

FROM YOUR RABBI

By the time you read this article – the High Holy Days will be, as they say, "in the books." We welcomed the new year and "new" into our lives. We reminded ourselves of our commitment to both fixing the places we fell short and accentuating the blessings we garnered and shared along life's path. Hint: the fact that we made it this far speaks volumes in testimony to the blessings in our lives – we just too often take them for granted. If you are reading this, stop and take a deep breath. Close your eyes and think of a few folks whom you love. Think about a unique way to let them know that you love them. Keep breathing. Make note of your ideas so that you can make them happen. Go back to reading the rest of this article.

Briefly, I want to share a few thoughts upon which I will ask every member to respond. Please note: this is "brainstorming." In brainstorming, there are only a handful of rules: a. There are no bad thoughts or ideas – everything can springboard to something invaluable; b. There can be no fear of dismissal for voicing an idea (*see rule a, above); c. In brainstorming, no one with an idea or projection is held to being in charge of it (*see rules a and b above); d. the only idea that has no intrinsic value is silence (but even that may send messages – *see rules a, b, and c above).

- 1. As we look at our Temple Ohev Sholom family and the values we espouse, what would be your "TOP 3" priorities on that list?
- 2. As we look at the building that houses our family, what are your three favorite features? Three least favorite?
- 3. As a member of our family, what would you want to hear said about us in the public setting?
- 4. If you were to step into a leadership role (single task, program, committee, or board), what would you want to contribute and how can we best facilitate making that happen for you?
- 5. If you were to tell your grandchildren about the synagogue at which you belonged, what could you point to that might compel them to want to affiliate? What point would keep them away?

Thank you in advance. Please forward your response to rabbimarc@ohevsholom.org.

Rabbi Marc Kline

LOIS LEHRMAN GRASS, THE PASSING OF AN ICON by Corky Goldstein



I was born and raised in Harrisburg, about 2 blocks from where a lovely and a very smart young Lois was raised with her great family. Her beloved parents, Rose and Ben Lehrman, were wonderful individuals, and distinguished pillars of the Temple Ohev Sholom congregational family. They were always there for the Temple, not just with whatever funds were needed to help sustain our Temple, but they were very personally involved as volunteers on many levels. Lois grew up at Ohev Sholom, and as a young girl, became involved in many Temple functions. My mother was very close friends with Lois' mother, Rose, and also had a special relationship with Lois. She

observed in Lois at a young age that she was someone who was really going to make a major impact for others, with dignity and with a forceful determination.

As an adult, Lois was truly the matriarch of a very large and extended family. She was the matriarch of her own large family whose lives have taken them outside of the Harrisburg community, but she was also the matriarch of the City of Harrisburg. Most all of us know by now that Lois was incredibly active in the City of Harrisburg. It is because of her generosity and constant, consistent volunteering that many magnificent programs and projects exist today. Lois worked tirelessly to make sure programs came to fruition. Additionally, Lois did great things for Israel, for our entire Harrisburg Jewish Community, and established national Jewish programs for women. Lois mentored young women, encouraging them to take active roles and lead those programs. She always strived for all women who wanted to have a "seat at the table" to be equal to men on a multitude of boards, locally and nationally. She was always the voice for equal rights for ALL people. Whenever Lois was involved in anything, she made it happen and she made it a success. Her contributions locally and beyond will live on forever.

It is important to note that Lois never wanted any personal recognition for all of the achievements in her life. That was never Lois. She did what she always did, not just for the Jewish Community, but for the non-Jewish Community as well, quietly and with dignity. We can all be grateful and appreciative of all that she has done for Ohev Sholom and for the greater Harrisburg area. Lois lived for ALL of us.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to October! I look forward to the change of seasons and celebrating the High Holidays. I'm a tablescape gal, for the most part, and I love decorating for all of the Jewish holidays. This year will be different – I will be in Atlanta for a bat mitzvah and coming home in time for Erev Rosh Hashanah, so no tablescapes this year. I'm lucky that my daughter and son-in-law can take over the Rosh Hashanah meal this year. Maybe we are starting a new family tradition? It's too soon to tell. By the time you get this Bulletin, Rosh Hashanah will have passed, and possibly Yom



Kippur, too. Feel free to ask me how the meal went. And I have a question... Does everyone else break the fast with bagels and lox? And desserts. Lots and lots of desserts. I am interested in your family traditions – please share them with me!

One tradition that I have to mention is the Temple Ohev Sholom Kol Nidre appeal. If you have already pledged to give, or gave, on behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, I thank you. If you have not yet responded, please take a minute or two and send in your appeal card. Or go on our revamped website (thank you, Ari!) and you can donate directly. You can return your pledge cards with a check, have your pledge added to you bill, or pay securely via credit card on the website at www.ohevsholom.org/payments.

I had the pleasure of joining the parents, Rabbi Marc, Lori and Sally Jo at the opening day of Religious School. Rabbi Marc, Sally Jo and the teachers she has assembled have an exciting year planned for the children, and I know that Rabbi Marc is serious when he says he wants the kids to have fun.

Many thanks to Elissa Arch, Boy Scout Troops 256, 77 & 1019, and all who helped to make the landscaping ready to greet members and visitors to the synagogue. We are truly blessed to have temple families and friends who want to help make Temple Ohev Sholom shine.

Hopefully, I will see - or have seen - you at the Sukkah. Many thanks to all who are part of this temple family!

Audrey Miner Board President

BOARD SPOTLIGHT: DAN GREEN

Dan Green comes to us from the western end of the state. Born in the South Hills of Pittsburgh, Dan has been in Central Pennsylvania since 2009. Growing up, his love for baseball became a guiding light. Dan spent five seasons as a clubhouse attendant / batboy for the Pittsburgh Pirates (2001 – 2005) before attending and graduating college and playing baseball at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida. After graduation Dan moved to Wasilla,



Alaska to work on a U.S. Senate race before returning to Pennsylvania to begin a career in Pennsylvania politics. After seven years in the state legislature and another four between the Insurance Department and PennDOT, he landed in his current role as a Government Affairs Manager for Independence Blue Cross. In 2011, Dan met Carolyn Geers while working for the same state representative. The two dated long distance for over a year before Carolyn moved from Philadelphia to Harrisburg and the couple married in 2014. The two small children, often seen running wildly around the sanctuary (Asher, 5 and Ari, 3) can be attributed to them. Dan, Carolyn, Asher, Ari, and their pandemic puppy Charm live in the Forest Hills section of Lower Paxton Township and can be found shuttling themselves between the Capitol, Temple, Tee-ball, and the JCC. Dan would love to hear from you via email dangreen1984@gmail.com, phone, or text (412-719-9329).

This High Holiday season, help us gather food to donate for the JFS food pantry and the many refugees that have been resettled in our community by participating in Temple Ohev Sholom's annual Yom Kippur Food Drive. On a day designed to remind us of the true meaning behind fasting, remember this Yom Kippur to live for each other and help feed the hungry and those in need. Here are two easy ways you can participate—

- Pick up a brown paper grocery bag after services and fill it with any or all of the food items designated on the slip attached to it. Return the filled bag to the Temple on, or before, Yom Kippur.
- Provide monetary contributions made out to JFS and designated to the Food Pantry.

TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM SISTERHOOD

Please join us on Thursday, November 10th, at 6:00 pm as Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood celebrates

"25 YEARS"

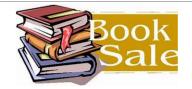
of Books, Authors and Dinners
honoring the Symons/Rose Families,
Book Review Chairs and Committee Members
at a special in-person dinner, lecture and dessert
reception with renowned cookbook author,
Cathy Barrow, as she presents her latest book



RSVP required for dinner, lecture and dessert reception: Carol Liebman at 717-514-4166 by Friday, Oct. 28th

- Reservation for 1- \$45./ includes dinner, lecture and 1 cookbook
- Reservation for 2-\$80./ includes 2 dinners and 2 lectures and 1 cookbook
- Reservation for 1-\$30./ lecture, dessert and 1 cookbook
- Reservation for 1- \$18./ lecture and dessert





Come Join the Fun! Sukkah Build and Book Sale

Sunday, October 9th @ 9:00am And

Sukkah Take Down

Sunday, October 23rd @ 9:00am

To help build or take down the Sukkah, please contact Reyna at rmjose32@comcast.net
Or

Jeanette at jeanettedkrebs@gmail.com



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

L'Shana Tova U'Metukah!!!!!!!!!!! Wishing a happy and sweet new year to my new Ohev family! Always a new beginning, this Rosh Hashanah is special. We are embarking on a new era of Temple Ohev Sholom's Religious School. We have a new Director, a new Rabbi, new curriculum, a new approach, new teachers and volunteers: Jennie Baar, Julie Goddard, Sarah Kawasaki, Jami Friedman, and Lori Bernard, and a slew of new tutors. We are all incredibly grateful for the continuity and guidance provided by the amazing folks that have continued their Religious School service: Iris Klinepeter, Deb Davidheiser, Doreen Evrard, Ann Rosenberg, Cara Grossfeld (forgive me if I have left anyone out). The support that I receive from Rabbi Marc, Michelle Darr, and Jon Snavely, is invaluable, especially now. I almost forgot to mention my gratitude for the A-Team a.k.a. Education Committee (Erika Saunders and Ari Nepon whom I have leaned on weekly). I cannot forget to mention the amazing tech support Denyse Miskin provided. Sisterhood provided treats for the Jewish New Year on opening day, adding sweetness to the success of our first day of learning. This collaborative effort led to an excellent first day of learning.

On a personal note, I am writing this column, from my new and probably forever, home. Like Rabbi Marc, I have moved close to the temple and hope to become a familiar fixture to all its members, all of YOU! If I don't see you at services, I wish you all a sweet, healthy, and prosperous new year. If you see me at services, or anywhere else, please introduce yourselves to me. And, let me know if you'd like to become involved with Religious School. We are always happy to include new people and expertise to our faculty and curriculum. We especially need substitute teachers. Contact me for more information about that. My door is always open, and my phone is always on.

Sally Jo Bronner, Religious School Director

Calling on Parents/Guardians of College Students!

Please provide Sisterhood with your student(s') college address, so that we can send them a cheerful note with gift at various holiday/times throughout the year.

The information should contain:

Name of Student, College/University, Street Address (including Dorm and Mailbox Number) City, State, and Zip Code Send information to Monica Lutkins at:

monicalutkins@gmail.com

We look forward to connecting with your student!



PIZZA IN THE HUT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH FROM 5:00-6:00PM

JOIN OTHER OHEV TEENS (8TH - 12TH GRADE) FOR PIZZA IN THE SUKKAH

RSVP TO



Religious School

·Students and Families ·

Join us for

Pizza in the Hut



COME CELEBRATE SUKKOT WITH PIZZA IN THE SUKKAH!

RSVP to Barbara Plesco at plescobarbara@gmail.com

Many thanks to scouts, leaders and parents from Scout Troops 256, 1019 and 77. We also had help from several Ohev families: Reyna and Ernie Jose, Ari Nepon, Bruce Feldman, Andy Brown and of course our building maintenance manager Jon Snavely.

The tremendous effort and collaboration lasted 4 hours with terrific results. Shrub and tree trimming, edging, laying of over 17 big scoops of mulch and



overall cleanup have the temple grounds looking great for the Holidays. Thanks to all who brought their tools to provide the help.

A special thank you to Elissa and Ken Arch for organizing this event!

We welcomed the High Holy Day season, as we celebrated S'lichot, Saturday night, September 17. We observed S'lichot at the conclusion of the last Shabbat a week before Rosh Hashanah. The celebration involved a short service opening the doors to both our atonement and our appreciation for all matters pertaining to the last year. We sang the Havdalah service separating Shabbat from the new week and shared just a few prayers on seeking forgiveness, forgiving, and celebrating blessings. Thank you to Lori Bernard for providing the music with her voice and guitar.

We watched a wonderful short video on letting bad feelings live in our heads rent free and had a great conversation about letting go and moving forward. Of course, since it was a Jewish event, we also ate! We had a nice crowd for our first ever S'lichot observance and hope for it to continue to grow for next year and the years to follow.



Ohev congregants enjoyed Rabbi Marc's class on How to Holiday...High Holiday Edition. A fun and informative discussion took place followed by a hands-on small group activity. The next class is How to Holiday... Tu B'ishvat on Sunday, January 8th from 11-12. All are welcome; to register please email Barbara at plescobarbara@gmail.com.

OCTOBER KADDISH

October 7

Rosie Adler Samuel Arch Rae Blank Julius Briskie Otto J. Buxbaum A Joseph Cole Simon Dealham Eric Feldheim Robert Green Joseph W. Gross Louis Katz Dennis McNulty Rabbi Charles Mintz Moses Moss Sigmund I. Moss Solomon R. Moss Kerry Ellen O'Brien Helmuth Judith Repshas Bertha Richmond Allen C. Rogal S-ari S. Rogal Robert Alan Rokoff Lillian Rosenberg Harry Sauertieg Miriam M. Serta Gale Shapiro Jack Shienvold Stephen Spitalny Stephen Ten Eyck Rich

October 14

Ian Michael Wolfe

Bernard Woolf

Morris Brenner
Loretta Brody
Jacob Cohn
Louise Feldman
Samuel Kraus
Benjamin Lowengard
Adie Gross Lytton
Julius Rosenstruch
David Schwab
David Spiegel

Ruth Zezulinski

October 21

Leonard W. Babinski **Dorothy Heft Becker** Frances Feldman Sadie Forner Samuel Frahm Minnie Globman Alyssa Hilary Kibler Goldie Klein Max R. Koffs Benjamin Sachs Lehrman Sallye Ryder Moss Melvin Nager Shirley Neiman Elaine Shapiro Manuel J. Smigel Alice Wiener Annette Wright Irvin Yoffee Robert Zlotoff

October 28

Gabriel Dealham Robert Feldman Muriel Fielo Eliot Goldstein Abraham L. Gross Hannagene B. Hecht Fannie Klein Jacobson Samuel I. Kades, Jr. Samuel Kopp Sally Levy Isabel G. Lowengard Torsten A. Neuman Meyer Osofsky Kathryn T. Strouse Paul Weber Alice Adler Wnuk Ida K. Yoffee

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday October 2

Religious School 9:30am Celebration of Memories - Bookstaber Memorial Chapel at Mt. Moriah Cemetery 2pm

Tuesday, October 4 - Yom Kippur Begins

Religious School Committee Meeting 5:30pm Yom Kippur Kol Nidre 7:30pm

Wednesday October 5

Yom Kippur - Morning Service 10am, Children's Service 2pm, Afternoon Study 3:15pm, Yizkor 4:30pm, Ne'ilah 5:15pm

Friday, October 7 - Shabbat Services 6pm

Sunday, October 9

Sisterhood Build Sukkah 9am, Religious School 9:30am Creating Relationships in Conversation with Rabbi Marc 1pm

Monday, October 10 - Sukkot Begins

Creating Relations in Conversation with Rabbi Marc 10am

Friday October 14

Pizza in the Hut (Grades 8 - 12) 5pm, Consecration for new students & K/1st Grade Family Shabbat Services 6pm

Sunday, October 16

Pizza in the Hut - All Religious School families 12pm

Monday, October 17 - Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

Wednesday, October 19

Creating Relationships in Conversation with Rabbi Marc 7pm

Friday, October 21

Shabbat Services & 7th Grade Fmaily Service 6pm

Sunday, October 23

Take Sukkah Down 9am, Religious School 9:30am Creating Relationships in Conversation with Rabbi Marc 1pm

Friday, October 28 - Shabbat Services 6pm

Sunday, October 30 - Religious School 9:30am

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