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FROM YOUR RABBI



Recently, we glimpsed 6 of our Confirmation students inching closer to adulthood as we chaperoned them to the <u>L'Taken Social Justice Seminar</u> led by the <u>Religious</u> <u>Action Center for Reform Judaism(</u>RAC). Our chaperone, Rosette Roth, and I were blown away by the commitment of these young people from Ohev Sholom.

With the RAC's staff, our teens explored current issues before Congress and our country and enjoyed a crash course on how concerned citizens can lobby our leaders.

As we entered the halls of Congress to urge their elected leaders to take a closer look at Social Action issues through the eyes of our own Jewish values, these soon-to-be voters take personal responsibility for their future. They choose issues they are most passionate about and research them with seriousness. They learned about the Dream Act, the attack on healthcare for all Americans, LGBTQ rights, immigration, reproductive rights, and campaign finance, and issues related to Israel. They reviewed briefing papers and studied relevant Jewish texts. They debated potential positions on pending legislation.

Then as we adults sat back, the teens spent an exhaustive evening of writing their own lobbying speeches and editing them under the mentorship of the talented RAC staff. Witnessing this moment – they take their responsibility very seriously – gave us hope that the future of Judaism, and our country, is in good hands.

On Monday morning, they arrived on Capitol Hill, dressed in their power suits, carrying folders filled with their speeches.

Entering the office of Senator Bob Casey, and Representative Scott Perry, our Confirmation class shook hands, introduced themselves, and got right down to business. These young lobbyists described current legislation by name and number, articulated the Jewish and American values underlying their position on the legislation, personalized the issue with a motivating story from their lives, and respectfully but firmly urged the leaders to uphold their opinions.

As Rabbi Paul Kipnes from California beautifully wrote for the URJ from his own RAC experience, "We remember them as kids, who we alternatively coddled and cajoled through their Bar/Bat Mitzvah studies. Some were barely able to gaze over the bema. Others had wrestled with voices starting to crack or self-identities struggling to emerge.

Then in Washington D.C., our nation's capital, these same teens moved closer to adulthood by taking charge of their future. They spoke with the confidence their future necessitated, expecting (and kindly demanding) that their values would prevail."

We were witnessing adulthood starting to emerge. In our nation's capital, our teens really took the next step forward. Our hearts were bursting with pride.

Thank you to Max Astrachan, Sophia Shienvold, Maddie Cohen, Jacob Zucker, Eliza Kuller, & Hannah Roth. We are so proud of you!

Your rabbi, Peter Kessler

MARCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Friday, 2 March		
7:30pm	Fifth Grade Family Services Sanctuary	
Saturday, 3 March		
10:30am	Tot Shabbat -Lehrman Chapel	
Sunday, 4 March		
9:30am	Religious School	
10:00am	Rabbi's PEP Class	
Wednesday, 7 March		
4:30pm	Religious School	
Friday, 9 March		
6:00pm	Shabbat Services Lehrman Chapel	
Saturday, 10 March		
10:30am	Bar Mitzvah Sanctuary	
Sunday, 11	l March	
9:45am	Sisterhood Brunch	
Wednesday, 14 March		
4:30pm	Religious School	
Friday, 16 March		
6:00pm	Shabbat Services Lehrman Chapel with Soup and Study following	
Sunday, 18 March		
9:30am	Religious School	
10:00am	Basic Judaism Lehrman Chapel	
11:00am	Rabbi's Book Review Lehrman Chapel	
Tuesday, 20 March		
7:00pm	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Library	
Wednesday, 21 March		
12:00pm	Lunch & Learn Lehrman Chapel	
4:30pm	Religious School	
Thursday, 22 March		
7:00pm	Hershey Study	
Friday, 23 M		
	Shabbat Services Sanctuary-Old World Folk Band	
Saturday, 24 March		
10:30am	Bar Mitzvah Sanctuary	
Sunday, 25		
9:30am Wednesday	Religious School	
4:30pm	Religious School	
Friday, 30 March		
	Shahhat Services Lehrman Chanel First Seder	

SAVE THE DATE



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. **Our next Tot Shabbat is March 3rd 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 YIDDISH...learning more about the Mother Tongue. Our next class is **March 4th 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 topic comes from the book BROKEN TABLETS, Restoring the 10 Commandments. **Our next class is scheduled for March 14th.**

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 March 18th.** We will be discussing Lilac Girls, by Martha



Hall Kelly.



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 **March 22nd at 7:30 PM.** Location will be announced.

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

On February 11th, I joined our seventh-grade religious school class for a tour of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. The tour started where I generally I like to spend time on any tour - the cafe. It was there that our educator, Sandy Krevsky, told the class about what we would encounter in the museum.

For the next three hours, we experienced all the museum had to offer. We learned about the Holocaust through exhibits, multimedia, and photographs. We watched videos about post WWI Germany, its recovery in the 1920's, and then the rise of the Third Reich. A few observations that I want to share with you are:

- We really have outstanding children (of course, mine included) at our religious school. They were engaged in learning and eager to discuss what they had witnessed. They sat in rapt attention as they watched videos of survivors describe their experiences.
- 2. When we were viewing the exhibits, especially the photographs from the concentration camps, I could not help but think about those who would deny the existence of the Holocaust. It left me with a stronger feeling that it is essential we have a museum that documents this history.
- 3. Moving forward, we need to promote Jewish learning that is reflective of how our children learn today. We need to engage them with all different sorts of media including online resources and videos, in addition to the written word.

After a long day and as we were driving home, I was comforted that our Jewish future is in good hands with our students.

Best wishes, Seth



Jacob Zucker, Sophie Shienvold, Hannah Roth, Max Astrachan, Eliza Kuller, and Maddie Cohen join Rabbi Kessler on the steps of the Capitol at the RAC trip

A LETTER FROM THE SISTERHOOD

It's March! That means it's time for our TOSS Brunch. This year we're having a little fun just before Passover. We'll have bagels, lox and other noshes. But this year we are going to be treated with our sister's Passover desserts and charoset. Attendees are being asked to bring their recipes for all to taste test and choose a winner for each. Fill out the flyer sent to your home and let us know if you want to share your tasty delights. There is also a flyer in this month's bulletin.

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow last month, so we have a few more weeks of winter. Once again, we can warm you up with our Soup and Torah Study. Rabbi Kessler will wrap up his lesson on the new high holiday prayer books. Please join us after the 6:00 Shabbat service on Friday, March 16.

Bravo to our sisterhood members and congregants who participated in Beach Boys Megillah! As always, the performers did not disappoint. Who knew we had so much talent in our Temple Ohev Sholom family! Congratulations on another performance well done! Of course, are completely unbiased!

Stop by our gift shop this month and get 20% your purchases. The gift shop is open on Sundays when religious school is in session from 9:45-12:00. If you'd like to see something or make a purchase at another time, please call the gift shop or the temple office to make arrangements.

Being a member of TOSS is wonderful experience. It is a way to give back and to interact with various women of talent and knowledge. Give us a call to help a committee (listed in the directory). If you'd like to take on more of a role, we are looking for a Hospitality/Social Chair, Religious School Chair,

Publicity/Communications Chair and a Recording Secretary for the 2018-2020 term. Everything TOSS does is to benefit our temple family. We'd love you to become a part of our sisterhood.

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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DON'T FORGET

TO SEND IN YOUR UNIONGRAMS!

It's a great way to send anniversary

and birthday wishes!

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE CARDS

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: Irith Harpster, 1184 Heron Court Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

TRIBUTES

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Robin Rogoff Star, sister of Marty Rogoff Barbara Adler

In memory of our uncle, Barry Koppel Margery හ Michael McNulty

DIANA SAUERTIEG BEAUTIFICATION FUND

In memory of Betty Silverman Susan & Raymond Schreckengaust

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES TO THE TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Aaron Henken, father of Brad Henken Abby & Lionel Goddard

In memory of Sylvia Naiditch, mother of Ira Naiditch Abby & Lionel Goddard

Doris Zaritsky Educational Fund

To :Jackie Becker and Susan Evans Mazel Tov on your new home From: Reyna and Ernie Jose Denyse and Steven Miskin Irith Harpster Elyse and Al Bienstock

Temple Ohev Shalom Sisterhood Tribute Fund

To: Irith Harpster

Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Samantha Rose, daughter of Kendra Harpster and Mike Favazzo

From: Elyse and Al Bienstock

To: Shirley Disend

Thinking of you

From: Reyna and Ernie Jose Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood

To: Jo-Anne Paladino

Thinking of you

From:

Reyna and Ernie Jose

To: Stacy Feldman

Glad that you are on the mend

From:

Denyse and Steven Miskin

Reyna Jose

Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood



March Madness Sale in the Sisterhood Gift Shop



Looking for a gift, a new seder plate, or menorah? We also have scrip cards for Giant.

All merchandise is 20% off in March!

(Scrip cards not included).

Did you know that the gift shop benefits our synagogue? All sales go towards programs we provide for the temple such as apples and honey for Rosh Hashanah, the sukkah and hannukah gifts for religious school students. We need your support!

Stop in any Sunday while religious school is in session to find your slam dunk.

KADDISH

March 2

Jacob W. Abel Lillian Abeles Liebman Adler Maurice Altaker Gussie Blank Celia F. Buch Joseph I. Claster Joseph D. Cohn Mollie Cohn Richard Coran Walter Fox Ida Frankel Samuel L. Freedman Lewis C. Friedman **Benjamin Gainsburg** Jerome Goodman Joseph G. Kanenson Gertrude Landis Walter J. Manola Edgar Marks Clara Neil Sweeney McArthur Romaine Sadler Menaker Richard Lee Roth Hannah Salkin Mark Shermer Charles Silver Robert G. Smigel Joyce Wolfberg Bernard Zaritzky

March 10

Huldah Appell Sylvia E. Aronoff Edward J. Brenner April DeLoach Naomi Doranz Hannah Druckman Pauline Endy Rosa Frank Tillie Garner Samuel Gross Sidney Haftman

March 10 (cont'd)

Meyer Jacobs Caryl Louise Hess Kramer Rosalind Lax Sam Levy Israel Mayer George Jasper McArthur Mark Pihony Melvin Portnoy David M. Saxe Barbie Shauf Robert P. Slaff Louis Spitalny

March 16

Ephraim Brenner Jeanette M. Brenner Lena T. Brenner Dora Cramer Faye F. Doranz Gerald Eisnitz Yetta Gurwitz Henrietta Hirschler Solomon Hurwitz Abram S. Jacobson Leonard Kessler Gertrude Lesser Dora Levine Fay Millstein May Adell Jaffe Nanus Thelma Riegler Lillian A. Roberts Stephanie Sacks Miriam R. Silver Michael Strouse William Strouse Isaac Vladimerov Robert D. Woldorf

March 23

Morris Aboff Estelle Bartok Julia Fineshriber **Eugene Frahm** Steven Henry Galowitz Phyllis Gordon León Grobman George I. Katzman Rebecca Kraus Samuel Kuhn Herbert Lang Louis Lehrman Maurice M. Melamed Tony Repshas Hilda R. Schleisner Blooma Sevak-Hecht Leo Talkov Joseph Tanchum Morris Yarowsky

March 30

Simon Abraham Herbert Dixon Morris Estreicher Renee Feldman Morris Goldman Bernard Goodman **James Gormley** Louis Grass Harry W. Gross Anita Herman Hayman Kirschenbaum Max A. Kohn Max B. Menaker Jacob M. Miller Peggy Rose Harry B. Rubin Sidney Schleifer Otis Sensel Isabella Mayers Strouse Helen Rouse Ufberg Dorothy Gene Unger



Temple Ohev Sholom will host a Congregational Seder on the SECOND night of Passover, Saturday, March 31, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

The menu: the ritual meal, matzo ball soup, gefilte fish, beef brisket, chicken, seasonal vegetables, and cold & hot beverages. A vegetarian entrée with vegetarian matzo ball soup will be available. *Please bring a dessert to share!*

Please complete the reservation form printed on the reverse side of this invitation and return it with your check payable to Temple Ohev Sholom to Michelle Darr, Administrator, Temple Chev Sholom, 2345 N. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17110. <u>Reservations accompanied by full payment are due no later than Friday, March 23, 2018</u>. Paid reservations will be honored in the order received. *Due to food purchase and preparation requirements no refunds can be given after the reservation deadline*. If you have questions please call Bruce Feldman at 717.774.1681 or email him at brucebaf@hotmail.com.

We look forward to celebrating the second Seder with you!

Soup & Torah Study Friday, March 16, 2018 Soup & Torah Study follows the 6:00 Shabbat Service that evening. For reservations contact: Phyllis Berman (717)232-4901 Kim Poolman (717)580-5667

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.



Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood Winter Brunch



Charoset and Passover Dessert Challenge Sunday, March 11th, 2018 9:45 AM - 11:30 PM Sisterhood Hall

Please join us for a fun-filled morning as we nosh on bagels and lox and taste the wonderful charoset and Passover desserts that our guests will be entering in the challenge. Each guest will have a chance to taste and vote for their favorite charoset and dessert. A prize in each category will be awarded.

All Sisterhood members, temple members, friends and family are invited to attend and enter the challenge. (You do not need to be a Sisterhood member to attend this event).

> Cost: \$10.00 Sisterhood Members \$12 Non-Members prepaid reservation by Monday, March 1st

Names			
I would like to enter the Passover challenge by making (please check one):			
Passover dessert Charoset			
I do not want to enter the challenge but would like to attend the event.			
I am enclosing my recipe(s) and \$10.00/\$12.00 check made out to TOSS			
Send to: Temple Ohev Sholom 2345 N Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17110			

For questions or information please contact: frith Harpster Irithharpster@gmail.com or 717-576-7177 Denyse Miskin denysemiskin@gmail.com or 717-430-9865

Reading of the Names

Please join the entire Jewish Community on Wednesday evening, April 11th, and all day Thursday April 12thas we commemorate Yom HaShoah with the "Reading of the Names" vigil in which the names of those perished during the Holocaust will be read continuously over a period of 24 hours. The program will be held at Temple Ohev Sholom. Opening event is at 7:30 PM at Temple Ohev Sholom.

A community observance takes place at 11 AM Sunday April 8that the Holocaust Monument.

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