

Congregation Or Atid Highlights

16 Shevat 5784



January 26th 2024



CANDLE LIGHTING

5:10 PM



B'SHALACH

Exodus 13:17 – 17:16
Judges 4:4 – 5:31



SHABBAT SERVICE

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

SHABBAT SERVICES INFORMATION

Friday, January 26th, 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 27th, 10:00 AM

2nd-3rd graders

Shabbat Morning Service

In-Person and via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting By Computer:

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Meeting ID: 669 242 126

Passcode: 000771

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

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

In unity, we stand strong with Israel.
Your donation to the Israeli Emergency Fund aids immediate relief and recovery. Support is critical as numbers rise. Contribute today,

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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)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for a **Solidarity Mission to Israel report meeting** on **Thursday, Feb 1, from 7-8 pm**. Get firsthand updates from the Federation group that recently visited Israel. Don't miss this opportunity to stay informed and connected! [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](#)



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

Explore Israel with our new IAC Class! Join for 6 sessions starting 1/28 at 5:00 PM. Attend in person at Congregation Or Atid or online via ZOOM. Enjoy snacks and a FREE program generously donated to the Synagogue. For questions, contact Alex Mendez at amendez.zfass@gmail.com.

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 **IAC** ISRAELI AMERICAN COUNCIL

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 28th 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



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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



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

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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](#)



VIRGINIA JEWISH ADVOCACY DAY

FEBRUARY 7, 2024

CRISIS IN ISRAEL: RICHMOND'S RESPONSE

A VIRTUAL SPEAKER SERIES

All are welcome to join and listen to our three
programs offering diverse viewpoints on the Crisis
in Israel. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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!

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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.

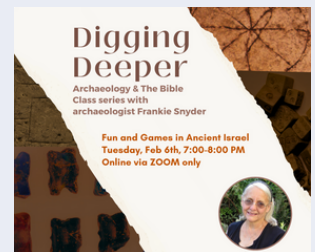
Every Thursday from 1 to 2:00 PM. Next session is January 25th.

Attend in person or via Zoom,

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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

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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



THE STUDENTS HAD FUN LEARNING ABOUT TU B'SHEVAT AND TASTING DIFFERENT FRUITS FROM THE 7 SPECIES. WE EVEN HAD DRAGON FRUIT WHICH COMES FROM A CACTUS. LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOME THE STUDENTS AGAIN THIS SUNDAY.



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

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:
JANUARY 28TH**

**SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION:
ALEX MENDEZ-ZFASS
RELSCHOOL@ORATID.ORG**

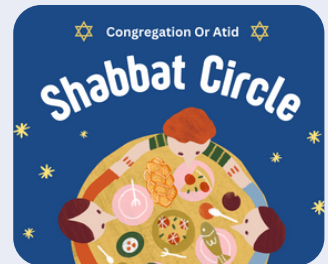
**GAL SHIRI BIRNBAUM
GBIRNBAUM@ORATID.ORG**

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 Chesed 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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