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# HAPPY SPRING - PASSOVER & EASTER

Hi Everyone!

As you read this article (hopefully on your computer), both Passover and Easter will coincide. As I often say, we blessed at Ohev Sholom because of the great diversity within our membership. When we gaze out into the Lehrman Chapel, or our Sanctuary as we hope to do in the coming months, I see men and women, Jews and Christians, Atheists, Agnostics, Muslims, the LGBTQ+ community, as well as people with white skin, brown skin, and every color in between. On the High Holidays we even count Sophie, the beloved dog kept hidden in one of my favorite congregant's purse.



I love when the Jewish and Christian communities observe holidays at the same time. It reminds of the old 1965 Tom Lehrer (a secular Jew, by the way) parody, "National Brotherhood Week". (If you haven't seen it performed, please look it up on [YOU-TUBE](#)). Last December, Hanukkah was over before Christmas began so I had time to visit with one of my favorite pastors, Rev. Mark Russell of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Lancaster. (Yes, I'm still close with Pastor Hardy of Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill, for those of you who remember him). Or is that hymn?

Pastor Russell was able to share many of the Christmas customs with me, as well as some of the beautiful Christmas music. This year, I hope to learn more about his faith when I visit on Easter Sunday.

Passover and Easter share similar themes. They are both Spring holidays when we rejoice that the winter is over and a time of joy is upon us. The Last Supper was a Passover Seder, and that coincidence wasn't lost in our frequent discussions. We observe the bitterness of slavery at Passover, while our Christian friends and family relive the bitterness of the crucifixion as well as the joy of the resurrection that is part of the Christian liturgy.

Even more telling are the similarities Jews and Christians share during our Spring celebrations. We both honor family gatherings, our sense of faith, doing deeds of righteousness, and Tikkun Olam (the repairing of our world).

All of us have Christian friends, and most of us have Christian relatives (including myself). We have been experiencing a year of sadness, whether apart or together. This year, whether we can safely gather with our friends and family or simply see each other on a screen, let us rejoice together that our season of sadness is finally beginning to wane, and "joy awaits us in the morning" (Psalm 30). My best to all of you.

***Your rabbi,  
Peter Kessler***

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this message on the one-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic forcing the board to close the temple building and suspend all in-person activities. Today, thanks to the availability of vaccines and other virus-mitigation measures, there is good reason to be optimistic that this strange and sorrowful chapter of our history will end.

As a result, I have been asked when temple life will return to normalcy or something close to it. Confronting that question is the board's top priority. While we don't know the precise answer at this time, please be assured that we will continue to make fact- and value-based decisions in the best interest of our temple family and share those decisions with you in real time. Simultaneously, we will continue to work hard to keep everyone connected and engaged through new and innovative programs and services.

Your ongoing input, support, and patience remain important elements of the decision-making process and are much appreciated. Together, we have successfully navigated these uncharted waters for the past year, and I am confident that we will find our way to a safe harbor in as responsible, transparent, and expeditious manner as possible.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns at [robteplitz@comcast.net](mailto:robteplitz@comcast.net) or (717) 329-3101.

***Rob Teplitz***  
***President, Temple Ohev Sholom***

## **SIGN UP FOR THE E-BULLETIN**

Please let Michelle Darr know if you are willing to receive future issues of the bulletin electronically. Doing so will help both the temple budget and the environment. 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!

## Are you facing challenges due to COVID-19?

You may be eligible for a Grant. Grants support members of the Jewish Community facing COVID related needs:

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



Please contact Board Treasurer, Dan Green, for a confidential conversation at 412-719-9329 or [dangreen1984@gmail.com](mailto:dangreen1984@gmail.com)

Grants will be made to Temple Ohev Sholom through the Jewish Community Foundation of Central PA.

## 50% Matching Gift Opportunity to help friends and neighbors through these challenging times.

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

\*Up to \$20,000 total

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Jewish Community Foundation of Central PA,  
3211 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

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**NOTE:** "JCF Match Fund" on memo line

Call Paulette Keifer at (904) 307-2413



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# BAT MITZVAH: RILEY KANENSON

My name is Riley Kanenson and I am becoming a Bat Mitzvah on April 17, 2021. I am a seventh grader at the Londonderry School. I take contemporary dance, ballet, and hip hop classes. I have also taken voice lessons. I really enjoy drawing and playing with my two dogs.

My torah portion of Leviticus (Metzora) tells the story of the purification of the plague leprosy. It explains the law for the cleansing of the houses that contain the plague. I feel that I have an understanding of what a plague is since the Covid pandemic this past year.

For my Mitzvah project, I help my Grandma a few times a year collect and donate Barbie dolls to local shelters for children in need. We donate hundreds of dolls every year. I also help make lasagnas for Lasagna Love that helps feed local families. In April, every year I participate with my mom in the Unity Walk for Parkinsons Disease in NYC. If you would like to donate Barbies or support me in the Unity Walk, you can email [mkanenson@comcast.net](mailto:mkanenson@comcast.net).

I would like to thank my parents, Rabbi Kessler, Mrs. Huttemann, and my Hebrew school teachers for helping me to prepare for my Bat Mitzvah. I am looking forward to this special day!



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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

We had a very busy month of March in the religious school. To name a few highlights:

The fifth graders worked hard in preparation for their Shabbat family service. The sixth graders celebrated their mock Shabbat party, in culmination of their Shabbat studies. The seventh graders got to meet different community leaders, as they begin to explore how they will connect Jewishly after graduating. And the younger grades learned all about the story of Passover. The third graders even got to make choreset in class.. yum.

We look forward to all the learning and Jewishly joyful moments that will take place in April, our final month of school.

L'Shalom,

**Jason Graf**  
**Religious School Director**

# ADULT EDUCATION | APRIL SCHEDULE

**BASIC JUDAISM:** April 11th at 10 AM

**PEP:** April 11th at 11 AM

**LUNCH N LEARN:** April 14th at 12 noon

**CONFIRMATION:** April 18th at 12 noon

**BOOK REVIEW:** April 18th at 11 AM

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

Looking forward to seeing you virtually!

*Peter*



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## **Presentation: "Vaccine Hesitancy Before and During COVID-19," March 21, 2021**

Vaccine hesitancy is as old as vaccines. In this one-hour program via Zoom, Bernice Hausman, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Humanities at Penn State College of Medicine and a member of Temple Ohev Sholom, shared her research on historical and contemporary themes in vaccine hesitancy and how these are being expressed during the COVID-19 pandemic. She focused on how understanding the reasons behind vaccine hesitancy and refusal can help to create common ground even in the context of a polarized social context.

The program was moderated by Dr. Erika Saunders, Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health at Penn State College of Medicine. Dr. Saunders is a member of Temple Ohev Sholom's Board of Trustees and Sisterhood, a member of the board's COVID-19 Response Committee, and chair of the Religious School Committee.

This excellent program was sponsored by the temple board and Sisterhood. We thank Drs. Hausman and Saunders for their time and the participants for their great questions.

**A recording of the program can be found on the temple's YouTube channel at**

**<https://www.youtube.com/TempleOhevSholomHbgPA>**  
**in the "Special Programs" playlist.**

## **Program: "The Bible Players," March 13, 2021**

"The Bible Players," a New York-based Jewish comedy group, presented a show via Zoom for our adult members last month. This program was made possible through a generous grant from The Jewish Community Foundation of Central Pennsylvania's Harrisburg Haverim Society Fund. The adult show followed a special Purim show for our religious school families in February. Thank you to Audrey Miner, chair of the board's Program Committee, and Jason Graf, Religious School Director, for their hard work on these events.



A recording of both shows can be found on the temple's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/TempleOhevSholomHbgPA> in the "Special Programs" playlist.

# SISTERHOOD NEWS

## Did you know?

Sisterhood:

Provides flowers for Shabbat Services in the Sanctuary and the Chapel.

Organizes an Oneg Shabbat for 7:30pm Shabbat Services.

Organizes the building and decorations of the Sukkah and decorations in the Sanctuary for Sukkot.

Organizes and implements Symons/Rose Book Review. A big thank you to the Symons/Rose family for their generosity.

Organizes and implements the Temple's Hanukkah Dinner.

We provide the religious school students apples and honey for Rosh Hashanah, cookies and juice in the sukkah for Sukkot, gelt and Hannukkah candles for Hanukkah, and hamantaschen for Purim.

If you have a child who is in college, guess what?? Sisterhood will send them a gift card for Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah and Passover.

We sponsor Soup and Study 2 or 3 times a year. Thank you to Rabbi Kessler for leading the discussion.

Process and send Uniongrams and Tributes to congregants celebrating their simchas of birthdays and anniversaries.

If G-d forbid you have a death among your immediate family, we will provide you a meal, if the funeral is local. If it is not local, we will make a memorial contribution in the name of your loved one.

Programs, programs and more programs throughout the year.

Friendship..Sisterhood is a "family." We are here for each other in times of crisis or in times of happiness.

If you and your family have experienced any of the above activities this year or in the past, you should be a member of Sisterhood. There is so much we do for the temple and our community. We would love for you to be a member of Sisterhood. The more Sisterhood members we have, the more we can do. It is easy to join. Please complete the membership form which is in the Bulletin or you may call me for more information...717 379-0674.

In Sisterhood,

**Reyna Jose**

**President**

# Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood

## New Member Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (Month and Day Only): \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be placed on both the Sisterhood mailing list and email list. (Circle one)

YES NO

Comments or Suggestions:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you have any questions, please contact Dara Kluger. Please see below.*

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**

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**PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY APRIL 20  
TO [denysemiskin@gmail.com](mailto:denysemiskin@gmail.com)**

# APRIL KADDISH

## April 2

Simon Abraham  
Sarah Baturin  
Herbert Dixon  
Renee Feldman  
Joseph Garner  
James Gormley  
Harry W. Gross  
Hayman  
Kirschenbaum  
Max A. Kohn  
Samuel Kraus  
Ethyle Leventhal  
A.L. Light  
Harry Margolis  
Max B. Menaker  
Jacob M. Miller  
Harry B. Rubin

## April 9

Louis Astrachan  
Arnold Becker  
Louis W. Cohen  
Sidney Disend  
Jacob I. Doranz  
Pauline Garner  
Dr. Morris J. Gerber  
Leon Grobman  
Arthur H. Goldberg  
Mae Gutschit  
Mae Husick  
Bernard Lehrman  
Elizabeth Liebman  
Harold May  
Mary Straus Mayer  
Ida Polk  
Jennie Shapiro  
Linda Gross Shapiro  
Belle O. Stern  
Harry A. Wagenheim  
Shirley Walker  
Rosalie Wolff  
Norman Yoffe

## April 16

Benjamin Cantor  
Hyman Cohen  
Sarah Cooper  
Bill Disend  
Rose Frahm  
Warren Gittlen  
Sarah Goldman  
Richard Goldsmith  
Frances Goodman  
Helaine Gross  
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Sam Klotzman  
Judith Margolis  
Dorothy Rosenbaum  
Marilyn Roth  
Tillie Shienvold  
Benjamin Strouse  
Joshua Strouse  
S. Adam Symons  
Helene Wiede  
Vivian Zalkind

## April 23

Michael Alper  
Daniel Ball  
Flora Beitman  
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William Breder  
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Samuel Disend  
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Rita Orons  
Frances Corbett  
Plesco  
Hilda Rosenstrauch  
Abe Siegal

## April 30

Harold Berman  
Israel Blinn  
Bessie Brenner  
Grace Brown  
Regina Galowitz  
Frances Gerber  
Jacob Miller  
Sanford Pinsker  
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