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## MISSION STATEMENT:

*"My House Shall be  
Called a House of Prayer  
For All Peoples"*

To provide a spiritual,  
cultural and educational  
environment inspired  
by the highest  
Reform Jewish values.

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**Chanukah LIVE**  
DECEMBER 2 - 9 | 6:30 PM

Each night of Chanukah we will stream the lighting of the menorah from a different location. Stay tuned for opportunities to take part!

 LIKE US ON FACEBOOK and light the candles with us!  
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or link to our Facebook from our website  
[www.ohefsholom.org](http://www.ohefsholom.org)

## shabbat for everyone

Pre-neg  
**5:30**

Multi-generational  
Shabbat Service  
**6:00**

Sisterhood sponsored  
**175th Anniversary  
Chanukah Dinner**  
**6:45**

Teen Social  
**7:10**

Please bring  
donations of  
warm gloves,  
hats or socks  
for NEST

**Reservations  
made after  
Nov. 30:**  
Adults - \$20,  
Children 12 &  
Under - \$10

Please RSVP to (757) 625-4295 or  
[reservations@ohefsholom.org](mailto:reservations@ohefsholom.org).  
NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DEC. 4

**Friday,  
Dec. 7**

The menu will include:  
**DINNER**  
Beef Brisket  
Roasted Carrots  
Fresh Green Salad  
Potato Latkes & Fixings  
Challah  
Vegetarian "Meatloaf"  
**CHILDREN**  
Chicken Nuggets  
**DESSERT**  
Brownies  
Donut Holes

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## ★ CLERGY CORNER

### Chanukah: Re-dedicating Ourselves To Be A Light Unto the Nations

With Thanksgiving behind us and Chanukah fast approaching, it is easy to allow the passage of time to dull our memory of the events of the month of October during which 12 college kids and a Sheriff Sergeant were gunned down in a country western bar in Thousand Oaks, CA; two African American shoppers were killed in a Kroger's in Kentucky; and 11 Jewish worshippers at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh were killed during Shabbat morning services, the worst attack against Jews in the history of our great nation. Speaking, respectively, at both the Service of Healing and Town Hall Meeting on October 29 and at #showupforshabbat on November 2nd, our member and social justice and inclusion advocate Susan Feit and I called for action. "Enough is enough," we said. Enough death and destruction. Enough hate, racism, bigotry and anti-Semitism. Enough hateful rhetoric. Enough gun violence. Enough silence. We have mourned and prayed over and again these past few years with little change.

Prayer has its place -- providing the strength of community, comfort during sorrow, and hope for a better future. But we have all been trying to put our heads together to figure out what we can actually do. How can we respond as a Jewish community to continue to build bridges with our neighbors who stood so tall with us in October? How do we provide a safe space to share concern and dialogue? What can we do to really combat hate so that we can make a difference in our community and world? How can we do our part to be that "light unto the nations" that the prophet Isaiah (49:6), on behalf of God, demanded that we be? How can OST partner with other congregations, communal and religious organizations, local colleges . . . to



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build something enduring -- to make of that fateful, awful moment on Shabbat morning, October 27, a movement for lasting change?

Cantor Jen and I have been meeting, not only with Susan, but also with Rabbi Arnowitz of Beth El, the Board of Rabbis and Cantors of Hampton Roads, and HUBB (Hands United Building Bridges), Robin Mancoll of the UJFT CRC, Amy Milligan of ODU's Institute for Jewish Studies and Interfaith Understanding, Craig Wansink and Kelly Jackson of Virginia Wesleyan's Center for Religious Freedom, Scott Debb of Norfolk State University, and Jonathan Zur of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities to work together on a communal response. Stay tuned for a series of events from January to June in which we provide forums for this sacred work with these sacred partners. Please let Cantor Jen or Rabbi Roz know if you are interested in working with us by emailing [cantorjen@ohefsholom.org](mailto:cantorjen@ohefsholom.org) or [rabbim@ohefsholom.org](mailto:rabbim@ohefsholom.org).

Chanukah (December 2 - 10) provides us with a wonderful opportunity to be the light we seek to be in the darkness that surrounds us. Literally meaning "re-dedication," we will dedicate the first of our Facebook Live Candle Lightings (December 2 at 6:30 pm) to this goal of re-committing ourselves to working for a brighter world. May this year's Chanukah miracle be that, together, we bring light, hope and peace to our neighbors, our families, and ourselves. ☆

Marty joins me in wishing you all a Happy Chanukah,

*Rabbi Roz*

## LAY LEADER

**President**  
Karen Fine  
[president@ohefsholom.org](mailto:president@ohefsholom.org)



"Un-Shabbaton" Weekend Retreat  
Outer Banks 2018



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Ohef Sholom's own **Elaine Luria** for winning a seat in the House of Representatives, representing the 2nd Congressional district.

Many thanks to **Sharon Nusbaum & June Saks**, co-chairs of the 100th Anniversary of the Sanctuary, and **Kim Simon Fink & Terri Budman**, co-chairs of the 175th Anniversary, for planning a beautiful celebration with Rick Jacobs. Many said it was the most wonderful event they'd ever attended at Temple!



# CONDOLENCES

*Ohef Sholom offers heartfelt condolences to the following members & friends:*

**Steve Snyder (Russie)** on the loss of his father, **Ed Snyder**.

**Harvey Kagan** on the loss of his wife, **Joanne Kagan**.

**Linda Laibstain** on the loss of her husband,  
**Bill Nusbaum (Sharon)** on the loss of his father,  
and **Leigh Nusbaum** on the loss of her grandfather,  
**Robert C. Nusbaum**.

# MAZEL TOV!

**Congratulations to Jacob Morrissey on his upcoming Bar Mitzvah on December 1!**

Jacob is the son of Alyson & Chris Morrissey, the grandson of Martha & David Javinsky, and the brother of Leia & Elijah Morrissey.

## Did You Know?

Ohef Sholom Temple is now set up with Fidelity Charitable. If you or your employer has a Giving Fund with Fidelity Charitable, you can direct your charitable giving funds to Ohef Sholom Temple by using our Tax ID # 54-6002056.

For more information, check out their website at:  
[www.FidelityCharitable.org](http://www.FidelityCharitable.org)

## TORAH PORTIONS: DECEMBER

**December 1 23 Kislev**

*Torah Study - 9:00 am*

Parashat Vayeshev, Genesis 37:1 - 40:23

Haftarah: Amos 2:6 - 3:8

**December 3 25 Kislev**

Parashat Chanukah (Day 1)

Numbers 7:1 - 7:17

**December 4 26 Kislev**

*Torah Study - 4:00 pm*

Parashat Chanukah (Day 2)

Numbers 7:18 - 7:29

**December 5 27 Kislev**

Parashat Chanukah (Day 3)

Numbers 7:24 - 7:35

**December 6 28 Kislev**

Parashat Chanukah (Day 4)

Numbers 7:30 - 7:41

**December 7 25 Kislev**

Parashat Chanukah (Day 5)

Numbers 7:36 - 7:47

**December 8 30 Kislev**

*Torah Study - 9:00 am*

Parashat Miketz, Genesis 41:1 - 44:17,

Numbers 28:9 - 28:15 | Shabbat Rosh

Chodesh Chanukah

maf: Numbers 7:42 - 7:47

Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

**December 9 1 Tevet**

Parashat Chanukah (Day 7 on Rosh Chodesh)

Numbers 28:1 - 28:15

maf: Numbers 7:48 - 7:53

**December 10 2 Tevet**

Parashat Chanukah (Day 8)

Numbers 7:54 - 8:4

**December 11 3 Tevet**

*Torah Study - 4:00 pm*

**December 15 7 Tevet**

*Torah Study - 9:00 am*

Parashat Vayigash, Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15 - 37:28

**December 18 10 Tevet**

*Torah Study - 4:00 pm*

Parashat Asara B'Tevet, Exodus 32:11 - 34:10

**December 22 14 Tevet**

*Torah Study - 9:00 am*

Parashat Vayechi, Genesis 47:28 - 50:26

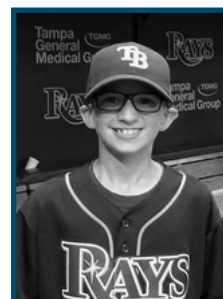
Haftarah: I Kings 2:1 - 2:12

**December 29 21 Tevet**

*Torah Study - 9:00 am*

Parashat Shemot, Exodus 1:1 - 6:1

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





# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

*"A Vision without a Plan is just a dream - A Plan without a Vision is drudgery, A Vision with a Plan can change the world."*  
- Old Proverb



**Karen Fine**  
Temple President  
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One of the essential roles a board of directors plays in any organization is the fiduciary responsibility of providing proper oversight and adequate resources for the organization to fulfill its mission. Resources include not only financial ones, but human resources as well. Assuring there is proper staffing, volunteers, and dollars needed to realize, or achieve, the vision it has for the future. Financial resources feed into the health and stability of an organization. Investing in the right people necessary to carry out the identified strategic goals is essential to overall success. The board also has the responsibility of determining *how* the organization creates the needed revenue. A comprehensive plan outlining *how* funds will be raised is often referred to as the development plan.

Quite often, organizations without a staff person trained in development, likely due to a lack of resources for a professional in this area, rely heavily on volunteers to create the *development plan*. As a result, it often isn't as sophisticated in its approach to strategically raise the needed dollars. When the organization wants greater assurance of success in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibility, a viable option is to retain the expertise of a development or fundraising professional for help. Though there is a cost to doing this, it is more affordable than hiring a staff person and can be negotiated for specific purpose. Though many may feel this expertise isn't warranted, it is usually money well spent in the long run.

*We of Ohef Sholom have a plan and a vision, one that we continue to hone and refine, especially around the education of our children and our congregation, and the deeper engagement of current and future generations. We have been drafting and refining our case for support that answers our WHY, the benefits of our Ohef Sholom Temple community, and WHY it is relevant and important to our community, lives, and world, and WHY it is important for it to thrive into the future.*

Knowing what resources are available for this sacred endeavor is critical to planning for our future. A *feasibility study* is a project management tool designed to help understand and gather data as to whether a plan can be successfully carried out. It helps assess the viability of a plan and determine the likelihood of its success.

Our OST board has engaged the professional expertise of Allison Bough of SparkNonprofit to help us gather information and better plan for our future. We are so grateful for her help and for those who have agreed to participate in interviews with her as part of this process. We trust that this endeavor will give us a better understanding of the potential of resources available, and allow us to be more strategic, and ultimately successful, in planning for our future. Rather than guess, assume, or rely on wishful thinking as a strategy, gathering real data is a more effective plan. Once completed, Allison will present the summary of our *feasibility study* so we can then strategize the best way

forward.

Recent events like the tragedy in Pittsburgh and others have, in my opinion, made our *case for support* even stronger. The fear, anxiety, and despair resulting from these tragedies is *Why we are needed now, more than ever*. The tragic events happening in our world, caused by fear and hate, speak to a collective spiritual disconnection.

People have become disconnected from the Source from which we were created, the *something greater than us* that connects us all, which I call God. One solution to this spiritual crisis is reconnection. We reconnect to this *greater something* when we come together in community, in solidarity, to share our collective moments of joy and grief. We have many recent examples of the power of community to heal and strengthen, and create the positive experiences that will *move us* to take the actions needed, to *BE the change* we all wish to see in our world. I recognize this is a somewhat simplistic view of a complicated world with complex problems; however, I believe that solutions need to come from a different level of consciousness than that in which they are created. I believe as does Poet-Philosopher Noah benShea that *"Your fears can be a source of strength for your faith, if you put your faith and not your fears in charge."*

The Healing ceremony we had the Monday following the events in Pittsburgh was just one poignant example of what happens when people come together, en masse, to share their fears, sadness, grief, anger, confusion, and feelings of hopelessness and despair. I know I was changed. I felt the energy of love, healing and hope return and grow deep inside me. I don't think there was anyone who didn't feel more connected, less alone and less afraid because of this experience. It empowered us to feel we possess the power to overcome hatred and fear when we come together as one.

*We of Ohef Sholom are first and foremost A House of Prayer for All Peoples and a sacred space dedicated to practicing and expressing our Jewish faith through worship, prayer, song, deeds of loving kindness, and community. All that we do and all that we stand for make for a compelling case in my mind and heart. I hope that in the days, weeks, and year ahead, you will reconnect with us and your faith as often as you can. For it is when we come together as a whole community that we are collectively healed and transformed, and a conscious connection with our spiritual source is made and strengthened. When this happens, we truly have the power to change our world.*

*"It's in the convergence of spiritual people becoming active and active people becoming spiritual that the hope of humanity now rests."*

- Van Jones

Shalom! ☆

# WE APPRECIATE THE THOUGHTFULNESS OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT OST

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

Please have your donations submitted to the Temple before the beginning of each month.

## 175TH ANNIVERSARY FUND

**Congratulations on a beautiful 100th Anniversary of the Sanctuary:**

SHARON NUSBAUM & JUNE SAKS

\*Debbie & Don Keeling  
**In Honor of 100th & 175th Anniversaries:**  
100TH & 175TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

\*Sharon & Bill Nusbaum  
**In Memory of:**

EUGENE ALFRED DENISON

\*Debbie & Don Keeling  
MARJORIE DUDLEY

\*Debbie & Don Keeling  
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\*Debbie & Don Keeling  
ROBERT C. NUSBAUM

\*Terri & Steve Budman  
\*Carol & Lou Sherman

## MOLLIE AND GEORGE RADIN ARCHIVES FUND

**In Honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of:**  
MINETTE & CHARLES COOPER

\*Terri & Steve Budman

**In Memory of:**  
ROBERT C. NUSBAUM

\*Marcia & Henry Schwan  
EDWARD SNYDER

\*Marcia & Henry Schwan  
\*Helen & Alvin Margolius

FRANK STROUD  
Ruth & Edward Legum

**Wishing a Happy Birthday to:**

RICHARD KLINE  
\*Ruth & Edward Legum

## CARING COMMITTEE FUND

**In Memory of:**

JOANNE KAGAN

\*Diane & Ken Muhlendorf

## CARING COMMITTEE FUND - NEST

**To take care of our needy:**

\*Loty & Gene Albert

**In Honor of:**

CAROL LAIBSTAIN

\*Dilys & Thomas Stowell

## CARING COMMITTEE FUND - SOUP KITCHEN

**In Memory of:**

ROBERT C. NUSBAUM

\*Barbara & Paul Johnson

**Wishing a Happy Birthday to:**

DEBBIE KEELING

\*Gabriele Jannas

& Fred Pugh

## FINE ARTS FUND

**In Memory of:**

JOANNE KAGAN

Lorraine Fink

## FLORAL FUND

**In Memory of:**

PHILIP L. BALL

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Marsha & Marty Moody

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**In Memory of:**

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\*Martha & Robert

Goodman

\*Jay Legum

\*Diane & Ken Muhlendorf

\*Rose & Kurt Rosenbach

KATHY ROSENBAACH

\*Rose & Kurt Rosenbach

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\*Rose & Kurt Rosenbach

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**In Memory of:**

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Bob Liverman

EDWARD SNYDER

\*Shauna & Helen Snyder

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Bob Liverman

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Bob Liverman

ROBERT SEEHERMAN

Bob Liverman

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**Wishing a speedy recovery to:**

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Marilyn Levy

SHIM PLOTKIN

Marilyn Levy

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**In Memory of:**

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EDWARD SNYDER

\*Edythe Harrison

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\*Barbara & Errol Lifland

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RABBI ROSALIN

MANDELBERG

Barbara Rosenblum

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Suzanne Barr

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Barbara Rosenblum

EDWARD SNYDER

\*Susan & Alan Nordlinger

**With Appreciation to:**

RABBI ROSALIN

MANDELBERG

\*Terri & Steve Budman

\*Cathy Eichelbaum

## SISTERHOOD - FORKIDS FUND

**With Appreciation for the 35th Anniversary wishes:**

\*Martha & Robert Kline

## TEMPLE FUND

**In Memory of:**

AL NELOWET

Ellen & Jon Harris

ROBERT C. NUSBAUM

\*Elayne Lavenstein Axel

Jeffrey Chernitzer

\*Jane & Lenny Frieden

\*Sandra & Jerry Friedman

Ellen & Jon Harris

\*Harvey L. Lindsay, Jr.

\*Shelley & Jeff Loeb

\*Arlene & Jack Rephan

\*Margaret & Bill Sawyer

\*Vee Vee & Jon Scott

\*Deborah & Michael Via

EDWARD SNYDER

Suzanne Barr

\*Kay & Richard Kline

\*Bunny Mirman

\*Pam & Dan Snyder

\*Deborah & Michael Via

**For OST's Security:**

\*Ghent United Methodist

Church and Preschool

## WOODWARD MUSIC FUND

**In Memory of:**

JULIAN B. JACOBS

\*His Family

STEPHEN NADLER

\*Marilyn & Stuart Buxbaum

ROBERT C. NUSBAUM

Suzanne Barr

\*Marilyn & Stuart Buxbaum

\*Leslie Friedman

\*Marynell & Stephan

Gordon

\*Barbara & Bill Hearst

\*Nancy Jacobson

Vivian & Burke Margulies

Betty & Irwin Sacks

Ruth Schepper

ZELMA G. RIVIN

\*Rick Rivin & Theo Bonk

EDWARD SNYDER

\*Elayne Lavenstein Axel

## LESLIE LEGUM CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

**In Memory of:**

JULIAN B. JACOBS

Jay Legum

ROBERT C. NUSBAUM

Ronni Schatz

\*denotes gifts of \$25 or more

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dear OST Congregants,

As the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors, I am writing to invite YOU, our valued OST members, to apply to serve our congregation as a Board of Director of Ohef Sholom Temple. Whether you come often to the Temple or just come once or twice a year, this is an opportunity to serve Ohef Sholom Temple in new and meaningful ways!

Our OST Board members are advocates and ambassadors both within the Temple and in the outside community. They are not only expected to attend monthly Board meetings (third Thursday evening of the month), but to agree to serve on at least two Temple committees, support Temple fundraisers, and attend services and other Temple events on a frequent basis. The current openings for the Board of Directors will commence in May of 2019 at the Annual Meeting and will continue for a 3-year term.

If you have the desire to serve OST, I encourage you to apply for a Temple Board Director position on or before February 15, 2019. Please email me for a questionnaire form. All Board Director applicants' names will be kept confidential by the Nominating Committee and the

Executive Committee. Due to the small number of Board positions available, we may be unable to invite all who apply to serve as a Board member this year, but please do not let that deter you from expressing interest. In addition, please consider serving on a Temple Committee or Group. This is a great way to "get your feet wet" in engaging in Temple life in a more meaningful way and can be a stepping stone to moving into a leadership role. There are many choices for involvement at OST!

We hope this process creates the opportunity for more of our members to get involved with Ohef Sholom Temple's leadership. OST is a \$1.4 million organization that requires leadership and skills to function and fulfill our mission of being a welcoming House of Worship and Sacred Community. We cannot do this without our devoted volunteers and lay leaders.

Please feel free to email me or Karen Fine, Temple President, with any questions or comments. ☆

**Linda Fox-Jarvis**

2019 Nominating Committee, Chair  
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# EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT

As we are coming off of Thanksgiving and heading into Chanukah, we are tuned into the amazing gifts surrounding us and are excited to share this with others. Gift giving is a large part of the holiday season. In the spirit of Chanukah and the holiday season, the SLC will be continuing our tradition of participating in JFS's Chanukah outreach program reaching out to the elderly in the area. It is an absolute blessing to be a part of a community that so frequently connects to others. Wishing you and your family a *chag urim sameach!* (Chanukah greeting - Happy holiday of lights!) ☆



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## Sunday Learning Community Events



**December 2 - Chanukah Kick-off at the JCC!**  
 Special Program at the JCC! (See Below)

**December 9**  
**8:45 am** Hebrew  
**10:00 am** Sunday Learning Community and Showing of the film "Tidewater" (a joint program with Eco-Judaism for the parents of SLC)  
**11:00 am** Wiggles & Giggles  
**12:30 pm** Better Together  
**12:45 pm** Faculty Meeting

**December 16**  
**8:45 am** Hebrew  
**10:00 am** Sunday Learning Community

### ENJOY WINTER BREAK!

**January 5 - Shabbat B'Yachad with OSTY at JCC**  
 Special Program at the JCC! (See Below)  
**9:45 am** Registration  
**10:00 am** Program Begins  
**12:30 pm** Program Ends

**Sunday, Dec. 9**  
**10:20 - 11:45 am**

OST Education and Eco-Judaism Present  
**TIDEWATER**  
 A FILM BY ROGER SORKIN  
 Film screening, followed by discussion, action items & OST's environmental efforts

**wiggles & giggles**  
 with a Jewish Twist

**Next Event: December 9 at 11:00 am**  
 For more information, contact Kitty Wolf at [kitty@ohefsholom.org](mailto:kitty@ohefsholom.org) or 757-625-4295

## A SLC Special Program CHANUKAH KICK-OFF DECEMBER 2, 2018 at the JCC

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>11:00 am:</b> 8th Grade & Up Teen Leadership Development with Rick Recht	<b>1:00 pm:</b> 2nd Grade & Under Adventure Rabbi Jamie Korngold will be doing a special program
<b>12:00 pm:</b> <b>Everyone!</b> Latkepalooza/Part of Rick Recht chorus	<b>1:30 pm:</b> <b>Everyone!</b> Rick Recht concert with EVERYONE participating in the chorus
<b>1:00 pm:</b> 3rd Grade & Up Camp Extravaganza (programming with kids and parents)	<b>2:15 pm:</b> 3rd - 7th Graders Activities with Author Carrie Jones

Please RSVP to [brent@ohefsholom.org](mailto:brent@ohefsholom.org)  
 or call 757-625-4295

SLC Special Program

## Shabbat B'Yachad with OSTY

**Special Saturday!**

**9:45 am**  
**Registration**  
**10-10:25 am**  
**Program 1**  
**10:30-11:30 am**  
**Shabbat Services led by OSTY**  
**11:30 am - 12 pm**  
**Program 2**  
**12-12:30 pm**  
**Lunch**

**Jan. 5**

Join us at Ohef Sholom Temple to learn about our community's social action and social justice initiatives, featuring a Shabbat service led by OSTY and clergy.





*your*  
**Caring  
Community**

**Finish 2018 with a Mitzvah and Volunteer at the Soup Kitchen on December 31 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm! Bring a friend, bring your family, and serve at the OST Soup Kitchen. Let Dorianne Villani know you are coming at [dvillani@cox.net](mailto:dvillani@cox.net).**

**OST Soup Kitchen**  
hot meals, warm hearts

**Dec. 31 @ 9:30 am**

Help prepare meals, toiletries and clothing with the Soup Kitchen on the last Monday of each month from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.  
To volunteer, contact Dorianne Villani at (757) 617-8624 or [dvillani@cox.net](mailto:dvillani@cox.net).

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# N.E.S.T. Sign-ups

## December 12-19, 2018



Ohef Sholom is once again hosting NEST - Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team. Sign up to make an immediate impact on others through NEST. Each winter our congregation opens the physical space of our house of worship to bring 60 people without homes in from the cold for seven nights. The NEST program is a network of over 30 churches and synagogues that house the homeless for one week each during the chilly winter months. Our guests who need a warm place to sleep arrive in the evening. Mats are provided for them to sleep on. For the seven days we host, we provide 3 meals a day - a hot dinner, a hot breakfast, and a brown bag lunch. Families are encouraged to volunteer - we welcome children over the age of 5; anyone under the age of 14 needs to be accompanied by an adult. Seasoned volunteers and Norfolk Police officers are present at all times.

Sign up online  
today at  
[ohefsholom.org](http://ohefsholom.org)  
to choose a volunteer  
shift.



We love donations of food and clothing. Needed items are winter gloves, lip balm, hair combs, undershirts, fruit, snack items, bread, milk, OJ. Monetary donations are always appreciated and can be sent to Temple with the designation of OST Caring Committee/NEST.

Any questions, please contact

Sharon Ross: 757-617-0101 or [s4ross@cox.net](mailto:s4ross@cox.net) or Carol Laibstain: [parparim@me.com](mailto:parparim@me.com)



### December Dates:

13 - 10:00 am  
18 - 11:30 am  
27 - 10:00 am

Quilters of all experience levels meet three times a month to create quilts to donate to the Jewish Family Service of Tidewater.  
To join, contact Marsha Moody at (757) 495-6573 or [vamoody1@verizon.net](mailto:vamoody1@verizon.net).

## LIFE & LEGACY

As we near the end of our second year as a part of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's LIFE & LEGACY program, Ohef Sholom is over halfway to our goal of 100 new gifts! These gifts will strengthen and sustain our Jewish community long into the future.

To everyone who has signed a Confirmation of Commitment - THANK YOU! Together, your legacy gifts - big or small - will generate annual income to benefit Ohef Sholom for generations to come.

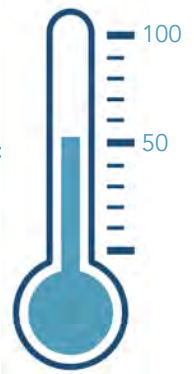


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Leaving a legacy gift is easy to do and anyone can participate, regardless of age, wealth, or affiliation. To arrange a confidential, no obligation discussion, please reach out to our LIFE & LEGACY Chair, Matthew Fine at [matthewfine@cox.net](mailto:matthewfine@cox.net) or 757-407-1368. Your commitment today will ensure our Jewish community a vibrant tomorrow.

**Rachael Nusbaum**  
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One of the most daunting challenges facing today's Jewish house of worship is ensuring the safety of its congregants, clergy and staff against hate crimes and terrorist activity. Especially in the wake of the tragedy in Pittsburgh, absolute vigilance is mandatory, and emergency planning has never been more important. I wanted to give you an update on what we are doing to keep us all safe at OST.

About a year ago we launched an ambitious effort to upgrade the security of Ohef Sholom Temple. We have been most fortunate to work with Joseph Bouchard, a nationally recognized leader and innovator in homeland security. Joe was Deputy Senior Director for the National Security Council, which advises the White House on national security matters, and he was the Commanding Officer at Norfolk's Naval Station during the attacks of 9-11.

Joe has worked closely with the Security Committee and me to develop a comprehensive Security and Emergency Response Plan, a training plan covering classroom training, tabletop exercises and drills, and upgrades to security and emergency systems and equipment. We have held numerous training sessions, including an active shooter tabletop exercise two days before the shootings in Pittsburgh. Our security program meets or exceeds FBI and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) guidelines, and we are continuing to implement measures to enhance our security. Most recently with Joe's help we received a \$107,000 grant from FEMA to improve our security camera system.

We have also established a close relationship with the Criminal Investigative Unit (CIU), which monitors and assesses all threats for the Norfolk Police Department. Lt. Nicholas Marcus of the CIU keeps a close watch on us and has been known to show up at services and special events. Additionally, we work closely with Jason Capossere, Director of Safety and Security at United Jewish Federation of Tidewater, who monitors security for our Jewish community.

To date we have conducted security training for staff, Shabbat greeters, and High Holiday ushers. We are currently scheduling training for congregants. The first training session will be Friday, December 14, at 5:45 to 6:15 pm before Shabbat Services.

We are also looking to make a training video. We have the script, but are looking for a videographer who might be willing to volunteer his/her services. Please call me if you have a suggestion.

At its recent meeting, *upon the recommendation of Joe Bouchard and the Norfolk CIU, the Board voted to make the Temple a Weapons-Free zone.* For security the Temple relies on hired off-duty Norfolk Police, who maintain up-to-date tactical weapons training. This type of training differs dramatically from the training necessary for a concealed weapons permit. We know that some of our congregants have permits to carry concealed weapons, and we are happy to hear your opinions. Please contact Karen Fine, [kfine5@cox.net](mailto:kfine5@cox.net) or me. We will collect your thoughts and share with the Board.

Most importantly, our security depends on each and every one of you! We ask that you always follow these best practices to ensure the safety of everyone in Ohef Sholom Temple:

## **Comply with our access control procedures**

This is essential for keeping unauthorized persons out of the Temple. Only use the designated entrances for events in the Temple and the parking lot entrance at other times. We keep all entrances not in use closed and locked. Do not hold a door open for a stranger asking to come in. If a stranger follows you into the building, direct them to office. We ask that you do not prop doors open. If you need to make multiple trips into the Temple while preparing for an event, office or maintenance staff will help you. As you know we inspect bags during High Holy Day services and other events – please be patient and cooperate.

## **Keep your children safe**

This is important whenever your children are in the Temple. We have a large building with many doors, and it can be easy to lose track of your children. Stephanie Ben Simon, RJE, our Director of Education and Engagement, has strict procedures for dropping off and picking up children at Sunday Learning. It is important that you follow those procedures for the safety of your children. And teach your children to never open a Temple door to let a stranger in. If they see someone who wants to come in, they should tell an adult inside the Temple.

## **If you see something, say something**

That is the Department of Homeland Security's campaign to engage the public in keeping our nation safe. Unfortunately, the turbulent times in which we live require all of us to be eternally vigilant. The Temple staff tries very hard to be aware of potential threats to the Temple, but one of you could be the first to spot a suspicious person or suspicious package. If you see something suspicious, let us know: tell one of the police officers present in the Temple, the front office staff, or the Executive Director. And if it looks like an imminent threat, immediately call 911.

## **Loose Lips Sink Ships**

That warning from WWII applies just as much today as we strive to keep the congregation safe from terrorists, hate groups, individuals who hate Jews, and other violent criminals. The more that those who mean us harm know about our security, the better able they will be to evade it and attack us. You will be learning more about our security program and can already see it in action – but do not talk about our security with anyone outside our Ohef Sholom family and do not share photos or descriptions of it on social media.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions for improving the security of Ohef Sholom Temple. ☆

**Linda Peck**

Executive Director, OST  
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# OST: A CLOSER LOOK Capital Replacement Plan

**T**hanks to the Herculean efforts of Jane Goldman who served as House Committee Chair for over 9 years, OST now has an extremely helpful tool to guide us in being better stewards of our building and grounds.

A **capital replacement plan** lists all the **major** building components, such as windows, doors, stone and masonry, roofs, heating systems, and flooring, and provides estimates of the remaining useful life of the components and their future replacement cost. With this information, the leadership of Ohel Sholom Temple (OST) can calculate how much to set aside in annual reserves to meet future site and building repair and replacement needs.

The capital replacement plan is **not a maintenance plan**. A maintenance plan is also a necessary tool, but it focuses on yearly maintenance items, such as painting, cleaning, minor building repairs and upkeep, rather than on the replacement or repair of major building components.

## Why Should OST Have a Capital Replacement Plan?

Planning for major repairs and replacements is a facilities management best practice, and there are a number of benefits, such as:

### Fewer Painful Surprises

Our building has many items, some very costly, that will inevitably need to be replaced. Without a plan, our congregation can (and WILL) be caught by surprise when something big and critical to our programs and operations needs to be replaced immediately — and if the capital cost has not been budgeted for, borrowing costs must be incurred. The capital replacement plan helps to avoid such surprises by forecasting as accurately as possible what and when repairs or replacements will be needed and setting aside the funds to insure that the work can be done when needed.

### Cost savings

Having a capital replacement plan in place will be beneficial to OST financially. Some of the financial advantages include:

- more time for a bidding process, resulting in better quotes and lower prices for big ticket items;
- reduced borrowing costs due to planned annual savings that will allow our congregation to pay for the repair out of the reserve completely or with a smaller loan; it may also be possible to earn interest income by investing any annual savings; and lower maintenance costs due to having building components replaced before they fail; newer building components are also generally more cost efficient.

## The Plan is Comprised of 2 Parts:

### 1) Replacement Schedule

The first part is the **Replacement Schedule**, which shows future capital replacement needs and advises how much money OST should set aside annually to carry out the replacements when they are needed. A complete inventory and other information about the current condition of our building systems, components, appliances and equipment served as the basis for predicting when replacement of each can be expected.

### 2) Replacement Reserve Cash Flow Forecast

The second part is a Cash Flow Forecast. It describes how much money flows into and out of your Replacement Reserve Fund every year for the period of the plan. There are different approaches to preparing a cash flow forecast.

As it is a lengthy document in its entirety, and to most would need further commentary to understand, we are hoping to hold a Town Hall style event in December or January to help as many who are interested in better understanding our physical structure and help us to be better stewards of our sacred home. Many, many thanks to Jane and the House Committee for their help in creating this helpful tool! ☆

**Karen Fine**

President, Ohel Sholom Temple  
[president@ohelsholom.org](mailto:president@ohelsholom.org)

All are welcome  
to join the OST Walking  
Group to explore Windsor  
Castle Park in historic Smithfield.  
Enjoy the wooded park and consider  
brunch & shopping on Main St. afterward.

**Thursday, December 6**  
**Sunday, December 16**  
**Time: 9:00 am**

Windsor Castle Park is located at 301 Jericho Road, Smithfield, Virginia.  
Please RSVP to Sharon Nusbaum at [sharonuz@aol.com](mailto:sharonuz@aol.com) or call/text her at  
(757) 515-4226 for more information/directions.  
Carpooling can be arranged upon request.



**OST**  
**Walking Group**

Each year before the High Holy Days, Rabbi Roz asks three congregants to share their Jewish Journey with the congregation during Shabbat services. These 3 Teshuvah stories will be printed so that our whole congregation can share in their story.



**S**habbat Sholom,  
We live in troubling times. When I was to speak, there was a hurricane. Oy! Florence.

Everything closed down. Sandbags everywhere! It was a terrible storm. Terrible. Just not terrible --here.

We were smart to prepare. It could have been here.

There is a story: The weather gurus saw a storm a week away, a **big** one: Biblical, huge. Not wanting to panic the people, the scientists wanted clergy to break the news. They called a priest and a Buddhist sage and a rabbi. And because this storm was so big, the priest they called was Pope Francis, the Buddhist was the Dalai Lama, and the Rabbi was Roz. From the balcony of the Vatican the Pope proclaimed, "We must pray and fast, for in a week, we will stand before the throne of our Father in Heaven." The Dalai Lama softly to his people spoke of the unity of all things, and urged a week of meditation, for soon all the droplets of their lives would reunite with great Ocean of Being. Rabbi Roz met with the maintenance staff while Cantor Jen spoke to the congregation. (Cantor says: **"OK Guys, we've got a week to learn how to live under water."**)

It's a joke. Unless you live in Edenton. Or Wilmington. There, waves swept through homes and washed cars away. I wonder if anything is left of Wrightsville Beach. I used to live in Wrightsville Beach. My first memories are of the sunlight on the water, everyday. It was a beautiful place in which to awaken to life. Moving to Norfolk, to house on a city street was like losing Eden.

Isn't that the thing about Eden? It gets lost. A week ago many people lost it. When our expected happiness is washed away and we are flooded with grief, learning to live under water stops being a joke and becomes a metaphor for just getting through each day.

Turned out that Norfolk wasn't so bad in the 1950s, in a secular American family. Watching how townspeople did things, I began to notice that Jews were different. In the afternoon when kids were free to ride their bikes around the neighborhoods, Jewish kids went two afternoons a week to learn an ancient language and to encounter priceless documents. I played hopscotch and read comic books and was jealous. I wished somebody had high expectations of me.

Also in other ways, the Jews were different: Barry Benator (of OST) always acted as though he had a right to question the teacher. I fell in love with his courage. And I was in awe of my best friend Carol Swartz (of Temple Israel). She was the only girl in the class Not to try out for the role for Gretel in the 5th grade play. Carol read through the script and auditioned to be the witch. She **was** the show and had a great time. Like the Jews in the joke, the Jews I saw daily seemed to look around at what was going on and sensibly respond. They had response-ability, not a common quality in the 1950s.

In high school, when I'd been out with pneumonia, it wasn't the teacher but Steve Schehner, (another OST kid), in algebra class who pulled up his chair and showed me what I'd missed. He had noticed I was floundering and he pulled me to shore.

Then in college gangly, witty Ralph Engelman from "New Yawk," widened my world. He was wowed by how Marshall Tito had taken a peninsula of murderous tribes and had led it to become the functioning country of Yugoslavia, and freed it from Soviet domination. Before heading for foreign study to Europe, Ralph wrote asking for an appointment to interview Marshall Tito.

"What?! You expect to get an appointment with the President of Yugoslavia?!"

He looked at me like **I** was crazy. "Why not?" he said.

Of course, he didn't get it. He was an undergrad from a little college. He was nobody.

Instead he had an hour interview with the Secretary of State--whose English was better.

Ralph knew that he was not a nobody. He was a person. Who had questions.

I thought about marrying him, but I couldn't think tall enough to imagine it.

Ralph got back to the US in time to speak at the funeral of his friend Andy Goodman. You've heard of Andy, and another Jew named Michael Schwerner, and a black youth named James Chaney. They were murdered in Mississippi. The call that summer for volunteers to go to Mississippi and help protect black residents so they could safely get registered to vote: that call went out from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The majority of people who went were Jews. They waded into the deep south to



open the way for justice.

Jewish adults seemed to take seriously the potential in their children and the children seemed to grow up feeling they had the right and the power to be active in this world. They saw possibilities and they responded. They seemed to breathe a different air.

I was wowed but I wasn't Jewish. I came home, met Tim Morton at the newspaper where we both worked. Later he worked for WHRO. We had kids. I wrote some editorials and for 15 years wrote the Sunday book column for the *Pilot*.

Those years became an adult version of Eden, Eden with mortgage and diapers. Till the tide started coming in on us, a tide of illnesses and the deaths of loved ones.

Tim's mother was first, dying of cancer. Then my father grew ill.

In the hall by the elevator, you can see a painting of my father's--the view out the sanctuary doors looking at Stockley Gardens in spring. Pop believed that all art exists to open the doors of our minds to the amazing world around us. He worked in many ways over the years to put art where people would encounter it. His funeral would be his last chance to have a captive audience. He had picked out poems and some records for friends to sit listening to, as his way of blessing them goodbye.

When came the day to dial 911, he lay clenched in pain from peritonitis. As we waited for the ambulance, he reminded me of the list of poems. And I realized that I didn't know who would read them. He said, "Larry Forman." I said, "**Who?**" "Rabbi. Lawrence. Arthur. Forman." {shrug}

When Pop died on a Friday midnight in May, I got out the phone book, and in the morning called Rabbi Forman's house. Saturday morning: he wasn't home. I left a message. He called me back later, came to see Mom, we talked. He seemed undaunted by death, but concerned about our grief.

When I explained how Pop wanted no "religious" service, the rabbi said, "You know that religion isn't just magical thinking. Religion, really, is 'The totality of your response to your finitude.' It is how you respond to the fact of being--for a little while--alive. That is what religion is, responding to life." He researched the poems, to be sure he didn't miss any nuance. He read them beautifully. Pop would have been delighted.

Within a month more bad things started happening: my middle child, 8-year-old Kenny, named for his grandfather, began to have a rash and to feel bad. Seventeen doctors and 9 months later, it was diagnosed as Lupus. I consulted a guru at Harvard, called specialists all over. Nothing helped for long.

Kenny went thru hell for three years, getting a little better then a lot worse, in and out of the children's hospital. A month in a coma in ICU. Sixty days in a step-down unit. When he was conscious again, Dianne Epplein, his physical therapist, helped him make the best use of his failing body. And she brought us food. It was not just a polite gesture. She meant I should get nourishment, and she stood and watched to see that I ate every bite. What a blessing she is. When my boy had come out of the coma, he could not stand or speak, or understand our words—but he could still cheat at checkers, and kiss and laugh, and write us notes with the pens Dianne brought him.

My life those years was a whiplash roller coaster. At the same time Kenny was struggling, his big sister Eleanor was starting middle school and chorus, and his baby brother Hank was learning to read and ride a bike, they were healthy and normal, needy and beautiful. How do you respond to your blessings and to your helplessness? How do you live with terror and beauty at once?

There are different answers. I got a letter from a monk, who'd heard about Kenny. He said, "At least you have the comfort of knowing that God must love your son a great deal make him suffer so." {bewildered shrug} A Presbyterian minister I heard spoke of how "**Our** loved ones die in the Lord, while those who don't know Jesus endure perpetual destruction." {bewildered shrug}

Those ideas didn't work for me!

There were other ways to respond to the flood of trouble.

Barb Johnson called up and said, "It's been raining and I know you don't have a clothes drier. The kids and I are coming over to get your laundry." And they did. Her son Jim Douglass, at 12, was the only friend of Kenny's who actually came to visit him when he was bedridden. They played cassettes and made up sign language. I could hear them laughing. Laughter is the sound of angels! Tim's colleague at WHRO, Steve Pershing was ubiquitous, got my car running, did the dishes, told me about *Tikkun Olam* and his immigrant grandmother, ran errands for us, and played with the healthy kids.

As my family was inundated by trouble, our Jewish friends dove in and helped us keep afloat.

Because I was frantic, I tried seeing a psychologist who asked. "How do you feel?"

I dropped him and went to see Rabbi Forman. Sometimes we don't need psychology but philosophy. After I'd cried thru his box of Kleenex, he finally said, "I'm not trying to convert you, but here's a thing Jews do: get all the pill bottles off the table, lay out a nice cloth. We do it Friday night, but do it any time that works for you—serve some food everybody likes, get carryout, whatever. Light candles, have wine, and toast each other. Celebrate life, celebrate what you have that is good."

We tried it. We rolled Kenny's wheelchair up to the table. Tim toasted me. Eleanor toasted the sparkling cider and candles. Hank toasted the tacos. Kenny clinked his glass with each of ours over and over. And after supper the kids played a game putting hats on each other and laughing. It. Was. Lovely.

We did Shabbat again the next week.

But time was running out. Peritonitis from the stomach-tube. Emergency surgery. ICU. Better. Worse. Worse-worse. Flatline. I asked Rabbi Forman to come be with us to read a Psalm; not the "I got it made in the shade" Psalm 23, but 22. Kenny was laid in my arms and the rabbi read, because I'd asked him to, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" but when he got to the line that says, "Be not far from me; for trouble is near and there is no help," he ad-libbed and said, "there IS help." I thought whoa! A clergyman who contradicts scripture beside a deathbed. That's something. As the tube was pulled out of Kenny's throat, we sang to him, and he opened his eyes and smiled, and died May 2, 1986, Friday afternoon.

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afternoon Hebrew. But then a call came in. Rabbi Sobel's daughter Karen Sachs (You know young Sam the shofar man? Karen's his grandma.) Karen had found eight Virginia Beach children who could not get to town on a weekday afternoon for Hebrew. Couldn't a teacher be sent halfway to meet them? She had a cottage out back of her home in Kempsville; it could be our Hebrew clubhouse, our *mikdash ma'at*. And so it was. Matthew Sachs (dad of Sam the shofar man) was one of the best students ever. Scott, his brother, was a close second. The others were fun too. In the class was an athlete named Adam Schultz. As Hebrew students go, he was a great soccer player—always moving, looking for the action. Like all teachers, I tried a lot of tricks to engage the kids with the Holy Language. By November I was bringing in tapes and texts of Jewish songs I wanted to teach them. In the mix was a version of *Hava Nagillah* barked by dogs. That went over way too well, as you may imagine. The next week, we just practiced reading. At the end of class while we got our coats on, active Adam said,

"Aren't we gonna do the song?"

I said "You really like the dogs that much?"

And he said, "No the **other** song."

"Which one?"

And he said---, (here the choir's great tenor starts to sing: "Shalom rav . . .")

Then the other children started to sing: (other voices in the choir join softly "al Yisrael amcha.")

As as we stepped out into cold, singing, our white breath like angels floated up into the darkness.

This year I get to meet a whole new class of your inspiring children, for which I am in your debt eternally.

I have been blessed by them. All of us lose Eden, all have times when we might drown in grief. The story of life is a long poem full of uncertainties. When you are able to respond, Choose Life. ☆

That night Dianne gave me a ride here. In the sanctuary, we sat in row two center left. It was Yom haShoah. No wonder Jews know how to survive in the depths. The sermon started out being about the Holocaust, but looking at us, Rabbi seemed to respond to the moment and began to quote an autumn portion, last week's portion, "I have set before you this day, life and death, the blessing and the curse, choose life."

I was paying attention. The prayer music was wonderful. One song was about the splitting of the seas when people walked across; the melody was like an exaltation of great birds bursting into the air. After the service, during cookie time I saw Minette Cooper, met the Bachmans, and a dozen people who recognized me from the book column photo. My readers were here all along.

The next Friday, I came back alone. Ruth Schepper and her late husband invited me to sit with them. They explained things and made me feel at home. After a month, my husband began coming, then our children. We took classes. Steve Steinbock, Temple educator, taught us Hebrew. The Torah study group began, and Navy chaplain Bob Feinberg began to lead it. In two years the Morton family was ready. Eleanor and Hank had picked out Hebrew names for themselves, as had my stepdaughter Anne. By the way, they all became beloved JCC camp counselors in time, and Eleanor was later cantorial soloist for her college town and did her foreign study in Israel. Hank's picture is on display in his confirmation class down the hall.

Our conversion was the centerpiece of a Friday night service. I read from the Torah the first two days of creation, because that's as far as we'd gotten: There was light, then the water above the earth was divided from the waters beneath, there was evening and there was morning a second Day. A new day. Indeed there was.

I want to tell a story finally from that fall, 30 years ago right now. Temple needed teachers. I'd become a constant student so I was hired to teach. Thus began a splendid thing for me—meeting the first of hundreds of bright, kind, goofy, curious, inspiring kids I've come to love. If I can help any of them to be more alive, more aware, more shining, that's my way to retaliate against death.

I started with 4th Grade Sunday school and 6th grade

## WHAT IS JUDAISM

### An Intro to the Jewish Way



#### For Seekers, Beginners and Lifelong Learners led by Kathryn Morton

What is Judaism? A religion? A community? A way of life? A culture? A civilization? A people?

Judaism is all of the above - a faith in action that values life, brings blessings to our fellow human beings, and strives to build a better world. Come and learn.

For more information please contact Kathryn Morton at 757-625-4295 or [kathryn@ohefsholom.org](mailto:kathryn@ohefsholom.org).

**9:00 am • Saturday mornings**

December 8

God: Watchmaker? Puppeteer?  
Inner Voice? Nature's Law? Event?

December 15

Calendar, Commemoration and Cuisine



# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## Veterans Day 1918 - 2018: OST Members Who Served 100 Years Ago

Veterans Day has always been a special day. It honors the men and women of this country who have served in the various branches of our military. It recognizes the contributions and often the sacrifices of those who have served in this nation's wars and those who have served to keep the peace. However, this year, the holiday took on a special significance as it was also the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended the fighting in World War I.

In fact, the holiday was originally known as "Armistice Day," and it was specifically created to celebrate that momentous event. The first celebration of what would become known as Veterans Day occurred on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the armistice, which had been signed in 1918 at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. In 1926, Congress passed a resolution that established the annual observance every November 11th, and in 1938 it became a national holiday. In 1954 the name was changed to Veterans Day in recognition of the fact that the nation had recently been through two wars since World War I. And although it was briefly designated as a Monday holiday (1971-1975), the significance of its original meaning led to it being restored to annual observance on November 11.

For members of OST who, in addition to celebrating the 100th anniversary of the end of the fighting in World War I, are also celebrating the 100th anniversary of our sanctuary, the concurrence of the two anniversaries prompted a desire to identify OST members who served in the First World War. Although our Archives contains records of those members who served in World War II, it has been more difficult to identify the names of those who served in the previous world war.

To date, we've identified four members who served in the years 1914-1918 – **Herbert Joseph Gerst, David Lowenberg, Bertram Spagat Nusbaum, and Virginius Harding Nusbaum** – and

we've honored them with a special display in Simon Hall. However, in his book *Norfolk, Virginia: A Jewish History of the 20th Century*, Irwin Berent cites the March 18, 1918 minutes of the local branch of the National Council of Jewish Women, including a reference to "24 names of enlisted men from Ohef Sholom."

We are left with the mystery of who those other 20 men were, and so far, we've been unsuccessful in solving it. Therefore, we are coming to our current members to help us try to identify former members who served in those years. If you know of someone – other than the four mentioned above – who was both a member of OST and a member of the armed services during those First World War years (1914-1918), please let us know by emailing us at [archives@ohefsholom.org](mailto:archives@ohefsholom.org). ☆



*World War I Remembered - A Special Exhibit from the OST Archives.*

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Scott Galbraith  
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**December 18**  
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Frank Campion  
Stephen Miller  
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Benjamin Klein  
Arthur Kraus  
Esther S. Legum\*  
Simon Lesser\*  
Shirley S. Levine  
Alicia Caro Luna  
Harry H. Mansbach\*  
Edward Marx\*  
Myrtle McIntyre  
Arther Morris\*  
Helen Nesson  
Louis Pachter  
Paul Rafferty  
Bernard Ries\*  
Lillian Harris Schewel  
Chris Smith  
Jeanette Spigel  
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Sol Mednick\*  
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Robins  
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Julius Snyder  
Ernestine "Tennie"  
Tischler\*  
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Michael Umstadter\*  
Carrie Weisel\*  
Ann Wolf

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Baber  
Edmund David Baydush\*  
Irving Berger  
Suzanne Berman  
Goldberg  
Blanche Chase  
Leon Cohen  
Frieda Cohen  
Marvin Cohn  
Judy Colison  
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Lois Ginsburg  
Marcia Glass  
Jack I. Goldstein  
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<b>2 Erev Chanukah (1st Candle)</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Sunday Learning Special Programming: Chanukah Kick-off at the JCC (off-site) <b>6:30 pm</b> Facebook Live Chanukah Lighting (online)	<b>3 Chanukah (2nd Candle)</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Facebook Live Chanukah Lighting (online)	<b>4 Chanukah (3rd Candle)</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> Torah Study House Committee Meeting <b>6:30 pm</b> Facebook Live Chanukah Lighting (online)	<b>5 Chanukah (4th Candle)</b> <b>10:00 am</b> LIFE & LEGACY Committee Meeting <b>6:00 pm</b> Men's Club Meeting <b>6:30 pm</b> Facebook Live Chanukah Lighting (online)	<b>6 Chanukah (5th Candle)</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Walking Group (offsite) <b>6:30 pm</b> Facebook Live Chanukah Lighting (online)	<b>7 Chanukah (6th Candle)</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> Pre-neg Snacks <b>6:00 pm</b> Multi-generational Shabbat Services <b>6:45 pm</b> Facebook Live Chanukah Lighting (online) <b>6:45 pm</b> Shabbat for Everyone 175th Anniversary Chanukah Dinner <b>7:10 pm</b> Teen Social	<b>8 Chanukah (7th Candle)</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study Intro to Judaism B'nai Mitzvah Classes <b>10:30 am</b> Shabbat Services & Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Morrissey
<b>9 Chanukah (8th Candle)</b> <b>8:45 am</b> Sunday Learning <b>10:20 am</b> Adult Education & Eco-Judaism Present: <i>Tidewater</i> Film Screening <b>11:00 am</b> Wiggles & Giggles <b>12:00 pm</b> Better Together <b>12:30 pm</b> SLC Faculty Meeting <b>6:30 pm</b> Facebook Live Chanukah Lighting (online)	<b>10 Chanukah (Final Day)</b>	<b>11</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> Torah Study	<b>12 N.E.S.T.</b> <b>12:00 pm</b> Finance & Development Meeting	<b>13 N.E.S.T.</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Quilting Group <b>12:00 pm</b> Executive Committee Meeting	<b>14 N.E.S.T.</b> <b>5:15 pm</b> Congregant Security Training <b>6:30 pm</b> Shabbat Services	<b>15 N.E.S.T.</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study Intro to Judaism B'nai Mitzvah Classes <b>10:30 am</b> Shabbat Services
<b>16 N.E.S.T.</b> <b>8:45 am</b> Sunday Learning <b>9:00 am</b> Walking Group (offsite)	<b>17 N.E.S.T.</b>	<b>18 N.E.S.T.</b> <b>11:30 am</b> Quilting Group <b>4:00 pm</b> Torah Study	<b>19 N.E.S.T.</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Shabbat Services <b>7:45 pm</b> PrimeTime Dinner	<b>22</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:30 am</b> Shabbat Services
<b>23</b>	<b>24 Christmas Eve (Office Closes @ 12)</b>	<b>25 Christmas Day (Office Closed)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Quilting Group	<b>28</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Shabbat Services	<b>29</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:30 am</b> Shabbat Services
<b>30</b>	<b>31 New Year's Eve (Office Closes @ 12)</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Soup Kitchen	<div>  </div>				



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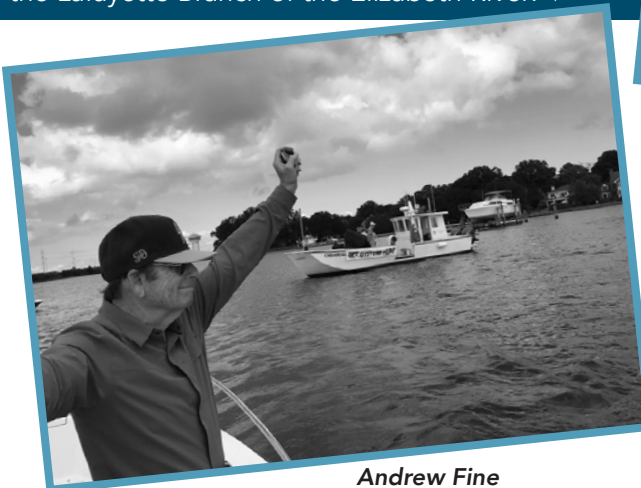
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## Norfolk's Lafayette River Oyster Reefs Restored

We of Ohef Sholom played a part individually (Bay Savers, River Star, Pearl Faith Homes and as a River Star Faith Community) in the goals of the Elizabeth River Project (ERP) and Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) to restore the oyster reefs in the Lafayette Branch of the Elizabeth River! ☆



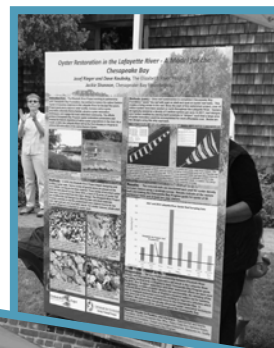
**Andrew Fine**  
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**Barbara Fine & Josh Harris (friend & ERP Board Member)** throwing oyster shells to help grow oyster habitats in the Elizabeth River.



**Andrew Fine, Will Baker**  
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**Harry Lester** (Co-Founder of  
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**Marjorie Mayfield** (Executive  
Director of ERP) & **Will Baker**.



# Chanukah Blessings

## Lighting the Candles

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

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

Blessings over Chanukah Candles

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו  
וַיְצַנֵּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

*Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam, asher ki-d'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu  
l'hadlik neir shel Chanukah.*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ  
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

*Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam, she'asa nisim la'avoteinu bayamim haheim  
ba-z'man hazeh.*

First Night Only:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
שֶׁהַחֲנֻכָּה וְקִיּוֹמָנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

*Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam, shehecheyanu v'ki-y'manu v'higi-anu  
la-z'man hazeh.*

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the world, who sanctifies us with commandments and commands us to kindle the lights of Chanukah. Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the world, who made miracles for our ancestors in their day and in ours. Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the world, who has kept us, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.

# *A Chanukah Overview*

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

A century after the tolerant rule of Alexander the Great when many Jews began to assimilate, Antiochus IV took control of the region of Judea. He began to oppress the Jews severely, placing a Hellenistic (Greek) priest in the Temple, massacring Jews, prohibiting the practice of the Jewish religion, and desecrating the Temple by requiring the sacrifice of pigs on the altar.

A Jewish group led by Mattathias the Hasmonean and his son Judah the Maccabee revolted against both the assimilation of the Hellenistic Jews and government oppression. The revolution succeeded, and the Temple was rededicated.

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

To commemorate this miracle, we celebrate an eight-day festival, lighting the candles and reciting a blessing on each of the eight nights. Because we light a total of eight candles, and use a ninth candle rather than a match to light them, we use a special menorah called a Chanukiah. Note that the holiday commemorates the rededication of the Temple, not the military victory: Jews do not glorify war.

It is traditional to eat fried foods on this holiday because of the significance of oil to the holiday. Among Ashkenazic Jews, this usually includes latkes (pronounced "lot-kuhs" or "lot-keys" depending on where your grandmother comes from) or "potato pancakes."

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

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

*(See other side for blessings and the procedures for lighting the menorah.)*



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WEDNESDAYS @ 10 AM - 2 PM

SUNDAYS @ 10 AM - 12:30 PM

(AFTER SUNDAY LEARNING CLASSES)

## SPECIAL HOURS

NOV. 16 & 30

(BEFORE & AFTER SERVICES)

4 - 8 PM





THE OST  
JUDAICA &  
CHANUKAH  SHOP'S

# BIG FAT CLEAR THE STOCK SALE

## DEC. 9 - 19

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MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 AM - 4 PM

