

Grand Hand in Hand

On Sunday December 6th the Weinstein JCC played host to the first ever “Grand Hand in Hand” event. Over 20 families got together for a Chanukah celebration and an introduction of the “Jewish Richmond Scavenger Hunt.”

“Grand Hand in Hand” was the result of several grandparents looking for more opportunities to spend time with their grandchildren. Led by Richard November, the idea picked up steam and Grand Hand in Hand was born.

The mission of Grand Hand in Hand has developed into more than just providing opportunities for grandparents and grandchildren to spend time with one another, but also to inspire families to do so on their own. The “Jewish Richmond Scavenger Hunt” does exactly that. Besides spinning some dreidels, enjoying some beautiful music (provided by Cantor and Judy Helfman), and eating jelly doughnuts, grandparents and grandchildren were given scrapbooks to decorate, and a list of some of the major sights to go see in Richmond’s rich Jewish history. In the spring the group will be getting back together to share the stories of what they saw as a family and to share with the others their scrapbooks, now filled with memories.

Anyone interested in learning more about the “Jewish Richmond Scavenger Hunt”, or “Grand Hand in Hand”, should contact Eytan Graubart at egraubart@weinsteinjcc.org or at 545-8631, and keep your eyes open for more to come from Grand Hand in Hand.

JCC Maccabi Games[®] Tryout Dates in January

The last two tryout dates for all team sports at this coming summer’s JCC Maccabi Games[®] in Richmond will take place this January at the Weinstein JCC. The first tryout date will be Sunday, January 10th, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. and the second tryout date will be Wednesday, January 13th, from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. These sessions will feature boys’ and girls’ basketball in the Rachel and Sol Banks Gymnasium, boys’ and girls’ soccer in the Marjorie and David Arenstein Gymnasium, and boys’ baseball on the Weinstein JCC playground.

The 2010 JCC Maccabi Games[®] will cost \$495 for Weinstein JCC members and \$595 for non-members (\$250 deposit due at registration). The 2010 JCC Maccabi ArtsFest[®] in Baltimore is \$725 for Weinstein JCC members and \$925 for non-members (\$500 deposit due at registration). Teens can participate in both programs for \$1,100 for Weinstein JCC members and \$1,400 for non-members (\$650 deposit due at registration).

Registration is now open for the 2010 JCC Maccabi Games[®] and the 2010 JCC Maccabi ArtsFest[®] at <http://www.weinsteinjcc.org/kids/maccabi.php>. Please also visit <http://www.MaccabiRichmond.com/> for more information about the 2010 JCC Maccabi Games[®], including how to be a host family, volunteer, or coach during the Games.

Save the Date! - Junior Maccabi Games Coming to Richmond

The Junior Maccabi Games are athletic and social events designed for Jewish children ages 5 –11. On Wednesday, August 4th, 2010, this “Junior Event” will occur so that the youngest Jewish community members can participate in the event of a lifetime – The JCC Maccabi Games[®]!

The Junior Maccabi participants will play sports that are age appropriate and require no level of athletic skill.

For more information or to get involved with the Jr. Maccabi Games, please contact Shelley Gouldin at sgouldin@gmail.com. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of this exciting day of community and competition!

Volunteers and Host Families Needed for the 2010 JCC Maccabi Games[®]!

Over 1,000 volunteers and 350 host families are needed for the 2010 JCC Maccabi Games[®] that are being held in Richmond this coming August.

Volunteers are utilized in many ways during the Games. You can assist in the planning and running of the Games by serving on one of the many committees, assisting with athletes during the Games or assisting with a particular event during the Games.

The host family experience is a unique aspect of the JCC Maccabi Games[®] and an integral part of an athlete's experience. The hospitality offered by local Jewish families makes visiting athletes feel at home. Host families have the opportunity to experience the Games on a personal level by enjoying a special relationship with these athletes that often lasts years beyond the event.

If you're interested in either one of these opportunities please contact Morgan Santos at (804) 545-8639 or msantos@weinsteinjcc.org or go online to register today at www.MaccabiRichmond.org.

The Weinstein JCC & University Of Richmond Osher Institute Present An Afternoon with Russian Opera Singer Vladimir Lapin

Join us for a musical afternoon with Russian Vocalist Vladimir Lapin on Sunday, January 31st at 2:00 p.m. at the Weinstein JCC. Vladimir has performed in such venues as Avery Fisher Hall with the New York Philharmonic, and opera concerts in Novafeltria and Rimini, Italy. His musical performance at the Weinstein JCC will include Russian, Yiddish and Jewish music as well as some Broadway tunes.

Light refreshments will be sponsored by Westport Rehabilitation & Healthcare. Low-cost transportation will be available for the performance. Ticket Cost: \$12 General Public / \$10 Weinstein JCC members, Osher Institute members & senior adults (60+). For more

information contact Shari Menlowe-Barck @ #545-8611. For Ticket Sales please call JCC Front desk @ 285-6500.

Undiscovered Artist Exhibit

Opening reception Thursday, February 18th at 7:00 p.m.

The Weinstein JCC is hosting the Undiscovered Artists Exhibit from February 18th through March 11th in the Sara D. November Art Gallery. Any artist age 16 or over whose work has not been exhibited in a major show in the Richmond area, or has not placed wither 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in an Undiscovered Artists Exhibit in the past is eligible to enter. Prizes will be awarded. All media are accepted except for photography (our Undiscovered Photographers' opens on 4/29/10). Exhibit Entry forms will be available at the JCC front desk or by contacting Tracey Shenker 545-8659 tshenker@weinsteinjcc.org

Weinstein JCC Silent Auction 2010

The Weinstein JCC annual Silent Auction will begin Sunday, February 28th and will end during Comedy Night, Saturday, March 6th. We need your help to make this year the best ever! We would love to add you to our long list of supporters. We have already received many terrific donations such as, LASIK eye surgery, a front loading washer and dryer, Nintendo Wii game system, hotel stays both locally as well as out of state, Walt Disney tickets, great restaurants and much more! If you would like to donate an item or service to our event, or if you need more information contact Tracey Shenker at 545-8659. Proceeds from this event help support programs and services for children, adults and seniors at the Weinstein JCC.