



TEMPLE OHEV
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FROM YOUR RABBI: OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Every year I take our Confirmation Class for a weekend trip to the Religious Action Center of the Union for Reform Judaism in Washington DC. The RAC as it is known is an amazing organization founded more than 50 years ago to promote social justice from a Jewish perspective. President John F. Kennedy helped carry a Torah into the RAC's office when they opened their doors. Since 1961, they have been instrumental in teaching Jewish youth, and adults, the importance of social justice and working to make our world a better place.



The Confirmation trip is part of the L'Taken Seminar at the RAC. Every year, nearly 2,000 high school-aged students participate in the seminar, designed to expose students to a variety of public policy issues, explore the Jewish values surrounding these issues and teach the skills of an effective advocate. This year, Rosette Roth joined me in chaperoning our Confirmation Class, Mitchell Arch, Samantha Fingerman, Allie Kaye, Peri Kessler, Scott Roth, and Matthew Yoffe for the 3 ½ day weekend. (Liza Kuller was missed, but we will tell her everything that happened)!

The Confirmation Class spent Friday afternoon through Sunday evening taking part in workshops to better understand how the government addresses policy issues such as the political climate in Israel, LGBT Rights, global warming, and immigration. Then they each wrote an essay delivered at Congressman Lou Barletta's office to lobby the congressman about these important issues, and to hope that he votes for the congressional bills that make the world a better place. We also lobbied at Senator Casey's office as well. Their essays were excellent, and the weekend was a huge success for everyone involved.

All of us at Ohev Sholom are proud of our Religious School and Hebrew High students, as they represent the best that our congregation has to offer. I feel confident that they honed their leadership skills during the weekend, and I am sure the legislative aides we met on Capitol Hill were impressed with our young people. The trip underscores the importance of our post-B'nai Mitzvah students to continue their Jewish education past their 13th birthdays. Learning about our heritage doesn't end with B'nai Mitzvah, it only begins. Many thanks to our Ohev parents who insist that their children continue with their education past the B'nai Mitzvah year!

Your Rabbi,

Peter Kessler

APRIL SCHEDULE

Saturday, 1 April

10:30am Adult B'nai Mitzvah-Sanctuary

Sunday, 2 April

9:30am Religious School

Wednesday, 5 April

4:30pm Religious School

Friday, 7 April

7:30pm Sisterhood Shabbat-Sanctuary

Saturday, 8 April

10:30am B'nai Mitzvah-Sanctuary

Friday, 14 April

6:00pm Shabbat Services -Lehrman Chapel

Wednesday, 19 April

4:30pm Religious School

Thursday, 20 April

7:00pm Hershey Study

Friday, 21 April

7:30pm Sixth Grade Family Shabbat Services - Sanctuary

Saturday, 22 April

10:30am B'nai Mitzvah-Sanctuary

Sunday, 23 April

9:30am Religious School

Thursday, 27 April

Sisterhood Donor Event

Friday, 28 April

6:00pm Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel

Saturday, 29 April

10:30am B'nai Mitzvah-Sanctuary

Sunday, 30 April

9:30am Religious School

SAVE THE DATE



TOT SHABBAT

There is no TOT SHABBAT in April or May as we have B'nai Mitzvah on the available weekends. See you in June!

LUNCH AND LEARN

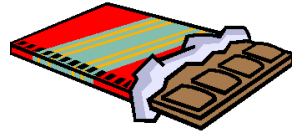
On the 2nd Wednesday of each month, Rabbi Kessler teaches a noon-time class called LUNCH AND LEARN. The class is taught in a very informal way. Participants come to the Lehrman Chapel at 12 noon with their lunch (we supply the beverage) and an hour of study follows. No need to RSVP...just drop in! This year's curriculum will be based on Rabbi David Wolpe's book, *Why Faith Matters*. **Our next class is scheduled for April 12th.** Hope to see you there!



HERSHEY STUDY

Rabbi Kessler comes to Hershey every month on a Thursday evening to teach a cozy and relaxed study session at a congregant's home. This year's curriculum is taken from the book "Jewish Literacy", by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin.

Our next class is scheduled April 20th at 7:30 PM. Location will be announced. Hope to see you there!



RABBI KESSLER'S BOOK REVIEW

Rabbi Kessler leads a discussion each month on a book of Jewish interest. Refreshments are always provided...no need to RSVP...just join us! **Our next Book Review class is April 23rd.** We will be discussing *Two-Family House*, by Lynda Cohen Loigman.



PEP

PEP is our Parallel Education Program. We meet once-a-month on Sunday mornings for bagels & coffee, and an hour of study and discussion. This year's curriculum is based on Atul Gawande's wonderful book, *Being Mortal*, which addresses how we plan for our parents (and our) aging process.

Our next class is April 30th at 11 AM in the Lehrman Chapel. Hope to see you there!



Rabbi Kessler is available for home and hospital visits for our congregants in need. Won't you please do a mitzvah and let him know of those who would like a visit? Thank you.

You are invited to attend the Adult B'nai Mitzvah of the following Ohev Sholom members who have been studying for two years for this sacred moment in their lives:

Barbara Danowitz

Clare Garfield

Julie Ham

Jason Miller

Johanna Tesman

Eileen Wiley



Saturday April 1st, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Announcing the Decision to Use the New CCAR High Holiday Prayer Book

The Prayer Book Committee, along with the Worship Committee at Temple Ohev Sholom has decided to begin using the new CCAR High Holiday Prayer Book commencing with the High Holidays, September 2017.

The books will be provided to all who attend High Holiday services, the same as in years past. We hope our temple family will purchase a set of Prayer Books to be used at services. These books will not be for personal use, but will be in the pews at High Holiday services. The cost is \$50 per set, one book for Rosh Hashanah, the other for Yom Kippur. If you are interested, please send the following form to the temple office with your check.

I am enclosing \$_____ for _____ sets of the new High Holiday Prayer Book.

In honor of_____. In memory of_____.

The same dedication will be placed in both books.

BAT MITZVAH: MARGOT KULLER

My name is Margot Kuller. I am a distinguished honors seventh grader at Camp Hill Middle School. I participate in basketball, club soccer and attend YMCA Camp Huckins sleepaway camp. I love animals, including my hamster, Boxer, and my dog, Stanley. My Torah portion



discusses Adonai telling Moses that this day shall be his day of preparation. Becoming a Bat Mitzvah is important to me because it marks a big milestone in my life. It marks me becoming a Jewish adult and becoming more mature. My mitzvah project is raising money for ALS because my close friend lost her dad to this horrible disease. I would like to thank my family and friends for their support as well as my teachers at Temple Ohev Sholom.

BAT MITZVAH: SARAH YOFFE

My name is Sarah Yoffe. I am a 7th grade honors student at Susquehanna Township Middle School, where I play the saxophone. I am also on the cross country and soccer team at school. I also play soccer for the Susquehanna soccer club, basketball for the JCC, softball and swimming. I enjoy watching hockey (Go Penguins!!) and basketball (Go Golden State!!).



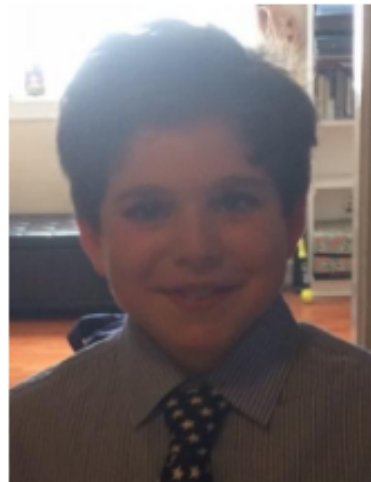
My Torah portion is about when God gives Moses instructions to be conveyed to the people of Israel. Becoming a Bat Mitzvah is important to me because it allows me to take on more responsibilities as a young adult in my Jewish community.

An important THANK YOU goes to Rabbi Peter Kessler, Mrs. Hutteman, Mrs. Rappaport, all of my religious school teachers and to my parents, Arlene and Jeffrey and my brother, Matthew, for the wonderful support and encouragement towards my Bat Mitzvah.

BAR MITZVAH: MICHAEL BATURIN

My name is Michael M. Baturin and my Bar Mitzvah is on April 22, 2017. I am a Seventh Grade, Distinguished Honors Student at Camp Hill Middle School.

I am an avid language student and have been actively studying Chinese, Spanish and other languages since I was little. I love baseball and basketball and I play basketball on the Camp Hill Middle School Team and baseball for my League Team and Travel Team.



My Torah Portion stresses the importance of following rules and living within the fundamental, guiding principles of the Torah, and Life. And although following these rules may seem challenging, they are beneficial, clear, meaningful, and easy to live by if you simply make the effort each and every day. For my Bar Mitzvah Project, I set out to make a positive difference in people's lives by helping the homeless. I have been gathering and bringing food to the Daily Bread and to the Bethesda Mission on a weekly basis. If you can, please bring some canned goods to the temple on April 21st or 22nd and I will collect and deliver them.

I would like to thank Rabbi Kessler, Mrs. Hutteman, Mrs. Rappaport, and all of my Hebrew teachers for helping me prepare for this special time in my life. I would also like to thank my grandparents, Floyd and Kickan Baturin, Raymond Malach and Cheryle Malach, my parents, Harry and Rachael Baturin, my brother Alex, and all of my family and friends. As a fifth-generation member of Temple Ohev Sholom, I also want to thank all of the Rabbis, teachers, staff, congregants and members of the armed forces. They have worked extremely hard for a very long time to keep the Temple and our country vibrant, strong and safe.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

So many great things have been happening at our congregation. In March we shared the excitement of the one year anniversary of the Create a Legacy program. Thanks to a number of wonderfully supportive members we met the requirements to earn a grant for our congregation. Thank you. The Social Action Committee has been very active, thanks to Steve Ettinger and Susan Symons. We were so honored to have Louie Marvin as a special guest to discuss issues facing our community. We also had a rip roaring time celebrating Purim! Thank you to the Seth and Luisa Narins and Russ Minnich and Nancy Garner for bringing the community together once again for a wonderful time. Over 140 people attended the performance from all over the community. Stay tuned for next year's musical extravaganza. Hopefully we can get more of you to "dance and jive". Sisterhood brought us an amazing program for their annual brunch. Annice Benamy spoke to us all about the challenges of Women's religious rights in Israel. Thank you, Sisterhood for opening this up to the whole congregation. I am really pleased to announce that our Passover seder is a sell out once again. Please note there is a waiting list for cancellations. Thanks Bruce Feldman for making this happen every year. For those of you who don't know, this man does all the work himself, including all the menu planning and the cooking. The quality is exceptional, so if you miss it, please plan on joining us next year.

Finally, please don't forget to mark your calendars for our very special event, The Maccabeats, performing at the Whitaker Center on May 7th. You have all seen them on Facebook, but their talents transcend what you have seen. Please make every effort to attend. We are still looking for those special sponsorships and have opportunities in our program book for ads as well as personal lines called "Chai Notes". Please be on the lookout for a letter that will note all the opportunities to show your support.

Stacy Feldman

A LETTER FROM THE SISTERHOOD

IT'S ALL ABOUT SISTERHOOD

We hope you were able to attend the Sisterhood Brunch on Sunday, March 19th. Annice Benamy from WRJ spoke about Women of the Wall, a group of women from Israel and around the world, that are striving to achieve the right to wear prayer shawls, pray and read from the Torah at the Kotel in Jerusalem.

Sisterhood Shabbat will be on Friday, April 7th, at 7:30 pm. Please join us as Sisterhood members read from our very own service booklet.

Our Gift Shop is open during religious school sessions on Sundays from 9:30 am to noon. Come visit for your Passover needs. Scrip is also available in the gift shop. Please give us a call with any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming all of you into our Sisterhood!!

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Rabbi Kessler with our Confirmation Class on the Religious Action trip to Washington.

Samantha Fingerman, Matthew Yoffe, Mitchell Arch, Scott Roth.

Rabbi Kessler, Peri Kessler, Allie Kaye.



Rabbi Kessler & Peri get ready for Purim!

Tributes

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES TO THE TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Jean
Plawsky

Nancy Weber

Abby Goddard

Bobbi & Harvey
Danowitz

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND

In honor of the Bar
Mitzvah of Sid
Astrachan

Jackie Huttemann

ALTAR FLOWER FUND

To Shirley Disend, in
memory of your son
Randy Disend

Fran and Richard
Casher

To Marjorie Sherman,
hope you are feeling
better Fran and
Richard Casher

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES

Sisterhood Tribute cards, at a minimum amount of \$5.00 each, are an easy and inexpensive way to send greetings, well wishes and any other family milestones you wish to acknowledge. The three Sisterhood funds are:

The Margaret Friedman Emergency Aid Fund

Donations are used to sustain the committee that prepares and serves meals following funerals for a bereaved family.

The Doris Zaritsky Fund

Donations are used to benefit Temple youth and religious school activities.

The Tribute Fund

Donations are used for Sisterhood Temple expenses.

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Tribute goes to:

Address (if not a Temple member):

Message:

Your name:

Please check one:

☐ Margaret Friedman Emergency Aid Fund ☐ Doris Zaritsky
Educational Fund
☐ Tribute Fund

Please mail a check made out to "TOSS" to Irith Harpster at 1184 Heron Court Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

KADDISH

April 7

Arnold Becker
Sylvia Berry
Louis W. Cohen
Sidney Disend Jacob I.
Doranz
Joseph Garner Pauline
Garner
Dr. Morris J. Gerber
Arthur H. Goldberg
Philip H. Goldberg
Israel (Irving) Lambek
Jennie Feller Lambek
Elizabeth Liebman
Harold May
Ida Polk
Peggy Rose
Helen Samet
Linda Grass Shapiro
Joseph Silverman
Helen Rouse Ufberg

April 14

Simon Abraham
Benjamin Cantor
Hyman Cohen
Ruth Fendel
Leon Grobman
Frances Goodman
Helaine Gross

Mae Husick
David Kaufman
Joseph Kaufman
Sam Klotzman
Bernard Lehrman
Dorothy Rosenbaum
Marilyn Roth
Morris Samet
Tillie Shienvold
Helene Wiede
Richard Yamin
Norman Yoffe

April 21

Michael Alper
Louis Astrachan
Daniel Ball
Charles S. Berman
Bess Cohen
Samuel Disend
Donald F. Everhart
Howard Kanzer
Figowitt
I. George Friedman
Phyllis Gaynes
Rebecca Morrison
Gelbwaks
Sarah Goldman
William S. Goldstein
Mina Cohn Grosky

Bertha Hess
Oscar Jacobs
Rosalind Kraus
Helen W. Lehrman
Paul Lightman Sylvia
E. Melamed
Augusta Nassau
Abe Siegal
S. Adam Symons
Shirley Walker

April 28

Harold Berman
Israel Blinn
William Breder
Bessie G. Brenner
Grace Brown
Jennie Myers
Friedman
Herman L. Goldstein
Mae Gutschmit
Agnes Keifer
David S. Kohn
Frederick Lipton
Frances Corbett
Plesco
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Leah P. Rosen
Samuel Rosen
Hilda Rosenstrauch
C. Laurence Sherman



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