

FROM YOUR RABBI:

At the High Holidays...What Does God Expect of Us?

We know what we expect of our spouses...to love us, support us emotionally (and financially), and to be our partners in life. We know what we expect of our parents...to guide us, provide for us, teach us, and love us unconditionally. We know what we expect of our children...to respect us, get good grades in school, obey us, and learn how to be "menschen", good and honorable people. We may even know what we expect of God...to keep up the covenant we have with Him, to protect us, and to guide us to be better people. But we seldom ask what God expects of us.



We know that Micah is quoted in the Bible as saying, "to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God", but there must be something tangible, something more that God expects beside these three simple acts. Perhaps God expects us to be more like Him...perhaps God expects us to be more cognizant of the way we treat each other, or the ways we treat ourselves. God may want us to be more present for our families, to take better care of our parents or our children, or to more self-less in the way we deal with others. Or perhaps God wants more...

I can't speak for God, but I have a few ideas. I think that God expects us to do our best to keep Judaism alive. I think God expects us to follow the Commandments to the best of our abilities, and I think God expects us never to separate ourselves from a sense of community. And I think God expects us to take the Days of Repentance very seriously, as well.

I often speak of our need to support the congregation, and the community, and while those are important concepts, this year I hope that all of us can do the work of supporting each other. I think that God expects us to treat each other kindly, to do the work of repentance and make sure that the coming year is a better one than the one we leave behind, and that we make an effort...a real effort...to take care of each other, respect each other's feelings, and learn that saying "yes" is often more important than saying "no".

There is a divide in this country that worries me...a sense of entitlement, a sense of xenophobia, and a sense of believing that there is only one answer...when there can be many answers and solutions that can benefit everyone...and not just the entitled few. I'm afraid we may have become close-minded, self serving, and not open to the needs of others. In short...we need to be as concerned about the person sitting next to us in the pews at High Holiday services as we are with ourselves. We need to remember that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts...and we each have to be responsible for each other.

Shanah tovah...may we all be blessed with a sense of peace and kindness in the coming year.

Your rabbi,

Peter Kessler

CEDVICE COHEDINE

SEKAIGES SCHEDOFF						
Sunday, 1 October						
9:30am	Religious School					
9:30am	Build Sukkah					
10:00am	PEP					
Wednesday, 4 October						
No Religious School						
Friday, 6 October						
7:30pm	Conscretion Shabbat Services, Pre K, K & First Grad Service					

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Saturday, 7 October Tot Shabbat

Sunday, 8 October Religious School

Wednesday, 11 October Lunch & Learn-Lehrman Chapel

Religious School Friday, 13 October Simchat Torah Shabbat Services-Sanctuary

Sunday, 15 October Religious School Take down Sukkah

Wednesday, 18 October Religious School Thursday, 19 October

Friday, 20 October

Saturday, 21 October Bar Mitzvah - Sanctuary Sunday, 22 October Religious School

Speaker - Dr. Blank

Hershey Study Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel

Rabbi's Basic Judaism Class-Lehrman Chapel Rabbi's Book Review - Lehrman Chapel Speaker - Gil Hoffman Jerusalem Post

Tuesday, 24 October Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class-Library Wednesday, 25 October

4:30pm Religious School Friday, 27 October 6:00pm Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel Sunday, 29 October 9:30am Religious School

KOL NIDRE APPEAL

Dear Ohev Sholom Family, Thank you for all you do for our congregation with your financial generosity.

As we all know, it is always a challenge to provide you with the finest services we can offer with respect to our clergy, our educator and Religious School faculty, as well as our need to keep our beautiful building structurally sound and esthetically pleasing, while keeping your dues at a reasonable level.

We rely on the generosity of our congregants during our annual Yom Kippur Appeal. Dues cover only about 70% of the Ohev Sholom operating budget, and your generosity helps to cover the rest.

Please remember our annual Kol Nidre appeal and return your pledge cards and payments to the office. You may include the check now or have your pledge added to your bill, if you wish.

Thank you for your generosity.

With warm wishes for a happy new year,

Seth A. Mendelsohn

President, Temple Ohev Sholom

SAVE THE DATE



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 October 1st at 11 AM in the Lehrman Chapel. Hope to see you there!

Temple Ohev Sholom is honored to welcome the new students to our Religious School on Friday October 6th at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary as we call them up to the bema for a blessing, and to receive their "little Torah scrolls".





Celebrate in the Sukkah!

Our Family Shabbat Service on Friday, October 6th will be our annual Sukkot observance, when we celebrate Shabbat and Sukkot with the lulav and etrog. Don't miss the wonderful Oneg Shabbat following services in the beautiful Sukkah erected by our Sisterhood! Services begin at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

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 October 7th at 10:30 AM** in the Lehrman Chapel. Hope to see you there!





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 October 11th.** Hope to see you there!

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 October 22nd at 11 AM** in the Lehrman Chapel. We will be discussing:As Close to Us as Breathing, by Elizabeth Poliner.





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 October 26th at 7:30 PM**. Location will be announced. Hope to see you there!

TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM IS PROUD TO HOST JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT

GIL HOFFMAN



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND AT 3 PM IN OUR SANCTUARY 2345 N FRONT STREET HARRISBURG PA

Topic: Jew vs Jew in the Jewish State: Can the rifts be overcome?

There is no charge for this event. Refreshments will follow in our Social Hall.

Gil Hoffman is the chief political correspondent and analyst for The Jerusalem Post. Well-connected to Israeli and Palestinian leaders, he has interviewed every major figure across the Israeli political spectrum, has been interviewed by top media on six continents and is a regular analyst on CNN, Al-Jazeera and other news outlets. Called "The most optimistic man in Israel" by Israel Television, Hoffman provides a behind the scenes look at the intrigue and humor in the Israeli political arena. He was raised in Chicago, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Northwestern University's School of Journalism, and wrote for the Miami Herald and Arizona Republic before moving to Israel. A reserve soldier in the IDF Spokesman's Unit, he has lectured in every major English-speaking country in the world, more than half the Canadian provinces, and is the first speaker to lecture about Israel in 49 US states.



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.

Simchat Torah Celebration

Friday October 13th - 7:30 PM Sanctuary

Simchat Torah is the holiday when we finish reading the Torah for the year, and then begin immediately with the Story of Creation. It is a time of pure joy- the holiday when we march around the Sanctuary with our Torah scrolls, chant the beautiful hymns of the Festival, and celebrate with each other.



BAR MITZVAH: ETHAN COHEN

Hi, my name is Ethan Cohen. I am in seventh grade at Susquehanna Township Middle School. I enjoy playing sports, particularly soccer and kung fu and watching football. I also play the piano and play the saxophone in the Middle School band. I will become a Bar Mitzvah on October 21st.



My Torah portion is about Noah and tells the story of the flood God created because the people were not following God's commandments. For my community service project, my friend Gabe Pinsker and I are conducting fund raising events to make a donation to the Conley Cushings Disease Fund. The Conley Cushing's Disease Fund was established on July 17, 2014 by our friend's mother, Marie Conley Lammando, who has Cushings. The money we collect will be used in part to create awareness and advocacy for patients and their loved ones who are suffering from this disease as well as support institutions and organizations focused on research and treatment surrounding Cushing's Disease. Additionally, I am collecting new and gently used soccer equipment for children in-need who love the game of soccer as I do.

I would like to thank Rabbi Kessler, Mrs. Huttemann, Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. Rappaport, my Mom, Dad, sister Maddie, family and friends for supporting me to become a Bar Mitzvah. I am looking forward to celebrating with my family and friends!

OHE√ SHOLOM TEMPLE SISTERHOOD

ANNUAL SYMONS/ROSE BOOK EVENT

Presents

GLORIA GOLDREICH, AUTHOR THE BRIDAL CHAIR

Thursday, November 9TH



Ms. Goldreich's beautifully written novel is an exquisite, haunting exploration of the complex mind of the artist Marc Chagall as seen through the eyes of his protective daughter, Ida. In prose, as evocative as Chagall's own dazzling brush strokes, the author details the days and nights of the of the most significant masters of modern art.

6:30 p.m. Patron Dinner with Author 8:00 p.m. Author Presentation with Q and A Dessert and Art Show to follow

NAME:	PHONE
LECTURE @ 8 p.m.:	Number Attending: \$10 per person:

DINNER WITH AUTHOR @ 6:30 p.m. (Includes Dinner & Presentation)

Please make my reservation for the Thursday November 9" Event....

Number Attending:_____ \$36 per person:_____

PATRON DINNER WITH AUTHOR @ 6:30 p.m. (Includes Dinner, Presentation, Patron Listing). *****Complimentary copy of *The Bridal Chair* for Patrons who get their checks in by October 10*.

Number Attending:_____ \$75 per person_____

Please respond by Friday, October 31". Make check(s) payable to TOSS. Mail to Temple Ohev Sholom, 2345 N. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17110. ****For more information contact Frankie Glass at 717-571-7923 or Fern Zlotoff at 717-571-9758. CALLING ALL MEMBERS: In keeping with the "art" theme of Marc Chagall, whose story is so beautifully told in *The Bridal Chair*--the book selected for this year's Symons/Rose Book Event--all members are invited to share their own art work (watercolor, oil, collage, etc.) in an exhibit to be hung in the Social Hall for everyone to enjoy, Thursday, November 9th. You can drop off your artwork on Wednesday, November 8th in the afternoon or evening. Artwork can also be dropped off at the Temple office two weeks prior to the event. Join us!! This will be a fun evening.

FOR INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EXHIBIT: Call Phyllis Berman at 717-232-4901.

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ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH CLASS

This fall, classes will begin for our next Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah, which will take place on April 6, 2019. The class is open to eight participants only (please register early to ensure your place). Our Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah group will be comprised of adult members of Ohev Sholom who never have had the opportunity to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. ADULTS ONLY, PLEASE. They will study together once or twice every month on a Tuesday evening, until April of 2019, when they will lead our congregation in worship at a special Shabbat Morning Service.

The course of study includes Basic Hebrew, Jewish History, and Understanding our Liturgy. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM. For more information, or to reserve your space, please e-mail Rabbi Kessler at rabbi@ohevsholom.org.

Congratulations to Mark Kogan (son of member Susan Cohen, who recently became the new president of Temple Beth Am in Abington, PA.

IT'S ALL ABOUT SISTERHOOD

The leaves on the trees have been falling which brings us to our high holiday season. You might receive this bulletin just before October 1st. If so, please join us Sunday, October 1 at 9:30 a.m. to build the Sukkah and decorate the sanctuary. Can't join us that morning. Then come help take the Sukkah down on Sunday, October 15 at the same time. It is a terrific opportunity to spend some fun time with fellow congregants. We hope to see you there!!

Our Opening Program was well attended last month. We had a lot of fun making earrings and spending time together catching up after the summer.

We have 2 wonderful events coming up in November. Our TOSS Annual Symons/Rose Book Review is Thursday, November 9. Details for the event are included in this bulletin and last month's as well as the flyer and registration form that were mailed to our congregation.

Also in November, we continue our Torah Soup and Study with Rabbi Kessler on Friday, November 10 following services that evening.

Once again, we will have a Hanukkah dinner in December. Always an enjoyable event which fills up quick so keep your eyes open for the registration forms.

As mentioned in last month's bulletin, notices for our sisterhood dues have been mailed. Please return them to Dara Kluger as soon as you can. Our ability to serve our temple congregation comes from your generous membership dues and your volunteer commitment throughout the years and the future. We can't do it without you!!

A reminder to all, our gift shop is open during religious school sessions on Sundays from 9:30 am to noon.

Please call us with any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming all of you into our Sisterhood!!

Shana Tova,

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

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 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 Kessler with Hebrew School students!



LEGACY GIFTS



This year, when you hear the shofar, imagine it echoing down through the years-powerful blasts that have stirred the souls of Jews for generations.

Please remember our Jewish community with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy.

Like the mighty blast of the Shofar, your Legacy gift will echo into the future and ensure that what you cherish most about Jewish life will resonate for generations to come...

> May you be inscribed with blessings in the New Year!





L'Shanah Tovah Have a sweet year!



TRIBUTES

TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND

For the speedy recovery of Sheila Altaker

The Second Anonymous In and Out Fund of TFEC on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Conrad Siegel

STEVEN HARPSTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Steven Harpster

From the Harpster, Cleck & Favazzo Families

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Leo Freedman

Jackie Huttemann

ALTAR FLOWER FUND

Rosh Hashanah flowers for the sanctuary were provided by Lois Lehrman Grass

- in memory of Linda Grass Shapiro
- Rosh Hashanah flowers in the Lehrman Chapel were provided by Lee Spitalny and family
- Yom Kippur Flowers for the sanctuary were provided by Debbie Yoffe and family
- Yom Kippur Flowers for the Lehrman Chapel were provided by Sarah and Andy Brown and Patti and Bob Hivner



KADDISH

October 6

Rosie Adler Samuel Arch Rae Blank Morris Brenner Julius Briskie Loretta Brody Otto J. Buxbaum A. Joseph Cole Simon Dealham Fric Feldheim Ruth Friedman Joseph W. Gross Murray Katz Rabbi Charles Mintz **Moses Moss** Sigmund I. Moss Solomon R. Moss Molly Platcow **Judith Repshas** Allen C. Rogal Sari S. Rogal Lillian Rosenberg Harry Sauertieg Miriam M. Serta Jack Shienvold

Stephen Spitalny Stephen Ten Eyck Rich Bernard Woolf

October 13

Jacob Cohn
Louise Feldman
Samuel Frahm
Goldie Klein
Samuel Kraus
Barbara Deborah
Posner
Bertha Richmond
Julius Rosenstruch

October 20

Dorothy Heft Becker Frances Feldman Sadie Forner Minnie Globman Benjamin Sachs Lehrman Melvin Nager Shirley Neiman David Schwab Elaine Shapiro Manuel J. Smigel Muriel (Mickey)
Smith
Paul Weber
Alice Wiener
Irvin Yoffee
Ruth Zezulinski
Robert Zlotoff

October 27

Gabriel Dealham Robert Feldman Muriel Fielo Eliot Goldstein Abraham L. Gross Hannagene B. Hecht Fannie Klein Jacobson Samuel I. Kades, Jr. **Betty Katz** Max R. Koffs Samuel Kopp Isabel G. Lowengard Catherine Mitchell Torsten A. Neuman Kathryn T. Strouse Alice Adler Wnuk Ida K. Yoffee



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