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An Interactive Quarantine Concert Series

Featuring

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Thursday, June 4

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WORSHIP TORAH PORTIONS

JUNE | JULY

June 4 | 12 Sivan
Torah Study - 4:00 pm

June 6 | 14 Sivan
Torah Study - 9:00 am
Parashat Nasso
Numbers 4:21 - 7:89
Haftarah: Judges 13:2 - 13:25

June 11 | 19 Sivan
Torah Study - 4:00 pm

June 13 | 21 Sivan
Parashat Beha'alotcha
Numbers 8:1 - 12:16
Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

June 18 | 26 Sivan
Torah Study - 4:00 pm

June 20 | 28 Sivan
Torah Study - 9:00 am
Parashat Sh'lach
Numbers 13:1 - 15:41
Haftarah: Joshua 2:1 - 2:24

June 25 | 3 Tammuz
Torah Study - 4:00 pm

June 27 | 5 Tammuz
Torah Study - 9:00 am

Parashat Korach
Numbers 16:1 - 18:32
Haftarah: I Samuel
11:14 - 12:22

July 2 | 10 Tammuz
Torah Study - 4:00 pm

July 4 | 12 Tammuz
Torah Study - 9:00 am
Parashat Chukat-Balak
Numbers 19:1 - 25:9
Haftarah: Micah 5:6 - 6:8

July 9 | 17 Tammuz
Torah Study - 4:00 pm
Parashat Tzom Tammuz
Exodus 32:11 - 32:14,
34:1 - 34:10

July 11 | 19 Tammuz
Torah Study - 9:00 am
Parashat Pinchas
Numbers 25:10 - 30:1
Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:3
(Pinchas occurring after
17 Tammuz)

July 16 | 24 Tammuz
Torah Study - 4:00 pm

July 18 | 26 Tammuz
Torah Study - 9:00 am
Parashat Matot-Masei
Numbers 30:2 - 36:13
Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4 - 28;
3:4

July 23 | 2 Av
Torah Study - 4:00 pm

July 25 | 4 Av
Torah Study - 9:00 am
Parashat Devarim
Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22
Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1 - 1: 27

July 30 | 9 Av
Torah Study - 4:00 pm
Parashat Tisha B'Av
Deuteronomy 4:25 - 4:40
Haftarah: Jeremiah 8:13 - 9:23



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THE TEMPLE POST



CLERGY CORNER WITH RABBI & CANTOR

Love Thy Neighbor

MOne of the most heartbreaking moments for us as an institution since the start of the pandemic was when we had to shutter our monthly Soup Kitchen. As most of you know, every month, Dorianne Villani leads a slew of devoted volunteers in a monumental effort to feed, clothe, and care for some of the most vulnerable in our midst. They hand out hot meals, cooked with love. They give away clothing and toiletries. They even offer haircuts. They have formed partnerships with other organizations including the Navy, the Norfolk Police Department, and the Sentara hospital system that have not only led to better service for our Soup Kitchen guests, but have strengthened Ohef Sholom's ties to the community. Finally, those who volunteer have formed deep, lasting friendships with each other as they work toward a common goal. Truly, there may be no better example of Ohef Sholom Temple's values in action.



Our tradition teaches us that *pikuach nefesh*, or the preservation of life, supersedes all other mitzvot. When the pandemic hit and it became clear that we could not be together safely in our building, we had to make the difficult decision to place our Soup Kitchen on hold. While this did not sit well with Dorianne and her team or with any of us, we realized that the dangers, for the moment, outweighed the immense benefits of the effort.

Soon after we closed our building, Carol Brum and our Caring Committee launched the *Love Thy Neighbor* initiative which strives to find ways for Ohef Sholom to be of service during this time. Soliciting help from our member restaurateurs,

Charles Greenhood of Brutti's and John Stein of Baker's Crust and Neighborhood Harvest, *Love Thy Neighbor* has provided meals for frontline workers. Through funding from our Soup Kitchen and generous donors, *Love Thy Neighbor* is also supporting our local food banks and immigrant community. Recognizing that our Soup Kitchen guests are also valued members of our community, Dorianne, Carol, and others helping the *Love Thy Neighbor* project worked together to plan a way to adapt to this current situation and continue to safely provide Soup Kitchen services.



Contact Clergy

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On the morning of May 25, 2020 (Memorial Day), their massive effort in kindness came to fruition. Dorianne and Carol launched our very first Pop Up Soup Kitchen in the Ohef Sholom Temple parking lot. Donning masks and gloves and with friends from the Navy helping with logistics, our Soup Kitchen volunteers were back in action, serving meals to-go much like local restaurants are doing. They gifted clothing and other essential supplies to grateful guests, as they have done for the past ten plus years. They adapted so they could continue to serve.



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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS



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Optimistic and Realistic

All I ever want to do is rave about Ohef Sholom. Our congregants, our clergy, our staff, our building – all are outstanding – and our performance and response to COVID-19 has only confirmed my views.

As we all know, in mid-March,

everything at OST came to a grinding halt. We cancelled and postponed. But just for about a minute.

We quickly, yet with deliberation, started to rework. We rethought and re-imagined. . . about everything, from the way we conduct services to the preparation of our budget. From how we get our mail to how we conduct a funeral. From how we teach our Religious School students to how we maintain our building.

We knew we had to learn, so we did.

We are now adept at Zoom and are soaring. We are adding to our calendar and reaching members in astonishing numbers.

With creativity, we've shifted our efforts, so for example, the cancelled Soup Kitchen turned into an outside 'Grab 'n Go' that was clearly so appreciated by our guests and so well organized by Dorianne Villani, Carol Brum, Sharon Ross, and Ellen Rostov Hundley. Our new popular concert series created by Cantor Jen to take the sting out of not being able to experience music in-person is expanding. Rabbi Roz's Lunch and Learn has had more participants than ever before, and D'Bar Torah, a new initiative led by Eliot Weinstein – a time for young adults to virtually gather – is popular each week. For the first time in 176 years, we held Ohef Sholom's Annual Meeting via Zoom and had a pre-meeting virtual reception and a post-meeting toast! (Oh, to actually be able to clink our glasses!)

We are able to grow and achieve during this pandemic because of our strong foundation and the commitments of our volunteers, clergy, and

staff. We are facing our challenges by seeking the advice of our own resident experts and dedicated congregants and by listening to our colleagues in the URJ and other organizations.

Clearly, the months ahead will be filled with obstacles. . . some we are attempting to anticipate, others, the only thing we know is that we don't know. But, I remain optimistic about tomorrow because of where and who we are today.

While I am optimistic, I'm also realistic. We have tough decisions to make about when and how to physically reopen our doors. Being together as a congregational family has never felt more important. Still, we must proceed in a manner that insures we remain safe and healthy.

The road ahead has no map, no page in a history book we can look back to for guidance. Still, I have no doubt that guided by our Jewish values, Ohef Sholom Temple will survive this pandemic and emerge as cohesive and strong as ever.

L'shalom,

Terri Denison Budman

Annual Congregational Meeting Report Now Available Online for Download!

We invite you to read the reports from the Annual Meeting, which will give you a wonderful sense of what We of Ohef Sholom accomplished this past fiscal year!

Go to ohefsholom.org to download and read the packet.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazel Tov to **Robyn Sidersky Weiner** for taking first place in the Virginia Press Association Competition for Education Writing for her piece "Waterfront Houses, Cars & Bonuses Fill Contracts of College Presidents" and third place for Breaking News Writing for her piece "Train Derailment Sent 36 Cars Full of Coal Into Great Dismal Swamp." ☆

CONDOLENCES

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

Howard Kesser on the loss of his wife and **Sharon Laderberg** on the loss of her mother, **Arlene Kesser**.

Alan Bartel on the loss of his wife and **Craig Bartel, Gary Bartel and special daughter Shannon Bartel** on the loss of their mother, **Haley, Carly and Jodi Bartel** on the loss of their Grandmother, **Dolores Bartel**.

Leon Kosovsky (Anna Baber) on the loss of his father, **Alisa, Jessica, and Sarah Kosovsky** on the loss of their Grandfather, **Mikhail Kosovsky**.

Gloria Simon on the loss of her husband, **Leo Simon**.

Brenda Klar on the loss of her brother, **Ronnie Levy**.

Ira (Jean), Lawrence, Joe and Sam (Trish) Steingold on the loss of their mother, **Thelma Steingold**.

To the family and friends of **Lois Lowenberg Snyder**.

To the family and friends of **Donna Kootner**. ☆

SHIREI TIKVAH: SONGS OF HOPE

More concerts are being added to the schedule, so stay tuned to ohefsholom.org for updates! ☆

Ohef Sholom Temple presents

Shirei Tikvah

SONGS OF HOPE

An Interactive Quarantine Concert Series

Invite today's most innovative Jewish musicians right into your living room! Join us on Zoom and Facebook Live as we connect through the power of music.

Concert Series Schedule:

June 4 | Noah Aronson

More to come!

Stay tuned to ohefsholom.org for more concert updates soon!



June 4 | 7:00 pm

Featuring

Noah Aronson

A soulful, energetic Jewish composer and performer

RSVP for the Zoom link to reservations@ohefsholom.org



Ohef Sholom
T E M P L E





JEWISH LIFE

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

There's a reason this commandment – this reminder – is fundamental in every religious following.

Staying at home for several weeks has brought out the best in our congregants! We are reaching out in numerous ways to show our love, support and connection to the Jewish community and the HR community-at-large. We are learning how generous our congregational family is, and we are proud of the activities that are making a difference in others' lives. Here are some examples of how we are reaching out:

- Arranging for meals to be delivered to show our support and appreciation to “front line heroes” like nurses, firefighters, police and EMT workers. To date, we have delivered breakfast meals twice to the nurses at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, our medical community neighbors. The initial meal was graciously prepared and donated by Charles Greenwood, owner of Brutti's Catering. The second meal was prepared by Khadija Essaadi, previous co-owner of Orapax, who donated her labor, and her food supplies were kindly donated by Leslie Friedman. The village once again banded together to support a critical part of our community, and we extend our sincere thanks to our generous partners in this *mitzvah*.
- Seeking “in-kind” donations to replenish vacant food shelves at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the various food pantries they supply, including Jewish Family Service.
- Working with other religious and non-profit organizations to support the immigrant community in Hampton Roads. Many of these families are out of work and are ineligible for government help; yet, they have hungry children too.
- Reaching out to our elderly community in nursing and assisted living housing to provide messages of moral support to residents and staff members in the most vulnerable of our communities. Providing notes of encouragement, video clips of warm greetings from children, art supplies to help them stay busy and entertained while cut off from family visitation, etc.



- Finding creative ways to keep feeding the homeless and hungry who depend on OST's Soup Kitchen for a hot, nutritious meal on the last Monday of every month. On Monday, May 25, we hosted a Soup Kitchen grab-n-go for our hungry neighbors. We set up a tent adjoining the portico in the parking lot. Guests were invited to walk by our tables that were stacked with to-go boxes filled with Popeye's fried chicken and several pre-packaged sides and snacks. They were also offered new socks donated by Bombas, in addition to 50 hand-made masks sewn and donated by Valerie Sammons. We were happy to see many of our Soup Kitchen regular guests, and they were happy to see us back in business, too.
- Helping to distribute masks made by our OSTY members and quilting group to our congregants and neighbors who need them.

Thanks to all who have made phone calls, donated time, money and talent to help us be active, caring members of the greater Hampton Roads community! If you haven't yet participated, our committee is in its early stages. Please feel free to email us at carolnanroth@gmail.com or dvillani@cox.net if you want to get involved in any way!

We are so proud to be members of this congregational family!

Stay well and healthy, all! ☆



Carol Roth Brum & Dorianne Villani
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ECOJUDAISM

The Stinkhorn Fungus

What caught my eye was a spot of pinkish-orange in the planter at the entrance to the Temple. As I parted the leaves of the plants, I smelled the unpleasant odor of rotting flesh, and realized that it was a stinkhorn fungus. Apparently, some other people at Temple had noticed the odor, too. Ironically, the shape reminded me of nostrils. This fungus probably came in the potting soil mix that was used in the container.

The stinkhorn family of fungus is found throughout the world and get their common name from their unpleasant odor. They come in a variety of shapes and forms. This particular one was a column stinkhorn or *calthrus columnatus*. During their 3 or 4 day life they grow to be about 2 to 3 inches tall and can have 2 to 5 columns.

In their early stage the stinkhorns will look like a white egg. This small "egg" is considered a delicacy in some Asian countries. As the stinkhorn matures, the outer white covering splits, allowing the fungus to grow. A dark sticky, stinky substance is produced inside the columns. This substance holds the spores, sticking to insects that have been attracted by the odor. Insects will carry the spores to another location.



Stinkhorns do serve a purpose during their short life. Their hyphae or white root-like structure helps break down organic material into nutrients that plants can absorb. Scientists today are studying and learning about the importance of the fungal root structures to the growth and survival of plants. They are discovering, among other things, that the mycelium, a group of hyphae, can make connections with the plant roots and help feed them. This research is leading to new ways of working the soil so that the growth of helpful fungus and other organisms are encouraged.

Stinkhorns can be a challenge to get rid of. They will not harm your yard but you may not want their odor. Their spores can grow into new fungus. I usually use a plastic bag over my hand to pull them up and then dispose of them. You can leave them if the odor doesn't bother you. Though fascinating but not pleasant, these wonders may be found around the Temple grounds. Take a good look. A question for the Rabbi or Cantor, "Is the stinkhorn "egg" Kosher?" ☆

Temple Garden Update

Our Committee has been working on changing the winter and spring gardens to summer gardens by pulling the plants from last season and preparing the soil for the coming season. We have planted tomatoes, small sweet peppers, string beans, black sesame, and some other vegetables. If you eventually see ripe food, please pick and eat it!

The atrium is improving. Heavy pruning was done on the *fatsia japonica*. They are starting to put out fresh, healthy new growth. We have divided and potted some plants with the intention of selling them. If you are interested in purchasing any of the Cast Iron plants, let us know!



Sweet peas in bloom at Temple.

There are many areas around the grounds that need to be taken care of. Each side of the building has its own unique environment and plant requirements. In some cases we are trying to correct poor practices that were used on the grounds in the past.



A native columbine grows in the wall.

Our committee can always use help. We are following current safety measures when we work, and since it is outside, we are able to spread out. If you decide to participate, bring your own garden tools. At this time, our work times are usually on weekday mornings and depend on the weather. If anyone would like to help, contact Jackie Haywood at jackiewoh@yahoo.com or the Temple. Garden work can help replace that gym workout! ☆

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THE ROSENBACH AWARD

The Kurt Rosenbach Award, given to an OST Board member(s) for outstanding service to the Temple, was presented at the Annual Meeting to Karen and Matt Fine for their leadership in creating and stewarding the 175th Anniversary Campaign.

With incredible foresight and perseverance, Karen and Matt saw a need, found a way to address the need, and dedicated countless hours to raising close to the goal of \$1.75 million to help secure the Temple's future.

Matthew Fine ("Matt") was born into Ohef Sholom Temple as a third generation member. His grandparents, Louis and Minnie, were leaders in the Hampton Roads Jewish Community and of the synagogue. Their passion, commitment and generosity shaped Matt's values and life. When he met Karen in Freshman English during his first year at University of Richmond, he said, "I would have followed her anywhere. And she led me right back here - to Ohef Sholom."

Karen and Matt have worked tirelessly to live out the teachings of Jewish tradition: integrity, compassion, and charity. Karen, as immediate past president of the congregation, Matt, as vice president of the Ohef Sholom Foundation, and together as co-chairs of our congregation's Life and Legacy Endowment Campaign and 175th Anniversary Campaign, they have led our congregation in a process of self-reflection (beginning with a Temple-wide listening campaign, values clarification, long range planning), goal setting, and much needed fund-raising.

With unanimous board support they established, in partnership with Tidewater Jewish Foundation and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, a LIFE & LEGACY Campaign at Ohef Sholom Temple to ensure our congregation's future. Personally soliciting 77 gifts (of our 100-gift goal), they secured \$3 million in funds which ultimately will have a substantial impact on our budget.

From there, they spearheaded a process which led to the unanimous approval of our board to raise \$1.75 million to help us bridge the time gap between today and when those legacy gifts mature.

With a small, dedicated committee, they have raised 99% of that goal.

Karen and Matt showed their belief in and commitment to our congregation and what it stands for by making leadership gifts: a million dollar life insurance policy to the LIFE & LEGACY Campaign and \$100,000 to the 175th.

They have spent countless hours in endless meetings with Temple leadership and their fundraising team in creating the campaign, and more time making preparations for individual solicitations, hours upon hours making the calls and attending meetings with donors themselves, and even more time and energy on the ongoing follow up work. And they have weathered the road blocks and rejections remaining undeterred in their mission.

Why? Because they believe in the Sacred Work of our congregation: 3,000 years of ethics as outlined in the Torah and a vast tradition of texts and the command to *Tikkun Olam* - to Repair the World - by caring for its neediest people, stewarding the earth for future generations, and building a better future for all of humanity. One mitzvah (commandment) at a time, Karen and Matt believe in the power of an individual and a community to build a world in which all live with dignity, in freedom and in peace.

The funds they have raised have allowed us to employ the highest level clergy and staff to serve our membership; to invest in the newest prayer books, communications systems and technology for our innovative worship services, classes and outreach; to be able to provide programming for our widespread and different demographics; and to nourish the bodies and souls of those with the greatest need through social justice initiatives



Pictured: Matthew and Karen Fine, and Max Beckman (*of blessed memory)*

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SISTERHOOD

A For this summer edition of our Temple's bulletin, I would like to be writing about all of the amazing programs we have planned for the upcoming year. However, due to the uncertainty we are all dealing with, we haven't finished planning our Sisterhood events. Hopefully, we will be able to join together for some creative programming so stay tuned.

I want to extend my personal thank you to our wonderful Sisterhood Board:

- Executive VP-Administration** | Abbey Pachter and Jeanne Miller
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Yours in Sisterhood,

Gail



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Our mission, as stated on the website:

"OST Sisterhood is a community of welcoming women from all walks of life who meet for spiritual, educational, and social growth through Judaism. Our diverse members are all ages and come from varying backgrounds, allowing us to join together to serve the needs of our congregation and community, while cultivating life-long friendships." ✨

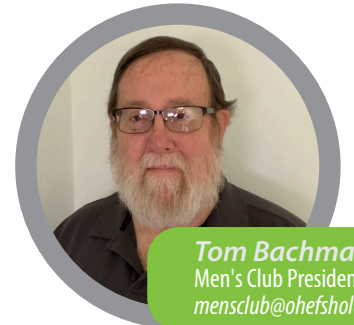
MEN'S CLUB

Gentlemen, I am sitting here at my house going through the Netflix Library, wondering when this pandemic will end. Every time my wife enters the room she says, "wash your hands." I am very lucky that my wife is taking care of me during my time of cancer treatment. I do not want to make this article about me though. It should be about you, the men of the Temple. I hope you are staying safe so one day soon we can gather at Temple for a Carpool Café, a Shabbat dinner and/or one of our monthly meetings. It is going to happen so be strong and know that I'm thinking about you! ✨

Sincerely,

Tom
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Next Men's Club Gathering: To Be Determined



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▶ (from the homeless at our monthly soup kitchen to immigrants and asylum seekers). Without them, we would be a magnificent building with overworked clergy and staff and well-intentioned members with few resources to engage them and little capacity to do the mitzvot (good deeds) they long to do to better our community and world.

Matt and Karen have led and continue to lead by example, with wisdom and tenacity; motivating,

bringing along, and collaborating with other leadership; and engaging many members of our congregation in the joy of giving meaningfully that they never knew before. They have been nothing short of inspirational.

Mazel Tov to two outstanding members of our Ohef Sholom Family. ✨





EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT

LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Our Religious School Committee and staff are deeply grateful to our families and the congregation for your support and encouragement through this very challenging year.

We are looking forward to a new year with exciting and engaging programming. No matter what the new year may look like, we will be bringing you classes and programs encompassing our mission:

OST Religious School is committed to raising Reform Jews whose identity is firmly grounded in Torah and Jewish texts and connected to Israel, our history, culture, language and traditions.

We will offer Art, Music and many other specialized programs and activities.

Does your child have special needs? In order to provide a meaningful and appropriate religious education for all Jewish children, OST has a Virginia State certified special education teacher on our staff to work with children with special needs to create an environment in which all children can learn.

Call or email Kitty Wolf for more information. ☆

Kitty Wolf, RJE
Religious School Director
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Early Bird Registration Discount!

For those who register for religious school before July 1, 2020, **you can save \$20 and pay \$290 per child.** For those that register after July 1, 2020, your cost will be **\$310.**

Early Hebrew Registration, by July 1, 2020, will be **\$300** and after July 1, 2020 your fee will be **\$325.** So go online to register today at ohefsholom.org/religious-school.

Register By July 1st and get the Discount!

In order to help us with planning and staffing we are encouraging you to register as soon as possible.

Want to become more involved? We will be hiring both Hebrew and Religious School teachers for the coming year. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Kitty Wolf at kitty@ohefsholom.org or call the Temple office at 757-625-4295. ☆

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER:

Do you know a student who can benefit from our scholarship funds? There are special funds available for our OST members, non-members and even for students who are not Jewish! You can find the scholarship application on our website at ohefsholom.org/scholarships.

The deadline has been extended to June 30!

For more information, call or email Kitty Wolf at 757-625-4295 or kitty@ohefsholom.org. ☆



VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING IN JUNE/JULY



June 2
at 12:00 pm
via Zoom

Join Rabbi Roz for a special Lunch & Learn series of study and discussion on how Judaism can help us navigate life in the times of the coronavirus. All episodes in this series can be found online at ohfsholom.org or on our YouTube channel.



June 10 & 24
at 7:00 pm
via Zoom

Rabbi Roz and Debi Stadlin will host an online introduction to *Mussar*, a Jewish spiritual practice, which focuses on leading a more conscious life, elevating one's character and in short, becoming more of a mensch.



Every
Tuesday
through the
end of June
at 9:00 pm
via Zoom

For young adults, ages 21-42. Please join Eliot Weinstein and Nina Kruger to "grab a beverage" via Zoom for Torah study and adult conversation.

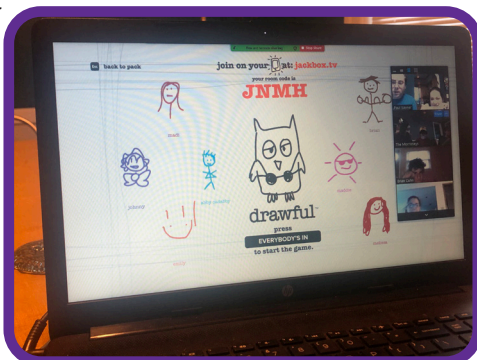


Tuesdays
at 6:30 pm
via Facebook
Live

Join Cantor Jennifer Rueben for story time on Facebook LIVE every Tuesday evening.

OSTY

This past May, OSTY has held many great events together (virtually, of course). We had a great game night and decided to make masks to donate to our healthcare workers. This coming month we will be holding our OSTY Board Elections! They will be conducted via Zoom for the



OSTY and JOSTY had a virtual game night on May 23. We played Israel trivia on Kahoot and then Jackbox games.

candidates to present their speeches and members will vote using Google Forms. Remember, everyone from rising 8th graders to 12th graders can vote! The elections will be held on June 7 at 3 pm. The Google Form link will be sent to those attending the Zoom, since only those who are present will be able to vote, and the Zoom link will be sent in an email to all OSTY members.

We're looking forward to voting for our next OSTY Board! We hope you come to cast your vote or run for a position! ☆

Leia Morrissey
OSTY President
ostyadvisors@gmail.com





IN THE ARCHIVES WITH ALICE

The First Health Crisis in Our Congregation's History

In 1867, members of Congregation House of Jacob, then Norfolk's only Jewish congregation, met to adopt new bylaws and a new name – Ohef Sholom, Lovers of Peace. These changes are recorded on the first pages of the Minute Book of 1867-80, one of Ohef Sholom's archives' oldest and most important holdings. Also documented there is the members' decision to raise funds to aid victims of a yellow fever epidemic in Louisiana and Texas. That altruism was a product of the members' personal generosity and of the basic tenets of their faith, but their experience in Norfolk's own disastrous yellow fever epidemic may well have also played a role.

In 1855, the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth experienced a catastrophic health crisis that took the lives of at least 2,000 men, women, and children out of Norfolk's population of approximately 16,000 residents and at least 1,000 residents of Portsmouth. Some of those who survived suffered lasting effects, and few families experienced no losses. Among those affected were members of the relatively small Jewish population. We can identify at least a few of them because their gravestones testify to the cause of their deaths and their identity as Jews.



Eleven years earlier, in 1844, there were at least ten Jewish adult males living in Norfolk, the number necessary for worship services in what was originally called the House of Jacob.

After meeting first in the home of one of the members, and then in rooms rented from the Odd Fellows Hall, a temple building was erected around 1859. However, in 1850, ten of the members signed their names to a deed for a new burying ground. The plot of land occupied 55 feet on Princess Anne Avenue and extended northeastward an additional 400 feet. Graves from the earliest Jewish

"Horrible in itself, disaster is sometimes a door back into paradise, the paradise at least in which we are who we hope to be, do the work we desire, and are each our sister's and brother's keeper."
– Rebecca Solnit, *A Paradise Built in Hell*

cemetery, which dated from 1815, were moved to the new location. However, due to the yellow fever epidemic, more land had to be purchased in 1855 for what became known as the Hebrew Cemetery.

Gravestones list the names and, for most, the ages of these victims: Jacob Lightenstine, 32; David Pike, 18; Raphael Switzer, 51; Noah Stahl, whose age at the time of the 1850 census was around 60. From the census, we also learn that Stahl and his wife Henrietta were German immigrants, and he was a "clothing dealer." His death was reported in Richmond's *Daily Dispatch*, the city's main source of information since, like most businesses, Norfolk's own newspapers had closed their doors while the fever raged outside. Most issues of the *Daily Dispatch* in that disastrous summer and fall of 1855 included lists of those who had fallen sick, those who had recovered, and those who had died. The list for October 13 included the cryptic note: "A German Jew named Stahl, residing at the corner of Church and Charlotte streets, was found dead in his house Thursday." Henrietta and their daughter, Virginia, who was 13 at the time, survived the epidemic. And two years later, in 1857, Virginia married Nathan Campe, a member of a family with a long and distinguished history in our congregation.

We don't know how many other Jewish residents of Norfolk or Portsmouth perished in the epidemic. Was 12-year-old Hannah Cohen's uncle one of them? Hannah and her uncle had immigrated from Ireland, and when her uncle succumbed to the fever, Hannah became one of the countless number of children orphaned by the disease. We don't know how many of them, if any, were members of Congregation House of Jacob. One of them, a nurse named David Pike, was a Richmond resident who had volunteered to help out in the afflicted cities, much as today, volunteer health care workers are serving in cities that are the epicenters of this current health care crisis.

Another young resident of Richmond was Henry Myers, who, like David Pike, volunteered in Norfolk, but unlike Pike, did not have to make the ultimate sacrifice. In a tribute to him, the *Richmond Daily*

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Dispatch noted that he had "won for himself the respect and gratitude . . . of the people of Norfolk . . . by his intrepid zeal in aiding and assisting the people of our sister cities in their day of affliction." The article goes on to praise "his devoted attention to the sick and suffering."

The same could be said of many other nurses; and the more than 80 doctors, some of whom came from other states; and the many individuals and groups that donated everything from coffins to household goods, food,



American nurse flies to NYC from Germany to volunteer.

and clothing. Their generosity, the generosity of the members of Ohef Sholom in 1867, the dedication of people like Henry Myers, and the sacrifice of David Pike are being replicated every day across the nation in our current crisis. They reflect the belief that we each are our "brother's and sister's keeper." They exemplify the belief that we are responsible not only for ourselves and our immediate circle of friends and family, but also for a much wider circle.

In a recent sermon, speaking about our current crisis, our own Rabbi Roz expressed the belief that we will carry on that same spirit and "when we ask ourselves what we did to help others stay alive, let us hope we can say we loved our neighbor in word and in deed." Whether by giving to others or by safeguarding our own health to not endanger others, we can make that hope a reality. ☆

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After the Exodus from Egypt, God instructed the Israelites to build the *mishkan* — a traveling tabernacle, or temple, -- so that they could continue to harbor God's presence no matter where they were. God gave meticulous instructions for its construction, commanding each person to contribute according to their talents and abilities. As they wandered the desert, each time they set up camp, they reconstructed the *mishkan*. Each time they did, God's presence filled it — the only constant for the Israelites in a time of seemingly endless uncertainty.

We recalled this story during our virtual Annual Meeting as we considered the ways that closing our building has forced us to build a temporary digital platform to serve as our Temple. While we know that prayer and study, which we have moved online, are critical parts of our spiritual lives, we also know that, as Jews, our relationship with God is best expressed through acts of loving kindness toward our fellow human beings. We are so deeply proud of our *Love Thy Neighbor* initiative and its partnership with our Soup Kitchen, in which each participant brought their best offering to ensure that this critical part of our modern-day *mishkan* is complete. This *mitzvah* extends beyond helping our neighbors. They are providing an essential service to the Ohef Sholom family as well. With every meal, every pair of socks, and every friendly, masked smile they offer, they invite God's presence into our community.



Carol Brum and Dorianne Villani supporting Love Thy Neighbor's Grab 'N Go on Memorial Day, May 25, 2020.

To volunteer or donate to our *Love Thy Neighbor* initiative or to volunteer with our Soup Kitchen, visit our website or email Carol Brum at carolnanroth@gmail.com or Dorianne Villani at ddmkvillani1@gmail.com. ☆

Rabbi Roz Cantor Jen

Rabbi Roz and Cantor Jen





WHO
we are

one
HERITAGE



one
COMMUNITY



one
FUTURE

175TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

Never underestimate the power of a conversation and the determination of a few.

The 175th Anniversary Campaign began years ago as a conversation. Recognizing the significance of our Religious School and its role in our future, we pondered the possibility of how we could make religious school education free for all members. Membership dues subsidized 60% of the cost of our religious school, yet 40% still fell to parents, typically young congregants trying to grow their livelihoods and families. For many, the added burden of tuition, especially for families with multiple children, was too much.

This was one conversation of many. Thinking outside of the box, brainstorming ways to innovate, and creatively thinking of new ways to do things more efficiently and effectively is a prudent practice for any organization. Evolution is what we are designed to do.

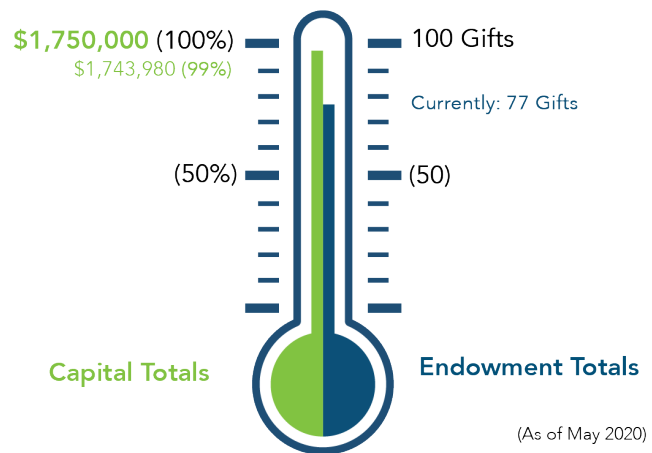
Fast-forward to 2017 when we launched the LIFE & LEGACY program, a four-year initiative to help participating Jewish organizations like Ohef Sholom raise funds to build their endowments. Just over the horizon were our two milestone anniversaries, the 100th anniversary of our sanctuary and the 175th of our congregation. Both were opportunities to celebrate and opportunities to use as a platform to honor and sustain our history.

In June 2018, the board hired a fundraising consultant Allison Bough of Spark Nonprofit Consulting to explore the feasibility of a large-scale fundraising effort. The study, completed in October 2018, showed there was support and more than adequate potential for embarking on such a course of action. From there, Allison helped us create a comprehensive plan to implement the campaign, the Board took the bold initiative to commit to this endeavor, and we officially began the silent phase of the 175th Anniversary Campaign.

Prior to this, the board had not embarked on such a large-scale fund raising effort since the Tekiah campaign 15 years earlier, which primarily raised funds for the building of a new chapel, Simon Hall, library and other renovations. Clearly, such large-scale fundraising is not something we have undertaken often. Campaigns have the potential to effectively raise much larger amounts of funds

We only need \$6,020 to meet our goal!
Please help us reach it today at ohefsholom.org/campaign

175th Anniversary Campaign Progress



than an annual campaign or event, yet they require detailed planning and consistent effort on the part of volunteers for an extended amount of time for them to be successful. Time is often the resource that can often be most scarce!

The 175th Anniversary Campaign was envisioned to help meet many of the challenges we face annually and long term. It is a means to provide for the present and also to help sustain our presence in our community into the future. Because of all who have participated thus far, the Campaign has already made a significant impact in achieving its purpose, and it will continue to make an impact in the years ahead, especially now as we face the additional challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thanks To All Who Have Helped Us Reach This Point, we have *almost* reached our goals:

\$1,743,980 in capital to a goal of \$1,750,000

77 gifts for endowment to a goal of 100 (estimated value of \$3,400,000)

The work does not end; rather it goes on just as our lives in a circular way. We will continue to do our

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DONATIONS

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

In Honor of Receiving the Rosenbach Award:

KAREN & MATT FINE

*Carol & Lou Sherman

In Memory of:

BARNEY BARR

*Lee & Arnold Barr

DOLORES BARTEL

*May Lynn Mansbach

*Arlene & Jack Rephan

JACK JACOBSON

*Arlene & Jack Rephan

ARLENE KESSER

Aline & Neil Landy

*Susan & Norman Olitsky

*Arlene & Jack Rephan

*The Silvermans &

Schoenbaums

Ruth Weinberg

*Arlene & Allan Zeno

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*Pansy & Jerome Perlman

MIRIAM RUSS

*Carol & Lou Sherman

Wishing a Happy Birthday to:

STUART BUXBAUM

*Suzanne & Dennis Gruelle

MOLLIE AND GEORGE RADIN ARCHIVES FUND

In Memory of:

DOLORES BARTEL

*Ruth & Edward Legum

CARING COMMITTEE FUND

In Memory of:

DOLORES BARTEL

*Harriet, Gerry, Marc,

Heather, & Tammy Bloom

ARLENE KESSER

Sandra Tavss

*Betty Hecht

*Minette & Charles Cooper

IRWIN SACKS

Nancy & Stephen

Rosenberg

GERALD H. SHERMAN

*Linda & Alan Troy

JEAN SHERMAN

*Linda & Alan Troy

LOLA SHERMAN

*Linda & Alan Troy

Speedy Recovery to:

BILL SAWYER

Betty Sacks

Wishing a Happy Birthday to:

LESLIE FRIEDMAN

*Minette & Charles Cooper

With Appreciation to:

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FINE ARTS FUND

In Memory of:

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& CANTOR JEN RUEBEN

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*Elizabeth & Tom Murphy

In Memory of:

LEA & BENNY BROOKE

*Ellen & William Coley

SIDNEY LEON KATZ

*Alice & David Titus

ARLENE KESSER

*Marsha & Lewis Hirschler

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*Debra & Paul Moore

WILLIAM M. LUBAR

*Debra & Paul Moore

MIRIAM RUSS

*Betty Sacks

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*Allison & Jeff Cooper

*Elaine Cooper

*Barbara Dudley

*Leslie Friedman

*Kay & Don Goldberg

*Debbie & Larry Kurtz

*Judy & Richard Levin

*Sue Velez-Perez and Family

*Christina Verderosa & C.F.

Scott

*Norma & Jack Young

MARSHA MOODY

*Debbie Higgins

Betty Sacks

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In Memory of:

DOLORES BARTEL

*Marsha Chenman

& Stephen Goldstein

*Dr. Buzzy Schulwolf

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*Dr. Buzzy Schulwolf

*Susan Molofsky Todres &

Michael Todres

*Gerald Zeno

With Appreciation to:

RABBI ROZ MANDELBERG

*Rachelle & Roberto Luna

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In Memory of:

DOLORES BARTEL

*Rose & Kurt Rosenbach

ARLENE KESSER

*Susan, Mark & Jeff Barr

*Rose & Kurt Rosenbach

FELIX ROSENBACH

*Rose & Kurt Rosenbach

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In Memory of:

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*Nina & Steve Taubman

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In Memory of:

DOLORES BARTEL

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ARLENE KESSER

*Jane & Lenny Frieden

*Joan Laderberg

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*Joyce Legum

JEFFREY B. SPINDEL

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In Honor of Receiving the Rosenbach Award:

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Elayne Axel

In Memory of:

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*Elayne Axel

*Martha & Robert Goodman

Bunny Mirman

*Betty Sacks

ARLENE KESSER

Sally & Ted Adler

*Marilyn & Stuart Buxbaum

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*Dianne Epplein

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▶ best to steward the funds and steward our donors, to show our gratitude and continue our legacy of making a positive impact in our larger community and world.

We extend our sincere gratitude and "thanks" to Kurt Rosenbach, Philip Rovner, Scott Kaplan, Barb Gelb, Allison Bough, Rachael Nusbaum, Linda Peck and the amazing OST staff, Kaitlyn Oelsner, Randy Parrish, and of course the LIFE & LEGACY team and the 175th Anniversary Campaign Teams and board of directors for their dedication, support and guidance on this amazing journey.

We are especially grateful to be honored this year with the Kurt Rosenbach Award for our service and leadership on behalf of Ohef Sholom. We are blessed to be part of something that is so meaningful to us and our family for many generations. **It is in giving that we receive the most.** ☆

Shalom,
Karen & Matt

Karen & Matthew Fine
175th Anniversary Campaign Co-Chairs
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YAHREZEITS

JUNE & JULY

May 31 - June 6

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 Goldyn Balaban
 Samuel Blachman*
 Harold I. Breit*
 Lewis Alfred Bress
 Abraham Bress
 Rachel Brown*
 Arthur Paul Cohen*
 Emma Cross
 Sara Joo Davidson*
 Jennie Lohrman Dobbs*
 Raymond Drummond
 Fannie Duny
 Sarah Feldman
 I. Morton Feldman
 Charles Joseph Foster, V
 Jack Friedman
 Steven Friedman
 Ruth Basch Front
 Marion Glazer
 Iris Goodman
 Sylvia Greenspoon
 Solomon Kaplan
 Sarah Kayton*
 Edna Sara Lazon
 Rabbi Morris S. Lazon
 Charles P. Leavitt
 Reba M. Leterman*
 Agatha L. Leventhal*
 Elsie Leviton
 Sonya Levy
 Sarah Loboek
 Ruth Mayer
 Harry Nicholson*
 Mary Elizabeth Perkins
 Bertha Reisner
 Doris Roth
 Ida Schafetz
 Roberta Schiff
 Jerome Smith
 William Waldman*
 Julia Weisel*
 Richard Wingfield

June 7 - 13

Celia C. Altschul*
 Phillip Barr*
 Leo Baydush*
 Belle S. Bear
 Alice Blumenson
 Robert Broudy
 Priscilla Close
 Bessie P. Dozoretz*
 Milton Drucker*
 Minnie Eisenstein*
 Esther Fenster*
 H. William Fink
 Arthur Frasca
 Dr. Marshall Friedman
 Harold Friedman

Sylvia Geffen
 David Goldrich*
 Rachel F. Goldstein*
 Murray B. Goldsticker
 David H. Goodman*
 Stanley Leigh Harrison*
 Peggy Hellner
 Minnie B. Hollan
 Samuel Kaiser
 George B. Kaufman*
 Albert Laderberg
 Coralyn Lakamp
 David Ari Leavitt
 Regina Weiss Lefkowitz
 Emanuel Lester
 Jacob Levy
 Moe Levy*
 Lena A. Liverman
 David Lowenberg
 Dr. Eugene Lowenberg*
 Ellie M. Marx*
 Sarah Meyerson
 Marilyn Moon
 Ann Papier Greenberg
 Murray Pikely
 Stephen L. Preddy
 Rita B. Rosenberg*
 Maurice Sacks
 Daniel Schneider
 James Scranton
 Michael Shank
 Louis Shapiro
 Shirley Steinberg
 Bernice Stillman
 Pauline Wasserman*
 Jerrold Weinberg*
 Patricia Wisoff
 Bonnie Brill Zipkin

June 14 - 20

Rena Myers Bartley*
 Max A. Berger*
 Jerome Breinin
 Rita Cogan
 Sarah Rebecca Cooper*
 Benjamin Duny
 Meyer Engelberg
 Joseph S. Evans*
 Samuel H. Fried*
 Stephen Furst
 Elsa Wallerstein Gerst
 William Goldman
 Benjamin Grossman*
 William H. Harrison*
 Dr. Bruce Kane
 Bernice Kaplan
 Richard B. Keeley
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 Malvina Kirschner
 Allen Kline
 Isabelle H. Kline*
 Naomi Karlin Laderberg

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 Leo Levine
 Leonard Levitan
 Simmy Sadie Levy
 Lt. David Lowenberg, Jr.
 Bernard Lubschutz
 Margaret Newfield*
 Jeanne Reznick
 Joseph Rottenberg
 Jean Schepper
 Ann Shapiro
 Lester S. Sherrick*
 Moe Aaron Snyder
 Rachel Steel*
 Ernestine Stiffman
 Solomon D. Troy
 Elise Loemann Ullman*
 Henriette Wachsman*
 Louis Wasserman*
 Jeffrey Winn

June 21 - 27

Stuart Abramson
 Minnie Silverman Adler*
 Elisa S. Banks
 Jennie F. Barr
 Marsha Bartley*
 Philip Bass
 Richard Bass
 Philip Belkov
 Emeri Berkovitz
 Jack Bodner
 Harry Bornstein
 Stella Chase*
 Charles (Charlie) Dechter*
 Harry Echmann
 Sidney Feldman
 Thomas M. Friedman*
 Pauline Becker Galumbeck
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 Ruth Kaufman Goldstein
 Jacob Gurwitz
 Sarah Yetta Hecht
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 Stephanie Jacobson*
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 Beatrice Kagan
 David Kaufman
 Henry B. Kaufmann*
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 Jack Klar
 Kathryn Levy
 Moses Levy
 Carl Lifland*
 Anna Lowe*
 Elaine Lustig
 Richard I. Miller*
 DeWitt Moody
 Cameron Munden*

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 Dorothy Jean Rager*
 Irving Rosen
 William Rosenfeld
 Robert Rovner
 Harry Sacks
 Morrie B. Silverstein
 Anna Smith
 Shirley Sobel
 Selma Swersky
 Barbara Wells Merritt
 Israel Winn
 Sigmund Wolf

June 28 - July 4

Ilona Aranyi*
 Samuel Ashinoff*
 Jay D. A. Barr
 Fannie Bass
 Ethel Bass*
 Billy Bazar
 Arthur Bear
 Dr. Walter Berman
 Harry Berman*
 Emil Brand
 Ethel Brotman
 Lynn Chapel
 Shirley Charm
 Bertha G. Cohen*
 Irene Cohen
 Doris Meyer Cohen*
 Miriam Cohen Weisberg
 Sara Comess*
 Ida Goldblatt Diamonstein*
 Roth Raw Dreggors
 Sonya Fine
 Mamie Heller Fine*
 Abe A. Forman*
 Suzanne Galumbeck*
 Bessie Galumbeck
 Bonna Hayward
 Roger A. Horne*
 Max Kleinfeld*
 James "Jimmy" Legum
 Jacob W. Legum
 Goldie Levin
 Ben Levy
 Frank Livingston*
 Clara Lohrman*
 Fannye Metzger*
 Eleanor Neukrug
 Harry Pincus, Sr.*
 Minna Powders
 Harry Puritz
 Dorothy Quittner*
 Peter Reisner
 Andre Roberto
 Betty Romulus
 Joseph Rose*
 Ada Rosenfeld
 David Saks
 Henry Schlesinger*



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Florence Sherman*
Clare Siburkis
J. Arthur Stein
Lillian M. Strelitz*
Lillian Strom*
Albert Walters*
Seeman Waranch
Samuel Weisberg
Benjamin Weisel*

July 5 - 11

Jack Ballan
Jake Barney*
Jeffrey Blair
Helen Katz Bowdree
Max Charm
Joe Chernitzer
Raymond Israel Cohen
Lewis P. Cooper*
Phillip Engel*
Rosabel S. Fleishman
Phyllis Gilbert
Gertrude Rubenstein
Goldberg*
Satoris Gutterman
Esther Jacobs*
Blanche Kaufman*
Frank Laderberg*
Jean Levin
Sidney Lutzin
Leon Miller
Charles Moore
Murray Paster
Jessie Pributsky
Harold Rapp
Steven Reznick
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Elise Simon
Sandra Slaven
Shirley Smith
Meyer Staub
Herman Unger*
Helen Wasserman
Van Os*
Ruth C. Wasserman*
David Jay Weinstein
Miriam Weisberg
Birdie Weitsman
Murray Wolsh
Michael Wolsh

July 12 - 18

Ida Adelsdorf*
Dr. Harvey L. Aftel*
Harris Bangel*
Henry S. Blumenthal
Sylvia Sarlson Burg
Max Comess*
Dudley Cooper*
Joseph B. Cooper*
Alan Seth Deutsch
Leah W. Drew*
Bernhard Ebersson*
Dorothy Flax
Barbara Leterman
Fletcher*
Milton L. Friedman*
Eleanore Geringer
Bertha Levine Gilbert
Joseph Glanzer*
Martha R. Goldin*
Samuel E. Goodove
Barbara Lewis Haag*
Eric Hecht
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Jack Hogen
John Bennett Jacobson*
Virgie Johns
Elsie Goldstein Kerley
Jeffrey Kesser
Lenora Kroll
Benjamin J. Levy*
Albert Lubarsky
Robert McCullough
Evelyn Nadler
Dr. Henry Newfield*
Henry Milton Nordin*
Leon Salzberg
Carolyn Schlenger
Luba Zelda R. Small
Joseph Smith
Meyer Steingold*
Pauline J. Turner*
Stephen D. Unger*
Eloise Ward
Lucy With
Fannie Zittrain

July 19 - 25

Ryan Barkan
Ralph J. Berlin*
Cecil Blum*
Theodore H. Cohen*
Harry Cohen*
Betty Cohen
Fredric Coplon
Larry Dagen
Louis Fenster*
Herbert Freeman
Frances S. Garnher*
Marcelle H. Gates*
Richard Carl Geis
Linda Gissen
Etta Goldblatt
Florence W. Goldstein*
Lynn R. Goldstein
Rose S. Gordon*
Anna Ruth Gross
Emma Heimanson*
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Hofheimer
Shirley Hurwitz
Fleurette Joo*
David Kane
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Charles King*
Adele H. Koster*
Irving Leibowitz
Kenneth Levi*
Anna C. Lisner
Solomon Loeb*
Roberta Moore
Charles Pributsky
Sally Rogers
Joseph Rosenbaum
Jacob Rotholz*
Milton Saul
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Michael Shanker*
Hy Sherman
John "Jack" Simmons*
Shirley Miriam Sobel*
Sylvia Stark
Taylor Via*
Gregory Vita
Pauline C. Whitlock*
Renee Wolfson

July 26 - August 1

Benjamin Allen
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Linda Brill Barnes
Florene Feinberg
Berman*
Joseph Bohrman*
Evelyn Brand
Leonard Breinin
Raymond A. Cogan
Rachel L. Cohen
Esther Comess
William Cross
Jennie Fass*
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Gertrude Gore
Robert Hecht
Benjamin Hofheimer*
Ida Horwitz
Leo Jacobs
Alyssa Jaehne
Amelia Kline*
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Rose Lifland*
Leo H. Maltz
Abraham Messenger*
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Lorin Goodman Nelson*
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Margery Salzberger
Sylvia W. Schechter*
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Sam G. Spindel*
Martha Stein*
Lewis N. Strelitz*
Minnie G. Strelitz*
Salomon Wachsman*
Gertrude B. Weisberg
Harold Wolff
Mildred Zacks
Mollie Zimberg

* denotes memorial plaque





CALENDAR & BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1

Craig Derkay
Richard Diamondstein
Tracee Elwess
Chris Graves
Sherry Hecht
Ellen Mesh
Amy Milligan
Arlene Strelitz
Marti Wachtel

June 2

Linda Ausch
Betty Hecht
Ruth Legum
Ina Schmidt

June 3

Teresa Canepa
Nancy Rosenberg
Henry Wolf

June 4

Shelly Simon

June 5

Ken Muhlendorf
Bert Newfield
Kurt Rosenbach

June 6

David Brown
Ann Nusbaum

June 7

Jessica Julius
Besianne Tavss
Maiden

June 8

Jennifer Gebler
Jerry Golden
Rob Goodman, Jr.
Marja-Leena Jacobson
Jerry Meltsner
Jeff Swartz

June 9

Kirby Lefkowitz
Sharon Shanker

June 10

Teresa Shapiro
Lynne Sward
Jack Young

June 11

Judy Benjamin
Karen Longwater
Thomas Murphy

June 12

Michael Gebel
Brett Gordon
John Lomogda
JoEllen Rose

June 13

Sharon Goldner
Jonathan Jacobs
Larry Klar
Blanche Nusbaum
Buzzy Schulwolf

June 15

Jon Muhlendorf
Victor Pickett

June 16

Susan Cohn
Angela Harris

June 17

Zaak Glasser
Junie Goldman
Jan Lane
Bob Zentz

June 18

Josh Kinnear
Kelly Rowell
Alvin Wall

June 19

Donald Hurwitz
Stuart Kerner

June 20

Lonny Sarfan

June 21

Dennis Gruelle
Errol Lifland
Ilene Snyder

June 22

Sandy Mendelsohn
Pansy Perlman
Penny Powders
Katherine Simpson

June 23

Peter Crockin
Kim Fink
Dmitry Gotkis
Susan Hooks
Irwin Levinstein
Shelley Loeb
Rona McMillan
Sharon Ross
Baila Waldholtz

June 24

Sarah Keasey
David Metzger

June 26

Brian Bachman
Martin Levin
Brenda Lisner
Abbey Pachter
Sharon Rosenbaum
Kenneth Weinstein

June 27

Jay Lazier
Betty Sacks

June 28

Peggy Goldstein
Sharon Laderberg
Adam Lefkowitz

June 29

Elise Berkowitz
Martha Colen

June 30

Diane Muhlendorf
Sarah Newfield

JUNE EVENTS

1

MONDAY

11:00 am
Zoom Tutorials with Nina
7:00 pm
Their Voices Couldn't Be Silenced: An Evening With Author Talia Carner

2

TUESDAY

6:30 pm
Story Time with Cantor Jen (Facebook LIVE)
9:00 pm
D'Bar Torah

3

WEDNESDAY

12:00 pm
Life in the Times of the Coronavirus: Our Jewish Perspective - A Lunch & Learn Series with Rabbi Roz (via Zoom)

4

THURSDAY

4:00 pm
Virtual Torah Study (via Zoom)
5:00 pm
Executive Committee Meeting (via Zoom)
7:00 pm
Shirei Tikvah Concert Series featuring Noah Aronson

5

FRIDAY

6:30 pm
Shabbat Services followed by Oneg (via live streaming)

6

SATURDAY

9:00 am
Virtual Torah Study (via Zoom)
10:30 am
Shabbat Services (via live streaming)

8

MONDAY

11:00 am
Zoom Tutorials with Nina

9

TUESDAY

6:30 pm
Story Time with Cantor Jen (Facebook LIVE)
9:00 pm
D'Bar Torah

10

WEDNESDAY

2:00 pm
Immigration Task Force Legal Committee
7:00 pm
OST Women's Mussar Group (via Zoom)

11

THURSDAY

4:00 pm
Virtual Torah Study (via Zoom)

12

FRIDAY

6:30 pm
Shabbat Services followed by Oneg (via live streaming)

13

SATURDAY

9:00 am
Virtual Torah Study (via Zoom)
10:30 am
Shabbat Services (via live streaming)

16

TUESDAY

6:30 pm
Story Time with Cantor Jen (Facebook LIVE)
9:00 pm
D'Bar Torah

18

THURSDAY

4:00 pm
Virtual Torah Study (via Zoom)
7:00 pm
Board Meeting (via Zoom)

19

FRIDAY

6:30 pm
Shabbat Services followed by Oneg (via live streaming)

20

SATURDAY

9:00 am
Virtual Torah Study (via Zoom)
10:30 am
Shabbat Services (via live streaming)

21

SUNDAY

Father's Day

23

TUESDAY

6:30 pm
Story Time with Cantor Jen (Facebook LIVE)
9:00 pm
D'Bar Torah

24

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm
OST Women's Mussar Group (via Zoom)

25

THURSDAY

4:00 pm
Virtual Torah Study (via Zoom)

26

FRIDAY

6:30 pm
Shabbat Services followed by Oneg (via live streaming)

27

SATURDAY

9:00 am
Virtual Torah Study (via Zoom)
10:30 am
Shabbat Services (via live streaming)

29

MONDAY

9:30 am
Soup Kitchen

30

TUESDAY

6:30 pm
Story Time with Cantor Jen (Facebook LIVE)
9:00 pm
D'Bar Totrah

JULY EVENTS

- 2 THURSDAY**
4:00 pm
Virtual Torah Study (via Zoom)
5:00 pm
Executive Committee Meeting (via Zoom)
- 3 FRIDAY**
Independence Day Observed (Office Closed)
6:30 pm
Shabbat Services followed by Oneg (via live streaming)
- 4 SATURDAY**
Independence Day
9:00 am
Virtual Torah Study (via Zoom)
10:30 am
Shabbat Services (via live streaming)
- 7 TUESDAY**
4:00 pm
House Committee Meeting
6:30 pm
Story Time with Cantor Jen (Facebook LIVE)
9:00 pm
D'Bar Torah
- 8 WEDNESDAY**
7:00 pm
OST Women's Mussar Group (via Zoom)
- 9 THURSDAY**
4:00 pm
Virtual Torah Study (via Zoom)
- 10 FRIDAY**
6:30 pm
Shabbat Services followed by Oneg (via live streaming)
- 11 SATURDAY**
9:00 am
Virtual Torah Study (via Zoom)
10:30 am
Shabbat Services (via live streaming)
- 14 TUESDAY**
6:30 pm
Story Time with Cantor Jen (Facebook LIVE)
9:00 pm
D'Bar Torah
- 16 THURSDAY**
4:00 pm
Virtual Torah Study (via Zoom)
7:00 pm
Board Meeting (via Zoom)
- 17 FRIDAY**
6:30 pm
Shabbat Services followed by Oneg (via live streaming)
- 18 SATURDAY**
9:00 am
Virtual Torah Study (via Zoom)
10:30 am
Shabbat Services (via live streaming)
- 21 TUESDAY**
6:30 pm
Story Time with Cantor Jen (Facebook LIVE)
9:00 pm
D'Bar Torah
- 23 THURSDAY**
4:00 pm
Virtual Torah Study (via Zoom)
- 24 FRIDAY**
6:30 pm
Shabbat Services followed by Oneg (via live streaming)
- 25 SATURDAY**
9:00 am
Virtual Torah Study (via Zoom)
10:30 am
Shabbat Services (via live streaming)
- 27 MONDAY**
9:30 am
Soup Kitchen
- 28 TUESDAY**
6:30 pm
Story Time with Cantor Jen (Facebook LIVE)
9:00 pm
D'Bar Torah
- 30 THURSDAY**
4:00 pm
Virtual Torah Study (via Zoom)
- 31 FRIDAY**
6:30 pm
Shabbat Services followed by Oneg (via live streaming)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- July 1**
Marsha Hirschler
Linda Laibstain
Michael Rosenblum
- July 2**
Brian Deutsch
Jeanette Friedman
- July 3**
Roy Beskin
Seth Gilbert
Shirley Hainer
Bob Kline
- July 4**
Marilyn Allison
Freida Duny
Ragan Freeman
Helen Margolius
George Rowland
- July 5**
George Metzger
Steven Waranch
Gerald Zeno
- July 6**
Jon Harris
Barry Kayer
- July 7**
Rob Corcoran
Allen Larar
Marty Moody
- July 8**
Josh Hobbs
Heather Keller-
Umberger
- July 10**
Joel Cohn
Susan Katz
Barbara Pributsky
- July 11**
Cathi Laderberg
Morgan Zubof
- July 12**
Lynnda Brotman
Matthew Epps
Dale Jacobs
Marc Paster
Gil Schmidt, Jr.
- July 13**
Charles Cooper
Suzanne Feldman
Lynne Hazelip
- July 14**
Joanne Goldstein
Suzanne Gruelle
- July 15**
Blair Belkin
Nina Kruger
Carole Sacks
Ingrid Samuels
- July 17**
Stuart Katz
David Pincus
Cathy Romash
Mimi Stein
Ruth Tavss
Sylvia Turner-
Yanofsky
- July 18**
Joe Hooks
Bari Kraus
- July 19**
Jerome Perlman
- July 20**
Margaret Sawyer
- July 21**
Beverly Fox
Martin Freedman
Joe Hecht
Nathan Jaffe
David Titus
- July 22**
Jenna Aiken-
Ritzmann
Marilyn Buxbaum
Beth Campion
Michael Konikoff
Roberto Luna
Robert Pariser
- July 23**
Edwin Salomonsky
Nancy Wall
- July 24**
Tayla Cohen
Mathew Freeman
David Javinsky
Bruce Longman
Cara Novick
Steven Taubman
- July 25**
Sonnie Auxier
Suzanne Freeman
Stacie Moss
Debi Stadlin
- July 26**
James Belote
Jerome Gold
- July 27**
Traci Corcoran
Cheryl Frasca
Norman Olitsky
- July 28**
Sura Goldner
Sharon Hurwitz
Jay Legum
Eric Unger
- July 29**
Paula Blachman
Megan Brown
Eric Freeman
Bill Nusbaum
- July 30**
Danny Coley
Shari Kletz
Joash Schulman
Sandra Tavss
- July 31**
Matthew Fische
Patricia Kayer
Ralph Rabinowitz
Albert Solomon

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