



# TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM NEWSLETTER

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*"We are Temple Ohev Sholom — we are a family."*

*Established in 1853, Temple Ohev Sholom is the center for Reform Judaism in the greater Harrisburg area.*

# BUILD, BOND & BAGELS...

## A BREAKFAST TO BUILD OUR FUTURE

On December 3rd, more than 100 congregants came together for the first “Build, Bond & Bagels” breakfast workshop. This was the first in a series of workshops designed to help our Temple Ohev Sholom family come together and determine our future path.

In this first session, participants worked to answer the question, “What are our core values?” Smaller groups brainstormed on what the congregation as a whole value, and then came together as a larger group to share the results. Interestingly enough, there were common threads across generations that proved our commonality.

Thanks to the help of Marty Rogoff, Alan Stolberg and each table captain our core values can be described as:

1. Honoring our Jewish heritage for today and for the future
2. A congregational culture of belonging
3. Inclusivity and diversity
4. Tikkun Olam-- healing the world
5. Lifelong learning

We therefore commit to:

1. Honoring Jewish heritage and tradition by:
  - Gathering in inspirational worship that is rooted in Jewish tradition and enhanced with contemporary prayer, music, art, and teaching;
  - Communicating and modeling a vision of peace and security for Jewish people here, in Israel, and throughout the world;
  - Enabling pride in being part of a Jewish community and engaging Jewish values to shape congregants’ lives, actions, and commitments;
  - Empowering all congregants to access Jewish tradition, to navigate their own Jewish paths; and
  - Ensuring there is an authentic way to be a Reform Jew in the Greater Harrisburg community.
2. Providing a supportive environment for all congregants, by:
  - Prioritizing a sense of “belonging” within the congregation;
  - Ensuring that congregants of all ages feel a connection to the Temple as their spiritual home;

- Offering meaningful opportunities for all to socialize, engage, and connect;
- Supporting one another in times of joy, in times of need, and moments in between; and
- Sustaining a culture of mutual respect among clergy, staff, congregants, and lay leaders.

### 3. Promoting inclusivity and diversity, by:

- Welcoming all people into Temple Ohev Sholom;
- Encouraging participation from all who seek a connection to Jewish life regardless of religious background or expression of faith, race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, ability, age, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or political affiliation;
- Engaging non-Jewish spouses, partners, and relatives in congregational life and worship;
- Promoting dignity in programming and in action; and
- Offering a safe and accessible place to worship and to be Jewish.

### 4. Working to heal the world, by:

- Focusing on acts of kindness inside the Synagogue and out;
- Caring for the Greater Harrisburg Community through active involvement;
- Combating antisemitism through education and activism; and
- Fighting for justice, sustenance, and dignity for all people.

### 5. Creating and cultivating a culture of lifelong learning, by:

- Delivering engaging educational opportunities that are meaningful and relevant for congregants at each stage of life;
- Providing opportunities to exchange ideas and gain new insights and perspectives; and
- Serving as a resource for non-Jews to learn about Judaism.

The next session, Build, Bond & Bagels ... The Other Half, will take place from 9am to noon, January 14th, 2024 in Sisterhood Hall. This session will focus on our mission, vision and objectives. All are welcome, even if you were not able to attend the first session. Your input is welcome and valued.

# MESSAGE FROM RABBI MARC

Welcome to 2024. The art Marc Chagall wrote, “We are not a people that dies ... I know it is difficult to find the balm which could heal our body and our soul. But perhaps it will do us good to kindle freely the lights of our own treasures and then sing freely in all the hues with which they were born. They will follow us in this world as a shadow that is no shadow at all – it is the Jew within us. It becomes abundantly clear that the freer we are, the more Jewish we are. And the more Jewish we are, the more human we become.”

Over thousands of years, our tradition has demonstrated incredible tenacity. Our commitment to Torah and its morality continues to situationally evolve. Circumstances may change warranting different answers but the ethos demanding that we dignify humanity never wavers. I cannot imagine “doing Judaism” the way my grandparents did, but I can also never imagine not “doing Judaism.” As Chagall put it, our humanity depends on our commitment to our faith tradition. Where we see the world failing, each of us must look inward and remember that Judaism requires us to be “*orae lagoyim* – lights to the nations.” This does not mean that we are better than anyone else; it means that irrespective of how others behave, we must always strive to be human. Torah obligates us to be exemplars, demonstrating that faith matters – that living faithfully can change the world. Faith is not rooted in rituals. Rituals are important for they keep us grounded. No, this admonition is a clarion call to the many of us who live on the fringe of our religions to dive in, study what tradition really teaches about faith and security, and move past the fear, ignorance, and apathy that clouds too many of our life choices.

The world around is crazy. People are making knee jerk responses to pieces of stories they learn from sound-bite social media. We cannot change the world with more soundbites. That said, before we can use our faith to engage folks, we need to be secure in the values of who we are and what our faith has to say about building and respecting community. We are not asking people to become Jewish. We are imploring people to become more faithful in whatever their tradition. It will make being human more valuable.

We host lots of opportunities to grow and engage at Temple Ohev Sholom, join with us in study, worship, growing the spirit of our community, and celebrating the blessings of our humanity. Freely singing in the hues that our being together generates, we are enjoying “doing Judaism,” and, as our congregation continues to grow, I guess others are enjoying doing it with us.



***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

I hope this finds you all well. It has been quite a busy time at Temple Ohev Sholom and in all of our homes! The Temple building has been a hub of activity in the last month from the sold-out Hanukkah dinner run by Sisterhood, the Better Together intergenerational event, to our Build, Bond & Bagel workshop to help build our path forward.



In the office, we have hired Amanda Monaco to help fulfill our administrative needs. Since arriving, she hit the ground running and has been a welcome and invaluable member of our staff who demonstrates endless enthusiasm and energy. The Board of Trustees is assessing our current and future staffing needs and is developing plans to make sure we have the support we need to grow and thrive.

I want to take a moment to thank the more than 100 people who came out to the Build, Bond & Bagel workshop. In case you missed it, we worked together to determine our core values. Putting these values down on paper and giving them serious thought is a key step in guiding our future path together. The next session is on January 14th, and I hope to see you all there. Remember, if you couldn't attend the first session, please plan to attend this one. Your voice is important as we build our future together.

As we begin 2024, I am confident that with the help of the Board of Trustees, Rabbi Kline, Temple staff and our army of volunteers, Temple Ohev Sholom has a bright future ahead. We have a strong momentum thanks to the wide variety of programs we have offered and continue to add on to, our robust Religious School, our choir, our active and engaged Sisterhood, our existing congregational family, and the many new members we have welcomed, and so much more. Together we will ensure that Temple Ohev Sholom will continue to be a thriving home for Reform Judaism in the Central Pennsylvania community.

I wish you all and happy and healthy New Year.

*Audrey Miner*  
*President*





December 18, 2023

Dear Congregant,

We want to update you on some changes happening at Temple Ohev Sholom. Drew Greenwald is no longer serving as Executive Director for our congregation, and we wish him all the best for the future.

Additionally, we recently welcomed Amanda Monaco as our Office Administrator. She has been a breath of fresh air for all of us and we love her enthusiasm and dedication to her work.

One valuable lesson we have learned is that our congregation does indeed need someone to manage the day-to-day operations to ensure our future. We will continue to provide the congregation with updates on a regular basis regarding the status of the position.

If you have any questions, please contact Dan Green, President-Elect, at [dangreen@ohevsholom.org](mailto:dangreen@ohevsholom.org).

We hope to see you soon at a Temple event or at services.

Temple Ohev Sholom Board of Trustees



## Coffee and Conversations Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

We gather at Elementary Coffee's downtown Harrisburg location (256 North Street) for wonderful coffee and conversation with the Temple Ohev Sholom community!





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

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@ohevsholom.org](mailto:programs@ohevsholom.org)

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



# A Special Note of Thanks to Adam Grobman

I am writing to report that this newsletter is the final newsletter designed by Harrisburg graphic designer Adam Grobman. In case you aren't aware, for the past several years Adam has been the graphic designer for the Temple Ohev Sholom bulletin, now a newsletter. A couple of years ago upon joining the Board of Trustees I assumed responsibility for the newsletter and its content. I can gather all the articles, reports, flyers, lists, and pictures for the newsletter. But it has been Adam who has pulled it all together in an organized and colorful manner that is easy and pleasing to read. (You can still see Adam's work if you receive the Jewish Community Review.) I have greatly enjoyed collaborating with Adam and will miss doing so greatly. On behalf of the Temple Ohev Sholom congregational family and myself personally, I say thank you and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Cindy Lynch  
Newsletter Chair

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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

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone healthy, and that the hostages will have been freed and that the end of Israel's war is imminent. Whatever the circumstances, as a people I know that we will be in mourning for quite some time. I hope that you find some solace in giving your child the gift of a Jewish education. The continuity of our people depends on our children.



Before telling you about Religious School, I'd like to share a meaningful experience I had at Governor Shapiro's Chanukah gathering. I was honored to have been one of the only non-clergy Harrisburgers invited. I joined the hundreds of prominent Jewish Pennsylvanians from across the state for a truly special evening. As my parents would say, I was among the big machers which is Yiddish for big wigs. To eat traditional Jewish foods like latkes and donuts and newer ones like tahini shakes from Goldie's in Philadelphia in the Mansion was a treat. We were serenaded by the University of Pennsylvania's Shabbatoners, a student led acapella group that would be performing at the White House the next day. Governor Shapiro asked us to reflect on the significance of celebrating our holiday, and the lighting of a menorah gifted by the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, in our country's seat of democracy. Four survivors of the October 7th attack lit the menorah and Governor Shapiro led everyone in singing Maoz Tzur. To feel that warmth and solidarity in the public space of the Governor's mansion was powerful. I hope that each and every one of you has found the support that you needed during this holiday and that Temple Ohev Sholom has played a role in your restoration.

At Religious School, our children received Chanukah goody bags from Sisterhood and enjoyed a wonderful Chanukah program created by Julie Goddard, our fantastic 5th grade teacher. Teachers supported by parents led them through the fun-filled activities. Afterwards, our 6th and 7th graders participated in the Better Together Chanukah program for teens and seniors. They learned how to use fondant, icing, sprinkles, and their imaginations to create beautiful donuts to celebrate Hanukkah with. They learned that in Israel, bakeries and cafes go all out on designer donuts. We look forward to even more seniors attending our next program on January 7th where we are going to do a painting activity involving an acrylic pour, thematic analysis, and guided painting and storytelling. Please see the flier for more details. The participating adults continue to tell me how much they enjoy interacting with our students, and our students are pushed out of their comfort zones while they build intergenerational relationships. It is a mitzvah (good deed) all around.

Please be sure to join us on January 5th for First Friday honoring the 5th grade. As is our new custom, we invite everyone to join us for a potluck dinner at 6:00pm, services at 7pm, followed by an Oneg Shabbat. Here's the link to sign up and join us for the potluck portion:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C094CADAF2AA7F58-46849905-temple>

I hope to see all of you there!



# TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM SISTERHOOD & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



SCAN ME

## 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.

# BETTER TOGETHER!

If you couldn'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 Juliard trained dancer and boxer will teach us a Tik Tok dance and how to slow dance. Be sure to save those dates! Please RSVP to me at [school@ohvsholom.org](mailto:school@ohvsholom.org)

**Better Together**  
CONNECTING TEENS & SENIORS  
6th Grade +

**Better Together** **Sunday, Jan 7**   
**12-2pm** in the Social Hall

**Pour, Paint, & Storytelling**  
*Having Fun Never Gets Old!*  
**Pareidolia Story Creation Workshop**

An awesome, FUN, and totally FREE programming series  
Come for the food, stay for the people. Win the Prizes.

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



# Better Together

CONNECTING TEENS & SENIORS

6th Grade +



Having Fun Never Gets Old!



ACTIVITIES



REFRESHMENTS

## Schedule

Sundays 12-2 at  
TOS Social Hall



GROWTH

- Dec 10 **The Great Hanukkah Bake Off** *Donut Decorating Contest*
- Jan 7 **Pour, Paint, & Storytelling** *Pareidolia Story Creation Workshop*
- Feb 11 **Krav Maga** *Israeli Self-defense with Joelle Gozlan*
- Mar 10 **Purim Palooza Costume Contest & Chesed**
- Apr 7 **Passover Around the World & Charoset Making**
- May 3 **TIK TOK Meets Slow Dance Party!**

\*Friday immediately following services\*

An awesome, FUN, and totally FREE programming series

Come for the food, stay for the people. Win the Prizes.



**RSVP: [school@ohavsholom.org](mailto:school@ohavsholom.org) or 717-497-1283**

**build,  
bond  
& BAGEL ...**



# **THE OTHER HALF**

We've developed our core values.  
Now let's build our mission, vision and  
objectives together.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**9 am to Noon**

**Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024**

**Sisterhood Hall**

**free for all members**

Scan to Register

RSVP at [ohesholom.org](https://ohesholom.org) or  
[office@ohesholom.org](mailto:office@ohesholom.org) by Jan. 11



An UPDATE, in our ongoing food drive,  
**the JFS**



Donations of canned proteins like: tuna, chicken, salmon, sardines, or items like peanut butter ...  
would be greatly appreciated at this time!





# BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: MONICA LUTKINS

Hello fellow congregants!

My name is Monica E. Baturin-Lutkins and I am the new Chair of Temple Ohev Sholom's Worship Committee. My goal is to help create meaningful and welcoming worship services that incorporate Hebrew and the traditions of Judaism with modern elements that will allow congregants to pray in a spiritual, comfortable, and uplifting atmosphere.

I am a mom to three wonderful sons; Matthew (20), Richard (18) and Bennett (14), a 3-month-old collie named Finley, and wife (24 years) to Kevin M. Lutkins. Born and raised in Harrisburg, Pa, I spent summers growing up in Stockholm, Sweden, (my mother Kickan Baturin's birthplace) and I still can't speak a word. I worked at Saatchi and Saatchi Advertising in New York City, before going to law school (at a time when the ads were really creative!) and am a third-generation attorney with a general practice background and a passion for serving the disadvantaged.

A few of my favorite books are: A Moveable Feast, by Ernest Hemingway, and The Stranger, by Albert Camus; and artists I adore are: Helen Frankenthaler, Andy Warhol and Matisse. My favorite meal might be cheese and fresh tomatoes on a French baguette with an Italian espresso and a scoop of Swedish pear ice cream for dessert. I can honestly say that I've perfected the art of being a spectator and I have my sons to thank for that! I also love a good book, all genres of music (especially musicians- U2, Bruce Springsteen, Leonard Cohen, Maggie Rogers and Pink) and a good, brisk walk.

I am so pleased to be serving on the Worship Committee at the Temple in which I grew up. Please stop by and say hi or contact me with any ideas or suggestions that you would like to see at Temple Services. Please consider taking part in a Shabbat Service or even serving as an usher. We are an amazing congregation, and I am excited to see what is in store for 2024!

Respectfully,

Monica E. Baturin-Lutkins



# RABBINIC SEARCH COMMITTEE

Dear Friends:

The Rabbinic Search Committee (“Committee”) is re-engaging to begin the process of recruiting our settled rabbi. “Settled rabbi” is the phrase used to describe a rabbi hired at the conclusion of an interim rabbi’s term. We’re richly blessed by Rabbi Marc Kline’s tenure with us, and we’ll continue to benefit from his experience, wisdom, and guidance until he leaves us in June 2025.

The strategic planning process undertaken by the congregation, starting with the December 3 working session, will chart Temple Ohev Sholom’s path forward. This process will also inform preparation of job application materials to be posted on the Central Conference of American Rabbis website in early October 2024.

Between now and then, Committee members will consult with the Temple Ohev Sholom Board of Trustees and Rabbi Kline to finalize a job description and produce CCAR-required reports and other deliverables. We will also issue periodic updates to the congregation. Since the bulk of the Committee’s work will occur once candidate resumes are received, our activity updates prior to next fall may be a bit lean, but we will keep you informed.

We invite congregants to reach out to either or both of us with questions and suggestions. Shelly’s email address is [sladler@aol.com](mailto:sladler@aol.com), and Bruce’s is [brucebf@hotmail.com](mailto:brucebf@hotmail.com).

Respectfully,  
Shelley Adler and Bruce Feldman, Committee Co-Chairs

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## Temple Ohev Sholom Brotherhood

The men of Temple Ohev Sholom are looking to create a men’s group to do good things in the community and for our Temple, along with fellowship.

If interested, there will be a meeting on February 11th at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. Men of all ages are welcome to attend and participate.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Bob.hivner@daltile.com](mailto:Bob.hivner@daltile.com)



# OHEV SHOLOM MINI-UNIVERSITY

**JANUARY 21 | ALAN STOLBERG**

Israel and the World

**FEBRUARY 24 | ROB BRENNER**

Jewish Cooking

**APRIL 14 | ALAN STOLBERG**


Maintaining the Memory: The Holocaust

\*Share your family's Holocaust story by pre-registering for this event.



ALL CLASSES  
WILL BE HELD IN  
THE TEMPLE SOCIAL  
HALL FROM  
9:30AM-11:30AM

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR  
UPDATES AND TEMPLE HAPPENINGS:

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\*Donations accepted at each class

For more information & RSVP  
Programs@OhevShalom.org



Temple Ohev Sholom and Temple Beth El Invite You to Join with us and Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church in Worship at a Special

# Justice Shabbat

**Friday, January 12**

**6pm at Temple**

**Ohev Sholom**

2345 Front Street

Special Guest Speaker

**Rev. Jameson McLaughlin**

Senior Pastor, Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church



Jameson Keith McLaughlin loves God and people. He hails from a long line of preachers, including both his mother and father. With several post graduate degrees in business and ministry, Jameson brings his love and talent to serving as the senior pastor of Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church.





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

**Justice Is Never “Just Us”**

**Friday, January 19**

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 January 12

# CARING COMMUNITY

Temple Ohev Sholom's Caring Community distributed Hannukkah treat bags to our temple members who are living in senior living facilities or are home-bound unable to participate in temple celebrations. This year eleven gift bags were distributed. Thank you to Shelly Adler, Elissa Arch, Irith Harpster, Kim Poolman, Gail Riegler and Linda Stewart for taking the time to deliver and visit with our Temple Ohev Sholom members.

Our next treat bag deliveries will be for Purim. If you or anyone you know, living in a senior residence or are home bound that would like a visit from a Caring Community member and would like to receive a gift bag, please call Amanda or Rabbi Kline to be added to the list.



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

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



# UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM'S 150TH

By Sally Jo Bronner

This past weekend I attended the Union for Reform Judaism's conference in Washington D.C. celebrating 150 years of Reform Judaism. Before I share, I would be remiss not to mention how delightful it was to connect with other Jewish professionals from my past.

I learned so much about the Reform movement in general and, specifically, about how the movement is responding to the attacks of October 7th. Instead of waiting until next month, when I've processed all of this information, I am sharing some of the highlights that struck me as profound and relevant to our congregation in the hopes that you discuss these points and find strength in them.

Every speaker addressed the atrocities that occurred in Israel on October 7th and prayed for the return of the hostages. The overarching message was that URJ stands with Israel who must defend itself and protect our people. At the same time, there was another message: now more than ever we need a big tent to include everyone's opinions. The president of the URJ, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, compared the situation to the advice we get on an airplane; we should first put on our own mask, then help our child, and then help our neighbor. He also said:

- We must be able to hold two thoughts at once, e.g. concern for Palestinians as well as Israelis. Put another way, we must hold competing truths together for the safety and security of our people. We were reminded that many of the victims and hostages were peace activists, and we must pick up where they left off.
- A two-state solution, however remote, is the only solution.
- To prevail we must eliminate Hamas and, at the same time, care for Palestinian civilians.
- We must stand shoulder to shoulder with Israelis and be able to criticize the Israeli government.
- We should recognize that the humanitarian disaster is causing intense generational conflict. We should remember that we taught our children the value of social justice. We need to keep educating them with facts that demonstrate how complicated this conflict is – seeking justice for everyone involved.
- Though our hearts are heavy, they are still beating. We must rebuild the shattered lives of Israelis and help them regain trust in their institutions by helping them fill the anticipated governmental void.
- Zionism is the commitment to building an Israel that strives for the betterment of all humanity. We (URJ) are the strongest Zionist movement in North America and our Zionism family is living through the most traumatic time of our generation.
- We need to remind the world that we have a 3,000-year connection to the land of Israel. We are part of the land, and it is part of us.
- We must maintain our Jewish solidarity and be a light into nations, including our own.

At the conference, I was repeatedly reminded that in one of the group interviews I had for my Religious School position, I was asked what I would bring to the table. I immediately shared that my experience of living in Israel for five-plus years would enhance the Israel education we provide to our children. I was asked to explain why Israel education is an important part of Jewish education. I don't remember what I said, but everything I heard this weekend reinforced its

importance. This generation must learn that Israel is family.

Other presenters made complementary points in powerful language. During the session about coalition building, Reverend Dr. Jacqui Lewis said the following:

- We must live with the nuance of “both and”, that we should see the present as “dynamic tension” and that we must ask, “What kind of ancestors does the future need from us?”
- This is a vulnerable moment for Jews and Israel. We must have radical love to combat baseless hatred. Our wounds & blessings are the lens through which we see life. We only heal through love.
- Life is hard, and adversity comes. Religion offers us a connection to community and to self. Spiritual tradition teaches that we are all created b’Tzelem Elohim (in God’s image) which reminds us both to love ourselves and that we are all interconnected. So, love yourself hard! You are a gift from the universe. Love your neighbor as you love yourself. I need you, and you need me.

Lutheran Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber is the Founder of House of Sinners and Saints and a former comic. As a leader, she is “anti-excellence, and pro-participation.” She has democratized every aspect of her church’s services. Her approach reminded me of how very hard Ohev’s lay leaders have been working to strengthen every aspect of our congregation. She also had us ponder the idea that friendly is not the same as welcoming. And, like Rabbi Marc, she is a firm believer in building inclusive coalitions. She continued, that we must see everyone’s humanity before anything else, even in these “desperate hot mess times”. It’s harder but more important than ever to recognize everyone’s humanity. She uses humor and grace to heal our broken world and believes that we can find at least one thing in common with everyone.

The Sikh presenter had just one message: We must do everything through love. He doubled down and stated that power is not the answer, nor is salvation: it is leading with love.

The keynote speaker was none other than Second Man, Doug Emhoff, who answered many questions with “I’m just a kid from Central Jersey” and “how crazy is it that the President knows my name?” His message to us was clear. Although he had no intention of speaking out against hatred and Anti-Semitism, his wife, Vice-President Kamala Harris, insisted that he do so. They both encourage us to wear our Jewish symbols proudly and not to retreat from our rituals.

Much of the conference was devoted to URJ’s values and working sessions to help us envision the next 50 years. I was proud that at the Build, Bagel, Beyond gathering we recently held at Ohev Sholom, approximately a hundred congregants, including our 7th grade students, gathered to begin this important work. When asked about the strengths of our Temple, I talked about our committed board, our inclusive and welcoming members, our social justice warriors, and the overall collaborative spirit I have experienced in the past year and a half. I don’t know when the conference will be held next, but I strongly encourage everyone, be they Jewish professionals, lay leaders, or members of our wonderful congregation, to attend and have your spirits lifted at this powerful gathering.

# OHEV HAPPENINGS



**Better Together**



**Congregational Brunch**



**Front Street Clean-Up**



**Old World Folk Band/  
Gift of Life Shabbat**



**Letters to  
Israeli Soldiers**



**Sisterhood Designer Bag Bingo**



# OHEV HAPPENINGS



**Hanukkah Dinner & Services**




# Introduction to Liturgical Hebrew

## Hebrew Literacy for Adults with Bob Wolff Session 2

Learn the Hebrew Alphabet and  
the prayer over wine

The first class was such a success we asked Bob to teach another one! Bob is a long-time member of our congregation and has served as a Board Vice-President & Chair of the Worship Committee. Bob has, in the past, led Friday night lay-person services and has been seen on the stage of several Purim Spiels.



Sunday,  
January 7  
10am - noon

In the conference room  
behind the Main Sanctuary

Sign up at  
[programs@ohavsholom.org](mailto:programs@ohavsholom.org)



# SISTERHOOD REPORT

Dear Ohev Family,

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to seeing you at the many events we have planned throughout 2024.

Coming up we have a Soup and Study on Jan. 19 that will follow the 6 p.m. service. As it is the week of Martin Luther King Day, the rabbi's theme is Justice is never "Just Us." The cost is \$6.

We have a game night coming up when we will gather to play games – bring the kids! More on that to come.

Mark your calendar for Sisterhood Brunch on Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon. This year we will hear from Caitlin's Smiles, an organization that provides art supplies to children in the hospital. We have supported this group's work – thank you all who have provided donations. During the brunch, we will help put together some of the kits they send to children. The cost is \$7 for Sisterhood members and \$10 for nonmembers. You can RSVP to Patti Hivner at [pattiscookin@comcast.net](mailto:pattiscookin@comcast.net).

Throughout this year we want to call out things that Sisterhood does for our members. One of the important activities we support is sending out Uniongrams. You all receive the lists of congregant anniversaries, Sisterhood birthdays and B'nai mitzvot for each month. People pay 75 cents each to have their name included on a Uniongram card that goes out to celebrate our congregants. Sisterhood members Frankie Glass and Gloria Kaplan put a lot of work into making sure these Uniongrams happen, and we thank them for this wonderful tradition that also raises money for the Temple.

As for everything we have planned, it will be an exciting year so stay tuned for information on more programs and activities and don't forget about Uniongrams!

If you aren't a member of Sisterhood yet, we would love to have you join! See Jeanette, Reyna or Sarah Brown for information.

Wishing you a happy, healthy 2024!

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





# Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood Brunch



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
10-00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.



SISTERHOOD HALL  
TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM  
2345 NORTH FRONT ST.  
HARRISBURG, PA 17110

\$7.00 (SISTERHOOD MEMBERS)  
\$10 (NON-MEMBERS)



Guest speaker will talk about Caitlin's Smiles, a non-profit in Harrisburg that puts together and delivers arts and crafts activities to children in medical facilities. This is an organization we have been supporting. We will help put kits together at the brunch.



RSVP to Patti Hivner, [pattiscookin@comcast.net](mailto:pattiscookin@comcast.net) by February 18.

Checks can be made out to Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood and mailed to:

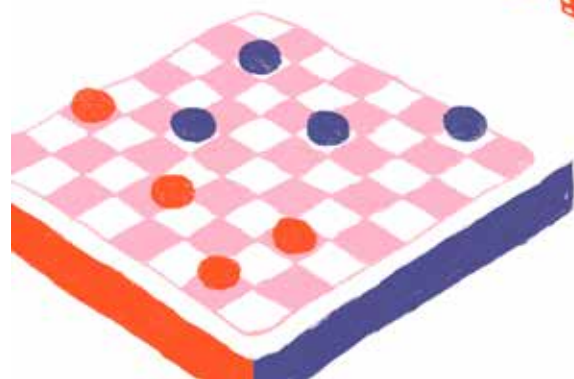
Patti Hivner

741 Zermatt Drive

Hummelstown, PA 17036

# Game Night in January!

Look for more  
information coming  
from Sisterhood!



**KRAV MAGA | SELF-DEFENSE CLASS**

**JANUARY 7TH | 10AM - 11:45AM**

**HARRISBURG JCC | FREE & OPEN TO ALL AGES 18+**



Learn the art of this Israeli self-defense practice with former IDF soldier Joelle Gozlan

Register at [jewishharrisburg.org/krav-maga-2024](https://jewishharrisburg.org/krav-maga-2024)



**Jewish Federation**  
of Greater Harrisburg



# Jewish Teen Learning Project 2023-2024

## Sundays, 10a-12p

At Harrisburg JCC unless otherwise noted

**Sept. 24** "Preparing for the New Year"  
Mediation and yoga  
Learning on the importance  
of learning "how"  
JTLP Icebreakers

**Oct. 22** Rabbi Marc Kline  
The Tree of Life Sentencing:  
Discussing the Jewish views  
of the Death Penalty

**Nov. 12** Jewish Cuisine Around the  
World

**Dec. 3** Steve Schauder, CEO of  
Jewish Family Services  
Harrisburg  
Topic TBD

**Jan. 21** MLK service activity with  
Gesher students

**Feb. 11** Workshop with JCC Artist in  
Residence Susan Leviton

**Mar. 17** Rabbi Caplauber  
Judaism and body adornment

**Apr. 14** Tentative: Trip to  
Jewish Philadelphia  
(additional fee)

**May 19** Tentative: Rev Earl Harris and  
a moderated discussion of PA  
Voting Rights & Voter  
Registration

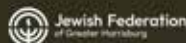
**Watch for other exciting activities such as  
Sukkah decorating, Torah-Pizza, and more!**

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



## International Holocaust Remembrance Day Program

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 | 6PM  
GRASS CAMPUS**



RSVP at  
[jewishharrisburg.org/IHRD-2024](https://jewishharrisburg.org/IHRD-2024)

# 2024 months and books

- **January 28th at 11:00am in conference room behind the sanctuary:** *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

Gloria Kaplan and Frankie Glass wish to thank the many people who have helped support Sisterhood by purchasing Uniongrams. Additionally, you have enabled us to do a job whose sole purpose is to bring happiness to others. You have given us such a gift! And your friends like to be remembered, too. That's a lot of good things you are doing for only \$.75.

Let us tell you how we function. Frankie makes up four new lists every year, then collects, tabulates, and deposits your money. Gloria uses the lists you send to create individual cards, addresses, and stamps each one, and sends it off to the lucky recipient. And so, your mitzvah is complete.



# JANUARY KADDISH LIST

To make sure we are not missing anything, we are in the process of updating 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 yahrzeits you wish to have remembered, please contact the Temple Office at 717-233-6459. Additionally, due to plaque refurbishing, some plaques may not be displayed for a family member's yahrzeit.

## January 5, 2024

Ida G. Abraham  
Joseph Baum  
Bowman A. Brown, Jr.  
Lois Forner  
Irwin I. Grossman  
Seth Jacobs  
H. Albert Kerstein  
Jack Klawansky  
Bernardt Kramer  
Sol Kuhn  
Moses Landis  
Erwin H. Lenz  
Irving Levine  
Herman Levy  
Henrietta H. Mayer  
Robin Rogoff Star  
William Moss Strouse  
Doris O. Zaritzky

## January 12, 2024

Floyd Baturin  
Lewis Baturin  
Herman Berk  
Samuel Bronstein  
Morton David Goldberg  
Aaron Henken  
Bessie Cluster Kaufman  
Barry Koppel  
Fanny Kruger  
Lilliam Melman  
Gustav H. Nachman  
Naomi Samkoff  
Harold Spector

## January 19, 2024

Emma Astrich  
Rosalyn Chizeck  
Minnie R. Cohn  
Alan Ettinger

Norma Finstein  
Beth Frahm Frank  
Edward Friedman  
Philip Goldberg  
Sarah Goldstein  
Seymour Hartman  
Benjamin Jaffe  
Mayer (Bob) Kutler  
Lena Lang  
Mamie K. Levinson  
Saul Litvack  
Karen McManuels  
Bernard M. Plawsky  
Betty Snyder  
Hedwig M. Strouse  
Maxine Talkov  
Dr. David Daniel Ufberg  
Amelia Wilson  
Isaac L. Yoffee

## January 26, 2024

Morris Baturin  
Bernard Beitman  
Lewis A. Bernard  
Isadore Cibull  
Randall Disend  
David Gaynes  
Donald Gibas  
Helen Goldberg  
Evelyn Goldstein  
Raina Gordin  
David Kline  
Yetta Marino  
Lily Meyerwitz  
Harry E. Pyke  
Sally Rokoff  
Aaron Rokoff  
Rebecca Scheier  
Donald Schwartz

# JANUARY CALENDAR

- January 2 9:00 am - Coffee Talk at Elementary Coffee
- January 5 6:00 pm - First Friday Potluck Dinner prior to services  
7:00 pm – Shabbat Services
- January 6 9:00 am – Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc  
10:00 am – Tot Shabbat in the Lehrman Chapel
- January 7 9:30 am – Religious School  
10:00 am – Mini University with Bob Wolff –  
“Introduction to Liturgical: Hebrew Literacy for Adults  
Session #2” – conference room behind the sanctuary  
10:45 am – Confirmation Class  
12:00 pm – Better Together program – “Pour, Paint, and  
Storytelling”
- January 9 9:00 am – Coffee Talk at Elementary Coffee
- January 11 7:00 pm – Board of Trustees Meeting in Lehrman Chapel
- January 12 6:00 pm – Justice Shabbat Services with Pastor Jameson  
McLaughlin, Goodwin Memorial Baptist
- January 13 9:00 am – Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc
- January 14 9:00 am – Sisterhood Board Meeting
- January 14 10:00 am – Congregational Meeting #2 re: Strategic Plan
- January 16 9:00 am – Coffee Talk at Elementary Coffee
- January 19 6:00 pm – Shabbat Services  
7:00 pm – Sisterhood Soup and Study –  
Justice is Never “Just Us” with Rabbi Marc
- January 20 9:00 am – Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc
- January 21 9:30 am – Religious School  
9:30 am – Mini University with Alan Stolberg –  
“Israel and the World”
- January 23 9:00 am – Coffee Talk at Elementary Coffee
- January 25 6:00 pm – Shabbat Services featuring the Old-World Folk Band  
– Lehrman Chapel
- January 27 9:00 am – Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc
- January 28 9:30 am – Religious School  
10:45 am – Confirmation Class  
11:00 am – Book Club – Hotel Cuba – Conference Room  
behind sanctuary
- January 30 9:00 am – Coffee Talk at Elementary Coffee

# 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
Exec Board of Trustees	Financial Secretary	Erika	Saunders	2023-2025
Exec Board of Trustees	Secretary	Elissa	Arch	2022-2024
Exec Board of Trustees	Treasurer	Vacant		2022-2024
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.
Board of Trustees	Trustee	Irith	Harpster	Presidential Appointee. Term expires with current President in 2024.
Board of Trustees	Trustee	David	Geller	2022-2024
Board of Trustees	Trustee	Andrea	Grove	2022-2024
Board of Trustees	Trustee	April	Hutcheson	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
Board of Trustees	Trustee	Richard	Sgrignoli	2021-2024 (3 year)
Board of Trustees	Trustee	Dara	Bourassa	2023-2025
Board of Trustees	Trustee	Vacant		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.
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