

JCC Forum Announces 2009 – 2010 Season Lineup

The JCC Forum is thrilled to announce the lineup for the 2009-2010 season.

To kick off the series, we welcome Campbell Brown and her husband, Dan Senior. Just days before their arrival in Richmond, Senior's new book: *Start-Up Nation: The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle* will be released. Campbell Brown is a name we all recognize as one of the most respected people in American News. But did you know she started her career in Richmond, VA? We are excited to welcome Campbell Brown home on November 7th.

Perhaps known most for his football days at University of Virginia and then as star running back for the New York Giants, Tiki Barber arrives at the JCC Forum on February 20th as football player, news correspondent, author and former Sports Ambassador to Israel. He will "wow" participants as he recalls his trip to Israel as well as discusses his life today.

We end the 2009-2010 series on May 2nd with a New York Times best-selling author, Editor of Esquire magazine and very funny guy! From following the famous 10 commandments to the often neglected rules in the Bible, A.J. Jacobs most current book *The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible*, is a New York Times best-seller. For this book, Jacobs attempted to abide by the hundreds of rules in the Bible and manages to find humor and comfort in both the rituals and meaning of the Old Testament.

A.J. Jacobs is also the author of the New York Times bestseller *The Know-It-All: One Man's Humble Quest to Become the Smartest Person in the World*, a memoir of the year he spent reading the entire Encyclopedia Britannica from A to Z, all 44 million words of it!! This book was featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show and Good Morning America and Time Magazine called this book "hilarious and touching."

For information regarding series tickets for the JCC Forum, please contact JCC Forum Director Lisa Looney (804) 545-8608 or llooney@weinsteinjcc.org.

The Weinstein JCC Preschool Hosts 4th Annual Spring Gift & Craft Boutique

(PGA logo attached)

Weinstein JCC Preschool requests the pleasure of your company at our fourth annual Spring Gift & Craft Boutique on Monday, May 4th from 8:45 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 5th from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Carole and Marcus Weinstein Jewish Community Center in the Richard A. Arenstein Lobby, 5403 Monument Avenue. These are a few of the participants:

Bettie's Homemade Purses: quilted Purses; Creative Memories: scrapbooking, digital storybooks & photo organizing; Anytime Tops: Women's clothing, wraps, shawls & capes; Miche Bags; JKA Designs: fused glass & sterling silver jewelry; Seashells & Beads: jewelry designed & handmade by Margie Chism; Tastefully Simple Gourmet Foods; Renee Designs: unique & inspired jewelry; Angels Are Special: scrapbook supplies; Madame's Handbags: handbags, pushmuna wraps, and accessories; Crochet Creations: crocheted jewelry; Chocolate Cravings: chocolate barks, truffles, brownies & more; Uno Fashion Jewelry: handcrafted jewelry; Edith Meriwether Designs: unique hand knitted or crocheted jewelry, redeeming charms & "green" jewelry; Northern Gems: distinctive giftware & accessories; Dawn Kowal: Frames from recycled materials & clipboards; Czech Her Out & Magdeez: women's accessories & cell phone accessories; Smugguss Cards: handmade greeting cards, beaded bookmarks, gift labels & stationery; Johannsen's Rocks: Picture frames, sports wreaths, rocking chairs & jewelry; Discovery Toys: educational toys, games & books; Paramount Builders: windows, siding & trim; Creative Painting by Cindy: hand-painted glass; Crystal Paintbrush: beaded jewelry & bookmarks; Honey's Homemades: all natural body products; Scentsy: wickless candles; Linda's Line – All About the Beverage: dishes & trays handmade from recycled bottles & beverage related gifts; Silpada Jewelry: 925 sterling silver jewelry, belts & watches; KShonk Designs: handcrafted jewelry; Cookie Lee Jewelry, Contain Yourself, Gorgeous Gifts and Scrappywares.

Perfect for Mother's Day, End of the Year Teacher's Gifts, Weddings, Engagements & Graduations. Stop by to see the unique offerings.

Thank you for your support!

Camp Hilbert Scout Arrives in June; Israel Scouts Caravan Community Performance Thursday, June 25

Every summer since 1975, the Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan (Tzofim) has come to Richmond, bringing a taste of Israeli culture through song and dance that the whole family can enjoy. Richmond is one of the original cities to host the Israel Scouts and have been hosting long enough to see the second generation of Host Families who are willing to house the teenagers.

This summer, the Israel Scouts will arrive Tuesday June 23 and will be with us through Sunday. They will perform for the entire community at the Weinstein JCC on Thursday evening, June 25th at 7:00 pm. The Israeli Café will open at 5:30 for dinner before the performance.

The Caravan will also visit with and in some cases perform at Beth Sholom, 5400 Men's Club (together with Women's Room, Grand Group and Grand Tones), Camp Ganim, Camp Hilbert and possibly other organizations in the community.

In addition to the Israel Scouts, Richmond will host our "Camp Scout" Tamar Mazursky, who will spend the summer as Israeli Life Specialist at Camp Hilbert. In a short time, this young Israeli will become a part of the Richmond Jewish community forever as she, like others before her, will become friends with other teens and their families for life. The Camp Hilbert experience is greatly enriched by having an Israeli Scout involved.

Special Thanks to the Israel Scouts Chair, Gary Weiner, and his committee: Beth Weiner, Ellen Renee Adams and Ronnie Hecht.

Anyone wishing to house the Camp Hilbert Scout for one week may call Ronnie Hecht at 527-1171. To house Caravan members for a few days, please call Ellen Renee Adams at 740-2350. For more information contact KB Levin 804-545-8657

2009 12th Annual Jewish Community Classic Golf Tournament

The Carole & Marcus Weinstein Jewish Community Center & Beth Sholom Lifecare Community are hosting their annual golf tournament this year on June 1 at Jefferson Lakeside Country Club. This event is held each year to raise money to support the efforts of each association in strengthening Jewish identity and continuity by enriching personal, cultural, social and physical development, by fostering leadership and promoting the welfare of the Jewish community and the community as a whole as well as providing long term care for the Jewish elderly. The event includes a Captain's choice foursome format of play, complementary breakfast, lunch, snacks & cocktail reception, as well as a putting contest, hole in one prize opportunities and a variety of awards given for division & overall winners. Sponsorship opportunities are still available, tax deductible and a great way to support your local Jewish community. For information on sponsorship please contact Dana Zedd (804.545.8607) and for information on playing in the tournament please contact Harry Baker (804.454.8637) or pick up a registration brochure at either location and get your clubs out and ready for a great day on the course.

Melton Class Graduates; New Registration Begins

Fifteen Florence Melton Adult Mini-School students will mark the completion of their two years of Jewish studies at their graduation ceremony on May 18, at the home of one of the students. This is a milestone in the lives of each student, as they have spent Monday mornings together for two years tackling some very tough topics and increasing their knowledge and understanding of Judaism. All students will receive a Certificate of Jewish Studies from Hebrew University in Jerusalem and be officially invited to continue their studies in the numerous Graduate courses offered by Melton.

Congratulations to the Class of 2009: Betty Anne Soffin, Debbie Falik, Dianne Master, Elle Merkle, Eytan Graubart, Jennifer Woodard, Karen Gilman, Kendra Novey, Marcia November, Rita Buxbaum, Reggie Levett, Russ Jennings, Sandy Sisisky, Stephanie Marcus and Willa Kalman.

Registration for the 2009-2010 year is now open. Classes will be offered on Monday mornings at 9:15am and/or Tuesday evenings at 7:15pm beginning September 8 or 9 at the JCC. The cost per year is \$450 and \$825 for couples.

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.*

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 is encouraged to contact K.B. Levin at 545-8657 or klevin@weinsteinjcc.org.

**Last production of Jewish Family Theatre for the Season: Songs & Sketches from Yiddish Theatre
(picture coming from Orly)**

Please join 10 cast members of Jewish Family Theatre for a cabaret style evening that is sure to get your toes tapping! "The Second Avenue Revue"- Songs & Sketches from Yiddish Theatre takes us back to the Yiddish Theatre stage in the early twentieth century. The show will have three performances May 6th and 7th at 7:30 pm and May 10th at 2:00 pm. Tickets are available for sale by calling 285-6500.