

TEMPLE OHEV  
**SHOLOM**  
BULLETIN

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# FROM YOUR RABBI: A NEW HOLIDAY MACHZOR

I spoke at High Holiday services about the possibility of our using the new CCAR High Holiday Machzor (prayer book) called Mishkan HaNefesh. This prayer book, published last year, is the first new High Holiday prayer book since Gates of Repentance was published in 1978. A lot has changed in Reform Judaism during the past 38 years, so I thought we might be due for a change in the way we pray as well, just as many of the other URJ congregations have embraced change, and embraced the new prayer book.



Our congregation convened a committee of interested members who wanted to take a look at Mishkan HaNefesh to see if it would speak to our membership as a contemporary way to commune with God at the holiest time of our Jewish calendar. The committee met, and after careful consideration, decided that we would make the change...and begin using Mishkan HaNefesh at our High Holiday services in September of next year.

We are very excited about this new prayer book, which comes in a 2-volume set, one book for Rosh Hashanah, another for Yom Kippur. There is a plethora of new readings, as well as the familiar liturgy that has been ours for generations, including Avinu Malkeinu, Al Chet, and the Shabbat selections used if the holidays fall on the Sabbath. All language in Mishkan HaNefesh is degenderized, so God is never mentioned in the male pronoun, but rather in way for us to discover our own concept of God and pray according to our personal wishes. I'm happy to say that while you may need to learn a few new selections, the Hebrew is transliterated for those needing the extra help, and the music is the same...we decided not to change any of our familiar liturgical High Holiday music.

The Yom Kippur afternoon service has been totally revamped, and is much more "user friendly" than Gates of Repentance. The Yizkor service has been lengthened, and the Ne'ila service shortened. We have no plans to lengthen any of our services for the coming year.

This new prayer book will afford us the opportunity to feel closer to God, rather than pray to a God that often seems more interested in punishment rather than reward for mitzvot. I am looking forward to introducing the book to you. In the meanwhile, we hope our membership will purchase a set (or two) of the new prayer book for congregational use. (You are not purchasing a set for your personal use...the set will be available in the pews for anyone attending High Holiday services). Each set is \$50, and may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please see the form found in this Bulletin to order a set of books.

As always, thank you for your support, and for the opportunity to present this new prayer book to the congregation.

Your rabbi,

Peter Kessler

Thank you for the good wishes we received on the occasion of our 65th wedding anniversary.

We feel very fortunate to have lived our married life in the wonderful Jewish Community of Harrisburg and have had Ohev Sholom as an important part of that time.

Dottie & Frank Abel



## 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. Thank you.

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.

Thank you!

# JANUARY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Friday, January 6, 2017 at 6PM

Friday, January 13, 2017 at 7:30PM

Saturday, January 7th at 10:30 AM for our Tot Shabbat

Friday, January 20, 2017 at 6PM

Friday, January 27, 2017 at 7:30PM

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Please join us for "Soup, Study and the RABBI, too!"

Friday, January 27th Following the 6 pm service

Sisterhood invites you to join us for soup and bread, followed by a lively discussion of Torah led by the Rabbi.

All are welcome, and no previous experience is needed.

The cost is \$6.00 payable to Ohev Sholom Sisterhood

To RSVP, please call Phyllis Berman at 232-4901

or Kim Poolman at 580-5667 (poolmankb@gmail.com) Reservations must be placed on or by Tuesday January 24th, but payment may be made the night of the service.

# 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 **January 22nd**. We will be discussing A Reunion of Ghosts, by Judith Claire Mitchell.



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, **January 7th 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 **January 29th at 11 AM** in the Lehrman Chapel. Hope to see you there!



## 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.

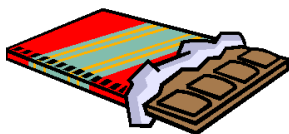
Our next class is scheduled for **January 11th**. Hope to see you there!



## 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 **January 19th at 7:30 PM**. Location will be announced.

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.

Hanukkah celebrations have been happening here for years...

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...and keep the lights shining bright for generations to come. Sign your letter of intent today!

For more information about leaving your legacy please contact Temple Ohav Shalom at: 717-233-6459 or office@ohavshalom.org

The Jewish Community Foundation of Central PA is sponsoring and promoting the community will-legacy initiative.



## Save The Date!

Join us for a 2-part series as we welcome Louie Marven from Harrisburg's LGBT Center to discuss issues and concerns in the LGBT community

Part 1: Beginning with 7:30pm service, Friday, March 24th, 2017

Part 2: Community Workshop, 1pm, Sunday, March 26th, 2017



**Keep An Eye Out For More Details To Come!**

# A LETTER FROM THE SISTERHOOD

## IT'S ALL ABOUT SISTERHOOD

It might be blustery outside this month, however, we have some upcoming events to warm up your spirits. SAVE the DATE for our Sisterhood Brunch to be held on Sunday, March 19. Also, SAVE the DATE for our Donor Dinner being held Thursday, April 27. Both will be terrific time to catch up with friends you haven't seen for a while and meet new ones. We also want to remind you that our next Soup & Torah Study will be held Friday, January 27 following the 6:00 Shabbat service. Rabbi picks the topic which are always wonderful.

Our sisterhood provides many services to our congregational community. In December, we took care of our young members. Our religious school committee gave each religious school student Hanukkah candles and gelt. Our special services committee sent college students Panera gift cards to celebrate the Festival of Lights.

If you attended the dinner prior to the book review in the fall, you may remember the beautiful Seder plates used as centerpieces. Well, many of them are still available in our gift shop. So stop by when religious school is in session on Sundays from 9:30-12:00. Please give us a call with any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming all of you in to our Sisterhood!!

Sarah Brown  
Co-President  
717-540- 9709

Patti Hivner  
Co-President  
717-533-6269

We are so pleased that future Uniongrams lists will include ALL temple members.

Uniongrams may be sent to:



All married couples for anniversaries

All single women for birthdays(including non-Sisterhood members)

All single men for birthdays

How wonderful that all our temple family will be included!

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

In memory of Minyan Saltzman  
Marsha & Art Kalisch

In memory of Helen Goldberg  
Paula Bennett, Sandy Goldberg, & Suzie Goldberg  
Jo Ann Smith  
Lois Lehrman Grass  
Barbara & Victor Morrison  
Janet Landesberg

In thanks for my kindness  
Sharon Fahrer

With thanks...  
Abby Goddard

In memory of Betty Medoff  
Jo Ann Smith  
Lois Lehrman Grass

In memory of Josephine Brenner  
Jo Ann Smith  
Barbara & Victor Morrison

In memory of Jan Zarkin,  
brother of Gere Zarkin  
Amy & Adam Karas  
Jodi & Jacob Susman

In thanks  
Marti & Jerry Morrison

In thanks for my helping to  
prepare Jonathan for his Bar  
Mitzvah  
Erika and Brian Saunders

In thanks for my kindness  
Carol L. Cohen

In memory of Martin Finkelstein  
Kelley & Michael Finkelstein

In honor of Frank Abel's  
special Birthday and Frank &  
Dottie's 65th wedding  
anniversary :  
Suzanne Spencer Abel

**TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND**

In honor of the special  
birthday of Arlene Fradkin  
Leslie Bloom

**MEMORIAL TRIBUTES TO THE  
TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND**

In memory of my brother,  
Thomas Keifer  
Paulette Keifer

In memory of Betty Medoff:  
Bobbi & Harvey Danowitz  
Brendalynne Danowitz  
Mindy Morris  
Ivy Goodman, Robert Levine  
& Aaron

In memory of Molly  
Burnstein, mother of Lisa  
Ramirez  
Bobbi & Harvey Danowitz  
Phyllis & Leonard Berman

In memory of Helen Goldberg:  
Bobbi & Harvey Danowitz  
Patti & Gary Lightman  
Donna Savage  
Terry & William  
Hougendobler, Jr.  
Helen & Joel Gerber  
Linda & Ron Goldberg  
Nancy Weber  
Vivian & Norman Bergel

In memory of Josephine  
Brenner  
Phyllis & Leonard Berman

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND**

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of  
Jonathan Saunders  
Jackie Huttemann

In memory of Shirley  
Englander  
Steve and Bonnie Diak

In memory of Helen Goldberg  
Doreen Evrard

In memory of Molly Burnstein  
Doreen Evrard

**HAND LIBRARY FUND**

In memory of Helen Goldberg  
Ricki Hurwitz & Gary Brinton

**STEVEN HARPSTER MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

In memory of Molly Burnstein  
Patti & Gary Lightman

In memory of Betty Medoff  
Marjorie Sherman

In honor of Linda Goldstein  
receiving the CREDC Lifetime  
Achievement Award  
Carol & Charles Liebman

**TEMPLE FUND**

In memory of Betty Medoff  
Nancy Weber

In memory of Helen Goldberg  
Harriet Katz

For the speedy recovery of  
David Rosenberg  
Francine & Leon Feinerman

**DIANA SAUERTIEG  
BEAUTIFICATION FUND**

In memory of Helen Goldberg  
Lisa and John Ramirez

For the speedy recovery of  
Herman Gordon  
Arlene & Chuck Fradkin

**SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES**

**TRIBUTE FUND**

In honor of the birth of John  
Samuel Abel, son of Ashley  
and Justin Abel and grandson  
of Dottie and Frank Abel  
Suzanne Spencer Abel

In memory of Molly  
Burnstein:  
Irith Harpster  
Sherry and Gary Rosenstrauch

In memory of Wende  
Weinberg, cousin of Steve  
and Dale Orman.  
Carol and Charles Liebman

In memory of Helen Goldberg:  
Irith Harpster  
Charles and Carol Liebman  
Kickan and Floyd Baturin

**MARGARET FRIEDMAN FUND**

In memory of Molly  
Burnstein, mother of Lisa  
Ramirez & In memory of  
Helen Goldberg  
Deborah Yoffee

In memory of Helen Goldberg  
Fran and Richard Casher

Please contact Irith  
Harpster for more  
information about sending a  
Sisterhood tribute.



# KADDISH

January 6

Robert Baum  
Bowman A. Brown, Jr.  
Alissa Gale  
Pauline Goldring  
Irwin I. Grossman  
Goldie Kassnar  
H. Albert Kerstein  
Bernhardt Kramer  
Sol Kuhn  
Erwin H. Lenz  
Herman Levy  
Janet M. Neyhart  
Fred Ratowsky  
Israel O. Silver  
Elaine Simons  
Lillian Sotzky  
William Moss Strouse  
Leonard Tickner  
Doris O. Zaritzky

January 13

Lewis F. Adler  
Lewis Baturin  
Herman Berk  
Samuel Bronstein  
Minnie D. Bryant  
Rosalyn Chizeck  
Norma Cohen  
Beth Frahm Frank  
Philip Goldberg  
Sarah Goldstein  
Bette Goodman

Florence Gurwitz  
Barry Koppel  
Fanny Kruger  
Lena Lang  
Mary Levine  
Kaaren McManuels  
Saul Medoff  
Lillian Melman  
Joseph Plotkin  
Harold Spector  
Amelia Wilson  
Abraham Woldorf

January 20

Ida G. Abraham  
Oskar Beck  
Bernard Beitman  
Minnie R. Cohn  
Paul Cramer  
Alan I. Ettinger  
Luella Evrard  
Norma Finstein  
Edward Friedman  
Manya Gitman  
Morris Goldberg  
Morris Goldring  
Seth Jacobs  
Benjamin Jaffe  
Thelma Marie Johnson  
Mayer (Bob) Kutler  
Sally Lehrman  
Martin Levine  
Mamie K. Levinson  
Saul Litvack

Yetta Marino  
Gloria G. Miller  
Sylvia Nurick  
Bernard M. Plawsky  
Sally Rokoff  
Betty Snyder  
Hedwig M. Strouse  
Maxine Talkov

January 27

Morris Baturin  
Joseph Baum  
Isadore Cibull  
Hannah L. Goldberg  
Helen Goldberg  
Bertram Goldberg  
Evelyn Goldstein  
Faina Gordin  
G.G. Jackson  
Mary Jonas Kaufman  
Aaron Rokoff  
Felice Gold Sachs  
Bernard Sack  
Helene Savar  
Rebecca Scheier  
Donald Schwartz  
Carl A. Wagenheim  
Celia Y. Yaverbaum

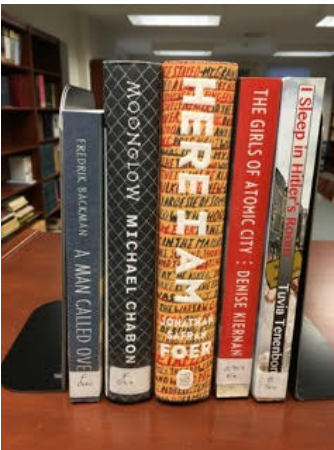
# AROUND THE SYNAGOGUE



Rabbi Kessler with the 2nd grade class at their Hebrew Name Ceremony.



New books at the Hand Library



# AROUND THE SYNAGOGUE



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