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### **ANNUAL SISTERHOOD**

# CHANUKAH DINNER

PLEASE JOIN US FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2014 AT 6:30 PM

### **Dinner Menu**

Beef Brisket **Roasted Carrots** 

Fresh Green Salad

Potato Latkes with fixings

Challah

Chicken Nuggets for the children

Dessert

(Vegetarian Upon Prior Request)

### Early reservations made by December 5:

Adults - \$15

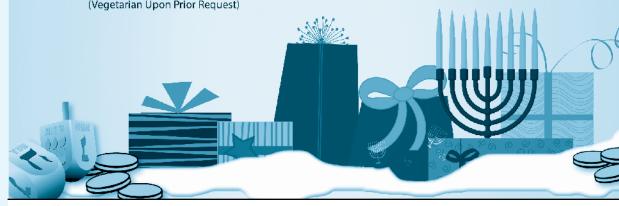
Children 12 & Under - \$6

#### Reservations made after December 5:

Adults - \$20

Children 12 & Under - \$10

NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED **AFTER DECEMBER 8** 





# FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

before the Chanukah Dinner

### 5:45 p.m.

COME ONE, COME ALL! Join us for a brief Shabbat Evening Service with songs and a story, led by Rabbi Roz, Rabbi Steinberg and Cantor Wally. Designed especially for families with infants through middle schoolers, it will be held right before our Family Shabbat Dinner which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Be here for the Service, stay for the dinner (kids under 12 eat free!), and the little ones can enjoy a craft when they've finished eating.

For those in high school and older, enjoy our delicious Chanukah Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and our usual warm, friendly Service at 7:30 p.m., led by our clergy.

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### A Word from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

During this month of Chanukah, which literally means re-dedication, we celebrate the Maccabees' victory of Judaism over assimilation. We also re-commit ourselves to our heritage, bringing the light of our ideals and values, into our dark world. There is no better way to share the beauty, joy and inspiration of our tradition with the next generation than by sending them to a Jewish Day School, Jewish Summer Camp, and to visit Israel. Our own OST Board Member, Alyssa Muhlendorf, found this out quite

accidentally. She shares her story below in the hope that you, too, might consider the Hebrew Academy of Tidewater for your child/children.

# Why I Halfheartedly Sent My Child to Jewish Day School for Kindergarten, & Enthusiastically Stayed for 1st Grade

"Confession: My son did not go to Jewish preschool. In fact when he turned 2 ½ we moved. Our new home was close enough to the local Jewish preschool. But my daughter was to be born during the High Holy Days, and I could not conceive having a newborn AND wrangling my temperamental toddler by my lonesome while my husband worked long hours, and the preschool was closed. Thus we found a secular preschool where he blossomed until kindergarten.

Our search for the "right" kindergarten began by touring the premier private schools to find the fit that would lay the building blocks for a lifetime of academic success. Our top choice began at 1st grade, so we needed a stop-gap measure. Sending him to the Jewish day school was an easy enough option – he already knew many of the kids from JCC summer camp, so it would be the smoothest transition for all of us. But there was no doubt that after kindergarten, he would be heading to the prestigious private school down the road.

And then the kindergarten school year started. One day, my son's Judaic teacher stopped me unexpectedly in the school hallway. She told me how my son is fascinated with Hebrew and the Torah, and that he is her first student ever to ask to bring the classroom Torah home. She beamed with pride, and the way she saw into my son's Jewish soul and found the best in him brought tears to my eyes. Later that year during a long break, my son made paper books for each letter of the alphabet, and presented them proudly to the librarian he adored. She was so touched by his creation, she gave the gift to me as a treasure to save. His science teacher and I began our own rapport over email kvelling over cool creatures my son and I found on local beaches. She encouraged my son's excitement in science, and indulged his need to bring something new to share each time he had science. These teachers all really knew my son, saw his strengths, challenged, and nurtured him.

When it was time to apply to the fancy secular private school for 1st grade, I couldn't bring myself to do it. I saw the special relationships my son had built with his educators, many of whom would continue to teach him if he stayed. I felt in my spirit that his attendance at Jewish day school built his Jewish identity, and that each year at a Jewish day school gave him the opportunity to be in a cultural and religious majority. My family was living more Jewishly because he was there. All signs indicated he was getting a great education. And the children and adults we met because of the school, comprising the full spectrum of Judaism, are people who will be part of our lifelong Jewish community in Coastal Virginia.

So if you're looking for a kindergarten, maybe a Jewish day school is right for you...and who knows, maybe you will surprise yourself with what a great fit it truly is. For information about admissions at Hebrew Academy, please contact Carin Simon, Director of Admissions, 757-424-4327 or csimon@hebrewacademy. net."

While I cherish Reform Judaism and wouldn't want to practice any other way, I, too, am a product of a Hebrew Day School Education and believe with all my heart that it has contributed to my deep love of our heritage and the joy-filled and meaningful life it blesses me with each and every day.

On this Chanukah, Festival of Lights and Re-Dedication, I wish the same joy, inspiration and meaning to you and your loved ones as well,

Rabbi Roz

Hebrew Academy will be holding an Open House for Kindergarten through 5th Grade on Friday, December 5, from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. For more information contact Admissions Director Carin Simon at 424-4327 or csimon@hebrewacademy.net.

### **A**NNOUNCEMENTS

### **C**ONGRATULATIONS

**Congratulations to Bill & Margaret Sawyer,** on the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth to Fred Malinis on October 22. The newlyweds live in San Francisco.

**Congratulations to Amy & Mark Metzger,** on the birth of their son Major Ezra Metzger. Layla is the proud older sister.

**Congratulations to Ryan and Laurie Glick,** on the birth of their daughter Lena Hadley Glick on September 10, 2014. Proud older sister is Maya.

**Congratulations to Stuart Kerner,** for winning the Robert E. Lowell Award for Excellence in Photography at the Port Warwick Art & Sculpture Festival.

**Congratulations to Michael Goodove,** for being selected as "Virginia's Legal Elite" for 2014 in the category of Civil Litigation.

### CONDOLENCES

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

Connie Golden, on the loss of her cousin, *Elaine Tucker*.

Mildred Jacobson, on the loss of her son, Michael Jacobson.

Laurie Shroder, on the loss of her father, Mal Wasserman.

### THANK YOU

In memory of his beloved wife Margaret Kraus, Ed Kraus has donated a Fender Classical Acoustic Guitar to the Music Department at Ohef Sholom Temple. This concert-sized instrument will be used to enhance the worship at OST from time to time when a nylon-stringed guitar sound is desired. It has a Spruce top and Rosewood fingerboard. May Margaret's memory live on through beautiful music played at our Temple. **Thank you, Ed!** 

# **CONGRATULATIONS!**



Congratulations to our OST President, Linda Fox-Jarvis, on her election to the Union of Reform Judaism's North American Board of Trustees for a four-year term. In this prestigious leadership role, Linda will help the URJ provide vision and leadership to Reform Jews and congregations on spiritual, ethical, social justice and management issues.

In her recommendation, Rabbi Roz noted that Linda became OST President "after serving on nearly every committee of significance from Budget, Dues and House to Membership, Worship, Outreach and the Caring Committee." She credits Linda's extensive fundraising experience for having a major impact on the Temple's fiscal stability. In addition, to assist in another of her great passions, eleven years ago Linda created the Crystal Ball, which to date has raised over \$1.75 million to help combat Muscular Dystrophy and ALS.

"Finally," continues Rabbi Roz, "Linda is very Jewishly-knowledgable, loves our religion and believes whole-heartedly in our movement." We are very proud of this accomplishment and know that she will make notable contributions to the Reform movement on a national level.

# Worship

### **December Torah Portions**

December 5 Kislev 13 Shabbat Service – 6:30 pm

Parasha: Vayishlach Genesis 32:4-36:43 Haftarah: Hosea 11:7-12:12

December 12 Kislev 20 Family Friendly Friday Service – 5:45 pm Chanukah Dinner – 6:30 pm Shabbat Services – 7:30 pm

Parasha: Vayeishev Genesis 37:1-40:23 Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8

December 19 Kislev 27 Shabbat Services – 6:30 p.m.

Parasha: Mikeitz Genesis 41:1-44:17 Haftarah: Zechariah 4:1-7

December 26 Tevet 4 Shabbat Services – 6:30 pm

Parasha: Vayigash Genesis 44:18-47:27 Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28

Braille prayerbooks, as well as headsets for those in need of audio assistance at services, are available upon request.

### **CORRECTION**

In the last bulletin Bob Liverman's name under his picture at the MacArthur Memorial was inadvertently misspelled.



December 2014

### A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear OST Family,

When you read this bulletin in December, I will be at the Union for Reform Judaism's North American Board meeting in San Antonio where I will be elected a Board Trustee. I am very excited about this opportunity to serve on the URJ's Board where I can hopefully learn more about the URJ and what it has to offer our congregation, as well as help effect some change to better support the URJ congregations throughout North America. I have been very impressed with the leadership of President Rabbi Rick Jacobs and Chairman of the Board Steve Sacks over the past two years, and I welcome the chance to work more closely with them over the remaining 2 years of their term.

I am not sure how familiar everyone is with the URJ. My knowledge and experience with the Union was very limited until about 3 years ago when I went to the Biennial in Washington,

DC, and then again last December in San Diego. All I had heard from fellow OST congregants was that the URJ collected large fees called MUM dues and provided little to no support. To some degree that was true several years ago, but not entirely. I have found that the URJ offers many, many support services, educational offerings, training, online resources, and opportunities to meet, network and share ideas with other lay leaders of congregations throughout the country. In addition, with the leadership of Rabbi Jacobs and Steve Sacks, there have been huge changes. They have acknowledged the need to change the MUM dues structure, and that is expected to be implemented in 2015. In order to do that, they have made a concerted effort to raise funds from other sources, including selling some valuable New York City real estate owned by the URJ, to reduce the URJ's reliance on MUM dues to support their programs, activities and initiatives. In addition, they have rolled out some major initiatives over the past 2 years which include: the Campaign for Youth Engagement – truly the future of Reform Jews; URJ Communities - lay led groups of leaders of congregations in local regions (I have been very involved with the DC/VA/MD Community); and the Communities of Practice – congregations working together on shared interests and struggles to share best practices, launch experiments, and learn from each other. (We are part of the B'nai Mitzvah Revolution's Community of Practice).

The URJ has just released their "2020 Vision" for the next 5 years. I look forward to sharing the exciting details of this vision with our congregation after the Board meeting in December; however the key components are as follows:

- 1. **What:** The three priorities of the URJ for the next five years are strong, networked congregations, *tikkun olam*, and audacious hospitality.
- 2. **Who:** The three constituencies they feel need to be reached to effect this strategy are the congregational leaders, youth, and seekers of Reform Judaism the unengaged, unaffiliated and interfaith; particularly families with young children.
- 3. How: Through consultative, community and network services

So, why am I sharing this information with you? What does the URJ really mean to OST? We are doing so much good at Ohef Sholom Temple and we are in such a great place right now – financially, spiritually, and with membership. But we don't want to operate in a "silo." We have much to share, and much to learn, from our fellow reform Jews throughout North America. I hope you will consider going to the 2015 Biennial from November 4-8 in Orlando, Florida. We had 17 OST members attend the last Biennial. I hope we can have as many, if not more, attend next year in Orlando. If you would like additional information and/or financial assistance to attend this conference, please let me know. And please talk to former attendees to find out what a URJ Biennial convention is all about.

For more information about the Union for Reform Judaism, please go to their website at www.urj.org. Also, visit their flagship consumer website with Reform-specific information, learning materials, and "how-to" tutorials on a wide range of holidays and Jewish practices at www.reformjudaism.org.

Wishing everyone a Happy Chanukah and Happy Secular New Year. See you in 2015 if not before.

Respectfully,

Linda Fox-Jarvis
President, Ohef Sholom Temple

### WE APPRECIATE THE THOUGHTFULNESS OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT OST

by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions

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HERMAN SPIGEL

# FROM THE SISTERHOOD

### What is OST's Sisterhood?

We are an organization of Temple women who contribute our time and talent to our beloved Temple. We run the Judaica Shop as well as the Chanukah Shop – which is now open for your holiday shopping – gifts for children and adults at many price points. Volunteers are needed for the Chanukah Shop on Thursdays, Friday nights and Sunday mornings. If you can donate some time please contact one of us or the Temple office. Thanks to our shop chair, Lisa Cohen and her committee, for setting up this year's beautiful shop. By the way, volunteers are needed all year round in the Judaica Shop too so please donate some time. If the shop isn't open we don't make any money and might have to curtail some programs.

For 24 hours in early November Sisterhood was a group of 25 women, led by our own Rabbi Roz, who traveled to Glen Allen, VA to spend the time in study, prayer and sisterhood. Ranging in age from early 20's into our 70's we started our 7th annual retreat with a beautiful Havdallah Service and wine and cheese reception. After a wonderful buffet dinner Rabbi Roz introduced our theme based on the week's Torah portion - Chaya Sarah or the Life of Sarah. After the opening session we were treated to a showing of the delightful Hava Nagila- a film that has previously been shown at the Festival of Jewish Film in Virginia Beach. On Sunday morning there were optional walks, yoga and meditation. Study began in earnest with Connie Golden leading us in the discussion of Innocence. This was followed by Barbara Dudley leading the session on Strength. After a buffet lunch (we did eat well) we had a creative journaling session in which we could express some of our own thoughts on these topics. Finally, Rabbi Roz led the last session on Wisdom. All of the topics were related to Sarah who was innocent, strong and wise during her lifetime. Special thanks to Sandi Forte-Nickenig and Margaret Sawyer, Kallah co-chairs, and their committee members – Tammi Foer, Dorianne Villani, Betty Sacks, and Jane Goldman.

Plan to join us on December 12 for the Chanukah dinner chaired by Nichole Kushner and Anne Kramer.

If you would like to be involved in this dynamic group of women please contact one of your co-presidents. All women of the temple are welcome at our meetings. We look forward to seeing you.

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# Hot Meals and Homework Program For ForKids • Sponsored by Ohef Sholom Temple Sisterhood

As most of you know, *ForKids* is a non-profit organization whose mission is "to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty for families and children". They provide temporary and permanent housing for homeless people. The *ForKids* "Hot Meals and Homework" program provides tutoring for kids and sends a meal home for their families. According to *ForKids*, 89% of children participating in the program advance to the next grade.

Please volunteer to provide an entrée casserole as often as your schedule allows. Every casserole makes a difference! We are also accepting monetary donations! This resource will allow us to have cooking days at temple! Store bought casseroles are also welcome for those of us who do not cook!!!

### **SPECIFICATIONS:**

Bring the casserole in a 9" x 13" aluminum disposable pan. We request it feeds 4 to 6 people. Pans should be well wrapped for freezing.

Please label pan with ForKids, the recipe (or ingredients for allergy

reasons), cooking or warm-up instructions, date prepared and Ohef Sholom Temple.

Bring to OST for freezing in the designated freezer prior to the pick-up date. Please check with Sara, Gail Bachman or other office staff when you bring your meal to OST.

### Casserole Pick up Dates

2014-Dec. 3, Dec. 17

**2015-**Jan. 7, Jan. 21, Feb. 4, Feb. 18, March 4, March 18, April 1, April 15, May 6, May 20, June 3, END OF SCHOOL!

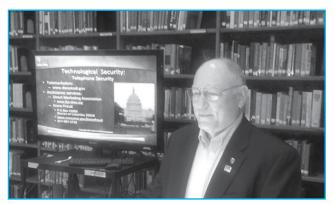
Thank you supporting the ForKids "Hot Meals and Homework Program!"

### Sandi Levi

OST Sisterhood Coordinator ostsforkids@hotmail.com 435-6978 (cell)

# THE MEN'S CLUB

**On October 17, 2014,** over 200 congregants, with their family members and friends, enjoyed a delicious Shabbat Dinner prepared by Chefs Scott Galbraith and Matthew Weinstein. Everyone had plenty of time to eat and enjoy the friendship and camaraderie of family and friends.



**Refuse To Be A Victim** was taught by OST's Brian Hirschler (top left) on **October 26.** This unique program taught safety strategies for everyday lifestyles. It included how to avoid dangerous situations and avoid becoming a victim. The class was attended by all ages looking for personal safety tips. Afterwards everyone agreed that the class was well worth their time.

Thank you to all the men who volunteered to make the second **Carpool Café on November 2,** a huge success. The presentation, *Islamic Fundamentalism & the New Middle East,* was given by Professor Hodes (bottom left), a visiting professor at ODU, to a well-attended adult audience that included the 8th grade and the Confirmation class.

Keep in mind that new members of Ohef Sholom Temple can enjoy a one year complimentary membership in the Men's Club. Come and join us for a monthly



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, December 7 – Carpool Café, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 14 – Men's Club Mtg.

at Ted Kaufman's, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 7 – Men's Club Mtg., 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 11 – Carpool Café, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, January 16 - Shabbat Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

You can also view the entire Temple calendar online at www.ohefsholom.org/calendar

meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. and enjoy a free dinner. Contrary to popular belief, you do not have to be a member to attend the meeting and enjoy the meal. Typically our monthly meetings and dinner last an hour.

Don Friedman, *Men's Club President* mensclub@ohefsholom.org • 553-6317



### **Scott Galbraith**

**Born** – Levittown, PA

**Education** – BS Mechanical Engineering Technology, Old Dominion University

**Employment** – Nuclear Engineer, Norfolk Naval Shipyard

**Hobbies** – Music, Cooking, Photography, Painting

**Marital Status** – Married 25 years to Lori Galbraith

Children - One daughter, Hannah 18

Temple Member - 2001

Residency – Chesapeake, VA

### **OST WALKING GROUP**



Join OST's Walking Group on **December 18** for a walk in Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

The entrance to
Back Bay is just
past the Sandbridge
Little Island Parking
lot at the south end
of Sandbridge.

If you can bring binoculars, you will probably get a nice view of snow geese and tundra swan in the park.

We suggest those from Norfolk meet at Temple at 8:00 a.m. to drive to Back Bay; otherwise we'll meet at Back Bay.

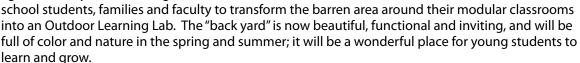


### **Caring Committee: Reaching Out/In to Those in Need**

The Caring Committee's first Tikkun Olam Together event (multigenerational mitzvah opportunities) brought OST congregants to



Chesterfield Academy Elementary School, our "community partner school." OST congregants of every age and ability worked alongside



Ohef Sholom Temple gave Chesterfield Academy a gift that will truly keep on giving. Thank you to all the volunteers and especially to team leaders Matthew Weinstein, Nicole Rosenblum, Linda and Alan Troy, and Dan Villani, who gave helpful instructions and engaged their eager participants. We hope YOU will join us for our next Tikkun Olam Together project – it's an opportunity to do great works in our community and get to know fellow congregants.

We were informed by the Chesterfield Academy office staff that they had a need for underwear and socks for students who did not have these basic garments. Diane and Ken Muhlendorf came to the rescue. They purchased 139 pairs of socks and underwear, and the Caring Committee presented them on behalf of our congregational community. Thank you, Diane and Ken, for making a basic and very meaningful impact!

Thank you to all of you who brought in canned goods and turkeys to make holiday meals possible for 50 families! OST volunteers and some of our Religious School students and faculty worked together to wrap the boxes in cheery paper, sort the food into 50 boxes and bags, and decorate greeting cards for each box. Twenty baskets went to Jewish Family Service families for Thanksgiving, and 30 will be delivered as Christmas dinner baskets to the Chesterfield families that Ohef Sholom supports with the weekend food backpack program.





December is a busy month for the Caring Committee, and we need YOU, our OST volunteers, to make the events go smoothly. Please check your calendars and see how you can invest yourself in community service at OST. This is a busy time for everyone, but set aside just a few hours to reach out to those less fortunate who are counting on us for respite and shelter. We look forward to working with you on one or both of these activities in December:

- Our annual NEST (Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team) week of hosting the community's homeless overnight in our Temple will take place from December 17 through 24, which includes Chanukah and Christmas week.
- Soup Kitchen lunch will be December 29. We will need extra volunteers at the meal because some of our regular volunteers may be out of town, and we will be distributing the cold weather items that we have been collecting. This is a great opportunity to bring your older children who are out of school to do a community mitzvah.

Please continue to support our Giving with Gratitude Drive for cold weather items by either cleaning out your own closets or grabbing these items while you are out holiday shopping: blankets, sleeping bags, adult cold weather clothes, socks, shoes, gloves, coats, etc. There are people "living" just outside our doors who would so appreciate having some warm items this winter!



Dorianne Villani, Co-Chair dvillani@cox.net or 617-8624

Alyssa Muhlendorf, Co-Chair alyssajorgenson@gmail.com or 470-9218



# **OST, STEP UP TO NEST!**

(Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team....that's us!)

Mark your calendars for **December 17 – 24** because that's when OST is partnering once again with Ghent United Methodist Church to house and feed the homeless. Note, our **NEST** week occurs during Chanukah and Christmas week when the *longest nights of the winter* mean that people really NEED a hot meal and a warm, dry place to sleep. Ask anyone ... volunteering at **NEST** is a gratifying and heartwarming experience. This year we need your help more than ever. Because of the holidays, our facility will be the only shelter site ... usually there are two. This means we'll need to take in more guests than usual so we do not have to turn away so many.

It's a *tradition* on the Sixth Night of Chanukah to help those in need, but any night can be your *Ner Shel Tzedakah*, or Candle of Righteousness. We're hoping *you and your family and friends will be inspired to set aside one night for those less privileged.* You can help in many ways:

- **Volunteer for a shift!** Go to signupgenius.com or call the OST office to sign up. (You can find a link to signupgenius.com from As the Temple Turns or the OST website.) If your college-age kids are home, they can help, too.
- Work an overnight shift with a friend. These are the quietest shifts, but also the hardest to fill. New this year: if you volunteer for an overnight shift (10 pm to 2 am or 2 am to 5 am), you'll be eligible to win a \$100 gift certificate to Target! There will be a police officer there at all times so you should feel completely safe.
- Other shifts are the breakfast shift (5 am to 7:30 am) and the dinner shift (6:00 pm to 10:00 pm). See signupgenius.com for specific times and dates.
- **Donate money, food** (fruit, milk, eggs, OJ, snack items), **bus tickets** or **small winter clothing items** (gloves, socks, T-shirts, etc.). Because we know we'll have to turn many people away this year, donated bus tickets will help get them to remote shelters at the Union Mission or Salvation Army.
- **Bake and bring in goodies from home.** We love to have breakfast breads or cookies that we can use at breakfast or in our guests' bagged lunches.

**Chanukah is the season of sharing light and giving.** Please share your time and resources with the homeless of our community. Join your fellow members of OST and sign up to volunteer at **NEST.** Got questions? Contact Sharon Ross (s4ross@cox.net) or Jane Goldman (janekgoldman@gmail.com), or call the Temple office, 625-4295.

December 2014

# Why Become a "Pillar of the Temple?"

ast month I wrote an article for the Temple newsletter that discussed How to Become a "Pillar of the Temple" and the history behind the creation of the Pillar program. This month I decided to write about the reasons that several congregants shared with me as to why they chose to participate in OST's new program of voluntary annual giving called "Pillars of the Temple."

My informal survey began with some phone calls and an email. Alyssa Muhlendorf stated, "Jonathan and I just felt like we could share our extra income to benefit the Temple. It's important to us that young OST families like ours begin to step up, to care about and to be more involved in our institutions. For example, the extra income generated by the *Pillars of the Temple* program can be put toward new programming opportunities and reduce the Temple's reliance on fundraisers to cover costs."

"Our reason comes from the heart," stated Judy Jaffe. "Though we might not attend services often, Burton and I feel like we have a place at OST. We are lucky to have Rabbi Roz, Rabbi Steinberg and Cantor Wally as our clergy. We are pleased and happy to be able to support OST by becoming a "Pillar of the Temple."

Linda Fox-Jarvis shared with me, "One of OST's biggest needs right now is to add personnel to our very small staff to support our clergy, our congregants, our many and diverse programs, and to maintain our beautiful 150 plus-year-old building. Also, we want to be able to give our staff and clergy yearly increases commensurate with their responsibilities and performance. Being a non-profit, we never are able to reward our employees the way we really want to, but our hope is that with an increase in annual commitment from our *Pillars*, we will be able to get closer to that goal. That is why I became a *Pillar*."



On a personal level, Noel and I chose to participate in the *Pillar* program because at OST we found a caring community and a spiritual home. We want to support an institution that has given so much "ruach/spirit" to our family.

Though the reasons are a little different for each family that becomes a "Pillar of the Temple," a common thread is the commitment to OST. Please consider joining us by becoming a "Pillar of the Temple." It is the generosity of our congregants that allows Ohef Sholom Temple to continue to be the most vibrant congregation in Tidewater, with amazing clergy and staff, an unparalleled Music Program and an outstanding Religious School, and the ability to offer boundless activities, programs and Tikkun Olam projects. Lastly, the most important benefit that our Pillars provide for OST is to enable us to continue to fulfill our mission of being a "House of Prayer for all Peoples," regardless of financial ability.

Please call the office at 757-625-4295 if you would like to become a "*Pillar of the Temple.*" If you have any questions or would like to speak personally about your commitment to OST, please feel free to contact me at 757-650-3396.

Barbara Dudley *Chair*, Dues Committee dudleb@gmail.com

### OST Adopts "New" Reform Prayer Book, Mishkan T'filah

After our congregation's successful piloting of *Mishkan T'filah*, our movement's prayer book, and seven years of discussion about it, the OST Worship Committee recommended to the Board of Directors to adopt it for use at all of our Shabbat Services beginning in January, 2015.

The reasons for selecting this new prayer book are twofold. Unlike *Gates of Prayer*, which contains only two options for worship, *Mishkan T'filah* offers the possibility of great variety; it contains many beautiful and meaningful new English interpretations of prayers, yet continues the use of translations that are familiar and beloved to us as well. This feature is especially appealing to Music Director Chuck Woodward and the OST Choir, who have enjoyed the greater musical possibilities the new *siddur* encourages.

Also, *Mishkan T'filah* has become the Reform movement's *siddur* of choice in the vast majority of the 900 URJ congregations since its publication in 2007; utilizing the prayer book will allow us and our children to feel comfortable when visiting other temples, at Jewish summer camps, in college and beyond, as well as feeling a sense of belonging to our larger worldwide movement.

Prior to January, we will be worshipping from Mishkan T'filah during the following services:

Friday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 6 at 10:30 a.m.

Friday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Special gratitude goes to past president Linda Spindel, and member Sally Kocen, for earmarking the funding of the 300 new *siddurim* in loving memory of their mother, Barbara Leterman Fletcher.



**UPCOMING ADULT LEARNING SCHEDULE** 

### **December 7, 2014**

Intro to Judaism ...... 10:00 a.m.

### "Life Cycles Part II"

Please join Rabbi Arthur Steinberg for a series of classes called *Introduction to Judaism* designed for those interested in becoming Jewish, those curious about Judaism without plans for conversion, interfaith couples, and all Jews, OST members or not, eager to learn more about basic Judaism.

This year the *Introduction to Judaism* series takes on a new perspective. Rabbi Arthur Steinberg will be teaching the entire eleven-session series. Classes will be held approximately every third Sunday from 10:00 to 11:00 am. The fundamentals of Jewish thought and practice will be our subject.

These classes are **FREE** and **open to the community;** however, a book fee of \$20.00 will be charged to those students interested in purchasing a text.

For the entire 2014/15 schedule and topics visit: www. ohefsholom.org/study/adult-learning/intro

### "Estate & Financial Planning for All Ages: A Jewish Perspective"

An educational opportunity for:

- Estate planning
- · Guardianship for minor children
- Financial planning
- O&A

Presented by Debi Stadlin, *Attorney* and Sally Kocen, *CLTC*, *The Frieden Agency*.

### **December 10, 2014**

### Adult Education Program ...... 10:00 a.m.

# Screening & Discussion of "Crossing the Line" with Peter Adams

Crossing the Line is a documentary film examining anti-Israel sentiments and activism on American campuses. This film exposes the growing anti-Israel sentiment taking root on college campuses manifesting in academic boycotts, divestment votes, hostile classrooms, scare tactics, and hate speech. We'll learn how to identify when anti-Israel rhetoric crosses the line into anti-Semitism. Now, more than ever before, it is imperative for us to be properly prepared for situations that might arise, and to have appropriate knowledge and resources to deal with them.

Peter Adams, an adjunct instructor of English, teaches courses for Old Dominion University's Honors College. He is the author of

Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday at 9:00 a.m. the Adult Education Committee sponsors a Torah Study class. All are welcome!

Mussar classes are ongoing. You can receive information on meeting times by contacting the Temple at 625-4295.

Politics, Faith and the Making of American Judaism (University of Michigan Press 2014) and The Bowery Boys: Street Corner Radicals and the Politics of Rebellion (Praeger 2005). Mr. Adams' career includes extensive journalistic work in the U.S. and abroad for Gannett newspapers and publications covering national security issues. From 1984-85, he was an Academic Fellow with the Russian Research Center at Harvard University.

### **December 11, 2014**

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Roz ...... 12:00 p.m.

### "Is there a Jewish Response to Ebola?"

Bring your own lunch, an open mind, a sense of humor, and any interested friends. RSVPs to sara@ohefsholom.org are not required but help us get a sense of how many materials to prepare.

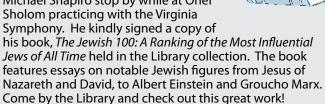
Lunch & Learn will take place at the law offices of Vandeventer Black, 101 W. Main Street, Suite 500, in Norfolk. Park directly across from the building on Main Street; parking slips will be validated. Upon entering the building, take the bank of elevators on the right to the 5th floor.

For more information on any Adult Learning Activities please call the Temple at 757-625-4295 or email information@ohefsholom.org.

RSVPs may be sent to reservations@ohefsholom.org unless otherwise stated.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

The OST Library was delighted to have composer, conductor and author, Mr. Michael Shapiro stop by while at Ohef Sholom practicing with the Virginia Symphony. He kindly signed a copy of



The library hours on Sundays are 10:00a.m - 12:30 p.m. Please come in to find a new book, to say hello, or to just sit and relax. Also, be sure to stop by the Children's Library on the 3rd floor which is also open during Religious School hours.

Heather Hammond Ohef Sholom Temple Librarian /Archivist archives@ohefsholom.org



### **Religious School**

### Religious School Tzedakah Projects for 2014-2015

Tzedakah, literally justice, means more than just giving money. It is a responsibility, a duty, and an obligation to care about and help people. There are many ways to practice tzedakah and encompass many of the values from our tradition. This year our Religious School classes, with the help of the Caring Committee, will do more than just bring money each week. They will be learning about the purpose and activities of their chosen groups and the Jewish values that they encompass. In addition, the classes will participate in projects intended to help these groups.

The groups each class has chosen and some of the Jewish values they encompass are as follows:

Nursery and Pre-kindergarten: The Religious School Relief Fund, so everyone can have a chance to learn about being Jewish (Talmud Torah).

**Kindergarten:** Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, to help make sick children feel better and get better (G'milut Chasadim, Acts of Loving-Kindness; and *Pikuach Nefesh*, Saving of Life).

First Grade: Religious School Relief Fund, so everyone has a chance to learn Torah (Talmud Torah).

**Second Grade:** OST Soup Kitchen, to provide food for people who are hungry and don't have money to buy it (Ha'achalat Re'evim, Feeding the Hungry).

Third Grade: The Nature Conservancy, to help save and take care of our trees (Shmirat haAdamah, Guarding the Earth; and Tikkun Olam, Repairing the World).

Fourth Grade: OASIS Social Ministry, to provide meals and services to the homeless and the less fortunate in Western Tidewater (Pe'ah, Helping the Poor in a Dignified Way; and *Tikkun Olam*, Repairing the World).

Fifth Grade: Lone Soldiers Program of the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, in support of the soldiers who leave their families and countries of origin to serve the State of Israel (Ahavat Ger, Love of the Stranger in your Midst; and G'milut Chasidim, Acts of Loving-Kindness).

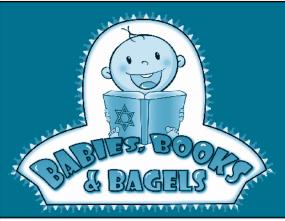
**Sixth Grade:** The OST Caring Committee, to help with all of the projects our Temple supports (Kehillah, Community; and Tikkun Olam, Repairing the World).

**Seventh Grade:** The World Wildlife Fund, to support and preserve wild animals and their habitats (*Tza'ar Ba'alei Hayyim*, Preventing Harm to Animals).

**Eighth Grade:** Jewish National Fund, to help with the development of Israeli land and infrastructure, especially planting trees; and the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center, breaking the cycle of homelessness in Virginia Beach (Kehillah, Community; and Tikkun Olam, Repairing the World).

Ninth Grade: Backpacks for Chesterfield Academy, providing weekend food to families in need (Pe'ah - Helping the Poor in a Dignified Way; and Tikkun Olam, Repairing the World).

Confirmation Class: Doctors Without Borders, to help fight contagious diseases and their spread (*Pikuach Nefesh*, Saving of Life).



Parent & Me with a Jewish Twist September 2014 May 2015

Join other parents and caregivers along with your child(ren), newborn through age 2, for our NEW, innovative monthly program, "Babies, Books & Bagels." We'll explore our Jewish world through play, stories, music & movement, and crafts using PJ Library books & materials.

- Make new friends
- ► Stimulating, fun, & creative atmosphere
- An exciting morning of bonding & quality time
- At-home enrichment activities
- 🔤 Bagels, healthy snacks & drinks will be provided

Classes will meet one Sunday morning a month September - May 10 am - 11 am

Stay later for extended free play and companionship with other young families

2014	2015
September 14	January 11
October 12	February 8
November 9	March 1
December 14	April 12
	May 3

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

# **JOST**

- JOSTY will hold a Chanukah Party on Sunday, December 7,
  - 12:30-2:30 p.m. after Religious
- School at the Temple.
  - Food will be served, dreidels will be played, and gelt will be won!

# **UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

For more details on OST events please visit:www.ohefsholom.org or find us on Facebook

### Tuesday, December 9 & 16, 2014, 9:00 a.m.



### **Mother's Circle Course**

The Simon Family JCC 5000 Corporate Woods Drive, Virginia Beach

Are you a mother of another religious background who wants to learn more about raising Jewish children?

JOIN US!

The Mothers Circle Course: FREE 16-session course that explores Jewish practices and ethics. Each meeting has a set curriculum and will explore a different component of Judaism.

FREE babysitting provided by the JCC for program participants regardless of JCC membership

Tuesday mornings at 9 am. For details and the full schedule please visit us on the web at www.ohefsholom.org or Facebook.

Please RSVP to Linda Peck, Director of Congregational Life, linda@ohefsholom.org or 757-625-4295

### Thursday, December 18, 2014, 10:45 a.m.



### Mavens & Mensches "A Morning at the Chrysler"

Join Ohef Sholom Temple's Mavens & Mensches for a visit to the Chrysler to see the exhibit "Fractured Lens: Picasso, Braque & Cubism's Influence." There will be a guided tour, followed by lunch at Wisteria.

www.chrysler.org/exhibitions/fractured-lens

Cost- price of lunch. (donations to the museum are appreciated)

RSVP by December 12 to Linda Peck at linda@ohefsholom.org or 757-625-4295

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2014, 7:45 P.M.



### **Prime Time Shabbat Dinner**

Join OST's Prime Time for dinner following Friday Shabbat Services.

The Public House 1112 Colley Avenue in Norfolk

www.publichouseeats.com

Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 17

Cost: price of meal

Please RSVP to Linda Peck, Director of Congregational Life, linda@ohefsholom.org or 757-625-4295

Prime Time provides a social venue for Temple members and is open to all congregants.



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### **December 1**

Lawrence J. Goldrich Margaret Zimmerman

### **December 2**

Richard S. Glasser

#### **December 3**

Heather L. Bloom Barbara Glasser

### **December 4**

Bruce R. Frieden David P. Kerpelman

#### **December 5**

Bruce D. Waldholtz

### **December 6**

Louis Brenner Sheldon L. Cohn **Noel Evans** Roberta Sherman

#### **December 7**

Monica Douglass Mildred Drevfus Andrew S. Fine Ronni M. Foster Donald Friedman Scott Galbraith Alan L. Troy

### **December 8**

Alyssa Embree Vivian Fish Forman Ruth E. Gutherz

### **December 9**

Terri Budman **Ed Fraim Betsy Mann Sanders** 

### **December 10**

Diane Lee Michalove Bradley J. Waitzer

### **December 11**

Alfred Dreyfus Linda Peck Andrew D. Stein

### **December 12**

Kari L. Amuial Lynn Cohen-Hoelzer Martha J. Goodman Yvonne Lerner

### **December 13**

Terri Smith Belkov

Amantha Berkowitz Jovce Graber Walter D. Rosenberg, Jr.

#### **December 14**

Donna R. Brownstein Paul Terkeltaub Charles Woodward

### **December 15**

Barbara Lifland Tom Russel

#### **December 16**

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

### **December 17**

Barbara Johnson Donald A. Myers Michael M. Romash Paula Russel

### **December 18**

**Robert Brotman** Frank Campion Stephen Miller

Kristina Neukrug Andrew S. Nusbaum Andrew Soberman

### **December 19**

Howard R. Feldman Leonard Levine **Burke Margulies** 

### **December 20**

Sally Kocen Jack Kress Fredric Schneider Barbara Spigel

### **December 21**

Betty Moritz Rochelle Rosenberg **David Winkelsas** 

### **December 22**

Laura R. Forman David Furman Marci King Bryan Mesh Gretchen M. Ostroff Virginia Rosen Matthew Weinstein

### **December 23**

Bettie Minette Cooper Debra Duncan B. Danny Jason Ryan Kletz Sara Mendelson Stephen D. Wohlgemuth

### **December 24**

Bert Lowenthal Armon Pollack, Jr. Deborah Shipman

### **December 25**

Elayne Axel Matthew Fine Stephan Gordon Stacey Elizabeth Richman Michael Zimmerman

### **December 27**

Courtney Epps **Edward Kraus** Heidi Mitchell Ruth B. Posner Linda C. Troy

### **December 28**

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

### **December 29**

Ira M. Cantin Susan Kletz Julius Miller Kathryn Hofheimer Wilson

### **December 30**

Joan Baydush Larry Blum Selma Snyder Rayfield Brenda C. Stein

#### **December 31**

David Benjamin Barbara Broudy Howie Vivian Margulies Jill Salomonsky

### November 30 - December 6

Betty Alper Louis Bartley\* Naomi Brenner **David Gerald Bress** Irene C. Chapel Elizabeth S. Coan\* Lee David Cohen Michael Cooper Morris Cross David Robert Davidson\* Samuel Doctor\* Rachel M. Donn\*

Phoebe Moss Eberson\* Joe Freed **Betty Friedman** Sylvia Gady Douglas Hinkle Bill Joyner H. Lee Kanter\* Marilyn Kastner Bernárd Kirschner\* Benjamin Klein **Arthur Kraus** Cecile W. Ledsky\*

Benjamin J. Lit\* Marcella Marks Liverman\* Minnie Levi Loeb\* Harry H. Mansbach\* Mary Mazur Harry A. Mervis\* Everett Metzger Jacob Mewhinney Murray Pell Dorothy Phillips\*

Albert Pitler Theodore Plattner\* Claire Plon **Robert Romulus** Leona Rosenthal Arnold Rubin Katie Skomorucha Chris Smith Sarah B. Snyder Maury Spencer Jeanette Spigel Lillian Staub Dr. Steven G. Steinberg

Jacob Umstadter\*

Harold "Hap" Unger\*

Maurice Unger\*

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

December 7 to 13 Mary G. Adler\* Milton Bass Reena Berenson Alfred Bernstein Yetta Bornstein **Ida Ruth Brenner** Paul Briskin Rose S. Buntina\* Morris Cogen Jennie Donsky Celia M. Elkin Joseph M. Fish Phillip Fletcher\* Louis Frankfurt\* William Goldback\* Sam Goldberg\* Bennie A. Grablowsky\* Julius Green Lillian S. Green Louis Lester Horwitz Morris Kaufman Laura Kesser\* Bessie Barr Kirsner\* James N. Kurtz Dr. Alter Laibstain I. Lysle Levine\* Leroy Margolius\* Samuel Mendelsohn\* Sidney Mossovitz Clara Myers\* Maurice Noble Lucille Novish Dora L. Petock Stanley Ira Rosenberg Herman A. Sacks\* Elizabeth Sacks Asa Sartorius\* Esther G. Seeherman Abraham Sherman Murray Shiffrin

Herman "Robbie" Robins Rebecca Rothstein Rubin\* Ronald B. Silverman Bertha G. Snyder\* Julius Snyder

Ciel A Stern\* Ernestine "Tennie" Tischler\* Anita Ullman Carrie Weisel\* Ann Wolf

DECEMBER YAHRZEITS

### December 14 to 20

Rabbi Michael L. Abraham Marion Baydush Irving Berger Bell Berkowitz\* Julius Buxbaum\* Jeffrey Chanin\* Blanche Chase Judy Colison Jean Comess\* Sally Fischer Esther Fish Frances Fonal\* Lois Ginsburg Marcia Glass Selma Gottlieb Cathy Hainer Phyllis Rapoport Halpern Helen Krauss Hardy\* Ann Harris Sylvia Jason Walter Kleeblatt\* Ada Kruger\* Maxwell Levy Sol Mednick\* Monroe Mendelson Joseph Neukrug Virginius H. Nusbaum\* Gerald "Jerry" Petock Dorothy Popper Pearl Francis Posner Suzanne Spigel Redmond Muriel Rosen Esther Ryen Harvey Ronald Saunders\* Phillip Scherer Isaac R. Schewel Tillie Schewel Harry L. Schwan\* Annette Muriel Shore Michael Umstadter\*

Aaron Zenovitz

### December 21 to 27

### Mary Adler

Tyler Jeffrey Ann Edmund David Baydush\* Rose Berger Hannah Waldfogel Berkovitz Victor Z. Blumenthal\* Frieda Cohen Leon Cohen Esther Doctor\* Arleen Merle Fink Rena Marcus Frankfurt\* Blanche Galumbeck Adele Gilbert M. Gustavus Goldback\* Jack I. Goldstein Lester I. Grossman\* **Ruth Harding** Ruthe G. Hirschler Sylvia Puritz Holub\* Elizabeth F. "Betty"Horwitz Jack Jason Lawrence "Lori" Leviton Marie A. Mansbach\* Sylvan Munden Rov L. Newkirk, Jr. Sarah Nordin\* Sidney Leon Nusbaum\* Cilla G. Nusbaum\* Jorge Orozco Dorsey G. Preddy Marguerite Rashti Nathan Rosenberg Pearl S. Rothschild Jane T. Sherry Doris T. Siff Lawrence Silverman Raymond Thompson\* Max Joseph Unger

### **December 28 - January 3**

Sarah Allen Seymour Allen Nelson Alper Lillian Beloff Anna Berger\*

Nellie B. Waranch

Betty Wolsh

Lee Zittrain\*

Anne Zorn

Rosé Zelinger

Ray K. Bloom\* Rose M. Brown Isaac Cohen Frieda Cohn\* Esther Colbus\* Maryjo R. "Jody" Colbus\* Frances Daniels Jane Frazier Delany Sam Dembicer\* Alfred Joseph Dreyfus\* Steven Eichelbaum Gabriel Engel\* Abraham Fischer Sadye Gifford\* Sandi Gold Esther Goldberg Joseph Goldin\* Rabbi Ronald M. Goldstein Dr. Samuel Gollub Mollie Gross Sally Gross\* Arthur Hainer Stanley Hirsch\* Isabelle Horne\* David Robert Katz Jack Koonan Paul Laderberg Joan C. Landauer\* Gertrude Lazier Adolph Lombart Barbara K. Lubar Monroe Mendelson Sara Miller Jenya Sheida Milshtein Lawrence Morse Rita Klein Moses Paul Murray Ben Ami Nemo\* Lois S. Nusbaum\* Anne Schloss Petty\* Abraham Ries\* Goldie N. Rosenbaum Martha L. Rubin\* Charles Salzberg Malcom Schoner Belle Seligman Oscar L. Steinberg\* Deborah Lee Stocker

Dr. Irving Tavss\*

Rosalie Wilks\*

Pauline Wexler

### DECEMBER 2014

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
	1	2 4:00 p.m. House Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Dues Committee Mtg., Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	3 12:00 p.m. Executive Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Torah Study Casseroles ForKids pickup day	4	5 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Shabbat Services with <i>Mishkan T'filah</i>	6 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services with Mishkan T'filah
7 8:45 a.m. Hebrew School 10:00 a.m. Religious School; Confirmation; Intro to Judaism 10:30 a.m. Carpool Café 12:30 p.m. JOSTY Chanukah Party 12:40 a.m. OST Youth Choir Rehearsal	8	9 9:00 a.m. Mother's Circle (offsite)	10 6:00 p.m. Torah Study 7:15 p.m. Adult Ed Program "Crossing the Line"	11 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Roz	12 5:45 p.m. Family Friendly Friday Services 6:30 p.m. Chanukah Dinner 7:30 p.m. Chanukah Shabbat Services	13 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services
14 8:45 a.m. Hebrew School 10:00 a.m. Religious School; Confirmation; Babies, Books, & Bagels 12:40 a.m. OST Youth Choir Rehearsal 2:00 p.m. Men's Club Mtg. at Ted Kaufman's 5:00 p.m. OSTY Chanukah Party (offsite)	15	9:00 a.m. Mother's Circle (offsite) 6:00 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	17 1st Day of Chanukah 6:00 p.m. Torah Study Casseroles ForKids pickup day NEST	18 8:00 a.m. OST Walking (offsite) Group 10:45 a.m. Mavens & Mensches visit the Chrysler 7:00 p.m. Board Mtg. NEST	6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services with Mishkan T'filah 7:45 p.m. Prime Time Shabbat Dinner (offsite) NEST	20 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services with Mishkan T'filah 6:30 p.m. YAC Drinks & Dreidels NEST
21 NEST	22 NEST	23 NEST	24 Last Day of Chanukah 6:00 p.m. Torah Study	25 Office Closed	26 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services
28	29 9:30 a.m. "Warm Hearts" Soup Kitchen	30	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed 6:00 p.m. Torah Study			

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Council of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater's to Israel Today forum. Speaking in Tidewater on Thursday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Simon Family JCC, just days after the extension for negotiations between Iran and the P5+1 expire, looking beyond the headlines, Mark Dubowitz will offer an insiders' look at the talks, the outcome and the global implications of a nuclear Iran.

Mark Dubowitz is the Executive Director of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, a Washington, D.C.-based nonpartisan policy institute, where he leads projects on Iran, sanctions, nonproliferation, and countering electronic repression. As a well-respected expert on sanctions, Executive Director of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Mark has testified before Congress and advised the U.S. administration and numerous foreign governments on Iran sanctions issues. He is the co-author of five confidential reports on economic sanctions against



Iran provided by FDD to the U.S. government and four public reports. Mark is a senior research fellow at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto where he teaches a graduate course and conducts research on international negotiations, economic sanctions, and Iran's nuclear program. Before joining Foundation for Defense of Democracies in 2003, Mark worked in venture capital, technology management and law. He holds a masters degree in international public policy from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, and law and MBA degrees from the University of Toronto. Don't miss this sure to be informative talk titled

"Terror from Tehran: Iran as an International Threat."

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