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*Chanukah* LIVE!

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# WORSHIP TORAH PORTIONS

## DECEMBER

**December 3 | 17 Kislev**  
*Torah Study - 4:00 pm*

**December 5 | 19 Kislev**  
*Torah Study - 9:00 am*  
Parashat Vayishlach  
Genesis 32:4 - 36:43  
Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1 - 1:21

**December 10 | 24 Kislev**  
*Erev Chanukah*  
*(1 Light in the Evening)*  
*Torah Study - 4:00 pm*

**December 11 | 25 Kislev**  
*Chanukah - Day 1*  
*(2 Lights in the Evening)*  
Parashat Chanukah  
Numbers 7:1 - 7:17

**December 12 | 26 Kislev**  
*Chanukah - Day 2*  
*(3 Lights in the Evening)*  
*Torah Study - 9:00 am*  
Parashat Vayeshev  
Genesis 37:1 - 40:23  
Maf: Numbers 7:18 - 7:29  
Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

**December 13 | 27 Kislev**  
*Chanukah - Day 3*  
*(4 Lights in the Evening)*  
Parashat Chanukah  
Numbers 7:24 - 7:35

**December 14 | 28 Kislev**  
*Chanukah - Day 4*  
*(5 Lights in the Evening)*  
Parashat Chanukah  
Numbers 7:30 - 7:41

**December 15 | 29 Kislev**  
*Chanukah - Day 5*  
*(6 Lights in the Evening)*  
Parashat Chanukah  
Numbers 7:36 - 7:47

**December 16 | 1 Tevet**  
*Chanukah - Day 6*  
*(7 Lights in the Evening)*  
Parashat Chanukah  
Numbers 28:1 - 28:15  
Maf: Numbers 7:42 - 7:47

**December 17 | 2 Tevet**  
*Chanukah - Day 7*  
*(8 Lights in the Evening)*  
*Torah Study - 4:00 pm*  
Parashat Chanukah  
Numbers 7:48 - 7:59

**December 18 | 3 Tevet**  
*Chanukah - Day 8*  
Parashat Chanukah  
Numbers 7:54 - 8:4

**December 19 | 4 Tevet**  
*Torah Study - 9:00 am*  
Parashat Miketz  
Genesis 41:1 - 44:17  
Haftarah: I Kings 3:15 - 4:1

**December 24 | 9 Tevet**  
*Torah Study - 4:00 pm*

**December 25 | 10 Tevet**  
Parashat Asara B'Tevet  
Exodus 32:11 - 34:10

**December 26 | 11 Tevet**  
*Torah Study - 9:00 am*  
Parashat Vayigash  
Genesis 44:18 - 47:27  
Haftarah: Ezekiel  
37:15 - 37:28

**December 31 | 16 Tevet**  
*Torah Study - 4:00 pm*



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Volunteer today and sign up online at [ohefsholom.org](http://ohefsholom.org) to light the Shabbat Candles with Rabbi Roz and Cantor Jen during our live stream services!



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# CELEBRATING CHANUKAH



## Chanukah LIVE!

**December 10 - 17**  
**Evenings at 6:30 pm**  
**via livestream**

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK and light the candles with us! 

[facebook.com/ohesholomtemple/](https://facebook.com/ohesholomtemple/)  
or find us through [ohesholom.org](https://ohesholom.org)

Never did we imagine that the online streaming used for Chanukah LIVE! candle lightings would become commonplace in 2020! We are, however, overjoyed that we can still stay connected virtually and bring a little light into our homes together this year. Each evening of Chanukah we will stream the lighting of the menorah live on our Facebook page from a different location or with a different group. Please join us again this year to rekindle faith, hope and love as we celebrate Chanukah together as a community!

### CHANUKAH LIVE! *Lighting Schedule*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 (1 Candle)**  
Live with the Ohef Sholom Temple Congregation

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 (2 Candles)**  
Chanukah Shabbat Services with Joyce & Harry Graber

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 (3 Candles)**  
Live from the Jewish Museum and Cultural Center

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 (4 Candles)**  
Live with the Ohef Sholom Temple Religious School

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 (5 Candles)**  
Live with the Ohef Sholom Temple Men's Club

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 (6 Candles)**  
Live with Ohef Sholom Temple's Adult D'Bar Torah Group

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 (7 Candles)**  
Live with Emily & Nathan Strelitz

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 (8 Candles)**  
Live with Ohef Sholom Temple's Board of Directors





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WITH RABBI & CANTOR



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## Be the Light

**D**ecember used to be fraught with dilemma: how could our minor festival of lights compare with the grand spectacle of Christmas . . . that is everywhere beginning in October! Amidst the music, decorations, trees and gifts, we worried, "would our children feel

left out, cheated even, out of what seemed to be the ultimate American holiday?" Fast forward to 2020, and President Trump boasts eight Jewish grandchildren, President-Elect Biden has five and Vice President Elect Harris' Jewish step-children call her Mamela Kamela! In our delicious melting pot of a nation, there seem to be few winter holiday dilemmas at all. Rather, we're one beautiful American mosaic of different ethnicities, religions, and cultures united by our pride in and love for our country. Even in the midst of a serious, multi-year rise in anti-Semitic incidents, we Jews certainly do seem to be fully accepted as Americans; in other words, we've made it!

But as many benefits as there are to this status, there are downsides and dangers as well. One of them is that we have lost some of the values, beliefs and practices that make us uniquely us. So during this Chanukah season, we encourage you to devote each of your eight days or nights to highlighting some of the gifts of Judaism. Below are some ideas taken from [jkidphilly.org](http://jkidphilly.org):

**1. Ometz Lev / Courage:** The Chanukah story emphasizes the bravery of the Maccabees and those who stood up for the freedom of being Jewish. Talk to your kids about their heroes and share examples of people who inspire you.

**2. Tzedakah / Justice:** It's fun to receive gifts for Chanukah—and also important that we teach our children about the Jewish value of Tzedakah. Dump out the coins in your Tzedakah box and count them together. Talk about places where your family would like to make a donation. It doesn't



Join us each night of Chanukah at 6:30 pm on the Ohef Sholom Temple Facebook page as we take our Chanukah Candle Lighting LIVE!

need to be only money—it could be sharing gently used toys and clothes!

### 3. Ha'achalat Re'evim / Feeding the Hungry:

Chanukah time is also a time to think about people who may not have enough money to celebrate the holiday—or enough money for the food they need. To teach this mitzvah, you can volunteer as a family at our OST Soup Kitchen, JFS, the Foodbank of Southeast VA or Oasis Social Ministries or take canned good to any of their food pantries.

**4. Bal Taschit / Not Wasting:** What happens after you unwrap Chanukah gifts in your home? Engage your kids in the mitzvah of Bal Taschit, not wasting. Kids can carry cardboard boxes to your recycling bin and use old gift-wrap for arts and craft projects.

**5. Hachnasat Orchim / Welcoming Guests:** It's always a mitzvah to welcome guests in your home and at Chanukah time, there's an opportunity to reach out to another family to join you for candle lighting, dreidl and more Chanukah fun. You can also invite a family who isn't Jewish and teach them about traditions.

**6. Bikur Cholim / Visiting the Sick:** Many of us have older relatives in nursing homes who would appreciate a Chanukah card or picture drawn by your kids! The same is true for Jewish children who are in the hospital could also use Chanukah cards!

**7. Hochma / Wisdom:** PJ Library has so many wonderful Chanukah books available—you can pick one to reach each night or have a special book night in which everyone gets to pick their favorite story.

**8. Al Ha Nissim / Declaring the Miracle:** It's a Jewish tradition to place the Chanukah menorah in the window for everyone to see. Take a picture of your family on the last night of Chanukah and post it on our OST Friends Facebook page so we can celebrate with you!

May each of these *mitzvot* remind you, your children, and your grandchildren of the depth, joy, and awesomeness that is our tradition. In so doing, may you use this Festival of Lights to be the light in the world you wish to see!

Chag Sameach,

Rabbi Roz Cantor Jen





# PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

## Is it 2021 Yet?

When 2020 began, a lot of exciting emphasis was placed on forward thinking, future plans, and optimism with *2020 Vision* as a pretty universal mantra. Marketing focused on eye charts and glasses. Hope was everywhere, including here at Ohef Sholom Temple, where our membership was strong, our calendar filled, and events and services often at capacity.

Now, most of us are looking forward to some *2020 hindsight*, ready to place this year of turmoil in our rearview mirror. I don't think there's a single individual on this planet that has not suffered various disappointments in 2020 – some more than others. Many of those sad moments have been a direct result of COVID-19, others just part of life.

The same can be said of our congregation. In addition to feeling each other's losses and grief, we've dealt with Temple setbacks such as cancelled events, decreased revenue, and just missing our Temple family's company.

Still, in the spirit of making lemonade out of lemons, Ohef Sholom Temple – our clergy, our staff, our volunteers – have discovered new ways not only to do what we've always done, but have also created fresh, innovative events and ways to connect with each other. For example, our cooking class series starts on Dec. 6 when Charles Greenhood teaches *Cooking for Chanukah*, and on Dec. 19, Jeanne and Bob Zentz begin hosting a monthly *Havdalah Hootenanny*. Our Religious School's periodic Drive-thrus have been a big hit, and our *Love Thy Neighbor* initiative has assisted those in need in our greater community, to name just a few new endeavors.

Fortunately, our membership is holding steady, and while some have been forced to reduce their annual commitments due to COVID-19, others have increased theirs. Although our facility rental is way down, some of our expenses are, too. And, while we are not holding events or services in our building, Ohef Sholom continues to be a busy place with our dedicated staff assuring that we continue to function without interruption.

Alice Titus, our archivist, has requested stories and reflections from congregants about life during COVID-19. If we think about what we will tell our

grandchildren and what our great- and great-great-grandchildren will read about Ohef Sholom Temple during 2020, I believe they will learn that we were a resilient congregation that worked hard to assure a future for a Reform Jewish community in Tidewater, that we cared for each other as well as those less fortunate, that we always celebrated Shabbat and holidays, taught our students – our youth and adults, and that we took pride in every aspect of our product.

I am hopeful for 2021 and I am optimistic about Ohef Sholom's tomorrow because of how we are today – a vibrant, engaged, caring community.

On behalf of our Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and my family – Steve, Madeline, and Deni – I wish you all a Happy Chanukah and a peaceful, healthy, joyful, and safe 2021!

L'Shalom,

Terri Denison Budman



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## MAZEL TOV!



**Congratulations to Elijah Morrissey on his upcoming Bar Mitzvah on December 5!**

Elijah Morrissey is the son of Chris & Alyson Morrissey, the grandson of David & Martha Javinsky, and the brother of Leia and Jacob Morrissey.

**Congratulations to Elijah Muhlendorf on his upcoming Bar Mitzvah on December 12!**

Elijah is the son of Alyssa & Jonathan Muhlendorf, grandson of Diane & Ken Muhlendorf and Karen & David Jorgenson, and brother to Nyla Muhlendorf.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazel Tov to **Sandy & Marty Mendelsohn** on the birth of their grandson **Miles Joseph Mendelsohn** on September 4, 2020. Proud parents are **Mark & Jacqueline (Jaci) Mendelsohn**. Big sisters are **Ava** and **Julia**, along with big brother **Max**.

Mazel Tov to **Ellen & Danny Coley**, who are pleased to announce the engagement of their son **Kyle Coley** to **Gabrielle (Gabby) Morfeld**. Additional congratulations are extended to Kyle's grandparents, **Benny & Lea Brook (of blessed memory)** and **Mildred & Frank Barber (of blessed memory)**, as well as to Gabby's parents **James & Cindy Bowman** and **Doug & Jennifer Morfeld**. The wedding is scheduled for Spring 2022.

## CONDOLENCES

*Ohel Sholom offers heartfelt condolences to the following members & friends:*

**Peter Sallmaier** on the loss of his sister, **Anne Sallmaier**.

**Helen Margolius** on the loss of her husband, and **Karen Plotnick** on the loss of her father, **Alvin Margolius**.

**David Javinsky (Martha)** on the loss of his sister, and **Alyson Morrissey (Christopher)** on the loss of her aunt, **Evelyn "Ebby" Shapiro**.

To family and friends on the loss of **Susan Katz**.

**Genna & Mark Morrisette** on the loss of their daughter, **Todd & Susan Kletz** on the loss of their granddaughter, **Michelle & Josh Hobbs and Shari & Ryan Kletz** on the loss of their niece, **Carson Shea Morrisette**.

**Marty Mandelberg (Rabbi Roz)** on the loss of his brother, **Norman Mandelberg**.



## SPECIAL TEMPLE EVENTS THIS MONTH DECEMBER



**December 2 & 3 | 11 am - 5 pm**

**SALE! Support OST and get ready for Chanukah!**

Ohel Sholom Temple's Judaica Shop will be holding an open house-style Chanukah Shop Sale! Find the perfect gifts, gelt, cards, menorah, candles, tableware, dreidels, and more! *Support OST and the Sisterhood by shopping here first!*

Shopping options will be drive-up, pick-up, or in-person (with a mask). For more information, contact **Amy Metzger** at [amywmetzger@gmail.com](mailto:amywmetzger@gmail.com) or call (757) 270-8495.



**December 6 | 2 pm**

**Chanukah Cooking with Charles Greenhood of Brutti's Catering**

Join us as Charles Greenhood of Brutti's Catering leads a Chanukah Cook-a-long! He'll teach us how to trim and season brisket, make his famous bagel nutz, prep & roll blintzes, and give us a twist on traditional latkes using smashed yams! Find the ingredients list online at [ohefsholom.org](http://ohefsholom.org), call the Temple office at 757-625-4295, or email [reservations@ohefsholom.org](mailto:reservations@ohefsholom.org) to RSVP.



**December 19 & January 16 | 7 - 9 pm**

**Havdalah Hootenanny with Jeanne & Bob Zentz**

On the third Saturday of the month from 7-9 pm, join Jeanne and Bob Zentz on Zoom for a "Zing-along," or bring your own song, read a poem, tell a story, play an instrument, share some pictures... whatever you like! Everyone takes a turn and participates as they wish, in the style of good ol' community singing and sharing. All ages and all folks are welcome!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86705155820>

**OST New Year's Day Bowling Fun - With a Socially Distanced Twist!**

**COVID PRECAUTIONS:**

- MASKS will be required to be worn at all times
- Every other Bowling Lane is EMPTY
- Maximum 5 people in each Bowling Lane
- Shoes are disinfected after every use



**January 1, 2021 | 1 - 3 pm**

**OST's New Year's Day Bowling Fun With a Socially Distanced Twist!**

Join OST congregants and friends for an afternoon of bowling, food, and fun at Pinboys on Laskin Road in Virginia Beach. Pizza, assorted chicken platter and soft drinks will be provided. For more details or to RSVP, contact Nina Kruger at [membership@ohefsholom.org](mailto:membership@ohefsholom.org). Membership Ambassador: Linda Fox-Jarvis

**\$10 per person | \$20 per family**





## ECOJUDAISM

### Around the Grounds

**D**uring one of my late October workdays at Ohel Sholom, I took time to observe our grounds. So often we are so focused on the task that we do not make the time to see if our efforts have made a difference. One objective that we have is to make the grounds more environmentally friendly. When Mary Ann Nadler started the native plant garden, she wanted to attract butterflies and other wildlife to the Temple grounds. We are working on increasing, improving, and maintaining areas with that purpose in mind. During my walk I could see that it is working.

On my first walk around, I noticed that there were a few Monarch caterpillars, eating the milkweed. They are easy to recognize with their yellow, black, and white stripe pattern and their black front and rear filaments or tentacles. Later that day I noticed their jade colored jewel like chrysalises that were hanging from the window frames. It is may be too late in the season for this group to make the flight to warmer climates, but we can hope for their success.



*This Monarch caterpillar was one of several that were eating the milkweed.*



*The remains of a Black Swallowtail chrysalis is still attached to the fennel.*

The fennel plants have been decimated by the Black Swallowtail caterpillars. The fennel was planted with that in mind. Evidence of their metamorphosis is in the remains of the chrysalises that are attached to stems. Later in the season we will cut the tops off and put them in a pot for the winter as a dried outdoor

arrangement. The butterflies can come out in the spring and start the cycle anew.

You may have seen the picture of the big rather fat Hornworm caterpillar on our Facebook page. This caterpillar had grown to about the size of an adult's thumb from eating bell pepper leaves. These caterpillars eat crops and are considered by many people to be a pest, but after its metamorphosis it will become a type sphinx moth. If you observe this moth in action, its movements will remind you of a hummingbird. There are some moths in this family that have clear wings and look somewhat like large bees as they feed on the flowers' nectar.



*A Hornworm caterpillar enjoys a sweet pepper leaf.*

There were also a few honeybees and other pollinators around the flowers. One visitor that I was not happy to see is the White Cabbage Butterfly. This is an invader from Europe that eats the brassica plants (collards, kale, cabbage, broccoli, etc.) with enthusiasm. Even with these unwelcome visitors there are good signs that we are doing things in a sustainable manner.



*A jewel-like Monarch chrysalis hangs from a brick at Temple.*

We will continue to work to make OST an example of environmental stewardship and demonstrate that even in a city you can invite nature in and take steps to repair God's world.

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## SISTERHOOD

**D**uring November, Sisterhood hosted An *Introduction to Practical Movement: Movement Toward Strength, Ease and Self-Awareness Every Day*. At first, I thought about this as a type of yoga class, which I have never even tried. However, as Sisterhood President I felt obligated to attend so I could support this Sisterhood program. There were about a dozen of us and I was glad I attended. I learned a little more about myself and a few tips to help me navigate this strange time we're living in. My point is that, as difficult as some things are right now and in the foreseeable future, this just might be a time to try something new. It definitely worked for me!

Sisterhood has been able to assist the community by helping fund a Thanksgiving Drive for some *ForKids* families. And with Chanukah fast approaching, Sisterhood is looking forward to supporting the Religious School families as they celebrate.

Our Sisterhood Board continues monthly meetings exploring ways to support each other, our Temple and the community. We welcome your thoughts and ideas so please contact me, through email, text or phone.

Yours in Sisterhood,

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**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."*

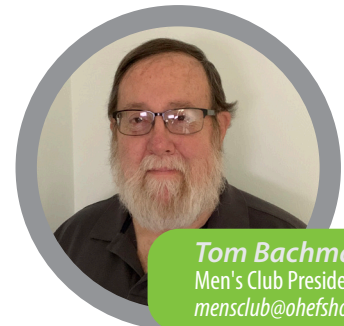
## MEN'S CLUB

**A**s I sit here in my kitchen thinking about what the world is going through, I thank my lucky stars that with everything going on in my life I am still here and reasonably healthy. Although we cannot physically get together, Men's Club is meeting virtually on zoom. We are sharing ideas on what we can do, project-wise, for the Temple. To find out what we're talking about, you can Zoom in at one of our meetings; they are the first Wednesday of each month. Be on the lookout for the email that is sent to all the men of the Temple so you will have the link to join us.

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Wednesday,**  
**December 2 at 6:00 pm**

Sincerely,

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# TZEDAKAH CORNER

## LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

**Let's Build Something Together!**  
(Yes, even YOU can help make a desk and chair for our adopted ForKids families!)



COMMUNITY  
DESK  
PROJECT

The Community Desk Project ([communitydeskproject.org](http://communitydeskproject.org)) is a grass-roots effort sweeping across the country whose "singular purpose is to provide desks, chairs and bookshelves so young learners have a personal space to study and learn. They are simply designed, requiring a minimum of tools and time to assemble." After our Love Thy Neighbor Committee kicked off our year-long partnership with ForKids by providing them with Thanksgiving meal baskets, we reached out to our 12 adopted families and their 23 children and offered to make these learning essentials for their students. These children are struggling to attend school at home while perhaps sharing a kitchen table with siblings and parents all working virtually. In response to our offer, these families have requested 7 bookshelves and 5 student desks and chairs. Our goal is to make and give them as gifts in time for their Christmas holiday. We can do this!

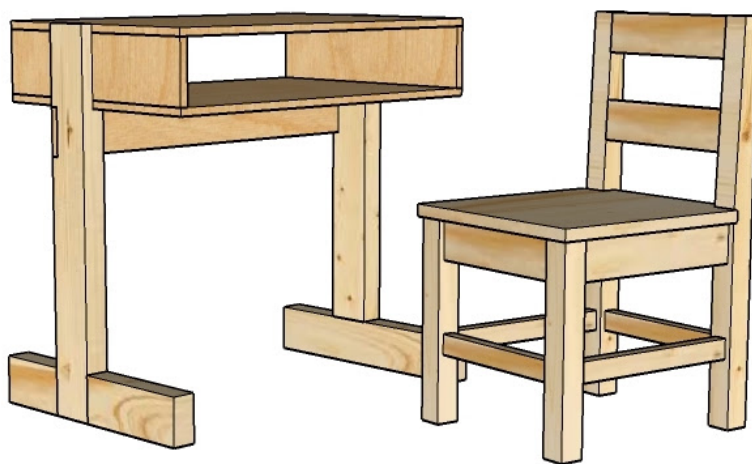
We will meet in our OST parking lot (location subject to change; will be updated on the *As Temple Turns* if needed) on **Sunday, December 13 at 9:00 am** to make these items for our ForKids families and to participate in the national Community Desk Project. We will have extension cords reaching into the Temple and will provide all tools and materials. If you have basic tools, please bring them. You do not need any experience working with tools. We have instructions from their website, and anyone can use a nail and hammer and wood glue.

We have invited our wonderful Men's Club to partner with us for this project, and we are grateful for their many talents and skills.

We will be adhering to COVID safety guidelines and will limit the attendance as mandated.

Let's come together as one OST family and share our hearts with these 12 special families who need us!

Please contact **Matthew Weinstein** at [mnamatthew@gmail.com](mailto:mnamatthew@gmail.com) or **Dorianne Villani** at [dvillani@cox.net](mailto:dvillani@cox.net) to let us know that you will be helping so that we can keep a count of participants to stay within guidelines. We need you to make this Mitzvah happen.



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# EDUCATION

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

The Religious School would like to thank the members of the OST Board, the Religious School Committee, and the teachers for their help and support for our second Drive-Through Session on November 12. It was a great success and we all loved seeing everyone in person - even through masks and social distancing!

Each student brought a food item for the Thanksgiving baskets our Temple is donating to families through ForKids.

Our Temple youth group, OSTY, gave out Chanukah bags to the teens and

everyone received little stuffed animals, dreidels and gelt, sponsored by the Sisterhood and Men's Club.

**Note change of date:** We will hold our fun-filled *Chanukah Happening* for the students and families on Sunday, December 13, *not* December 6 as indicated on our school calendar.

**For more information on this celebration, please contact Kitty Wolf at 757-625-4295 or [kitty@hefsholom.org](mailto:kitty@hefsholom.org).**



**December 6 at 10:30 am**  
Chanukah  
Book: *Sammy Spider's Hanukkah Colors*

**January 3 at 10:30 am**  
Tubishvat  
Book: *Tubishvat is Coming!*

Specifically for young families and children, birth through four years, **Wiggles & Giggles** introduces young children to their Jewish World. For more info call 757-625-4295 or contact Kitty Wolf at [kitty@hefsholom.org](mailto:kitty@hefsholom.org) or Allena Anglen at [allenahurwitz@gmail.com](mailto:allenahurwitz@gmail.com).  
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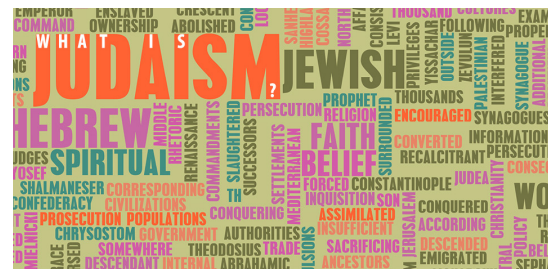
## UPCOMING DATES

**DEC. 6**  
9:00 am  
Hebrew  
10:00 am  
Intro to Judaism Class  
10:30 am  
Religious School  
Wiggles & Giggles

**DEC. 13**  
9:00 am  
Hebrew  
9:00 am  
LTN: Community Desk Project (OST Parking Lot)  
10:30 am  
*Chanukah Happening*  
Religious School

**DEC. 20**  
10:00 am  
Intro to Judaism Class

**JAN. 3**  
9:00 am  
Hebrew  
10:00 am  
Intro to Judaism Class  
10:30 am  
Religious School  
Wiggles & Giggles



**A Course for Newcomers and Lifetime Learners**

**December 6 at 10:00 am**  
How Chanukah Grew:  
Judaism Adapts to the Diaspora

**December 20 at 10:00 am**  
Worship and Diverse Concepts of God





# TESHUVAH STORIES

SERIES (2 OF 3)

## JOURNEYS TO JUDAISM: Carol Brum

**W**hen Sandy Forte-Nickenig delivered her message for Shabbat services, I identified with much of what she said. Especially when she spoke about her mother, who was not a religious Jew but someone who basically divided the world into two groups:

Jews... and the enemy...

My own mom was a lot like that. She disavowed all things "religious"...considering them superfluous to her Jewish identity... She actually spoke proudly of the day she introduced my previously Kosher father... to bacon... and shrimp... and clams!

She always referred to herself as a "cardiac Jew"..... a Jew mostly in her heart.

One perfect example? When I was a teenager I asked her why she didn't want to attend High Holiday Services... With a smile she said, "I really think God can see me much better on the golf course!"

Although both were Jewish, my parents' backgrounds were distinctly different. My father was raised in an orthodox Jewish home by parents who immigrated from the Polish/Russian border region just before WWI.

My mom's family was *less* religious and *more* secular. Her dad was second generation American, born in the States to Hungarian parents while her mom came here as a child from Austria and often spoke Yiddish.

But the woman who would have been my Grandma Rose

passed away when my mom was just a teenager... and in losing her mother, my mom lost her own Jewish role model at a very early age.

I was born and raised in Oceanside, Long Island, the third and youngest daughter of Doris & Emanuel (better known as "Manny") Roth.

It was an idyllic 1950's and '60s suburban existence. And since most of our neighbors were Jewish, being Jewish then and there seemed very normal. For example, all the public schools in Oceanside closed down for the Jewish High Holidays. We had at least 3 synagogues, covering the gamut from Orthodox and Conservative to Reform.

Now as I look back, I realize I took my Jewishness for granted for a very long time. Our family belonged to *Avo-dah*, or *A-voh-da*, as we called it... the reform temple we attended on the High Holidays and other rare, random occasions. I have 2 strong memories of Temple:

*Memory One:* the seemingly endless (and boring!) services, during which our Rabbi, (so very unlike Rabbi Roz) seemed to drone on and on.....so easy to tune out.

*And Memory 2:* my father's beautiful tenor voice, singing all the familiar prayers... impossible to tune out. Even today hearing those same melodies often moves me to tears.

The services were mostly in English, so they could have been meaningful to me, but somehow



This is an abridged version of Carol's original speech. To read her full Teshuvah Story, please go online to [ohefsholom.org/teshuvah-stories/](http://ohefsholom.org/teshuvah-stories/).

they just weren't. Nothing struck me as particularly important, except one thing. After the *Sh'ma*, our congregation recited, always in English, the prayer I later learned was *V'Ahavta*.

For some reason, repeating those words, containing the idea of keeping God's commandments "on my gates and door posts," resonated for me. I'm sure we had *mezzuzot* on the door frames of our house, but I never really paid attention to them.

I never connected them to the prayer or the history of the Jewish people receiving the Ten Commandments, and our responsibility as Jews to bring those commandments literally into our homes and our lives.

My two sisters and I were expected to attend Sunday school regularly; though Joy, the eldest, quit relatively early, finding the classes "boring," my middle sister, Lynne, was intent on becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*.



However my father, like many in those days, was “old school”; he believed that *Bar Mitzvah* was just for boys. Lynne demonstrated her commitment by being the only one of us to reach confirmation. Our Dad was quite proud of her for that! Both of my sisters married Jewish men and became *b’nai mitzvah* as adults later in their lives.

As for me, by the time I reached 2nd grade, my mother was so fed up with my weekly “Sunday morning stomach aches” she allowed me to “drop out” of Sunday school for good.

When I arrived at the University of Massachusetts in 1969, I joined the same “Jewish sorority” both my older sisters had belonged to. I was expected to date boys from the Jewish fraternity, but in those days of campus rebellion in every aspect of life (this was the late sixties), I went a different way.

As a freshman speech and theater major, I spent more time with the theater clique and was drawn to people who seemed to have more interesting and exciting backgrounds than mine... and in most cases, they were not Jewish.

I also remember having my first personal experience with anti-Semitism at UMass as the friends of some boys I dated made disparaging remarks about me. I remember feeling marginalized for perhaps the first time in my life. By sophomore year, one other experience changed me.

I fell in love, so deeply that even then, at only 19, I recognized my great fortune in finding a “soul mate,” my perfect match.

Allan and I had been friends in high school, but “connected” during the summer between our freshman and sophomore years of college. Even though our schools were three and a half hours apart, we were emotionally inseparable, exchanging letters and/or phone calls almost daily.

Soon, my “overprotective” mother began to think of him as my “Svengali”; too much influence and not enough deference to established “norms.” She believed we were too young to know true love. He was also far more observantly religious than our family had been. My mom actually branded him as “too Jewish.” In hindsight, knowing what I’ve learned about my mother, I realize that strict adherence to religious observance was something she resisted, and almost resented, in her own marriage.

I’ll skip the other details of my parents’ disapproval and just say, they managed to force us apart after a year and a half of increasingly tense restrictions... breaking both of our hearts... and at the same time, creating a more rebellious me than ever. For the remainder of my college years and leading up to my first marriage, I never dated another Jewish man.

I married a man ten years older than me, who wasn’t rebellious, or spiritually connected to any religion, although he was raised in a strict, Southern Baptist home.

All these years later, with increased understanding, I have come to realize that a big part of

the attraction for me was his 12 year old daughter, Melissa, with whom I had become increasingly close while we were dating. She was a “junior bridesmaid” in our wedding and her generous spirit gave me a chance to be an immediate Mom, a role I had looked forward to all my life. Our bond remains strong to this day, though her Dad and I divorced almost 20 years ago.

As I composed this story, it became apparent to me that my mother really was a fountain of mixed messaging throughout my life! She insisted we claim ourselves to be Jewish but managed to frequently convey her dissatisfaction with any connection to our religion. I am left with an overwhelming sense of regret at her own lack of Jewish religious education and awareness. These days, it seems apparent that my Jewish values were transmitted to me, in large part, through my father and his family.

When I was seven months pregnant, my ex-husband and I relocated from New Jersey to Grand Blanc, Michigan, where my daughter Jessica was born.

When Jessica was two years old, Six Flags moved us again, this time to Arlington, Texas. That move proved to be life-altering to my Jewish story. We chose our home close to the highway that led to the Jewish Community Center in Fort Worth, where I arranged for Jessica to attend pre-school.

My mother-in-law, who lived close by and whose Baptist

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# TESHUVAH STORIES

SERIES (continued)

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▶ religion her own son had rejected, then proved herself to be the most Christian woman I have ever known. I feared she would oppose my plan to raise Jessica in the Jewish tradition, but instead she showed her strength and character by thanking me for committing to raise her granddaughter with faith in God. She knew little about Judaism except for reading the "Old Testament," but religion was important to her, and her approval encouraged me to continue on my own Jewish path.

The one and only synagogue in Arlington was called a reform congregation, but as the only game in town it really was home to a broad range of observant Jews. It provided the extended family I craved and was badly missing, lasting until my family moved back to New Jersey in 1994.

In New Jersey, my re-invigorated commitment to our Jewish lives revolved mainly around Jessica's *bat mitzvah* preparations and her subsequent confirmation. At the *bat mitzvah* celebration, my parents, especially my mother of course, expressed candidly how surprised they were that my life, and both Jessica's and my efforts, had brought us to this happy place!

It was, I think, a pleasant surprise to them that the little girl who couldn't stand going to Sunday School had grown up to become the proud mother of a *Bat Mitzvah*... And for me, it actually felt like a shared accomplishment.

Despite that happy feeling, our connection to the Jewish community in West Windsor was minimal. I was feeling alone in a new and different way as it became clear to me that my marriage was not going to survive.

As my ex and I began to separate and plan to divorce, I accidentally (some might say fatefully!) saw an opportunity to reconnect with Allan via *Classmates.com*.

Somehow his life had led him to virtually the same spot...and our ability to pick up right where we left off, nearly 28 years earlier, was almost scary. And now we've been together for 18 years.

When we first stood side by side for High Holiday services in Allan's Los Angeles synagogue, he leaned over and whispered how he had imagined us standing together many times over the years we had been apart. When we "eloped" in Las Vegas, and he wrapped us together in his father's *Tallis*, it felt like I had come home.

It's become so clear to me, and to Allan, that God's plan for my life was exactly that: a plan to lead me, with gratitude, back to my Jewish self.

And once again I'm hearing my father's voice.

It's the voice I hear singing the *Sh'ma* and it's the voice I hear (along with God's, I'm sure) pushing me to be compassionate, fair and generous... all Jewish values that he instilled in me, and

## Teshuvah Stories: Journeys to Judaism



that he would be so proud to see me passing down to his great-grandchildren... *L'dor V'dor*.

Our family and friends knew my father as a *mensch* for his righteousness and respect for others. I remember his total unwillingness to speak ill of others; his honesty and integrity, almost to a fault, in dealing with family and business matters.

And my mother, who despite any faults, with a strong Jewish sense of humor, always wanted me to stand up and be true to myself. She feared her third daughter and baby girl could be taken advantage of, and was overprotective for what she believed was my own good. A Jew in her heart, I know she would be happy for what my life is right now.

My Jewish journey has brought me back to so much - appreciation to God for my very lucky life, for Allan, for Jessica and her family, for Melissa and for Jenny and for the memory of my dad, Manny, telling his drama major daughter "we're not casting today, Carol."

I was born Jewish... but at this point of my life, I feel that I am choosing to live a Jewish life with joy - and God - in my heart.





# INSIDE OST

A CLOSER LOOK

## WE HAVE A WINNER! GABRIELE JIANNAS

After a fun, zany, digital wheel spin selection process on Facebook live with OST's Nina Kruger and artist Erica Fink, a winner for the Stained Glass Shabbat Candlesticks sculpture was chosen on November 23!



To everyone who entered, our raffle was a great success, earning \$1,340! All proceeds will benefit the Caring Committee, which supports the newly created *Love Thy Neighbor* initiative as well as our *Soup Kitchen* and other *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) programs.

"Dear OST Family, WOW! I am surprised, amazed and delighted to be the winner of the beautiful Shabbat Stained Glass prize.

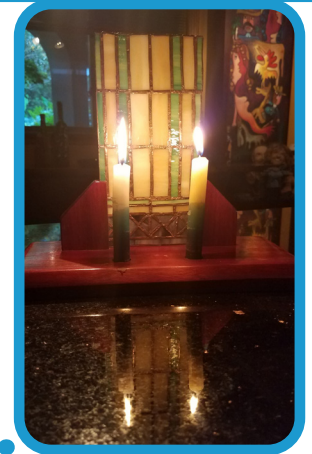
Thank you, Erica Fink, for creating such a lovely piece of art.

My husband and I will treasure this."  
-Gabriele

Congratulations go to our winner, **Gabriele Jannas!**

In response to winning her very own stained glass piece reminiscent of Ohef Sholom Temple's Sanctuary, Gabriele exclaimed over the phone, "I have never won a single thing in my life!"

Gabriele, we hope you enjoy always having some of Ohef Sholom Temple at home and thank you for participating.

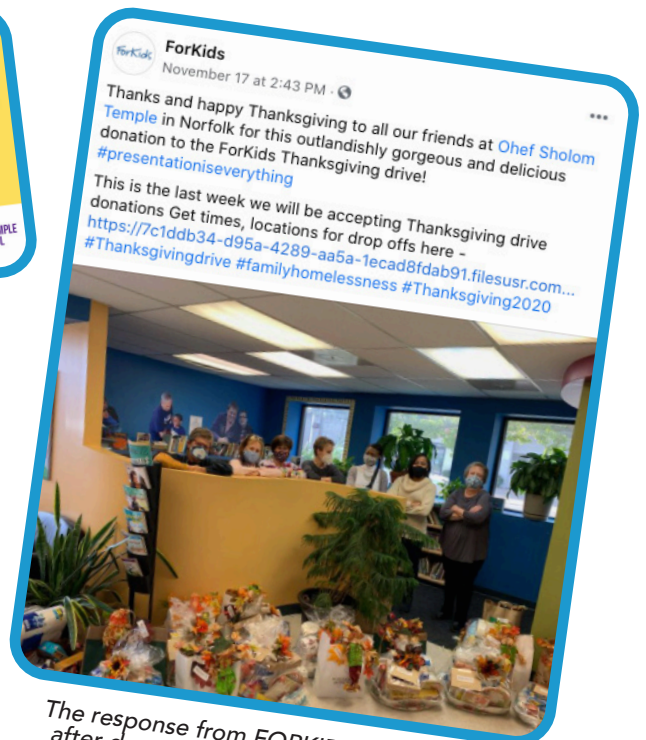


Thank you all for making a difference!

## THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FILL BASKETS FORKIDS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!



Thanks to all who helped us fill Thanksgiving baskets FORKIDS this year! Volunteers pictured (L to R): Pam Snyder, Kim Simon Fink, Dorianne Villani, Carol Brum, Ellen Hundley, and Marilyn Johns.



The response from FORKIDS on Facebook after dropping off Thanksgiving baskets.





# LIFE & LEGACY

## The LIFE & LEGACY Program: Nearing the End of Year 4

**W**e are so grateful to those in our Temple community who have been able to make a gift to our LIFE & LEGACY Program.



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As we approach our December 31 deadline for Year 4 of this program, we are working to ensure that Ohef Sholom hits our goal of formalizing 85% of our commitments. **By reaching this goal, we will earn an additional \$10,000 incentive grant** - funding that will make a difference for our community as we navigate 2021 and our changed world.

If you have already completed your LIFE & LEGACY GIFT, we thank you for helping Ohef Sholom get one step closer to our goal. By formalizing your gift,

you have made a lasting commitment to Jewish futures AND helped our Temple earn much needed grants from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. Thank you!

**If you have yet to formalize your LIFE & LEGACY gift**, please contact Kaitlyn Oelsner at Tidewater Jewish Foundation at (757) 965-6103 to complete your gift process by December 31, 2020. YOU can help us qualify for the \$10,000 incentive grant.

**If you want to add your name to the list, there is still time to make your LIFE & LEGACY commitment to help ensure the future of Ohef Sholom Temple's community. Please contact our LIFE & LEGACY Chair and Foundation President Matt Fine at [matthewfine@cox.net](mailto:matthewfine@cox.net) or (757) 407-1368 to learn more and discuss your giving options! Your commitment today will ensure our Jewish community a vibrant tomorrow.**

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## December 6 - 12

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## December 13 - 19

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 Harry L. Schwan\*  
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 Ann Wolf  
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 Doris T. Siff  
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 Raymond Thompson\*  
 Max Joseph Unger  
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 Rose Zelinger  
 Lee Zittrain\*

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 Rose Berger  
 Rose M. Brown

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 Jack Koonan  
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 Joan C. Landauer\*  
 Gertrude Lazier  
 Adolph Lombart  
 Barbara K. Lubar  
 Irving Margulies  
 Monroe Mendelson  
 Lynn Miles  
 Sara Miller  
 Jenya Sheida Milshtein  
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 Malcom Schoner  
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 Bernie Stein  
 Oscar L. Steinberg\*  
 Deborah Lee Stocker  
 Dr. Irving Tavss\*  
 Nellie B. Waranch\*  
 Bob E. Wolfson\*



# CALENDAR & BIRTHDAYS

## DECEMBER EVENTS

- 2 WEDNESDAY**  
11:00 am-5:00 pm  
Judaica Shop  
Chanukah Sale  
6:00 pm  
Men's Club  
Meeting
- 3 THURSDAY**  
11:00 am-5:00 pm  
Judaica Shop  
Chanukah Sale  
4:00 pm  
Virtual Torah Study  
(via Zoom)  
5:00 pm  
Executive  
Committee  
Meeting
- 4 FRIDAY**  
6:30 pm  
Shabbat Services  
followed by Oneg\*
- 5 SATURDAY**  
9:00 am  
Virtual Torah Study  
(via Zoom)  
10:30 am  
Shabbat Services  
& Bar Mitzvah of  
Elijah Morrissey\*
- 6 SUNDAY**  
9:00 am  
Hebrew School  
10:00 am  
Intro to Judaism  
10:30 am  
Religious School  
10:30 am  
Wiggles & Giggles  
2:00 pm  
Chanukah Cooking  
with Charles  
Greenhood\*
- 7 MONDAY**  
3:00 pm  
Ohel Sholom  
Foundation  
Meeting
- 8 TUESDAY**  
9:00 pm  
D'Bar Torah
- 9 WEDNESDAY**  
6:00 pm  
Sisterhood  
Meeting  
7:00 pm  
Rabbi's Anti-  
Racism Class
- 10 THURSDAY**  
Erev Chanukah  
(Light 1 candle  
in the Evening)  
4:00 pm  
Virtual Torah Study  
(via Zoom)  
6:30 pm  
Chanukah LIVE!\*
- 11 FRIDAY**  
Chanukah - Day 1  
(Light 2 candles  
in the Evening)  
6:30 pm  
Shabbat Services &  
Chanukah LIVE!  
followed by Oneg\*
- 12 SATURDAY**  
Chanukah - Day 2  
(Light 3 candles  
in the Evening)  
9:00 am  
Virtual Torah Study  
(via Zoom)  
10:30 am  
Shabbat Services  
& Bar Mitzvah of  
Elijah Muhlendorff\*  
6:30 pm  
Chanukah LIVE!\*
- 13 SUNDAY**  
Chanukah - Day 3  
(Light 4 candles  
in the Evening)  
9:00 am  
Hebrew School  
LTN Community  
Desk Project  
10:30 am  
Chanukah  
Happening  
Religious School  
6:30 pm  
Chanukah LIVE!\*
- 14 MONDAY**  
Chanukah - Day 4  
(Light 5 candles  
in the Evening)  
6:30 pm  
Chanukah LIVE!\*
- 15 TUESDAY**  
Chanukah - Day 5  
(Light 6 candles  
in the Evening)  
6:30 pm  
Chanukah LIVE!\*
- 16 WEDNESDAY**  
Chanukah - Day 6  
(Light 7 candles  
in the Evening)  
6:30 pm  
Chanukah LIVE!\*
- 17 THURSDAY**  
Chanukah - Day 7  
(Light 8 candles  
in the Evening)  
4:00 pm  
Virtual Torah Study  
(via Zoom)  
6:30 pm  
Chanukah LIVE!\*  
7:00 pm  
Board Meeting
- 18 FRIDAY**  
6:30 pm  
Chanukah - Day 8  
Shabbat Services  
followed by Oneg\*
- 19 SATURDAY**  
9:00 am  
Virtual Torah Study  
(via Zoom)  
10:30 am  
Shabbat Services\*  
7:00 pm  
Havdalah  
Hootenanny with  
Jeanne & Bob  
Zentz (via Zoom)
- 20 SUNDAY**  
10:00 am  
Intro to Judaism
- 22 TUESDAY**  
9:00 pm  
D'Bar Torah
- 24 THURSDAY**  
Christmas Eve  
(Office Closes  
Early at 1:00 pm)  
4:00 pm  
Virtual Torah Study  
(via Zoom)
- 25 FRIDAY**  
Christmas Day  
(Office Closed)  
6:30 pm  
Shabbat Services  
followed by Oneg\*
- 26 SATURDAY**  
9:00 am  
Virtual Torah Study  
(via Zoom)  
10:30 am  
Shabbat Services\*
- 28 MONDAY**  
9:30 am  
Soup Kitchen

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- December 1**  
Larry Goldrich  
Margaret  
Zimmerman
- December 2**  
Lily Dorsk
- December 3**  
Barbara Glasser  
Fred Pugh
- December 4**  
Andrew Casson  
Bruce Frieden  
David Kerpelman
- December 5**  
Bruce Waldholtz
- December 6**  
Louis Brenner  
Sheldon Cohn
- December 7**  
Linda Cole  
Monica Douglass  
Mildred Dreyfus  
Andrew Fine  
Ronni Foster  
Don Friedman  
Scott Galbraith  
Alan Troy
- December 8**  
Vivian Forman
- December 9**  
Terri Budman  
Ed Fraim  
Nathan Rubin  
Betsy Sanders
- December 10**  
Brad Waitzer
- December 11**  
Alfred Dreyfus  
Linda Peck  
Andy Stein  
Leslie Unger
- December 12**  
Martha  
Goodman  
Elizabeth  
Gregory  
Yvonne Lerner
- December 13**  
Terri Belkov  
Mandy Berkowitz  
Joyce Graber  
Al Murray  
Duke  
Rosenberg, Jr.
- December 14**  
Donna  
Brownstein  
Paul Terkeltaub
- December 15**  
Barbara Lifland  
Sandy Sroka
- December 16**  
Brad Embree  
Mandi Firoved  
Art Schoner
- December 17**  
Barbara Johnson  
Andrea Rocchio  
Michael Romash  
Paula Russel
- December 18**  
Robert Brotman  
Frank Campion  
Stephen Miller  
Andrew  
Nusbaum
- December 19**  
Howard Feldman  
Burke Margulies
- December 20**  
Sally Kocen  
Jack Kress  
Fanya Seagull  
Barbara Spigel  
Marsha Wilks
- December 21**  
Betty Moritz  
Shelley  
Rosenberg  
Amy Wolfson
- December 22**  
Laura Forman  
Darren King  
Bryan Mesh  
Gretchen Ostroff  
Matthew  
Weinstein
- December 23**  
Minette Cooper  
Chad Dorsk  
Danny Jason  
Ryan Kletz  
Sara Mendelson  
Matthew  
Nusbaum  
Steve  
Wohlgemuth
- December 24**  
Meghan Frenchi  
Bert Lowenthal  
AJ Pollack, Jr.  
Deborah  
Shipman
- December 25**  
Brian Aftel  
Matt Fine  
Stephan Gordon  
Elayne  
Lavenstein  
Axel
- December 26**  
Christina  
Verderosa
- December 27**  
Courtney Epps  
Heidi Raymond  
Linda Troy
- December 28**  
Rhonda  
Dreggors-  
Newport  
Stephanie Fine  
Pam Hirsch  
Ron Spindel
- December 29**  
Tania Golden  
Beldy  
Susan Kletz  
Julius Miller  
Nathan Strelitz
- December 30**  
David Balaban  
Larry Blum  
Selma Snyder  
Brenda Stein
- December 31**  
David Benjamin  
Vivian Margulies  
Daniel Morrall  
Jill Salomonsky

**31 THURSDAY**  
New Year's Eve  
(Office Closes  
Early at 1:00 pm)  
4:00 pm  
Virtual Torah Study  
(via Zoom)

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