

FROM YOUR RABBI: PREPARING FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

Hello Everyone! I miss all of you, and share in the sadness that we aren't able to see each other, give each other a hug, and gather in the sacred spaces of our temple building. However, we have been able to stay in touch through the mail, phone calls, texts, and whatever means of communication that remain open to us...and that's a blessing in itself.

Our 10 days of Repentance, the High Holy Days, begin on Friday evening September 18th. Our usual custom of gathering together as family and community is impossible this year...I wish it was different, but it is one of those things we have to live with for a while.



So how are we going to able to share in the High Holidays and have the meaningful experience as we reach closer to God at this holiest time of the year? Well, we all have to "think out of the box" this year, try something new, and while it may seem different, because it is, that doesn't mean it won't be meaningful, spiritual, and sacred...even though you will be worshipping in your own homes.

We, our temple president Rob Teplitz, our organist and musical director Chris Prestia, and I have been working hard with the temple board to make sure your worship experience will be a meaningful one. We have been making recordings (over 200 so far) of the spoken parts from the prayer book, as well as many recordings of a musical nature that will combine voice, as well as organ, cello, piano, and other instruments.

The shofar service will take on a new level of connection with God's world, as we will present a video of the blowing of a shofar outside, in a tranquil setting.

There will be a video for the children's service as well...one for Rosh Hashanah and one for Yom Kippur, led by me, and accompanied by Chris' beautiful voice and his accordion. Your children and grandchild will love it.

That's what will be new, and very exciting this year...while we will be watching from our home computers, we will be able to ZOOM our family out of town to be with us to share in our experience...something that I will especially welcome as Floyd will be away at college, and my parents who cannot travel can share the holidays with us.

In closing, many thanks for all of your support of me during this difficult time when my family situation has changed, as I take on a new chapter of my life as a single man. I appreciate your love.

Shanah tovah...may we all have a new year that will be nothing like the one we are experiencing now!

Your Rabbi, Peter Kessler

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that you and yours are healthy and safe, and that you are managing as well as can be expected during this very challenging time. Although the building has been closed to non-employees since mid-March (and will remain as such for the foreseeable future), the board and staff have continued to work hard on behalf of our congregation.

Most importantly, we have spent the summer planning for a new kind of High Holidays and Religious School. We are confident that the Temple will provide both experiences in ways that are engaging, meaningful, and safe. If you have not yet received the information materials, please contact the Temple office as soon as possible.

On a related note, we have upgraded various aspects of the Temple's technology in order to accommodate our increased needs. I hope to see you on Zoom for the live components of our High Holiday celebration, and our Religious School students will see each other and their teachers through the Zoom platform as well. I also encourage all members to visit our new and improved website, www.ohevsholom.org, where you can make secure credit card payments, access school registration forms, read issues of the Bulletin, sign up for emails from Rabbi Kessler and the Union for Reform Judaism, and so much more.

Speaking of the Bulletin, you can help us cut our expenses by notifying the Temple office of your willingness to receive future issues by email only. Another easy way to help our budget, if you happen to be a customer of Aero Energy, is to participate in the company's House of Worship Program. The company will donate money to the Temple at no cost to you based on a percentage of your monthly fuel bill. I signed up as a test, resulting in an automatic \$52.80 donation last month. For more information, please call 1-888-827-1713 or go to www.aeroenergy.com/how.

As we approach the sixth month of the COVID-19 pandemic, please be assured that the Temple's leadership is even more committed than ever to meeting the spiritual, educational, and social needs of our members. While we must be physically apart, we are doing everything possible to keep our congregation connected. To that end, don't hesitate to contact me with your questions and comments.

Rob Teplitz President, Temple Ohev Sholom

SAVE THE DATE: VIRTUAL HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES



Erev Rosh Hashanah, Friday September 18th Rosh Hashanah, Saturday September 19th

Kol Nidre, Monday September 28th Yom Kippur, Tuesday September 29th

> Morning Service Children's Service Yizkor Ne'ilah

The High Holidays will take place on the appropriate days, regardless of the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of Temple Ohev Sholom were mailed instructions on how to open links to view the various parts of the service prior to the High Holidays. This will provide a similar experience to being in our beautiful Sanctuary in person, along with some innovative approaches to worship.

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

As an early result of the Board's ongoing strategic planning process, we have begun to redesign and update the temple's website. Phase 1 is now complete. The website can still be found at **www.ohevsholom.org**, but that is where the similarities to the old site end. Now you can:

- Sign up to receive Rabbi Kessler's weekly emails
- Read daily news and information from the Union for Reform

 Judaism and subscribe to the URJ's free e-newsletters
- Send messages to the temple office
- Connect directly to our Facebook page and YouTube channel
- Pay membership dues and register for programs

Additional exciting features will be added in the future. Let us know what you think!

L'DOR V'ADOR - A LEGACY FOR OUR FUTURE

Every year, we at Temple Ohev Sholom are truly thankful for all those who support our organization and help us plan for a future filled with education, community and caring. Due to COVID -19 we have faced unexpected challenges and your commitment is even more important now. Thank you, our donors, for what you have already done to help sustain our beloved Temple. Temple Ohev Sholom has been here for over 100 years to help celebrate milestones and comfort those in mourning with our open and supportive community. Let us ensure that our precious Temple will continue to be vibrant in our constantly evolving world. How can you sustain and secure Temple Ohev and pass on L'dor V'ador, from generation to generation? By signing your Letter of Intent, no matter the size, your legacy will help grow our permanent endowment fund. Sign your Letter of Intent today and join the growing list of forward thinking members.

What will be Your Legacy?

By participating in **Leave A Legacy** our congregants will be remembered forever because they committed to leaving a gift in their will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy.

Thank you to the following community members for signing their Letters of Intent.

For their commitment we are eternally grateful.

Dorothy Abel * Franklin Abel z"l * Shelley & Ted Adler * Karen Ball Edward & Esther Beck * Ilene Becker-Cohen * Marvin Berger Christine Berger * Marlene Berman* Phyllis & Len Berman Andrew L. Brown *Sarah L. Brown * Barbara Danowitz Shirley S. Disend * Bruce A. Feldman * David Feldman Stacy L. Feldman * Brad Forman Family* Lionel & Abby Goddard Linda Goldstein *Lois Lehrman Grass * Patti & Robert Hivner Harvey N. Jacobs * Reyna José *Gloria Kaplan *Paulette Keifer Rabbi Peter Kessler *Kluger Family*Aaron & Cheryl Krause * Jill Kusic Steven Kusic*Gary M. Lightman* Patricia A. Lightman*Neely Meals Seth A. Mendelsohn * Dr. & Mrs. Seth Narins * Cheryl Rosenstrauch Gary Rosenstrauch * Julie Sherman * Marjorie M. Sherman JoAnn Smith (z'l) * Lenore Spitalny * Linda Stewart Col. (Ret.) Alan & Dianne Stolberg *Susan & Stephen Symons Robert Teplitz * Charles Wilson*Bradley Winnick Lisa Winnick * Robert Wolff

And a special thank you to our donors who wish to remain anonymous.

TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM SISTERHOOD 22nd ANNUAL BOOK REVIEW

SAVE THE DATE Thursday, November 5, 2020

generously sponsored by THE SYMONS/ROSE FAMILIES



Presenting acclaimed author and social justice activist TALIA CARNER when she presents her latest book <u>THE THIRD</u> <u>DAUGHTER</u> on Thursday, Nov. 5th via zoom.

This event will be **free** of charge to all participants.

Look for additional information to follow

Books are available at Barnes and Noble and Amazon as well as your local libraries

RABBI KESSLER'S BOOK REVIEW | BOOKS FOR 2020-21



The Third Daughter, by Talia Carner
The Plot Against America, by Philip Roth
Kaddish.com, by Nathan Englander
Inheritance, by Dani Shapiro
The World that We Knew, by Alice Hoffman

Mistress of the Ritz, by Melanie Benjamin



In conjunction with our

Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood Installation

We proudly present our guest speaker

Tamsin Wolff

Ms. Wolff's talk, "Ritual Threads" will explore how

Temple Ohev Sholom's Torah Covers were created.

Join us as we kick off the New Year with the initiation of our new officers, express gratitude to those who are leaving the board, and look behind the scenes at one of Sisterhood's many collaborative projects that beautify our community.

Please join us on Sunday, August 30, 2020 at 10 am, via Zoom RSVP to Reyna Jose, rmjose32@comcast.net for the Zoom link



SISTERHOOD NEWS

On behalf of Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and sweet New Year. Though we are not able to celebrate the Jewish New Year together in person, we can celebrate together in spirit.

You may ask, how can we maintain, promote, and foster a sense of community in a time where we are unable to gather physically within our Temple? Well, Sisterhood has the answer! Sisterhood is offering wonderful events through Zoom where we can gather together, expand our knowledge, and foster our core values, even at a distance. You can see one of these enriching events for yourself on Thursday November 5thfor our Symons/Rose Book Review featuring our guest speaker, Talia Carner. Talia Carner, an award-winning author of five novels and committed supporter of global human rights, will be joining us, via Zoom, as we discuss her book, The Third Daughter.

Sisterhood will continue to have its monthly Board meetings via Zoom. Our first Board Meeting of the new fiscal year will take place on Sunday, September 13th.Recently, our request for annual membership dues were mailed. Please be sure to return your membership form as well as your check to our financial secretary, Dara Kluger. We hope that you will continue to support Sisterhood (or consider joining as a new member). With that in mind, your Sisterhood dues supports various items within our Sisterhood and Temple. These include programs, charitable donations, Oneg Shabbat, Religious School holiday items and much much more. Sisterhood dues also includes membership in Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) at the Atlantic District and National levels.

I truly believe that staying together as a community, maintaining our traditions, nourishing our customs, and fostering our practices, even at a distance, will help us get through this trying time. Our semblance of normalcy by gathering together via Zoom will help to remind us that we have support within each other. We hope that you will join us on this endeavor.

If you have any questions about Sisterhood, please feel free to give me a call (717) 379-0674 or write me an email: rmjose32@comcast.net. Together we can make a difference. I wish you and your loved ones L'Shana Tovah... a good year, and may you and your loved ones be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life.

In Sisterhood,

Reyna Jose, President

ADULT EDUCATION | FALL 2020 SCHEDULE

I am pleased to let you know that the Adult Education Classes scheduled for 2020-21 will take place, most likely on ZOOM.

Hershey Study is a once-a-month class taught on Thursday evenings. The topic for next year will be announced soon.

PEP is the Parallel Education Course taught once-a-month on Sunday mornings. We will focusing on "Women in the Bible". It may not be as fun as the Yiddish classes from previous years but it will be fascinating I'm sure.



Kaddish.com, by Nathan Englander, Inheritance, by Dani Shapiro, The World that We Knew, by Alice Hoffman and Mistress of the Ritz, by Melanie Benjamin.

Lunch-n-Learn is a monthly "drop-in" discussion on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon in the Lehrman Chapel. This year will watch each other eat lunch on ZOOM, and continue our discussion of the "Timeline of Jewish History".

Basic Judaism classes, for those interested in converting to Judaism, or just want to learn more about Judaism, take place at various Sunday mornings during the year.

Please contact Rabbi Kessler for more information about our Adult Educational opportunities at Temple Ohev Sholom: rabbi@ohevsholom.org.

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, our building remains closed. We plan to continue with our weekly Shabbat video until it is safe for communal worship.

SAVE A TREE...AND OUR BUDGET

We know how important the temple bulletin is to our members. At the same time, however, it is also expensive to produce and difficult to sustain during times like a national emergency.

Over the past few months, we have seen how successful the rabbi's emails have been in communicating with our congregation. Therefore, we are asking members to tell us if they are willing to *opt-in* to receive the bulletin by email. For those members only, we would discontinue the hard copy mailing and email the link to the bulletin on our new website. Anyone who wants to continue receiving the hard copy will continue to receive it without having to do anything.

Please let Michelle Darr know if you are willing to receive the bulletin electronically. Doing so will help us keep our costs down during these financially uncertain times. If you change your mind later, we would be happy to re-subscribe you to the hard copy, no questions asked. Thank you in advance for your consideration

TRIBUTES

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Richard Casher Barbara Adler Lillian Goldberg Sally Klein

Mazel Tov to Cindy & Don Lynch on the birth of their grandson Max Susan Shienvold

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES TO THE TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Shirley Polon
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In memory of Richard Casher Marjorie Sherman

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Mazel Tov on the wedding of Audrey Miner and Andy Gordon Irith Harpster

SISTERHOOD FUNDS:

Margaret Friedman Emergency Aid Fund

Happy Birthday to Gail Riegler

From: Nancy Weber

Sisterhood Tribute Fund:

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Lee Spitalny Sherry and Gary Rosenstrauch

For a speedy recovery of Fran Casher Sherry and Gary Rosenstrauch

Happy Birthday to Shirley Disend Gail Riegler

In honor of the retirement of Lillian Rappaport Fern and Howard Zlotoff

Mazel Tov to Reyna Jose, for becoming Sisterhood President Carol and Charles Liebman Dara and Larry Kluger

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Liam Casher Elyse and Al Bienstock Sherry and Gary Rosenstrauch In memory of Michelle Zerfuss, cousin of Carla Nager Irith Harpster

Mazel Tov on the upcoming marriage of Audrey Miner and Andy Gordon Irith Harpster

Get well wishes and speedy recovery to Doreen Evrard
Cindy and Don Lynch Irith Harpster
Fern and Howard Zlotoff Gail Riegler
Lainie and Elliot Strokoff Elyse and AL Bienstock Kim Poolman and the ZOOM group
Patti and Gary Lightman

Susan and Steven Lehner

In memory of Steven Davidheiser's Dad Doreen Evrard

With thanks for all the Uniongrams on our Anniversary Elyse and Al Bienstock

Doris Zaritzky Fund:

Welcome to our beautiful grandson, Maxwell Allan From: Cindy and Don Lynch

Congratulations on the birth of your grandson, Мах. Doreen Evrard

For the speedy recovery of Doreen Evrard Sherry and Gary Rosenstrauch Elyse and Al Bienstock

SEPTEMBER KADDISH

September 6

Vera Berger Cerf Berkley Jesse N. Cherksey Joseph Feldman Gerts Fukson Fannie Goldberg Alfred Gottfled William Israel Jane Kay Mildred Kessler **Edith Laub** Joseph Roth **Edward Rothman** Marc Steven Saxe Rachel Schwab Barbara Cohen Sherman

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September 11

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September 18

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September 25

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