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FROM YOUR RABBI: WHAT GOD NEEDS TO DO...WHAT WE NEED TO DO

There's the old joke about the man trapped on the roof of his house during a raging flood...a neighbor on raft comes to save him, and he says "No, God will provide"... the police come by with a boat and tell him to climb aboard, and he says, "No, God will provide"...the National Guard flies overhead in a helicopter and pleads with him, as they drop a basket to the roof, GET IN, and he says, "No, God will provide". And then the waters swallow him up, and he appears before God in heaven,



and he asks, "Why didn't you save me?" and God says, "I sent a raft, a boat, and even a helicopter...what more did you want Me to do"?

Our country has witnessed two of four worst cases of mass shooting in our history during the past 2 months. After the tragedy in Las Vegas, and the tragedy in Sutherland Springs, people like the man on the roof during the flood say, "we send our thoughts and prayers", a hollow gesture in much the same spirit as "God will provide". God will not provide adequate gun control in this country. God does not vote in Congress. God answers the prayers that we say asking for healing, and strength in times of trial, but the real work for us is to get into the raft, the boat, or the helicopter and do something for ourselves, and not sitting on the roof waiting for God to do everything. There is only so much that God can do. The victims and their families deserve more than prayers...they deserve action to make sure this doesn't happen again, and again, and again.

This is not a political statement. I do not advocate taking guns away from people. I never have. I understand the American right of bearing arms. I also understand that the system of allowing automatic weapons to be placed in the hands of everyday citizens is broken, and if we want to fix it, we can't ask God to do it for us, or simply send prayers to those affected by tragedy.

If you are close with your more conservative politicians, plead with them to fix the system. If you would rather support someone else who will take the charge, do that, if you feel that's the way to affect change. It's up to you, and me, but it's not up to God.

Yes, I believe that our prayers reach God. And I believe that God answers the prayers He is capable of answering. And I believe that we need to understand what God needs to do, and what we need to do.

Let us all pray that we don't have to live through another senseless slaughter of innocent people.

Your rabbi, Peter Kessler

DECEMBER SERVICES SCHEDULE

Friday, 1 December		
7:30pm Third Grade Family Shabbat - Sanctuary		
	2 December	
10:30am		
Sunday, 3 December		
9:30am		
	Rabbi's PEP Class-Lehrman Chapel	
Wednesday, 6 December		
4:30pm	Religious School	
Friday, 8 December		
6:00pm	Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel	
Sunday, 10 December		
9:30am	Religious School	
10:00am	Rabbi's Basic Judaism Class- Lehrman Chapel	
11:00am	Rabbi's Book Review - Lehrman Chapel	
Wednesday, 13 December		
12:00pm	Lunch & Learn - Lehrman Chapel	
4:30pm	Religious School	
Friday, 15 December		
Hanukkah Dinner		
7:30pm	Shabbat Services Sanctuary	
Sunday, 17 December		
No religious school		
Tuesday, 19 December		
7:30pm	Adult B'nai Mitzvah	
Wednesday, 20 December		
No religious school		
Friday, 22 [December	
6:00pm	Shabbat Services Lehrman Chapel	
Sunday, 24 December		
No religious school		
Wednesday, 27 December		
No religious school		
Friday, 29 December		
6:00pm	Shabbat Services Lehrman Chapel	
Sunday, 31 December		
No religious	school	

SAVE THE DATE

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 YIDDISH...learning more about the Mother Tongue.Our next class is **December 3rd at 11 AM** in the Lehrman Chapel. 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 **December 10th at 11 AM** in the Lehrman Chapel. We will be discussing: The Beautiful Possible, by Amy Gottlieb.



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 topic comes from the book BROKEN TABLETS, Restoring the 10 Commandments. Our next class is scheduled for **December 13th**. 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 **December 14th at 7:30 PM.** Location will be

announced.



TOT SHABBAT

Tot Shabbat is for our "little ones", from birth through 2nd grade, and their family & friends. We have a short service, story time, singing & dancing with Rabbi Kessler, and a great snack.Our next Tot Shabbat is December 16th at 10:30 AM in the Lehrman Chapel.

A LETTER FROM THE SISTERHOOD IT'S ALL ABOUT SISTERHOOD

We hope everyone had a very nice Thanksgiving. Sisterhood had a very busy November filled with several gatherings. And we have more to look forward to in December.

We had an incredible turnout for our TOSS Annual Symons/Rose Book Review. The dinner prior to the review was sold out. Our social hall was transformed into an art gallery with the walls displaying artwork created by several of our own sisterhood members as well as other local artists. There were also many Marc Chagall pieces exhibited bringing to life The Bridal Chair. The author, Gloria Goldreich, gave a delightful presentation during the review.

Our first Soup and Torah Study of the year with Rabbi Kessler was well attended. We examined the new Rosh Hashanah book used this past new year. Rabbi explained the breakdown of the pages which gives congregants a choice to pray along with everyone or pray on their own at their own pace. The gray and blue sections allow for freedom of prayer.

Planning has begun for our Hanukkah Dinner which will take place on December 15, followed by a service in the sanctuary with the Old World Folk Band. It will be a fun filled evening. Remember to bring along a Hanukkah Menorah to light at the service.

Our gift shop chair has been working hard reorganizing the shop. It is open during religious school sessions on Sundays from 9:30 am to noon. There could be an upcoming sale so keep a look out for it!

If you'd like to volunteer for any of the many sisterhood committees, please contact us. Recently our religious school chair position has opened so this would be a great opportunity to get involved. We're also looking for a program chair and a communications/publicity chair. But no need to chair a committee. Your presence at our events is a great way to get involved!

Thank you for your continued support!! All our dues dollars go toward supporting activities and services for our congregation. If you haven't already sent your dues to Dara Kluger, please do so. Please call us with any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming all of you into our Sisterhood!! Sincerely,

Sarah Brown	Patti Hivner
Co-President	Co-President
717-540-9709	717-533-6269

Author Gloria Goldreich presented her thoughts behind writing The Bridal Chair, the book for this year's TOSS Annual Symons/Rose Book Review.







Hanukkah Dinner & Service Friday, December 15, 2017

Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood is excited to announce this year's Hanukkah Dinner filled with fantastic fun, food and service music by the Old World Folk Band!

Dinner, Social Hall - 6:00 p.m. Service, Sanctuary - 7:30 p.m.

Oneg Shabhat, Social Hall - 8:30 p.m.

The cost for this wonderful event is \$8.00 per person or \$25.00 per family.

Reservations are limited to the first 100 people. All reservations must be received by December 10th.

Reserve your scat starting November 17, 2017, by emailing Denyse Wiskin at <u>TOSSisterhood@email.com</u> or call Patti Hivner at <u>717-533-6269</u>.



Remember to bring your Hanukkah Menorah and candles!





SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE CARDS

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 Zaritzky 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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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Betty Silverman Lois Lehrman Grass

In thanks for our warm welcome to High Holiday services Randi & Marc Simon

With appreciation for all that you do for us *Abby Goddard*

In memory of Robert Hoffman Barbara & Larry Shapiro Cindy & Don Lynch

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In honor of the wedding of Seth Krause & Hilary Jackie Becker

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In memory of Betty Silverman Marjorie Sherman

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In memory of Robert Ornstein Mr. & Mrs. Dan Nobleman

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In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Cohen Jackie Huttemann

For the speedy recovery of Bobbi Danowitz *Marjorie Sherman*

In memory of Eileen Levy, mother of 1st grade teacher,Cara Grossfeld. *From the religious school*

In memory of Robert Hoffman Tom Bryant & Ulysses Jimenez

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Mendelsohn Jackie Huttemann

In memory of Robert Ornstein Estelle Baltimore

For the speedy recovery of Lee Spitalny *Doreen Evrard*

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE

In memory of Rene Goodman Mickey Shapiro

In great appreciation to all men and women who participated in the building (and taking down) of our beautiful Sukkah. *Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood*

Mazel Tov to Jessica Evans, daughter of Susan Evans and Granddaughter of Jackie Becker on her engagement to Amit Cohen. Al and Elyse Bienstock Irith Harpster

KADDISH

December 1

Louis Adler Richard I. Baum Josephine Brenner J. Helen Goldberg Rosa M. Goldsmith Henrietta Goldstein Etta J. Goodman Ida Gross John William Helmuth Abraham A. Jaffe Margaret W. Kohn Charles Laubheim Lynn Liberman Roth Diana Maglin Edward Maglin Loretta S. Oppenheim Frank L. Rubin Maurice Simon **Henry Speicher** Jan Zarkin

December 8

Milton S. Abel Sam Begler Harry Chernicoff Jeffrey Cohen Ilse Feldhiem Jay Feldman Herbert Galowitz Joseph Goldstein Clara Goodman Bill Gross Dorothy Sweedler Hess Andrea Huggard Anita Jaffe Carol Kaye Melvin J. Levine Norman Neiman Roselle Roth Robert Grant Rubey Carolyn Schwartz Jerry Schwarz Sally Aronson Yoffee Richard Zarin

December 15

Mae Robbins Adler Harry Becker Florence Berger Grace S. Buxbaum Abe Epstein Reuben Ettinger Michael P. Feldser Martin L. Finkelstein Ken Hess Sue Hoffman Israel Kades Martin Lehmayer Martha Lehrman Joseph E. Morris Shirley S. Schneiderman Natalie Zisman

December 22

Matilda Arch Phyllis Bagley Myra Bornstein Albert Bryant Sylvia Casher Helene Cohen Nat Epstein Leah Fukson Minnie Gordon Myer Gross Dr. Louis C. Jacobs Goldie Kassnar Wilmer Lapp Moe Mishkin Rheda Rubin Saxe Caroline Schultz Morrie Schwab Jean Sensel Abram D. Sharosky Leroy M. Shellhammer S. James Shwartz III Anne V. Wagenheim Anne Yamin

December 29

Robert Baum Lois Braden Minnie D. Bryant Cassandra Buffington Beatrice K. Clymin Norma Cohen Lita Cramer Kay Dupont Beth Fine Max Garner M. Lee Goldsmith Joseph Klein Blanche Krauss Moses Landis David Lang Harry S. Lasker Abe May Henrietta H. Mayer Phillip Menaker Bessie B. Miller Bernard Rosenstrauch Max Salkin Israel O. Silver David Strouse Harry Yablonovitz Morris S. Yoffee

MORE FROM THE BRIDAL CHAIR



Fern Zlotoff, Shelley Adler, and Honi Kibler enjoying the wonderful food at the Sisterhood Book Review

Thanks to everyone who attended our book review event and made it such a success!





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