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Jefferson C. Harrison will be the guest speaker at the Men's Club Shabbat on February 21. See page 10 for details.

Men's Club Shabbat Services & Family Shabbat Dinner February 21, 2014 – 6:30 pm

The dinner is sponsored and prepared by the WRJ/OST Sisterhood, followed by Shabbat Services at 7:30 pm, led by the Men's Club.

If you haven't been to our Family Shabbat Dinners lately or have never attended one, come join us for a lovely dinner before services. This is a great way to get together with your family, see old friends and make new friends.

MENU

*Chicken Marbella**

Roasted Vegetables

Green Salad

Challah

Chicken Nuggets
(for children under 10)

** a vegetarian option will be available*

\$10 Adults and Children
(12 and up)
Children Under 12 – Free!



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CLERGY CORNER



Cantor's Notes

I enjoy wearing a sharp, pressed shirt. Most days around the Temple you'll see me sporting a fresh-from-the-cleaners button-up and a matching *kipa*. How do I get my collar to remain just where I want it? I'll tell you the secret: I use metal collar stays and rare earth high-powered magnets to get them to stay just so. Ask me about them sometime – once I found them, I couldn't wear a dress shirt without them.

The idea that I love wearing neat-collared shirts might seem shocking to those who know me from camp, where I'm usually in my favorite polos or Hawaiian shirts. I have enough of them to wear a different one every day for my camp stay, with a slightly dressier white one on *Shabbat*.

The other collection of shirts that make me and others smile is my pile of tees. As much as I love the crisp feel of a lightly starched wrinkle-free, I am fond of being embraced by soft cotton. They just feel *right*. Over the years I've amassed a collection of great tee-shirt messages to wear: "Let's get together and feel alright." "Do what you love. Love what you do." "Don't worry. Be happy."

That last phrase also starts a well-known Jewish quote appropriate for this time of year: Be happy – it's *Adar*! The Jewish calendar month of *Adar* begins on the same day as February does in 2014. A saying from the Gemara (*Ta'anit* 29) goes "*mi she-nichnas Adar, marbim b'simcha*." Literally, when *Adar* arrives, joy increases.

Why is *Adar* the happy month? Jewish tradition holds that all months are emotional. Take *Cheshvan*, for instance. No holidays fall while she's around, so she's earned the nickname "*Mar Cheshvan bitter Cheshvan*." *Av* is a month in which tradition says our luck is in hiding, so try to avoid court cases at that time of year. Other months host Holy Days, new years (there are four of them), fasts and festivals. However, one is supreme when it comes to joy and good fortune, since that is the month during which *Purim* falls.

In the November 2013 *POST*, I talked about how we need to insert another month every 3-4 years to keep the Jewish holidays from continually sliding backward. This year (5774) we saw the first time *Chanukah* arrived before Thanksgiving, and an uncomfortably "early" High Holy Day season. With the simple insertion of an extra month this year, we gladly return to a year (5775) where *Rosh Hashanah* doesn't arrive until the evening of September 24. Where is this month that brings us the happy reality that *Chanukah* is in mid-December this year (2014)?

The ancient Jewish calendar makers must have thought long and deeply over this. I imagine they said, let's increase our joy exponentially, by putting TWO happy months in the years we need to time-shift! Therefore, we get two *Adars* this year. I, for one, am twice as happy about that, because it means *Purim* (which shifts to the second *Adar* when there are two) heralds that relief that the upcoming holidays, for quite awhile, will not be too early. Your OST clergy and staff can breathe a little more easily this summer, without feeling the High Holy Days rushing up to end the season. That's my joy. What's yours?

As February and *Adar* #1 both arrive, let our lucky Jewish month hold you like a favorite shirt. Dress up in joy! See if you can feel the genuine pleasure that is so much more than a message on a tee-shirt: Don't worry. Be happy. It's *Adar*!

Cantor Wally

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LOVE JEWISH STYLE

Friday, February 14, 2013
6:30 p.m. • Sinai Chapel

Please join us as we celebrate "Love Jewish Style" by blessing all of our members who have milestone wedding anniversaries in 2014. If this is your 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th . . . 60th and beyond, we'd love to share in your joy and re-consecrate your marriage!

See you then and Mazel Tov!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Giselle & Matthew Weinstein on the birth of their fourth grandchild, Felix Santiago Ramirez. Proud parents are Carlos & Ileana Ramirez.

Congratulations to Nancy & Alvin Wall on the marriage of their son Michael to Robin Greene. Robin is the daughter of Susan & Steven Greene.

Congratulations to Andy & Esther Kline on the birth of their granddaughter, Olivia Marie Kline born January 12, 2014. Proud parents are Jennylynn & Danny Kline.

Congratulations to Lisa Bertini for being named to the 2013 Virginia Legal Elite in the area of labor/employment law.

Congratulations to Sherri Wisoff & Bill Boykin on the birth of their fourth grandchild, granddaughter Elliot Lindsay Roberts.

CONDOLENCES

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

Allena Hurwitz, on the loss of her grandmother, *Lorraine Hurwitz*.

Bill Pucher, on the loss of his father, *Roy Newkirk, Jr.*

Seth Gilbert, on the loss of his mother, *Adele Gilbert*.

Sandy Forte, on the loss of her sister, *Paula Dinowitz*.

Thank You!

A big thank you to Ken Klein for once again organizing and shopping for the NEST Christmas breakfast at First Presbyterian Church. Other Temple members who arrived at 6:00 a.m. to help were: Marla Blume, Debby Kaplan, Benjamin Eberhardt, Jay Legum, Meredith Rose, Abbey Pachter, Bill Troutman, Ronni Schatz, Alan Troy and Sharon Ross.

Did you know...

Did you know that you can sign up for *Ten Minutes of Torah*, a project of the URJ, to receive emails that explore the great variety of Jewish life from Torah commentaries written by scholars to recipes for baking challah. Over the years, subscribers have studied the history of Jews in America, *Mishnah*, Jewish ethics, Hebrew, and more. They've been inspired to delve more deeply into the weekly Torah portion and prayer (*t'filah*). And they've renewed their connection with Israel by hearing from experts on the front line.

What better way to start your day than with words of Torah? No matter where you are, Jewish life is as close as your email inbox.

Go to www.reformjudaism.org/learning/ten-minutes-torah to sign up.



WORSHIP

Torah Portions for February

February 7 Adar I 7

Shabbat Services – 6:30 p.m. at OST

Parasha: T'tzaveh

Exodus 27:20-30:10

Haftarah: Ezekiel 43:10-27

Shabbat Services will also be held at 6:30 p.m. in Virginia Beach

with Rabbi Steinberg at First Presbyterian on 300 36th Street.

February 14 Adar I 14

Shabbat Services – 6:30 p.m.

"Love Jewish Style"

Parasha: Ki Tisa

Exodus 30:11-34:35

Haftarah: I Kings 18:1-39

February 21 Adar I 21

Men's Club Shabbat Dinner – 6:30 p.m.

Men's Club Shabbat Services – 7:30 p.m.

Parasha: Vayak'heil

Exodus 35:1-38:20

Haftarah: I Kings 7:40-50

February 28 Adar I 28

Shabbat Services – 6:30 p.m.

Parasha: Parasha: P'kudei

Exodus 38:21-40:38

Haftarah: II Kings 12:5-16

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

REMINDER

Submissions for the April bulletin must be received by March 1



I am writing this article on December 23, contemplating all that has happened in 2013 and making plans for 2014. I am six months into my presidency of Ohef Sholom Temple and it seems like 3 years. No, just kidding! The past six months have been an amazing whirlwind of activity, culminating in the URJ Biennial Convention in San Diego, which I attended along with 17 other OST members. I feel as though I experienced a fire hose of ideas and need to take a little time to absorb and prioritize everything we learned. I am so excited about working together with “you” to implement, fine tune and tweak these ideas at OST. If I had to summarize our take-away from the Biennial in a few words, I would say “Engagement” and “Relationships.” I think we excel in both areas at OST. If you would like to be part of the committees working on new ideas for membership, dues, interfaith/outreach, religious school, and caring committees, please email me at president@ohesholom.org.

I also wanted to share some information about the Union for Reform Judaism, which you may or may not know. I knew relatively little about the Organization until a few years ago when I was elected to the OST Executive Committee. The URJ website states:

The Union for Reform Judaism was founded in 1873 by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise as the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. It has grown from an initial membership of 34 congregations in 28 cities to more than 900 congregations in the United States, Canada, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. It is the largest Jewish movement in North America and represents an estimated 1.5 million Jews. In 2003 the General Assembly approved a new name, Union for Reform Judaism, to better reflect today's reality. The Union for Reform Judaism is the congregational arm of the Reform Movement, serving both congregations and their members. Its governance, with oversight responsibility exercised by a lay-led board working in close partnership with the professional staff, parallels that of its congregations. The URJ is funded by “MUM” Dues (Membership of Union Membership), a dues program by which the congregational members of the Union for Reform Judaism have agreed to assess themselves in order to provide financial support to the Union as well as the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) - 40% of collected MUM dues goes to the Hebrew Union College. The funds raised through the system help:

- *To train rabbis, cantors, educators and community workers*
- *To provide visionary leadership and direct services to congregations in order to ensure that Reform Judaism flourishes in every community, large or small, in which Reform Jews live*
- *To develop and produce new religious education curricula, books, programs, and tools for synagogue management*
- *To provide camps for children*
- *To support a network of congregational contacts*
- *To support representation in the national and international Jewish community and to the Religious (RAC) in Washington D.C.*

These MUM dues have been a bone of contention for congregations for some time, as they are approximately 8% of collected income (although the MUM dues are actually based on different factors, including number of members and expenses). For Ohef Sholom Temple that meant we paid \$73,392 for the fiscal year 2011 to 2012, a sizable amount of money out of our budget. Two years ago, Rabbi Rick Jacobs assumed the Presidency of the URJ, and Steve Sachs, a lay person and Washington DC attorney, assumed the position of Chairman of the Board. I have had the privilege of meeting with both of them on multiple occasions over the past year, including 3 meetings at the Biennial where Presidents of Temples throughout the country met with them and each other and discussed issues, problems, and ideas etc. in our temples and with the URJ. I feel the leadership of the URJ over the past two years has been working hard to be more relevant to congregations and their memberships, to provide services and support that congregations need, and to “justify” their MUM dues. They have also committed to the Presidents of congregations that they are working on a new formula for the MUM dues (to hopefully reduce the amount paid by congregations). I am sharing this information so that there is transparency in what we are paying to the URJ, but also so that hopefully you will take advantage of the many programs and services offered by the Union. You can go to the URJ websites which offer a great deal of information, including support resources for temple committees, religious schools and programs; as well as info on Jewish summer and day camps, life-cycle and holiday celebrations, and Israel programs including the Taglit-Birthright Israel Program – an amazing 100% free 10-day Israel trip for anyone aged 18 to 26 who is Jewish and who has never been to Israel on a peer program.

If you have any questions on information and support provided by the URJ, please go to the following websites or email me at president@ohesholom.org.

www.urj.org www.reformjudaism.org rjisrael.org

Linda Fox-Jarvis
President

WELCOME TO OUR 2014/2015 B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS

Blake Sisler	9/6/14	Kinsey Brotman	11/1/14
Bradley Friedman	9/13/14	Anna, Rachel & Sarah Lisner	11/15/14
Keano Rich	10/18/14	Sophie Waldman	8/9/14

THE OST SISTERHOOD WANTS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS!

While we have quite a list, we want to make sure we have not missed anyone, or, if your student's address has changed this semester, please let us know!

Your student will receive care packages and notes from our Temple Sisterhood throughout the school year. It's a great way for your student to stay connected with OST while he/she is away. Feedback from both our New Years package and Chanukah package have been overwhelming!

Please complete the following and mail it to the temple office, or just shoot us an email!

Student's Name: _____

School: _____

Mailing address: _____

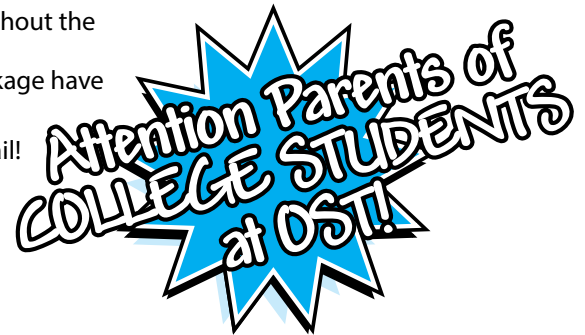
City, State, Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Student's Cell Phone: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Cell Phone: _____

You can mail this information to the Temple office at 530 Raleigh Ave, Norfolk, VA 23507 or simply email it to: Sandi Levi, hockeymom0527@hotmail.com or Paula Whitehurst, paulaw321@cox.net.



Kids & Kiddush

Feeling God's Love Around Us
Friday, February 28, 2014

Bring your family for food & crafts along with a brief service & songs led by Rabbi Roz & Cantor Wally.

Appropriate for 3rd grade & younger. Infants & older siblings welcome!

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

This year our theme is "God's Paintbrush," based on the award-winning book by Rabbi Sandy Sasso. We will explore together the many ways we can encounter God and celebrate God's creations.

Bring your child, "pick up a brush" and "paint" with us!

5:00 pm
Pizza
\$10 per family
5:30 pm
Service
6:00 pm
Family Activity

Mazel Tov!



CONGRATULATIONS TO TESSA STERN ON HER UPCOMING
BAT MITZVAH FEBRUARY 15, 2014

Tessa is the daughter of Lisa and Neal Stern,
sister of Alex, granddaughter of Carole and
Martin Kaplan, Vicki and Lloyd Stern,
and Ronald Fish*
*of blessed memory

UPCOMING ADULT LEARNING SCHEDULE

February 2

Women's Heart Health Program 11:00 a.m.

Margarita Simón, a nurse practitioner with over 30 years of cardiology experience, and Susan Kaplan, a cardiac researcher and nurse educator at Sentara Heart Hospital, will present a program on Women and Heart Disease.

February 9

Intro to Judaism 10:00 a.m.

"Jewish Weddings & Divorce" with Cantor Wally

Judaism 201 11:15 a.m.

"Progression of Judaism Through the Ages" with Rabbi Golden

As Christianity has many denominations, so Judaism has various movements: Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, and Reconstructionist.

February 16

Carpool Café 10:30 a.m.

*"History of Interracial Marriage in Virginia" with Judge Jerrauld Jones
Brunch will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the program starting at 11:00 a.m.*

February 23

Intro to Judaism 10:00 a.m.

"Death & Mourning" with Rabbi Roz

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.

Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 9:00 a.m. the Adult Education Committee sponsors a Torah Study class.

As of September 24, 2013 the Tuesday night group is studying Pirkei Avot.

All are welcome!

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Ohef Sholom's best kept secret! The OST Library remains a literary gem that's just waiting for you; the library is a great resource for all your literature needs. Stop by and check out resources on countless subjects that range from philosophy and art to popular fiction and history. Your OST Library is open throughout the week during the main office hours and is professionally staffed on Sundays during Religious School from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Stefany Guido

Ohef Sholom Temple Librarian and Archivist
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GREEN Initiative

February Eco-Tip

Food: : A typical carrot travels

1,838 miles to reach your dinner table (Sustainable Table). Support your farmers close to home and reduce your carbon footprint by visiting farmers' markets or participating in Community Supported Agriculture: www.localharvest.org

Eco-tip provided by GreenFaith: www.greenfaith.org

Sisterhood Book Club

February 4, 2014
6:30 p.m.

February's book is *"The Storyteller"* by Jodi Picoult.

Please join us for a discussion facilitated by Rubio Iles.

A light salad dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Synopsis

When Maggie is sixteen, a boy named Jay takes her to the hospital. She is pregnant. Jay is a brilliant, charming, kind, thoughtful, successful young man. He is also a brilliant, charming, kind, thoughtful, successful young man. He is also a brilliant, charming, kind, thoughtful, successful young man. He is also a brilliant, charming, kind, thoughtful, successful young man.

Reservations

RSVP to reservations@ohiefsholm.org or
www.ohiefsholm.org/calendar/reservations

Please join us for a discussion facilitated by Rabbi Roz.
A light salad dinner will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m.
Please RSVP to: reservations@ohefsholom.org or 757-625-4295

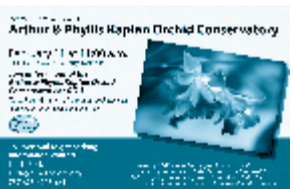


**Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 5 to:
Linda Peck, Director of Congregational Life
linda@ohfsholom.org or 757-625-4295**

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



RSVP by February 3: 625-4295 • linda@ohefsholom.org



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



If you would like to be seated with a specific friend or family, please let us know.

The Caring Committee started out the New Year with a huge Mitzvah: housing and feeding 50+ homeless people with the Norfolk Emergency Shelter Program (NEST) from January 1 through 8. For yet another year, Sharon Ross made sure our doors and hearts were open to those who needed a place to sleep and to get out of the cold. Despite the short notice we were given by NEST, we had a great turnout of volunteers and contributors. Thank you to all who gave of their time, money, sleep and energy. We are grateful to Sisterhood, who, under the leadership of Jeanne Miller, sponsored Monday night's dinner, and to Mara Bates, who led a cadre of fifth-graders in setting up and serving Saturday night's dinner. Thank you also to Sara Bachman who was invaluable in setting up our Sign-up Genius with incredible support from Gail Bachman and Linda Peck.

The Caring Committee is continuing our preparation for Mitzvah Day 2014, which will be held on Sunday, April 6. It may seem a long way off, but our Mitzvah Day committee has been meeting since the fall to assure a successful day of sharing and caring. The goal is to involve the entire congregation in a group effort to

make a difference to a dozen Hampton Roads charities that need and rely on our help. Whether your connection is through your child's Religious School class or some other element of Temple life, you are welcome to join the corps of participants who will gather to take a fund-raising walk together, assemble kits for formerly homeless adults, give blood, or engage in a host of other community service activities. Please put the date on your calendar. Contact Chairperson Barb Johnson (barbarajohnson40@verizon.net) and add your name to the list of those who want to be involved. Watch this space for updates.

The Caring Committee's outreach projects not only help those less fortunate but also connect us to each other in the spirit of *tikkun olam*. **Please join us at any of our activities and/or at our next Caring Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m.**

Contact us: Dorianne Villani, dvillani@cox.net and Ingeresa Friedman, ingeresa@aol.com, Co-Chairs, or call the Temple at 635-4295.

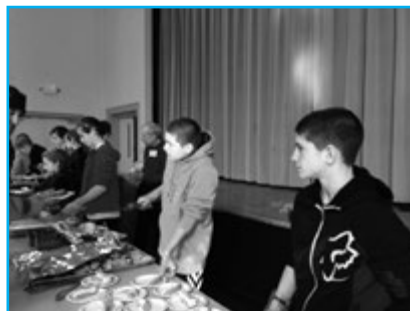
February Caring Committee events:

Sunday, February 2	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Feed a Child food packing
Wednesday, February 5	7:00 p.m.	Caring Committee meeting
Sunday, February 9	7:00 - 9:00 a.m.	OASIS Breakfast
Monday, February 24	9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	"Warm Hearts" Soup Kitchen

OST Soup Kitchen
hot meals, warm hearts



Thank you to Tidewater Arts Outreach (TAO) who played at the December Soup Kitchen meal to entertain our patrons. They led them in sing-alongs of their favorite oldies, even taking requests! Normally, TAO charges a fee for their outreach programs, but they graciously donated their time and talents as a holiday treat for our Soup Kitchen guests.



Temple youth at work serving a hot meal to 95 of our hungry neighbors.

THE SPECIAL NEEDS & SECURITY COMMITTEE

The Special Needs and Security Committee has had a couple of meetings and the focus has been primarily on security for our Religious School as well as our total Congregation. A number of the Committee members, along with OST Staff, met with Homeland Security on December 17, 2013, and we met as a full committee on December 4, 2013.

Our major areas of focus include:

1. Religious School security and safety protocols, procedures and staff training.
2. Overall OST facility security and safety protocols.
3. Working with the House Committee on designated seating for Special Needs congregants in both the Chapel and Sanctuary.
4. Developing a 2014 Budget for the design, implementation and activation of agreed upon projects.
5. Continuing review of all facilities to insure that OST conforms to ADA Regulations as well as making OST safe, secure and totally accessible for all congregants and guests.

The next meeting of the Special Needs and Security Committee will be February 10, 2014 at 12:45 p.m.

SISTERHOOD SPRING BULB SALE Coming Soon!

Plan to order your 2015 spring-flowering bulbs
(tulips, daffodils and more!) from OST Sisterhood in just a few weeks.
Stay tuned for details!

Tallitot Sale

20% off all tallitot
through the month of
February

OST Judaica Shop

For more information please call: (757)625-4295

THE MEN'S CLUB

Many thanks to all the men who contributed their time to make the NEST program a success for the homeless folks in our community. As the temperature becomes colder, it's imperative that we provide food and shelter to our area's homeless. This year our members, along with all the other volunteers, made a significant contribution in staffing the program during the first week of the New Year.

Thank you to all the men who have renewed their commitments for 2014. It's not too late for those still thinking about affiliating this year. Dues and our annual golf tournament provide a major source of income for our club to help the Temple and the community. Many members give above and beyond the minimum dues of \$36.00, which helps us maintain our level of service to our Temple.

February 2 at 6:00 p.m. Men's Club will be holding its **monthly meeting and Super Bowl party** at the Kramer's house, 4200 White Acre Court in Virginia Beach. Family members are welcome for this event which is open to all regardless of your current Men's Club membership status. RSVP is appreciated by email ostmensclub@gmail.com or phone 553-6317.

Come join us for our monthly meeting on **Wednesday, February 5, at 6:00 p.m.** in Kaufman Hall. **Dinner is free**, you'll make new friends, and participate in discussions. If you are considering joining the Men's Club, this meeting can give you a perspective on what we do and an opportunity to meet others like yourself who believe in service to our Temple.

On **Sunday, February 16**, we'll be hosting a Carpool Café with Judge Jerrauld Jones speaking on Interracial Marriage in Virginia. Come and help prepare the Café in the kitchen and then be there for this informative presentation. Remember no cooking skills are necessary!

Also coming up this month will be the annual **Men's Club Shabbat Service on Friday, February 21**. Dinner will be served by the Sisterhood at 6:30 p.m., followed by the service at 7:30 p.m. This is a very special year as we commemorate our **75 years** of service to the Temple and the Community.

This month is the start of our new Men's Club Spotlight where we'll highlight a member. This month I'm honored to introduce Jim Soltz, who regularly volunteers in the kitchen for Carpool Cafés and Shabbat Dinners.

I'm honored to serve as President of the Men's Club.

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

Men's Club SPOTLIGHT



Jim Soltz

Born – Atlantic City, NJ

Education – Graduated from Hobart & William Smith College with a BS in History

Employment – Retired from Civil Service 2013

Hobbies – Auto Mechanics, Home Improvement and Walking

Temple Member – 1981

Residency – Norfolk

JEFFERSON C. HARRISON WILL SPEAK AT THE MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT February 21, 7:30 p.m.

"NAZI-ERA PROVENANCE RESEARCH AND THE CHRYSLER COLLECTION"

Locating works of art confiscated by the Nazis in 1933-45 and restoring them to their rightful heirs has, for decades, been a central commitment of international arts and legal organizations. Like many other American museums, the Chrysler has systematically reviewed its own pre-1945 European collection with that very issue in mind. Join chief curator Jeff Harrison as he discusses the path he followed in his research of the collection and reveals some of the surprising (and reassuring) facts he discovered along the way.

Right: Jefferson C. Harrison. With a B.A. degree in English literature (with honors; Phi Beta Kappa) and Ph.D. in the history of art from the University of Virginia, Jefferson C. Harrison has been at the Chrysler Museum of Art since 1982.



FROM THE SISTERHOOD

As you read this, we hope that the worst of the winter will be behind us. The days are getting longer again and we are dreaming of spring and the renewal of body, mind and spirit.

The **WRJ Assembly/URJ Biennial** in San Diego, complete with sunshine and temperatures in the 70s, was a wonderful opportunity for your Co-Presidents to bond with other OST members and with each other. We experienced, along with 5000 other participants, Reform Judaism on so many levels.

The Biennial offered a multitude of lectures and workshops. We learned a lot and shared ideas with Sisterhood members from congregations all across the country.

How do we attract new members to Sisterhood, how do we deal with interfaith families? What can we do to raise more funds, how do we get young families and seniors involved in temple life? These are just a few examples of issues discussed at this event.

We attended Shabbat services which had meaningful sermons and amazing music, and we walked and walked the big halls of the Convention Center.

This past month at OST was the beginning of **Adult B'nai Mitzvah** classes, study sessions for adults, leading to becoming an adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

Our new **Mussar Group**, chaired by Debi Stadlin, is meeting the first Wednesday of each month. You may contact Debi at 724-0807 for more information.

Several Sisterhood members tried their hands at painting; due to demand, we had two evenings of food and fellowship, organized by **Marsha Moody**. Since wine was involved, we all thought we were very talented!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

(Always confirm with OST, as dates may change. We are such an active temple!)

The next **Sisterhood Board Meeting** will be on **Sunday, February 2, at 9 a.m.** Yes, this early, because following the meeting, at 11:00 a.m., there will be a program on Heart Health for Women, organized by Lisa Cohen.

Tuesday, February 4, will be another meeting of the book club, facilitated by Rabbi Roz. The book we are discussing is "The Storyteller" by Jodi Picoult. A light dinner will precede the meeting.

Friday, February 21, will be the **Men's Club Shabbat Dinner & Service**. The dinner is prepared by the Sisterhood and chaired by Barbara Dudley. Please, see the front cover of this bulletin for details.

Sunday, March 9, will be our **Rummage Sale**. We hope you have set aside all your treasures. Items may be left at OST starting February 23. All the info - when, what, where and how - will be in the *Temple Post*, in *As The Temple Turns*, and on the Temple website. Start your spring cleaning early and bring us lots of goodies!

Last but not least, **Sisterhood is looking for a chairperson/persons to take care of the weekly Oneg**. Robin Katz, our outgoing chair, will be happy to give you a job description.

As always, our meetings are open to all Sisterhood members. We would love to see you!

Yours in Sisterhood,

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Ohef Sholom Temple's

Sisterhood Book Club

February 4, 2014
6:30 p.m.

February's book is "*The Storyteller*"
by Jodi Picoult.

Please join us for a discussion
facilitated by Rabbi Roz.

A light salad dinner will be served
beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Synopsis

Sage Singer is a baker, a loner, until she befriends an old man who's particularly beloved in her community. Josef Weber is everyone's favorite retired teacher and Little League coach. One day he asks Sage for a favor: to kill him. Shocked, Sage refuses—and then he confesses his darkest secret – he deserves to die because he had been a Nazi SS guard. And Sage's grandmother is a Holocaust survivor. How do you react to evil living next door? Can someone who's committed truly heinous acts ever atone with subsequent good behavior? Should you offer forgiveness to someone if you aren't the party who was wronged? And, if Sage even considers the request, is it revenge...or justice?



"The novel is an exhausting, emotional journey. Its questions of justice and forgiveness haunt long after the final page is read"

— Minneapolis Star-Tribune

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www.ohesholom.org/calendar/reservations**

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February 3
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Herman Spigel

February 4
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February 5
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MaryAnne Katz
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Jan Weintraub

February 6
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Weitzman

February 7
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February 8
Janet V. Green
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February 9
Burt H. Rubin
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February 10
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Kari Esther Pincus

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At the recent URJ Biennial Ohef Sholom is presented with a Belin Award for our 2012-2013 Interfaith and Outreach programs.

CORRECTION

The recent Uniongram incorrectly listed Bob & Marilyn Kirschner's anniversary. They celebrated 50 years of marriage on December 15, 2103.

Ohef Sholom Temple Religious School Essay Contest

Our Temple was founded in 1844! That will make it 175 years old in 2019. We want it to be a wonderful, active and inspiring place for many more years. What do you think we can do to make this happen? What can we do for our members, families, students and community that will keep you involved even when you are a grownup and have children of your own?

Essay Contest Rules:

- Entries should be between 250 and 500 words.
- All entries have to be 100% the work of the student. Anyone attending OST Religious School (Grades 1-10) this year is eligible to submit one entry.
- Along with your entry, you must submit a Contact Information Form (your first and last name, grade in Religious School and email address).
- Entries must be submitted by e-mail attachment to archives@ohesholom.org or on a CD in person or by mail: Archives Essay Content 2014, 530 Raleigh Ave, Norfolk VA 23507.
- Deadline for submission: Friday, March 14, 2014.

Judging will be conducted by the Religious School Educator and Temple Administrator and other participants that those two invite. Anyone judging will not be eligible to compete in the contest.

Winning entries will be published on our website and in our printed publications.

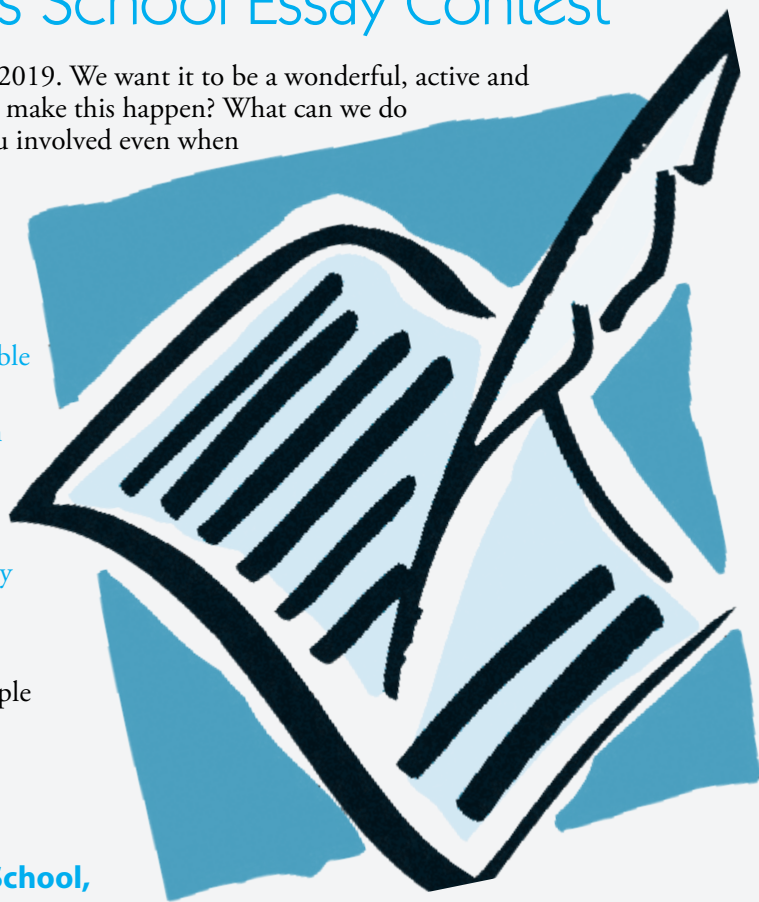
Prizes will be awarded on the final day of Religious School, Sunday, May 11, 2014, as follows:

1st place - \$100 VISA gift card

2nd place - \$50 VISA gift card

3rd place - \$25 VISA gift card

Bradley Friedman will be helping to coordinate this essay contest as his "Mitzvah Project" for his bar mitzvah.



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SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
						1 9:00 a.m. Torah Study; B'nai Mitzvah Class 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services
2 8:45 a.m. Hebrew School 9:00 a.m. Sisterhood Mtg. 10:00 a.m. Religious School, Confirmation 11:00 a.m. Women's Heart Health Program	3	4 4:00 p.m. House Committee Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club; Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 p.m. Torah Study	5 12:30 p.m. Executive Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Men's Club Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Interfaith Committee Mtg.	6 7:00 p.m. Membership Committee Mtg.	7 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services at OST 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services at the Beach w/Rabbi Steinberg	8 9:00 a.m. Torah Study, B'nai Mitzvah Class 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services 6:45 p.m. Chavurah! Havdallah on Ice(offsite)
9 7:00 a.m. Oasis Breakfast 8:45 a.m. Hebrew School 10:00 a.m. Religious School, Confirmation, Intro to Judaism 11:00 a.m. MSOC Mtg. 11:15 a.m. Judaism 201	10 12:45 p.m. Special Needs & Security Committee Mtg.	11 11:00 a.m. Mavens & Mensches to visit ODU Orchid Exhibit 6:00 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 p.m. Torah Study	12 Casseroles ForKids Pickup	13	14 6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Services	15 9:00 a.m. Torah Study, B'nai Mitzvah Class 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Tessa Stern
16 8:45 a.m. Hebrew School 10:00 a.m. Religious School, Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Carpool Café	17	18 6:00 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class; Budget Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Torah Study	19	20 7:00 p.m. Board Mtg.	21 6:30 p.m. Men's Club Shabbat Dinner 7:30 p.m. Men's Club Shabbat Services	22 9:00 a.m. Torah Study, B'nai Mitzvah Class 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services
23 8:45 a.m. Hebrew School 10:00 a.m. Religious School, Confirmation, Intro to Judaism 11:45 a.m. Religious School Committee Mtg.	24 9:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen	25 6:00 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 p.m. Torah Study	26 Casseroles ForKids Pickup	27	28 5:00 p.m. Kids & Kiddush 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	

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February 7, 2014

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6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Services will still be held at
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