

FROM YOUR RABBI: KEEPING UP WITH YOUR CONGREGATION

Hi Everyone!

The High Holidays are behind us, and I am so grateful for all of the positive comments that you made about the services which our organist, Chris Prestia, and I created for you to bring you closer to your families, your community, and of course, God. It wasn't easy trying to create a spiritual experience on a computer screen, and our temple president, Rob Teplitz, and our temple board, are so grateful that the experience was meaningful to our members. Thank you for keeping your membership current



during these difficult times...all of us appreciate your commitment to Ohev Sholom.

The weather and appointments are on our computers, and fewer and fewer opportunities for personal contact. As an extrovert myself, missing the personal contact I have with each of you is very difficult...but, I am hopeful that in time we will be able to adjust to whatever is in store for us in the coming months.

In the meanwhile, I strongly suggest that you take part in our once a month Adult Education ZOOM opportunities that exist for you: Lunch N Learn on Wednesday, and PEP & Book Review on Sunday mornings. If you would like to be added to the list, just send me an e-mail message atrabbi@ohevsholom.organd I will make it happen.

I also suggest that you view our weekly Shabbat service video. We try to make them meaningful, informative, and fun.

Please stay in touch with us. Even though the building remains closed, Temple Ohev Sholom never really closes...we are always here for each other.

Thank you for taking care of yourselves, and watching out for each other as these difficult times continue.

Your rabbi, Peter Kessler

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you all for the feedback – overwhelmingly positive – on our High Holidays programming! Another big thank you from me to everyone involved both in front of and behind the cameras for their hard work, and a special thank you to our membership for being so open-minded and patient with our approach. The Board wants your thoughts about the next major event on our calendar, Hanukkah, so please complete the brief survey that was emailed to you. The survey is also available on our Facebook page.

Although this is a different kind of fall, the Temple is in full swing – videos of Shabbat services posted every week; religious school, confirmation class, adult education classes, and other meetings and events all operating smoothly online; bar and bat mitzvahs outside at the families' homes; regular check-in phone calls to the membership from Temple board members; and many back-office operations made easier for our staff and members through ongoing enhancements to our website.

The guiding principle from your Temple leadership continues to be that, even though we must all be physically apart during this challenging time, we must do everything we can to keep our Temple family connected. Of course, these efforts require money, so please make and fulfill your Kol Nidre Appeal pledge if you have not done so already. The fact is that many of our traditional sources of revenue have declined and we are incurring new types of expenses (for example, who heard of Zoom a year ago???), so your pledge is truly needed now more than ever before.

As always, please contact me with questions or concerns at robteplitz@comcast.net or (717) 329-3101. In the meantime, please stay healthy and safe, and take comfort in the reality that, even though we can't know a specific date, we will all be together in person in the future. Everything we are doing – program-wise and financially – is in support of that glorious day.

Rob Teplitz

President, Temple Ohev Sholom

WILL YOU DO YOUR PART?

Please let Michelle Darr know if you are willing to start receiving the Bulletin by email only. Eliminating unnecessary printing and postage costs will help us manage expenses during these financially uncertain times. Thank you!

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.

LEGACY SPOTLIGHT: SHERRY & GARY ROSENSTRAUCH

Hi, my name is Cheryl (Sherry) Rosenstrauch. Forty-five years ago, my husband Gary and I joined Temple Ohev Sholom as newlyweds. Needless to say, the temple has played a huge part in our lives and that of our children. All four of them were consecrated. confirmed, and became B'nai mitzvah at Ohev Sholom. They



attended Hebrew High, and were active in youth groups. A highlight for us was the wedding of our daughter Dennice in our beautiful sanctuary.

Our involvement in this loving and vibrant congregation has continued, nonstop over the years. Gary served as temple treasurer, and headed a successful fundraiser, and I taught religious school for many years. Soon after joining the temple I became involved in the sisterhood, thanks to the gentle persuasion of Phyllis Berman, even serving as sisterhood president. My dedication to sisterhood continues today. This group is active, relevant, and welcoming. If you are not a member, please think about joining this year.

We have made many friends at Temple Ohev Sholom. Over forty years ago we formed a Chavarah group with Ohev friends and we continue to celebrate holidays and life cycle events with them. These forty-five years have flown by and Temple Ohev Sholom has been there for us every step of the way and we have made wonderful memories with our temple family. This is why we decided to become Legacy Donors and support this amazing synagogue. The future of Temple Ohev Sholom is our hands and we need to do our part to ensure that this beautiful temple will be around for many years to come. Please consider becoming a Legacy Donor.

MESSAGE FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR

The religious school had a great October. Students and teachers are beginning to get used to classes on Zoom. I am happy to report that great learning is still taking place.

To name a few highlights, the 3rd graders are doing amazing work around Hebrew reading, the 6th graders are already beginning their book project, and the seventh graders are enjoying their unit on Jewish cooking.

We are looking forward to another positive month in November, where the students are going to get deeper into their Jewish learning and experience more joyful Jewish moments.

L'Shalom, Jason Graf

Religious School Director



The 7th Grade Religious School class bakes Challah via Zoom.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

November...the time when there is a chill in the air. The cooler weather brings us to Sisterhood events to warm our hearts and minds.

We start with **Sisterhood's Symons/Rose Book Review** which will take place, via Zoom, on Thursday, November 5th at 8:00pm. This year we are proud to have our guest author, Talia Carner, who will be discussing her book, *The Third Daughter*. To receive the Zoom link please make your reservation by emailing Irith Harpster: igh519@yahoo.com. This event will be free of charge. We hope you will join us.

We will also have our first **Soup and Torah Study** of the year with Rabbi Kessler on Friday, November 20th. Bring your own bowl of soup to your table and join us via Zoom. To receive the Zoom link please RSVP to Linda Grobman: lindagrobman@gmail.com or Dianne Stolberg: tr6gal@gmail.com

Social Action: One of the most pervasive problems created by the Covid Pandemic is finding ways to assure that our school age children are able to learn in difficult times. For those less fortunate it makes an existing challenge that much more acute. Our Social Action Committee, Chaired by Karen Ball, is exploring ways to partner with community groups to be part of the solution. Here are some possible approaches 1) direct mentoring (via Zoom at this time) 2) synagogue drive for used laptops 3) establish a monetary fund to help pay for internet hotspots for children in Harrisburg. If any or all of these ideas appeal to you and you would like to participate please contact Karen Ball: karensusanball36@gmail.com or Jeanette Krebs: jeanettedkrebs@gmail.com. We hope you join us in this important endeavor.

If you have not mailed your **Sisterhood dues** to our Financial Secretary, Dara Kluger, I would like to give you a friendly reminder to do so at your earliest convenience. All our dues dollars go to support various activities and services for our congregation and religious school. Thank you for your continued support.

As always, if you have any questions about Sisterhood please do not hesitate to give me a call 717 379-0674 or write me an email: rmjose32@comcast.net.

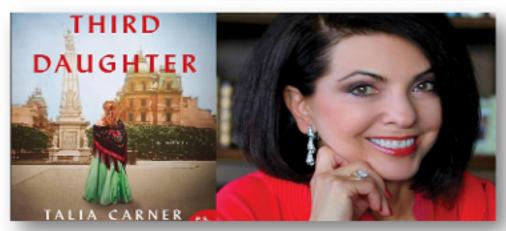
Lastly, from my home to yours, I would like to wish you a very happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Reyna Jose President

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 THE THIRD DAUGHTER 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

Please mark this program on your calendar and join us, via Zoom, for...

Soup & Torah Study



When: Friday, November 20, 2020

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Topic:

With Rabbi Kessler

Midrash (stories) from Genesis

Please make your reservations by emailing:

Dianne Stolberg: tr6gal@gmail.com

or

Linda Grobman: lindagrobman@gmail.com

Once you RSVP, you will receive a Zoom link closer to the day of the event.

Bring your own bowl of soup to your table ©

All are welcome! We hope you can join us!



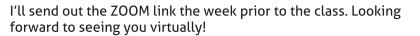
ADULT EDUCATION | NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

I look forward to seeing you on ZOOM for our November classes:

Nov 1: Basic Judaism at 10 AM, PEP at 11 AM

Nov 8: Confirmation at 10 AM, Book Review Class at 11 AM.

Nov 11: Lunch N Learn at 12 noon



Peter

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 class 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 rabbi@ohevsholom.org to be placed on the e-mail list. Many thanks!!



TRIBUTES

Starting with this issue of the Bulletin, we must discontinue publication of the monthly list of tributes and other donations. The pandemic has compelled a review of all areas of Temple operations, including the Bulletin.

We encourage members to continue making donations in honor and in memory of others -- including through the new Payments page on our website -- with our assurance that the person being honored and the family of the person being memorialized will still be notified of the gift and able to acknowledge it in an appropriate and timely manner. However, due to health care privacy and other considerations, the donations can no longer be compiled and presented as a regular public list.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and continued generosity!

NOVEMBER KADDISH

November 6

Anna Baum Ann R. Berman Mary-emma Bizzell **Eva Foushee Bryant Bruce Cooper** Leon Feldman Bessye S. Feldser Jeanette Freedman Joan Hoffman Robert Hoffman Helen A. Kibler Louis T. Levy Milton Platcow Leah Polk Barbara F. Rogal Robert Rosenbaum Morris J. Sachs **Alexander Angoff**

November 13

White

Leah Aronowsky Hyman Barbash Joe Blank

Hilda Rachel Estreicher Milton W. Finstein **Emanuel Forner** Carol Geers Murray M. Gold **Annette Greenberg** Freda Grobman Joseph Kramer Belle Lehmayer Rabbi Richard 1 Lehrman Rose Herman Lehrman Earl J. Melman Leah Polk Sylvia Rosenbaum Mildred Kaye

November 20

Richard Yoffe

Lawrence Wieder

Etta F. Yablonowitz

Shapiro

Albert Baruch A.Louis Buch Sandra Chapman Lillian Chernicoff
Aleck H. Chizeck
Bianca Feldheim
Macey Ginsburg
Allen Kaplan
Florence Levy
Warren Minnerly
Bruce Levi Novosel
Hanna H. Strouse
Rose Weber

November 27

Joseph F. Brenner
Josephine Brenner
Minnie Haftman
John William
Helmuth
Barry Krause
Charles Laubheim
Lynn Liberman Roth
Loretta S.
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Luca Scalia
Mathew H. Sherman
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