

# Kol Sholom

## The Voice of Peace



**February 2019 Shevat – Adar I – 5779**

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### **From the Temple Presidents Desk**

Each of us has heard another person speak of his or her efforts to help someone else. Usually these efforts are concerning someone who is less fortunate or who is addressing adversity in their life. I have never heard anyone say that they wished they had not attempted to help someone. To the contrary, in most situations, I recall people saying that they wished they had done more to better the lives of others. This seems to be a universal among almost all people. Maybe our finest moments are those times when we do things for others. I hope that we may continue our efforts to provide a vigorous congregational life for everyone. We must also commit to efforts to support the non-Jewish community. There are many ways each of us can be a positive influence, and redefine ourselves in the process. The following short story by Chava Weiss is presented for your consideration:

### **The Laundry Bag**

*The highest form of wisdom is kindness.*

Talmud

The Israel Defense Forces is known to be keenly attentive to keeping pace with new technologies to maintain its military edge. One unclassified secret is that most army bases lack one critical bit of low-tech machinery: washing machines. Young recruits in Israel's army (which still observes a nearly universal draft) pile up their soiled uniforms for the much-awaited weekend furlough, when they pack their dirty laundry into one of their overstuffed duffel bags to bring home. Although the world has changed in many respects, it is still a fair bet to say that, in most cases, Mom does the wash.

Every Friday, Israel's main roads and highways are packed with streams of young men and women soldiers seeking transport home, huge duffel bags in tow. Many key intersections have soldiers' hitchhiking posts, call trampiadadas in Hebrew slang, alongside the bus routes.

One Friday afternoon, a young soldier fortunate enough to get a ride home was unfortunate enough to forget his duffel bag in the trunk of the car that had given him a lift. Luckily, the next day, he received a call from the driver, who had traced his home number through the tags on his duffel bag.

The driver offered to meet him at the hitchhiking station where he had dropped him off. They met, as planned, and the young soldier thanked the Good Samaritan. He was relieved to retake possession of his duffel bag, though disappointed to have to return to the base with the same dirty laundry he had taken home.

Back on base, the soldier unzipped what he anticipated to be a malodorous duffel bag, but was taken aback to find freshly laundered and folded uniforms, underwear, and socks. He also found a note, attached to a bag of cookies. The note, unsigned, was from someone's mom, telling him that she had done his uniforms along with her son's. "I hope you like these cookies," read the unsigned note. "Take care of yourself and be careful."

Best Regards,  
Jim Shinder

## Cantor's Corner

As you read this, Holocaust Remembrance Day will have passed, but it still plays in my mind. I remember my mother, a native of Warsaw and a survivor (Only her and her father survived from a large family.), used to tell me "Be glad you were born in America." Trying to hold on to that thought and watching the divisiveness wracking our nation and the incredible acts of anti-Semitism once again crushing Europe and Scandinavia make me shudder. There is a Jewish Value called Klal Yisrael...Jewish Solidarity. I do not see much of that these days. We "tolerate" each other...as if that was a Jewish Value. I listen to those who preach "tolerance," and wonder if the concept of tolerance is really, for what we are striving. It certainly is not Klal Yisrael. The Oxford dictionary defines tolerance "to allow the existence, occurrence, or practice of (something that one dislikes or disagrees with) without interference. And: to "be capable of continued subjection to (a drug, toxin, or environmental condition) without adverse reaction. Should Israel be "tolerated?" Should Jews be "tolerated?" Should the left be tolerated...or the right? Are these negative things that should be *allowed* to exist? That is the mindset of tolerance. Who is anyone to decide if we as a people should be allowed to exist? Or, should we be "tolerated" with a sniff as if something slightly unpleasant has gone by. I suggest we move one-step higher. It is all right to disagree. It is all right to have different opinions. Let us think on Klal Yisrael and what we can do to promote solidarity instead of dwelling on our differences.

Cantor Monica O'Desky  
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## Ladies of the Temple Rodef Sholom Sisterhood!

Have you forgotten something? And, you just cannot remember what it is? It might be that you have forgotten your Sisterhood dues! If you are not sure, look through your checkbook, or give me a call. I will be glad to check the list, and I assure you that you are not the only one!

Just write a check for \$50, make it out to Temple Rodef Sholom Sisterhood, and mail it to the Sisterhood via the Temple.

Many Thanks!  
From Suzan S.,  
TRS Sisterhood Treasurer  
And from all of your other Sisters

### Please consider making a donation to the Temple

It is a wonderful way to:

- Mark a *simchah* (happy occasion)
- Honor someone's memory
- Wish someone a speedy recovery
- Express Gratitude

## Donations

There was a donation made to the general fund for the maintenance of the Social Hall floor.



# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Shabbat Service led by Karen Humphrey Oneg hosted by Martha Bauer	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>4:30PM</b> Religious School	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Friends & Family Dinner <b>7:00 PM</b> Shabbat Service led by Cantor O'Desky Oneg hosted by Patty Knighten	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>4:30PM</b> Religious School <b>7:00 PM</b> Board Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Shabbat Services led by Cantor O'Desky Oneg hosted by Barbara Kirstein	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Torah Study
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Presidents Day	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>4:30PM</b> Religious School	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Shabbat Service led by Cantor O'Desky Oneg hosted by Dr. Maura Jortner	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>4:30PM</b> Religious School	<b>28</b>		



**FRIENDS AND FAMILY  
CHICKEN ALFREDO DINNER!  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.**

Come join your friends and family  
For some warm comfort food  
On a chilly Shabbat evening!

Children 12 and under are free  
A \$5 donation is requested for others  
Please make checks out to the Temple Rodef Sholom Sisterhood

We are happy to say that  
The Service with Cantor O'Desky will follow at 7:00 PM!

Please, please (!! ) RSVP  
As soon as you see this!!

## Rabbi Moti and Linda Rotem Come for a Visit!

On Shabbat, January 25, 2019, we welcomed Rabbi Moti and Linda Rotem with a special, beautiful Oneg by Martha and David Bauer (sweets by Eleanor Levy and Tracie Hermann). It was good to catch up with Rabbi and Linda, and share stories of people and events of the last several years. It was if we had just seen them yesterday. We hope they come back again, and again!



### A Note from Rabbi Moti and Linda Rotem

Dear TRS Family,

Thank you for the warm, warm welcome we received during our visit. It was wonderful to see so many people we care about, to hug, and to have the chance to catch up with y'all a bit. The service with Cantor O'Desky was lovely and of course the Oneg was delicious!

TRS has a special place in our hearts and we pray that it will continue to be a place of strength and spirituality.

Affectionately,

Rabbi Moti and Linda

# THE 2019 ONEG LIST

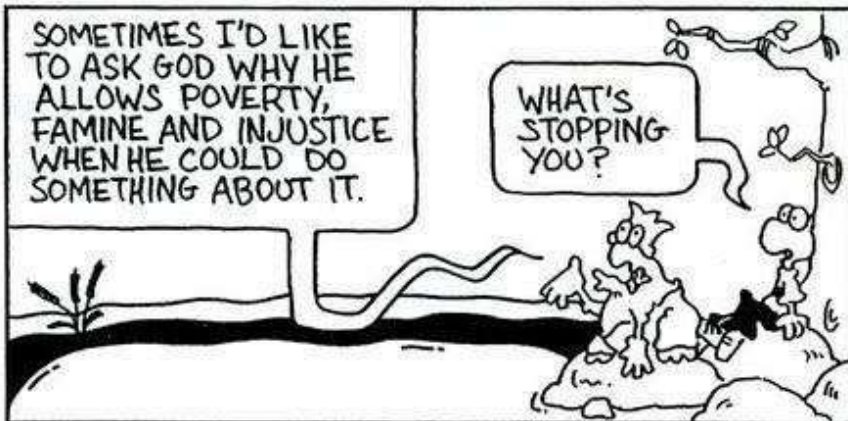
Kabbalat Shabbat is a space in time for holiness, rest, and joy. The women who create our Oneg's help create that space for us. Our Oneg list for 2019 is our first step to that joy. If you are on a date that does not work for you, please call another woman on the list, and trade with her! If you don't cook, something from the local grocer is a great solution! Remember, it's not about eating, it's about JOY! If you are not on the list and you are willing to help, or if you have a question, please call Suzan at 254.881.2131. You are not alone. If someone calls you to trade, please say "yes!" Make it work! We all have to say "yes" for this to work! Say "yes" to joy!

2-1-19 Martha Bauer  
2-22-19 Dr. Maura Jortner  
3-15-19 Tracie Hermann  
4-5-19 Sue Hanson  
5-3-19 Cheri Gardner  
5-24-19 Elysse Englander

2-8-19 Patty Knighten  
3-1-19 Dr. Karen Humphrey  
3-22-19 Meredith Harmon  
4-12-19 Mendy Hanson  
5-10-19 Ricki Florsheim  
5-31-19 Ellan Burke

2-15-19 Barbara Kirstein  
3-8-19 Nora Householder  
3-29-19 Nan Haber  
4-26-19 Abby Garrett  
5-17-19 Sara Jo Englander

## Pontius' Puddle



## Yahrzeits

### February 1st – 7<sup>th</sup>

Sydney Goldstrich	Alex H. Sanger	Barney Brickman	Rebecca Labens
Rebecca Migel	Peggy Hirsch	Etta Davidson	Ben F. Lutzer
Lotta Naman Silvers Levy	Jennie Hawtof	Frank P. Heyman	Fannie Goldstein
Frances A. Scrinopskie	Harry Snaman	Alfred T. Godshaw	Ira David Levy

### February 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

David Hawtof	Edward J. Levy	Robert H. Levy	Sari Kestenbaum
Nathan A. Goldstucker	Arthur Levy	Helen Grossman Frimel	Elsie D. Juda
Abraham Gollob	Weldon Bounds	Rose Potash	Harry Mack
Judith Englander Block	Rhoda Bernstein	Florence Rubinsky Fetter	

### February 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

Rabbi Wolfe Macht	Moses Goldstein	Mary Gabert	Ben Keen
Tony R. Rosner	Charles Robinson	Robert Todd	Dorothy L. Kosberg

### February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

Bessie Gurwitz Novy	Ike Kestner	Pauline Kuttner Gabert	Sidney Cinnamon
Daisy Wolens Silverberg	Herman Alexander	Jacob Ginsburg	

## Simchas

### Birthday

**February 3rd**, Barbara Simpson

**February 14th**, Charles McDonald

**February 19<sup>th</sup>**; Hayden Hanson

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Asa Sternberg

**February 26<sup>th</sup>**, Melinda Hanson

**February 3rd**, Rana Bauer

**February 18th**, Charlotte Labens

**February 21<sup>st</sup>**, Keith Hanson

**February 24<sup>th</sup>**, Rodger Sternberg

### Anniversary

**February 13<sup>th</sup>**, Ricki & Joel Florsheim

**February 19<sup>th</sup>**, Betty & Benjy Bauer

# WE ARE ONE



Join us at 8:30 AM for a continental breakfast and presentation at 9:00 AM of

## **HATE AND INTOLERANCE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

MARCH 9, 2019, 8:30 AM  
TEMPLE RODEF SHOLOM  
1717 North New Road, Waco, Texas

Presentation by Kate Chance of the  
Southern Poverty Law Center.

**Tickets are required, but are available FREE by calling 254.754.3703.** This event is sponsored by Temple Rodef Sholom and The Greater Waco Interfaith Conference.





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