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ANTI-SEMITISM: DO PEOPLE REALLY HATE US

One of the topics we will discuss at the High Holidays is the tremendous uptake in the number of anti-Semitic attacks on Jews in America today. When we think of hate in America, we immediately are reminded of the number of attacks on the African American community...and yet, in New York City, which has the largest Jewish population of any in the world, there were four times as many hate crimes against Jews as against blacks in 2018.

It begs the question: Do people really hate us? The resounding answer, sadly, is yes. I'm not saying that our Catholic neighbor down the block hates us, or the



Lutheran minister who has been my close friend for the past 18 years hates us, and certainly that my Methodist brother-in-law hates us. But I will say, the hateful culture that seems to permeate our country today is out of control, and when that happens, Jews often become the victims.

There are two responses to anti-Semitism. One is to assimilate, turn our backs when men in kippot are attacked in Brooklyn, and say that we are more like our Christian neighbors than our Orthodox family and hope that the next shooting or beating happens to someone else and not us. The other response is to fight back, circle the wagons, and use our voices, our funds, and whatever else we have to say we are a united community of Jewish people and will not tolerate hatred in any form. We all know which response is infinitely easier...have we the guts to take on the difficult task of fighting back?

It doesn't matter how we express our Judaism...wearing a black hat, keeping or not keeping kosher, going to Shabbat services or mowing the lawn on Saturday morning, to the right wing conservatives who use the Bible as a weapon, call all of us sinners who are blocking the way to the 2nd coming, and preach love and respect while calling us hateful things behind our backs, we are all the same...and no amount of assimilation is going to change their minds. How can you change the mind of an uneducated hateful man (they are seldom women) who is not crazy...and I emphasize this as loudly as I can to those who say that sensible gun laws begin with discussing mental health...the people who want to kill us as are not crazy at all...they are as firm in their belief system as we are in ours and they are as sane as anyone else when they pull the trigger of a gun pointed at a synagogue.

The answer to fighting those who hate us is to build more synagogues, convince the unaffiliated that joining an organized Jewish community is the only way to save our people, and shame anyone who thinks they can be saved from anti-Semitism by a Jewish community that has closed their doors because members are leaving, to make sure that we have these institutions, even if it means driving a beat-up Toyota, not taking a vacation, or taking out a second mortgage, to make sure there is a synagogue building standing to show our solidarity as a community. Without synagogues, without rabbis, without a community, we can kiss our mezzuzot, and our behinds, good-bye.

Wishing all of us a peaceful New Year.

Your Rabbi, Peter Kessler

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 2	
4:30pm	Religious School
Friday, October 4	
6:00pm	Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel
Sunday, October 6	
9:30am	Religious School
9:30am	Build Sukkah
Friday, October 11	
7:30pm	Consecration, Sukkot K & 1st Grade Family Services In Sanctuary
Saturday, October 12	
10:30am	Tot Shabbat - Lehrman Chapel
Sunday, October 13	
9:30am	Religious School
Wednesday, October 16	
12:00pm	Lunch & Learn - Lehrman Chapel
4:30pm	Religious School
Friday, October 18	
7:30pm	Simchat Torah Shabbat Services - Sanctuary
Saturday, October 19	
10:30am	Bar Mitzvah - Sanctuary
Sunday, October 20	
9:30am	Religious School
9:30am	Take Down Sukkah
Wednesday, October 23	
4:30pm	Religious School
Thursday, October 24	
7:00pm	Hershey Study
Friday, October 25	
6:00pm	Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel
Saturday, October 26	
10:30am	Bar Mitzvah - Sanctuary
Sunday, October 27	
9:30am	Religious School
11:00am	Rabbi's Book Review
Wednesday, October 30	
4:30pm	Religious School

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday September 29 8:00 PM Rosh Hashanah, Monday September 30 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 (river near Beth El) 6:00 PM

Memorial Service, Sunday October 6 2:00 PM (Bookstaber Memorial Chapel at Mt. Moriah Cemetery)

Kol Nidre, Tuesday October 8 8:00 PM Yom Kippur, Wednesday October 9 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

CELEBRATE IN THE SUKKAH!

Our Family Shabbat Service on **Friday**, **October 11th** will be our annual Sukkot observance, when we celebrate Shabbat and Sukkot with the lulav and etrog. Don't miss the wonderful Oneg Shabbat following services in the beautiful Sukkah erected by our Sisterhood!



Services begin at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary.



ТОТ ЅНАВВАТ

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 October 12th at 10:30am. See you then!**

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 is the *Timeline of Jewish History* **Our next class is** scheduled for October 16th. 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 *Maimonides Spinoza and Us* by Rabbi Marc Angel Our next class is scheduled for **October 17th**. Location will be announced. 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 III...learning more about the Mother Tongue. We use Leo Rosten's wonderful book, *The Joys of Yiddish*. Our first class is October 20th at 11 AM in the Lehrman Chapel. Hope to see you there!



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 **October 27th at 11am. We will be discussing** *The Art Forger by B.A. Shapiro*





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I begin my tenure as President of Temple Ohev Sholom both humbled and excited. Thank you to my immediate predecessors — Seth Mendelsohn, Brad Winnick, and Stacy Feldman — for their leadership and hard work on behalf of our congregation. They, and generations of temple officers and board members before them, have laid a solid foundation on which to build. I look forward to working with our extraordinary rabbi and our dedicated staff, board, and volunteers in the months and years ahead.

However, the continued stability and success of this very special institution requires stewardship from everyone. We need our members to serve on the board or a committee; participate in religious, social, and educational activities; recruit new members of our temple family; and, yes, provide the crucial financial support that makes everything else possible. With much appreciation for what you have done in the past, I respectfully challenge you to find your own unique way to do a little more for Ohev Sholom during this new year.

To that end, I enthusiastically welcome your ideas, comments, and suggestions. Feel free to contact me at <u>robteplitz@comcast.net</u> or (717) 329-3101 at your convenience.

In the meantime, L'Shana Tova!

Rob Teplitz

President, Temple Ohev Sholom

LEGACY TESTIMONIAL

Whenever I needed a connection to Temple, to a Rabbi, to a congregation, I could reach out to Ohev Sholom. Whether it was a wedding a B'nai Mitzvah or a place for my visiting grandchildren to attend Sunday School, Ohev Sholom and Rabbi Kessler were there. When I faced the unthinkable and had to bury my son, the Temple and the Rabbi were there. For circumstances from joyful to tragic I knew where to turn. The thought that anyone would have to live without the support and guidance that the temple provides leaves me with terror. The legacy program allows me and each of us the guarantee that will never happen.

Susan Symons

BAR MITZVAH: ALEXANDER BATURIN

Hello. My name is Alexander Jacob Baturin. I am a Seventh Grade,

Distinguished Honors Student at Camp Hill Middle School. I love playing sports, including baseball, basketball. I also enjoy creating with clay and every day materials, hanging out with my friends, debating, government, reading, school and traveling.

My Torah Portion, Bereshit, focuses on creation: the creation of the world, the creation of life and the creation of both, our concept of G-d, and our relationship to G-d. Central to creation is order and my Torah Portion focuses on the order in which everything is created and the reasons for this order. Ultimately, this leads to the rules within which we are to live by and function as good people.



I chose to send toys and sport supplies to kids in need, throughout the world, as my Bar Mitzvah Project. To accomplish this, I reached out to different charities that I knew accepted these donations. Then, I gathered donations from stores and people and shipped them to the various locations for distributions.

I would like to thank Rabbi Peter Kessler, Student Rabbi Yael Dadoun, Mrs. Hutteman, Mrs. Rappaport, and my teachers for helping me prepare for this special time in my life. I would like to thank my grandparents, Floyd and Kickan Baturin, Raymond Malach and Cheryle Malach, my parents, Harry and Rachael Baturin, my older brother Michael, my Camp Hill School Teachers and all of my wonderful family and fantastic friends. As a fifth-generation member of Temple Ohev Sholom, I also want to thank all of the Rabbis, teachers, staff, congregants and members of the armed forces. Their contributions are vital to keeping our world a happy and safe place.

Simchat Torah Celebration

Friday October 18th - 7:30 PM Sanctuary



Simchat Torah is the holiday when we finish reading the Torah for the year, and then begin immediately with the Story of Creation. It is a time of pure joy- the holiday when we march

around the Sanctuary with our Torah scrolls, chant the beautiful

hymns of the Festival, and celebrate with each other. It is a

special evening for children of every age - bring the entire family!

MESSAGE FROM THE SISTERHOOD

And the new year begins... The High Holidays, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, is the time we as Jews examine our own lives and deeds. We emphasize judgment and personal redemption.

It is also a time to connect and reconnect with friends and others in our community. And the Sisterhood has planned some great and interesting events for the congregation to do just that!

Nearly 100 people attended Sisterhood's Welcome Back Picnic at the end of August. And we have a number of other events which will be fun and a good way to reconnect with your Ohev Sholom community. Here are some dates to save

- October 6 Sukkot is around the corner, and on Sunday, October 6 in the Ohev parking lot, please come for donuts, coffee and some great conversation as we put up the temple's Sukkah. Building the Sukkah has become a tradition in my family, as it has with some others in the congregation. While we can always use the help, you will also be surprised at the fun you'll have.
- November 7 The annual Ohev Book Review is sure to be a hit on Thursday, November 7. This year's selection is Promised Land by Martin Fletcher.
- November 15 Soup, Torah and the Rabbi Too! Friday, November 15 following the 6pm Shabbat service, the Rabbi will pick a topic. We'll have the hot soup and bread – you and the Rabbi will supply always lively discussion of Torah led by the Rabbi. All are welcome.

The dates to save for next year are

- January 11 The Winter Social.
- February 2 The Winter Brunch.
- March 20 A Soup, Torah and the Rabbi Too!
- March 22 Our Social Action Event with our Ahmadiyya friends.

Please try to participate, all are welcome into our Sisterhood - enjoy some time with the Ohev family.

Denyse Miskin, Sisterhood President

TRIBUTES

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In thanks for teaching Adult ed: Michelle Berliner Chris & Marv Berger Sue Shienvold

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES TO THE TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Lois Breder Adams, sister of Patti Lightman Sherry & Gary Rosenstrauch

TEMPLE FUND

In honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Elaine & Israel Schwab Rosalie & Bob Grass

ROBERT D. WOLDORF MEMORIAL YOUTH FUND

In honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Elaine & Israel Schwab Fran & Richard Casher

In honor of Rose Ann Woldorf's grandchildrens' B'nai Mitzvahs Fran & Richard Casher

SISTERHOOD FUNDS:

Tribute Fund

To Drew Greenwald, congratulations on becoming a "member of the tribe" From Irith Harpster

In memory of Fern Zlotoff's sister, Sheila Schooler From Carol and Charles Liebman



OHEV SHOLOM TEMPLE SISTERHOOD ANNUAL SYMONS/ROSE BOOK EVENT Presents

MARTIN FLETCHER, AUTHOR OF PROMISED LAND Thursday, November 7, 2019



Martin's Fletcher's *Promised Land* is a thrilling history of the new Israel intervoven with a fictional family saga of two warring Jewish brothers. Spanning the years from the War of Independence thru the Six-Day War, *Promised Land* features the geopolitical suspense that marked the early years of a people brought out of the ashes of the Holocaust.

Martin Fletcher has been covering world events for over 35 years. He was the NBC correspondent in Israel and 15 of those years were as the NBC Israeli Bureau Chief. Fletcher has wen numerous awards including five Emmys for the first and second Palestinian uprisings, Rwanda, Kosovo, and trauma medicine in Israel.

Please make my reservation for the Thursday November 7th event,

NAME:_____PHONE_____

AUTHOR PRESENTATION WITH Q&A @ 8 p.m - Dessert, book signing to follow: \$10 per person ______ Number Attending::_____

DINNER WITH AUTHOR/LECTURE @ 6:30 p.m. - Dessert, book signing to follow: \$36 per person ______ Number Attending::_____

PATRON DINNER WITH AUTHOR/LECTURE WITH PREFERRED SEAT/BOOK SIGNING @ 6:30 p.m.

\$75 per patron listing_____ Number Attending::______ \$135 per double patron (2) dinner/book review ______

Dinner Reservations accepted until October 31, 2019. Make check(s) payable to TOSS. Mail to Temple Ohev Sholom, 2345 N. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17110.

For more information contact Irith Harpster at (717) 576-7177.

KADDISH

October 4

Rosie Adler Samuel Arch Morris Barbash **Doris Begler** Julius Briskie Otto J. Buxbaum Harry L. Cantor A. Joseph Cole Simon Dealham Eric Feldheim Joseph W. Gross Gregory Alan Larach Sam Liebman Rabbi Charles Mintz Moses Moss Solomon R. Moss Kerry Ellen O'Brien Helmuth Molly Platcow Robert Alan Rokoff Harry Sauertieg Moric Sawicki Miriam M. Serta Jack Shienvold Bernice Siegel

Stephen Spitalny Joseph Strouse Stephen Ten Eyck Rich Michael Wnuk Ian Michael Wolfe Ruth Yaskin Rebecca Zaritzky

October 11

Rae Blank Jacob Cohn Louise Feldman Ruth Friedman Louis Katz Murray Katz Samuel Kraus Dennis McNulty Sigmund I. Moss Barbara Deborah Posner Judith Repshas Bertha Richmond Allen C. Rogal Sari S. Rogal Lillian Rosenberg Julius Rosenstruch David Spiegel Bernard Woolf

October 18

Morris Brenner Loretta Brody Benjamin Sachs Lehrman Benjamin Lowengard Shirley Neiman David Schwab Elaine Shapiro Irvin Yoffee Ruth Zezulinski Robert Zlotoff

October 25

Dorothy Heft Becker Gabriel Dealham Frances Fledman Robert Feldman Sadie Forner Samuel Frahm Minnie Globman Eliot Goldstein Abraham L. Gross Seymour Gurwitz Hannagene B. Hecht Fannie Klein Jacobson Samuel I. Kades, Jr. Goldie Klein Max R. Koffs Isabel G. Lowengard Sallye Ryder Moss Melvin Nager Torsten A. Neuman Manuel J. Smigel Kathryn T. Strouse Alice Wiener Alice Adler Wnuk Annette Wright Ida K. Yoffee

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.



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