, and oral rehydration salts — in devastated rural villages, in partnership with Sarvodaya’s Teach for Nepal initiative and Heart to Heart International
- Collaborating with Tevel b’Tzedek to meet emergency needs, like establishing temporary learning spaces, developing community-based support programs for women and children, and helping earthquake victims rebuild their houses
- Addressing the needs of children, including shelter, water, nutrition, and sanitation in collaboration with UNICEF
- Teaming up with the Afya Foundation to distribute medical supplies and bring emergency medical teams to currently inaccessible areas
- Assessing on-the-ground needs, especially among women and children, with Magen David Adom, and the All India Disaster Mitigation Institute

JDC’s expert disaster response team — which has served most recently in the Philippines, Haiti, Japan, and South Asia after the Indian Ocean tsunami — is on the ground evaluating how JDC can best assist the Nepalese people in the immediate on their road to recovery.

Donation Information: www.jdc.org
Annual Meeting Highlights 2015

Keynote Speaker - Shlomo Kessel, Director of the Emunah Children’s Center in Afula, Israel

Randi Turczynski accepts the Theodore H. and Esther Beskin Memorial Scholarship Award for her daughter, Elana, in absentia, from Lisa Stern.

Tribute to Leslie Needham

Above Left & Right: Sarah Barnett and Carmela Malkin-Kuhn honor Leslie Needham with a special poem reminiscing their friendship and memorable working relationship.

Above Left & Right: Sarah and Carmela present Leslie with a hard hat that symbolizes special moments they’ve spent together during the past 11 years. Leslie will truly be missed by all!
### UJCVP Community Calendar

#### July 2015

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