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## Tu B'Shevat Seder Dinner

January 25, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.

If you haven't been to our Family Shabbat Dinners lately or have never attended one, come join us for a lovely dinner after 6:00 p.m. services. (The dinner is sponsored by our Men's Club and prepared by Men's Club volunteers.) This is a great way to get together with your family, see old friends and make new friends.



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## Welcome Back Rabbi Roz!

Celebrate Shabbat and Welcome Rabbi Roz back from Sabbatical on Friday evening, January 4 at 6:30 p.m.

*A special oneg to follow Shabbat Services!*

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## CLERGY CORNER



### Cantor's Notes

#### Happy new year! And, welcome back, Rabbi!

Both Rabbi Roz and your cantor went on three-month journeys in the last quarter of 2012.

For me, I experienced the life of a semi-solo clergy member. Yet not once did I feel I was completely on my own. (I hope everyone who helped me knows how thankful I am for your faithful assistance and support.)

There were moments, sometimes surreal, when I was counseling a member and being a supportive listener and spiritual advisor while he told me about his difficulty believing in God, or she grappled with the idea of a deity who would send her two severe diseases. There were moments, completely real, where I got to share ephemeral moments with a bride and groom as they became a married couple, named a sweet little girl in front of the congregation, and designed and led a moving worship service as the main clergy-person. In many congregations, the clergy team has a sum of one. While I am incredibly grateful that this congregation supports more than one clergy person, this experience renewed for me my connection with you, my congregant, in new ways I could not have otherwise imagined or experienced.

In the middle of the experience, our Executive Committee "Officer-At-Large," Andy Kline, asked me how it was going with me. In my self-aware humility I answered that I was "keeping it together". He corrected me, and said that from what he had seen and heard, I was doing more than keeping it together - that I was doing pretty darn fabulously. All things considered, it really has gone fabulously, and unaccustomed as I am to broadcasting self-acclaim, I'm proud of what I've been able to do during this time.

From a very fun and uplifting Simchat Torah and Consecration celebration, to Tot and Youth and Religious School services, to a spiritually satisfying Thanksgiving observance, I felt as your cantor a sense of mutual trust and esteem with my congregation. I held your hands through funerals, memorial services, and shiva gatherings. I visited your homes for meals of consolation and danced with you at anniversary parties. Being with you, as your cantor and friend, as you marked life's milestones made me feel so fortunate to be a part of those moments.

I didn't go three months completely unaided - I have Rabbi Steinberg to thank for his wonderful assistance at sermon-giving and pastoral coverage so that I could share pulpit responsibilities, and Rabbi Forman for helping bring comfort to families in need. I thank our terrific staff - Gail, Sara, Linda, Kitty, Debbie, Kris, Kari, Mike, our Religious School and Hebrew School faculty and assistants, and our volunteers for keeping the place running so smoothly and for helping me with anything I asked of them with a willing spirit and a giving heart. I appreciate the support of our dedicated Music Director, Chuck Woodward, and our loyal singers in the OST choir, for flawlessly providing inspiring music for our services. I am so impressed by our OSTY advisors, Amy and Eliot Weinstein, who with an able team of teens, put on an impressive NFTY-MAR Fall Kallah. Thank you to our Torah Study group for leading Shabbat morning services on occasion. I am grateful for the support of our board and its leadership under President Ed Kramer for its dedication to seeing our temple succeed financially and policy-wise. I thank my family - Tammy, Channa, and Micah - for their patience and for supporting me as I covered the many clergy responsibilities. There are others I have not mentioned, and you have my heartfelt thanks. And I am appreciative of you, my fellow congregants, for trusting me with the leadership of the services, classes, ceremonies and programs OST has become known for. I could not have done it, and didn't do it, all by myself. It was a team effort.

May 2013 bring you health, joy, satisfaction, prosperity, and many opportunities to connect with your community at Ohef Sholom Temple.

L'shalom,

Cantor Wally

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Congratulations to Linda Hofheimer Kaufman**, antiques collector and philanthropist, for being selected as Norfolk's next First Citizen. She recently donated her collection of antique furniture to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

**Congratulations to Jeff and Allison Cooper** on the birth of their son Ryan, brother to Nathan and grandson to Minette & Charles Cooper and Beverly & Harlan Sherwat.

**Congratulations to Josh and Ashley Adler** on the birth of their son Abraham. Abraham joins sisters Sonya and Eleanor. Proud grandparents are Ronna & Larry Adler and Alma Cassidy.

## CONDOLENCES

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

**Baila Waldholtz** on the loss of his brother-in-law, *Lawrence Kessel*.

**Roy, Rick and Herb Beskin** on the loss of their mother, *Jane Beskin*.

**Nancy Hirschler** on the loss of her sister, *Jane Beskin*.

**Lynn Kushner** on the loss of her mother, *Bevalan Rafal*.

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**Jerry Baydush** on the loss of his mother, *Marion Baydush*.

## WORSHIP

### Torah Portions for January

January 4 Tevet 22

Shabbat Services - 6:30 p.m.

Parasha: Sh'mot

Exodus 1:1-6:1

Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23

January 11 Tevet 29

Shabbat Services - 6:30

Parasha: Va-eira

Exodus 6:2-9:35

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-13, 23

January 18 Shevat 7

Shabbat Services - 6:30 p.m.

Parasha: Bo

Exodus 10:1-13:16

Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28

January 25 Shevat 14

Shabbat Services w/Kiddush - 6:00 p.m.

Shabbat Dinner/

Tu B'shevat Seder - 6:30 p.m.

Parasha: B'shalach

Exodus 13:17-17:16

Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31

**Braille prayerbooks are available at services, upon request.**

# ChavuRAH!

## Havdallah with a craft activity January 19, 2013

5:00 pm Family-friendly craft activity

5:30 pm Musical Havdallah service with Cantor Wally  
Open to the entire congregation

5:45 pm Pizza

*Havdallah is a short, beautiful ceremony with blessings, that sanctifies the end of Shabbat on a Saturday night. We bless wine that we taste, a twisted candle we light, spices we smell, and the separation between holy and everyday that we feel.*

Join us to end Shabbat with a moving Havdallah service.

Cost for Pizza Dinner: \$5 per person, \$10 per family

To join our group email or to RSVP contact [linda@ohefsholom.org](mailto:linda@ohefsholom.org)

## REMINDER

Submissions for  
the March bulletin  
must be received  
by February 1.



## A Word from the President



Dearest fellow congregants,

The first half of our fiscal year is now safely behind us. We have so much to be proud of and thankful for I'm not sure where to begin.

Everywhere I look, our auxiliaries, Men's Club and Sisterhood have touched some aspect of what's happening around Temple. I am truly grateful for Todd Waldman's and Sharon Nusbaum's and Barbara Dudley's inspiring

leadership. There is no stone they let their organizations leave unturned. If you haven't yet supported either of these organizations with your time or treasure, it's never too late.

Caring Committee, chaired by Ingeresa Friedman, is a huge umbrella committee covering our social justice/action opportunities as well as handling our bereavement calls and letters. They have a huge plate of activities and can always use more volunteers. While the Soup Kitchen, ably administered by Dorianne Villani, is fully funded for the foreseeable future, the other social outreach groups could use your contributions. Volunteers are always needed for our JCOC dinner coming up in a couple of weeks, and NEST coming up in February. The Oasis' breakfast program and our own soup kitchen are always looking for fresh faces. I'm sure Ingeresa has more details in her article.

By the time you read this our beloved Rabbi Roz Mandelberg should be back and refreshed from her well-earned sabbatical. Thank you to Rabbi Arthur Steinberg and Cantor Wally Schachet-Briskin for keeping the ship upright in her absence.

I'm still glowing from OSTY's huge success at the Fall Kallah. Our youth are as engaged and excited about being Jewish as ever, and that is in no small part due to their incredible Religious School teachers and our Clergy. Thank you to Karen Fine and her committee, and to Debbie Haring and Kitty Wolf for keeping the momentum going.

There is never enough room to highlight all I'd like to in these monthly articles, but please except an exuberant thank you to all of you volunteers who are truly the lifeblood of our congregation. Thank you especially to all of you who made the Directory such a success this year, especially to chairs Leslie Legum and Nichole Kushner.

I hope everyone realizes, as I do, what a wonderful staff we have. We are a large organization with a small staff and they make miracles happen. Please thank them when you see them.

Lshalom

Ed



**Congrats to the Kaufmans -**

**Charles, Susan and Ted,** for taking up the Green Initiative Challenge this

past summer. It was very impressive to receive their form and see all the changes they have made to green their home and OST.

One family making many small changes equals big changes!

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## FALL KALLAH 2012 RECAP

What a weekend! The energy from the event is still running strong through Facebook and Twitter (Like NFTY-MAR on Facebook and follow us on Twitter at @NFTYMAR), and there is a lot of buzz about Winter Kallah and Convention – the marks of a successful retreat! Now, a sneak peek into what we did...

Friday we all arrived to a delicious dinner, followed by an incredible musical Shabbat service led by Ohef Sholom Temple's Cantor Wally and our NFTY-MAR songleaders. We were proud to offer a paperless service, with the words to the prayers projected on a screen above the bima. In fact, we also used the screen to illustrate with photos the moving sermon, which was about the role of music in Jewish and civil rights history. Interesting!

After services we enjoyed an oneg with the congregation, followed by a rousing song session! We then broke into our first mixer groups, while the New Members met with the Membership Vice Presidents and Membership Sub-Region Assistants. Finally, we were formally introduced to the Regional Board and Fall Kallah Quad Chairs, reviewed the Code of Conduct, and concluded the evening with the sweet melody of the Bedtime Sh'ma.

Saturday we arrived bright and early for a Shabbat morning service that began with some stretching to *Modeh Ani* to get the blood flowing, and only went up from there. We recognized our senior class, staff, event chairs and regional board, and all of the pairs of twin participants in the region, among others, with *aliyot*, and heard some incredible and innovative versions of Torah chanting by our teens!

After more mixers, we went into three programs about originality and creativity. First we ran through "Just Draw Something," where the teens explored the difference in their mental capacity after receiving instructions, and having an open-ended prompt. They also took the Pig Personality Test! We used the text from Rabbi Menachem Mendel, "*If I am because you are, and you are you because I am I; then I am not I and you are not you. However, if I am I because I am I, and you are you because you are you; then I am I and you are you,*" to explore our roles as individuals and part of a larger group.

Then we moved on to "Quick, Move!" where they had to be creative in their own movements, yet fit them into the larger group in order to accomplish tasks. We used the text from Genesis 4:9, and the NFTY Study Theme, "*Hashomer Achi Anochi - Am I My Brother's Keeper,*" to discuss our individual roles and responsibilities, and how we can maintain our own identities while being a contributing member of our communities. From there, we also moved into a discussion about Hurricane Sandy, and how we can use our creativity and innovation toward *tikkun olam*, social action. Finally, we each got to design our own original Fall Kallah 2012 T-shirts!

Saturday night was definitely one for the record books! We arrived back from dinner to a lovely Havdallah, complete with sparklers. We then went into our last program, which was based on the idea that although we are here and have the opportunity to be original ourselves, others' innovations before us helped us get here. We looked at NFTY and URJ history through a game of Jewpardy, biblical Jewish history through a slam poem, written by Quad Chair Maddy Budman and performed by her and two regional board members, and the history of the first ice cream and waffle cone stand, with a presentation (and yummy snacks!) by Doumar's.

Then the best surprise... we had all arrived in 1920s attire, and were met by swing dancing instructors! After a bit of training, we moved into the social hall, where there was a live swing band that played throughout the night! The skill level of our teens was very impressive, but dwarfed by their enthusiasm and excitement. There certainly wasn't a dull moment, and this will be a night to remember!

Sunday morning we concluded with our Friendship Circle and candy grams, and we can't wait to see everyone at Winter Kallah!

Alexa Broida

Regional Advisor, NFTY Mid Atlantic Region Coordinator, NFTY Mitzvah Corps

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# MAZEL TOV!



## Congratulations to Haley Bartel

on her upcoming Bat Mitzvah on January 5, 2013.

Haley is the daughter of Shannon & Gary Bartel, sister of Carly and Jody, granddaughter of Dr. & Mrs. Alan Bartel, Ms. Linda Vick, and Mr. George Vick.



## Congratulations to

Anna Grace Salasky on her upcoming Bat Mitzvah on January 12, 2013.

Anna is the daughter of Donna & Martin Salasky, sister of Rachel, granddaughter of Claire & Paulus Haynsworth and Evelyn Salasky & Stanley Salasky.\*

\*of blessed memory

As 2013 begins, "Thank You" to Lisa Cohen and her team of Sisterhood volunteers for creating and staffing our beautiful and bountiful 2012 Judaica/Chanukah Shop! Your hard work and commitment of time led to a most successful shopping season, which in turn funds Sisterhood's service to OST. Now that Chanukah 2012 is over, please continue to stop by the Judaica Shop for your gift giving needs.

"Thank You" to Lauren Bensink and Paula Whitehurst, co-chairs of Sisterhood's College Liaison program. Paula sent our OST college students Rosh Hashanah greetings, and Lauren created the Chanukah packages that included gelt, Chanukah candles, a menorah, a card, a blue candy cane, Chanukah cookies, and dreidels. Upon receiving her Chanukah package, Kaleigh Cohen responded, "It makes me feel included and still a part of the temple."

**Reflecting back on 2012, OST Sisterhood had a fabulous year!**

Shabbaton	Sisterhood Shabbat
Book Club	Men's Club Shabbat Dinner
Judaica Shop	Religious/Hebrew School
AIPAC Brunch	Back to Work Lunch
Chanukah Shop	Homework & Casseroles for FORKIDS
Shabbat Onegs	An Afternoon of Music at St. Paul's
Women's Seder	Friends and a Flick
Participation in NEST and OST Soup Kitchen	OST College Liaison Program
Annual Chanukah Dinner	

## Highlights include:

The above list could not have been accomplished without the commitment, time, energy and support of our Sisterhood members who volunteer! As 2013 begins, thank you – Todah Rabah!

Upcoming Sisterhood events for January include:

- January 6 at 10 a.m.: Sisterhood Board Meeting (This meeting is open to all Sisterhood members).
- January 29 at 6:30 p.m.: Sisterhood Book Club and Salad Dinner. Rabbi Roz will facilitate our discussion of *The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman. RSVP to [reservations@ohefsholom.org](mailto:reservations@ohefsholom.org).

It is never too late to join the Sisterhood by returning a membership application available either on the table in Simon Hall or from [www.ohefsholom.org/community/sisterhood](http://www.ohefsholom.org/community/sisterhood). 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.

Yours in Sisterhood,

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Ohef Sholom Temple's

# Sisterhood Book Club

**January 29, 2013**  
**6:30 p.m.**

January's book is "*The Dovekeepers*" by Alice Hoffman.

Please join us for a discussion facilitated by Rabbi Roz.

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

## Synopsis

In 70 CE, nine hundred Jews held out for months against armies of Romans on a mountain in the Judean, desert, Masada. Only two women and five children survived. Based on this tragic and iconic event, Hoffman weaves a spellbinding tale of four extraordinary bold, resourceful, and sensuous women, each of whom comes to Masada by a different path.



ALICE HOFFMAN  
*The Dovekeepers*  
a novel



*"Alice Hoffman weaves fiction and fact in The Dovekeepers, a thrilling, passionate saga...The book pulses toward its stunning climax. Hoffman's fiction is always compelling, but the history within The Dovekeepers makes this novel haunting."*

—USA Today

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**Happy New Year!** (One of the wonderful things about being Jewish, is that you can say Happy New Year many times a year.)

December was an eventful month! We had a fun holiday party. The lights went out, and we had to have our monthly meeting by the light of multiple menorahs. Ted, thank you for hosting and shedding light on our activities. At the meeting we approved additional funds to help the Cantor share his rhythms, Archives to preserve our past, and our youth to participate in URJ (NFTY & Summer Camp) activities and pave the way for the future.

**On January 9 at 6 p.m.** we will be having our Men's Club monthly meeting at the **Norfolk County Rifle Range (NCRR) located at 4321 South Military Highway, Chesapeake, Virginia 23321.** We have never done this before, and many people have expressed interest so if you want to participate with the Men's Club, please join us. Normally when the Men's Club tries something new, I worry about the event not working out, not enough people coming, and sometimes I even worry that too many people will come. However, after the massacre in CT, my plan to have the Men's Club meeting at a gun club became a new issue. Should I cancel or should I continue? I had two pillars that guided me in my decision; they are "*Shalom Bayit*" (Peace in the House) and "Israel" (One who wrestles with God). I did an informal polling of the Men's Club and got many thoughtful responses. For those of you who think only of the Men's Club as cooks, a source of money, or labor, you have only seen part of who we are. The responses were thoughtful, interesting, and emotional. For those of you who said to cancel the location, I understand that emotion very well. I too gave my kids an extra hug when they came home from school, and when my oldest daughter's school's name flashed up on my cell phone, my heart did miss a beat. Thus, after reading through the responses and the telephone calls, I was ready to apply *Shalom Bayit* and cancel the meeting. I did not see how I could explain it well, and I saw the meeting as divisive. Instead of being a "House of Prayer for all People," I saw the gun club as an activity that went "too far," it was "too soon" and it should be rescheduled. I wrote to my board and went to sleep. Like Jacob, I woke up in a different place than when I went to bed. Some of my ex-military friends pointed out that you could not understand the issue without having shot a gun. Maybe understanding a bit more, listening to all sides, we too could benefit. We may be the only Men's Club in America that goes to a shooting range and has a discussion on guns in our society, but that is what I plan for us to do. We will shoot, and we will wrestle with the issue. For those of you who do not want to go, I promise you that we will not make any major Men's Club decisions. For those of you who are coming, please share your thoughts. At 6 p.m. we will have dinner then the meeting followed by a safety orientation then range time. The NCRR and Men's Club will provide everything you need to shoot. Visit the NCRR web site at [www.ncrr.net](http://www.ncrr.net)

I know you all have heard the expression "The Way to a Man's Heart is Through His Stomach" or the Jewish joke of "We were attacked, we survived, let's eat," but did you know who is in the kitchen? Around 50 times a year the Men's Club cooks or puts out food for our congregation. (Sisterhood does plenty as well!) This food is an important part of building our wonderful Ohel Sholom Community. It allows:

- hungry kids to come in on Sunday morning and have a bagel before going off to learn, (note: Sisterhood shares this Mitzvah with the Men's Club)
- families (both blood and friendship) to come together for a Shabbat meal
- us as a community to welcome "the stranger" or just come to learn during our Sunday Carpool Cafes.

None of this would be possible without your support. Make it a New Year's resolution to become more involved. We have great events planned this spring (February: AIPAC & Men's Club Shabbat Service). Send in your support, or better yet, let your feet do the talking and come into the kitchen and help us prepare a "community"!

B' Sholom

Todd Waldman, *Men's Club President*  
[mensclub@ohelsholom.org](mailto:mensclub@ohelsholom.org), 625-4295

## OST Sisterhood "Rosh Chodesh"

### "Who Are You & How Did You Get Here?"

Sunday, January 13, 2013  
10:00 a.m. at Ohel Sholom Temple

On Sunday, January 13 at 10 a.m. in the Library, the newly formed Rosh Chodesh Group will present a program entitled "Who Are You and How Did You Get Here?" Whether raised Reform, Conservative, Orthodox or Non-Jewish, we will examine our origins, our families and what brought us to OST. Please join us for a lively discussion and refreshments.

The Rosh Chodesh Group is open to all OST women regardless of age and marital status to explore spirituality and topics of particular interest to women. Program topics are chosen by the mutual decision of members, so if you have a program idea, please share it.

For more information, please call Marti Wachtel at 735-4029 or Rita Weiss at 333-6074.



## The Caring Committee is expanding its Social Outreach efforts.

Help us to help the needy in our local community by making a donation to the Caring Committee.

In 2013 the Caring Committee will cook and serve 4 **JCOC** dinners, 12 Sunday morning breakfasts at Oasis in Portsmouth, 12 Soup Kitchen lunches, house and feed 50-60 homeless individuals for a week with **NEST**, and hold the 7th Annual **Mitzvah Day**.

We are also excited to announce that we are a new sponsor for the **Foodbank Backpack Program** which provides food for needy families through the Public School System. We will be providing backpacks of groceries twice a month to 20 school children at Chesterfield Elementary School in Norfolk.

**Start out the New Year right by committing to help with one of our social outreach projects.**

### Upcoming Events:

**NEST (Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team)** – We will house and feed homeless individuals at the temple during the week of **Feb 27- March 6**. Planning is already underway. For the first time in years we have the dates picked well in advance, so mark your calendar early and sign up to volunteer for a shift or get more involved in the planning and cooking. We would love to have families plan and cook a meal – obviously with lots of help from other volunteers. If that seems too daunting you can sponsor a meal financially. Each dinner costs approximately \$200 and the breakfast is approximately \$50.

We will have official sign-up instructions in the February bulletin but if you have any questions please contact Sharon Ross at [s4ross@cox.net](mailto:s4ross@cox.net) or 463-8161.

In the spirit of **OST Green Initiatives**, we are collecting **coffee mugs** to be used for the NEST meals. At the end of the NEST week, we will donate the mugs to our guests or to a charity organization. Last year we used almost 1000 paper coffee cups and hope to cut that number down to 200 for the week.

**OASIS Breakfast** – Sunday, January 13, is our next serving date at OASIS in Portsmouth. We meet at 7:00 a.m. and are finished by 9:30 a.m. Start off the week doing a Mitzvah. We need more volunteers! Please contact Marti Wachtel ([mjw757@yahoo.com](mailto:mjw757@yahoo.com)) to help.

**JCOC Dinner**– Our first serving date of the year is January 23. We prep from 4 - 6 p.m. and serve dinner from 6 - 6:30 p.m. Future dates for the dinners this year are: April 10, September 25, and December 9. Please contact Anne Kramer ([fanniek001@aol.com](mailto:fanniek001@aol.com)) if you would like to volunteer.

**Mitzvah Day** – We will be meeting in January to decide on our theme for the 7th Annual Mitzvah Day and to form a planning committee. We would love to have some new ideas and new committee members to help plan this day of *tikun olam*. Please call Inger Friedman (287-9492) or Sharon Ross (463-8161) to find out how you can participate.

All these projects take lots of caring hearts and financial support as well. Our Temple budget only pays a fraction of what it costs to run these programs. **Please know that your contributions will be used for all of our social outreach projects unless you designate otherwise.**

Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy New Year.

Inger Friedman and Sharon Ross

# NEST

(Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team)

**February 27 - March 6 2013**

**Volunteers and donations are needed!**

## How Can You Help?

- Volunteer for a shift
- Make a financial donation
- Donate needed items





## Confirmation Class Retreat

Last month our confirmation class participated in a wonderful overnight retreat at the beautiful Camp Silver Beach on the Eastern Shore. Every member of the class was able to attend. They traveled together by bus and arrived at the camp Saturday afternoon.

While there, the class experienced insightful programs and had many chances to bond together. First they participated in a Leadership Development activity where they explored their own leadership qualities through an Israeli Army activity. A values clarification exercise and an art project using the unique method of Israeli artist, Hanoch Piven, filled up the afternoon.

The evening activity concentrated on the value of life and what might be worth risking our lives. The class made a video using a scenario from this activity. And, of course, there was a campfire with singing and s'mores.

In the morning, the class participated in a creative service and finished the retreat with a discussion about *Olam Habah: What happens after we die? Or more importantly, what do we do until then?*

Too soon all were on the bus heading home but with new ideas and renewed friendships.

## WHAT'S UP at The Religious School Committee?

### The Religious School Relief Fund

What is it? What purpose does it serve? How can YOU help?

In the words of our beloved Rabbi Roz, *"Each of us is deeply committed to instilling the values of decency, responsibility, loyalty, and faith in our children in the best way we know how- through compelling, meaningful, and inspiring Jewish education."* In response to this commitment, The Religious School Relief Fund was established a few years ago. Its main purpose is to provide "scholarship" monies to religious school families in order to insure that all the children of OST receive the best Jewish learning experience possible.

Scholarships to religious school students are partially funded by the Stern and Kesser Funds, which distribute 4.25% of the principal to scholarships, totalling about \$800 each year. Yet, in the past

few years, scholarship requests have increased considerably, due in large part to challenging economic times. Over the past 3 years scholarship requests have averaged around \$4,500 per year. Where does the rest of the money come from?

The remaining funds for scholarships are provided by the Religious School Relief Fund. Without a dedicated source of funding, the Relief Fund relies on contributions from fundraising efforts and direct donations. Though the Relief Fund has been able to meet the demand for increased scholarship, the remaining balance in the Fund is now minimal.

As the economic recovery is slow,

unfortunate and unexpected difficulties can happen, all of which heighten today's need for the Religious School Relief Fund.

How can you help? The biggest way we all can help is through direct donations to the Religious School Relief Fund. So when thinking of a way to honor a family member, teacher or friend - or when celebrating a holiday, birthday, Bar or Bat Mitzvah - consider making a gift to the Religious School Relief Fund, a gift of Jewish learning!

Warm wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!

Truly,

Karen Fine  
Religious School Committee Chair

## ATTENTION: OHEF SHOLOM STUDENTS

### The 2013-2014 Stein Family Scholarship

The Stein Family College Scholarship is an annual grant that provides one scholarship, up to \$10,000, for an entering freshman. Those awarded scholarships may apply for renewal for their remaining years and receive up to \$40,000 towards his/her college education.

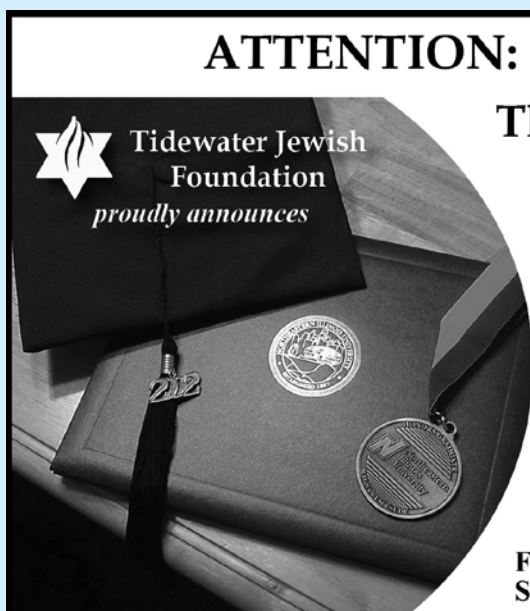
**For scholarship requirements and to fill out an application, please visit [www.jewishva.org/tjf-stein](http://www.jewishva.org/tjf-stein)**

Applications must be received by **April 1, 2013**. Applications may be submitted online, mailed or in person to:

Tidewater Jewish Foundation, Stein Family Scholarship,  
5000 Corporate Woods Dr., Ste. 200, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

**For more information, please contact:**

Shelby Tudor, Donor Services Manager, [studor@ujft.org](mailto:studor@ujft.org) or 757-965-6105





# ADULT LEARNING

2012 - 2013 5772 - 5773

## 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
January 6	Rabbi Roz	Raising a Jewish Child
January 20	Cantor Wally	Jewish Weddings & Divorce
February 10	Rabbi Roz	Death & Mourning

## Save the Dates

February 20, 2013	7 p.m.	Taste of Judaism
February 27, 2013	7 p.m.	Taste of Judaism



Goodbyes are often bittersweet. There's the bitterness of leaving friends, family, and the known, combined with the sweetness of the future and promise of possibility. This is very much how I feel as I write this goodbye to the OST family, as I am moving to Australia this month.

When I first started working in the OST Library and Archives, I could not have imagined the warm and kind people I would meet at the temple. I am so grateful for the wonderful relationships I have developed with many of you over the last five years and hope to keep them while I'm down under.

Thank you, and Shalom!

*(Also, make sure to visit your new OST librarian, Stefany Guido, on Sunday morning!)*

Kasey Garrison

**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.ohfsholom.org](http://www.ohfsholom.org)**

## Adult Education Committee Events

**Sunday January 20 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Marty Mandelberg presents "Why the Jews Part II."**

This second session will trace the history of European anti-Semitism that enabled the Holocaust to occur. Exploring publications, events, propaganda and trends such as *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, and the influences on a young Hitler, we will come to understand how Hitler could be elected and how the Nuremberg Laws could have been acceptable to German society. We will also learn about the important players in the Nazi machine and how the Final Solution was created. In a clear and straightforward manner, Marty will teach us about the most tragic, yet significant event in our people's recent history.

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 office or Rachelle Luna, [luna@exis.net](mailto:luna@exis.net).

Rachelle Luna,  
Chair

## LUNCH & LEARN

**January 17, 2013 • 12:00 p.m.**

**Topic: "Gun Control: A Jewish View?"**

This is a great opportunity to spend one lunch hour a month studying with your rabbi and learning something about Judaism at the same time. Bring your own lunch, an open mind, a sense of humor, and any interested friends.

*RSVPS to [sara@ohfsholom.org](mailto:sara@ohfsholom.org) are not required, but would help us get a sense of how many materials to prepare.*

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101 W. Main Street  
Suite 500  
Norfolk, VA 23510

- Park directly across from the building on Main Street. Parking slips will be validated.
- Upon entering, please use the bank of elevators on the right and proceed to the 5th floor.

## January Birthdays

### January 1

Jeffrey H. Fox  
Martha C. Kline  
Rita Weiss

### January 2

Jason Dupre  
Tom Howe  
Michael Jaffe  
Prudence A. Salasky  
Leslie M. Shroyer

### January 3

Robert L. Gutterman

### January 4

David Embree

### January 6

Michael B. Amdusky  
Sheila Emanuel  
Marilyn C. Lacey

### January 7

Susan Albert  
Barbara Preddy

### January 8

Andrew R. Gordon  
Mildred U. Jacobson  
Edward Neukrug

### January 9

Donald Katz  
Richard Rivin  
Joyce H. Strelitz

### January 10

Beth P. Diamonstein  
Noel Dudley  
Holly S. Puritz  
Myron L. Spilka

### January 11

Jay Berkowitz  
Lucy Spigel Herman

### January 12

Marlene Aikman  
Danielle Benjamin  
Ann Konikoff  
Phillip T. Smith

### January 13

Linda H. Glaser

### January 14

Bret Albert  
Faith Gollob  
Janna M. Levinstein

### January 15

Joan London Baer  
Donna Mae Kootner

### January 16

Irene Winn  
Diane Zaba  
Dennis Frasca  
Britt A. Simon  
Douglas Weitzman

### January 17

Erica R. Ausch  
Joseph Ellington  
Paula W. Goode  
Harry Lee Kanter  
Andrew C. Kline  
Barbara Randall

### January 18

Sid Bass  
Amy Sue Garcia  
Charles S. Nusbaum

### January 19

Lee Belote  
Richard B. Mersel  
Arlyn Snyder  
Robert L. Stein

### January 20

Beth Dorsk  
Dagoberto G. Zapatero

### January 21

Karen Katz  
Ruben Davis

### January 22

Ellen B. Coley  
Janice V. Ganderson

### January 23

Nancy S. Hirschler  
Kenneth R. Powders

Joseph Reznick  
Randi Beskin Smith

### January 24

Gary Bartel  
Adrienne Coplon  
Dane Galbraith

### January 25

Alice Buxbaum  
Reid Rapoport  
Doris Waranch

### January 26

Marie Colbus  
Paul Walker  
Peter Walker

### January 27

Steven Mark Rapoport  
June H. Saks

### January 28

Wade L. Preddy

### January 29

Melissa Deutsch  
Peggy R. Fine  
Ryan Glick  
Patricia Haskell  
Mary Drake Robbins  
Sarah B. Schloss  
Ruth Hofheimer  
Weinberg

### January 30

Arnold Barr  
Susanna Doctor  
Reid Laderberg

### January 31

Mark Goldner  
Kay Kaufman  
Aline Z. Landy  
Alvin Margolius, Jr.  
Larry J. Quate

## January Jahrzeits

### December 30 – January 5

Nelson Alper  
Louis Aronson\*  
Lillian Beloff  
Anna Berger\*  
Ray K. Bloom\*  
Rose M. Brown  
Frieda Cohn\*  
Esther Colbus\*  
Maryjo R. "Jody" Colbus\*  
Jane Frazier Delany  
Steven Eichelbaum  
Abraham Fischer  
Sadye Gifford\*  
Joseph Goldin\*  
Rabbi Ronald M. Goldstein  
Dr. Samuel Gollub  
Jonathan L. Harris  
Stanley Hirsch\*  
Abraham Kaplan  
David Robert Katz  
Paul Lasakow  
Gertrude Lazier  
Barbara K. Lubar  
Juan Luna  
Fern Miller  
Sara Miller  
Lawrence Morse  
Rita Klein Moses  
Ben Ami Nemo\*  
Lois S. Nusbaum\*  
Sheldon Puritz  
Mischa Rafal  
Malcom Schoner  
Belle Seligman  
Rabbi Malcolm Stern\*  
Rosalie Wilks\*

### January 6 – 12

Sara Allen  
Annette Harris Sobel\*  
Leonard Belkov  
Tessa T. Bland  
Freed Cohen  
Melvin L. Crokin\*  
Jennie Waranch Feldman  
Angela Frasca  
Morris Fuson

Irwin Goldstein\*  
Mortimer R. Gordon  
Ella Goldman Gould  
Edna Greenwood\*  
Joann R. Grossman  
Fay Hermes  
Lenore Holsveig  
Solomom Holsveig  
Leon J. Hornstein\*  
William Katzenberg  
Thais S. Kaufmann\*  
Jerome Kern\*  
Ann R. Kurtz  
Dr. Herman Laibstain\*  
Charles Lakamp  
Joann G. Langhaus  
Benjamin Mandelkern\*  
Ralph Margolius\*  
Rosa B. Marks  
Lawrence Mednick\*  
Jennie Meyer  
Mickey Rosen  
Sidney J. Rosen  
Edith Shorr  
George Smith  
Harry L. Snyder  
Jennie E. Spigel  
Wallace Spigel  
Jacob Thompson\*  
Ruby B. Van Collom  
Goldye Warren  
Grace Watkins  
Dr. Hyman S. Zfass

### January 13 - 19

James Kin Abrams  
Virginia H. Beskin  
Sidney Bloom\*  
Arie I. Blum  
Minnie Z. Clark\*  
Irving Cohen  
Loretta Cohen  
Albert Diamonstein\*  
Ethel G. Emanuel  
Harry B. Gilbert\*  
Deborah Ann Golden  
Frances Golding  
John E. Gore

Adah G. Grossman  
David F. Grossman  
Hattie R. Hirschler\*  
Tillie Ireland\*  
Betty Isay  
John S. E. Jiannas  
Morris Kahn  
Sylvia Katzenberg  
Sadie Klinghoffer  
Charles Learned, Sr.  
Martha Lederman  
Jack J. Leterman\*  
Anna Mandel  
Benjamin Marks  
Theda Moore  
Rachel Phillimore  
Robert Phillimore  
Julia D. Pitler  
Rae Price  
Susan Puckett  
Charles Morton Rosenbaum  
Essie T. Salomonsky\*  
Helene S. Salomonsky\*  
Henry Harris Schewel  
Martin Sherman\*  
Sona Soltz  
Samuel Sperans  
Samuel Steingold\*  
Joseph Sternman  
Sam Tabet, Sr.  
William Traukel  
Joel Turner\*  
Elizabeth Wachtel  
Bennie Zedd

### January 20 – 26

Rabbi Jeffrey Ballon  
Philip Bass\*  
Harry Clark  
Benjamin H. Cohen\*  
Cecilia A. Cohen\*  
Morris Comess  
Lillian Riskin Glassman\*  
Albert Glassman  
Murray Goldberg\*  
Clement Golden  
Arthur H. Gordon  
Goldie N. Hainer

Samuel Ries Heller, Jr.\*  
Alexander Herman  
Alan J. Hofheimer\*  
Helga Imberowicz  
Jacob Jacobs\*  
Mollie Jason  
Leah S. Kesser\*  
Harriet Kesser  
Rossi G. Krauss\*  
James Thomas Langston  
Lena Legum  
Dora Lester  
Janie F. Levy\*  
H. William Mandelberg  
Frances Nordlinger Mellen\*  
Linda Mendelsohn  
Sylvia S. Miller\*  
Eliria "Liddie Mae" Montoya  
Henry Moos  
Hugh Owens  
Jean Pattashnick  
Joseph E. Poole, Jr.  
Doris Rapoport  
Hilda Rosner\*  
Dr. David Solomon  
Scott Sward  
William Tompkins  
Charlotte Uthman  
Edwin N. Waitzer\*  
Simon Ben Whitlock\*  
Eva P. Winn

### January 27 – February 2

Talia Agler  
Harold Amdursky  
Harry S. Behr\*  
Dr. Erwin S. Berlin\*  
Abraham Cahan  
Goldie A. Chernitzer  
Leonard Cohen  
Lisa Relaford Coston  
Ida Diamonstein  
Goldie Feinberg  
Anne G. Fever  
Grace Schepper Firing  
Anne A. Friedman\*  
Bertha G. Friedman  
Bernard Glasser\*

Dave Goldstein\*  
Ruth Cohen Goldstein\*  
Solomon L. Goodman\*  
Dena Katz Greenhood  
Benjamin Hornstein  
June Joyce  
Mitchell Ingram  
Gertrude Kahn  
Howard N. Kauffman  
James Keasey  
Irvin Kocen  
Estelle Koltun  
David Krakower  
Samuel Levin  
Joseph Liebman  
Harry Lowenthal  
William M. Lubar  
Irene Melick  
Jack W. Meyerson\*  
Jean Edith  
Rachstein Monat\*  
Barbara S. Newfield\*  
Soledad Orozco  
Toby Pearl  
Iris Sharples Perkins  
Doreen Pogson\*  
William Reshefsky  
Helen Rosenbaum  
Max Ryen  
Blanche S. Samler\*  
Fannie Brill Saunders\*  
Helen A. Snyder\*  
Samuel Solomon  
Benjamin Spigel\*  
Leroy Spigel  
Ruth Bader Stromberg  
Morris Sussman  
Helen Taylor  
Elizabeth S. Thompson\*  
Blanche Ullman  
Paul Wainger\*  
Jack Wolf  
Louis Yaffe

\*denotes memorial plaque



Thank you to our January 2013 Soup Kitchen sponsors, Harriet and Richard Siff. This is the second month that this generous couple has sponsored a meal. In addition to being financial supporters of our program, they both volunteer at every meal, ready to do whatever is needed of them. Harriet scours thrift stores and purchases countless items every month to help the lives of our patrons. They selected January as their second month to sponsor because it has great significance to them, as Richard will be celebrating two birthdays in January. His biological birthday is January 10th, and he continues a year-

long celebration of the 10th anniversary of his heart transplant which took place in August 2002. Richard was heart transplant #200 at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. Their sponsorship is also in honor of his primary care physician and fellow OST member, Meredith B. Rose, M.D., who was in the right place at the right time to assist with Richard's diagnosis and treatment.

Please get involved in this OST community outreach program. As the number of guests at each meal grows, so does the need for volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal, welcome guests at the door and check-in desk, and help with the distribution of toiletry articles, water bottles and donated clothing, blankets etc. If you are available to join us on a Monday, please contact the Soup Kitchen Chairperson, Dorianne Villani, at [dvillani@cox.net](mailto:dvillani@cox.net) or 301-6477. We need you! Happy New Year!

**Congratulations to 13 year-old Benjamin Brotman(left), son of Amy and Ira, who conducted a socks drive at Lynnhaven Middle School for his National Junior Honor Society project. He collected more than 200 pairs of new and gently used socks, which he personally handed to each of our 81 guests at the Soup Kitchen meal on November 26. Kudos to the Honor Society Advisor and OST congregant Ellen Hundley for inspiring and encouraging these young teens to give to others.**



**The Virginian-Pilot**  
Monday, October 29, 2012

## How Nice

Fortunately, there are people who go out of their way to brighten others' days with kindness.

Chesapeake resident Harriet Siff and her husband were thrift-store shopping recently to pick up T-shirts and backpacks to give away at a soup kitchen where they volunteer. While standing at the checkout, a woman asked about the items, and Siff explained where they were going. The woman insisted on paying for the purchase.

"It was such a nice surprise," Siff wrote. "So we would like to say a special 'thank you' to Karen B. Marshall of Chesapeake."

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## Community Events

Congregation Beth El, Ohel Shalom Temple, the Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater and the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy present:

### Topics to Chew on: A conversation about Faith and Advocacy

*With Marco Grimaldo — Executive Director, Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy — a leading expert on Regional advocacy issues & Rabbi Arnowitz — Rabbi, Congregation Beth El, Norfolk*

**Sunday, January 13**

**10:30 a.m. brunch** (donations accepted that morning)

**11:00 a.m. program**

Congregation Beth El:  
422 Shirley Avenue, Norfolk

Open to the community. RSVP by January 9 to [Noelle@bethelnorfolk.com](mailto:Noelle@bethelnorfolk.com) or 625-7821

**For more information contact Robin Mancoll, Director, Community Relations Council at [RMancoll@ujft.org](mailto:RMancoll@ujft.org)**



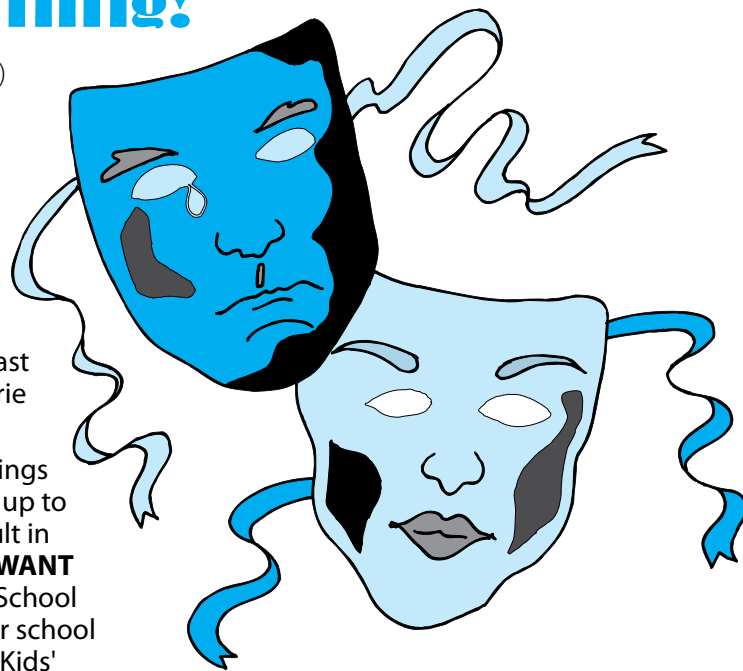
**Calling All Actors, Singers,  
and Those Who Fancy  
Themselves Performers!**

## Purimshpiel 2013 is coming!

**This year's Purimshpiel** (Purim production of prodigious proportions) **will be on Saturday Evening, February 23 and Sunday morning, February 24.** It's an amateur Broadway show... it's a really good school production with kids and adults... it's a technical marvel full of surprises, humor, and great songs... it's all of the above! We'll take the plot of the traditional Esther story and put it in a contemporary context with recognizable songs and brilliant talent (that's where YOU come in). We need folks onstage and backstage, prompting and performing, cueing lights and queuing up to go "on" at our shpiels. All who have participated in past Purimshpiels know how much fun we have and know the camaraderie that develops in rehearsals.

**Here's the deal:** if you can spare a number of regular weekday evenings (Wednesdays and some Thursdays) in January and February leading up to the shows on the weekend of February 23, **WE WANT YOU** as an adult in the show! If you'd just be available the week of February 18-22, **WE WANT YOU** on our technical crew! If you're a kid and you'll be in Religious School on the Sundays in January and February, **WE WANT YOU** to stay after school for an hour each week that Religious School's in session to be in our Kids' Cast! And, if you're a terrific audience member, PLEASE save February 23 and 24 to bring yourself, your friends, relatives, and fellow seat-fillers to our performances.

**Please contact Cantor Wally at [cantorwally@ohefsholom.org](mailto:cantorwally@ohefsholom.org)** to let us know you're interested. Thanks for considering the invitation, and we know you'll have a blast!



## Community Events

### Super Sunday, Community Phone-a-thon Sun. Jan. 27

There are 2 shifts available, 9 – 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Volunteer Opportunities and Opportunities to Change Lives with your investment

Represent your congregation as a volunteer at Super Sunday, our community's phone-a-thon in support of our Tidewater Jewish Community and Jewish needs overseas!

Can't volunteer that day? Show you care by answering the phone and investing in our Jewish community.

*To volunteer and for more information, visit [www.jewishva.org](http://www.jewishva.org), or call 757.965.6100.*



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# January 2013

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
		1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 6:00 p.m. Men's Club Mtg.	3	4 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	5 9:00 a.m. Torah Study, 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Haley Bartel
6 8:45 a.m. Hebrew School 10:00 a.m. Religious School, Confirmation, Intro to Judaism, Sisterhood Board Mtg.	7	8 4:00 p.m. House Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Torah Study	9 7:00 p.m. Purimshpiel Rehearsal	10	11 5:00 p.m. Kids & Kiddush 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	12 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Anna Salasky
13 8:45 a.m. Hebrew School 10:00 a.m. Religious School, Confirmation, Rosh Chodesh Group 2:00 p.m. Mavens & Mensches to see Jewish Film Festival	14	15 7:00 p.m. Torah Study	16	17 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn 4:00 p.m. Executive Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Board Mtg.	18 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services 7:45 p.m. Prime Time Shabbat Dinner (offsite)	19 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services 5:00 p.m. Chavurah! Havdallah
20 8:45 a.m. Hebrew School 10:00 a.m. Religious School, Intro to Judaism 11:00 a.m. "Why the Jews, Part II" with Marty Mandelberg presented by Adult Ed. Committee	21	22 7:00 p.m. Torah Study, Worship Committee Mtg.	23 4:00 p.m. JCOC Dinner(offsite) 7:00 p.m. Purimshpiel Rehearsal	24	25 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Services 6:30 p.m. Tu B'Shevat Seder/ Dinner	26 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services
27 8:45 a.m. Hebrew School 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. Super Sunday Community Phone- a-Thon 10:00 a.m. Religious School, Confirmation, Sisterhood Board Mtg., Library Archives Mtg.	28 9:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen	29 6:30 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club 7:00 p.m. Torah Study	30 7:00 p.m. Purimshpiel Rehearsal	31		



# PRIME TIME

## January 2013

### Shabbat Service & Dinner

Friday, January 18, 2013

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 Monastery Restaurant, 443 Granby St., Norfolk.

625-8193

[www.443granby.com](http://www.443granby.com)

**Cost: price of dinner**

Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 16

#### RSVP today to:

Linda Peck, Director of Congregational Life

757-625-4295

[linda@ohefsholom.org](mailto: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.

## A Few Words from the DCL



### Interfaith News

I'm very excited to announce that this year's programming for Interfaith congregants, A Year of Outreach, was awarded a grant of \$630 from the Men of Reform Judaism. This is wonderful support of our efforts to enhance programming for our Interfaith families.

This year's programming began with a fun and delicious cooking class, a Taste of Traditional

Jewish Cooking where we learned to make chicken soup with matzah balls, kugel, a classic brisket, and rugelach. Next up was a December Dilemma with Rabbi Steinberg and Nate Mewhinney, which afforded interfaith couples a venue to discuss issues that arise during the December holidays.

In January Rabbi Roz will be hosting cocktails for an evening of informal conversation, and March brings a Passover "how-to" workshop. In April we'll partner with the Young Adult Community for a Lag B'omer beach bonfire and sing-a-long with Cantor Wally.

The concluding program is called "Celebrate Shabbat!" where we'll learn how to celebrate a traditional Shabbat with the family, which will include a "Celebrate Shabbat" toolkit to take home.

The Outreach Committee is being revamped with Margie Rashti at the helm. We'll be looking into other ways to ensure that Ohef Sholom remains a warm and welcoming community for our Interfaith couples. If you are interested in working with this committee, please contact me.

Linda Peck

Director of Congregational Life

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OST Mavens & Mensches to visit

## Annual Festival of Jewish Film

January 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Sandler Family Campus, Virginia Beach

### Life in Stills

An award-winning documentary

In Hebrew with subtitles

Cost: Free

Optional box lunch at 1:15 p.m. (before the movie)

\$10 per person



To RSVP or for more  
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At the age of 96, Miriam Weissenstein never imagined that she would be facing a new chapter in her life. But when "The Photo House" - her late husband Rudi's life's work - was destined for demolition, even this opinionated and uncompromising woman knew she needed help. Under the cloud of a family tragedy, a special relationship is forged between Miriam and her grandson, Ben, as they join forces to save the shop and its nearly one million negatives that document Israel's defining moments. Despite the generation gap and many conflicts, Ben and Miriam embark on a heart-wrenching journey, comprising many humorous and touching moments. *Written by Tamar Tal*

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**Come Join Sammy Spider for**

# KIDS & KIDDUSH!

**Friday, January 11, 2013**  
**5:00 pm**

## "PLANNING FOR TU B'SHEVAT"

Appropriate for 4th grade and younger.  
Infants welcome!

**5:00 - Pizza \***  
**5:30 - Service**  
**6:00 - Family Activity**

**Bring your family for food and activities along with a brief service and songs while we learn about Tu B'Shevat!**  
**Led by Rabbi Roz and Cantor Wally**

**for more information or to RSVP contact**  
Kitty Wolf, [kitty@ohelsholom.org](mailto:kitty@ohelsholom.org), 757•625•4295

This year's Kids and Kiddush programs will feature the stories of Sammy Spider written by Sylvia A. Rouss and illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn. The whole family can celebrate Shabbat and learn about Jewish holidays, life and culture with Sammy and the Shapiro Family.

**\*Pizza dinner \$10 per family**