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I’ve often wonder if God is always available to us. Does God sit around heaven waiting for us to praise Him, or ask for forgiveness, or heal the sick, or whatever else we need? Perhaps God is busy doing other things, and is only available to listen to our prayers on Shabbat? Or maybe God takes Shabbat off, and listens to our prayers on Monday through Friday, with Saturday for Jewish prayers and Sunday for Christian prayers? Is God available 24/7? I wonder...

I always believed that God was there for us whenever we needed God. But now I wonder if we need to do something to get God’s attention. I assumed God was always paying attention, so that whenever I needed God, God would be there. But to "get God's attention" really might just be another way to say "pray." Certainly God hears our prayers and intentions, but how do we get God's attention in prayer?

In our Shabbat service, we have the Barchu…the prayer that praises God before we begin our asking for God’s blessings. Barchu, especially when we bow down before God, is a way to humble ourselves before we pray. We get God's attention by approaching God with humility.

What I found so interesting is the similarity between this and what I was taught as a child about making friends: give compliments and admit when you're wrong. Giving someone a compliment disarms them and makes them feel good, and admitting when you're wrong builds trust and also disarms. Both practices yield humility and listening. It gets a person's attention and they listen, just as we seek God's attention and want God to listen to our prayers.

But something else happens. Humbling ourselves actually gets us to listen. This applies equally to prayer and interpersonal relationships. How often have you tried to explain something to someone several times, then, after finally listening to them, find that they understood what you were saying all along? You thought they weren't listening, but really you weren't listening. Have you ever prayed to God and gotten frustrated because your prayer wasn't answered, then figured out later that the answer had been right in front of you all along? Perhaps the practice of humbling ourselves to "get God's attention" is really about humbling ourselves so that God gets our attention. Just one of the ways we can stay connected to God...

My best to all of you.

Your rabbi,

Peter Kessler
Almost exactly one year ago, Rabbi Kessler and I shared with the congregation the plan to keep Temple Ohev Sholom functioning during the global COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, the leadership has tried our best to make fact- and value-based decisions in the best interests of our entire temple family. That approach allowed us to continue to meet the spiritual, educational, and social needs of our congregation. Your support, patience, and generosity as we navigated those uncharted waters have been greatly appreciated.

We are now pleased to report that the Board of Trustees has adopted a “Back to Shul” plan, the details of which were recently mailed to every member household. As infection rates decline and vaccination rates increase, we are ready to put Temple Ohev Sholom on a path towards normalcy. However, in order for this plan to work, it is important that everyone follow the required health and safety protocols that are listed in the plan. In particular, as I write this message, masks are still required for everyone in the building, despite the recent CDC guidance that allows organizations to adopt more liberal policies. We will revisit and revise that requirement and other elements of our policy as appropriate in the future.

Please note that the temple office continues to be closed to non-employees until further notice. If you have business to conduct, please make appropriate arrangements by phone or email. We will notify the congregation when regular access to the building can resume.

Thank you in advance for doing your part to help our temple family get “Back to Shul” as safely and quickly as possible. As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns at robleplitz@comcast.net or (717) 329-3101.

Rob Teplitz
President, Temple Ohev Sholom

JOIN THE CLUB!

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!
My name is Sam Freedman. I became a Bar Mitzvah on May 22, 2021.

I attend Linglestown Middle School. I play soccer for CASA. I also enjoy hiking and spending time boating and swimming with my family at our lake house in the summers. It is also fun to play video games and ride bikes with my friends.

My Torah portion, Nasso, is about Moses commanding the sons of Aaron to take a census. Similarly, this pandemic year has been as year of counting. Counting the ill, the recovered, and who has been lost. The most important counting this year has been learning to count our blessings.

For my Bar Mitzvah I collected items and donations for the Canine Rescue of Central Pennsylvania. I had chosen this organization because we had adopted our dog Abby there. Abby passed away in the fall of 2019. As a way to honor our bond, it became important to me to help rescue dogs and families find each other.

I would like to thank my parents, grandparents, family and friends for their support and encouragement. I would also like to thank Rabbi Kessler and all my teachers.

Becoming a Bar Mitzvah is important to me because I am now considered to be part of the Jewish community and I can celebrate fully in all the traditions.

Mazel tov to this year's Confirmation class!

Sid Astrachan  Ean Morrison
Ethan Cohen   Adam Saunders
Zoe Mendelsohn Jonathan Saunders
Cara Morrison  Ben Teplitz

A recording of the live-streamed Confirmation service from May 21st is available on the temple's Facebook and YouTube pages. The students did a great job with their parts of the service and their individual speeches reflecting on their Jewish education. We wish them well in all that comes next!
As I complete my first of two years as Sisterhood President, I am thankful for so many things. I am thankful for Sisterhood’s Executive Board and Chair people who run our various committees. I am thankful for all of you, who have participated and attended our programs through Zoom and who have supported Sisterhood monetarily during our Donor Campaign. I am thankful for Rabbi Kessler, Michelle Darr and Rob Teplitz for all they do for our Temple, and the support they have shown me through this year. Last, but not least, I am thankful for my family. My husband, Ernie and my son, Michael who have given me support throughout this year.

Although it has been a different type of year due to the Coronavirus, I am so proud of all things Sisterhood has accomplished and I look forward to the year ahead. Please keep an eye out for emails during the summer and/or check our Facebook page for any upcoming activities or news. We are in midst of planning an interesting and fun Opening Program and our Symons/Rose Book Review is slated for Thursday, November 4th. We will be welcoming author, Ronald Balson to speak to us about his book, *Eli’s Promise*.

We will be having our Planning Meeting on Sunday, May 23rd, but if you have any ideas on programming/activities, I would love to hear from you. Don’t be shy! If would like to volunteer to help plan programs or would like to serve as a committee chair, please contact me at 717 379-0674 or email me at rmjose32@comcast.net. Sisterhood is currently looking for someone to organize the building and taking down of the Sukkah (getting volunteers and ordering decorations), a Program Chair or (Co-Chairs) for Programming, and a Co-Chair for our Emergency Aid Committee. Come help make a difference!

Have a wonderful summer! Take care and I hope to see you soon.

*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.
OHEV PICNIC BY THE BEACH

SUNDAY, JUNE 6 AT 12 PM
PINE GROVE FURNACE STATE PARK

Celebrate the beginning of summer with your Temple Ohev Sholom family at the Laurel Pavilion at Pine Grove Furnace State Park, 1100 Pine Grove Rd., Gardners, PA (Cumberland County)

Bring your own food – we will provide soda, water, chips, ice, charcoal, matches, and access to grills. There are lifeguards at Fuller Lake but not Laurel Lake.

Please follow CDC guidance below ("fully vaccinated" means 2 weeks after 2nd dose):

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Please stay home if you are feeling sick or have recently been exposed to the virus. We'll see you next time!
June 4
Mollie Cohen
Moe L. Cooper
Samuel Dealham, Jr.
Lena Eisenberg
Howard Fineshriber
Jessica Goodman
Millard Jay Gordon
E. Mortimer Israel
Toby Jacobs
Harold Kravitz
Sarah Lehrman
Hedy K. Lenz
Evelyn Lightman
Richards
Bessie Rouse
Fanny Sachs
I. Richard Savage
Sarah Saxe
Ella C. Sykes
Florence Symons
Rabbi Jeffrey J. Weisblatt
Ria M. Wolff

June 11
Milton M. Cohen
Tasos Coulianos
Jack Fleishman
Morton A. Friedman
Jean Goldberg
Beatrice Goldsmith
Morris Hoffman

Ellen Brody Hughes
Terry Kassel
Margaret Kelly
Joseph G. Levy
A.L. Nassau
Matilda Pyke
Max Rubin
Anne N. Sauertieg

June 18
Charles Berg
Manya Burickson
Zoel Burickson
Esther Cohen
Rene Cohen
Seibert Feldman
S. Joseph Freedman
Daniel A. Greene
Geri Henken
Sarah Jaffe
Jeanette Laubheim
I.E. Meyers
Marcus Rosenbaum
Stanley Roth
Leah Ruda
Howard Spitalny
Sol Wiener

June 25
Lena D. Adler
Sarah Baturin
Kassnar
Rita Levitiss Beck
Anne F. Berman
Harry Bryant
Jacob Garner
Eli Goldstein
Fran Z. Guttman
Bernice Hyman
Dolly Krause
Jack Levy
Aileen Osofsky
Mary Sachs
Gina Steiner
Sophie Vladimerov
Philip E. Yolles
JULY KADDISH

July 2
Robert Abel
Rosalyn Meritz Blum
Lee Braff
Avis Cooper
Albert Percy Doranz
Mildred Forman
Marilyn Fox
Abraham Garner
Rose Goodman
Grace Hess
Roy W. Kibler
Bessie Latt
Herman Marks
Jerome Newman
Florence Rindley
Martin S. Roberts
Jack Rose
Minnie Schwartz
Abraham J. Sherman
Walter L. Stern
Esther Gross Weill

Benjamin H.
Schneiderman
Sylvia Tolk
Dorothy I. Zalman

July 16
Martin S. Abel
Charles Adler
Gordon D. Adler
Gustav J. Beck
Robert D. Brenner
Margaret Friedman
Greta Gallia
Joan S. Goldsmith
Oscar Goodman
Caroline Greene
Arthur Hess
Lester Hess
Norman Krause
Annette Lang
Samuel Latt
Bessie Abel Lehrman
Samuel Levinson
Rebecca Levy
Gloria Olewine
Lois Rockmaker
Martha Miller Roth
Nathan Segal
David Shapiro
Israel Sweig
Matilda Wolf
John Woodard
Bryant Jr.
Paul Zucker

Monroe Cohen
Shirley Englander
Betty Frahm
Rosenblatt
Ruth Friedman
Rose S. Gross
Evan Helmuth
Rosebelle
Holdsworth
Kenneth Johnson
Joseph Katz
Martha Lehrman
Leon
Abraham Mayer
Henry M. Miller
Ethel Segal
George Sherman
Albert J. Simms
Herman Stein
Emanuel Stern

July 30
Sadie Frank Adler
Stanley D. Adler
Abraham Bornstein
Lois Breder Adams
Harold M. Feinberg
Margaret Godward
Alice May Heath
Harry Heinemann
Idelle J. Hess
Pearl Kaplan
Selma Katzman Klein
Rose Klotzman
Joseph Lowengard
Joseph Oppenheim
Melba Ball Schwartz
Sherlee S. Seglin
Harvey Tesman
Yetta Yamin

July 9
Alexander Aronson
Mark R. Becker
Augusta Cohen
James Elwood
Davidheiser
Mitzi Frahm
Tomisieto
Cecilia T. Friedman
Lt. Miles F. Goodman Jr.
Lewis Ibsen
Alan Jacobs
Manuel Kraus
Lynne Marrits
Kitty G. Myers
William B. Schlesner
### August 6

Alec Cohen  
Lizzie Dealham  
Herman Freedman  
Seymour Goldberg  
Paul Gourley  
Steven M. Harpster  
Bernice Ibsen  
Emma Israel  
Gail Holt Koppelman  
Abraham J. Lehrman  
Edith Marcus  
Sadye H. Menaker  
Herman J. Nathan  
Arthur Siegel

### August 20

Harry Bagley  
William I. Bienstock  
J. Stanley Cohen  
Sheila Culberson  
Mark Galowitz  
Lucetta Gross  
Morton Klausner  
Reuben Levenson  
Ray Melnicove  
Linnea Nueman  
Marc Steven Saxe  
Elizabeth Schwartz

### August 13

June Bedwell  
Jeanette Bronstein  
Justine O. Cohen  
Bernard Forner  
Felix Gallia  
Joseph Goldberg  
Jacob Hand  
Ralph C. Koppleman  
Daniel Krause  
Joseph G. Lowengard  
Diane K. Sauertieg  
Jeanette Shellhammer  
Bernard Symons  
Harold Zerfuss

### August 27

Leah Blank  
Frances Cohn  
Marvin Feinman  
Marcus Forman  
Lou Goldstein  
Julius Goodman  
Alex Grass  
Eleanor Jacobs  
Samuel Jaffe  
Henry Nachman  
Richard H. Podolle  
Joseph Roth  
Goldie Rubin  
J. David Snyder  
Sylvia Goldstein Stern  
Betty F. Sykes  
Gloria Palkes Weiss
Adult Ed Classes for the fall at Temple Ohev Sholom are in the Planning Phase and are subject to change. Decisions on in-person classes will be made during the summer.

If you are interested, contact Rabbi Kessler rabbi@ohevsholom.org or the temple office office@ohevsholom.org for more information and the necessary ZOOM link.

**PEP** is the Parallel Education Course taught once-a-month on Sunday mornings. Our topic will be announced soon.

**Book Review** is our monthly Sunday morning book club. We will read the selection of the month and then join together in person and on ZOOM for an open discussion.

Our books will be Eli’s Promise, by Ronald Balson; The Lost Shtetl, by Max Gross; Leopold & Loeb, the Crime of the Century by Hal Higdon; All the Rivers by Dorit Rabinyan; The Book of Lost Names, by Kristin Harmel; Apeirogon, by Colum McCann.

**Lunch-n-Learn** is a monthly “drop-in” discussion on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon in the Lehrman Chapel. The topic will be announced.

**Basic Judaism** classes, for those interested in converting to Judaism, or just want to learn more about Judaism, take place at various Sunday mornings during the year.

Our next **Adult B’nai Mitzvah Class** will begin this fall, September 2021. Details will follow.

**Sisterhood’s Soup, Study, & the Rabbi Too!** will take place twice this coming year, following a 6 PM Shabbat Service.

**Confirmation of in-person classes to be announced at a later date**