

Attractions

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**By Hand
and Heart**
an adult craft
workshop at the
St. Paul JCC

By Hand and Heart is an ongoing creative arts workshop for older adults and volunteers who work together to produce quality cards and gift items that are sold to the community. The workshop provides members with fun, friendship and purpose. Pictured: Lexi Foman along with her friends Naomi Kaplan, Olivia Kramer, Carol Zuckman (*By Hand and Heart* Coordinator) and Fran Rosen (*By Hand and Heart* member) as they create invitations for her Bat Mitzvah.



Executive Notes

As we roll into the coldest days of winter, many St. Paulites choose to hunker down at home and wait until the days get a little longer, the temperature gets a little more bearable and we can enjoy the great outdoors again.

Here at the St. Paul JCC we are embracing a new motto this winter: **Come Enjoy the Great INDOORS!** For those who are planning a winter getaway or are just thinking ahead to bikinis and tank tops, now is the time to hit the JCC Fitness Center to tone up those abs and glutes.

If you are like me, you probably need a little extra motivation to work out when the TV and refrigerator are calling your name. If so, you need to take advantage of the February Personal Training Special (see page 6). Work one-on-one with a certified personal trainer or, if you like, purchase a dual session and train with a workout partner. If you have a group of friends who like to work out together, then you should definitely try small group training. If you are considering personal training, or have some questions about the best fitness plan for you, contact JCC Fitness Director, Sandy Rusch.

Since you can't go for a walk around the lake and all your favorite shows are in reruns, why not come to the St. Paul JCC and experience all there is to do to keep your family entertained and active this winter. It is a benefit of membership and **You Belong Here!**

Shalom,



Michael Waldman
Executive Director



Siegel Chamber Music Series: Marc Levine and Friends

Thursday, February 16 • 7 pm • Free

Violinist Marc Levine and harpsichordist Tami Morse, founders of baroque chamber ensemble *Flying Forms*, will be joined in performance by noted musicians Julie Elard, viola de gamba and Phillip Rukavina, lute.

Sponsored by the Rose and Clarence Siegel Jewish Cultural Series Fund of the St. Paul JCC Endowment Funds.

Ghost Stories, an afternoon of spoken word

Sunday, February 5 • 3 pm • Free

Writers representing African-American, Hmong, Japanese-American, Jewish and White Earth Anishinabe will present *Ghost Stories*, an exploration of historical trauma seen through the eyes of the presenters and their families who live with its after-effects. Stay for a discussion after the presentation.

This project is made possible, in part, through the support of Rimon: The Minnesota Jewish Arts Council—Nourishing Jewish Life Through the Arts. Rimon is an initiative of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation and Community Partner: Saint Paul Community Literacy Consortium.



SAVE THE DATE

St. Paul JCC Symphony Winter Concert

Wednesday, March 14

7 pm Conductor's Chat • 7:30 pm Concert
Free

The St. Paul JCC Symphony will showcase Russian composers with works by Glinka, Tchaikovsky and Gliere, and feature Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto masterfully delivered by local piano star Denis Evstuhin. Join Marina in the Shear Library for the pre-concert Conductor's Chat to meet our guest performer and hear about the evening's program.



Catch a Star

Many JCC members have recognized Seth Ozer's willingness to help at all times stating that "Seth always goes above and beyond." Coworkers comment that Seth is the "ultimate team player, always willing to roll up his sleeves and get the job done." His positive attitude and willingness to help are greatly appreciated by all.

Seth has worked at the St. Paul JCC for four years and recently was hired as the full-time Building Supervisor for evenings and weekends. If you see Seth while you are in the building, stop and say "hello."

Thank you, Seth, for all that you do!

When you have an amazing experience with a St. Paul JCC staff person, fill out a Catch a Star card and drop it at the Front Desk for the Executive Director.



Photograph by Zion Ozeri, founder of *The Jewish Lens*

The Jewish Lens

Like to snap pictures? Share your photographs and participate in our community wide initiative called *The Jewish Lens*. Your assignment is to photograph your vision of *Kehillah* (Community). You will be featured on our website and may also be selected for an exhibit at this year's Twin Cities Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration on Sunday, April 29. Our school-age program is already working on this project. To participate, send your photo as a jpeg file to bgendler@stpauljcc.org by March 1.

Finding Our Roots - Jr. Genealogy Workshop for Tu B'Shvat

Sunday, February 12 • 2-4 pm
\$10 • Free to members

Unravel the mystery of finding your roots and dig into your family tree! Led by professional genealogist Joanne M. Sher, instructor and historical researcher specializing in Minnesota, Wisconsin and American-Jewish genealogy. Register by contacting Tracey Agranoff (below) or the Front Desk at 651-698-0751.



Personalized Haggadot for Passover

Order your own beautifully illustrated, personalized family Haggadot for Passover. Orders are due by March 15, forms are available at the Front Desk. For more info contact Tracey Agranoff (below).

Shanah Shelanu (Our Year)

Select Thursdays • 10 am
\$8 /family /class, \$5 Member Value Price /family /class

Parents and/or grandparents, along with children ages 3-5 are invited to explore the Jewish holiday year with us through stories, games, songs and hands-on activities.

Purim: February 23 Shabbat/Havdallah: March 22
Passover: April 12

Register by contacting Tracey Agranoff (below) or the Front Desk at 651-698-0751.

Jewish Holidays

'Communi-tree' Tu B'Shvat Musical Celebration

Sunday, February 5 • 1- 2:30 pm
\$5 /person • \$10 /family
Ticket price includes a donation to the Arava Institute of the Jewish National Fund

Tu B'Shvat, also known as the birthday of the trees, is a time to think about relating to the natural world. This holiday is observed by planting trees, eating fruits from Israel, and having a Tu B'Shvat Seder.

Celebrate Tu B'Shvat with a collaborative musical event of song, dance, and drama. The performance features the Twin Cities Israeli teen dance troupe *ORIM*, the *St. Paul Talmud Torah Day School Choir*, the *St. Paul JCC Israeli dancers*, and *English Country Dancers* from *St. John the Baptist School*.

A community sing-a-long will follow the performances along with traditional tree-mendous tree-ts!

Register at the Front Desk, 651-698-0751.

Hamishi Yisraeli - Israeli Thursdays

5-6:30 pm • just for teens
7:30-8:30 pm • Cafe B'lurit • 21+
Free

Roni Levin, our Israeli Shlichah (emissary) transforms the Teen Lounge into a Mediterranean oasis every Thursday

evening. Teens can enjoy Israeli snacks and watch the best in Israeli TV. Young professionals can relax with friends over a glass of Israeli wine. This is drop-in adventure, no need to preregister.



Make A Big Noise
Create eco-friendly groggers (noise makers) for Purim
Sun. March 4 • 2-4 pm
\$10 /family
Free to members

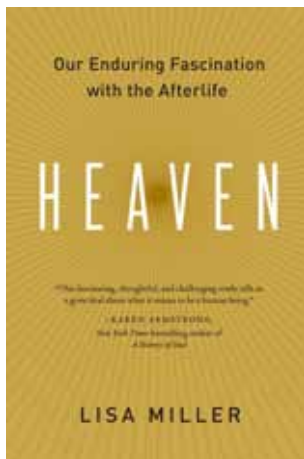
Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

February 3 • 5:05 pm
February 10 • 5:15 pm
February 17 • 5:25 pm
February 24 • 5:35 pm

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Twin Cities Jewish Book Fair concludes with Lisa Miller *Heaven: Our Enduring Fascination with the Afterlife*

Thursday, February 9 • 7 pm

\$9 • \$6 Member Value Price

Lisa Miller, *Newsweek's* religion editor, addresses what and where heaven is and why the concept endures. The book focuses on believers, not beliefs, and “how people imagine heaven changes with who they are and how they live.” Miller discusses the heavenly city, afterlife in the Hebrew Bible, resurrection and salvation, includes a chapter on visionaries, and comments extensively on how heaven is portrayed in pop culture ranging from the Talking Heads’ song *Heaven* to Alice Sebold’s *The Lovely Bones*.

“Miller’s whirlwind tour of heaven is an entertaining primer on a most complex subject.”

– June Sawyers for *Booklist*.

Register at www.stpauljcc.org or call the Front Desk at 651-698-0751.

The Twin Cities Jewish Book Fair is presented by the St. Paul JCC in partnership with The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library and generous support from the George Kaplan Memorial Foundation and individual donations to St. Paul JCC Friends of the Arts. Community Partner: Jay Phillips Center For Interfaith Learning

Ongoing Programs and Interest Groups | Register online at www.stpauljcc.org or call 651-698-0751

B'Yad V'Lev - By Hand and Heart

Ongoing, Tuesdays & Thursdays
10 am-noon

Adult craft workshop. Call Carol Zuckman at 651-255-4746 for more information.

Israeli Dancing

\$7 • \$5 Member Value Price

Tuesdays, Multi-level instruction • 7 pm
Open dancing • 8 pm

Sundays, 4-5 pm • Israeli partner dancing

Drop-in classes, no need to register.

For more information contact Beth Gendler (below).

JCC Book Club

The Hare with Amber Eyes

Thursday, February 23 • 10 am

This is world-renowned ceramicist Edmund De Waal’s memoir and detective story about his Russian Jewish family - the Ephrussi - over five generations. A nineteenth-century European banking dynasty, the Ephrussi collected art. By the end of World War II, all that was left of their vast empire was one small collection of tiny Japanese wood carvings - netsuke. De Waal set out to find out how it survived the Nazis in Vienna.

New members always welcome. For more information contact Beth Friend (below).

Women’s Roundtable

Poverty in America: What Do We Really Know?

Maria Hanratty, Associate Professor,

U of M’s Humphrey Institute

Monday, February 27 • 9:15 am

\$2 breakfast and program

There is much debate about the growing income gap in our country. After all the reports and statistics, do we have an accurate picture of what’s going on? Are government measurements for poverty outdated?

Professor Hanratty weighs in.

Contact Beth Friend (below) for more details.

Creative Writing Workshop

Ongoing, Mondays • 10:30 am-noon

All are welcome. Contact Beth Friend (below) for more details.

Sponsored by the Frances and Ted Shuirman Endowment Fund and the Calmenson Family Fund of the St. Paul JCC Endowment Funds.

Guthrie Theater trips

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

Wednesday, February 1 • 12-4 pm

\$30 members only

End of the Rainbow

Wednesday, February 22 • 12-4 pm

\$30 members only

Buses leave the St. Paul JCC at noon for the 1 pm curtain and return around 4 pm.

For more information contact Beth Gendler (below).

Men’s Club

Monday, February 6 • 9 am

\$4 Breakfast Meeting

Kimberly Miller, attorney and family therapist, will talk about collaborative conflict resolution and mediation as an alternative to traditional divorce.

Monday, February 13 • 9 am

\$4 Breakfast Meeting

Ori Levin, brother of St. Paul Shlichah Roni Levin, will speak about his own recent Shlichut in Omaha, Nebraska, and his current position as an international student specialist in an Israeli university.

Monday, February 20 • 9 am

\$4 Breakfast Meeting

Lisa Brown, program specialist at *Wilder Foundation’s Community Services for Aging* will speak about caregiving and resources for caregivers.

Monday, February 23 • 9 am

Men’s Roundtable

Timely topic to be announced.



Let all who are hungry come and eat

You can help fulfill this mitzvah by donating to the *Passover-for-All Drive*. This year's efforts will provide gift packages of Kosher for Passover food to those who are not be able to afford it. Donations can be made at the JCC Front Desk or mail your check to the JCC.

Contact Tracey Agranoff, Jewish Family Program Coordinator at 651-255-4761 or traganoff@stpauljcc.org for more information.

Library Corner Pick of the month

Scenes from Village Life by Amos Oz is a portrait of the fictional Israeli village of Tel Ilan by one of the world's most admired writers. In this place of supposed community and mutual support, each person struggles privately with longing and disappointment. "It's a novel-in-stories – like a symphony," says one critic, its movement more impressive together than in isolation.

Check out this book and other selections from the *Fanny and Barney Shear Library* here at the St. Paul JCC.



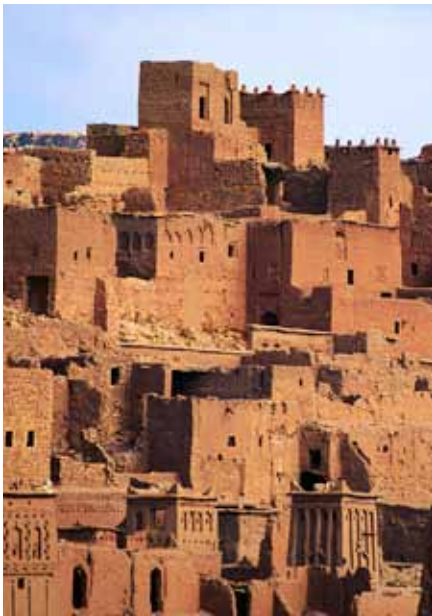
Get Ready, Get Set, Write!

Tuesdays, February 7 – 28 • 7-9 pm
\$125 • \$111 for JCC and *Loft Literary Center* members

Are you an aspiring writer seeking footing and interested in exploring various genres? This class is for you! Designed as a follow-up course to *Get Over Your Fear of Creative Writing*, this four-week class will introduce students to fundamental elements of creative writing. In-class and take-home exercises will help students think confidently about putting words on the page. Each week will focus on specific skills and techniques to enhance writing short stories, poetry, and drama. All are welcome; no previous class experience is required. Instructed by novelist Kate Ledger.

For more information contact Beth Friend (below).

Register at www.stpauljcc.org or call the Front Desk at 651-698-0751.



Jewish Morocco

Tuesday, February 21 • 7 pm
\$15 • \$10 Member Value Price

Morocco is truly at the crossroads of the world. Its location at the northwest tip of Africa absorbs elements of European, Sub-Saharan African, and Arab culture. As a result, its culture, history, religion, art and politics is a melange that gives Morocco a uniqueness among nations. This class will focus on Moroccan Jewry and whet your appetite for an upcoming travel opportunity. Dr. Steven Derfler, an international educational consultant, archaeologist, historian and researcher will lead the class. He has been uncovering the histories of ancient civilizations for over 35 years.

Grab your passport - we're going to Morocco!

May 22 – 31, 2012 • \$3,159 from New York, all-inclusive

Travel to Morocco and immerse yourself in a fascinating culture. Tour all that Jewish Morocco offers by experiencing the art, archaeology, architecture, food and customs. The trip and additional educational opportunities will be led by Dr. Steven Derfler. This will be his 7th journey to Morocco.

For more information contact Beth Gendler (below).

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Fitness Member of the Month

Meet Art Serotoff, a member of the St. Paul JCC for over 30 years and participant in activities from all departments.

When asked what brought him to the JCC, he said he was initially drawn to the JCC by its diverse community and family oriented atmosphere. "Back when I played basketball here, there was just a small room with a few weights. Now we have state of the art facilities, well educated trainers, flat screen TVs, equipment for everyone and successful exercise classes. It's terrific!" Art also says, "The JCC is a center for activities for your body and mind. Book fairs, concerts, Men's Club, as well as many fitness options make the JCC the place to go in the community. I feel at home here."

February Personal Training Specials

Purchase 1-4 tickets at the same time:
60 minute session: \$50
60 minute dual session: \$60

Purchase 5 or more tickets at the same time:
60 minute session: \$40
60 minute dual session: \$50

Purchase tickets at the Front Desk by February 29 to take advantage of this special deal.

Contact Sandy Rusch (below) for more information on how to set up a personal training session.



Bi-Cities Wellness Program

Jewish adults with developmental disabilities can work one-on-one with a personal trainer at no cost. JCC members only. Contact Ann Hoffer at 651-255-4772 or ahoffer@stpauljcc.org to register. Funded by the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Endowment Fund through United Jewish Fund and Council of St. Paul and the Minneapolis Jewish Community Foundation.

11th Annual St. Paul Community 3 on 3 Tournament

Benefit for the Talmud Torah of St. Paul and the St. Paul JCC
Sunday, March 25 • 1-6 pm

Fees:

Kids (grades 3-12): \$80/team
Adults: \$95/team
Family (adult & kids): \$95/team

Special Events:

3 Point Shoot Out
Free Throw Challenge
Half Court Hot Shot Contest

Registration forms available at www.stpauljcc.org and at the Front Desk. Contact Ann Johnson (below) for more information.



Pilates Open House

Monday, February 6 • 6:30-7:30 pm • Members only • Free
Learn about Pilates' core conditioning and the first 10 exercises of the Mat Series including the stomach series! Adapt the exercises for your own body. Space is limited to 16 participants.

Sign up at www.stpauljcc.org or call the Front Desk at 651-698-0751 to save your spot.



Moving Out of Pain with Feldenkrais®

Wednesdays, February 22 – March 28
6:45-8:15 pm • (No class March 7)
\$165 • \$120 Member Value Price

Dive deeper into the theory, practice, and benefits of the Feldenkrais Method® with this five-week introductory course. The course is

designed especially for people who are experiencing significant pain or movement limitations.

Each 90-minute class will include:

- Beginner Feldenkrais lesson tailored to the needs of the group
- Discussion about the ideas and how to apply them in day-to-day life
- Specific homework recommendations from the book *Relaxercise*, a simple, illustrated "Feldenkrais basics" manual (book included with fee)

The only prerequisite is being able to get up and down off the floor. Bring a bath towel for head support.

Space is limited to 15 people (drop-in tickets not available). Registration ends February 15. The instructor will contact you one week prior to the start of class.

Register at www.stpauljcc.org or call the Front Desk at 651-698-0751.

Questions? Contact the instructor, Nick Strauss-Klein, at 651-252-4094 or nick@twincitiesfeldenkrais.com.

Try a new class!

We offer a wide variety of free fitness classes to members. Visit www.stpauljcc.org to view the fitness calendar with class descriptions.

Upcoming Programs Register at www.stpauljcc.org or 651-698-0751

Fitness Classes

February Boot Camp

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays • 6-7 am
\$150 • \$100 Member Value Price

Register for a monthly Boot Camp pass and attend any or all classes that fit your schedule.

Krav Maga

Mondays and Wednesdays
March 12 – April 18 • 8-9 pm

\$180 • \$120 Member Value Price

Get fit with Krav Maga, the official self-defense system of the Israeli Defense Forces.

Health and Safety Classes

CPR/AED – Challenge Course

Sunday, February 12 • 10:30 am-1:30 pm
\$60 • \$40 Member Value Price

Learn the tools needed to help save a life. The course fee includes: training materials, certifications in CPR and AED.

Aquatics

Logrolling

Sundays, February 26 – April 15 • 3-4 pm
(No class April 8)

\$96 • \$64 Member Value Price

Build balance, coordination, core muscle strength and mental toughness. More importantly, it's fun and safe for all ages.

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training

March 12 – March 16 • 8:30 am-4:30 pm
\$284 • \$245 Member Value Price

Save a life in and out of the water. Certifications in Lifeguarding, CPR, AED and First Aid are given upon completion of the course. Fee includes: lifeguarding book, pocket mask and certifications. For more information please contact Stacy Roberts (below).

Want to try a specialty fitness class?

Purchase a Health & Fitness drop-in ticket at the Front Desk.

\$16 • \$11 Member Value Price

Visit www.stpauljcc.org to view the fitness calendar with class descriptions.

Save the Date

Youth Basketball Awards Program

Sunday, March 4 • 7 pm

All participants will be honored for their hard work and dedication to the youth basketball program!

Krav Maga Seminar

Sunday, March 11 • 11am-12:30 pm

\$25 • \$15 Member Value Price

See what Krav Maga is all about!

Spring Thaw Triathlon

Sunday, March 18 • 9 am-2 pm

\$30 • \$20 Members Value Price

Improving Your Yoga with Feldenkrais®

Sunday, March 25 • 3:30-6 pm

\$35 • \$25 early bird (members only)

\$30 members (after March 1)

American Red Cross Swim Lessons

\$96 • \$64 Member Value Price • Register at www.stpauljcc.org or call the Front Desk at 651-698-0751.

Sunday Lessons

February 26 - April 15 (no class April 8)

4:15-4:55 pm	5-5:40 pm	5:45-6:25 pm
Tadpole, Levels 1 & 3	Levels 2, 3 & 4	Goldfish, Levels 5 & 1

Monday Lessons

February 27 - April 9

6-6:40 pm	6:45-7:25 pm
Tadpole, Levels 1 & 4	Levels 2, 3, & 5

Not sure what level to register your child in? Schedule a short swimming evaluation by contacting Stacy Roberts (below).

Wednesday Lessons

February 29 - April 11

4-4:30 pm	4:30-5 pm	5-5:40 pm	5:45-6:25 pm
Tadpole	Tadpole	Levels 2, 3 & 4	Levels 1, 2, 3

Swim Level Descriptions

Children should be enrolled according to their skill. Ages listed are guidelines.

Preschool (ages 2.5-5)

Tadpoles - Level 1- Water Adjustment

Designed to orient preschool children to the aquatic and classroom environment. Children will learn basic skills such as paddling, kicking on front and back, floating on front and back, putting your face in the water, and jumping from the side of the pool to the instructor.

Goldfish – Level 2

Prerequisites—Floating on back and front with or without instructor help, basic front crawl and back crawl, and ability to put face in water. Children will build upon basic front and back crawl technique and endurance, introduction to elementary backstroke and breaststroke, kicking, underwater object retrieval and jumping in water.

School-age (ages 5+)

Level 1 - Water Exploration

Children will be split into appropriate age groups to learn basics of swimming: bobbing, floating on front and back, glides, kicking, beginning front crawl and back crawl, basic safety rules and jumping into the pool from the shallow and deeper ends of the pool.

Level 2 - Primary Skills

Prerequisites—Floating on back and front without instructor help, basic front crawl and back crawl, ability to put face in water. Children will build upon basic front and back crawl technique and endurance, introduction to elementary backstroke and breaststroke, kicking, underwater object retrieval and jumping in water.

Level 3 - Stroke Readiness

Prerequisites—Front and back crawl half length of pool and floating. Children will refine front and back crawl technique, building upon basic elementary backstroke and breaststroke, treading water and beginner dives. Must be comfortable in deep water.

Level 4 - Stroke Development

Prerequisites—Front and back crawl length of pool, intermediate elementary backstroke and breaststroke. Children will build endurance and refinement of front and back crawl, elementary backstroke with the whip kick, breast stroke timing with whip kick and sidestroke with scissors kick.

Level 5 - Stroke Refinement

Prerequisites—Front and back crawl length of pool, elementary backstroke and breaststroke length of pool, sidestroke with scissors kick, flutter kick, whip kick and treading for two minutes. Children will be introduced to butterfly, dolphin kick, open and flip turns, streamline from wall and surface dives.

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School's Out-We're In!

The St. Paul JCC provides care 7:30 am-6 pm whenever area elementary schools are closed. \$63 • \$42 Member Value Price • \$28 Club J

February 15: Bell Museum
 February 16: Bakken Museum
 February 17: The Works
 March 9: Bowling at Flaherty's

St. Paul Public Schools Spring Break

March 12: Grand Slam
 March 13: Bell Museum tour and activity
 March 14: Back to Butwin
 March 15: Stages-Secret Garden
 March 16: MOA Sea Life Minnesota-behind the scenes tour

Nova Classical Academy Spring Break

March 26: Bowling
 March 27: Kid Cuisine
 March 28: Bell Museum
 March 29: Super Science
 March 30: Grand Slam

Talmud Torah Spring Break

April 9: Minneapolis Sculpture Garden
 April 10: Super Science
 April 11: Como Zoo
 April 12: Architect Adventure

Contact Brittany Buchanan (below) for more information.



Be Connected. Be Well.

Monday, February 27 • 6:30-8 pm • Free

Be Connected. Be Well. is an initiative of *Dakota Communities* that aims to enhance the health and well being of individuals with developmental and physical disabilities.

Hear first hand from Toni O'Brien, creator of the *Be Connected. Be Well.* program, on how families can help their teen and young adult children rethink ways to eat right, exercise and be an active member of the community. Joining Toni will be

Brenda Navin RD, LD, a Nutrition and Fitness Specialist with the *Ways to Wellness* program at the *Woodwinds Health Campus*. Brenda will offer insight on the critical areas that individuals need to focus on when making positive life-changing choices related to nutrition and exercise.

For more information contact Ann Hoffer (below). Register at www.stpauljcc.org or call the Front Desk at 651-698-0751.

Families Forward

Sunday, April 1 • 1-5:30 pm
 \$25 individual, \$30 /couple
 Member Value Price: \$15 individual, \$20 /couple
 Childcare: \$5 /child

Families Forward is a mini conference for parents and professionals to gain useful information and tools to better support children of all abilities.

Well-known Twin Cities' professionals and organizations will cover a wide array of issues including:

- Tina Feigal M.S., Ed. is the founder of the *Center for the Challenging Child, LLC*. Tina is a popular parenting coach who will present *When the Issue is the Environment: Sensory Processing*. Visit Tina's website at www.parentingmojo.com.
- Libby Bergman, LICSW of the *Family Enrichment Center* will discuss sexuality and our children. Learn more about Libby and her work at www.familyenhancementcenter.org.
- Mitch Wittenberg Ph.D, LP of *Jewish Family Service of St. Paul* answers your questions in *Ask the Child Psychologist*.
- Lyn Mitchell of AMAZE, will offer help on how to speak to children about advocacy, differences and controversial topics. Lyn is a founding member of AMAZE, www.amazeworks.org.
- *Upstream Arts* will deliver an active and hands-on presentation through the power of art education. You can find *Upstream Arts* at www.upstreamarts.org.

Conference registration forms will be available beginning February 15 at www.stpauljcc.org and at the Front Desk. For more information contact Ann Hoffer (below).

Auditions for the 5-8 grade play

PINOCCHIO

will be held on February 19 • 1-3 pm
 and February 21 • 6-8 pm
 Contact Brittany Buchanan (below)

Looking for good babysitters?

Hire a sitter from our list and enjoy a night on the town. Call Sam Eberhart (below) for more information.

Inclusion and Accessibility Activities

Movie and Game Night

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm

\$5 • grades 8-12

Join the *Highland Friendship Club* for movie and game nights in the Teen Lounge!

Sibshops

Tuesday, February 7 • 6:30-8 pm • ages 6-12

Free for JCC and Arc members, \$10 /session for non-members

Sibshops provide activities and support for children who have a sibling with a disability. To register, contact *Arc Greater Twin Cities* at 952-920-0855.

Teen Programs and Activities

7UP

7UP is a supervised after-school drop-in program where teens have the option of using computers, doing homework, playing games or socializing with friends.

Monday - Friday, now through June 8 • 2-5 pm
Free to St. Paul JCC members, \$5 non-member per day, must come with a JCC member. Contact Sam Eberhart (below) for more information.

Teen Boot Camp (ages 13-17)

Tuesdays, February 7 - 28 • 4:40-5:40 pm

\$60 • \$40 Member Value Price

This is a total body conditioning class. Have fun while you improve your strength, agility, cardiovascular health and overall fitness.

For more information please contact Amy Ferguson at 651-255-4782 or email amyf@stpauljcc.org.

Hot Israeli Television (ages 13-18)

Sunday, February 12 • 2-4 pm

Free for members, just drop by!

Join us for a showing of *Mesudarim* (think *Entourage*, but Israeli!). We'll show the first few episodes and hang with Roni, our Israeli Schlicah.



JCC Maccabi Games

Be a part of Team St. Paul at the JCC Maccabi Games and connect with Jewish teens from around the world! Team St. Paul will attend the JCC Maccabi Games in Houston, TX on August 5 - 10, 2012. Participants must be 13-16 years old (as of July 31, 2012).

Interested in joining the team? Want more information? Contact Sam Eberhart (below).

MARvelous scholarship deadline approaching



Searching for scholarship funds? Apply for the JCC's MARvelous Education Scholarship! These scholarships provide assistance to JCC members or staff for post-secondary education. Applications are due March 16 and are available at the Front Desk or www.stpauljcc.org. Questions? Contact Penny Schumacher at 651-255-4732 or pschumacher@stpauljcc.org.

Birthday Parties at the JCC

Celebrate your child's birthday at the St. Paul JCC! Party Peppers plan, staff, decorate and provide clean up for your party. Contact Sam Eberhart (below) for more information.

Let's get crafty

DIY: Decorate It Yourself!

Selected Sundays • 1-3 pm

\$8 /project

\$5 /project Member Value Price

For a listing of dates and projects visit www.stpauljcc.org.

Kid's Craft Fair

Sunday, March 4 • 1-3 pm

Calling all young entrepreneurs! Create crafts, provide a cash box and adult helper for your table and run your business at the JCC Kid's Craft Fair.

Contact Brittany Buchanan (below) for more information or to reserve a table.



See the grade 2-4 play!

Thursday, February 23 • 7 pm

Saturday, February 25 • 7:30 pm

Sunday, February 26 • 3 pm

\$8 adults, \$6 children/seniors

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Join the dogs of London as they daringly rescue Pongo and Perdita's Dalmatian puppies from Cruella De Vil and her bumbling henchmen.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Front Desk or at the door.

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March 11 -14

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Events listed will take place at the St. Paul JCC, unless noted.

February

- 5** Tu B'Shvat Musical Celebration 1 pm
- 5** Spoken Word: *Ghost Stories* 3 pm
- 9** Author appearance: Lisa Miller *-Heaven* 7 pm
- 12** Jr. Genealogy Workshop 2 pm
- 16** Concert: Mark Levine and Friends 7 pm
- 23** Youth Theater performance: *101 Dalmatians* 7 pm
- 25** Youth Theater performance: *101 Dalmatians* 7:30 pm
- 26** Youth Theater performance: *101 Dalmatians* 3 pm
- 27** *Be Connected. Be Well.* 6:30 pm



**Come for the Cause,
Stay for the Laughter**
Celebrate the success of the
**2011 Annual Fund Drive and
help us kick-off 2012 with
Sam Hoffman, creator of
Old Jews Telling Jokes**

Saturday, March 10 • 7:30 pm
\$15 • \$10 Member Value Price

Schtick happens. You don't have to be Jewish to enjoy these knee-slappers and zingers – you just need a sense of humor! The hilarious online video archive *Old Jews Telling Jokes* mines mothers, fathers, bubbies, and zaydies for comic gelt. Sam Hoffman, its creator, will be here to tell us all about it. Don't be surprised if you run into a few of our own old Jews telling jokes! Contact Benjie Kaplan at bkaplan@stpauljcc.org or 651-255-4733 for more information.

Need a sitter so you can attend *Old Jews Telling Jokes*?

6-9 pm • Ages: 6-weeks to 11 years old

\$25 for 1st child, \$10 for 2nd, \$5 for each additional child • members only

Go out for dinner and attend *Old Jews Telling Jokes* while your children have fun at the JCC. Dinner, games and bedtime stories included. Contact Lisa Rosenfield at lisar@stpauljcc.org or 651-255-4758 for more information.

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- Junior Counselors (grades 10-12)
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