



Stellar Education for Every Jewish Child

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Daveners Earn Pizza Party!

Yesterday was the eagerly anticipated pizza party for our solid 4th-8th grade daveners! Since the beginning of the year, Mr. Gunzburg and Rabbi Bart have taken turns leading the morning davening for our older students, keeping track of attendance while incentivizing participation.

The party was a great success, with over 40 students enjoying Coach's Pizza. More davening incentives are on the way - but more importantly, we are thrilled that our students are progressing beautifully with their davening and getting stronger every day!



Candle Lighting

Friday, Nov. 15
4:41 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 16
Shabbat ends
5:43 p.m.



Saturday, Nov. 16

PCL Program
6:45 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 18

Art Club
3:40 - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 19

Computer Coding
3:40 - 5:00 p.m.

Soccer
3:40 - 5:00 p.m.

Meat Order Pick up
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

@Shaarei Torah of Richmond
4811 Patterson Avenue

Wednesday, Nov. 20

2nd Grade Visit to Parkside
12:30 p.m.

**Mazel tov to Ariel & Yali Klestzick on the birth of a girl, Charlotte Rae.
Mazel tov to Shea & Tovi Weinberger on Amalya becoming a bat mitzvah.
Mazel tov to the grandparents, Rabbi Hal & Noa Klestzick, and to the entire
Klestzick family.**

GET SUBSTANTIAL TAX BENEFITS WHILE SUPPORTING RICHMOND'S ONLY HEBREW DAY SCHOOL!

RECEIVE 65% TAX CREDIT + STATE AND FEDERAL DEDUCTIONS



A PAIN FREE, LOW COST WAY TO HELP RTA!

The Virginia Educational Improvement Scholarship Tax Credits Program offers a wonderful opportunity to support RTA! Donors can, at little personal expense, make a major contribution to the ongoing financial well-being of RTA, as well as providing qualifying students access to the unique opportunity RTA provides.

Through the generosity of the Richmond community, RTA has been at the forefront in taking advantage of the program's benefits. There are currently over 60 students who qualify for the program, but RTA needs your help to fund it. Donors get a 65% VA State tax credit as well as state and federal deductions, minimizing out of pocket expenses. And if stocks are gifted, there may be no real cost at all! Please consider making a pain free gift and support RTA!

For more information please call or write Robert Nomberg at the Richmond Jewish Foundation 804-545-8656, Robert@rjfoundation.org.

10TH ANNUAL

THE HABIB FAMILY RUN-A-LATKE 5K AND ONE-MILER

1-MILER AND MEDAL SPONSORED BY *Designer Deliveries* Inc.

Sunday, December 15th, 2019



One-Miler starts 9:30am
5K starts 10:00am (chip-timed)

Start and finish at
Weinstein JCC
5403 Monument Avenue



Join us after the race for
Krispy Kreme donuts, hot chocolate
and, of course...latkes!*

**Latkes are delicious potato pancakes that are a traditional part of Chanukah celebrations.*

Runners of all levels take part in the Run-A-Latke!
Our 5K and One-Miler are also accessible to the special needs community.

ONE-MILER

\$15 Through Oct. 31
\$20 Nov. 1 – Dec. 14
\$25 Race Day

5K

\$25 Through Oct.31
\$30 Nov. 1 – Nov. 30
\$35 Dec.1 – Dec. 14
\$40 Race Day



Race to benefit The Rudlin Torah Academy Richmond Hebrew Day School

To sign up or learn more, visit runsignup.com/Race/VA/Richmond/RunALatke

RUDLIN TORAH ACADEMY **RICHMOND HEBREW DAY SCHOOL** 3809 PATTERSON AVENUE • RICHMOND, VA 23221

You can help ensure Jewish tomorrows at Rudlin Torah Academy. All of us, regardless of age, wealth or affiliation, have the ability to leave a meaningful Jewish legacy. Your legacy gift of any size can be customized to fit your dreams, lifestyle, family and financial needs.

Thank you to our Life and Legacy Members

Ellen Renee and Louis Adams
 Michael Aronowitz
 Aliza and Rabbi Dovid Asher
 Rivka and Rabbi Yosef Bart
 Marlena Cantor
 Yonatan Cantor
 Heather Dinkin
 Elliot P. Fitzgerald
 Robyn and David Galpern
 Josh Goldberg
 Brian R. Greene
 Dina and Avi Gunzburg
 Willa Kalman
 Judy and Chuck Lessin
 Ilana and Akiva Lessin
 Richard and Ellen November
 Josh and Suzanne Peck
 Gail and Jim Plotkin
 Elliot Plotnick
 Keith Rakofsky
 Yosef Saar
 Elizabeth and Eric Shoenfeld
 Jerry Simonoff
 Sandra Sisisky
 Beverley and Jerry Soble
 Karen Napiantek Wharton, MD
 Tony Wharton
 Bob Weisberger
 Rebecca Kalman-Winston and David S. Winston
 Anonymous (16)



Why Leave a Jewish Legacy?

- To pass on your values to your family and community.
- To express your desire for a vibrant Jewish future in Richmond Virginia.
- To continue the traditions and programs you love here.
- To be part of something larger than yourself.
- **To do something for the future that you might not be in a position to do today.**



Jewish Community Federation
OF RICHMOND



LIFE & LEGACY
Assuring JEWISH TOMORROWS
A program of the HAROLD GIBBERSON FOUNDATION

Life and Legacy is part of a national program to dramatically increase philanthropy to local Jewish organizations for the future.

Did you know that most Jewish dollars are left to non-Jewish causes? Let's also provide for the vibrant future of the local Jewish organizations that enhance our lives today.

Please contact any member of our Life & Legacy team to learn more:

Robyn Galpern at (617) 905-7888

Rabbi Bart at (804) 901-1012

They'll be happy to talk to you about Life and Legacy!

It is with deep appreciation that RTA acknowledges and salutes the generosity of all our Life & Legacy donors. Commitments are simple to make and may help our school through immediate monetary benefit as well as reinforcing our vision to provide a stellar education for every Jewish child for generations to come.



The Rudlin Torah Academy and Weinstein JCC's

BETTER TOGETHER PROJECT



would like to personally invite seniors in our community to join us for next event!



WED. NOVEMBER 26 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **RTA**



BUILDING INNOVATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

מדור לדור

The Better Together Project is an intergenerational program designed to enhance connections between the active adults over 65 of our community and the students of RTA. Each event will feature opportunities for our students and seniors to bond, share, learn, and celebrate together. Participation is free and refreshments will be served at each event.

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

SAVE THE DATE

- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH @ RTA
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH @ JCC
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND @ JCC
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH @ JCC
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH @ JCC
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND @ JCC
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH @ JCC



Better Together is doing a canned food drive for the Thanksgiving Holiday. All canned food and non perishable food items can be dropped off at RTA. Thank you in advance for your support!

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE ADULT OVER 65 WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE?

Return to Shari Menlowe-Barck (JCC Adult Programming Director) or JCC front desk.

For more information please contact Sorah Plotnick: BetterTogetherRVA@gmail.com 516-642-9067.

Name : _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____





Food Drive

We need your help!

We are collecting canned food, water bottles, juice, and non-perishable food items.

When: November 13 - November 26
Drop off at RTA

Food items will be packaged by RTA 7th and 8th grade students and community seniors. All packages will be distributed in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

For more information please contact Sorah Plotnick 516-642-9067

Better Together Program is generously supported by the Legacy Heritage foundation.





Kotel Collages

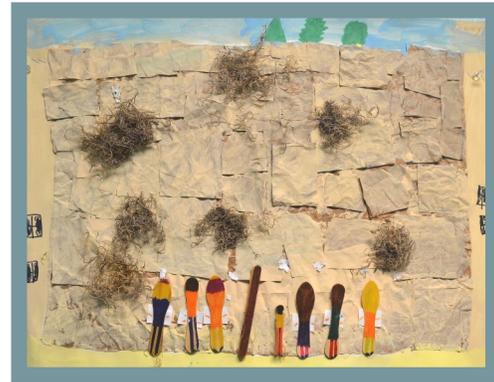
by the Art Club

The Art Club made Kotel Collages out of cut up grocery bags. They painted the wall, made people davening and glued plants that grow out of the crevices. They put kvittels in the cracks and if you look hard, you can see a dove resting.

Below are some samples of student art:



Nora Klestzick



Simmy Winston



Sophia Klestzick



Katie Holi



Moshe Goldberg



Yonasan Lessin

(more art on next page...)



Batik Art

by the Third Grade

The third grade used a waxy paper to trace animal photos. When they painted them with watercolors, the waxy lines remained white.



Noa Gunzburg



Yedida Weinberger



Leah Habib



Zelig Weiss



Henry Salomonsky



Jake Ciment



Shayna Chandler



Isaac Nichols



Gavi Weinstein



Leora Soloveichik



Sarah Korshin

(more art on next page...)



Autumn Leaves

by the First Grade

The first grade cut leaves out of paper doilies and painted them with beautiful fall colors.

Below are some samples of student art:



Rachelli Aronowitz



Mihael Gimpelevich



Malky Goldberg



Hadara Weinberger



Yali Plotnick



Yoshi Mizrahi



Dena Cantor



Moussia Friedman



(more art on next page...)



Rainbow Collage

by the Second Grade

The second grade is learning about primary and secondary colors. They painted a rainbow and cut it into several pieces. They arranged them into an interesting design.

Below are some samples of student art:



Aaron Galpern



Shlomo David



Sophia Klestzick



Lilah Knopf



Liana Weprin



Danielle Holi



Esther Shoenfeld



Josh Korshin



Eliana Rakofsky

Parsha Points

Each week we feature an article on the weekly Torah portion.

Vayeira (Genesis 18-22)

You are traveling in the desert with two friends. It's a boiling hot day. You see some tents in the distance, seemingly a Bedouin camp. Suddenly, running crazily towards you, a 99-year-old man appears. He dives at your feet, face in the sand, and implores, "Please my masters, if I have found favor in your eyes, do not pass by the tent of your humble slave. Stay a while. I will personally wash your feet and provide food. Sit in the shade of my tree - and afterwards you may go."

Try to picture it for a minute: What would you think?

Some people would be concerned that this is some sort of psychotic individual. Many would smell danger afoot. At the very least, there must be a catch, something in it for him. After all, nobody in this world does something for nothing. Does he?

It's doubtful that many would take Avraham up on his offer.

It says a great deal about the society in which we live, that when someone wants to do something for us, we are suspicious. Why would someone want to do something for me if there was no gain for him? And most of the time, we are correct. It's a terrible shame, though, that we need to be so wary. After all, which should be the anomaly: a person who cares about others and gives to them selflessly, or a society that is suspicious of such a person?

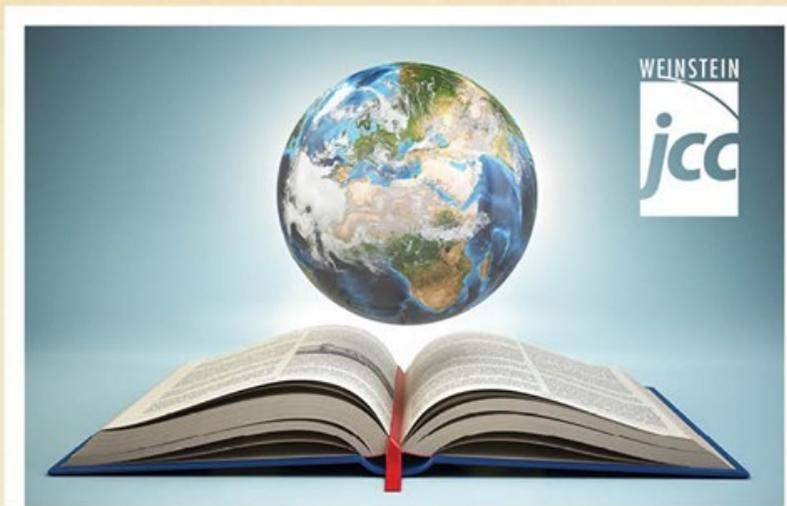
Avraham was the person in Jewish history who, above all else, exemplified chesed - kindness. It was not strange for Avraham to run to potential guests and beg them to partake of his generosity. He loved humanity and, above all else, his mission in life was to make people happy. There are few deeper pleasures than of giving to others, and Avraham knew that well. Every one of us enjoys giving much more than taking. Giving expands and satisfies us. Taking leaves us ultimately feeling empty. That's why parents usually get more pleasure from their children, than children do from their parents - even though the children 'receive' much more.

So why do we not give as much as we could?

We are misled into believing that by giving, we somehow lose out. If I give to someone else, there is surely less for me. It's true, but only in the short term. In the long term, giving gives us back so much more than we gave. Abraham understood this and his life was about giving. We, as his spiritual heirs, have the same trait within us. Giving does make us happy. If we would keep reminding ourselves of this, we could find a lot more happiness.

Most people, having won the lottery, would be in a hurry to bank the check. Avraham was in a hurry to bank his check also. But while a lottery win is finite, the pleasure to which Avraham ran was eternal and unlimited.

Adapted with permission from the award winning website, www.aish.com.



Connect. Learn. Belong.
The Global Day of Jewish Learning - November 17
 Registration at 1:30 PM
 2:00 - 4:30 PM at the Weinstein JCC (5403 Monument Ave.)

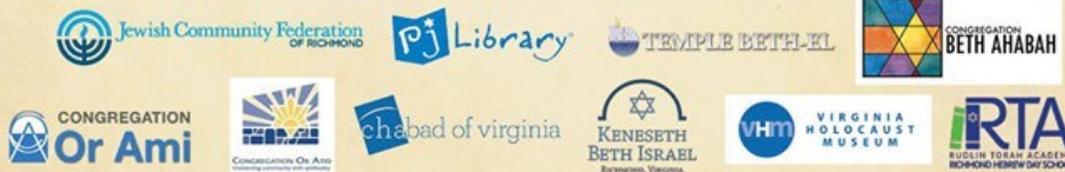
*Chaired by Helen Griffin, Weinstein JCC Board of Directors
 Young Professional Event Chaired by Sarah Arenstein,
 Weinstein JCC Leadership Academy Class of 2020*

Join Jewish communities around the world to share a day of Jewish learning, dialogue and exploration, and coming together in celebration of all that unites us. Choose from a menu of learning experiences facilitated by Community Rabbis and educators around the theme: **"Speaking Volumes" –from ancient arguments to modern meanings, from raising our voices to remaining silent, explore how and why words matter.**

All Events are FREE. Registration Required.

For a full schedule and to register, visit weinsteinjcc.org/events.

In Partnership With:



For more information, contact Victoria Ball Sheridan at
 804-545-8662 or vsheridan@weinsteinjcc.org

Come **PLAY** with Us!

Sunday, November 17 • 2:30 - 4:00 PM



Open
to ALL

A fun-filled family experience at the Global Day of Jewish Learning!

(enter at the Weinstein JCC Preschool Entrance, 5403 Monument Ave.)
This event is FREE, but please RSVP at weinsteinjcc.org/events.

The family portion of the day will consist of interactive learning experiences as we explore the topic: **SPEAKING VOLUMES**. The whole family is welcome to participate in this self-guided learning journey through stationed activities. During the day families will be prompted to explore **Speaking Volumes** through:

- Nature
- Encouragement
 - Songs
- Arts & Crafts
- Obstacle Course
- Stories (PJ Library)

Snacks provided!



For more information, contact Rachel Peters at preschoolroom12@jccrichmond.com.