

FROM YOUR RABBI: <u>The Alexander Grass Cam</u>pus for Jewish Life

The Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg's offer to purchase the beautiful Dixon University Center was accepted. A six-acre site that faces the Susquehanna River, between Second and Front Streets, a few blocks south of the current JCC building, the campus will include Jewish Family Service, the Brenner Family Early Learning Center, the JCC, the Silver Academy, a beautiful new gym, a senior center, and plenty of office space for the Jewish Federation. The current JCC building, which is in need of extensive repair, will be sold. This is a huge undertaking for all of us in the Harrisburg Jewish community, and our support is essential to create this beautiful new campus, which we hope will open sometime in the late spring of 2022.



It will be called the Alexander Grass Campus for Jewish Life, in memory of long-time Ohev Sholom member Alex Grass. The Alexander Grass Foundation has made the purchase possible, and all of us are grateful to Elizabeth Grass Weese, and Roger Grass, two of Alex Grass' children from his marriage to our long-time member, Lois Lehrman Grass. The Grass family has always been instrumental in its philanthropy to keep Jewish life in Harrisburg thriving- the purchase of the Dixon University Center is just another of their many gifts to our community.

What does this mean for us, the Harrisburg Jewish Community? It means that we will be asked to do our part to support the project with our time and our finances, to open the new facility and to keep it thriving for generations to come. Federation Board Chair Abby Smith, and her committee of volunteers who have been putting the project together, will soon be embarking on a fund-raising campaign for the new campus, and I hope that all of us will do our part to create this beautiful new home for our Harrisburg Jewish community.

I will be a part of this new undertaking for our community, and in the coming months, I hope you will join me as we make our new home a reality.

Many thanks to the Alexander Grass Foundation for purchasing the campus. It is a wonderful legacy that we will enjoy for years to come.

Your rabbi, Peter Kessler

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our multi-access High Holidays services were successful, Religious School is in full swing, and the bar/bat mitzvah season has begun. It is so great to see the building start to come alive again!

The Board of Trustees continues to monitor the status of the pandemic and make appropriate adjustments to the temple's COVID-19 policies. While we continue to require masks in the building regardless of vaccination status, we are now able to allow in-person events in the Social Hall under the following conditions: (1) a maximum of forty people per event; (2) maintain physical distance between households; (3) no eating or drinking; and (4) compliance with all other parts of the "Back to Shul" Plan. Please see www.ohevsholom.org/covid-19-info and the rabbi's weekly emails for more updates to our policies as they occur. Thank you again for your patience and support as we navigate our way back to normalcy.

As always, please contact me with questions or concerns at robteplitz@comcast.net or (717) 329-3101. I hope that you and your loved ones have a happy, healthy, and safe Thanksgiving!

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!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

Religious School is off to a fantastic start. This year we took what we learned from COVID-19 and adjusted our religious school to better fit our family's needs and our learning objectives.

Instead of Wednesday classes, each third through seventh grade student, received a personal 1:1 tutor to work on Hebrew reading each week. We are already seeing and hearing a lot of positive feedback from our students and parents on this change. Particularly, parents loved the flexibility of getting to choose when their student was going to work with their tutor. In addition, because the tutoring is 1:1 we are able to truly differentiate instruction to help each student where they are at.

On top of this change, we have returned to in-person learning on Sundays. Students and teachers are thrilled to be back at the Temple. Over the past month, students have learned all about the Fall Jewish holidays and the Jewish values of *Teshuvah* (taking responsibility for your actions), and *B'tzelem Elohim* (Honoring the image of God in ourselves).

Our K-1 and 2nd grade classes also led Friday night services. Our 7th graders have been volunteering throughout the wider Harrisburg community.

Needless to say, there has been a lot going on at the religious school and we are really excited about all the learning that is yet to come this year.

L'Shalom, Jason Graf Religious School Director

ADULT ED CLASSES FOR NOVEMBER

Contact Rabbi Kessler on the Temple Web-Site if you would like to be on the ZOOM link e-mail list

PEP is the Parallel Education Course taught once-a-month on Sunday mornings. Our next class is November 7th at 11 AM.

Book Review is our monthly Sunday morning book club. Our next class is November 21st at 11 AM. We will be discussing *Leopold & Loeb, the Crime of the Century,* by Hal Higdon.

Lunch-n-Learn is on Wednesday November 10th. We are discussing family relationships in Genesis. We meet at 12 noon.

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. Please contact Rabbi Kessler if you are interested.

Our next **Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class** will be on November 7. This class is open to any Jewish temple member who wants the opportunity.

November is Jewish Book Month!

We are busy preparing the Mildred & Irving Hand Library for Jewish Book Month!

All kinds of new books have arrived: fiction, historical fiction, books on Jewish practice, sections from Rabbi's Sunday morning book review, and children's books...just to name a few.

The library is open on Religious School Sunday mornings, as well as during the week, if you call Michelle Darr to set up an appointment.

There are many overdue books that could be on your bookshelves at home. PLEASE take a moment to check, and bring them back to the library promptly...there are no overdue charges at our library. Happy reading!

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Fall is finally in the air, and with it, Thanksgiving rapidly approaches. Thanksgiving is the time of year when families and friends come together, when the days are shorter, the nights are colder, but you feel warmed by the love of those around you. I feel that warmth and love in our temple's Sisterhood. It is an incredible group to be a part of, and I could not feel better about our commitment to Ohev Sholom and its membership, and the activities that we plan and implement for all to enjoy.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the building and take-down of our beautiful Sukkah, and those who assisted with the decorating of the Sanctuary. We had lovely summer-like days to aid in the tasks at hand, and a wonderful group of people who volunteered. Please know that your help was much appreciated.

Upcoming events: There are a lot of them, so please read carefully for RSVP information.

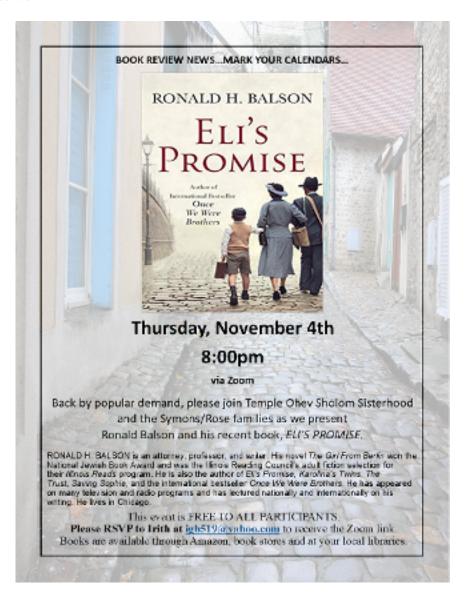
- Sisterhood and the Symons/Rose families are proud to announce the Symons/Rose Book Review on Thursday, November 4th at 8:00pm. Join us, via Zoom, as we welcome author, Ronald Balson to discuss his book, Eli's Promise. Please RSVP to Irith Harpster at igh519@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom link. All are invited to attend, so you are more than welcome to invite your friends.
- We are very excited for Torah Talk, which will take place in the sanctuary immediately following 6:00pm services on November 12th, in place of our usual Soup and Study. Rabbi Kessler will be talking about Family Relationships in the Book of Genesis. Please note that masks are required regardless of vaccination. Please RSVP to Linda Grobman at lindagrobman@gmail.com or Dianne Stolberg at tr6gal@gmail.com.
- Children and adults are invited to attend, via Zoom, Sisterhood's
 Hanukkah Virtual Celebration, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 30th at
 7:00pm. Rabbi Kessler will be leading the candle lighting, and Jason
 Graf, Religious School Director, will be reading a story about
 Hanukkah. Following that, we've planned a fun-filled trivia session,
 so stick around! To receive the Zoom link, please RSVP to Patti
 Hivner at pattiscookin@comcast.net or Miriam Robinson at
 chutzy1@yahoo.com.
- Please mark your calendar for Sisterhood's Winter Social, which is scheduled for Saturday evening, January 22nd. We are in the process of planning a Paint Night. More information will follow in the coming months.

We would love to have great turnouts for all of the above activities, and look forward to your participation. Please join us. Also, Sisterhood is always open to new members, and if you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, we are currently in need of a Social Action Chair.

If you have any questions about upcoming events or about Sisterhood, please feel free to email me at rmjose32@comcast.net or give me a call at 717 379-0674.

In Sisterhood,

Reyna Jose President



Mask required regardless of your vaccination status.



Sisterhood

TORAH TALK

Topic: Family Relationships in Genesis with Rabbi Kessler

Friday, November 12, 2021, after 6 p.m. service in the Temple Ohev Sholom sanctuary

Please RSVP to: Linda Grobman lindagrobman@gmail.com or Dianne Stolberg tr6gal@gmail.com



Sisterhood Hanukkah Virtual Celebration

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to enjoy an evening lighting the Hanukkah candles with each other, the magical story of Hanukkah and a little Hanukkah trivia.

Lead by Rabbi Peter Kessler & Jason Graf, Religious School Director

Please email Patti Hivner at pattiscookin@comcast.net or Miriam Robinson at chulzy1@yahoo.com to register for the event.

Zoom sign in information will be sent out closer to the date of the event.



Sisterhood Winter Social

Save the Date for Paint Night

Saturday, January 22, 2021

NOVEMBER KADDISH

November 6

Ann R. Berman Gladys Bisgaier Mary-emma Bizzell Eva Foushee Bryant Irving H. Clymin **Bruce Cooper** Leon Feldman Bessye S. Feldser Hertha Hess Simon Hirsh Robert Hoffman Rose Kaplan Helen A. Kibler Eileen Levy Louis T. Levy Milton Platcow Leah Polk Barbara F. Rogal Robert Rosenbaum Morris J. Sachs **Alexander Angoff** White

November 12

Hyman Barbash Anna Baum Joe Blank Hilda Rachel Estreicher Milton W. Finstein Jeanette Freedman Carol Geers Murray M. Gold Freda Grobman

Joan Hoffman
Joseph Kramer
Belle Lehmayer
Rose Herman
Lehrman
Earl J. Melman
Warren Minnerly
Leah Polk
Sylvia Rosenbaum
Mildred Kaye
Shapiro
Lawrence Wieder
Richard Yoffe

November 19

Albert Baruch Richard I. Baum Margaret Boster B. Leon Brenner A. Louis Buch Lillian Chernicoff Aleck H. Chizeck Bianca Feldheim Macey Ginsburg Annette Greenberg
August Hirschler
Allen Kaplan
Rabbi Richard J.
Lehrman
Florence Levy
Lynn Liberman Roth
Bruce Levi Novosel
Hanna H. Strouse
David Washko
Rose Weber
Etta F. Yablonovitz

November 26

Joseph F. Brenner Josephine Brenner Sandra Chapman Minnie Haftman John William Helmuth Kathryn Kohn Beckman Mel Krieger John McArthur Loretta S. Oppenheim Luca Scalia Mathew H. Sherman Maurice Simon Henry Speicher



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