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FROM YOUR RABBI: PURIM PASSOVER SPRING

What comes first? Purim? Passover? Spring? So many questions, and it's still cold outside!

Purim comes first...and this year Purim and Passover are late, because this is a leap year. So if we're lucky, it will be warm for Seder this year. However...

We never know what the weather will bring here in Central Pennsylvania. We do know a few things. Purim will be great fun for our kids! There is a Purim carnival that the JCC is planning, and I plan an in-person Purim Tot



Shabbat service on March 12th at 10:30 AM in the Lehrman Chapel.

Passover is coming soon too! While it is still not safe for us to fill the Social Hall with our temple members for a Congregational Seder, we can still do what we did last year, which is a Passover Seder on ZOOM.

The first Seder takes place on Friday evening, April 15th, so we will have an early service in the Sanctuary at 5 PM so you can join in community before you go home to your family Seders. Then at 6 PM, we can join together on ZOOM for a Congregational Seder. We will use our 30 Minute Haggadah, and join together as a congregational family on ZOOM.

As for spring, well, it will probably come and go a few times before we have to mow the lawn again. As for me, I will be very happy when the weather gets warm again.

All my best to you!

Your rabbi, Peter Kessler

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this issue of the Bulletin, you will have received a letter sharing the plan that Temple leadership has developed for Purim and Passover this year. It is a robust mix of live in-person events, pre-recorded videos, and combined in-person/live-streamed services and programs. The details and the links are all on the "Upcoming Events" page of our website. Go towww.ohevsholom.organd click on the big green button on the top left side of the home page.

A big THANK YOU to everyone involved in planning and implementing this year's special programming for our spring holidays. I also want to thank you, our members, for your continued support and patience as we attempt to strike the appropriate balance between in-person and online events during these challenging times. As we have since the beginning of the pandemic, we will continue to work hard to make the best fact- and values-based decisions in the best interest of our congregation. Although my term as president is coming to a close -- it ends in three months, but who's counting? -- I personally remain grateful for, and humbled by, the opportunity to lead this important effort.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns atrobteplitz@comcast.netor 717-329-3101.

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

Over the past month and into March our older students are learning about Purim through the Jewish Value, HaKarat HaTov--seeking Joy and being Grateful. Each grade is learning about the value through a different age-appropriate lens offering a different perspective on Purim.

At its essence though, seeking Joy and being Grateful is what Purim is all about. The Rabbis teach us that the 14th of Adar, the Hebrew date of Purim, is a day that went M'Avel L'Yom Tov --from a day of mourning to a joyous day.

After Haman plotted to annihilate the Jewish people and they were saved, the Jewish people had a choice: They could either focus on the horror that could have been, or, be grateful and joyous that they were saved. They chose the latter. This decision exemplifies for us the important value of *HaKarat HaTov*-- seeking joy and being grateful.

On this Purim, it is my hope for all of us that we consider one more place in our lives where we could find more joy and be a little bit more grateful.

Have a very happy Purim!

L'Shalom,

Jason Graf Religious School Director



If you are you interested in making the world a better place through acts of kindness, join Ohev Sholom's Social Action Committee meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to help plan projects and activities. Please contact Rachel Pinsker, the Social Action chair, at haynespinsker@yahoo.com for more information.

READING OF NAMES

On Wednesday evening, April 27, 2022 at 7:30 pm, Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) will be commemorated with the "Reading of Names" program to be held at Beth El Temple. The Reading of Names is a vigil in which the names of those who perished during the Holocaust are read continuously over a period of 24 hours.

"Unto Every Person There is a Name" seeks to dignify the memories of victims of the Shoah (the Nazi Holocaust) by reading their names aloud. These victims were stripped of their names by their oppressors and tattooed with numbers. Through the public reading of the names of Holocaust victims, this program strives to restore a portion of their humanity and to retrieve them from the lost depths of anonymity.

In an effort to pass the torch of remembrance to the next generation, students from congregational Religious Schools and the Silver Academy will take part in the conduct of the opening ceremony. They will also read names with their parents immediately following the opening ceremony.

We hope that you and your family will be able to attend this special opening service and stay for a portion of the Reading of Names program.

Our congregation's time slots for reading are Thursday, April 28 from 3:00 am- 4:30 am and from 1:30-3:30 pm. For more information or if you would like to sign up for reading, please contact our congregational representatives, Gloria Kaplan for the middle of the night slots (VIZ ZOOM) at grady19321@AOL.com or Judy Heckert for the afternoon slots (in person) at judith678@verizon.net. Or, contact Lillian Rappaport at the Jewish Community Center at 236-9555, ext.3402 (l.rappaport@jewishfedhbg.org).

Please note that any COVID related changes in the program will be made in early April, if necessary.

TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM SISTERHOOD PRESENTS

THURS. MARCH 24 • 7 P.M.

FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL DONOR STAY AT HOME THANK YOU CELEBRATION
JOIN US FOR A TOUR OF THE PHILADELPHIA ART MUSEUM WITH BOARD MEMBER, KATHY SACHS.



PLEASE R.S.V.P. TO DENYSE MISKIN, DENYSEMISKIN@GMAIL.COM BY THURS., MARCH 17.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

I am sitting writing this article and it is 50 degrees outside! Imagine that, makes me want it to be spring that much sooner, but winter is still here. However, I know spring is just around the corner and that means Purim and Passover is almost upon us. Sisterhood and the Temple have several programs in the works. Please read below:

- Sisterhood Board Meeting, Sunday morning, March 6th @ 9:45am
- Torah Talk or Soup and Study without the Soup, Friday evening,
 March 18th immediately following the 6:00pm Shabbat Service.
 Seeing that this program will be close to Purim, Rabbi Kessler will
 speaking about The Book of Esther. RSVP to Dianne Stolberg at
 tr6gal@gmail.com or Linda Grobman at lindagrobman@gmail.com.
 This event will take place in person and it will also be live-streamed,
 for your convenience.
- You should have received Sisterhood's Donor letter in the mail. Please consider making a donation to Sisterhood. The suggested minimum donation is \$40.00. If you participate and make a minimum donation of \$40.00, you will be invited to our Donor event. The Donor event (Thursday evening, March 24th) will be great, A Virtual Visit At the Philadelphia Art Museum. This tour will be led by their Board Member, Kathy Sachs. If you enjoy museums, this program is for you! Once you mail in your Donor donation, you will receive more information on the Philadelphia Art Museum event. Please see the letter and Museum flyer in this month's Bulletin for more information.
- A Live Zoom Seder led by Rabbi Kessler is scheduled for Friday evening, April 15th @ 6:00pm. Although the Seder will take place live via Zoom, the temple will also post a recording in case you can't attend and/or wish to use the recording on the second or other nights of Passover. Please see the Temple's website for more information.
- Don't forget Tot Shabbat takes place on March 12th and April 16th at 10:30am.

Our Sisterhood is always looking for people to join and participate. As you can see there are many programs that will be offered in the next month or two. If you have any questions about Sisterhood or any of the many programs listed above, please contact me for additional details, 717 379-0674. I look forward to welcoming all of you into our Sisterhood!!

Take care and stay well.

In Sisterhood,

Reyna Jose President

Dear Sisterhood Members and Supporters:

Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood (TOSS) plays an active and vital role in our Temple's religious, social and educational life. As one of the region's most active Sisterhoods, our many contributions to the Temple enhance the experiences of the entire Ohev family.

Did you know that, aside from ensuring Shabbat flowers on the bimah, providing various holiday treats for our religious school students, coordinating construction/decoration of the Sukkah, and arranging the Hanukkah celebration, Sisterhood provides Emergency Aid in times of need? The Sisterhood also helps support the kitchen, operates the Gift Shop, provides social and educational opportunities for the congregation, and much, much more. Additionally, Sisterhood annually helps the Temple financially, by making a sizable gift to its operating budget.

And so, we turn to you, to invite you to participate in our annual TOSS Donor Appeal. Your tax-deductible monetary contribution helps Sisterhood to fulfill its financial commitment to our Temple as well as to continue our extensive role in Ohev's life.

We have set the suggested minimum donor contribution at \$40.00;

however, donations in any amount are welcome. Your paid donor pledge will entitle you to an invitation to the Annual Donor Stay at Home Thank You Celebration, to be held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, 7:00 p.m., on Zoom. A separate invitation to this event will be sent to donors by February 28, 2022, so please have your pledges in before then if you would like to attend the Zoom event.

On behalf of the members of Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood, thank you for your time and consideration. We hope we can count on your support. Your donation will ensure that Sisterhood continues the mission of assistance to the Temple and its members. Your generosity is also a way to offer yourself "The Gift of Sisterhood."

With appreciation,

Denyse Miskin Past Sisterhood President Donor Chair

Email:

Please make your checks payable to Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood and send to: Denyse Miskin, 490 Woodcrest Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

I have enclosed \$ 2022	as my Donor contribution for
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Celebrate Purim with us for the 11th Annual



Thursday, March 17, 2022 9 o'clock am Jewish Community Center 3301 N. Front St. Harrisburg, PA

Masks required * Costumes encouraged Festive celebration following reading

Celebrate with our 30 dedicated readers.

Holly Engelman Rachel Zilbering Judith Hodara
Jennifer Peisner Sally Jo Bronner Mandy Cheskis
Jenn Ross Bonnie Peisner Yasminah Huberman
Gloria Grabenstein Helene Loux Maggie Grotzinger
Saundra Schoicket Emily Peisner Ortal Klein
Eva Siegel Carol Ressler Marian Frankston
Audrey Miner Jackie Rubin Luisa Narins
Samara Sofian Rabbi Ariana Capptauber
Yaffa Englander Devorah Cheskis Rena Cheskis
Vivian First Tammy Reid Lindsay Hameroff Lisa Foer

Mask required regardless of your vaccination status.



Join Sisterhood

TORAH TALK

with Rabbi Kessler

Topic:The Story of Esther

Friday, March 18, 2022, 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

MARCH KADDISH

March 4

Jacob Abel Liebman Adler Maurice Altaker Gussie Blank Louis Brenner Celia F. Buch Joseph Claster Joseph D. Cohn Mollie Cohn Richard Coran April DeLoach Stuart L. Fleishman Walter Fox Rosa Frank Lewis C. Friedman Benjamin Gainsburg Sidney Haftman Meyer Jacobs Caryl Louise Hess Kramer Sam Levy **Edgar Marks** Clara Nell Sweeney McArthur Romaine Sadler Menaker Melvin Portnoy Hannah Salkin Barbie Shauf Mark Shermer Charles Silver Louis Spitalny Bernard Zaritzky

March 11

Huldah Appell Jeanette M. Brenner Lena T. Brenner Dora Cramer Gerald Eisnitz Tillie Garner Samuel Gross Rosalind Lax Israel Mayer George Jasper McArthur Fay Millstein May Adell Jaffe Nanus Mark Pihony Lillian A. Roberts Miriam R. Silver William Strouse

March 18

Morris Aboff **Ephraim Brenner** Faye F. Doranz Yetta Gurwitz Solomon Hurwitz Abram S. Jacobson Leonard Kessler Rebecca Kraus Gertrude Lesser Dora Levine Al Millstein Stephanie Sacks Hilda R. Schleisner Sheila Schooler Michael Strouse Joseph Tanchum Isaac Vladimerov

March 25

Estelle Bartok Morris Estreicher Julia Fineshriber **Eugene Frahm** Milton Friedlander Steven Henry Galowitz A Joseph Garner Phyllis Gordon Louis Grass Leon Grobman George I. Katzman Samuel Kuhn Herbert Lang Louis Lehrman Maurice M. Melamed Gerald (Jerry) Nepon Tony Repshas Sidney Schleifer Otis Sensel Isabella Mayers Strouse Leo Talkov

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