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January - April 2016





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General Information

Join the JCC's Challah Club

Every Friday in the Lobby, while supplies last

JCC members \$5; community \$6 Do you scramble each week to find a Shabbat challah? Join the JCC's Challah Club! Each Friday a challah from local bakery Geraldine's Bakery will be waiting for you at the JCC. With the monthly payment plan, you don't even need cash. Contact: Carolyn Maillis, 253-0701.

Host Your Party, Event, or Meeting at the JCC

The JCC gym and seminar rooms are available for your next event! Whether you are planning a baby shower, birthday party, or dinner party, we've got the perfect space for you that can accommodate 20 to 300 people. JCC members get discounted rates. Contact tami@jcc-asheville.org or ext. 114 for information and to book your space.

Scheduled JCC Closings

JCC programs will be closed on **Friday, January 1** for New Year's Day, **Monday, January 18** for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The JCC will **close at 3:30 pm on Friday, April 22** for Passover.

Here's How to Reach Us

The Asheville Jewish Community Center is located at 236 Charlotte Street, Asheville, NC 28801. Call us at **(828) 253-0701** or visit **jcc-asheville.org.**



The Asheville JCC is a beneficiary agency of the WNC Jewish Federation. Your annual contribution to Federation supports the growth of our local Jewish community, and provides assistance to Jews in need around the world.





Exciting news: We Now Have a Sister "JCC" in Tel Mond, Israel!

By Rochelle Reich, Community Life & Events Director

What does this mean? We are just beginning to figure that out. The exciting part is that this program will help us make personal connections with members of our sister JCC (in Israel they are called matnas) in Israel. We started off at Hanukkah by exchanging videos of each of our centers' candle lightings. Soon we'll have a lot more to share about how we will be bridging our communities together, but for now, let me tell you a little about their community:

Tel Mond is located just inland of Netanya en route to Jerusalem. It is considered a mini-city of approximately 10,000 people. The matnas there has all sorts of wonderful programming, including a vibrant after school program that seems very similar to our own JCC Kids program. They have a full sports center that offers a large range of activities, from Krav Maga to hockey, dirt bike and volleyball. They have a dance school based on the Martha Graham style of dance and a cultural arts hall for performances, lectures and film series. In addition, the Tel Mond matnas has a vibrant volunteer program that seems to be very similar to our Mitzvah Corps.

In November, we had the opportunity to meet Tel Mond's former Mayor Carmela Feit, who was in Asheville attending a wedding. We sent her back to Israel with a challah cover as a gift for the matnas, and the Executive Director told me they'd be using it at their community Shabbat celebrations. Stay tuned for more information and please let me know (rochelle@jcc-asheville.org, ext. 111) if you are interested in helping shape this program.

Community Programs



Tu B'shvat Celebration

Sunday; January 24; 1 - 2:30 pm

JCC Seminar Rooms and Social Hall

It's the birthday of the trees and we want to celebrate! Join us for this 'something for everyone' interactive day of environmental learning.

1 pm Jewish Environmentalism: Making the Connections and Going Green. Adults can get their hands on Jewish environmentalism through an upcycling craft centered on Tu B'shvat. All crafting skill levels are welcome!

1:30 pm Tu B'shvat 'Festival' Israel Style.

Games and crafts for kids, utilizing elements found in nature. Play the Israel memory game, plant a seedling to take home. and more!

2:30 pm Film: Dr. Suess's "The Lorax." We will have babysitters at the movie to allow parents to attend the JCC Annual Meeting.

Contact: Rochelle Reich, rochelle@jcc-asheville.org, or ext. 111.

Planting Seeds for Tomorrow: JCC Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 24; 2:30 - 4 pm JCC Social Hall

To celebrate Tu B'shevat, our annual meeting will focus on "Planting Seeds for Tomorrow." All JCC voting members are urged to attend! We will review our 75th year and share our exciting plans for the future. Members will vote on new board members and other important JCC business for 2016. Help us to say "thank you!" to outgoing board members and to celebrate our Volunteer of the Year and Employee of the Year. More details will be sent to members by mail prior to the meeting. Please return your proxy form if you are unable to attend. Contact: Tami Gross, tami@icc-asheville.org or ext. 114.

Israeli Student Films

Tuesday, January 26; 7 pm

Grail Moviehouse, 45 S. French Broad Ave.
Cost: \$8 adults/\$7 seniors and students
Purchase at grailmoviehouse.com after Jan. 18
Experience Israel through the eyes of some talented up and coming film artists. Short films created by students of Israel's Ma'aleh School of Television, Film & The Arts will be screened. A facilitated discussion will follow, featuring questions from the School's Director, Katie Green.

Asheville Jewish History & Hot Cocoa

Thursday, February 4; 12 pm

JCC

Join Sharon Fahrer, author of "A Home in Shalom'ville: The History of the Jewish Community of Asheville" for an informative book talk. Bring your own lunch. We'll provide beverages and thoughtful conversation. Contact: Rochelle, rochelle@jcc-asheville.org or ext. 111.



Bob Dylan & Religion: "About Man and God and Law"

Monday, March 14; 7 pm

UNCA, Sherrill Center, Mountain View Room
As rock and roll's greatest poet and one of the
most important artists over the past half century,
Bob Dylan wrestles with religion at the heart of his
work. Scholar and JCC Association President, Dr.
Stephen Hazan Arnoff, explains how Dylan's pursuit of spiritual truth embodies a modern quest of
many great artists and intellectuals to make sense
of ancient traditions and folkways, when religious
institutions and practice fail them. A program of
the JCC and the UNC Asheville Center for Jewish
Studies, Contact: Richard Chess, rchess@unca.edu.

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Community Programs

Purim Carnival - Israel Style!

Sunday, March 20; 10 am - 2:30 pm

JCC Upstairs

This fun-filled day will feature spin art, games, inflatables, make your own Mishloach Manot at our "Israeli Shuk," BBYO jail, hamentaschen, a Purim in Tel Aviv broadcast, and more! All are welcome - activities for kids and adults! Tickets for activities and concessions will be for sale. Bring packaged food for JFS Food Bank and trade for tickets.

10:00 am - Carnival opens for Children 5 & under

11:30 am - Hamentaschen contest entries are due Singing with Penny/Costume Parade & Contest

12:00 pm - Carnival opens to all ages

Passover Wine Tasting

1:30 pm - Singing with Seth Costume Parade & Contest



2:30 pm - Purim Carnival ends

Proceeds support Shalom Children's Center. Contact: rochelle@jcc-asheville.org or ext. 111.

Camp Tikvah Fundraiser

TBD

Cost: \$25 advance/\$30 at the door Please join us for a lively evening of music, mingling, and laughter. This FUNraiser supports the only inclusive summer camp program for children with autism in Asheville. Tickets include appetizers, two raffle tickets, and two beverages. Contact: Seth Kellam,

seth@jcc-asheville.org, or ext. 107.

Falafel 5K

Volunteers Needed! Sunday, May 8; 10 am

JCC

Cost: Scale

The Falafel 5k was voted one of WNC's BEST road races in the *Mountain Xpress*! Join us as a runner, walker, volunteer or cheerer. Registration opens February 1. This community-building race goes through the gorgeous Norwood Park neighborhood, and is chip-timed. We'll have lots of prizes and raffles. Contact: rochelle@jcc-asheville.org or at ext. 111 or, to volunteer, contact Natalie Kramer, natalie@jcc-asheville.org or ext. 140.

Ongoing Events

Duplicate Bridge

Sundays, 1:30 - 5:30 pm

JCC Social Hall

Partners guaranteed and all playing levels are welcome. Earn master points at a fun loving, no pressure, laid back game. Reserve your spot at ncbridge.us.

Mountain Music Jam

Mondays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

JCC Upstairs Foyer

Calling all fiddles, mandolins, banjos, guitars, stand-up basses, other compatible acoustic instruments, and heartfelt vocals to celebrate our OLD-TIME and BLUEGRASS heritage! We play at INTERMEDIATE level. We are not beginners, nor are we advanced/professional musicians. Come on out to play or listen! Contact: Janet Parkerson, parkies@bellsouth.net or 298-1090.

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Gesher (Bridge) Community Middle-School Program (6th – 8th Grades)

Gesher is open to any Jewish middle-school student in western North Carolina. The group typically meets every second Sunday of the month at the JCC. Advisor-led activities include sports and games, field trips, movies, pool parties, social action projects, and Jewish learning programs. Contact feiler@charter.net.

BBYO for High-School Students

(9th - 12th Grades)

Kol Harim is Asheville's co-ed BBYO chapter where students build lifelong Jewish connections, learn leadership skills, and have fun. BBYO meets regularly and participates in state and regional BBYO conventions. For more information visit the Kol Harim Facebook page or contact Michael Zuckerman at 212-253-1361.

Children & Families

My First Marathon

Starting Now!

Your child can start training now to run a "marathon." Help your child learn healthy lifestyle choices at an early age, by introducing her to the joy of running. Sign up your child to walk/run a total of 26.3 miles between now and May 8 in as many small increments as needed. Everyone who finishes will get a certificate of completion. Those who choose to complete their marathon with us at the Falafel 5k or at the Kid's Fun Run will receive a special prize. Register at jcc-asheville.org/myfirst-marathon.

Tot Tu B'Shevat Seder

Friday, January 29; 10 am

JCC Upstairs Foyer

Tu B'Shevat is the birthday of the trees, and we will celebrate by sharing foods that come from different kinds of trees. Penny will lead us in songs about trees and the environment. Hug a tree and join us! Contact: Kate, kate@jcc-asheville.org, or ext. 105.

Kids Stuff Rummage Sale

Donations needed!

Sunday, April 17; 9 am - 2 pm

JCC Social Hall

This not-to-be-missed sale will feature a wide array of children's clothing, equipment, toys, books, and maternity clothes. Proceeds will go to support Shalom Children's Center scholarships. Stop by to find great deals, and help other families! Donations for gently used kids clothing, equipment, toys, and materials are being accepted in the women's locker room now through April 16. Contact: Kate, kate@jcc-asheville.org, or ext. 105.

Tot Passover Seder

Friday, April 29; 10 am

JCC Upstairs Foyer

Shalom Children's Center celebrates Passover with a special puppet show during our song circle. Teachers depict the story of Passover in a child friendly way. Then we eat foods that are found on a traditional Seder plate, each one holding a special meaning in the Passover story. Contact: Kate Brantley, kate@jcc-asheville.org, or ext. 105.



Shalom Children's Center

Raising each child to form a community of peace.

The Early Childhood Education programs of Shalom Children's Center include Hilde's House for Infants and Toddlers, Shalom Children's Center for Early Childhood (2s & 3s), and Shalom Pre-K.

At Shalom Children's Center:

- We teach universal values through a Jewish lens -Shalom (peace), Tikkun Olam (repair of the world), Tzedakah (justice), Gemilut Hasadim (acts of loving kindness) and Kavod (respect).
- We involve everyone to create a strong healthy community of children, families, & educators.
- We know that all experiences and interactions have the potential to impact a young child's development in significant ways, building the foundation for lifelong learning and success.
- We achieve high levels of learning by identifying and supporting the unique and adapting interests and abilities of every child in an environment of interdisciplinary immersion.
- We are uniquely qualified, well-educated, and experienced early childhood educators who are committed to raising secure, curious, and capable children who will make a positive difference.

Teacher Work Day

Shalom Children's Center will be closed Monday, February 22

Parent Teacher Conferences will be offered, and teachers will work on progress notes and observation records. Contact: Kate, kate@jcc-asheville.org or ext. 105.

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Mischloach Manot Gifts for Your Friends and Loved Ones

Advance orders accepted beginning March 1 \$10 for child's basket; \$18 for adult basket

Did you know that one of the four mitzvot (obligations) of Purim is to give your friends and family a gift of food and treats? We've got you covered! Each traditional mischloach manot gift is complete with hamentaschen, candy, and toys for the kids or Israeli wine for the adults. Looking for something more customized? Stop by the JCC on Sunday, March 20 to create your own basket in our "Israeli Shuk." We'll have all sorts of Israeli products for you to choose from that day.

Mishloach Manot Order Form

All items are Kosher. Recipients will be contacted to pick up their own gift. (We do not deliver.) If you would prefer to pick up your basket order to deliver yourself, please let us know. Baskets will be ready for pick up on Tuesday, March 22.

Name:	Email:	_Phone:
CC#:	Exp:	
I would like to purchase box(es) at \$10 per box for the following children: (2 hamentaschen, noisemaker, chocolate, feather mask, juice box & fruit)		
Name	Email	
Name	Email	
I would like to purchase box(es) at \$18 per box for the following adults: (Israeli wine, 6 hamentaschen, chocolate)		
Name	Email	
Name	_ Email	
(include additional names and email addresses on a note)		
\$ Total		

Please enclose a check or credit card information for your total and return the form to the JCC front desk or call in your order to 253-0701. If there is a special message that you would like on the card(s), please attach a note to your form. We will contact you with any questions.

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School Age Programs

JCC Kids After School

The JCC Kids After School Program invites children in kindergarten through 5th grade to "Come play with us!" Our 5-star rated program is a place where children of all traditions have fun together. We offer after school and full-day programs with flexible scheduling, including Monday — Friday, Monday/Wednesday/Friday, Tuesday/Thursday or full-day-only options. Contact: Seth Kellam, seth@jcc-asheville.org or ext. 107.

Full Day Programs and Early Release Days

Full Days: Tuesday, January 19; Monday, February 2; Friday, March 25 - Friday, April 1 (Spring Break) from 8 am - 6 pm Early Release Days: Friday, February 19 and Friday, March 11 JCC

Worried about missing work due to weather-related school closures or teacher workdays? Full day JCC Kids programs and early pick ups provide your child with fun, friends and enrichment. Full-day programs include field trips, cooking, visiting specialists, music and other unique activities. We are open most scheduled and non-scheduled Asheville City Schools closings - check for snow day openings! Contact: Seth, seth@jcc-asheville. org or ext. 107.

JCC Kids Closings

Friday, January 1 (New Year's Day) Monday, January 18 (MLK, Jr. Day) Friday, April 22 (Passover)





Camp Ruach

Registration Begins Monday, February 8

Campers and counselors build lifelong friendships as we explore, laugh and grow together. Join us as we embark on a journey of self-discovery, conquering challenges and celebrating triumphs along the way.

Camp Ruach is a unique Jewish day camp experience, open to all first through eighth graders. Each weekly session is an adventure – filled with swimming and sports, cooking and crafts, nature and gardening, dance and music – and ending with the celebration of Shabbat.

We are a true community, creating unity from diversity, while having the time of our lives. Whether they are here for one, two, or all eight weeks, campers come away having grown and changed, carrying a new sense of confidence and independence. Here, we learn that justice is not only knowing right from wrong, it is about the values we bring to repair our world.

Our energetic Camp Ruach staff works and plays with campers to ensure they have the best summer ever! Don't just take our word for it, we are proud that Camp Ruach was voted #1 Day Camp in the *Mountain Xpress* Best of WNC 2015 Poll! Contact: Seth, seth@jcc-asheville.org or ext. 107.

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Adult Programs

Opening the Heart of Communication

Wednesdays, January 6,13,20,27; 6:30 pm \mathcal{JCC}

Cost: \$100 for four classes

Join Roberta Wall, nonviolent communication trainer, for a four week exploration of communication principles and practices woven into Judaism. This four class series will explore guiding principles at the core of Judaism such as love your neighbor as yourself and forgiveness. Roberta has taught and co-facilitated classes and trainings in religious and secular communities throughout Israel, Europe and the US. She draws on years of study of Torah, Hassidism, Rabbinic thought and Jewish Renewal to bring Jewish thought and principles alive through the concrete practices of nonviolent communication. Contact: Rochelle, rochelle@jcc-asheville.org, or ext. 111.

Gourmet Dinner Italiano!

Saturday, January 9; 6 pm

Home of the Kutays

Buon giorno! It may be chilly, but that won't dispel the warmth of our Italian-themed dinner. Reservations open December 9 for JCC members and December 19 for the general community. RSVP to Steve Kutay, skutay1@gmail.com.

Going Green with the JCC

Sunday, January 10; 10:30 am

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Join the JCC in discussing how we, as a community, can go green through Jewish values. Contact: Hannah, tzedek@jcc-asheville.org, ext. 108.

All You Need is Love Gourmet Dinner

Sunday, February 14; 6 pm

Fidelman Home

February is the month for lovers or anyone who wants love. To celebrate, Nadine and Ed Fidelman are hosting a dinner with the theme of foods with aphrodisiac ingredients. Reservations open January 14 for JCC members and January 22 for the general community. RSVP to nfidelman@charter. net or 654-0993.

A Taste O' The Irish Gourmet Dinner

Saturday, March 19; 6 pm

Home of Lana Waltzer

Bring Irish inspired fare and wear green if you dare! Reservations open February 19 for JCC members and February 29 for the general community. RSVP to waltzerr@bellsouth.net.

Paris In Spring Gourmet Dinner

Saturday, April 9; 6 pm

Home of Carol & Bill Falender

An April in Paris gourmet dinner with foods from France. Think camembert, crepes, onion soup, soufflés, coq au vin, quiche. Reservations open March 9 for members and March 19 for the general community. RSVP to carolfalender@gmail.com.

Learn to Play Mahjong

Fridays April 29, May 6, 13, 20; 2 pm

Congregation Beth Hatephila, 43 N. Liberty St. Cost: JCC members, free; Non-members, \$25 Learn to play mahjong with Mahj mavens Carol Gillen. Each student will need to purchase your own 2016 Mah Jongg card from the National Mah Jongg League (these can also be purchased through Carol Gillen as a fundraiser for CBHT). Limit 8. Contact: carol@gillen.com; judykinasheville@gmail.com or 253-2282; 225-3805.



TAG: The Adult Group JCC adults tap into Asheville's Jewish

JCC adults tap into Asheville's Jewish experience through social and cultural activities. Contact: Rochelle, rochelle@jcc-asheville.org or ext. 111.

Passports & Luggage Not Required!

Sunday, January 17; 5:30 pm \mathcal{JCC}

Take a trip around the world - and you won't have to leave town! Our adventure begins in Nepal, with a presentation by Jeff Wasserman about his journey to Mt. Everest. Then we'll head to South America with the Silvermans as they share about their trip to Bolivia. We'll start off with a meal of soup, salad, bread and dessert. RSVP to Amy Silverman, amy01553@gmail.com by January 12.

TAG Goes to WLOS-TV13

Wednesday, February 24; 2 pm

Meet at Another Broken Egg Cafe in Biltmore Park, 27 Schenck Parkway Cost: JCC members, free; Non-members, \$5 Join us for brunch at Another Broken Egg Cafe, then we will take a tour of WLOS-TV13, our local news station. Limit 15 people. RSVP to Marti Biller, martibiller@gmail.com.

TAG Does a Triathlon

Wednesday, March 23; 3 pm

Fun Depot/Piazza Restaurant
7 Roberts Road/4 Eastwood Village Blvd.
Cost: JCC members, \$15; Non-members, \$20
First stop will be Fun Depot where we will form
teams for "competitions:" mini golf, laser tag,
and mini bowling. One person will win a prize!
Then we'll eat at Piazza. Limit 20 people. RSVP to
Michelle Dorf, michelledorf@gmail, by March 16.

Recycle + A Railroad Ride!

Tuesday, April 5; 1:15 pm

Re-Cycle Center + Craggy Mountain Railroad 116 N. Woodfin Avenue

Cost: JCC members, \$10; Non-members, \$15 Ever wonder where your recycled items go? Here's your chance to find out! Then we will take a 1-2 hour ride. Limit 20 people. RSVP to Dan Pincu, daniel.pincu@gmail.com.



YAJA: Young Adult Jews of Asheville

An active social group of young Jewish adults. Contact: Hannah Henshel, tzedek@jcc-asheville.org or ext. 108.

YAJA Shabbatlucks

Friday, January 8; 7 pm Friday, April 15; 7 pm

Join YAJA for an awesome Shabbat potluck with delicious food and great company.

\$2 Tuesdays with YAJA

Tuesday, February 9; 7:30 pm

Hi-Wire Brewing, 2 Huntsman Place Cost: \$2

Bring you and your friends with YAJA to \$2 Tuesdays at the Hi-Wire Brewery.

YAJA Goes to "About Man and God and Law"

Monday, March 14; 7 pm See description on page 2 programs

LGBTQJew

LGBTQJew is the LGBTQ portal of the JCC. Get involved and help plan future events! Contact: Hannah, tzedek@jcc-asheville.org or call ext. 108.

LGBTQJews Shabbatlucks

Friday, January 22; 7:30 pm Friday, February 19; 7:30 pm TBD

Join LGBTQJew for Shabbat, please bring a dish!

"Transparent" Viewing Night

Sunday, February 28; 7 pm

JCC

Join LGBTQJew for a screening of the first two episodes of the Amazon series "Transparent."

LGBTQ Family Day

Sunday, April 10; 1 - 3 pm

JCC

Join LGBTQJew and COLAGE for an afternoon celebrating LGBTQ families. We will have a movie screening followed by an open panel discussion from WNC Queerspawn. RSVP by April 3.

Rainbow Seder

Friday, April 22; 7 pm

Cost: \$10

Join LGBTQJew for a catered Passover Rainbow Seder. RSVP by April 15.

YAJA & LGBTQJew Joint Events

Shabbat Unplugged

Friday, March 4; 6:30 pm

TBD

Join the Asheville JCC in our Shabbat Unplugged. The idea is to slow down, reap the benefits and think about the ways we experience Jewish time.

Purim Drag Show

Sunday, March 27, 7:30 pm

JCC

Cost: \$5

LGBTQJew and YAJA will be partnering together to put on an awesome Purim Party! Featuring a Drag Show, drinks, and great food. Email Hannah at tzedek@jcc-asheville.org if you would like to help plan.





cc mitzvah corp

Volunteer with the Mitzvah Corps

Learn, Grow, Lead

Have you been looking for volunteer opportunities that meet YOUR needs? The JCC Mitzvah Corps has projects that fill important needs in the community while allowing volunteers to learn and socialize. Together we can make a world of difference! Contact: Natalie Kramer, natalie@jccasheville.org or ext. 140.

Children's Programs Volunteer Assistants

1 day/2 hours per week (must be a consistent day per semester)

Shalom Children's Center and JCC Just Kids are seeking volunteers to provide assistance to classroom teachers with afternoon snack, tutoring and enrichment activities, either in the classroom, in the gym, or on the playground. Contact: Natalie, natalie@jcc-asheville.org or ext. 140.

Shabbat in a Box

Fridays; 4 pm

Various Locations

We are seeking volunteers to enjoy this great opportunity to "Welcome Shabbat" with our friends at retirement and active living adult facilities. We provide the juice blessings and challah - you provide the smiles and ruach (spirit). Reserve your Friday today! Contact: Natalie, natalie@jcc-asheville.org or ext. 140.

Cookie Night at Hospice

Wednesday, February 10, 6 pm

John Keever Solice Center, 21 Belvedere Rd
Help bake cookies for hospice patients and their
families at CarePartners' John Keever Solace
Center. The Solace Center provides compassionate, appropriate care and symptom control for
terminally ill patients and support to their families.
The sweet smell of warm baked-goods and friendly volunteer-presence brings comfort and a sense
of home. Baking supplies will be provided, and you
are welcome to bring your favorite cookie recipe
and your own ingredients if you wish. Contact:
Natalie, natalie@jcc-asheville.org or ext. 140.

Purim Project - Preparing MANNA Packs for Kids

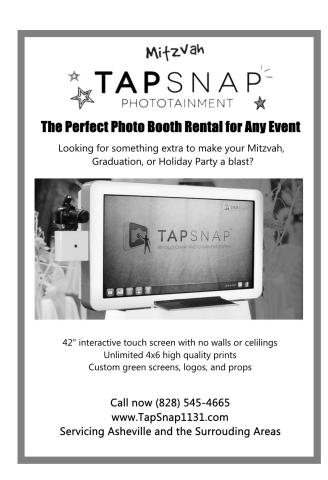
Wednesday, March 23; 9 am - 12 pm

MANNA Food Bank, 627 Swannanoa River Rd Did you know that 1 in 4 children in our area don't have access to three meals a day? The MANNA Packs for Kids program provides emergency food assistance to public school students throughout all 16 counties in our service area. Contact: Natalie, natalie@jcc-asheville.org or ext. 140.

Passover in the Matzah Aisle

Various

The Mitzvah Corps volunteers will host a table in the Passover food aisle in local supermarkets for this public space Judaism outreach program. Help us greet families shopping for Pesach foods and provide them with Passover information and food samples to connect them with the spirit and meaning of Passover. Contact: Natalie, natalie@jcc-asheville.org ext. 140.







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