

# FROM YOUR RABBI: TRANSITIONS

I'm not sure how often it happens, but this year Hanukkah occurs during Christmas. (We light the first candle on the evening of December 22nd)

Sometimes the Jewish Holidays are early, sometimes late, and sometimes they're right on time. I think it's great that we can all be celebrating at the same time this year. While there aren't many television ads for getting



Hanukkah gifts, we can all be thankful when December 25th finally rolls around and we can stop being pestered about spending our money "during the holiday season". (How many times can we listen to Mariah Carey sing All I Want for Christmas is You?) This year our kids will still be getting presents as New Year's Eve approaches, so maybe it pays to be Jewish this year, especially when the last night's gift can be bought at an "after-Christmas sale."

In all seriousness, it is great that we have a time to celebrate our winter holidays together, whether we are Jewish or not. So many of our families at Ohev Sholom have relatives who celebrate Christmas...it will be so nice to have the chance to bring the lights of Hanukkah to our family celebrations that include Christmas.

It isn't an accident that both holidays bring light and joy into the darkest time of our calendar. I wish all of us a very happy holiday season, no matter the celebration.

Your Rabbi, Peter Kessler

# FORMBED AND

	DECEMBER 2CHEDOFF	
Sunday, December 1		
No Religious School		
Wednesday, December 4		
4:30pm	Religious School	

Friday, December 6

Third Grade Family Shabbat Services - Sanctuary

Saturday, December 7 10:30am Tot Shabbat - Lehrman Chapel

9:30am 11:00am

7:00pm

6:00pm

6:00pm

6:00pm

Sunday, December 8

Religious School Rabbi's PEP Class

Wednesday, December 11 12:00pm Lunch & Learn

4:30pm Religious School Thursday, December 12

Hershey Study Friday, December 13 Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel

Sunday, December 15 No Religious School Wednesday, December 18

Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel Sunday, December 22 No Religious School

No Religious School Friday, December 20

Wednesday, December 25 No Religious School

Friday, December 27

Shabbat Services - Lehrman Chapel Sunday, December 29 No Religious School



## Shabbat Candle Lighting and Announcements

We are looking for volunteers to light Sabbath candles or read the announcements at Shabbat evening services...If you are interested, please contact Michelle Berliner, michelleelyse@outlook.com



## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Audrey Miner at <u>auds671@gmail.com</u> to make a reservation.

# 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 December 7th 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 December 8th 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 December 11th. 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 **December 12th**. 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 **December 15th at 11am** in the Lehrman Chapel. We will be discussing *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann.



Please join us on **December 27, 2019 at 6pm** in the Chapel to celebrate Shabbat and the 6th night of Hanukkah. Please bring your menorahs and we will light them all together. In addition, this will be a Lay-Led service so anyone who would like a part in the service please contact the chairperson of the Worship Committee, Michelle Berliner, at <a href="michelleelyse@outlook.com">michelleelyse@outlook.com</a> or 717-269-8879.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the great joys of serving as temple president is the opportunity to work with so many dedicated fellow members of our congregation. As a non-profit organization, Temple Ohev Sholom depends on the hard work of our volunteers, especially our board of trustees and committee chairs. (I promise to rave about our fantastic staff in a future bulletin.)

There is always more to be done, however, and as the Elizabethan writer John Heywood famously said, "Many hands make light work." That's where you, dear reader, come in.

Please accept this invitation to join one of Ohev's many standing committees. Some of our committees are "committees of one," meaning that the committee chair is at risk of being both overburdened and very lonely. Other committees might be better staffed but could still benefit from additional members who bring new ideas and a willingness to share the load.

Whatever your interests and abilities, we can easily match you with a committee where you can make a difference. Do you have a child in the religious school? Obviously, we would love to have you on the Religious School Committee. Interested in planning fun and/or meaningful social events? There's a place for you on the Program Committee. Like to schmooze with folks coming in for services? The Worship Committee would be a great fit. I could go on and on...so I will! Facilities, Membership, Publicity, and many others are in need of active members to work with the chairs. And if you have an itch that one of our existing committees can't scratch, we'll figure it out.

The bottom line is that we WANT and NEED your help. Your involvement can be as much or as little as you desire, but the next step is to contact me with your interest. As always, I can be reached at robteplitz@comcast.net or 717-329-3101. I hope to hear from you soon. Let's do great things together in 5780 and beyond!

Rob Teplitz, President, Temple Ohev Sholom



8th Graders Holocaust Memorial clean - up



Rabbi Kessler with 2nd Graders at their Hebrew Names Ceremony

# MESSAGE FROM THE SISTERHOOD

We celebrate "blue and white" in a season of "red and green," and no, I don't mean Penn State!

It's the season of houses being decorated with lights and plastic Santa Clauses and reindeer. Christmas music takes over the radio and advertisements highlight Santa and the Christmas spirit. It is a joyous time of year.

Even though we are Jewish, we appreciate the decorated houses in the neighborhood, the Christmas songs on the radio, and the movies (It's a Wonderful Life, Elf and Miracle of 34th Street are our family favorites). We are part of a world consumed with the Christmas spirit, so there is no reason to be offended if someone says "Merry Christmas" to you; generally, they are being polite and sharing happiness – greet them back.

If your kids are feeling like they are "missing out" without Christmas, remind them what Hanukkah is about... how the Maccabees fought oppression and won the war; tell them of the miracle of the oil lasting eight days. Hanukkah is about celebrating our ancestors and our history. It's about being proud to be Jewish.

Here in America, we can openly practice our religion – many others don't have that luxury. Enjoy the Festival of Lights. Decorate your house with blue and white lights. Sing the "Dreidel Song," or sing along to Adam Sandler's "Hanukkah Song." Eat latkes. Light your menorah. And appreciate how lucky we are to be Jewish.

Happy Hanukkah!

Denyse Miskin, Sisterhood President

## Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood is excited to announce...

# Our Winter Social...Card Party/Game Night

Come play mahjeng, pinochie, bunco, etc. Or do you have a game your family/friends enjoy playing? Bring your cards/games and friends to the Temple Ohev Sholom Social Hall on:



# Saturday, January 11th

Snow Date: Saturday, January 18th

6:30pm-9:00pm

Cost per person: \$5.00



Reserve your spot by mailing check, made out to T.O.S.S. To: Reyna Jose 32 Jackson Drive, East Berlin, Pa 17316



# TRIBUTES

RABBI'S	
<b>DISCRETIONARY</b>	Y FUND

In honor of the special birthdays of Bobbi Zarin and Abby Goddard

Mary Kaye & Leonard Fullenkamp

Cheryl & George Sheedy

In honor of the milestone birthday of Abby Goddard (and a speedy recovery!)

Aunt Irma & Uncle Carl Solomon

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Aidan Norton

Amber, Aaron, Logan & Jaden Kuhn

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Alex Baturin

Jackie Huttemann

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In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Neuschwander

Jackie Huttemann

In honor of Dr. Ed Beck receiving the well-deserved Hursch

Award.

Mazel Tov from Gail Riegler

With love and get well wishes for our teacher, Jeanne Rogal

From the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes

In honor of the milestone birthdays of Bobbi Zarin and Abby Goddard

Reyna & Ernie Jose

RANDY DISEND MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL FUND

In honor of the special birthdays of Bobbi Zarin and Abby Goddard

**Shirley Disend** 

# **Ohev's Religious School Needs Your Help!!**

**Do you shop at Giant?** Please register your bonus card so that we may earn CASH each time you shop at <u>any</u> Giant Store. This does NOT take away your gas points!!

For more info, please contact Erika Saunders at <a href="mailto:saunders.erika@gmail.com">saunders.erika@gmail.com</a>

# Thank you for 32 years of wonderful music, Jean Thurston Weiss!







# KADDISH

### December 6

Louis Adler Louis Aronoff Harry Chernicoff Jeffrey Cohen Ilse Feldhiem Jay Feldman J. Helen Goldberg John Goldsmith Rosa M. Goldsmith Joseph Goldstein Bill Gross **Ida Gross** Andrea Huggard Abraham A. Jaffe Margaret W. Kohn Diana Maglin **Edward Maglin** Elmer H. Miller Warren Minnerly Trudi Pepper Rita Richie Roselle Roth Frank L. Rubin Carolyn Schwartz Sally Aronson Yoffee Jan Zarkin

## December 13

Milton S. Abel Richard I. Baum Sam Begler Grace S. Buxbaum Reuben Ettinger
Martin L. Finkelstein
Herbert Galowitz
Clara Goodman
Dorothy Sweedler
Hess
Anita Jaffe
Carol Kaye
Martha Lehrman
Melvin J. Levine
Lynn Liberman Roth
Norman Neiman
Jerry Schwarz
Richard Zarin

### **December 20**

Matilda Arch Phyllis Bagley Harry Becker Florence Berger Sylvia Casher Helene Cohen Abe Epstein Nat Epstein Michael P. Feldser Leah Fukson Myer Gross Ken Hess Sue Hoffman Louis C. Jacobs Israel Kades Saul Migatz Moe Mishkin Joseph E. Morris

Caroline Schultz
Morrie Schwab
Jean Sensel
Leroy M. Shellhammer
Lucille Spotts
Anne V. Wagenheim
Bernard Zeliger
Natalie Zisman

## December 27

Franklin Abel Myra Bornstein Lois Braden **Albert Bryant** Beatrice K. Clymin **Kay Dupont Beth Fine** Max Garner M. Lee Goldsmith Minnie Gordon Joseph Klein **Blanche Krauss** David Lang Harry S. Lasker Abe May Phillip Menaker Bessie B. Miller Bernard Rosenstrauch Rheda Rubin Saxe Shirley S. Schneiderman Harry Yablonovitz Abe Yamin Morris S. 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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