

Team Richmond Returns From JCC Maccabi Games[®] Experience And Prepares For Reunion

Teens from Richmond recently competed in the JCC Maccabi Games[®] and participated in arts showcases at the JCC Maccabi ArtsFest[®]. Forty-one athletes participated in 6 different sports at the Games, while 2 local artists had material presented in ArtsFest[®]'s final showcase.

Team Richmond's U16 Boys' Soccer team, coached by Chuck Berson, entered medal play as the #1 overall seed. After losing a tough 3-2 game that was decided with penalty kicks after 2 overtime periods in the semifinals, the team brought home the bronze medal. Team Richmond's two local swimmers, Katy Weisberg and Samantha Winkelmann, each won several medals in various events at the University of San Francisco's pool.

Richmond's U16 Girls' Soccer team, coached by Mark Grossman, persevered through some injuries and fought to a victory in the first round of the medal rounds, but was eliminated in the quarterfinals. The U16 Boys' Baseball Team and U16 Boys' Basketball Team, coached by Chris Mercer and Peter Santos respectively, competed hard but were eliminated in the first round of the medal round.

Team Richmond will have a reunion event to share their experiences from California on Sunday, September 6th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Camp Hilbert, the community is welcome. Please contact Jordan Pinsky at 545-8609 or jpinsky@weinsteinjccc.org for more information.

To get ready for the 2010 Games in Richmond, adults in the community are invited to join Team Richmond as coaches and assistant coaches. Coaches will be involved in organizing and leading practices and participating the full week of the Games. Coaches receive as much personal impact as they provide for our youth through this experience. To find out more about coaching, contact Harry Baker at 545-8637 or hbaker@weinsteinjcc.org.

Weinstein JCC Annual Jewish Book Fair Introduces a “Community Read” in partnership with Hadassah.

A "Community Read" brings members of a community together to read and discuss the same literary work. The Weinstein JCC Book Fair committee has decided to bring this popular concept to our community and is partnering with all Hadassah groups on this project. The idea is to connect members in our community by having everyone reading the same book at the same time and then meet the author and discuss the book.

The book that was selected this year is *All Other Nights*, a historical novel by award-winning author Dara Horn. The book was published in April 2009 by W.W. Norton and was selected as an Editors' Choice in the *New York Times Book Review*.

Dara Horn will be coming to our community during Book Fair on Wednesday, November 18th at 12:00 p.m. to discuss her book. The event is free and open to the public and an optional brown bag lunch can be purchased by calling 285-6500 in advance. The book can be purchased on line at Fountain Book Store, a sponsor of the 2009 Weinstein JCC Book Fair <http://www.fountainbookstore.com/> or by calling the store at 788-1594.

This event is sponsored by Hadassah. For more information about the community read please contact Orly Lewis 545-8610 or olewis@weinsteinjcc.org.

Other visiting author's events and sponsors are Eva Mor, *Making the Golden Years Golden* sponsored by JFS and the Men's Club.

George Gilder, *The Israel Test: Why Israel is the Crucial Battlefield for Capitalism and Freedom Today*. Sponsored by the Jewish Women Club.

David Sax, *Save the Deli: In Search of Perfect Pastrami, Crusty Rye, and the heart of a Jewish Deli*. Sponsored by Congregation Beth Ahabah.

Katherine Janus Kahn, illustrator for Sammy the Spider series. Sponsored by the PJ Library.

For more information about the book fair please contact Orly Lewis olewis@weinsteinjcc.org 545-8610.

Upcoming Events at the Weinstein JCC:

- The Sara D. November Art Gallery at the Weinstein JCC will host an opening reception and talk with artist Avrum I. Avery on Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m.
- November 15th – 22nd Weinstein JCC Annual Jewish Book Fair and Gift Shop

Jewish Family Theatre – Auditions for Fiddler On The Roof

The Weinstein JCC Jewish Family Theatre will be starting its 2009/2010 season with a bang! Auditions for an all-age production of the classic musical, *Fiddler On The Roof* will be held at the Weinstein JCC on Wednesday, September 16 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Please come with sheet music prepared to sing 1-2 minutes, or have a cd with an accompaniment track and no vocals. Production dates will be December 10th – 20th. Other highlights of the 2010 season include a one-woman show *Golda's Balcony* about Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir in February, and the romantic comedy *Beau Jest*, in April. From musicals, to comedy, to timely and thought provoking drama, the Jewish Family Theatre has it all for you! For more information please email artistic director Debra Clinton @ dclinton@weinsteinjcc.org.

A Taste of Melton!

Join us at the home of Ellen Renee Adams Wednesday September 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Melton Instructors will teach a mini-session. Melton staff will provide information and answer questions. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact KB Levin for more information at klevin@weinsteinjcc.org or 545-8657.

New Jewish Adult Education Classes Beginning Soon!

The new Fall Magazine is out and sign up is now open for all our Jewish Adult Education classes! Join us for Beginning Hebrew, Talmud with Dr. Alexander, Women of the Torah, A Jug of Wine A Loaf of Bread And You!, Pirket Avot, Shabbat and Holiday Family Education Classes, and many more! Check it out and contact KB Levin for more information at klevin@weinsteinjcc.org or 545-8657.

Registration for the 2009-2010 Melton year is now open!

Classes will be offered on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. beginning October 5th at the Weinstein JCC.

Melton is designed to provide an intellectually stimulating, pluralistic learning environment using classic Jewish sources from Biblical through contemporary texts and to investigate issues of Jewish thought, practice and ethics. It includes four courses taken over two years. They are Rhythms of Jewish Living, Purposes of Jewish Living, Ethics of Jewish Living, and Dramas of Jewish Living. Plus it's fun! The cost per year is \$450 and \$825 for a couple.

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School is sponsored by the Weinstein JCC with a generous grant from the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond.

Space is limited so anyone who is interested or for further information about the Melton Mini-School or the Melton Scholarship Fund, please contact KB Levin at 545-8657 or klevin@weinsteinjcc.org.

Tea In The Sukkah

Please join us Monday, October 5th at 1:00 p.m. for a Sukkot celebration as we dine on delicious desserts and tea in our very own Sukkah located on the Weinstein JCC's Neil November Plaza. We will share in hearing the story of Sukkot, singing holiday songs and having lots of fun with our very special guest. All seniors are welcome. You are invited to bring your lunch at 12:00 p.m. and socialize with other seniors inside the Weinstein JCC as well. This event is free and open to the community. For more information contact Shari Menlowe-Barck, Senior Adult Coordinator @ 545-8611.

Weinstein JCC Gift Shop and the Holidays

Come by the Weinstein JCC and take a look at our new merchandise for the High Holidays. We have plenty of apple and honey dishes, Shofarim, great hostess gifts and New Year's greeting cards. In addition, we have items in stock year-round, such as Shabbat candlesticks, Kiddush cups, Challah Covers, Tzedakah boxes, Mezzuzahs, Challah boards and other Judaica. If you don't see what you're looking for we can take special orders. Stop by the Gift Shop between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or contact Tracey Shenker at 54-8659 or tshenker@weinsteinjcc.org.

JCC Forum - Have You Renewed Your Tickets Yet??

The JCC Forum will be sending out renewed tickets to our subscribers late September/early October. It is not too late to renew/purchase your season tickets.

A Conversation with Campbell Brown and Dan Senior – Saturday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m.

An Evening with Tiki Barber – Saturday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Living the Year Biblically with A. J. Jacobs – Sunday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m.

SKIP – THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS AND ROBBIE DAVIDS MEMORIAL FUND STORIES NEED TO STAY TOGETHER.

Circle of Friends

The Circle of Friends Group is all about having fun with friends! The Weinstein JCC, in coordination with Jewish Family Services, offers this exciting social and recreational group for teens and adults with special needs. This group meets monthly at the Weinstein JCC. Examples of activities are visiting museums, going bowling, seeing a movie, attending sporting events, and enjoying picnics at the park. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to learn new skills and make friends! For more information, please contact Melissa Bunce, LCSW, Special Needs Director at 545-8658 or mbunce@weinsteinjcc.org. Current session begins in September.

The Robbie Davids Memorial Fund

The Robbie Davids Memorial Fund is in memory of Robbie Davids, one of the Circle of Friends original group members. Robbie belonged to the group from its beginning days and enjoyed spending time with friends and participating in social and recreational activities. In 2002, the scholarship fund was established by Margie and Joel Davids in honor of their son. This fund helps members of the group with dues and supports one activity a year called "Robbie Davids Day." This year, the group attended the Funny Bone Comedy Club. Group members had dinner and enjoyed seeing the comics on stage. Everyone had a great time! Without the financial support of the fund, this activity would otherwise not have taken place.

Contributions to the fund can be made at any time care of Jewish Family Services. Please consider making a donation today to enrich the lives of adults with special needs.

Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Kosher Round Challah For Sale as a Weinstein JCC Preschool Fundraiser

Rosh Hashanah is Friday, September 18 – Saturday, September 19. Take this opportunity and plan ahead! Order Kosher special round Challahs (plain or raisin) for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rosh Hashanah Orders are due by Friday, September 11 at 12:00 p.m. Yom Kippur orders due by Friday, September 18 at 12:00 p.m.

As long as supplies last, Kosher Honey is available for purchase in the Richard A. Arenstein Lobby and the Preschool lobby. Order forms for are easy to find on the Weinstein JCC website homepage, call us at 545-8615 or email at preschool@weinsteinjcc.org and we will email or mail the forms to you.