Hands-on Learning

The Great Latke Cook-Off

Or Atid students and families established a new tradition this past Hanukkah with the Great Latke Cook-Off.

In the weeks leading up to the holiday, students researched the history and culture behind the traditional Latke recipe. Students compared the recipe to similar potato pancake dishes around the world, including the Indian Aloo Tikki, the Korean Gambajeon, and the German Kartoffelpuffer.

Then they worked in teams to create their own recipes, breaking down the Latke’s structure to explore alternative ingredients and new flavors.

Teams came up with 11 totally unique, never-before-made-before recipes. Highlights included Plantain Latkes with an Avocado Crema, Italian-themed Eggplant Parmesan Latkes, topped with fried eggs for a truly eggcellent dish, Garden Vegetable Latkes, combining potatoes with carrot, peppers, and onions, and many other Latkes!

Families joined together to put the recipes to the test, and by the end of the night everyone had discovered a new favorite Latke. After the latkes were fried, families lined their menorahs on a table and lit them all together, basking in the glow from the candles. With parents and siblings working together, the night was a delicious success that brought our families closer, celebrating Hanukkah with our own Or Atid twist.

A special thank you goes out to all our parent volunteers for their donated time and supplies to ensure our Latke Cook-Off was a success. Their dedication and commitment to providing a fun and tasty way for families to explore new traditions and celebrate Hanukkah together allowed the night to be as successful as it was. We are all looking forward to doing it again next year, with an entirely new batch of latkes!

Let’s Pray - 5th Grade PBL

The 5th grade Hebrew Class is having a blast working on their first Project-Based-Learning assignment!

Students are developing an ad

BIG SONIA EVENT – AN INSPIRING MOVIE AND DISCUSSION

Thank you to everyone who joined us Nov. 11 for the showing of the award-winning movie, “Big Sonia.” The poignant story of generational trauma and healing was enjoyed by all.

We laughed out loud and other times we cried; but above all, we saw love triumph over bigotry. The audience, ranged from teenagers to senior citizens and engaged in and moved by the movie.

The film tells Sonia’s story during her survival in multiple concentration camps, her relationship with her children as they were growing up and now as adults, and how Sonia deals with the looming possibility of losing her business, her late husband's tailor shop.

The film explores how her stories make a difference to people now and how they inspire audiences to learn about their own families and ensure we do not repeat mistakes of the past.

Following the movie, State Senator Jennifer McClellan moderated a talkback with Jonathan Zur, president and CEO of the VA Center for Inclusive Communities, and Samuel Asher, CEO of the Virginia Holocaust Museum.

The thoughtful and meaningful conversation with the speakers and audience covered many topics found in the movie, including Intergenerational communication, discrimination, and injustice.

If you missed the showing, this amazing movie will be screened on May 2 at 7 p.m. at the Weinstein JCC. Check their website for more information as the event date gets closer.

MAGICAL SPIRITUAL NOSH ON JAN. 26

Magic has been a part of Jewish culture for centuries. Contributions of Jewish magicians will be discussed at our next Spiritual Nosh program, organized by Congregation Or Atid’s Adult Education committee under the leadership of committee chair, Lori Shifffman.

The evening at a congregant’s home will include a Havdalah service, a potluck dinner, and an interactive presentation on the topic “Magic and Jews” by our fellow congregant, Dr. Bruce Rubin.

He is a master magician and physician who uses magic in caring for his pediatric patients.

He will discuss the contributions of Jews to magic as well as teach all attendees a magic effect or two.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES BEGIN AT 7:30 STARTING JAN. 4, 2019

In order to best meet the needs and schedules of our congregants, Or Atid is changing the start time for Friday night Shabbat services. Starting Jan. 4, Friday services will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by an Oneg where everyone can relax and socialize.

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