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# ANNUAL SISTERHOOD CHANUKAH DINNER

PLEASE JOIN US FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2012 AT 6:30 PM

### **Dinner Menu**

Sisterhood's Traditional Beef Brisket Fresh Green Salad Roasted Carrots

Potato Latkes with fixings and Challah Chicken Nuggets for the children Bread Pudding

(Vegetarian Upon Prior Request)

### **Ticket Prices**

Adults - \$20 Children 12 & Under - \$10

NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
AFTER DECEMBER 10

You are welcome to bring your own menorahs & candles to share your family traditions.



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## CLERGY CORNER

### A Word from Rabbi Steinberg

ow that winter has come, with solstice time looming, a great number of different religious traditions will be celebrating festivals of light during the coming month. Those festivities always remind me of another miracle, one that I witnessed when I was a child. Our own festival of lights, commemorating the Chanukah "miracle," has been the subject of scholarly conjecture and interpretation since the earliest rabbinic literary tradition. The second, which I relate here, is a true story remembered from my youth. In fact, all of the stories I've told from the pulpit in the past 46 years are true... and some of them... actually happened.

The reason for my insistence about the veracity of this story is that I knew the principals in it and, up until a few years ago, had kept in touch with their whereabouts.

It all started shortly after WW II when thousands of young Jewish war orphans mostly of Eastern European origin, were sent to various agencies around the world for possible adoption. Agencies in dozens of large cities, those with sizable Jewish populations, were charged with the task of finding homes for these children.

The Jewish Educational Alliance of Baltimore (it later became the Jewish Community Center) was the recipient of more than 150 of these children and the city newspapers ran campaigns to publicize that fact, encouraging local families to consider fostering or adopting the children.

Harvey and Ellen R., married for eight years, had wanted to start a family but, somehow, had been unable. He, a native Baltimorean, worked in the delivery department of the Baltimore Sun Newspaper. Ellen, who came to America from Poland when she was a teen, was a substitute kindergarten teacher in the Public School System. Of course they learned the news about the orphans and, since most of Ellen's family had died in concentration camps, they were especially sympathetic to the plight of the children. So they scheduled a visit to the JEA.

The halls of the agency were lined with cribs and the classrooms were converted into playrooms. As the couple were guided around the building, watching the children napping or at play, their hearts went out to all of them and they agreed, just by smiling and nodding to each other, that they would apply for a child. A four year old girl, with enormous brown eyes captured their hearts and they began filling out forms that afternoon to be allowed to take her home for a trial stay a few weeks later.

The next morning, they received a phone call from the agency's director, explaining that there was a bit of a problem and asking if they could return for a conference.

Later, in his office, the director explained the problem. Little Miryam had a six year old brother and the agency wanted to keep them together. To further complicate matters, the boy, Layble, had never spoken a word although medical examinations offered no physical evidence for his silence.

Harvey and Ellen were stunned over this turn of events and several tearful discussions, over the next few days, finally ended with their determination to bring both children home... to see what the adjustment would be like. They were concerned, they later confessed, with caring for a second child whose medical and therapeutic bills could be problematic.

When the great homecoming day arrived, and the four of them sat down in the living room of the children's new home, all seemed well. Miryam squealed with delight over her new presents and Layble even smiled as he unwrapped his gifts. They played for awhile, had supper, and, when bed-time arrived, the children did not balk at being tucked into their adjoining beds. A night-light helped calm any apprehension.

Finally, Harvey and Ellen collapsed onto the sofa and, with great joy in their hearts, began to review the events of the day.

All of a sudden, a shriek, "Mama," came from the bedroom and when they rushed through the door, there was Layble, pointing to the photo sitting on top of the dresser. A picture of Ellen's sister.

As later investigation proved, they had, indeed, adopted Ellen's orphaned niece and nephew.

By the time that the radio announcers and the newspaper reporters finished their coverage of this story, the director of the Jewish Educational Alliance, with halls nearly emptied, was pleased to request more children from the central agency in London.

When I lost touch with the family, Harvey and Ellen had passed away, Miryam lived in San Diego with her children and grandchildren. I went to public school with Layble, later Leonard, and, sometime ago, he retired, selling his men's clothing store in Baltimore.

Our Jewish literary tradition describes many stories that could be called miracles. The story above relates the miracle of my friends finding a home of safety, security and love. It's always been my favorite miracle story... so impossible that it could only be true.

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Congratulations to Rob and Martha Goodman** on the birth of their granddaughter Beata Elyse Goodman, born to Campe & Amanda Goodman on October 23.

**Irwin & Betty Sacks** are happy to announce the marriage of David Andrew Sacks to Kathy Jordan Arrant, daughter of Peggy Jordan & the late David Jordan, on October 26, 2012.

### **CONDOLENCES**

Ohef Sholom remembers with deepest affection the following beloved family members and friends:

Edward Kahn on the loss of his mother, Becky Kahn.

Marie Colbus on the loss of her husband, Louis Colbus

Marion Lidman on the loss of her mother, Mildred Johnson

Karen & Nathan Jaffe on the loss of their sister, Melissa Jaffe

Sheila Emanuel on the loss of her mother, Iris Elkins

Felice Saks on the loss of her husband, Harvey Saks

Barbara & Noel Dudley on the loss of their cousin, Sara Talley

### **THANK YOU**

### 6th Annual Bark in the Park

A beautiful fall day, gourmet food, games, dogs, blessings...what more could anyone ask for? Cats, of course. And we had those too. The 6th Annual Bark in the Park was a hit! Returning to our old stomping grounds at Bayville Farms Park in Virginia Beach, we were joined this year by Jessica Honeycut, the Outreach Co-ordinator for the Norfolk SPCA and her friend Lindsay, a sweet, vivacious girl of about a year and a half who was looking for a home. Although she didn't find one, she DID enjoy the day out and was definitely the center of attention.

We started at 1:00 p.m. serving hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks. After plenty of schmoozing---dog and human alike---Prez Todd presented a check to Jessica on behalf of the Men's Club. We also donated two very large bags of dog food. Then Cantor Wally had each owner talk a little about their pet. This was followed by the *Blessing of the Pets* after which, more eating and schmoozing. The event started to wind down around 3:30. About 65 were in attendance.

Special thanks go out to the following for helping to make the day a great one:

- Cantor Wally for his leadership.
- Roy Beskin and Meredith Rose for underwriting the event.
- Eddie Kramer and Todd Waldman for schlepping and set-up.
- Jonna Glaser and Gary Wirt for the hamburger and hot dog buns.
- Tom and Gail Bachman for food procurement.
- Linda Peck and Kristine Wayman for advertising.
- Jim Soltz for working the grill.
- The Norfolk SPCA.

It was wonderful seeing old friends and some new faces too. If you couldn't make it this year we'll see you at the 7th Annual.

Have a great week!

### WORSHIP

### Torah Portions for December

December 7 Kislev 23 Shabbat Services - 6:30

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

December 14 Tevet 1 Chanukah Dinner – 6:30 Shabbat Services – 7:30 p.m.

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

December 21 Tevet 8 Shabbat Services – 6:30 p.m.

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

December 28 Tevet 15 Shabbat Services - 6:30 p.m.

Parasha: Va-y'chi Genesis 47:28-50:26 Haftarah: I Kings 2:1-12

Braille prayerbooks are available at services, upon request.



### A Word from the President



I write after witnessing the second NFTY-MAR Kallah at Ohef Sholom in 5 years. What a spectacle! Two hundred of our region's children celebrated their Judaism in high-energy fashion, inspiring to all of us who came to watch. Even though our almost one-hundred year old sanctuary was undergoing some necessary repairs, our children and Cantor managed to be exceptional hosts. Many thanks to Gail and

her staff; Chuck and the choir; Amy and Eliot Weinstein, our youth group advisors; Cantor Wally; Rabbi Steinberg; Kitty Wolf; Debbie Haring; teachers; our Religious School Committee; Men's Club and Sisterhood, all of you who volunteered to video and help manage the events of the weekend; parents who housed our guests: and, last but not least, our OSTY group and the quad-chairs, Franklin Kramer, Madeline Budman, Skylar Arias, Ben Laderberg, who worked as hard as any group to make this a successful event. We should be proud of our congregation for being able to handle such an amazing weekend and promoting the values that will shape generations.

Isn't that what we are about? Providing the spiritual connection for our generation and generations to come?

*L'dor v'dor* - from generation to generation. We are all responsible to do what we can to preserve what we have for the future.

In many ways, you can see our material efforts over the last several years in our physical plant. Even though we've been on sound financial footing, we've still had to borrow in excess of \$300,000 to complete the work we've done thus far. There is plenty more to do and yet we have an obligation to retire our debt as quickly as possible. I keep our board informed of where we are, but sometimes I forget that you may not know what we we've undertaken and why. An astute board member reminded me of that at our October meeting. I hope you appreciate what we've undertaken thus far, and I hope you understand why getting a handle on our physical plant is so important to fulfilling our spiritual mission.

In difficult times, I know you are mindful of how you invest your finite resources. I fervently hope and pray you believe in our mission as I do and recognize how wise your investment in us is. You only had to see 200 hundred of our best and brightest that weekend to know we are on the right path.

L'shalom,

Ed



# 2012~2013 Event Schedule

Family ChavuRAH! promotes monthly social activities for families with children in the 5 to 15 year age range. It's a great way to meet other families at the Temple and entertain your kids with family fun both at the Temple and in the community.

### Join us for the following events:

December 9 Chanukah Happenings at OST - Crafts & games celebrating the holiday of Chanukah, 11:00 a.m.

December 16 Munchies and Mitzvah - Stay after religious school for lunch and we'll practice singing Chanukah songs to present at 3:00 p.m. at Beth

Sholom Home. \$5 per person, \$20 per family, your own transportation is required!

January 19 Havdallah Service at OST with a craft activity

January 25 Tu B'shevat Seder and Family Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at OST. \$10 per adult, children under 12 are free!

February 17 Pancake Breakfast at Village Inn, Virginia Beach, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

February 24 OST's Purimspiel 10:30 a.m.

March 23 Chocolate Making at OST. Learn the art of making chocolate candies with The Williamsburg Chocolatier. Cost \$8.00 per person

April 21 OST's Mitzvah Day - Come join the fun and do good deeds at the same time

April 27 Lag B'omer Beach Party & dinner, co-sponsored by YAC & the Interfaith Committee. \$18 per adult, children are free! 4:00-7:00 p.m.

April 28 Israel Festival at the JCC - The ChavuRAH will be sponsoring a booth

May 10 After OST's Kabbalat Services stay for an ice cream oneg. We will be making sundaes and our own ice cream!

May 12 OST's Religious School picnic, 11:30 a.m.

June 1 Overnight camping trip to celebrate Havdallah and the end of the school year

June 8 "PJ Party" for kids whose parents are attending OST's Casino Night.

To add your name to the group email list or to RSVP for an event, contact linda@ohefsholom.org

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

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## We hope you will join us at the annual OST Chanukah dinner on Friday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Kaufman

Hall. The Sisterhood will cook and serve the traditional dinner which includes beef brisket and potato latkes. A vegetarian alternative is available upon prior request. Please return the reservation form with payment, or to reserve your seats online with payment go to www.ohefsholom.org and click on the red "Quick Link" to the right. We welcome any women who want to help prepare this meal. It is a great way to get acquainted with other OST women, and we have a lot of fun! Please contact Dorianne Villani at 301-6477 or email her at dvillani@cox.net if you would like to participate.

We thank Dorianne and Sharon Ross for co-chairing the dinner.

The first candle of Chanukah is December 8. Visit the Judaica and Chanukah Shops for your Chanukah shopping. The hours are Sundays 10:00-12:30, Thursdays 10:00-2:00, some Friday nights and by appointment. Lisa Cohen, our shop manager, needs more volunteers to help. No experience is necessary and the work is easy to do! It is also a fun place to meet and greet others. Please call or e-mail Sharon Nusbaum (see the contact information below) to volunteer. This is the Sisterhood's primary fund raiser. All proceeds are used for Temple programs and projects.

## Rabbi Roz will lead our next Book Club on Tuesday, January 29, 2013. The featured book is *The Dove Keepers* by

Alice Hoffman. Books are available in the Judaica Shop and in the Temple library. A salad dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. in

Simon Hall at no charge, and the discussion will follow in the Temple library.

Chanukah Shop

The Z01Z Chanakah Shop is now open in the Temple library

Chanukah begins at sundown on December 8, 2012

Shop Hours: Thurs. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Sun. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm or by appointment by calling the Temple office at 757-625-4295

We have items for all your Chanukah needs and more! Sisterhood volunteers will be on staff to assist you.

We ask for your help with the **ForKids** "Hot Meals and Homework Program." This program provides a family meal for at-risk children who participate in the ForKids afterschool program. The children take the meals home with them at the end of the day. You may drop off your casseroles, either home-prepared or purchased, at OST for freezing. The meals are picked up twice a month by ForKids. Pick-up dates for December and January are December 18, and January 16 and 30. For more information, please call Sandi Levi at 467-5384 or email her at ostsforkids@hotmail.com.

It is never too late to join the Sisterhood by returning a membership application available either on the table in Simon Hall or go to www.ohefsholom.org/community/sisterhood and click on the link "Join the Sisterhood." All OST women are welcome. New Temple members receive a free membership for the first year by sending an application form to the Temple office.

We wish all a wonderful Chanukah celebration!

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**OST'S ForKids Homework and Casserole Program** is looking for generous donors to sponsor our bi-annual OST community service project that brings our temple family together to cook casseroles in our own OST kitchen. In doing this, OST Sisterhood could greatly expand the number of casseroles that are donated by our temple to the **ForKids Homework and Casserole Program.** It is estimated, that with a donation of \$300.00 to \$400.00, we could make approximately 30 - 35 additional casseroles per semester. *Would you consider being a sponsor of this worthwhile project?* Every casserole feeds a family and makes a difference! Please let us know how YOU can help! Contact Sandi Levi at 467-5384 or ostsforkids@hotmail.com.



### Happy Holidays! We had an eventful Fall!

On December 5 at 6 p.m., the Men's Club will be having a well deserved "holiday" celebration (and monthly meeting) at Ted Kaufman's house.

On December 9 from 9-11 a.m., join the Men's Club in the kitchen to set Norfolk's "Macabee 2012 Record" for most latkes cooked in a 2 hour period. Last year we cooked over a 1,000 latkes! This

year we have more kids and thus we will need more latkes. Like our ancestors who spun dreidels to hide their studies, our Sunday School will eat all evidence of our success at the Chanukah Happenings. To

make this a successful event we need lots of hands.

Did you know that in addition to the many volunteer activities in which the Men's Club participates, we also support many outside charities? As a Jewish organization we have a duty of "*Tikkun olam*" (repairing the world). Just this year we have helped women transition from prison life to regular life, animals find a new home, bought new prayer books for our troops, and helped feed the homeless.

### **End of Fall Thank Yous!**

- ☼ To the Temple Staff (Gail, Gill, Linda, Kris, Mike, Kari and Sara) who make our events run so well!

With the holiday season upon us, please remember we cannot do it alone; we need your support to make Ohef Sholom the best community!

B' Sholom

Todd Waldman, Men's Club President mensclub@ohefsholom.org, 625-4295

### **Upcoming Events**

**December 5** Men's Club Meeting &

Holiday Celebration 6:00 p.m. (Ted Kaufman's)

**December 9** Latke Cooking for

Chanukah Happening

9:00-11:00 a.m.

### MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY!

### Used Eyeglasses Needed

The Lions Eyeglass recycling program takes used glasses and cleans them up for distribution in our community, across the state and around the world. Donated eye glasses are cleaned, calibrated and labeled at the local Lions Eye Glass Recycling Center in Chesapeake. From there, the glasses are distributed with the help of trained professionals to those who could not otherwise afford a pair of glasses.

For example, glasses are distributed through Lions efforts at places like the Park Place clinic in

Norfolk, the Remote Area Medical project in Wise County, VA, and through other agencies and organizations to underdeveloped countries

around the world.

Your family's contribution of used eyeglasses is a mitzvah and makes a difference to those in need here in Hampton Roads and beyond.

The Lions Eyeglass donation box is located on the literature table in the foyer.

Thanks for supporting this mitzvah program.

Brian Friedman

### Men's Club & Veteran's Day

n Sunday, November 11, 2012, the Ohef Sholom Men's Club hosted a Carpool Café honoring veterans. This first of a kind event encouraged previous service members and current active duty to stand up and talk about their military service. Everyone who wanted to speak had an opportunity, and it was very interesting listening to the stories of our veterans from WWII to the current war.

Thanks to everyone who made this Carpool Café a most memorable event. We remembered those who made the ultimate sacrifice as they will forever be with us in our hearts on this most sacred day.



## Make a year-end tax deductible donation to the OST Caring Committee to support our Community Outreach Programs:

- Judeo-Christian Outreach Center Dinners
- NEST (Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team)
- Portsmouth Oasis Monthly Breakfast
- OST Soup Kitchen
- Annual Mitzvah Day

We rely on your financial support to reach out to those in need in our community. Help us to do our Mitzvah by doing yours!

### Mark your calendars for our Upcoming Activities:

- Oasis Breakfast- December 9
- OST Soup Kitchen- December 31
- JCOC Dinner- January 23
- NEST- February 27 to March 6

### OASIS BREAKFAST PROJECT needs your support!

Sponsor a breakfast for \$100 or donate in-kind items. We are now collecting items for the monthly Oasis Breakfast Program. Please drop off any of the following items in the collection box at the temple: Cheerios breakfast cereal, strawberry jam, grape jelly, 9" paper plates, plastic or paper bowls, napkins, ground coffee, coffee cups, plastic cutlery.

For more information, please call Inger Friedman (287-9492 or ingeresa@aol.com) or Sharon Ross (463-8161 or s4ross@cox.net)

Ingeresa Friedman, Caring Committee Chair



## **OST Religious School Awarded Special Grant**

ne of the most significant issues facing religious school educators is accommodating students with special needs in the supplementary school setting. Ohef Sholom Religious School is honored to have been awarded a grant from the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater to develop a program to teach students with special learning needs.

With this grant, Ohef Sholom Temple will create a pilot program for children who are not able to effectively learn or thrive in the regular classroom setting.

We are fortunate to have found an extremely capable and experienced Jewish teacher with certification in special education to develop the program and work with teachers and families to set individualized Jewish education plans (IJEP) for participants. Whenever possible, we will incorporate the student's IJEP into the student's classroom experience in religious school. Because inclusion in Temple activities is important and desirable for all students, the ultimate goal will be integration into the regular school routine wherever possible.

Our pilot program will begin in January or sooner. We will be able to accept up to eight students. This program will first

be offered to our own OST families and then, if we still have openings, it will be open to students from other congregations as well. Students will be admitted only by special request from parents or guardians. Each student must have an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) from their full-time school and parents who are willing to work together with our special education coordinator and the student's full time school teacher.

The program will be on Sunday mornings during regular religious school hours. OST members will pay the regular religious school tuition. Other community members will pay that fee plus an additional \$100. With our new program we hope to more closely meet this obligation.

If you have or know of a child who meets the criteria and would benefit from this program please contact Kitty Wolf, kitty@ohefsholom.org or 757-625-4295.

Maimonides taught: "Every member of the people of Israel is obligated to study Torah—regardless of whether one is rich or poor, physically able or with physical disability."
(Mishnah Torah, Hilchot Talmud Torah, 10)

### Chanukah Happening:

A beloved OST Religious School tradition is our Chanukah Happening. On December 9, at 11:00 a.m. all classes will meet in the Chapel for services and candle-lighting. Then we'll move to Kaufman Hall for special Chanukah crafts and dreidel-spinning games. Of course there will be plenty of latkes and applesauce, courtesy of our own Men's Club. Please join us for this special family event.



Share your light this Chanukah and brighten the future with a bequest or planned gift.

Join the Eternal Light Society & Create a Jewish Legacy for Ohef Sholom Temple

For more information, please contact Philip S. Rovner (psrovner@ujft.org, 757-965-6111) at the Tidewater Jewish Foundation



Intro to Judaism

Please join Rabbi Mandelberg, Cantor Schachet-Briskin, Linda Peck, Dr. Rachelle Luna, Dr. David Metzger, Jonathan Rathsam and Kitty Wolf for a fifteen-session class on Introduction to Judaism.

This course is structured for anyone interested in exploring Judaism—interfaith couples, those considering conversion and Jews looking for adult-level basics. The fundamentals of Jewish thought and practice are introduced.

September through April: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sundays

There is no class fee for this course; however, a book fee of \$20.00 will be charged to those students interested in purchasing a text.

Date	Teacher	Subject
December 2	Dr. David Metzger	Chanukah
*December 9	Kitty Wolf	Shabbat in the Temple
January 6	Rabbi Roz	Raising a Jewish Child

\*Rescheduled from December 16

For a complete listing of Adult Learning classes and dates please pick up an Adult Learning Booklet at the Temple or check our website www.ohefsholom.org

### **Adult Education Committee Events**

"Cooking for Chanukah" with Ruth Katz Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.

Traditional Jewish cooking often is broken down into two categories: meat and dairy (fish or anything non-meat). Come learn to make some of our traditional dairy or "milche" dishes.

Ruth Katz, the Challah Lady, will be teaching a class on Wednesday December 5. We will be making cheese blintzes, potato knishes, and kasha varniskas. The class will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Ohef Sholom kitchen. RSVP to the office so we'll know how many people to expect.

You are always welcome to join our Torah Study (Saturdays at 9:00 a.m., Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.) and Mussar groups. For more information, contact the Temple office at 757-625-4295 or Rachelle Luna (Juna@exis.net).

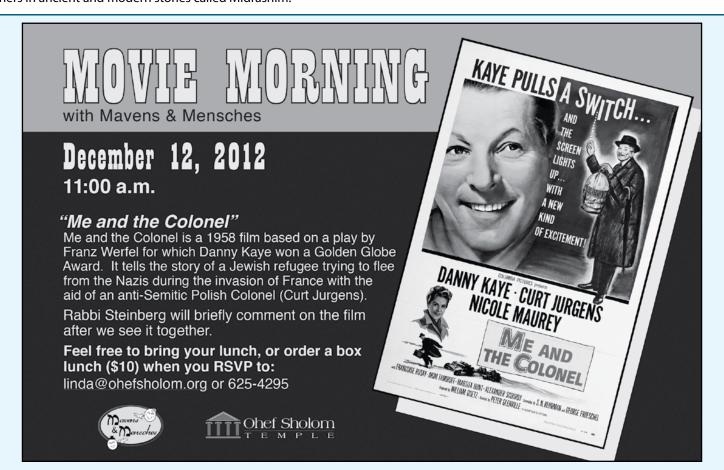
Rachelle Luna, Chair

### "Judaism 201" - Part 2 NEW!!

Join Rabbi Connie Golden & Rabbi Arthur Steinberg as they explore selected Jewish topics in depth.

"When Something is Missing..." with Rabbi Golden Sunday, December 16 at 11:15 am

Abraham and Isaac went up Mount Moriah, but only Abraham came back down in the Biblical text we have; scholars fill in that blank and others in ancient and modern stories called Midrashim.



### **December Birthdays**

### December 1

Lawrence J. Goldrich David I. Millison Margaret Zimmerman

### **December 2**Richard S. Glasser

### December 3 Heather L. Bloom Barbara Glasser Jeffrey Michael Kline

December 4
Bruce R. Frieden
David P. Kerpelman

### December 5

John F. Dougherty Bruce D. Waldholtz

### December 6

Louis Brenner Sheldon L. Cohn Noel Evans Valerie Glassman Roberta Sherman

### December 7 Monica Douglass

Mildred Dreyfus

Andrew S. Fine Donald Friedman Scott Galbraith Alan L. Troy

**December 8** Alyssa Embree Vivian Fish Forman Ruth E. Gutherz

### December 9

Terri Budman Ed Fraim

### 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 Aaron Glassman Joyce Graber Kay Moore Walter D. Rosenberg, Jr Brian Samsell

#### December 14

Donna R. Brownstein Marc Schneider Paul Terkeltaub Charles Woodward

#### December 15 Tom Russel

December 16 Brad Embree Mandi Firoved Arthur Schoner

### December 17

Barbara Johnson Donald A. Myers Nelson S. Posner Michael M. Romash Paula Russel Elisabeth Schneider

### December 18

Robert Brotman Frank Campion Stephen Miller Kristina Neukrug Ellen Ruben

December 19 Howard R. Feldman Leonard Levine Betty Siegel

# December 20 Lindsay R. Fanney Sally Kocen

Jack Kress Fredric Schneider Barbara Spigel

### December 21

Betty Moritz Rochelle Rosenberg David Winkelsas

### December 22

Laura R. Forman Marci King Bryan Mesh Virginia Rosen Matthew Weinstein

### December 23

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

### December 24

Bert Lowenthal Deborah Shipman

### December 25

Elayne Axel Matthew Fine Stephan Gordon Howard A. Mendelsohn Michael Andrew Zimmerman

#### December 27

Edward Kraus Ruth B. Posner Heidi Studer Linda C. Troy

#### December 28

Edward J. Buxbaum Rhonda Dreggors-Newport Benton Flax

Nadine Frost Beth Gerstein Pam Hirsch Melvin Radin Ronald F. Spindel Erin Thomas

### December 29 Ira M. Cantin

Julius Miller Kathryn Hofheimer Wilson

December 30 Joan Baydush Larry Blum Selma Snyder Rayfield Brenda C. Stein

#### December 31

Eddie Ausch David Benjamin Barbara Broudy Howie Jill Salomonsky

### **December Yahrzeits**

### November 25 – December 1

Betty Alper Adrienne M. Ball Louis Bartley\* David Gerald Bress Alan Brody\* Robert H. Brown Isaac V. Cohen\* Lee David Cohen Reba B. Cohen Leslie Colen Michael Cooper E. Lee Copeland\* David Robert Davidson\* Samuel Doctor\* Harry E. Fivel\* Joe Freed Martin Glaser Bernard Goldman Douglas Haber J. B. Hecht\* Írma S. Hirschler\* Harold Isay Solomon Jaffe H. Lee Kanter\* Harry H. Kanter\* Bessie King\* Benjamin Klein Arthur Kraus Esther S. Legum\* Simon Lesser\* Shirley S. Levine Alicia Caro Luna Harry H. Mansbach Edward Marx\* Myrtle McIntyre Jacob Mewhinney Arther Morris\* Paul Rafferty Bernard Ries\* Lillian Harris Schewel Chris Smith Jeanette Spigel Eva Kan Sweet\* Herman Wagenheim\*

### December 2 – 8

Pauline Wexler Sol Whitehill\*

Alfred Bernstein Yetta Bornstein Naomi Brenner Rose S. Bunting\* Irene C. Chapel Elizabeth S. Coan\* Morris Cross Rachel M. Donn\* Jennie Donsky Phoebe Moss Eberson\* Celia M. Elkin\* Betty Friedman Sylvia Gady Julius Green Douglas Hinkle James N. Kurtz Bill Joyner Marilyn Kastner Bernard Kirschner\* Dr. Alter Laibstain Cecile W. Ledsky\* Benjamin J. Lit\* Marcella Marks Liverman\* Minnie Levi Loeb\* Mary Mazur Samuel Mendelsohn\*

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Abraham Sherman Ronald B. Silverman Katie Skomorucha Sarah B. Snyder Maury Spencer Lillian Staub

Dr. Steven G. Steinberg Ciel A. Stern\* Jacob Umstadter\* Maurice Unger\* Louis Wachtel Stanley S. Watts\*

December 9 – 15 Mary G. Adler\* Milton Bass Reena Berenson Bell Berkowitz Ida Ruth Brenner Paul Briskin Julius Buxbaum\* Jeffrey Chanin\* Morris Cogen

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Michael Umstadter\*

Asa Sartorius\*

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Martha L. Rubin\*

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Ray K. Bloom\*
Rose M. Brown Frieda Cohn\* Esther Colbus\* Maryjo R. "Jody" Colbus\* Jane Frazier Delany Alfred Joseph Dreyfus\* Steven Eichelbaum Abraham Fischer Sadve Gifford\* Esther Goldberg Joseph Goldin\* Rabbi Ronald M. Goldstein Dr. Samuel Gollub Sally Gross\* Mollie Gross Jonathan L. Harris Stanley Hirsch\*
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# "Cooking for Chanukah" with Ruth Katz

Sponsored by the Adult Education Committee



# Wednesday, December 5, 2012 7:00 pm

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Ruth Katz, the "Challah Lady," will teach how to make cheese blintzes, potato knishes, & kasha varniskes.





RSVP to reservations@ohefsholom.org or call the Temple office at 625-4295.



Happy 2<sup>cd</sup> Birthday to the OST "Warm Heart" Soup Kitchen!!

What did we accomplish at the Soup Kitchen during our second year?

 Welcomed 80 – 100 homeless and/or hungry patrons, 75% of whom were repeaters and 10% women, at 11 meals

- Prepared and served 1300+ hot, nutritious meals
- Distributed over 5,000 toilet articles, 500 iced water bottles and 1,100 snack bars
- Received donations of thousands of clothing items, socks, shoes, coats, blankets, washcloths, and backpacks and distributed them all

### How did we do all of this?

- The limitless energy and kindness of 119 volunteers, comprised of OST congregants and their friends, Macy's Associates and sailors from Assault Craft Unit Four and the USS Wasp
- Generosity of our sponsors, co-sponsors and many in-kind and financial donors who supported our outreach to those in need
- Worked closely with our community partners who helped us stretch our dollars: the Williams School in Ghent, the Cullipher Farm Market in Pungo, Hot House Yoga, and the National Junior Honor Society at Lynnhaven Middle School

Thank You to our December "Warm Hearts" Soup Kitchen Meal Sponsor:

The OST Executive Committee

If you haven't gotten involved yet with our Soup Kitchen, now is the time. Come celebrate the beginning of our third year with us! Please contact the Soup Kitchen Chairperson, Dorianne Villani, at 301-6477 or dvillani@cox.net. 12





# AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

his month the Military Support & Outreach Committee provided new prayer books to the Navy. With financial assistance from the Men's Club, 36 books were purchased by Lisa Cohen. Six of the prayer books went to the USS Wasp, and 30 were given to LT Amanda Lurer (Rabbi) for distribution fleet wide. A letter of appreciation from the Commanding Officer of the USS Wasp was received thanking us for the new copies of the Gates of Prayer for the WASP Chapel.

Also this month MSOC collected enough items to send 9 Chanukah Care packages to deployed Navy ships. The Care Packages were made possible by the Sunday school hosting a drive to collect donated items. Volunteers then equally divided the donated items into boxes and mailed them to the ships. This first time event will make Chanukah possible for sailors who otherwise would not have the opportunity to celebrate the festival of lights.

o enhance the holiday spirit Cantor Wally Schachet – Briskin created a CD with Chanukah blessings and songs.

Thank you to everyone who made this first time event successful.



**Thank you to the OST Sisterhood** for their recent book club donations to the library; check out these books on the shelf to the right of the library entrance and desk.

Also, the library has a variety of books for the Hanukkah season. *The Hanukkah Anthology* by Philip Goodman is part of the Holiday Series published by the Jewish Publication Society of America. In this book, you will find a wide range of stories, resources, and suggested readings to evoke the spirit and convey the message of the season.

Another interesting title, *The Art of Jewish Living: Hanukkah* by Dr. Ron Wolfson, showcases interviews with real Jewish families, highlighting the ways they celebrate the holiday. Wolfson also describes steps for a traditional celebration including food, games, and songs as well as a discussion of "Descember dilammas" and the more difficult issues.

gifts and songs as well as a discussion of "December dilemmas" and the more difficult issues with the holiday season.

## December 2012

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
						1 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services
2 8:45 a.m. Hebrew School 9:00 a.m. Learn to Read Hebrew Level I 10:00 a.m. Religious School, Confirmation, Intro to Judaism, Sisterhood Board Mtg.	3	4 4:00 p.m. House Committee Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Executive Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Torah Study	5 6:00 p.m. Men's Club Mtg. (off-site) 7:00 p.m. Adult Ed. Committee presents "Cooking for Chanukah" with Ruth Katz	6	7 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	8 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services Light First Candle
9 1st Day of Chanukah 8:45 a.m. Hebrew School 9:00 a.m. Interfaith's December Dilemma 10:00 a.m. Religious School, Confirmation, Intro to Judaism(rescheduled from Dec. 16) 11:00 a.m. Chanukah Happening	10 7:00 p.m. Choir Holiday Concert	11 7:00 p.m. Torah Study	12 11:00 a.m. M&M "Movie Morning" with Rabbi Steinberg 4:30 p.m. Military Support & Outreach Committee Mtg.	13	14 6:30 p.m. Chanukah Dinner 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	15 OSTY Chanukah Party 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services
Last Day of Chanukah 8:45 a.m. Hebrew School 10:00 a.m. Religious School, Confirmation, Intro to Judaism (moved to Dec. 9) 11:15 a.m. Judaism 201	17	18 7:00 p.m. Torah Study	19	20 7:00 p.m. Board Mtg.	21 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services 7:45 p.m. Prime Time Shabbat Dinner (offsite)	22 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services
23	24	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26	27	28 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	29 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services
30	31 New Year's Eve Office Closes Early 11:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen					



### Lighting the Candles

\*Light the Shamash first. This is the helper candle (which is set higher or lower than all the rest of the candles) which is used to kindle the rest of the Chanukah lights.

\*Candles are added to the *Chanukiah* from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. (On the Shabbat of Chanukah, kindle the Chanukah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.) Say or sing:

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Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu

me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher

ki-de-sha-nu be-mits-vo-tav, ve-tsi-va-nu

le-hak-lik neir shel Ha-nu-ka.

We praise You, Adonal our God, Ruler of the universe, who hallow us with Your mitzvoth and commands us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

Ba-ruch at-ata A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu

me-lech ha-o-lam,she-a-sa m-sim

la-a-vo-tei-nu / l'i-mo-tei-nu

ba-ya-min ha-heim ba-ze-man ha-zeh.

We praise You, Adonat our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

On the first night only:

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu

me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-che-ya-nu

ve-ki-ye-ma-nu ve-hi-gi-a-nu

la ze-man ha-zeh.

We praise you, Adonal our God. Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

בָּרוּך אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶך הָעוֹלֶם, אֲשֶׁר קִדשׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וִצְנָנוּ לְהַרְלִיק גֵר שֶׁל חַנָּבָה.

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### **About Chanukah**

Chanukah, the Jewish festival of rededication, also known as the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day festival beginning on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev.

A century after the tolerant rule of Alexander the Great, when many Jews began to assimilate, Antiochus IV took control of the region. He prohibited the practice of the Jewish religion and desecrated the Temple. A group led by Mattathias the Hasmonean and his son Judah Maccabee revolted against the assimilation of the Hellenistic Jews and government oppression. The revolution succeeded, and the Temple was rededicated.

As recorded in the Talmud, at the time of the rededication, there was very little oil left that had not been defiled by the Greeks. Oil was needed for the menorah (candelabrum) in the Temple, which was supposed to burn throughout the night every night. There was only enough oil to burn for one day, yet miraculously, it burned for eight days.

To commemorate this miracle, we celebrate an eight-day festival, lighting candles and reciting a blessing each of the eight nights. (See left for the blessings and the procedure for lighting the candles)

It is traditional to eat fried foods on this holiday, because of the significance of oil to the holiday. Among Ashkenazic Jews, this usually includes latkes or "potato pancakes" or soufganiyot, jelly-filled doughnuts.

Another tradition of the holiday is playing dreidel, a gambling game played with a square top. Most people play for pennies or chocolate coins. A dreidel is marked with the following four Hebrew letters: Nun, Gimmel, Heh and Shin, which stands for the Hebrew phrase "Nes Gadol Hayah Sham," which means "a great miracle happened there."

Everyone puts a coin in the "pot," the middle of the playing area. A person spins the dreidel. On Nun, nothing happens; on Gimmel you get the whole pot; on Heh, you get half of the pot; and on Shin, you put one in. When the pot is empty, everybody puts one in. Keep playing until one person has everything. Then redivide it, because nobody likes a poor winner.

Adapted from www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org

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# PRIME TIME

December 2012

### Shabbat Service & Dinner

Friday, December 21, 2012 6:30 p.m. - service 7:45 p.m. - dinner

Join Prime Time for Shabbat Services at Ohef Sholom Temple followed by dinner at the Public House, 1112 Colley Ave., Norfolk.

227-9064

http://www.publichouseeats.com

### Cost: price of dinner

Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 19

### **RSVP** today to:

Linda Peck, *Director of Congregational Life* 757-625-4295 linda@ohefsholom.org

### open to all OST congregants

Prime Time provides a social venue for Temple members in the 45 to 60 group; however, any congregant interested in participating will always be welcome, regardless of age.