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# NOVEMBER

November 2 | 4 Cheshvan Torah Study - 9:00 am Parashat Noach Genesis 6:9 - 11:32 Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1 - 55:5

November 7 | 9 Cheshvan Torah Study - 4:00 pm

November 9 | 11 Cheshvan Torah Study - 9:00 am Parashat Lech-Lecha Genesis 12:1 - 17:27 Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16 November 14 | 16 Cheshvan Torah Study - 4:00 pm

November 16 | 18 Cheshvan Torah Study - 9:00 am Parashat Vayera Genesis 18:1 - 22:24 Haftarah: II Kings 4:1 - 4:37

November 21 | 23 Cheshvan Torah Study - 4:00 pm

#### November 23 | 25 Cheshvan

Torah Study - 9:00 am Parashat Chayei Sara Genesis 23:1 - 25:18 Haftarah: I Kings 1:1 - 1:31

#### November 30 | 2 Kislev

Torah Study - 9:00 am Parashat Toldot Genesis 25:19 - 28:9 Haftarah: Malachi 1:1 - 2:7

#### Bring an open mind & your own lunch

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November 7, 2019 | 12:00 pm

Join Rabbi Roz in her lunchtime discussion:

Syrian Kurdistan: Do We Have an

**Obligation to Stand with Our Allies?** 

Amy Weinstein Valeria Williamson Gail Wolpin

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# NOVEMBER 8 6:30PM

Join us for an uplifting and especially musical Shabbat service featuring our FNL musicians, followed by a catered fiesta-style oneg paired with delicious spirits. This event is open to members, friends, family, and the greater community and we would LOVE to see you there!

FNL is FREE OF CHARGE and made possible by funding from the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater and the Tidewater Jewish Foundation.



# CLERGY CORNER WITH CANTOR JEN



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calendar, the month of Cheshvan, which this year spans from October 30 through November 28, is known as Mar Cheshvan, or "bitter Cheshvan." It is so named because, unlike the month of Tishrei that precedes it, it contains no

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Jewish holidays. However, we do have a secular holiday that falls on the final day of *Cheshvan* -that of Thanksgiving. While it is not a holiday in the Jewish calendar, I would argue that Thanksgiving is just as Jewish as Rosh HaShanah or Simchat Torah.

Leah, our prophet from Torah, knew that the 12 tribes of Israel would descend from the children of Jacob, her husband. Jacob had four wives, and so it was assumed that each of them would give birth to three male children, from whom those tribes would descend. Leah indeed had three sons, and then, surprisingly, she found herself pregnant once again. When her fourth son was born, Leah recognized that she had been blessed with more than her share. She said, "This time, I will give thanks to God." She named her son Yehudah, from the Hebrew root .n, T, , which means "thanks." From this, we derive the name Judah, and from Judah, we get Judaism. Judaism literally means, "give thanks." The very definition of Judaism is gratitude.

Gratitude isn't just our namesake -- it is our practice. The first words that traditional Jews utter each morning are, "Modah ani l'fanecha," or, "I am grateful before You." This prayer expresses gratitude for the simple act of waking up in the morning, setting the tone for the day to come. We thank God with a blessing for so many everyday miracles. There are blessings for seeing a rainbow, for the food and drink we enjoy, for reaching momentous occasions, for seeing beauty in nature, for hearing good news, for experiencing natural wonders -- the list goes on and on. Gratitude in Judaism is a constant daily

#### A New Year Greeting and Challenge

effort that teaches us to take notice of all that is good in our lives and to express our thanks freely, to God and to each other.

On Thanksgiving, our families gather around an abundant table of food and stop to take an accounting of all that is good and beautiful in our lives. What could be more Jewish than family, food, and gratitude? It is a yearly exercise in the *middah* (soul trait, from the Jewish practice of *Mussar*) of *hakarat hatov*, recognizing the good.

Join us as we recognize the blessing of our neighbors and our community with our annual joint Thanksgiving service in partnership with Freemason Baptist Church. This year, we will be celebrating on Wednesday, November 27th at Ohef Sholom with a reception at 6:00 pm and a service at 7:00 pm.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I am grateful to each of you for being a part of my sacred community. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your commitment to Ohef Sholom and for all you bring to our abundant table. May you and your family have a joyful and meaningful Thanksgiving celebration. \$

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Cantor Jennifer Rueben

 CHANTING

 GROUD

 with Rabbi Roz

 November 15

 5:30 - 6:00 pm



#### Celebrate Ohef Sholom in Style! Saturday, November 16

- Major Milestone 175 years!
- Delicious Dinner Appetizers, Multiple Courses, Dessert!
- Wonderful Wine, Cool Cocktails!
- Extraordinary Entertainment

   Dancing, Archival Videos, Mellow Music (and more)!
- Congregational Camaraderie!
- Congressional, State, and 175th Campaign Recognition!

Ohef Sholom Temple's 175th Anniversary Gala is a time for us all to celebrate our outstanding congregation. More than a fancy party, the night will mark an incredible milestone and be an event that will be recalled for years, as it will certainly become part of OST's Archives.



Talk with Terri Terri Denison Budman President president@ohefsholom.org

Be part of Ohef Sholom's history and reserve your seat as soon as possible! Tickets are selling fast, so if you haven't already, go to *ohefsholom.org* or call the Temple office to get yours. I really hope to see you there!

#### High Holy Days Todah Rabbah - Thank You!

he High Holy Days at Ohef Sholom were magnificent. Rabbi Roz, Cantor Jen, Chuck Woodward and the OST Choir all made certain that our worship was beautiful, thought provoking, and inspiring.

Countless others also contributed to our smooth, joyful, and meaningful time in Temple. Appreciation is due to so many. I know I risk making a mistake here, but I'd like to acknowledge just a few of the many:

Bert Newfield, Worship Committee chair, led a cadre of ushers.

**Debi Stadlin**, Break-the-Fast chair, and the committee created a beautiful and delicious event that was enjoyed by approximately 250!

David Jarvis, Security Committee chair, worked with our police officers to make sure we were safe.

**OSTY's annual food drive** brought in more than 225,000 pounds of food for Jewish Family Service, OST's Soup Kitchen, and the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. . . with the assistance of **Linda Fox-Jarvis'** truck.

Past Presidents, Officers, and Honorary and Board of Directors participated in services.

**Rick Rivin**, House Committee chair, made sure repairs to the front of the sanctuary were complete and that the building and grounds were looking good.

Kitty Wolf, Religious School Director, planned lively and engaging services –which were led by Marilyn Johns – along with activities for our young children and families.

The 175th Campaign purchased new High Holy Day prayer books, which were labeled by Margaret Sawyer, chair of Worship, and her team of volunteers.

Linda Peck, Executive Director, and our OST staff worked on all of the above, in addition to creating and preparing all of the printed materials, distributing tickets, checking us in, and setting up and keeping the building clean and straight.

Thank you to everyone who helped assure that the start of 5780 was a terrific one for Ohef Sholom!  $\Leftrightarrow$ 

L'Shalom,

Eni Denira Budman

Terri Denison Budman



# JEWISHLIFE NOVEMBER



# **MAZEL TOV!**

# Congratulations to Emily Priest on her upcoming *Bat Mitzvah* on November 23!

Emily Carroll Priest is the daughter of Jennifer & Sean Priest, the sister of Perrin Priest and Elizabeth Gregory Bartlett, and is the granddaughter of Ruth Schepper and Burt Schepper (of blessed memory) and Walter and Anne Priest (of blessed memory). \$\$

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mazel Tov to Simon Fink whose first feature film *Where We Disappear* will be shown at the Naro on November 24 at 8:15 pm.

# **CONDOLENCES**

Ohef Sholom offers heartfelt condolences to the following members & friends:

Carol Cohen on the loss of her husband, and Andy Cohen (Susan) on the loss of his father, Mike (Myron) Cohen. &

# **TREX BENCH RECYCLING UPDATE**

#### We Have Our Trex Bench!

e have our bench! Come up to the art room on the second floor, look at our Trex bench, sit on it and take pride in what



we have accomplished. By turning in over 900 pounds of plastic film in six months, we have kept this material out of landfills and the oceans, saving the lives of sea turtles and other animals who ingest these toxic materials.

But our work is not finished. We have actually already received our second bench, so now it is up to us to come up with the 500 pounds to earn it. Keep the plastic coming; grocery bags, dry cleaning bags, produce bags, case wrap, bubble wrap, food storage bags and any type of plastic film are acceptable. Please do not include plastic bottles, cups, plates or paper napkins. All material must be clean and dry. Shake off those food scraps or dirt before you turn your bags in.

By giving your plastic to the Trex project, you keep hundreds of pounds of plastic out of the environment and out of the stomachs of marine animals who mistake pieces of plastic for tasty jellyfish.

Special thanks to Gwen Darrow, who took care of having the benches put together for her *bat mitzvah* project, Kitty Wolf and everyone who continues to bring in their plastic and help clean up our oceans. ☆



### NAVIGATING THE DECEMBER DILEMMA

#### Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm

or many of us, the winter holidays can be challenging. For interfaith families, questions arise about how best to negotiate two traditions

under one roof. For all of us, the predominance of Christmas can seem to overshadow the meaning and importance of Chanukah. For parents, school observances can be a struggle. For our young people, the holidays raise questions about the celebrations your family doesn't observe. And grandparents can find these issues particularly painful. We walk a fine line trying to be true to our beliefs while not wanting to hurt loved ones' feelings or to deprive our children.

Join Rabbi Roz for an interactive and informative evening as we explore how we might navigate these and other issues during this season.

Refreshments and child care will be provided.

#### RSVP no later than November 15 at reservations@ohefsholom.org

Sponsored by The Membership Committee OST Ambassadors: Carol and Lou Sherman

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!**

#### We are excited to welcome the following new members to our Temple community this year:

Louisa Agosto Melodi Albert Sonia & Willie Auxier Donnie & Robyn Bailey Blair & Lawrence Belkin Alexander Blau & Jennifer Bleznack Marcie Blum & Wayne Doolin Andrew & Leigh Casson Andrew & Susan Cohen Carol Cohen Marissa & Patrick Collins **Elaine** Cooper Traci & Robert Corcoran Jon Lee Crockford Sheyna Dorfman & Andrea Kirby Bruce Ebert Joyce & Nathan Elkin

Dianne Epplein Bryan & Stephanie Fine Chip Friedman & Alexandra Kosatkyh Faith Fuhrman Steven Goldburg & Katherine Simpson Jerry & Connie Golden Peggy & Jason Goldstein Matthew & Joanne Goldstein Laura & Fredric Gross Lynne Hazelip & Al Murray Aqee & Bibi Jackson Kristen Johnson Harvey Kagan Mike & Elizabeth Lloyd Natalie Meyer Barbara Nachman







Arlene Owens Bonnie Gordon-Rabinowitz & Marc Rabinowitz Sarah & Paul Robbins Andrea Rocchio & Charles Reilly Ingrid & Eric Samuels Eric & Linda Sherman Eric & Alicia Shoulta Jonathan & Aimee Smith Bill & Sandy Sroka Susan Sussman Edward & Janis Weisberg Edith Weiss Zachary Puritz Wohlgemuth & Allison Quinn Wohlgemuth







# WHAT SISTERHOOD MEANS

hat Sisterhood membership means to me...

- developing friendships with other Jewish women
- that's where many of my friends are
- it brings people who care together
- the camaraderie and "can do" attitude is important
- · helping Sisterhood continue to achieve its goals
- it's wonderful
- love the company of interesting women
- enjoying the social activities
- I believe in the mission and goals
- It's a great way to belong at Temple
- love being with like-minded women
- tradition

These are some quotes from a recent Sisterhood meeting. So what's your reason for being a Sisterhood member? Maybe it's one of the above or maybe it's something different. Whatever your reason, please join us! Membership forms are online or pick one up the next time you're at Temple.

As I introduce our groups of wonderful Committee Chairs each month, please think about how you might want to get involved. This month I am introducing the Sisterhood Service to Community Committee Chairs:

#### ForKids Casserole Cooking: Sandi Levi

#### **NEST Dinner: Jeanne Miller**

Please join us and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns:

Yours in Sisterhood,

Gail



Gail W. Bachman Sisterhood President sisterhood@ohefsholom.org

#### Our mission, as stated on the website:

"OST Sisterhood is a community of welcoming women from all walks of life who meet for spiritual, educational, and social growth through Judaism. Our diverse members are all ages and come from varying backgrounds, allowing us to join together to serve the needs of our congregation and community, while cultivating life-long friendships." \$



Please join Sisterhood for a Women's Self-Defense Workshop from 6:30-8 pm in Kaufman Hall following our Sisterhood meeting.

Learn how to escape from common holds, how to carry yourself with confidence, and what the effective target areas are to protect yourself. The class will be taught by Jim Barnes, a 4th degree black belt with 25 years of teaching self-defense classes.

> \$10 for Sisterhood Members \$15 for Potential Members



# **MEN'S CLUB IN THE SPOTLIGHT:**



n recent articles, I've highlighted individual members. In this article, I'm going to highlight one of our activities, the Car Pool Cafes. This idea was started many years ago in an effort to bring parents into the Temple when bringing their children to Religious School. It was felt that if we provided food, people would come into the Temple instead of just dropping their children from the car pools.

Once inside, people could meet and greet each other, developing friendships. Through the years this original concept has undergone many changes and today our Car Pool Cafes offer speakers, discussions and a variety of presentations while Men's Club serves a delicious brunch.

To the Men's Club members and volunteers who were in the kitchen creating the wonderful brunches we've had – I say **Bravo Zulu**! which means "Great Job!" in military speak.

Stay tuned for more information on the next Car Pool Café on January 12, which will be a collaboration between the Men's Club and Sisterhood.

If you haven't attended one of our gatherings, please come, eat dinner and have some fun with the rest of the gang.

Next Men's Club Gathering (Something New) – Monday, November 4 at Ted Kaufman's house (for more information, see ad to the right). ¢



Tom Bachman Men's Club President mensclub@ohefsholom.ora

### NEXT MEN'S CLUB Meeting



November 4, 2019 at Ted Kaufman's House 1605 Travis Parkway, Virginia Beach



6:30 pm - Food

7:00 pm - Meeting

#### 8:00 pm - Football Game (Giants vs. Cowboys)

Join the Men's Club Monday, November 4, as we take to the road for our monthly meeting at brother Ted Kaufman's house. It will be an evening of fun, food and frivolity as we conduct a wee bit of business, swap stories, tell jokes, eat great food, and watch as the mighty New York Giants take on the hated and reviled Dallas Cowboys. Eats begin at 6:30 pm with the meeting starting around 7:00 pm. Game time is 8:00-ish.

All adult male congregants are invited. If you're not already a member, come check us out! There is no charge, but we do request that you contact the Temple office at 757-625-4295 or by email at *reservations@ohefsholom.org* to reserve your space. See you there!



# **175TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN**

HERITAGE

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#### Our Future Depends on Our Actions Now.

We will teach your greatness...from generation to generation. The enduring vibrancy of Judaism depends on parents, grandparents, and teachers who are committed to sharing its teachings with the young. The chain of transmission *l'dor vador* - 'from generation to generation'- is woven not just by sages and scholars but also by all who cherish Jewish heritage and tradition. In an often violent and tumultuous world, the Jewish people continue to uphold the sanctity of God and to pursue a life of holiness through mitzvot. Each generation imparts the Jewish message of empathy, compassion, and justice for the next. Thus we offer our youth solid moral grounding to sustain them over the years."

This passage, taken from our new Rosh Hashanah prayer book, exemplifies *why* Ohef Sholom exists, and why it has been a valued part of our community for 175 years.

Synagogues have traditionally been viewed as the cornerstones of Judaism in a community. They contain the sacred space where people assemble in *common unity*. At synagogues diversity becomes one: in prayer, celebration, mourning, learning, and growing. Ohef Sholom has been our spiritual home for 175 years. It is the place we return to which grounds and sustains us individually and as a people. Its magnificence and grandeur inspire us, eliciting a sense of awe reminding us not only of our history and those who have come before us, but also of God's presence and nearness to us.

What matters more than a building, however, are the deeds and actions of those who dwell in it. Ohef Sholom has been, and continues to be, a primary Jewish engine for organizing us into one community, one family, to care for each other and our world by performing *mitzvot*, the fulfillment of which makes God's presence noticeable in our world.

As we come together to celebrate our 175th Anniversary as a congregation on November 16, we look back with gratitude to those who have come before us, to the legacy they left for us, and to our commitment and responsibility to transmit this legacy into the future.



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What distinguishes our congregation and has enabled us to reach this milestone in our history is outstanding lay and professional leadership, along with the unwavering commitment of our members to fulfilling our mission. We have cultivated a strong *sacred partnership*, one that is forward thinking with a deep commitment to making our community and world a better place by our actions both in and outside our Temple walls. We can make these impacts, but it requires a significant investment, often above and beyond what our annual operating income covers.

To continue our legacy as a leader in our community, to retain our ability to innovate and engage younger generations, and to maintain the historic integrity of our sacred home requires resources. We can prepare now by taking action to ensure a vibrant future. We invite you to join us and leave a legacy for future generations.

Thank you to all who have already committed to our future by contributing to the 175th Anniversary Campaign. You are truly *sacred partners. ✿* 

> Karen Fine 175th Campaign Co-Chair campaign@ohefsholom.org

# Won't <u>YOU</u> be part of our FUTURE too?



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# WHY OUR ACTIONS MEAN SO MUCH

Rabbi Roz & Cantor Jen



Truly, we gave because we believe in Ohef Sholom. This is the only place where we can be Jewish as we are and our presence is vital to the health and strength, not only of the Tidewater Jewish Community, but also of Hampton Roads. We want our community, our mission, our values, and our work to continue for us and for future generations.  $\Rightarrow$ 

--Rabbi Roz & Cantor Jen

#### OSTY

OSTY's contribution to the 175th anniversary of our congregation was made for the good of our future members, our future youth, and our future congregation. On this celebration of the past 175 years of our congregation, we want to guarantee the future 175 years of our congregation, because life keeps rolling, our





#### The Arluk Family

Temple is a place you should always feel welcome and Rabbi Roz and Cantor Jen are the reasons our family does. Therefore we were happy to contribute to the 175th Anniversary Campaign to help support this dream team clergy who have touched our lives so

much through ours children's B'nai Mitzvahs and High Holy Day Services and we know will continue to have a profound impact on the Jewish lives of others in our community.

--Dylan, Madison, Shaye, Brianna and Glen Arluk.

#### Jack & Jody Frieden



As part of my family's fourth generation of Ohef Sholom members, Jodie and I recognize how important the Temple is to the continuity of Jewish traditions and values. We know the Temple faces both economic and cultural challenges in future years and hope that our support helps in meeting these challenges. \$\$ --Jack & Jodie Frieden

community keeps growing, and Jewish life keeps enduring. ☆ --Leia Morrissey

OSTY decided to donate to the 175th Anniversary Campaign, because we care about the future of the Temple. We would like to see the temple around for our children and even our grandchildren. We also would like to upgrade our facilities to make sure the Temple stays up to date and stays around for many years to come. Lastly, OSTY appreciates all of the donations we have received and would like to give a little back to our community. *¢ --Brian Cohn* 



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# **EDUCATION**& ENGAGEMENT

#### Mazel Tov to Our Newest Learners!

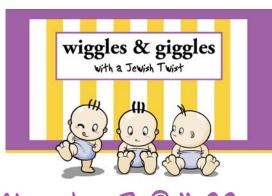
S ixteen of our newest and youngest learners were consecrated on Sunday, October 20, at our Simchat Torah Celebration with Rabbi Roz and Cantor Jen. This was the benchmark for our new learners to begin their exploration of Judaism. While our Torah was unfurled, wrapping them in its shelter, they received a blessing for a lifetime of sweet learning!

Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a family-style picnic in Kaufman Hall. ☆



Join Rabbi Roz and Cantor Jen to celebrate Shabbat with a kid-friendly dinner, kids' service, crafts and other activities.

November 22 @ 5 pm For more information, contact Kitty Wolf at kitty@ohefsholom.org or 757-625-4295



# November 3 @ 11:00 am

For more information, contact Kitty Wolf at *kitty@ohefsholom.org* or 757-625-4295

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Specifically for young families and their children, birth through four years, Wiggles & Giggles introduces young children to their Jewish World.



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### NOV. 2

**9:00 am** Intro to Judaism Class

#### NOV. 3

**8:45 am** Hebrew School

**10:00 am** Religious School Confirmation Class: Shabbat & Its Rituals

**11:00 am** Wiggles & Giggles

**12:30 pm** OSTY Board Meeting

#### NOV. 10

8:45 am Hebrew School

**10:00 am** Religious School Confirmation Class: What is Prayer? and a Look at Our Siddur

#### NOV. 16

**9:00 am** Intro to Judaism Class

**6:30 pm** 175th Anniversary Gala

#### NOV. 17

**9:00 am** Intro to Judaism Class

#### NOV. 18

**8:45 am** Hebrew School

**10:00 am** Religious School Confirmation Class: The Ebb & Flow of a Service

#### NOV. 20

**6:30 pm** December Dilemma

#### NOV. 22

**5:00 pm** Kids & Kiddush

#### NOV. 27

**6:00 pm** Joint Thanksgiving Reception @ OST

**7:00 pm** Joint Thanksgiving Service @ OST

### IN THE ARCHIVES WITH ALICE

#### Program Features the Rescue of the SS Quanza Passengers

n October 6 Carpool Café at OST brought together more than 140 people for the first local screening of a new documentary that tells the story of the passengers of the SS Quanza. The SS Quanza was a Portuguese steamship carrying Holocaust refugees who had been turned away by Mexico and the U.S. and were being sent back to Nazi-occupied Europe. The ship docked in Norfolk on September 11, 1940, to load coal for its trip back to Portugal. News of the plight of the passengers set off a flurry of activity in Tidewater and around the country that led to their rescue. However, the success of the Quanza episode sparked new resentment in the State Department, which had been adamantly opposed to giving the passengers refugee status, and that resentment contributed to further restriction of Jewish immigration in the remaining years of World War II.

The documentary, *Nobody Wants Us*, was produced and directed by Newport News native Laura Seltzer-Duny. It tells the story with historical film footage, photographs, and drawings, voice-over by actors, and narration by two of the former passengers, who were among the children on the ship. Commentary by those who have studied the issues surrounding the story provides important historical context. Former congregant and OST historian, Elise Margolius, is featured in the film and is a fitting representative of the members of the Council of Jewish Women who brought food and moral support to the passengers while they were detained onboard the ship and provided shelter for them when they were allowed to disembark.

The October 6 program also featured a brunch provided by OST's Men's Club, and a panel discussion led by the filmmaker. Historical context was provided by Dr. Eric Mazur, Gloria and David Furman Professor of Judaic Studies and Fellow of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom at Virginia Wesleyan University, and Elena Baum, Director of the Holocaust Commission of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater.

Duke Rosenberg, one of few remaining eyewitnesses, shared his memories of accompanying his mother, Rita Rosenberg, the night the passengers



(From left to right) Rabbi Rosalyn Mandelberg, Edward Lazaron, Chuck Kaufman, Ted Kaufman, Duke Rosenberg, Laura Seltzer-Duny, Karen Plotnick, Bill Nusbaum, Elena Baum, Howard Roesen

were released. Ed Lazaron recounted stories of his grandfather, Herbert Gerst, whose organization for new immigrants provided advocacy and support for the passengers. Karen Plotnick, granddaughter of Elise Margolius, brought two Portuguese dolls that we have reason to believe were given to her grandmother by one of the passengers. Bill Nusbaum and Ted and Chuck Kaufman, were there to represent Justine Nusbaum and Doris Kaufman, two of the other members of the Council of Jewish Women who played an important role in making the passengers feel that there were people here who cared. Cantor Jennifer Reuben drew parallels with the current refugee crisis.

The program was jointly sponsored by OST's Men's Club and OST's Mollie and George Radin Archives.\*

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The final article in the series of articles on the 175-year history of OST will appear in the December issue of the *Temple pOST Bulletin*.







#### **Celebrating OST**

have always loved the holiday of Sukkot especially eating outside with family and friends as the temperature begins to fall. I love that it is the holiday of celebrating; in fact another name for the holiday is Z'man Simchateinu, "season of our joy."

And while the holiday of Sukkot ended last month and the sukkah from Forman field has been taken down, our time of rejoicing - Z'man Simchateinu - continues this month as **We of Ohef Sholom** celebrate two momentous events:

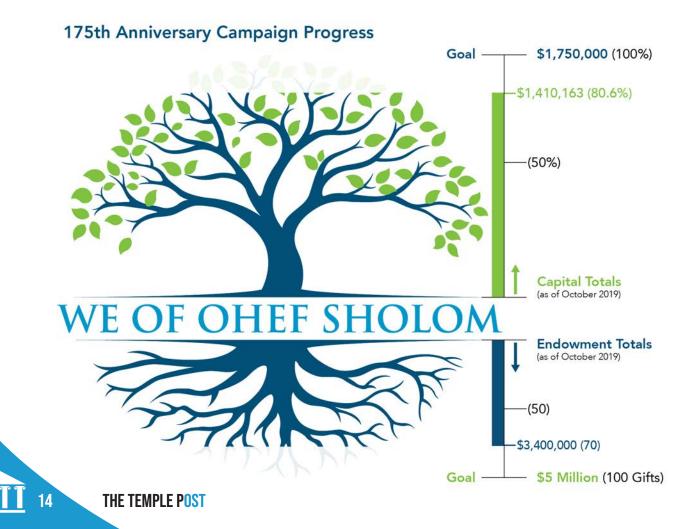
The first is the **175th Anniversary** of our congregation – an incredible milestone. While studies document and report declining synagogue affiliation, Ohef Sholom remains strong and vibrant. Join us on Saturday, November 16 as we gather as a community to celebrate this amazing achievement of reaching our 175th Anniversary with dinner, dancing, and fun! It'll be a memory-making night! The second is the public launching of our **175th Anniversary Campaign**. This Campaign is raising vital funds to ensure that the legacy of the last 175 years continues. To date we have raised more than \$1.4



Learn more from Linda Linda Peck, Executive Director *linda@ohefsholom.org* 

million towards our goal of \$1.75 million in capital and 69 endowment gifts towards our goal of 100 new gifts. With your help we can reach - or surpass - our goal!

We hope we can count on your support for both of these events, and together we will prolong our season of joy and celebrate our successes! \$\phi\$





#### Leaving a Family Legacy: The Brums

e moved to Norfolk about 6 years ago, to be closer to our children...and met Rabbi Roz, who performed their marriage ceremony. We welcomed the opportunity to join Ohef Sholom, along with our kids, to help us connect to people in our new community, and to find a center of Jewishness for our lives here in a new place. "As others planted for me, so I am planting for the generations who come after me."

Assuring JEWISH TOMORROWS A program of the HAROLD GRINSPOON FOUNDATION

Through regular visits for Friday services and Holiday worship, we've found exactly that.

And of course, much more: new friends, a close connection to Rabbi and Cantor as leaders, and a Synagogue with history and tradition...

Now, our kids have kids...and as grandparents, we care deeply about them having a chance to enjoy all the opportunities and benefits of life at Ohef Sholom as they grow older.

Ensuring that future for ourselves and our grandkids is a prime reason behind our desire to contribute to the LIFE & LEGACY campaign, and in our small way, contribute to





the success of OST, and to help make sure all our families have a vibrant synagogue home for many, many years to come.  $\Rightarrow$ 



Carol & Allan Brum LIFE & LEGACY DONORS lifeandlegacy@ohefsholom.org

Leaving a legacy gift is easy and anyone can participate, regardless of age, wealth, or affiliation. To arrange a confidential, no obligation discussion, please reach out to our LIFE & LEGACY Team.

Contact: Matt Fine, Chair matthewfine@cox.net or 757-407-1368



# TESHUVAH STORIES (2 OF 3)

# JOURNEYS TO JUDAISM: Marissa Collins



This is the abridged version of Marissa's original speech. To read Marissa's full Teshuvah Story speech, please go online to ohefsholom.org.

where I was meant to be.

My hunch was doubly confirmed when I toured the religious school for the first time. I had been so impressed to hear that the school already had a Special Education teacher on staff. When I asked about which room the Special Education students would be in, I was met with a thoroughly confused expression. "What do you mean? All students are grouped by their grade, and that's it." It sounds like such a simple statement, but for families like mine, being included and valued is never something that can be taken for granted. In a world that either tries to avert its eyes from people who are different or that, arguably worse, acts as though it does us a favor by allowing us to exist in communal spaces, finding a community that embraces and sees value in all people is truly something special.

he first time that I told my mother that I would grow up to be Jewish, I was 12 years old. In November 2017, I came by myself to OST for the first time. I was so nervous. I did not know any Hebrew, and I come from a long line of devout Catholics. Soon it became clear that I was right

Being a convert is an exquisite but sometimes excruciating experience. Even my accepting and loving family and friends sometimes struggle to



understand. "But what about Christmas?" they have asked, or, "Your kids already are so different, why do you have to make it harder for them?" "Do actual Jews consider you Jewish?"

At one point during my Beit Din, Cantor Jen remarked that, "We were all together at Sinai," which struck me as a particularly beautiful thought. In converting, I wasn't leaving myself or my family and history behind. Rather, I was finally the person I had always truly been with the people who had always been meant to be mine

I have just returned home from my first trip to Eretz Yisrael. For the first time in my life, I was immersed in Jewishness. I felt the most 'myself' that I have in a while. I came to see that there has never been only one way to be Jewish. That indeed, if the literal meaning of the word "Yisrael" is "wrestles with God," then perhaps my struggles with faith and questioning are quintessentially Jewish.

As Edmund Fleg so powerfully put it, "I am a Jew because Judaism demands no abdication of my mind. I am a Jew because wherever there are tears and suffering, the Jew weeps. I am a Jew because wherever the cry of despair is heard, the Jew hopes. I am a Jew because the message of Judaism is a universal promise." Here at OST, I see the universal promise of Judaism. Thank you for making space for me, and I hope we grow and learn together for many years to come. \$\$



#### Sunday, November 3 @ 9:00 am

OST Walking Group @ Windsor Castle Park in Smithfield Smithfield, Virginia (Allow an hour driving time) Meet in the parking lot directly across the street from the Smithfield Station Hotel, in the 400 block of Church Street (NOT at the park main entrance) Please join the OST Walking Group in October for a beautiful fall walk in Smithfield! Please RSVP to Anna Marie Cross by calling or texting 757-802-1902. Carpooling can be arranged upon request.

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HEBREW UNIVERSITY AND ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES: *ELITE MILITARY MEDICINE* 

#### November 24, 2019 | 10:30 am at Ohef Sholom Temple

In 2009, the IDF partnered with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem to create *Tzameret*, the country's only elite training program to address the strategic importance of military medicine in saving lives both on the battlefield and in response to homeland terror. *Tzameret* students receive their medical training at Hebrew University and then serve as physicians in the IDF for five years.

RSVP to reservations@ohefsholom.org





October 27 -November 2

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#### November 10 - 16

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# CALENDAR&BIRTHDAYS

### **NOVEMBER EVENTS**



SATURDAY 9:00 am Torah Study Intro Class: What is Judaism? 10:30 am Shabbat Services

SUNDAY 8:45 am Hebrew School 9:00 am Walking Group (offsite) 10:00 am Religious School 11:00 am Wiggles & Giggles 12:30 pm OSTY Board Meeting

MONDAY Office Closed: Staff In-Service Day 6:30 pm Men's Club Meeting (offsite)

**TUESDAY** 4:00 pm House Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY 6:00 pm Sisterhood Meeting & Self-Defense Class

THURSDAY 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Roz 4:00 pm Torah Study

FRIDAY 6:30 pm Friday Night Live Shabbat Services

SATURDAY 9:00 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Services & Conversion of Blair Belkin 11:30 am Kiddush Lunch 12 TUESDAY 5:00 pm Finance & Development Committee Meeting

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SUNDAY

8:45 am

10:00 am

Hebrew School

**Religious School** 

WEDNESDAY 5:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

THURSDAY 10:00 am Quilting Group 4:00 pm Torah Study

FRIDAY 5:30 pm Chanting with Rabbi Roz 6:30 pm Shabbat Service

SATURDAY 9:00 am Torah Study Intro Class: What is Judaism? 10:30 am

Shabbat Services 6:30 pm 175th Anniversary Gala Celebration



TUESDAY 11:00 am Quilting Group



THURSDAY 4:00 pm Torah Study 7:00 pm Board Meeting

> FRIDAY 5:00 pm Kids & Kiddush 6:30 pm Shabbat Services

SATURDAY 9:00 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Services & Bat Mitzvah of Emily Priest

#### 24 SUNDAY

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**10:30 am** Hebrew University and Israel Defense Forces: *Elite Military Medicine* 

MONDAY 9:30 am Soup Kitchen

WEDNESDAY Office Closes Early at 12:00 pm Joint Thanksgiving Reception @ OST 7:00 pm Joint Thanksgiving Service @ OST





30 SATURDAY 9:00 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Services

### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**November 1** Alan G. Bartel Pete Brunk

November 2 Heather Beloff Janet Rubin

**November 4** Paula Berenson Celia Burnett William Pucher

November 5 Alex H. Pincus

November 6 Marion Friedman Jonathan A. Kranz Genna Morisette Chris Sisler

November 7 Jessica Branham Diane Einhorn

**November 8** David Cohen Mark K. Friedman Valeria Williamson

**November 9** Judith G. Lefkowitz William Park

November 10 Brian R. Hirschler Sarah Robbins Gilda Solomon

November 11 Michael Cohen Patrick Collins Miles Leon Amber Shinn

November 12 Zachary Fine Nathaniel Fine Ross Firoved Jane Park Troy L. Rapoport Susan H. Stein Ira M. Steingold

November 13 Marilyn Kaye Bunn Robert G. Hofheimer, Jr.

November 14 Carol Brum Colleen Fox Stanley Marcus Lisa Spiegel

November 15 Louisa Agosto Lauren Bensink

November 16 Jerry Foer Lance Goldner Meredith B. Rose November 17 Glen Arluk Ken Johnson Leo S. Simon

Leo S. Simon November 18 Rebecca Halpern

Jennifer Metzger November 19 Jonna L. Ehehalt Dianne Epplein Kimberly Kranz Gloria Simon

November 20 Elizabeth Staub

November 21 Harold Anten Laurence Levin

November 22 Eileen Colton Nancy S. Embree Kelly D. Kinnear Sheal D. Lisner Joyce Scheimberg

November 23 Donald Z. Goldberg

November 24 Gail Holzweig Ross Kantor Marian Leavitt Adam Longwater Emily Strelitz

November 25 Anna Kosovsky Sheila Krakower Roger W. Lidman Alicia Willson-Metzger

**November 26** Ernestine K. Goldstein Robin Kyle Robert S. Seeherman

November 27 Matthew Branham Alan D. Stein

November 28 Mary Cantin Jeffrey Fine Katy Snyder Celeste Stredler

November 29 Jack Lee Fox Sue Ellen Teach

November 30 Barbara Blum Anne Y. Kramer Janis Weisberg

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