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*
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:

- **Friday, May 21, 6:00 p.m.**: 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.
- **Wednesday, June 9, 7:00 p.m.**: 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

SYDNEY STERN

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.”

The presentation will follow a short installation of the treasurer and financial secretary.

Please RSVP to jeanettedkrebs@gmail.com
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 Snaly 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 jeanntedkbrebs@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 rmjose32@comcast.net. I look forward to welcoming all of you into our Temple’s Sisterhood!!

Take care and be well,

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!
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
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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

May 28

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
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Nathan Lehmayer II
Marshall Linton
Herbert Narrow
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