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# TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM NEWSLETTER

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Dear Member,

Earlier this year, we hosted focus groups to formulate a vision of who we are and who we want to be as a congregational family. It was the first step in building a vision of the future for Temple Ohav Shalom. Now we are ready to take the next steps in creating a Jewish home that gives us meaningful reasons to grow together.

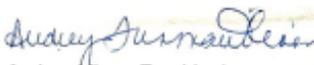
**We need you now.**

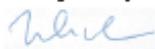
Please join us for a special Congregational Brunch from 10-11:30 am on Sunday, December 3, 2023 in Sisterhood Hall for a facilitated discussion aimed at bringing everyone together to build our long-range plan. We will share the findings of the focus groups and build priorities for each of the topics discussed. Please contact the office at [amandamonaco@ohavsholom.org](mailto:amandamonaco@ohavsholom.org) by Nov. 30, 2023 to let us know if you are coming. You can also register online through the events section of our website.

**Now is the time to roll up our sleeves and get to work.**

We are eager for you to join us in building a congregation that will continue to be the home for Reform Judaism for generations to come. If you have questions, please contact our Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair April Hutcheson at [aprilhutcheson@ohavsholom.org](mailto:aprilhutcheson@ohavsholom.org).

Thank you,  
Temple Ohav Shalom Board of Directors

  
Audrey Miner, President



Marc Kline, Interim Rabbi

  
Dan Green, President-Elect



April Hutcheson, Constitution & Bylaws Committee Chair



**build,  
bond  
& BAGEL.**

Join us for a special Congregational Brunch  
to build our future.

10-11:30 am  
Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023  
Sisterhood Hall  
free for all members

RSVP to  
[office@ohavsholom.org](mailto:office@ohavsholom.org)  
by Nov. 30

[www.ohavsholom.org](http://www.ohavsholom.org)

# MESSAGE FROM RABBI MARC

So much of our attention gets drawn overseas every day. What began as a nightmarish act of terror has become a prolonged conflict, destroying more lives and property. Systemic anti-Semitism is patent and, perhaps because of the war, has overshadowed any of the horror stories of thousands who are dead, severely injured, still held hostage, or the reality that our lives are forever altered. We know that we are facing greater concerns for our sanctity and security. Our new community engagement serves us to keep us in the community conversation so that it does not happen at us or without us.



We must also stay mindful that we have a synagogue that has been here for over 170 years and want to continue growing it for the next 170 years. Torah teaches us, *u'v'charta b'chayim* – always choose life. Our synagogue's evolution is more prescient now than it has ever been. Who are we? Why do we need to exist? What should our future look like? How is Judaism evolving, and what does it mean for us as a synagogue in the Jewish community and the wider Harrisburg community? I am not an alarmist but given the national trend of closing “iconic” houses of worship, we must have an existential conversation. We have added over double-digit new affiliated families just this fiscal year. We have produced successful and innovative programming. People are finding their way into deeper involvement. We must have direction and focus to sustain energy.

Plan on joining us on December 3 during religious school. We will share brunch and visioning thoughts leading us to a future plan and relevantly crafted new by-laws. We will discuss “big picture” topics about mission, “branding,” finances, governance, and affiliation. We will not get it all covered that day, but our goal is to get far enough to allow our leadership team to synthesize our conversation and point us in the right direction. We owe our Board of Trustees a great deal of appreciation for the incredible distance we have already traveled this past year plus. I also want to publicly thank Alan Stolberg, Marty Rogoff, Steve Neiman, Chad Harvey, and April Hutcheson for their hands-on help and guidance in keeping our journey on track.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

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

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

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is December. We all have a new reality that we are learning to live with, the Israel-Hamas war and the rise of antisemitism in the United States. It can be overwhelming. Now more than ever, is time to come together as a congregation. And Temple Ohev Sholom offers many ways to connect!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Congregational Brunch on December 3. We are ready to take the next steps in creating a Jewish home that gives us meaningful reasons to be THE home for Reform Judaism in Central Pa.

I don't know about you, but when I think of December, I think of Hanukkah. Lighting the Hanukkiah candles is always significant, but maybe even more so this year – we are the light in all the current darkness. You don't have to light your candles alone. All are welcome to bring your Menorahs and candles and come to the Temple for the annual Festive Hanukkah Dinner on Friday, December 8 at 6 PM in Sisterhood Hall. Please RSVP to [jeanettdkrebs@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettdkrebs@gmail.com) (\$18 per person, children under 13 are free!)

Other happenings include the next edition of our “How to Holiday” series which is scheduled for December 10 at 11 AM with Rabbi Marc. The “Better Together” program, spearheaded by our Religious School Director Sally Jo, is off to a fabulous start! The next one will take place on December 10 at noon and will feature “The Great Hannukah Bake-off” for seniors and teens – please RSVP to [school@ohevsholom.org](mailto:school@ohevsholom.org).

The Temple Ohev Sholom Book club continues to be very active. Most recently, we had a great discussion led by Bernice Hausman about the Young Adult novel, “The Way Back” on November 19. The next book club date is December 17 at 11 AM, in the large room behind the sanctuary, and we will be talking about “Shanda – a Memoir of Shame and Secrecy” by Letty Corbin Pogrebin. Reading the book is helpful but not a prerequisite!

I hope everyone is enjoying the Tuesday Sholom-a-Grams and the Thursday Shabbat Shalom with a heart healthy dose of Torah written by Rabbi Marc. Between the members of the Board of Trustees, Rabbi Marc, Amanda in the office, Sally Jo and the Religious School Staff, Jon, and the many dedicated congregants who want Temple Ohev Sholom to be the best it can be, you can feel our collective hope and pride in being Jewish.

On that note, on behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year and the best for everyone in 2024.



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

# OHEV SHOLOM SHABBAT CHOIR

If you enjoy music, want to try singing, and love making music with other people, the Shabbat Choir is for you! All ages and ability levels are welcome to participate.

The Temple Ohev Sholom Choir meets on Thursdays from 7:30-8:30pm in the Lehrman Chapel (with the exception of 2nd Thursdays). Rehearsals include basic vocal techniques, learning music, and a bit of fun!

The first Shabbat service featuring the choir was on November 17th and helped to lift up all those in attendance. Thank you to the choir members and their conductor, Conrad, for sharing their gift of song with all of us.

The choir plans to participate in the Justice Shabbat on Jan 12th and for a Shabbat service 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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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 HANUKKAH EDITION

Sunday, December 10th , 2023  
11:00am - 12:00pm  
Temple Ohev Sholom - Lehrman Chapel

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

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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



Ryleigh Bourassa, one of our congregation members, was appointed to swim with the Team USA U16 swim team. She will be swimming with 8 other swimmers from across the USA at the 15th Pan American Maccabi Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina, December 29-January 4, 2024. Ryleigh is a 9th grader at Red Land High School and has been competitively swimming since she was 7 years old. Her favorite strokes to swim are the backstroke, freestyle, and breaststroke.



Argentina's Jewish population is the largest in South America and is the third-largest of the America's (USA and Canada). She is very excited to be competing at the international level and also being able to meet Jewish teens from other countries. Ryleigh will get to tour Buenos Aires and visit historic Jewish sites.

We want to wish Ryleigh Mazel Tov on being selected to swim with Team USA and hope she has a safe and wonderful time!

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## 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.)

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

Religious School's 6th and 7th graders are automatically enrolled in the Better Together program, but they will also get to enjoy the exciting activities we are planning for Hanukkah. On December 10th, Jami Friedman will be our visiting chef to assist with latke making and Julie Goddard is spearheading the whole school celebration. Parents are welcome to come and help us out so let me know if you can lend a hand that day. Deb Davidheiser teaches our 2 / 3 class as well as Shabbat music and holiday songs. Along with Rabbi Marc, she leads the students in a mini service at 9:30 every Sunday of Religious School.



The Religious School and Sisterhood year-long joint initiative of collecting donations for Caitlin's Smiles, Shalom House, Bethesda Mission, Downtown Daily Bread, and the Jewish Family Service food bank is in full swing. Please continue to assist your child in choosing the correct box for their items. The boxes in our main lobby are labeled: Men's, Women's, Children's, Food, and Caitlin's Smiles. We encourage you to talk to your child weekly about giving Tzedakah and allowing them to choose who'd they'd like to assist. Their repeated participation in the act of giving will hopefully strengthen that important muscle and Jewish value. Now that winter is here, warm socks are always needed. Other donation suggestions and needs can be found on the Temple Ohev Sholom website. If you have volunteered to distribute the donations, please check the boxes weekly so that they don't overflow, and your donations reach their recipients sooner rather than later. If you are attending the Temple Ohev Sholom Hannukah dinner, please bring a donation for Caitlin's Smiles.

Finally, I wanted to share that I was part of the Harrisburg delegation that attended the D.C. march on November 14th in support of Israel and the 240 hostages kidnapped by Hamas. The crowd was beautifully diverse. Jews across all denominations, genders, identities, and political parties were represented. Groups representing different religions were also present and their solidarity was felt and much appreciated. I hope to carry that feeling of support from our government and allies into our classrooms until the hostages are freed and the war is over.

Wishing you, your family, and the world a meaningful and peaceful holiday season!

Sally Jo Bronner,  
Director of Education

# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: CARA GROSSFELD

I've never been much of an athlete. Frankly, I never had a desire to run or even lift heavy things. But that all changed about 12 years ago when I wanted to lose some weight from my 3rd pregnancy. I laced up a pair of beat-up sneakers and just went out and moved for a little bit. I certainly didn't look like a runner, and I wasn't fast. But it felt great to get out there without having to think about my next move.

Fast forward to 2020, I ran my very first Marathon in Disney World. I was asked to join my cousin as it was her 40th birthday and wanted some company. It was a bucket list item for me, so I started training using the Peloton App and a treadmill. As a mom

of 6, never would I have thought I could do this. I don't look like a runner, let alone an athlete. I am not fast at all, but that is okay. It's one foot in front of the other that is forward! I finished that marathon with the biggest smile and went back for more in 2022! I ran in the Dopey Challenge (5k, 10k, 1/2 Marathon, and full Marathon). I crossed all four finish lines and all 6 of my kids were there to watch as I finished the Marathon.

In the fall of 2022, I requested to be a member of Team DetermiNation and run on behalf of The American Cancer Society at Disney World. I have always been involved with them since I lost both of my parents to cancer. As part of that team, I went back to Disney and in 2023 completed the Marathon Weekend 5k and the Half Marathon. This year, I'm proud to represent Team DetermiNation in Disney as I attempt a second run at the Dopey Challenge in January 2024!

I continue to run because it makes me smile and enjoy the world. It gets me out of my head and takes stress away (even just for a small amount of time). I run to raise money so we can find a cure and help those affected by Cancer. Here is the link, if you would like to contribute to this worthy cause: <https://mobileacs.org/pahai9> Thank you!



# BETTER TOGETHER!

Last month's first Better Together program for teens and seniors was a blast! After a yummy lunch of sushi and sandwiches, we chose from Color Me Mine's wide variety of Judaica. While painting, the teens and seniors engaged in conversations spurred on by a list of questions left at each table. The teens were given journals to take notes in so that at the end of the year, they would have a starting point for their essays. The teens will send their essays to the Better Together essay competition and vie for significant prizes. We are so lucky and honored to have been selected for this grant whose purpose is to build and deepen connections between our younger and older congregants.

Better Together's next session is December 10th, from 12-2pm. Irit Goldman, a professional baker from Israel will demonstrate cake decorating techniques with us. Then, like in Israel, we will celebrate Hanukkah by creating our own extravagant donut designs using those techniques and our imaginations. A contest will follow complete with prizes for the winning teams. Please RSVP to me at [school@ohvsholom.org](mailto:school@ohvsholom.org)

If you can't make it in December, be sure to save the date for our third event on January, 7th, 12-2 for "Pour, Paint & Storytelling" with professional artist Vivi on Verbeke. Then on February 11th we will feature Krav Maga (Israeli Self-Defense) taught by a former IDF officer. Programs are also scheduled for March 10th and April 7th. Our final program will be a dance party after services on May 3rd. A Julliard trained dancer and boxer will teach us a Tik Tok dance and how to slow dance. Be sure to save those dates!





# TEMPLE OHAV SHOLOM SISTERHOOD & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



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## TZEDAKAH COLLECTION

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

### Jewish Family Services Pantry

- Non-Perishable Kosher and Non-Kosher food
- Toiletries
- Cleaning Supplies
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Tuna/Meat
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits
- Cooking Oil
- Flour and Sugar
- Pasta

### Bethesda Mission & Downtown Daily Bread

- Socks & Underwear for Women & Men

### Shalom House

- Plastic Utensils
- Paper Plates/Napkins
- Cups
- Wash Cloths
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Body Lotion
- Cleaning Supplies
- T-shirts
- Socks & Underwear 4T-14/16
- Gift Cards to Walmart/Target

### Caitlin's Smiles

- Play Dough
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Washable Markers
- Note pads
- Coloring Books
- Sketch Pads
- Journals
- Activity Books
- New Small Toys
- Small Baggies
- Gift Cards: Dollar General, Dollar Tree, Michaels, Walmart, Staples

**DONATION BINS ARE LOCATED IN THE TEMPLE LOBBY  
NEAR THE OFFICE THE SANCTUARY/ SOCIAL HALL  
VESTIBULES**

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.

# Community Chanukah Kickoff

Join us the night before Chanukah for an exciting celebration with latkes, games, and lots of fun!



Wednesday, December 6 | 5:30 - 7pm  
Harrisburg JCC | \$20/family

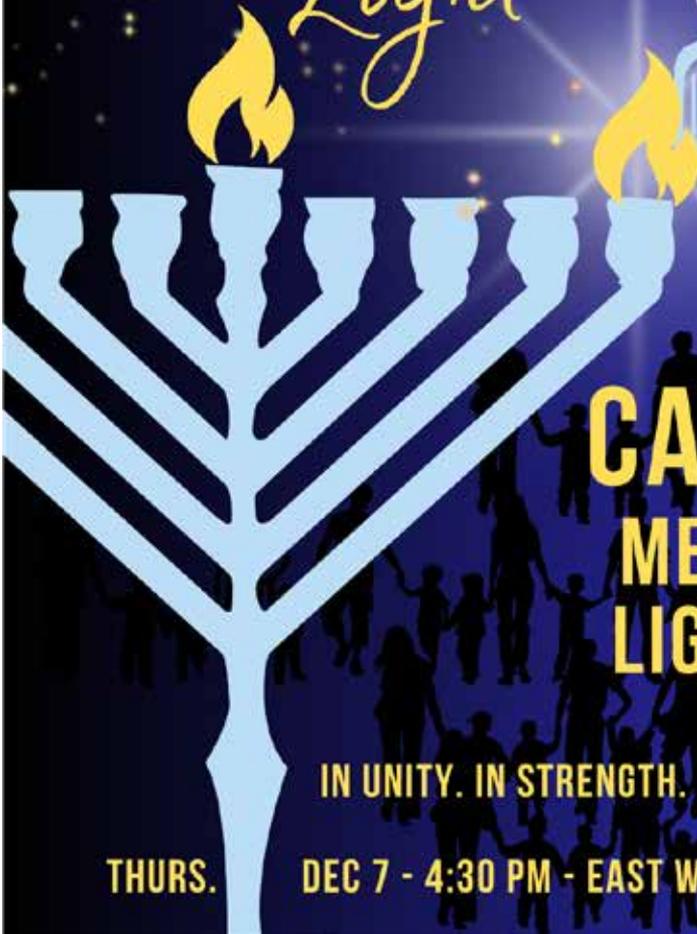
Register at [jewishharrisburg.org/chanukah-2023](https://jewishharrisburg.org/chanukah-2023)



*Chabad Lubavitch of Harrisburg invites you to the Annual*

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**LET THERE BE**  
*Light*



**CAPITOL  
MENORAH  
LIGHTING**

**IN UNITY. IN STRENGTH. IN SOLIDARITY.**

**THURS.**

**DEC 7 - 4:30 PM - EAST WING ROTUNDA**

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**WELCOME TO THE TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM  
CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY:**

Roerto Frazier  
Irving and Katherine Lewison  
David Casher  
Mark and Pam Tulchinsky

Disney  
THE LITTLE  
MERMAID



Presented by the  
Harrisburg JCC Theatre Department

Thursday, December 14th | 7pm  
Sunday December 17th | 2pm

Harrisburg JCC

*Tickets on sale November 1st at  
[jewishharrisburg.org/little-mermaid](http://jewishharrisburg.org/little-mermaid)*



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## CARING COMMUNITY

Once again, the Temple Ohav Sholom Caring Community will be visiting and delivering gift bags for Hannukah to members of our Temple family who are ill, are living alone or reside in senior facilities. If you would like to receive a visit and a gift bag, please let us know by calling the Temple office and providing the name and address of the recipient. Those who were on the list last year do not need to call.

HARRISBURG BBYO HOSTS

# LATKA FEST

Dinner - Games - Gift Exchange -  
Havdalah - Karaoke - and more fun!

Saturday,  
December 2nd  
6-9 PM

@ Temple Ohev Shalom  
2345 North Front St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Liberty Region  
Invited!  
\$15 at door

TO PARTICIPATE: BRING A GIFT FOR GIFT  
EXCHANGE (UNDER \$15)

RSVP to [Harrisburgaadvors@gmail.com](mailto:Harrisburgaadvors@gmail.com)

RSVP deadline is Tuesday 11/28

# BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - TIM CARRE

Tim Carre is currently serving on the Temple Ohev Sholom Board of Trustees as one of the Vice Presidents as well as the Facilities and Security Chair.

He came to Harrisburg in 2007 after graduating from Penn State with a B.S. in Structural Design. As a registered professional engineer, he provides project oversight on large bridge designs, construction engineering assistance and leadership on resiliency research and standards development for PennDOT where he is an Assistant Chief Bridge Engineer.



Tim and his wife Jill met over 30 years ago and have been married since 1998. They have 2 boys, Justin and Garret, both of whom became bar mitzvot here at Temple Ohev Sholom. As a family they enjoy spending time outdoors hiking with their 3 dogs.

In his spare time, Tim enjoys remodeling and repairing buildings and has worked on a wide variety of structures, including his own houses. He is committed to bringing that knowledge here to Ohev to ensure Ohev Sholom's facilities last.

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## FIRST FRIDAY SAVE THE DATES!

Dec. 1st, 2023  
January 5th, 2024  
February 2nd, 2024  
March 1st, 2024  
April 5th, 2024  
May 3rd, 2024

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**Many thanks to all of you who remembered my special birthday with Uniongrams.  
Your kindness touched my heart.**

**Marjorie M. Sherman**

# High Holiday Food Drive Extended

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

Thank you to all who so generously contributed to the High Holy Day Food Drive. According to Elaine Strokoff at Jewish Family Service, the food pantry is still in need of food items. Our food contributions will help replenish the food in the pantry and help feed those in our community that are food insecure. If you have not had the opportunity to make a food donation or would like to donate again, please consider doing so now. They are especially in need of protein items such as canned tuna fish and peanut butter.

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Check out the Temple Ohev Sholom calendar often for updates.

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@ohvsholom.org](mailto:office@ohvsholom.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@ohvsholom.org](mailto:office@ohvsholom.org) or [rabbimarc@ohvsholom.org](mailto:rabbimarc@ohvsholom.org).

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

# OHEV HAPPENINGS



**Mini University with Bob Wolff**



**Bus Trip to Weitzman National Museum of  
American Jewish History**



## THE BIRTH OF *Reform Judaism*

From its modest beginnings in Charleston during the 1820s, the Reform movement developed into the predominant form of American Judaism.

The arrival of tens of thousands of Jewish immigrants from central Europe, along with German-trained rabbis who brought European ideas about religious reform, initiated debates about how to preserve Jewish identity in American society. Propelled by the belief that Judaism would not survive without adapting to its new surroundings, Jewish reformers considered how much tradition to retain and what changes to introduce into American synagogues.

## **Bus Trip to Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History**

# OHEV HAPPENINGS



**Jewish Federation's Bring Them Home Rally**



March for Israel Rally in Washington, D.C.

# TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM FUNDS

Did you know that, like Sisterhood, Temple Ohev Sholom also has a variety of funds that can be contributed to for any occasion? Donations to these funds are a wonderful and easy way to send a greeting to someone while also providing support to the Temple. The Temple will provide a greeting card to anyone you'd like, not limited to Temple members, and can be for any occasion: birthdays, anniversaries, Be Mitzvot, births, deaths, encouragements, get well wishes, congratulations, or simply "thinking of you".

- **Alex White Library Fund** - contributions are used to purchase children's books in the Temple Library.
- **Building Fund** - provides funding for major repairs and improvements to the Temple beyond the normal maintenance activities in the annual budget.
- **Camp Harlam Scholarship Fund** - contributions provide financial assistance for Temple youth who attend URJ's Camp Harlam.
- **Diana Sauertieg Beautification Fund** - this fund is used to pay for indoor and outdoor beautification projects for the Temple buildings and grounds.
- **Mildred Hand Library Fund** - provides funding for books and periodicals for the Temple Library.
- **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** - contributions to this fund allows the Rabbi to direct their usage at their discretion according to fund guidelines set by the URJ.
- **Religious Education Fund** - contributions to this fund will be used to provide religious school scholarship assistance to families in financial need.
- **Robert and Francine Brenner Sacred Music Fund** - helps the Temple cover the costs for Cantorial/music services.
- **Robert Woldorf Youth Fund** - provides funding for educational programs for Temple youth.
- **Steven M. Harpster Tikkun Olam Fund** - to help fund various social action activities at the Temple.
- **Temple Fund** - Money in this fund is used to supplement the Temple expenses for projects, budgetary items, and other needs.
- **Youth Activities Fund** - Provides funding to assist Temple Youth Group programs.
- **Randy Disend Fund** - provides funding to assist Rabbi with Confirmation class annual trip to the Religious Action Center in D.C.

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To request a card, please complete and mail this form with your check made out to Temple Ohev Sholom to: Temple Ohev Sholom at 2345 N. Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17110. (Minimum donation is \$10.00)

Greeting to be sent to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If it is not being sent to a TOS member or Sholom Directory individual, please provide the address)

Temple Fund the donation is for: \_\_\_\_\_

Personalized message to include on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name as it should appear on the card: \_\_\_\_\_

December 15th is Temple Ohav Shalom's

# GIFT of LIFE DONOR SHABBAT

JOIN THE INTERFAITH MISSION TO SAVE LIVES



Join the interfaith mission to help save lives in our community.  
Leave a legacy of love by signing up to become an organ and  
tissue donor and encourage others to do the same.

Communicate, educate and advocate to save lives in our

## COMMUNITY

[donor.org](http://donor.org)  **GIFT of LIFE**  
DONOR MISSION

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### Gift of Life Donor Sabbath Proclamation

I join other clergy and interfaith colleagues by signing this proclamation of support for the generosity, humanity, and compassion inherent in saving lives through donation and will share this vital message with my congregation and community.

Rabbi Marc Kline

# SISTERHOOD REPORT

Dear Ohev friends,

December will surely be a busy month at temple. There is so much going on and Sisterhood is excited to be a part of the programming and events offered to our temple family.

Our big event coming up is the Designer Bag Bingo event and fundraiser which will be held on Saturday, December 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$30 ahead of time and \$36 at the door. Bingo players have a chance to win Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Coach and other handbags. It will be a fun time, and everyone is welcome. Tell your friends! If anyone is interested in sponsoring a Bingo game or registering for the event, please email Jodi at [jjnoosh@hotmail.com](mailto:jjnoosh@hotmail.com).

Also, this month, we hope you will join us for the annual Temple Ohev Sholom Festive Hanukkah Dinner which will take place on Friday, December 8th, at 6:00 p.m. Bring your menorah, candles, and appetite! It will be a great event. The cost is \$18 for anyone over age 13. Please email Jeanette with your reservations, [jeanettekrebs@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettekrebs@gmail.com). Shabbat services will follow the dinner at 7:00 p.m. We will celebrate Shabbat, light our menorahs together, and sing Hanukkah songs. A special Oneg will follow services.

If you have questions about Sisterhood or if you have not joined Sisterhood yet and would like to join, please feel free to reach out to us at [reynajose@ohevsholom.org](mailto:reynajose@ohevsholom.org) or [jeanettekrebs@ohevsholom.org](mailto:jeanettekrebs@ohevsholom.org)

We hope you have a wonderful December and a very Happy New Year!

**Best Wishes,**

**Reyna Jose and Jeanette Krebs, Co-Presidents**



# SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

The Temple Ohev Sholom 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 Temple's Wifi. This donation is tax deductible. Email [chutzy1@yahoo.com](mailto:chutzy1@yahoo.com) if you have an iPhone available to donate.



TEMPLE OHEV  
SHOLOM PRESENTS

**DESIGNER  
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BINGO**

**50/50  
RAFFLE!**

**SATURDAY,  
DEC. 2 • 7 PM**

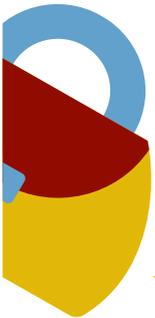
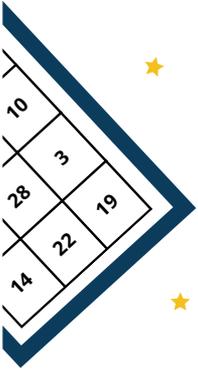
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**DOORS OPEN  
AT 6 PM**

**REFRESHMENTS  
WILL BE SERVED**

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

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP CONTACT:  
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# SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES

## Did you know that:

- Sisterhood and the USPS can provide a greeting card to anyone you'd like, not only Temple members.
- Are an appreciated donation to Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood.
- Can be for any occasion: birthdays, anniversaries, births, deaths, encouragements, get well wishes, congratulations, thinking of you, "you're the best" greetings.

## You can choose from several Fund Designations:

- Tribute Fund – donations are used to fund Sisterhood programs and defray costs, and to provide support to the Temple.
- Doris Zaritzky Fund – donations benefit youth and religious school activities.
- Margaret Friedman Emergency Aid Fund – donations are used to sustain the committee that prepares and serves meals following funerals for a bereaved family.

Contact Sisterhood Board Member Kim Poolman at poolmankb@gmail.com or 717-580-5667 and mail a check for \$5.00 made out to T.O.S.S to 1304 Georgetown Circle, Carlisle, PA 17013

Additionally, you can honor a person or a special occasion by donating to the Sisterhood Flower Fund which provides flowers for services in the sanctuary. To do so, contact Sisterhood Board Member Fran Casher at 717-238-3141.

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To request a Tribute, please contact Sisterhood Board Member, Kim Poolman at poolmankb@gmail.com or call 717-580-5667. Or, for your convenience, complete and mail this form with your check for \$5.00 made out to TOSS to: Kim Poolman, 1304 Georgetown Circle, Carlisle, PA 17013

Tribute to be sent to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If it is not being sent to an Ohev Temple member/Sholom Directory individual, please provide the address)

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Personalized message to include on card: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Your name as it should appear on the card: \_\_\_\_\_

## Circle Fund:

Sisterhood Tribute    M. Friedman Emergency Aid    D. Zaritzky Educational



**SAVE THE DATE!**

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

**MORE INFORMATION FROM  
SISTERHOOD TO COME.**





This critical moment in Israel and around the Jewish world requires us to stand in solidarity with Israel, and with one another. Guided by our six core Reform values — with Israel and Jewish Peoplehood as one of these core values — we will provide you with information and tools to effectively lead through this moment.

As we gear up for our 150th anniversary gathering on December 15-17 in Washington, D.C., as well as our Israel Leadership Summit that will take place immediately afterwards on December 17-18, it's critically important to be together, which is why we want to invite you to join us for both historic gatherings as we stand in solidarity with Israel and the Jewish people worldwide.

We've expanded our programming for the URJ150 gathering to include more information for community leaders like you about ways you can stand in solidarity with Israel and exemplify our values as Reform Jews.

Immediately following our 150th gathering, we'd like to invite you to join us for our Israel Leadership Summit, which will focus on effectively responding to challenging questions regarding Israel during this time of crisis.

We will kick off the Summit on Sunday night with an evening of solidarity. MK Rabbi Gilad Kariv will present the keynote address and internationally renowned Israeli singer and songwriter David Broza will be performing his music for us. The program will run from 7:30-9:00 p.m. and admission is just \$18! You'll leave inspired, invigorated, and ready to actively show up in your community.

Finally, all are invited to join us for the Israel Leadership Summit on Monday, December 18. This program is designed to help congregational leaders focus on effectively responding to challenging questions regarding Israel during this time of crisis.

The registration link for the Sunday evening of solidarity will be available soon. Make sure to reserve your spot at our 150th anniversary gathering, and the Israel Leadership Summit!

See you in D.C.!

**Learn more at [www.urj150.org](http://www.urj150.org)**



# 2023 Book Club

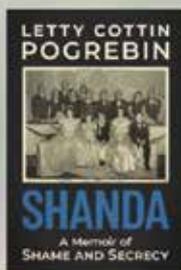
Book Club will meet at Temple Ohev Shalom in the large room behind the sanctuary.



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

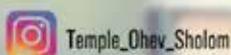
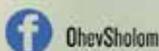
**Nov 19 @ IOAM**- Young Readers- Draws on the Jewish folk tradition to tell a fantasy story

\*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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## Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood Uniongrams

By this time, the next Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood Uniongram list should have arrived in your homes. Uniongrams are a wonderful way to let your friends know how important they are to you. Why not take a few minutes and send them a Uniongram. Make someone happy while supporting Sisterhood.

For new members and others who may not be aware, Sisterhood Uniongrams are birthday and anniversary greetings you can send to members of the Temple Ohev Sholom family for \$.75 each. Funds raised support the Sisterhood and its programs.

# DECEMBER 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 the Temple Office at 717-233-6459.

## 12/1/23

Richard I. Baum  
J. Helen Goldberg  
John William Helmuth  
June Marie Holland  
Bessie Kline  
Barry Krause  
Charles Laubheim  
Jack Lieberman  
Frank Rubin  
Dr. Mathew H.  
Sherman  
Maurice Simon  
Henry Speicher  
Etta J Goodman  
Loretta Oppenheim

## 12/8

Louis Adler  
Sam Begler  
Ilse Feldhiem  
Jay Feldman  
Herbert Galowitz  
John Goldsmith  
Rosa Goldsmith  
Joseph Goldstein  
Bill Gross  
Andrea Huggard  
Trudi Pepper  
Shirley S.  
Schneiderman  
Carolyn Schwartz  
Herbert Wolf  
Sally Aronson Yoffee

## 12/15

Mae Robbins Adler  
Henry Benjamin  
Florence Berger  
Mr. Albert Bryant  
Grace S. Buxbaum  
Harvey Danowitz  
Abé Epstein  
Reuben Ettinger

Martin L. Finkelstein  
Michael Geduldig  
Robert Geers  
Anita Jaffe  
Shirley Klawansky  
Martin Lehmayr  
Martha Lehrman  
Joseph E. Morris  
Norman Neiman  
Jerome Rogoff  
Rheda Rubin Saxe  
Abe Yamin  
Dr. Bernard Zeliger  
Lila Zlotoff

## 12/22

Matilda Arch  
Melvin Asher  
Phyllis Bagley  
Robert Baum  
Minnie D. Bryant  
Sylvia Casher  
Helene Cohen  
Nat Epstein  
Michael P. Feldser  
Minnie Gordon  
Myer Gross  
Ken Hess  
Sue Hoffman  
Dr. Louis C. Jacobs  
Israel Kades  
Mr. Robert Ketchem  
Wilmer Lapp  
David Michael  
Saul Migatz  
Moe Mishkin  
Caroline Schultz  
Morrie Schwab  
Jean Sensel  
Leroy M. Shellhammer  
S. James Shwartz III  
Anne V. Wagenheim  
Natalie Zisman

## 12/29

Myra Bornstein  
Beatrice K. Clymin  
Beth Fine  
Max Garner  
Robert Gaynes  
M. Lee Goldsmith  
Mr. Joseph Klein  
Blanche Krauss  
David Lang  
Thomas Lynch  
Abe May  
Philip Menaker  
Bessie B. Miller  
I. Lawrence Robbins  
Bernard Rosenstrauch  
Max Salkin  
Abram D. Sharosky  
Clarabelle Sharosky  
Leona May Speer  
Harry Yablonovitz  
Morris S. Yoffee

# DECEMBER CALENDAR

- December 1 6:00 pm First Friday Potluck Dinner  
7:00 pm Shabbat Services followed by special Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Forman family in memory of Steve Forman
- December 2 9:00 am Torah Study with Rabbi Marc  
10:00 am Tot Shabbat  
6:00-9:00 pm BBYO Latkafest  
7:00pm Sisterhood Designer Bag Bingo
- December 3 9:30 am Religious School  
10:00 am Congregational Brunch
- December 5 9:00 am Tuesday Coffee Talk at Elementary Coffee
- December 6 5:30 pm Community Kick-off to Hannukah at JCC
- December 7 Hannukah begins at sundown – first candle
- December 8 First day of Hannukah  
6:00 pm Hannukah Dinner  
7:00 pm Shabbat Services
- December 9 Second day of Hannukah  
9:00 am Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc
- December 10 Third day of Hannukah  
9:30 am Religious School Hannukah Celebration  
9:45 Sisterhood Board Meeting  
10:45 am Confirmation Class  
11:00 am How to Holiday – Hannukah Edition  
12:00 pm Better Together (For seniors and teens) – “The Great Hannukah Bake Off”
- December 11 Fourth day of Hannukah
- December 12 Fifth day of Hannukah  
9:00 am Tuesday Coffee Talk at Elementary Coffee
- December 13 Sixth day of Hannukah
- December 14 Seventh day of Hannukah  
7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting  
7:00 pm Little Mermaid at JCC
- December 15 Eighth day of Hannukah  
6:00 pm Shabbat Services – Gift of Life Organ Donation  
Shabbat with guest speaker  
Save-the-Date – URJ 150 Celebration in DC
- December 16 9:00 am Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc
- December 17 9:30 am Religious School  
10:45 am Confirmation Class  
11:00 am Book Club  
2:00 pm Little Mermaid at JCC
- December 19 9:00 am Tuesday Coffee Talk at Elementary Coffee
- December 22 6:00 pm Shabbat Services
- December 23 9:00 am Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc
- December 26 9:00 am Tuesday Coffee Talk at Elementary Coffee
- December 29 6:00 pm Shabbat Services
- December 30 9:00 am Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc

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To get involved, please contact the Temple office at [office@ohvsholom.org](mailto:office@ohvsholom.org) or our board president at [president@ohvsholom.org](mailto:president@ohvsholom.org). We would love to have you! Details about our governance and operations, including descriptions of all of the committees, can be found in our [bylaws](#).



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