

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a piece of matzah. The hand is on the left, and the matzah is on the right. The matzah has a distinct grid-like pattern of holes. The lighting is warm and natural, highlighting the texture of the bread and the skin of the hand.

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# FROM YOUR RABBI: THE MILDRED & IRVING HAND LIBRARY

Hi Everyone!

I've been busy doing some spring cleaning at the temple, and have spent a few days in the Mildred & Irving Hand Library. The library has an endowment for books, and I've been cleaning the shelves of some of the outdated books to make room for the new- both fiction and non-fiction.



The weather is getting warmer, and there is nothing so satisfying as sitting along with river with a good book. Please contact Michelle Darr in our temple office to make an appointment to come visit the library and borrow a book.

And as a reminder...there are many missing books that have been borrowed by our Religious School students, as well as books borrowed by adults too! Please make sure to look on your bookshelves at home so we can replenish the books that are long overdue.

Many thanks!

My best to all of you.

***Your rabbi,  
Peter Kessler***

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## **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!

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By now, the congregation should be aware of a significant change coming to Temple Ohev Sholom. Rabbi Kessler has announced that he will be moving south to lead Congregation B'nai Israel in Galveston, Texas. We are fortunate that he will be with us and actively engaged here through the end of June. I know that everyone joins the Board of Trustees in thanking Rabbi Kessler for his spiritual leadership over the past two decades and wishing him the very best in this exciting new chapter of his life.

While we are on the subject of changes, it is my great pleasure to announce that, after two long years, our temple is largely returning to pre-pandemic normal operations. The Board has developed and passed a comprehensive amendment to our "Back to Shul" Plan, which is printed elsewhere in this bulletin for your reading pleasure. We will continue to revise temple policies as appropriate and, we hope, in a positive, forward-moving direction only.

It's a cliché for a reason: change is the only constant in life. I am confident that our large and diverse congregation will handle these and any other changes that we encounter with the same strength, good spirit, and sense of purpose that have distinguished Temple Ohev Sholom for almost 170 years. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

**Rob Teplitz**  
President, Temple Ohev Sholom

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## **Adult Ed at Temple Ohev Sholom**

April marks the end of our Adult Ed classes;  
all classes are on ZOOM.

Basic Judaism: April 3rd 10 AM

PEP: April 3rd 11 AM

Lunch N Learn: April 13th 12 noon

Confirmation: April 24th 10 AM

Book Review: April 24th 11 AM

# AMENDMENT NO.5 | BACK TO SHUL PLAN

Due to improving local conditions and revised guidance from public health authorities, Temple Ohev Sholom's Board of Trustees is pleased to adopt this comprehensive amendment, which revokes and replaces all prior versions of the "Back to Shul" Plan and any other inconsistent temple policies. This amendment largely returns temple life to pre-pandemic status while keeping many of the benefits of online operations, but please read it carefully for the details. The Board will continue to modify temple policies, plans, and procedures as appropriate and notify the membership of those changes.

**MASKS:** Masks are now optional for everyone, except as otherwise provided in this amendment (see item #6 in particular). Consistent with CDC recommendations, the following should continue to wear masks: (1) people with symptoms of COVID-19; (2) people who have received a positive test; and (3) people who have been exposed to someone else with COVID-19. However, if you fall into any of these categories, we urge you to refrain from entering our facilities for at least 5 days out of respect for other members of our temple family, particularly children who are not yet eligible for vaccinations and medically vulnerable individuals. In addition, anyone who is fully vaccinated and wishes to continue wearing a mask for any reason whatsoever should feel free to do so without any judgment or criticism by others. For those who choose to wear masks, we encourage the use of either an N95 or KN 95 mask (or at least a surgical mask), which are available at the temple, and we discourage the use of cloth masks, which have proven to be less effective.

**SIGN-IN SHEETS:** Everyone entering our facilities must continue to sign in on a sheet inside the doors (name, phone number, purpose of visit, date, and time), self-certify that they have not experienced the listed symptoms of COVID-19 within the previous 48 hours, and sign out with the time when they leave.

**SYMPTOMS:** All full- and part-time employees are required to notify the Board President and/or President-Elect immediately upon experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, immediately upon scheduling a test, and immediately upon receiving the results of the test. This rule also applies to Board members and volunteers who have been in the building within 5 days of experiencing symptoms. Everyone is encouraged to download and use the state's COVID-19 Alert PA anonymous contact tracing application on their phones.

**SERVICES, B'NAI MITZVAH, AND OTHER EVENTS IN THE SANCTUARY:** We will continue offering access to religious services in the Sanctuary in person and through the online live-stream. B'nai mitzvah families who do not want their service to be live-streamed must provide two weeks advance notice to the temple office. Physical distancing is no longer required. Prayer books no longer need to be sequestered after services. Feel free to use the community kippot and tallit if it is your custom to wear them.

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND B'NAI MITZVAH LESSONS:** Masks are optional. Snacks are permitted. The plan for the 2022-23 school year will be determined and distributed this summer.

**TOT SHABBAT:** Because the Tot Shabbat program involves children who are not yet eligible for vaccination, masks are still required for everyone present, including the children, their family members, and the Rabbi. This rule will be revisited if children under 5 years old become eligible for vaccination. For this mask requirement, we encourage the use of either an N95 or KN 95 mask (or at least a surgical mask), which are available at the temple, and we discourage the use of cloth masks, which have proven to be less effective. Physical distancing is encouraged to the extent possible. Snacks are permitted.

**OTHER LIFE CYCLE EVENTS (FUNERALS, SHIVAS, WEDDINGS, CONVERSIONS, ETC.):**

If these events are held on temple property, they shall comply with the terms of this amendment. Otherwise, the rules and logistics governing these events shall be jointly decided by the Rabbi and the family involved.

**ADULT CLASSES (PEP, BOOK REVIEW, CONVERSION, ETC.):** Through the end of June, these classes will be held online and/or in person at the discretion of the Rabbi with advance notice to the participants. The plan for adult classes this fall will be determined and distributed this summer.

**PURIM AND PASSOVER:** The plan for our spring holidays that was shared with the congregation in the letter dated February 15, 2022, and posted on the temple website at [www.ohvsholom.org/upcoming-events](http://www.ohvsholom.org/upcoming-events), is not affected by this amendment. We will proceed with the schedule without changes.

**HIGH HOLIDAYS:** The plan for this year's High Holidays, which will begin in late September, will be determined and distributed this summer.

**SOCIAL HALL:** In-person events are permitted in the Social Hall, subject to the other terms of this amendment. Eating and drinking are allowed again. Oneg Shabbats will resume, and members may rent the space for their special events.

**OTHER BUILDING ISSUES:** Visits to the temple office and library no longer require an advance appointment, but appointments are encouraged whenever possible. We will maintain constant non-recirculating air flow and deep-clean sections of the building as appropriate. Outside organizations that rent space from the temple for their own events must comply with all terms of this amendment but may impose greater restrictions if they choose.

**SISTERHOOD:** Sisterhood may resume in-person events of all types, subject to the other terms of this amendment.

**MEETINGS:** Meetings of the Board, committees, and Sisterhood, as well as meetings between the Rabbi and congregants, may be held in person inside the facilities at the discretion of the individual presiding over the meeting, subject to the other terms of this amendment.

**ZOOM:** Nothing in this amendment shall be construed to prohibit meetings or events from continuing to take place on Zoom or other online platforms, or from taking place simultaneously online and in person, if doing so makes sense for the health, safety, and/or convenience of the participants involved.

**DISTRIBUTION:** This policy shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of Trustees. It shall be posted on the doors to the building and with the sign-in sheet and also individually distributed to all members and employees via email, Facebook, the temple bulletin, and other appropriate means.

*Adopted by the Board of Trustees, 3/9/2022*

# 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](mailto:grady19321@AOL.com) or Judy Heckert for the afternoon slots (in person) at [judith678@verizon.net](mailto:judith678@verizon.net). Or, contact Lillian Rappaport at the Jewish Community Center at 236-9555, ext.3402 ([l.rappaport@jewishfedhbg.org](mailto:l.rappaport@jewishfedhbg.org)).

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

# SISTERHOOD NEWS

Due to the pandemic, many of us have spent much of the last two years telling each other the world is changing. For many of us, our world is our family, our community and our congregation.

In that vein, I've thought a lot about Sisterhood. I use the word often and in many contexts. For me, as president of Ohev Sholom Sisterhood, I've taken on the task to examine what Sisterhood means. By definition, Sisterhood means the relationship between sisters or an association, society, or community of women linked by common interest. I believe for many; the relationship and community facet of this definition is what we are missing the most during this pandemic. Building quality relationships takes time and most importantly, takes social interaction.

Now that we are able to use the temple facilities including the "Social Hall" and as we work to get back to some kind of "normal," I'm asking all of you to join me and brainstorm together to see how we can make our Sisterhood stronger, more meaningful, and ensure that we are inclusive and creative. I am hopeful we will be able to rebuild our Sisterhood "relationship" and "community." I'm open to your ideas, insights, and suggestions. We have all missed our "in person connections and communications" and it is with great enthusiasm that we look forward to beautiful spring weather and a chance to come together in person in "sisterhood."

I hope you will join me in the Sanctuary to celebrate Sisterhood Shabbat on Friday, April 22nd at 6:00pm and I hope you will join me on Sunday, May 15th for Sisterhood Installation. More information will follow in the coming weeks about Installation. Two wonderful events to come back together in Sisterhood.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone 717 379-0674 or by email [rmjose32@comcast.net](mailto:rmjose32@comcast.net).

***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

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

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as my Donor contribution for 2022

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_





**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR CONGREGATIONAL SEDER,  
VIA ZOOM**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:00pm**

**This seder will be recorded, so if you are not available on the 15<sup>th</sup>, you will be able to see the recording at a later date.**

**On the 15<sup>th</sup>, please go to the Temple Ohev Sholom website, click the green "Upcoming Events" button and click the "Congregation Seder" button. This will bring you to Zoom link.**

**We hope you will join us!**



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**Sisterhood**  
**SHABBAT**

Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00pm

Please join us in person or you can live  
stream the service.



# APRIL KADDISH

## April 1

Sarah Baturin  
Herbert Dixon  
Renee Feldman  
Morris Goldman  
Bernard Goodman  
James Gormley  
Harry W. Gross  
Anita Herman  
Hayman  
Kirschenbaum  
Max A. Kohn  
Samuel Kraus  
Ethyle Leventhal  
A.L. Light  
Harry Margolis  
Max B. Menaker  
Jacob M. Miller  
Bernice (Bunny)  
Nepon  
Harry B. Rubin

## April 8

Arnold Becker  
Sylvia Berry  
Louis W. Cohen  
Sidney Disend  
Jacob I. Doranz  
Donald H. Friedman  
Joseph Garner  
Pauline Garner  
Morris J. Gerber  
Leon Globman  
Arthur H. Goldberg  
Bernard Lehrman  
Elizabeth Liebman  
Harold May  
Mary Straus Mayer  
Ida Polk  
Jennie Shapiro  
Linda Gross Shapiro  
Belle O. Stern  
Rosalie Wolff  
Norman Yoffe

## April 15

Simon Abraham  
Danya Lynn Babinski  
Benjamin Cantor  
Hyman Cohen  
Sarah Cooper  
Bill Disend  
Warren Gittlen  
Richard Goldsmith  
Frances Goodman  
Helaine Gross  
Martha Hurwitz  
Mae Husick  
David Kaufman  
Joseph Kaufman  
Charles Kibler  
Sam Klotzman  
David Lang  
Judith Margolis  
Peggy Rose  
Dorothy Rosenbaum  
Marilyn Roth  
Tillie Shienvold  
Benjamin Strouse  
Joshua Strouse  
Helen Rose Ufberg  
Harry A. Wagenheim  
Helene Wiede  
Richard Yamin  
Vivian Zalkind

## April 22

Michael Alper  
Daniel Ball  
Flora Beitman  
Charles S. Berman  
William Breder  
Bess Cohen  
Samuel Disend  
Donald F. Everhart  
I. George Friedman  
Phyllis Gaynes  
Sarah Goldman  
Herman L. Goldstein

William S. Goldstein  
Mina Cohn Grosky  
Bertha Hess  
Oscar Jacobs  
David S. Kohn  
Rosalind Kraus  
Helen W. Lehrman  
Paul Lightman  
Sylvia E. Melamed  
J. N. Meyerwitz  
Augusta Nassau  
Rita Orons  
Hilda Rosenstrauch  
Abe Siegal  
S. Adam Symons

## April 29

Louis Astrachan  
Harold Berman  
Israel Blinn  
Bessie Brenner  
Grace Brown  
Henry C. Cluster  
Jennie Myers  
Friedman  
Regina Galowitz  
Mae Gutschmit  
Agnes Keifer  
Paul Keifer  
Jacob Miller  
Sanford Pinsker  
Frances Corbett  
Plesco  
William M. Poolman  
Leah P. Rosen  
Samuel Rosen  
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