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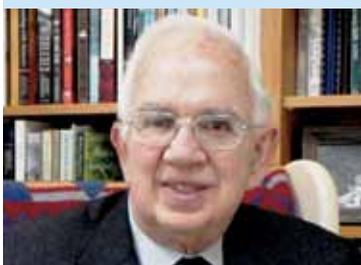
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## Answer the Call on Super Sunday, December 2



On Sunday, Dec. 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Weinstein JCC, join other volunteers as they make the most important calls of the year.

Super Sunday supports the Annual Jewish Federation Campaign. One phone conversation can make a difference in the lives of Jews in our community, in Israel, and around the world. One phone conversation can help strengthen social services and celebrate Jewish life. Answering the phone has never been so important.

Answer the call on Super Sunday and make a generous contribution to Federation. It's a call that's too important to miss.

If you cannot volunteer to make calls, you can still show your support by answering our call and making a generous contribution to the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond.

Campaign General Chair Matt Grossman, said, "Super Sunday is a wonderful event in our community. It provides an excellent opportunity for a very broad base of folks to participate in and contribute to the Federation's critical efforts to help Jews and non-Jews in Richmond, Israel and throughout the world. In addition, a number of local businesses help support our activities with door prizes for volunteers for which we are thankful."

The difficult economic times we now face have placed an unprecedented strain on resources. Many families and seniors are hurting. Although you may not

see the need each day, it is real and urgent. Please think about the good you want to do, both here at home and around the world.

Volunteers and sponsors will be recognized in the January *Reflector*.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Sara Rosenbaum at 545-8629 or [srosenbaum@jewishrichmond.org](mailto:srosenbaum@jewishrichmond.org).

For Campaign information, contact Matt Langsam at 545-8652 or [mlangsam@jewishrichmond.org](mailto:mlangsam@jewishrichmond.org).

*No One Builds Community Like Federation.*



Bob Reinhard at last year's Super Sunday. He has been a Campaign volunteer for more than 50 years.

## Beth Sholom Lifecare Community Holds 66th Annual Meeting



Board members, staff, donors and volunteers gathered on Oct. 14 for the 66th Annual Meeting of Beth Sholom Lifecare Community.

Dan Siegel, outgoing president of the Board of Directors, welcomed everyone. Samuel Asher, chief executive officer of the Federation, installed the new Board members and officers for the Lifecare Community. In his remarks, Asher praised the progress made by the Lifecare Community in serving the needs of seniors in the Greater Richmond community. He also updated the group on a number of outreach programs sponsored by the Federation and the progress of the Annual Campaign.

Mark Resnick was installed as the new board president. Jonathan Perel is vice president, Elise Scherr is secretary and Bruce Margolis is treasurer. Board members are Susan Davis,

Deane Dubansky, Rick Gary\*, Len Goldberg\*, Jonathan Joseph, Dan Heller, Lynn Kessler, Bryan Kornblau, Risa Levine, Judith Levy, Abby Moore, Charles Perschetz, Irving Scherr, Beth Siegel-Stein\*, Meiky Tollman, Stanley Ullman and James Weinberg. \*Denotes service on the executive committee.



Dan Siegel received an award of recognition from his sister, Beth Siegel-Stein, and Mark Finkel.

The Volunteer of the Year was recognized - Ruth Wolff, who is a resident at Parkside. Marlo Lashley, campus driver, was named Employee of the Year.

"Raising the Bar" awards were given to James Hastings from Engineering and Luke Young from Dining Services.

Beth Siegel-Stein spoke about her brother Dan's many years of service to Beth Sholom. "He has been a president, an advisor, served on many committees and

was involved in the success of the Vision Capital Campaign. It was Dan who steered me in the direction of Beth Sholom. Year's ago he suggested I get involved in the community and told me that I would find what was dear to my heart," Stein said. "And I did."

Mark Finkel, vice president/chief executive officer, provided an update on long-term care concerns for the future. He said, "While healthcare

**Beth Sholom** More on page 7

## Finding Mayberry in Richmond

*Editor's Note: Network JCFR continues to be active with many programs and special events for Jewish young professionals. One Network JCFR participant shares some of his experiences.*

Richmond is not an urban jungle. To those who were born in Richmond, they know their city is not an intimidating or confusing maze of metros and side streets that you can find in nearby Washington, D.C.



Glenn Matlin

While I suspect many in the District believe that Richmonders have a secret envy of their fair city, I have found it to be the farthest thing from the truth. I am not a native of Richmond, or Virginia, and when I first arrived here I was given a trope that has held true with time: Richmond is the biggest little town in America.

The quintessential feature of what we remember best about our history and the small town lifestyle characterized through the last half century is that small towns are

welcoming. What we remember fondly of a by-gone era captured with Andy Griffith and Mayberry were the people who welcomed you warmly, with open arms and wide smiles.

I did not grow up in Mayberry, and I believe settings similar to that are a fiction that people create; not fully realizing that perhaps their own Mayberry is available in their own communities if they look for it. I found my Mayberry in Richmond through Network JCFR. People with intelligence and passions. People with ambition, drive, and a passion for their heritage and community. Most of all however, people who reflected that cherished and (believed) extinct era of hospitality and grace. I moved to Richmond only recently, but in my short time here I have grown to calling it my home, not because of things owned but because of the people who made it what a home should be.

For me, JCFR is my home away from home. Friends to celebrate with, to wish you well in times of illness, to celebrate in your success and give comfort in your failures. Mayberry is a fiction, but Richmond and JCFR make it feel as real as anything ever has. *Glenn Matlin*



Network JCFR's trip to the Richmond Symphony. (Front/from left) Alissa Aronovici, Dorry Samuels and Danielle Aaronson. (Back/from left) Vladimir Shklovsky, Josh Bilder and Glenn Matlin.

### Network JCFR - November Schedule

**Tikkun Olam Thursday:** *Thursday, Nov. 1, 5:30 p.m., at Emek Sholom Holocaust Memorial Cemetery (4000 Pilots Lane).* Perform a Mitzvah to help beautify this cemetery in preparation for its Memorial Service in remembrance of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass. Bring gardening gloves (if you have them), clothes you don't mind gardening in and energy.

**Pinterest: Fall Edition:** *Wednesday, Nov. 7, 6 p.m.* Addicted to Pinterest and never actually DIY? Here's your chance. A get



(From left) Alison Linas, Steve Gordon, Caryn Malkman, Rebecca Goldberg, Allissa Aronovici and Vladimir Shklovsky at a recent YAD Trivia program at Mekong.

together to put some action behind those hours of re-pinning. Extra points to anyone bringing a fall snack they discovered on Pinterest.

**YAD Campaign Event:** *Thursday, Nov. 29, 6 p.m. at Ivan Jecklin's & Allison Weinstein's Home (RSVP required).* Join us for a classy evening of wine tasting and interactive Federation education with Micah Halpern and the Young Adult Division (YAD). A minimum \$50 gift to the Annual Campaign is required of attendees.

If you have questions, are interested in hosting an event or know a young Jewish professional to reach out to, contact Danielle Aaronson at [daaronson@jewishrichmond.org](mailto:daaronson@jewishrichmond.org) or 804-545-8626.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

• **November 8-18**  
**Annual Weinstein JCC Jewish Book Fair**  
Weinstein JCC

• **November 11 | 2 p.m.**  
**Annual Memorial Service to Commemorate Kristallnacht**  
Emek Sholom Memorial Cemetery

• **November 11**  
**JFNA General Assembly**  
Baltimore

• **November 15 | 7 p.m.**  
**J-LIFE Panel Discussion "Is the Election Good for Jews?"**  
Weinstein JCC

• **November 26**  
**JCFR's Annual Legislative Reception**  
Weinstein JCC

• **December 6-16**  
**Jewish Family Theatre Children of Eden** - Weinstein JCC/  
Sara Belle November Theater

Visit [jewishrichmond.org](http://jewishrichmond.org) for a complete calendar of Jewish community events.

## RJCL Kicks Off New Year at Swansboro Elementary School

The 2012-2013 school year is in full swing, and the Richmond Jewish Coalition for Literacy (RJCL) is excited to be back at Swansboro Elementary. RJCL provides mentors, volunteers and support for the students, teachers and administrators of this wonderful school.

Our thanks to this year's magnificent mentors:

Beth Bertonneau, Claudia Biegler, Morty Brown, Shirley Brown, Bill Craig, Michele Craig, Miriam Davidow, Susan Davis, Angela Drozdowski, Dan Dubansky, Phyllis Ellenbogen, Susan Farris, Karin Fine, Matt Jackson, Robin Jackson, Jacqueline



Krista Dawson, Literacy Outreach Coordinator, Richmond Public Library, reading *The Lion and the Mouse*.

Jones, Jay Levine, Alison Linas, Marcia Linas, Don Marcus, Eleanor Martin, Joan Menkes, Cynthia Meyer, Janet Meyers, Susan Meyers, Debbie Minden, Pam Norman, Ellen Norris, Zach Norris, Suzanne Pericle, Michael Pressner, Nancy Rubin, Tomomi Rubin, Lynn Schwartz, Frank Seldes, Barbara Shocket, Nathan Shor, Phyllis Silverman, Susan Sisisky, Rickey Thornton, Gladys Wilder, Stan Williams, Katy Yoffy and Diane Munsey, our administrator from Federation.

These great men and women really make a difference in these children's lives. Won't you please join them?

If you can be a mentor, there are still 15 students waiting for one. And even if you don't have time to mentor each week, there are many ways you can get involved and volunteer at Swansboro.

Sara Tatum, the new librarian, needs help shelving books, putting up bulletin boards and assisting kindergarteners with checking out books. Nanette Sweet can

always use help weeding and planting in the school's wonderful garden. Teachers need help reading in classrooms. There are many volunteer opportunities that only take an hour a week, a month or whenever you can.

To join the Swansboro team, contact Diane Munsey at the Federation office at 804-545-8654 or [dmunsey@jewishrichmond.org](mailto:dmunsey@jewishrichmond.org).

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# We Have Two Products

focus on  
**FEDERATION**

**By Samuel Asher**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, JCFR

**The Jewish Community Federation of Richmond has two products: the opportunity to contribute to the Jewish community financially, and the opportunity to volunteer.**

### 2013 Campaign Update

Of course, our financial resource development for the Annual Campaign and Endowments are essential to the community. Campaign and Endowment dollars are the vital fuel that makes the engine of our vibrant community run.

In fact, Campaign leadership has hit the ground running. General Campaign Chair Matt Grossman just announced that we have passed the \$1.8 million mark. Matt and his team - Men's Division Co-Chairs Joshua Peck and Richard Thalhimier; Women's Division Chair Ellen Renee Adams and Vice-Chair Tracy Retchin; and Young Adult Division Co-Chairs Lauren and Michael Plotkin; and Andy Vorenberg and Jocelyn Adelman - have been meeting with workers and the campaign is moving forward.

The next major campaign events are L' Dor V' Dor on Nov. 4, Herzl on Nov. 14 and Super Sunday on Dec. 2. Please take advantage of these great events. We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to Elise Scherr, our Woman of Valor honoree at L' Dor V' Dor.

### Outreach and Engagement Programs and Volunteer Opportunities

However, we often fail to discuss the other programming sponsored by the JCFR. I spent the fastest 40 minutes on the treadmill recently at the Weinstein JCC talking with a Federation Board member about the extent of the outreach and engagement programming. Here are the highlights:

#### Richmond Jewish Coalition for Literacy

Richmond Jewish Coalition for Literacy provides much-needed tutoring for at-risk children who need help with reading skills. Our volunteers have been mentoring students at Swansboro Elementary School for more than 13 years and have impacted the lives of countless students. Anyone interested in mentoring children, should contact Diane Munsey at [dmunsey@jewishrichmond.org](mailto:dmunsey@jewishrichmond.org).

#### Enterprise Circle

Enterprise Circle - our Jewish professionals network - is designed to create networking and life-long learning opportunities for new and established business professionals in the Richmond Jewish community. Speakers

have included Stewart Kasen, Jay Weinberg, Diana Cantor, Jeff Lacker, Tommy Baer, Steve Markel, Alan Kirshner, Sheldon Retchin and others. If you are interested in serving on the Steering Committee, contact Matt Langsam at [mlangsam@jewishrichmond.org](mailto:mlangsam@jewishrichmond.org).

#### PJ Library

If you have young children sign them up for PJ Library, a national program implemented by the JCFR. PJ Library supports families in their Jewish journey by sending Jewish-content books and music on a monthly basis to children ages six months to seven years depending on the community.

At this time, PJ Library is available in more than 100 communities across the U.S. If you would like to volunteer to read at a story hour, contact Sara Rosenbaum at [srosenbaum@jewishrichmond.org](mailto:srosenbaum@jewishrichmond.org).

#### Jewish Community Relations Committee

Another important function of the JCFR is the Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC). Our JCRC monitors the media for balanced coverage of the Middle East and other issues of interest to the Jewish community and works with legislators to further our Jewish agenda.

Join us for our Annual Legislative Reception on Monday, Nov. 26. This is your opportunity to meet with our elected and appointed local officials on an informal basis.

And mark your calendars for Jewish Advocacy Day - Date with the State - Tuesday,

Jan. 22, 2013. This is your opportunity to meet with our legislators at the General Assembly to discuss challenges and concerns facing the Commonwealth and all its citizens.

JCRC meets with leadership from the Jewish communities of Northern Virginia, Tidewater, and the Virginia Peninsula and members of Hadassah from Richmond, Charlottesville, Danville, Northern Virginia, Hampton Roads and Roanoke.

#### Network JCFR

Network JCFR provides outreach and engagement opportunities to young professionals in the Richmond Jewish community,

ages 22-45. This past year Network JCFR sponsored more than 70 programs. To get involved contact Danielle Aaronson at [daaronson@jewishrichmond.org](mailto:daaronson@jewishrichmond.org).

When you think of Federation, think of us as the all-in-one agency for fundraising, community relations and planning, outreach and engagement - community building. Future columns will cover the Richmond Coalition on Jewish Education, Reshet and Partnership Together.

There are many aspects of our Federation where we touch the lives of so many. Please call (804) 285-6500 to get involved or visit [www.jewishrichmond.org](http://www.jewishrichmond.org).

*Save the Date*

**Jewish Community Federation of Richmond**

**Annual Legislative Reception**

Monday, November 26, 2012  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Carole & Marcus Weinstein Jewish Community Center  
RSVP to Diane Munsey at 545-8654 or  
[dmunsey@jewishrichmond.org](mailto:dmunsey@jewishrichmond.org)

## Lion of Judah/Pomegranate Women Are Recognized at Annual Event

On Oct. 22, nearly 50 women representing the Lion of Judah and Pomegranate Divisions of the Annual Jewish Federation Campaign gathered at the home of Rhona Arenstein to recognize a number of women who have made contributions of \$1,800 (Pomegranate) or \$5,000 (Lion) or more to the Annual Campaign.

Their contributions support the JCFR's work here in Richmond, in Israel and around the world to care for those in need.

The guest speaker was MK Dr. Rachel Adato, the first female gynecologist in Jerusalem and member of the Israeli parliament. A member of the Kadima Party, she is chair of the Welfare and Health Committee. She spoke to the women about her work in supporting women and girls as well as on-going political issues that affect the U.S.- Israel relationship.



(From left) Lynn Schwartz, Susan Adolf, Guest Speaker Dr. Rachel Adato, Rhona Arenstein, Tracy Retchin, Ellen Renee Adams, Rebecca Kalman-Winston and Lisa Looney.



(From left) New Lions Lisa Kaplan and Esther Fratkin.

During the evening, the Women's Division recognized New Ruby Lions: Michele Asher and Lynn Schwartz; New Lions: Esther Fratkin, Lisa Kaplan and Karen Olshansky; and New Pomegranates: Lisa Looney and Robyn Galpern.

Ellen Renee Adams is Women's Division chair and Tracy Retchin is vice-chair. The event committee included, Susan Adolf,

Rhona Arenstein, Jill Goldfine, Lisa Looney, Amy Nisenson, Lynn Schwartz and Rebecca Kalman-Winston.

Rhona Arenstein spoke to the group about Endowed giving and the importance of leaving a legacy gift for the betterment of the community.

For Campaign information, contact Matt Langsam at 545-8652 or [mlangsam@jewishrichmond.org](mailto:mlangsam@jewishrichmond.org).

## Poorest Jews in Russia/Eastern Europe Helped by Your Gifts to Campaign

Jewish Federation-supported programs feed, clothe and shelter the poorest Jews in Russia and other Eastern European countries. In 2011, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), which is supported by Jewish Federations, helped nearly 160,000 elderly Jews with critical care through 161 Hesed relief centers and other organizations.

Learn more about JDC's lifesaving work in Russia and other Eastern European countries. For more information, visit [www.jafi.org](http://www.jafi.org).

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## Elie Wiesel Will Speak at GA: Nov. 11-13

Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel is among an array of VIP speakers, world leaders and top people from the worlds of philanthropy, business, religion, culture and more at The Jewish Federations of North America's 2012 General Assembly (GA) in Baltimore on Nov. 11-13.

He will participate in an historic dialogue with Natan Sharansky, chairman of The Jewish Agency for Israel, to commemorate the 1987 March on Washington for Soviet Jewry.

Dr. Michael B. Oren, State of Israel Ambassador to the United States, will also speak. David Gergen, a top political analyst and former advisor to four U.S. presidents, will be a keynote speaker, and Rabbi Rick Jacobs, the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) president, will serve as the scholar-in-resi-

dence at the GA, the largest annual gathering of the North American Jewish community.

Other speakers include Susan K. Stern, a community activist and political advocate locally in New York and nationally. She is National Campaign Chair of The Jewish Federations of North America.

In addition, Richmonder Sarah Arenstein, director, Young Leadership of The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, will address attendees.

A subsidy of \$300 per person has been set aside by the Richmond Jewish Foundation to offset the cost of registration.

Register at <http://www.generalassembly.org/index.php>. For more information about how you can join the Richmond delegation, contact Ellen Moncure at [emoncure@jewishrichmond.org](mailto:emoncure@jewishrichmond.org) or 804-545-8625.

## Jewish Federation-Supported Agencies Help Israeli Soldiers

Jewish Federation-supported agencies help Israeli soldiers returning to civilian life.

The Jewish Agency for Israel, which is supported by Jewish Federations, recently provided 23 honorably discharged Israel Defense Forces soldiers, who immigrated to Israel without their parents, with grants to help them integrate back into civilian life.

The grants are part of the Wings project, which is supported by United Israel Appeal and Keren Hayesod, in partnership with the Mirage Foundation.

The Jewish Agency's traditional Rosh Hashanah ceremony for its employees was dedicated to immigrant lone soldiers. During the ceremony, the 23 lone soldiers who were recently honorably discharged from the IDF received a grant to ensure their successful return to civilian life.

All of the soldiers served in combat positions, including one female soldier. The soldiers immigrated from the U.S., England, France, Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Mexico, Brazil, France, Australia El Salvador and Kenya. Each grant is intended to assist the soldiers in the first stage of their return to civilian life. All immigrated to Israel without their parents.

During their military service and the first stages of civilian life, participants receive assistance to ensure their successful integration into Israeli society. In addition, the soldiers participate in a course, which prepares them for civilian life; receive individualized financial, employment and educational advice; and



**A group of Israeli soldiers who immigrated to Israel are recognized with grants at ceremony.**

social support from Rotary volunteers.

The ceremony in Jerusalem was attended by Natan Sharansky, chairman of the Jewish Agency.



**Natan Sharansky thanks discharged IDF soldier for his service to Israel.**

Sharansky said during the event, "We were often alone in the Diaspora, but here in Israel, there are no lone soldiers. It is our responsibility to help those young people who made the

Zionist choice to immigrate to Israel and to defend our homeland."

To learn more about The Jewish Agency's Wings project, visit [www.jafi.org](http://www.jafi.org).

# Rabbi Harold Kushner to Kick Off the Weinstein JCC Annual Jewish Book Fair



## Weinstein JCC HAPPENINGS

Best known as the author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, Rabbi Harold Kushner will kick off the Annual Weinstein JCC Book Fair on Thursday Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.



Harold Kushner

Rabbi Kushner will talk about his newly released *The Book of Job*, one of the most fascinating biblical texts and what it can teach us about living in a troubled world today. He is Rabbi Laureate of Temple Israel in Natick, Mass., having served that congregation for 24 years. *The Book of Job* is his 13th book.

Other visiting authors include:



Francesca Segal

**Francesca Segal** will appear at the Weinstein JCC on Wednesday Nov. 14 at 11:30 a.m., to talk about *The Innocents*. Her debut novel has been selected as our Community Read and the event is sponsored by Hadassah. *The Innocents* was revised and recommended by *People & Vogue Magazine* and others.

Segal is the daughter of Erich Segal, the novelist and the author of *Love Story*. Brought up between the UK and America, she studied at Oxford and Harvard Universities before becoming a journalist and literary critic.

**Linda Schubert** has been an early childhood and special education teacher for over three decades. Originally from New York and now living in Richmond, Schubert will talk about *Danger on My Doorstep: The Anita Powitzer Story* on Monday Nov. 12 at 1 p.m. This event is sponsored by the 5400 Men's Club.



Linda Schubert



Rich Cohen

*New York Times* bestselling author **Rich Cohen's** *The Fish that Ate the Whale: The Life and Times of America's Banana King*, will appear on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. Detailing the life of Samuel Zemurray, the son of a Jewish Russian farmer who started with nothing but a pile of overripe bananas and later made a

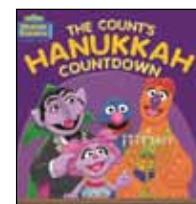
fortune in the jungles of Central America to become one of the richest, most powerful men in the world. This event is hosted by the Jewish Women's Club.

A family event from Shalom Sesame will conclude the Jewish Book Fair on Sunday Nov. 18 at 9:30 a.m. with Ellen Fischer, author of *The Count's Hanukkah Countdown*.

Come have breakfast with characters and meet the author while having fun. This

event is geared for families with children in kindergarten and younger and is sponsored by the Federation's PJ Library & the Weinstein JCC Preschool.

For information and tickets for events, call 285-6500 or visit [weinsteinjcc.org](http://weinsteinjcc.org).



## Book Fair and Gift Shop

Starting Nov. 8, stop by and see all of the wonderful Judaic and Chanukah items the Weinstein JCC Gift Shop has to make your holiday bright. With a variety of unique and treasured items for all ages, you can get your shopping done early

Don't forget about your children's teachers. The Weinstein JCC wish list program will be available again. Teachers from the Weinstein JCC Preschool, Aleph Bet Preschool, RTA and all local Hebrew schools will participate. You can

Visit the gift shop for a wide variety of holiday gifts!

**Book Fair Gift Shop Hours**

November 8	6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
November 9	8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
November 11	9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
November 12	8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
November 13	8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
November 14	8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
November 15	8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
November 16	8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
November 18	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

dedicate a book or purchase other items for the classroom or library. For information, contact Special Events Coordinator Leslie McGuigan at 545-8659 or [lmcguigan@weinsteinjcc.org](mailto:lmcguigan@weinsteinjcc.org).

## Jewish Family Theatre Presents a Musical the Entire Family will Love!



# Children of Eden

Stephen Schwartz, award winning composer of hit musicals including *Godspell*, *Pippin*, and *Wicked*, is the composer of *Children of Eden*, a joyous and inspirational musical about parents, children, and faith...not to mention centuries of unresolved family business! Freely based on the story of Genesis, *Children of Eden* is a frank, heartfelt and humorous examination of the age-old conflict between parents and children: Adam, Eve, and Noah, and the headstrong, cataclysmic actions of their respective children. The show ultimately delivers a bittersweet but inspiring message that "the hardest part of love...is letting go."

Music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, based on a concept by Charles Lisanby.

**Performances:** Opening Night ~ Thursday, December 6th at 7:30PM  
December 8th, 13th, 15th at 7:30PM ■ December 9th at 2PM ■ December 16th at 2PM  
\$10M/\$15NM/\$8 seniors, students and groups of 10 or more

**New! Chanukah Dinner and Show:** Wednesday, December 12th at 6PM (Show at 7:30)  
\$15M/\$20NM/\$10 Seniors, Students and Children 12 and Younger  
Family Special (up to 4 Members) \$45M/\$55NM

For showtimes and tickets, visit [weinsteinjcc.org](http://weinsteinjcc.org) or call 545-8608.



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adjective: pleased; expressing gratitude

Through the generosity of members and others who enjoy our services and programs, the Weinstein JCC is able to support our community in many meaningful ways, including:

### More than \$150,000 in financial assistance during the past year:

- 11% to families making \$6,000 or less annually
- 10% to families making between \$11,000 and \$20,000 per year

Overall, the JCC provides some type of financial assistance to 10% of our membership!

### Our work with children with special needs:

- Camp Ganim 2012 had 46 children out of approximately 200 with an identified or potential need.
- Our most recent Early Childhood program had 69 children (out of 212) with an identified or potential need.
- Voices Together, our special needs camp with three one-week sessions, was at capacity this past summer.

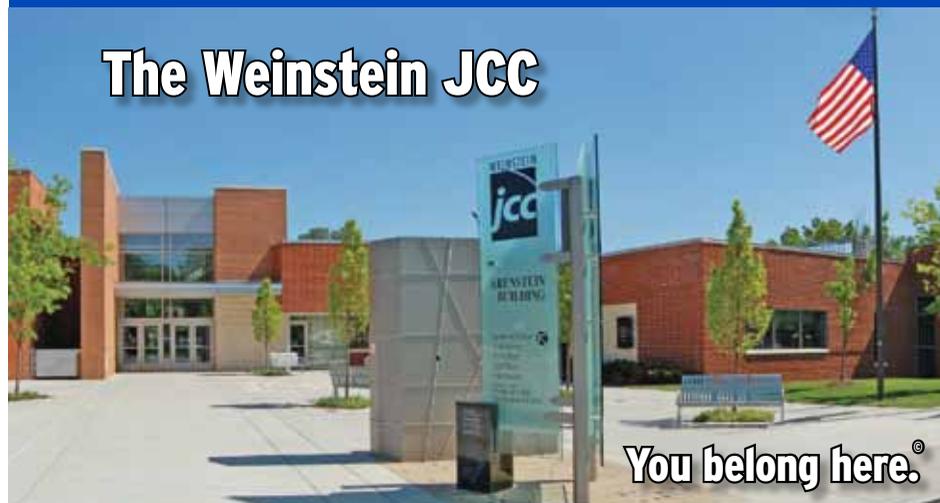


We are most thankful for the generous spirit of our supporters who enable us to enrich lives in our community.

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## The Weinstein JCC



Join now for \$1 registration and your first month free!  
Visit us at [weinsteinjcc.org](http://weinsteinjcc.org) or call 285.6500 today.

## Join Weinstein JCC for Afternoon of Songs

Sing along and tap your feet as the Heartstring Women perform an array of some of your favorite songs.

Mark your calendar now for this free event on Monday, Nov. 5 at 12:30 p.m. at the Weinstein JCC.

Come as a guest of the Weinstein JCC

5400 Men's Club & Women's Room. Light refreshments will be provided. RSVP to Shari Menlowe-Barck at 545-8611.



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

## New Jewish Education Class on History of Israel

How much do you really know about the history of Israel?

In this five-week class beginning Nov. 6, you will journey from Israel's fascinating ancient beginnings to the period of the early Yishuv and the creation of the modern state. Don't miss this unique learning opportunity and sign up today at [weinsteinjcc.org](http://weinsteinjcc.org).

*Not a Dream: A History of the State of Israel from Ancient to Modern Times*

Instructor: Rabbi Dovid Asher of  
Keneseth Beth Israel

Nov. 6 - Dec. 4

Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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## Jewish Family Theatre Opens with *Children of Eden*

The Jewish Family Theatre is hard at work rehearsing the opening show of the 2012-2013 season, *Children of Eden*.

With a score by composer Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked*) and a cast of 35 actors, ranging from ages eight to 60, this show is a musical and comical retelling of some of the most classic moments from the *Book of Genesis*—most notably the story of Adam and Eve and the saga of Noah and the Ark.

The large ensemble plays many parts and all participate in the vivid storytelling

that makes this a wonderful show for families to share.

The show runs Dec. 6-16, with performances on Thursday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m., a special Hanukkah dinner and performance on Wednesday Dec. 12, as well as matinees on Dec. 9 and 16 at 2 p.m. Make sure to mark your calendars for this wonderful holiday event. For information, call 285-6500.



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At Synagogues

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Participating synagogues are Beth Ahabah, Keneseth Beth Israel and Or Ami. Jill Campbell, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a specialist in child, adolescent and family counseling, will provide individual

counseling sessions for children ages four to 18. Fee subsidies are available.

To schedule an appointment with Campbell, please call 804-282-5644, ext. 239. Mention you want subsidized counseling.



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

## Beth Sholom

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reform is a central issue in 2012, the lack of attention to this is alarming. Every day, millions of individuals are providing long-term care for themselves or their families. Long-term care needs to be addressed now.

“Currently over 12 million Americans with disabilities require long-term care and support services. In 2030, the 65+ U.S. population is projected to grow from 35 million to 72 million. Most are not prepared for the costs. Medicare will not cover it and less than 10 percent have long-term care insurance. I’m certain that Medicaid reimbursing nursing homes will be reduced substantially. Family caregivers are getting burned out and the shortage of direct caregivers will increase. Beth Sholom’s plans for the future will address these diverse needs of Richmond’s elderly population,” he said.



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

## Symphony Program for Residents



Jocelyn Adelman



David Fisk

On Nov. 8 at 7 p.m., two members of the Richmond Symphony will perform a program for residents and family members at Beth Sholom Lifecare Community entitled, “A Concert of Commemoration and Hope: In remembrance of Kristallnacht, November 1938.”



Marlo Lashley, campus driver, received Employee of the Year award from Mark Finkel.



Cantor Frances Goldman and Jonathan Perel.



Parkside resident Belle Olshansky with her son, Ken, and daughter-in-law, Karen.

Violinist Jocelyn Adelman and Pianist David Fisk will perform several pieces during the program, which will be led by Cantor Frances Goldman.

If you are interested in attending, please call Selma Harlow at 421 -5142.

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## Celebrating Rosh Hashanah

JFS volunteers and residents at Gayton Terrace and Imperial Plaza celebrated the new year in style. The highlight of the holiday meal was the masterful shofar blowing once again by Charlie Alexander, a student at Rudlin Torah Academy.



At Imperial Plaza. (Front/from left) Renee Sherman and Debbie Harley; (Back/from left) Judy Weiner, Syral Specter, Charlie Alexander and Barbara Gardetz.



Imperial Plaza residents Shirley Ginsberg and Frances Buckner enjoy the festivities.

## 5400 Men’s Club

Nov. 5 - Heartstrings (Joint program)

Nov. 12 - Dr. Dan Palazzolo, University of Richmond, “The 2012 Election: Where Do We Go From Here?”

Nov. 19 - Dr. Walter Griggs, Virginia Commonwealth University, “The Collapse of Richmond’s Church Hill Tunnel.”

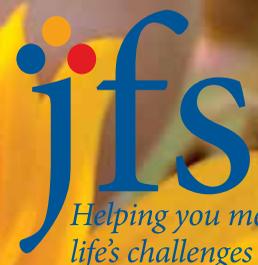
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## RTA Middle School Poets

The students in RTA's 7th and 8th grade English class recently had an assignment to write poems for Sukkot by their teacher, Dabney Lewis.

They worked on their creations for several weeks and then read aloud to the class and the *Reflector* editor, who was a guest. Here is a selection of four poems. Space would permit only publishing several of the creative writings.



Many of the students from RTA's seventh and eighth grade with their English and Economics teacher, Dabney Lewis.



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

By Charles Alexander, 8th Grade

*The Sukkah is so beautiful, decorations everywhere,  
I like to admire nature, as wind blows through my hair.  
Challah dipped in honey, a sweet taste in my mouth,  
It's how I like to celebrate Sukkos in the South.  
We bask in an electric lamp, as moths swarm its light.  
Sitting in out holy hut, thinking about G-d's might  
A Sukkos celebration, is something to behold,  
even if, by the end of the night, we get a little cold*

By Moshe Achman, 8th Grade

*A Sukkot Sonnet*

*I built my festive sukkah strong and tall  
It is the only one on the whole block  
I put great care into its ev'ry wall  
If you wish to join me, then merely knock  
The food is delicious, the best I've smelt  
The decorations are so beautiful  
Reminds me of huts in which the Jews dwelt  
This night is quite truly a miracle  
I can see the stars through bamboo sticks thin  
In fact, a commandment to gaze above  
Forgiveness was recent, no fear of sin  
I glance around in the glow from above  
I lay my weary head to rest in it  
Thank you for listening to my sonnet*

By Molly Lutzy, 8th Grade

*Sukkot is such a happy time,  
In fact it has inspired this rhyme.  
First we build a sukkah with walls so sturdy,  
Then we eat in the sukkah night and day.  
Even over night, it's where we stay.  
Sleeping on mattresses all is a row  
Feeling the wind as through the schach it does blow.  
The candles in the sukkah have a special glow.  
The flames dance in the wind, a beautiful show.  
We have guests for most meals and lots of delicious food.  
Shaking the lulav and etrog puts us all in a good mood.  
Davening, singing, eating and playing  
More talking and sleeping, more eating and praying,  
Then at the end, Simchat Torah comes along.  
We all celebrate at shul with dancing and song.*

Rena Cantor, 8th Grade

*Delicious smells waft through the air,  
Crickets chirping here and there,  
Guests and siblings come out to eat,  
Soup, chicken, salads, and meat,  
Sitting in the sukka so white,  
Watching little birds take flight,  
Patches of night sky through bamboo,  
Eating from dishes and drinking from glasses too,  
Talking with family and friends for so long,  
Ending the meal with a happy song,  
All these fun times come into sight,  
On a lovely, joyful sukkot night.*

## in our SYNAGOGUES

### KBI's Beloved Gabbai

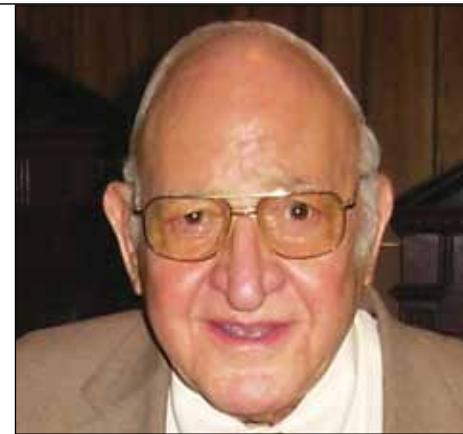
Saturday morning services are like a Symphony. Praying starts with Shacharit, the morning service, leading to the Shemoneh Esrei, the silent prayer before the Torah service.

Then the Torah service in all its splendor - removing the Torah from the Ark, bringing it to the congregation for admiration, returning it to the bimah (reading table), calling up honored people for aliyot, then raising it so the congregation can see the words, wrapping it, and leaving it out during the Haftarah (readings from the prophets), and again bringing it around to the congregants. The Torah is returned to the ark with the stirring melody (etz chaim he); the ark is closed, and then the concluding prayers of Musaf.

All this is done in a seamless fashion to give the congregation the maximum opportunity to express its love and prayers to G-d. The symphony master is the Gabbai - the person responsible for the proper functioning of a synagogue.

In KBI, our beloved Gabbai is Harris Griff, who has held this position for 34 years.

Aliyot are recorded each week so that different men receive them. Usually these are distributed to people having a yahrzeit or visitors, whom Griff or Stuart Cantor make sure to welcome. High holy days aliyot are quickly taken. Cantor, his assistant, sets up schedules for Torah readers during the year.



Harris Griff

Cantor said: "Harris has been an 'institution' as Gabbai at KBI for many years. It's natural for everyone to look up and see Harris. It has been my pleasure to serve as Harris's assistant."

Griff is proud of the KBI's Chevra Kadisha (burial society); these devoted men and women provide immediate response when needed. He works closely with the funeral home to make sure all is done according to Jewish law.

A source of great pleasure is to have young boys in the shul open the ark for concluding prayers, making them at ease when they grow up. "It's a joy for me to see boys growing up this way and having their sons years later carrying on the same tradition."

Griff also relies on Marvin Paley, who puts on the Yahrzeit lights for each month and for the occasions we say Yizkor, affixes the memorial plaques, and sets the timer for the lights in the sanctuary. Previously, this was also Griff's responsibility.

In 2007, Griff was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award on KBI's 150th anniversary. He has been married to Joannie (Rothenberg), a native Richmonder, for 61 years.

### Scouts Do A Good Turn Daily

That is what the Boy Scouts of Troop 613 look to do each day. As Senior Patrol Leader Charlie Alexander was hurrying

to get to Rudlin Torah Academy (RTA) to volunteer at the Sukkah Dinner, he stopped to help a woman who accidentally drove her SUV into a ditch. Then he hurried on his way to RTA.

Also volunteering were Scout Mordechai Miller, Second Class Scout Jacob Zedd and Second Class Scout Moshe Ackman.

It is popcorn selling time for these scouts and they have been working hard earning money for their troop. If you see a 'Show and Sell' set up in front of a store, look closer. You will not just see the boys talking to potential customers. As one scout leader shared, "Throughout the course of the day, I hear the boys offering help to store customers



(From left) Josh Black, Jacob Zedd, Charlie Alexander, Asher Ackman, Moshe Ackman and Mordechai Miller.

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Or Atid volunteers complete the assembling the sukkah.

## Grand Central Sukkah

The sukkah at Congregation Or Atid, designed and built by its membership, went up in rousing form on Sunday, Sept. 30.

As the adults did all of the heavy lifting, tying, and roofing, the children of the Helen and Sam Kornblau Religious School put the final touches on the traditional decorations. The construction was only the first of many community events to take place in the sukkah.

All of the children in the religious school, along with aunts, uncles, parents, grandparents, and honorary bubbes and zaydes joined the high school Machon students to celebrate Sukkot with a chocolate sukkah building party on Erev Sukkot. After services led by the students, congregants eagerly adorned the graham cracker, frosting, and pretzel creations with candy decorations.

Friday night services, following a new Or Atid tradition of Pizza in the Hut, included a spontaneous decision to recreate a Shabbat Under the Stars, complete with

guitar-playing and joyful prayer.

Congregants were delighted to welcome Israeli students who were in Richmond to attend the International Emerging Leaders Conference at the Collegiate School.

Of course, the lulav and etrog made an appearance. Throughout the week, different groups and individuals followed the commandment to eat in the sukkah, enjoying the beautiful fall weather.

As Sukkot wound down into Simchat Torah, congregants took a final opportunity to visit the sukkah after unrolling the Torah and engaging everyone in opportunities to say the blessings before and after the Torah readings. It was truly a community experience, complete with tossing of candy and laughter. Kindergartners were consecrated to the religious school, sealing our commitment to educate our children in the study of Torah, and third graders received their personalized siddur for a lifetime of prayer.

## Scouts

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who might have one too many packages to carry. It's not unusual to see these boys snap to when someone near them is in need."

Recently, when David Hecht, president of Keneseth Beth Israel, stopped by near the end of a troop meeting, he asked if Troop 613 could help put up the shul's Sukkah. Of course, the scouts unanimously said yes. As they lifted, carried and unfolded yards of material, the boys sang "Follow Me" from the Disney scout movie "Follow Me Boys."

This popular scout song exemplifies these scouts: "When you're down and feeling blue,

*call a scout. They will know just what to do. Call a scout. If you're ever in a hurry, Don't take the time to worry, All you have to do is shout, call a scout. Now the Scouts are always helpful, don't you see. They will lend a helping hand, To you and me. For they're wise in what they do. They are kind and cheerful too. And they always help you out. Call a Scout."*

To join Boy Scout Troop 613, contact: Russ Stein at 804-651-5825 or email him at: russ613@comcast.net.

Keneseth Beth Israel is the charter organization for Boy Scout Troop 613.

## November - A Month of Hessed and Music at Temple Beth-El

Temple-Beth El hopes members and guests can still attend the Temple's monthly Shabbat dinner on Nov. 2, which will feature a special program called "The Joy of Jewish Music: The Niggun."



Come enjoy a delicious dinner and learn Jewish wordless melodies with Hazzan Marian Turk.

Over at Temple Beth-El's Brown Religious School, November looks to be a month full of Hessed opportunities.

The high school students are scheduled to make a visit to the Central Virginia Food Bank to learn about the vital work they do in helping society's needy, and our 7th grade

students will be visiting the residents at the Beth Shalom Home. The Ruach youth group will also be wrapping up its pet supply drive to benefit local animal shelters.

In October, the Pre-K program started. There is still room in the Pre-K program, which is a once monthly Jewish enrichment program for 3-5 year olds. These young students will sing, dance and play their way to an early appreciation of Judaism.

For more information or a tour of the school, contact Hazzan Marian Turk at 804-740-0820 or at hazzan.turk@bethelrichmond.org. Registration forms for school are available online at <http://www.bethelrichmond.org/education/school/>.

## Beth-El and Beth Ahabah Sisterhoods

### Brunch Program on Jewish College Students

Temple Beth-El and Congregation Beth Ahabah Sisterhoods will present a brunch program, "Jewish College Students: What They Want and What They Need."

Join the sisterhood's on Sunday, Nov. 18 as they welcome Rabbi Andrew Goodman, director of Jewish Life and Campus Rabbi at University of Richmond.

bring people of different faiths together for dialogue and action.

RSVP's are appreciated. Contact bshocket@comcast.net or 358-7649 or Meg.marshak@comcast.net or 746-2918.



Rabbi Andrew Goodman

Brunch will be held from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Temple Beth-El Social Hall, 3330 Grove Avenue. Sisterhood members are invited for free and guests are welcome for \$8 paid at the door.

Rabbi Goodman joined the University of Richmond's Office of the Chaplaincy in July 2011. He is responsible for leading UR's Hillel and other religious, cultural and social programming in Jewish life. He also works alongside Chaplaincy colleagues to



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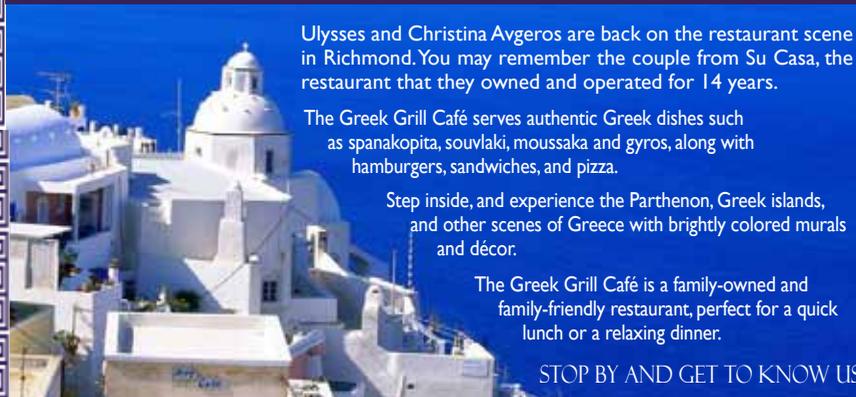


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## A Great Way to End 2012



**By Robert Nomborg**

PRESIDENT & CEO, RJF

Everyone looks forward to the New Year and its promise of new opportunities, but did you know that actions you take in the current year might also yield rewarding returns? Year-end is a time when charitably-inclined individuals think about how they can help to make the dreams of the organizations they support come true. Tax-wise donors also understand that year-end giving benefits them as well.

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## HADASSAH

## Hadassah Happenings

### Hadassah General Meeting on Nov. 11

The Richmond Hadassah General Meeting for all members will be Sunday, Nov. 11 at 10:30 a.m. at the Weinstein JCC. Members

will vote on the proposed slate of officers for 2013, and Bobbi Levin will talk about her experiences at Hadassah's Centennial Convention in Israel. A light breakfast will be served. The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate:

*President* - Lee Bank, Sally Goldberg

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Jackson, Rebecca Young

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For information, contact Helen Gutworth at [hgutworth@yahoo.com](mailto:hgutworth@yahoo.com) or 562-4657.

### Hadassah Plans Girl's Nite Out

Mark your calendars for the last Girl's Nite Out of 2012. Join Hadassah members and friends for a fun evening at Spirited Art where all can learn to paint and view other artists' works.

The program is Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a dinner from Wine Loft, which is adjacent to Spirited Art in Glen Allen at 4029 Whittall Way.

Everyone will go home with a 16 X 20 inch or 11 X 18 inch painting they created.

The cost is \$35 per person. RSVP to Geri Stahl at [germs2076@yahoo.com](mailto:germs2076@yahoo.com).

# Working With CARITAS

By Sadie Gary

*Editor's Note: Temple Beth-El is once again hosting CARITAS at the Grove Avenue Campus from Dec. 1-8. Sadie Gary, a senior in the Leadership Specialty Center at Douglas Freeman High School, has been working with this organization.*



I've only used the phrase "life-altering" twice; once to describe a trip to Israel, and again at the end of my summer internship with CARITAS (Congregations Around Richmond Involved To Assure Shelter).

CARITAS aids the homeless and recovering populations in Richmond.

For 20 years Beth-El has participated in the CARITAS Shelter program. Beth-El sets up a temporary shelter for one week each year when congregants take care of about 35 shelter guests. We make and serve meals, do laundry, pack lunches, and stay overnight with the guests. We provide guests with showers, haircuts, and toiletry kits that are filled with items collected by students at Brown Religious School. Beth-El is the only synagogue in Richmond that participates in the CARITAS Shelter Program.

My CARITAS experience began with Beth-El's shelter week. I have volunteered since the 5th grade, but until this past summer I never knew the extent of what this

organization does for our community.

As a rising senior in the Leadership Specialty Center at Douglas Freeman, I was required to find a summer internship. I decided to pursue an internship at CARITAS and worked at the CARITAS Furniture Bank - a 20,000-square-foot warehouse. The Furniture Bank is full of gently used, donated furniture and household items that are given to families in the Richmond area who have recovered from homelessness or a housing crisis. The mission is to return families who are living in shelter to a place of stability by giving qualifying individuals a "Home Starter Package" of furniture.

My work at CARITAS gave me the opportunity to connect with people who come from an entirely different walk of life. This has helped me see the reality of problems in our society, and taught me invaluable lessons about the importance of second chances.

CARITAS has helped me discover what I am passionate about: giving back to my community. Without this organization, I would have never realized the true power of that passion, and the power that I have to help and change the world around me. I think it is CARITAS that has finally taught me the true meaning of Tikkun Olam.

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## BAMA Partners on Project for Jewish Community



The Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL), in Jackson, Miss., has invited the Beth Ahabah Museum & Archives to be a partner in the creation of an important interactive, online database of the histories of 23 Virginia Jewish communities, including Richmond.

This Encyclopedia of Virginia Jewish Communities will be on the ISJL website and be part of its online "Encyclopedia of Southern Jewish Communities," which currently contains more than 230 community histories from 10 different states.

These histories contain written text, digital photographs, as well as video oral history clips. It is anticipated that funding for the collection of oral histories to be used in the project will be provided by a grant from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities.

Any Virginia town that ever had an organized Jewish congregation or a

Jewish population of more than 100 people at any one time will be included. Each entry will include the arrival of the earliest Jewish settlers, the creation and evolution of Jewish institutions, how Jews assimilated and gain acceptance, the economic, political, and cultural contributions Jews have made to the town and the current condition of the Jewish community.

A large part of the Virginia research will be conducted at the Beth Ahabah Archives by Dr. Stuart Rockoff, director of the ISJL's History Department, assisted by Bonnie Eisenman, the archives' administrator and researcher.

Though historically focused on Richmond, the archives has preserved information on other communities and can make a significant contribution to the project, according to David Farris, executive director.

The Virginia section of the Encyclopedia will be researched in 2013 and is expected to be online by the end of that year.

For more information, call the museum at 353-2668.

## 2012 Annual Kristallnacht Ceremony: November 11



Community members at last year's Memorial Service.

As a long-standing tradition, our community comes together each year at the memorial ceremony at Emek Sholom (Valley of Peace) to commemorate the events of the Holocaust and to honor the memories of its victims on the Sunday nearest to the anniversary of Kristallnacht ("The Night of Broken Glass").

The wave of violent anti-Jewish pogroms took place on Nov. 9 and 10, 1938, and marked a tragic turning point in the Nazi

genocide of the Jews.

The observance will be held on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m., at the Emek Sholom Holocaust Memorial Cemetery (ESHMC) and falls on Veteran's Day - a particularly meaningful date expressed in this year's theme.

Following on last year's theme, which focused on the children of Holocaust survivors, this year's theme turns to another vital Second Generation - the sons and daughters of WWII

liberators. Two local speakers, Win B. Loria and David B. Robinson, will give their personal perspectives on the unique experiences and issues of sons and daughters of soldiers who liberated the concentration camps and ghettos. Additionally, Edith Levin will speak about her lost family memorialized on the Emek Sholom monument.

Rabbi Andrew Goodman, the director of Jewish Life and Campus Rabbi at the University of Richmond, will officiate, and Rabbi Cantor Annie L. Bornstein of Congregation Beth Ahabah, will chant the liturgy. Esther Windmueller will present the winner of the annual "Never Again Award," which is offered each year to a local high school student based on his or her essay on preventing modern-day genocide.

The program will also include recognition of Russian Veterans by Tatyana Perelman, and a candle-lighting ceremony by the second and third generations of those liberated.

The community is invited to attend and participate in commemorating a vital part

of Richmond's Jewish history. The Emek Sholom monument was founded in 1955 by the American Jewish Club of Richmond as a memorial to family members who had perished in the Holocaust. New members of the Richmond Jewish community have added the names of family members whose lives were claimed in the Shoah, and today the memorial bears 459 names. This monument is one of the first Holocaust memorials in North America, and has been recognized as a Historic Landmark by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

For more information, visit [www.cemeteryrichmond.org](http://www.cemeteryrichmond.org), or call 804-358-2720 or 804-873-2761.

This event is jointly sponsored by Emek Sholom Holocaust Memorial Cemetery and the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond.