



# Congregation Or Atid Connections

Connecting community with spirituality

Elul 5779 - Tishrei 5780

September 2019

The vision of this congregation shall be to establish and maintain an institution that creates an all-embracing egalitarian participatory Conservative synagogue that serves as a Jewish spiritual, cultural, and educational center for children, adults and families. The synagogue will foster Jewish identity and values, promote the observance of Jewish traditions and enhance the spiritual growth of our members; to create a comfortable social environment for our members; to involve the congregation in issues of Jewish concern and interest.

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## SHABBAT SERVICES

**Friday** - 7:30 PM Services

**Saturday** - 10:00 AM Services

Torah Study 9:00 AM Saturday mornings

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## September Highlights

**Friday, 9/6 6:15 PM:** Back to School  
Shabbarbeque with  
Simchah Shabbat Service

**Saturday, 9/7 9:00 AM:** Tour D'Torah

**Wednesday, 9/11 7:30 PM:** Non-Jew Crew Event

**Saturday, 9/14 9:00 AM:** Tour D'Torah

**Saturday, 9/21 9:00 AM:** Tour D'Torah

**7:30 PM:** Selichot Program and  
Service

**Saturday, 9/28 9:00 AM:** Tour D'Torah

**Sunday, 9/29 7:30 PM:** Erev Rosh Hashanah  
Service

**Monday, 9/30 9:00 AM:** Rosh Hashanah First  
Day of Morning Service



It's been a quiet summer at Or Atid. We've had a couple of baby-namings, a couple of Shabbarbeques, and I even got to take a little vacation. Now things are starting to get busy as we prepare for the High Holy Days. But before we go any further, let's get something straight: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur aren't late this year. In fact, they are never early or late. They are always right on time. Rosh Hashanah always falls on the first of Tishrei. Yom Kippur always comes 10 days later. And Sukkot, 5 days after that, on the first full moon of autumn.

These holidays fall on the same days every year. However, it is often the case that we are not ready for them because we orient our time by the Western, civil calendar. Last year, Rosh Hashanah snuck up on us at the beginning of September. This year, we are afforded a great opportunity, as Rosh Hashanah starts on September 29<sup>th</sup>, giving us a full month after Labor Day to prepare. The month of Elul, which immediately precedes the High Holy Days, is a time of preparation. The mood of Elul is one of introspection and renewal. Each day of this month is an opportunity for *Heshbon hanefesh*, an accounting of the soul, taking stock of oneself. This is a personal process in which we are asked to look back on the year that is closing, examine our lives, and evaluate who we are and who we wish to be in the year ahead. It is a time to fix relationships, offer apologies, and repair the damage we have done to others.

However, the month of Elul is not only a self-flagellating downer. The Rabbis remind us that even though we must take stock of ourselves and look inward, it is also a joyful time when we can awaken ourselves to a new year and new possibilities. The letters of Elul –

*aleph, lamed, vav, lamed* – are an acronym for *Ani L'dodi v'dodi li*, "I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine." (Song of Songs 6:3). This month is a time for reuniting not only with our friends and family, but also with God. God calls to us, and we respond to the divine call, reclaiming our deeply loving relationship with God. This mystical imagery also has an important psychological impact. As we work to face all that we have done wrong, neglected, and failed at, we might descend into despair. The acronym that is the name of the month suggest that we are loved, desired, claimed, and embraced, even in the midst of our shortcomings. Only with this abiding sense of ultimate well-being and acceptance can we undertake the crucial work of repentance that the month calls us to do.

As the staff and lay leaders prepare to give you a most-meaningful High Holy Day experience, I ask you to ask yourselves for your own preparation: What have I not done to the best of my ability in the past year? Where can I do better? What do I want to carry with me into the New Year? What do I want to leave behind?

As we ask these questions of ourselves, I invite you to the official beginning of our High Holy Day season with Selichot, on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30PM. We will ceremonially change our Torah scroll coverings to their High Holy Day white robes, and engage in conversation about how we can transform ourselves in the year ahead.

I hope that the conclusion to 5779 is a meaningful one, and I look forward to seeing you soon for the start of 5780.

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## JOIN US FOR OUR NON-JEW CREW EVENT

Wednesday, September 11th at 7:30 PM at  
Hardywood Brewery - West Creek location

"Why are we going to shul so much?" An open and informative conversation with Rabbi Hal about the fall Jewish Holidays: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot, their importance to both Jews and Non-Jews



## Your Life. Your Legacy . Donor Profile: Jeffrey Scharf & Amy Melnick-Scharf

### 1. Why was it important to leave a legacy for our community and future generations?

*Although we are both originally from Long Island, New York and spent nearly 25 years building their careers and families in Northern Virginia, we have called Richmond VA home for nearly 5 years and have felt particularly welcomed by the Richmond Jewish community. We have been so impressed by the vitality, passion and caring of the Richmond Jewish community and want to do our part to help preserve the organizations we value to help ensure their future viability and success.*

*We are grateful for the many, many individuals who made sacrifices to build the Jewish institutions we have here in Richmond and do not want to take for granted that they will be here for future generations.*

### 2. Which Richmond organizations did you include as beneficiaries, and why?

*One of the things we like about the Life and Legacy program is that our wishes can change over time as we get to know more organizations; but for now, we have focused on three organizations where we have devoted most of our time and volunteer efforts. Our Congregational family, Congregation Or Atid that has welcomed us into the fold so warmly, Jewish Community Federation of Richmond that does so much for the entire Jewish community here, the Commonwealth, in Israel and the world; and Gesher Jewish Day School in Northern Virginia where our children Jonah (22) and Talia (19), (and us!) were educated and have so many special memories. We hope to include others as we become more involved in their mission.*

### 3. How did you decide how to formalize your legacy commitments?

*We set up a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) and created the Scharf Family Endowment at Richmond Jewish Foundation. We currently fund the DAF and will provide in our wills for a portion of our estate to go to the Endowment Fund.*

### 4. How easy was it for you to formalize your commitments?

*First of all, the easiest part of the Life and Legacy program, and the part we think is the most misunderstood, is that there is no financial transaction during our lifetime. Jeff is a volunteer with the program with Congregation Or Atid and finds this is still the biggest misconception – there is no “donation” to the Life and Legacy program. Formalizing our commitment was pretty easy as we were already committed to doing estate planning (it is such a relief to do!) and this just became an important part of it. It is something that many people put off (estate planning) for so many reasons but we are so happy we took care of this. It really is a “gift” to your children/heirs to take care of these plans now. We both ascribe to the philosophy that “you can’t take it with you” and what better way to make a difference in the future of our Jewish community than to contribute to the organizations that made a such a positive difference in our lives and in so many others.*

### 5. How do you hope your leaving a Legacy to our Richmond community inspires others to do the same?

*Hopefully more people will understand that everyone can make difference no matter their current financial status. Designating an IRA, a portion of life insurance, a % of your estate or a specific amount – the choices are numerous and it all will make a difference and will have an impact on the future viability and vibrancy of our Jewish community. Knowing that our entire community, across the spectrum of observance and affiliation, is engaged in our communal future is very inspiring and leaves us hopeful that the future of the Richmond Jewish community is bright.*

### 6. Anything else you'd like our community to know about your experience with the LIFE & LEGACY program?

*Please join us! It was easy to do and painless (in fact, it feels good!) There is no current financial commitment now, however participating in the Life and Legacy Program means you are taking concrete steps and doing a huge mitzvah now to help our community in the future.*

Please contact Legacy Director Lauren Plotkin to learn more about formalizing your commitment and how to make a lasting impact in our community through the LIFE & LEGACY program: 804.545.8624 or [lauren@rifoundation.org](mailto:lauren@rifoundation.org).

# Information and Upcoming Events <sup>4</sup>

## Schedule of Services for the High Holy Days 5779 - 5780

Day	Date	Time	Event
Saturday	September 21st	7:30 PM	Selichot Program and Services
Sunday	September 29th	7:30 PM	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
Monday	September 30th	9:00 AM	Rosh Hashanah, First Day Morning Service (Service concludes at 1:00 PM)
		10:00 AM	Youth Services for Preschool-5th Grade
		4:30 PM	Tashlikh at Raintree Country Club Lake
Tuesday	October 1st	9:00 AM	Rosh Hashanah, Second Day Morning Service
Friday	October 4th	6:15 PM	Erev Shabbat Shuvah
Saturday	October 5th	10:00 AM	Shabbat Shuvah
Sunday	October 6th	3:00 PM	Cemetery Visitation (Please schedule in advance)
Tuesday	October 8th	6:15 PM	Kol Nidre (6:00 PM Minchah)
Wednesday	October 9th	9:00 AM	Yom Kippur Morning Services (Yizkor at 1:00 PM; Services conclude at 2:00 PM)
		10:00 AM	Youth Services for Preschool-5th Grade
		4:00 PM	Study Session with Rabbi Hal
		5:30 PM	Minchah
		6:15 PM	Ne'ilah
		7:15 PM	Ma'ariv and Blowing of Shofar (7:35 PM)
Monday	October 14th	10:00 AM	Sukkot, First Day Festival Service
Saturday	October 19th	10:00 AM	Shabbat <i>Chol Ha-Moed</i> Sukkot Services
		7:30 PM	Sukkot Celebration at the home of Rabbi Hal and Jena Schevitz
Sunday	October 20th	5:00 PM	<b>No Morning Hebrew School—Simchat Torah Celebration as Hebrew School with dinner</b>
Monday	October 21st	10:00 AM	Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Festival with Yizkor

### High Holy Days at Congregation Or Atid – All Are Welcome

Congregation Or Atid, an egalitarian, progressive Conservative synagogue, invites you to join us for our uplifting, participatory High Holiday services and weekly Shabbat services. We are a small, diverse congregation that welcomes all Jews to our community, including interfaith and LGBTQ families. All are welcome to attend our High Holiday Services. If you are new to the area, or have never attended our High Holiday services, we welcome you to join us. If you are a returning non-member guest, we are happy to have you join us again, and we suggest a contribution to our Congregation to help offset administrative and security expenses. Engaging children's services will be conducted and babysitting will be available.

Given the need for tightened security at Jewish institutions, we ask that all non-members, whether new or joining us again, make reservations in advance by contacting our office at 804 740-4747 or visiting [www.oratid.org](http://www.oratid.org) so we will know to expect you. Please bring a valid ID to present on your arrival at the synagogue.

## Yizkor Book Form

**YIZKOR BOOK 2019-2020**  
**Deadline for changes is September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Each year, Congregation Or Atid publishes a Book of Remembrance with the names of our departed loved ones. This booklet is used at the Yizkor Services on Yom Kippur and also during Yizkor Services during Sukkot, Pesach and Shavuot. **NOW** is the time to make any corrections, additions or deletions to the names that will be published in the 2019-2020 (5780) booklet.

**THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR CHANGES IS September 20th, 2019**

Please send the form and payment information to Marilyn Wiener. If paying by check, please make your check payable to Congregation Or Atid and indicate in the memo section that it is for the Yizkor Book. If you want to charge your listing, please indicate that on the form with your account information.

**If we do not hear from you, your listing will be the same as last year and your account will be billed for that listing. If you had a death in the last year, you must send in the information, as it will not be added unless we hear from you.**

The costs for listings are as follows: **(Please note that married couples count as two listings.)**

1-3 Names	\$18
4-6 Names	\$36
7+ Names	\$54

If you have any questions about your listing, please call Marilyn Wiener at 804 740-6856.  
 If you have any billing questions, please call Wanda at the synagogue office 804 740-4747.

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YIZKOR BOOK 2019-2020 – Deadline for changes is September 20th, 2019  
 CORRECTIONS/DELETIONS/ADDITIONS (List married couples on same line.)

Name of Congregant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number (MC or Visa only) \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Send form and checks to: Marilyn Wiener  
 10509 Thistledown Drive  
 Henrico, VA 23233

### Turn that extra tax refund around and help Or Atid

Almost everyone who filed a Virginia tax return last year will be getting an extra refund this October. That \$110 (or \$220 for joint filers) is found money and a great opportunity for you to dedicate a Siddur or Chumash [www.oratid.org](http://www.oratid.org) (Support Or Atid tab Prayer Book dropdown), sponsor a Kiddush [www.oratid.org](http://www.oratid.org) (Support Or Atid tab Oneg/Kiddush dropdown) or donate to our endowment fund [www.rjfoundation.org](http://www.rjfoundation.org) (COA Endowment dropdown) and support Congregation Or Atid.

Don't pass up this great opportunity to help make a difference in our Congregational community.

## Helen and Sam Kornblau Religious School News

**Sunday, September 8th, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Families are invited to Congregation Or Atid to kick off the 2019 school year for the Kornblau Religious School! The first day of school brings students and families back together, ready for new opportunities the new year will bring. Meet our new, creative team of teachers as we continue along our Jewish Journey, exploring our culture, our heritage, and our own family histories. We make Jewish learning engaging, meaningful, and fun! Registration forms will be available onsite during the first day of school. Forms and the 2019-2020 school calendar can also be found on our website at [www.oratid.org/education](http://www.oratid.org/education). For more information, please call Or Atid at (804) 740-4747 or email Alison Litvin at [relscool@oratid.org](mailto:relscool@oratid.org)

**BACK TO SCHOOL**  
**September 6th**  
**SHABBARBEQUE**

Music By  
 Marcy Horwitz

Dinner at  
 6:15 PM

Hear from our  
 Sisisky Fellows  
 Amanda Braun & Alison Litvin

We'll have hamburgers, hotdogs, & other yummy stuff!

**RSVP REQUESTED BY SEPTEMBER 3RD**  
 Via our website [www.oratid.org](http://www.oratid.org), through our Weekly Highlights, or  
 Contact the Office at 804.740.4747

**VEGETARIAN & GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE**  
**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!**

### School Calendar 2019/20

Shalom Yeladim (Pre-K):	Sunday 9:00 - 11:00 AM 9/8 & 9/22
Kindergarten - 2nd Grade:	Sunday 9:00 AM - Noon
3rd Grade - 7th Grade:	Tuesday 4:15 - 6:15 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM - Noon
Machon 8th - 9th Grade:	Every other Sunday 9:30 AM - Noon 9/8 & 9/22

## Information and Upcoming Events

Please join us for

# Youth Services

(PREK-5TH GRADE)

TO CELEBRATE ROSH HASHANAH

10:00 -  SEPT  
11:00 AM 30

FEATURING AN  
APPLE + HONEY TASTING  
FOR A SWEET NEW YEAR

FOR QUESTIONS, OR TO  
VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT  
ALISON LITVIN:  
RELSCHOOL@ORATID.ORG

HOPE  
TO  
SEE  
YOU  
THERE!

Please join us for

# Youth Services

(PREK-5TH GRADE)

TO CELEBRATE YOM KIPPUR

10:00 -  OCT  
11:00 AM 9

FEATURING A COLORFUL  
TASHLICH CEREMONY  
AND MEDITATIVE WALK FOR  
PERSONAL REFLECTION

FOR QUESTIONS, OR TO  
VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT  
ALISON LITVIN:  
RELSCHOOL@ORATID.ORG

### LOOK WHO'S GOING

From April 21st-30th, 2020, Congregation Or Atid is excited to join the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Mission to Israel, A Sherry Rose Mission, will take the Richmond Jewish community on a transformational journey across Israel. This unforgettable trip in partnership with Richmond synagogues as well as agencies will be a community-wide experience of a lifetime. With different interest tracks of your choosing and dynamic programs, perfect for first time visitors or Israeli travel pro's participants will be treated to amazing sights from the Western Wall to the innovation of Start-up Nation to exciting thought leaders and experts while staying in top rated hotels. Join us as we travel across Israel as a community.

Contact Amanda Braun (804 545-8621 or [ABraun@JewishRichmond.org](mailto:ABraun@JewishRichmond.org)) to learn more.

All Mission Participants will be invited to participate in the 2021JCFR annual Campaign

Sherry Rose Memorial Mission Fund of RJF and JCFR are providing a substantial subsidy for the



APRIL 21-30, 2020

ISRAEL

85th ANNIVERSARY MISSION

Jewish Community Federation of Richmond

Community Mission to Israel

*A Sherry Rose Mission*

April 21-30, 2020

Chairs: Dawn & Stuart Siegel, Loni & Jay Schwartz, Ruth & Brian Greene

Join us for the trip of a lifetime!

## Celebrations

### Simchah Shabbat – 1st Friday of Every Month

**Celebrating a birthday next month? An anniversary?  
Something good happen in your life?**

Please join us for Shabbat night services on the first Friday of every month (September 6th) for special recognition and a blessing upon the joyous event happening in your life!



### Celebrations for September



Amanda Harris	1st	Don and Amy Unger	6th
Emory Brown	2nd	Philip and Lila Block	7th
Don Unger	4th	Frank and Lisa Senger	13th
Jason Gwaltney	5th	Joshua and Lynn Landesman	14th
Peggy Koller	7th	Amanda Harris and Allan Noah	16th
Richard Malkman	7th	Richard and Elise Malkman	22nd
Sandra Perschetz	8th	Paul and Ann Ottens	25th
Allen Ramberg	8th	Ralph and Sandy Mayer	29th
Ulyana Pekar	9th		
Jessica Grob	10th		
Alison Litvin	12th		
Sharon Fink	13th		
Joel Zachar	14th		
Inna Marcus	14th		
Edith Gross	15th		
Philip Block	17th		
Fran Todras	18th		
Paul Cohen	19th		
Jodi Cohen	19th		
Lisa Marie Garcia	19th		
Sam Richardson	20th		
London Hart	22nd		
Sam Tinsley	22nd		
Robert Fix	24th		
Myra Isaacs	25th		
Robert Levy	26th		
Mary Kornblau	27th		
Oliver Noah	27th		
Rebecca Curry	30th		
Patricia Ramberg	30th		

*Happy Anniversary!!  
Mazel Tov!!*

#### Thank You Oneg and Kiddush Sponsors for August

Thank you to Maya Eckstein for sponsoring the Oneg and Kiddush luncheon on August 23rd and 24th in celebration of their son, Avi Burton's Bar Mitzvah



Thank you to Amy and Andrew Herman for sponsoring the Friday night Oneg on August 30th in celebration of their niece, Ally Lichtman's Bat Mitzvah

Thank you to Cathy and Norman Herman, Ally's grandparents along with Pam and Seth Lichtman for sponsoring the Saturday Kiddush luncheon on August 31st in celebration of Ally's Bat Mitzvah.

#### Mazel Tov to both families!



*Happy Birthday!!*

*Mazel Tov!!*

#### We Are Here For You

If you are ill, have an upcoming surgery, or are in distress, your Or Atid family would like to help. Please contact the office to ensure your spiritual needs are taken care of.

**A special thank you** for our lawn & maintenance volunteers for keeping the grass cut and the light bulbs changed.

## Thank You for Your Generous Donations

### Yahrzeit Fund

Robert and Elise Buncher in memory of Fred Buncher  
 Bob and Fran Resnick in memory Philip Resnick  
 Ulyana Pekar in memory of Fanya Pekar  
 Paul and Ann Ottens in memory of Frieda Feit  
 Stan and Mickey Corn in memory of Rose Kaminsky Luterman  
 Stan and Mickey Corn in memory of Rose Goldhammer Luterman  
 Dianna Gabay in memory of Howard Gabay  
 Barry Simon in memory of Fred Simon  
 Barbara Cohen in memory of William Lippman  
 Franklin and Sandra Levin in memory of George Lessner  
 Roberta Berman in memory of Dorothy Shavell  
 Charlotte Weinberg in memory of Jack Bloom

### General Synagogue Fund

Stan and Mickey Corn towards Shabbarbeque dinners  
 Michael and Ruth Schoenhaut towards the 8/16 Shabbarbeque  
 desserts in memory of Ruth's mother, Gloria Raphael  
 Jeff and Stacye Samuels towards the 8/16 Shabbarbeque dinner in recognition  
 of their nephew and our guitar accompanist, Zach Samuels  
 Lisa and Leon Roday



DONATION FORM	
For your donations to one of the funds listed below, please mail this form or call:	
Marilyn Wiener 10509 Thistledown Dr. Henrico, VA 23233 (804) 740-6856	OR Mickey Corn 200 Clarke Road Manakin Sabot, VA 23103 (804) 784-2676
In Honor Of: _____	
In Memory Of: _____	
For a Speedy Recovery ___ Mazel Tov ___ Other: _____	
From: _____	To: _____
Apply my donation to the following fund:	
Funds please check one:	Method of Payment:
<input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Keeper Floral Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Library Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Helen and Sam Kornblau Religious School Education Fund	Check: # _____ \$ _____ Credit Card # _____ \$ _____ Exp. Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: Please send this donation directly to Dr Atid attention Rabbi.	
YOUR DONATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED	

**BOOK CLUB Reading time begins again September 18th, 2019:** Our Or Atid Book Club welcomes all women in the congregation to join us every six weeks or so to read and discuss a variety of (mostly) novels. We read, discuss, chat and nosh. **Fall schedule:** - all meetings are Wednesdays at 7:30 PM  
**September 18th: Small Great Things** by Jodi Picoult; **October 30th - Educated: A Memoir** by Tara Westover; **December 11th - The Lost Vintage** by Ann Mah. Hope to see you then.  
 Sonya Brockstein 804 539-8705 [sonya.brockstein@gmail.com](mailto:sonya.brockstein@gmail.com)

### The Corners of Our Fields

“This is the fast I have chosen ... to share bread with the hungry” [Isaiah 58]



**FeedMore: Central Virginia’s Core Hunger-Relief Organization faces increased demand and needs our support now more than ever**



Please take a bag home and RETURN it to Congregation Or Atid on YOM KIPPUR or by the next Sunday School, with your contribution of non-perishable (unopened) food for the needy in our community. Drop off boxes are located inside our main entry doors. Please fill more than one bag if you can.

**We urgently need the following: (NO GLASS OR HOME-CANNED FOODS)**

**Canned Meats/Protein**

- Tuna
- Chicken
- Luncheon Meats
- Meat Spreads
- Peanut Butter
- Mixed Vegetables

**Canned Stews & Soups**

- Chili
- Beef Stew
- Ravioli
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Vegetable Beef Soup

**Canned Vegetables**

- Green Beans
- Corn
- Peas
- Potatoes
- Leafy Greens

**Grains, Boxed Pasta & Sauces**

- Boxed Cereals
- Oatmeal
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Pasta and Spaghetti Sauce
- Boxed Rice



**Canned Fruits**

- Peaches
- Pears
- Fruit Cocktail
- Applesauce
- Dried Beans

Visit [feedmore.org](http://feedmore.org) to learn more about the organization and to make cash donations.

**Sponsored by Congregation Or Atid’s Social Action and Justice Committee**

Thank you so much!

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Merle Kahn 804 363-4584  
[kahnms@comcast.net](mailto:kahnms@comcast.net)

**What is the Social Action and Justice Committee?** As defined in our Constitution:

“This committee is charged with developing and implementing congregational activities designed to support the value of Tikkun Olam. These activities may include, but are not limited to: visiting the sick, providing assistance to congregants and their families, organizing programs to promote awareness of social issues, and participating in interfaith activities that support fundamental Jewish values.”

**Which activities will you support in 2019 - 2020?**

**Corners of Our Fields**

As we prepare to fast on Yom Kippur, it is time to start filling bags with non-perishable, unopened food items (NO GLASS JARS) for FeedMore, Central Virginia’s core hunger-relief organization. Drop off boxes are located inside our main entry doors

**FeedMore Backpack Program**

During the 2018 – 2019 school year we helped fill 5000 weekend bags for hungry children in the Greater Metro Richmond community. FeedMore greatly appreciates our volunteers and the time we have contributed. We are looking forward to resuming our work when the Backpack Program starts up again in this fall. Dates to be determined.

**Beth Sholom Food Pantry** – We have been contacted on behalf of Beth Sholom Woods, an apartment building for low income seniors and those with a disability, to join with all the Jewish organizations in the Greater Richmond and Tri-Cities area to provide donation to their Food Pantry. SAJC has agreed to provide non-food donations, including Laundry Detergent (PODS for HD machines preferred), Soap, Dish Soap, Tooth Paste, Cleaning Products, and Paper Items (Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Napkins) on a quarterly schedule.

**Our Shepherds Way Christmas Morning Breakfast** – Our Shepherds Way provides breakfast to people without homes in the city throughout the year. We would shop for and provide the ingredients before Christmas. We would arrive to serve breakfast and distribute clothes, emergency food and toiletries Christmas morning.

**Doorways** – The Doorways organization provides housing for patients and their family members being treated at MCV. We will provide Sunday brunch to family members a few times during the year. We will need shoppers, cooks and servers the day of brunch. We can prepare breakfast onsite or bring from home. Older children are welcome to participate with their parents.

**Or Atid Social Action needs your support to meet our goals. Please let us know how you would like to participate in these activities.** Sandy Weiner 804 513-6153 sandybethweiner@gmail.com or Merle Kahn 804 363-4584 kahnms@comcast.net

Ongoing Ways to Support

Congregation Or Atid Endowment Fund

**Helen and Sam Kornblau Religious School Support**

- ◆ Don't forget to link your **Kroger Card** to our new Non-Profit Organization #NY766.
- ◆ Link your **Publix account** to their Publix Partners program using our school name....**both Kroger & Publix** donate a percentage of all sales to our Helen and Sam Kornblau Religious School

AMAZON is as easy as.....

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1. GO TO OUR WEBSITE ([WWW.ORATID.ORG](http://WWW.ORATID.ORG))
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3. SIGN IN TO YOUR AMAZON ACCOUNT (IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE YOU CAN PROCEED AS A GUEST) AND THEN GO SHOPPING. WHATEVER YOU PURCHASE, AMAZON WILL

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### Yahrzeits for Elul 5779 - Tishrei 5780



Leonard Schwartz	1 Elul	Barbara Landesman	15 Elul
Ralph Malkman	6 Elul	Anna Sherman	15 Elul
Dorothy Grob	7 Elul	Joseph Sherman	15 Elul
David Brown	8 Elul	Ulyana Pekar	16 Elul
Louis Ginsberg	9 Elul	Gertrude Davis	19 Elul
Edith Brochstein	10 Elul	Louisa Weiner	20 Elul
Rose Goldhammer Luterman	10 Elul	Estelle Finer	21 Elul
Dorothy Shavell	11 Elul	Herman Gerstein	22 Elul
Rose Kaminsky Luterman	12 Elul	Joseph Sidenberg	24 Elul
Paul Grob	13 Elul	Pearl Ramberg	25 Elul
Stephen Rubin	13 Elul	Isadore Zfass	27 Elul
Nora Kirkpatrick	14 Elul	Louise Seidenberg	29 Elul
Jacques Farhi	15 Elul		

#### Life Cycle Recognitions

Your Or Atid family would like to celebrate your joyous life-cycle events with you, as well as support you in times of loss when an immediate family member passes away. Please contact the office to let us know about these moments.

#### Candle Lighting

September 6th 7:14 PM	September 13th 7:03 PM
September 20th 6:52 PM	September 27th 6:42 PM