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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Every day, since October 7, 2023, I wake up and remember the news. I think about Israel, and the people that I know who live there, the people that I love who have family members there, and I grieve, and I am scared. I am scared for them, and I am scared for us. The failures of so many governments, institutions, countries, businesses, to say something scares me. The failures of friends and family to even acknowledge what is going on scares me. Hamas is a terrorist organization that wants to eliminate the Jews. The conflation of Hamas with the liberation of Palestine is dangerous. Propaganda is real and appears to be working. Silence is not an option. We can and we must use our voices to denounce terrorism.



I do not want to live scared. That's not a way to live. I was talking to my son the other day and he felt guilty for watching sports (Go Eagles! Go Phillies!) but he recognized that there is a comfort that they bring. We need to take comfort where we can. We need to live proudly Jewish, whatever that means for you.

As we navigate these uncertain times, it becomes more and more evident to me that our strength lies in our Ohev community. I saw how we came together at the Israel Solidarity Gathering & Vigil and the Unity Shabbat of Greater Harrisburg. Ohev members were omnipresent. In the face of these trying times, our Ohev family comes together. I am proud of being Jewish and I am inspired by the Ohev community and the Central PA Jewish community.

The Jewish people are resilient. Temple Ohev Sholom is resilient. It is important for those of us who are Jewish along with members of our congregational family of different faiths and backgrounds, to unite and be proud of who we are. For those of us who are Jewish and those of us who may be of different faiths. It is equally important to keep Jewish joy in our lives.

Temple Ohev Sholom can help you do just that. How, you might ask? There are, of course, the weekly Friday night Shabbat services. There is the Temple Ohev Sholom Book Club. There are the Mini-University offerings. And let's not forget the choir or Tuesdays coffee & conversations at Elementary Coffee! There is even a motorcycle club. Additionally, Sisterhood offers a wide variety of programs which are open to everyone. From a trip to the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History to Designer Bag Bingo and the upcoming Hannukah party – there truly is something for everyone at Temple Ohev Sholom. And if it's not there, let us know if you want a program we do not yet offer – we will help you get it started!

***Audrey, President  
Temple Ohev Sholom***

# MESSAGE FROM RABBI MARC

*Re-printing with permission from Rabbi Marc Kline,  
Message from Unity Shabbat on Friday, October 13, 2023*



Last night, the five major Jewish congregations in Greater Harrisburg, PA came together to welcome Shabbat. It was the first time anyone could remember everyone coming together for worship. We held each other as we prayed that the blessings of Shabbat peace could infect the world – especially now.

No one postured. No one said that we had to enforce or overcome the presumed and imposed traditional hierarchies that too often separate the Jewish world. We prayed and shared. The engagement culminated as the joint choir of the entire breadth of our Jewish community intoned the words of Shalom Alaechem. We implored the ministering angels to bring us the renewed spirit to bring healing to the world. While I cannot say that it was a joyous evening, I can say that we universally appreciated sharing these sacred moments across the community. I can also say that many of us want to make this happen for joyous ceremonies moving forward, not just in the times we need each other's consolation.

The actual service ended as we sang “Hatikvah.” Here are my words introducing our eternal prayer of hope:

Long before there was a State of Israel in the modern world, there was “Hatikvah.” Hatikvah is Hebrew for “The Hope.” The song is an amalgamation and evolution of poems and melodies that crossed the European and Asian continents that dates back to the Spanish Inquisition. Even then, it was a song of hope for the world's renewal, as we intoned the melody praying for dew to quench the earth's thirst.

Twenty-five-year-old Naftali Herz Imber wrote the poem in 1856. The full poem “Tikvateinu (Our Hope)” contains nine stanzas. In 1895, editors pulled the first stanza from the poem; these words are the lyrics we know today.

The song did not become the State of Israel's national anthem until November 10, 2004. I learned to sing it as a child in religious school. When the Allied forces liberated Bergen-Belsen, British Jewish Chaplain Leslie Hardman filmed the “choir of human skeletons” intone Hatikvah – April 20, 1945.

There has always been Hatikvah. It is a song more prayerfully Jewish than any prayer in our traditional liturgy. It confirms the inextinguishable hope that drives our souls. The Torah teaches us that in every case, whichever the circumstance, “U'v'charta b'chayim – always choose life.” Despite the degradations, the pogroms, and the mass slaughter, we are prisoners of hope.

Aeli Aeli – sh'lo yigamer l'aolam – My God, My God, these shall never end – the sand of the sea, the rush of waters, the lightning of the heavens – and the human prayer. Hatikvah. Amidst it all, we choose life.

Our history is rife with attempts to destroy us. For every perpetrator, we read about them in history books while we continue to make history. We choose life.

At the same time, we must choose life for everyone else. The ultimate hope is not just for us, but for “US – the whole world.” Killing more people will not bring back the dead I love who just yesterday held my hands and my dreams

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for the future.

Especially amidst our pain and outrage, we must remember that the Messianic Age is not about us – it is about the “world us.” And we learn that in a world where no one behaves like a human, we must always be humane. Amidst it all, we choose life.

Dr. King taught us, “Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.” Rabbi Menachem Creditor gives us this teaching a little differently - Olam Chesed Yibaneh – we need to build this world through love, compassion, and hope. In facing the world, even in its darkest moments, we hold onto each other, welcome Shabbat and choose life.

Abraham Joshua Heschel taught us, “Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.” Hope is the holy foundation upon which we build our dreams for peace and justice.

We are prisoners of hope. Hatikva – the eternal Jewish affirmation that so long as we breathe, we hope. So long as we are, we summon the courage and the love to make the day that is into the tomorrow for which we pray.

*Rabbi Marc Aaron Kline, J.D., D.D.*

*Judgment may well up as a wall of water, but  
Righteousness is the mightiest of rivers.*



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

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**COME JOIN RABBI MARC FOR  
HOW TO HOLIDAY**

Sunday, October 1st - Sukkot  
Sunday, December 10th - Hanukkah  
Sunday, March 24th - Purim  
Sunday, May 5th - Shabbat

All classes meet from 11:00am - 12:00pm  
Temple Ohev Sholom - Lehrman Chapel

RSVP to [programs@ohesholom.org](mailto:programs@ohesholom.org)

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# IMPORTANT UPDATES: TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM DUES & PAYMENT PLATFORM

*By the time you are reading the November newsletter, you should have received the following email with regards to Temple Ohev Sholom's new software application, ShulCloud. For those of you who may not receive or read emails, we are including the message here as it contains important information.*

Dear Temple Ohev Sholom Members,

We hope this message finds you well. As we transition into the new year, we would like to share some important updates regarding membership dues and our new membership platform, Shul Cloud, which is used by over 1300 Jewish Temples. We believe these updates will enhance our experience as members of this vibrant community. These updates do not involve any increase in dues.

## **Introducing Shul Cloud:**

We are moving away from PayPal for online payments and introducing our new integrated platform, Shul Cloud. Shul Cloud will provide each member with a personalized online account portal where you can conveniently manage your membership, payments and more.

This link [LINK] is personalized for you, [NAME], and after clicking it, you will be brought to our new portal and prompted to set a password of your choosing for accessing your Shul Cloud account going forward. Please review the rest of this email, then come back to this link to configure your account, your payment preferences and pay any outstanding dues. We have attached your current dues statement to this email. Any payments received through Sept 22, 2023 should be reflected in these statements.

After setting your username and password, you can always get back to the portal from our website at <https://ohevsholom.org> by clicking the Payments button in the menu.

## **Key Features of Shul Cloud:**

**1. Payment Options:** Through your Shul Cloud portal, you can securely save your e-Check information or credit card details. Both payment methods can be used for dues payments, religious school fees, donations such as the Kol Nidre Appeal, memorial books, and more. Payments can also now be scheduled and automatic, making it more convenient for you.

**2. Member Account Management:** You will have the ability to view and edit your contact information, including updating your mailing address, phone number, and email. You can also view and manage your important dates, like yahrzeits and other significant events, as well as your mailing list subscriptions.

**3. Online Member Directory:** Shul Cloud will provide you with access to a new online member directory. You can choose what information you would like to share with other members and configure your preferences according to your comfort level. This is in addition to the paper membership directory.

## **Changes to Billing Cycle:**

Historically, Temple Ohev Sholom's billing cycle has spanned ten months from July through April. Starting this year, we have made the decision to shift our billing cycle. Therefore, the billing cycle for this year (2023-2024) will be from September through June for accounts billed

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monthly. Accounts billed at the beginning of the year will still show a July 1 invoice date. This change sets us up for a 12-month billing cycle next year.

## **12-Month Billing Cycle:**

We are excited to inform you that, in the coming year, we will be transitioning to a 12-month billing cycle, starting from July 2024 through June 2025. This change will allow for lower monthly dues invoices and more flexibility for all of our members.

We are confident that Shul Cloud will streamline your experience with Temple Ohev Sholom and offer a more user-friendly and efficient platform for managing your membership and payments.

We have set up a dedicated support address, [support@ohesholom.org](mailto:support@ohesholom.org), for any questions or issues you may have while configuring your account.

We are also offering 5 in-person sessions over the course of October during which we can help set up your account with you (please bring your laptop, tablet, or phone, the larger the screen the easier).

Wednesday Nov 1, 2023 - 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Temple Ohev Sholom Library

Wednesday Nov 8, 2023 - 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Temple Ohev Sholom Library

Sunday Nov 12, 2023 - 9:30am-11:30am in the Temple Ohev Sholom Library

If you are unable to attend any of these sessions, you can also contact the office for support setting up your account or configuring your automatic payments.

We recognize that not all members are active internet users. Some of you may prefer to receive your communications as physical mail, and that's alright too. Let us know if you prefer physical mail by responding to this email or calling the office, and we will continue to send you paper invoices. If your bank already automatically mails your checks to the office, that's great too, and you are not required to use the portal for payments.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we implemented these changes over the summer and fall. There will still be bumps along the way, but our goal is to enhance your experience as a valued member of Temple Ohev Sholom and to provide you with the tools and resources you need to stay connected with our community.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a wonderful year ahead.

Warm regards,

The Temple Ohev Sholom Board of Trustees

Dear Jewish Community Partners in Teen Learning,

Almost 15 students attended our great morning on September 24 (ranging from 8th grade to 12th), which included Jewish Teen Learning Program Icebreakers and a chance for mindful yoga with Zoe to get us ready for the New Year. Picture below!

The students also studied a short text on “ Learning to Swim” in which we talked about why Jewish parents are commanded to teach their children how to become self-sufficient; and how that relates to being a Jewish teen today.


Please encourage your student to join us for our next session- with Rabbi Marc Kline, “The Tree of Life Sentencing: Discussing the Jewish views of the Death Penalty” October 22 at 10 am at the “old JCC”.

If your students have not had a chance to register and would like to (for the whole year or session by session)  
<https://jewishharrisburg.regfox.com/jewish-teen-learning-project-2023>

Questions or comments? Let's be in touch! If you know of other students who might want to attend, do let us know.

Shana Tova!

**Judith ( 215) 720 -4446 and  
Terri ( 717) 236-9555 x 3110**




## Jewish Teen Learning Project 2023-2024 Sundays, 10a-12p

At Harrisburg JCC unless otherwise noted

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| <b>Sept. 24</b> | “Preparing for the New Year”<br>Mediation and yoga<br>Learning on the importance of learning “how”<br>JTLP Icebreakers | <b>Jan. 21</b> | MLK service activity with<br>Gesher students                                                            |
| <b>Oct. 22</b>  | Rabbi Marc Kline<br>The Tree of Life Sentencing:<br>Discussing the Jewish views of the Death Penalty                   | <b>Feb. 11</b> | Workshop with JCC Artist in<br>Residence Susan Leviton                                                  |
| <b>Nov. 12</b>  | Jewish Cuisine Around the<br>World                                                                                     | <b>Mar. 17</b> | Rabbi Captauber<br>Judaism and body adornment                                                           |
| <b>Dec. 3</b>   | Steve Schauder, CEO of<br>Jewish Family Services<br>Harrisburg<br>Topic TBD                                            | <b>Apr. 14</b> | Tentative: Trip to<br>Jewish Philadelphia<br>(additional fee)                                           |
|                 |                                                                                                                        | <b>May 19</b>  | Tentative: Rev Earl Harris and<br>a moderated discussion of PA<br>Voting Rights & Voter<br>Registration |

**Watch for other exciting activities such as  
Sukkah decorating, Torah-Pizza, and more!**

**Register at <https://jewishharrisburg.regfox.com/jewish-teen-learning-project-2023>**





# OHEV READS TOGETHER

As part of Jewish Book Month, we invite Ohev congregants, including teens and middle school-age students of our Religious School, to read ***The Way Back*** by Gavriel Savit.

*The Way Back* draws on Jewish folk tradition to tell a fantasy story. It was a National Book Award finalist in 2020. We will discuss the book with Bernice Hausman, who started Ohev's new book club, as moderator.

**Join us on Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. at  
Temple Ohev Sholom  
2345 N. Front St.,  
Harrisburg, PA 17110**

**Please RSVP to Jeanette Krebs at  
[jeanettekrebs@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettekrebs@gmail.com)**



**THE EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE OHEV SHOLOM BOOK CLUB AND SISTERHOOD.**



# OHEV SHOLOM SHABBAT CHOIR

Ohev Sholom's Shabbat Choir practice starts September 28th at 7:30pm!

The Shabbat Choir is for you if you enjoy music, want to try singing, and love making music with other people. All ages and ability levels are welcome. The Ohev Sholom Choir meets from 7:30-8:30pm in the chapel on Thursday evenings (except 2nd Thursdays).

Rehearsals will include basic vocal techniques, learning music, and a bit of fun!

Our first Shabbat service will be November 17th. We will also participate in the Justice Shabbat on January 12th and for a Shabbat in March.

For more details and a complete schedule, please contact Conrad Smith at [music@ohesholom.org](mailto:music@ohesholom.org)

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Do you practice an instrument at home that you wish you could play with other people? Do you sing everywhere you go but at Shabbat? We're looking for you! Our vision is to see as many participants in worship as we can squeeze onto the Bimah. Please reach out to Conrad Smith at [music@ohesholom.org](mailto:music@ohesholom.org) with questions about how you can get involved.

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# ONEG TO HONOR OUR VETERANS

We hope you will join us at Ohev Sholom on Friday, November 10, 2023, following the 6:00 p.m., Service, for an Oneg Shabbat reception honoring our valiant Veterans. The reception is being sponsored by Kickan Baturin, and the Baturin, Lutkins and Weinstock families, in loving memory of beloved husband, father, life-long Temple member and former Marine, Floyd M. Baturin. The Oneg Shabbat reception will be held to honor all our Temple Ohev Sholom Veterans. Plan on enjoying food, desserts and, as Floyd would say, “some good old-fashioned conversation with friends.”

All Veterans from the Harrisburg-area Synagogues and our Jewish community are invited. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating your service to our country!



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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





***FAREWELL, MR. HOFFMAN***

Saturday, October 21,  
7:30pm – Grass Campus  
Sunday, October 22,  
2pm – Midtown Cinema

***MATCHMAKING***

Saturday, November 18,  
7:30pm – Grass Campus  
Sunday, November 19,  
2pm – Midtown Cinema

***KARAOKE***

Saturday, December 16,  
7:30pm – Grass Campus  
Sunday, December 17,  
2pm – Midtown Cinema

***GUARDIANS OF THE DEAD SEA***

Saturday, January 13,  
7:30pm – Grass Campus  
Sunday, January 14,  
2pm – Midtown Cinema

***SHADOW OF THE DAY***

Saturday, February 10,  
7:30pm – Grass Campus  
Sunday, February 11,  
2pm – Midtown Cinema

***FOUR WINTERS***

Saturday, March 9,  
7:30pm – Grass Campus  
Sunday, March 10,  
4:30pm – Midtown Cinema

***REMEMBERING GENE WILDER***

Saturday, April 6,  
8:30pm – Grass Campus  
Sunday, April 7,  
2pm – Midtown Cinema

***PERFECT STRANGERS***

Saturday, May 4,  
9pm – Grass Campus  
Sunday, May 5,  
2pm – Midtown Cinema

***MADAME ROSA***

Sunday, May 5,  
10am – BOOK CLUB FILM at  
Midtown Cinema

***LESS THAN KOSHER***

Saturday, June 1,  
9:30pm – Grass Campus  
Sunday, June 2,  
2pm – Midtown Cinema

***For questions or further information, visit [www.hbgjff.com](http://www.hbgjff.com), or contact Jennifer Bodenstein by telephone (717-236-9555 ext. 3206) or email ([j.bodenstein@jewishfedhbg.org](mailto:j.bodenstein@jewishfedhbg.org))***

# Refuah Shleimah - Get Well Wishes

We send our prayers and healing energy to members of our Temple Ohev Sholom family and loved ones of members who have been hospitalized or injured in recent weeks or who are facing or have had health challenges. Prayers will be offered during Shabbat services when the Mi Shebeirach blessing is said.



Please contact Rabbi Marc if you would like to add the name of someone you love to the Temple Ohev Sholom healing prayer list, to the list of family members who have died or if there is a celebration or milestone in your life which you want to share with the Temple Ohev Sholom family. Additionally, please let Rabbi Marc know when you are ready to have names removed from the healing list. (Names may be removed after a few weeks if we don't receive an update.)

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## WELCOME TO THE TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY:

Jonathan and Heather Bonime  
Genevieve Hollenbach and Zakary Newberry  
Olivia Bora and Aubrey Campfield  
Erin Leonard

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

The October 7th massacre in Israel and subsequent fighting continues to weigh heavily on all of us. At Religious School we have addressed the war in age-appropriate ways. In the K-3rd grade group, almost every single child used the word happy to describe how they felt in that moment, it was clear they were oblivious to current events. And it was a wonderful testament to the environment our faculty has cultivated for them. I let them know that when they, or the adults around them are upset, they have the power to help. I proceeded to teach them two ways to change their own or others' mindsets when they're feeling unhappy, scared, anxious or angry. Butterfly hugs and deep breathing techniques help people of all ages, you may want to learn about them on your own. Both are trauma-informed methods to reset one's brain. I explained that people in Israel were having a hard time and not feeling great and that one way they can help is by sending messages of encouragement and support to them. They happily colored in many pictures which were immediately scanned and sent to Israel to be placed in care packages along with gluten free foods for soldiers.



The older students were not very different. When asked how they felt, most children said positive things, and only a few were worried because “there’s a war in Israel”. They shared what they knew, which was very basic: Israel is at war, and there are hostages. We talked a little bit about how everyone in Israel serves in the army, and that when they are finished, they are in the reserves. Some kids talked about having visited Israel, knowing people there, family in Israel, and how afraid the hostages must be. I concluded by also teaching them how to do butterfly hugs and breathing techniques.

My conversations met the kids where they are at and was a safe space to share their feelings. We encouraged them to always share their feelings with their families. Below are articles that may help you continue this conversation with children should you wish to do so:

<https://reformjudaism.org/reform-jewish-life/youth-family-community/parenting/how-talk-children-about-conflict-israel>

<https://pjlibrary.org/israel>

Now more than ever Mi'Dor l'dor (from generation to generation) has taken on renewed relevance. The call for Israelis to unite as a country is one we need to emulate as a community. We must unite and support one another through this crisis. And this is why I am asking all of you to reach out to the teens and seniors in our Ohev community and encourage them to join

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

us in the Better Together project. Better Together is an intergenerational program whose one goal is to build strong intergenerational connections. Better Together will meet on some First Fridays and on some Sundays during Religious School hours. If you have any questions about it or would like to get involved in planning some highly participatory programming (line dancing? painting pottery? baking challah?), please contact me.

I hope to see all of you at the next First Friday on November 3rd at 6pm. Please be on the look out for a SignupGenius link for the potluck and Oneg Shabbat.

Please join me in praying for the freedom of the hostages. Am Yisroel Chai! (the Nation of Israeli Lives on)



**TEMPLE OHAV SHOLOM  
SISTERHOOD  
&  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

## TZEDAKAH COLLECTION

Join our year long Tzedakah collection for JFS Food Pantry, Bethesda Mission, Shalom House, Downtown Daily Bread and Caitlin's Smiles.

### PLEASE DONATE

Donation bins are located in the Temple Lobby near the office and the Sanctuary and Social Hall vestibules



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## **JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES PANTRY**

Non-perishable kosher and non-kosher food, toiletries and cleaning supplies. Peanut butter, canned tuna and meat, canned vegetables and fruits, cooking oil, flour, sugar, and pasta.

## **CAITLIN'S SMILES**

Play dough, crayons, colored pencils, washable markers, note pads, coloring books, sketch pads, journals, word search, crosswords, Mad Libs, new small toys, small baggies, gift cards to: Dollar General, Dollar Tree, Michael's, Walmart, Staples

## **SHALOM HOUSE**

Plastic Utensils, Paper Plates/Napkins, Cups, Wash Cloths, Body Wash, Deodorant, Body Lotion, Cleaning Supplies, T-Shirts, Socks and Underwear for kids 4t-14/16 and Gift Cards to Walmart/Target

## **BETHESDA MISSION & DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD**

Socks and Underwear  
for Woman/Men



Any items being shipped directly to the Temple Office via Amazon, Walmart, Target etc, please include a note for the intended social action food drive.



## BetterTogether

*Who said senior citizens and teens/tweens have nothing in common? Help teens in our community learn from the wisdom of elders and give senior citizens a chance to forge new connections.*

**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Dive into the rich heritage and traditions of Judaism through art.**

**Join us for an afternoon of painting timeless Judaica pieces, from shimmering menorahs to intricate seder plates.**

**Let your creativity flow while bonding with the young and elder members of our Temple Ohev Sholom community.**

**Complimentary lunch provided at 12:00 PM**

**Painting 12:30-2:30 PM**

**Come for the food, stay for the art.**

**RSVP is essential for preparation.**

**Contact: [school@ohvsholom.org](mailto:school@ohvsholom.org) or call 717-497-1283**

**All teens and seniors (6th graders & up) are welcome to this FREE program.**

**BETTER TOGETHER  
MOVEMENT**



# MAZEL TOV TO LAIGHTON SHAMASH

## Bat Mitzvah | November 18, 2023

Mazel Tov to parents Erika and Todd Shamash and sibling Ethan Shamash. Laighton will become a Bat Mitzvah on November 18, 2023. She is currently a 7th grade student at Camp Hill Middle School and lives in Camp Hill with her parents, her brother, and her dog, Remy. She enjoys playing soccer and basketball, skiing, and playing the flute. During the summer she attends sleepaway camp at Camp Towanda in Honesdale, Pennsylvania, her home away from home!



Laighton's Torah portion is Toldot, which tells the story of Isaac and Rebecca's twin sons, Jacob and Esau, who struggle in the womb and seem destined to clash throughout their lives and those of their descendants. Laighton's mitzvah project involved supporting and volunteering with Variety, the Children's Charity. Variety involves empowering children with disabilities to live life to the fullest by providing mobility and communication equipment to ensure the most vulnerable kids are no longer left out, behind, or excluded.

Laighton would like to thank Rabbi Marc and Sally Jo for all their help preparing her to become a Bat Mitzvah. She would also like to thank her brother, Ethan, for his wit and charm, and for reminding her not to take anything too seriously. Finally, Laighton would like to thank her parents for their unwavering support and guidance and for always believing in her.

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### FIRST FRIDAY SAVE THE DATES!

Nov. 3rd, 2023

Dec. 1st, 2023

January 5th, 2024

February 2nd, 2024

March 1st, 2024

April 5th, 2024

May 3rd, 2024

# High Holiday Food Drive Extended

*The Talmud says, "There is no joy without food or drink."*

Thank you to all who have so generously contributed to the High Holy Day Food Drive.

According to Elaine Strokoff at Jewish Family Service, the food pantry is nearly empty. Our food contributions will help replenish the food in the pantry and help feed those in our community that are food insecure.

Due to the dire need for more food, we are extending the food drive through the month of November. If you have not had the opportunity to make your food donation or would like to donate again, please pick up one of the brown bags at the entrance to the sanctuary and fill it with any of the listed food items.

There is much joy in knowing that you've brought joy to others by providing substance to those in need.

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**Check out the Temple Ohev Sholom calendar often for updates.**  
**<https://ohevsholom.org/upcoming-events/#year=2023&month=9&day=28&view=dayGridMonth>**

Friday evening Shabbat services are in person and are also live-streamed at 6:00 PM (unless otherwise noted) on our YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/TempleOhevSholomHbgPa](http://www.youtube.com/TempleOhevSholomHbgPa).

If you need assistance with attending services in person or online, please call (717) 233-6459 or email [office@ohevsholom.org](mailto:office@ohevsholom.org).

Would you like to be a part of the team of members and staff that puts on a Friday night Shabbat Service? We'd love to have you participate as a Shabbat candle lighter, usher, announcements reader, or another part of the service that is meaningful to you.

To sign up email [office@ohevsholom.org](mailto:office@ohevsholom.org) or [rabbimarc@ohevsholom.org](mailto:rabbimarc@ohevsholom.org).

Check out our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/OhevSholom](http://www.facebook.com/OhevSholom)

# OLD WORLD FOLK BAND



Klezmer music has its origins in Europe among the Ashkenazi Jews. The word is a Yiddish contraction of the Hebrew words for instrument (kley) and song (zemer). This traditional folk music borrows inspiration from the melodies that define Jewish prayer, the music of the Roma peoples, European folk music, and classical music. The essential elements of the tradition include dance tunes, ritual melodies, and improvisations played for listening, weddings and other social functions. As the music arrived in the United States, it lost some of its traditional ritual elements and adopted elements of American big band popular music in the 1920s-1930s and remained a popular musical genre until the early 1950s. Klezmer music began to be popularized again in the late 1970s and early 1980s during

what is known as the Klezmer revival. It was during the time in May 1982 that the Old World Folk Band (OWFB) was born.

A history of the band can be found on its outdated website, <https://www.oldworldfolkband.org/> (which needs to be updated as the dates and times of performances are inaccurate). Many of the band's tunes can be found on YouTube under, "Old World Folk Band" as well as additional information in Google.

For the past 15 years, the OWFB has called Ohev Sholom home, holding rehearsals in the Lehrman Chapel and playing occasional Friday evening Shabbat services. The band has always welcomed musicians to "sit in" and learn the music, some of whom later became band members.

We are interested in continuing the tradition of Klezmer music and creating a legacy for the Temple Ohev Sholom family by extending an invitation to anyone who is musically inclined to join us at a rehearsal with or without your instrument.

If this is of interest to you, please contact Fred Richmond via email at: [frichmond@appliedmgt.com](mailto:frichmond@appliedmgt.com) or via text at 717-645-6473.

# SUKKOT/OKTOBERFEST

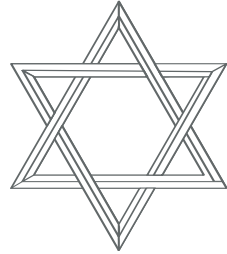


# CONSECRATION/SIMCHAT TORAH



# ISRAEL RALLY





# OHEV SHOLOM MINI-UNIVERSITY



**OCTOBER 29 | BOB WOLFF**

Introduction to Liturgical: Hebrew  
Literacy for adults

**JANUARY 21 | ALAN STOLBERG**

Israel and the World

**FEBRUARY 25 | DREW GREENWALD**

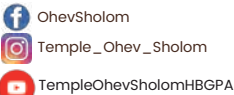
Jewish Food and Cooking

**APRIL 14 | ALAN STOLBERG**

Maintaining the Memory: The Holocaust

**\*Donations accepted at each class**

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# Hebrew Braille Torah Scroll

Please Join us

Sunday, November 12 at 11:00am  
Sisterhood Hall, Temple Ohav Shalom

Rabbi Lenny Sarko will speak to us about  
the world's first Hebrew Braille Sefer Torah.

Learn the story of the five year pathway  
it took to address all the issues in making this  
scroll.

Experience for yourself the  
Hebrew Braille Scroll.

*Please register by emailing  
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**"What? There are no kosher hot dogs in the Torah?"**



Or

**"It's never over until Payton Manning sings Kol Nidre!"**



Or

**"Everything you wanted to know about Judaism but didn't know how to ask!"**



## **INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM**

**For Beginners - As A Refresher - For Seekers & Learners**

**Study Virtually with Rabbi Marc Kline**

**Temple Ohev Sholom**

**Harrisburg, PA**

**Wednesday Evenings 7:00 – 8:30**

**November 1 – December 20**

(excluding erev Thanksgiving)

Tuition \$36 (TOS Members – no charge)

For more information or to register call or email the office at 717-233-6459 or  
amandamonaco@ohevsholom.org

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The temple gift shop will be open during Sunday School 9:30 - Noon.

Please contact Miriam Robinson, [chutzy1@yahoo.com](mailto:chutzy1@yahoo.com) if you have any special requests or need to get something from the gift shop and can't make it during Sunday hours.

What would you like to see offered at the Gift Shop? Let us know at [chutzy1@yahoo.com](mailto:chutzy1@yahoo.com).

Do you have an old iPhone sitting in a drawer? The Gift Shop is seeking a donated iPhone from the last 5 years that can be put to great use in the gift shop as a mobile point of sale. No service plan or SIM card is required. The phone will use the Temple's Wifi. This donation is tax deductible. Email [chutzy1@yahoo.com](mailto:chutzy1@yahoo.com) if you have an iPhone available to donate.

# SISTERHOOD REPORT

Dear Temple Ohev Sholom Family:

Happy Fall and an early Happy Thanksgiving! The year is in full swing, and Sisterhood is busy planning for our upcoming programs and activities. Here are some of the things we have coming up. As always, they are open to the entire congregation.

On Sunday, November 5, Sisterhood is sponsoring a bus trip to the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia. We will be meeting the bus at the temple at 7:30 a.m. The event is open to all Temple Ohev Congregants. The cost is \$36 which includes a 90-minute docent-led tour of the museum, lunch and bus travel. Please RSVP to Jeanette Krebs at [jeanettekrebs@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettekrebs@gmail.com) to see if we still have openings!

Soup and Study will take place on Friday, November 10, immediately following Shabbat Services. Since it is Veterans Day weekend, the rabbi will discuss War and Peace in Our Tradition. Please RSVP to Jodi Neuschwander at [jjnoosh@hotmail.com](mailto:jjnoosh@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

Mark your calendars for a special book discussion for the congregation, including our older religious school students and teens. Our program, Ohev Reads Together will include Bernice Hausman leading a discussion on the book, *The Way Back* by Gabriel Savit. This will take place on Sunday, November 19, at 11 a.m. Books are on sale in the temple gift shop. RSVP to Jeanette Krebs at [jeanettekrebs@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettekrebs@gmail.com). This event is sponsored by the Ohev Sholom Book Club and Sisterhood.

Our second annual Designer Bag Bingo fundraiser is slated for Saturday, December 2. Doors open at 6 p.m. and we will start playing bingo at 7 p.m. We are looking for sponsorships to defray the costs of the designer bags. If interested in being a sponsor or signing up for this fun event, please contact Jodi Neuschwander at [jjnoosh@hotmail.com](mailto:jjnoosh@hotmail.com).

If you are a \$125 sponsor, you will receive free admission to the event. The cost to participate is \$30 ahead of time or \$36 at the door. All are invited to attend and participate – bring your friends!

Our temple Hanukkah Dinner is scheduled for Friday, December 8. More information will follow soon.

Lastly, we have had several new members join Sisterhood, which is awesome. If you would like to join or are a member but have not yet sent in your dues, please send a check (made out to T.O.S.S.) for \$36 to Sarah Brown, Sisterhood's Financial Secretary.

If you have questions about sisterhood, contact Sarah, Jeanette Krebs or Reyna Jose.  
Hope to see you all at our programs!

Best Wishes,  
Reyna Jose and Jeanette Krebs  
Co-Presidents



TEMPLE OHEV  
SHOLOM PRESENTS

**DESIGNER  
BAG  
BINGO**

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**SATURDAY,  
DEC. 2 • 7 PM**

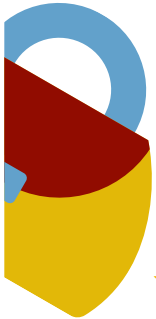
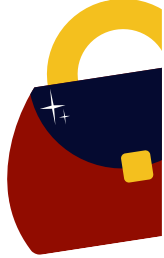
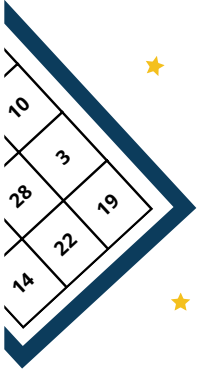
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**DOORS OPEN  
AT 6 PM**

**REFRESHMENTS  
WILL BE SERVED**

COST IS  
**\$30**  
IN ADVANCE  
**\$36**  
AT THE DOOR

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP CONTACT:  
JODI NEUSCHWANDER • JJNOOSH@HOTMAIL.COM**





**SAVE THE DATE!**

**OHEV'S  
HANUKKAH  
DINNER WILL  
BE HELD AT 6  
P.M. ON  
FRIDAY, DEC. 8.**

**MORE INFORMATION FROM  
SISTERHOOD TO COME.**





**Join Us for SOUP & STUDY  
with Rabbi Marc Kline**

**“War & Peace in Our  
Jewish Tradition”**

**Friday, November 17**

at Temple Ohev Sholom immediately after  
6 p.m. Shabbat service  
Cost: \$6.00

**RSVP to:**  
Jodi at [jjnoosh@hotmail.com](mailto:jjnoosh@hotmail.com)  
by November 10



# 2023 BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet at Temple Ohev Sholom in the large room behind the sanctuary.



Oct 22 @ IIAM- A memoir about a boy with a black mother from Alabama and a white Jewish father.

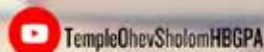
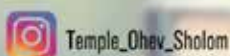
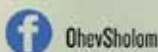
Nov 19 @ IOAM- Young Readers- Draws on the Jewish folk tradition to tell a fantasy story

\*Book Review with TOS Youth\*



Dec 17 @ IIAM- Family memoir by a famous 2nd-wave feminist author, publisher and activist

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# 2024 months and books (dates TBA)

- **January:** *Hotel Cuba*, by Aaron Hamburger (Harper Perennial 2023), novel about Jewish refugees from Europe who end up in Havana
- **February:** *Night Angels*, by Weina Day Randel (Lake Union Publishers 2023), based on the story of Ho Fengshan, Chinese Consul to Vienna who helped Jews escape to Shanghai in the 1930s
- **March:** *The House of Memory: Stories by Jewish Women Writers of Latin America*, edited by Marjorie Agosin (Solis Press 2022), short story collection
- **April:** *A Sturdy Yes of a People*, by Joan Nestle (Sinister Wisdom 2022), a collection of essays by a prominent Jewish lesbian feminist who writes unabashedly and withchutzpah
- **May:** *The Photographer of Mauthausen*, by Salvo Rubio (Dead Reckoning 2020), historically-based story about a Spanish press photographer who ends up in a concentration camp; graphic novel **\*\*appropriate for youth**

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Capital Rebirth is partnering with Temple Ohev Sholom and the Harrisburg Cougars youth football program to provide a Study Hall for players on Pony and Midget levels. Study Halls takes place in the Sisterhood Social Hall, below our sanctuary. During this time, players receive help with schoolwork to ensure they are true student-athletes. Coaches will be present to help players and we are seeking members of the congregation to assist as well. We expect up to 92 students from elementary and middle school grades to be present.

Please let Rabbi Marc know if you are interested in participating in any/all of the dates below. Study Hall sessions take place on Monday's from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on:

November 6th  
November 13th

# NOVEMBER KADDISH

To make sure we are not missing anything, we are in the process of doing a deep dive into our records.

As such, if you have not received a letter notifying you of the Shabbat service Kaddish date for your loved one, or, if you have loved ones whose Yahrzteits you wish to have remembered, please contact Linda Stewart at 717-574-1763 or the Temple Office at 717-233-6459.

## November 3:

Gertrude Benjamin  
Mary-Emma Bizzel  
Eva Foushee Bryant  
Cecelia Epstein  
Luca Scalia  
Robert Feldman  
Ethel F. Goldsmith  
Mary O. Greenspan  
Joseph Kaufman  
Helen A. Kibler  
Louis V. Klein  
Eileen Levy  
Shawn Mishkin  
Helen Curson Morrison  
Sarah Narins  
Robert Ornstein  
Milton Platcow  
Barbara F. Rogal  
Charlotte Spiegel

## November 10:

Leah Aronowsky  
Hyman Barbash  
Anna Baum  
Ann R. Berman  
Bruce E. Cooper  
Hilda Rachel Streicher  
Leon Feldman  
Edward R. Friedman  
Joan Hoffman  
Marion Ingram  
Rose Kaplan  
Joseph Kramer  
Belle Lahmayer  
Louis Levy  
Sybil Lieberman  
Earl Melman  
Leah Polk  
Jennifer Rieches  
Sylvia Rosenbaum  
Robert Rosenbaum  
Louis Snowiss  
Dr. Richard Yoffee

## November 17:

Albert Baruch  
Joe Blank  
Aleck H. Chizeck  
Mildred Louis Danielson  
Milton W. Finstein  
Emanuel Forner  
Carol Geers  
Dr. Macey Ginsburg  
Gladys F. Goodman  
Dr. Jack Gould  
Freda Grobman  
Allen Kaplan  
Thomas Keifer  
Rose Herman Lehrman  
Rabbi Theodore Levy  
Fannie Medoff  
Bruce Levi Novosel  
Mildred Kay Shapiro  
Miriam Silver  
Rose Weber  
Lawrence Weider  
Etta F. Yablonowitz

## November 24

Joseph F. Brenner  
Sandra Chapman  
Lillian Chernicoff  
Bianca Feldheim  
Steven Forman  
Minnie Haftman  
Gloria Harrison  
Kathryn Kohn Beckman  
Mel Krieger  
John McArthur  
Robert Ruth  
Luca Scalia  
Susan Slaff-Lekfowitz  
David Washko  
Barbara Weinberg



# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

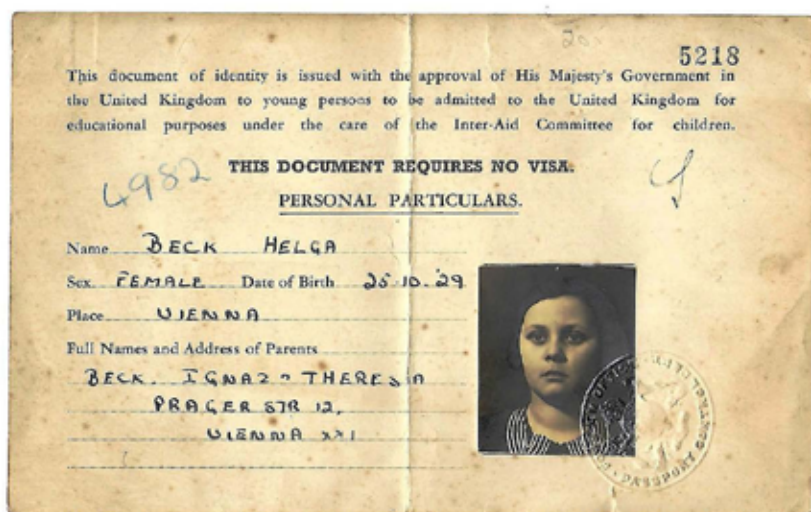
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| November 2  | 7:30pm Choir Practice                                                                                  |
| November 3  | 6:00pm Shabbat Services and First Friday with 7th graders participating.                               |
| November 4  | 10:00am Tot Shabbat                                                                                    |
| November 5  | 7:30 am Sisterhood Bus Trip to the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia |
|             | 9:30am Religious School                                                                                |
| November 7  | 9:00am Tuesdays Coffee Talk at Elementary Coffee                                                       |
| November 9  | 7:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting                                                                       |
| November 10 | 6:00pm Shabbat Services with Veteran's Day Commemoration/special Oneg Shabbat                          |
| November 12 | 9:30am Religious School                                                                                |
|             | 9:45am Sisterhood Board Meeting                                                                        |
|             | 11:00am Hebrew Braille Sefer Torah program by Rabbi Lenny Sarko                                        |
|             | 12:00pm Better Together program                                                                        |
| November 14 | 9:00am Tuesdays Coffee Talk at Elementary Coffee                                                       |
| November 16 | 7:30pm Choir Practice                                                                                  |
| November 17 | 6:00pm Shabbat Services with first performance of Ohev Choir                                           |
|             | 7:00pm Sisterhood Soup-N-Study – Topic: War and Peace in our Jewish Tradition                          |
| November 18 | 10:30am B-Mitzvah – Lughton Shamash                                                                    |
| November 19 | 9:30am Religious School                                                                                |
|             | 10:00 Book Club with Bernice Hausman                                                                   |
| November 21 | 9:00am Tuesdays Coffee Talk at Elementary Coffee                                                       |
| November 24 | 6:00pm Shabbat Services                                                                                |
| November 28 | 9:00am Tuesdays Coffee Talk at Elementary Coffee                                                       |

**SAVE-THE-DATE**  
**CONGREGATIONAL BRUNCH**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023**  
**Further information to come.**

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

|                        | Board Position           | Trustee Name |            | Term Length                                                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Exec Board of Trustees | President                | Audrey       | Miner      | 2022-2024                                                            |
| Exec Board of Trustees | President-Elect          | Daniel       | Green      | 2022-2024                                                            |
| Exec Board of Trustees | Vice President           | Ari          | Nepon      | 2022-2024                                                            |
| Exec Board of Trustees | Vice President           | Tim          | Carre      | 2023-2025                                                            |
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| Exec Board of Trustees | Immediate Past President | Rob          | Teplitz    | 2022-20224                                                           |
| Board of Trustees      | Trustee                  | Linda        | Stewart    | Presidential Appointee. Term expires with current President in 2024. |
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| Board of Trustees      | Trustee                  | David        | Geller     | 2022-2024                                                            |
| Board of Trustees      | Trustee                  | Andrea       | Grove      | 2022-2024                                                            |
| Board of Trustees      | Trustee                  | April        | Hutcherson | 2022-2024                                                            |
| Board of Trustees      | Trustee                  | Monica       | Lutkins    | 2023-2026 (3 year)                                                   |
| Board of Trustees      | Trustee                  | Cindy        | Lynch      | 2022-2024                                                            |
| Board of Trustees      | Trustee                  | Barb         | Plesco     | 2022-2024                                                            |
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| Board of Trustees      | Trustee                  | Dara         | Bourassa   | 2023-2025                                                            |
| Board of Trustees      | Trustee                  | Austin       | Wolfe      | 2022-2024                                                            |
| Board of Trustees      | Trustee                  | Eileen       | Forman     | 2023-2025                                                            |
| Board of Trustees      | Trustee                  | Jonathan     | Hjelm      | 2023-2026 (3 year)                                                   |
| Sisterhood             | Sisterhood Co-Presidents | Reyna        | Jose       | Board seat is guaranteed per bylaws while President of Sisterhood.   |
| Sisterhood             | Sisterhood Co-Presidents | Jeanette     | Krebs      | Board seat is guaranteed per bylaws while President of Sisterhood.   |

# The Kindertransport: An Evening in Conversation with Pam Weinberg



1939-issued Identity Document for travelling to the UK, used by a child on the Kindertransport

Community member and Second-Generation Survivor Pam Weinberg will share her mother's story of being aided by the Kindertransport, a pre-War rescue effort to save Jewish children from Nazi-controlled territory.

**Sunday, November 12 | 3pm**  
**Harrisburg JCC (Mary Sachs Auditorium)**  
**FREE and open to the public**

Questions? Contact Jenna at [j.rappaport@jewishfedhbg.org](mailto:j.rappaport@jewishfedhbg.org)



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