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# FROM YOUR RABBI: FIGHTING ANTI-SEMITISM

My son Floyd has been with us in Harrisburg on winter break from his studies at Alfred University in upstate New York. We had a great two weeks in Florida catching up, and then another two weeks here at home, talking about his plans for the summer, and how strange it will be when he turns 20 in 2020. Time flies...enjoy every minute with your children!

Floyd and I spoke about what it means to be Jewish in 2020, and if there was any anti-Semitism on his campus. He is a committed Jew, and while there aren't many opportunities for Jewish activities on campus, he wears the same gold Star



of David that I wore when I was his age-proudly, on the outside of his shirt or sweater. "Does anyone stare at your star, or ask you questions about it", I asked. "No", he replied, "I think everyone knows what a Star of David is, and what it represents". I wondered if he thought it might be a dangerous idea to wear it outside of his clothing, rather than hidden under his shirt. "No", he replied again, "I like wearing it just the way it is."

So, I learned from my son-be proud of who you are and don't hide what is important to you. And yet, I wondered how I would feel if he decided to wear a kippah, and if that would make me worry about him even more than I already do. The answer is probably yes, but still, I am proud that he has pride in his Judaism, even at a time when anti-Semitism is a huge problem.

His generation, known as Generation Z, is the most accepting generation of young people that we have ever known. They are color-blind, open to ideas that we can only imagine, and never marginalize another person for any reason. They are free-thinkers, accepting and loving, and hope they can be a beacon to others in a world that sometimes feels dark and foreboding. In short, anti-Semitism isn't a part of their culture, nor is "anti-anything-else" a concept they tolerate. They simply love everyone, no questions asked.

In a world where we are frightened to be vocal about who we are as Jews, we may be able to find some solace that the next generation will not be as unkind or filled with hate as the generation of people born in the 40's, 50's, or 60's. Generation Z simply doesn't have the time or the energy to waste on being anything less than they are. They may be able to teach us not to use our own energy on being fearful, or harboring hatred toward anyone else. A lesson to be learned...

Your Rabbi, Peter Kessler

# FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Sunday Fabruary 2	
Sunday, February 2	
	gious School
	erhood Brunch
Wednesday, February 5	
4:30pm Relig	gious School
Friday, February 7	
6:00pm Shal	bbat Services - Lehrman Chapel
Sunday, February 9	
9:30am Relig	gious School
9:30am Siste	erhood Board Meeting
11:00am Rab	bi's PEP Class
Wednesday, February 12	
12:00pm Lunc	ch & Learn - Lehrman Chapel
4:30pm Relig	gious School
Friday, February 14	
6:00pm Shal	bbat Services - Lehrman Chapel
Sunday, February 16	
No Religious School (Pres. Day Holiday)	
Wednesday, February 19	
4:30pm Relig	gious School
Thursday, February 20	
7:00pm Hers	shey Study
Friday, February 21	
6:00pm Shat	bbat Services - Lehrman Chapel
Saturday, February 22	
10:30am Tot S	Shabbat - Lehrman Chapel
Sunday, February 23	
9:30am Relig	gious School
10:00am Rabl	bi's Classes
Wednesday, February 26	
4:30pm Relig	gious School
Friday, February 28	
7:30pm Four	th Grade Family Services-Sanctuary
Saturday, February 29	
10:30am Bat	Mitzvah - Sanctuary

# SAVE THE DATE

#### 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 February 9th 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 February 12th. 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 **February 20th**. Location will be announced. Hope to see you there!



### 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 February 22nd at 10:30am in the Lehrman Chapel.

#### **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 **February 23rd at 11am** in the Lehrman Chapel. We will be discussing *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.



# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Our national organization, the Union for Reform Judaism, has asked all of its member synagogues to promote the upcoming elections to the World Zionist Congress (WZC). Voting will be open from January 21 through March 11, 2020, giving each of us an opportunity to have a significant role in strengthening the future of Reform Judaism in Israel.

Rabbi Kessler discussed the elections in last month's bulletin, and I want to use my space this month to reiterate his message. One of the many new things I have learned since becoming temple president is that the WZC is the parliament of the Jewish people and a representative body in Israel to determine the allocation of funds by the Jewish Agency for Israel. Strength in this parliament translates into influence – and funding – on issues affecting Jews in Israel and worldwide.

Simply put, your vote strengthens the Reform Movement in Israel and gives you a voice on issues like religious pluralism, peace, and democracy.

Every five years, the Jewish world conducts elections to the WZC. In the 2015 elections, a significant turnout for the Reform slate translated into financial and political resources for the Reform Movement in Israel, allowing it to grow and flourish. It is crucial that every adult member (age 18 or over by June 30, 2020) in our congregation participates this year. You can register to vote and learn more at www.ARZA.org.

If you have any questions about this or any other issue, please don't hesitate to reach out. In the meantime, let's all VOTE REFORM by March 11th!

### **Rob Teplitz**

President, Temple Ohev Sholom

What a sweet way to start 2020! Members and friends of Temple Ohev

Sholom spent part of Sunday, January 5, 2020, at the Jubilee Cake Studio in Mechanicsburg, decorating cakes. Who knew we had this kind of talent in our membership? Everyone enjoyed spending the afternoon together and creating edible masterpieces, which we took home to our friends and family. Thanks to Jubilee Cake Studio for



helping us have such a fun afternoon!

If you have ideas for future programming events you would like to have offered by the temple, please contact Audrey Miner at <u>auds671@gmail.com</u> and share your ideas!

# **LEGACY SPOTLIGHT: PATTI & GARY LIGHTMAN**

Hi, my name is Patti Lightman. My husband, Gary and I are both from South Jersey and were high school sweethearts. After graduation, he went to Dickinson College and then to The Dickinson School of Law. I went to nursing school at The University of Pennsylvania and joined Gary in Carlisle when we got married in 1967.

Time flies and although it doesn't seem possible, we moved to Harrisburg and

joined this loving congregation of Temple Ohev Sholom 47 years ago. Our three daughters ... Jennifer, Becky and Debby were named, consecrated, educated, became B'not Mitzvah, confirmed and married right here at Ohev Sholom. We now have grandchildren who have followed the same path. So,

as you can see, we represent three generations that call Ohev Sholom our spiritual home.

Over the years, we have met so many wonderful people ... a few have become like family. We have been part of a Chavarah for 40 years celebrating the Jewish holidays as well as all of our families' life cycle milestones. Ohev Sholom has been a large part of our lives and ! cannot imagine it not

being here for us or countless others. That is why we made the choice to become Legacy Donors for Temple Ohev Sholom and hope that you will, too.

# SAVE THE DATE

# Soup & Torah Study with Rabbi Kessler

## Friday, March 20, 2020 | Cost: \$7.00

Soup and Torah Study will follow the 6:00pm Shabbat Service

Please make your reservations by contacting Reyna Jose by phone: (717) 259-8787 or by email: rmjose32@comcast.net

## All are welcome!







# SAVE THE DATE: CONGREGATIONAL SEDER CELEBRATED SATURDAY, APRIL 11



Tradition would have us celebrate the 2nd night Passover Seder on Thursday, April 9. However, preparation and attendance will be facilitated by holding our Congregational Seder on Saturday, April 11, 2020. It may seem distant, but planning our Seder is underway. We're going to need volunteers this year to assist with a variety of tasks, many of which can be shared by several folks: (1) food preparation, i.e.: making and freezing matzo balls in March [approx. 120

needed], roasting 2 dozen hard boiled eggs in early April, preparing about 1 gallon of charoset several days before April 11, helping prepare vegetables and Seder plates the morning of April 11 at TOS; (2) purchasing wine & grape juice [info to be provided on quantities needed]; (3) arranging tableware, silverware and glassware on tables on Wednesday, April 8; (4) staffing the registration table on April 11 [arrive at TOS by 5:00 pm]; (5) organizing and displaying contributed desserts [arrive at TOS by 5:00 pm]; (6) assist with food service on April 11 -- primarily matzo ball soup; (7) bussing tables following the event; and (8) cleaning & storing tables and chairs after the event.

# Costs incurred by those preparing food and purchasing wine/grape juice will be reimbursed! Please save your receipts.

PLEASE email or telephone me if you can lend a hand and let me know your preference for a task (or tasks). If you call and I don't answer, please leave a message and I'll get back to you. Volunteers will have the satisfaction of knowing their efforts will make our Congregational Seder a success! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

## Bruce Feldman

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# SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES

??!! Isn't it a great feeling to send and receive a real card in the U.S. mail

??!! It's a generous feeling to make a donation to Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood

It's easy to send a card to anyone, <u>not only</u> Temple members, all your friends, family

## **ANY OCCASION YOU CAN THINK OF!**

- Birthdays
- Anniversaries
- Births
- Deaths
- Encouragements
- Get well wishes
- Congratulations
- Thinking of you
- Love you, Miss you
- You're the best

Choose from several Sisterhood Tribute Funds:

\*Sisterhood Tribute Fund – Donations are used for Sisterhood programs and expenses

\*Doris Zaritzky Fund-Donations are to benefit Temple you and religious school activities.

\*Margaret Friedman Emergency Aid Fund – to sustain the committee that prepares and serves meals following funerals for a bereaved family.

Just let Kim Poolman, 1304 Georgetown Circle, Carlisle, PA 17013 or 717-580-5667 or <u>poolmankb@gmail.com</u> know, send a check (to T.O.S.S.) for only \$5.00 and she will mail it .

\*Or choose the **Sisterhood Flower Fund** and call: Fran Casher, 717-238-3141

It's easy, it's a win-win for all and you are supporting Sisterhood and Temple.

## EMPLE OHEV SHOLOM PRESENTS



SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

### 2:00PM

OHEV SHOLOM SANCTUARY

2345 NORTH FRONT STREET

HARRISBURG, PA

Adults \$10 Children \$5

Tickets can be purchased by calling Temple Oney Sholom at

717-233-6459, Sarah Brown at 717-540,9709, or at the door March 8th .

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

#### Our Sisterhood Brunch with Invited guest, Dr. Alan Stolberg Antisemitism: Past, Present and Future

When: Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00am-12noon



Where: Temple Ohev Sholom, Social Hall 2345 North Front Street Harrisburg, Pa 17110

Cost: \$5.00-Sisterhood members \$10.00-Non-members



For more information please contact Reyna Jose (717) 379-0674 or mnjose32@comcast.net Make your reservation by mailing a check, made out to T.O.S.S. To: Reyna Jose 32 Jackson Drive, East Berlin, Pa 17316

# TRIBUTES

#### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

In honor of the special birthday of Abby Goddard Eileen Bavona

For the continued good health of Dr. Michael Ufberg With love from Carol & Charles Liebman

In thanks for preparing Hannah for her Bat Mitzvah Jodi & Jim Neuschwander

In thanks for preparing Gavin f

In thanks for preparing Gavin for his Bar Mitzvah Jessi & Chad Harvey

#### MEMORIAL TRIBUTES TO THE TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Robin Rogoff Star Marty Rogoff and Julie Sherman

## RANDY DISEND MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL FUND

In memory of Dr. Jay Prensky Marjorie Sherman

#### **TEMPLE FUND**

In honor of Abby Goddard's Special Birthday Anna Bianco

#### SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE FUND:

To: Mrs. Saul Meyer, in memory of Saul Meyer, beloved husband of Eve Meyer From: Carol and Charles Liebman To Sueanne and Steven Lehner, Congratulations on the birth of granddaughter, Sophie. From: Sherry and Gary Rosenstrauch

To: Anya Fox, Have a great semester! Love, Mom From: Jeannette Krebs

To: JoAnne Paladino, Thinking of you and love you. Get well soon! From: Reyna and Ernie Jose

To: Leah Podolle, Enjoy a terrific Happy Birthday! From: Kim and Les Poolman

*To: Jodi Neuschwander, Get well wishes for a speedy recovery!* From: Irith Harpster

To: Audrey Miner, a very Happy Birthday! From Irith Harpster

*To: Marianne Caplan, in loving memory of your wonderful Dad, Milton Ring From Irith Harpster* 

To: Jon Snavely, in loving memory of your dad, Jack Snavely From Irith Harpster

#### **FLOWER FUND**

In memory of Harry Lasker Harriet Katz



# KADDISH

### February 7

Charlotte E. Ansell Harold J. Astrich Hyman Blank Barbara Brown Betty Danowitz Sarah Disend John Feldman Marianne Flack Jeanne Gerber Hartford William L. Kanenson Pauline Kessler Ella Lehrman Wilma Levy Harry Lowengard Renee Manola Rebecca Menaker Jean Migatz Bertha S. Oppenheim Robin Rokoff **Henry Scheier** Mervin Silver Jack E. Spector William Spitalny **Irving Weber** 

### February 14

Helene Beck Hilda Baturin Bennett Sol Berliner Lillian Blinn Francine E. Brenner Leroy J. Brown Pauline S. Claster Edilia Coulianos Albert P. Doranz

**Burton Ettinger** Marcia Feldman Muriel Fleishman **David Gaynes** Jonas Greenberg Bernard Halpern Pauline Hollander Harold Houck Irene Houck Hannah Kline Nathan B. Liebman Jacob S. Lowengard Jeffrey Magid Martin Pepper **Rose Rubin Ron Schwartz** Edwin Silver Alan F. Teplitz **Benjamin Zalman** 

February 21

Gloria Adler Sadie Alexander **Fannie Baturin** Henry Bogart Norman Bronstein **Katherine Tharrington** Bryant Laverne Canfield Harry Casher Harry Chirson Anna Cohen Annie S. Cohen David Dubin **Pincus Friedman** Charles D. Herbert Alice W. Kanenson

Rachel Kyler Louis Melamed Doris Newman Phyllis Scher David T. Shaffer Bertha R. Smigel Molly Spitalny Marion Swanger

February 28

Jacob W. Abel Lillian Abeles Matilda Berk Gussie Blank Celia F. Buch Mollie Cohn Richard Coran Lena I. Feinberg Walter Fox Ida Frankel Samuel L. Freedman Jerome Goodman Samuel I. Kades Jr. Gertrude Landis Walter J. Manola Clara Nell Sweeney McArthur Pauline Mishkin **Richard Lee Roth** Hannah Salkin Jonathan Saxe Mark Shermer Robert G. Smigel

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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