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Cantor's Notes

With the perspective of being in the summer months, and the distance from intense schoolwork and exams, it's easier to reflect on the educational process without being caught up in its everyday stress.

"Instruct children according to their way (or personality); even when they are old they will not depart from the instruction."

"Acquire for yourself a teacher, and you have found a friend."

"I have learned much from my teachers, more from my colleagues, and the most from my students."

Don't you find these statements to ring true? These nuggets of Jewish wisdom are centuries old, yet I find that they are completely relevant today and say so much about my interactions with fellow Temple members, students, and colleagues here at Ohef Sholom (and in life) that they could have been written about ideal student-teacher relations of the present.

Each student who comes to meet with me weekly for Bar and Bat Mitzvah training has his or her unique learning style and personality brought to the learning process. Some kids are pretty quiet and I do a lot of the talking. I can see that in their personality, they favor reflection. Others are animated, opinionated, and love to share. With these students I try to guide the conversation toward Jewish values, and mutually we discover more from the Torah portion. This helps move us from rote learning of proper Hebrew pronunciation and melody to the realm of storytelling. Every once in awhile, I'll be dialoguing with a student and a gem of truth will reveal itself, and suddenly a part of my understanding that I never knew was there will shine forth and amaze me! This to me is the essence of the first quote, "instruct children according to their way" — whatever their abilities, strengths, or approaches to study are, find a way that speaks to that style, and work from there. Hopefully, some of those lessons will stick with them even when they grow old. I can see evidence of this in some of our High School graduates. Okay, they're not old, but I can tell some of the instruction won't be forgotten.

I started out trying to be a "teacher" for each of my Bar/Bat Mitzvah students. It turns out that in the process of working with them, ideally, we become a *chevruta* — a pair of humans grappling with text and *trope* (chanting melody), trying to squeeze meaning out of it, working as partners to glean as many useful lessons from it as we can. Discovery of a hidden kernel of wisdom by either of us is an exciting process, which leads to further exploration of possible interpretations and the realization that the more we listen to each other and the text, the more we build upon the other's insights; the more we realize about our own view of the world and our interactions within it. Not every conversation uncovers astounding truths, but it's not uncommon, and I'm always amazed, surprised, and delighted. Rabbi Roz starts them out with some delving into the Torah Portion and they develop a D'var Torah, an interpretation of the portion that is uniquely theirs. Aside from coaching them in the pronunciation and chanting of the texts, during which I'm really the teacher and they are the students, I start out guiding them in some simple translations of the Hebrew so they can tell a story with the words they're chanting, and we become friends in mutual pursuit of finding additional layers of meaning from the texts.

All of this leads to perhaps my favorite part of those three quotes — "I have learned much from my teachers, more from my colleagues, and the most from my students." The lessons each learns from the other enriches both parties, and I think it leads to a more meaningful Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah preparation experience. I have had wonderful, insightful professors and mentors who showed me their love of learning, and humility in displaying their knowledge. There are wise and learned colleagues I love to study with, and when we meet in *chevruta*, like I have the privilege of doing with Rabbi Jeff Arnowitz from Beth El Congregation about twice a month, we always seem to discover more about ourselves and our communities than just what the ancient Rabbis were saying. Yet from my students, be it in Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation, Confirmation Class, Adult B'nai Mitzvah, or some other opportunity, I am constantly wowed by how the text speaks in unique ways to each individual, and I learn so much from every student. I feel enriched by my interactions with others, and have discovered that I'm learning from each one!

May we all be inspired by the lessons we learn from each other, and remember that at any given moment, each of us is a teacher to somebody. Enjoy your summer!

L'shalom,

Cantor Wally

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Madeline Budman, who was the 2014 recipient of the *Ben Topus "Ruach" Award* at NFTY-MAR's (North Atlantic Federation of Temple Youth Mid-Atlantic Region) Spring Kallah. This award is given to the senior who demonstrates leadership while not serving as an officer of the region. It is the highest honor presented by NFTY-MAR. Madeline is the daughter of Terri & Steve Budman.

Congratulations to Robert & Linda Laibstain, who were presented with the 2014 Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy by Tidewater Community College. They support a fund that assists TCC students who encounter financial emergencies.

Congratulations to Neil and Pat Bennett, on the birth of their grandson Felix Oliver Bennett. Proud parents are Josh & Tonya Bennett, and the other grandparents are Phillip & Carol Gifford.

Congratulations to Dustin Fink, for being selected as a recipient of the J.E. Wallace Sterling Scholastic Award for distinguished academic performance at Stanford University. This award is presented only to the top seniors in the School of Humanities and Sciences. Dustin is the son of Kim & Andrew Fink.

Congratulations to Deni Budman, for being elected Communications Vice-President of NFTY-MAR (North American Federation of Temple Youth-Mid Atlantic Region) at the recent Spring Kallah. Deni, who is also communications vice-president for OSTY, is the daughter of Terri & Steve Budman.

CONDOLENCES

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

Marion Lidman, on the loss of her cousin, *Sarah Leigh Rhodes*.

Peter Sallmaier, on the loss of his mother, *Frances Sallmaier*.

Paul Hirschbiel, on the loss of his mother, *Mabel Hirschbiel*.

Kurt Rosenbach, on the loss of brother, *Hans Rosenbach*.

Jay Legum, on the loss of his aunt, *Lois Rothschild*.

Debbie Moore, on the loss of her aunt, *Sara Schienbloom*.

Joy Spigel, on the loss of her brother, *Irwin Heller*.

WORSHIP

June Torah Portions

June 6 Sivan 8
UPB Shabbat Services - 6:30 p.m.
Parasha: B'haalot'cha
Numbers 8:1-12:16
Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

June 13 Sivan 15
Shabbat Services - 6:30 p.m.
Parasha: Sh'lach L'cha
Numbers 13:1-15:41
Haftarah: Joshua 2:1-24

June 20 Sivan 22
Shabbat Services - 6:30 p.m.
Parasha: Korach
Numbers 16:1-18:32
Haftarah: 1 Samuel 11:14-12:22

June 27 Sivan 29
Shabbat Services 6:30 p.m.
Parasha: Chukat
Numbers 19:1-22:1
Haftarah: Judges 11:1-33

July Torah Portions

July 4 Tamuz 6
Shabbat Services 6:30 p.m.
Parasha: Balak
Numbers 22:2 - 25:9
Haftarah: Micah 5:6-6:8

July 11 Tamuz 13
Shabbat Services 6:30 p.m.
Parasha: Pinchas
Numbers 25:10-30:1
Haftarah: I Kings 18:46-19:21

July 18 Tamuz 20
Shabbat Services 6:30 p.m.
Parasha: Matot
Numbers 30:2-32:34
Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

July 25 Tamuz 27
Shabbat Services 6:30 p.m.
Parasha: Mas'ei
Numbers 33:1-36:13
Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4-28, 3:4, 4:1-2

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



Cantor Wally performs on the Temple steps during Cantor Wally Live



Remarks from OST's Annual Meeting

First, I would like to say thank you to all our volunteers. Ohel Sholom Temple could not function, let alone run so smoothly, offer the many wonderful programs we have, and be the source of support, community and spirituality without your involvement, dedication, and hard work. It is a joy for me to work side by side with each of you in making Ohel Sholom Temple truly “a house of prayer for all peoples.”

Secondly, I would like to thank Rabbi Roz, Cantor Wally, Rabbi Steinberg and Chuck Woodward for all you do for our congregation. The hours you spend and your dedication are truly inspirational. I have enjoyed getting to know you better over the past year.

I would like to thank the staff of OST – Gail Bachman, Linda Peck, Sara Bachman, Kari Amuial, Kristine Wayman, Mike Phillips, Gill Donovan and Ron Kurtz – for everything you do for our temple. You are the most hardworking group I know and treat our temple as a family rather than an employer.

And finally, to my Executive Committee and to all the committee chairpersons, your support keeps me going.

So, it has been a year into my Presidency. One year ago I talked about my goals for my Presidency which I would like to summarize:

- to continue the open communication between the board, executive board and congregation;
- to reach out to and engage more congregants of all ages in Temple activities and committees, including our youth;
- to reach out to and support interfaith and unaffiliated families;
- to partner with the endowment and Eternal Light Campaign in an effort to make our Temple less dependent upon dues and fundraisers to balance the budget each year;
- and finally, to utilize to our benefit the new resources of the URJ (Union of Reform Judaism) which include sharing and learning from other Reform Jewish Institutions throughout the country.

I feel that we have definitely made progress in these areas, and I will continue to work on them over the next year. This weekend I am actually attending a meeting in DC coordinated by the URJ that will include all of the mid-Atlantic “regional” Presidents of Reform congregations. I find these meeting very informative as we network and share ideas and information about how our temples function.

Some of the things I am most proud of that that have been implemented/accomplished over the past year include:

The creation of the Special Needs and Security Committee, ably chaired by Jim Schloss and Jerry Golden. This committee has really worked hard identifying areas in the Temple which need attention, both to make our congregation a more accessible and barrier-free building and community, and to make our building and Religious School more secure. We have already implemented quite a few of the identified needs, and are in the process of securing funding for, and creating a prioritized action plan, for the remaining items. With the terrible shootings that occurred in Kansas and other incidents throughout the world, we feel like we are on the right track to ensure the safety of our congregants and children. We will be working on emergency plans and educating the congregation on practices that will help us all remain safe and secure, while still maintaining an open and welcoming environment. I also want to mention that all of us, congregants and community members, have an important role in helping to ensure the safety of OST and other Jewish communal institutions. You will be hearing more about this.

I also created a Purview Committee. This committee is working on establishing guidelines for the committees of the Temple in terms of their responsibilities, purview, decision-making authority, reporting hierarchy, and so forth. I have an amazing committee composed of The Honorable Lou Sherman as chairperson, Bill Nusbaum as secretary, Eddie Kramer, Todd Waldman, Jennifer Gebler, Lori Galbraith, Lisa Cohen and Ted Kaufman.

I am proud to say that we had a contingent of 17 people attend the URJ Biennial in San Diego – one of the largest groups from any one synagogue. We had a wonderful time, came back with great ideas, and were able to get to know each other better in a setting of spirituality and Jewish learning away from home. URJ President Rick Jacobs also presented us the Belin Award for our Interfaith “Year of Outreach” Programming. This award is “given to recognize exceptional programs from around North America that demonstrate a significant level of creativity, originality and replicability.”

We created OST University and had 4 amazing sessions, which included the History of OST, Understanding the Budget, Learning about Reform Judaism, and Learning How to Bring God into the Boardroom and Workplace. I have to thank Lisa Cohen, Rabbi Roz and all our great panelists. We are looking forward to next year when we take OST University “ON THE ROAD” – where we will have small get-togethers and learning sessions of your choice in congregants’ homes. STAY TUNED!

Our endowment continues to grow with \$4.8 million in liquid assets and another \$6 million in deferred gifts. I have enjoyed getting to know the new Ohel Sholom Foundation president, Rob Goodman, as we thanked the outgoing President, the wonderful Kurt Rosenbach, for his incredible service and dedication to our Foundation with the creation of the endowment fund, KURT’S CLUB, and a special Shabbat Service. Next year our foundation will generate \$178,000 in revenue, which will support our budget, programs and needs. This is so critical to our budget and helps us continue to thrive without having to increase dues.

All of our committees have been so busy – from the Personnel Committee creating an employee handbook and establishing employment policies, to the Caring Committee expanding their projects and putting on another great Mitzvah Day, to Membership Committee reaching out to the unaffiliated as well as working to engage our current members, to the Military Outreach & Support Committee reaching out to the Jewish military in our area and deployed, to the Dues Committee working on new voluntary giving levels which we will talk about this evening, to the House Committee tending to our cherished 100 year old building, to the amazing Live with Cantor Wally event just a few weeks ago, to the Men’s Club and Sisterhood doing all of their good work

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UPCOMING ADULT LEARNING SCHEDULE

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

All are welcome!

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

LIBRARY NEWS

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throughout the year.

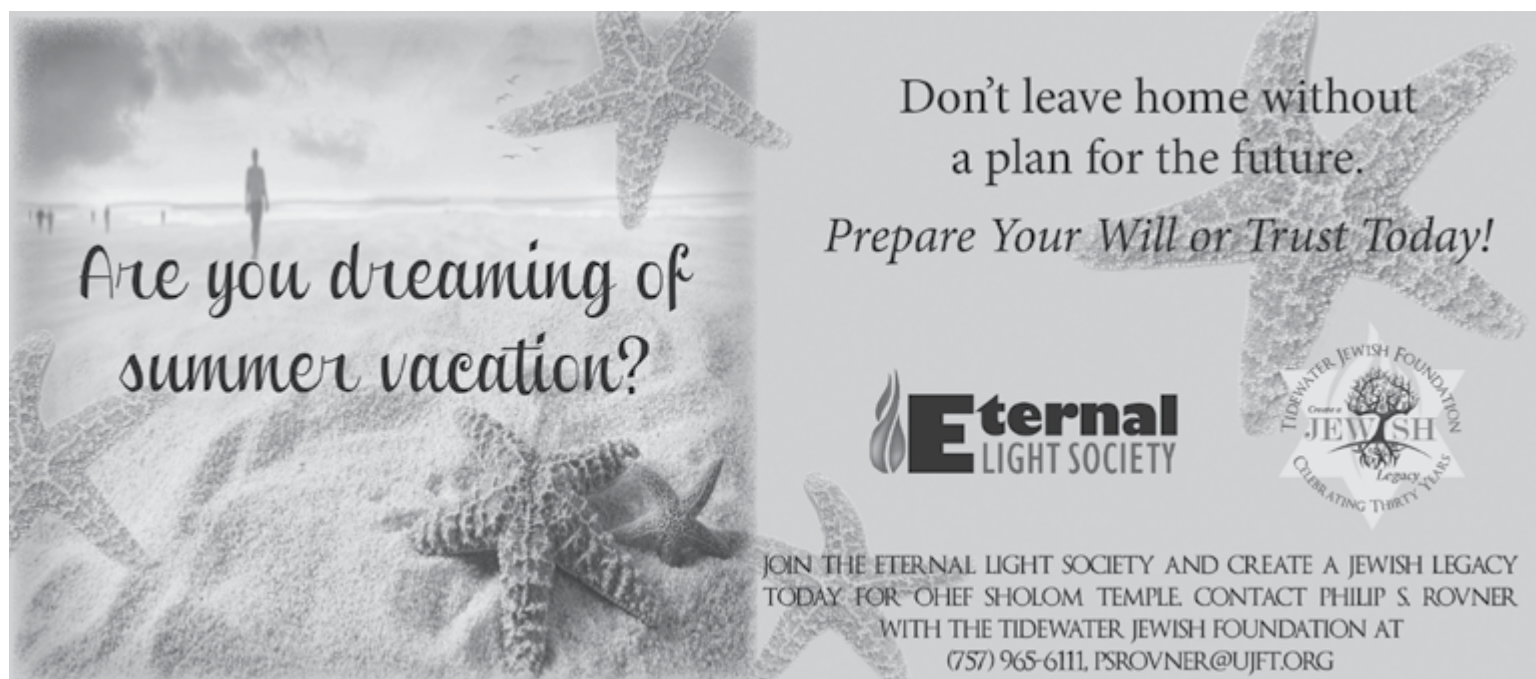
And last, but certainly not least - our youth groups continue to shine with our wonderful OSTY advisors, Amy and Elliott Weinstein, and their amazing President this past year, Maddie Budman. We are so proud of Maddie for receiving NFTY-MAR's highest honor, the Ben Topus Award, given to a senior who demonstrates leadership and exemplifies what it means to be a MARite.

Our new OSTY President for Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015 is Raven Laibstain with the VP positions being filled by Josh Bensink, Miles Fine, Channa Schachet-Briskin, Aaron Bensink, Ginger Johns and Lucie Waldman. In addition, I must mention that Deni Budman is now the Communications Vice President of the regional OSTY organization NFTY-MAR, an amazing accomplishment as she was one of the youngest members on the ticket. I also want to thank Kitty Wolf, our Religious School Educator, and Karen Fine, our Religious School chairman, for keeping our Religious School vibrant, relevant, and operating smoothly with 200+ kids every Sunday. Quite a feat in itself. It is so exciting to see what we are doing for our youth in the congregation - the focus of the URJ - and truly our future.

I could go on and on, but I don't think you want to be here all night. If I didn't mention your name or committee, please know that it is only because of time constraints. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President. Your trust means the world to me. And I ask each of you to please continue to support OST in whatever capacity you are able, both financially and as a volunteer. We need you, I need you, and Ohef Sholom needs you. Thank you.

Respectfully,


Linda Fox-Jarvis, President




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Don't leave home without a plan for the future.

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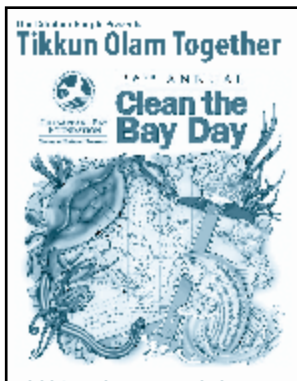
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UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2014, 10:00 A.M.



Tikkun Olam Together

Ohef Sholom Temple is participating in the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's multi-state clean up initiative, Clean the Bay Day! Join us for a hands-on morning helping to heal our beautiful local treasure.

This great family mitzvah opportunity will include cleaning up a waterway and enjoying a boxed lunch picnic on the beach together afterward.

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

\$18/adult, children are free!

This event is open to OST members and potential members.

Register online by May 30 at www.ohefsholom.org/community/YAC

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014, 11:30 A.M.



An Afternoon at the Chrysler with Mavens & Mensches

Please join Mavens & Mensches for a one-hour guided tour of the renovated Chrysler Museum to view newly displayed pieces.

Followed by an optional lunch at the Museum's New Wisteria Cafe

Cost: Price of your optional lunch • Tour is free but donations are appreciated

RSVP by June 16, to linda@ohefsholom.org or 757-625-4295

To learn more about the Chrysler Art Museum visit: www.chrysler.org

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 & JULY 18, 2014, 7:45 P.M.



Prime Time Shabbat Dinner

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

Friday, June 20, 2014 • 7:45 p.m.

The Green Onion, 1603 Colley Ave., Norfolk, VA.
www.thegreenonionrestaurant.com

Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 18

Friday, July 18, 2014 • 7:45 p.m.

Bakers Crust, 330 W 21st Street, Norfolk, VA.
www.bakerscrust.com/locations/norfolk

Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 16

Cost: price of meal

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2014, 5:35 P.M.



Men's Club Tides Game & Picnic (Fireworks Extravaganza following the game!)

Join us at Harbor Park for fun, food, & fireworks as the Norfolk Tides take on the Gwinnet Braves.

OST's own Jonathan Rathsam will be singing the National Anthem!

Adults \$25 (\$20.00 before June 30) • Children under 8 \$20 (\$15 before June 30)

Picnic Menu: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Chips, Watermelon, Cookies, Soft Drinks. Veggie burgers available upon prior request.

Checks must be RECEIVED by Monday, August 4, 2014. Phone reservations will NOT be accepted.

Space is limited. **Make checks payable to "Men's Club" and mail to ATTN: Men's Club to the Temple Office, 530 Raleigh Ave, Norfolk, VA 23507.**

On the memo line of the check please indicate the number of adults and children in your party.

Pickup tickets at the event near the back entrance of the park. Visit www.ohefsholom.org for direction details.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1

Craig S. Derkay
Richard G. Diamonstein
Tracee Elwess
Sherry Goldstein Hecht
Ellen Mesh
Arlene Strelitz
Marti J. Wachtel

June 2

Ruth R. Legum
Charles G. Nusbaum
Ina L. Schmidt

June 3

Teresa L. Canepa
Nancy E. Rosenberg
Susan Sussman
Kenneth N. Whitehurst, Jr.
Henry C. Wolf

June 4

Shelly Simon

June 5

Kenneth Muhlenhoff
Norbert L. Newfield
Kurt M. Rosenbach

June 6

Ann Nusbaum
Stacey Rashti Decker

June 7

Besianne Tavss Maiden

June 8

Jennifer Gebler
Jerry Golden
Robert C. Goodman, Jr.
Marja-Leena Jacobson
Jerry Meltsner
Jonathan Rathsam
Jeffrey A. Swartz
Linda Kayer Willey

June 9

Sharon Shanker

June 10

Teresa Lynne Shapiro
Lynne Sward
Jack Young
Judy Benjamin

June 11

Karen Longwater

June 12

Michael Gebel

June 13

Sharon Goldner
Jonathan Jacobs
Lawrence Klar
Blanche B. Nusbaum
Alfred M. Schulwolf

June 15

Robert Kirschner
Jonathan Muhlenhoff
Victor Pickett

June 16

Susan Allen Cohn
Iris Pincus
Izaak D. Glasser

June 17

June Goldman
Franklin Eugene Green
Jan Lane

June 18

Joshua Kinnear
Alvin A. Wall

June 19

Donald Hurwitz
Stuart J. Kerner

June 20

Jack Frazier

June 21

Rose Ann L. Grossman
Dennis W. Gruelle
Errol S. Lifland
Michael Makela
Ilene Snyder

June 22

Barry Kimnach
Sandra C. Mendelsohn
Pansy D. Perlman
Penny G. Powders

June 23

Peter Benson Crockin
Kim S. Fink
Susan Hooks
Irwin B. Levinstein
Shelley Loeb
Rona McMillan
Sharon A. Ross
Baila P. Waldholtz

June 24

Sarah K. Keasey
David Metzger
Victoria Strasnick

June 26

Brian C. Bachman
Robert S. Collett
Eleanor Sue Kanter
Martin Levin
Brenda G. Lisner
Abbey Pachter
Sharon Rosenbaum
Kenneth Weinstein

June 27

Jay Lazier
Betty S. Sacks

June 28

Sharon Laderberg

June 29

Elise Berkowitz
Howard M. Weisberg

June 30

Joanne Batson
Diane Muhlenhoff
Sarah K. Newfield
Leslie Carol Zapatero

JUNE YAHREZEITS

June 1 - 7

Flora Albert
Frieda Berman Amelson*
Abraham Bress
Lewis Alfred Bress
Harold I. Breit*
Rachel Brown*
Priscilla Close
Arthur Paul Cohen*
Emma Cross
Sara Joo Davidson*
Jennie Lohrman Dobbs*
Milton Drucker*
I. Morton Feldman
Charles Joseph Foster V
Steven Friedman
Ruth Basch Front
Sylvia Geffen
Marion Glazer
Sylvia Greenspoon
Sarah Kayton*
Edna Sara Lazon
Rabbi Morris S. Lazon
Charles P. Leavitt
Reba M. Leterman*
Agatha L. Leventhal*
Jacob Levy
Sarah Lobock
David Lowenberg
Harry Nicholson*
Mary Elizabeth Perkins
Bertha Reisner
Doris Roth
Ida Schafetz
Roberta Schiff
William Waldman*
Julia Weisel*
Richard Wingfield

June 8 - 14

Phillip Barr*
Leo Baydush*
Belle S. Bear
Alice Blumenson
Robert Broudy
Bessie P. Dozoretz*
Minnie Eisenstein*
H. William Fink
Arthur Frasca
Harold Friedman
Elsa Wallerstein Gerst
David Goldrich*
Rachel F. Goldstein*
Murray B. Goldsticker
David H. Goodman*
William H. Harrison*
Stanley Leigh Harrison*
Peggy Hellner
Minnie B. Hollan
Samuel Kaiser
George B. Kaufman*
Hilda Saxon Kerpelman
Albert Laderberg
Coralyn Lakamp
David Ari Leavitt
Regina Weiss Lefkowitz
Emanu-El Lester
Moe Levy*
Lena A. Liverman
Dr. Eugene Lowenberg*
Lt. David Lowenberg, Jr.
Ellie M. Marx*
Sarah Meyerson
Marilyn Moon
Murray Pikelný
Stephen L. Preddy
Rita B. Rosenberg*
Joseph Rottenberg

Maurice Sacks
Daniel Schneider
James Scranton
Michael Shank
Louis Shapiro
Moe Aaron Snyder
Shirley Steinberg
Ernestine Stiffman
Bernice Stillman
Pauline Wasserman*
Bonnie Brill Zipkin

June 15 - 21

Rena Myers Bartley*
Max A. Berger*
Jerome Breinin
Stella Chase
Rita Cogan
Sarah Rebecca Cooper*
Meyer Engelberg
Joseph S. Evans*
Mathilde (Tillie) Farber
Samuel H. Fried*
William Goldman
Sarah Yetta Hecht
Richard B. Keeley
Malvina Kirschner
Isabelle H. Kline*
Allen Kline
Naomi Karlin Laderberg
A.J. Legum
Leo Levine
Leonard Levitan
Simmy Sadie Levy
Bernard Lubschutz
Margaret Newfield
Jeanne Reznick
Lena Riskin
Jean Schepper

Ann Shapiro
Lester S. Sherrick*
Rachel Steel*
Solomon D. Troy
Elise Loemann Ullman*
Louis Wasserman*
Jeffrey Winn

June 22 - 28

Stuart Abramson
Minnie Silverman Adler*
Jennie F. Barr
Marsha Bartley*
Philip Bass
Philip S. Bass
Philip Belkov
Emeri Berkovitz
Jack Bodner
Lynn Chapel
Bertha G. Cohen*
Irene Cohen
Harry Echmann
Mamie Heller Fine*
Abe A. Forman*
Thomas M. Friedman*
Suzanne Galumbeck*
Carl Gilbert*
Harry L. Gilbert*
Max Goldberg
Ruth Kaufman Goldstein
Albert G. Isay
David G. Jacobs*
Stephanie Jacobson*
Beatrice Kagan
David Kaufman
Henry B. Kaufmann*
Jack Klar
Kathryn Levy
Moses Levy

Carl Lifland*
Cameron Munden*
Eleanor Neukrug
Alan Nusbaum
Dorothy Jean Rager*
Andre Roberto
Irving Rosen
Ada Rosenfeld
William Rosenfeld
Robert Rovner
Harry Sacks
James Schiavo
Henry Schlesinger*
Morrie B. Silverstein
Anna Smith
J. Arthur Stein
Selma Swersky
Israel Winn
Sigmund Wolf

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1

Marsha Hirschler
Linda S. Laibstain
Michael Rosenblum
Susan Ryan
Leonard B. Zacks

July 2

Brian Deutsch
Jeanette Friedman

July 3

William Arias
Roy Beskin
Seth Gilbert
Shirley Schulwolf Hainer
Robert S. Kline
Daniel R. Weckstein

July 4

Marilyn Allison
Ragan Freeman
Helen Margolius
Kathleen H. Nichols
Jean M. Snyder

July 5

George H. Metzger
Ronald Miller
Marc Moss
Gerald M. Zeno

July 6

Jonathan Harris
Joan S. Harrison
Barry Kayer
Cindy Levin

July 7

Alex Berkowitz
Morton A. Brownstein
Marty Moody
Donald Sussman

July 9

Laura Gilbert

July 10

Joel Cohn
Burton H. Jaffe
Susan F. Katz

July 11

Becky Feld
Cathi M. Laderberg

July 12

Lynnda Brotman
Matthew Epps
Dale Jacobs
Mary Ann Nadler
Marc L. Paster
Gilbert F. Schmidt, Jr.
Helen Sonenshine

July 13

Charles N. Cooper
Suzanne Feldman
Linda F. McGreevy

July 14

Suzanne W. Gruelle

July 17

Linda P. Nichols
Cathy Lynn Romash
Mimi Stein
Ruth F. Tavss

July 18

Joseph Hooks

July 19

Jerome D. Perlman
Sandra Coplon

July 20

Margaret S. Sawyer

July 21

Fredrick Dagen
Delores Beverly Fox
Martin M. Freedman
Gail Heagen
Joseph H. Hecht
Nathan Jaffe

July 22

Marilyn D. Buxbaum
Beth Campion
Michael Konikoff
Roberto Luna
Robert Pariser

July 23

Asher Rolfe
Edwin A. Salomonsky
Nancy H. Wall

July 24

Bruce I. Longman
Cara D. Novick
Steven Taubman

July 25

Stacie Moss
Debi Stadlin

July 26

James Belote
Jerome Gold

July 27

Kristina Cartwright
Yaniv Drezner
Cheryl Frasca
Norman Olitsky

July 28

Sura Goldner
Jay W. Legum
Ross A. Weinstein

July 29

Paula L. Blachman
Megan Brown
Eric J. Freeman
William L. Nusbaum

July 30

William D. Coley
Marcia Landman
Edna Mendelsohn
Jonathan Schaier
Joashua F. Schulman
Sandra Glasser Tavss

July 31

Matthew Fischi
Shelley Frazier
Patricia Kayer
Heather Wren

JULY Yahrzeits

Jun 29 – July 5

Ilona Aranyi*
Samuel Ashinoff*
Jay D. A. Barr
Ethel Bass*
Fannie Bass
Billy Bazar
Arthur Bear
Harry Berman*
Ethel Brotman
Doris Meyer Cohen*
Sara Comess*
Lewis P. Cooper*
Ida Goldblatt Diamonstein*
Roth Raw Dreggors
Bessie Galumbeck
Satoris Guterman
Roger A. Horne*
Esther Jacobs*
Blanche Kaufman*
Max Kleinfeld*
Frank Laderberg*
Jacob W. Legum
Goldie Levin
Ben Levy
Frank Livingston*
Clara Lohrman*
Fannye Metzger*
Harry Pincus, Sr.*
Minna Powders
Harry Puritz
Peter Reisner
Betty Romulus
Joseph Rose*
David Saks
Sarah G. Segal*
Florence Sherman*
Elise Simon
Lillian M. Strelitz*
Lillian Strom*
Samuel Weisberg
Benjamin Weisel*

July 6 - 12

Jeffrey Blair
Helen Katz Bowdree
Joe Chernitzer
Max Comess*
Alan Seth Deutsch
Leah W. Drew*
Phillip Engel*
Rosabel S. Fleishman
Bertha Levine Gilbert
Phyllis Gilbert
Joseph Glanzer*
Gertrude Rubenstein
Goldberg*
Martha R. Goldin*
Jean Levin
Sidney Lutzin
Leon Miller
Charles Moore
Murray Paster
Benjamin Salomonsky*
Harry C. Schapiro
Milton G. Schloss
Fannie Seldes
Sandra Slaven
Shirley Smith
Meyer Staub
Herman Unger*
Helen Wasserman Van Os*
Birdie Weitsman
Murray Wolsh

July 13 – 19

Ida Adelsdorf*
Henry S. Blumenthal, Jr.*
Dudley Cooper*
Joseph B. Cooper*
Larry Dagen
Bernhard Ebersson*
Dorothy Flax
Barbara Leterman Fletcher*
Milton L. Friedman*
Samuel E. Goodove

Barbara Haag
Eric Hecht
Samuel R. Heller*
Elise N. Hofheimer*
Jack Hogen
John Bennett Jacobson*
Virgie Johns
Elsie Goldstein Kerley
Jeffrey Kesser
Lenora Kroll
Benjamin J. Levy*
Robert McCullough
Evelyn Nadler
Dr. Henry Newfield
Henry Milton Nordin*
Leon Salzberg
Hy Sherman
Luba Zelda R. Small
Joseph Smith
Sylvia Stark
Meyer Steingold*
Pauline J. Turner*
Stephen D. Unger*
Eloise Ward
Pauline C. Whitlock*
Lucy With
Fannie Zittrain

July 20 – 26

Ralph J. Berlin*
Florene Feinberg Berman*
Cecil Blum*
Theodore H. Cohen*
Harry Cohen
Fredric Coplon
Herbert Freeman
Louis H. Friedman*
Frances S. Garnher*
Marcelle H. Gates*
Richard Carl Geis
Etta Goldblatt
Florence W. Goldstein*
Rose S. Gordon*

Anna Ruth Gross
Emma Heimanson*
Lewis D. Hirschler Sr.*
Benjamin Hofheimer*
Jefferson Davis Hofheimer
Fleurette Joo*
Charles King*
Adele H. Koster
Irving Leibowitz
Kenneth Levi*
Anna C. Lisner
Solomon Loeb*
Roberta Moore
Joseph Rosenbaum
Jacob Rotholz*
Milton Saul
Tybell Schub
Hilda Cohen Shank
Michael Shanker*
John "Jack" Simmons*
Shirley Miriam Sobel*
Lewis N. Strelitz*

July 27 – August 2

Benjamin Allen
Barbara Alper
Linda Brill Barnes
Joseph Bohrmann*
Leonard Breinin
Raymond A. Cogan
Rachel L. Cohen
Esther Comess
William Cross
Alberta Evans
Jennie Fass*
Jennie Friedman
Margaret Glans
Elsa Campe Goodman*
Ruth N. Goodman*

Gertrude Gore
Jerry Griffin
Robert Hecht
Benjamin Hoffer*
Ida Horwitz
Leo Jacobs
Amelia Kline*
Iosif Kosoi
Harry Legum*
Howard Legum
Rose Lifland*
Leo H. Maltz
Junius Miller
Lorin Goodman Nelson*
Herman C. Petock
Levi Plant*
Henry Porter
Margery Salzberger
Sylvia W. Schechter*
Lawrence Snyder
Esther Solomon
Martha Stein*
Minnie G. Strelitz*
Gertrude B. Weisberg
Harold Wolff
Mildred Zacks

THE MEN'S CLUB

April 2 Men's Club meeting featured guest speaker, Special Agent Christopher Brindisi, from the Norfolk FBI office. The meeting was attended by a record number of men interested in SA Brindisi's insightful presentation on counter-terrorism. SA Brindisi stayed an additional hour and half after the meeting to continue discussing this important topic with many of our members.

On **April 6, Mitzvah Day**, many individuals donated blood in Simon Hall to the local Red Cross. This life-saving community service owes its huge success to Dr. Meredith Rose, who coordinates this annual event.

Also on Mitzvah Day, Matthew Weinstein and Scott Galbraith led 20 volunteers to build two freestanding gardens for the residents of Gosnold Apartments. Both gardens measured 2' x 8' with one elevated to accommodate handicapped and wheelchair bound residents, and the other built directly on the ground. Now residents will have an opportunity to experience the joy of growing vegetables and flowers.

On **Sunday, April 27, Colonel Ed Shames spoke before a Carpool Café** audience of more than 80 attendees to give a firsthand historical presentation about the experimental 506th Parachute Infantry regiment created in September 1942. After surviving as a plank owner in the 506th, he joined "Easy Company," better known as the "Band of Brothers," in July 1944 and remained with them through Market Garden, the Battle of the Bulge, and the liberation of the concentration camps, until the end of the war in 1945. A junior officer at the time, he was among the first American officers at Dachau and experienced firsthand the horrors of the concentration camps. He subsequently retired as a Colonel from the Army and to this day is haunted by memories of the concentration camps from 69 years ago.

Summer is approaching quickly, and now is the time to purchase tickets for the **Men's Club annual Picnic and Tides Game with fireworks on August 16**. This year we'll be starting the picnic at 5:35 p.m. so the children can eat early and you'll be able to park more easily. The game follows the picnic at 7:05 p.m. and our very own **Jonathan Rathsam will sing the National Anthem**. Come out and show your support for Jonathan and enjoy a picnic, baseball game and fireworks for the whole family. **Tickets are normally \$25.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. If you purchase your tickets before June 30, the price will be \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children. Take advantage of this 20% discount as a great way for the whole family to enjoy a night out.** Call the Temple office at 757-625-4295 for more information.

Thank you to all the men who help out continually with Shabbat dinners, Carpool Cafés, community service projects, Temple events, and financial donations and, of course, to our golfers, who raise money through the annual Golf-A-Thon, making it all possible.

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



Men's Club SPOTLIGHT



Matt Mancoll

Born – Hartford, CT

Education – BS Business Administration, Old Dominion University

Employment – Owner, Bite Restaurant and Catering

Hobbies – Surfing

Marital Status – Married 14 years to Robin Mancoll

Children – Two girls, Hannah 10, and Molly 5

Temple Member – 1990

Residency – Virginia Beach

MILITARY SUPPORT & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

This summer keep in mind that the MSOC is accepting items for the 2014 Chanukah Care packages. A card listing items for donation can be found in the lobby. Thank you for your donations on behalf of our young men and women deployed while serving on active duty. You may also donate online through the Temple's website with a credit card, or by making a check out to OST. Please put "MSOC 2014 Chanukah Care Packages" in the memo line.

We are eternally grateful to all the men and women currently serving on active duty and to those who have previously served our country. If you know of a Jewish service member or member's family in need of assistance, please contact the Temple by calling 625-4295 or emailing military@ohefsholom.org.

Don Friedman, Chairman
military@ohefsholom.org



FROM THE SISTERHOOD

We have had a very busy Sisterhood year and are looking forward to a summer with family and friends when we can recharge our batteries for all the tasks ahead in the next Temple year.

May started with our lovely **Sisterhood Shabbat**, chaired by **Sandi Levi**. The women of Sisterhood read the prayers and we listened to a wonderful speaker, Janet Green, of Habitat for Humanity. We felt empowered and so proud to be Women of Reform Judaism. A delicious dinner prepared by the Men's Club was enjoyed before services.

Our second **Nosh and Knowledge** took place on May 14. Subject: Fiscal Fitness. This event was chaired by **Debi Stadlin** and included **Sally Kocen** and **Kim McMillan** on the panel. We learned how to manage our money, to think of the future with estate planning, and to consider long-term care. All of these subjects may not necessarily have been "comfortable," but need to be discussed for peace of mind.

Our **Annual Sisterhood Meeting**, the final one for the Temple year, took place on the 20th of May. We revisited everything that happened in 2013/2014. So many sisters deserve so many thanks.

Sisterhood raised monies through membership dues; bake, book and bulb sales; Uniongrams and the huge rummage sale.

We participated in a Shabbaton, had a Women's Seder, hosted the Thanksgiving reception, cooked Chanukah and Men's Club dinners, and enjoyed our book club meetings.

We participated in OST's monthly soup kitchen, fed the homeless during NEST, prepared casseroles "ForKids" and sent holiday packages to our college students away from home.

We learned about women's heart disease, breast cancer, and how to be financially fit. We also made a trip to the Richmond Holocaust Museum, we learned about working with glass at an outing to the Chrysler, and we painted a *hamsa* at our paint & wine party.

Summa Summarum: We lived up to the mission of Sisterhood, which is to further religious, social and educational activities of the Temple.

This was a good, productive year and your Co-Presidents could not be more grateful for all of your support, and we are ready -- after we take a deep breath -- to continue working for Sisterhood and the Temple.

Dates and times for Sisterhood meetings during 2014-2015 will be posted over the summer.

Yours in Sisterhood,

Gabriele Jannas

Sisterhood Co-President

496-5222 • gbjannas@outlook.com

Leslie Legum

Sisterhood Co-President

623-9948 • les210@verizon.net

OST Extends a Warm Welcome to Our New Members from the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year

Neil & Allena Anglen

Margie Buxbaum

Marc Cardelia & Cara Novick

Tyler & Stephanie Caskill

Ellie Cesario

Ihor Chernyavskyy & Lyuba Shur-Allen

Rachel Cohen

Claudia Dreyfus

Matthew & Courtney Epps

Ronni Markman Foster

Seth & Gwen Gilbert

Joseph & June Goldman

Megan Goldman

Ethel Raye Greenspan

Heather Merkle Keller

Scott & Alexandra Konikoff

Jonathan & Kimberly Kranz

Ted & Cindy Levin

Burke & Vivian Margulies

Andrew Nusbaum

Ethan & Gretchen Ostroff

Bobby & Stacey Richman

Betsy Sanders

Jeff Schnader

Ronni Schatz

Shari & Dan Schieble

Lorin Schwartz

George & Jenny Sterns

Abby Stoler

Ross & Verena Weinstein

Larry & Jan Weintraub

William P. Williams & Janet Green

Bob & Vicki Wolfson

Joe & Leah Wolsh

Lenny & Cinda Zacks



Three generations of Brotmans help out at Oasis Social Ministries. Margie Brotman writes, "This is a wonderful way for families to perform a Mitzvah together!"



Lawrence Steingold is presented with the 2014 Kaufmann Award.

Religious School Students Enter Essay Contest

This year marked the First Annual Mollie & George Radin Archives Trust sponsored Religious School Essay Contest. All Religious School students in grades 1 through 10 were invited to participate.

The question posed was as follows:

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?

Bradley Friedman helped to coordinate the competition for his bar mitzvah project. He also developed the judging rubric, which the judges used to assess grammar, spelling, good wording, and an implementable idea. Finally, he compiled a list of "lessons learned" from the essays, which he submitted to Kitty Wolf, Religious School Educator, and Cantor Wally.

Congratulations to Helene Schulwolf who won first place and \$100, Alisa Kosovsky who won second place and \$50, and Ayden Cohn who won third place and \$25. We are pleased to print their winning essays.

Our "Home" Improvements

by Helene Schulwolf

There are many things we can do as a congregation to make the Temple a better and happier place. My ideas focus on the Sunday School and our connection with the Jewish community.

The Sunday School program is great, but there are some minor things that could make it even better such as: a buddy program, offering Art more often and adding extra activities to Hebrew class. A buddy program matches all grades with older students. It gives younger students a chance to get to know older students, who can give helpful hints about the Temple and Sunday School. It also helps older students be a role model for younger students and get to know them. The younger students look up to their buddies as they go through the year.

Special programs could be held for "buddies" to spend time together. Buddies could sit together at services, have ice cream socials and have special bonding time to talk.

Art is fun and we get to express ourselves. It is a great way to learn about the Jewish holidays. But, we only have Art once every three weeks. I would like to see Art offered every week. We do not need to complete an art project each week, but if we had projects that are more time consuming, having the class each week would let us work on projects each week. Hebrew class is very important, but if the class had movies, short videos and games that help explain things, we'd all have fun learning.

The Temple is already connected to the Jewish community, but here are a few ideas to get more connected like mini Mitzvah days and speakers at Sunday school. Mini Mitzvah Days could be held every two months. Buddies could pair together and classes could group together to do projects for charities. For example, the Sunday School selects a different charity for each mini Mitzvah Day and the classes work together in small groups and discuss what they'd like to do for their Mitzvahs. On the Mitzvah Day, the small groups work to perform their mitzvahs. It would let younger students work with older students. My school has a similar program called Seminar Day. As part of mini Mitzvah Day, a speaker from that charity could come and talk about how the charity helps the community and how our mitzvahs help support others.

The Temple is an amazing place. In my opinion, if we make some small improvements, it will make a big impact on our Temple community.

OST Essay Contest

by Alisa Kosovsky

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." In 2019, Ohef Sholom Temple will be celebrating 175 years of being founded. In the three years that I have been part of the congregation at Ohef Sholom, I have never felt more part of a Jewish community. The Temple welcomed me and my family with open arms and made me really embrace my Jewish religion. I have had the honor of having my Bat Mitzvah at OST, and I joined OSTY, the Temple youth group. Although, it might be a little challenging, there are many things that Ohef Sholom Temple can do to be a wonderful and inspiring place for many, many, more decades.

Although the student community is very tight knit right now, it won't necessarily always be. Someday, when we are older and have jobs and families of our own, we will forget all enjoyable times we had celebrating being Jewish as a community. That's why a reunion would be perfect. It would remind people of the fun they had when they were younger. It would bring together the Jewish community even after many years and rekindle the friendships that we made. It would inspire us in many, many ways. The Temple could do a reunion a couple of years after confirmation or maybe do one every one or two years. The more the better, after all.

Last year, I visited the Virginia Holocaust Museum, and my class took a field trip there recently. I think it was a very interesting experience for my classmates, and it really taught them a lot. From the viewpoint of a student, I think that we really enjoy field trips and it gives us a whole new perspective on the Jewish topic at hand. We are able to look at it in a whole new way and it really makes us proud of being a Jew. I think that more field trips will give the students a different viewpoint on a topic and make it enjoyable to learn about Judaism.

Lastly, I think that the Temple should have more events and clubs that are fun but also bring us together as a congregation. The Purim Carnival, Hanukah Happening, and OSTY are a good example of that. The events are both enjoyed by adults and children alike and bring everyone together. While all the fun is happening, most of us don't realize that we are also learning too. The Temple can have more events like these for more holidays. They can host Jewish campfire sing-alongs (starring Cantor Wally, of course). These events bring the congregation together more than anybody realizes it. Also, I have joined OSTY this year and I think it is a great way to connect with Jewish kids your age. The Temple can have more events within OSTY and maybe more kids will want to join.

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A big *TODAH RABAH* to all our great teachers, staff, madrichim and the wonderful involvement of our Religious School Committee under the outstanding leadership of Karen Fine for a really successful school year.

Here are some highlights :

- A comprehensive Strategic Plan for the Religious School was developed with input from the Religious School Committee, teachers and parents.
- Our Special Needs Education Program continued to develop and expand. Our Special Education teacher, Heather Keller, presented an excellent training workshop at the JCC for the teachers and staff of all our area Jewish schools and programs.
- Our new Hebrew Specialist, Marnie Waldman, brought a modern Hebrew program, *Hebrew through Movement*, to our classrooms each week, making modern Hebrew accessible and fun.
- We were able to purchase and present the special "Inside Israel U" program to 7th and 9th grades with the help of a grant from the Federation.
- With the help and support of the Special Needs and Security Committee, we have put new emphasis on keeping our students safe, with updated security procedures. This included a great Safety and Security training session for teachers, madrichim and staff provided through the City of Norfolk.
- Classes took some interesting field trips including ones to The Richmond Holocaust Museum, the Mikvah, and a Jewish cemetery. And the Jewish Museum and Cultural Center came to us with their interactive program, "Coming to America."
- We were able to support additional specialized training for teachers including a Special Needs Seminar in Richmond for our special education staff and an online course to learn how to teach *Hebrew through Movement* for our Hebrew Specialist. We were also able to send one participant to a three-week Jewish Education program for young people interested in going into careers in the Jewish community. We are proud to announce that eighteen of our teachers received Continuing Education Awards and twenty of our madrichim received Youth Excellence Awards from the Jewish Education Council.
- Thanks to art teachers, Burgess Hodges and Sara Bachman, and music teacher, Marilyn Johns, we enriched our curriculum with music and art projects directly related to what each class was studying. Check them out on our new Religious School Blog at the following link! www.ohefsholom.org/study/religious-school/religious-school-blog.



We are always interested in hearing from our parents.
Do you have ideas, questions, concerns? Please contact Kitty Wolf, kitty@ohefsholom.org.

OST THIRD GRADERS HELP THE JFS FOOD CLOSET



In April, Heather Fiske's 3rd grade Religious School class donated food to the Jewish Family Service's Food Closet. After it was mentioned at a Religious School Committee meeting that Jewish Family Service was in need of nonperishable food for their food pantry, Heather decided to do a lesson plan for her 3rd grade class.

Following the lesson the class brought in food to donate to the JFS Food Closet. Food donations to the JFS are greatly needed and much appreciated. According to Jody Laibstain, JFS Volunteer Coordinator, "We will gladly accept all canned and boxed foods but the items that are the most needed are: boxed cereal, canned fruit, tuna and peanut butter. The number of people visiting our general food pantry has tripled since last summer. Last summer we had approximately 35 people visit the pantry each month and just this past month we had 80 people visit with a total household population of 300 people."

Way to go 3rd grade!!

THE CARING COMMITTEE



**Our next meals will be Mondays,
June 30 & July 28, starting at 9:30 a.m.**

Dorianne Villani, *Soup Kitchen Chair*
dvillani@cox.net, 301-6477

TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

Don't forget to bring us the toiletries you collect. We use them to give out to our Soup Kitchen patrons and/or to support Hospitality for the Homeless.

There is a collection box in the front hallway of the Temple in the "Community Corner," for the toiletries.

Mazel Tov!



CONGRATULATIONS TO HANNAH
EMILY ABRAHAM ON HER
UPCOMING BAR MITZVAH ON
JUNE 7, 2014

Hannah is the
daughter of David &
Rachel Abraham,

sister of Anne, granddaughter of Sugar &
Henry Abraham and Joan & Ken Johnson.

Religious School Winning Essays Continued

The examples listed are just a few of wonderful ideas that can make Ohef Sholom Temple a wonderful, active, inspirational place for many more decades.

A More Social Temple

by Ayden Cohn

Imagine Ohef Sholom Temple having a much friendlier, relaxed, and more social environment. People would come here to socialize with other members of our congregation throughout the week, instead of rushing home as soon as services end. They would also be more involved in the Temple. How would you feel if every member of our diverse and pleasant Temple congregation became unified together and knew each other? While this idea for our Temple may seem farfetched, I have some ideas to make this dream a reality. We could put them into action in a few years to celebrate our incredible Temple's huge 175th anniversary. I believe by organizing youth dinners, adult wine and food tastings, and community service trips around the country could bring our congregation more together and keep families coming back to synagogue.

To begin, children and teen dinners could be organized a couple nights each month. Movies could be shown and "kid-friendly" food could be served. These youths would be able to make Jewish friends for life. Furthermore, children would take initiative to get there because they enjoy coming, rather than having a parent drag them to Temple. Parents may complain that it is too long of a drive from home to drop off their kids to the dinner and then later have to come back and pick them up. To solve this, an adult wine and food sampling during the youth dinners should be organized. This will allow adults from the Temple to get to know each other better. In short, organizing youth dinners and adult wine tastings will allow Jewish families to get to know each other better and want to come to Temple.

Moreover, the Temple's members could unite more with community service trips. The Temple could rent a bus and bring a group of people to do community service together. Besides that great feeling that comes from helping others, Temple members that would go on the trip would make new friends from the Temple. Further, members could establish a yearly retreat where they fly somewhere around the country, or even the world, to help struggling communities. Through this volunteer work, bonds will be made by members in the Temple. All in all, through community service groups here at Ohef Sholom Temple, our congregation will become closer.

In conclusion, by organizing youth dinners, adult wine and food tastings, and community service trips, people in the Temple would get to know each other better, while becoming more involved at synagogue. Youth dinners will make children want to come to Temple more than just Sunday school. Adult wine tastings will allow adults to have a monthly social night with other members. Community service will bring congregation members together as they make the world a better place. By organizing more social events at the Temple, members, families, and students will become more involved and want to be at Temple, and these events would be perfect to start on the 175th anniversary.

Wish List

Religious School is looking for monetary donations to upgrade the computers in the computer lab. **No contribution is too small!** Thanks in advance for your support.

Call the Temple office at 757-625-4295 for donation information.



JUNE 2014

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
1	2	3 4:00 p.m. House Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee Mtg.	4 Office Closed for Shavout	5	6 6:30 p.m. UPB Shabbat Service	7 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:00 a.m. YAC Event (offsite) 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Abraham
8 7:00 a.m. Oasis Breakfast (offsite)	9 Casseroles ForKids Pickup	10	11 6:00 p.m. Torah Study	12	13 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	14 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services 7:00 p.m. Casino Night "Back to the '80s" (Annual FUNdraiser)
15 Father's Day	16 12:45 p.m. Special Needs & Security Committee Mtg.	17 7:00 a.m. Walking Group	18 6:00 p.m. Torah Study	19 7:00 p.m. Board Mtg. 11:30 a.m. An Afternoon at the Chrysler with MM's	20 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services 7:45 p.m. Prime Time Shabbat Dinner (off site)	21 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services
22	23	24	25 6:00 p.m. Torah Study	26	27 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	28 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services
29	30 9:30 a.m. "Warm Hearts" Soup Kitchen					

JULY 2014

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
		1 4:00 p.m. House Committee Mtg.	2 12:30 p.m. Executive Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Torah Study	3	4 Office Closed for July 4th 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	5 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services
6	7	8	9 6:00 p.m. Torah Study	10	11 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	12 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services
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Walkers Wanted:



Join a group of OST walkers for a 4 to 5 mile walk on Thursday, June 17, 2014, at 7:00 a.m. at Mt. Trashmore in Virginia Beach.

This is a new group for people interested in walking for good health and community. The group aims to take a planned walk once or twice a month of approximately five or more miles (to take about two hours). We could explore walks in First Landing State Park, Newport News' Noland Trail, Sandbridge, Back Bay – the options are endless. Each walker would be responsible for planning one walk.

To get more information or to RSVP contact Linda at 625-4295 or linda@ohelsholom.org.

**OSTY Installations
and Year-End Pool Party!**

Join us for food, fun and friends!
OSTY Board Installations, Senior farewells, a pool party
and of course, tons of food!

Bring your bathing suit, your appetite and your
camera, and come for an awesome afternoon to
conclude OSTY's 2013-2014 school year!

**3:00-6:00PM
June 7, 2014**

Budman Family Home
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Norfolk, VA

RSVP to OSTYAdvisors@gmail.com