TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM

BULLETIN

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FROM YOUR RABBI: TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND KNOWING THE DIFFERENCE

I've been watching the news, reading the New York Times, and keeping an eye on social media these past few weeks, and all I can find are articles and stories about people who lie. This one or that one is lying to Congress, this press secretary or that press secretary stares at the camera and lies to our faces, and most recently, members of the Hollywood community are paying off people to lie for them...by telling colleges that their sons or daughters have inflated test scores, or go so far as to photoshop their children's faces on



top athletes in order to lie to a university for places on their elite sports teams. Lying seems to have become the American pastime, and I'm not sure if there is a way to control the people who have no problem whatsoever to tell a lie in order to get what they want.

Is it ever OK to tell someone a lie? Is there a difference between a lie of omission rather than a boldface lie, or the difference between simple deception and outright mistruth? We all know enough to tell our wives that they don't look heavy in a particular dress, or our husbands that their sweatshirt is fine for a family event, but what are we teaching our children when we don't tell the truth? Should they be taught that it is OK to lie if it means getting into a better college, or be excused from a test when they aren't prepared by simply saying that they have a doctor's appointment?

One lie leads to another, and it is so much easier to tell the truth than to try to remember what "story" we have concocted in order to get what we need. Why has it become so commonplace simply to lie, rather than tell the truth and face the consequences?

I could never understand people who are so entitled that they believe some of the untruths they throw at us, especially when we are never so naïve to believe some of the lies we hear. It sets a terrible example for our children, undermines the trust we have with our friends and family, and demeans our own personalities. Who wants to go through life having lost the trust of those we love by telling a lie? And why do some people find no trouble looking at us and not telling the truth, whether it is in the newspaper, the television, or on social media?

We all need to set the right example by teaching our children to recognize the truth, to fight for justice, and to know the difference between right and wrong. It's the least we can do for them.

Hope to see you all soon.

Your rabbi,

Peter Kessler

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Wednesday, April 3	
4:30pm	Religious School
Friday, April 5	
6:00pm	Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel
Sunday, April 7	
9:30am	Religious School
11:00am	Rabbi's PEP Class
Wednesday, April 10	
12:00pm	Lunch & Learn - Lehrman Chapel
4:30pm	Religious School
Thursday, April 11	
6:30pm	Rev with Ohev II - Temple Fund Raiser
Friday, April 12	
7:30am	Sixth Grade Family Shabbat Services

Saturday, April 13

Sunday, April 14

Wednesday, April 17

Bat Mitzvah - Sanctuary

Religious School

Rabbi's Classes

Religious School

No Religious School

Bat Mitzvah - Sanctuary

Religious School

Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel

Congregational Seder RSVP required

Leadership Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel

Sisterhood Meeting

10:30am

9:30am 9:30am

10:00am

4:30pm

5:00pm

6:00pm

9:30am

6:00pm

10:30am

9:30am

Friday, April 19

Saturday, April 20

Sunday, April 21

Wednesday, April 24 No Religious School Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

Sunday, April 28

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. **There is no Tot Shabbat in April...See you in May!**

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 April 7th 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 *Nine Essential Things I've Learned about Life.* **Our next class is scheduled for April 10th. 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 **April 14th. We will be discussing Beneath A Scarlet Sky.**



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 **April 25th at 7:30 PM**. Location will be announced. Hope to see you there!

LEADERSHIP SHABBAT

Our annual Leadership Shabbat will take place on Friday evening, **April 26th at 6 PM** in the Lehrman Chapel. Please join with us as we honor the leadership of Temple Ohev Sholom and present the annual Mildred Hand Tikkun Olam award to Stacy Feldman.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is finally coming! This year, spring means the return of our popular fundraiser, Rev with Ohev. Please join us on April 11, 2019, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for a wonderful evening of friendship, food, raffles, and, best of all, the comedy of Rabbi Kessler. The Antique Auto Museum in Hershey will play host to this can't miss event.

For information about tickets and sponsorships, please call the temple's office at (717) 233-6459.

We look forward to seeing you there,

Seth Mendelsohn

BAT MITZVAH: JESSA KIRSCH

My name is Jessa Kirsch, daughter of Jason and Jennifer Kirsch and sister of Joshua Kirsch. I am a 7th grade distinguished honors student at Susquehanna Township Middle School. On April 27, I will have my bat mitzvah. My torah portion is Emor from the book of Leviticus. This portion talks about how the Jewish people had to help each other as well as make sacrifices to G-d in order to get the resources they needed. This has taught me that people need to help each other in order to make the world work.



I love being outside and playing sports like soccer, field hockey, and lacrosse. Music is very important to me and a I play the saxophone, percussion, and piano. I have performed with the county band three times and in county orchestra once when I played viola. I also participate in chorus and the musicals. Last year I was in the select chorus as well. At school, I am a part of the musical, band, chorus, mural club, and National Junior Honors Society.

My mitzvah project is to collect food, toys, and other pet supplies for Humane Society of Harrisburg Area. Becoming a bat mitzvah is a huge achievement and I am happy to thank Rabbi Kessler, Mrs. Huttemann, Mrs. Rappaport, the Ohev Sholom teachers, as well as my friends and family. My Hebrew School experience is one I will never forgot, and I will miss both my friends and all my teachers. I will continue to be a great person and help my community and make the world a better place.

MAZEL-TOV TO OUR HEBREW HIGH GRADUATES

ALLISON KAYE | FLOYD KESSLER | ELIZA KULLER | SCOTT ROTH | MATTHEW YOFFE Graduation, including students from all Harrisburg synagogues, is on Sunday April 14th at 1 PM in the Lehrman Chapel.

LEGACY TESTIMONIAL: KAREN BALL

At a time when we all are being pulled in so many different directions, how do we decide what causes and groups deserve our commitment--either as a volunteer or a financial supporter? The choices are many and varied: cultural, religious or educational institutions, corporate or nonprofit leadership, mentoring our young or services to the elderly or homebound - the list is endless.

For me, the choice to support the Jewish Community above all others it clear. It is why I committed to the Legacy Initiative in its first year and why I encourage you to join me!

Nothing reinforced my decision more than the murder of eleven innocent souls at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh last October. While it is impossible to fully absorb this level of abject evil, I was grateful to be able to join members of our community at the special service that evening at Ohev Sholom. It was enormously comforting to partake in our special rituals, especially reciting the Kaddish for the victims. It was also the first time in my entire life that it felt unsafe to be Jewish.

A legacy gift will help to assure that our Jewish institutions survive after we are gone. We have to preserve our "safe spaces" where generations after us can continue to celebrate our heritage and worship freely.

Take the first step and request a Letter of Intent from the Jewish Community Foundation, your synagogue or community organization. When you are ready, you can finalize your commitment by working with the Foundation to create your customized legacy plan.

Join today!

Please remember Temple Ohev Sholom with a gift in your will, trust, retirement accounts, life insurance, or other assets.

2019 CONGREGATIONAL SEDER

Volunteers needed for Seder on April 20!

Want to help? Contact Bruce Feldman

brucebaf@hotmail.com | 717.774.1681 (home)

MESSAGE FROM SISTERHOOD

Just about everyone today has a cell phone, and just about everyone who drives, brings that phone with them in the car.

While that in itself is fine, it's the use of those phones behind the wheel that has brought about dangerous situations. An overwhelming amount of research shows that distracted driving, including but not limited to texting, calling, and using other devices while at the wheel, significantly increases the risk of an accident.

Distracted driving is dangerous not only to the driver, but also to passengers in that car, to other drivers and passengers on the road, to pedestrians and cyclists, and to the community at large. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that in 2016, driver distraction was the cause of 18 percent of all fatal crashes and crashes resulting in an injury in the United States, killing 3,450 people and injuring 391,000 people.

Sadly, teens were the largest age group reported as distracted at the time of fatal crashes.

From a passenger's perspective, a Pew survey found that 40 percent of all American teens report they have been in a car whose driver used a cell phone in a way that put people in danger—whether that driver was a peer or an adult.

If you are still not convinced of the danger, look at this way, distracted driving, whether talking or texting on your phone, fiddling with the stereo, or anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving, puts people – including yourself - in danger.

As to texting, sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

You cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention. Texting, or any other non-driving activity you engage in is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing.

Please join us on May 5th for a presentation from the parents of a distracted driver victim. Owens Foundation is an organization that promotes safe driving. This event is during religious school so parents can join us.

Be safe, we want you around for a while.

Denyse Miskin, Sisterhood President

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April 5

Sarah Baturin Arnold Becker Sidney Disend Jacob I. Doranz Joseph Garner Pauline Garner Dr. Morris J. Gerber Max A. Kohn Samuel Kraus Israel (Irving) Lambek Ethyle Leventhal Elizabeth Liebman A.L. Light

Harry Margolis Harold May Mary Straus Mayer Jacob M. Miller Ida Polk Helen Samet Linda Grass Shapiro

April 12

Benjamin Cantor Hyman Cohen Louis W. Cohen Donald H. Friedman Leon Globman Arthur H. Goldberg Frances Goodman Albert Hirschler Mae Husick
David Kaufman
Sam Klotzman
Bernard Lehrman
Judith Margolis
Dorothy Rosenbaum
Helen Samet
Morris Samet
Tillie Shienvold
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Martha Hurwitz

April 19

Simon Abraham Michael Alper Daniel Ball Bess Cohen Sarah Cooper Bill Dissend Samuel Disend Donald F. Everhart Samuel Joseph Finkel Warren Gittlen Sarah Goldman Richard Goldsmith **Helaine Gross** Bertha Hess Oscar Jacobs Helen W. Lehrman

Sylvia E. Melamed

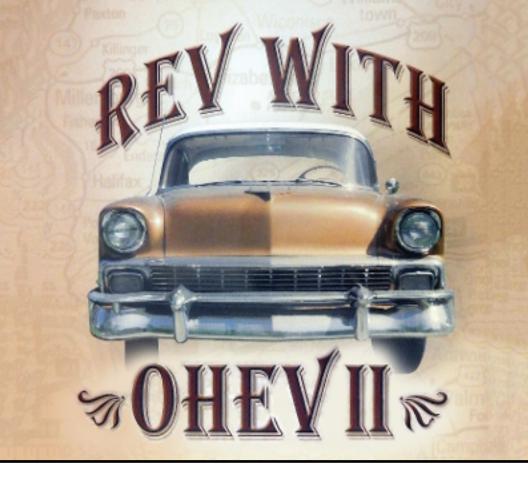
Peggy Rose Marilyn Roth Abe Siegal Benjamin Strouse S. Adam Symons Helen Rouse Ufberg Helene Wiede Richard Yamin Vivian Zalkind

April 26

Flora Beitman Charles S. Berman Harold Berman Israel Blinn William Breder **Neil Cooper** Henry C. Claster Phyllis Gaynes Herman L. Goldstein William S. Goldstein Mina Cohn Grosky David S. Kohn Paul Lightman Augusta Nassau Frances Corbett Plesco Samuel Rosen Hilda Rosenstrauch Samuel Rosen Hilda Rosenstrauch Abe Siegel

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.





For those who wish to get a jump on this year's Sisterhood book review selection:

Promised Land by Martin Fletcher

Hardback available in the temple office for \$15. Much more information will be available in the June bulletin.

Mark your calendar for the event on Thursday night, November 7, 2019

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