

WE WELCOME YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN GAN CHESD, OUR KINDNESS GARDEN



Our Gan Chesed “Kindness Garden” is built to provide a welcoming, safe outdoor space for educational, holiday, and social programs for all ages including a Jewish-themed garden that offers hands-on learning opportunities. The sensory-based outdoor play area is designed for the inclusion of all children, including those who may be on the autism spectrum, may have a sensory-processing disorder, or other learning/developmental needs. Vegetables and herbs are grown in accessible garden beds, promoting the practice of Tzedakah by donating the harvest to the food pantry at the JCC. Another component is the Memorial Garden to honor Holocaust survivors, victims, and their families, and to provide Holocaust educational opportunities.

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AN EXCITING LAUNCH OF THE GAN CHESSED GARDEN - NOVEMBER 2021



Students from our religious school helped launch our Gan Chessed Garden of Kindness. Assisted by their caring teachers, helpful congregants, and delightful landscaping staff, the children planted 250 daffodil bulbs as part of our living Holocaust Memorial Garden and in support of children suffering humanitarian crises in the world today. Special thanks to AM Yisrael Chai, the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond and the Richmond Jewish Foundation for their support and grant contributions.



GIRL SCOUTS HELPING OR ATID!



Or Atid partnered with a Girl Scout troop 709 G that volunteered to build standing garden boxes for Gan Chesed. We appreciate their hard work and look forward to planting in the boxes this spring.



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Or Atid partnered with Eagle Scout Troop 706 Cardinal District, Heart of Virginia Council that volunteered to build the U-shaped garden boxes for Gan Chesed. We appreciate their hard work.



Garden Progress





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