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FROM YOUR RABBI

It's January. It's cold. The days may now be getting longer, but the change is, as yet, undetectable. Animals obviously smarter than us are hibernating, sleeping away the winter huddled warmly in their dens. Who said that we were the pinnacle of the intellectual food chain?

Well, if we must face the cold, we must do it bravely and productively. It is, after all, a new year, and with it comes a host of new opportunities to make a difference in the world around us! To that end, we will be welcoming a few opportunities to dig into some community work and social action.

We have an ongoing sock drive and an art/school supply collection. Temple Ohev Sholom and Sisterhood's Social Action Committees are collecting new men's and women's socks through the month of January 2023. Donations will be given to the Bethesda Mission and Downtown Daily Bread. Please drop off donations during Religious School or in the Sanctuary lobby.

Andrea Grove (Our Social Action Chair) is looking for folks with service ideas and special skills/interests (hands-on mentoring, idea brainstorming, or dedicated program ideas). Please reach out to her at Andrea@elementarycoffee.co or to me directly.

January 13: Join us for Shabbat Services for "Justice Shabbat." Using a liturgy created from American voices of Social Justice, we will create a call to action for a host of programs in which we can involve ourselves. Dr. Armenta Hinton, H.A.C.C. Vice President of Engagement, Retention, Inclusion and Title IX Coordinator, will speak on the legacy of the Civil Rights movement, the distances we have traveled, the instances of retreat, and offering the compelling charge for us to be involved in healing the world.

January 16: the Central Pennsylvania MLK Day of Service. I have become the newest member of the planning team and will be presenting as part of the opening and panel conversation on Economic Justice and Recovery at the Alexander Grass Campus for Jewish Life.

The list of projects already prepared for sign-ups can be found at the following link: <https://centralpamlk.partnershipplanners.org/projectlist/index.php?ece041bbdae901>

February 23: A Night of Comedy – a fun night bringing the wider community together for special causes.

Additionally, we have completed our phase of meet and greets (though I am always open to spending time with folks). We will be moving into a series of focused group gatherings on a selection of topics culled from those welcoming gatherings. We will be reaching out to a broad cross-section of this congregation for input. Please don't wait, though. If you want to get involved from the get-go, let us know. Topics will be published as soon as they are solidified! Thus far, we are experiencing a lot of great input and support! May we continue to move from strength to strength!

Please make sure to express your appreciation for all who have stepped up to lead us into becoming Temple Ohev Sholom 2.0! For whatever the history, this diverse team is doing a great job and should be greatly appreciated for their love and commitment.

Rabbi Marc Kline

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! On behalf of the entire Temple Ohev Sholom Board of Trustees, I want to wish you and your families a happy and healthy new year. I for one cannot believe that it is January already – I am impatiently waiting for spring! But in the meantime, please look to the temple for things to do this winter. Tot Shabbat, on the first Saturday of each month, is a great way to start off the secular new year. Soup and study with Rabbi Marc is scheduled for Friday the 13th – uh oh! Who else is superstitious? I am superstitious in a good way, since one of my favorite singers has a birthday on a 13th, as does my mother. Maybe I should have listed my mom first – shh! Don't tell her.



There is no religious school on Sunday January 15 – it is Martin Luther King Day. Did you know that MLK Day was made a federal holiday in 1983 and was first celebrated in 1986? In 1994, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, designating the MLK federal holiday as a national day of service and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort. The MLK Day of Service takes place each year on the third Monday in January (in 2023, it's Monday January 16) and is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service. Locally, there is an active Central Pennsylvania MLK Day of Service Team. The Central PA MLK Day Planning Committee already announced that this year's Signature Site location is the new Alexander Grass Campus for Jewish Life! Each year the Signature Site hosts kick-off events, in-person volunteering and donation opportunities, educational opportunities and more. At a time when antisemitism is on the rise, having the kick-off at a highly visible Jewish community institution sends the message that the Central Pennsylvania community as a whole is united against those who wish to divide and marginalize us. Please look for opportunities to participate in MLK Day of Service Events.

January also brings a special Education Family Shabbat service, honoring teachers, on January 20. Please check our Facebook page and website for more details!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, concerns, or ideas: all are welcome.

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CHOIR

The new Temple Ohev Sholom choir recently performed at Shabbat services. Additional members are always welcome to join the fun. Any interested voices are encouraged to participate – please contact Conrad! Don't be bashful! In a group, everyone sounds awesome.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

December was an exciting month at Religious School. Jami Friedman and Deb Davidheiser facilitated latke making with everyone. A fun and delicious way to get ready for the holiday. Our kids love these special events, and we would love more Ohev members with special talents and interests to share them with us. Please contact me if you'd like to participate.

4th-7th grade had their Friday night shabbat service together and assisted Rabbi Marc in leading services. It was followed by a beautiful ice-cream social Oneg thanks to Doreen Evrard and Mia Rosenberg. Along with sisterhood, the classes decorated gift bags and cards, and collected arts and craft supplies for the local organization Caitlin's Smiles, which provides children in hospitals with fun things to do while there.

Religious School will soon be collecting men's and women's socks for homeless shelters. Grades 4 & 5 will be learning how to make scarves and will tie them around trees in Harrisburg so that people who are cold can take them. If you have yarn or expertise to donate to the school, we will be happy recipients. 7th graders are getting ready for their Be-Mitzvahs (Be Mitzvah is the non-gendered term we will be using to refer to Bar and Bat Mitzvahs) and are excited for the arrival of new siddurim for family services. The Federation hosted a Chanukah Extravaganza for the community, and we participated with a Pin the Flame on the Candle game.

Religious School wishes everyone a warm and wonderful Chanukah and holiday season and we look forward to being back together on January 8th, 2023!



BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Elissa Arch grew up in Center City Philadelphia. She moved to Harrisburg in February 1991 to work at Amp, Inc. after graduating from Penn State University with a degree in Business Logistics. Within a month of moving to Harrisburg, Elissa joined Temple Ohev Sholom, Sisterhood and the Sisterhood Board. In March 1992, she met her future husband, Ken Arch, at Ohev after Friday night services. They celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary last August. She eventually left Amp to work with Ken at MARCO Promos, a company his father had started. She left MARCO in 2000 to become a stay-at-home mom to Mitchell, now 22, and in 2003 to Adam, now 19.



Elissa has been a Sisterhood member ever since joining Ohev and has held many positions on the Board including back-to-back terms as Sisterhood President. While a member of Temple Ohev Sholom, Elissa was an adult Bat Mitzvah, was married, had two boys who both grew up attending Ohev Religious School and both of whom had his Bar Mitzvah here, and is now on the Temple Board as Secretary. Elissa finds fulfillment in being involved at Ohev and helping others.

Elissa LOVES Pickleball and enjoys watching her boys work to their goals, hiking, skiing, listening to audio books, spending time with family and friends, taking caring of her beautiful chocolate lab, and the Philadelphia Eagles...Fly Eagles Fly!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: JON SNAVELY

MAINTENANCE MANAGER

Temple Ohev Sholom maintenance manager is a behind the scenes role. Jon works part time for us but many times we find Jon willing to help out on the days he is not supposed to be at the Temple. We are grateful to know that, thanks to Jon, whenever we enter the building, the lights are always on, the air temperature inside makes us feel comfortable in the winter or summer and Oneg Shabbat tables are always set for us to enjoy good food and drink after services. These things just don't magically appear. These and other tasks happen because of Jon's dedication. But Jon provides much more than pre-event set up or making sure we have light, he also does many other tasks for our temple family. For example, what we don't know is that when alarms go off in the middle of the night Jon is one of the first to be called by our security company. Sometimes the phone calls are just warnings but sometimes he has to come in. On many other occasions, Jon spends extra time at the Temple that he is not scheduled for. You will NEVER hear Jon complain about anything. He is always willing to help with a calming voice and a very knowledgeable troubleshooter for any issue that may arise. It is comforting to know that we can always rely on Jon, and, more often than not, he will be there to help out any way he can.

SISTERHOOD REPORT

Happy New Year from Sisterhood!

We are looking forward to a terrific 2023 with many great programs, and really, something for everyone at Ohev. What we have in store for the year is fun, food, social action and learning opportunities.

On that last note, we have a wonderful program planned for 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22, at the temple. Sisterhood will feature a conversation with some of the women members of the Hadee Mosque in Harrisburg who are part of the Amadiyyah community. We will be sending out more information soon but mark your calendar. Everyone is invited to this exciting event.

As a side note, we originally planned this event in March of 2020, and as our world began to shift in the early days of the pandemic, we had to cancel it. So we are very happy our friends at Hadee Mosque could reschedule with us – nearly three years later!

In addition, please check out the gift shop located in the chapel. We have new merchandise and are open most Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to noon. We also are sending out small gifts and cards to our college students during holidays this year. If your college student isn't on our list, please contact Monica Lutkins at monicalutkins@gmail.com.

New year and new opportunity to join Sisterhood. As mentioned, we have many activities planned this year and would love to have you be part of the energy at the temple. If you are interested, please get in touch with Reyna, rmjose32@comcast.net or Jeanette, jeanettedkrebs@gmail.com.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who was involved with our hugely successful designer bag bingo event last month. We had a great turnout, gave away beautiful bags, had a lot of fun and made some money for the synagogue. A special thanks to Jodi Neuschwander who organized the event!

***All the Best,
Reyna Jose and Jeanette Krebs, Co-Sisterhood presidents***

CALL FOR SOCIAL ACTION PARTICIPANTS

The social action committee is firing back up under the mission of tikkun olam! If you are interested in joining this team dedicated to organizing and being part of social actions, please email Andrea Grove at andrea@elementarycoffee.co (yes, .co, not .com)!

AROUND THE SYNAGOGUE

LEADERSHIP SHABBATON & LEADERSHIP GATHERING

On Saturday, December 10 members of the Temple Ohev Sholom Board of Trustees gathered on the campus of Harrisburg Area Community College for its first Shabbaton and leadership gathering. Rabbi Marc led the activities with the assistance of his colleague and good friend Minister Kerwin Webb of the Second Baptist Church of Asbury Park NJ. After beginning with Torah study the day's topics focused on the themes: leadership vs. management, synagogue vs. corporate, volunteer vs. family, and the attributes of a leader. The afternoon concluded with an in-depth visioning and brainstorming exercise in which any and all ideas relating to the future of Temple Ohev Sholom were welcomed and recorded for future discussions and considerations. All in attendance agreed that the time spent at the Shabbaton was extremely worthwhile and that the discussions were meaningful. The board looks forward to additional leadership gatherings which will be held in the not-too-distant future so that the important dialogue can be continued.



SISTERHOOD DESIGNER BAG BINGO

Sisterhood held a designer bag bingo fundraiser on Saturday 12/3/22. 50 people in attendance were treated to snacks while they played bingo for the chance to win a Coach, Kate Spade or Michael Kors purse. A fun evening was had by all. We hope you will join us next time.



HANUKKAH DINNER

A fun night was had by all at this year's Hanukkah Dinner, which was held on the first night of Hanukkah, Sunday evening, December 18th. Each family brought in their menorahs and candles and Rabbi Marc led the participants in the Hanukkah blessings as we lit the candles together, as one family. Lori Bernard led us in Hanukkah songs and the kiddos and adults played dreidel. A yummy dinner of baked chicken, latkes with homemade applesauce and/or sour cream, tossed salad and a bean salad was offered. For dessert, Krispie Kreme donuts (who doesn't like Krispie Kremes), an ice cream sundae bar and a fruit salad were offered. Everything was delicious. There were a total of 88 people at this special event. A huge thank you goes to Frankie Glass and Neely Meals, who co-chaired the event, and all the committee members who joined in the planning and implementation of this very fun event.





JOIN TEMPLE OHEV
SHOLOM FOR A SPECIAL

Community-Wide Special Program

10 AM TO NOON | SUNDAY, JAN. 22

Join us for a special brunch as we hear from women members of the Hadee Mosque, Harrisburg Amadiyyah Muslim Community.

This is an opportunity to meet members of the Hadee Mosque and learn about the ways we are more alike than we are different.

Please RSVP to Miriam Robinson at chutzy1@yahoo.com



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New to Judaism?
Parent of a Jewish child?
Have a Jewish partner?
Want to learn more about the Jewish holidays?

COME JOIN RABBI MARC FOR
HOW TO HOLIDAY
TU BISHVAT EDITION

Sunday, January 8th | 11:00am - 12:00pm
Temple Ohev Sholom - Lehrman Chapel

RSVP to Barb Plesco at
plescobarbara@gmail.com


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HOW TO HOLIDAY: PASSOVER EDITION
will be Sunday, April 2nd

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN,
JOIN RABBI MARC AND LORI FOR
SONGS, STORIES, AND SNACKS AT

TOT
SHABBAT

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
AT 10:00AM
IN THE LEHRMAN CHAPEL





KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR
A LETTER IN EARLY
2023 ABOUT THE

SISTERHOOD DONOR DINNER

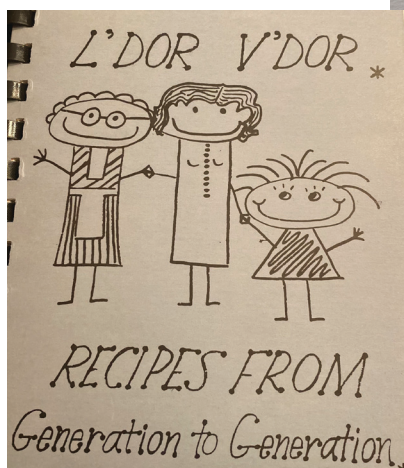
**PLANNING IS IN
THE WORKS FOR
AN AWESOME
EVENT!**

RECIPE CORNER

A new feature in the Temple Ohav Sholom Bulletin beginning in January of 2023 is a recipe corner. Some featured recipes will come from the Sisterhood Cookbook "L'Dor V'Dor" – "From Generation to Generation". This is a collection of recipes from members of Sisterhood and the congregational family past and present. But we would like to hear from you and hope that you will share recipes that are meaningful to you as well.

Sour Cream Coffee Cake
 1/2 cup butter, or margarine
 3 eggs
 2 cups flour
 3/4 cup sugar
 1 tsp. baking powder
 1 tsp. baking soda
 1 tsp. vanilla
 1/2 pt. plain yogurt or
 sour cream
 Cinnamon, to taste
 Cream butter and sugar.
 Add egg one at a time
 and cream mixture again.
 Sift flour, baking powder
 and soda and add
 alternately with yogurt or
 sour cream.
 Grease tube pan. Put
 in 1/2 batter and sprinkle
 with cinnamon. Put
 rest of batter over this
 and cover with remaining
 cinnamon.
 Bake 350° for 40 to 50
 minutes until batter is
 dry.
 (Mini-chocolate chips
 may be added to batter
 before baking.)

Shelley Adler



Please submit your recipes to
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JANUARY KADDISH

January 6

Seymour Hartman
Dr. David Daniel
Ufberg
Sol Kuhn
Herman Levy
Doris O. Zaritzky
H. Albert Kerstein
Irwin I. Grossman
Pauline Goldring
William Moss Strouse
Erwin H. Lenz
Alissa Gale
Dolores Bernstein
Mary Levine
Bowman A. Brown Jr.
Fred Ratowsky
Elaine Simons
Bernhardt Kramer
Janet M. Neyhart
Lillian Sotzky
Robin Rogoff Star
Lois Forner

January 13

Bessie Kaufman
Lewis F. Adler
Abraham Woldorf
Maurice I. Unger
Gustav H. Nachman
Harold Spector
Lewis Baturin
Joseph Plotkin
Lena Lang
Samuel Bronstein
Samuel Kruger
Herman Berk
Florence Gurwitz

Barry Koppel
Gertrude Segal
Lillian Melman
Amelia Wilson
Bette Goodman
Beth Frahm Frank
Evelyn Rubin
Aaron Henken
Naomi Samkoff
Mr. Floyd Baturin

January 20

Isaac L. Yoffe
Minnie R. Cohn
Bernard Beitman
Sarah Goldstein
Maxine Talkov
Oskar Beck
Sylvia Nurick
Mamie K. Levinson
Martin Levine
Philip Goldberg
Benjamin Jaffe
Betty Snyder
Alan I. Ettinger
Hedwig M. Strouse
Luella Evrard
Morris Goldring
Morris Goldberg
Edward Friedman
Norma Finstein
Dr. Saul Medoff
Mayer (Bob) Kutler
Saul Litvack
Bernard M. Plawsky
Sally Lehrman
Rosalyn Chizeck
Karen McManuels
Gloria G. Miller
Mrs. Sylvia Naiditch

Arlene Fradkin
Morton David
Goldberg
David Gaynes
Albert P. Doranz
Emma Astrich

January 27

Lily Meyerwitz
Rebecca Scheier
Evelyn Goldstein
Harry E. Pyke
Morris Baturin
Louis Gordon
Anna S. Sherman
Helen Goldberg
Carl A. Wagenheim
Isadore Cibull
Helene Savar
Mary Jonas Kaufman
Joseph Baum
Aaron Rokoff
Sally Rokoff
Hannah L. Goldberg
Yetta Marino
Felice Gold Sachs
Donald Schwartz
Faina Gordin
Bernard Sack
Thelma Marie Johnson
Randall Disend

JANUARY CALENDAR

January 1 - No Religious School - Happy New Year!

January 6 - Shabbat Services 6pm

January 7 - Tot Shabbat (Lehrman Chapel) 10am

January 8 - Religious School 9:30am,
Sisterhood Board Meeting 9:45am

January 12 - BOT Meeting 7pm, Exec Committee 8pm

January 13 - Soup and Study,
Shabbat Services & Justice Shabbat Program 6pm

January 15 - No Religious School - MLK Day

January 20 - Education Family Shabbat 6pm

January 22 - Religious School 9:30am,
Community Wide Brunch Program 10am

January 27 - Shabbat Services 6pm

January 29 - Religious School

SAVE THE DATE

February 23 – Ohev/Community Comedy Night

March 24 - special service honoring Lillian Rappaport

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