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Super Sunday is Another Success



(Clockwise) Dena Neuwirth, Elise Scherr, Zach Sisisky and Andy Vorenberg make calls on Super Sunday.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, in just three hours, more than 40 volunteers had terrific conversations with community members and raised \$56,139 from more than 180 of them.

“Thanks to the dedicated support of our volunteers and the response from the community, we were able to raise the needed funds on Super Sunday to help people in Richmond, Israel and around the world,” said Campaign Chair Matt Grossman.

Thanks also to the two businesses -The Grill at Patterson and Saxon Shoes - that provided door prizes to the volunteers during the three-hour event.

Longtime volunteer Irv Scherr, said, “I’m pleased to give my time, which is so important to help Jews here and around the world.”

Rudlin Torah Academy won the Spirit Award grant of \$1,000 for the third year

Super Sunday *More on page 12*

Thank you to these businesses, which helped support our SUPER SUNDAY activities: The Grill at Patterson and Saxon Shoes

SUPER SUNDAY volunteers were:

thank you

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Ellen Renee Adams
Drew Alexander
Michele Asher
Elliott Bender
Leslie Cohen
Deane Dubansky
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KBI Presents the 2013 Richmond Jewish Food Festival at Weinstein JCC



A few of the community members at last year’s Jewish Food Festival.

Come enjoy great Jewish food at the Richmond Jewish Food Festival, Sunday and Monday, Jan. 20–21, from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. This year the festival will be held at the Weinstein JCC.

Admission is free; credit/debit cards accepted. Eat in or take out.

At RichmondJewishFoodFestival.com you can find information about our great offerings, like:

Beef brisket - slow cooked with onions and special sauce.
Tsimmes - a sweet cooked

delight, containing anything from yams to dried fruits, carrots and honey.

Kasha Varnishkes - A delicious, nutritious dish of sautéed onions and noodles, mixed with nutty, wholesome buckwheat.

Matzah Ball Soup - Fluffy dumplings made with ground matzah, served, of course, in Jewish penicillin - a hearty chicken broth that is sure to cure whatever ails you.

Hot Corned Beef - Just like from the corner deli.

And Pickle on a Stick - half- or whole- sour.

Latkes - Grated potatoes mixed with eggs and onions in a perfect union — crispy on the outside, creamy on the inside; bet you can’t eat just one!

Shwarma - Seasoned and shaved lamb and turkey, served on pita with hummus and a diced tomato and cucumber salad.

Falafel - The Israeli version of fast

Food *More on page 11*

YAD Event Features Middle East Expert Micah Halpern



(From left) Guest Speaker Micah Halpern, Alissa Aronovici, Gerri Stahl and Elizabeth Cohen.

Syndicated columnist, social and Middle East political commentator, educator and historian was the featured speaker at the Federation's Young Adult Division Campaign program on Nov. 29. The event was held at the home of Allison Weinstein and Ivan Jecklin.

Halpern updated the group on events in the Middle East and provided an interactive wine tasting experience. He is the only exclusively kosher wine reviewer in the Western world.

While in Richmond, he sat down with the *Reflector* and offered commentary on the United Nations resolution regarding changing the status of the Palestinian Liberation Organization to that of a non-voting member and other developments involving Israel and its Arab neighbors.

The Palestinians moved ahead with their proposal to the United Nations and had secured support from far more than half of the General Assembly members, including France.

Halpern noted, "The U.S. is against it and had been fighting this proposal for awhile. But the proposal is not what people think it to be. The problem does not lie where people think it lies."

Halpern explained that their previous status was that of an organization - the PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organization). And so this action, though referred to by some as statehood, is actually a change of status to "observer status" as the Palestinian Authority. "They want to become recognized as a country. What happens next is the

Halpern

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

• **January 13** | 10:30 a.m.
Richmond Hadassah Installation
Richmond Country Club

• **January 20** | 2 p.m.
French Holocaust Film
Un Secret (2007)
Virginia Holocaust Museum

• **January 20-21** | 11:30 a.m.
Keneseth Beth Israel
2013 Jewish Food Festival
Weinstein JCC

• **January 22** | 8:45 a.m.
Jewish Advocacy Day
Date With the State
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

• **January 24-27**
Weinstein JCC Annual
Israeli Film Festival
Weinstein JCC

• **January 30** | 7 p.m.
AIPAC Speaker: Rob Bassin
National Political Director
Weinstein JCC

Visit jewishrichmond.org for a complete calendar of Jewish community events.

Remembering Supporters of Israel

By Irv Blank, FORMER JCRC CHAIRMAN

Two events brought back memories from many years past and prove that delivering the message of Israel and the Jewish people to elected officials and community leaders is a never-ending task of the JCRC and its community relations component.

Our community lost a great friend and defender when Father Nicholas Dombalis passed away on Nov. 16 at 87 years old. In the 1980s there were many attacks on the legitimacy of Israel by organized church groups. The most serious and vicious came from the National Council of Churches (NCC), which proposed many anti-Israel resolutions and ignored the history of the Middle East and the Jewish people. As a member of NCC's executive board, Father Dombalis led the effort to defeat one of the most serious attacks on Israel. In the face of threats on his life, he delivered an impassioned plea on behalf of Israel in Madison Square Garden in New York. His speech turned the tide against the anti-Semitic and anti Israel members of the NCC and defeated what was thought to be the worst resolution ever proposed in that body against Israel. The NCC never again rose to its then position of prominence in the Middle East debate.

Nick Dombalis was a great friend of our community. He was always present at our events, often offered prayers. His loss will be felt by Richmond Jews and supporters of Israel, but his life and his efforts will never be forgotten.

On a different note, I recall the many times that former Senator John W. Warner worked to help with legislation favorable to Israel. Sen. Warner was in the Israel Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv the last time that rockets from an Arab enemy landed in that city. He was the moving force in getting the funding for the research and development of the anti-missile defense system that has proven to be so effective during this last escalation of attacks by Hamas - The Iron Dome system.

If you have an occasion to see or talk to

Sen. Warner, thank him for fruits of his labor on behalf of a strong US-Israel relationship. His ability to work across party lines is still the gold standard for elected representatives and we should not fail to remind our current office holders of their responsibility to meet his standards regardless of party or political beliefs.

Just a note from a former Jewish Community Relations Committee chairman that no matter how things change, they still seem to stay the same.

THE REFLECTOR

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J-LIFE 2nd Semester

The 2nd semester of Jewish Learning is for Everyone (J-LIFE) will be held beginning on Thursday, Jan. 10. Each week will be taught by a different Rabbi so participants can attend each class.

Sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. with a fifteen minute break in the middle for socializing and coffee. All sessions will be at the Weinstein JCC.

1. Rabbi Ben Romer will teach on Jan. 10. The title is "Should Jews Still Reach Out to Other Religious Groups?" How important are inter-faith relations today? Should Jews be talking with Christians and Muslims about Israel, about issues in public schools and about moral issues in our world? How important is it for the Jewish community to reach out and talk with other religious groups? We will look into the state of Jewish Interfaith Relations today.

2. Rabbi Dovid Asher will teach on Jan. 17. His title is: "Same-Sex Marriage: A Divisive Issue About the Union of Marriage." This class will focus on one of the more controversial topics of our

generation. Come learn as we explore the various issues that relate to same-sex marriage. What is marriage? What is at stake in the debate of same-sex marriage? How is the question relevant to all people? Discover a Jewish perspective on an important and current conversation.

3. Rabbi Gary Creditor will teach on Jan. 31. The title is: "Church and State: Connected/Disconnected - How and Why?"

4. Rabbi Jesse Gallop will teach on Feb. 4. The title is: "The Jewish Community in the 21st Century: A Discussion About the Future of Judaism in America." He will lead an in-depth look at the challenges posed to the Richmond and the American Jewish community. Discussion to focus on organizational change, denominational challenges, and research about what young Jews are looking for in Jewish life, as well as shrinking demographics. Come learn and discuss how we can begin to serve the needs of future Jewish generations.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Sara Rosenbaum at 545-8629 or srosenbaum@jewishrichmond.org

Join RJCL for Readers Café at Swansboro

Readers' Café is an exciting opportunity to promote reading among the students at Swansboro Elementary School as part of the Richmond Jewish Coalition for Literacy's (RJCL) mentoring efforts.

Students in grades 3-5 are selected by their teachers and the librarian. Mentors meet students in the library or another school location at lunchtime once a week for about 30-45 minutes. It generally takes 4-6 weeks to read and discuss a book.

Readers' Café is a small group activity that gives the children an opportunity to read high-quality children's literature and discuss among peers with guidance from the volunteer leader. They practice oral reading and expression, develop vocabulary and comprehension, and develop the habit of reading for enjoyment.

Books have been purchased with a grant from First Book, and a list is available; some leaders purchase books for the students themselves. Librarian Sara Tatum has set aside a shelf to keep the books so that the students can

come in and read assigned chapters between sessions. At the end, each student gets to keep the book.

You don't need to be an experienced teacher to lead a group. You simply read and discuss a book with a group of students. There are book summaries, comprehension questions and activities available online for most children's books, and retired librarian Gladys Wilder, Claudia Biegler, or Marci Linas would be glad to help you. An annotated list of the books has been prepared.

If you cannot commit to being a RJCL mentor on a weekly basis, this might be an opportunity for you to meet and help the students at Swansboro. For more information, contact Marci Linas at 784-8754 or eyeball202@aol.com.



Miriam Davidow and a group in 2011.



By Samuel Asher
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, JCFR

We Send Condolences on Connecticut Shootings

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The Jewish Community Federation of Richmond expresses horror and sorrow at the recent shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

We send our deepest condolences and prayers and stand in solidarity with the entire community of Newtown at this difficult and tragic time, and send our love and support to the families of the victims.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported the following:

Ahead of funeral for Newtown victim Noah Pozner, temple opens fund for family.

December 17, 2012

Noah Pozner, 6, was among the 20 child victims of the Dec. 14, 2012 shooting massacre at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., that also claimed six adults. (Courtesy Pozner family, via Forward)

NEW YORK (JTA) -- As the family of Newtown massacre victim Noah Pozner prepared for the 6-year-old's funeral, the family's synagogue began collecting money for the Pozners.

Congregation Adath Israel of Newtown, Conn., posted a notice on its

website announcing that it was accepting money to help support the Pozners "during this terrible time." Pozner, who was Jewish, was the youngest victim of last Friday's shooting at the Sandy Hook Elementary School. His funeral -- the first of the massacre's 27 victims -- was scheduled to take place at 1 p.m. Monday (Dec. 17) at the Abraham L. Green & Son Funeral Home in Fairfield, Conn.

Among the messages of condolence pouring in for the victims of the school shooting were letters from Israeli leaders.

"On behalf of the people of Israel, as friends and as parents, we stand with you today in contemplation and grief over the atrocious, incomprehensible massacre of 20 children and six adults --

educators -- at Sandy Hook Elementary School," Israeli President Shimon Peres wrote to President Obama. "No experience with death can be likened to that of a parents' loss of their child. No crime is more heinous than the killing of a child."

Twenty children and six school employees were killed when Adam Lanza, 20, forced his way into the school building and opened fire. Lanza killed himself at the school. Prior to the school shootings, Lanza, who had attended the Sandy Hook school, killed his mother, Nancy, in the Newtown home they shared.

Let us pray for the souls of the children and educators whose lives were taken by this unimaginable and senseless act.

Community Members Network with Elected Officials

Many community leaders and volunteers had the opportunity to speak informally with a number of elected and appointed officials at the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond's Annual Legislative Reception on Nov. 26.

The officials included many state, county and city officials and school board members, including Rep. Bobby Scott.

JCFR President Nathan Shor welcomed everyone and thanked the elected officials for attending and for their time representing the Greater Richmond area. JCRC Chair Richard Samet spoke to the officials about the important advocacy role the Federation plays. He also recognized and introduced all the elected officials.



(From left) Del. John O'Bannon and Michael Plotkin.



(From left) Henrico County Supervisor David Kaechele, Frances Goldman and Rep. Bobby Scott.



(From left) Ben Lewis and Richmond School Board Member-Elect Shonda Harris-Muhammed.

Brian Greene and Dena Neuwirth Honored by JFNA



Brian Greene



Dena Neuwirth

Richmond's Brian Greene and Dena Neuwirth.

Both are active in the community and the Annual Campaign and have been recognized locally for their achievements. Greene is president of RTA and received the Federation's William G. Thalhimer Sr. Young Leadership Award in June. Neuwirth received the Virginia V. Binswanger Young Leadership Award, also in June.

JFNA noted, "The winners represent our finest and most forward-looking young leaders in North America. Let your entire community rejoice in the fact that these young people have stepped forward and have been recognized by Jewish Federations as true leaders."

Each year, Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) recognize Young Leadership Award winners who are making an important statement and commitment through their activism and generosity of time, spirit and resources on behalf of the Jewish people, and in particular, in service of their Federation communities.

This year two local winners included

Enterprise Circle Program



(From left) Guest Speakers Dan Neuwith and Bob Mooney talk with Zach Sisisky.

On Tuesday, Dec. 18, attendees at the Federation's Enterprise Circle heard more about a new and innovative medical records technology company in Richmond, MedCPU.

The speakers were Dan Neuwith, president of the U.S. division of this Israeli company and Bob Mooney, a key execu-

tive with New Richmond Ventures (NRV). NRV is working with a number of small innovative technology companies to help them "change the world," according to Mooney. "They must be passionate about their work and want to make a difference."

One of these is MedCPU, which was founded in 2008 by two Israelis and Neuwith joined in May 2011.

Neuwirth explained how MedCPU is changing the world and helping the health care industry with innovative records technology.

"We've had great success in the market and our system captures 100% of relevant clinical data." He said the U.S. is investing \$40 billion in electronic medical records and MedCPU is a leader in advancing this new technology in solving problems. In Richmond they have eight employees.

25th Anniversary of Freedom Sunday Celebrated on Dec. 6

"We are not silent today." – Elie Wiesel, at the 1987 Freedom Sunday Rally

On Dec. 6, Jewish groups celebrated the 25th anniversary of the "Freedom Sunday" March on Washington, an historic event of the Soviet Jewry Movement. On Dec. 6, 1987, an estimated 250,000 people demonstrated on the National Mall to open the floodgates for Soviet Jewry, marching, singing, and shouting: "Let my people go!"

One of the largest marches on Washington in American history, the rally signaled a critical turning point in the forty-year struggle that led to the liberation of 1.5

million Soviet Jews.

The 25th anniversary of the March also marked over four decades since brave Russian Jewish activists - from Alexander Lerner, Vladimir Slepak and Ida Nudel, to Natan Sharansky and Yuli Edelstein - began fighting for their freedom from the oppressive and undemocratic Soviet monolith. Their plight was bolstered by American and Israeli human rights campaigns - global efforts that comprised an unprecedented display of Jewish solidarity among people of all ages and from all over the world.

Halpern

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problem."

"First of all, they can't be a country since they have no borders," Halpern said. "But this new status could mean involvement in certain UN committees and other roles within the UN, which will be troublesome to Israel and the U.S., Halpern added.

There has yet to be a negotiated settlement to determine where the country will be located. This is called a unilateral move. A decision or an act made without the partner or the intermediaries - Israel and the United States. "That is why there is opposition. And that is why the move is so dangerous to the future of negotiations."

Halpern explained that the date - Nov. 29 - that the PA chose to present their proposal was significant. "It was on November 29, 1947, that the United Nations originally proposed a two-state solution, a proposal which was rejected by the Arabs at the time. Palestinian leadership wanted it passed on Nov. 29 to rectify history," he said.

Halpern added that 132 of the 193 countries in the UN already have diplomatic relations with the Palestinian Authority. "Actually, more countries in the UN have diplomatic relations with the PA than have with Israel."

This action is dangerous to the future of negotiations and just causes more difficulties in any peace discussions, according to Halpern.

He noted the action was a slap in the face to the U.S. "They spit in our face." Halpern expects Congress to hold back funds to the PA as a result of the UN vote.

The decision to freeze the payments was reportedly made by three congressional committees in August, before Abbas' planned bid for statehood recognition at the UN. The U.S. provides about \$200 million in funds, intended for food aid, health care, and infrastructure projects.

Halpern noted these funds are important to the PA since the U.S. always dispenses financial aid on time and they count on the funds at a particular time. Most others that provide aid to the PA never meet timetables.

In discussing Israel's military operation, "Pillar of Defense, Halpern said it was unlikely the IDF would enter Gaza at this time. He said the Iron Dome system was "effective" in destroying many missiles and Israel was able to destroy many important Hamas rocket launch sites.

Collaborative Bowling Network JCFR Event on Jan. 15

A collaborative bowling program for young Jewish professionals is planned for Jan. 15 at AMF on Broad Street from 7-9 p.m.

The program is sponsored by J-Town, YACOA, Network JCFR, Beth-El, KBI's Twenties, JLSA, and MCV's young Jewish adults. RSVP and additional information available on Facebook.

Network JCFR begins 2013 with a Happy Hour on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. at The Barrel Thief Wine, 5805 Patterson Avenue. This event celebrates Tu BeShevat which honors grapes, a central custom of the holiday.

For more information on Network JCFR and upcoming programs contact Shoshanna Schechter-Shaffin at sshaffin@jewishrichmond.org or 545-8626. Also check out Network JCFR on Facebook.

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Lyric Opera Virginia Presents Best of Broadway on January 17

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Jennings appeared last fall in Lyric Opera Virginia's "Discovery Recitals," performing along with Tongan Tenor Ta'u Pupu'a. She is currently performing the role of Nimue in Camelot at the Landmark Theater.

Tracey Welborn, tenor, a winner of the

1992 International Pavarotti Competition, has sung throughout the world, including performances with the Hong Kong and Los Angeles Operas and with the Bologna Opera and Grand Opera de Genève

The "Best of Broadway" will take place at the Weinstein JCC on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15M/\$18NM and can be purchased by calling 545-8608.



Shannon Jennings

Tapestries by Israeli Artist

The Sara D November Art Gallery presents: "A Collection of Tapestries and Giclée Lithographs" by Sixth-Generation Israeli Artist Moshe Monzon. Please join the center for an opening reception with the artist on Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.

Born in Jerusalem, Monzon is a prominent Israeli artist who has been carrying on his family's artistic tradition in an original way. His unique tapestries reflect the stately

elegance of the Mediterranean landscape and the contemporary sophistication of modern abstract art.

He earned a B.A. in Textiles from the Shenkar College of Fashion, Artistic Textile Design and Technology. Since then, Monzon has been devoted to making tapestries and his works have been displayed all over the world.

Free and open to the public. Call 285-6500 for information.



Weinstein JCC HAPPENINGS

Noshin' Hamantaschen

The Weinstein JCC Preschool is once again selling freshly baked hamantaschen by Shalom Kosher of Baltimore.

Place your pre-order by Monday, Feb. 4; only \$28 a dozen (you save \$5). If you just want a few, each one is only \$2.75. Get your orders in quickly to get your favorite flavor: lemon, chocolate chip, prune, poppy, apple, cherry, apricot, or raspberry.

Place orders at the Main Lobby Desk or Preschool office. The order form is also posted on weinsteinjcc.org or we can email a form to you. Email us at preschool@weinsteinjcc.org or call the preschool at 545-8615 or 545-8616.

You may fax your order forms to (804) 545-8675.

On Monday, Feb. 18 between 2-4 p.m. or Tuesday, Feb. 19 between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., you may pick up and eat delicious Hamantaschen that have been pre-ordered.

If you forget to place your order or just need more, visit the Hamantaschen Café in the Richard A. Arenstein Lobby. Come on Tuesday, Feb. 19 through Sunday, Feb. 24 (not opened Saturday, Feb. 23) from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the week (and from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the Sunday, Feb. 24 Community-Wide Purim Carnival at the Weinstein JCC) while supplies last. The prices at the Hamantaschen Café and Purim Carnival are \$3 each or \$30 per dozen.



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Third Annual Israeli Film Festival Jan. 24-27

The goal of the Weinstein JCC Israeli Film Festival is to spotlight Israel's thriving film industry and to promote cultural recognition of Israel through films.



The opening night on Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m., features the documentary "Violin in Wartime" by award-winning Israeli director Yael Katzir. The second Lebanon war invades the life of violin maker Amnon Weinstein as his co-worker son is drafted. The film captures intimate moments of struggle

with fear and trauma reflecting on the violin's unique narrative in Jewish tradition, and the way music keeps you sane.

There will be a special concert following the film by local musicians and violinists Martin Caplan, Jocelyn Adelman, Yakov Tulchinsky and Marcy Horowitz. A dessert reception will conclude the evening.

For tickets and the full schedule, visit www.weinsteinjcc.org or call 545-8608.



The Weinstein JCC is supported, in part, by a generous contribution from the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond.

An Inside Look - Israel: Feb. 2

The JCC Forum will present Peter Greenberg, one of America's most recognized, honored and respected news journalist on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Weinstein JCC.

As Travel Editor for CBS News, Greenberg has appeared on "The Early Show," "CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley," "CBS Morning News" and many other broadcast shows.

He comes to the JCC Forum having just completed yet another Royal Tour series,

this time in Israel. In a challenging and intense week, Prime Minister Netanyahu takes Greenberg throughout Israel and explores it as never seen before. As with his other specials, Greenberg sits down with the Prime Minister for a frank discussion about the state of affairs in the Middle East.

Tickets are available for purchase at \$35 per ticket. For tickets or information, please contact Lisa Looney at llooney@weinsteinjcc.org or 545-8608.

The Weinstein JCC Presents...

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Violins in Wartime

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Sunday, January 27
10:00AM

Documentary, 97 minutes

Sima Vaknin Witch

Saturday, January 26
7:30PM
Comedy, 94 minutes



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Sunday, January 27
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Drama, 100 minutes



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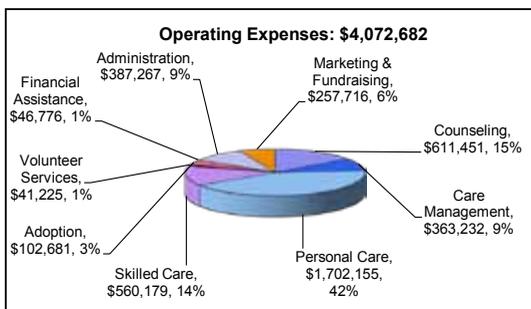
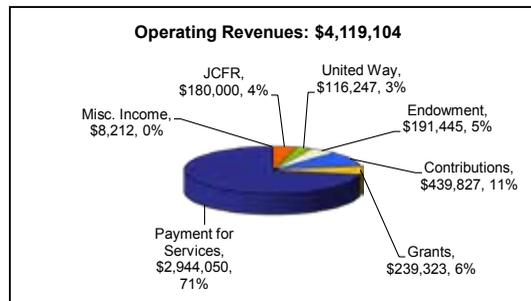
- \$6,335,119: Saved in the Richmond community by providing HomeCare services, allowing frail seniors to remain living in their own homes, not state-funded nursing homes.
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was improved through Elderly Care Management.

- 4,218: Volunteer hours spent calling/visiting clients and providing support to JFS.

Please visit www.jfsrichmond.org for the full version of the JFS annual report.

2011-2012 Financial Snapshot



For more information on how JFS can help, call 282-5644.



Jewish Family Services is supported, in part, by a generous contribution from the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond.

Volunteers Help Close Food Gap



At Beth Sholom Woods, help comes in many ways and from different places.

The Woods is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development subsidized apartment building for seniors and non-elderly residents with physical and mobility challenges.

Woods tenants pay 30% of their income for rent and standard utilities for their one-bedroom private apartment. With an average yearly income of approximately \$11,000, the residents have found it increasingly difficult to put food on their tables.

As food prices have risen and social security and other retirement incomes held fairly steady, the residents visited food banks run by churches and non-profits. These required individuals to find transportation. Most do not drive and finding transportation was an issue. With the lack of public transportation, the Woods looked into transporting residents. This proved impractical - the wait times to receive food could be lengthy and scheduling van service required much coordination.



Ethan Stein is a major volunteer at the Woods.

Cathy Baab, Woods service coordinator, recognized the need for an in-house food bank. So the food pantry was created. It's conveniently located on the first floor and is

Volunteers *More on page 11*

Weinstein JCC Winter Jewish Studies Offerings

Beginner Hebrew Level 2: Instructor - Richard Goldberg, Mondays, Jan. 28-March 18, 8-9:30 p.m.; \$60M/\$75NM.

Can you read basic Hebrew but always wanted to learn more? Now is your chance to increase your Hebrew knowledge

and fluency.

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to increase your knowledge of the ancient language of the Bible that is still used in Modern Israel today. Call 285-6500 for information on this class and more offerings.

Israel - The Holyland in the Torah

Israel-The Holyland in the Torah and Ancient Jewish History: Instructor - Shoshanna Schechter-Shaffin, Tuesdays, Jan. 15-Feb. 19, 12:15-1:15 (bring a bag lunch); \$60M/\$75NM.

Beginning four thousand years ago with the story of Abraham and his journey to the promised land, the land of Israel has

played a central role in the Torah and Jewish life.

This lunchtime class will explore the Torah and the Jewish people's connection to the land of Israel through the voice of ancient texts and archaeology.

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Run-A-Latke is a Record



And they're off! Nutzky the Squirrel launches RTA's 2012 Run-A-Latke.



5K winner Callum Weinberg relaxes with RTA students (from) Alex Mosheyev and Avi Greene.

With nearly 300 people in attendance, RTA's 4th annual Run-A-Latke was its biggest and most successful ever. New features included chip-timing, and a special mascot - the Richmond Flying Squirrels' Nutzky.

RTA alumnus Callum Weinberg was the men's winner of the 5K with a time of



Race participants (from left) Cullen Seltzer, Jim Weinberg, Rob Omberg and Dan Siegel.

16:50 and Molly Yun was the women's winner with a time of 24:19. After the event, runners and spectators enjoyed socializing over latkes, donuts, coffee and hot chocolate. Race Chairs Leslie Cohen and Rebecca Kalman-Winston noted that Run-A-Latke continues to grow as a favorite in Richmond because it's on a Sunday, in winter, and has the best race food around.

Special thanks to our Title Sponsor, Designer Deliveries, Inc. We also wish to thank the other 20 sponsors. We appreciate your support of the quality Jewish and general education at RTA, YVA and Shaarei Torah.

Rudlin Torah Academy is supported, in part, by a generous contribution from the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond.



Beth Sholom Happenings



These teen volunteers helped plant daffodils.

Residents at Beth Sholom had Hanukkah fun making edible dreidels and memory center residents made air fresheners as part of art therapy.

Mark Resnick, board president, and volunteers planted daffodils bought with donations to the daffodil fund. The goal is to plant 1,000 daffodil bulbs this fall. Contact Selma Harlow at 421-5142 for how to help.

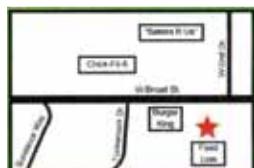
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If you add rolling hills plus hay wagons plus scenic overlooks plus apple trees, what do you get? A bevy of frolicking, giggling, apple-picking happy girls.

The Girl Scouts of Troop 4613 - accompanied by leaders, parents and the students from Shaari Torah High School - caravanned to Charlottesville playing scavenger-hunt car games. Their excitement grew as their convoy finally arrived at the mountain carefully maneuvering the steep curvy roads! Once there, everyone gathered at the meeting point and the girls scheduled their day.

Beginning with a hayride around the orchard, the scouts surveyed the different paths that led to the myriad of apple trees. It was a little cold at first and coats were a must but as the day wore on, the sun shone stronger.

After the hayride, everyone discovered that when you mix daisies, Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes with rolling hills, you end up with amused girls longing to roll down those hills... again and again and again.

Rolling down hills certainly works up an appetite. The leaders called the troop to lunch before the highlight of their day, apple picking. After lunch, everyone chose to take the less steep path (or so we were told) to the Pink Lady apple trees but that required a longer hike. Steep or not, the girls ran all the way down to the trees with leaders, parents and STOR students running to catch up with them and yelling 'Red Light! Stop!' Keeping Troop 4613 in sight, everyone finally arrived at the bottom where the treasured, red and yellow juicy apples were still plentiful in the trees.

Apple-Picking at Carter Mountain Orchard



Scout Hudi picks an apple in Charlottesville.

Everyone scattered and began spying out their perfect fruit. Once spied, what a reward to reach out and twist a fat, juicy apple off of a limb, then bite into it while juice drips everywhere from the orchard-fresh fruit.

All too soon, everyone's bags were full and it was time to begin the climb back up the trail. It was a fun day full of fresh air and breathtaking scenic overlooks, and a whole year is a long time to wait to return to Carter Mountain, but Troop 4613 has a lot more fun plans for their year.

To join Girl Scout Troop 4613, contact: Kira Marx at: 804-475-0547 or email kira_marx@yahoo.com. KBI is the sponsor of Girl Scout Troop 4613.

Beth Ahabah Presents Jewish Perspectives on Aging

The Adult Programming and Education Committee at Congregation Beth Ahabah is planning a multi-part series in January that will be focusing on aging and the senior years. If you are moving into the phase of your life when a little of this planning would go a long way, or if you are the adult child of senior parents moving into this phase, the committee urges you to attend the series.

The first session, on Jan. 15, is a lecture on the future of Social Security, how to work it into your plans and what your reasonable expectations of it should be.

The second session, on Jan. 22, will be a panel discussion covering topics such as the legal and financial aspects, as well as the physical and emotional aspects of aging

and retirement.

The third session, on Jan. 29, will be a panel discussion on elder care including various living arrangements - their costs and benefits - and the spiritual aspects of this time of life. Impacts on the rest of the family will also be discussed. A fourth session may follow, schedule permitting, to discuss the future and reasonable expectations for Medicare.

The date for this will be announced separately.

All programs will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at Beth Ahabah, 1111 West Franklin Street. For further information, call 358-6757.

Beth-El School Happenings

December was a month of frenzied activity at Temple Beth-El Religious School, starting off with the annual CARITAS week.

The school community contributed to the effort in various ways - families donated items to be used by the CARITAS guests during the week and students put together toiletry bags and lunches. Families also served meals to the guests during the week and helped with laundry.

Children learned about Hanukkah in various ways - from singing songs to acting out the Hanukkah story to learning about the kinds of swords Judah the Maccabee might have used in his fight against the Greeks. The learning culminated in the school's Hanukkah event, where students made presentations to the school, made Hanukkah candles, and enjoyed edible dreidels.

In January Tot Shabbat returns to Temple Beth-El. Please bring your children from infants to 7 years and join Hazzan Marian



Beth-El Religious School students work on Hanukkah activities and decorations.

Turk for a song-filled, interactive Shabbat service followed by a light Kiddush. Our first service will be on Jan. 19 at 10 a.m. in the Kiddush Room at Temple Beth-El. Make sure you come, and bring your friends.

For information about Temple Beth-El Religious School or Tot Shabbat services, contact Hazzan Marian Turk at hazzan.turk@bethelrichmond.org.

Beth-El's Hanukkah Mitzvah Party

Temple Beth-El Sisterhood sponsored a Hanukkah Mitzvah Party on Dec. 8 to benefit the Jacob and Selma Brown Religious School.

More than 130 attended the festive party, which included lighting menorahs, enjoying traditional latkes and doughnuts and dancing to the music of David Sporn Mobile DJ, who grew up in the congregation. An article about the event appeared on the cover page of the Metro section of the *Richmond Times Dispatch* on Sunday, Dec. 9. The inaugural Hanukkah Mitzvah Party



(From left) Jenna, Bari and Jaymie Cohen.

is sure to become a new Beth-El tradition.

Special thanks to the following for donating their services: AB & R Catering, LLC, Catering by Jill, David Sporn Mobile DJ and Photo Ops by Adrienne.

Sisterhood would also like to thank the Temple Beth-El School Committee for its support in promoting the event, and the Temple Beth-El Men's Club for donating the sales from the bar back to the school. Also, thank you to Jay and Elly Ipson who donated the decorations that adorned the Grove Avenue Social Hall.



(From left) Hannah Green and Anna Soffin.

Beth Ahabah's Tu B'Shevat Gala

On Sunday, Jan. 27, the Beth Ahabah Community will celebrate Tu B'shevat at the Maymont Nature Center, 2201 Shields Lake Drive in Byrd Park at 10 a.m. until noon.

This gala event will include activities for the whole family. Taste the first fruits of Israel; experience a walk-through Seder; visit the Nature Center to learn about our local habitat; learn about saving the James River watershed and other ecological conservation projects. Meet wild animals; count the age of

trees, take a winter nature hike and connect to Jewish ecology.

There will be activities for all ages, including grape-seed oil tasting for the adults. This is one holiday event you don't want to miss. This program is made possible by a generous grant from the Rachel B. Banks Foundation.

Contact Ramona Brand, r.brand@bethahabah.org or 804-358-6757 for more information.

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At Or Atid

Swirl, Sniff & Sip at Wine Tasting Event on Feb. 9



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Take the chill off this winter and enjoy a Wine Tasting hosted by Congregation Or Atid on Saturday, Feb. 9.

Domestic and international wine expert Terence Shiple will conduct the tasting, offering his 25 years of experience in the wine and hospitality industry to guests. Finger food pairings will also be served, so come for a taste and a pour. The evening begins at 7:30 p.m. and reservations made by Feb. 4 will be only \$18 per person. After Feb. 4 the cost will be \$25 per person.



For information and reservations call the synagogue office at 804-740-4747. This event will be held at the synagogue at 10625 Patterson Ave., Henrico, 23238, and is open to the community. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors.

Inside TV News: A Talk by Roberta Oster Sachs



(From left) At a recent Coffee Kibbitz are Ruth Schoenhaut, Rabbi Royi Shaffin and Sharon Story.

Congregation Or Atid will host its next Coffee and Kibbitz on Feb. 3 at 9 a.m.

Roberta Oster-Sachs, a member of Congregation Or Atid and an Emmy-Award winning TV producer, will screen and discuss a story she produced for "Dateline NBC" from the Afghanistan/Pakistan border called "Veil of Tears."

The piece is about the impact of the Taliban on Afghan women and Oster-

Sachs will outline the production process and discuss the dangers she faced as a Jewish woman reporting from the town where Daniel Pearl was murdered.

She will also address the roles and responsibilities of journalists and the connection between her work and her Jewish faith. She says, "This story about Afghan women is also a universal story about what happens when any group is subjugated, and it's especially important for me, as a Jewish journalist to be a voice for those people."

Or Atid welcomes the entire community to join them for this informal program; coffee and pastries will be provided.

Call the synagogue office at 740-4747 to RSVP for this free event.

Richmond & Tidewater Area Summer Campers

Richmond Jewish Foundation announces that applications are now being accepted by the Sroka/Karp* Memorial Fund Grants Committee. Partial need-based scholarships are available for a summer Jewish camp experience. If you would like to request an application or need further information, please contact Joice Burnette, Foundation Administrator at joice@rjfoundation.org or 804.545.8628.

The application deadline is 4:00 p.m. on March 1, 2013.

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By Robert Nomberg

PRESIDENT & CEO, RJF

In 1994 Harry Simon (OBM) created a charitable remainder unitrust at Richmond Jewish Foundation (RJF) to provide an annual distribution for fifteen years to his son, Stuart Simon. The distribution was to pay for a second to die insurance policy on the lives of Stuart and Barbara, his wife. After this 15-year period was over, the trust terminated and the remaining proceeds were distributed to create the Simon Family Fund for JCC Youth at RJF. Annually, this fund provides a grant to the Weinstein JCC to support youth sports programming for middle and high schoolers.

Recently, Stuart called me to discuss his thoughts about creating a trust that would take care of many of their priorities. Stuart and Barbara wanted to ensure that their family was taken care of, but they wanted to fulfill several charitable interests, as well. They were interested in creating a revenue stream for their children, Ashley Brooks and Wes Simon, to fund second to die life insurance policies of their own. They also wanted to seed a charitable fund designed for their children to support the Jewish charities of their choice during their lifetimes. And, finally, because Stuart and his family have always been passionate about the Weinstein JCC, Stuart and Barbara wanted to help ensure that the Weinstein JCC would be around for their grandchildren and future generations.

After meeting with Stuart's advisors,

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Seth Kaplan and Frances Goldman, a plan was created similar to what Stuart's father crafted eighteen years earlier.

The Simon Family Charitable Unitrust will be created with low-cost basis stock. Said Goldman, "When you establish a unitrust, you can receive an immediate Federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift and when you fund it with appreciated property, you can defer if not altogether avoid long-term capital gains taxes. You also can currently realize significant estate tax benefits." According to Kaplan, "You can use almost any asset to fund a unitrust, including cash, publicly traded stocks and bonds, closely held stock, partnership interests and real estate."

For ten years Stuart and Barbara's children will receive income from the charitable trust to be used to fund second to die life insurance policies. After ten years, the trust will terminate and the balance will create a donor advised fund at RJF allowing Ashley and Wes to support the Jewish charities of their choice. Finally, after their lifetimes, the balance of the donor-advised fund will be added to the existing Weinstein JCC Building Capital and Reserve Fund at RJF. The Simons can also make additional gifts to the trust, which will also qualify for additional tax deductions.

Talk about a win win situation.

You will need to consult with your legal and tax advisors before making any decisions based on this information, but RJF can help you start the process. Please feel free to call me at (804) 545-8656, email Robert@rjfoundation.org or click on <http://createlegacy.org/unitrust> to see if a unitrust is a good option for you or to explore other charitable options.

Youth, Teen & Young Adults Scholarships Available for Study in Israel

Richmond Jewish Foundation announces that applications are being accepted by the Mooney*, Rose* & Mosey* Greenberg Fund Grants Committee. Partial need-based scholarships are available for travel to Israel for greater Richmond, Va., area students between 15 -22 years old at the time of departure. To request an application or further information, contact Joice Burnette, Foundation Administrator, at joice@rjfoundation.org or 804.545.8628.

The application deadline is 4:00 p.m. on March 1, 2013.



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Hadassah's Upcoming Events



COMMUNITY news

Hadassah Installation on Jan. 13

The installation Brunch of Richmond Chapter of Hadassah's 2013 Board of Directors will take place on Jan. 13 at 10:30 at the Richmond Country Club. "Leading the Way into Hadassah's Second Century" is the theme.

Jamie Zelig, Hadassah area vice president, will be the keynote theme speaker.

The country club is located at 12950 Patterson Ave. To RSVP, mail your check for \$25, payable to Hadassah, to Bella Gurevich, 5011 Snowmass Terrace, Glen Allen, 23060.

Leading Hadassah in 2013 will be Co-Presidents Lee Bank and Sally Goldberg. They will be assisted by: Robin Jackson and Rebecca Young, Organization vice presidents; Rebecca Young, Communications vice president; Julie Beck-Berman and Carolyn Belgrad, Education vice presidents; Margie Cohen and Marion Winer, Fundraising vice presidents; Elaine Ragone and Beth Rochkind, Membership vice presidents; Harriet David and Sandy Sisisky, Programming vice presidents; Evelyn Windmueller, treasurer; Bella Guervich, assistant treasurer; Gail Moskowitz, recording secretary; Lynn Schwartz, assistant recording secretary; Claudia Biegler, corresponding secretary and Susie Adolf and Debbie Leo, advisors.

Saving Face

Is the dry weather turning your face to leather? Is that a new wrinkle? Oops! If your face is going through the pains of winter climate or if you have questions on how

to keep your skin healthy, join Richmond Hadassah at a special program all about keeping your skin healthy and beautiful.

Join Richmond Hadassah on Sunday, Feb. 10 at the Weinstein JCC at 10 a.m. for breakfast and 10:30 for the program. Eileen Kitces, MD., director of Richmond Dermatology and Laser Specialists, and her staff will speak.

The cost to attend is \$10. To RSVP or for further information, contact Julie Goodman at 741-6577 or jsgoodwoman@aol.com.

Hadassah's Check It Out® Program

Since 1999 Hadassah and Massey Cancer Center have proudly and successfully served the student population of Richmond and surrounding areas with programming on breast health and testicular cancer awareness. This success is indicated by the schools wanting the program to return by vying to be "first" on Hadassah's schedule and by students acknowledging the nurse, volunteers and survivors off campus and by school personnel asking to tackle other health topics.

Hadassah and Massey Cancer Center have demonstrated a long-term commitment to the Check It Out® goals and program and will continue to sustain the program through a variety of resources. The combined resources of Massey Cancer Center, which is known for its leading innovations in discovery, teaching and healing, and Hadassah's national commitment to health education and disease prevention is uniquely

suitable to educate teens so they can in turn help educate their families.

Aligning with its mission and seeing the necessity of such a program, Susan G. Komen for the Cure has awarded the funds to enable Hadassah to continue its work for the next year. An award ceremony will be held Jan. 23 in Richmond for all of the grant money recipients.

For more information, please contact Ann B. Eisenberg at 804.740.3804 or annbeisenberg@gmail.com.

Order Mah Jongg Cards for 2013

For all the local Mah Jongg mavens the time has arrived to order the 2013 cards. When you mail your check to Edie Merriam, you will not only receive your new card, but you will be helping Hadassah's vital life-saving work as a bonus.

The Mah Jongg League makes a contribution to Hadassah after tabulating the checks the organization receives from the women whose checks are made payable to Hadassah.

The large Mah Jongg card costs \$8; the regular size card is \$7. Make your check payable to Hadassah and mail to Edie Merriam, 6516 Park Avenue, 23226. All checks must be received by Jan. 15

5400 Men's Club

Jan. 7 - Chuck Renfro, "Thinking Cap Technologies: Technology and the Change We Deal With."

Jan. 14 - Dr. David Latane, VCU, "Dickens As a Young Man in London."

Jan. 21 - No Meeting

Jan. 28 - Jane Ferrara, CEO, Department of Economic Community Development, City of Richmond, "Richmond On The Move."

Women's Room

Jan. 7 - No Program

Jan. 14 - Brook Speildenner, West End Library, "Fabulous 50's Part III"

Jan. 21 - Giner Levit, Art Collection, "De-gas' Little Dancers at the Paris Opera: La Famille Cardinal."

Jan. 28 - Paul Porterfield, Director, UR's Media Resource Center, "Films of the 1930s: Escapism and Social Commentary."

AIPAC Program

On Jan. 30, AIPAC Richmond will host AIPAC's National Political Director Rob Bassin at 7 p.m. in the Weinstein JCC's Israel November auditorium. (New time)

This special event will offer an "insider's" perspective on the recent U.S. elections and the U.S.-Israel relations.

Contact AIPAC's Jeff Stein at 770-541-7610 or jstein@aipac.org for information.

Food

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food, falafel is made of chickpea batter spiced to perfection and fried into a crisp ball. Served in a pita with salad and condiments - just grab and go.

Kosher Hot Dog - What would a Jewish Food Festival be without an all-beef kosher hot dog, mustard and onions?

Cholent - A stew simmered for hours, containing beans, barley, potatoes and meat.

Stuffed Cabbage - Exquisitely seasoned meat and rice stuffed into cabbage leaves and baked in a sweet-and-sour sauce.

Schnitzel - Boneless chicken coated in a bread-crumbs batter oven-fried to perfection.

A selection of kugels - sweet or savory noodle or potato casseroles.

Don't forget to visit "Bubbie's Bakery" for wonderful homemade baked items. Plan on taking home your favorite dish at our

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Many volunteers help out, including David Peck, Terri Lynn (center) and Rivka Bart (left).

Grab 'n Go stand when you finish eating, or call to place a take-home order in advance.

Live music will be provided by the Klezm'or'ami'm, My Son The Doctor, Naqshon's Leap, Emily Segal, UVA Klezmer Ensemble and the Vulgar Bulgars. Call 804-288-7953 or visit RichmondJewishFoodFestival.com for more information.

Volunteers

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accessible for those who can drive only their walker or their wheelchair as well as to those who get around independently. All residents are welcome.

Campus staff have pitched in and made donations as well. At least twice a month approximately half of the 111 residents line up and pick a random number that determines the order that they enter the food pantry to get what they need. The food selections and amounts are determined by how well stocked the food pantry is.

When teenager Ethan Stein heard of the challenges of the Woods residents, he visited to see how it runs. For the service component of his Bar Mitzvah, he contacted several synagogues and the community for donations and he coordinated delivery efforts to the Woods. Thanks to his direct involvement, the residents received

cartloads of various goods.

The teen hopes to continue asking the community to make regular donations to the Woods. Coupled with a free exercise program provided by the Beth Sholom Rehabilitation Clinic, an optional dinner meal program, various activities and informational programs and now this free food pantry, residents of the Woods have many opportunities to improve their health status. Thanks to the helping hands of volunteers like Ethan Stein, the food pantry continues to grow and supplies residents with needed nutritional food items.

For more information or to make donations, please contact Cathy Baab at cbaab@bslcc.org.



Beth Sholom Home is supported, in part, by a generous contribution from the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond.

Let Your Voice Be Heard on Jewish Advocacy Day - Date With The State: January 22

COMMUNITY
news



There was a record turnout at last year's Jewish Advocacy Day. Courtesy of Frank Kohn Photography

Jewish Advocacy Day- Date With The State- is Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Activities will begin at 8:45 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 815 E. Grace Street.

During the day, Gov. Robert McDonnell, Lt. Gov. William Bolling and Attorney Gen. Kenneth Cuccinelli have been invited to address participants. In addition, high-level cabinet members are expected to participate. Plan to meet with your State Senators and local Delegates.

After the morning session, participants will visit on Capitol Hill until 11:45 a.m., when they will return to St. Paul's Episcopal Church for lunch, additional speakers and the concluding session.

Early bird registration is \$22 and must be received by Friday, Jan. 4. After Jan. 4, the cost is \$25 per person due by Tuesday, Jan. 15. Dietary laws will be observed. Online

registration is available at www.jewishrichmond.org.

Richard Samet, Jewish Community Relations Committee chair, shared some thoughts, "Participation in Advocacy Day is a great opportunity to not only observe the legislative process in action, but to possibly have a palpable impact on the outcome as well."

This event is sponsored by the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond and the Richmond Chapter of Hadassah. In addition, a number of people from the Federations in Northern Virginia, Hampton Roads, Newport News, Charlottesville, and Tidewater also will be taking part in the event.

Virginia Jewish Advocacy Day is a statewide unified effort by the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond, Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington, The United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula, and the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater

In connection with Jewish Advocacy Day, an Advocacy Training program will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the JCFR office.

Elyssa Koidin, deputy director of Policy at the Jewish Council for Public Affairs in Washington, D.C., will talk about best practices for advocating with elected officials. She works on legislative issues related to economic and social justice and has worked in the offices of Sen. Edward Kennedy and Rep. John Tierney.

To participate in Jewish Advocacy Day or for information regarding specific legislation, call Matt Langsam at 545-8652 or contact at mlangsam@jewishrichmond.org.



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Jewish Advocacy Day – Date with the State

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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8:45 a.m. * – 1:30 p.m.

Jewish Advocacy Day is your annual opportunity to meet with state legislators to discuss issues of importance to the Jewish community.

Online registration is available at: www.jewishrichmond.org

For information, contact Matt Langsam at 545-8652
or mlangsam@jewishrichmond.org

**This start time is later than previous years. Coffee will be available; however, breakfast will not be served.*

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Super Sunday

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(From left) Rebecca Kalman-Winston, Lesley Greenberg and Leslie Cohen.

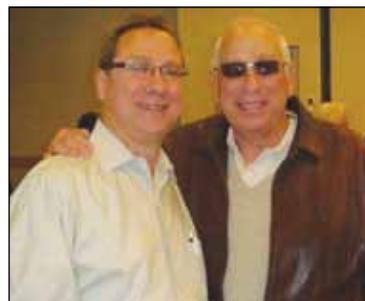
in a row. The award given by the Federation goes to the local agency that has the highest percentage of its board and staff working as volunteers on Super Sunday. To be eligible, the agency must have 100% of its board making a pledge



(From left) Drew Alexander, Michele Asher and Jill Goldfine.

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(From left) JCFR CEO Samuel Asher and Beth Sholom CEO Mark Finkel.

mailed by Dec. 31, 2012, are eligible for a tax deduction this calendar year. For this reason, we strongly encourage you to make your year-end gift right now. Of course, there is another reason to mail your gift as soon as you are



(From left) Hedy Lapkin, Karin Fine, Sandy Sisisky and Russ Jennings.

able. That is the growing need for our services.

Thank you, as always, for your commitment to our work, and for your caring heart.

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(From left) Robert Rubin, Sara Rosenbaum, JCFR President Nathan Shor and RTA President Brian Greene.

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