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LETTING GOD SHINE THROUGH...

Our temple book review group recently finished reading *Mistress of the Ritz*, by Melanie Benjamin. One of the characters in the story is imprisoned for several weeks, and upon her release from captivity, leaves the forbidding building and walks out into the brightness of the sun, something she hadn't seen in a very long time. As much as she was enthralled to be in sunshine again, the light obscured her vision and the warmth of the sun gave her chills.

I've thought about this character as we prepare to emerge from the darkness we call



COVID 19. Our temple board is working on several possibilities for us to re-open our building, and we are cautiously optimistic that the day will arrive soon when we can see each other in person. But we must be very careful...

We must be careful to emerge from our darkness slowly. We often hear of the "new-normal", and we all realize that whatever is in store for us will not be normal at all, even though it will certainly be new. We still protect each other with our masks, we still social distance while indoors, and we are cognizant of those who haven't yet been vaccinated. As much as we want to dance in the sunshine, we need to walk first...and slowly as our eyes adjust to a new world.

We will not be walking alone. God is always with us, and we need to remember to act in God's image as we emerge from our darkness. We need to respectful of the wishes of others, even if they don't match our own. We need to be God-like in our endeavors, thinking of others as often as we think of ourselves. We need to remember that a starving person cannot gorge himself or herself when food finally becomes available, because that can mean certain death. We need to move slowly, carefully, and respectfully as we emerge from our cocoons.

I know we will feel wonderful as the light reaches us, when we are vaccinated, when we can hug our relatives again, and when we see each other as our temple building slowly reopens. As we emerge, let us all remember to be God-like as we let God shine through as the sun finally comes out to cleanse us of our darkness.

Please continue to be safe.

My best to all of you. Your rabbi, Peter Kessler

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this message after our successful test of live-streamed Friday night services on April 23rd. That was the first step of the "Back to Shul" plan that the board approved at our April board meeting. We will be sharing the details of the plan in the near future, but for planning purposes in the meantime, I want to notify the congregation of the following:

- <u>Friday, May 21, 6:00 p.m.</u>: We will hold our Confirmation service in the sanctuary, but the only attendees will be the confirmands and three guests of each. The service will be live-streamed to the rest of the congregation via our Facebook and YouTube pages, with a recording also posted after the service.
- <u>Wednesday, June 9, 7:00 p.m.</u>: We will hold the Annual Congregational Meeting via Zoom again this year.
- Friday, June 11, 6:00 p.m.: This will be the first sanctuary service that we will open up to the general membership. A limited number of pre-registered members will be able to participate in person while the services are live-streamed to the rest of the congregation. Assuming all goes well and the trend lines of the pandemic continue to move in the right direction, we will hold more hybrid in-person/live-streamed services in the sanctuary on a periodic basis.
- **Bar/Bat Mitzvahs:** Families with events scheduled for Fall 2021 will have the option of either a home backyard service (which is what we have been offering for the past year) or a traditional Saturday morning service in the sanctuary.

Decisions about this fall's High Holidays, Religious School, and Adult Education will be made this summer based on the same fact- and values-based process that has guided all our decisions over the past year.

Please be assured that any and all in-person events will be subject to appropriate health and safety protocols established by our COVID-19 Response Committee and approved by the full board. We also encourage all members to get vaccinated at their earliest opportunity and to use the "COVID Alert PA" anonymous contact tracing smartphone app.

I hope you are as excited as I am about moving towards a resumption of normal operations. We are not quite there yet, but we are certainly on our way. As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns at *robteplitz@comcast.net* or (717) 329-3101.

Rob Teplitz

President, Temple Ohev Sholom

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TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM SISTERHOOD PRESENTS



AT 7 P.M., SUNDAY, MAY 2

Sydney is the



AUTHOR OF:

The Brothers Mankiewicz: Hope, Heartbreak, and Hollywood Classics

One of the brothers, Herman, is the subject of

the Oscar-nominated

movie "Mank.'



Please RSVP to

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

Lots of thank yous...

As Sisterhood's program year comes to a close, I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to my Sisterhood Executive and General Board members for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Most of all, I am extremely grateful for the time they have given to our Sisterhood and our congregation. Words truly cannot express my appreciation!! It has been a year filled with many ups and downs, but we have worked together and we became stronger together.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our Temple President Rob Teplitz, Rabbi Kessler, Michelle Darr and Jon Snavely for their guidance and help that they have given to Sisterhood and especially me, throughout the year.

Sisterhood has done so many successful programs throughout the year, so I would like to thank all of you who participated and/or those of you who led our programs. Beginning with our summer Installation and Tamsin Wolff's *Ritual Thread* program all the way to our upcoming Spring Installation and author Sydney Stern's program, it has been a great year of learning, creating, playing and being together.

I would also like to thank those of you who participated in **Sisterhood's Donor Campaign**. With the generosity of many, we have reached and even surpassed our goal. So thank you from the bottom of my heart. As I write this, our Donor Event will be coming up on April 22nd. The program which is entitled, *Positive Judaism: How the Modern Science of Happiness Echoes Jewish Wisdom* will be wonderful. Allison Deutsch, who is the presenter is fantastic, so I hope we will have a great turnout.

Please save the date for **Sisterhood Installation** on Sunday, May 2nd at 7:00pm, via Zoom. Our Treasurer Jill Kusic and Financial Secretary Dara Kluger will be continuing on for another two year term. Following the Installation we will be welcoming **author Sydney Stern** who will be speaking about her book, *The Brothers Mankiewicz: Hope, Heartbreak and Hollywood Classics*. One of the brothers, Herman is the subject of the Oscar nominated movie, *Mank*. Please R.S.V.P. to Jeanette Krebs at jeanettedkbrebs@gmail.com. All are welcome to attend.

It has been an honor serving as your President. Sisterhood has accomplished so much this past year. I am looking forward to another great year ahead. As always, if you have questions about Sisterhood, or would like to volunteer, or you have program ideas please give me a call at 717 379-0674 or you may email me at <u>rmjose32@comcast.net</u>. I look forward to welcoming all of you into our Temple's Sisterhood!!

Take care and be well,

In Sisterhood,

Reyna Jose

President

SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood and the Symons/Rose families are proud to present this year's guest author, Ronald Balson, when he introduces his latest novel, *ELI'S PROMISE*, for this year's Jewish Book Month event.



Further information will follow in the coming months.



Behind the scenes at our first live-streamed service on Friday, April 23, 2021. Our next live-stream will be the Confirmation Service on Friday, May 21, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Watch on our Facebook or YouTube pages. See you then!

APRIL KADDISH

May 7

Louis Adler Laura Altaker Fanny Ascher Samuel Baturin Samuel D. Chirsan Sophie Rae Cibull Edith F. Cole Frieda L. Dietz Conrd Elfenbein Samuel Elfenbein Howard D. Fink Sylvia Frahm Graber Joseph Goldsmith Isadore A. Greene Reuben R. Grosky David Hutzler Morris E. Jacobson Emily Lasker Mareaner Levy Jean Jeanette Rothman Kathryn Schwartz Tobe Schwartz Bertha Breder Senn Rose Pyke Strouse Samuel Weinberg Marvin A. Zisman **Beverly Zerwitz** Zlotoff

May 14

Herman Brody Deborah Cohen Irene Rachel Gottfeld Sidney Greenspan Irving Hand Mildred Hand Fannie Jacobs Vincent Klawansky Donald Joseph Levy Sophia Lowengard Bernice Melnicove Joseph Nachman Albert Posner Evelyn Rosenstrauch Sophia Rothschild Wolfe Sachs Morris M. Serata Ella V. Spector Ida Spector Kenneth Stewart Sr. Martin Weitzman

May 21

David Alexander Mildred Alexander Rabbi Philip David Bookstaber Helen E. Cherksey Leo Disend Ann Friedman Joseph Goldsmith Donald Goodman Peisah Gordin Jeanne Hammer Kathryn Abel Koffs Rachel F. Light Florence Litvack Amalia Moss Cheryl Faith Plawsky Helen Repshas Libby Rosen Sidney B. Rubin Beverly Shapiro

May 28

Joseph Alexander Martin Arch Edward Blandy Sophie Goldberg Louise Buch Grass Esther Jacobs Marilynn Kanenson Roy J. Kibler Minnie Kramer Nathan Lehmayer II Marshall Linton Herbert Narrow Ben Olewine III Beatrice Orman Marvin Rappaport David Rosen Amelia B. Strauss Shirley Woolf

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