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United Jewish Community

FALL 2025

PROGRAM GUIDE

We've reimagined
our brand.
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You Belong Here!

Every story matters. Every voice counts. Every person has a place.

Our community is stronger because of its diversity - different backgrounds, experiences, ages, abilities and dreams all coming together under one roof. Whether you're looking to try something new, reconnect from times past, or simply find your people, the J is here for you.

Come as you are, bring your family, invite your neighbors.

JOIN OUR PROGRAM PASSPORT MEMBERSHIP

This annual membership gives you access to all of our amenities and participation in our many programs and classes at deeply discounted rates.



Programs include:

- Cooking classes
- Craft nights
- Dinner & Discuss events
- Family programs
- Fitness classes
- Grand Club and senior meals
- Jewish holiday celebrations
- Jewish life and learning classes
- Young adult events
- Youth programming and MORE!

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Jewish Life and Learning

Opportunities for the entire Jewish community to come together for quality programming on Jewish holidays, Jewish values, Israel and Jewish education for all ages.

Arts & Ideas

Thought-provoking, relevant and exciting conversations, performances, films, classes and more to experience the world through a variety of mediums.

Children and Families

Diverse programs and fun-filled events and classes for children and families that provide opportunities to experience something new, make new friends and have fun.

Active Aging

Engaging programs and activities designed specifically for our senior community members to stay connected and active through social, educational and recreational opportunities.

Health & Wellness

Explore fitness programs designed to support physical and mental well-being.

Back to School

Important dates for all our educational programming, including the Sarfan Early Childhood Center, Community Hebrew School and Joint Sunday School.

Community Connections

Explore off-campus Jewish programming and events hosted by partner organizations, offering opportunities to connect with the broader Jewish community.

Security

Training programs and safety assessments for Jewish organizations on the Peninsula.



MAKE A GIFT TODAY!

Your gift makes a difference, helping us foster connections and build a vibrant community.

Celebrating 100 Years of Community & Connection

At nearly 100 years old, Edythe Lichtenstein, whose birthday is on September 14, has lived through a century of change; and her memories of Newport News' Jewish community remain as vivid as ever.

"My grandfather was the first Jewish leader of Newport News. We called him the first rabbi," Edythe said with pride. "The synagogue was above Rosenbaum's hardware store, and Washington Avenue was lined with stores owned by my uncles and cousins."

Edythe's recollections paint a picture of a tight-knit, vibrant Jewish community that helped shape the foundation of Jewish life on the Peninsula. She remembers her younger brother Mayer's bar mitzvah, hiding behind the door and listening to his Hebrew lessons in a time when girls were not taught Hebrew. Education was essential to her family; she and her siblings (and future generations) attended college.

What hasn't changed is her deep love for Jewish tradition. "Passover was always my favorite. I had 43 people at my table one year," she said, laughing. "Everyone remembers my sister's chopped liver and sherbet and the silver dollars from Gary."

As she approaches her 100th birthday, Edythe's message is simple but powerful: "Family comes first. And no matter how much the world changes, that never should."

What a spectacular family Edythe has created, with her youngest great-grandchild recently graduating from the Sarfan Early Childhood Center. We are proud to have had many of the seven generations, from Edythe's grandfather to her great-granddaughter, actively involved in our community, not to mention numerous siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Thanks to donors and leaders like Edythe, the spirit of community and continuity lives on — rooted in memory, strengthened by experience and carried forward with love.



*Bottom photo:
Edythe with her
great-grandchildren*



YES!

I would like to support the J.



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Make a gift over the phone by calling
757-930-1422

Dear Community,

As summer winds down from an incredible season at Camp Chaverim, we are gearing up for what promises to be our most exciting fall yet. As you flip through these pages, you'll notice there's a lot that's new—and we couldn't be more thrilled to share it with you.

We've refreshed our brand identity to better reflect who we are and where we're headed. We've reimagined our newsletter and are delighted to introduce this new quarterly Program Guide, featuring programs, classes and events designed for everyone in our community. Behind the scenes, we've completed a comprehensive renovation of our gymnasium and welcomed a new director of Athletics and Enrichment Programs to expand opportunities for all ages. We've also invested in upgrading our audio-visual capabilities, ensuring every event and presentation delivers an exceptional experience.

In response to the surge of interest from our community, we're broadening our programming to meet your diverse needs and interests. Whether you're looking to stay active, learn something new, connect with others or simply find your place within our vibrant community, you'll find something meaningful in these pages.

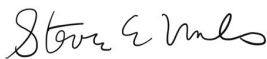
As we move into the High Holidays, we're reminded of the traditions that bind us together and the values that make our community truly special. You can count on your Jewish Peninsula to provide a safe, inclusive space where you can come together in celebration, reflection and connection.

We remain humbly grateful for the faith you place in us as your community hub. On behalf of our dedicated Board of Directors and the entire Jewish Peninsula team, thank you for letting us serve you and your family.

Here's to a memorable 5786 at the J! With the new year, we begin again—with deeper purpose, greater momentum and a shared commitment to building something even better together.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Thank you for believing in what we can build together.

Shanah Tovah,



Steven Marks
President



Eric Maurer
Chief Executive Officer



Jewish Holidays

For more Jewish holiday resources visit
myjewishlearning.com



Shabbat

Begins sundown on Friday and ends sundown on Saturday every week.

Shabbat (the Sabbath or Day of Rest) is observed each week from sundown Friday until the appearance of three stars in the sky on Saturday night (Havdalah). To sanctify the Sabbath, blessings over candles, wine and *challah* (a special braided egg bread) are shared on Friday evening.

Shabbat is a day of rest and spiritual enrichment in synagogue or at home and is eagerly awaited throughout the week. By "unplugging" from work and concerns, time is devoted to relaxation and how to live a good life. Shabbat provides renewal through meditation, special meals and walks. It is a joyful evening and day spent with family and friends before the demands of the next week begin.

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times (for Newport News)

Aug. 1 - 7:55 p.m.; Aug. 8 - 7:48 p.m.; Aug. 15 - 7:39 p.m.; Aug. 22 - 7:30 p.m.; Aug. 29 - 7:20 p.m.
Sept. 5 - 7:10 p.m.; Sept. 12 - 7:00 p.m.; Sept. 19 - 6:49 p.m.; Sept. 26 - 6:38 p.m.
Oct. 3 - 6:28 p.m.; Oct. 10 - 6:18 p.m.; Oct. 17 - 6:08 p.m.; Oct. 24 - 5:59 p.m.; Oct. 31 - 5:51 p.m.

TRADITIONAL GREETINGS

*Shabbat Shalom or
Good Shabbos*
(Wishing you a good and
peaceful Sabbath)



Rosh Hashanah

SEPTEMBER 22-24

The J closes at 3 p.m. on Sept. 22 and remains closed on Sept. 23 & 24.

Rosh Hashanah, which marks the beginning of the Jewish year, is both a festive and solemn holiday and a time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the year to come.

While celebrating the Jewish new year, many people attend high holiday services at a synagogue. The *shofar* (ram's horn) is sounded more than 100 times during a traditional service.

It is customary to eat apples dipped in honey, *challah* with raisins and other sweet treats in the hopes of having a sweet new year.

TRADITIONAL GREETINGS

Shana Tova
(Happy New Year)



Yom Kippur

OCTOBER 2

The J closes at 3 p.m. on Oct 1 and remains closed on Oct. 2.

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the Jewish calendar. Occurring 10 days after Rosh Hashanah, it is a day dedicated to fasting, reflection, prayer and repentance.

Traditionally, it is believed to be the last opportunity to seek forgiveness from those we have wronged during the past year.

Ending at sundown, it is traditional for family and friends to share a break-the-fast meal.

TRADITIONAL GREETINGS

*Have an easy fast or
G'mar Chatima Tova*
(May you be sealed in the
Book of Life for good)

Our holiday programs and special events are always open to all.
We welcome our diverse community to come together to share experiences by
joining us for our Jewish programming.



Sukkot

OCTOBER 6-13

The J closes at 3 p.m. on Oct 6 and remains closed on Oct. 7 & 8.

Sukkot is the harvest festival and a time to recall the Israelites' journey from slavery to the Promised Land. On the journey, they lived in *sukkot* (huts). Today we commemorate this by building three-sided, temporary booths with no real roof so the stars and sky can be seen, and no real doors. They are decorated with branches, fruits and vegetables of the harvest.

During the holiday it is highly encouraged to share a meal, study, play and sleep in a sukkah.

Sukkot is celebrated for one week.



Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah

OCTOBER 13-15

The J closes at 3 p.m. on Oct 13 and remains closed on Oct. 14 & 15.

Shemini Atzeret occurs on the day after the seven-day festival of Sukkot and is generally translated as "the eighth day of assembly." The Talmud declares the eighth day as a separate holiday dedicated to the love of God. In ancient Israel, Shemini Atzeret coincided with the beginning of the rainy season.

Each year in the synagogue, the Torah is read from start to finish. Simchat Torah (rejoicing in the Torah) occurs the day after Shemini Atzeret. This day marks the joyous completion of the annual cycle of reading the Torah: the day we finish reading the last section and begin re-reading the first section in the synagogue. To celebrate, adults and children parade with Torah scrolls.



Hanukkah

DECEMBER 14-22

Celebrate Hanukkah with us at City Center (NN) and New Town (Wmbg)

This eight-day Festival of Lights commemorates the rededication of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. This followed the success of the Maccabees overcoming the restrictions in practicing Judaism.

Each night in homes all over the world, one more candle is added to the menorah (candelabra), celebrating the miracle of the oil in the Temple, which lasted eight days instead of one.

It is traditional to enjoy foods fried in oil, such as *latkes* (potato pancakes) and *sufganiot* (donuts) and to give gifts to children.

TRADITIONAL GREETINGS

Chag Sameach
(Happy Holiday)

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Happy Hanukkah or
Chag Sameach
(Happy Holiday)

JEWISH LIFE & LEARNING

FILM SCREENING: BAD SHABBOS

Thursday, September 11th

Light refreshments at 6:30 p.m.

Film begins at 7:00 p.m.

An engaged interfaith couple are about to have their parents meet for the first time over a Shabbat dinner when an accidental death gets in the way. Free and open to the community. *This film will be shown on the J's newly upgraded A/V equipment for an enhanced viewing experience.*

COOKING WITH CARMELA: ROUND CHALLAH

Sunday, September 21st | 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Passport Families - \$5/family

Community Families - \$10/family

Join us for our annual hands-on challah making experience just in time for Rosh Hashanah! In this special take-and-bake event, you'll learn to make traditional challah dough from scratch and master the art of braiding beautiful loaves. You'll then take your braided dough home to bake in your own oven. *Space is limited so reserve your spot today for this memorable culinary experience that brings together community, tradition and the joy of homemade bread.*

NEXTGEN SUKKOT: HAPPY HOUR IN THE HUT

Sunday, October 12th | 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Outdoor Sukkah

Admission: \$10/person

Join NextGen Peninsula as we explore Sukkot by sampling holiday-themed cocktails in the Sukkah.

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

ADULT HEBREW CLASS

This beginner Hebrew reading class introduces students to the Hebrew alphabet and basic reading skills, focusing on letter recognition, vowel sounds and simple word formation. Perfect for those with little to no Hebrew background. Classes begin soon. If interested, please contact Carmela Malkin Kuhn at carmela@jewishpeninsula.org



JUDAISM CONFRONTS WAR: ETHICS, HISTORY & THE DILEMMAS OF POWER

Tuesdays: Oct. 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18

10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

When is it moral to fight a war? What does it mean to fight a war ethically? This class examines pivotal moments where ethics collide with geopolitical necessity, drawing from biblical wisdom, rabbinic thought and modern philosophy. Through case studies of historical crises and contemporary debates, we'll explore how Jewish ethical frameworks illuminate universal questions about war, peace and the burdens of power. Participants will engage with primary sources spanning millennia while wrestling with dilemmas that remain painfully relevant today.

Taught by UJCVP CEO Eric Maurer, who holds a dual master's degree in Jewish Professional Leadership and Near Eastern & Judaic Studies from Brandeis University.



ARTS & IDEAS

ADULT BAD ART NIGHT

Wednesday, August 13th | 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Passport Members - \$5/person

Community Members - \$15/person

Join us for art week fun at the J for this adults-only art night, with a twist! Can't draw? That's OK! Not creative? Perfect! Bad at art? Ideal! Sign up for a night of process art, where the end result doesn't matter. Enjoy creating, chatting and some adult beverages.

Must be 21+ to attend.

SKILLS SERIES: PAPER MACHE

Mondays: Sept. 8, 15, 29 | 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

**NOTE* Class will not meet on 9/22*

Passport Members - \$5/person

Community Members - \$10/person

Join us for our new adult skills series this fall, where we will be learning all about paper mache. In this three-class series, participants will create the perfect pumpkins for fall decor. *Participants must be age 16 or older.*

THE ART OF FEMALE FRIENDSHIP

Sunday, October 19th | 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

\$36 - Includes Lunch, Dessert & Program

Female friendships: why we need them, how to find and keep them, when to fix them and when to let them go!

Featuring nationally acclaimed columnist, storyteller, author and influencer: Iris Ruth Pastor.

SKILLS SERIES: COZY CERAMICS

Wednesdays: Oct. 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

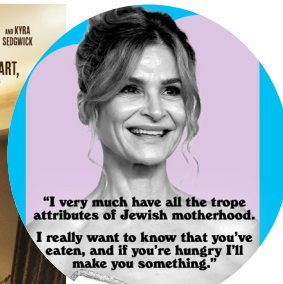
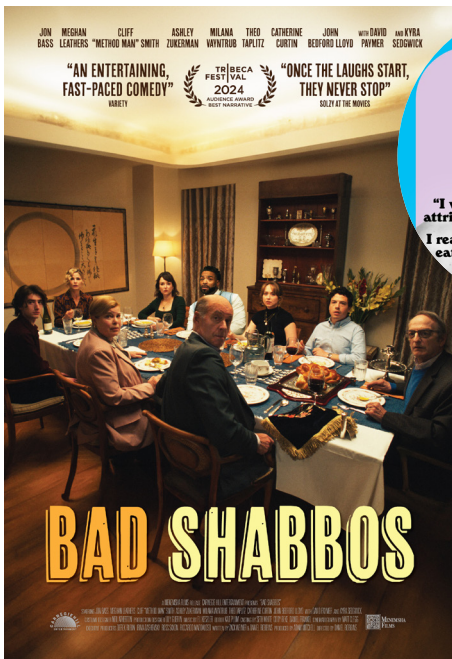
Passport Members - \$45/person

Community Members - \$55/person

The temps may be getting chilly but this winter's skills series is cozy! Pottery instructor, Jess Hedrick, will guide the class through hand-building techniques to create two clay pieces to be glazed and fired. Participants will make their own mugs and bowls - perfect for hot cocoa and soup season. *Participants must be age 16 or older. Space is limited!*



Join us to celebrate the diversity and richness of Jewish culture and history through the medium of film.



Bad Shabbos

2024, 1 hr 24 min, Comedy, Not Rated

In this American comedy film directed by Daniel Robbins, starring Kyra Sedgwick as the matriarch of a Jewish family, tensions come to a head during a Shabbos dinner. When David and his fiancée Meg are about to have their parents meet for the first time

over a Shabbat dinner on New York's Upper West Side, an accidental death (or murder?) gets in the way, turning the family dinner into a hilarious disaster.

Thursday, September 11th

6:30 p.m. Light refreshments | 7:00pm Film presentation

Free and open to the community

Join us and watch on the J's newly upgraded A/V equipment for an enhanced viewing experience.



bbyo *open house*

FALL DATE TBD

Join us at the BBYO fall open house to meet other Jewish teens in the community while enjoying fun activities and snacks. It's the perfect opportunity to make new friends and discover what BBYO has to offer this year!

Visit [jewishpeninsula.org/teens](https://www.jewishpeninsula.org/teens) for updated program info.



JEWISH TEENS IN MEANINGFUL JEWISH EXPERIENCES

**BBYO Inc. is the leading pluralistic
Jewish teen movement.**

Through the Virginia Peninsula chapter, teens meet regularly to program within the folds of BBYO. Activities involve community service, social events, athletics and social action projects. BBYO also has several conventions each year as well as summer leadership programs and trips to Israel. Being a part of this organization not only allows your teen to be with other Jewish teens, but guides your teen into leadership positions for the future. BBYO is open to all Jewish 9th – 12th graders.



JOIN THE
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JEWISHPENINSULA.ORG/TEENS

Jewish Family Services

*You'll never know when you'll need help,
but you will know where to find it.*

Jewish Family Services (JFS) was created to meet the social service needs of the community. Every person is treated with respect, confidentiality and careful attention. Each year, clients benefit from our diverse programs and services. At JFS, everyone is welcome.

JFS Services:

- Case Management
- Holiday Support
- Financial Assistance
- Senior Services
- Food Assistance

**If you or someone you know is struggling or
in need of assistance, please reach out to:**

Libby Batten

Jewish Family Services Director

757-223-5635

lbatten@jewishpeninsula.org



Financial Assistance

At Jewish Peninsula, we believe in building an inclusive community where financial limitations are never a barrier.

Financial assistance is available to ensure that all can participate fully in our programs and services.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

CAMP CHAVERIM ART GALLERY OPENING

Monday, August 11th | 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Kick off Camp Chaverim's 3rd annual art show for an opening reception. Be the first to see the campers' awesome artworks while you enjoy a coffee bar and a light nosh.

The Camp Chaverim gallery will be open all week, M-F from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

CAMP FAMILY PADDLE DAY

Sunday, August 17th | 6:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Mariners' Museum Lake

Free for Camp Chaverim campers, Camp Chaverim counselors and staff

Family Members: Free bonus hour with paddle rental

Get the family together and discover what our camp children have learned all summer on Mariners' Lake. Paddle boats are available on a first-come, first-served basis (weather permitting) from 6:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. *Camp Chaverim family day discount is only available on August 17th.*

KIDS ART CLUB

Thursdays: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25; Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

**NOTE* There will be no class on 10/2*

Passport Members - \$80 (\$10/class)

Community Members - \$120 (\$15/class)

Playgroup for Younger Siblings - \$40 (\$5/class)

Join us after school for a messy, colorful, fun kids' art series at the J! Your petite Picasso will not want to miss this 8-week art class. *All materials will be provided. Must be in Kindergarten or older to participate.*

BEEHIVE TOUR

Sunday, September 7th | 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Meet in the Lobby

Join us for this family-friendly tour and presentation with master gardener and beekeeper, Nathan Brauner. This is your chance to get an up-close look at the amazing world of honey bees and learn about their vital role in our ecosystem. Light refreshments will be served. *Fresh, locally-produced honey and honey products will be available for purchase.*



CAMP CHAVERIM & JKIDS FALL-A-PALOOZA

Sunday, September 21st | 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up in the Gymnasium

\$10/child

Come celebrate the season together with an exciting fall gathering, bringing together all Camp Chaverim campers and JKids from kindergarten through 8th grade. Spend the afternoon making fall crafts, playing games, enjoying a special Rosh Hashanah treat and reconnecting with friends.

JKIDS DIY GAME NIGHT

Saturday, November 8th | 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up in the Gymnasium

\$5/child

Join us for an exciting evening of creativity and fun where kids become the designers of their own gaming experience! This hands-on program combines crafting, customization and classic gameplay in one entertaining package. **This is a drop-off event for children in kindergarten-8th grade.**

CAMP MAKING S'MORE MEMORIES

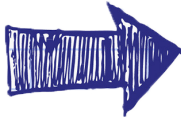
Sunday, November 23rd | 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up in the Gymnasium

\$5/child

Come hang out for an awesome afternoon of s'mores, fun camp games and sharing your best camp stories! We're bringing all the best parts of camp together for a super fun time.

Sign Your
Kids Up
Today!



PREVIEW DAY AT THE J

Tuesday, November 4th | 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Passport Members - \$30/child

Community Members - \$35/child

School's out for the day so come and play at the J! Join us for our first Preview Day, where kids will get a sneak peek at new activities and after school clubs coming to our campus. With everything from art and athletics, to silly science, there will be something for everyone.

Activities are designed for grades K-5. Space is limited.







Bring Jewish Stories Home



PJ Library sends FREE high-quality Jewish children's books to families every month. These stories spark conversations that inspire the whole family to explore and celebrate what they love about Jewish life.

WHAT:

PJ Library books celebrate important aspects of Jewish culture, values and traditions, and become cherished bedtime stories.

WHO:

A family must have children from 6 months to 8 years old with one Jewish parent in the household, and must currently reside on the VA Peninsula.

HOW:

Signing up is easy! Visit:
jewishpeninsula.org/pjlibrary
or email: carmela@jewishpeninsula.org



PJOW is the next chapter of PJ Library, where kids ages 9-12 get to choose their own middle-grade book each month!
Sign up at: jewishpeninsula.org/pjlibrary



ACTIVE AGING

GRAND CLUB LUNCH & BINGO

Thursdays: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28; Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25;
Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 20

Bingo begins at 11 a.m. | Lunch served at 12 p.m.

Lunch for ages 60+ - \$2.50

Lunch for under 60 - \$5.00

Bingo Cards - \$0.25 each

Join our senior group each Thursday for lunch and bingo. All are welcome and we encourage you to bring your friends. **Become a Passport Member and get all Grand Club lunches FREE!**

Transportation is available upon request.

GRAND CLUB LUNCH MENU

August 7

Grilled cheese
sandwiches
Creamy tomato soup

September 18

Lasagna
Salad with dressing
Garlic bread

August 14

Breakfast for lunch:
French toast
Scrambled eggs
Potatoes & onions

September 25

Meatloaf
Mashed potatoes & gravy
Vegetable
Rolls

August 21

Lemon-thyme chicken
Rice
Vegetable

October 2

Closed for High Holidays

August 28

Quiche
Salad with dressing
Fresh fruit

October 9

Salmon
Rice
Vegetable

September 4

Hot dogs with buns
Baked beans
Coleslaw

October 16

Pasta with meat sauce
Salad with dressing

September 11

Tuna salad
Sliced bread
Chips
Fresh fruit

October 23

Quiche
Vegetable

October 30

BBQ chicken
Rice
Vegetable

**Menus subject to change*

MAH JONG

Thursdays: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28; Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25;
Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 20

Multi-Purpose Room

Join fellow enthusiasts for friendly games of Mah Jong in a welcoming, social atmosphere. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, all skill levels are welcome. We provide tiles, scoring cards and plenty of laughter. Come for the strategy, stay for the community! *Mah Jong begins after Grand Club lunch.*

KIBBITZ & CREATE

Thursdays: Aug. 28; Sept. 25; Oct. 23; Nov. 20
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Library/Waters Media Resource Center

Join our fiber arts group the last Thursday of each month for a morning of snacks, crafting and chatting. Simply come with your knitting, crocheting, embroidery or any other fiber project you are working on, and enjoy the company of fellow crafters in a relaxed atmosphere. *No instruction provided.*

BEGINNER CROCHET CLASS

Mondays: Oct. 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Library/Waters Media Resource Center

\$10/person

Our beginner crochet class will teach you the fundamentals from an experienced instructor. No prior experience is needed. During this four-week class, you will be guided step-by-step through your first project, helping you build confidence and develop the skills to continue crocheting at home. Whether you're looking for a new hobby, a way to unwind or want to create handmade gifts, this class offers a supportive environment to discover the joy of crochet.

All materials are provided. Space is limited!


FALL BOOK BINGO DISCUSSION

Wednesday, October 29th | 10:00 a.m.

Library/Waters Media Resource Center

Fall into a good book (or two) this autumn with our Book Bingo challenge! Save a copy of the bingo board and mark off a square for each book prompt you complete during the fall. If you get a bingo and join us on Oct. 29th (for a cozy gathering of coffee and conversation about which books you read), you'll be entered into a raffle for prizes.

Fall Book BINGO

Book Published in 2025	Book About the Environment	Book by an Author You've Never Read	Book About Starting Over	Book Set During a Holiday
An Audiobook	Book by a Jewish Author	Read Under a Blanket	Includes Non-English Language	Book with Leaves on the Cover
Book Based on a True Story	Learned Something New	 Free Space	Book About Bees	Book that is the First in a Series
Book Set in a Place You've Never Been	Book Set During Fall	Book with a One Word Title	Book About Family	Read While it's Raining
Book with a Red Cover	Book About Food	Read a Book Outside	A Book Cover with an Apple or Honey	Non-Fiction

You Belong Here!

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View our senior Passport Membership rates online at

jewishpeninsula.org/program-passport

or call the main office at 757-930-1422

HEALTH & WELLNESS

ADULT KRAV MAGA

Sundays: Sept. 21, 28; Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Gymnasium

Passport Members - \$200/person

Community Members - \$250/person

*Family discount available - check our website for rates!

jewishpeninsula.org/wellness

Krav Maga is a self-defense system developed for the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) to maximize your impact and minimize your risk in a self-defense situation. It combines practical techniques from various martial arts methods to defend yourself on your feet or on the ground. In this 6-week class, students will experience firsthand their own power, strength and resilience in a safe and disciplined atmosphere. Suitable for all fitness levels, beginners to Krav Maga, as well as those looking to sharpen their self-defense skills. Classes will be taught by instructors from Krav Maga Hampton Roads.

Participants must be 13+ years old.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

Wednesdays: Sept. 3; Oct. 29 | 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

One pint of blood can save up to three lives! Walk-ins welcome or schedule an appointment at jewishpeninsula.org/wellness

THE PICKLE BALL

Sunday, September 14th | 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Gymnasium

You are cordially invited to a pickle ball! Come relish our newly renovated gym space with an event that's sure to be a big dill. Brine and dine with our pickle-packing station (\$5 per jar to take home and enjoy; all proceeds will go towards tzedakah), then test out our new courts. If you're new to the game, learn the basics with Pickleball 101, or if pickleball is your bread and butter, grab your friends and join in for open play beginning at 6:30 p.m. *Childcare will be provided until 6:30 p.m., when open play begins. Please register your children along with your RSVP.*





COURT RENOVATIONS COMING THIS FALL



Get ready to play like never before!

This fall we're unveiling our newly upgraded basketball courts, designed to accommodate a dynamic range of sports and fitness opportunities.



ENHANCED MULTI-SPORT COURTS

*Premium surfaces and
upgraded facilities*



EXPANDED PROGRAMMING

*More classes and open
gym time*

JewishPeninsula.org/Sports

PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY

Sundays beginning September 14th

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Gymnasium

Bring your crew out for open play pickleball every Sunday evening this fall. Our newly renovated gym is the perfect place for casual games and to meet other players. *Equipment provided or feel free to bring your own.*

YOGA CLASS

Thursdays: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25; Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30

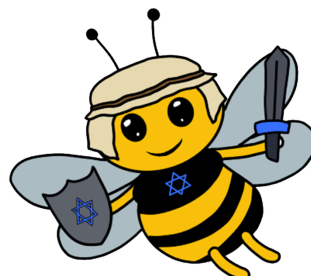
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Passport Members - \$80 (\$10/class)

Community Members - \$120 (\$15/class)

Add some zen to your week this fall with yoga at the J. Join instructor Holly Vance for this class, open to all experience levels. Need to entertain the little ones? Our kids' art club meets at the same time! Find your balance and inner peace while your children explore their creativity just down the hall. Register today to secure your spot in this perfect family-friendly scheduling solution.

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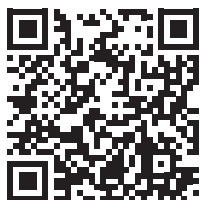
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JCRC ELECTION GUIDE

We Asked, They Answered: Virginia Peninsula Jewish Voter's Guide

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Jewish Peninsula has compiled a guide to the 2025 election to provide the information needed to become an informed voter.

This year's guide was produced both for the state races and the local races, with candidates answering questions important to the Jewish community in Virginia. The US-Israel relationship, antisemitism and many domestic concerns are front and center in the minds of Jewish voters. Hearing directly from the candidates seeking elected office on these important issues is paramount as you consider how to vote.

Visit: jewishpeninsula.org/election to view the guide and access other resources.

Are you registered to vote?

Visit www.elections.virginia.gov to confirm your status, find your polling place and more.

Important Dates

- Friday, October 24: The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail
- Saturday, October 25: Voter registration offices are open for early voting
- Saturday, November 1: The last day of in-person, early voting at your local voter registration office
- Tuesday, November 4, 2025 is Election Day

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Jewish Peninsula does not make political endorsements. The voter's guide is for educational purposes only.

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



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BACK TO SCHOOL

SARFAN EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Whether you are an expecting parent, new family or new to town, discover how a journey with the Sarfan Center may be right for you!

Our wide range of programs grow alongside your children, enriching their sense of self, enabling them to cultivate lifelong friendships, and equipping them for their unique journey in life.

Register for school at sarfancenter.org



New Parent Orientation (via Zoom)

Thursday, August 28th
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

School Closed (for Yom Kippur)

Thursday, October 2nd

Preschool Open House

Friday, August 29th
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

School Closed (for Sukkot)

Tuesday, October 7th
Wednesday, October 8th

First Day of School

Tuesday, September 2nd

School Closed (for Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah)

Tuesday, October 14th
Wednesday, October 15th

Parent Brunch Social

Sunday, September 28th
10:00 a.m.

School Closed

(for Rosh Hashanah)

Tuesday, September 23rd
Wednesday, September 24th



Register today for the
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COMMUNITY HEBREW SCHOOL AT THE J

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Register at ujcvp.org/hebrewschool

Synagogue Affiliated: \$200 per family

Unaffiliated: \$400 per family

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

Hebrew school is open to all children in 3rd-7th grade.

First Day of Hebrew School

Tuesday, September 9th

September Sessions

Tuesday, September 16th

Tuesday, September 30th

October Sessions

Tuesday, October 21st

Tuesday, October 28th

November Sessions

Tuesday, November 4th

Tuesday, November 11th

Tuesday, November 18th

Tuesday, November 25th

JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL AT THE J

Sunday, November 16th | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

An Attitude of Gratitude: Hakarat HaTov

Recognizing the Good & Being Grateful

Join us for a meaningful community Sunday School experience where children of all ages will explore the beautiful Jewish concept of Hakarat HaTov - literally "recognizing the good" - and learn how cultivating gratitude enriches our lives and strengthens our connections.

SAVE THE DATES:

Super Sunday Joint Sunday School

Sunday, February 1st | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Israel Day Joint Sunday School

Sunday, April 19th | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Events listed below are not sponsored by Jewish Peninsula; please take note of event locations.

ADULT EDUCATION, TORAH STUDY

Sundays: Aug. 3; Oct. 5 | 11:00 a.m.

Location: Temple Sinai

11620 Warwick Blvd. Newport News

Come and join Fred Levy in person for an informal Torah discussion and a delicious bagel nosh. Zoom invitation for those who are unable to attend in person is available by calling the Temple office.

ETHICS OF OUR ANCESTORS

Tuesdays | 12:00 p.m.

Location: Rodef Sholom Temple Library

401 City Center Blvd. Newport News

Pirke Avot, The Ethics of Our Ancestors, expresses a vision of the Jewish people as an evolving religious civilization. These texts are guideposts to each generation in how to inherit the teachings of our forebears, reflect them in virtuous lives, and bequeath them to our descendants. Each week we will create our own layers of commentary, explaining and applying lessons learned from our ancient texts.

WEEKLY TORAH CLASS

Tuesdays | 7:00 p.m.

Location: Chabad House, Williamsburg

Join us for a dynamic and meaningful exploration of the weekly Torah portion, uncovering timeless lessons and practical insights for everyday life. Whether you're new to Torah study or have been learning for years, this class offers something for everyone - discussion, inspiration and connection. No background necessary. Just come as you are and discover the relevance of Torah in today's world.

TEMPLE BETH EL TANAKH STUDY

Wednesdays | 7:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

Have you ever wanted to dive deeper into what happens after the Torah? Join in on Zoom as we learn about the Tanakh. Contact Temple Beth El for the current study schedule and Zoom info.

TORAH STUDY

Thursdays | 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Location: Temple Beth El Social Hall

600 Jamestown Rd. Williamsburg

Engage in a dynamic group discussion of the Torah with Rabbi David Katz and TBE members.

READ IT IN HEBREW

**Wednesdays: Aug. 20, 27; Sept. 3, 10, 17
7:00 p.m.**

Location: Chabad House, Williamsburg

Unlock the power of the Aleph-Bet! Whether you're starting from scratch or want to boost your reading confidence, Read It In Hebrew is a beginner-friendly course designed to teach you how to read Hebrew in just five engaging lessons. No prior experience necessary - just a willingness to learn and a desire to connect deeper with Jewish life, prayer and tradition. Perfect for adults and teens alike, this course opens the door to Hebrew literacy - and with it, a new level of Jewish connection.

THE HOLOCAUST THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD

Sunday, August 24th | 2:00 p.m.

Location: Temple Beth El Social Hall

600 Jamestown Rd. Williamsburg

TBE's Sunday lecture series featuring experts in various fields. Guest speaker: Dr. Donald Schilling, Professor of History and Chair of the History Department at Denison University in Granville, Ohio.

TEMPLE SINAI FILM SERIES, JEWS IN HOLLYWOOD: ON THE SCREEN, BEHIND THE SCENES

Fridays: Sept. 5; Nov. 7 | 5:00 p.m.

Location: Temple Sinai

11620 Warwick Blvd. Newport News

An abridged Shabbat service followed by dinner and a film, with a brief discussion led by Fred Levy. RSVP deadlines: Sept. 2/Nov. 4

WOMEN'S CHALLAH BAKE

Sunday, September 7th | 2:00 p.m.

Location: Chabad House, Williamsburg

Join women from across the community for a hands-on challah baking experience filled with tradition, inspiration and connection. We'll mix, knead and braid together, while learning about the unique spiritual power of challah and the deeper meaning it holds as we get ready for the High Holidays. Come for the baking, stay for the inspiration. No experience needed — just bring your warmth and a friend.

TEMPLE BETH EL BOOK CLUB

Second Sunday each month | 2:00 p.m.

Location: Temple Beth El Social Hall

600 Jamestown Rd. Williamsburg

TBE congregant-run book club focuses on books by Jews, or books likely to be of interest to Jewish community members.

Sept. 14 - *The Provincials* by Eli Evans

Oct. 12 - *They Dared Return: The True Story of Jewish Spies Behind Enemy Lines in Nazi Germany* by Patrick McDonnell

Nov. 9 - *The Last Nazi* by Andrew Turpin

HOW ISRAEL WINS

Sunday, September 28th | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Location: Chabad House, Williamsburg

In light of current events in Israel, join us for a timely and meaningful seminar exploring the Lubavitcher Rebbe's unique insights on achieving true peace and lasting security. Through personal anecdotes, powerful stories and uplifting messages of hope, we'll gain clarity on the situation in Israel - and on our vital role as supporters from afar.

SUKKOT DINNER SPONSORED BY ADATH JESHURUN SYNAGOGUE

Thursday, October 9th | 6:00 p.m.

Location: 15 Mammoth Oak Rd., Newport News

Gather under the stars in the sukkah and share a festive meal to celebrate the harvest season together.

ADULT HEBREW CLASSES

Thursdays, Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 20

1:00 p.m.

Location: Temple Sinai

11620 Warwick Blvd. Newport News

Interested in learning Hebrew? Come join Rabbi Sokol in person. To participate, contact Rabbi Sokol at 757-596-8352

LILY HENLEY: A DARING BLEND OF FOLK, FIDDLE AND GLOBAL TRADITIONS

Thursday, October 9th | 7:00 p.m.

Location: Ferguson Center Diamonstein Concert Hall

1 Avenue of the Arts, Newport News

A bold voice in modern folk music, Henley's work bridges the rich worlds of American roots and global heritage, particularly the endangered Judeo-Spanish (Ladino) ballad tradition. Seating for this exclusive event will be at the Diamonstein Concert Hall.

BLOCKBUSTER TORAH II

Wednesdays: Oct. 29; Dec. 3 | 6:30 p.m.

Location: Jewish Peninsula Multi-Purpose Room

401 City Center Blvd., Newport News

Learn about Jewish philosophy through movie franchises, discussing themes and lessons straight out of the Torah. Presented by Rabbi Gershon Litt.

October 29th: *Superman*

December 3rd: *Jurassic World*

25TH ANNUAL VIRGINIA PENINSULA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Sundays: Nov. 2, 16; Jan. 25; Mar. 1, 22 | 2:00 p.m.

Location: Williamsburg Regional Library Theater

515 Scotland St. Williamsburg

The film festival committee strives to use the power of film to entertain, educate and connect audiences to issues related to Jewish life in the U.S., Israel and around the world. Film selection is still being finalized. *This film festival is organized by Temple Beth El.*

2025 HIGH HOLIDAY GUIDE

ADATH JESHURUN CONGREGATION

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info@ajshul.com

757-930-0820

Adath Jeshurun is an open, non-judgemental environment where Jews of all types can gather, pray, learn and grow together.

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Monday, Sept. 22nd

6:30 p.m. Mincha/Maariv

6:45 p.m. Candle Lighting

Rosh Hashanah Day:

Tuesday, Sept. 23rd & Wednesday, Sept. 24th

9:00 a.m. Shacharis

9:45 a.m. HaMelech

11:15 a.m. Torah Reading

12:00 p.m. Sermon

12:20 p.m. Shofar Blowing

6:00 p.m. Mincha

7:39 p.m. Maariv & Havdalah (Day 2)

Kol Nidrei: Wednesday, Oct. 1st

6:15 p.m. Kol Nidrei/Maariv

6:31 p.m. Candle Lighting

Yom Kippur: Thursday, Oct. 2nd

9:00 a.m. Shacharis

9:45 a.m. HaMelech

11:45 a.m. Torah Reading

12:15 p.m. Sermon

12:35 p.m. Yizkor

4:15 p.m. Mincha

6:00 p.m. Neilah

7:26 p.m. Maariv/Havdalah

CHABAD OF WILLIAMSBURG

chabadwilliamsburg.org

rabbi@jewishwilliamsburg.org

757-929-4999

Chabad of Williamsburg is a warm, welcoming hub for Jewish life, serving students, families and visitors with vibrant holiday programs, Shabbat dinners and engaging educational experiences. All are welcome; no membership required.

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Monday, Sept. 22nd

6:30 p.m. Community Dinner (RSVPs required)

Williamsburg Community Building, 401 N. Boundary St.

Rosh Hashanah: Tuesday, Sept. 23rd

9:30 a.m. Morning Services

Williamsburg Community Building, 401 N. Boundary St.

Rosh Hashanah: Wednesday, Sept. 24th

9:30 a.m. Morning Services

Chabad House (call for address)



Erev Yom Kippur: Wednesday, Oct. 1st

6:00 p.m. Kol Nidre Service

Chabad House (call for address)

Yom Kippur: Thursday, Oct. 2nd

9:30 a.m. Day Services

6:00 p.m. Neilah & Break-Fast

Chabad House (call for address)

CONGREGATION EMET V'OR

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757-952-3737

CEVO is a diverse, supportive community and a meaningful place for Jewish individuals, families and anyone desiring to learn about Reform Judaism. We pride ourselves on our hospitality, and we welcome positive and committed individuals of all different religions, ethics and diverse backgrounds. We encourage blended and Jewish families to join us for Jewish experiences.

Location of services:

101 Production Dr. Suite 101 Yorktown, VA

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services: Monday, Sept. 22nd

6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Evening Service

Rosh Hashana Services: Tuesday, Sept. 23rd

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Morning Service

Kol Nidre Services: Wednesday, Oct 1st

6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Evening Service

Yom Kippur Services: Thursday, Oct. 2nd

9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Morning Service followed by Yizkor
3:15 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Afternoon Service followed by N'ilah Service and Shofar blowing

Sukkot: Monday, Oct. 6th

Event and time TBD

Simchat Torah: Monday, Oct. 13th

6:30-8:30pm Evening Service

RODEF SHOLOM TEMPLE

rodefsholomtemple.org

office@rodefsholomtemple.org

757-826-5894

Rodef Sholom Temple is a welcoming Conservative synagogue that offers meaningful prayer, lifelong learning, and a warm, inclusive community. We honor tradition while embracing modern life, creating space for individuals and families of all backgrounds.

Selichot: Saturday, Sept. 13th

8:30 p.m. Evening Service

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Monday, Sept. 22nd

8:00 p.m. Evening Service

Rosh Hashana:

Tuesday, Sept. 23rd & Wednesday, Sept. 24th

9:30 a.m. Morning Service

Tashlikh: Sunday, Sept. 28th

11:00 a.m. Morning Service

Buckroe Beach

Kol Nidre: Wednesday, Oct. 1st

6:15 p.m. Evening Service

Yom Kippur: Tuesday, Oct. 2nd

9:30 a.m. Morning Service - Yizkor will be recited

4:30 p.m. Study Session

5:15 p.m. Mincha/Neilah Service

7:26 p.m. Shofar Blowing

7:27 p.m. Maariv

7:45 p.m. End of Fast (followed by Break Fast)

Sukkot: Tuesday, Oct. 7th & Wednesday, Oct. 8th

9:30 a.m. Morning Service

Shemini Atzeret: Tuesday, Oct. 14th

9:30 a.m. Morning Service

Simchat Torah: Tuesday, Oct. 14th

6:00 p.m. Evening Service

Simchat Torah: Wednesday, Oct. 15th

9:30 a.m. Morning Service

TEMPLE SINAI

admin@nnsinai.hrcoxmail.com

757-596-8352

Temple Sinai is a warm and inclusive congregation and welcomes all guests, including Jews by heritage, Jews by choice, secular Jews, interfaith families, couples, singles and LGBTQ+ members.

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Monday, Sept. 22nd

7:30 p.m. Evening Service

Rosh Hashanah: Tuesday, Sept. 23rd

10:00 a.m. Morning Service followed by Tashlich at the Noland Trail

Erev Yom Kippur: Wednesday, Oct. 1st

7:30 p.m. Evening Service

Yom Kippur: Thursday, Oct. 2nd

10:00 a.m. Morning Service

3:45 p.m. Yizkor Service

4:45 p.m. Ne'ilah (Concluding) Service followed by break-the-fast refreshments

Sukkot: Saturday, Oct. 11th

10:00 a.m. Morning service with Religious School & lunch (RSVP to the temple office by Oct. 9th)

Simchat Torah: Friday, Oct. 17th

7:30 p.m. Evening service with Religious School & oneg (RSVP to temple office by Oct. 14th)

Chagim open and free to the community. Services in person or via Zoom.

TEMPLE BETH EL

office@tbewilliamsburg.org

757-220-1205

Temple Beth El of Williamsburg is a welcoming synagogue for families, couples and singles of all ages. Interfaith and LGBTQ+ friendly. We are unaffiliated but use primarily Reconstructionist liturgy for our prayer services.

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Monday, Sept. 22nd

7:00 p.m. Evening service followed by a community potluck-style dairy oneg

1333 Jamestown Rd.

Rosh Hashanah Day 1: Tuesday, Sept. 23rd

9:30 a.m. Morning Service

10:30 a.m. Children's Program (approx. one hour)

1333 Jamestown Rd.

Tashlich: Tuesday, Sept. 23rd

5:00 p.m., 10170 S. Henry St.

Rosh Hashanah Day 2: Wednesday, Sept. 24th

9:30 a.m. Morning service followed by a community potluck-style dairy kiddush

600 Jamestown Rd.

Kol Nidre: Wednesday, Oct. 1st

7:00 p.m. Evening Service

1333 Jamestown Rd.

Yom Kippur: Thursday, Oct. 2nd

9:30 a.m. Morning Service

10:30 a.m. Children's Program (approx. one hour)

1:30 p.m. Yizkor

5:15 p.m. Mincha, Neilah & Havdalah followed by a community potluck-style dairy break fast

1333 Jamestown Rd.

Sukkot: Friday, Oct. 10th

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Kulanu Family Service

600 Jamestown Rd.

Simchat Torah: Friday, Oct. 17th

7:00 p.m. Evening Service

600 Jamestown Rd.

SECURITY

SCN GUARDIAN TRAINING

Thursday, November 6th | 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Join our regional SCN director, Dave Brackins, for a comprehensive Guardian training program focused on community safety and security. This empowering workshop will teach participants to identify potential threats, protect their communities and respond effectively to security concerns.

Light desserts will be served.

In the face of increasing antisemitism and emboldened acts of hate-fueled violence, we continue to invest significant resources to enhance the Jewish community's safety and security.

To report an incident, please use our online portal at: jewishpeninsula.org/security

Through our regional partnership with Secure Community Network (SCN), we monitor and improve the security posture of our community, as well as offer a range of security training programs and safety assessments for Jewish organizations on the Virginia Peninsula. For more information, contact our Regional Security Advisor, Dave Brackins, at security@jewishpeninsula.org.



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GUARDIAN

**IDENTIFY.
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PEARL SOCIETY

Women's Giving Circle



The Pearl Society Women's Giving Circle is made up of a group of women who contribute first and foremost to our own community, but who also desire to express themselves more personally throughout the Jewish world.

Each Pearl contributes to the giving circle, plus a minimum commitment to the J Annual Campaign. At the end of the year, through discussions and consensus, the group donates the giving circle funds to six non-profit organizations around the world.

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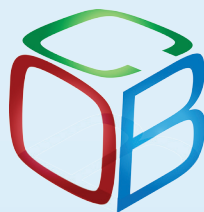
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Across the Ocean: Virginia's Mission to Heal a Broken City

Through the extraordinary generosity of our community's annual campaign, we are proud to announce our three-year partnership with the town of Shlomi in northern Israel. As part of the Communities2Gether initiative, we have teamed up with the Richmond Jewish community and we are committed to supporting this resilient community as they rebuild and recover from the devastation of the October 7 attacks and ongoing conflict.

Located just one kilometer from Israel's northern border with Lebanon, Shlomi is home to approximately 8,650 residents who were evacuated in October 2023 due to escalating security threats. The community faced significant challenges—400 homes were damaged, public buildings including schools and the community center sustained direct hits, and roughly half of the surrounding forests were destroyed by fire.

Now, as residents begin returning home, our partnership provides critical support for physical reconstruction, security preparedness and community safety infrastructure. Beyond financial assistance, this relationship will encompass people-to-people initiatives that will create lasting bonds between our communities.

This meaningful partnership demonstrates the power of Jewish peoplehood and mutual responsibility. Through your generous contributions to our annual campaign, we are not only strengthening a sister community in its time of greatest need, but also building bridges that will connect our communities for generations to come.

Your annual campaign support makes partnerships like this possible. Together, we ensure that no community stands alone.



The Keshet Cave, an ancient natural limestone arch spanning the remains of a shallow cave, with sweeping views of Shlomi city in Israel.

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Recreation Facilities

From pick-up basketball to yoga, the J offers opportunities to exercise, embrace wellness practices and thrive. Our facilities include an indoor gymnasium, the Eric & Jack Luckman Outdoor Basketball court and outdoor playscapes.



Facility Rental

We are the perfect place to hold your next meeting, event or birthday party. Our facilities offer the finest rooms, outdoor spaces and a welcoming environment for all your needs. Whether for business events, team-building or celebrations, we are here to help.



For More Information
jewishpeninsula.org/campus





Give Tomorrow a Present

We are proud to celebrate the leaders who have made legacy commitments to our community and express our profound appreciation for their generosity.

For more than 80 years, Jewish Peninsula has opened its doors and building community. A legacy commitment is an opportunity to create a gift of permanence and be part of something special. The permanent endowments created by these bequests will be held in trust at the UJCVP Endowment, sustaining a vibrant Jewish Peninsula in perpetuity. Legacy giving is an after-life gift and is the ultimate expression of your Jewish values and your belief in the future of our Jewish community. A legacy gift of any size can be designed for your personal financial circumstances.

We're all in this together, for a better tomorrow. With a bequest to the Jewish community, you will guarantee the many vital and meaningful programs and services our members, friends and neighbors depend on will continue to be here for future generations.

We can't do tomorrow without you. Jewish Peninsula is part of your life. And you are a part of our future.

To discuss your legacy gift to Jewish Peninsula, please contact Eric Maurer, emaurer@jewishpeninsula.org

Betty Levin was recently recognized by Jewish Federations of North America with the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award. This prestigious award is given every two years to a community leader who exemplifies the highest standards in philanthropy and volunteerism. "Our community does not think small," Betty shared. Together with her husband Buddy z"l, she recognized the importance of permanent philanthropic dollars for our community and established the UJCVP endowment. A lifetime of dedication to our community has lead to a lifetime of support.



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**Cooking with
Carmela:
Challah
Baking**

**Sunday,
September 21
1:00 PM**

**The Art
of Female
Friendship
with Iris
Pastor**

**Sunday,
October 19
12:00 PM**



**Film Screening: Bad Shabbos
Thursday, September 11 - 6:30 PM**



Jon Bass
Meghan Leathers
Cliff "Method Man" Smith
Ashley Zukerman
Milana Vayntrub
Theo Taplitz
Catherine Curtin
John Bedford Lloyd
with David Paymer
and Kyra Sedgwick

BAD SHABBOS

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