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everyone

Dec. 15



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With  
Rabbi Roz & Cantor Jen

5:45

Teen Social  
7:00

Shabbat  
Services  
7:30

Sisterhood sponsored

Chanukah Dinner

6:30

### Dinner Menu

Beef Brisket  
Roasted Carrots  
Fresh Green Salad  
Potato Latkes with fixings  
Challah

Vegetarian  
Meatloaf

Children  
Chicken  
Nuggets

### Dessert

Brownies & Donut Holes

DECEMBER 1 | 6:30PM  
**SHABBAT SERVICE  
& WORKSHOP**

WITH SPECIAL GUEST JONATHAN ZUR

See Page 3 For More Event Details!

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## CLERGY CORNER

**D**uring my first year of cantorial school, when I was living in Jerusalem, I started to really get homesick for the first time just as winter approached. The days were getting shorter. Everyone seemed on edge. We were coming out of a period of particularly scary turmoil, with rockets having reached Jerusalem from the West Bank for the first time in over thirty years. Though the skies had been calm for many weeks, I had been shaken out of my comfort zone, and I was feeling displaced. And there was the darkness - it was dark when I left in the morning, and it was dark when I returned home for the evening.

The first hint of Chanukah in Jerusalem was the smell of *sufganiyot* (jelly doughnuts) which wafted from the little shops and bakeries and permeated the air. The sweet, heavy smell counteracted both the cold and the tension that had taken hold in recent weeks. I'm convinced it was the scent that brought out a warmth in people that I had yet to experience - or maybe it awakened a new warmth in me that the people I met were just reflecting back.

On the first night of Chanukah, classes ended just in time to light the first candle. We did so as a community, and then we dispersed to walk home. As I walked through my little neighborhood of Rechavia, there was a chanukiah at the end of every driveway, each with one candle glowing. These little spots of light lined the street. It wasn't enough light to see much by. They looked like tiny, dancing sparks inside boxes of glass. And the air was sweet, and hope was returning.

A few nights later, in a rowdy restaurant, the music suddenly fell silent. A bearded man jumped up onto the bar, a chanukiah in hand. People of all walks of life - a group of young Orthodox men, an Arab family, the handful of loners sitting at the bar, my two friends and me - we all blessed the candles together. For a moment, the miracles of ancient days seemed to be



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happening again - a moment of peace, a lightness. Light.

On the last night of Chanukah, as I walked home, it struck me - there was enough light to see by. The true miracle of Chanukah is not that the oil lasted for eight days, but that the light continues to multiply these thousands of years later, searing through the darkest days to remind us that we are strong, we are resilient, and we can be the light that the world is missing. It took experiencing this miracle in community with those around me to make me realize that, at least for that year, I was already home.

Unlike in Jerusalem, here in Hampton Roads, we don't see a chanukiah at the end of every driveway. We have to work a little harder to experience that multiplicity of light. This year, each night of Chanukah, we will be live streaming the lighting of the Chanukah candles from a different home or location. Through the magic of Facebook Live, you can light candles along with us, or just enjoy the traditions that we share.

We would also love for you to take a video of your own candle lighting, latke making, dreidel spinning, or whatever Chanukah custom is meaningful to you and send it to us so that we can share even more of our temple family's traditions and spread the light of the season even further.

In order to partake in our Chanukah live streaming, you must LIKE us on Facebook! Visit [www.facebook.com/ohef.s.temple](http://www.facebook.com/ohef.s.temple) and click LIKE to follow our page and get our live stream events in your Facebook feed. You can also click the "Like us on Facebook" button on our OST website.

May each light of Chanukah bring blessings of warmth and hope to your family and to our whole community. May we be inspired to be the light we want to see in this world. *Chag urim sameach!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to **Marty & Sandy Mendelsohn** on the engagement of their son, Mark Mendelsohn to Jacqueline Powers.

Congratulations to **Charles Woodward** on being presented the 2017 Arts Professional "Alli Award" by the Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads.

Congratulations to **Colleen Fox** for being a recognized honoree in the 2017 Women in Business Achievement Awards.

## CONDOLENCES

*Ohef Sholom offers heartfelt condolences to the following members and friends:*

**Leon (Terri) Sarfan**, on the loss of his father, Mayer A. Sarfan.

**Suzanne Barr & Edward (Ruthie) Legum**, on the loss of their brother, Herbert Legum.

**Bruce (Lyla) Longman**, on the loss of his brother, Willard Longman.

**Shelby (Christopher) Maltese**, on the loss of her sister, Rachel Otto.

### WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS AS OF OCTOBER 2017

Toby Eisenberg & Zachariah Nelson  
Rick & Jill Fischer  
Brennan & Diana Smith  
Ralph Rabinowitz  
Suzanne Velez-Perez & Luis Perez

### DECEMBER 1 | 6:30PM SHABBAT SERVICE & WORKSHOP

WITH SPECIAL GUEST JONATHAN ZUR  
President & CEO of the  
Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities

"The Art of Civil Discourse"  
Presentation & Workshop

For more information or to RSVP please email  
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## TORAH PORTIONS

### December

**December 2**      **Kislev 14**

*Torah Study - 9:00 am*

Parashat Va-yishlach, Gen. 32:4-36:43

Haftarah: Hosea 11:7-12:12

**December 5**      **17 Kislev**

*Torah Study - 6:00 pm*

**December 9**      **21 Kislev**

*Torah Study - 9:00 am*

Parashat Va'yeishev, Gen. 37:1-40:23

Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8

**December 12**      **24 Kislev**

*Torah Study - 6:00 pm*

**December 16**      **28 Kislev**

*Torah Study - 9:00 am*

Parashat Mikeitz, Gen. 41:1-44:17

Haftarah: Zechariah 4:1-7

**December 19**      **1 Tevet**

*Torah Study - 6:00 pm*

**December 23**      **5 Tevet**

*Torah Study - 9:00 am*

Parashat Va-yigash, Gen. 44:18-47:27

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28

**December 30**      **12 Tevet**

*Torah Study - 9:00 am*

Parashat Va-y'chi, Gen. 47:28-50:26

Haftarah: I Kings 2:1-12



# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Half Empty or Half Full?

In October I attended the One Day University at the Chrysler Museum. It was a fascinating half day of learning, with three topics, one being *"The Science of Happiness."* It explored the realm of *Positive Psychology* and the science behind what makes us happy. We learned that 50% of our disposition to happiness is dependent on genetics and heredity, 10% on circumstances and 40% is within our power to control! Positive Psychology, credited to Abraham Maslow, embraces the full range of emotions, including sadness, and attempts to help people become more resilient in the face of adversity.

Martin Seligman took Maslow's work further and broke new ground with his concept of *"learned optimism."* The concept that *optimism*, a trait identified with happy people, can be nurtured by teaching people to challenge their patterns of thinking and by appreciating and focusing on their strengths. His concept of "PERMA": **P**ositive emotion, **E**ngagement, **R**elationships, **M**eaning, and **A**ccomplishment is what allows people to flourish and is the building block of a fulfilled life.

Our lives are full of challenges and opportunities for growth and all the emotions that go along with them. How we manage and choose to see them is 40% up to us. We can choose to look at the glass as half full or half empty – to see change and adversity as opportunity and to embrace, or in the words of Facebook CEO Sheryl Sandberg, *lean in* to them.

Change is the only constant, and evolution is an ongoing process. We change or evolve in ways we sometimes like, and in others we don't much care for or welcome. In order to survive and thrive as human beings we must adapt and find new ways of being and doing things that allow us to embrace the new, while not denying our sadness resulting from the loss of the familiar and comfortable ways of the past.

As a long time yogi, I recently was informed by my physical therapist that yoga is not good for my body, and in fact, it may be what has caused me some of the physical problems I have experienced. This was NOT what I wanted to hear. I have since struggled to *let go* of my beloved practice. I had a choice, or maybe the choice wasn't even mine to make. Regardless, I adapted to this change and found new practices that have now become part of my life. I have chosen to feel grateful for all I can do, and though I mourn the fact I cannot practice yoga, I consciously made the choice to transform this challenge into an opportunity.

Similarly, our synagogue, our Jewish community, and Reform Judaism as a whole has evolved, in ways some of



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us like, and in other ways some don't particularly care for. Many have expressed their feelings openly, but many chose to deal with their feelings in silence. I appreciate and respect personal choice in this matter, but want all our sacred partners to know that we empathize and have compassion for the loss that results from evolution and change. You matter, and we want to support you as we adapt to new ways of doing things. The diversity of our paths that led us to OST and Reform Judaism is what defines us and is what allows us the opportunity to embrace and welcome the new and to be inclusive, rather than exclusive in how we express our Judaism.

In a recent interview sponsored by the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) as part of their *Day of Learning: Embracing Change*, author Anita Diamont responded to a question posed to her about the changing landscape of Reform Judaism with this:

"Diversity is a good thing, it is our history, it is something we need and something that propels us forward. We need to embrace this when looking at our organizations and everything we do, to see with fresh eyes. To look at the younger generations not as problems to be solved, but as co-creators in our future."

Similarly, Rabbi Mike Uram, author of *Next Generation Judaism*, who led a discussion at our JCC with Jewish community leadership about how to advance the next generation of Judaism, chooses to "see the great future ahead of us, if only we can allow ourselves to think beyond survival and to see new and different possibilities for what the matrix of Jewish communities could look like in the next few decades. While it certainly will be different, it may be better than we can imagine."

I see a bright future for Ohef Sholom and our community. The shared vision of our leadership, as stated in our Long Range Plan for the Future **"To honor our past, embrace change and live our Jewish values"** along with the implementation plan which accompanies it, will guide us on our journey.

I choose to embrace the challenges and changes we will experience with faith, courage and optimism. I will empathize with you, and beside you, with the feelings that arise because of changes we may not necessarily like. It is important to respect and attend to that which we might grieve, while at the same time choosing to have faith that the changes we experience will be what the future needs, and may even be better than we ever imagined!

# WE APPRECIATE THE THOUGHTFULNESS OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT OST

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## FEMALE JEWISH LEADERSHIP

*Who is wise? One who learns from every person. Who is strong? One who subdues one's evil inclination. Who is rich? One who is happy with one's lot. Who is to be honored? One who honors others. (Pikei Avot 4:1)*

The text above is part of the study guide that accompanied a recent 9th grade OST Sunday class on Jewish Leadership. Teen advisor Robyn Weiner, substituting for regular teacher Paul Weiner (Robyn's husband who was chaperoning 6 of our teens at a NFTY/MAR retreat in Raleigh, NC), assembled a multi-generational panel of OST women leaders for a lesson on Women and Leadership.

The setting is an all-girl class. In fact, 94% of our 9th and 10th grade Sunday learners (17 of 18) are girls. The class is part of a learning community where 85% of the faculty is female. The learning community is part of a synagogue where both clergy are women, the board President and Executive Director are women, the co-chairs of the Family Learning subcommittee, and the chairs of Engagement and Finance/Development are women. This is quite a different scene after centuries of patriarchal leadership of formal Jewish learning and worship around the world.

Robyn set up the panel of Minette Cooper, Cantor Jen, and Nicole Rosenblum because she wanted the class of all girls to hear from women leaders of our congregation. "It's good for them to hear about different styles of leadership," she said. Also, "you can't pigeon-hole people based on their age." Paul supported the lesson too.

Peering into the session, you could see the interest and exchange of stories and questions was authentic, appreciated and lively. Was there a common theme in the leadership stories? "Leading from behind the scenes, and not taking all the credit," says Robyn. It was also surprising to the 9th graders to hear that some of the employment-based gender biases encountered in each generation were still present in 2016.

I have been asking our faculty and others about the reasons for this era of female leadership of Jewish learning and worship, as well as its long-term impact on boys and girls advancing through the ranks of Jewish learning. One congregant suggested, "Women care more than men about the legacy they leave for their kids. A woman has more of a nurturing heart." Nurturing is the norm for spiritual education these days, rather than obligatory practicing of Jewish rituals and rote memorization of Jewish texts. "We should have more multigenerational learning opportunities," Robyn insisted.

At the time of this writing, Jews around the world are reading and studying the Torah portion Chayei Sarah ("Sarah lived") (Gen. 23 – 25). What can we learn about Jewish leadership from Sarah's life? Sarah, the first female Jew as reported in the Torah, lived for 127 years! The Torah is rich with details of her life, and includes a wealth of unwritten details that learners continue to interpret even now, in 2017. Above all, Sarah was human, and like her male counterparts, she lived in relationship to other people, male and female. She was a Jewish leader whose story continues to resonate with the people of our present generations. Her Hebrew name implies royalty. Her final resting place is in the caves of Machpelah overlooking the city of Hebron, in the West Bank Palestinian territory. Her legacy and memory are alive.



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## SAVE THE DATE!

Mama Doni is coming back March 9-11, 2018, with her Bluegrass band Nefesh Mountain. Mark your calendars for Friday night, March 9, for a Mama Doni *Shabbat for Everyone* at 5:45 pm followed by dinner at 6:30 pm.

Other exciting events that weekend with Nefesh Mountain include a community-wide concert for adults on Saturday night, March 10, and a spirituality workshop on Saturday afternoon.

Sunday, March 11, Mama Doni will lead *Wiggles and Giggles* at 11:00 am, which will be followed by a workshop for Jewish educators at 12:30 pm. Stay tuned for more details.



The OSTY board is full of strong female leaders. Pictured here are all but one of the members of the 2017-2018 board. From left: Sophie Waldman, Leia Morrissey, Amelia Fox, Abbey Williams, Alisa Kosovsky, and Carrie Landman. Not pictured: Lucie Waldman.





Shalom OST,

Alisa Kosovsky here, your 2017-2018 Ohef Sholom Temple Youth President! OSTY has had a great kickoff to the start of the year, and we hope to continue seeing new faces at every event! We swung into the new year with an exhilarating (and competitive) event at TopGolf and collected gift cards to donate to the Hurricane Harvey victims. In October, we had a spooky time as OSTY and JOSTY participated in Saturday night Havdalah and then traveled over to experience the frights at Haunted Hunt Club. Thanks to all who attended both these events and to everybody who made them possible! In the spirit of Hanukkah, I want to invite all OSTYites to our annual OSTY Hanukkah Party coming up on December 9th! Make sure to bring a small gift for our secret gift exchange!

I am extremely proud to report that OSTY's annual High Holiday Food Drive was a massive success as our OST community raised around 3,500 pounds of food to donate to the Jewish Family Services, OST Soup Kitchen, and the Southeastern Virginia Food Bank! OSTY wants to extend a huge thank-you to anyone who helped to make the food drive a reality. In addition, OSTY had a very successful fundraiser selling parking spots during the semi-annual Stockley Gardens Art Festival and thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the festival itself (especially the food!)

This year we had 3 OSTYites attend NFTY MAR's annual LEAD and Fall Kallah events. These events, sponsored by the North American Federation of Temple Youth, bring together Jewish teens from the Mid-Atlantic Region for a weekend full of social action, leadership, song session jams, and most importantly, fun! This winter, I want to extend an invitation to all JOSTY 6th-7th graders to attend MAJYK on December 15-17 in Alexandria, Virginia. In addition, this year's NFTY-MAR Winter Kallah will be held on January 12th-15th in Wakefield, Virginia. We can't wait to see everybody there!

Lastly, I want to encourage anyone who has any interest or questions about OSTY to please not hesitate to contact myself or the OSTY advisors. As a reminder, all OST 8th-12th graders are automatically part of OSTY. No membership fees required!

P.S. Make sure to stop by the newly renovated OSTY lounge on the second floor and check it out!

**Alisa Kosovsky**  
OSTY President

## JOSTY Partners With Soup Kitchen

JOSTY members showed how big their hearts are at their most recent event on Sunday, October 29.

Sixth and seventh graders (and one enthusiastic fifth grader) worked together to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and bagged lunches for the guests of Ohef Sholom Temple's Soup Kitchen. Six preteens spent two hours working as a team to make the bags. They learned about the mission of our soup kitchen and why it's important to help those in need in our community.

Here's what JOSTY said about why they helped:

- "We were helping people who needed help," said sixth-grader Jessica Kosovsky. "It feels good to help."
- Aiden Allen, a seventh grader had similar thoughts. "It feels good because you know there will be starving people on the streets," he said. "By making these sandwiches for two hours, you can make sure they're not starving for at least a day."
- Sophia Allen, also in seventh grade, said she wanted to help people who couldn't take care of themselves and to make their day.
- Sarah Kosovsky, in fifth grade, said it's important to help people who don't have the money to provide for themselves and their families and wants to make sure they get noticed.

Soup Kitchen Chair Dorianne Villani thanks these JOSTY members for participating in this meaningful activity and is very grateful for their partnership.



JOSTY members team up with OST's Soup Kitchen to bag peanut butter and jelly sandwich lunches.

# COMMUNITY

## As the Temple Greens

On Rosh Hashanah it was written.

And on Rosh Hashanah it was also spoken in a beautiful sermon given by Rabbi Mandelberg.

"Who will do mitzvot:

By recycling that which can be recycled;

By reusing items that still have utility;

By reducing our carbon footprint?"



Who will do these mitzvot in 5778? We will. We, the members of Ohef Sholom Temple, in our homes, in our greater community, and at our synagogue: we will do these mitzvot. And the Eco-Judaism Committee has committed to providing you with the education and opportunities to do so.

Rabbi Mandelberg, in an upcoming email, will write to you about our effort to obtain our GreenFaith Energy Shield to demonstrate our synagogue's commitment to reducing our carbon footprint at Ohef Sholom. She will also ask for your commitment to becoming a GreenFaith Energy Home which we need to receive this designation. Please look for the email and strongly consider this performing this mitzvah.

The Eco-Judaism Committee and the Ohef Sholom administrative staff are collaborating to expand our efforts to recycle, reuse, and reduce to a newer concept in the protecting the environment: "precycling." Simply put, this is finding ways we can reduce waste by not creating it in the first place.

Read Rabbi Mandelberg's full Rosh Hashanah sermon  
"Hurricanes and Hope"  
at [www.ohefsholom.org/worship/sermons](http://www.ohefsholom.org/worship/sermons)

One of the primary ways we feel we can start down this path of "precycling" is to eliminate the hard copy printing and mailing of our Temple's monthly newsletter *The Temple POST*. We believe that most congregants read the *POST* once, maybe refer to it once or twice during the month, and then (hopefully) recycle it. As most of us have access to computers and the internet, an electronic PDF copy via email can accomplish the same distribution of information, save trees, and eliminate trash on the receiver's end. It also has the additional benefit of saving OST an estimated \$1,000 per month in printing and postage costs.

We plan to begin this new method of distribution before next fiscal year, which begins June 2018. For those without internet or, for whatever reason, strongly prefer a hard copy mailed to them, we will provide it. We ask for your patience during this time of transition.

Additionally we encourage you to get your statements by email, which also will save on paper, printing and postage. **Send an email to [reservations@ohefsholom.org](mailto:reservations@ohefsholom.org) to sign up for an electronic delivery of the bulletin and/or statements by email.**

And as we all work towards Tikkun Olam, we thank you for your support in sealing the earth for a good year.

**Mary Ann Nadler**

Eco-Judaism Committee, Chair

## LIFE & LEGACY



### WE REACHED OUR GOAL!

As we near the end of our first year as a part of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's LIFE & LEGACY program, Ohef Sholom has surpassed our goal! In the last 12 months, we have secured 30 legacy commitments through our LIFE & LEGACY campaign. These gifts will strengthen and sustain our Jewish temple long into the future.

To everyone who has signed a Confirmation Of Commitment - thank you! Together, your legacy gifts - no matter the size - will generate annual income to benefit Ohef Sholom Temple for generations to come.

Leaving a legacy gift is easy to do, and anyone can participate, regardless of age, wealth, or affiliation. To arrange a confidential, no obligation discussion, please reach out to our LIFE & LEGACY Chair, Matt Fine at [matthewfine@cox.net](mailto:matthewfine@cox.net) or (757) 407-1368. Your commitment today will ensure our Jewish community a vibrant tomorrow.



**Rachel Nusbaum**

LIFE & LEGACY Assistant  
[lifeandlegacy@ohefsholom.org](mailto:lifeandlegacy@ohefsholom.org)



# Sisterhood

Want to learn more about Sisterhood? Go to our website!  
[www.ohefsholom.org/community/sisterhood](http://www.ohefsholom.org/community/sisterhood)

**Sisterhood membership** dues provide funding for activities to engage you in OST life. Make sure to start or renew your membership today. Please call the office to make a payment via credit card, or mail the Membership Dues flyer to the OST office (**To download Membership flyer go to [www.ohefsholom.org/community/sisterhood](http://www.ohefsholom.org/community/sisterhood) and click on "Join the OST Sisterhood"**) If you are a new member of OST, dues are included in your first year's temple membership. All are welcome to come to our meetings and activities!

We still need help preparing and serving at the upcoming **Chanukah dinner on December 15**. Use the 'Volunteer' quicklink on the Sisterhood website to sign up to help. To RSVP for the dinner, email [reservations@ohefsholom.org](mailto:reservations@ohefsholom.org).

**Next meeting** is January 11, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Sisterhood Board doesn't meet in December.

**Book Club:** Feb. 8, 2018: *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman. Plan ahead! Look for it on sale at Barnes & Noble. This novel is set in the Jewish community in St. Thomas (now US Virgin Islands) in the early 1800's. It is the story of the unconventional life of a young girl as she courageously creates her own life story.

**Floral Fund:** While Sisterhood will continue to provide fresh Bimah Flowers, it is proposing to expand the permissible uses of excess Floral Fund donations as follows:

*"The Floral Fund shall be used for the purpose of beautifying the building and grounds of Ohef Sholom Temple (OST) including, but not limited to, providing fresh floral arrangements and living plants to enhance religious services and other ceremonial and social activities of the congregation, and contributing to the design and installation (but not maintenance) of general landscaping and special gardens, including plantings and hardscape, on the OST grounds and in its atrium."*


Other than Bimah flowers, which are a line item in Sisterhood's budget, such activities must first be approved by the Building and Grounds Committee, then presented to the Sisterhood Board.

Yours in Sisterhood,

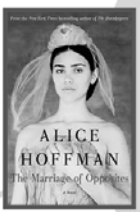
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**Abbey Pachter**  
 Sisterhood Co-President  
[abbepac@yahoo.com](mailto:abbepac@yahoo.com)





## Sisterhood Book Club



### Thursday February 8

6:00 pm Sisterhood Meeting  
 7:00 pm Book Club Discussion  
 With Wine & Snacks

**The Marriage of Opposites**

This historical novel written by Alice Hoffman is part love story, part mystery, and part history, set in 19th Century St. Thomas in a small refugee community of Jews. This is the forbidden love story about the extraordinary woman who gave birth to painter Camille Pissarro – the Father of Impressionism. *The Marriage of Opposites*, like *The Dovekeepers*, is filled with women who forge their own destinies surrounded by the spiritual world.

Available for purchase at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

Please RSVP to [reservations@ohefsholom.org](mailto:reservations@ohefsholom.org)

*Shabbaton, Oct. 20-21, 2017*



## HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

For more details on OST events please visit: [www.ohfsholom.org](http://www.ohfsholom.org) or find us on Facebook

**December**  
**14 & 28** 10:00 am  
**19** 5:30 pm



### Quilting Group

We meet two Thursdays a month from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm & one Tuesday a month from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Please contact Marsha Moody at [vamoody1@verizon.net](mailto:vamoody1@verizon.net) for further info.

**December 17**  
12:30 pm



### Better Together: Lunch & Learn

Teens: Meet seniors from Beth Sholom Village, share your personal skills (social media and other) and learn from each other.

Contact Leslie Shroyer at [lmshroyer@cox.net](mailto:lmshroyer@cox.net).

**December 26**  
9:30 am

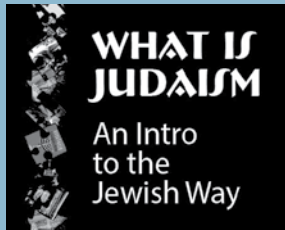


### Soup Kitchen

Spend a few hours (9:30-1:30) helping to feed and provide basic clothing and toiletry items to 75-80 very appreciative folks in need.

Please contact Dorianne Villani 617-8624 or [dvillani@cox.net](mailto:dvillani@cox.net).

## ADULT LEARNING



### What is Judaism

**December 2 & 16**  
9:00 am

For Seekers, Beginners and Lifelong Learners, led by Kathryn Morton

What is Judaism? A religion? A community? A way of life? A culture? A civilization? A people? Judaism is all of the above - a faith in action that values life, brings blessings to our fellow human beings, and strives to build a better world. Come and learn.

For more information please contact Kathryn Morton at 757-625-4295 or [kathryn@ohfsholom.org](mailto:kathryn@ohfsholom.org).



### Interfaith Parenting Circle

**December 3**  
8:45 am

Interfaith Parenting Circle offers non-Jewish parents and caregivers from any faith or tradition the opportunity to learn more about raising Jewish children.

All 12 sessions are free of charge and open to OST members and non-members alike.

Childcare is provided.

The Interfaith Parenting Circle will meet Sunday mornings from 8:45 am to 9:45 am.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Valeria Williamson at [vwilliamson@me.com](mailto:vwilliamson@me.com) or Danielle Benjamin at [dtbenjamin08@gmail.com](mailto:dtbenjamin08@gmail.com).

# HAPPY CHANUKAH

DECEMBER 12 - DECEMBER 20

## Chanukah Live Streaming

This year, each night of Chanukah, we will live stream the lighting of the Chanukah candles from a different home or location. Through the magic of Facebook Live, you can light candles along with us, or just enjoy the traditions that we share. Visit [www.facebook.com/ohef.s.temple](http://www.facebook.com/ohef.s.temple) and click LIKE to follow our page and get our live stream events.

## Family Menorah Show-and-Tell

As a special addition to this year's **Shabbat for Everyone Chanukah Dinner** on **Friday, December 15th**, we invite you to bring in your favorite menorahs for show-and-tell with your fellow congregants. For more information, email Nicole Rosenblum at [nicole530raleigh@gmail.com](mailto:nicole530raleigh@gmail.com).



RSVP by **DECEMBER 12**

For reservations, click on the  
"Chanukah Dinner 2017 Reservations"  
quicklink at [www.ohefsholom.org](http://www.ohefsholom.org)

**shabbat**

for

**everyone**

**Dec. 15**

**family friendly  
fridays**

With  
**Rabbi Roz & Cantor Jen**

**5:45**

Teen Social  
**7:00**

**Shabbat  
Services  
7:30**

Sisterhood sponsored  
**Chanukah Dinner**  
**6:30**

### Dinner Menu

Beef Brisket  
Roasted Carrots  
Fresh Green Salad  
Potato Latkes with fixings  
Challah

### Vegetarian

Meatloaf

### Children

Chicken  
Nuggets

### Dessert

Brownies & Donut Holes

## Tzedakah Project

Chanukah begins at sundown on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. Are you looking for a way to add to your observance this year?

This year, the Sisterhood sponsored **Shabbat for Everyone Chanukah Dinner** will be held on **Friday, December 15th**. In addition to our traditional *Shabbat for Everyone* format of a Family-Friendly Shabbat Service at 5:45 pm, congregational Shabbat dinner at 6:30 pm, teen social at 7:00 pm and regular Shabbat service at 7:30 pm, we will be collecting winter hats, gloves, lip balm, and/or combs. We are hopeful that those wishing to participate will skip the 4th night Chanukah gift and purchase one, or some, of these much needed items. The collected items will be distributed to the 70-80 N.E.S.T. (Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team) guests who will spend the night at our Temple January 3-10, 2018. We will also have a sign up available for those that would like to commit to volunteer to help cook or chaperone during that week.

Please note: Participation in *Shabbat for Everyone* is not necessary to participate in the tzedakah project AND you do not need to participate in the tzedakah project to participate in *Shabbat for Everyone*! If you have questions or would like more information on Chanukah, *Shabbat for Everyone*, this tzedakah project or N.E.S.T., please email me.

**Nicole Rosenblum**

Chair, Engagement Committee  
[nicole530raleigh@gmail.com](mailto:nicole530raleigh@gmail.com)

Early reservations made by December 5  
Adults - \$15, Children 12 & Under - \$6

Reservations made after December 5  
Adults - \$20, Children 12 & Under - \$10

**NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 12**



# OST: A CLOSER LOOK

## How Important Are Other Income Items to Our Budget?

Did you know that your payments for membership cover 77% of the Temple's \$1,400,000 budget?

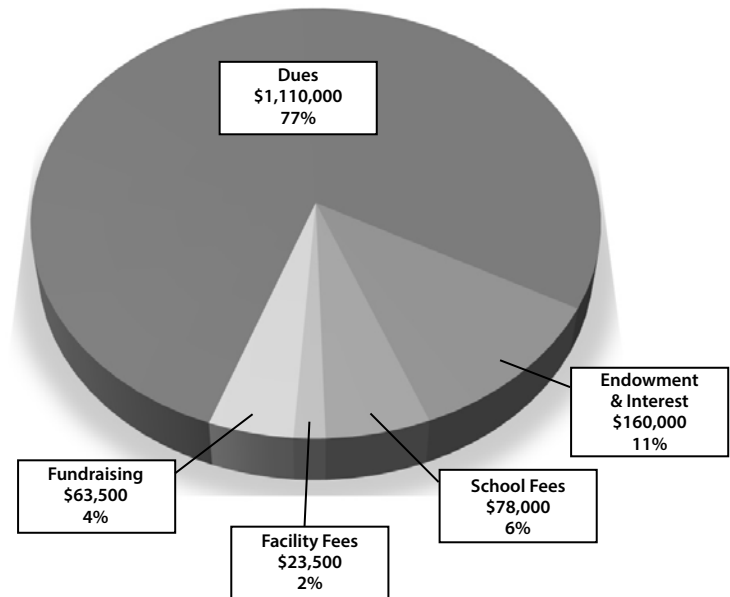
For dues to cover 100% of our operating costs, each of our 700 members would need to pay \$2,000 a year. However, for many of our congregants this amount is prohibitive. We try very hard to meet people where they are and not let financial constraints be a barrier to membership. If we only relied solely on membership dues to fund our operations, we would have to charge an amount that would prohibit a lot of individuals and families from even considering joining our congregation.

Just like schools charge tuition, the bill typically doesn't cover all the operating expenses. To help make up the difference and provide for special initiatives and unexpected needs, an annual campaign and other fundraising mechanisms like endowments are necessary element of the overall fundraising plan.

Sources of Revenue	Description	FY18 Budget
Endowment Funds	Congregants have generously given to a variety of endowment funds as current and afterlife gifts. These funds are invested at Tidewater Jewish Foundation with annual distributions based on a 4.25% spending policy.	\$160,000
Fundraising Activities	Fundraising Events include parties like <i>Casino Night</i> and <i>Ghent Your Game On</i> or the biennial Directory; contributions for Memorial Plaques, Tree of Life/ Tree of Remembrance, High Holiday Memorial Booklet and High Holiday Guest Passes.	\$63,500
School Fees	These fees are collected for Sunday School, Hebrew Classes, Confirmation, and B'nai Mitzvah.	\$78,000
Facility Fees	Our building generates rental income: the Virginia Symphony uses Kaufman Hall for rehearsals; congregants utilize the social halls for weddings, B'nai Mitzvah and funeral receptions; and non-congregants use our facility for events.	\$23,500
Bank Account Income	Our bank pays interest on balances.	\$1,000
<b>Total Budget for Income Other than Membership Commitment:</b>		<b>\$326,000</b>

**Karen Fine**  
Temple President  
[president@ohefsholom.org](mailto:president@ohefsholom.org)

**Linda Peck**  
Executive Director  
[linda@ohefsholom.org](mailto:linda@ohefsholom.org)



Similarly, we need other ways to help us cover the consistently rising cost of operating a large, historic building and diverse community that offers all that we do. This is where our endowment at Ohef Sholom Foundation and other fundraisers like the Director become critical. They subsidize operating costs not covered by Dues.

The 25% of our budget not funded from Dues is realized by other sources of revenue (see table, left; chart, above).

Clearly, these revenue streams are important parts of meeting our operational needs. Additionally, they allow us to keep our membership Dues at a level that all who wish to find a home at Ohef Sholom can do so, regardless of ability to pay the full Dues commitment.

As 2017 comes to a close, Hanukkah just around the corner, and all throughout the year ahead, when looking for ways to honor family and friends, celebrate a life cycle event or simply to live our Jewish values of tzedakah, please remember OST and all the ways you can support us.

Our most sincere wishes for a Happy Hanukkah and many thanks for all for the ways in which you contribute not only with your resources but also your time to making our community so special.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**December 1**  
Lawrence J. Goldrich  
Christopher Maltese  
Margaret Zimmerman

**December 2**  
Richard S. Glasser

**December 3**  
Barbara Glasser  
Fred Pugh

**December 4**  
Bruce R. Frieden  
David P. Kerpelman

**December 5**  
Bruce D. Waldholtz

**December 6**  
Louis Brenner  
Sheldon L. Cohn  
Roberta Sherman

**December 7**  
Linda Cole  
Monica Douglass  
Mildred Dreyfus  
Andrew S. Fine

Ronni M. Foster  
Donald Friedman  
Scott Galbraith  
Alan L. Troy

**December 8**  
Alyssa Embree  
Vivian Fish Forman

**December 9**  
Terri Budman  
Ed Fraim

**December 10**  
Bradley J. Waitzer

**December 11**  
Alfred Dreyfus  
Linda Peck  
Andrew D. Stein

**December 12**  
Lynn Cohen-Hoelzer  
Martha J. Goodman  
Elizabeth Gregory  
Yvonne Lerner  
Bryan Shroder

**December 13**  
Terri Smith Belkov  
Amantha Berkowitz  
Michael Frieder  
Joyce Graber  
Walter Rosenberg, Jr.

**December 14**  
Donna R. Brownstein

**December 15**  
Barbara Lifland

**December 16**  
Brad Embree  
Mandi Firoved  
Arthur Schoner  
Diane Scott Stein

**December 17**  
Barbara Johnson  
James Kutner  
Donald A. Myers  
Michael M. Romash  
Paula Russel

**December 18**  
Robert Brotman

Frank Campion  
Stephen Miller  
Andrew S. Nusbaum  
Andrew Soberman

**December 19**  
Howard R. Feldman  
Burke Margulies

**December 20**  
Sally Kocen  
Jack Kress  
Fredric Schneider  
Fanya Seagull  
Barbara Spigel  
Marsha Wilks

**December 21**  
Betty Moritz  
Rochelle Rosenberg  
David Winkelsas  
Amy Wolfson

**December 22**  
Laura R. Forman  
Darren C. King  
Bryan Mesh  
Gretchen M. Ostroff

Matthew Weinstein  
**December 23**  
Bettie Minette Cooper  
Chad Dorsk  
B. Danny Jason  
Ryan Kletz  
Sara Mendelson  
Matthew Nusbaum  
Stephen Wohlgenuth

**December 24**  
Bert Lowenthal  
Armon Pollack, Jr.

**December 25**  
Brian Aftel  
Matthew Fine  
Stephan Gordon  
Elayne Lavenstein Axel  
Michael Richlen  
Stacey Elizabeth  
Richman

**December 26**  
Christina Verderosa

**December 27**  
Courtney Epps

Heidi Raymond  
Linda C. Troy

**December 28**  
Rhonda Dreggors-  
Newport  
Benton Flax  
Beth Gerstein  
Pam Hirsch  
Melvin Radin  
Ronald F. Spindel

**December 29**  
Susan Kletz  
Julius Miller

**December 30**  
David Balaban  
Larry Blum  
Selma Snyder Rayfield  
Brenda C. Stein

**December 31**  
David Benjamin  
Vivian Margulies  
Jill Salomonsky

## DECEMBER YAHREZEITS

**November 26 -  
December 2**

Betty Alper  
Stephen David Baer  
Adrienne M. Ball  
Louis Bartley\*  
David Gerald Bress  
Irene C. Chapel  
Eugene Cohen  
Reba B. Cohen\*  
Lee David Cohen  
Leslie Colen  
Michael Cooper  
E. Lee Copeland\*  
David Robert Davidson\*  
Samuel Doctor\*  
Rachel M. Donn\*  
Phoebe Moss Ebersson\*  
Harry E. Fivel\*  
Joe Freed  
Sandra Frieder  
Martin Glaser  
Bernard Goldman  
Douglas Haber  
J. B. Hecht\*  
Irma S. Hirschler\*  
Harold Isay  
Solomon Jaffe  
Harry H. Kanter\*  
H. Lee Kanter\*  
Marilyn Kastner  
Bessie King\*  
Benjamin Klein  
Arthur Kraus  
Esther S. Legum\*  
Simon Lesser\*  
Shirley S. Levine  
Alicia Caro Luna  
Harry H. Mansbach\*  
Edward Marx\*  
Jacob Mewhinney  
Arther Morris\*  
Helen Nesson  
Paul Rafferty  
Bernard Ries\*  
Arnold Rubin  
Lillian Harris Schewel  
Chris Smith  
Maury Spencer  
Jeanette Spigel  
Sheila Sutland Pakula  
Eva Kan Sweet\*  
Pauline Wexler

**December 3 -  
December 9**

Alfred Bernstein  
Yetta Bornstein  
Naomi Brenner  
Paul Briskin  
Rose S. Bunting\*  
Elizabeth S. Coan\*  
Morris Cross  
Jennie Donsky  
Celia M. Elkin\*  
Betty Friedman  
Sylvia Gady  
William Goldback\*  
Sam Goldberg\*  
Julius Green  
Douglas Hinkle  
Bill Joyner  
Bernard Kirschner\*  
Ada Kruger\*  
James N. Kurtz  
Dr. Alter Laibstain  
Cecile W. Ledsky\*  
Benjamin J. Lit\*  
Marcella Marks Liverman\*  
Minnie Levi Loeb\*  
Leroy Margolius\*  
Mary Mazur  
Samuel Mendelsohn\*  
Harry A. Mervis\*  
Everett Metzger  
Murray Pell  
Dorothy Phillips\*  
Albert Pitler  
Theodore Plattner\*  
Claire Plon  
Robert Romulus  
Stanley Ira Rosenberg  
Leona Rosenthal  
Herman A. Sacks\*  
Elizabeth Sacks  
Abraham Sherman  
Murray Shiffrin  
Ronald B. Silverman  
Roberta Golub Siskind\*  
Katie Skomorucha  
Sarah B. Snyder  
Bertha G. Snyder\*  
Irving Spindel\*  
Lillian Staub  
Dr. Steven G. Steinberg  
Ciel A. Stern\*  
Jacob Umstadter\*  
Harold "Hap" Unger\*  
Maurice Unger\*

Louis Wachtel  
Stanley S. Watts\*  
Frank Weisel, Jr.\*

**December 10 -  
December 16**

Rabbi Michael L. Abraham  
Mary G. Adler\*  
Samuel Fridmanovich Baber  
Milton Bass  
Marion Baydush  
Reena Berenson  
Bell Berkowitz\*  
Ida Ruth Brenner  
Julius Buxbaum\*  
Jeffrey Chanin\*  
Morris Cogen  
Jean Comess\*  
Sally Fischer  
Esther Fish  
Joseph M. Fish  
Phillip Fletcher\*  
Frances Fonal\*  
Louis Frankfurt\*  
Selma Gottlieb  
Bennie A. Grablowsky\*  
Lillian S. Green  
Cathy Hainer  
Helen Krauss Hardy\*  
Louis Lester Horwitz  
Morris Kaufman  
Laura Kesser\*  
Bessie Barr Kirsner\*  
Ron Kurtz  
I. Lysle Levine\*  
Maxwell Levy  
Sol Mednick\*  
Monroe Mendelson  
Sidney Mossowitz  
Clara Myers\*  
Joseph Neukrug  
Maurice Noble  
Lucille Novish  
Dora L. Petock  
Dorothy Popper  
Herman "Robbie" Robins  
Rebecca Rothstein Rubin\*  
Esther Ryan  
Asa Sartorius\*  
Esther G. Seeherman  
Annette Muriel Shore  
Neil Sidersky  
Julius Snyder  
Ernestine "Tennie" Tischler\*  
Anita Ullman  
Michael Umstadter\*

Carrie Weisel\*  
Ann Wolf  
Aaron Zenovitz

**December 17 -  
December 23**

Edmund David Baydush\*  
Irving Berger  
Suzanne Berman Goldberg  
Blanche Chase  
Leon Cohen  
Frieda Cohen  
Judy Colison  
Esther Doctor\*  
Arleen Merle Fink  
Lois Ginsburg  
Marcia Glass  
M. Gustavus Goldback\*  
Jack I. Goldstein  
Lester I. Grossman\*  
Phyllis Rapoport Halpern  
Ann Harris  
Ruthe G. Hirschler\*  
Sylvia Jason  
Jack Jason  
Walter Kleeblatt\*  
Lawrence "Lori" Leviton  
Roy L. Newkirk, Jr.  
Virginius H. Nusbaum\*  
Gerald "Jerry" Petock  
Pearl Francis Posner  
Suzanne Spigel Redmond  
Muriel Rosen  
Pearl S. Rothschild  
Harvey Ronald Saunders\*  
Phillip Scherer  
Isaac R. Schewel  
Tillie Schewel  
Harry L. Schwan\*  
Jane T. Sherry  
Annette Sokoloff  
Esther Spindel\*  
Raymond Thompson\*  
Rose Zelinger  
Anne Zorn

**December 24 -  
December 30**

Mary Adler  
Tyler Jeffrey Ann  
Rose Berger  
Hannah Waldfogel Berkovitz  
Victor Z. Blumenthal\*  
Isaac Cohen  
Sam Dembicer\*  
Gabriel Engel\*  
Ann Feldman

Sylvan Finestone  
Rena Marcus Frankfurt\*  
Blanche Galumbeck  
Adele Gilbert  
Esther Goldberg  
Sally Gross\*  
Arthur Hainer  
Ruth Harding  
Sylvia Puritz Holub\*  
Isabelle Horne\*  
Elizabeth F. "Betty" Horwitz  
Paul Laderberg  
Joan C. Landauer\*  
Adolph Lombart  
Marie A. Mansbach\*  
Irving Margulies  
Thelma Morrison  
Sylvan Munden  
Paul Murray  
Sarah Nordin\*  
Cilla G. Nusbaum\*  
Sidney Leon Nusbaum\*  
Jorge Orozco  
Dorsey G. Preddy  
Marguerite Rashti  
Abraham Ries\*  
Goldie N. Rosenbaum  
Nathan Rosenberg  
Martha L. Rubin\*  
Doris T. Siff  
Lawrence Silverman  
Bernie Stein  
Oscar L. Steinberg\*  
Dr. Irving Tavss\*  
Max Joseph Unger  
Nellie B. Waranch\*  
Bob E. Wolfson\*  
Betty Wolsh  
Lee Zittrain\*

**December 31 -  
January 6**

Sarah Allen  
Seymour Allen  
Nelson Alper  
Louis Aronson\*  
Lillian Beloff  
Anna Berger\*  
Ray K. Bloom\*  
Rose M. Brown  
Jim Byers  
Frieda Cohn\*  
Esther Colbus\*  
Maryjo R. "Jody" Colbus\*  
Frances Daniels  
Jane Frazier Delany

Paula Dinowitz  
Alfred Joseph Dreyfus\*  
Steven Eichelbaum  
Abraham Fischer  
Morris Fuson  
Sadye Gifford\*  
Sandi Gold  
Joseph Goldin\*  
Rabbi Ronald M. Goldstein  
Dr. Samuel Gollub  
Mollie Gross  
Jonathan L. Harris  
Fay Hermes  
Stanley Hirsch\*  
Abraham Kaplan  
David Robert Katz  
Jerome Kern\*  
Hanna Konikoff  
Jack Koonan  
Dr. Herman Laibstain\*  
Joann G. Langhaus  
Paul Lasakow  
Gertrude Lazier  
Barbara K. Lubar  
Juan Luna  
Ralph Margolius\*  
Rosa B. Marks  
Lawrence Mednick\*  
Monroe Mendelson  
Sara Miller  
Fern Miller  
Jenya Sheida Milshtein  
Lawrence Morse  
Rita Klein Moses  
Ben Ami Nemo\*  
Lois S. Nusbaum\*  
Bertram S. Nusbaum Jr.\*  
Anne Schloss Petty\*  
Sheldon Puritz  
Mischa Rafal  
Charles Salzberg  
Malcom Schoner  
Jack Schugam  
Belle Seligman  
Edith Shorr  
Annette Harris Sobel\*  
Robert Soble  
Rabbi Malcolm Stern\*  
Deborah Lee Stocker  
Rosalie Wilks\*

\* denotes memorial plaque

# LAST BUT NOT LEAST

## An End of Year Note

In our Listening Campaign we heard YOU say what YOU value about OST including:

- Our amazing clergy
- Our warm and welcoming, open and inclusive congregation
- A community for worship or social connections and for social action.
- Beautiful music that enhances our worship
- A place to learn about our Jewish heritage and history
- A sacred space to celebrate your lifecycle events



With YOUR support, we were able to make some amazing things happen this year including:

Our *Better Together Program* united Temple teens with seniors from Beth Sholom Village. Kari Levi, one of our teens, formed a special relationship with Beth Sholom resident Majorie Simon who died in January. Kari reflected, "Marjorie's death taught me that life is fleeting and that we should enjoy all the special moments together when we can, while we can. If I can bring happiness to these seniors and learn from them, then I feel I am doing a true Mitzvah."

Our *Soup Kitchen* continues to serve an average of 80+ clients each month. Not only do the Soup Kitchen patrons leave with a full stomach, they are also able to get a haircut, select from items of clothing, take a bagged meal for later and leave with a bag of toiletries.

Our *Tzedakah Quilting Group* made quilts for Jewish Family service clients and veterans.

These are just a few, but all of this takes resources. And we are extremely grateful for YOUR support.



As 2017 comes to a close, we know you receive a lot of year-end appeals that vie for your attention. Remember OST! Here are a few ideas:

- Consider prepaying your dues or donations before the end of 2017 to potentially give yourself a larger deduction this year.
- Consider paying your dues or making a donation with your required minimum distribution (RMDs), which for most people begin the year you turn 70 ½. Such distributions aren't included as income so they are not taxed. And they count as charitable contributions.
- Consider paying with gifts of appreciated stock. You can avoid capital gains and paying tax on such a gift. And you are able to take a charitable deduction for the full market value of stock at the time of the gift.
- Need a special Hanukkah gift? Consider tribute donations to the Religious School Relief Fund or a fund that has special meaning to you.

Help ensure that Ohef Sholom thrives for generations to come and continues to be a House of Prayer for All Peoples. THANK YOU for all that you do. Wishing you a Happy Chanukah and all the best in 2018!

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# DECEMBER 2017

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
					<b>1</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> Chanting Group <b>6:30 pm</b> Shabbat Services with Jonathan Zur Speaking	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <i>What Is Judaism</i> Class <b>10:30 am</b> Shabbat Services
<b>3</b> <b>8:45 am</b> Interfaith Parenting Circle Sunday Learning <b>12:30 pm</b> OSTY Board Meeting <b>12:45 pm</b> Family Learning Subcommittee Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> House Committee Meeting <b>6:00 pm</b> Torah Study	<b>6</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Men's Club Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Shabbat Services	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:30 am</b> Shabbat Services
<b>10</b> <b>8:45 am</b> Restorative Yoga Sunday Learning <b>9:00 am</b> Red Cross Blood Drive <b>11:30 am</b> Chanukah Happening	<b>11</b> <b>12:30 pm</b> Safety & Security Meeting <b>6:00 pm</b> Life & Legacy at JCC	<b>12</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Torah Study	<b>13</b> <b>12:00 pm</b> Dues Committee Meeting <b>1:00 pm</b> Finance & Development Meeting	<b>14</b> <b>9:15 am</b> Walking Group (Smithfield) <b>10:00 am</b> Quilting Group Caring Committee at JCC	<b>15</b> <b>5:45 pm</b> Family Friendly Friday Shabbat Service <b>6:30 pm</b> Chanukah Dinner <b>7:30 pm</b> Shabbat Services	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <i>What Is Judaism</i> Class <b>10:30 am</b> Shabbat Services
<b>17</b> <b>9:15 am</b> Walking Group (Smithfield)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> Quilting Group <b>6:00 pm</b> Torah Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Shabbat Services	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:30 am</b> Shabbat Services
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Soup Kitchen	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Quilting Group	<b>29</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Shabbat Services	<b>30</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:30 am</b> Shabbat Services

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For more information about Temple events or if you'd like to add an event to the Temple calendar, please email [reservations@ohefsholom.org](mailto:reservations@ohefsholom.org).





**OST  
Walking Group**

Join the  
OST Walking Group  
for a walk in SMITHFIELD  
the in Windsor Castle Park (a former  
plantation) on **Sunday, December 17**.  
If you would like to carpool, meet at the Ohef Sholom  
Temple parking lot at 8:30 am. Otherwise we will meet at the  
park entrance at 301 Jericho Road, Smithfield at 9:15 am.  
Please call Sharon Nusbaum at (757) 515-4226 or email [sharonuz@aol.com](mailto:sharonuz@aol.com) if  
you plan to walk or need a ride. Plan to stay for brunch if you can!



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#### WEDNESDAY

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

#### FRIDAY

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

*(Closed during evening Shabbat services)*

#### SUNDAY

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

