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FROM YOUR RABBI: WAITING FOR THE VACCINE... AND THE END OF ZOOM?

Hi Everyone!

For the first time in almost a year, I can honestly say that I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I have an appointment in a few weeks for my first vaccine, and many of us have appointments, or at least are on a waiting list. I'm not saying that the vaccine is a panacea, or that we should throw our masks in the trash, but I can say that this is a step in the right direction...whatever that direction may be.



That light at the end of the tunnel...what will it mean for us? Will ZOOM be a thing of the past? Will we willingly say good-bye to the familiar computer screen that has been part of our lives for such a long time? I know that many of us are suffering from ZOOM-fatigue, others still haven't mastered the techniques of the mute button, and still others have no idea how to log on. But for many people, ZOOM is, may I say, a God-send.

Take the ZOOM shiva for example. At first, we thought it was a cold and impersonal way to observe the mourning period. Then we realized that with a click of our mouse, our relatives from all over the country who couldn't come to the funeral were right there...in a box on our computer screens, saying hello, waving, and taking part as if they were only next door. That never happened before. How many of our relatives missed a funeral or a shiva because they lived far away, were too infirm to travel, or were at the mercy of a snowstorm?

The ZOOM funeral accomplishes the same thing. Everyone who wants to attend may do so, just by clicking his or her mouse. Our Adult Ed classes are now on ZOOM. No one is in charge of bringing the bagels or pastry, and people who moved away from Harrisburg now meet with us on ZOOM as if they never left our community at all.

Last week I did a wedding, in person, socially distanced with only 6 people, but attended on ZOOM by close to 100 relatives from all over the country. And the bridal couple didn't have to feed anyone or pour one drop of alcohol by a waiter in a tuxedo. What a concept!

True, there were no hugs or kisses (except the bride and groom), no sharing of stories or other of the more "hamishe" aspects of a Jewish gathering, but it did serve a purpose, even if it didn't serve some dried out chicken or overcooked filet.

I have no idea what the future will bring. I don't know if ZOOM will be a thing of the past, or if it is now a permanent fixture of American life. That is anyone's guess.

But I do know we should be ready for whatever changes come about as a result of the pandemic, and its resulting demise. Like anything else in life, we take things one step at a time, and see what tomorrow will bring. Stay safe out there.

Your rabbi, Peter Kessler

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that the start of the secular calendar year is treating you and your loved ones well. For your temple board and staff, January 1st marked not only the beginning of a new year, but also a countdown of only 55 days until Purim and only 85 days until Passover. *Oy vey!*

As I write this monthly message, we are working hard to finalize plans for Purim and Passover programs. Just like with the High Holidays and Hanukkah, our goal is to offer our members an experience for each of these holidays that is meaningful, safe, and stress-free. You may even have received the letter with all of the details by the time this Bulletin is published. If not, please watch your mail and also check the temple website.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me with your questions or concerns at *robteplitz@comcast.net* or (717) 329-3101. In the meantime, stay healthy and safe, be kind to yourself, and see you at our next online event.

Rob Teplitz President, Temple Ohev Sholom

WILL YOU DO YOUR PART?

For both financial and logistical reasons, we must continue to decrease the number of hard copies of the Bulletin that we mail out. Please notify Michelle Darr if you are willing to receive the electronic version only. Greater member participation in this effort is needed in order to achieve meaningful cost savings. Thank you!

ADULT EDUCATION | FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

February 7 | 11am - Basic Judaism & PEP

February 12 | 12pm - Lunch n Learn

February 21 | 10am - Confirmation **11am -** Book Review

I'll send out the ZOOM link the week prior to the class.

Looking forward to seeing you virtually!

Peter



Upcoming Book Reviews

The World that We Knew, by Alice Hoffman - February 21

Mistress of the Ritz, by Melanie Benjamin - March 21

Gateway to the Moon, by Mary Morris - April 18

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!!

You may be eligible for a Grant. Grants support

members of the Jewish Community facing COVID related needs:

Are you facing challenges due to COVID-19?

- financial challenges
 medical and mental health
- assistance needs
- funding for housing and utility expenses

Please contact Board Treasurer, Dan Green, for a

confidential conversation at 412-719-9329 or

food insecurity and more

dangreen1984@gmail.com

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Our Jewish Community Foundation of Central PA will match up to 50%* of your gift for COVID relief!

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Call Paulette Keifer at (904) 307-2413

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

The second half of the school year is off to a great start in the religious school. To highlight a few grades...

Our first and second graders celebrated *Tu B'Shevat*, The Jewish New Year for the Trees, with a special program coordinated with PJ Library and Gesher Hebrew School.

Our third graders participated in Rabbi Kessler's weekly Shabbat video and did an absolutely stellar job!

Our fifth graders, learned about Gemillut Hasadim, Acts of Loving Kindness, and tied that in with how they commemorated MLK Day.

Finally, our seventh graders, began learning about the Holocaust with Mrs. Lillian Rappaport.

As January comes to a close, we look forward to February. Please keep these important dates on your calendar:

Sunday, February 14th-No School for Presidents' Day Weekend

Sunday, February 21st-No School. Join the JCC's annual [virtual] Purim Carnival. Details forthcoming.

Sunday, February 28th- School wide special Purim show with the Bible Players at 9:45am! This special program will take place during school, but families are invited to join us for the show!

L'shalom,

Jason Graf

Religious School Director

Sisterhood Tributes -- your support is greatly appreciated.

Donations are (minimum) \$5.00, it's an easy and inexpensive way to acknowledge all types of greetings, well wishes and any family milestones.

<u>The Tribute Fund</u>: Donations are used for Sisterhood programs and expenses.

<u>The Margaret Friedman Emergency Aid Fund</u>: Donations are used to sustain the committee that prepares and serves meals following funerals for a bereaved family.

The Doris Zaritzky Fund: Donations are used to benefit Temple youth and religious school activities.

It's easy--choose the fund, a short message, and send a check made out to T.O.S.S..

Please send to: Kim Poolman, 1304 Georgetown Circle, Carlisle, PA 17013 or poolmankb@gmail.com or 717-580-5667 (any questions)





2/28/21, 9:45 AM Join Ohev Sholom and Gesher



SISTERHOOD NEWS

We hope you are all staying warm and well during these chilly winter months.

Even though the temple is "closed," Sisterhood is up and running and is very busy. We have some programs and activities that are coming up. Keep your eyes open for more information.

As I am writing this article there is excitement in the air for Sisterhood's **Winter Social, Bingo Night,** which will take place on January 23rd. So far, we have close to 40 people registered to participate. It should be a lot of fun.

Our **Sisterhood "Bunch"** will take place on Sunday morning, February 21st at 10am. We are honored to have **Mary Klaus** join us, via Zoom, to give a presentation on her numerous medical missions around the world. I am sure her presentation will be fascinating. Please R.S.V.P. to Jeanette Krebs at jeanettedkrebs@gmail.com.

Our next **Soup and Study** is scheduled to take place on place on Friday, March 12th. Bring your own soup to your own table. Rabbi Kessler always picks an interesting topic. In the upcoming weeks, you will receive more information.

Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood provides services and funds to our synagogue. Being a member is a wonderful experience. Now more than ever we can use your support. If you are a Sisterhood member and have not yet paid the annual dues of \$36, please do so and if you wish to join we would love to have you. Please see the Sisterhood membership form in the Bulletin and please send your \$36.00 (made out to T.O.S.S.) to Dara Kluger, Financial Secretary. We would love for you to become a part of Sisterhood.

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to give me a call...717 379-0674.

Take care and stay well,

Reyna Jose President





SISTERHOOD SPECIAL PROGRAM





We can't get together for brunch, but we can gather to hear a great speaker!

Mary Klaus, journalist and nurse, will talk about her numerous medical missions across the globe.



10 A.M., SUNDAY FEB. 21



Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood New Member Application

Name:		
Spouse's Name:		
Street Address:		
Phone Numbers: Horne:	Work:	Cell:
E-Mail Address:		
Birthday (Month and Day Only):		
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Children's Names and Ages:		
Areas of Interest:		
I would like to be placed on both the S YES NO	Sisterhood mailing	list and email list. (Circle one)
Comments or Suggestions:		
Signature:		
If you have any questions, please cont		

Membership dues are \$36. Please make checks payable to "Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood" or "TOSS". Completed applications along with dues payment should be mailed to:

> Dara Kluger, Financial Secretary 1105 Tiverton Road Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

FEBRUARY KADDISH

February 5

Charlotte E. Ansell Sophia Aronson Harold J. Astrick Kasie Marie Berger Seymour Blank **Betty Danowitz** Albert P. Doranz Rose Epstein John Feldman Jeanne Gerber Hartford Helen Heinemann William L. Kanenson Pauline Kessler Ella Lehrman Wilma Levy Harry Lowengard Leon Lowengard Rebecca Menaker Jean Migatz Mervin Silver Jack E. Spector

February 12

William Spitalny

Helene Beck Hilda Baturin Bennett Sol Berliner Hyman Blank Lillian Blinn

Francine E. Brenner Barbara Brown Leroy J. Brown Pauline S. Claster Edilia Coulianos Marcia Feldman Marianne Flack Muriel Fleishman Pauline Hollander Hannah Kline Nathan B. Liebman Jeffrey Magid Martin Pepper Robin Rokoff Rose Rubin Jonathan Saxe Ron Schwartz Alan F. Teplitz **Irving Weber** Benjamin Zalman

February 19

Henry Bogart
Norman Bronstein
Katherine Tharrington
Bryant
Harry Chirson
Anna Cohen
Annie S. Cohen
David Dubin
Burton Ettinger
Pincus Friedman

Jonas Greenberg
Charles D. Herbert
Alice W. Kanenson
Jacob S. Lowengard
Louis Melamed
Doris Newman
Phyllis Scher
David T. Shaffer
Edwin Silver
Bertha R. Smigel

February 26

Lillian Abeles Gloria Adler Sadie Alexander Fannie Baturin Matilda Berk Gussie Blank Harry Casher Lena I. Feinberg Samuel L. Freedman Jerome Goodman Samuel I. Kades Jr. Joseph G. Kanenson Rachel Kyler Gertrude Landis Walter J. Manola Pauline Mishkin Richard Lee Roth Mark Shermer

Robert G. Smigel

Molly Spitalny

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