Joint Annual Meeting set for May 22

On Thursday, May 22 join the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond, Jewish Family Services, Richmond Jewish Foundation, Rudlin Torah Academy and Weinstein JCC for their joint agency annual meeting. All of the agencies will be installing officers and board members for the next terms.

At the meeting, Richard Samet will be installed as president of the Weinstein JCC and Jim Weinberg will become chairman of the Richmond Jewish Foundation.

The community will hear from each agency president and CEO. Awards will be presented to outstanding community volunteers from the agencies. Please join community members for this event. The reception begins at 5 p.m. followed by the meeting at 5:45.

Rhona Arenstein to receive DCSA

Longtime community volunteer Rhona Arenstein will receive the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond’s Distinguished Community Service Award at the joint agency annual meeting on May 22.

Arenstein will be honored for her dedicated and tireless efforts in the Jewish and general community. She is a tireless worker and has volunteered extensively with the JCFR; recognized for her commitment and effectiveness with both the Schwarzschild Award for campaign excellence and the Sam E. & Virginia V. Binswanger Award for outstanding young leadership.

She has served on the board of directors of the JCFR and Jewish Family Services, volunteered at Congregation Beth Ahabah Archives and was a Beth Sholom Gardens Volunteer of the Year in 2006.

In service to the Weinstein JCC, Arenstein created the “Weinstein Knitzvah DCSA”.

VHM Rule of Law program on May 14 to focus on bringing Nazi war criminals to justice

The Virginia Holocaust Museum in conjunction with the Virginia Law Foundation will commemorate Law Day on Wednesday, May 14, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Museum.

In the spring of 2015, the world will pause to note the 70th anniversary of the collapse of Nazi Germany and the end of the Holocaust. Deep scars and vivid memories from the conflict remain. The unresolved and most bitterly controversial issues to persist since Hitler’s suicide and the trials of the major German war criminals at Nuremberg have been the desultory, sporadic, often politically compromised, and many fruitless attempts to pursue and punish the younger generation of Nazi war criminals.

These were the operational mass murderers below the level of Hitler, Himmler and even the desk murderers like Heytrich and Eichmann. They were the mid-level killers in the shooting pits in the Polish countryside, the Baltic States, Belarus and the Ukraine, and the junior SS officers and guards who supervised unloading Jewish victims from the arriving death trains and then herded them into the gas chambers at Auschwitz, Belzec, Chelmno, Sobibor and Treblinka.

Criminal trials through the decades often appeared travesties of justice. Some defendants were excused from trial on the grounds of ill health while others received ridiculously mild sentences even though the records clearly documented their crimes as perpetrators who ordered or engaged in mass murder. In the U.S. beginning in the early 1980s, the Office of Special Investigations in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice began a series of civil trials – denaturalization and deportation proceedings against former SS guards and Nazi collaborators who had been perpetrators during the Holocaust – and had illegally gained entry to the U.S. and often had attained U.S. citizenship.

Through U.S. federal courts held no criminal Law

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TribeFest inspires, engages 1,500 young professionals

By Alissa Aronovici

Last month, I was selected, along with other Richmonders – Kevin Fine, Richard Freedman, Ashley Noell, Morgan Howard, Matthew Miller and Harrison Roday – to travel to New Orleans to participate in Tribefest 2014. This was a gathering of more than 1,500 Jewish young professionals from across the country on March 16-18.

Federation Young Leadership Director Melanie Phillips staffed our contingent. The conference was a mix of main stage events that everyone could attend, smaller and more thematic breakout stage events that everyone could attend, and engaging young Jews. It’s hosted by The Jewish Federations of North America’s National Young Leadership.

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Members of the P2G Israeli Partnership2gether delegation (from left/standing) Tova Meiner, Dorit Zini, Aviad Sela and Hana Sirkis-Katz visited Sharon Johnson and Debbie Flikk's class at the Weinstein JCC preschool where Dawn Kowal, Judaic educator (sitting in center) and the teachers helped the children connect with a class in Hadera with whom they had exchanged packages. They also taught the children about the moon. Kowal said, "when it is day time here, it is night time there - it's the same moon and our 'friends' in Israel (even though they live so far away) see the same moon." The delegation also visited Rudlin Torah Academy where Richmond sent 13 local educators to Hadera in December 2012. The delegation toured the full operation of the Weinstein JCC preschool and received an extensive tour of Jewish history in Richmond.

The delegation included Hadera Partnership chairs Aviad Sela and Dorit Zini, along with community volunteer Tova Meiner, and partnership Director Hana Sirkis-Katz. During their visit, the four guests visited several classrooms at the Weinstein JCC preschool and toured the Rudlin Torah Academy, two schools that are actively participating in the P2G "Pupil to Pupil" classroom twinning program that matches local Richmond classes with school classes in the Hadera/Eiron region.

The Israel visitors also visited with local teachers who participated in the highly successful P2G Hadera Educator’s Exchange where Richmond sent 13 local educators to Hadera in December 2012. The delegation toured the full operation of the Weinstein JCC, and received an extensive tour of Jewish history in Richmond.

During their visit to the United States, this delegation also visited other community members of the P2G Southeast Consortium, including Jacksonville, Fla., and Charlotte, N.C. After their visit to local communities, they attended the annual P2G Southeast Consortium Steering Committee Budget Meetings at the Shalom Park Campus in Charlotte, along with volunteer and professional representatives from all nine communities included in the Southeast Consortium, including Richmond Federation representatives – CEO Samuel Asher and Shoshanna Schechter-Shaffin, director of Women's Division, Israel, and Overseas Programming, and Geri Stahl, Richmond P2G chair.

This coming year, the Richmond Jewish community will have the opportunity to continue in many exciting ongoing Partnership programs including:
• Summer “Tikkun Olam” Teen P2G

1983 and Now

By Samuel Asher
Chief Executive Officer, JCFR

In 1983, when I was the Associate Director of the Kansas City Federation, we began working on the development of the Jewish Community Campus, Inc. The idea was simple. We would relocate most of the Jewish recreational, educational and social facilities to one common site. The sports and activities of the Jewish Community Center could interface with the Jewish Day School; using common physical education equipment; a library; and a common kitchen.

Senior adult housing would be nearby providing for intergenerational educational programs – young and old, meeting, greeting, seeing and learning from each other. Various Jewish social service and administrative agencies (including the Federation) would be in close proximity, better able work together and serve the community.

The campus opened in 1989 and has been serving the community beautifully for more than 25 years. All of the planning was worthwhile. The intergenerational programming, the successful day school education, the JCC and Jewish Family & Children Service programming, etc. have continued to inspire and enhance community building.

So, it was surreal when one of my old friends from Kansas City called me on April 13 and told me to turn on the news. There had been a shooting in the JCC parking lot and at Village Shalom. Generations of people, Jewish and non-Jewish, had grown up on the campus and/or had utilized the plethora of services. They had their worlds turned upside down by F. Glenn Cross, a white supremacist. Cross allegedly shot and killed Dr. William Lewis Corporan and his grandson, Reat Griffin Underwood, who was at the JCC to audition for a play. He then walked across to the Village Shalom parking lot where he allegedly killed Terri LaManno, a Catholic mother of two who was there to visit her mother. The peaceful world on the Jewish Community Campus was shattered.

Cross had founded the Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina. He was known to Virginia authorities and the Goochland Gazette reports that he tried to spread his hate in Goochland County some eight years ago. We need to know that the reach of virulent Anti-Semitism is far and wide.

According to the April 17 article in the Goochland Gazette, “Goochland County Sheriff James Agnew said he recognized

Proposed new JCFC officers, board members

The JCFC Nominating Committee, chaired by Ivan Jecklin, has proposed the following slate of officers:
President: Richard Samet; Vice President: Stuart Siegel; Vice President: Seth Kaplan; Secretary/Treasurer: Michael Sievers; Assistant Treasurer: Deane Dubansky; Immediate Past President: Nathan Shor; Honorary Vice Presidents: Ric Arentstein, Jerry Gunemick, Neil November and Mark Siisky; and General Campaign Chair Renee Adams.

Nominated to serve as new members of the board in the class of 2017 are Bill Dinkin, Melanie Binshtok, Rebecca Kalman-Winston and Sara Waskin. Nominated to serve a second term are David Fratkin, Gail Moskowitz, Dan Neuworth and Cheri Yochelson.

We look forward to seeing you at the joint agency annual meeting on May 22, at 5 p.m. at the Weinstein JCC, when these individuals will have the opportunity to be elected and installed.

To RSVP, call (804) 545-8604.

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the energy and enthusiasm of the crowd. The speakers shared their own personal stories of their faith and what it meant to them to be Jewish.

The speakers were a mix of Jewish celebrities, including Joshua Malina from “Scandal,” Ben Platt from the movie “Pitch Perfect,” Jewish motivational speakers, such as Dr. Yarden Fanta-Vagenstein, who shared her story of a two-year journey from an Ethiopian village to Israel, and Avital Zeisler, who overcame a sexual assault and created a form of self-defense specifically for women.

Each speaker was dynamic and offered a different perspective on how they connected to their Judaism.

The breakout sessions delved into topics that we were particularly interested in. The themes of the sessions focused on Justice and Inclusion, Faith and Culture, Jewish Life and Innovation. They offered us the chance to ask the speakers questions and reach a deeper level of conversation.

To me, one of the most interesting sessions was “Want to be a Model? Make it Work!” While the title is taken from the television show “Project Runway,” the presentation was about effective young adult programming. We heard from leaders from three very different communities—Los Angeles, Detroit and Boston.

All three cities face similar challenges when it comes to young adult programming, but each Federation came up with different solutions based on what worked for their young professionals.

So many of us are searching for answers regarding how to engage young Jewish professionals, but each community has to come up with its own blueprint and this session sparked so many ideas about programming possibilities that we could bring back home to Richmond.

One of the most important aspects of the conference was the opportunity to take part in service projects. For me, this was one of the most important aspects of the entire conference. The idea of Tikkun Olam, or repairing the world, is a Jewish principle that resonates deeply with me.

It meant even more to be able to give back to the city of New Orleans, where the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina is still so apparent. Some of the service options included volunteering at a food bank, working with seniors on a craft project, and reading books to young children, among others. It was a moving sight to see busloads of Jewish young professionals on their way to give back to the city.

TribeFest was an incredible opportunity to meet other Jewish young professionals and to learn about new ways to get involved in our own community.

I’m looking forward to collaborating with my fellow attendees and incorporating what we learned in New Orleans back at home.

(Editor’s Note: A native Richmonder, Alissa Aronovici serves on the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond’s board of directors and is a graduate of the Federation’s Community Leadership Institute Program. She received an undergraduate degree from the College of William and Mary and earned a graduate degree at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She is director of administration at LEAD VIRGINIA)
Music therapy has become a popular program with the residents at the Beth Sholom Lifecare Community. Music helps bring back memories, promotes relaxation and increases socialization all leading to a better quality of life. This therapy is focused on making music together rather than watching a performance. During sessions, residents have the opportunity to play many instruments such as the guitar, maracas, bells, and drums. They also get to test their knowledge with musical trivia, jeopardy and bingo.

Music therapy at Beth Sholom is full of fun, laughter, and of course great music!

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

Music therapy popular for Beth Sholom residents Community

Music Therapist Christina Strasburg with Healing Sounds Music Therapy, L.L.C., helps Dr. Harold Goodman play a guitar. Beth Sholom has group sessions every Thursday at both the Gardens and Parkside for 45-60 minutes.

Residents make bird feeders

As a part of Wildlife Week, Beth Sholom residents made bird feeders to put outside the facility.

Residents strung Cheerios on a piece of string, covered them with peanut butter and stuck bird seed onto the peanut butter. Not only was this activity fun, but stringing Cheerios helps improve fine motor skills and finger dexterity. The residents enjoyed the activity and are looking forward to seeing some birds outside eating off of their feeders.

Beth Sholom HAPPENINGS
‘Art Beyond the Ages’

For the past four months, the Weinstein JCC has been the site for a new program in Richmond that is gaining momentum and popularity in the arts, aging and academic communities.

The PALETTE program – which stands for “Promoting Art for Life Enrichment Through Transgenerational Engagement” – connects older adults with undergraduate and graduate students to participate in visual arts classes and cultural engagement activities.

Beginning in January, the program (funded in part by a grant from the Virginia Center on Aging) has brought together a group of 21 older adults from the Weinstein JCC and 22 students from VCU’s ASPiRE program, School of Nursing and School of Pharmacy. As a group, PALETTE participants meet once a month, working side-by-side with their PALs (Partners in Arts Learning) on silk marbling, collaging, printmaking, pastel drawing and painting classes. These classes, conducted by local organization Art on Wheels, encourage PALs to engage in intergenerational conversation while also providing an outlet for creative expression.

“The program meant so much to me,” said Barbara Rubin, an 81-year-old participant who shows up to every session ready to jump into the day’s art class, “I can honestly say that it’s the highlight of my senior life.”

Having successfully concluded its first semester, PALETTE plans to run again in the fall – the capacity in which it will do so depends on the amount of support and grant funding it receives.

On display now through May 18 in the Sara D. November Gallery at the Weinstein JCC is the PALETTE art exhibit, “Art Beyond the Ages.” To learn more about the program, contact Sadie Rubin, director of PALETTE, at srubin@paletteprogram.org or call (202) 579-9417.

Weinstein JCC to install new officers and board members

At the 2nd joint agency annual meeting on Thursday, May 22, the Weinstein JCC will install new officers for the 2014-2015 board.

Chris Greenberg will succeed Cullen Seltzer as board president. Shelley Gouldin will serve as president-elect and Cullen Seltzer will become chairman.

Ric Arenstein and Neil November will serve as honorary vice presidents, and Greg Bishop, David Kalman, Suzanne Peck, Andrew Pegalis and Sara Villalona will serve as vice presidents.

New board members who will be installed for a three-year term are: Avrum Elmakis, Lynn Schwartz and Stacy Struminger.

The Arenstein Family Excellence in Youth Service Award will be presented to Rachel Markoff.

Dena Neuwirth will receive the Leroy B. Goldberg Award and the Esther, Edith & H.J. Bernstein Volunteer Award will be presented to longtime volunteers Lynn Schwartz and Ric Arenstein.

The Weinstein JCC would like to thank Evelyn Lampert for her time and commitment as she concludes her term serving on the board.

At the meeting, CEO Jay Jacobs and Seltzer will provide an update on the many activities of Weinstein JCC over the past year.

The joint annual meeting reception begins at 5 p.m. The meeting will start at 5:45.

For more details and to RSVP, call (804) 545-8604.

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Another successful Patrons of the Arts Season in 2013-2014

“Hello Dolly” was one of three shows that entertained community members from the Jewish Family Theatre this past year as part of Patron of the Arts programming.

It has been a smashing 2013-2014 season for the Weinstein JCC’s Patrons of the Arts. The cultural arts program and events celebrated Jewish culture, music, art, dance, literature, with more of the same verve and enthusiasm that has made the last four POA seasons such a huge success. The year has seen a return of friends from the Richmond Symphony, Richmond Ballet and The American Youth Harp Ensemble. Exciting new partnerships with the Richmond Shakespeare/Henley Street Theatre, Richmond Jazz Society and the Carole Weinstein Poetry Prize brought an entirely new level of POA. More on page 14

Take a Swing for our Community in June

Whether you prefer a golf club or a tennis racquet, you are invited to, “Take a Swing for our Community!”

Beth Sholom Lifecare Community, Jewish Family Services of Richmond and the Weinstein JCC have teamed up to offer a fun-filled day of friendly competition at the 17th Annual Jewish Community Golf and Tennis Classic. Join community members and friends on the course or on the courts of Jefferson Lakeside Country Club on Monday, June 2.

Check-in for both events will begin at 11:30 a.m. accompanied by a buffet lunch to fuel the players. The golf tournament will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start with prizes at every hole, as well as challenging putting and hole-in-one competitions.

The “round robin” doubles tennis tournament will also begin at 1 p.m. To follow the tournament play, the day will conclude with an awards ceremony and a cocktail/dinner reception for all to enjoy and unwind.

Don't worry if you do not have a golf foursome or doubles partner! Individual players are welcome and will be placed on a team. Visit www.weinsteinjcc.org to register to play.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Jay Jacobs at (804) 545-8643 or jjacobs@weinsteinjcc.org for more information.

Take a Swing for Community in June

17th Annual Jewish Community Golf & Tennis Classic

Monday, June 2 • Jefferson Lakeside Country Club

Captain’s Choice with multiple flights Shotgun start 1:00 p.m. • $180/player

Round Robin Doubles Play starts 1:00 p.m. • $125/player

Lunch and registration begin at 11:30 a.m.
Great prizes • Lunch and cocktail/dinner reception

Reserve your spot today! Sponsorship opportunities begin at just $325 Call Jay Jacobs at 545.8643

www.JewishRichmond.org
Not made your kid’s plans for the summer yet? Why not consider the Weinstein JCC Specialty Camps!

The unique and diverse camps give kids the chance to focus on a topic or skill with the benefits of being in a fun camp environment. Choose from more than 30 camps, such as sports specialties, science discovery, arts exploration, dance, drama, cooking, health and fitness and more.

The trained staff creates a safe and fun environment for kids in kindergarten to 7th grade.

For 8th-9th graders, join the Leadership Training Institute led by LaVenus Harried. These amazing two weeks will provide campers with leadership training, as well as an opportunity to volunteer, participate in team building, adventures activities and overnight trips.

Eliza Yeaker enjoys a ride at Kings Dominion last summer.

Some Center camps are full! To sign up today, contact Nick Pruden at (804) 545-8607 or email npruden@weinsteinjcc.org.

### Cabaret event set for May 17

Erin Lessin Mahone, director of Cultural Arts and Jewish Education at the Weinstein JCC will present a Cabaret event on May 17 at 8 p.m., “It Runs in the Family.”

This selection of songs and stories chronicle Mahone’s life experiences of growing-up among several family members with severe mental health diagnoses and will be presented in the upstairs lobby at the Va. Rep Theatre located in Willow Lawn. A portion of ticket sales will be donated to the NAMI Virginia Family Network – an organization working locally to support the needs of youth and families impacted by mental illness.

Mahone’s poignant stories about love, acceptance, and making the most of life’s challenges are woven with songs from across decades and genres to include pop, Broadway, and jazz. She will be joined onstage by Bob Blagg on guitar, Dr. Eric Yellin, University of Virginia Statute for Establishing Religious Freedom.”


May 26 - Memorial Day (No Meeting)
Marmorstein bequest inaugurates RTA music program in fall

Patricia “Tish” Marmorstein, known by her many friends for her thoughtful presents, has bestowed one more gift, this time to Rudlin Torah Academy’s music program, a year after she passed.

RTA’s Principal Rabbi Yosef Bart announced that the substantial gift will allow the school to re-launch its music program as it moves to a new facility.

The school’s new music program will be launched this fall with a special concert on Sept. 7 by the renowned a capella musical group the “Maccabeats” at the Byrd Theater on Cary Street. Details of the concert will be announced later.

Tish Marmorstein and her husband, the late Milton “Buddy” Marmorstein, were longtime residents of Richmond. Griffin said her cousin was known for her style and sense of humor all her life.

“She was more together than I ever will be,” Griffin said. “She was more together than I ever will be.”

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Reel Theology set for May 18 with ‘Everything Is Illuminated’ at Or Ami

Congregation Or Ami’s Adult Learning Committee will show “Everything Is Illuminated” as its Reel Theology movie for May.

“Everything Is Illuminated” is a 2005 comedy-drama film, written and directed by Liev Schreiber and starring Elijah Wood and Eugene Hütz. It was adapted from the novel of the same name by Jonathan Safran Foer, and was the debut film of Schreiber both as a director and as a screenwriter.

Foer, a young American Jew, journeys to Ukraine in search of Augustine, the woman who saved his grandfather’s life during the Nazi liquidation of Trachimbrod, his family shetl. Armed with maps, cigarettes and many copies of an old photograph of Augustine and his grandfather, Foer begins his adventure with Ukrainian native and soon-to-be good friend, Alexander “Alex” Perchov, who is Foer’s age and fond of American pop culture, albeit culture that is already out of date in the United States.

Perchov studied English at his university, and even though his knowledge of the language is not “first-rate,” he becomes the translator. Perchov’s “blind” grandfather and his “deranged seeing eye dog,” Sammy Perchov’s “blind” grandfather and his “first-rate,” he becomes the translator. Sammy Davis, Jr., accompany them on their journey.

The screening on Sunday, May 18 at 6 p.m. is free and open to the public. There will be an informal potluck before the movie and a group discussion afterwards led by Rabbi Ben Romer.

Ori Ami is located at 9400 Huguenot Road. For details, call (804) 272-0017.

Hoo Rah - helping the Marines

After four cookie booth sales, pounding the pavement, making tons of phone calls, and bravely withstanding cold, rain and even snow, Girl Scout Troop 4613 has exceeded its 2014 Cookie Sales goal. Last year Troop 4613 sold 1,250 boxes of cookies, but this year they will hit 2,170 boxes!

The girls are planning to use some of their Troop money for fun activities like archery, riflery and future camping trips starting in the fall. While the girls ran their sales learning useful business skills and how to deliver excellent customer service, they were once again working with Linda Delbridge from the Marine Corp League Auxiliary.

Thanks to the generosity and caring of many customers, 297 additional boxes of cookies will be shipped overseas by Delbridge to the Marines in Afghanistan. As the numbers of military decrease in a drawdown in Afghanistan, that absolutely does not mean the end of the Troop helping the Marines.

Under Delbridge’s recommendation, attention is turning toward The Richmond Fisher House, a private home for the families of veterans of all branches of military who are receiving care at McGuire VA Medical Center. This fully-equipped home offers these military families a place to stay while their loved ones are receiving treatment.

Earning money for activities can be fun, but the real fun for the girls is in helping others, which Troop 4613 plans to continue in the fall of 2014.

To take advantage of all that Scouting offers, contact KBI, the Scouts’ Charter Organization, at (804) 288-7953 or KBI@castel.net.
Beth El is moving into May, and the school year is coming to a close. The Temple Beth-El Religious School has had a great year. The high schoolers have had a year of learning about Jewish Richmond. The 6th and 7th graders helped repair a megillah, had meaningful visits with residents at Beth Sholom Lifecare Community, and deepened friendships at the school.

Beth-El will cap off the school year with an “Adon Olam Sing-Off,” where each class will present its favorite version of “Adon Olam” to the school. Students have been working on very creative versions of this prayer, including one to the tune of a Bee Gees song.

The last Tot Shabbat service of the season will be on Friday, May 23. If you have children from infants-7 years old, the congregation hopes to see you there. At the service, Shabbat will be greeted with singing and dancing at 6:30 p.m. at the Grove Avenue building, with a little nosh afterward. Come enjoy and meet friends both old and new!

As we the congregation looks toward the next school year, there will be pre-registration for the 2014-2015 year at Temple Beth-El Religious School on Sunday, May 4. This is a wonderful opportunity to come see the school and find out about how your child can fit in to our wonderful community. If you have young children, this will also be an opportunity to take advantage of an offer for 2014-2015. The monthly Pre-K program will be free for the first 6 students who register. We hope you’ll take advantage of this great opportunity to help your child develop an early love of Jewish holidays and culture.

For more information about Pre-K, pre-registration, or any other Temple Beth-El education programs, contact Hazzan Marian Turk at hazzan.turk@bethelrichmond.org or (804) 740-0820.

Beth Ahabah to partner with Beth Israel in Charlottesville for camp

Beth Ahabah will partner with Congregation Beth Israel in Charlottesville to give rising 7-9 graders the exciting opportunity to participate in a one-week teen traveling adventure camp – Camp Noah.

The camp from June 23-29 will combine fun, adventure, mitzvot and Jewish learning. The week will begin in the Charlottesville area and end in the Richmond area.

Some of the planned activities include:

- Massanutten Waterpark, a high ropes course at UVa., Exploring Richmond, Jumpology, Busch Gardens and more. Students will participate in home hospitality.
- The camp is limited to 10 Richmond students and the cost is $350.
- This is a great way for the students from each Congregation to bond together in the evening while they spend the night in each other’s homes. The parents of the students participating in the camp will serve as hosts during the time that the group is in Richmond.
- For additional information, questions or a registration form, contact Ramona Brand at r.brand@bethahabah.org or (804) 358-6757.

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Learning American Jewish history through a ‘phabulous’ Philly adventure

By Ramona Brand
Director of Education
Congregation Beth Abraham

Together with 25 Beth Abraham 7th-9th graders, parent chaperones and teachers – Harlan Loebman, Christian Holloway – I experienced a fantastic way to learn history up close and personal through a trip to Philadelphia.

This trip was the culmination of the 7th grade study of American Jewish history and took place over the weekend of March 28-30.

The travelers journeyed by bus to Temple Beth Am in Abingdon, Pa., where we were warmly welcomed by host families, shared dinner and a Kabbalat Shabbat service led by Beth Am’s youth song leader.

Saturday was a whirlwind day beginning with a visit to the National Museum of American Jewish History. The interactive exhibits followed Jewish American history from the landing of the first Jews in America in 1654 through present day. Special exhibits on Jews in Baseball, Jewish America in 1654 through present day, and passing through the immigration tests at Ellis Island were the favorites.

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They also learned about several important contributions from K.K. Beth Shalome (Congregation Beth Ahabah’s predecessor) to American Jewish history.

After braving the cold pouring rain for Philly cheesesteaks and a quick visit to the Philadelphia Visitor’s Center, the National Constitution Center was the next stop. This highly engaging museum had students and parents making connections between the history of the Jewish people in America and the impact of American history on the development of American Judaism. The day ended with bowling and camaraderie with our new friends from Beth Am.

We rose very early on Sunday to go to morning Minyan services at Congregation Mikveh Israel, a Sephardic Orthodox synagogue in heart of old Philadelphia, just a few blocks away from Independence Hall.

We participated in a service that Rabbi Ghabai said “was not much different from 1740”! After a wonderful presentation by the Rabbi about the history of Mikveh Israel (and some connections again to our Congregation) we departed Philadelphia for home.

This exciting trip furthered our students’ understanding of the growth and development of the Jewish American people and the American Jewish impact on the social, cultural and governmental development of the United States. Next year’s trip is already in the works and our new friends from Beth Am are planning a visit to come to Richmond as well.

Funding for this trip was provided for, in part, by a generous grant from the Richmond Jewish Foundation.

With their new friends from Temple Beth Am at a Bowling Alley are Adam Wolfshheimer, Shane Bishop, Alec Wren, Jacob Andersen, Brent Novey, Jack Troutman, Conner Clark, Sam Buxbaum and Hopper Strauchier.
Touching lives, rebuilding spirit in Oklahoma

By Ellie Winkelmann

This spring break I had the amazing privilege and opportunity to go on an Alternative Spring Break with the Syracuse University Hillel along with nine other students from Syracuse.

I would like to start off by thanking the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond that gave me a grant to be able to attend this trip to Moore, Okla.

Tikun Olam is something that we are taught from a very young age. We learn about fixing the world piece by piece and making it a better place. There is another theory that says that we are the pieces and differences and backgrounds and engaging in a project that is bigger than yourself.

Our week was spent building a roof, building a fence and sheet rocking a barn. I learned so much about my own limitations, weaknesses and strengths. I have never been so physically exhausted from a day's work in my entire life. It was one of the most meaningful Jewish experiences I ever had with such a great group of people. The things I experienced were life-changing and the Oklahoma community was so incredibly grateful that we were there to help them. They greeted us with open arms and introduced us to their wonderful city.

The Jewish community in Oklahoma is a lot like Richmond. Everyone is always willing to help one another out even though this is a small Jewish community. One woman I met told me, “it’s not the quantity of the people who come help you but the quality of their character that you really appreciate.” This woman was the most optimistic person, and she had been through so much after losing her daughter in the tornado in Moore.

We touched their lives by coming to help them. We did not just rebuild their houses, but we rebuilt their spirit. It takes people showing up to make the difference but it takes lots of money to get there. So, again thank you to the Federation for letting me be a part of this amazing trip.

(Editors’ Note: Richmonder Ellie Winkelmann is a theater management major at Syracuse University, Class of 2017, where she is the Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life Engagement vice president. She graduated from Rudlin Torah Academy and J.R. Tucker High School.)
Volunteers and their buddies wave at the RTA Run-a-Latke event.

Friendship Circle of VA growing in Richmond, exceeding goals

Only six months ago, a revolutionary program was introduced to the Richmond community that paired local teenagers with children and youth with disabilities. In this short time, Friendship Circle of VA, a project of Chabad, has become an integral part of the community, exceeding expectations.

The initial goal for 2014 was to have 10 members and 20 volunteers for the Friends@Home program. The response was overwhelming—in less than 6 months it has tripled to more than 30 members and more than 60 volunteers.

The response from the families and volunteers has been gratifying. Kira Marx, the mother of a member, said, “FCVA has been such a blessing in our lives. We love how excited our daughter is to see her buddies every week, but it’s a unique joy for us to see how excited they are to see her. Watching the sweet bond between our autistic daughter and her buddies touches our hearts every week. Friendship Circle has done so much to expand inclusion in Richmond and that means the world to our family.”

Leigh Martinez, the mother of a teen volunteer said, “the special relationship Mackenzie has formed with her FCVA buddy has given her a sense of self and pride that as a parent I could never have developed on my own. Her involvement with FCVA is keeping her grounded and is giving her perspective on her priorities and values.”

As the year progressed, requests have come from the community to create more programs and some great events were added. At the RTA Run-A-Latke, FCVA provided volunteers to run and walk along with members. And FCVA partnered with Special Olympics of Virginia to host an event at Jumpology where volunteers and members jumped together for a night of fun.

The new Friends@Services program has begun and the volunteers are meeting their buddies at their own Synagogues so they can participate in services with their families, some for the first time.

Some of current partners include: The Faison School, Live Art, Reel Abilities, Special Olympics, Center for Family Involvement at the Partnership for People with Disabilities at VCU, Medical Home Plus and the Weinstein JCC.

FCVA is proud to introduce current board members, who are all involved in the Richmond community: Dr. Peter Heyman, pediatrician; Dr. Harry L. Gewanter, pediatrician specializing youth with disabilities and in rheumatic diseases; Dr. Norman J. Geller, Ph.D. NCED specializing in autism; Rachel Reynolds, principal, Dominion School for Autism;
Leigh Martinez, MS, CCC-SLP, BCBA, speech therapist; Dawn Siegel, community volunteer involved in Communities in Schools of Richmond, Excel to Excellence Foundation and the Faison School for Autism;
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Zach Sisisky, founder and director of Richmond Autism Connection; Jill Campbell, LCSW, social worker for children and families; Hana Hecht, high school social studies teacher; Ruth Nathanson Greene, attorney Greene Hurlocker, PLC; and Andrea Costanzo, special ed teacher.

Dr. Sarah Kranz Ciment, PT, DPT – physical therapist – is the founder and director of FCVA and has been a strong advocate for the disability community for many years.

To become part of this free program, visit www.FriendshipCircleVA.org for details and to register. Be on the lookout for the information details on the end-of-year Volunteer Appreciation event on Sunday, June 8. Meanwhile Like us on Facebook and keep up with all that is going on at FCVA.

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RMC Hillel events

For the rest of the semester, this group of highly motivated students held a campus-wide Chocolate Passover Seder and plans a school-wide trip to the Virginia Holocaust Museum in Richmond in commemoration of Yom Ha'Shoah. Hillel students would like to invite all members of the Richmond Jewish community to Randolph-Macon’s first community-wide celebration of Israel! This will be a free catered picnic in honor of Yom Ha’Azmaut on Sunday May 11, between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., held on the Randolph-Macon College Campus. All are invited to attend. RSVP to President Becca Waldman at RebeccaWaldman@go.rmc.edu to join in its celebration of Israel.

Randolph-Macon Hillel is a small but mighty group of highly determined and dedicated Jewish students.

Due to the support of the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond as well as the Masada Hillel Fund of the Richmond Jewish Foundation, RMC Hillel will be able to expand their engagement and programming even further for the coming academic year.

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“Once, years ago, Tish gave me a doorstop, a gorgeous green high-heeled shoe. It was very Tish, she knew it was something I would love. And I still have it, and I think of her every time I look at it.”

Over the summer, RTA is moving its K-8 program into its new home at 3809 Patterson Ave. Rabbi Bart said, “We are very excited for this wonderful program to be inaugurated in RTA’s new home. The legacy of Tish Marmorstein of blessed memory will enrich the educational experience of our students for years to come.

“The loyal support of our many friends in the community makes the magic of RTA possible, and the Griffin/Fine family are certainly second to none,” the Rabbi noted.

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

RJCL has fun happenings

Lots of fun things are happening at Swansboro Elementary School and the Richmond Jewish Coalition for Literacy. The group had its annual Book Tasting where good books are read and food is shared.

Up next is a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on May 8 and Lunch in the Garden – the final farewell is set for June 11.

Please come join the RJCL for some fun with meaning. Whether you have an hour a week or an hour a month, you can make a difference in the lives of these students!

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Community Yom Ha’Atzmaut Celebration, May 6

Join community members to celebrate Israel’s birthday with a joyful celebration of music and culture on Tuesday, May 6, which marks Israel’s 66th birthday.

The Weinstein JCC will present the Patrons of the Arts season finale with “The Shuk” beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by a new and renewing Patrons reception.

Prior to the concert, the Richmond Council for Jewish Education will sponsor a community celebration from 5-6:30 p.m. with games and family activities. Israeli food will be available for purchase.

For tickets to “The Shuk,” contact Lisa Looney at (804) 543-8608 or llooney@weinsteinjcc.org. To purchase tickets online, visit www.weinsteinjcc.org.

For details, call (804) 543-6500.

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Knitters” in collaboration with VCU’s Virginia Treatment Center for Children and the JFS Home Care Program. In 2012, she received the Weinstein JCC President’s Award and in 2011 she was recognized by the Virginia Holocaust Museum with its Neil November Award, along with husband, Ric.

As a volunteer and advocate for VCU’s Department of Psychiatry, she brought together VCU’s Department of Psychiatry and the National Alliance for Mental Illness for NAMI’s annual walk in 2012.

At the meeting, Cathy Plotkin and Marvin Daniel will receive President’s Awards from JCFR President Nathan Shor for their volunteer efforts for the Federation.

To RSVP for the event, call (804) 545-8604.

Lisa Freiman to speak at Enterprise Circle on June 10

Mark your calendars for the next JCFR Enterprise Circle event on Tuesday, June 10 at 7:30 a.m. at the Weinstein JCC.

The guest speaker will be Lisa Freiman, director, Institute for Contemporary Art, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Freiman is the inaugural director of VCU’s new institute that has been designed by world-renowned Steven Holl Architects. She is an internationally recognized curator and leader in the contemporary art field and was the senior curator and chair of the contemporary art department at the Indianapolis Museum of Art between 2002 and 2013.

The title of her talk is “Building the ICA: Richmond’s New Creative Capital.” She will speak about her vision for the newest addition to the Richmond cultural scene. Expected to open in early 2016, the ICA will feature a fresh slate of cutting-edge exhibitions, music, experimental performances, and films by nationally and internationally recognized artists. It will be a non-collecting contemporary art institution designed to accommodate the increasing lack of barriers among different media and practices.

For more information contact Matt Langsam at (804) 545-8652 or mlangsam@jewishrichmond.org.

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jurisdiction over acts of persecution committed by perpetrators in Nazi-occupied Europe, the Department of Justice undertook a relentless pursuit of all in the U.S. who had participated in the mass murder and persecution, and succeeded through the years in denaturalizing and/or deporting hundreds of former SS and Nazi war criminals while losing only a handful of cases between 1981-2007.

From 1984-2010, the Ukrainian SS auxiliary, John Demjanjuk, who had served as a guard at the Sobibor extermination complex, and at the Flossenburger concentration camp, became a symbol for many of the legal complexities and political issues involved in trying to bring war criminals to justice.

In 2009, in an unprecedented effort in legal collaboration, the U.S. Department of Justice and the German federal prosecutors office succeeded in having Demjanjuk deported to Munich to answer to criminal charges of aiding and abetting mass murder when he served as an SS auxiliary and guard at Sobibor.

The 2014 Law Day Honoroe and featured speaker will be former German Judge Kirsten Goetze, who prepared the landmark German criminal case against Demjanjuk that resulted in his conviction by a Munich Court in 2011. Demjanjuk died while the case was on appeal.

A panel discussion on May 14 from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Virginia Holocaust Museum during Law Day will feature important figures involved in both the American and German legal proceedings against Nazi war criminals.

Eli M. Rosenbaum, the longtime director of OSI, and a former Law Day honoree, will be joined by Goetze, Dr. Peter Black, senior historian at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, who previously served as chief historian at OSI, and assisted in preparing the Justice Department cases; and Dr. David Rich, staff historian at OSI who assisted in developing both the American and German cases against Demjanjuk.

The panel will be moderated by Dr. Charles Sydnor, director of the Museum, who served for 25 years as an expert witness for OSI, and was the Justice Department’s expert in the 2001 successful denaturalization case against Demjanjuk in Cleveland. The panel discussion topic is “Bringing Nazi War Criminals to Justice in America and Germany: The Legacy to the History of the Holocaust.”

The 4 p.m. program is free and open to the public, as is the reception honoring Goetze, Rosenbaum, Black and Rich, which will follow the panel discussion. At the end of the reception, the program will resume with the presentation of the Law Day Award to Goetze, followed by her remarks on her role in the preparation of the German criminal case against Demjanjuk.

Goetze’s lecture will be “Preparing the German Criminal Case Against John Demjanjuk.”

The museum is located at 2000 E. Cary St., which offers free, ample off-street, lighted parking. For details, on this program and other events, call (804) 257-5400.

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