

A top-down view of a wooden surface. In the center, a white bowl contains golden honey with some dried herbs. Surrounding it are several apples: a red one at the top left, a green one at the top right, a red one on the right, a yellow-green one on the left, and a yellow one at the bottom right. A large knife with a black handle and a silver blade lies diagonally across the center. In the foreground, two slices of apple are visible, one showing the core and seeds.

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FROM YOUR RABBI: AS THE HOLIDAYS APPROACH...

The High Holidays are early this year...Rosh Hashanah begins the evening of September 9th and there is so much we need to do to prepare for this most holy time in our Jewish calendar.

This year...especially...we are faced with so many challenges in our lives. Many of us are angry about the state of our country and our world. I have never seen our country so divided about so many different things. In fact, I have never seen a time when so many friends have stopped speaking to each other, when family events become the navigation of political land mines and so many of us have stopped talking to each other about what is really important to us...and simply agree to disagree.



Quite honestly, I think agreeing to disagree is not a healthy way to maintain our relationships. I think the cessation of discourse is detrimental to the way we need to act and react with each other as people. Judaism has always been a faith that welcomes discourse, discussion, and yes...even argument, so long as the arguments are made in respectful tones and kept with the utmost of respect. Too often we find ourselves yelling at each other, and saying things in anger that we learn to regret later.

Social media posts are the worst vehicle for venting our frustrations. Twitter posts...FACEBOOK posts...why do we say things on social media that we would never say about our friends and family to their faces?

Why have we become so hateful to each other? Because we are angry, frightened, and terribly confused. Just trying to speak rationally about Israel, a country that depends on our support both financially and spiritually, has become a quagmire that tries the patience of us all. How can we support the Israeli prime minister when his record on social action, the treatment of the LGBTQ community, as well as the marginalization of women and minorities is dreadful? And yet, how can we not support the prime minister of Israel when his hardline stance is what keeps Israel safe from her terrorist neighbors that seek her destruction. Whom do we trust? Whom do we support? How can we learn what is best for Israel?

I have a difficult time trying to understand those in our congregational family who support the current administration in Washington DC, and yet even I, an individual whose personal rights are being eroded day by day because I live in a non-traditional family, must defend the opinions of those who support the very people who seek to eliminate my rights, both figuratively and literally. It creates anxiety, frustration, anger, sadness, and even helplessness.

Still...we are all part of one congregational family here at Temple Ohev Sholom and while we disagree on many subjects, and sometimes are vehement in our opinions, our common ground is the future and survival of our congregation and its members. Whether we fight against those in Washington, support them, or ignore them...whether we stand by Bibi Netanyahu or protest against his policies, we all can agree that our goal is keeping our synagogue vibrant, welcoming, and a place of safety for everyone. And I promise to adhere to those principles of our synagogue, whether I agree with your politics or not. We cannot let our temple family erode because of what divides us yet...we must remain strong in what keeps us solidified. We have important work to do. And we need to keep talking to each other...

I know this a lot to process as the summer ends and the High Holidays begin. Yet, this is our responsibility as Jews and as members of our community. To work together for the betterment of our community, and to remain strong in support of our temple and each other. I look forward to helping all of us find a place of peace as the Holidays begin...and I wish all of us a Happy & Healthy New Year.

Your rabbi, Peter Kessler

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

Friday, 7 September

6:00pm Shabbat Services Lehrman Chapel

Tuesday, 11 September

12:00pm Lunch & Learn - Lehrman Chapel

Friday, 14 September

6:00pm Shabbat Services Lehrman Chapel

Sunday, 16 September

9:30am First Day Religious School

9:30am Build Sukkah

Tuesday, 18 September

8:00pm Kol Nidre Services - Sanctuary

Friday, 21 September

7:30pm Shabbat Services Sanctuary

Saturday, 22 September

10:30am Bar Mitzvah - Sanctuary

Sunday, 23 September

9:30am Religious School

9:30am Sisterhood Board Meeting

10:00am Rabbi's Basic Judaism & PEP Classes

Wednesday, 26 September

4:30pm Religious School

Thursday, 27 September

7:00pm Hershey Study

Friday, 28 September

7:30pm Shabbat Services Sanctuary

Saturday, 29 September

10:30am Tot Shabbat - Lehrman Chapel

Sunday, 30 September

9:30am Religious School

11:00am Rabbi's Book Review



2018-5779 SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Temple Ohev Sholom
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Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday September 9	8:00 PM
Rosh Hashanah, Monday September 10	
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)	6:30 PM
Memorial Service, Sunday September 16	2:00 PM
(Bookstaber Memorial Chapel at Mt. Moriah Cemetery)	
Kol Nidre, Tuesday September 18	8:00 PM
Yom Kippur, Wednesday September 19	
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

SAVE THE DATE

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 first class is scheduled for **September 12th**. Hope to see you there!

PEP

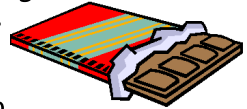


PEP is our Parallel Education Program. We meet once-a-month on Sunday mornings for bagels & coffee, and an hour of study and discussion. This year's curriculum is YIDDISH PART II...learning more about the Mother Tongue.

Our first class is September 23rd 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 "12 Major World Religions", by Jason Boyett. Our next class is scheduled for **September 27th 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. **Our next Tot Shabbat is September 29th at 10:30 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 **September 30th**. We will be discussing *Saving Sophie*, by Ronald H. Bolson.



PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

Welcome back!

Incredibly, it seems like only yesterday when we held our annual membership meeting, and now the High Holiday are fast approaching. Our rabbi, the sisterhood, and our board have been working diligently this summer to plan a full year of events - religious, educational, and social - worthy of your time. An active fall is planned. Information about the High Holidays and service times are included in this bulletin. Tickets may be obtained from Michelle Darr in our office.

Join us - attend services, participate in a class, sign up for the sisterhood book review, or attend one of our many social events. We look forward to seeing you soon.

On behalf of the board of directors, best wishes for a happy and healthy new year,
Seth Mendelsohn

MESSAGE FROM SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

"Social action, including advocacy, education and action, is essential to Reform Judaism. Commitment to tikkun olam is what drew me to the Reform movement 30 years ago. Working together as a congregation to repair our country and world will have a multiplier effect." – Ricki Hurwitz

Recently, members of this committee along with members of the Board came together to develop a more organized and integrated approach to support programs addressing social issues. A newly revised vision was created that improves alignment with our Jewish values.

"Reform Judaism and Social Justice are inextricably woven together like the double helix of a DNA molecule. They support and enhance each other creating the foundation of a healthy, compassionate world through Tikkun Olam. Sacred Activism is informed by this teaching in Pirkei Avot, Sayings of the Fathers: Lo alecha hamlacha liqmor, ve lo atah ben horin lehibatel mimena. - It is not incumbent upon you to complete the work, but neither are you at liberty to desist from it." - Shelley Adler

"My parents were first generation Americans and raised me to give back to the community and pay it forward. Over the years I've tried to contribute on my own to addressing pressing social issues. I don't believe my efforts have been very impactful, and marching to the beat of my own drummer hasn't been especially rewarding. Working alongside other TOS congregants I hope for renewed enthusiasm and a clearer sense of purpose for the time I invest." - Bruce Feldman

Looking to the future, we seek to strengthen our engagement with you - members of our congregation, and those in our community. If you are interested in joining us in this journey of social action and dedication to our mission of Tikkun Olam please contact the Chair of the Social Action Committee Steven Ettinger at setting1960@gmail.com or the Chair of Sisterhood's Social Action Committee Irith Harpster at irithharpster@gmail.com.

A LETTER FROM THE SISTERHOOD

It's that time of year again... The High Holy Days are upon us; a time to reflect on our own lives and deeds. These "Days of Awe" give us the opportunity to examine our relationship with God, family, and friends.

Rosh Hashanah emphasizes judgment and personal redemption. It is when God inscribes the names of each one of us in a book listing who will live, who will die, and who will have a good year.

We can practice *t'shuvah* (repentance), *t'filah* (prayer), and *tzedakah* (charity), which is why we greet each other during the High Holidays with: *L'shanah tovah tikatevi v'taihatemi* - "May you be inscribed and sealed for a happy, healthy and sweet year."

Following Rosh Hashanah is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. It is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. Yom Kippur is the last opportunity to ask God for forgiveness before the Book of Life is sealed. According to Jewish tradition, God inscribes each person's fate for the coming year.

While prayer and fasting are what most remember about this holiday, Yom Kippur is more than this self-denial. It's a new beginning to help us improve ourselves for the next year.

At Ohev Sholom, our Sisterhood is here to help as we engage women and families in the pursuit of Gemilut Hasa-dim (acts of kindness) and Tzedakah (charity).

You will see this as we plan events, such as August's "Cook Out," or through ideas and discussions.

Rosh Hashanah is a time we eat sweet things to symbolize our hope for a good and pleasant new year. Dipping Challah and apples in honey is something my family looks forward to. Parents can use this opportunity to work with children to decorate a honey jar and discuss the meaning of the holidays.

Before Yom Kippur, we all can write reflection letters about the past year and goals for the upcoming year. Save them for next year's High Holidays, write new letters and re-read the old. How did you do? How did the children do?

Lastly, don't underestimate the value of Uniongrams during the year. These small notes help individuals and families acknowledge significant life events. They help people feel noticed and seen. They express recognition of experiences - joyous or difficult.

L'shanah tovah tikatevi v'taihatemi – may you all be inscribed in the Book of Life!

Denyse Miskin

Sisterhood President

TRIBUTES

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor and memory of my mother Debbie Cohen
Michael Cohen and Monica Price-Cohen
Bruce and Michelle Cohen

In memory of my father, Jack Rose
David and Nancy Rose

In memory of Israel Sweig, uncle of Nancy
David and Nancy Rose

In thanks for kindness
Elizabeth Resnick.

In thanks for help with the Jewish community
Kelley & Mike Finkelstein

In thanks for participation at the bris for our son, Roman
Margeaux & Rich Sgrignoli

In thanks for participating in the memorial service for my dad, Aaron Henken,
Angie & Brad Henken

In memory of Aaron Henken
Barbara & Ron Plesco

In thanks for kindness
Miriam Robinson

In thanks for kindness
Jody Rappensperger

In thanks for teaching our Adult Ed classes:
Erika & Brian Saunders,
Andrea Martin, Fran Casher,
Clare Garfield, Barbara Turk,
Joanne Durbin, Susan Sayers, Harriet Kopp,
Marjorie Sherman, Margaret & John Goldman, Frankie Glass, Frank Fleishman & Jill Morrow, Seth & AJ Mendelsohn

In honor of Arlene Yoffe's special birthday
With love & best wishes from Debbie Yoffe

In memory of Irwin Parnes
Michele Ruth

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES TO THE TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Beverly Shapiro, mother of Elissa Arch

Harry & Gayle Yaverbaum
Phyllis & Leonard Berman
Marjorie Sherman

In memory of Deborah Cohen, wife of Henry & mother of Bruce Cohen
Phyllis & Leonard Berman
Marjorie Sherman
Flo & Lou Brenner
Jane & Mark Mendlow
Lois & Bob Samet
Mary Ann & Gary Sherburne
Community Services Group / Susan C. Blue
Susan & Terry Blue
Steven Barnett

In memory of Mazie Greenwald
Drew & Sarah Greenwald

In memory of Harry Heinemann, father of Cindy Gold
Barbara Cooper

MILDRED HAND LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Harry Heinemann
Abby, Paul, Eli & Jonah Spotts

TRIBUTES TO THE TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND

For the speedy recovery of Larry Brody
Sally & Frank Levy

For the speedy recovery of Beverly Isaacman
Sally & Frank Levy

For the speedy recovery of Debbie & David Rudd
Sally & Frank Levy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND

In honor of the conversion of Ernie Jose
Phyllis & Leonard Berman

To Mark & Neysa Maisel: Congratulations on your new grandson, Jonah
Arlene & Chuck Fradkin

TEMPLE FUND

In memory of Deborah Cohen
Margaret & John Goldman

RANDY DISEND MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Florence Litvak
Gail Riegler

In honor of Shirley Disend's birthday
Gail Riegler

ROBERT WOLDORF MEMORIAL YOUTH FUND

In memory of Beverly Shapiro
Debbie Yoffe

In honor of Daniel Spivak's Graduation from Carlisle High School
Kim & Les Poolman

Sisterhood Tributes: Margaret Friedman Emergency Aid Fund

Henry Cohen, In memory of your beloved wife, Debby
Charles and Carol Liebman
Al and Elyse Bienstock

Elissa Arch, In loving memory of your mother Fern Zlotoff
Al and Elyse Bienstock
Fran Casher

Sisterhood Tribute Fund

Ernie Jose, Mazel Tov!
Al and Elyse Bienstock

Andy Brown, Mazel Tov on receiving the Temple Ohev Shalom Leadership Award
Al and Elyse Bienstock

Shelley Adler, Sisterhood and all the volunteers Thank you for making the "Day of Pampering" such a beautiful event
Fran Casher

Denyse Miskin, In honor of your being elected Sisterhood president
Al and Elyse Bienstock

KADDISH

September 7

Vera Berger
Dr. Jesse N. Cherksey
Louis Cohen
Blanca Coli
Joseph Harold Felter
Gerts Fukson
Alfred Gottfeld
William Israel
Jane Kay
Mildred Kessler
Julius Koplovitz
Edith Laub
Joan Podolle
Edward Rothman
Rachel Schwab
Ira Spivak
DeLos E. Wilson

September 14

Nat Abel
Eileen Alpert
Ruth Baturin
Hannah Sachs Cantor
Dr. Phineas E. Dietz
Franklin Evrard
Rabbi Samuel Friedman
Martha Gainsburg
S. Herbert Kaufman
Gregory Alan Larach
Rebecca G. Lend
Norman M. Nager
Scott R. Peikin
Perla S. Shwartz

Celia Simon
Frank Weber

September 21

Dr. Jerome Bartok
Philip G. Berman
Elsie Bienstock
Anne Hoffman
Paul Kassnar
Louis Katz
Leonard Meritz
Anthony Niglio
Allen C. Rogal
Sari S. Rogal
Arthur Rosenberg
Harry Salkin
Alfred J. Sherman
Josef H. Strouse
Norman Woldorf

September 28

Morris Barbash
Dr. Andrew P. Beck
Doris Begler
Barbara Bitner
Morris Bitner
Loretta Brody
William Brody
Joseph I. Claster
David Cramer
Dave Goldberg
Abraham Goldsmith
Edythe Gross
Isidor Kessler
Robert Franklin Ketchem
Rose Levy
May Lipsitt
Lollye M. Nachman
Moric Sawicki
Albert Schultz
Stanley Sykes
Ruth Yaskin



FRIDAY NIGHT YAHRTZEIT & MEMORIAL PLAQUES

A number of our congregants have been asking about the temple policy regarding the announcing of names at Friday night services, and the policy of our weekly memorial plaques and our permanent memorial plaques.

Any temple member in good standing may ask for the names of their deceased relatives read on their yearly anniversary at the Friday night service following the date of their passing.

When a member leaves the congregation, or at the time of their own passing, their yahrzeit list is deleted...UNLESS...the member has purchased a memorial plaque that allows the name of the deceased to be read on their yearly anniversary in perpetuity.

We have two types of memorial plaques at Ohev Sholom. A small plaque that is placed on the yahrzeit board for the particular Friday night. These plaques are \$250 each. A larger plaque that is permanently affixed on the memorial wall at the rear of the Sanctuary. These plaques are \$5000 each.

If any of our members do not have other family members here at the temple and wish their names to be read on their yahrzeit in perpetuity, we strongly suggest you contact Michelle Darr at the temple office to arrange the purchase of a memorial plaque.

Hot Flashes, Chills, & Parking...things to remember at High Holidays

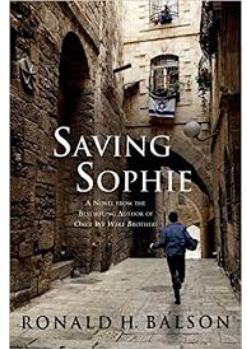
Some things never change...we're told the Sanctuary is too hot, or too cold, and the parking lot is always filled long before services begin. If you tend to feel chilly if air conditioning is on, please remember to bring a sweater along. If you tend to feel warm, make sure you have something easily removed to keep you comfortable. Rosh Hashanah evening parking is available behind the businesses facing the 2400 block of Front Street. Parking for Rosh Hashanah day is available only in our lot or on the street. Kol Nidre parking is available behind the businesses facing the 2400 block of Front Street. Parking on Yom Kippur day is available only in our lot or on the street. Street cleaning restrictions for Yom Kippur morning on the streets surrounding the temple have been suspended...but only on Seneca and 2nd streets. Good Yuntiff!

SAVE THE DATE

OHEV SHOLOM TEMPLE SISTERHOOD ANNUAL SYMONS/ROSE BOOK EVENT

Presents **RONALD H. BALSON,**
author of "SAVING SOPHIE"

Thursday, November 1st



Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood is excited to bring featured author Ron Balson to Harrisburg to discuss "Saving Sophie" at the Annual Rose/Symons Book Review event [on November 1st](#). A Chicago trial attorney, educator and author, Mr. Balson combines his love of history and travel to create an action-packed tale of intrigue, murder and deception. Journey to Hawaii, Chicago and the Middle East in a saga that tests the bonds of family love and loyalty.

Please make my reservation for the Thursday November 1st Event....

NAME: _____ PHONE _____

AUTHOR PRESENTATION WITH Q&A @ 8 p.m – Dessert to Follow:

\$10 per person _____ Number Attending:: _____

DINNER WITH AUTHOR/LECTURE @ 6:30 p.m. - Dessert to Follow:

\$36 per person _____ Number Attending:: _____

PATRON DINNER WITH AUTHOR/LECTURE/FREE BOOK @ 6:30 p.m.

**Complimentary copy of *Saving Sophie* (Pickup in Temple Office: 717-233-6459)

\$75 single patron _____ Number Attending:: _____

\$135 double patron _____ Number Attending:: _____

Dinner Reservations accepted until October 19th. Make check(s) payable to TOSS.
Mail to Temple Ohev Sholom, 2345 N. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17110.

****For more information contact Frankie Glass at 717-571-7923 or Fern Zlotoff at 717-571-9758.

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