

# FROM YOUR RABBI: REV WITH OHEV II

What an amazing evening! We gathered at the Antique Auto Museum in Hershey on April 11th to support our congregation and came home laughing, telling stories, and enjoying the fact that we had a wonderful time being with each other.

Many thanks to our hard-working event committee, as well as all the talented volunteers who did everything from taking reservations,

decorating, schlepping around gift baskets, and making sure everyone had a great time. I have received many well-wishes (thank you!) from the audience for my comedy act, and so far, not a single congregant resigned from the temple after hearing the many stories about our congregational family. And yes, we will do a comedy night again as part of a fund-raiser in the next few years.

We should all be so proud of ourselves, for opening up our wallets to help Ohev Sholom financially, as well as inviting our friends and family from other congregations to join in our fun and make a contribution to help balance our budget.

I cannot thank all of you personally, because I'll forget someone for sure, but I will thank our temple administrator, Michelle Darr, for answering all the phone calls and taking care of the all the many details that made the evening so perfect.

Thanks to all of us for doing our part to support our temple!

Hope to see you all soon.

Your rabbi,

Peter Kessler

# MAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 1

4:30pm Religious School

Friday, May 3

7:30pm Seventh Grade Family Service & Education Shabbat

Sunday, May 5

9:30am Last Day of Religious School

10:00am Sisterhood End Distract Driving Event

10:00am Sisterhood Installation

Friday, May 10

7:30pm Shabbat Services - Sanctuary

Saturday, May 11

10:30am Tot Shabbat - Lehrman Chapel

Friday, May 17

6:00pm Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel

Friday, May 24

7:30pm Shabbat Services - Sanctuary

Friday, May 31

6:00pm Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel

## MILDRED & IRVING HAND LIBRARY UPDATE

Religious School is ending in a few weeks...and there are a number of books from our library that are past due. Please check your kid's rooms before the last day of school, and bring their books back to our library before the summer begins. Many thanks!

Many thanks to all who acknowledged my birthday by sending a Uniongram. It was truly appreciated.

Paulette Keifer

## **LEGACY TESTIMONIAL: CHRISTINE BERGER**

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.

Thank you to the Jewish Community Foundation for the 2018 Life & Legacy Grant check we recently received. We would also like to thank our LOI (Letter of Intent) signers and legacy participants that helped us reach this goal last year!!This would not be possible without your efforts.

If anyone would like more information on the Life & Legacy Program please contact one of our committee members – Stacy Feldman, Bruce Feldman, Brad Winnick, Linda Stewart or Seth Mendelsohn.

# SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES

SISTERHOOD IS PLEASED TO ACCEPT TRIBUTE DONATIONS.
TRIBUTES ARE EASY AND AN INEXPENSIVE WAY TO SEND
GREETINGS, WELL WISHES OR ANY OTHER FAMILY MILESTONE
YOU WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE.

Please call or text 717-580-5667 or email: poolmankb@gmail.com
PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK (ADVANCE \$5.00 increments is fine, for advance tributes.)
CHECKS MADE out to T.O.S.S send to 1304 Georgetown Circle, Carlisle, PA 17013
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TRIBUTE goes to:
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# **MESSAGE FROM SISTERHOOD**

What Sisterhood Means to Me:

I confess: Temple has always felt a tiny bit like middle school, and not the good parts. I worried about what I was wearing, who I would sit with and if I would "faux pas" in front of everyone. And me being me, since I didn't really know anyone, I would stay away so I couldn't possibly get to know them.

You know what? This got a lot better when I joined *sisterhood*. Well, joined Sisterhood is a little overstated, I was asked to help! When I began helping, I never imagined I would have the honor of being president. I never imagined I would be standing here speaking tonight.

What is it you think of when someone mentions the Temple Sisterhood? Do you think of your grandmother, mahjong and coffee cake? While that may be my mother-in-law's thing, it's not the sisterhood of Ohev Sholom.

Sisterhood is...a community of Ohev women joined together to do more than we could alone.

Sisterhood is...a home for strengthening our faith, learning its principles, and establishing a meaningful Jewish lifestyle.

Sisterhood is...a place for the special bonding of women who share friendships, who understand and appreciate each other and the work of their hands, minds, and spirits.

Sisterhood is...the heart of our congregation, filled with love, warmth, courage and strength.

Does that sound hokey? Maybe, but it fits. It is what Ohev Sholom Sisterhood is.

Through the Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood, I have met and become friends (well sisters!) with some smart, loving and dynamic women, and it has been a mitzvah to work with them on behalf of the temple and the sisterhood. The sisterhood is also about supporting Temple Ohev Sholom's programs and goals.

It's about getting to know other temple members, connecting with Jewish values, and becoming an active participant in temple and Jewish life.

While probably not attending enough Shabbat services as we should, since joining Sisterhood, my family has come to services more often and you know what? From that needed cleansing breath the rabbi has us take, to the closing hymn, services are fun and refreshing.

Sisterhood events are meant to bring people together. From the annual Chanukah dinner, to Soup and Torah study, to the winter Sisterhood Brunch, to the Book Review in November. We join together because we are stronger together.

We tried a new event this year, a wine tasting. We filled four tables downstairs, and led by our own Bob Wolfe, we tasted and critiqued about 10 wines – available at the antiquated State Stores. If anyone wasn't having fun at the beginning of the event, after 10 glasses of wine, we ALL were having a jovial time!

Sisterhood also means social action. One of our social action issues is distracted driving... Why? Because almost everyone has a cell phone today.

Distracted driving, whether talking or texting on your phone, fiddling with the radio, or anything that takes your attention away from driving, puts people – including yourself - in danger.

Just 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.

We all receive the Uniongram notices. Many use Uniongram's to send as good wishes for congratulations, for birthdays, anniversaries or weddings. They are mitzvah to let someone know we are "thinking of you."

Sisterhood gift shop for all your holiday needs, gifts, browsing and usually good conversation... drop in.

Our organization is stranger because we work together. And for the non-sisterhood members, please come to an event, join us, be empowered and strengthen our caring Ohev community.

## Denyse Miskin, Sisterhood President

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



The Sisterhood Installation Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 5th, 2019 from 10 AM—Noon.

Please join us as Dara Kluger and Jill Kusic are installed as Financial Secretary and Treasurer immediately following the Distracted Driving Event.

Light refreshments will be served.

## TRIBUTES

#### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of the conversion of Carol Ressler Joel & Carol Ressler Family Philanthropic Fund

*In memory of Charles Fradkin* Barbara Adler

## MEMORIAL TRIBUTES TO THE TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Franklin Abel
The Second Anonymous In and Out
Fund of the Foundation for
Enhancing Communities on behalf
of Conrad M. & Gail Siegel.

In memory of Arlene Fradkin
The Second Anonymous In and Out
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In memory of Chuck Fradkin
Patti & Gary Lightman
Phyllis & Leonard Berman
Bobbi & Harvey Danowitz
Ann Kranich

In memory of Marianne Flack, mother of Jennifer Geduldig
Phyllis & Leonard Berman

In memory of Sheila Schooler, sister of Fern Zlotoff
Gail Riegler
Molla Bolnick
Karen & Michael Belenko
David & Nancy Rose
Faith Pearlstein & Michael Chwastyk
Phyllis & Leonard Berman

In memory of Dr. Leo Talkov Nancy & David Rose

*In memory of Frank Abel* Holly Engelman

In memory of Helaine Gross Margery & Michael McNulty

#### MILDRED HAND LIBRARY FUND

In honor of Shirley Disend receiving the Dr. Thomas Andrew Award from Hospice of Central PA Gail Riegler

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Bailey White Jackie Huttemann

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Ross Kluger

Jackie Huttemann

## STEVEN HARPSTER MEMORIAL SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In memory of Sheila Schooler, sister of Fern Zlotoff Irith Harpster & family Patti & Gary Lightman Doreen Evrard

In loving memory of Arlene & Charles Fradkin Marjorie Sherman

## **Sisterhood Tribute Fund:**

*In memory of Burton Ettinger, Steve's father*Irith Harpster

In memory of Hilda Benz's husband, Thomas Fran and Richard Casher

Feel better wishes to Ken Stewart Elyse and Al Bienstock

In memory of Fern Zlotoff's sister, Sheila Schooler Elyse and Al Bienstock Cindy and Don Lynch

## **Doris Zaritzky Educational Fund**

To Ross Kluger in honor of his Bar Mitzvah Elyse and Al Bienstock

# **KADDISH**

## May 3

Louis Adler Laura Altaker Fanny Ascher Louis Astrachan **Bessie Brenner Grace Brown** Sophie Rae Cibull Edith F. Cole Louis Fingerman Howard D. Fink Sylvia Frahm Graber Regina Galowitz Joseph Goldsmith Isadore A. Greene Reuben R. Grosky Mae Gutschmit **Agnes Keifer** Paul Keifer **Emily Lasker Bernard Levine** Frederick Lipton Sanford Pinsker William M. Poolman Leah P. Rosen

Kathryn Schwartz

Tobe Schwartz

Shirley Walker Samuel Weinberg

## **May 10**

Samuel Baturin
Harry Benskofsky
Samuel D. Chirsan
Rose Frahm
Mildred Hand
Bernice Melnicove
Albert Posner
Evelyn Rosenstrauch
Bertha Breder Senn
Morris M. Serata
Carl Vazquez
Marvin A. Zisman
Beverly Zerwitz Zlotoff

## **May 17**

Mildred Alexander Deborah Cohen Donald Goodman Peisah Gordin Irene Rachel Gottfeld Sidney Greenspan Jeanne Hammer Irving Hand Margaret Kenney Donald Joseph Levy Cheryl Faith Plawsky Helen Repshas Libby Rosen Sophia Rothschild Ella V. Spector Kenneth Stewart Sr.

## May 24

Martin Arch
Helen E. Cherksey
Sophie Goldberg
Esther Jacobs
Kathryn Abel Koffs
Nathan Lehmayer II
Florence Litvack
David Milligan
Dorothy Milligan
Beatrice Orman
Irving Picker
Libby Picker
David Rosen
Beverly Shapiro

## May 31

Edward Blandy
Mollie Cohen
Marilynn Kanenson
Roy J. Kibler
Minnie Kramer
Charles Krauss
Harold Kravitz
Rachel Lapp
Evelyn Lightman
Richards
Marshall Linton
Ben Olewine III
Jean Jeanette
Rothman
Shirley Woolf

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.





Left: 7th Grade class cleans the Harrisburg Holocaust Monument Right: Rabbi Kessler with Ohev Sholom Hebrew High Graduates: Floyd, Allison, and Matthew. Not pictured: Eliza and Scott



Inside the Mossad Working Woman

The Oslo Diaries The Invisibles
A Bag of Marbles

The Tobacconist

Heading Home

Leona

Family in Transition

On My Way Out

The Unorthodox

Anthrax

The Last Suit

Celebrating

If You're Not in the Obit, Eat Breakfast

Join us at the State Museum of PA, Jewish Community Center and Midtown Cinema May 5, May 10-16, 2019 For complete information visit: www.hbgjff.com



# TAKE THE PLEDGE

to never text and drive

Eliminating distracted driving starts with you. Make the commitment to drive phone-free today. Distracted driving kills and injures thousands of people each year.

## **JOIN US**

Sunday, May 5, 2019 @ 10am Owen Cole Brezitski's parents to speak on the dangers of Distracted Driving

By signing this, I PLEDGE TO NOT text or use a hand-held cell phone while driving, and to limit hands-free phone conversations only to instances of absolute necessity.

Signature:



First Name:	Last Name:	
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