

# FROM YOUR RABBI: HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR SISTERHOOD

The world has changed since the inception of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods when it was founded in 1913. The early part of the 20th century found Jewish women working in sweatshops to support their families and desperately struggling to be viewed as equals in American society, as well as in their home synagogues. After all, women weren't even allowed to vote until 1920! One can only imagine the work that lay ahead for those Jewish women.

Over the course of the 20th century, the NFTS was at the forefront of social action and change in both Jewish and secular venues.

Sisterhood (called WRJ, Women of Reform Judaism, after a 1993 name change) embraced relief efforts during World War I, aided causes on behalf of the needy during the Depression, brought German rabbinic



students to study in the U.S. in 1935 after Hitler closed the doors of Jewish academies of higher education, urged governments to open borders to refugees before and during World War II, advocated for adequate services on behalf of displaced persons and for allowing Jews to resettle in Palestine after the war, and actively participated in the formation of the United Nations and its Charter.

Then, after the war when so many Jewish families moved out to the suburbs and women were primarily working in their homes, the WRJ worked hard on such human rights issues as insuring the right to vote for the African American community, and lobbying for the first woman rabbi, Sally Priesand, ordained in 1972.

Here at Temple Ohev Sholom, our Sisterhood members took a vibrant role in the 1950's, 60's, and 70's supporting our congregation financially, working hard to make our community a better place, and yes, pouring coffee at the Oneg Shabbat, clad in white gloves up to their elbows. By the 1980's and 90's, many Ohev Sholom women worked outside of the home, and the more traditional roles that women played at our synagogue slowly faded away. Instead of pouring coffee, they became presidents of our congregation with the election of Shelley Adler, Debra Rudy, Linda Stewart, and Stacy Feldman.

What is happening with Sisterhood today? While the Women of Reform Judaism are busy with careers and taking care of their families, they are also busy with taking care of our congregation. Ohev Sholom Sisterhood takes charge of many of our holiday observances, such as building our Sukkah and decorating our Sanctuary for the holiday, creating our amazing yearly Hanukkah dinner and celebration, and being there for all of us during the High Holidays, In addition, Sisterhood plans their own events such as the annual Symons-Rose Book Review in November, and other events throughout the year.

Why should every member of our congregation support Sisterhood? To help ensure their support of us in the future! Women members of Ohev Sholom are welcome to be members, and the men of our congregation are surged to support their activities through our financial support and the enjoyment of all Sisterhood has to offer our congregation as a whole. Please make sure to join Sisterhood and support this wonderful organization!

Your rabbi.

Peter Kessler

# **JANUARY SCHEDULE**

Wed Jan 2, 2019

Fri Jan 4, 2019

4:30pm - 6pm Religious School Calendar: Otev Stoten

4:30pm - 6pm Religious School Galender: Oney Sholom

Calendar: Ohey Sholom

6pm - 7pm Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel

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Sun Jan 6, 2019
        9:30am - 12pm Religious School
          Calendar: Ohov Sholom
        11am - 12pm Rabbi's PEP Class
           Calendar: Ohey Shelen
Wed Jan 9, 2019
        12pm - 1pm - Lunch & Learn - Lehrman Chapel
           Calendar: Ohey Sholom
        4:30pm - 6pm Religious School
           Calendar: Ohey Sholom
Fri Jan 11, 2019
        6pm - 7pm Shebbat Services - Lehrman Chapel
           Calendar: Otey Stolen
Set Jen 12, 2019
        10:30pm - 12pm Tot Shabbat - Lehrmon Chapel
          Calendar: Ohey Sholom
Sun Jan 13, 2019
        9:30am - 12pm Religious School
           Calendar: Otey Stoton
        10am - 11am Rabbi's Classes
          Calendar: Otey Sholem
Wed Jan 16, 2019
        4:30pm - 6pm Religious School
          Calendar: Ohey Shelem
Fri Jan 18, 2019
        5pm - 7pm Old World Folk Band Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel
           Calendari Ohey Sholem
Set Jen 19, 2019
        All day Sisterhood Winter Social
           Set Jen 19, 2019
           Calendar: Ohey Shelen
Sun Jan 20, 2019
         9:30am - 12pm No Religious School
            Calendar: Ohey Sholom
Wed Jan 23, 2019
         4:30pm - 6pm Religious School
            Calendar: Chev Sholom
Fri Jan 25, 2019
         5pm - 7pm Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel
            Calendar: Oney Sholom
Sun Jan 27, 2019
         9:30am - 12pm Religious School
            Calendar: Oney Sholom
Wed Jan 30, 2019
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# 2019 CONGREGATIONAL SEDER 2ND NIGHT OF PASSOVER



Saturday, April 20, 2019 seems distant but planning for our next Congregational Seder has begun. We're going to need additional volunteers this year: (i) help set tables several days before the event, (ii) limited food preparation (primarily charoset, horseradish, roasted hardboiled eggs and other ceremonial Seder plate items), (iii)

assist with food service on Saturday, and (iv) cleanup after the event.

Other than putting away tables and chairs following the Seder no heavy lifting is involved. Those helping prepare charoset, eggs, etc. will be reimbursed for the cost of purchased ingredients. Volunteers will have the satisfaction of knowing their efforts will make our Seder a success!

PLEASE email or telephone me if you can lend a hand and let me know your preference for a task (or tasks). THANK YOU!!

Bruce Feldman

The Randy Disend Education Fund was established last year through the Jewish Community Foundation of Central PA in memory of Randy Disend by his brother, Jeff and mother, Shirley Disend.

This fund is to support the Temple Ohev Sholom Youth Group such as our confirmation class annual RAC trip to Washington DC.

When directories were printed we neglected to include this fund in the front of the directory with the others listed. If you wish to make a donation, please contact Michelle in the Temple office at (717) 233-6459 or by email: office@ohevsholom.org

# 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 PART II...learning more about the Mother Tongue.



Our next class is January 6th 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! Book Review this month is on **January 13.** 

We will be discussing "The Orphan's Tale" by Pam Jenoff.

# **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 *Nine Essential Things I've Learned about Life.* Our next class is Wednesday, January 9th at 12 noon in the Lehrman Chapel.

# **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 "12 Major World Religions", by Jason Boyett. Our next class is scheduled for **January 24th at 7:30 PM**. Location will be announced. Hope to see you there!

# 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. Please join us on Saturday, January 12th at 10:30 AM in the Lehrman Chapel.



# **MESSAGE FROM THE SISTERHOOD**

I love holidays. One of my favorite things about holidays is celebrating with family.

Last month we celebrated Hanukkah. In Hebrew, the word "Hanukkah" means "dedication," and we all know the holiday celebrates or commemorates the re-dedication of the holy Temple in Jerusalem following the Jewish victory over the Syrian-Greeks by the Maccabees.

The sixth night of Hanukkah landed on Shabbat and the Sisterhood scheduled the annual Hanukkah dinner at the Synagogue. It was a traditional Hanukkah/Shabbat dinner with fried chicken, potato latkes, brisket and more.

What struck me was how many families came, celebrating Hanukkah and Shabbat at the temple. Families coming to celebrate together and with others. The Social Hall was filled. The buzz of laughter and conversation filled the room throughout the meal.

Afterward, everyone went upstairs to the sanctuary to light their menorahs and celebrate Shabbat. It was just about a filled house for what was a joyous, festive and fun service. The Old-World Folk Band added to the occasion.

Hanukkah is about the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, but for my family, it was about rededicating ourselves to each other and to celebrate together as often as we can at Temple Ohev Sholom. The next holiday will be Tu BiSh'vat in January, and it celebrates life and the blossoming of nature. That Shabbat the Old-World Folk Band is again scheduled to play, and the Sisterhood Social is Saturday night, January 19. Come celebrate with us and as a family at the temple.

We hope to see you there.

Denyse Miskin, Sisterhood President

# SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES

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To Stacy Feldman: Wishing you a speedy recovery Abby & Lionel Goddard In Memory of Richard Friedman Sally Klein Renee Singer Charles Friedman

Thank you and appreciation to the Temple Board, Sisterhood and all who sent me birthday wishes via the TOSS Uniongram.

Cynthia Melman

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.



# KADDISH

# January 4

Delores Bernstein Bowman A. Brown. lr. Lita Cramer **Pauline Goldring** Irwin I. Grossman H. Albert Kerstein Bernhardt Kramer Sol Kuhn Moses Landis Erwin H. Lenz **Irving Levine** Herman Levy Fred Ratowsky **Robin Rogoff Star** William Moss Strouse Doris O. Zaritzky

# January 11

Lewis F. Adler
Lewis Baturin
Herman Berk
Samuel Bronstein
Bette Goodman
Florence Gurwitz
Seymour Hartman
Aaron Henken
Bessie Kaufman

Barry Koppel Fanny Kruger Mary Levine Lillian Melman Gustav H. Nachman Harold Spector David Daniel Ufberg Abraham Woldorf

# January 18

Emma Astrich Oskar Beck Rosalyn Chizeck Minnie R. Cohn Alan I. Ettinger Luella Evrard Norma Finstein Beth Frahm Frank Edward Friedman Morris Goldberg Philip Goldberg Morris Goldring Sarah Goldstein Benjamin Jaffe Mayer (Bob) Kutler Lena Lang Sally Lehrman Martin Levine Mamie K. Levinson Saul Litvack Karen McManuels

Gloria G. Miller Sylvia Nurick Bernard M. Plawsky Betty Snyder Hedwig M. Strouse Maxine Talkov Amelia Wilson Isaac L. Yoffe

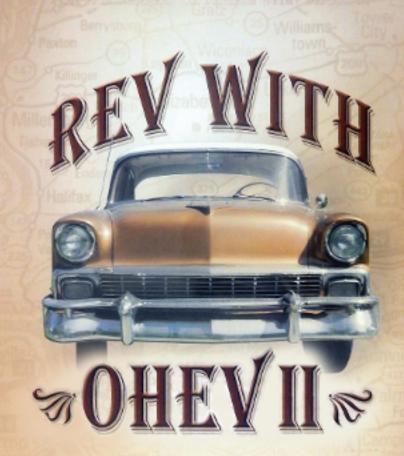
# January 25

Morris Baturin Joseph Baum Isadore Cibull Randall Disend Albert P. Doranz **David Gaynes** Helen Goldberg Evelyn Goldstein Faina Gordin Thelma Marie Johnson Yetta Marino Lily Meyerwitz Harry E. Pyke **Aaron Rokoff** Sally Rokoff Bernard Sack Helene Savar Rebecca Scheier Donald Schwartz



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Do you have a great idea for a gift basket? Would you or your business like to make a donation towards the gift baskets or raffle at our April event? Perhaps you would like to help out with the basket raffle? Please contact Abby Goddard for more information or to make a donation.

# WISHING A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

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