

Congregation Or Atid Highlights

9 Shevat 5784



January 19th 2024



CANDLE LIGHTING

5:02 PM



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Exodus 10:1 – 13:16
Jeremiah 46:13–28



SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday Night 6:00 PM
Saturday Morning 10:00 AM

SHABBAT SERVICES INFORMATION

Friday, January 19th, 6:00 PM

Evening Shabbat service

Pre-Neg at 5:45 PM

In-Person and via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting By Computer:

[Click Here to Join By Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 876 1772 6755

Passcode: 000771

Saturday, January 20th, 10:00 AM

Shabbat Morning Service

In-Person and via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting By Computer:

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Meeting ID: 669 242 126

Passcode: 000771

Please be aware that speed bumps have been added to the side entrance of our parking lot. Enter slowly

For All Zoom users please [Click Here for a RA approved temporarily PDF of the New Siddur](#)

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COA Latest Happenings

We had about 50 people at our **Musical Havdalah** last Saturday, where everyone enjoyed the beautiful melodies of our guest violinist, Leonid Prymak, followed by delicious sweets. We are looking forward to our next Musical Kabbalat Shabbat and Musical Havdalah on February 16th & 17th

Connections is our monthly newsletter sent at the beginning of each month. If you would like to share an article, photos, or have questions please send them via email to Connections Editor, Ruth Schoenhaut at ruthscho54@gmail.com.

The Board of Governors asks that you be considerate of others when attending services. Please stay home if you are not feeling well or if a member of your household has tested positive for Covid. Wearing a mask inside the synagogue is optional but recommended.
(rev. 3/16/2023)



We had so much fun, with great wine and cheese at our Young Adult **Sip & Schmooze** event last Sunday.

We had a fantastic selection of wines, including Israeli wine, and saw both familiar and new faces.

Thank you everyone for setting up and organizing this event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tu B'Shevat Program Thursday, January 25th at 7-8:30 PM

Join us for a lively Tu B'Shvat Seder, and discussion the significance of trees in the Land of Israel and to share our reflections on this topic at this time. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

ATTENTION: GRANDPARENTS & YOUNG FAMILIES

Family Shabbat Experience Friday, February 2nd at 6:00 PM

Join us for our young Family Shabbat experience on Friday, January 5th at 6:00 PM, followed by a kid-friendly Shabbat dinner and desserts [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Baking Rugelach with Bunny Wilks - Sunday, March 3rd, 10:00-12:00. Learn to make rugelach the old-fashioned way and the modern way! A sweet experience awaits – let's bake together! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Congregation Or Atid
Special Weekend Event Featuring:

**RABBI DR. LEILA
GAL BERNER**

FRIDAY, FEB 16TH

5-6PM- Jews Of Spain Lecture

6-8:30PM- Musical Kabbalat Shabbat
With Catered Dinner

SATURDAY, FEB 17TH

10AM-Noon – Shabbat Service with
special D'var Torah by Rabbi Leila

Noon-1:30PM– Jews In Muslim Spain
Kiddush/Lecture

6:30-7PM – Havdalah With Dessert

7-8 PM – Jews Of Uganda Lecture

8-8:45PM– Shirim with Zack Samuels
Sing Along



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Scholar In Residence Special Weekend With Shabbat Dinner Friday - Saturday, February 16th and 17th

Join for a special weekend with Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Dr. Leila Gal Berner. Enjoy Kabbalat Shabbat with dinner, engaging lectures, and a musical Havdalah.

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION
AND INFORMATION](#)

New IAC Class for students
7th-12th Grade
Israel 101 with the Israeli
American Council

When: 6 Sessions beginning 1/21
at 5:00 PM

Where: Congregation Or Atid
and online via ZOOM

Snacks will be served.

This is a FREE program
anonymously donated to the
Synagogue.

Contact Alex Mendez
amendez.zfass@gmail.com with
questions!

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**CONGREGATION OR ATID INVITES ALL 7TH - 12TH
GRADE STUDENTS MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS TO
PARTICIPATE IN THIS FREE PROGRAM: ISRAEL 101
IN-PERSON AND ON ZOOM**

**ISRAEL HOLDS A CENTRAL PLACE IN OUR COLLECTIVE NARRATIVE, AND
THIS COURSE ALLOWS YOU TO CONNECT WITH ITS RICH HISTORY,
LANGUAGE, AND ARTS, RESONATING WITH YOUR OWN LIFE AND FIND
THE CONNECTION TO ISRAEL. EXPLORE ISRAEL'S JOURNEY FROM THE
OTTOMAN EMPIRE TO THE PRESENT. DELVE INTO ITS ESTABLISHMENT,
WARS, AND TRANSFORMATIVE PERIODS THROUGH MAPS, VIDEOS, MUSIC,
AND ART. UNDERSTAND COMPLEX NARRATIVES, FOCUSING ON THE
INTERWAR AND POST-PEACE AGREEMENT PERIODS.**

- **Sunday, January 21st 5:00-6:30 PM Session 1:** Zionism and Arab Nationalism
- **Sunday, February 4th 5:00-6:30 PM Session 2:** The Fall of the Ottoman Empire and the Balfour Declaration
- **Sunday, February 25th 5:00-6:30 PM Session 3:** The British Mandate and Early Jewish Immigration
- **Sunday, March 3rd 5:00-6:30 PM Session 4:** World War II and the Holocaust; The 1948 Arab-Israeli War and the Creation of Israel
- **Sunday, March 10th 5:00-6:30 PM Session 5:** Post-1948 Developments and Contemporary Israel
- **Sunday, March 17th 5:00-6:30 PM Session 6:** Start-Up Nation: Strong Economy, Science, Technology and Innovations

Jewish Community Events

Join Jewish Community Federation of Richmond, JCRC, and Hadassah for Virginia Jewish Advocacy Day on **February 7th, 2024, at 8:00 AM**. It's a chance to unite and advocate for key issues with participants from Jewish communities across the Commonwealth. Come to Richmond, meet elected officials, and speak up for our mission.

[Click HERE for more information and registration](#)



All are welcome to join and listen to our
three programs offering diverse viewpoints
on the Crisis in Israel.

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January 18th Noon - Trauma and Health
Perspectives. Day to day life and long-term trauma

Rabbi Sherry will participate in the program on
the 25th

January 25th Noon - Interfaith: Gain insights and
perspectives from beyond the Jewish Community

February 1st Noon - Legal Insight: Explore the legal
dimensions, from International Law to
understanding the laws around speech in
America.Community, fostering interfaith dialogue.

EDUCATION



Trope Classes with Rabbi Sherry online via ZOOM - January 24th & 31st. Torah chanting isn't as complex as it may seem! Whether you're looking to learn the basics or refine your existing skills, these sessions are designed for you. All you need is a foundation in Hebrew reading and a positive, 'let's give it a try' attitude. Join us and discover the joy of Torah chanting!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Join Rabbi Sherry and friends for a weekly **Torah and Conversations** session! Beginning with the Parasha, our discussions delve into various topics inspired by the group's conversation.

Every Thursday from 1 to 2:00 PM. Next session is January 25th.

Attend in person or via Zoom,

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Join us on Zoom for 'Digging Deeper: Fun and Games in Ancient Israel' with Frankie on **Tuesday, February 6th, 7:00-8:00 PM**. Explore game boards and pieces from Ancient Israel, including Roman dice and 'knucklebones.' Each class is a standalone topic, so newcomers are always welcome! Online on ZOOM only

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

COA Book Club

Upcoming reads include "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus (**Feb 21st**), and "A Long Petal of the Sea" by Isabel Allende (**Apr 3rd**). To join or get more info, email Sandy Mayer at clynemayersd@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATES



WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEE OUR STUDENTS AGAIN THIS SUNDAY FOR OUR TU B'SHEVAT CELEBRATION. WE WILL HAVE A SMALL TU BSEHVAT SEDER, WE WILL WATCH A VIDEO AND DO TU BSHEVAT CRAFTS.



JOIN US Saturday, January 27th at 10:00 AM



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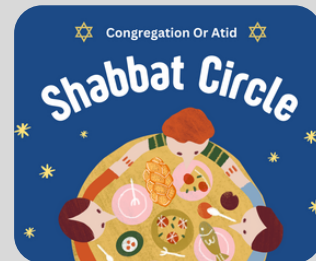
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COA Pathways to Engagement

The Caring Committee offers various forms of support to our members: phone calls, cards for the unwell, home or hospital visits, and celebrating life events like welcoming a new baby with gifts and meals. Reach out to Ellen Bernstein at 804-399-3649 for help or to refer someone. Current Caring Committee needs: Some members need cards, visits, or meals. Please contact Ellen for details.

Come join our SHABBAT CIRCLE

This is a great opportunity to make new friends and spend time with old friends as we *renew* socially and spiritually together. If you would like to *Host a Shabbat Dinner* as part of our Shabbat Circle, please contact the office or you can [Click Here](#) to pick your date on our Sign-up Genius sheet.



REMEMBER WHEN DOING YOUR WEEKLY SHOPPING:

Join our Community Partners who make giving to Congregation Or Atid as easy as everyday shopping!

Just CLICK On Their ICON



Get Involved and Stay Connected: Shabbat Services, Feedback, and Support

Participation in Upcoming Shabbat Services:

Contact Michael Schoenhaut to participate in reading Torah, Haftorah, leading prayers in Hebrew or English, at miru719@gmail.com

The members of the **Leadership Task Force** value your feedback and input. Please don't hesitate to contact the Task Force members at LeadershipTaskForce@oratid.org

Report antisemitic or security incidents related to a Jewish organization to the Secure Community Network (SCN), the safety and security organization for the Jewish community. The Jewish Community Federation of Richmond encourages you to share information on any threats or antisemitic activities you experience or are aware of, whether in person, by phone, mail, social media, or via a flyer left on your doorstep. This helps implement safety strategies, working with law enforcement to address threats. Use the reporting form on the Federation's website: <https://www.jewishrichmond.org/incidentreporting>

If you would like to **sponsor a Kiddush** to recognize a life event, please contact Sandy Mayer 804 822-0604 or Fran Todras 757 692-4263



Gan Chessed Garden



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THE GARDEN, PLEASE
CONTACT SUE GELLER AT: SUSANRGELLER@GMAIL.COM
OR 804-387-7643.

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