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FROM YOUR RABBI: CREATING CHANGE AS THE HOLIDAYS APPROACH...

The High Holidays are late this year...last year was a leap year in the Hebrew calendar so Rosh Hashanah begins the evening of September 29th. Still, 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...creating a peaceful environment in which we can grow as family and community.

Why have we become so hateful to each other? Because we are angry, frightened, and terribly confused. We want to support every member of our community, even when we disagree with them. But it is very hard to be supportive and rational when are frightened. The fear in this country can be crippling...we never know where the next mass shooting will take place, the next home burned to ground by white supremacists, the next church bombing, or the next synagogue shooting. We need to find a way to center ourselves, work together to create change, and feel more confident that we can make the world a better place.

Let's start with the little things. Hold the door for the person behind you. Let the other car into traffic before yourself. Smile at a stranger. Make sure to tip your server generously. Be kind to the marginalized. And most importantly...take care of yourself so you have the strength to take care of others.

It's not a difficult plan to create change. It begins with one step. Then it grows to the point of working together for the betterment of our community.

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, September 6	
6:00pm	Shabbat Services -Lehrman Chapel
Saturday, September 7	
10:30am	Bar Mitzvah-Sanctuary
Sunday, September 8	
9:30am	First Day of Religious School
Wednesday, September 11	
12:00pm	Lunch & Learn
4:30pm	Religious School
Friday, September 13	
6:00pm	Shabbat Services -Lehrman Chapel
Saturday, September 14	
10:30am	Bat Mitzvah - Sanctuary
Sunday, September 15	
9:30am	Religious School
9:30am	Sisterhood Board Meeting
10:00am	Rabbi's Classes
Wednesday, September 18	
4:30pm	Religious School
Thursday, September 19	
7:00pm	Hershey Study
Friday, September 20	
6:00pm	Old World Folk Band Shabbat Services -Lehrman Chapel
Saturday,	September 21
10:30am	Bar Mitzvah - Sanctuary
Sunday, September 22	
9:30am	Religious School
10:00am	Rabbi's Classes
Wednesday, September 25	
4:30pm	Religious School
Friday, September 27	
6:00pm	Shabbat Services -Lehrman Chapel
Saturday, September 28	
10:30am	Tot Shabbat - Lehrman Chanel

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

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 September 11th. 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 September 15th 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 *Maimonides Spinoza and Us* by Rabbi Marc Angel Our next class is scheduled for **September 19th**. Location will be announced. 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 22nd at 11am. We will be discussing** *The Promised Land* by Martin Fletcher.





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 September 28th at 10:30am. See you then!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is that time of year again when we look forward to new beginnings at Ohev Sholom. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and is ready for a year of religious, educational and social activity. The High Holidays are right around the corner so be sure to get your tickets. Dr. Rappaport and the religious school staff are ready for those classrooms to be filled on Wednesdays and Sundays, even if all the kids may not be ready for summer to end! For those of us too old for religious school, please be sure to check out some of the educational opportunities the Rabbi offers, and the Sisterhood will once again be holding their book review.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish you a happy and healthy new year and look forward to seeing you.

Brad Winnick

BAR MITZVAH: SAWYER KLEIN

My name is Sawyer Klein and I am an eighth grade distinguished honor roll student and member of the National Junior Honor Society at Central Dauphin Middle School. My hobbies include being an active member of Boy Scout Troop 27 - where I was elected assistant patrol leader and troop guide - computers, outdoor activities and anything that has to do with penguins.

In my spare time I enjoy volunteering in my community with theBoy Scouts, visiting the beach, spending time at Hershey Park and being with my friends.

Thanks to Rabbi Kessler, Mrs. Huttemann and of



my religious school teachers for helping me prepare for my Bar Mitzvah on September 7, 2019. I would like to give special thanks to my parents, Adam and Dale Klein, my brother Addison, my grandparents and my dogs Bilbo and Harold for all of their love and support.

BAT MITZVAH: REBECCA GOLDSTEIN

My name is Rebecca Goldstein. I ended 7th grade at Hershey Middle School

on the Distinguished Honor Roll. I have joined my family on a new adventure, as we have just moved to North Carolina, where I have started 8th grade at Apex Friendship Middle School. I have been dancing since I was 4 years old and I also play the piano.

My Torah portion is called Ki Tzeitei, or "when you go out to battle". In this Parsha, Moses is speaking to the Israelites about following laws, being good and ethical people, and showing compassion for "others", even in the worst of times, e.g. war. I think this is especially relevant in today's world, where there is so much hate and fear of "others", instead of showing



kindness to all. I always strive to be kind to others, especially those who might be rejected, like those from other cultures and those with disabilities. As I have just become the "new girl", I hope other people will accept me and be kind as well.

I would like to thank Rabbi Kessler, Mrs. Rappaport, Mrs. Hutteman, and all of my teachers at Ohev Sholom, which has been my Jewish home since I was 5 years old, for helping me to prepare for my big day. I would also like to thank my parents Rollyn and Keith, and my sister Jillian, for all of their support.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's almost that time again....

The summer is quickly drawing to a close and it's time to start thinking about Religious School—and registering your child for our wonderful Jewish educational program at Temple Ohev Sholom. Since early August, we've been sending e-mails with registration reminders and applications. If you haven't had the chance to complete the forms, please do so at your earliest convenience and mail them to the Religious School office. If you're a member of our congregation and haven't been receiving the registration information via e-mail, please contact the Temple office and we'll be happy to forward the forms to you.

Religious School begins on Sunday morning, September 8 at 9:30 am with a special welcoming service in the sanctuary with Rabbi Kessler. I will distribute Religious School handbooks at that time. The handbooks contain a school calendar, contact information, and an overview of our school and educational philosophies.

After the welcoming service, children and parents in grades three and under will proceed to the social hall to participate in a special program sponsored by PJ Library and the Silver Academy to create a ritual object to celebrate the high holidays. Following the program, the children will be taken to their classrooms by their teachers until noon dismissal. Children in grades 4-7 will be taken to their classrooms by their teachers at approximately 10 am, following the opeing service.

Our program begins in pre-K for children who will have turned 4 by September 1---and continues through the 7th grade. Sunday mornings will find all children in Religious School and Wednesday afternoons will find children in grades 3-7 attending classes. Our faculty is first class and we are so grateful for our dedicated, loving, outstanding teachers. Through setting the example of how they live their own lives, our teachers give the most important gift to the children of this congregation-- the notion that they will forever be Jewish learners. They teach them that Judaism is a continual process for each of us because we are never finished becoming who we are.

I look forward to seeing you on September 8 and, on behalf of my faculty, staff and students, send my best wishes to you and your families for a happy, healthy and sweet New Year

Lillian Rappaport

TRIBUTES

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of Richard's Bar Mitzvah The Lutkins and Baturin Families

In thanks for participation at the Bat Mitzvah service for Sydney Plesco Marcye Portnoy & Ernie Kossoff

In thanks for participation at the naming of our son, Asher Meryl & Austin Wolfe.

In thanks for teaching Adult Ed: Harvey Blinn, Michael Kassnar, Alexis Brenner, Joel Turk, Andrea Martin, Clare Garfield, Linda Stewart, Marjorie Sherman, Margaret & John Goldman, AJ & Seth Mendelsohn, Frankie Glass.

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SAVE THE DATE

TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM SISTERHOOD ANNUAL SYMONS/ROSE BOOK EVENT

MARTIN FLETCHER'S "PROMISED LAND"

November 7, 2019 at Temple Ohev Sholom

Martin's Fletcher's *Promised Land* is a thrilling history of the new Israel interwoven 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 won numerous awards including five Emmys for the first and second Palestinian uprisings, Rwanda, Kosovo, and trauma medicine in Israel.

Books are on sale in the Temple office for \$15

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 (Sept. 29) parking is available behind the businesses facing the 2400 block of Front Street. Parking for Rosh Hashanah day (Sept. 30) is available only in our lot or on the street. Kol Nidre (Oct. 8) parking is available behind the businesses facing the 2400 block of Front Street. Parking on Yom Kippur day (Oct.9) is available only in our lot or on the street. No street cleaning restrictions this year...street parking will be wide open.



KADDISH

September 6

Vera Berger Jesse N. Cherksey Louis Cohen Gerts Fukson William Israel Jane Kay Mildred Kessler Julius Koplovitz Edith Laub Joan Podolle Edward Rothman Rachel Schwab

September 13

Nat Abel Eileen Alpert Ruth Baturin Phineas E. Dietz Franklin Evrard Rabbi Samuel Friedman Martha Gainsburg S. Herbert Kaufman Rebecca G. Lend Norman M. Nager Scott R. Peikin Marc Steven Saxe Sylvia Shelton Perla S. Shwartz Celia Simon Ira Spivak Paul Teller Frank Weber DeLos E. Wilson

September 20

Jerome Bartok Philip G. Berman Elsie Bienstock Hannah Sachs Cantor Anne Hoffman Paul Kassnar Leonard Meritz Anthony Niglio Arthur Rosenberg Joseph Roth Goldie Rubin Harry Salkin Alfred J. Sherman Josef H. Strouse Norman Woldorf

September 27

Andrew P. Beck Barbara Bitner William Brody Joseph I. Claster David Cramer Joseph Harold Felter Dave Goldberg Abraham Goldsmith **Edythe Gross** Isidor Kessler **Robert Franklin** Ketchem Rose Levy May Lipsitt Lollye M. Nachman Albert Schultz Stanley Sykes

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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