



Congregation Or Atid Connections

Connecting community with spirituality

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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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SERVICES

Friday - 6:15 PM Services

Saturday - 10:00 AM Services

preceded by 9:00 AM Torah Study

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**Annual COA Meeting
followed by a cookout
Sunday, June 3rd
4:00 PM**

Please join your fellow members to partake in votes continuing to make COA the awesome Shul it is.

Please let the office know if you will be attending.



Unless you are a Jewish summer camp, things really slow down during the summer in Jewish institutions. With no major holidays, no religious school, and lots of summer travel plans, the summer becomes a time to shift into low gear as we catch our breath and begin to think about all the new things happening in the late summer and fall. While that indeed will happen, I just want to let you know that I'll be disappearing for four weeks this summer.

No, I haven't saved up all my vacation days, just to unload them all at once and go on a four-week pleasure bender. In fact, just the opposite. I'll be taking a 4-week paternal leave at home with Jena, after the (God willing) birth of my second daughter, due June 15th. As I write this, Jena is currently in week 36, so it could be any day now. Based on my previous experience, during my four-week leave, I'll be awake at all hours of the day, up to my elbows in dirty diapers, onesies, and swaddle sacks. My main job for those four weeks will be #1 assistant to my Rockstar of a wife and new mother, who will have a much more difficult job than I. We'll also have to do this while managing to keep happy a 2.5-year-old who will not be getting all the attention she desires.

By the way, I am fully convinced that if men were required to do what women do to bear, birth, and suckle newborns, the human race would quickly die out. In opening chapters of the Torah, we read that, after eating the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, Adam was cursed to work to provide sustenance, while Eve was cursed to bear children in pain. This is phrased in the form of a punishment, but it reads like an etiological myth, a story explaining why things are the way they are. Eve clearly got the tougher job, but as the mother of all humanity, she was more than up to the task.

Luckily, we planned this birth during the slowest time of the year for the congregation. While not a lot will be happening in the next few weeks following our annual meeting, I'll be leaving you in good hands, with some of our skilled lay leaders to arrange Shabbat services, and a local rabbi to cover any funeral emergencies, should there be one (God forbid). So, be on the lookout for news about a new Schevitz baby in the next few weeks.

Plus, I've already got a bunch of great ideas that I want to get working on when I return: meaningful and inspiring High Holy Day services, programs that engage our interfaith families, collaboration and partnership with a local church, collaborations with other synagogues and the JCC, year-round Shabbarbeques, and more. Speaking of Shabbarbeques, our first one is July 27th, which is our first big event after I'm back. Hope to see you all there.

Have a great summer!





May was a busy month here at Congregation Or Atid.

On May 5th, we had a new member Shabbat arranged by Fran Todras and committee, plus an Aufruf for Jeffrey Kornblau and Tania Kalentzos. This Shabbat service was followed by a lovely Kiddush luncheon prepared by our O & K committee.

On May 13th, the YEC committee hosted a Mother's Day brunch for the mothers and grandmothers of the students in our religious school, as well as recognized all of our great teachers.

On May 19th, Lori Shiffman and the Adult Education committee, put on a program entitled "Are you Jewishly fulfilled?" At this Spiritual Nosh, Rabbi Hal led us the conversation as we explored how we engage with the mitzvot and if and how they bring meaning to our lives. Refreshments were provided by our great volunteers.

On May 20th, we had Shavuot services with Yizkor, joined by the 6-10 grades and their parents for the main service, while the K-5 grades had a special family service at 11 AM. After services, both groups came together for a pot-luck luncheon for the whole congregation.

On May 22th, we hosted a community event called "Anti-Semitism Nationally & Locally: A Clear-Eyed Conversation," led by Doni Fogel, Director of Jewish Community Relations & Israel and Overseas Programming Jewish Community Federation of Richmond.

Hopefully you attended these events and benefitted from the hard work and great programming put on by our dedicated volunteers.

On June 3rd, we will hold our annual meeting at 4:00 PM, where we will approve next year's budget and amendments to the constitution, elect new board members, and give awards to deserving congregants. I would like to thank Norm Geller, Merle Kahn, and Jeff Scharf for working on the proposed changes to our constitution. After the meeting, join us for a congregational cookout. I hope to see everyone there.

Lastly, I would like to thank our Life & Legacy Committee Chair, Art Todras, who secured 27 commitments from our congregants that will help us in the future, as well as the more immediate benefit of receiving grant money from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.



Adult Education In May

On Saturday, May 19th, congregants attended Erev Shavuot services and the “Are you Jewishly fulfilled?” Spiritual Nosh. While enjoying cheesecake, brownies, and other sweets, those in attendance engaged in lively discussions about why we do mitzvot and what about Judaism brings meaning to our lives. Attendees talked about the difference between interpersonal and ritual mitzvot, what the point of all these rules are, and how each person’s upbringing has impacted how they currently understand their practice and their Judaism. It was a thought-provoking and meaningful conversation, and a great time was had by all!

On Tuesday, May 22nd, Or Atid hosted a community event led by Doni Fogel of the Jewish Community Federation about the rise in Anti-Semitism on a national and local level. Doni shared with the community a wealth of information, including threatening personalities to be on the lookout for, and organizations that monitor them and protect us from them. The most important takeaways were that we should be maintaining and building relationships with local law enforcement, as well as live by the “See something, say something” mantra. While it was a sobering conversation, all 60+ members and guests from the community that attended left with a hopeful and disciplined way of approaching the challenge of Anti-Semitism in our time. We appreciate the time and knowledge Doni shared with us.





Sandy Weiner

Mitzvah Corps

Merle Kahn



Caritas

Tuesday May 8th Or Atid partnered with Welbourne Methodist Church to pack 98 sandwiches for Caritas which is now being housed downtown. Food was donated by Tom McClish, Merle Kahn and Sandy Weiner.

Thank you so much!

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



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Book Club

Sonya Brockstein

Wednesday, June 27th is the date for our next Or Atid Book Club Meeting. We will be reading "Two Old Women: An Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival" by Velma Wallis. We will also be looking at what we want to read and discuss in the coming year. We have a tentative list (which I can email to you - just ask) and are looking for additional suggestions. So please join us, and let me know if you can host this end-of-year get together.

Thanks and hope to see you soon!

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Save the
Date!

**SHABBARBEQUES
ARE COMING
JULY 27
AUGUST 10 & 17
6:15 PM**

Our popular Shabbarbeques are coming! Join us for a friends and family service followed by a casual dinner. Please bring your family, friends, and invite prospective members. Stay tuned for more information.

If you'd like to **sponsor or host** please contact the office at 804 -740 -4747



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-
June 1st- for special recognition and a blessing upon the joyous event
happening in your life!

Welcome

We welcome returning members Marci Weinberg, Jay Rue, and
Charlotte Weinberg to our COA family.



Celebrations for June



Happy Birthday!!

Mazel Tou!!

Gary Agisim
Howard Casway
Ann Kaplan
Tomomi Rubin
Robert Shayne
Rosalie Saxon
Melissa Bunce
Barry Kornblau
Rebecca Lyons
Syral Specter
Dave Weiss
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Elaine Hilowitz
Helmut Petersiel
Neil Burton
Leo Shoval
Barry Simon

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David and Barbara Cohen
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Ethan and Emily Greenberg
Michael and Eleonora Yetsin
Bob and Frances Resnick
Philip and Jodi Perschetz
Robert and Elise Buncher
Michael Kornstein and
Ann Kaplan
Tom and Donna McClish
Tim and Michal Coffey
Paul and Marci Cohen
Sam and Amy Richardson
Joseph and Maria Farhi
Adam and Jodi Cohen
Franklin and Sandra Levin
Mitchell and Eileen Appelrouth

Happy Anniversary!!

Mazel Tou!!

Charles and Sandra Perschetz
Helmut and Iris Petersiel
Daniel and Gail Elmakis
Raymond and Nilda Farhi
Ann Battle Macheras and
Peter Macheras

Helen and Sam Kornblau Religious School News Rabbi Ilan Pardo Education Director

May was a short month for our students since we had classes for the first two weeks only. However, it was quite meaningful as we managed to do and learn a lot!

We discussed the Omer. The Omer is the time between Pesach and Shavuot. During this time we count the days until we reach Shavuot and we try to remember to be kind to each other. This is the mitzvah of V'ahavta Lereacha Kamocha, love your neighbor like you love yourself. We learned this mitzvah from Rabbi Akiva who lived a long time ago and he taught many students who were mean to each other. We discussed ways we can be kind to our family and friends. We made friendship bracelets to exchange with our friends.

Moving on to celebrating Shavuot, we had a family service for our younger students in which we learned from Rabbi Pardo the meaning of the holiday, and why it is so important to celebrate it. We joined the rest of the congregation for a delicious dairy lunch!

We reviewed the Aleph Bet and played different games to help us recognize the letters. We made a Hebrew dictionary for some of the words they have learned. We went over words from alef to tav.

We took a virtual road trip through Israel, exploring the country via slideshow. We saw just how little Israel is, comparing it to the US and other states. Even though it's small, Israel is still packed with geographical diversity, and we got to explore some of the different parts of the country. We went hiking in the Negev Desert, scuba diving in Eilat, checked out some ancient ruins in Caesarea and Jericho, and went skiing atop Mt Hermon. We saw the holy city of Jerusalem and how it was a spiritual place for all people, and we saw Tel Aviv as the unofficial capital of fun! With beaches for miles, all sorts of street food to try, and a shuk with everything you could need, what's not to love about the city?

We continued to learn about the weekly Torah portions and biblical stories. We advanced with our Hebrew letters, word recognition, and the names of the colors in Hebrew. We played matching games to help learn and review. We finished reviewing the Hebrew months. Rabbi Pardo visited each grade to observe learning progress.

Our older students continued to learn the structure and content of Shabbat services, and continue to participate in leading Shabbat morning services once a month. Come see us and observe how much we learned!

All of our students enjoyed multiple learning activities led by our wonderful faculty as we continue to plan and strive for a successful school year.

We celebrated the last Sunday of school on Mother's Day, along with teacher appreciation day. We prepared beautiful flower bouquets for our moms and teachers and had breakfast with them. We celebrated the last Tuesday of school with a hot dog feast!

Rabbi Pardo would like to see our students and families attend more services on a regular basis, especially now that we are taking a summer break from Religious School! Attending services will enhance everyone's Hebrew reading ability, a skill which Rabbi Pardo encourages all to master, students and adults alike.

Many thanks to the YEC members, parents, and other volunteers who helped us have such a great 2017/2018 school year.

Wishing you all a happy summer break filled with fun activities.
See you all next school year!



Daniel Seth Auerbach, will graduate from the Math & Science High School at Clover Hill as a member of the National Honor Society and recipient of a President's Award for Educational Excellence. While at Clover Hill he spent his first three years as a member of New Dimensions, the school's premier show choir. In his senior year he received an Outstanding Student Award for video production, and co-wrote and directed this year's 'Math/Sci movie', a film that is shown at the senior class convocation. This summer he will participate in a Birthright trip to Israel with his sister, Hannah, and fellow Or Atid graduate Rachel Schwartz. This fall Daniel will attend Virginia Tech where he will study computer science in their College of Engineering.

Zack Samuels is graduating in June from Freeman High School, and will be starting in the fall at George Mason University, studying Business and Psychology. We are so proud of all he has accomplished, including serving on the board of Monarchs AZA, President of FBLa, and as a Madrich at Or Atid ever since his Bar Mitzvah. He is looking forward to his next 4 years of college, and we are looking forward to season tickets to GMU basketball!

Talia Scharf is graduating from Godwin High School with honors and will be attending American University, School of Communications in Washington DC majoring in Public Relations.

Ethan Schlusel is graduating from J.R. Tucker High School and the Center for Spanish Language and Global Citizenship. He will be attending the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia. He has declared as a Mechanical Engineer major with intentions of declaring a Spanish minor. He has been awarded, and has accepted, an Institute Scholar Program scholarship as well as an Air Force ROTC scholarship.

If you have a school aged child attending our wonderful Sam and Helen Kornblau Religious School please pick up a registration form on the lobby table, visit our website, or [Click Here](#) to print and fill out. Please turn into the office by July 30th.



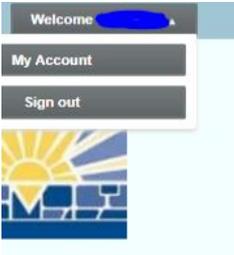
School Calendar 2018/19

Shalom Yeladim (Pre-K):	Sunday, 9:00 – 11:00 AM
Kindergarten – 2nd Grade:	Sundays Only, 9:00 AM – Noon
3rd – 7th Grades:	Tuesdays 4:15 – 6:15 PM and Sundays 9:00 AM – Noon
Machon 8th – 10th Grades:	Sundays 10:30 AM – Noon
Machon 11th – 12th Grades:	Sunday at Noon

Hot Topic at Or Atid

**Just a reminder that ShulCloud has launched.
If you have not visited, please do so and log in to view your
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When you log in to your account, this is what you'll see:



Once you log in, you will see this, where you can click *My Account*, to ensure all of your information is correct. If you make any changes, hit *Save Changes to Person*. * Each person with an email address will create their own email login and password. Please review your account and make any updates if need be. As you can see above, there are many sections for you to view and edit.

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My Billing: Your donations

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My Members: Your family

My Yahrzeits: You can add here

If you need any help or have any questions please feel free to call the office at 804-740-4747 and we can walk you through it. We hope you will enjoy our new site!

Thank You Oneg and Kiddush Sponsors for May

We would like to thank The Rubin family for sponsoring the Kiddush May 5th in honor of the marriage of Jeffery Kornblau and Tania Kalentzos.

We would like to thank Rosalie Saxon for sponsoring the Kiddush May 19th in memory of her mother, Gertrude Weiser.



Thank You for Your Generous Donations!

Yahrzeit Fund

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 Charles and Sandra Perschetz in memory of S. Philip Perschetz

General Fund

David Jaffe and Judith Voynow towards the annual meeting cookout
 Josh and Lynn Landesman towards the annual meeting cookout
 Ralph and Sandy Mayer towards the annual meeting cookout
 Tom and Donna McClish towards the annual meeting cookout and new member Shabbat luncheon
 Bob and Margo Shayne towards the annual meeting cookout
 Rick and Marilyn Wiener towards the annual meeting cookout and new member Shabbat luncheon
 Kenny Bernstein
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 Rick and Marilyn Wiener in memory of Sanford Pinsker
 Rick and Marilyn Wiener in memory of Allen Finer
 Rick and Marilyn Wiener wishing Fran Todras to feel better
 Sharon and Ron Fink in memory of Sanford Pinsker

Helen and Sam Kornblau Religious School Fund

Glenn and Sandy Weiner in memory of Carol Idlis
 Glenn and Sandy Weiner in memory of Sanford Pinsker

COA Endowment Fund

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 Lisa and Leon Roday in memory of Brad Barshow
 Lisa and Leon Roday in memory of Michael Bloom
 Lisa and Leon Roday in memory of Howard Cohodas
 Lisa and Leon Roday in memory of Ruth Goldman Bloom

Kerper Floral Fund

Norm and Sue Geller in memory of Carol Idlis
 Norm and Sue Geller in memory of Sanford Pinsker



Thank You for Your Generous Donations!

DONATION FORM

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: Please send this donation directly to Or Atid attention Rabbi.

YOUR DONATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Yahrzeits for June

S. Philip Perschetz	Sivan 19	Esther Krause	Tammuz 4
Abi Alberto Pardo	Sivan 23	Shirley Schufeldt	Tammuz 7
Irvin Levin	Sivan 23	Mildred Casway	Tammuz 8
Howard Weinberg	Sivan 24	Michael Zachar	Tammuz 9
Leonard Auerbach	Sivan 25	Dina Bloom	Tammuz 10
Herbert Siegel	Sivan 28	Sarah Kaminsky	Tammuz 11
Ralph Bernstein	Sivan 29	John Callahan	Tammuz 13
Matthew Ginsberg	Sivan 30	Ethel Cohen	Tammuz 13
Colman Schoenhaut	Sivan 30	Hannah Leibowitz	Tammuz 16
William Scher	Tammuz 2	Harry Richman	Tammuz 16
Alec Stark	Tammuz 3	Rose Goldschmidt	Tammuz 17
Eugene Wiener	Tammuz 3		

Candle Lighting

June 1st 8:07 PM
June 22nd 8:16 PM

June 8th 8:11 PM
June 29th 8:17 PM

June 15th 8:14 PM

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.

We send our condolences to Merle Kahn for the loss of her aunt, Carol Idlis.

We send our condolences to Mark Pinsker for the loss of his brother, Sanford Pinsker.

Don't forget to bring in your **Boxtops** with **Valid Dates Only** to help support The Helen and Sam Kornblau Religious School **Dates Beginning After November 1st, 2018 Please**



Congregation Or Atid Endowment Fund

Go to the Richmond Jewish Foundation website at www.rjfoundation.org. Click on the big green "Click Here to Donate" button on the right side of the screen. Enter the amount you'd like to donate and select the Congregation Or Atid Endowment Fund from the drop down menu under "Fund Designation". Complete the rest of the information including your secure online credit card information and you're done!

If you would rather write a check, please make checks payable to Richmond Jewish Foundation, reference COA Endowment on memo line.

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\$72.00

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