Can We Make a Difference In the Fight Against Anti-Semitism?

We have all seen the statistics on the recent rise in anti-Semitic incidents in our country. We have all been witnesses to Pittsburgh, Poway, Jersey City, Monsey, and daily incidents on university campuses and across our country. We are cognizent of the struggle of our Jewish institutions to find the funds to increase the security of our facilities and programs. It is nearly impossible to shut out the noise of anti-Semitism that seems to have become a daily part of our lives. In our community and across the country, we have provided the energy and funding to enable our Jewish Federation, Secure Community Network, to assist us with response training and preventative security measures for our institutions.

But aside from our institutions, what can we do, as individuals, to help stem what appears to be a resurgence of anti-Semitism?

The horrific shooting at Pittsburgh’s Tree of Life Synagogue on October 27, 2018 left many people heartbroken, wondering what they could do to help. This Passover, Pittsburgh resident Marnie Fienberg has one easy way to help and it only takes “Love and Matzah”.

Marnie created “2 for Seder”, an initiative to honor her mother-in-law, Joyce Fienberg, who was one of the 11 victims tragically murdered at the hands of anti-Semitism. “2 for Seder” encourages Jews to welcome two non-Jews to their family Seder this Passover.

“2 for Seder” is an annual event encouraging anyone holding a Seder to invite two friends or acquaintances to their first Seder either at your home or at a Community Seder. This experience directly fights biased attitudes and general misconceptions – the seed of anti-Semitism. Encouraging our members to participate in “2 for Seder” starts a dialogue and creates a ripple-effect at the grassroots level.

“2 for Seder” supports local Community Seders by referring individuals of different faiths to attend with or without a Jewish friend. This year, the UJC is working on plans to hold an educational Seder open to community members and their guests who may not

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Fund Donations

Belle S. Frank Endowment Fund of UJC
In memory of Robert Hecker
Bonnie & Jeff Spigel

Marc Minkoff Sports Camp Scholarship Fund
In honor of Marc's birthday
Sarah Deyong
In memory of Marc Minkoff
The Minkoff Family

Marilyn* & Dr. Mark Nataupsky Holocaust Education Fund
Wishing Gus Bienenfeld a speedy recovery
Mark Nataupsky
Praying for Linda Lavaty's remission
Mark Nataupsky

Mikveh Fund of UJC
In memory of Walter S. Segaloff
David & Judith Segaloff
In thanks to Sherri & Bill Becker for helping their daughter
Pat & Joe Kalasky

UJC Preschool Fund
In memory of Melvin Dickler
Carmela & Chris Kuhn
In honor of the naming of Midge Elizabeth Traster
Mariel, Eric & the Karlin family

Do you have the soaps, shampoos, and other toiletries that are in your hotel rooms when you travel? People in homeless shelters, centers for abused women and other havens for the less fortunate can always use these items.

Please bring them by the UJC when you can, and they will be distributed to persons in need. If you have any questions, please get in touch with:

Stan Glasofer
at 930-4606 or glasofer@verizon.net.
be able to attend a home Seder on **Monday evening, April 13**, during the intermediate days of Passover. Watch your inboxes for more details or call Linda at the UJC office, 757-930-1422. The UJCVP is proud to be a partner with “2 for Seder” along with the following communities: Pittsburgh, Toronto, Foster City, CA, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, Palo Alto, Wilmington, DE, Miami Beach, New Orleans, Potomac (DC), MD, Asheville, NC, New York, Staten Island, Riverdale, NY, Columbus, OH, Northern Virginia, Richmond, Austin, Tx, Houston, Orange County, CA, Salt Lake City, Nashville, Durham, NC, Youngstown, OH, Beachwood, OH, Windsor, ON, Milwaukee, York, PA, Tucson, AZ, St. Louis, MO www.2forseder.org

**Director of Development’s Message - Sarah Barnett**

Campaign 2020 started a sprint to the finish with our **Super Sunday** weekend of January 25th and 26th. We kicked off the final segment of our campaign with a powerful community coffee house event on Saturday night with special guest David Abitbol and continued the momentum on Sunday morning with our Super Sunday phone a thon. What an incredible weekend with over 30 volunteers engaged in our efforts and a total of $78,000 taken in for our Annual Campaign. David Abitbol, founding editor of the Jewlicious blog, shared his inspiring story of befriending the granddaughter of Westboro Baptist Church leader and providing the impetus for her to leave the church. This story of civil communication, friendship and building bridges with different communities was an inspiration to all who were there. In addition, we enjoyed the vocals of our own Susie Hockman with Matt Thomas on the guitar. On Super Sunday, our volunteers enjoyed a round of UJCVP trivia before manning their phones calls with hard work and expertise. Hundreds of calls were made, complete with positive community conversations and connections. If we missed you we followed up with a quick volunteer email and then our Sorry We Missed you mailings. If we have not been able to reach you yet, know that our campaign and Our Story is not complete without your support. Pledges and contributions can be made online at www.ujcvp.org/pledge.

**The Power Of .... Our Story**

**We’re So Sorry We Missed You...**

During our Super Sunday Phone-A-Thon on January 26th

We count on each household and every donor to make our UJCVP Annual Campaign a success!

Your contribution to our Annual Campaign touches everyone that we touch. Together we make a great community by caring, creating, and connecting in so many ways.

**Our work is not done until we hear from you.**

Please take a moment to visit www.ujcvp.org/pledge
VIRGINIA JEWISH ADVOCACY DAY
By Steve Shapiro

A hearty group of 10 volunteers ventured to the hallowed halls of Virginia Government on Feb. 5, led by our fearless leader, Richard Gordon. Our mission was to speak with 6 of our local legislators and encourage them to support 4 pieces of legislation (actually 2 bills and 2 requests for funding in the Governor’s budget). We were very fortunate to be able to speak with Delegates Mike Mullins and Martha Mugler, Senator Monte Mason and aides to Senators Mamie Locke, Tommy Norment and Delegate Shelly Simonds.

The bills that we spoke in support of were the “Holocaust and Genocide Education in K-12” bill (House Bill 916 and Senate Bill 853) which would require the Department of Education to establish and appoint members to a Holocaust and Genocide Education Advisory Committee to develop a model curriculum and teacher training on these very important subjects. House Bill 618 and Senate Bill 179 add protections against hate crimes committed on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability to the law that already includes religion, race and ethnicity.

Included in the Governor’s 2020 Budget is 3M (1.5M a year for two years) to support nonprofit security grant funding that would target activities such as erecting barriers, cybersecurity, improving security services, technology infrastructure, and security training/terrorism awareness training. Also included is funding for the Virginia Israel Advisory Board (VIAB) which is an agency that facilitates Israeli companies to establish and grow their operations in Virginia and Virginia companies to source innovative Israeli technology. VIAB’s goals are economic growth and job creation for Virginia, increasing foreign direct investment and bringing world-leading technologies to Virginia.

My biggest “aha” moment came on the bus ride home where several of us were discussing our day and I commented that these four issues were “no-brainers”, who wouldn’t support them? But the sad truth is that there are groups who would oppose each one of these and that’s the reason that we have to be so vigilant and remind our elected leaders to support these extremely important issues. I can’t wait to go back again next year and a BIG Thanks to Richard Gordon for coordinating and spearheading this effort.

American Jewish Women Film Directors: The Gamechangers in Hollywood
Tuesday, March 10 @ 7pm
Trible Library Theatre

email Richard.Freund@cnu.edu
call 757.594.9196

Myth Breaking 101: The Myth of Jewish Money Lenders
Tuesday, March 31 @ 7pm
Trible Library

UJC Senior Grand Club
Come to the UJC for Lunch and Bingo!

Dates For March 2020
Tuesdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st.
Give your child the gift of a Jewish overnight experience, with up to $1000 off! For more info or to apply for a grant, email sarah@ujcvm.org or visit OneHappyCamper.org.

Let’s Do Good Together!

Join the global movement of doing good. Family Friendly Volunteer Opportunities for all ages on 3/29/2020 from 1:30-3pm

NN Public Art Foundation
Volunteers over the age of 13 will work on landscaping and cleaning up around a local sculpture.

The Hidenwood
Volunteers of all ages will help the UJCVP host a pre-Passover Celebration for residents of the Hidenwood. Residents love any and all visitors.

Volunteers will receive a FREE Good Deeds Day T-Shirt! (While Supplies Last)
For More Information or To Volunteer jmalkin@ujcvm.org.
Purim Carnival 2020
Come to the J for an afternoon of family fun!
Sunday, March 8th, 12-2pm
* Face Painting  * Amusements  * Costume Contest
* Carnival Games  * Prizes
* Raffle for attending a megillah reading
* Special Babies & Bagels storytime at 1pm

Lunch & Hamantashen available for purchase.

For more info
email Carmela@ujcvp.org
Join our Diaper Party!

The Greater Hampton Roads Diaper Bank is a nonprofit organization that was created to provide emergency supplies of diapers to those in need.

Their mission is to ensure that all Hampton Roads families have access to an adequate supply of diapers.

Pearl Society Diaper Party
for the Greater Hampton Roads Diaper Bank

When:
Monday
3/16 @
5:30pm

Where:
The J

Entry Fee:
Diapers!

*All baby & adult diapers needed, especially baby sizes 5 & 6!

Join the Pearls for snacks and a viewing of the short film, Period. End of Sentence.

RSVP:
sarah@ujcvc.org
You Can Make Magic Happen

The Boris and Selma Margolin Israel Experience Fund honors a legacy of the parents of community members Sam and Ira Margolin who learned a great love of Israel and Zionism from their parents. In establishing this fund, Boris and Selma’s children pay tribute to the importance of transformational experiences for Jewish children and teens. Historically this has meant a trip to Israel which will still be a centerpiece of this fund’s purpose. Yet recognizing the need to remain relevant and uniquely useful the Margolin family has decided to extend the purpose of the fund to include Jewish overnight camping experiences for Peninsula Jewish children. The recognition of the importance of Jewish overnight camping has become an accepted fact in the Jewish communities around the globe. Funds from this fund will be made available on a one time basis for qualifying youth attending accredited overnight camps. This grant is separate from the One Happy Camper grants available to first time campers.

The Margolin Family, through this fund, are helping Jewish children have magical experiences while honoring their parents’ legacy. If you are interested in making magic happen in a way that inspires you, please consider starting your own fund with the UJCVP Endowment. If you would like to discuss what our communal needs are now and in the future which might intersect with your interests, we are happy to start a conversation. Contact sarah@ujcvp.org
Sixteen women are waiting for you to join them on this awesome trip! Are you ready for exciting ventures into the Israeli world of fun, food, philanthropy and fashion all on a uniquely female trip? Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Caesarea, Wine Tasting, Food tours, the Judean Desert, Masada, and so much more. Explore the life of Israeli women, from social entrepreneurs, Israeli Arab women, Orthodox women, fashion designers and more. Bond with your new best friends on this exciting niche trip of a lifetime. Subsidies available on a first come first serve basis for community members. For more information please contact sarah@ujcvp.org
Lunch & Learn Wednesday, March 18, 2020
12:00pm at the J

Built upon Artistic Director Stoner Winslett’s vision to give back to the community through the memorable experience of movement and dance, the acclaimed Minds In Motion program seeks to share the organization’s mission with elementary school students around Richmond and beyond. Through Minds In Motion, the Ballet creates a bridge starting in fourth grade for students to gain a greater understanding of themselves through dance, classroom curriculum, community partnerships, and professional performances.
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This month we celebrate Purim. There is a beautiful custom before reading the Megillah in the synagogue, to contribute three half-dollars (or half shekel) coins to charity. This symbolizes the half-shekels which every Jew used to give as dues to the Temple in Jerusalem. But why does the Torah specify a half shekel instead of a whole? The answer is that by giving a half, each Jew realizes that he’ll never become complete unless he is part of the larger community. This teaches that every Jew is equally important to our national mission. Just removing one letter invalidates a Torah Scroll, so too the loss of one Jew hinders our destiny.

On Purim we retell the story of how Haman sought to erase us from history. Antisemitism at it’s worst. With the current rise in antisemitism, we need to look toward Mordechai and Esther as examples of strength and resistance. When we stand as a united Jewish Community we have the power to make a difference.

CHAG PURIM

Mazel Tov to Alec Wolf on becoming an Eagle Scout

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All are welcome to our services, programs and activities!

Friday, Purim Dinner & Service (6:15pm)
- March 6th

Saturday Morning Shabbat Services (10:00 a.m.) followed by lunch
- March 21st
- March 28th

Friday Night Shabbat Services (7:30 p.m.)
- March 13th

For further information to any of the above events please call 596-8352.
Rabbi Séverine Sokol (1-314-628-9196) rabbiseverine@gmail.com
Administrator - Mary Beth Colgan - admin@nnsinai.hrcoxmail.com
(757) 596-8352 - office (757) 596-8492 – fax
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RODEF SHOLOM TEMPLE PRESENTS

6PM COMPLIMENTARY DINNER - TRADITIONAL MEGILLAH READING

PLUS

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PRESENTS

CAMPAIGN COMMERCIALS BETWEEN CHAPTERS

Who will be elected Mayor of Shushan?
Vashti? ~ Ester? ~ Mordechai?
King Achashverosh? ~ Haman?

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Shabbat Services

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

March 6th
Rabbi led Erev Shabbat service

March 13th
Lay led Erev Shabbat service

March 20th
Lay led Erev Shabbat service

March 27th
Rabbi and ISJL Fellow Margo Wagner led family Erev Shabbat service

Special Events & Other News

March 8th, Religious School Purim Celebration

March 9th, CEVO Purim Service – Join CEVO at 6:30pm for our service and participate in a costume contest.

March 12th, Game Night

March 27th, Family Shabbat Dinner – Make an appearance at 6:00pm, and participate in this Shabbat tradition along with your friends and family.

March 29th, Religious School Shared Teaching Passover Seder at Beth El
The Peninsula Jewish Historical Society in partnership with the UJCVP presents

LUNCH & LEARN: DINNER EDITION
The Rosenwald Schools
Wed. March 4th
6:30pm

with Dr. Wesley Wilson & Ronnie Cohen, Esq.

AUTHOR TALK:
America’s Jewish Women
A History from Colonial Times to Today
Sun. May 17th
2:30pm

with author Pamela Nadell

Passport Members: Free
Non-Members:
L&L Dinner - $12pp  RSVP: straster@ujcwp.org
Author Talk - $10pp  RSVP: carmela@ujcwp.org
Both events will be at the J - 401 City Center Blvd. NN 23606

PJ Library
JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES and SONGS
MIKVEH MOMENTS
From Carmela and Sarah

In November, we had the pleasure of attending the Rising Tide Networks community mikveh conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Rising Tide is a national network (https://www.mayyimhayyim.org/rising-tide/) of mikva’ot (plural of mikveh) working to open the experience of mikveh to the entire Jewish community to help create a vibrant, welcoming, inclusive American Jewish future.

Rising Tide’s mission is to assist communities that wish to open a new mikveh or enhance an existing one, and to support the success and sustainability of mikva’ot around the country.

Rising Tide's goal is to establish mikveh as part of the full diversity of the Jewish communal landscape by articulating best practices, fostering innovation, and building partnerships.

For two days we gathered with other professionals and volunteers from across North America and England sharing ideas, experiences, and best practices. Some of us came from communities with existing mikvehs and community mikveh programs while others like us were at the beginning of our journey. Our experiences are all unique and yet share our common desire to promote contemporary mikveh immersion uses that enhance the beautiful ritual practices of Judaism. At the conference we were able to explore the contemporary reexamination of traditional mikveh uses along with new and exciting practices surrounding life cycle, and health and healing immersions. Our membership in the Rising Tide Network will continue to assist us in our journey as we evaluate the potential benefits of a community mikveh on the campus of the UJCVP. Situated on a peninsula surrounded by water affords us the perfect opportunity to explore immersion programming and education without the benefit of an actual mikveh. We look forward to the possibilities so keep your eyes open for upcoming events.

We hope to build a community mikveh space for all, where you can bring your whole selves -- your joys, your losses, your sorrows -- into the living waters of the mikveh.

Please support a mikveh for ALL at the UJCVP

Naming opportunities available for dedication to honor the memory of a loved one.

Steering committee: Gary Kavit * Maryl Kessler * Scott Wolf * Kayren Segall

If you would like to find out more about a modern Mikveh please visit:

- Rising Tide Open Waters Mikveh Network - https://www.mayyimhayyim.org
UJC/BBYO FUNDRAISER AND CHAPTER MEETING

3 SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP SUPPORT A FUN JEWISH LIFESTYLE FOR LOCAL TEENS

ADULTS:
1. ATTEND THE PURIM CARNIVAL
2. GO TO “JAIL”
3. GET BAILED OUT

BBYO TEENS:
1. ATTEND THIS CHAPTER MEETING
2. PREP FOR SPRING CULTURAL CONVENTION
3. GO TO “JAIL” AND GET BAILED OUT

Email jmalkin@ujcgp.org to find out more.

Sunday, March 8th 12pm–2pm UJCVP
JCC Book Club
Thursday, April 2nd at 7pm
Big Stone Gap by Adriana Trigiani
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Millions of readers around the world have fallen in love with the small town of Big Stone Gap, nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, and the story of its self-proclaimed spinster, Ave Maria Mulligan. In the series’ enchanting debut, Ave Maria reaches her thirty-fifth year and resigns herself to the single life, filling her days with hard work, fun friends, and good books. Then, one fateful day, Ave Maria’s past opens wide with the revelation of a long-buried secret that will alter the course of her life. Before she knows it, Ave Maria is fielding marriage proposals, trying to claim her rightful inheritance, and planning the trip of a lifetime to Italy—one that will change her view of the world and her own place in it forever. Full of wit and wonder, hilarity and heart, Big Stone Gap is a gem of a book, and one that you will share with friends and family for years to come.

Lori and Jeff Luckman announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney to Logan Margulis of Chicago. They are planning a summer 2021 wedding.

Simcha Shout Out

Welcome to our new Simcha Shout Out Corner!

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

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UJCVP Community March 2020 Calendar

**Sunday, Mar. 1, 2020**
2:00pm - Peninsula Jewish Film Festival

**Monday, Mar. 2, 2020**
6:30pm - Mindfulness & Meditation

**Tuesday, Mar. 3, 2020**
10:30am - Grand Club
4:30pm - Hebrew School

**Wednesday, Mar. 4, 2020**
5:30pm - Fitness Bootcamp
6:30pm - Lunch & Learn: Dinner Edition

**Thursday, Mar. 5, 2020**
4:30pm - Hebrew School

**Sunday, Mar. 8, 2020**
12:00pm - Purim Carnival
12:00pm - BBYO
1:00pm - Babies & Bagels Storytime

**Tuesday, Mar. 10, 2020**
10:30am - Grand Club
4:30pm - Hebrew School
6:00pm - CNU - Jewish Women Movie Directors
7:00pm - Skills Series: Drawing

**Wednesday, Mar. 11, 2020**
5:30pm - UJC Executive Meeting
7:00pm - Flicks & Food

**Thursday, Mar. 12, 2020**
4:30pm - Hebrew School

**Sunday, Mar. 15, 2020**
2:00pm - Special Presentation for Holocaust Writing Competition authors

**Monday, Mar. 16, 2020**
5:30pm - Pearl Party

**Tuesday, Mar. 17, 2020**
10:30am - Grand Club
4:30pm - Hebrew School

**Wednesday, Mar. 18, 2020**
12:00pm - Lunch & Learn
7:00pm - UJC General Board Meeting

**Thursday, Mar. 19, 2020**
4:30pm - Hebrew School

**Sunday, Mar. 22, 2020**
2:00pm - Va. Peninsula Jewish Film Festival

**Monday, Mar. 23, 2020**
6:30pm - Skills Series: Sushi Making

**Tuesday, Mar. 24, 2020**
10:30am - Grand Club
4:30pm - Hebrew School

**Thursday, Mar. 26, 2020**
4:30 pm - Hebrew School

**Friday, Mar. 27, 2020**
Grandparent’s Day

**Sunday, Mar. 29, 2020**
1:30 pm - Good Deeds Day

**Tuesday, Mar. 31, 2020**
10:30am - Grand Club
4:30pm - Hebrew School
7:00pm - CNU - “Myth Breaking 101”
7:00pm - Skills Series: Macrame