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6 PM - 9 PM

There is still time to purchase your tickets!

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Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting

May 5, 2018

Thursday, May 17 6:30 Reception | 7:00 Meeting Open to All Congregants

Honoring:

- Gail Bachman's decades of service & dedication to Ohef Sholom Temple with a special tribute
- Nicole Rosenblum, who will receive the Rosenbach Award
- The new donors to our LIFE & LEGACY Program

To all of our Cherished Temple Volunteers, please plan to attend our Volunteer Appreciation Reception, sponsored by our wonderful Sisterhood at 6:30 pm

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What is Shavuot aka Sh'vuous?

very biblically established Jewish holiday has both an agricultural and an historical significance. Shavuot, the festival during which we celebrate the late spring barley harvest is no different. Occurring seven weeks and a day after the second day of Passover, Shavuot or Sh'vuous (the Ashkenazi pronunciation with which many of you are familiar) also commemorates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai some 4,000 years ago. Just as our ancestors awaited its arrival, staving up all night long in anticipation of God's revelation, it is customary for us to study Torah (this year the evening of May 19 - May 20) all night long as well. It is an opportunity to reflect on the awesome significance of the Torah in our lives and what a gift from God and our forbearers it is. How many peoples have a moral guide for living that has remained both evolved and remained relevant for millennium !?! We may have our flaws, but we Jews still do our utmost to behave ethically and to better our world in the process.

For the past 100 years or so, Reform Jews have observed this Festival in a unique way. It is the date we have chosen to celebrate the Confirmation of our tenth grade students. Just as our ancestors offered the first fruits of their barley harvest to God in thanksgiving and for well-being, we offer our best and brightest. In a moving service of their own writing, our students stand upon our bema (today's Mount Sinai) and affirm their acceptance of and commitment to Torah and to the Jewish community. Expressing their Jewish identities in their own words, they remind us of why our heritage is so



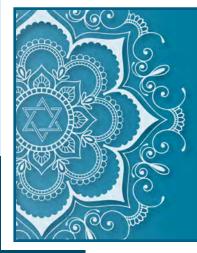
Rabbi Roz Rabbi rabbiroz@ohefsholom.org

precious and so worth living and so vital to pass on to future generations. I urge you to attend this congregational milestone event on Saturday, May 19 at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. Whether your faith and commitment are strong or wavering, you will be inspired anew and find your Judaism re-affirmed through their eyes.

This year, we will also offer our adults a unique opportunity to observe this holiday. On Sunday, May 20, we invite you to join us for a Shavuot experience that will include a reading and study of the Book of Ruth (the scroll we read on Shavuot) led by Cantor Jen, a gnocchi and four cheese sauce making activity and dinner taught by Mamma's Kitchen, a brief Torah study (with wine) led by me while dining, culminating in a candle lighting Torah and Havdallah Ceremony with your own opportunity to affirm what Torah means to you. There will be some children's activities available as well and you will be able to attend the entire event or any parts of it -- look for information in this Temple pOST and in As the Temple Turns.

In closing, *Chag Sameach*, I wish for you and those you love a joyous Festival of Shavuot. May the Torah continue to inspire us to lives of goodness and blessing this year and always,

Rabbi Roz



CHANTING GROUP

Reduces anxiety, Boosts immunity, and Engenders compassion.

Join Rabbi Roz as we engage in this ancient spiritual practice. There will be a brief teaching, chanting of our sacred texts, and time for reflection.

> Friday, May 11 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Ohef Sholom Temple

RSUP to reservations@ohefsholom.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to gushing first-time grandparents **Terri & Lonny Sarfan** on the birth of their grandson, **Bradford (Bo) Boyd Sauer**, **III**, on February 27. Proud parents are **Alex and Brad Sauer**.

CONDOLENCES

Ohef Sholom offers heartfelt condolences to the following members and friends: **Robin Kayer Golding**, on the loss of her husband, **Sid Golding**. **Alex (Susan) Pincus, Ingeresa (Brian) Friedman, and Kari Pincus**, on the loss of their father, Harry Pincus, Jr.

The Family of Benton Flax.

MAZEL TOV!

Congratulations to Dylan Kinnear on his upcoming Bar Mitzvah on May 12!

Dylan, son of Joshua and Kelly Kinnear, brother of Austin and Evan Kinnear, grandson of Keith and Danielle Davis, Beth and Neil* Kinnear, great-grandson of Raymonde Roberts, and Doris Davis. *of blessed memory





Congratulations to Matthew Helman on his upcoming Bar Mitzvah on May 26!

Matthew, son of Nancy & Philip, brother of Megan, grandson of Dorothy & Edwin Salomonsky and Myra* & David Helman, great-grandson of Evelyn Adler. *of blessed memory







Kid-Friendly Dinner Story Time Crafts & Activities

For more information & to RSVP please contact Kitty Wolf, kitty@ohefsholom.org 757 625 4295 www.ohefsholom.org

TORAH PORTIONS

MAY

May 1 16 lyyar Torah Study - 6:00 pm

May 5 20 lyyar Torah Study - 9:00 am Parashat Emor, Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23 Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15 - 31

May 8 23 lyyar Torah Study - 6:00 pm

May 12 27 lyyar Torah Study - 9:00 am Parashat Behar-Bechukotai, Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34 Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14

May 15 1 Sivan Torah Study - 6:00 pm

May 19 5 Sivan Torah Study - 9:00 am Parashat Bamidbar, Numbers 1:1 - 4:20 Haftarah: Hosea 2:1 - 2:22

May 20 6 Sivan Parashat Shavuot I, Exodus 19:14 - 20:23, Numbers 28:26 - 31 Haftarah: Ezekiel 1:1 - 28; 3:12

May 21 **7 Sivan** Parashat Shavuot II, Deuteronomy 15:19 -16:17, Numbers 28:26 - 31 Haftarah: Habakkuk 3:1 - 19

May 22 8 Sivan Torah Study - 6:00 pm

May 26 12 Sivan Parashat Nasso, Numbers 4:21 - 7:89 Haftarah: Judges 13:2 -25

May 29 15 Sivan Torah Study - 6:00 pm

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

love to read, which was not always the case! I'm also one who likes and needs lots of information in order to properly assess a situation or problem. The "puzzle" of Temple life has, honestly, been fascinating to me, and as such I have gathered lots of information on the topic; I call this the "arena" I spend a good part of my life in these days! We wrestle with the business and the spiritual sides of Temple, always trying to keep in the forefront our values, mission, and the idea of sacred partnership. It is a challenge to balance all of of these. I am constantly searching, seeking, and contemplating answers and solutions to this "puzzle" and to the challenges we and most Jewish institutions are facing.

In Finding a Spiritual Home: How a New Generation of Jews Can Transform the American Synagogue, Rabbi Sydney Shwarz writes, "the contemporary American Jewish community is a strange paradox reflecting both serious danger signs about its future viability, and also exciting signs of a Jewish renaissance." He goes on to examine and explore the evolution of the American synagogue in an effort to better understand and give context to how we got to the synagogues of today. He then offers examples of four congregations and how they are responding to meet the needs of the new generation of Jews. He refers to this paradigm shift in American synagogues as a move from synagogue-center to synagogue communities that are characterized by eight generational themes. The Baby Boom generation represents one of the most dramatic cultural shifts in American history. The case is made for how imperative it is to understand what drives this generation. Only with this understanding can synagogues respond appropriately to the needs of the Baby Boomers, who are truly our future. And their needs are significantly different than the generations before them.

As with anything, how we perceive these events and challenges is critical to how we will manage and respond to them. Life can be no more or less than we make of it. A shift in perspective is all it takes to change our world, but adopting an optimistic and hopeful mindset is necessary. We must concurrently divest ourselves of preconceived notions of what is good and bad, an "either-or" thinking, and keep an open mind by adopting an "and-also" attitude and choose to focus on the opportunities that change can offer.

We must also accept and embrace a culture of experimentation as well as the concept of failure. Not because failure is a good thing or the goal, but because it's a natural part of the path of progress. If you're failing, at least that means you're trying. Not trying is the kind of failure that keeps you stuck. I've often said, "I may not know exactly where we are going, but I know for sure which direction we are not going... the



Karen Fine Temple President *president@ohefsholom.org*

way it's been done!"

The organizational culture of any institution affects everything that happens in it. It is said that culture "is the hardest thing to establish and the hardest thing to change." And similarly, "Culture eats strategy for breakfast." To me this means that if the organizational culture does not support the change and those who are trying to effect the change, no plan - no matter how well thought out - stands a chance.

I am so proud of the efforts our board, staff and clergy have made this year in creating a new organizational culture. We dedicated ourselves to this task, and it has made such a positive difference. Without it, I honestly believe we could not bring about real and lasting change. We so often forget to give "thanks" to those closest to us and the ones who work the hardest. I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly " thank" the board, Rabbi Roz and Cantor Jen, and Linda and her team of staff members, for their hard work this past year and for their willingness to truly live the vision we laid out in our Long Range Plan last year: To honor the past, embrace change, and live our values. We may not have done all of it perfectly, but we have all tried our best. In the words of Theodore Roosevelt:

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

My wholehearted gratitude to all of you for showing up and being with me in the arena this year. It has been my honor and privilege to work alongside all of you and learn from you. Here's to us embracing the opportunities that come with change. I have faith that they will be better than we can even imagine.

Shalom, Karen

WE APPRECIATE THE THOUGHTFULNESS OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT OST

by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions. Please have your donations submitted to the Temple before the beginning of each month.

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TREE OF LIFE

In Honor Of The 65th Wedding Anniversary of: ROSE & KURT ROSENBACH *Lisa & Murray Rosenbach, Carolyn & Michael Perlman, and Marcy & Paul Terkeltaub

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Congratulations to the Ohef Sholom Temple CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 5778/2018

On May 19, 2018, these eight teenagers publicly confirm a commitment to Jewish study and Jewish living at Saturday morning Shabbat services. The Confirmation class meets Sunday mornings during the school year with Rabbi Roz and Cantor Jen. The class attended an overnight retreat at Camp Silver Beach in Fall 2017. Our teens have prepared a beautiful service. Please join our celebration filled with inspiration, communal nurturing, and a view of 21st Century Jewish identity.

Confirmation is a culmination of formal Jewish learning for children at Temple. Temple also sponsors many Jewish learning experiences post-Confirmation for older teens and young adults, including Better Together, Sunday Madrichim teaching guides, youth groups, and scholarships for Jewish overnight camps and Mitzvah corps, weekend retreats, Israel travel, and college or medical school.

Congratulations to our Confirmation teens and their families!

CARLY BARTEL

Carly is the daughter of Gary and Shannon Bartel, sister of Haley and Jody Bartel, and granddaughter of Alan and Dolores Bartel, and George Vick and Linda Vick. Carly is a third generation of Ohef Sholom Temple. She began religious study in first grade and became a Bat Mitzvah in

March of 2015. Carly is a participant in her local BBYO Chapter and is a student at Cape Henry Collegiate School. Carly is a member of Operation Smile and in her down time, enjoys hanging with friends.



KINSEY BROTMAN

Kinsey is the daughter of Ira and Amy Brotman, sister of Benjamin Brotman, and granddaughter of Robert and Marjorie Brotman, Mary Winner and Eugene Fischer. She is a third generation member of Ohef Sholom Temple. She began her religious study in kindergarten and became a Bat

Mitzvah in October of 2014. Kinsey has participated as a volunteer in the Ohef Sholom monthly Soup Kitchen. In the past she took part in the Purimsphiel production. She is a sophomore at First Colonial High School where she is a member of the crew team. Kinsey enjoys caring for her leased horse, Stitch, as well as participating on an Interscholastic Equestrian Association High School Team, and is an active member of Virginia Beach Horse Show Association. Through the years, Kinsey has been a supportive member of Girl Scout troop 4203 as well as the Sandpiper CHKD Junior Circle. In her spare time, she likes to hang out with friends, cook, and watch movies.



AUSTIN FOX

Austin is the son of Jeff and Paula Fox, brother of Hayden Fox, and grandson of Jack and Beverly Fox. He is a third generation member of Ohef Sholom Temple. He began his religious study in the first grade and became a Bar Mitzvah in April 2015. Austin enjoys fishing

in April 2015. Austin enjoys fishing, running track and playing football. He played Pop Warner football for 8 seasons for the Virginia Beach Mustangs. They were nationally ranked number two in the country.



SKYLAR GOODOVE

Skylar is the daughter of Michelle and Michael Goodove, sister of Gabrielle and Grayson, and granddaughter of Harriet and Eddie Goodove. Skylar is a third generation member of Ohef Sholom Temple. She started religious school in the first grade and became a

Bat Mitzvah on May 9, 2015. Skylar is following in the footsteps of her father, her uncles, and her two older siblings who have all been B'nai Mitzvah and confirmed at Ohef Sholom Temple. Skylar is a sophomore in the Princess Anne High IB Program and a member of its 2018 Virginian-Pilot Scholastic Achievement Team (an honor bestowed on five students in each class and one she shares with fellow confirmands Sarah and Rachel Lisner). Skylar runs for her school's cross country team and is an active member of BBYO, having recently been elected "BBYO Sweetheart" for the state of Virginia. Skylar is very excited and proud to be completing her Jewish education here at Ohef Sholom.



ANNA LISNER

Anna is the daughter of Diana and Chuck Lisner, sister of Sam, Rachel and Sarah, and granddaughter of Brenda and Sheal Lisner. Anna is a fourth generation member of Ohef Sholom Temple and third generation to be confirmed. She started religious school in pre-K and became a

Bat Mitzvah on November 15, 2014. She was touched by the saying, "It takes just one soccer ball to change the life of a child and just one jersey to give a child a sense of belonging," and decided to collect soccer equipment for children in underserved communities for her mitzvah project. Anna also enjoys serving others at

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the OST Soup Kitchen. As a tenth grade honor student at the Ocean Lakes Math and Science Academy, she represents her school on the cross country, basketball and soccer teams. In addition to her love of math and science, Anna also has a special interest in music and loves animals.



RACHEL LISNER

Rachel is the daughter of Diana and Chuck Lisner, sister of Sam, Anna and Sarah, granddaughter of Brenda and Sheal Lisner. Rachel is a fourth generation member of Ohef Sholom Temple and third generation to be confirmed. She started religious school in pre-K and became a

religious school in pre-K and became a Bat Mitzvah on November 15, 2014. For her Mitzvah project, Rachel held a bowling fundraiser to raise money for Alzheimer's research. She has remained passionate about this cause, and last summer she organized a 3 vs. 3 soccer tournament in support of the Alzheimer's Association. Rachel also enjoys helping at the OST Soup Kitchen. She is currently a tenth grade honor student in the Princess Anne High School International Baccalaureate program, and represents her school on the soccer, field hockey and model United Nations teams. In her spare time, she enjoys playing trumpet with her Dad.



SARAH LISNER

Sarah is the daughter of Diana and Chuck Lisner, sister of Sam, Rachel and Anna, granddaughter of Brenda and Sheal Lisner. Sarah is a fourth generation member of Ohef Sholom Temple and third generation to be confirmed. She started religious school in pre-K and

became a Bat Mitzvah on November 15, 2014. Sarah has a passion for community service. For her Mitzvah project, Sarah helped local children by collecting books for their classrooms. Last summer, thinking globally, she raised money and organized a Rise Against Hunger packing event to provide 10,000 meals for those in need worldwide. She also loves helping at the OST Soup Kitchen. Sarah is a tenth grade honor student in the Princess Anne High School International Baccalaureate Program, and represents her school on the field hockey, soccer and debate teams. When she is not debating, she loves making people laugh.



BLAKE SISLER

Blake is the daughter of Chris and Lisa Sisler, sister of Josh, granddaughter of Gayle Legum, and Joseph and Sue Norris. She is a fourth generation member of Ohef Sholom Temple. Blake began her religious study in the first grade and became a Bat Mitzvah in September

of 2014. She is a member of the Simcha chapter of BBYO. Blake attends Frank W. Cox High School and was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. She is on the high school swim team and is involved in numerous school clubs.



HONORING GAIL BACHMAN

G ail Bachman has walked the halls of Ohef Sholom Temple in many roles: a child learning about Judaism, a teacher instilling Jewish knowledge, a youth group advisor, the principal of the Religious School and as the Administrator of the Temple. She especially cherished her extra title of "Temple Mom," and when she was called on for advice or as a shoulder to lean on.

Most recently, she has been volunteering her time with the Archives Committee, helping to ensure the next generations of the Jewish community in Norfolk remember those who came before. As Gail says, "You have to know where you came from."

Her commitment to Ohef Sholom runs deep: she's the fourth generation of her family to be part of the synagogue community. Being here is in her blood. Her roots are in Norfolk.

"I just remember going to Sunday School as what we did on Sunday mornings," she said. "It's how I grew up. It's how my children grew up."

As soon as she was old enough, she helped her mother, Ruth Wasserman, who ran the Religious School. Gail's weekends were spent in the classroom. Since the school didn't have enough rooms for all students to attend on Sunday, the older students attended on Saturday. So Gail was able to be a student one day and a teaching assistant the next. Eventually, she became a teacher, which she did happily for more than 20 years, during which time she also spent several years as youth group advisor. Then, for about 20 years, she proudly led the Religious School, the largest in the region at the time.

The apple doesn't fall far from her family tree: she's following in the footsteps of her grandmother, Reba Cohen, too, who ran the Sunday school at her synagogue in Charleston, West Virginia, for 40 years.

Gail's seen our community grow and change over time. However, for her, the central part of Jewish education is still about helping establish each one's own Jewish identity. So, although education, children, parents and even priorities have changed, it is even more important for us to provide opportunities for our community to grow together. With the congregation more diverse and spread out geographically than ever, it is vital for us to remain as a constant, providing the types of education that reaches and teaches our families, she believes.

"One of my goals throughout the years was to always be very warm and welcoming to each and everyone who entered Ohef Sholom," she said.

Gail worked hard to get to know the families and build relationships with them. That was true of her life outside Temple, too. She taught in Norfolk Public Schools for 31 years and always got involved in and supported the activities of her three sons, John, David and Brian. Often that meant weekends were spent preparing for and running the Religious School as well as juggling the responsibilities of managing and staffing the concession stand at Little League games. Gail and Tom's sons became B'nai Mitzvah and completed confirmation at Temple. All three also followed family tradition and were assistants and then teachers in the school. Gail often said that going to Religious School through confirmation was Tom's and her choice but continuing after confirmation was their choice.

She recalled the two years when the Temple was under construction and Sunday classes were held at ECPI. Each Sunday, Gail and Tom left home very early so they could bring the coolers of apple juice and cream cheese, pick up the bagels and get to ECPI in plenty of time to set up the classrooms and prepare rooms so things were ready when the students arrived. It was a great relief when, in 2005, they moved back to their home, Ohef Sholom. It was also very gratifying to see how the enrollment greatly increased once they were back in their new building.

Education Committee Chairman Joash Schulman said he's come to appreciate her insight and warm presence.

"I've been very fortunate to come to know her more closely as I assumed the role of Education Committee chair. She is a bridge between generations. Her wealth of knowledge and experience, her deep family roots at OST, and decadeslong dedication make her a very special treasure for our community," he said.



One of the things that touches her heart is seeing the students she taught grow and take pride in their accomplishments. Observing the older teens working with the younger children, as she once did, also brings her joy. Her favorite service is the confirmation service, because she says it is so heartwarming witnessing the students making the service their own and knowing the future of Judaism is in such good hands.

Gail was honored as the 2009 Tidewater Educator of the Year

and has earned two longevity awards. In 1985, she received a Chai Award for 18 years of service to the local Jewish education community, and then again, 18 years later, she earned the Double Chai Award. This was newly created to honor fellow educator Virginia Rosen, of blessed memory, and Gail for their 36 years of service.

President Karen Fine reflected on Gail's service to Ohef Sholom:

"Gail has been an integral part of my experience at Ohef Sholom," she said. "She welcomed me as a new member, then as a new parent, and then encouraged my getting involved as a lay leader. Her kindness of heart and humbleness of spirit are an inspiration to me. She has given so much of herself to Ohef Sholom, it is as much a part of her as she is of it. Gail deserves our abundant praise and sincere gratitude for helping us to be the welcoming community we are."

Gail has never wavered in her dedication to OST. She's involved in OST's Sisterhood, which was important to her mother and grandmother, the Education Committee, the Family Learning sub-Committee, the Membership and the Archives Committee, which was important to her father.

To say she has pride in her Temple community would be a great understatement.

"Temple is my heart," Gail said.

We look forward to honoring Gail's decades of service and dedication to Ohef Sholom at the Annual Congregational Meeting on May 17th where we will officially rename the Religious School Relief Fund, the Gail Wasserman Bachman Education Fund. Please join us in celebrating Gail!



Did you know? Sisterhood contributes \$3,000 to scholarships awarded by the Religious School director, for camp and other youth activities. Half comes from your dues and other Sisterhood activities. The other half comes from the Leslie Legum Camp Scholarship Fund, the Miller Scholarship Fund and the Mollie & Sam Robbins Scholarship Fund. Contact the Director of Family Learning or the office for details how to apply for scholarships for your children.

Did you know? Your Sisterhood provides floral arrangements for the Bima and food for the Onegs after Friday evening Shabbat Services. You can also sponsor a floral arrangement or oneg for any special occasion with advance notice of your simcha, we can usually accommodate special floral colors. Call the office for details. A special thankyou to Jeanne for the great Flower Arranging class she led for our April meeting!

-Abbey

Upcoming Events:

May 10, 6-8:30 pm: Mark your calendars and make a reservation to join us for the Annual Sisterhood Meeting and installation of officers. We will present the 2018-2019 schedule of events and proposed budget for approval.

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Jeanne Miller Sisterhood Co-President sisterhoodost@cox.net Abbey Pachter Sisterhood Co-President abbeypac@yahoo.com



2018-2019 Annual Meeting & Installation of ()fficers

May 10, 2018 6:00 pm

Join us as we recap this most successful year for our Sisterhood, approve the budget, meet the new board, and enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres & dessert.

Please RSVP by Monday, May 7 to the Temple office at 757-625-4295 or reservations@ohefsholom.org

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LIFE & LEGACY

Ohef Sholom Clergy and staff play an invaluable role in shaping experiences had by Temple families. Many members who choose to give do so because of OST's high-caliber clergy and meaningful programming. Here is why they feel legacy gifts are important for the future of our Temple.

"The Harold Ginspoon LIFE & LEGACY Program is an amazing opportunity to ensure that our precious OST community's work continues for generations to come. Investing in our synagogue is the best way to enable our Reform Jewish values to live on in our children and their children and theirs. I believe so much in our mission, our values, our heritage, and our future that I myself have made a legacy gift; this way I know my love of our congregation and Reform Judaism will impact upon Hampton Roads long after my tenure as rabbi has ended. It is just that important." *--Rabbi Rosalin Mandelberg, Senior Rabbi*



"Legacy gifts uphold the synagogue. They allow us to envision the future of Jewish life. Like the story of Yoni and the

Carob tree. A neighbor passed by Yoni while planting the seed for a tree and asked derisively, 'Why do you plant this seed, Yoni? You know it takes 70 years for it to grow and bear fruit. In 70 years you will be long gone.' 'Today I enjoy the carob fruit from another tree,' says Yoni, 'because somebody 70 years ago planted a seed and thought about me.'" --Christopher Kraus, JD, MTS, Director of Family Learning

CARING COMMITTEE

It's finally spring! In the rebirth of all things green and many things colorful, let's celebrate a re-energized commitment to OST and our Jewish values!



This month, we will all have the opportunity to come together in joy, talent and friendship as we support our Temple's major fundraising effort on Saturday, May 5! It's an opportunity to meet new people, share recent family news and fun experiences with old friends, eat heartily, and most importantly, help ensure the immediate future of our synagogue! I hope to see everyone there!

On May 18th, the Caring Committee and Military Outreach subcommittee will happily celebrate Shabbat by honoring our active and retired military service members.

Our featured speaker this year is activeduty Lieutenant Commander Benjamin "D-Rex" Orloff, Department Head at



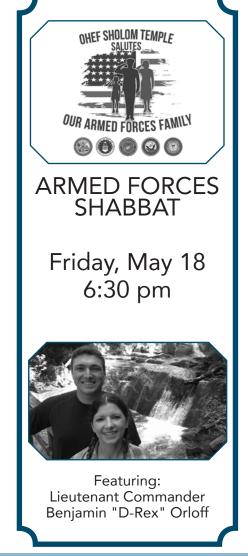
Strike Fighter Squadron 34, Oceana.

He and his wife JoEllen and their two daughters, Ella and Natasha are actively involved Temple members, and we hope many of you will join us to meet them and hear about Ben's Jewish experiences as he serves our country!! Please watch your As The Temple Turns updates for more information on the weekend's events. Also, please remember our Soup Kitchen takes place on the last Monday of every month! This month, it falls (as it does every May) on the Memorial Day holiday! Your middle and high school children are welcome to join us on this school holiday... They can volunteer for just a few hours and help us serve the neediest in our community. It's a wonderful opportunity to introduce them to the inner peace and joyful rewards of giving.

Keep checking the OST website and email updates for information on Social Action and Social Justice activities as we develop new ways to demonstrate our Brit Olam com-mittment to improving ourselves, our community and our world.

With thanks and respect for all who give of themselves so graciously,

Carol Roth Brum



Carol Roth Brum Caring Committee Chair carolnanroth@gmail.com

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MEN'S CLUB

March was a relatively slow month for your Men's Club. We met on the 7th (first Wednesday of the month, which is customary). Among other items of business it was noted that our President, Jon Kranz, would be stepping down for personal reasons. Jon will continue to be a Men's Club member and help out with events when his schedule permits. Immediate Past President Matthew Weinstein will serve as interim President through May/ June. By the way, don't miss Jon when he performs in the congregational fundraiser OST's Got Talent on May 5. Also on March 9, we hosted and served over 200 people for a Shabbat dinner. An amazing number!

By the time you read this, our April events will be history, but just so you'll know, we kicked it up a notch this month. In a nod toward Passover we put aside our regular meeting fare of pizza and dined on Chinese food. A perennial favorite, the Men's Club Shabbat Service, was held on the 13th. The 18th saw a select group of Men's Club members gather at Cedar Point Country Club in Suffolk for a golf/tennis outing. The month culminated on the 22nd, when Sharon Nusbaum was honored as the 2018 recipient of the Henry B.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

ARCHIVES PHOTO CAPTION CONTEST

Have a humorous caption for this photograph from the Ohef Sholom Temple Archives?

Email your caption to archives@ohefsholom.org or leave your suggested caption in the Archives mailbox in the Temple office by May 31, 2018. Be sure to tell us your name. The winning caption and runners-up will be published in the next issue of *The Temple pOST*.



Alice Titus OST Archivist Kaufmann Award for outstanding service to the Temple and the community as a volunteer. So well deserved. Congratulations to Sharon!

Things begin to slow down a bit as we approach summer. Our monthly meeting will be on May 2, and you can look forward to the Tides Picnic on June 30. Cantor Jen will be singing the National Anthem. You won't want to miss that! Purchase tickets now if you haven't already done so.

The Men's Club exists to serve the Temple and the community while building camaraderie among adult male congregants. Many of our events are offered at no charge (Carpool Café's) or at a break even rate (Shabbat dinners) or even at a loss (Tides Picnic). Consider becoming a Men's Club member and making a difference. Unable to join? A contribution to the Men's Club Fund would be gratefully accepted. Until next time......have a great month!



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May 1 Bonnie Brand Edward A. Kramer **Ralph Rabinowitz** Mark Snyder Lawrence L. Steingold Matthew Tonelson

May 2

Theodore Adler Gwen Gilbert Jack L. Siegel Leonard Smith

May 3 Diane Aftel

Shaye Arluk Clay H. Barr Adam Lotkin

May 4 Terri Feldman Judith Hurwitz Sidney Rosenbaum Leah K. Wolsh

May 5 Laura Makela

May 6

Richard B. Emanuel Wendy Jaffe May 7

Benjamin C. Altschul Drew Gebler Andrew Kramer

May 8 Ethel-Raye Greenspan Mark Hecht

May 9

James Douglass Karen G. Jaffe Howard L. Kesser Gerald Pributsky Paul Seeman

May 10 Richard G. Levin

Dixie Wolf May 11 Gerald M. Bazar Rickie L. Kyle

Robert B. Laibstain

May 12

Janet Kanter Marcia S. Schwan

May 13 Steven Halpern

May 14

Lawrence Colen Martin S. Glaser Joan G. Miller Janet S. Pitler William A. Sawyer Brennan Smith

May 15 Leah Rishona Blachman John M. Cooper Carol Rosenblatt Thomas E. Snyder

May 16 Arliss O. Kastner Jeffrey M. Laibstain

Nancy Lazier Jeanne Miller

May 17 Cynthia Galumbeck

Diana Lisner

MAY BIRTHDAYS

MAY YAHRZEITS

Phyllis G. Pollack May 18 Lisa Cohn Michael Haywood Barbara Wachtel Henry

Steven L. Perlman May 19 Gail W. Bachman Julie Byers Lawrence Kurtz Arlene E. Zeno

May 20

Jeffrey Berkowitz Robert Byers Lisa Cohén Harriet Ann McCullough Ari Zito

May 21 Laura Gilbert

Harry Graber Terri Sarfan Jay F. Wilks

May 22 Marilyn G. Johns Edward J. Soltz

May 23

Landon Browning Ron Dyer Craig Marin Bunny Mirman Adrienne Joy Spigel

May 24

Amy Gladstein Amber Inwood David Kushner Seymour M. Teach Laurie Weckstein Amy Weinstein

May 25 Elisa S. Banks

May 26 Charlotte C. Corey Stanley Sacks

May 27 Joan Dalis

Esther Diskin May 28 Marcia G. Snyder

May 29

Robert Abram Michalove Jerome Miller Jonathan W. Priest Steven S. Snyder

May 30

Harriet R. Goodove Barbara S. Hearst Suzanne Velez-Perez

May 31 Gema Shanker Heather Vodila

April 29 - May 5 Sophia S. Albert

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May 6 - May 12

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May 13 - May 19

Henry I. Adler* Benjamin Altschul* Faye Bass* Sam Cooperman Charles Darley Freda Fleder Donn* Marion Dreyfus Embree Fred Koster* Morris S. Lazaron, Jr. Dr. Max Leva Mary B. Longman* Beatrice Muhlendorf Fred Morrison Janice Newton Felix Rosenbach Harry Rubin* Milton Schepper David Schub Dr. Arnold Jay Schwartz Marissa Seldes Bernard Stark Bernard Steinberg Sylvia Troy Millie Wall

May 20 - May 26

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May 27 - June 2 Celia C. Altschul* **Priscilla Close** Arthur Paul Cohen* Emma Cross Milton Drucker* I. Morton Feldman Steven Friedman Sylvia Geffen Peggy Hellner Minnie B. Hollan Albert Laderberg Edna Sara Lazaron Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron Charles P. Leavitt **Elsie Leviton** David Lowenberg Bertha Reisner Michael Shank **Richard Wingfield**

MAY 2018

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.	
		1 4:00 pm House Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Torah Study	2 6:00 pm Men's Club Meeting	3 9:00 am Walking Group @ Jordan Bridge	4 5:00 pm Kids & Kiddush 6:30 pm Shabbat Services	5 9:00 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Services 6:00 pm Temple Fundraiser: OST's Got Talent	
6 8:45 am Sunday Learning at the Beach (off-site) 12:30 pm OSTY Board Meeting	7	8 5:30 pm Sisterhood Subcommittee Meeting 6:00 pm Torah Study Dues Committee	9	10 10:00 am Quilting Group 12:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Sisterhood Meeting & Installation	11 5:30 pm Chanting with Rabbi Roz 6:30 pm Shabbat Services	12 9:00 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Services & Bar Mitzvah of Dylan Kinnear	
13 Mother's Day	14	15 11:30 am Quilting Group 6:00 pm Torah Study	16 1:00 pm Finance & Development Meeting	17 6:30 pm Annual Congregational Reception 7:00 pm Annual Congregational Meeting	18 6:30 pm Armed Forces Shabbat Services	19 9:00 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Services & Confirmation	
20 8:45 am Sunday Learning 9:00 am Walking Group @ Jordan Bridge 12:00 pm Better Together Luncheon (off-site) 3:00 pm Shavuot	21	22 6:00 pm Torah Study 6:00 pm Pillars & Endowment Donors Event (off-site)	23	24 10:00 am Quilting Group	25 6:30 pm Shabbat Services 7:45 pm PrimeTime Dinner (off-site)	26 9:00 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Services & Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Helman	
27 12:00 pm OSTY Elections	28 Memorial Day Office Closed 9:30 am Soup Kitchen	29 6:00 pm Torah Study	30 6:00 pm Life & Legacy Workshop @ JCC	31	To add an event to the Temple calendar, please email reservations@ohefsholom.org.		

Join the OST Walking Group for a breathtaking walk across the Jordan Bridge overlooking the Elizabeth River in Chesapeake. Meet at the Park adjacent to the Jordan Bridge at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 3 or Sunday, May 20. Please RSVP to Sharon Nusbaum at *sharonuz@aol.com* or call her at (757) 515-4226. Carpooling can be arranged upon request.



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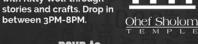
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