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### FROM YOUR RABBI: TORAH, COMMUNITY, AND GOD

If you are like me, you may feel as though you've been hit by a truck. Nothing seems real anymore...but trust me, this is all real...and we have no choice but to figure out a way to get through all of the stress, anxiety, and sadness we face as the High Holidays are over, and the colder weather begins.

Thank you for your support, and your kind words about the quality of our High Holiday worship this year...even though none of us could worship together, I think we all found a sense of being with God even though many of us were in our pajamas in front of a screen.



I was alone for the first time in my life on Rosh Hashanah. I took my I-pad to watch the videos as I sat on a bench in Riverfront Park. If we are friends on FACEBOOK, you already know that I ran into God that morning. He/She/They told me not to worry about the state of our world...that we will work together to repair the world and get through our losses...if we only have faith. Easy for God to say...

But also easy for us, in a way. We can get through the fall and winter if we have Torah. The word Torah means to teach, so if we can get used to a screen, we can all learn from each other through our Adult Ed classes. Which brings us to community...we will be a community on ZOOM this year, with Religious School and Adult Ed, and even our annual Symons-Rose Book Review...which will draw us together as a community on ZOOM.

You'll get to have Shabbat worship every week with Chris Prestia and me on the temple FACEBOOK page and on our You-Tube channel.

And if we're lucky, and I'll bet we will be, when we put the Torah and Community together, we will find God...or if not, perhaps God will find us.

"Do not despair, ye of little faith"...have faith in us, and in God, and then anything is possible.

I wish you all a Happy New Year filled with the promise of good health and peace.

Your rabbi,

#### Peter Kessler

## IN TRIBUTE

This month's bulletin is dedicated to the remembrance of Barry Fox, a dear man who died unexpectedly now ten years ago, at only age 47. Barry was, at one time, president of Temple Ohev Sholom, a board member of Jewish Family Service and a board member of the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg. He was the husband of Temple member Jeanette Krebs; father of Sophie and Anya Fox; son of Morrell and (the late) Marilyn Fox, and brother to Rich. Jeanette's college friends adored Barry and donated funds to underwrite the cost of the bulletin and to plant a tree in Barry's memory on the grounds of the Temple. Barry's name was a familiar byline for more than two decades in The Patriot-News, where he wrote about music, entertainment and pop culture.

At the end of his life he worked on behalf of a free press and people's right to information about their government, serving as the deputy director of the state's Office of Open Records. To those in the congregation who did not know him, he was the definition of a mensch -- kind, warm, loving and generous in spirit, spunk and smiles. His dry wit and charm made him irresistible. In addition to his family, those missing him beyond measure this past decade and in the decades to come are his friends: Lauren Young and Celeste McCauley of New York City; Terry Mutchler and Carolyn Sorisio of Philadelphia; Phil Galewitz and Bob King of Washington D.C.; and Megan O'Matz of Florida. Please remember Barry and his family in your prayers.

When All That's Left is Love - by Merritt Malloy	Multiplying your Mitzvot (acts of kindness).
	You can love me most by
When I die	Letting me live in your eyes
lf you need to weep	And not on your mind.
Cry for someone	And when you say
Walking the street beside you.	Kaddish for me
You can love me most by letting	Remember what our
Hands touch hands, and	Torah teaches,
Souls touch souls.	Love doesn't die
You can love me most by	People do.
Sharing your Simchas (goodness) and	So when all that's left of me is love
	Give me away.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By the time you read this month's message, we will have kicked off Religious School and the High Holidays, all online. A HUGE thank you to the dozens of people – staff, faculty, board members, volunteers, students, Sisterhood members, vendors, and others who I inevitably left out – who worked so hard for so many months to make these events happen for our congregation. I hope that everything went smoothly, and I apologize for any glitches that may have occurred. Please continue to bear with us as we strive to meet your spiritual, educational, and social needs under challenging circumstances.

You may or may not have made your annual Kol Nidre Appeal pledge by the time you read this. Because dues do not cover the full cost of the Temple's operating expenses, we ask our members to make a special contribution every fall. We fully recognize that this is a tough time to be on the receiving end of a fundraising solicitation, and we are sensitive to those whose finances have been directly affected by the pandemic. However, precisely because of continued uncertainties about the future, participation by all who are able is more critical than ever this year.

Quite simply, if you want the Temple to be around when "all this" (GESTURES BROADLY) is over, we need your additional financial support today. You can mail in your pledge card with a check, have your pledge added to your bill, or pay securely on our website right now while you are thinking about it. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

I will repeat two other very easy ways for you to help the Temple financially, at no cost to you: (1) notify our office of your willingness to receive future issues of the Bulletin by email only; and (2) if you are a customer of Aero Energy, participate in the company's House of Worship Program. For more information, please call 1-888-827-1713 or go to *www.aeroenergy.com/how*.

L'Shana Tova, and continued wishes for the health, safety, and well-being of you and your loved ones. May this new year bring all of us comfort and peace.

Rob Teplitz

President, Temple Ohev Sholom

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.

## **BAT MITZVAH: JAYDEN WHITE**

Hello! My name is Jayden White, and I will become a Bat Mitzvah on October 17, 2020, in what some may call, an unusual and unconventional way (at my house). I am currently a seventh grade Honor Roll Student at Lower Dauphin Middle School. When I am not in school you can find me at the ice rink (I am a competitive figure skater), on the softball field (I am a catcher for the U14 Lady Renegades Travel Softball Team), on the basketball court (have played Lower Dauphin Travel for two years and hope to be on the Middle School team this winter), or the volleyball court representing Lower Dauphin Middle School.



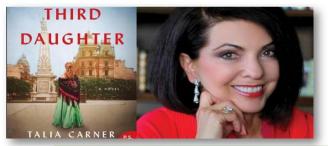
My Torah portion is Parshat B'reishit. Simply stated, this is the beginning. The beginning of the world created by G-d. This portion tells the story of Adam and Eve and their two sons, Cain and Abel. After Cain kills Abel, G-d banishes Cain from farming and therefore, found cities. Since cities were formed, population grew, and therefore G-d regrets creating humans and decides to destroy everything except for Noah and his family.

As my service project I have decided to do something near and dear to my heart. I have decided to take up a collection of new and used sporting goods for those who are less fortunate. Therefore, I have chosen to start a collection and fundraiser to benefit PIBS (Pitch In For Baseball and Softball). If you have any new or used sporting goods equipment please contact my mom Cara to arrange drop off/pick up (pips4118@aol.com).

My sincere thanks to my family (yes all of them), Rabbi Kessler, Mrs. Hutteman, Mrs. Rappaport, and all my Hebrew school teachers for helping me prepare for my Bat Mitzvah. I have had an amazing time at Ohev Sholom Religious School.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, November 5, 2020

TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM SISTERHOOD 22nd ANNUAL BOOK REVIEW 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. However, you must register and RSVP to Irith Harpster: **Igh519@yahoo.com** Books are available at Barnes and Noble and Amazon, as well as your local libraries

### **PREPARING FOR A DIFFERENT KIND OF HIGH HOLIDAYS**

On Sunday, August 30, members were able to drive through our parking lot to safely pick up the items needed for our online observance and celebration. Members also generously donated dozens of bags of toiletries and clothes for our friends at the Health Ministries of Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you to everyone who participated!













# SISTERHOOD NEWS

Dear Congregational Families,

Sisterhood: we are a welcoming, caring group who, when called into action, are always willing to help! Volunteerism is the backbone of our Sisterhood. So many of you have stepped up when called upon, in order to achieve our common goals: promoting closer fellowship among our members and supporting religious, social and educational activities in cooperation with the congregation. Sisterhood has been very busy. Please read below for some friendly reminders:

- Sisterhood is responsible for the temple's **Directory**. In September, a letter was mailed for a request of your name, address, telephone number and email address. If you have not mailed your information to Cassandra Rosenbaum, to be included in the **Temple Ohev** Sholom's Directory, please do so by Oct. 15th.
- Do you have a college student or students? Sisterhood reaches out during the Jewish holidays and throughout the school year to send greetings and gift cards to our young congregants. ...it is an easy and meaningful way to keep them connected to our temple family. Please send your college student's name and mailing address to jillkusic@verizon.net to be added to this year's mailing list. We usually have 20 students or more! We'd love to let your college student know that their temple family is thinking of them.
- A request was mailed in August for **Sisterhood membership dues**. If you have not mailed in your dues, please do so at your earliest convenience. As of this writing, we already have 85 paid members which is wonderful! If you did not receive a letter or are interested in becoming a new member of Sisterhood, please do not hesitate to reach out Dara Kluger, Financial Secretary or myself. We would love to have more people join in on the fun.
- The Symons/Rose Book Review event will take place on Thursday, November 5th, via Zoom. Talia Carner, author of *The Third Daughter* will be our featured author this year. *The Third Daughter* is a really good read! *The Third Daughter* will be a part of Rabbi Kessler's Book Review group in October. Please RSVP to Irith Harpster, chairperson for this event. Her email address is: lgh519@yahoo.com.

So as you can see, Sisterhood is "up and running." If you would like to join in on the fun and help our temple thrive please do not hesitate to reach out to me: Reyna Jose, President, <u>rmjose32@comcast.net</u>. I would love to hear from you.

## ADULT EDUCATION | FALL UPDATE

**PEP** will be taught on ZOOM this fall, on various Sunday mornings at 11 AM.

**Book Review** will be taught on ZOOM this fall, on various Sunday mornings at 11 AM.

**Basic Judaism/Conversion clas**s will be taught on ZOOM this fall, on various Sunday mornings at 10 AM.



**Hershey Study** will be taught on ZOOM this fall, on various Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM.

**Lunch N Learn** will be taught on ZOOM this fall, on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon.

If you haven't received the schedule for these classes by e-mail, please contact Rabbi Kessler at <u>rabbi@ohevsholom.org</u> to be placed on the e-mail list. Many thanks!!

## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE**

The Religious School is off to a great start. To kick of the year the teachers and students had socially distant outdoor meet and greets. It was wonderful to see so many smiling students, parents and teachers. Classes have officially begun on Zoom and we are excited for a year full of Jewish learning and joyful Jewish moments.

I am wishing the whole Ohev Sholom family, a *shana tova,*a happy, healthy, and sweet new year.

- Jason Graf, Religious School Director



## TRIBUTES

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

Wishing you a sweet new year...

Debby Rudy Mary Kaye & Leonard Fullenkamp

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Logan Kuhn

Amber & Aaron Kuhn and family

To: Rebekah Saidman-Krauss & Andrea Grove

Mazel Tov on your engagement and Andrea's conversion!

Aunt Missy & Uncle Bruce

#### MEMORIAL TRIBUTES TO THE TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Richard Casher

Donna & Herbert Nurick

Mazel Tov on the 100th Birthday of Henriette Friedman

With love from Suzie & Chip Hartman

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND**

In memory of Richard Casher

George Feissner

## STEVEN HARPSTER MEMORIAL SOCIAL ACTION FUND

*To: Rob Teplitz: Happy New Year! Thank you for all your hard work*  and everything you do for our Synagogue.

Irith Harpster

To Rabbi Peter Kessler: Happy New Year! Thank you for all your hard work and everything you do for our Synagogue.

Irith Harpster

To Reyna Jose: Happy New Year! Thank you for all your hard work and everything you do for our Synagogue and Sisterhood.

Irith Harpster

To Michelle Darr: Thank you for all your hard work and everything you do for our synagogue.

Irith Harpster

#### SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE FUND

To: Reyna Jose, Congratulations on becoming Sisterhood President.

From: Gail Riegler

To: Lillian Rappaport, Thank you for all of your service to Temple Ohev Sholom Religious School and to the Jewish Community

From: Gail Riegler

To: Cindy Lynch, Congratulations of your Retirement and your new adventures with Max

From: Kim and Les Poolman

# **SEPTEMBER KADDISH**

Morris Brenner

#### October 2

Rosie Adler Samuel Arch Morris Barbash Andrew P. Beck **Doris Begler Barbara Bitner** Julius Briskie Loretta Brody William Brody Otto J. Buxbaum Harry L. Cantor David Cramer Simon Dealham **Eric Feldheim** Dave Goldberg **Edythe Gross** Joseph W. Gross Louis Katz Sam Liebman Rabbi Charles Mintz Moses Moss Lollye M. Nachman Kerry Ellen O'Brien Helmuth **Molly Platcow** Allen C. Rogal Sari S. Rogal **Robert Alan Rokoff** Moric Sawicki Albert Schultz **Bernice Siegel** Joseph Strouse **Stephen Ten Eyck Rich Ruth Yaskin** Rebecca Zaritzky

#### October 9

Jacob Cohn A Joseph Cole Louise Feldman Murray Katz Samuel Kraus **Dennis McNultv** Sigmund I. Moss Solomon R. Moss Barbara Deborah Posner Judith Repshas Bertha Richmond Lillian Rosenberg Julius Rosenstruch Harry Sauertieg Miriam M. Serta Jack Shienvold David Spiegel Stephen Spitalny Ian Michael Wolfe Bernard Woolf

#### October 16

Louise Feldman Samuel Frahm Goldie Klein Benjamin Lowengard Shirley Neiman David Schwab Irvin Yoffee Ruth Zezulinski

#### October 23

Dorothy Heft Becker Gabriel Dealham Frances Feldman Muriel Fielo **Robert Feldman** Sadie Forner Minnie Globman Eliot Goldstein Seymour Gurwitz Fannie Klein Jacobson Samuel I. Kades, Jr. **Betty Katz** Max R. Koffs **Benjamin Sachs** Lehrman Sallye Ryder Moss **Melvin Nager** Meyer Osofsky Manuel J. Smigel Kathryn T. Strouse Paul Weber Alice Wiener Annette Wright Robert Zlotoff

#### October 30

Charles Adler II **Gladys Bisgaier** Cecelia Epstein Robert Feldman Mary O. Greenspan Abraham L. Gross Hannagene B. Hecht Louis V. Klein Samuel Kopp Irvin Jerome Koppelman Eileen Levy isabel G. Lowengard Shawn Mishkin Torsten A. Neuman **Charlotte Spiegel** Alice Adler Wnuk Ida K. Yoffee

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