

# Or Atid happenings

## **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 Shiffman.

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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