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THE HIGH HOLIDAYS 2021

If memory serves me well, it was 2007 when I first realized that things we take for granted can slip away in a moment. I had always been taught by my parents to buy a condo or house instead of renting, and to save and invest wisely to ensure my future. But something unthinkable happened...my house, that was supposed to only increase in value, became worth much less than the year before. This went against everything I was taught...and when that happened, as it probably happened to many of you as well, I learned the hard way what the phrase "one step forward two steps back" was all about.



The COVID pandemic has taught us many lessons, some of which I will highlight during my High Holiday sermons. The lesson that speaks to

many of us, and I know it speaks loudly to me, is that life is unpredictable, bringing to mind, "Mann Tracht, Un Gott Lacht" the old Yiddish adage meaning "Man plans, and God laughs".

We have made many plans for the High Holidays season, and while we are planning, God is laughing. For "God only knows..." what will happen when Rosh Hashanah arrives. We are planning to meet in person this year, but I'm not sure if God agrees with our plans. The temple board follows a "safety first" approach to navigating the COVID virus and while we are hopeful that we can meet in person, we're just not sure. We will hope for the best...and see what happens.

I sincerely wish we could replicate the feelings we had when we were first vaccinated and felt safe, without a mask. But mutation is a word we all have learned, and a mutating virus can cause our best laid plans to disappear in a cloud of dust. Like the real estate bust of 2007, we often live in a "one step forward two steps back" world, when the safety or progress we anticipate eludes our grasp.

So here is what we know. The High Holidays will happen as they do every year. We will have services at the temple, and hopefully, many of you will be in the pews. If it's not as safe as we hope, you may have to see the services Live Streamed only, as instructed on your High Holiday ticket request forms. Let's pray to move forward instead of backward, and hope we can worship together as a community in our Sanctuary. Stay tuned...

Shanah Tovah u'Metukah...a Sweet and Happy New Year to us all.

Your rabbi, Peter Kessler

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to wish you and yours a happy and healthy new year. We look forward to being with you for the High Holidays, whether you have chosen to participate in services in person or online.

Thank you in advance for doing your part to ensure that all members have the opportunity for a safe, meaningful, and enjoyable experience during this year's services. To that end, if you are attending in person, please comply with the temple's health and safety protocols. In particular, in accordance with the latest federal guidance, everyone must wear masks inside the building, regardless of your vaccination status. If you do not come to High Holiday services wearing a mask, the ushers will provide one to you. This is for the protection of our children and other vulnerable members of our congregation. If conditions allow us to relax this requirement, we will certainly notify the membership, but for now, please plan to wear a mask at services.

Because we are currently not holding any food-related events in the building, the members of our board will be making personal financial contributions to the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank in lieu of sponsoring the annual break-the-fast this year. Similarly, instead of collecting food items for the Food Bank, we ask that our members also consider making a financial donation, which is what the organization really needs during these challenging times. You can donate online at **www.centralpafoodbank.org** or mail a check to Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, c/o Development, 3908 Corey Road, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17109.

L'Shana Tova, and continued wishes for the health, safety, and well-being of you and your loved ones. May this new year bring all of us comfort and peace.

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!

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

In accordance with the temple's bylaws, Temple Ohev Sholom's Annual Congregation Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held via the Zoom online platform rather than in person. Approximately 30 members attended, satisfying the quorum requirements and enabling important business to be conducted. Specifically, the membership approved the temple's operating budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year, as well as the following slate of officers and directors:

President:
President-Elect:
First Vice President:
Second Vice President:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Financial Secretary:
Immediate Past President:
Sisterhood President:

Rob Teplitz
Audrey Miner
Aaron Krause
Bruce Feldman
Chris Berger
Denyse Miskin
Linda Stewart
Seth Mendelsohn
Reyna Jose

Andy Brown
Jill Family
Abby Goddard
Dan Green
Chad Harvey
Jill Kusic
Marc Levy

Ari Nepon Rachel Pinsker Erika Saunders Richard Sgrignoli Todd Shamash Susan Symons

A recording of the meeting is available on the temple's YouTube channel at **www.youtube.com/TempleOhevSholomHbgPA** under the "Special Programs" playlist.

SCHEDULE FOR HIGH HOLIDAYS 2021/5782 DATE/TIME **LOCATION SERVICE**

Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2:00

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Tuesday, Sept. 7, 6:00

Sunday, Sept. 12, 2:00

Wednesday, Sept. 15,

Thursday, Sept. 16,

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You must have a ticket to attend services in person or a

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River across from our

River across from Beth

Bookstaber Memorial Chapel at Mt. Moriah

Sanctuary or Online

temple

El Temple

Cemetery

ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah

morning service

Rosh Hashanah

children's service

Tashlich service

Community Tashlich

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Memorial Service

Kol Nidre service

morning service

children's service

Yizkor service

Ne'ilah service

YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur

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Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 7, 10:00 a.m.

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7:30 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

2:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

5:15 p.m.

password to view them online.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

We are so excited to announce that religious school registration is starting!

The link to the registration materials can be found at https://ohevsholom.org/learning/religious-school/

You can also access this information from our website via the big green Upcoming Events 2021 button on our home page.

The calendar is now password protected. Please contact the office for the password.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 23, 2021!

Jason Graf Religious School Director

Tot Shabbat was great fun! We had around 20 in attendance and everyone met new friends!



FALL ADULT ED CLASSES AT TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM

While we were hoping to have our Adult Ed classes as a hybrid model (in-person and ZOOM) the rise in COVID cases has forced us to have these classes in ZOOM format only. We will re-access the possibility of meeting in person on a regular basis, but for now, we will meet virtually on ZOOM. If you are interested, contact Rabbi Kessler at rabbi@ohevsholom.org, or the temple office at office@ohevsholom.org and we will send you the necessary ZOOM links, one week prior to our class.

PEP is the Parallel Education Course taught once-a-month on Sunday mornings. We will contuse our studies of "Women in the Bible". Out text is Women of the Bible: A One-Year Devotional Study by Ann Spangler and Jean E. Syswerda.

Classes meet 9-19, 10-17, 11-7, 12-5, 1-30, 2-6, 3-6, & 4-13.

Book Review is our monthly Sunday morning book club. We will read the selection of the month and then join together on ZOOM for an open discussion. Our books will be:

Eli's Promise, by Ronald Balson 9-26
The Lost Shtetl, by Max Gross 10-24
Leopold & Loeb, the Crime of the Century by Hal Higdon 11-4
All the Rivers by Dorit Rabinyan 12-12
The Book of Lost Names, by Kristin Harmel 1-30
Apeirogon, by Colum McCann 2-13

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 Family Issues in Genesis. Your Bible can serve as the text for this class.

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 after Shabbat Evening Services on November 12 and March 18.

Sisterhood News

Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood wishes you a very happy and sweet New Year

> We are very excited for the upcoming year!! Please join us for programs and camaraderie

Sisterhood Opening Program... We are proud to present:

Discovering Ancient Temples in Israel

Sunday, Sept. 12th at 10am, via Zoom

Presented by Talia Jacobson, Israeli Tour Guide and Educator

> R.S.V.P. to Reyna Jose at <u>rmjose32@comeast.net</u> to receive the Zoom link

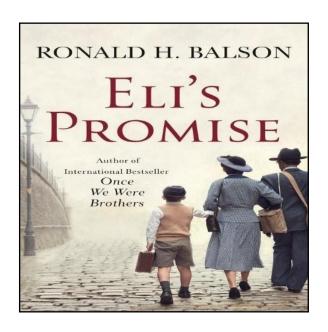


Mark your calendars for Sisterhood's Symons/Rose Book Review as we welcome back Ronald Balson to talk about his book, Eli's Promise...Thursday, November 4th at 8:00pm, via Zoom

Did you know? These are a few things that Sisterhood does throughout the year:

- Sisterhood orders/provides flowers for Shabbat Services
- Organizes the building and decorations of the Sukkah and decorations in the Sanctuary for Sukkot
- We provide the Religious School children snacks and gifts throughout the year
- Sisterhood sends gift cards to our college students for Rosh Hashanab, Hanukkah and Possover
- We sponsor Soup and Study two or three times a year
- Uniongrams and Tributes
- Emergency Aid
- Programs Programs and more Programs...
- Get involved...send your membership form and dues to our Financial Secretary, Dara Kluger.

If you have any questions about Sisterbood or would like to get involved, please contact me, Reyna Jose, President...717 379-0674. I would love to talk to you.

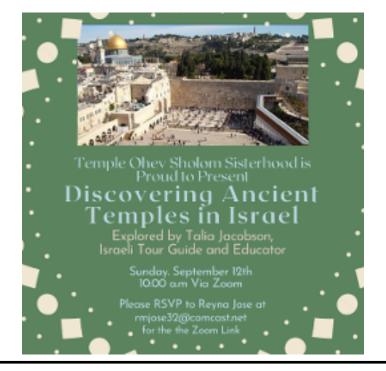


BOOK REVIEW NEWS...MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Back by popular demand, please join us, via Zoom, on Thursday, November 4th, at 8:00pm as Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood and the Symons/Rose families present Ronald Balson and his recent book, ELI'S PROMISE.

RONALD H. BALSON is an attorney, professor, and writer. His novel The Girl From Berlin won the National Jewish Book Award and was the Illinois Reading Council's adult fiction selection for their Illinois Reads program. He is also the author of Eli's Promise, Karolina's Twins, The Trust, Saving Sophie, and the international bestseller Once We Were Brothers. He has appeared on many television and radio programs and has lectured nationally and internationally on his writing. He lives in Chicago.

This event is free to all participants. Further Zoom information to follow as we get closer to the event. Books are available through Amazon, book stores and at your local libraries.



SUMMER CLEAN-UP!





A big shout out to our wonderful volunteers (in alphabetical order): Shelly Adler, Dillan Briggs, Michelle Cohen, Alan Cohn, Melanie Cohn, Bruce Feldman, Dave Feldman, Ernie Jose, Reyna José, Aaron Krause, Cheri Krause, Gail Riegler, Gary Rosenstrauch, Sherry Rosenstrauch, and Susan Symons) for their efforts to beautify our synagogue grounds. After weeding, trimming shrubbery, pruning trees and rose bushes, and mulching, our property's curb appeal is vastly improved. Temple health and safety protocols were followed. There's more work to be done, so look for an email containing information about a beautification event being planned for this fall. Volunteers will be warmly welcomed!

SEPTEMBER KADDISH

September 3	September 10	Rabbi Samuel Friedman
Henra J. Abrams	Martha Gainsburg	Louis Katz
Vera Berger Cerf Berkley	Gregory Alan Larach	S. Herbert Kaufman
Jesse N. Cherksey	Rebecca G. Lend	Norman M. Nager
Louis Cohen	Joan Podolle	Sari S. Rogal
Joseph Feldman	Edward Rothman	Josef H. Strouse
Joseph Harold	Sylvia Shelton	Frank Weber
Felter Barry Fox	Perla S. Shwartz Celia Simon	September 24
Gerts Fukson	Ira Spivak	Morris Brenner
Fannie Goldberg	Paul Teller	Loretta Brody
Alfred Gottfeld	DeLos E. Wilson	Joseph I. Claster
William Israel Jane Kay	September 17	Abraham Goldsmith
Mildred Kessler		Anne Hoffman
Rachel Schwab	Nat Abel	Paul Kassnar
Barbara Cohen Sherman	Jerome Bartok	Isidor Kessler
Esther B. Sherman	Ruth Baturin	Rose Levy
George Tolk	Philip G. Berman	Leonard Meritz
deorge rott	Elsie Bienstock	Allen C. Rogal
	Hannah Sachs Cantor	Arthur Rosenberg
	Phinease E. Dietz	Harry Salkin
	Franklin Evrard	Alfred J. Sherman

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