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FROM YOUR RABBI: WORLD ZIONIST ELECTIONS

What are the World Zionist Elections?

The Zionist Congress was established in 1897 by Theodor Herzl as the supreme organ of the Zionist Organization and its legislative authority. In 1960 the names were changed to World Zionist Congress and World Zionist Organization. The World Zionist Organization elects the officers and decides on the policies of the WZO and the Jewish Agency in Israel.



Any Jewish person over the age of 18 can vote in the World Zionist Congress.

Votes for delegates from progressive organizations such as ARZA ensure that the Reform movement in Israel is adequately represented.

What is ARZA? ARZA is dedicated to advancing progressive values in Israel and making Israel a central pillar of Jewish identity for every Reform Jew. ARZA represents the Reform Movement to the Zionist National Institutions, using our position to create a more equal, democratic, and pluralistic Israel. The Jewish State must be a society that reflects the whole Jewish people, with the respect and legitimacy granted to all denominations. ARZA works for acceptance of the Reform Movement, addressing issues of gender equality, civil marriage, conversion, racial justice and much more.

A vote for ARZA in the upcoming WZC elections can mean the difference between government funding for Reform synagogues in Israel, or being left behind by the more religious right, who don't believe in our existence. Voting takes place on-line from January 21-March 11, 2020. A visit to the ARZA.org website takes you through the simple voting process.

I hope everyone from our congregation over the age of 18 will vote. A large showing from the Reform movement will help fund progressive organizations in Israel for years to come. Thank you.

Your Rabbi,

Peter Kessler

JANUARY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

No Religious School

Friday, January 3, 2020

6:00pm Shabbat Services at Beth El

Sunday, January 5, 2020

9:30am Religious School

11:00am Pep Class

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

4:30pm Religious School

Friday, January 10, 2020

6:00pm Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel

Saturday, January 11, 2020

6:00pm Sisterhood Winter Social

Sunday, January 12, 2020

9:30am Religious School

9:30am Sisterhood Board Mtg

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

4:30pm Religious School

Thursday, January 16, 2020

7:00pm Hershey Study

Friday, January 17, 2020

6:00pm Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel

Saturday, January 18, 2020

10:30am Tot Shabbat - Lehrman Chapel

Sunday, January 19, 2020

No Religious School - Dr. King Holiday

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

4:30pm Religious School

Friday, January 24, 2020

6:00pm Old World Folk Band Shabbat - Lehrman Chapel

Sunday, January 26, 2020

9:30am Religious School

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

4:30pm Religious School

Friday, January 31, 2020

6:00pm Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel

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. **Our next Tot Shabbat is January 18th at 10:30am in the Lehrman Chapel.**

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 next class is January 5th 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 is the *Timeline of Jewish History*. **Our next class is scheduled for January 8th. Hope to see you there!**

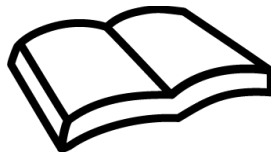
HERSHEY STUDY

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 **January 16th**. Location will be announced. Hope to see you there!



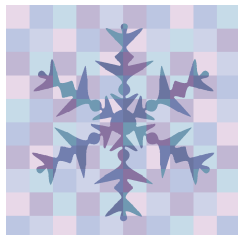
Rabbi Kessler's Book Review

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 **January 26th at 11am** in the Lehrman Chapel. We will be discussing *The Lost Family* by Jenna Blum.



Winter Break Shabbat Services

Shabbat services on Friday evening, December 27th will be lay led at Ohev Sholom at 6 PM in the Lehrman Chapel. Please bring your menorah and 7 candles to light before services. Shabbat services on Friday evening, January 3rd will be at Beth El at 5:45 PM.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year (again)! At the risk of being presumptuous, I offer a resolution for your consideration: to be a Temple Ohev Sholom "bridge builder" in 2020.

I make this request in the name of one of my favorite poems. A century after it was first written by Ms. Will Allen Dromgoole, the poem is still cited regularly for its important message. To summarize, it begins with an old man easily crossing a river and then building a bridge to connect the land on both sides. Noting that the old man will never travel that way again, an observer asks why he bothered to build the bridge. That's when the poem concludes with the following magic:

*The builder lifted his old gray head:
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today,
A youth, whose feet must pass this way.*

*This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him.*

Each of us, as current members of Ohev Sholom, is the "old man" in the poem. (Some of us more so than others. BA-DUMP-BUMP. Sorry.) In this analogy, the "youth" is obviously the generations that will follow us. And, most importantly, the "bridge" is our beloved temple. However, notice that the poem treats the bridge for what it is – just a *thing* – and focuses on the *people* who will definitely need that thing some day.

We are fortunate to have so many "bridge builders" in our congregation. But if you aren't among them, or if you feel that you can do more, I ask you to take on that role with enthusiasm in 2020. Whether it's through your time or your money, or both; whether it's big or small; whether it's done with a lot of fanfare or quietly in the background...your investment in Temple Ohev Sholom will ensure that it is here to serve our children, our grandchildren, and other future members of the Harrisburg Jewish community.

If you need ideas as to how to get started, please contact me at robteplitz@comcast.net or (717) 329-3101. In the meantime, a happy and healthy new year to you and your loved ones!

Rob Teplitz

President, Temple Ohev Sholom

OHEV SPOTLIGHT: OUR NEW MEMBERS

(This new column will appear monthly and feature the new members of our congregation)

We wanted to introduce ourselves—two of Ohev Sholom's newest members—to the rest of the congregation. We are, respectively, Andrea Grove and Bekah Saidman-Krauss.

Andrea grew up on the outskirts of Shippensburg, PA on a 3rd generation dairy farm. Her childhood consisted of running about all the fields, playing with her 3 amazing siblings, and dreaming of the day she got to go out into the world and have adventures. Little did she know that most of her adventures would only take place an hour north, in Harrisburg.

Bekah hails from Kingston, in Northeastern PA. She was raised in a conservative Jewish household and eventually became a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Israel in Wilkes-Barre. An only child, she grew up within a few blocks of nearly a dozen first cousins, two sets of aunts and uncles, two bubbes, and one zayde. Bekah attended Smith College in Northampton, MA, where she majored in Religion & Biblical Literature and minored in Jewish Studies. She returned to PA for law school when she decided to enroll at the first law school in Pennsylvania and Penn State's original law school, Dickinson Law, in Carlisle. After practicing law in Philly, Bekah returned to Central PA to work at her alma mater. She currently serves as the Assistant Dean for Admissions & Financial Aid at Dickinson Law and is eager to apply her recruitment skills to the Membership Committee at Ohev Sholom.

Andrea attended the school of her ancestors, Messiah College. She majored in English - Literature, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, and Theatre. At the time, these focuses seemed to have little relation to one another. More recently, they have come to make sense under the many guises of Elementary Coffee Co. — the business which Andrea has built from the ground up starting in the summer of 2014.

Elementary Coffee Co. was founded on the principles of inclusion. From Andrea's perspective, the specialty coffee movement was negatively shifting coffee from a commonly enjoyed and equably shared beverage to one of an elite and stuffy status. Prices and terminology were making it inaccessible to the average human. But, Andrea was determined that good coffee should be for everyone and hence, Elementary was born in the failing Broad Street Market with just this mission in mind. The road of Elementary since has been slow, long, and difficult, but also rewarding, fulfilling, and worthwhile. After helping the Broad Street Market turn around into a successful vibrant meeting place of local culture, Elementary finally focused on opening an independent shop space where they could continue their mission of inclusivity in coffee.

The independent Elementary Coffee Co. just opened its doors with a sigh of relief in October of 2019. This location and event space will be focused on providing coffee to all, hosting useful and informative events such as skill shares, and continuing to provide a safe space and workplace to queer and marginalized humans. Right now, Elementary is accepting donations for warm children's clothes for the Ben Franklin School if you have any to spare.

Incidentally, Andrea and Bekah's "meet-cute" occurred at Elementary Coffee Co., and the couple likes to credit Bekah's (now, their) goldendoodle, Rashi, with their official introduction. If you want to learn more about Andrea, Bekah, Elementary Coffee Co., or Rashi, you can usually find the couple at Friday evening Shabbat services! We look forward to chatting with you soon.

Happy Hanukkah



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(717) 233-6459 or office@ohavsholom.org



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Decorate it Yourself- Cake Decorating afternoon with Ohev Sholom

Join us on Sunday afternoon, January 5, 2020 for a fun afternoon to get out of the cold and decorate a cake with your friends from temple.

We are meeting at Jubilee Cake Studio, 6 West Allen St in Mechanicsburg from 1:30-3:30 PM.

Ohev Member Family Price is \$6, which includes one 5" 2 layer pre-baked cake. Frosting, Fondant, & Sprinkles are provided. A second cake can be decorated for an additional \$4. Non-member price is \$10, with an additional cake for \$8 if requested. Drinks & snacks are provided. Space is limited...reservations are required by December 22nd. Contact Audrey Miner at auds671@gmail.com to make a reservation.



Hannukah Tot Shabbat!

MESSAGE FROM THE SISTERHOOD

Happy New Year to you and your family. Are you looking for something to do? Sisterhood has a lot of events coming up. See below for a few of the events:



January 11, 2020 Our Winter Social...Card Party/Game Night. Come and play mahjong, pinochle, bunco or bring your own game. We would love to have you join us! The event is from 6:30 until 9:00 pm. Cost is \$5 per person. Reserve your spot by mailing a check to Reyna Jose, 32 Jackson Drive, East Berlin, PA 17316. Light refreshments will be served.

February 2, 2020 Our Sisterhood Annual Brunch. More details to follow. The event is from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. We will have more information at the beginning of 2020.

March 20, 2020 Our Soup and Torah Study. We all meet in the Social Hall after the 6 pm services and Rabbi Kessler leads a usually lively discussion about something from the Torah. Soup and bread are served. Cost is \$7 per person.



March 22, 2020 Our Social Action Event. Temple Ohav Sholom Sisterhood is honored to welcome members from the Hadee Mosque Harrisburg Amadiyyah Muslim Community for a brunch from

10 am until 12 noon. The Amadiyyah Muslim Community was established in 1889 as a revival movement within Islam, emphasizing its essential teachings of peace, love, justice, and sanctity of life. Please join us for an opportunity to meet members of the Mosque and learn about the ways in which our religious beliefs are more similar than we might think.

April 24, 2020 Our annual Sisterhood Shabbat. Bring your family and join us at services for an evening celebrating Temple Ohav Sholom Sisterhood. Light refreshments are served afterwards. We would love everyone to join us.

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*In memory of Milton Ring,
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The Elvis Megillah "All Shook Up"

**Practice has begun on Sunday afternoon and
Wednesday evenings. We would love to have you
join us!**

**Contact Ed Shapiro at 717-728-3997 for more
details.**

KADDISH

January 3

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January 17

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Norma Finstein
Beth Frahm Frank
Edward Friedman
Morris Goldberg
Philip Goldberg
Sarah Goldstein
Seth Jacobs
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Amelia Wilson
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Bernard Beitman
Minnie R. Cohn
Randall Disend

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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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