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FROM YOUR RABBI: WELCOMING TO ALL

There has been a lot of rhetoric lately about the nature of synagogue life and our need to be welcoming to everyone who walks into our door. I think our congregation does a great job of being friendly, as I know that everyone is personally greeted at Shabbat services with a warm smile and a "Shabbat Shalom". But what about our relationships outside of the synagogue? Do we create the same kind of warmth to others when we're at the workplace, the grocery store, or post office?



Do we really know about the person we see behind the counter who wears a long skirt, an unfamiliar head covering, or who speaks to us of his or her same gender marriage? How do we respond in a positive way without saying the wrong thing, or something that may be misconstrued?

I think all of us do well, or as well as we can, in helping others feel comfortable. But there is always room for education and better understanding of others.

Our temple board has discussed ideas together concerning "learning more about the marginalized", and is this way, we are proud of announce a weekend of better understanding of the LGBT community.

Louie Marven, the Executive Director of the LGBT Center of Central Pennsylvania will be our speaker during Shabbat worship services at 7:30 PM on March 24th. He will talk about the LGBT community, and the ways in which we can be more understanding of their culture and needs. On Sunday, March 26th, he will join us again in the Social Hall from 1-3 PM to lead us in a workshop to better understand the ways in which we all can be more welcoming to LGBT individuals and families, especially in using the terms and ideas that LGBT youth and adults feel comfortable hearing.

The worship will be open the entire community...Jewish people as well as non-Jews, LGBT folks as well as mainstream youth and adults, and promises to be an enlightening afternoon to learn more about the ways in which we can be more welcoming to others.

The Friday service and Sunday workshop is open to all. We will need reservations for the Sunday workshop to make sure we have enough refreshments for our congregants and guests. Please contact me by e-mail with your reservations. Thank you for helping to make this important weekend a reality.

Your rabbi,

Peter Kessler

FEBRUARY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Friday, February 3rd 7:30pm - Sanctuary Friday, February 10th 7:30pm -Fourth Grade Shabbat Services- Sanctuary Saturday, February 11th 10:30am - Tot Shabbat Friday, February 17th 6pm - Lehrman Chapel Friday, February 24th 6pm - Lehrman Chapel



Temple Ohev Sholom Welcomes Louie Marven from Harrisburg's LGBT Center

to discuss issues and concerns in the LGBT Community

2-Part Weekend Event – Friday March 24th and Sunday March 26th at Temple Ohev Sholom 2345 N Front St in Harrisburg

Friday evening 7:30 PM, in the Sanctuary Louie Marven speaking at Shabbat Worship Services Sunday alternoon 1-3 PM in the temple Social Hall, Community Workshop, featuring speakers, activities, and discussion groups to help create a welcoming environment for members of the LGBT community

All are welcome_no charge for these events Please register for the Sunday workshop at rabbi@ohevsholom.org by March 15th

SAVE THE DATE



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 February 5th.** We will be discussing The Marriage of Opposites, by Alice Hoffman.

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 February 8th.** Hope to see you there!





Tot Shabbat

Join us every month as our "little ones" have fun at our TOT SHABBAT service! We'll have a short service, a story, and singing & dancing. And, there will be a great snack for the kids! Our next Tot Shabbat is **Saturday February 11th at 10:30 AM in the Lehrman Chapel.**

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 February 12th at 11 AM in the Lehrman Chapel**. 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 February 16th at 7:30 PM. Location will be announced. Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE--MEGILLAH MIA PURIM SPIEL MARCH 12, 2017 2:00-4:00PM JCC MARY SACHS



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The holidays have come and gone and we now begin 2017. I hope all of you had a wonderful time surrounded by friends and family. Temple Ohev Sholom has been filled with activity. Thank you to all that made the holiday dance possible. Everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you to Alan Stolberg for bringing a balanced discussion of foreign affairs to our members. Over 40 people attended the breakfast and we look forward to planning other similar events in the future. The upcoming months will continue to offer great things for everyone. Please join us for the Social Action Shabbat this Spring. We will have guest speakers on Friday, March 24 and Sunday, March 26th. Mark your calendar for our Passover Seder. This is always a full house.

The Purim Spiel will be at the JCC again this year (March 12, 2017) and promises to keep you laughing once again. We would love to share in the fun. Let us know if you would like to help with any of these events. We have a really special event planned for this Spring as well. On May 7th Temple Ohev Sholom will be sponsoring a concert featuring the Maccabeats. This acapella group has performed all over the world for many special people including President Barack Obama at the White House. We are looking for people to help out with this very special program. Let us know if you are interested. So as you can see, it's an exciting time as Ohev Sholom. I look forward to seeing everyone in the coming months at all these wonderful events. Variety is the spice of life and there's truly something for everyone at Ohev Sholom. *Stacy Feldman*

BAR MITZVAH: SID ASTRACHAN

My name is **Sid Isaac Astrachan** and my bar mitzvah is on March 4, 2017. I am an honor roll student at Good Hope Middle School and have also put countless hours into baseball and basketball, my favorite sports. I play on the middle school basketball team and play travel baseball for the Mid-State Mavericks.

My Torah portion is Terumah, Exodus 25:1-16.

It is about how God spoke to Moses and asked the Israelites to build an ark of wood and layer it with gold not only on the outside, but inside the ark.

For me, this Torah portion symbolizes that the part that people cannot see -- "the inside" – is what counts. What a person believes and what is in his heart are important in life. I am looking forward to being called to the Torah and sharing the day with family and friends.

For my bar mitzvah project, I am supporting the Confetti Foundation which provides birthday parties for hospitalized children in PA and throughout the nation. I am purchasing and collecting donated party goods, books and travel games. I will put together party boxes for sick children, so they can enjoy their birthdays, even though they are in the hospital. For more information, visit <u>confettifoundation.org</u> and feel free to bring a new book or party item to the temple on March 3rd or 4th. Thanks!

Thank you Rabbi Kessler, Mrs. Rappaport, Mrs. Huttemann and all of my Hebrew school teachers for helping me prepare for this special time in my life.

NOTICE TO CONGREGANTS AND FRIENDS OF TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM

Jean Thurston and David Weiss are getting married on Saturday, February 25th, at 3:00pm. The ceremony will be at Bethany Village East in the Rife Center, which is a new auditorium & event space. Attendance will be open to everyone.

Your Life – Your Legacy... What's in Your Heart?



I signed my letter of intent to remember the Jewish community in my will - Please join me!

"The ICC has taken on different meanings as my life has changed and evolved. It was here for me when I was young and then for my children. The "I" was central to my life and when I had kids of my own, it became vital to them as well. My children attended camp and played sports here, and even found Jewish social groups like BBYO. They became camp counselors both at day camp and travel camp.

Our JCC has allowed me to constantly reinforce my Jewishness, see old friends and make new ones. I want to pay it forward and make sure that the "J" can continue to inspire the next generations.

meaningful; I feel an obligation to sustain it, not just for my children, but for everyone. At the end of the day, there is no way to put a price tag on the value of what the "J" has meant to me and my family!"



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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 interested, please send the following form to the temple office with check.

I am enclosing \$_____ for ____ sets of the new High Holiday Prayer Book. Please dedicate the books as follows:

In honor of	. In memory of	The same dedication will
be placed in both books.		

Make a positive contribution this year to Sisterhood's Donor Campaign!

Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood plays a vital role in our Temple's religious, social and educational life, as well as making a sizeable annual contribution to the Temple's operating budget and endowment. As one of the region's most active Sisterhoods, our many contributions to the Temple enhance the experiences of the entire Temple family.

Our annual donor appeal provides you with an opportunity to give a monetary contribution which will enable Sisterhood to fulfill its financial commitment to our Temple.

We have set the suggested minimum donor contribution at \$40.00; however, donations in any amount are welcome. Your paid donor pledge will then entitle you to an invitation to the Annual Donor Thank You Celebration event to be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017. A separate invitation to this event will be sent at a later date.

On behalf of the members of Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood, thank you for your time and consideration. We hope we can count on your generosity. Your donation will ensure that Sisterhood continues its mission to support our Temple and its members.

Gratefully yours,

Luisa Narins, Past Sisterhood President & Donor Chair



Please make your checks payable to Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood and send to: Luisa Narins, Temple Ohev Sholom, 2345 N Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

I have enclosed \$	as my Donor contribution for 2017
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Address:

Phone No: _____ Email: .

An email confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of your donation.

A LETTER FROM THE SISTERHOOD IT'S ALL ABOUT SISTERHOOD

Things slow down a bit in the winter, but Sisterhood is excited to be planning some interesting programs for this spring. Due to the capricious weather in Pennsylvania winters, we have decided to cancel the Winter Social that was originally scheduled for Saturday, February 11th. The Sisterhood Brunch is scheduled for Sunday, March 19th. We are planning on having a speaker from WRJ talk about the 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.

Uniongram listings now include all members of the Congregation for anniversaries, or birthdays for single members. In addition, we will be sending special silver Uniongrams for those celebrating 25th, 50th, or 60th anniversaries and 90th birthdays. Please let Frankie Glass know if you have a special occasion in the future. We would also like to apologize on the lateness of some recent Uniongrams. Due to unforeseen circumstances, they were not ready to be mailed in a timely manner. Our Gift Shop is open during religious school sessions on Sundays from 9:30 am to noon. We have many new items recently purchased during a trip to Israel by Luisa Narins. Please come check them out. And don't forget, the Seder plates used as centerpieces at the book review are available for purchase. 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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Please send Tributes to: Irith Harpster 1184 Heron Court Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 Checks made out to: Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood

Annual Brunch, Sunday, March 19, 2017

Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood

Presents Women of the Wall

a Featured Speaker from Women of Reformed Judaism (WRJ)

Women of the Wall, is a group of Jewish women from Israel & around the world who strive to achieve the right to wear prayer shawls, pray & read from the Torah collectively & out loud at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Women of the Wall is comprised of women from all denominations of Judaism – Orthodox, Reform, Conservative, Masorti, Renewal & Reconstructionist.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

To Rob Sykes, in memory of Stanley Sykes Susan & David Rosenberg

In memory of Helen Goldberg Barbara Adler Marsha & Arthur Kalisch

In memory of Josie Brenner Barbara Adler

In memory of Betty Medoff Diane and Steven Guccione

TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND

In honor of the 65th wedding anniversary of Phyllis & Leonard Berman Marlene Sykes Julie Sherman & Marty Rogoff

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES TO THE TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Anthony Guida, father of Richard Guida Sally & Frank Levy

In memory of Josephine Brenner, aunt of Michael Brenner Alyce & Morton Spector Lillian Goldberg

In memory of Betty Medoff Lillian Goldberg In memory of Jan Zarkin, brother of Jere Zarkin Alyce & Morton Spector

In memory of Helen Goldberg, mother of Suzie Goldberg Ruth & Chuck Kline Lillian Goldberg Marlene Sykes Jackie Becker Hava Pell & Michael Kline Vicki & John Kolenik Sheila & Larry Altaker

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND

In memory of Helen Goldberg Tom Bryant & Ulysses Jimenez

In memory of Josephine Brenner Tom Bryant & Ulysses Jimenez

For the speedy recovery of Ken Stewart Tom Bryant & Ulysses Jimenez

For the speedy recovery of Gloria Kaplan Tom Bryant & Ulysses Jimenez

STEVEN HARPSTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Helen Goldberg Marjorie Sherman

In memory of Molly Burnstein, mother of Lisa Ramirez Marjorie Sherman

DIANA SAUERTIEG BEAUTIFICATION FUND

For the speedy recovery of Bob Kranick Arlene & Chuck Fradkin

In memory of Ileane Hurwitz's brother, Roland Arlene & Chuck Fradkin

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE FUND

Goldberg Family In Memory of your beloved mother, Helen Goldberg Gail Riegler

Lisa Ramirez In memory of your beloved mother, Molly Burnstein Gail Riegler Elyse and Al Bienstock

SISTERHOOD ALTAR FLOWER FUND

In memory of Harry Lasker Harriet Katz

In honor of our son Jonathan's Bar Mitzvah Erika and Brian Saunders

MARGARET FRIEDMAN FUND

To: Susie and Marc Goldberg In memory of your beloved mother, Helen Goldberg Elissa and Ken Arch

SAVE THE DATE

Temple Ohev Sholom Congregational Seder Second Night of Passover

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Many thanks for the thoughtful birthday Uniongrams I received. Also my appreciation goes to Frankie and Teresa who do their jobs so efficiently.

Thank you to everyone for the wedding anniversary wishes and Uniongrams.

Bobbi & Harvey Danowitz

Reservation forms will be mailed to members' homes in early March. Those wishing to attend will also be able register in early March on the Temple's website, <u>www.ohevsholom.org</u>.

KADDISH

February 3

Sophia Aronson **Rose Epstein** John Feldman Sara J. Gross Seymour Hartman Helen Heinemann Pauline Kessler Ella Lehrman Harry Lowengard Leon Lowengard Rebecca Menaker Anna Plotkin **Bernhard Rubin** Anna S. Sherman Jack E. Spector William Spitalny Dr. David Daniel Ufberg Mollie Yoffe Jack Zuckerman

February 10

Charlotte E. Ansell Harold J. Astrich Helene Beck Sol Berliner Hyman Blank Lillian Blinn Barbara Brown Betty Danowitz Albert P. Doranz Bernard Halpern Harriet Hammer William L. Kanenson Hannah Kline Wilma Levy Nathan B. Liebman Rose Rubin Mervin Silver Alan F. Teplitz Irving Weber

February 17

Hilda Baturin Bennett Francine E. Brenner Norman Bronstein Matilda Brookner Leroy J. Brown **Katherine Tharrington** Bryant Laverne Canfield Harry Chirson Pauline S. Claster Edilia Coulianos Velma Ehring Marcia Feldman Muriel Fleishman **David Gaynes** Jane Cohen Goodman Jonas Greenberg Samuel Hammer Pauline Hollander Harold Houck Irene Houck Louis Kerner

Shirley Kerner Jeffrey Magid Doris Newman Martin Pepper Edwin Silver Bertha R. Smigel Benjamin Zalman

February 24

Gloria Adler Sadie Alexander **Fannie Baturin** Matilda Berk Harry Casher Anna Cohen David Dubin Lena I. Feinberg **Pincus Friedman** Jerome Goodman Dyna Gorfinkel Charles D. Herbert Alice W. Kanenson **Rachel Kyler** Louis Melamed **Pauline Mishkin Goldye Reiner Richard Lee Roth Phyllis Scher** David T. Shaffer Robert G. Smigel Molly Spitalny Marion Swanger

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.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As many of you know, our amazing students lead erev Shabbat services on a rotating basis once a month. Right now, our 4th and 5th grade students are busy preparing to lead erev Shabbat services on February 10 (4th grade) and on March 3 (5th grade).

Of course, we are so proud of our children and their accomplishments. Leading services is part of our Hebrew curriculum and is a complex and important process for our teachers and children. There are so many goals we have for our student-led services. Students learn the *tefilot* (prayers) in Hebrew, their meaning, and their relevance to the service. While leading the services, the students begin to feel comfortable sharing the pulpit with Rabbi Kessler. In a few short years, they will become bar/bat mitzvah and the pulpit will be theirs for the morning as they attain the rank of Jewish adulthood. They become more familiar with the erev Shabbat liturgy. They learn about the choreography of a service, when to stand, when to sit, when to bow, when to chant aloud, and when to pray silently. They enhance the beauty of the service for all of us as they lead the congregation in song--- because they are comfortable with the tunes and melodies of the service.

Students have the opportunity to lead services while at Religious School as well. We end our Sunday sessions with morning services in the sanctuary with the 6th grade class as our service leaders. At the beginning of the school year, they are nervous and hesitant about leading; by the end of the year, the 6th graders are accomplished, fluent and comfortable leading their schoolmates in prayer. We also end our Wednesday sessions with evening services led by our 7th grade class as they join Rabbi Kessler on the pulpit.

Over the years, many congregants have approached me at the oneg Shabbat following services to tell me how adorable the children are on the pulpit. Of course, I completely agree. But, in addition to having the most adorable students in our school, we also have smart, capable, and intellectually curious children who are working hard to learn about Jewish life, values, ethics, Torah, history, holidays, liturgy---and much more.

Please join us for our student-led services on Friday evenings. (Dates and times are found in the monthly bulletin). You will be hard pressed to find a more joyous way to welcome in the Shabbat than by watching our children lead services with such poise and grace. I *kvell* with pride just thinking of it.

Lillian Rappaport

Religious School Principal

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