



TEMPLE OHEV
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FROM YOUR RABBI: AT THE HIGH HOLIDAYS: ANOTHER WAY TO APPROACH GOD

As many of you already know, Ohev Sholom will be making the transition to the new Central Conference of American Rabbi's (CCAR) High Holiday prayer book, Mishkan HaNefesh, at services this year. Our current High Holiday prayer book, Gates of Repentance, was created back in 1975, so many of us agreed that it was time for a change after 42 years.

A committee of interested members met over a period of time last fall to discuss the possibility of a change, and we were in agreement that it was time to make the change. What is different about Mishkan HaNefesh, in relation to Gates of Repentance? A lot! Many of the prayers in the old prayer book viewed God as "the great punisher" of those who sinned, while at the same time, viewed all of us as "sinners". The committee asked, "Why do I have to recite a prayer about a sin I committed when I never even thought of committing that sin?" A great question. The committee also asked, "What happened to the God of compassion, the God who is present for us whether we need God at that moment or not?" Another question presented was, "Why doesn't our old prayer book offer more opportunities for personal reflection, especially when the congregation may be praying to God for something I don't need?" So many questions....While the new prayer book may not provide all of the answers, it does present a new way to communicate with God that many of us desperately need. God is totally degenderized in the new prayer book, and often is called by new names that will be new to us. Avinu Malkeinu will simply be translated as Avinu Malkeinu, rather than the more familiar "Our Father our King". This may take a while to get used to, but change is important for the next generation who may not view God in the male gender.



There are no "stage directions" in the new prayer book, nothing written to tell us to stand up or to sit down. There are few, if any, responsive readings, so we may need to be more attentive to the directions from the prayer leader about reciting along, or merely listening to the words. We have a shofar service that takes place more than once on Rosh Hashanah morning, as well as more opportunities to pray a selection written in the prayer book that we don't read aloud as a community, but may speak to you as a silent prayer to recite while the congregation is reciting something different. Does this sound confusing? It may, and I've been working for weeks during the summer to create a prayerful experience from the two volumes (one for Rosh Hashanah, another for Yom Kippur) that preserves our traditional worship, while providing opportunities for change. This year may be a challenge during services, but anything new takes a while to become familiar.

In closing, many thanks to all of us who purchased prayer books in honor or in memory of our family members and friends. As always, prayer books will be waiting for you in the pews for all High Holiday services. My family and I wish all of you a sweet and happy year, one with few challenges, better health, and more opportunities for joy.

Shanah tovah.

Your rabbi,

Peter Kessler

SERVICES SCHEDULE

Friday, September 1

6:00pm Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel

Saturday, September 2

10:30am Bar Mitzvah - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 7

7:00pm Sisterhood Opening Program-Social Hall

Friday, September 8

6:00pm Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel

Sunday, September 10

9:30am First day of Religious School

Wednesday, September 13

12:00pm Lunch & Learn-Lehrman Chapel

4:30pm Religious School

Thursday, September 14

7:00pm Hershey Study

Friday, September 15

7:30pm Shabbat Services - Sanctuary

Saturday, September 16

10:30am Tot Shabbat - Lehrman Chapel

Sunday, September 17

9:00am Ohev Blood Drive @ JCC

9:30am Religious School

10:00am Rabbi's PEP Class

Wednesday, September 20

No Religious School

8:00pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

Thursday, September 21

Rosh Hashanah Services (See Schedule)

Friday, September 22

6:00pm Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel

Sunday, September 24

9:30am Religious School

2:00pm Mt. Moriah Cemetery Service

Wednesday, September 27

4:30pm Religious School

Friday, September 29

8:00pm Kol Nidre Services - Sanctuary

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings, and I hope everyone has enjoyed a great summer. As we soon will be entering the "high holiday" season (By the way, the Rabbi tells me that the holidays are on-time this year), I wanted to introduce myself to you. My name is Seth Mendelsohn, and I have the honor of serving as our temple's president.

Thanks to the leadership of our immediate past president, Stacy Feldman, and the many presidents and directors who preceded her, we are a strong congregation made up of approximately 300 families. We have an engaged board of 20 individuals who devote their time for our benefit. They are wonderful leaders for our temple.

During the coming year, we will continue to hold the services and events that you have come to expect. A calendar of upcoming events may be found on our website and our Facebook page. Our Sisterhood, under the leadership of Patti Hivner and Sarah Brown, will, as always, play a strong role in our congregation. Over the next year, I look forward to sharing with you additional upcoming events and ways to get involved with our congregation.

A quick note of thanks to our Rabbi, Peter Kessler. From serving as our spiritual leader and teacher to being with our families during hospital stays and life cycle events, we are fortunate to have him with us. We also thank our office administrator, Michelle Darr, without whom we could not operate, and Jon Snavelly, who makes sure our building continues to function.

On behalf of the board, we look forward to serving you this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at mendelsolv@gmail.com or call the temple office. Thank you for allowing me this honor to serve as your president.

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SAVE THE DATE

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 first class is scheduled for **September 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 **September 14th at 7:30 PM**. Location will be announced. Hope to see you there!

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 September 16th at 10:30 AM in the Lehrman Chapel**. Hope to see you there!



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 first class is September 17th 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 **September 24th at 11 AM** in the Lehrman Chapel. We will be discussing *The Bridal Chair*, by Gloria Goldreich.



Temple Ohev Sholom's
Annual High Holiday Memorial Service
At Mt Moriah Cemetery will be on
Sunday September 24th at 2:00 PM

BAR MITZVAH: LEO FREEDMAN

My name is Leo Freedman. I am a National Junior Honor Society member and student at Linglestown Middle School. I am an all star player for Linglestown Baseball Association. I also enjoy playing basketball and other sports such as golf and tennis.



My Torah portion, Ki Tavo, is about how to receive God's blessing through giving. Moses teaches us to give back to God first and then to help others. This means we need to give in order to receive. For my Bar Mitzvah project I have been delivering Meals on Wheels to seniors in need.

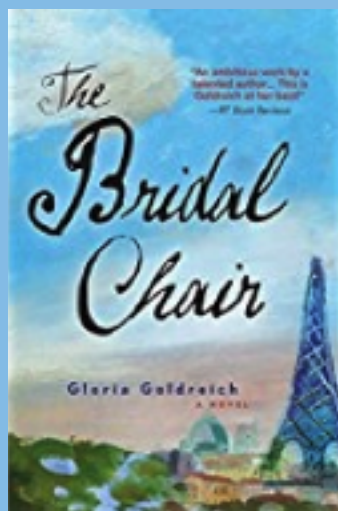
I would like to thank my parents, grandparents, family and friends for their support and encouragement. I would also like to thank Rabbi Kessler and all my teachers at Ohev Sholom, especially Mrs. Huttemann for helping me in my Hebrew studies. Becoming a Bar Mitzvah is important to me because I am now considered to be part of the Jewish community and I can celebrate fully in all the traditions.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

For the annual Book Review we have selected "The Bridal Chair" by Gloria Goldreich. The book is about Marc Chagall, his life and his artwork. As a result of reading the book, our thoughts are naturally about artwork. So, we are inviting you, our members, to show us your work, whatever you do, water color, oils, etc. Share it with us. It will be hung on the walls of the Social Hall for us all to enjoy the night of the event – November 9th.

Please participate – Enjoy! Any questions? Call Phyllis Berman at 232-4901.

GLORIA GOLDBREICH, AUTHOR *THE BRIDAL CHAIR* Thursday, November 9TH



Mark your calendars for the Annual Symons/Rose Book Event, featuring Gloria Goldreich, author of *The Bridal Chair*, on Thursday, November 9th at Ohav Sholom Temple. 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. The reader will see Chagall's peril as a Jew in Nazi Europe, his heated competitiveness, his contentiousness as a husband and father, and his consuming immersion in his work. This is history as storytelling, as poignant and arresting as Chagall's own dreamlike figures. *The Bridal Chair* is well worth any reader's time.

Ohav Sholom Sisterhood is preparing a Theme Dinner at 6:30 p.m.(\$36 per person), prior to the lecture. Patrons (\$75 per person) who send in checks before October 1 will receive a copy of *The Bridal Chair*. Ms Goldreich's lecture begins at 8 p.m. General admission is \$10 per person and includes dessert. The author will be available for book signing after her lecture.

Additionally, original art from the community will be displayed in Sisterhood hall during this event. If you are interested in participating in the art exhibit, please contact Phyllis Berman at 717-232-4901 for information.

Books are now available in the Temple office. For information on this event, contact Frankie Glass at 717-571-7924.



Mazel tov to our former soloist Yael Dadoun and her husband Joe Naroditsky on their recent wedding!

**TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM
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@ohesholom.org.

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

2017-5777

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Erev Rosh Hashanah, Wednesday September 20 8:00 PM

**Rosh Hashanah, Thursday September 21 Morning Service
Sanctuary 10:00 AM**

Morning Family Service Lehrman Chapel 10:00 AM

Children's Service 2:00 PM

Tashlich Service at the River 2:30 PM

Harrisburg Community Tashlich (at Beth El) 6:00 PM

**Memorial Service, Sunday September 24 2:00 PM (Bookstaber
Memorial Chapel at Mt. Moriah Cemetery)**

Kol Nidre, Friday September 29 8:00 PM

Yom Kippur, Saturday September 30

**Morning Service Sanctuary 10:00 AM Morning Family Service
Lehrman Chapel 10:00 AM**

Children's Service, Sanctuary 2:00 PM

Afternoon Service 3:00 PM

Yizkor 4:30 PM

Ne'ilah 5:15 PM

HOT FLASHES, CHILLS, & PARKING THINGS TO REMEMBER AT HIGH HOLIDAYS

Some things never change...we're told the Sanctuary is too hot, or too cold, and the parking lot is always filled long before services begin.

If you tend to feel chilly if air conditioning is on, please remember to bring a sweater along.

If you tend to feel warm, make sure you have something easily removed to keep you comfortable.

Rosh Hashanah evening parking is available behind the businesses facing the 2400 block of Front Street. Street cleaning restrictions for Rosh Hashanah morning on the streets surrounding the temple have been suspended...there will be plenty of room on Seneca, 2nd, and Schuylkill streets. Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur Day parking is available behind the businesses facing the 2400 block of Front Street. Good Yuntiff!

The Sisterhood Emergency Aid committee, whose job is to provide a post-funeral meal or shiva refreshments for the family and friends of a Temple member who has died, is looking for volunteers willing to be "on call" to help when the need arises. Available committee members would be asked to help prepare the home and set out the buffet on the day of the funeral (or refreshments on the first night of shiva), and/or to provide a kugel or other baked goods for the table.

If you're interested in participating in this mitzvah (which we hope you will have little need to do!), please contact Julie Sherman at (717) 236-1139. Thank you.

IT'S ALL ABOUT SISTERHOOD

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. We are ready and rolling with our new sisterhood/temple calendar year.

We welcome everyone to join us for our Opening Program on Thursday, September 7. We will learn how to make jewelry with our own Patti Hivner following a brief meeting. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. with dessert and refreshments. Mark your calendar and please come have some fun for the evening!

Many additional events are planned for the year. Including the building of our Sukkah. We need lots of adults for erecting and decorating the structure. The more the merrier so plan to join us Sunday, October 1 at 9:30 a.m. In November, we continue our Torah Soup and Study with Rabbi Kessler on Friday, November 10 following services that evening. Our very well attended Book Review is scheduled for Thursday, November 9. More details to come. And 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. These are just the programs through 2017.

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 appreciated membership dues and your volunteer commitment throughout the years and the future.

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

We can't wait to see you at all our events. Please call us with any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming all of you into our Sisterhood!!

Sarah Brown Patti Hivner

Co-President Co-President

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TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM SISTERHOOD WELCOMES YOU TO THE OPENING PROGRAM

- WHEN:** Thursday, September 7th at 7 pm
- WHERE:** Temple Ohev Social Hall
- ACTIVITY:** Learning to make jewelry 101 & Brief Meeting
- RSVP:** denyseiskin@gmail.com
Please RSVP so we can purchase enough supplies!

Please bring needle nose pliers and tin snips, if you have them!!



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.

Tribute goes to:

Address (if not a Temple member):

Message:

Your name:

Please check one:

☐ **Margaret Friedman Emergency Aid Fund** ☐ **Doris Zaritzky Educational Fund**
☐ **Tribute Fund**

Please mail a check made out to "TOSS" to:

TRIBUTES

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Dick & Bea Goldsmith
Susan & Arnold Shienvold
Stacey & Robert Zuckerman

In memory of my father,
Dr. Irwin H. Parnes
Michele Ruth

In thanks for teaching
Adult Ed:
Andrea Martin
Margaret & John Goldman
Frankie Glass
Susan Sayers
Marjorie Sherman
Erika & Brian Saunders
Michael Begler
Fran Casher
Chris & Marv Berger

In thanks for Rabbi's
kindness
Michael Finkelstein

In thanks for support
during father's illness
Kris Milke

In thanks for
participating at the
naming of our
granddaughter, Tallulah
Marianne & Bob Caplan

HAND LIBRARY FUND

In honor of Sally Levy's
special birthday
Joyce Green

In honor of Jackie
Becker's special birthday
Joyce & Alex Schamroth

TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND

For the speedy recovery
of James Sudhalter
Sally & Frank Levy

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES TO THE TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Merv
Isaacman
Sally & Frank Levy
Arlene & Chuck Fradkin
In memory of Sheldon
Lipsitz
Sally & Frank Levy
In memory of Ben
Olewine
Arlene & Chuck Fradkin

In memory of Beatrice
Goldsmith
Patti & Gary Lightman
Bobbi & Harvey
Danowitz
Sophia Eisenman
Fleischer
Fran & Bernie Orbach
Alyce & Morton Spector

In memory of Richard &
Beatrice Goldsmith
Kristen Milke

From the Brownold
Family Fund on behalf of
Mr. Melvin Brownold

In memory of Jack Rose
Nancy & David Rose

In memory of Sylvia
Brenner
Marjorie Sherman
Debby Rudy
Harriet Katz
Sheila & Larry Altaker
From the Brownold
Family Fund on behalf of
Mr. Melvin Brownold
Dr. Arthur Krieg & Sandra
Goldring
Bernard Brenner

DIANA SAUERTIEG BEAUTIFICATION FUND

In memory of Beatrice
Goldsmith
Michele & Bob Ruth

In memory of Sylvia
Brenner
Arlene & Chuck Fradkin

For the speedy recovery
of Sheila Altaker
Arlene & Chuck Fradkin

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND

In honor of the 85th
birthday of Harvey Blinn
Toby Yoffe

In memory of Beatrice
Goldsmith
Tom Bryant & Ulysses
Jimenez

ROBERT WOLDORF MEMORIAL YOUTH FUND

In honor of Sally Levy's
special birthday
Sheila Weinstock

KADDISH

September 1

Henra J. Abrams
Leah Blank
Dr. Jesse N. Cherksey
Ida Cohen
Lou Cohen
Marvin Feinman
Joseph Feldman
Marcus Forman
Barry Fox
Fannie Goldberg
Alex Grass
William Israel Eleanor
Jacobs
Richard H. Podolle
Marc Steven Saxe
Barbara Cohen
Sherman
Esther B. Sherman
George Tolk

September 8

Vera Berger
Louis Cohen
Blanca Coli
Gerts Fukson
Alfred Gottfeld
Steven M. Harpster
Jane Kay
Mildred Kessler
Julius Koplovitz
Edith Laub
Joan Podolle

Joseph Roth
Edward Rothman
Goldie Rubin
Rachel Schwab
Celia Simon
Ira Spivak
Delos Wilson

September 15

Nat Abel
Eileen Alpert
Ruth Baturin
Elsie Bienstock
Hannah Sachs Cantor
Dr. Phineas E. Dietz
Franklin Evrard
Joseph Harold Felter
Rabbi Samuel
Friedman
Martha Gainsburg
S. Herbert Kaufman
Rebecca G. Lend
Norman M. Nager
Scott R. Peikin Perla S.
Shwartz
Frank Weber

September 22

Dr. Jerome Bartok
Philip G. Berman
Joseph I. Claster
Abraham Goldsmith
Anne Hoffman

Paul Kassnar
Rose Levy
Leonard Meritz
Anthony Niglio
Arthur Rosenberg
Harry Salkin
Alfred J. Sherman
Josef H. Strouse
Stanley Sykes
Dr. Norman Woldorf

September 29

Morris Barbash
Dr. Andrew P. Beck
Doris Begler Barbara
Bitner
William Brody
Harry L. Cantor
David Cramer
Dave Goldberg
Edythe Gross
Isidor Kessler
Robert Franklin
Ketchem
Gregory Alan Larach
May Lipsitt
Lollye M. Nachman
Moric Sawicki
Albert Schultz
Bernice Siegel
Joseph Strouse
Ruth Yaskin
Rebecca Zaritzky



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