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happening

at the asheville JCC
January - April 2020





Shalom chaverim!

Hello friends, old and new!

The Asheville Jewish Community Center has been located at 236 Charlotte Street since 1940. While our building has dramatically changed shape twice in the past 80 years, our “J” remains absolutely committed to our kehilah, our community. In fact, community is one of the three pillars of our mission statement: **strengthening Jewish identity, celebrating Jewish culture, and building inclusive community.**

Last fall, the JCC’s Board of Directors adopted a new strategic plan centered around these pillars in our mission. In the next three years, the JCC will...

- Demonstrate that the JCC is a resource and central gathering place for the entire community
- Assume a leadership role in addressing antisemitism, ending bias, and promoting inclusion
- Expand current program offerings and availability
- Enhance member experiences and build long-term relationships
- Develop staff and volunteers as a vital resource for the success of the Asheville JCC
- Increase revenue streams from all sources to support programs and impact

Here, in the pages of The Happening, you will **discover ways to deepen your connection to Asheville’s inclusive Jewish community** and enjoy the programs and events inspired by our strategic plan. Whether you have been part of our community since 1940 or since just last week, you are a unique piece of our kehilah. We look forward to spending the coming months with you!



*Ashley Lasher,
Executive Director*



*Carol Wenom,
Board President
2019/20 - 2021/22*

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Save the Date:

Israeli Folk Dance Workshop

Sunday, May 31, 10 AM – 3 PM

Asheville JCC

\$15 registration fee due at time of registration

Israeli Folk Dance Charlotte presents their first annual dance workshop in Asheville. All experience levels welcome. Register by contacting artsandculture@jcc-asheville.org



HOURS OF OPERATION January - April 2019

JCC Business Hours

Mon – Fri: 7:30 AM – 6 PM

Pool Hours

Mon – Thurs: 6 AM – 7 PM

Friday: 6 AM – 6 PM

Saturday: 12 PM – 5 PM

Sunday: 9 AM – 4 PM

Scheduled Closings

New Year's Day: Wed., Jan 1

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:

Mon., Jan. 20

Passover: Wed. April 8, closed

at 1 PM, and closed all day

April 9 – 10 (pool will close on

Wed., April 8, at 12 PM and will be closed all day April 9 – 10).

Here's How to Reach Us

Address: 236 Charlotte St.

Asheville, NC 28801

Phone: (828) 253-0701

Website: jcc-asheville.org

David Zimerman Pool Address:

40 Clyde St., Asheville NC, 28801

Pool phone: (828) 785-5005



**Asheville Jewish
Community Center**



Community Programs

Throughout the year, the Asheville JCC offers enriching programming that is open to the entire community - no JCC membership required! Holiday performances and craft fairs, weekly Tot Shabbat * celebrations for children and families, carnivals, and more! Find out more at jcc-asheville.org.

Duplicate Bridge **Every Sunday, 1 PM**

Asheville JCC

Partners are guaranteed and all playing levels are welcome. Earn master points in a fun-loving, no pressure game! Visit www.ncbridge.us for game rules. Contact: Jonathon Friedel at 828-484-1352

Challah Club

Every Friday in the lobby, while supplies last

JCC members \$5; community \$6

Each Friday, a challah from Geraldine's Bakery will be waiting for you at the JCC. With the monthly payment plan, you don't even need cash. Contact: Amalya Stone at 253-0701.

Tu B'shvat Art Showcase **On display the week of February 9**

JCC Main Building and JCC Aquatics Center

Tu B'shvat is the Israeli holiday known as the birthday of the trees. Submissions of 2- and 3- dimensional art of all shapes and sizes are due by Friday, February 7 at 1 PM. Contact: artsandculture@jcc-asheville.org

*Children not enrolled in Shalom Children's Center must be accompanied by an adult.

Mountain Music Jam **Mondays, 6:30 PM**

JCC 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 the intermediate level. We are not beginners, nor are we advanced/professional musicians. Come on out to play or listen! Contact: Ed Fidelman at edfidelman@pobox.com

Hamentaschen Sale **Sunday, March 8, during the Purim carnival**

Monday, March 9
Tuesday, March 10
8 AM – 6 PM

Asheville JCC

Purchase chocolate, poppy, prune, raspberry and/or apricot hamantaschen. For advance orders, email artsandculture@jcc-asheville.org before March 5.



Photo by Laurie Johnson Photography

Community Programs

12th Annual Falafel 5k

Sunday, April 26, 10 AM

Asheville JCC

Join us for the 12th year of the only race in town that ends with a falafel sandwich! Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities welcome. This chip-timed race awards prizes for ages 8 and under through ages 80 years and above. Registration is now open at jcc-asheville.org. Contact: wendy@jcc-asheville.org

Cooking Classes at the J

Coming soon!

We have renovated our kitchen; purchased new mixing bowls, spoons, cutting boards and knives; and are ready to start cooking! Stay tuned and let us know if you are interested in a particular class or in teaching one –class ideas will mostly come from you! Contact: artsandculture@jcc-asheville.org

Adult Shoe Drive

During the month of April

Drop-off in the JCC Main Lobby and at the JCC Aquatics Center

An important part of celebrating Passover is remembering our ancestors' 40 years of wandering in the desert. In honor of this biblical journey, we encourage you to bring in your gently used shoes to be donated to those in need. Contact: artsandculture@jcc-asheville.org



Aquatics Programs

The JCC offers aquatics programming for all ages, including private, semi-private, and group swim lessons, dive lessons, open swim, lap swim and swim team. Individuals joining the JCC pool must maintain a supporting membership.

Supporting JCC Membership (Annual)

- \$75 per adult
- \$50 per child

Year-Round Pool (Monthly)

- *\$60 per family of 3+
- \$45 per family of 2
- \$30 per individual

Summer Pool (Annual)

(Memorial Day – Labor Day)

- *\$295 per family of 3+
- \$250 per family of 2
- \$180 per individual

*Maximum 2 adults. Babies under the age of 1 are not required to be JCC members to attend the pool with their family.

Please sign up at the JCC Aquatics Center on 40 Clyde Street, call (828) 785-5005 or email wendy@jcc-asheville.org.

Pool Operational Hours

Please refer to the the JCC website for lap swim, open swim, and swim class schedules.

January 1 – May 22

Monday – Thursday : 6 AM – 7 PM

Friday: 6 AM – 6 PM

Saturday: 12 PM – 5 PM

Sunday: 9 AM – 4 PM

Swim Lessons

The JCC offers group and individual swim classes for all ages. Winter classes run from January 5 – Feb 29.

Visit jcc-asheville.org or email wendy@jcc-asheville.org for class details and registration information.



Health & Wellness

Coming Soon!



Health and Wellness Classes at the JCC

Yoga • Zumba • High Intensity Interval Training • Krav & Cub • Water Aerobics

Visit jcc-asheville.org for more information



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(Memorial Day – Labor Day)
\$295 per household of 3+
\$250 per household of 2
\$180 per individual

*Please note that individuals joining the JCC pool must maintain a current JCC annual membership (\$75 per adult; \$50 per child)

**For a list of summer swim lessons and classes offered
at the JCC, please visit jcc-asheville.org**

David Zimmerman Pool, 40 Clyde Street,
Asheville, NC 28801 (828) 785-5005



**Asheville Jewish
Community Center**

Aquatics Programs

Sign up for Year-Round Swim Team!

The JCC's swim team focuses on stroke drills, endurance swimming, diving, turns, and swimming language. Swimmers must be proficient in freestyle and backstroke and must be able to swim 25 yards to participate. Swimmers can now join the Gefilte Fish Junior League (ages 5 – 10) or Smokin' Salmon Senior League (ages 10 – 18). School year teams practice between September and April. Summer swim teams runs from May to August. **\$100 Registration fee and \$125 monthly.** Swim meet schedules to be announced.

Contact: Kris Moore at kris@jcc-asheville.org



New! Aqua Wellness for Adults

JCC Members \$5 per class Community: \$8 per class

(Pool membership is not required)

Great for beginners! Improve your health with this low impact class, which focuses on flexibility and toning.

Monday 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Wednesday 9 AM – 10 AM

Punch cards are available for multiple class purchase. See jcc-asheville.org/aquawellness for details.



Asheville JCC Falafel 5K



Asheville, North Carolina

04:26:20

**Sunday
April 26, 2020**

10 am race start
at 236 Charlotte St.

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Children & Families

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, and educators.

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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 in the world.



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Raising each child to form a community of peace



Children & Families

Tot Tu B'Shevat Seder

Monday, February 10 at 10 AM

Asheville JCC

Tu B'Shevat is the birthday of the trees. Song leader Penny White will lead us in songs about trees, and then we will share foods that come from different kinds of trees! Contact: kate@jcc-asheville.org.

Mischloach Manot Basket Sale

Monday, March 2 – Friday, March 6

Asheville JCC

On Purim, it is customary to give mishloach manot, or gifts of food, to friends and neighbors. This fundraiser lets families exchange gift boxes with friends, classmates, teachers, and community members. The cost of the box is \$10, and proceeds will go to support our children's programs. Contact: artsandculture@jcc-asheville.org (See page 12 for order form.)

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 8 10 AM – 3 PM

Asheville JCC

Carnival games, costume parade, music, food and fun for everyone! You can fulfill all four of the mitzvot for Purim here: eat hamentaschen, sample kosher Passover wines, and hear the story of Purim. Proceeds benefit Shalom Children's Center. Contact: artsandculture@jcc-asheville.org

Tot Passover Seder

Monday, April 6 at 10 AM

Asheville JCC

Teachers and students explore a child-friendly story of Passover and enjoy foods that are found on a traditional Seder plate. Contact: kate@jcc-asheville.org

Earth Day Workday

Date and time TBD

Asheville JCC

Join us to work on the outdoor learning spaces for the children of Shalom Children's Center: volunteers of all ages welcome. Contact: kate@jcc-asheville.org



Mishloach Manot Order Form



All items are Kosher. Recipients will be contacted to pick up their own gift.
(Unfortunately, we do not deliver).

If you would prefer to pick up your order to deliver yourself, please let us know.
Gifts will be ready for pick up on Sunday March 8.

_____ I would like to purchase _____ gift(s) at \$10 each for the following children:
(2 hamentaschen, noisemaker, chocolate, feather mask, juice box & fruit chews)

Name _____ Email _____

Name _____ Email _____

_____ I would like to purchase _____ gift(s) at \$18 each for the following adults:
(Israeli wine, 6 hamentaschen, chocolate)

Name _____ Email _____

Name _____ Email _____

_____ I am interested in purchasing hamentaschen only! Email order to artsandculture@jcc-asheville.org
(include additional names and email addresses on a separate piece of paper)

\$ _____ Total

Name: _____ Email: _____ phone: _____

CC#: _____ Xp: _____

Please enclose a check or credit card information/mail to JCC 236 Charlotte St, Asheville 28801
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These values-based programs focus on developing a community of support. Your child will build important life skills and learn Jewish values, social responsibility, environmental stewardship, and respect for self and others. Programs focus on nourishment and exercise for the body and mind, reinforce academics, and inspire extracurricular interests. Learn more at jcc-asheville.org or email mariah@jcc-asheville.org.

JCC Kids Afterschool

"Come play at the J!"

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade have fun and celebrate all traditions together in our 5-star afterschool program. JCC Kids Afterschool offers flexible scheduling including Monday - Friday, Monday/Wednesday/Friday, Tuesday/Thursday, or full day only options. Contact: mariah@jcc-asheville.org or call 253-0701, ex 105.

Early Release Days:

January 24 and March 13

JCC Kids Program Closings:

January 1, January 20, April 9, April 10, May 25

Last day of JCC Kids:

May 29

Full Day Programs:

8 AM – 6 PM

Concerned about missing work due to teacher workdays or school-related closures? Full day JCC Kids programs include cooking, field trips, special guests, music, and more! We are open for snow days as well as unscheduled and scheduled school closings! Contact: mariah@jcc-asheville.org or call 253-0701, extension 105

JCC Kids Full Days Jan-April 2020:

January 2: Trip to Asheville Art Museum

January 3: Hightouch Hightech

February 20: Activity TBD

February 21: Activity TBD

March 20: Activity TBD

April 6-8 (Full day programming will end at 1 PM on April 8 in observance of Passover)

April 13: Activity TBD



Youth Programs

Gesher Year-Round: Teen Programming

Rekindle connections with your JCC friends with Gesher Year-Round! Specifically for 6th-8th graders, Gesher Year-Round offers programs that foster and build relationships through adventure, games, and more!

Upcoming Events:

Game Day at Well-Played Sunday, January 12, 1 PM – 4 PM

Registration fee: \$10.00

Cost covers admission and a snack

Well Played is Asheville's first board game café. Participants will have over 600 board games to choose from as they spend their day socializing and gaming at the same time! Contact: mariah@jcc-asheville.org

Bob's Adventure Club:

A generous sponsor is bringing adventure to Middle Schoolers at the Asheville JCC. Beginning this Fall, we look forward to funding participants interested in Bob's Adventure Club. Adventures will include facilitated group activities, challenge course trips, hikes, and more!

Contact: mariah@jcc-asheville.org

Bouldering at Climbmax Gym Sunday, February 9, 2 PM – 4 PM

For over 25 years, Climbmax downtown has been a fixture of the climbing community in Western North Carolina. A day of bouldering will include climbing, team building, and a debrief. **Bob's Adventure Club special:**

You pay \$10, we pay \$5! Contact: mariah@jcc-asheville.org

Pizza and Pool Party at the Asheville JCC

Sunday, March 8, 1 PM – 4 PM

Registration fee: \$8

Cost covers pool day pass and pizza.

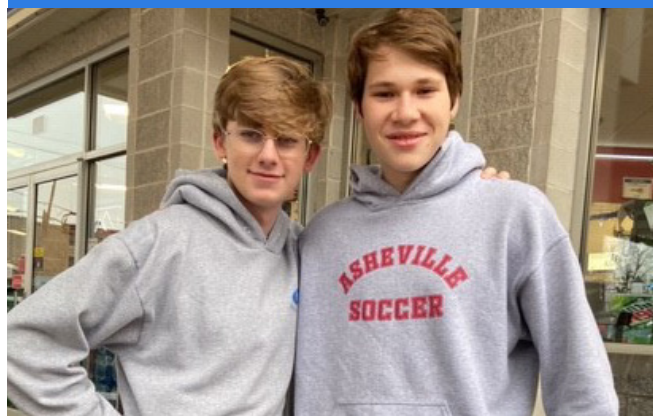
Participants will hang out and have dinner at the coolest pool in town.

Contact: mariah@jcc-asheville.org

Virtual Trip to Poland and Israel with Abe and Alex April 20 – May 3

Due to the generosity of the Lily and Harry Lerner Holocaust Education Fund, Abe Goldstein and Alex Reich will be traveling to Poland and Israel to participate in the international experience of March of the Living. Beginning in Poland, they will meet with Holocaust survivors, attend a Yom HaShoah service, march with thousands from Auschwitz to Birkenau, and then head to Israel to observe Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut. Check in daily on our website beginning April 20 to share in Alex and Abe's blogs, and stay tuned for a May program when these young men will share more with you about their experiences in the form of presentations at the JCC.

Contact: artsandculture@jcc-asheville.org



Youth Programs



Camp Ruach

The Camp Ruach formula is fun through friendship! Camp Ruach campers are part of an extraordinary community that recreates itself each summer at the Asheville JCC. Campers and counselors build lifelong friendships, develop their self-confidence and support each other's growth. Swimming, cooking, crafts, nature expeditions, Shabbat celebrations, field trips, water olympics, Seth Olson "You Can Make a Difference Day," ruach relay, archery, and so much more! Learn more at jcc-asheville.org/youth.camp-ruach/ or email daniel@jcc-asheville.org. **Registration opens Monday February 3!**



The JCC Has a New Summer Camp Director!

Meet Daniel "Tuxedo" Smedley:

My name is Daniel Smedley, though my campers know me as Tuxedo. I grew up in Asheville attending local day camps and collecting local legends before attending UNCA to study film and creative writing. I have been working professionally in child care for the last 6 years in a variety of different summer camps and afterschool programs. I have done just about every possible summer camp job, except lifeguarding!

If you are into personality tests then I am a Myers-Briggs INFJ, a TrueColors Green, and a Hogwarts Hufflepuff. I am also a proud mentor, an avid board gamer, a voracious comic book reader, and an all-around geek. The most commonly used phrase to describe me might be "goofy," which I'm completely fine with. I like to think my management style is that of a big brother (in the familial sense not the Orwellian sense). Oh, and I absolutely live for summer camp!

Camp Tikvah

The only summer day camp of its kind in Western North Carolina, Camp Tikvah enables children on the autism spectrum to enjoy the fun and community of Camp Ruach in an individually monitored and highly structured program. Each one-week session runs interwoven with Camp Ruach (9 AM – 3:30 PM) and enables these awesome kids to participate in as many peer activities as are individually appropriate. Contact: daniel@jcc-asheville.org for more information.

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Adult Programs

Learn About Your Jewish Genealogy!

You are invited to join the local chapter of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies. IAJGS, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, provides a common voice for issues of significance to its members, advances genealogical avocation, and coordinates items such as the annual International Conference on Jewish Genealogy. Contact either Barbara Weitz at weitzb@fiu.edu or visit the IAJGS Facebook page for more information.

Israeli Book Club

3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

David Zimmerman Room, JCC

Read and learn about Israel through the minds of the country's authors. Join us each month for lively discussion inspired by our readings. Contact: David Leader at dasujaben@gmail.com

Mountain Menschen Group

Asheville's Mountain Menschen is part of the Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance, whose mission is to create an environment where Jewish motorcyclists can ride together and exchange ideas about matters of concern to the Jewish community at large as well as issues concerning motorcycles and motorcycle riding. Bikers of any religion or brand of bike are welcome. There is no fee to join. Contact: Mike Simmonds at 828-782-8208 to join the group or to accompany Mountain Menschen on a single ride.

Israeli Film Series

Second Sundays of the Month 2 PM

Grail Moviehouse, 45 S. French Broad

Gain insight into Israeli culture through the eyes of the country's filmmakers. Join us on 1/12 for *Inside the Mossad*, 2/9 for *A Mirror for the Sun*, and 3/8 for *Happy Purim*. A discussion will follow each film. Contact: artsandculture@jcc-asheville.org

Screening of *The Case for Israel: Democracy's Outpost*

Sunday, January 26, 3 PM

Asheville JCC

In *The Case for Israel*, Harvard professor Alan Dershowitz presents a vigorous case to tackle radical accusations against Israel and its basic right to exist. Dershowitz engages leading political, judicial, and academic leaders from across the political spectrum in honest and intelligent discourse on critical challenges facing Israel.

Gloria Greenfield, the film's producer, will lead a post-viewing discussion. Contact: artsandculture@jcc-asheville.org



Adult Programs

TAG (The Adult Group)

JCC adults tap into Asheville's Jewish experience through a variety of social and cultural activities, including discussions, dinners, excursions, parties, and volunteer opportunities. All TAG events are open to JCC members (\$75 annual membership) who are also enrolled in the TAG program (\$25 annual program fee). Any new/prospective members that wish to attend may come to one TAG event as a guest. Please identify yourself as a first-time prospective participant to the event RSVP contact. Guests will be included based on space availability. Contact Tami@jcc-asheville.org to sign up or renew your membership and enroll in TAG.



TAG: 'Tis Time to Think Trivia **Tuesday, January 14**

*6:30 PM - Dinner at Juicy Lucy's,
620 Hendersonville Road*

8 PM - Trivia game begins at Juicy Lucy's

Enjoy trivia questions about history, technology, sports, science, literature, government, food, movies, TV and more! RSVP to Barbara Wasserman at bwass78@gmail.com

TAG: JCC Mountain Music Jam Performance

Monday, February 10

*5 PM - meet for dinner at Gan Shan Station,
143 Charlotte Street*

6:30 PM - JCC, 2nd floor

Let's listen to the JCC's talented, professional Mountain Music Jammers. Bring a musical instrument of your own and join the blue-grass fun! RSVP to Judi Goloff, getjudi@aol.com to attend dinner at Gan Shan Station before the performance.

TAG Gourmet Dinner: Food for Lovers

Saturday, February 15, 6:30 PM

Home of Nadine & Ed Fidelman

Celebrate February as "the month of love" by trying aphrodisiac dishes. Reservations open at 9 AM January 15 for JCC members and January 29 for the general community. RSVP to nfidelman@charter.net

Hamentashen Contest

Sunday, March 8

Entries are due in the JCC Lobby by 12 PM

Channel your culinary creativity and bring one dozen hamentaschen to the JCC for this annual contest. Creativity, deliciousness, and aesthetics will all be considered during the judging process. Contact: artsandculture@jcc-asheville.org

Adult Programs

TAG Gourmet Dinner: March Madness Gourmet Tailgate

Saturday, March 21, 6:30 PM

Home of Ilene and Jonathan Aronson

Forget stadium food! Celebrate the NCAA tournament with delicious dishes you won't find at a concession stand. Reservations open at 9 AM February 21 for JCC members and March 6 for the general community. RSVP to ilenearonson@gmail.com.

TAG Gourmet Dinner: An Italian Sunday Supper

Sunday, April 18, 6:30 PM

Home of Carol and Morty Blumberg

Italian feasts include rich cream sauces, polenta and stuffed meats in the north and tomato sauces, olive oil, and seafood in the south. Make whichever suits your fancy! Reservations open at 9 AM March 18 for JCC members and April 1 for the general community. RSVP to carolnblumberg@gmail.com

TAG goes to Diana Wortham Theatre for *My Heart in a Suitcase*

Tuesday April 21

10 AM - Meet for Brunch at City Bakery, 60 Biltmore Avenue

Noon – Diana Wortham Theatre

Ticket price: \$10

The year is 1938 and the Lehmann family, no longer safe in their Berlin home, have to send their daughter away on the Kinder Transport. This play is a tribute to the strength of the human spirit. RSVP to lauriesimmonds12@gmail.com by March 1 to guarantee a ticket.

LGBTQ+ Asheville Jewish Life

LGBTQ+ Asheville Jewish Life offers inclusive LGBTQ+ programming that welcomes everyone. Events have included National Coming Out Day; open mic nights; Shabbat potlucks; dialogues around race, sexuality, and heteronormativity; pool parties; drag shows; documentary screenings and more. Get involved and help plan future events! For information about upcoming events, visit the JCC online calendar at jcc-asheville.org. Contact:

belle@jcc-asheville.org or call ext. 106

Asheville



Adult Programs

YAJA: Young Adult Jews of Asheville

YAJA is a fun social group for young Jewish adults. YAJA events offer young adults several opportunities throughout the year to express their Jewish identity and celebrate Jewish traditions together. Events include trivia nights, Shabbat and holiday dinners, Chinese food and a movie, monthly discussion sessions, nights at the ballet, and film festivals in town. Events are free of charge unless otherwise specified. For information about YAJA events, follow the group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/706921086017635/>. Contact: mariah@jcc-asheville.org



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Mitzvah Corps

Volunteer with the Mitzvah Corps

Learn, Grow, Lead

You can fill a need in the community while learning and socializing with other volunteers. Together we can make a world of difference. For more information about the following events, contact JCC volunteer coordinator Justin Greenbaum at VolunteerC@jcc-asheville.org.

Volunteer at the Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 8, 9:30 AM – 3 PM

Asheville JCC

Come join the fun while helping us run carnival games, concessions, arts and crafts, wine tasting and more.

Volunteer at the Falafel 5K

Sunday, April 26, 9:30 AM – 1 PM

Asheville JCC

Volunteers are needed for set-up, runner registration, water stations, cheering for runners, and break down at the only race in Asheville that ends with a falafel sandwich.

Shalom and JCC Kids Afterschool Volunteer Assistants

Hours - 1 Day/2 hours per week (must be consistent day per semester)

Shalom Children's Center and JCC Kids programs are seeking volunteers to provide assistance to classroom teachers with afternoon snack, tutoring and enrichment activities.

Welcome Shabbat

Second Friday of each month, 4 PM

*Deerfield Retirement Community
1617 Hendersonville Road*

Third Friday of each month

*Bella Vista, 55 Piney Mountain Dr., 1:30 PM
Givens Estate, 2360 Sweeten Creek Rd., 4 PM*

Join us as we "Welcome Shabbat" with our community's seniors. We provide the juice, blessing and challah – you provide the smiles and ruach (spirit). Contact: welcomeshabbat18@gmail.com



Mitzvah Corps

The JCC has a new volunteer coordinator!



My name is Justin Greenbaum, and I am the new Volunteer Coordinator of the Asheville Jewish Community Center.

Growing up with Rabbi parents can be hard. You spend all your time at services surrounded by words that you don't understand and at Jewish events that commemorate stuff from thousands of years ago. Thankfully, my experiences have also shown me where I want to be and what I want to do with my life. From the services, I learned that I love Judaism. I love the community, the ideals, and the culture. From watching my parents lead event after event and help person after person, I learned that I wanted to be involved. I knew that I wanted to make just as much of an impact as they did, and I learned that I truly want to make my community a better place, no matter where my community may be. I grew up in Pittsburgh, went to college near New York, and now I am in Asheville as the Volunteer Coordinator for the JCC. My job is to help people find meaningful ways to contribute to the community. Everyone has busy lives, but that doesn't mean that they don't want to help out; it just makes it harder. I am here so that people can fit meaningful experiences into their busy lives, thereby increasing their quality of life. I can't wait to meet you.



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