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To provide a spiritual, cultural and educational environment inspired by the highest Reform Jewish values.

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# **CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE**

# **EREV ROSH HASHANAH**

Sunday, October 2, 2016
Early Service, Family-Friendly
Worship & Child Care......6:15 p.m.
Late Service......8:15 p.m.

# **ROSH HASHANAH DAY**

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Early Service, Family-Friendly

Worship & Child Care......9:00 a.m.

Late Service.......11:30 a.m.

Tashlich at the Beach......4:30 p.m.

# **KOL NIDRE**

Tuesday, October 11, 2016
Early Service, Family-Friendly
Worship & Child Care......6:15 p.m.
Late Service......8:15 p.m.

### YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, October 12, 2016
Early Service, Family-Friendly
Worship & Child Care......9:00 a.m.
Late Service......11:30 a.m.

# YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON SERVICES

Study Session (in Chapel)....1:30 p.m.
Afternoon Service
(in Chapel)......2:45 p.m.
Interlude .......4:00 p.m.
Memorial &
Concluding Services.....4:15 p.m.
Break-the-Fast......6:00 p.m.





PLEASE JOIN US FOR SHABBAT SERVICES & A RECEPTION

October 14 at 6:30 pm

DURING WHICH WE WILL DEDICATE THE PLAQUES HONORING THE DONORS TO THE ETERNAL LIGHT SOCIETY.

Eternal Light Society represents part of our congregational response to ensure the future of our Temple.

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One of my favorite Jewish traditions is Tashlich, a ritual at least 600 years old involving

tossing bits of bread into a body of water on Rosh Hashanah Day, which symbolizes our desire to have our sins cast away. We will gather this year as an OST community again at First Landing State Park, 2500 Shore Drive, in Virginia Beach on Monday, October 3 after the morning services conclude at Ohef Sholom Temple. Arrive any time between 4:30 and 6:30, and there will be readings, songs, and crumb casting at about 5:00 and again at about 6:00.

Reform Jews have customarily been more about the "why" than the "how" of performing rituals. If we find something meaningful in it, the liberal take on Judaism says, then by all means we should feel free to do it. For most progressive Jews, the act of "scapegoating" those credulous croutons and mercilessly throwing them out to be snacks for seagulls seemed primitive, hocus-pocusy and ritualistically empty for generations. I never grew up with this custom. It fell in the category of "things other Jews do," along with shluggen kappores (circling a chicken around your head and symbolically transferring sins to it) and wearing canvas sneakers on Yom Kippur (in observance of the tradition to not wear leather shoes on that day). It was enough for my parents' generation, and for their parents before, all the way back to the founding of Reform Judaism in the 19th Century, to recite prayers of penitence as a community in the temple and then go home -- no

additional ritual required. Many of our members do the same today. And attending the service in our beautiful, 98-year-old sanctuary is plenty for much of our temple population.

So... Why do I do Tashlich, and why do I encourage you to join me in doing the same?

First, we need to define "sin" in the Jewish sense. Think of yourself as an archer. We're always aiming toward the right thing to do, the right thing to say, the right way to go. That's the target we're aligning with. Nobody's perfect, so sometimes the arrows miss the mark. Yes, it's our fault, but we can't expect to hit a bullseye every time -- we are not designed that way. Our High Holy Day services are filled with descriptions of ways we may have shot off-target. Judaism says we're not innately "bad" nor "good." The inherent flaw in each of us is that we all suffer from the same condition the human one. Recognizing mistakes we've made inadvertently (or, for that matter, advertently), becoming aware of bad habits we've gotten stuck in, and acknowledging our imperfections is a good exercise. Making plans to correct our aim and get back on target helps us to grow in our relationships. For me, making a set time to contemplate ways to fix myself, the Jewish value of Tikkun Atzmi, helps to make resolutions. It's the New Year, after all! During Tashlich, thinking about behaviors I'd like to get rid of and making the physical action of throwing things away from me makes the lesson more tangible and hopefully more lasting.

We sing inspiring songs and read thought-provoking prose during

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are proud to announce that **Dr. David Pariser** has been selected to receive the *Gold Medal* from *the American Academy* of *Dermatology*.

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

Julius (Jeanne) Miller, on the loss of his father, Bernard Miller. Susan (Larry) Quate on the loss of her father, Allen Morrison. Mitchell (Peggy) Fine on the loss of his brother, Nolan Fine. Benton Flax on the loss of his sister, Harriet Flax Rosen.

# **MAZEL TOV!**



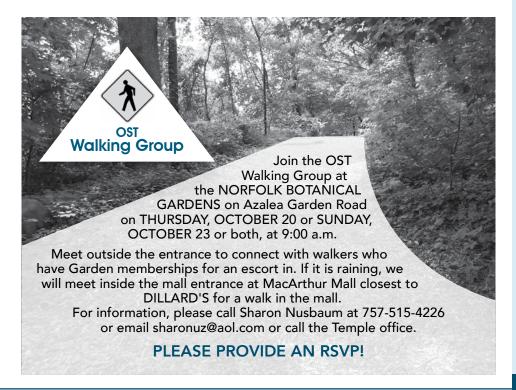
Congratulations to Helene Schulwolf on her upcoming Bat Mitzvah on October 15, 2016.

Helene is the daughter of Neal & Lisa Schulwolf, sister of Brett & Hallie, granddaughter of Dr. Alfred M. Schulwolf and Helen Schulwolf\*.

Congratulations to Carrie Landman on her upcoming Bat Mitzvah on October 29, 2016.

Carrie is the daughter of Robert & Marcia Landman, sister of Alexander & Amy, granddaughter of Barbara Randall and Diane & Robert Bottjer.





# WORSHIP

#### **October Torah Portions**

October 1 28 Elul Torah Study – 9:00 am

Parasha: Nitzavim Deut. 22:9 - 30:20

Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9

October 4 2 Tishri Torah Study – 6:00 pm October 7 5 Tishri

Shabbat Service - 6:30 pm

October 8 6 Tishri Torah Study – 9:00 am

Parasha: Va-yeilech Deut. 31:1-30

Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10 October 14 12 Tishri Shabbat Service – 6:30 pm

October 15 13 Tishri Torah Study – 9:00 am

Parasha: Haazinu Deut. 32:1-52

Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1-51

October 18 16 Tishri Torah Study – 6:00 pm October 21 19 Tishri

Shabbat Service & Sukkot Rituals –

6:30 pm

October 22 20 Tishri

Torah Study – 9:00 am Exodus 33:12 - 34:26

Haftarah: Exekiel 38:18 - 39:7

October 23 21 Tishri

Simchat Torah Dinner – 5:00 pm Simchat Torah/ Consecration Services

– 6:00 pm

October 25 23 Tishri

Torah Study – 6:00 pm

October 28 26 Tishri Shabbat Service – 6:30 pm

October 29 27 Tishri Torah Study – 9:00 am

Parasha: B'reishit Genesis 1:1 - 6:8



# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shalom Y'all,

And WELCOME BACK. The High Holidays are coming, and the majority of us are planning to make our Annual pilgrimage to Temple for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services to re-connect with our Religious Heritage. This is very American. Ask any of your Gentile friends whether the majority of their congregation turns out *en masse* for 2 services each year! So much has happened over the last 12 months that I have been tempted to join you. Fortunately, the Serenity of our 1 HOUR Friday night Shabbat services has sustained many of us through heck & high water (literally).

It's okay. We have much to be thankful for, and we're glad you are coming. It's that old Quality vs. Quantity argument. As a High School student, you may recall asking why an Assignment needed to be 5 pages when you could just as easily write it in 3. You may have been frustrated and unable to understand why a Teacher would value the Quantity of a paper over the Quality of one. Clearly, you were not slated for the Legal or Academic professions! Today's Temple Leaderships often mistakenly try to judge Jewish Congregational Engagement based solely upon weekly attendance of Services or Religious School versus how many folks actually had a meaningful experience.

Believe me. Your Temple leadership gets it and has for decades. Rabbi Jon Leener of Base Brooklyn congregation recently sought to elaborate on this dichotomy for an article in Jewish Philanthropy. He successfully pointed out that Less is often More and Bigger is not That has certainly been necessarily Better. proven true within the world of education where smaller class sizes have been proven to lead to deeper and more impactful learning along with lasting relationships between fellow classmates. Parents of young children even seek out smaller class sizes for their kids, knowing this to be so. Why then can we not apply this same principal to Judaism?



**Ted Kaufman** Temple President

שָלום יְאַל!

Let's face it. Being in a large crowd of like-minded people enobles us all with feelings of Pride and Validation. We are **Ohef Sholom Temple** after all, the largest Reform Jewish congregation between Baltimore, MD and Charleston, SC. You have every right to be proud that you are Members in Good Standing of this Spiritual Family. Yet, as 1st Vice President **Karen Fine** and I have been hosting a series of *Walking Together* dinners, we have found that small groups coming together in people's homes has much more impact than addressing everyone from the bema at a large gathering. We can debate the whys. You might conclude that we've made Judaism "less commercial" and "more intimate."

Jewish organizations the world over are struggling with the questions of How to Engage more Jews when all previous methods have proven unsuccessful. **George de Santayana** once defined insanity as: Doing the same thing over and over again expecting a different outcome. **Albert Einstein** resurrected and repeated in the 20th century, inspiring **Chuck Jones** to create the character of **Wile E. Coyote**. Yet we still often continue disproven strategies, because it's comfortable and part of our routine. Perhaps it's time (Rabbi Leener concluded) to start measuring success less by how Many people we engage and more by the Quality of those we interact with.

Welcome back, folks. We are happy to see you. This High Holidays, be sure to introduce yourself to 3 people you don't know. That includes our hard working Volunteer Ushers. Equally hard working, our Temple Listening Campaign is engaged in the Holy Work of designing a Long Range Plan for Ohef Sholom Temple. When you get a call, please sit down for an interview with them. Your Temple President will be glad you did.

Todah Raba,

Ted Kaufman PREZ

# **CARPOOL CAFE:**

# CHAI MITZVAH, A COURSE FOR ADULTS TO GROW YOUR JUDAISM

Adult Education is hosting the first Men's Club Carpool Cafe with *Chai Mitzvah*: A course for adults to grow your *Judaism*. It will be a community where you can learn through individualized Jewish study and engagement in social action. The first session will be **Sunday**, **October 9** starting at **11:00** am. The 30-minute delay is due to parents being in the classrooms from 10:00 am - 11:00 am that morning.

Chai Mitzvah is a nationally recognized, individualized, affordable framework for deepening your engagement with Judaism and our community. Revive your Jewish spirit and connect with your Jewish roots. During the year we will explore the following topics: adult rites of passage, tzedakah and philanthropy, the individual and community, family and friends, mindfulness and conscious living, adding new insights and personal meaning to Passover Seder, Days of Remembrance, gratitude, and the environment. Our explorations will include examining and discussing both traditional and contemporary sources.

Kitty Wolf has volunteered to coordinate the *Chai Mitzvah* class, leading us through an experiential and text-based discovery of how we can enrich our Jewish lives and find more meaning in/through Judaism.

To express your interest in joining a *Chai Mitzvah* class or you have more questions, please contact Kitty Wolf (*kittywolf18@me.com*) or contact the Temple Office by October 20.

David D. Metzger
Adult Education

Kitty Wolf
Educational Consultant

#### INTRO TO JUDAISM 2016/2017 ase join Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen to 10:00 -11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings learn the fundamentals of Jewish thought and practice. This course is perfect for anyone interested in exploring Judaism – singles, interfaith couples, those from November 6 Jewish Cycles: Sukkot different faith backgrounds considering conversion, and Jews looking for an adult-Prayer: Shabbat November 20 level introduction. Topics include Jewish holidays and life cycle events, theology and Covenant: Brit Milah & Jewish Names January 8 prayer, Israel, history and basics of Hebrew. We will meet once to twice a month February 10 Sit together at Congregational Tu B'shevat Seder between September 2016 – May 2017. February 26 Remembrance: Mourning Rituals These classes are FREE and open to the community. Those interested in purchasing a text can do so for March 26 Living History: Passover Holocaust Remembrance Day Contact chris@ohefsholom.org to reserve free childcare April 30 Israel: Israell Independence Day by friday before class.

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# 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 the month.

#### 175th

In Memory of:

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\*Beth Curtis & Charlie Nusbaum

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In Honor Of The Birth Of Your
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# LESLIE LEGUM CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

In Memory of: BERNARD MILLER Connie & Jerry Golden

\*denotes gifts of \$25 or more

# **FAMILY LEARNING**

#### MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL...

As Jews enter this season of self-reflection, there are a couple of texts in our Hebrew Bible worth reflecting upon. Our Sunday faculty of 51 studied these texts at orientation, before another year of teaching Torah diligently to our children.

"And God said, 'Let us make [hu]man[ity] in our image, after our likeness....And God created humanity in God's image, in the image of God he created him; male and female He created them." (Genesis 1: 26-27)



Chris Kraus
Director of Family Learning chris@ohefsholon.org

Aside from the playful mixture of God references in singular and plural, masculine and feminine, the focus of our study was on "in the image of God," *B'Tzelem Elohim*, in Hebrew. When we look in the mirror, do we see the image and likeness of God?

Fast forward from our biblical creation story to the stoic poetry of Kohelet, son of David, king in Jerusalem (Yes, the same *David Melech Yisrael*, David King of Israel).

"Vanity, Vanity, Vanity! All is Vanity! What real value is there...? ...One generation goes, another comes, but the earth remains the same forever." (Ecclesiastes 1: 2-4)

When my wife and I bought that white IKEA furniture for our daughter, with make-up drawers and a swiveling oval mirror, I wondered while I assembled it, why is it called a vanity? I suppose staring into a mirror incessantly has an unhealthy emptiness to it. Certainly there can be problems with hyper self-consciousness.

So, where is the balance between reverent self-reflection and vain self-consciousness?

# **CLASSROOM MIRRORS**

We gave mirrors to each Sunday teacher and tasked them to ritualize a classroom use. These are our insightful faculty responses:

"The students use the mirror to see what they look like...They will be better people because they see themselves in God's image."

"Perhaps as the children leave at 12:30, they can look in the mirror and make a promise to do one act of charity, kindness, etc. the week that follows."

"They can look in the mirror to see if the reflection they see reflects the image that they want to convey—are they acting in God's image or with God's actions."

"The students can use the mirror to reflect themselves on why God has put them on this Earth."

"God made them in his image and they each are special and unique with their own abilities and skills."

"I feel that looking in a mirror at ourselves grounds us, reminding us that we are but flesh and blood. No matter what, we are all matter, and made of the same stuff. So we should make the most of the time we get."

"Breathe on it and write in the mist. Use breath to enable intention and clarity."

"To let them see that they are a part of God but should not be selfish or think too much of themselves, but to still be proud of who they are and who they are a part of."

"We can use the mirror to see how God wants us to act and that we are here to do good by this world, not bad."

"Reflection"

"Write adjectives on postits of what we see in mirror and discuss whether the words truly describe the person-what do we not see?"

"Using a mirror, you can draw what God created."

"We could focus on inner beauty instead of outer beauty because outer beauty is like a cover of a book; you can't judge it till you actually read and understand words in the book."

L'Shana Tova, to the many families who have reflected God's imagination with me during my first year in our learning community.

# **ETERNAL LIGHT RECOGNITION**

Within our Congregation are many individuals who are each successful in their respective creating and sustaining wonderful families and businesses and helping to enrich our community. Our Jewish tradition provides the fundamental guidelines that set the tone for our lives.

The Torah portion on Yom Kippur afternoon says " just weights, just measures ... you shall not lie or act deceitfully" and leave "the gleanings around the edge of your field." In your businesses you treat your customers "right." In your family you teach and live values. You act honestly, you make fair deals and in short you conduct yourselves in an ethical manner. When you get involved in the community, you are following the simple dictates of our faith: "To do justly to love mercy"; "to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and free the captive." In short you live your Jewish values. And our tradition provides wisdom for handling change—"there came a new Pharaoh who knew not Moses..." And these are the value we want to preserve for our children and future generations.

Our Temple is really the foundation of our Jewish values. Our family values and our impetus to do good deeds in our community come from teachings of our Temple education, our services and our Rabbi's sermons. To preserve these values we need to preserve our Temple.

Our Rabbi, our Cantor, our staff, our religious school, our other congregational programs, our



magnificent building and beautiful sanctuary are at the core of our experience.

To preserve what we have, a few years ago we created the Eternal Light Society. With Kurt Rosenbach's leadership as well as many others, we embarked on a more vigorous program to enhance our endowment both to protect our physical facilities and to preserve and enhance programming.

We have made exciting progress and we will celebrate this start of our journey with a dedication of the Plaques with the current donors to the Eternal Light Society.

Every generation is given the opportunity to leave its legacy imprint to serve the present and future generations. The Eternal Light Society represents part of our congregational response to ensure the future of Ohef Sholom Temple. To each who has given or pledged, thank you. To each who helps us in other ways, thank you.

Robert C. Goodman Jr. Eternal Light Society rcgoodman@kaufcan.com

In memory of Rabbi Steinberg's longstanding connection with Oasis, Ohef Sholom will be participating in the Soup Cook-Off and Auction. **Kitty Wolf** will be making her renowned Matzah ball soup-but we need your help as we need **250 matzah balls**!

Make 30 matzah balls - and deliver to Temple on Monday, October 10th between 10:00am and 3:00pm

**Serving:** Monday, October 10th at 5 pm at Church of the Resurrection, 3501 Cedar Lane Portsmouth

**Buy a Ticket**- \$25 each - go to *OasisSocialMinistry.org*Please contact Kitty Wolf (*kitty@ohefsholom.org*) or Sharon Ross (*s4ross@cox.net*) if you can make matzah balls and/or help serve.



# TASHLICH FOR ALL AGES AT THE BEACH!

Monday, October 3 4:30 p.m. First Landing State Park (Service at 5:30 p.m.)

B-Y-O-PICNIC, SWIMMING, SINGING, and CASTING OF BREADCRUMBS

Tashlich, meaning "casting away" in Hebrew, involves symbolically tossing out the sins of the previous year by throwing pieces of bread into a body of flowing water. Hoping to start the New Year with a clean slate, we'll gather for family fun, picnicking (bring-your-own dinner, blanket or table, beach umbrella, chairs, and enough breadcrumbs to cover your sins), swimming (no lifeguard on duty), a sing-along with Cantor Wally, and breadcrumb-casting at the beach. Watch for more details. If the weather makes beach-going intolerable, please check your email or call the Temple for alternate arrangements.

**RSVP** at www.ohefsholom.org/calendar/reservations, *reservations@ohefsholom.org* or by calling the office at (757) 625-4295.

Join us for an ancient, meaningful ritual with a modern, familyfun twist!

# **HIGH HOLIDAY SECURITY**

With the High Holidays just around the corner and many unfortunate incidents occurring throughout the world, Jewish institutions are reminded that security awareness should remain a priority focus. We have worked with local law enforcement, as well as Homeland Security, to enhance our security at Ohef Sholom Temple while maintaining a comfortable, welcoming, secure, worship environment.

We ask for your help and cooperation by showing your tickets to our greeters, whether they already know you well or not. Please refrain from bringing any backpacks & large bags to Temple. Medical & childcare bags are allowed but will be subject to search

If you see something, say something. Please know this is not intended to alarm you in any way. We just want to let you know that we take the safety of our congregants, staff and clergy very seriously.

Ted Kaufman

**Bonnie Kerner** 

hair, Special Needs & Security Committee

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Tashlich. Here's one reading I love.

"When we really begin a new year it is decided,
And when we actually repent it is determined:
Who shall be truly alive and who shall merely exist.
But repentance, prayer, and good deeds
have the power to change the character of our lives.
Let us resolve to repent, to pray, and to do good deeds, so that we may truly begin a new year."

The moment that I take to search my habits is an individual act, but when I open my eyes after the contemplation and pitch my pita, I do so with my

community. Looking around at others in our Temple family and seeing that they, too, are imperfect -- just the way it was planned from the creation of humans -- I'm uplifted and inspired to take my resolutions seriously. So, Tashlich for me is also a time to be together in fellowship with others.

Once the serious work of self-reflection and the physical act of propelling pumpernickel parts is done, and the lesson has a chance of sticking, it's a great time to have fun on the beach eating a picnic and singing songs with our community! So, if what you come for is a sandwich on the sand, by all means -- join us! My family brings a blanket, beach chairs, a portable meal, and instruments. There's always sharing of chips and kugel as well.

The ceremony takes its theme from the last verses of the book of the prophet Micah, "God, You will take us back in love; You will cover up our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea." Whether you come for the reflection, the camaraderie, or an afternoon at the beach, please join us on Rosh Hashanah afternoon. I hope to see you there.

# WHICH SERVICE SHOULD I ATTEND?

All members – age 11 and older – are invited to attend either the early (6:15 pm and 9:00 am) or late (8:15 pm or 11:30 am) Services in the main Sanctuary.

Families with children under the age of 11 should plan on attending a service during the 6:15 pm and 9:00 am time periods. Depending on your children's ages and your worship preferences, you have a few options:

- a) *If your child is 5 or older*, you can attend the Family-Friendly Worship together OR you can drop your child off for the supervised program while you attend Services in the main Sanctuary.
- b) If your child is under 5, you and your child can attend Family-Friendly Worship together, but you must remain with your child for the duration of the program.
- c) Families with newborns through age 4 can sign up for our drop-off Child-Care services, courtesy of the Temple. You can then attend Services in the main Sanctuary or the Family-Friendly Worship.

# **GUESTS**

Tickets for non-affiliated out-of-town guests of members are available at \$100.00 for adults and \$36 for children ages 9-16, per ticket **per holiday**, paid for in advance.

# **FAMILY FRIENDLY WORSHIP**

The Family-Friendly Worship Service, led by Kitty Wolf and our Interim Associate Rabbi Deborah Cohen, makes holiday worship an engaging learning experience that includes age-appropriate crafts and creative activities. This program, which runs concurrently with the early Congregational Service in the main Sanctuary, gives parents and guardians the options to worship with their young children or to worship with the Congregation in the main Sanctuary. Please note that children under 5 must be accompanied by parents/guardians during this program.

# **CHILD CARE**

Families with children ages 0-4 can sign up for our drop-off Child Care, courtesy of OST, which will be available during each of our early Services:

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	10/2	6:15 - 7:45 pm
Rosh Hashanah Service	10/3	9:00 - 10:50 am
Kol Nidre Service	10/11	6:15 - 7:45 pm
Yom Kippur Service	10/12	9:00 - 10:50 am

We ask that you pre-register by sending the office a Child Care Request Form so that we can ensure enough babysitters. Please plan on arriving ten minutes early to make sure your child is checked in and settled, allowing you to get to your service on time.

# ARMED FORCES AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

Enlisted personnel and their families, as well as full-time college and medical students attending local schools, are welcome guests of our Temple. They should contact the Temple office for admission tickets.

# **PRAYER BOOK**

Gates of Repentance, The New Union Prayer Book will be read at all services. To purchase your own copy, contact the Judaica Shop, where they are available at \$30.00 each.

# TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Raleigh Avenue will be used as the only entrance to the parking lots. There will be additional handicapped parking spots and traffic guards will be posted to direct traffic. Parking will also be available at Ghent United Methodist Church, as well as on surrounding streets.

October 2016

We are women who for whatever reason, be it that we were born Jewish or we became Jews by choice, have chosen to lead a Jewish life.

We are women seeking our own way – searching for our own special niche in the realm of things.

are women who know that together we can accomplish more than we could do alone. We are women who are filled with dedication, devotion, determination and hope. We are Jewish women, Sisterhood women, we are Women of Reform Judaism

> The Women of Sisterhood – by Natalie Pritikin Temple Israel of Greater Miami Florida

# Sisternood

Not your Bubbe's Sisterhood... How well do you know your OST Sisterhood?

As we begin the process of Teshuvah, reflection, and introspection as we approach the new year, this is a great opportunity to ask all of our congregation to take a moment to reflect upon Sisterhood. While Sisterhood is becoming more dynamic, modern, and diverse, we are challenged by what people may not know about us, what we do, or who we are. Sisterhood is the long standing group of women in our Temple who have not only provided many a meal and Oneg, but who also provide these services throughout the year:

- Manage the Judaica Shop and Chanukah Shop
- Support OSTY with Purim Bake Sale
- Provide food for Temple Board Installations
- Provide the Chanukah dinner
- Gift each B'nai Mitzvah student with a kiddish cup
- Organize casserole cooking for the ForKids Hot Meals and Homework program
- Gift each confirmation student with a Tanakh
- Host the Men's Club Shabbat Dinner each year
- Provide flowers for the bimah each Shabbat
- Provide Onegs each Shabbat
- Host reception for the Thanksgiving Day services/pulpit exchange with Freemason Baptist Church
- Contribute to the OST Camp Scholarship Fund.

Here is the challenge: with modernity comes the need for flexibility and change, and with that comes the need for continued support from Sisterhood's long standing members and from its new members. All over the country, Sisterhoods are in a crises of not having the membership they once did. Sisterhood is committed to redefining ourselves this new year, and hope you will attend our meetings to hear and contribute to re-envisioning who we are, and continue to be one of the pillars of the temple it always has been.

# **NOW IMAGINE:**

- No flowers in front of the Bemah on Friday nights
- No Oneg each Friday night
- No women's auxiliary to step up and help the OST Temple with events and funding.
- No Chanukah Dinner
- No Judaica Shop

Join us and be a part of what makes Ohef Sholom Temple continue to be a truly progressive house of prayer for all people!

Shana Tovah!

Nichole Kushner
Sisterhood Co-President

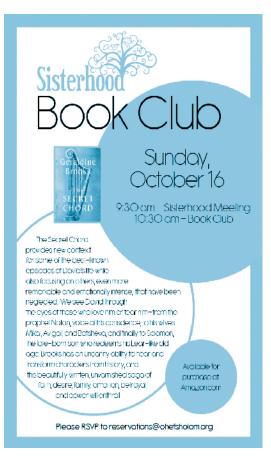
Margaret Sawyer
Sisterhood Co-President
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# PLANNING THE PLAN: VISIONS & VALUES

One of Ohef Sholom Temple's most ambitious and important initiatives was to talk to as many of YOU as possible in our Temple-wide Listening Campaign.

Fifty congregants were trained to be "listeners" resulting in 25 teams of two. Each Temple member whether individually or in small groups (no more than four) had two Listeners to make sure we heard exactly what you had to say.

Here are just a few of the 11 questions our Listeners asked:

- What aspects of OST do you value most?
- What's most important to you as a member?
- If you could with the strike of a pen make 2 or 3 changes that would most improve the value, to you, of OST, what would you suggest?
- What activities would prompt you to increase your participation?
- What do you think OST should stand for?

The LRPC is in the process of combining and analyzing your comments. Once we've determined what you value most, the LRPC and the Board will create a vision statement and set goals for the next

5-10 years.



Thanks to all of you for helping the LRPC keep OST vital, thriving and prepared to face the future with the same excellence that has carried you and your ancestors for almost 175 years.

If you didn't get "listened" to and have something you want to say, contact:

John Cooper Long-Range Planning Co-Chair jcooper@cooperhurley.com **Sandy Forte-Nickenig** Long-Range Planning Co-Chair *rifka@cox.net*  Alyssa Muhlendorf Listening Campaign Chair alyssajorgenson@gmail.com **Linda Peck**Executive Director
linda@ohefsholom.on

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Not with your lips but with your lives do you worship God. Not what you pray or what you preach, but what you do. That is the prophets' message and it lives.....(so) where there is injustice in our midst, poverty in our neighborhoods, lost and desperate souls around us, let them find in us a listening ear, and understanding heart, and most of all a helping hand. To follow Micah's instruction...first you do justly, and you love mercy, and then, and only then can you walk humbly with God. Amen

Rabbi Arthur Steinberg (of blessed memory) Yom Kippur-2015

# **ONGOING PROJECTS**

# **SOUP KITCHEN**

Monday, October 31 9:30 am - 1:30 pm **Dorianne Villani** 

dvillani@cox.net

# **JCOC**

Wednesday, November 2 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Dorianne Villani dvillani@cox.net

Anne Kramer fanniek001@aol.com

# **NEST**

Sharon Ross s4ross@cox.net Carol Laibstain parparim@me.com

# **QUILTING GROUP**

October 13 & 27 10:00 am - 1:00 pm October 18 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Marsha Moody vamoody1@verizon.net

# **CONNECTING THROUGH CARING**

Little did we know that this would be the last High Holiday sermon by Rabbi Steinberg that we would be privileged to hear. But the words can still inspire us to **connect** to our fellow congregants in service to the Temple as well as to those less fortunate.

As a "Listener" during the recent Listening Campaign, I heard this comment the most: "I do not know a lot of people any more...but I know if I was more active I would meet more people..." I could say the same thing about myself- we can all connect more...and the rewards are huge. So during Rosh Hashanah you will be receiving some information on how you might become more active and connected to your OST family. We are not asking for you to run the Soup Kitchen- but maybe volunteer one day.... or do one shift at NEST. And if Social Outreach is not your thing, how about being a greeter for Friday night services? Please respond- and let us hear your thoughts about other projects you would like to do- let's connect!

L'Shana Tova

**Sharon Ross** 

5*4ross@cox.net* 717-617-0101





Please bring in one package of men's boxer shorts or undershirts according to the letter of your last name:

(if you feel generous can bring in women's sizes as well!)

- A-D- Medium
- N-S- XX-Large
- E-H- Large
- T-Z-XXX-Large
- J-M- X-Large



# HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

# October 9 12:30 pm

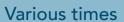


# Better Together: Lunch & Learn

Teens meet seniors from Beth Sholom Village starting October 9. Share your personal skills (social media and other) and learn from each other.

Contact Chris Kraus at chris@ohefsholom.org.

### Oct 13, 18, 27





# **Quliting Group**

We meet the 2nd & 4th Thursday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm & the 3rd Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Please contact Marsha Moody at *vamoody1@verizon.net* for further info.

# October 14





#### **Eternal Light Recognition**

We dedicate the new Plaques honoring the current donors to the Eternal Light Society, which represents part of our congregational response to ensure the future of Ohef Sholom Temple.

# Oct 16 & 30

8:45 am



#### Adult Yoga

De-Stress & Move Towards Shalem, Hebrew for Wholeness & Healing

Come join our Certified Instructor Cathy Romash in Room 202.

No experience necessary.

#### October 16

9:30 am



#### Sisterhood Book Club

Join us as we talk about *The Secret Chord* (which is available for purchase at *Amazon.com*) and have our monthly meeting. Meeting: 9:30 am; Book Club: 10:30 am

Please RSVP to reservations@ohefsholom.org

# October 16

11:00 am



### Wiggles & Giggles

Bring your young children up to age 4 for our innovative program Wiggles & Giggles. We'll explore our Jewish world through play, stories, music and movement.

Please RSVP to Kitty Wolf at kitty@ohefsholom.org.

# October 20 & 23



9:00 am

# Walking Group

Join the OST Walking Group at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens on Azalea Garden Road.

Please RSVP to Sharon Nusbaum at 757-515-4226 or email *sharonuz@aol.com*.

# October 26

6:00 pm

Casseroles ForKids

### Casserole ForKids Cook

Come help make "Casseroles ForKids" with our Sisterhood.

For more information, contact margaret.sawyer1948@gmail.com or mrskush09@gmail.com.

# October 31



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.

For any questions, please contact Dorianne Villani 617-8624 or dvillani@cox.net.

#### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

#### October 2

Allena R. Anglen Barbara Larar

#### October 3

Charlene Gold Ellen Harris

#### October 4

David Abraham Nina Taubman

#### October 5

Julie Blumenthal Vicki E. Goldrich Andrew S. Fink Reva K. Stein Bonnie K. Kerner

#### October 6

Richard Jacobson October 7

Kristin Partington Edward B. Ostroff

#### October 8

Garry Whitehurst Gail S. Berger

#### October 9

Samuel Frallicciardi Monica Cooper Giselle Weinstein

#### October 10

Shelby Maltese Maria Dorsk Nathan Fernandez Donna H. Salasky Edward G. Kaufman Lynn G. Sachs Barbara Dudley

#### October 11

Robin Mancoll **Howard Dorfman** Lyla R. Longman

#### October 12

Neil J. Anglen Warren Kozak Felice Saks Elinore Porter

#### October 13

Amy Brotman Carol K. Hirschler Stephen Stedman Michael E. Stredler Morris Fine

#### October 14

Sara M. Bachman Paul Robinson Larry Weintraub Rebecca M. Hirschler Mark Jacobson Michelle M. Glick Sally S. Adler Sheldon Leavitt

#### October 15

Suzanne Moss Beth Mancoll Charles M. Saks

Jacob M. Crockin

#### October 16

Adam Donn Evelyn Hearst Cynthia V. Rose Harvey L. Aftel

#### October 17

David M. Katz faYe Howe Edwin S. Epstein

#### October 18

Scott B. Konikoff Robert Landman Steve Roznowski Leo J. Cohen

#### October 19

Rebecca Anne Dorfman

#### October 20

Scott Sherman

#### October 21

Lisa J. Sisler Paula Rodgers Frankie M. Ostroff

#### October 22

Erik S. Cooper Margarita Simon

#### October 23

Teresa Kohn Elizabeth Leeor Allan B. Frost

#### October 24

Steve Sabatino Shannon Bartel

#### October 25

John D. Newport Jerry L. Nadler Edward Goodove Richard M. Waitzer

#### October 26

Jane Klein Goldman

#### October 27

Debi Feinman Lisa Sands Dorcas Browning Charles Hoffman

#### October 28

Ronni M. Schatz

#### October 29

Dana Lotkin Jack M. Levi Jo Anne Klein Stephen E. Nemo Joseph R. Goldberg

#### October 30

Norma Young Todd D. Kletz Lawrence A. Forman Carol K. Levin

#### October 31

Whitney Woods Winter Schwaid-Lindner **Brian Hollings** Michael Kohn Dolores N. Bartel

# **OCTOBER YAHRZEITS**

#### September 25 -October 1

Irwin M. Adler\* Rachel Kass Bendavid Edward Berman Harry Brum Anna K. Cohen\* Bernice Noble Cohen Haiman H. Colbus\* Esther Ehrenworth Cooper\* Grayce Cooper Nancy Dougherty Sidney Geffen Harriet Gilbert Ralph Gilbert Helen W. Glanzer\* Eugene Forrest Gordman\* Charlotte Griggs Harry O. Hindlin Eleanor B. Hofheimer Milton M. Jacobson\* Leah C. Jaffe\* Charles L. Kaufman, Sr. Bertha Kleisdorf Ludwig H. Korn\* Murray Kossman\* Sydel Krakower Harry H. Levine\* Harry Lewis Lee B. Luther Alvin Margolius, Sr.\* Faye S. Markoff\* Ulysses Sam Miller\* Moses Hirsh Mizroch Martin Luther Moody Sue Godet Noble Sam Novick\* Joan Leterman Nusbaum Pauline Porter Herman L. Rapoport\* Hannah Rapp Rebecca Reshefsky Eva Ries\* Esther Ring Robert V. Konick Charles I. Rostov Louis Rostov Mary Rottenberg Elsa Goodman Scott David Sherry James Smith

Evelyn Ziehl Svlvia Zucker

October 2 - 8 Mary Barker Ralph Bartel Daniel F. Berger Henry Bress (USN Capt. Ret) Boyd Briskin Dr. Milton A. Clark Mary T. Cooper Susan Crockin Ben Diamond Freda Enevoldsen Linda Levy Flick Celia Friedberg Louis H. Friedman Charles Galumbeck Ida B. Glick Norman Gutterman Irving Hecht Harriet Herman Marian Jacobson Wade S. Johnson Reva Keeley Alfred Legum Phillip Leventhal Alice Moses Charles Myers Mary Nemo Fredrick Nicholson Rubie Puritz Sadie Ries Dr. Linda Rodriguez Morton S. Ronick Mollie Shamitz Zelda Silverman Herman Spigel Flora Leah Trump Gay B. Wasserman Pearl F. Weil Ruth Wishneff Lena Zion Zentz

#### October 9 - 15

Simon Alper Edward Auerbach Julius Barker Horace Maxwell Bear Betty Berg Norman Berlin Rosa T. Brodsky Margie Buxbaum Laura C. Casey Harold Cohen McArthur Colton Shireen Coran

Jacob Donsky Dorothy M. Eggleston John Ellman Dorothy Feldman Louis Feldman Betty Finkelman Pearl Forman Belle Fuchtler Birdie Paker Gartner Lillian Goldman Elmo C. Harris, Jr. Sanne Hecht Doris Hindlin Joseph B. Hornstein Ronald N. Hyman Frank Jacobs Lee Jaffe Melissa Jaffe Andrew Frnest Johns Mildred Smith Johnson Evelyn Kanter Viola Kaver Max Kraus Joseph Lipman Rose Weiser Lobock Hymie Longwater Melvin Losick Hannah Lubschutz Edith McDonald Abraham Miller Leonard Moore David Nesson Hyman Samuel Posner Sally L. Rephan Walter R. Rierson Herman Romash Sonia Romash Frieda Rosenbach Audrey Sampson Freda Schloss Jack Sheppard Jose Simon Rabbi Raphael Isaiah Sobel Virginia Sohmer Louis Stadlin Maurice Steingold Albert Turner Beatrice N. Wachtel Louis Waldman

Mae Willson October 16 - 22 Jerome Adler Meyer Bazar Madeline P. Bohan

Bernard Wasserman

Stephen Bonk Michael Brownstein Joseph Cohen Raymond Israel Cohen Arlyn Cohn Mary Allison Davis Herta Familier Andrea Elizabeth Farrell Morris Fine Jeffrey Firoved Katherine Frank Freedman Dr. Harry M. Frieden Joseph Frumkin Penny Galbraith Lee Á. Gifford Aaron Ginsberg Sol Gross Joseph David Gurfein Harry Harrison, Jr. Evelyn Hofheimer Sadie S. Hofheimer Maurice Joo Mabel Wasserman Kaufman Rita Zedd Kootner Bessie Rose Kruger John Lefkowitz Esther Levin Stanley Levy Rose Lewis Sylvia D. Lisner Esther Cohen Lit Robert Lowenthal Wayne Lustig Elsie W. Margolius Stephen Leigh Markman Foster McCormick Henrietta Spagat Nusbaum Betty Raphel Aaron Rashti Marvin Rathsam Leonard Rosen Rose Morgenstern Sachs Jane Silberman Joseph H. Strelitz L.E. Ullman, Jr. Ester Umstadter Henry Schloss Van Os

#### October 23 - 29

Florence F. Waters

Lemuel Altschul Margaret F. Baum Beatrice Masnikoff Blumenthal Kate S. Clark Rose Coplon Naomi V. Ehrenworth Iris Elkins Sam Feldman Bessie Finkelstein Herbert Fried Alice Friedman Maurice Garson Meyer Glazer Marilyn Levin Goldberg Esther Goldstein Sidney Goldstein Hattie Goldstone Belle Goodman Max Guggenheimer Roberta B. Hamovit Dr. Charles Horton **Daniel Jameson** Polly Jameson Michael Kayton Rachel Kurtz Michel Larar David Laskewitz Harry Legum Louise R. Leterman Jessie B. Levine Sarah Plant Lipman I. James London Anna May E. Luther Samuel Marcus Isidor Margolius Maurice W. Nordlinger Alice Norris Faith Nusbaum Alice Pariser Willis Partridge Belle Koenigsberg Rosenbaum Max M. Rothschild Tilda Schorr Faye Schulwolf Ben Paul Snyder Harold Spilka Mary D. Tucker Harry Wachtel Olga Wadley

#### October 30 -**November 5**

Alex Weinstein

Sara Woodson

Abe Abram Alfred Alperin Diane Ashinoff Leo Ausch Philip C. Ball Lillian Bohorad Flora Bress Baruch Brown

Howard B. Brown Lillian Brown Nathan Cantin Jack Flax Morton N. Freedman Sig S. Front Pete Gady Helen G. Gifford Irving Glaser Saul Glickman Thelma Kayer Goldman Gary Joel Hirsch Jeff Hofheimer Wilma Isay Bella Grant Jacobs George M. Kaufman Hyman Kerner Edward J. Kesser Neil T. Kinnear III Robert Kirby, Jr. Gertrude Leopold Kleinfeld Edith L. Laderberg Lenore Laibstain Simon Landy Benjamin Legum Fannie Blum Liebman Isaac Lubschutz Augusta Marx Leona Matlin Max Meyer Cecilia Mickelburg Sylvia Miller Irving Milrod Anne Pisone Samuel Poppel Dr. James Guy Price Lynda A. Reynolds Jeannette C. Ricewasser Kathy Rosenbach Kate Rosenberg Mary Schloss Jessie Schnitzer Joseph H. Snyder Sol H. Snyder Helene Spilka Aubrey H. Straus Sara U. Talley Sigmund Ullman Malcolm Wasserman Murry Wolfson Gertrude Zedd

Louis Snyder\*

Jennie Sommers\*

Morris Tischler\*

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# **OCTOBER 2016**

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.			
						1 9:00 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Services			
2 Erev Rosh Hashanah 6:15 pm Early Service, Family Friendly Worship 8:15 pm Late Service	3 Office Closed to observe Rosh Hashanah 9:00 am Early Service, Family Friendly Worship 11:30 am Late Service 4:30 pm Tashlich at the Beach (offsite)	4 4:00 pm House Committee Mtg 6:00 pm Dues Committee Mtg, Torah Study	5 6:00 pm Men's Club Mtg	6 3:00 pm Executive Committee Mtg.	7 <b>6:30 pm</b> Shabbat Services	8 9:00 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Services			
9 8:45 am Sunday Learning 10:00 am Confirmation 11:00 am Carpool Cafe: Chai Mitzvah 12:30 pm Better Together Lunch & Learn	10	11 Kol Nidre 6:15 pm Early Service, Family Friendly Worship 8:15 pm Late Service	12 Office Closed to observe Yom Kippur 9:00 am Yom Kippur Early Service, Family Friendly Worship 11:30 am Yom Kippur Late Service 1:30 pm Yom Kippur Afternoon Study Session 2:45 pm Afternoon Service 4:15 pm Memorial & Concluding Service 6:00 pm Break the Fast	13 10:00 am Quilting group 6:00 pm Budget Committee Mtg	14 6:30 pm Eternal Light Recognition, Shabbat Services	9:00 am Torah Study 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Helene Schulwolf 12:00 pm Confirmation Retreat			
16 8:45 am Adult Yoga, Sunday Learning 9:30 am Sisterhood Mtg & Book Club 11:00 am Wiggles & Giggles 1:30 pm JOSTY Sundaes in the Sukkah	17 Office Closed to observe Sukkot	18 3:30 pm Communications Committee Mtg 5:30 pm Quilting Group 6:00 pm Torah Study	19 12:00 pm Long-Range Planning Committee Mtg 2:00 pm Special Needs & Security Committee Mtg	20 9:00 am Walking Group (offsite) 7:00 pm Board Mtg	21 6:30 pm Shabbat Services & Sukkot Rituals	9:00 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Services			
9:00 am Walking Group (offsite) 1:00 pm OSTY Board Mtg 5:00 pm Simchat Torah for Everyone Dinner 6:00 pm Simchat Torah/ Consecration Service	24	25 6:00 pm Casseroles ForKids Cooking, Torah Study	26	27 10:00 am Quilting Group	28 6:30 pm Shabbat Services	9:00 am Torah Study, Fall B'nai Mitzvah classes 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Carrie Landman			
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# MEET OUR NEW TEEN ADVISORS PAUL & ROBYN WEINER

"Helping the next generation blossom." That is how Robyn Sidersky Weiner describes her joint role as new teen advisor for Ohef Sholom Temple, along with her husband, Paul. When Paul was a teen, his NFTY youth group was a source of leadership training and temple connection. Robyn came up



through the United Synagogue Youth movement in Florida. The couple recently relocated from Fredericksburg, VA, in January. Robyn got a job with *The Virginian-Pilot* as a reporter. They learned about Ohef Sholom from their connections with the Young Adult Division of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater.

Paul will have already chaperoned two NFTY-MAR retreats for OSTY by October. His experience includes leadership training from the Coast Guard, a business management degree and sports officiating. Robyn is a leader with the Society of Professional Journalists, and brings experience in coordinating professional conferences and trainings.

OST teens participated in the hiring process and are looking forward to working with Robyn and Paul. Together, Paul and Robyn will guide OSTY, JOSTY, and *Madrichim* teaching assistants to strengthen our 100 teens' voices in the spiritual growth of our community.