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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  
& BAGEL ...**



# **PUTTING IT TOGETHER**

We've developed our core values, mission and vision. We are continuing our work to develop strategies to bring them to life.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**9:30 am to Noon**

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

**Sisterhood Hall**

**free for all members**

Scan to Register

RSVP at [ohevsholom.org](https://ohevsholom.org) or  
[office@ohevsholom.org](mailto:office@ohevsholom.org) by March 15



# BUILD, BOND & BAGELS...

## The Other Half

On **February 4th**, members of Temple Ohev Sholom gathered to continue the work and dialogue established at earlier “Build, Bond & Bagels” congregational brunches. Once again, led by Marty Rogoff and Alan Stolberg, the group met to establish Temple Ohev Sholom’s future actionable goals related to our Vision, Mission and Core Values. There is still work to be done and an opportunity for the congregation to participate in this important initiative. **Another brunch is scheduled to take place on Sunday, March 17th at 9:30 am** at which time we will review and refine the actionable goals. You are all welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Ohev Sholom 2024 Results of Strategic Workshops

#### Core Values

*As Harrisburg’s oldest synagogue and only Reform Congregation, Temple Ohev Sholom espouses and commits to these five Core Values:*

- 1. Honoring our Jewish heritage today and in the future.*
- 2. Cultivating a congregational culture of belonging.*
- 3. Being committed to inclusivity and diversity.*
- 4. Healing the world - Tikkun Olam.*
- 5. Facilitating lifelong learning.*

#### **1. Honoring Jewish heritage and tradition by:**

- Gathering in worship that is rooted in Jewish tradition and enhanced with contemporary prayer, music, art, and teaching.
- Creating inspiring worship experiences that enrich our spiritual lives both personally and communally.
- Communicating and modeling the vision that the Jewish people (here, in Israel, and throughout the world) will live in peace and security with our neighbors.
- Enabling congregants to feel pride in being part of a Jewish community and to engage Jewish values to shape their lives, actions, and commitments.
- Empowering congregants to access Jewish tradition and to navigate their own Jewish paths.
- Ensuring an authentic way to be a Reform Jew in the Greater Harrisburg community; and offering a safe place to be a Jew.

#### **2. Providing a supportive environment and culture of belonging for all congregants, by:**

- Prioritizing a sense of “belonging” within a congregation that knows each member personally, building deep and enduring friendships.
- Ensuring that congregants of all ages feel a connection to the Temple and its clergy as their spiritual home.

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

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

- Welcoming all people into 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 and partners and relatives of our Jewish members 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 and outside the Temple.
- Caring for the Greater Harrisburg Community via 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.
- Interpreting traditions through the lens of our changing world; and
- Serving as a resource for non-Jews to learn about Judaism.

### **Vision Statement**

*Temple Ohev Sholom strives to be an inclusive Reform Congregation to serve the evolving needs of Jewish Life in Central Pennsylvania for current and future generations. Our Community will empower all people to create and to sustain a meaningful relationship to Judaism through worship, education, social engagement and Tikkun Olam.*

### **Mission Statement**

*Founded in 1853 and the oldest synagogue in Harrisburg, Temple Ohev Sholom is a diverse and inclusive Reform Jewish Congregation in Central Pennsylvania. We support one another throughout the cycles of life. We foster and encourage spiritual growth, lifelong learning, social opportunities and connections, and Tikkun Olam—healing the world.*

# MESSAGE FROM RABBI MARC

Near the beginning of the Book of Ecclesiastes, we read, “Vanity, vanities – all is vanity. What does man gain for his labor under the sun?” We read these words during Sukkot, just as the world will go to sleep. We must stop and measure the value of all the things we hold on to as sacred and most important. Over the winter, the world will change. What will we cling to; what will we let go? It will be only months until we will again experience the warmth of the sun, and yet the words of the Psalmist ring loudly, “A thousand years is but a watch in the night – the span of a life but a blink of an eye.” In God’s terms, this year of tremendous change is a blip on the radar. For each of us, sometimes it feels like an eternity.



As we approach March, we will experience the end of winter and, for many, cabin fever; the culmination of college basketball’s year; the beginning of baseball; college acceptance letters are coming in; recitals are in full bloom (as are our bushes, trees, and lawns); and the real estate market hits full stride. If someone ever wanted to know what evolution looks like, one need only look around and palpably feel it happening all around us. Healthy plants survive and thrive. Healthy teams excel. A year of preparation plays out in field excellence, stellar exam scores, and magnificent artistry. Emotionally, we are not the same people we were as the earth went into its winter hibernation. We have said last farewells and first welcomes. Even though some of us have experienced heartbreak and pain, many more shared new and renewed “I love you.”

In this time of renewal, we celebrate Purim and prepare for Passover. Despite the ultimately troubling story of Esther, we glean from the book a most prescient mandate and moral. We are responsible for everything that happens. We determine how to celebrate and prepare for both life and death. We make the choice to spend the extra energy to study, practice, rehearse, serve, and love – or not. Ultimately, we learn that there is no greater force for changing the world than the blood running through our veins and the hearts and minds it feeds and nurtures. Ultimately, we own the privilege and opportunity to heal dysfunction and celebrate blessings. We know that change can be inconvenient and sometimes painful. Therapy forces us to acknowledge the roots of our scars before it opens the door for renewal. This time of the earth’s renewal provides us with the atmosphere and resources to bring out the even better “me” residing in each of our souls.

Next month is Passover – the time we celebrate freedom from bondage and oppression. Let’s use this month to prepare ourselves so that when the waters part, we are ready to dance through them.

Rabbi Marc Aaron Kline, J.D., D.D.  
Judgment may well up as a wall of water, but  
Righteousness is the mightiest of rivers.

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS



## PURIM

We have entered the Hebrew month of Adar, this is our “happy” month because it includes **Purim**. We are commanded to celebrate (yes, to get tipsy!) Here are the ways in which we are celebrating:

Mishloach Manot, the giving gifts of prepared foods to your friends and neighbors. In some communities this has become an elaborate ritual, in other communities **Tzedakah** is given in lieu of gifts. This year, Religious School will collect and send **Tzedakah** to Israel via two terrific organizations:

In October, Religious School students made cards and sent messages that were distributed to displaced persons and soldiers in Israel who are receiving Gluten free meals prepared by volunteers who saw the need and took action. Learn more about them here: [Wheat free Warrior Network](#) or donate to them here: [Donate](#)

FIDF supports **Lone Soldiers**, defined as someone who has made Aliyah (moved to Israel) without their family. These soldiers are often very young, in their teens and 20's. As they assimilate into a new language and culture, they are conscripted as required by Israeli law. You can help them provide these young defenders of Israel with:

- Emergency medical supplies to save lives in the field
- PTSD therapy to care for soldiers who have experienced unimaginable atrocities
- Financial assistance for families living below the poverty line with a breadwinner called up to reserve duty
- Hygiene kits to soldiers that were called to serve without a moment's notice
- Care packages for wounded soldiers and the families of our fallen heroes
- By donating here: [Lone Soldier Support](#)

Religious School will continue an old tradition: baking **Hamantaschen** and starting a new one: **A Purim costume contest**, both on **March 10th** (yes, we need parents to help make this a smooth and fun baking experience!)

The **Purim Carnival** at the JCC on **March 24th**. There will be no Religious School. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend or volunteer at the Purim Carnival.

Did you know that this is the 13th year of the **Annual Women's Megillah Reading**? Long time Jewish community member Marian Frankston organizes this incredible event in which I have proudly participated in every year except the one held during a snowstorm. I am extending an invitation to all TOS women (yes, only women, I don't make the rules) to come and witness this unique tradition. It will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 9 o'clock a.m. sharp, at the old JCC, 3301 N. Front St. If you cannot make it but have an idea or a great costume for me, please let me know. These women are as serious about their costumes as they are about their readings!



**BetterTogether**

Better Together is a free program generously funded by a grant that aims to conquer loneliness and isolation through intergenerational Jewish programming. **Empty nesters and teens** (grades 5-12) make connections, learn about others, and have fun together. If you have not joined us, it's not too late to join us!

**February's Better Together Krav Maga** event was fantastic! Led by a former IDF officer and her fellow enthusiasts, we learned some of the ways we can defend ourselves from attackers. Joelle Gozlan patiently explained, demonstrated, and had us practice multiple moves that could save us from harm. If you would like more information about Krav Maga classes in the area, contact me for Joelle's information.

**On March 10th, 12-2, Better Together celebrates PURIM with Costumes and Chesed.** We are focusing on Chesed (doing good deeds) this month. We will be making sandwiches for the unhoused, baking Hamantaschen for Purim and collecting items for **Caitlin's Smiles**, an organization that provides cheer to children who are hospitalized. They are part of Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood's and Religious School's year long Tzedakah drive: [Wish list & donation link](#). Please RSVP to: [school@ohvshoom.org](mailto:school@ohvshoom.org). **Please attend in costume (there will be prizes!)**

**Parent support needed!!!!** A mandatory component of the grant are submissions to the **Better Together essay contest**. All students who have attended a Better Together program can enter this competition. Our local winner will be automatically entered into the national competition with significant monetary prizes: **\$25,000, \$15,000, and \$10,000** that can be applied toward any qualified Jewish program or Israel trip! Last year, Harrisburg had a local winner! Let's do it again with a winner from Temple Ohev Sholom!

**CRITERIA FOR WRITING SUBMISSIONS** For a Writing Submission to be eligible for a prize, it must satisfy all of the following requirements: • Topic of the essay, short story, or article must include senior citizens, the elderly, growing old, or intergenerational experiences. The writing submission must describe actual events (i.e., not be a work of fiction). • May be based on the students' participation in Better Together or experiences with the elderly independent of the program; however, essays may NOT be solely about students' experiences with their grandparents or family members. • Authors must be in grades 5-8 (middle school) or grades 9-12 (high school), or currently attending an undergraduate program at a university, and must have participated in at least 70% of the Better Together program events (which also happen during Religious School. hours). • Must reflect student work, although faculty or parents may assist with editing. **FORMAT OF WRITING SUBMISSION:** • Must be saved as a Word document. • Must be between 2 and 4 pages, with 2.0 line spacing, 12-point font, and 1- inch margins.

### **FIRST FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICE**

**First Friday, March 1st:** Rabbi Marc will be accompanied by the 6th grade. A potluck dinner open to everyone will begin at 6pm, services begin at 7pm. Please join us! If you would like to enjoy Shabbat dinner with us, here's the link: [First Friday Potluck March 1st](#)

### **PLEASE GET INVOLVED!**

There are two terrific ways that you can get more involved with Temple Ohev Sholom and deepen your connections. If you love sharing your Judaism, or have experience with education, please consider joining the Religious School faculty next year. Not only will you enjoy working with our wonderful children and staff, you will also deepen your connection to the Temple Ohev Sholom family in general. Please reach out to me to chat!

Also, if you have young children and want to connect to other Temple Ohev Sholom families with children of similar ages, please let me know. We want to increase the opportunities our children have to socialize with their Jewish friends, outside of Religious School I know that First Fridays are tough for families with littles. If you'd like to help organize something, let me know!!!

Thanks, and happy month of Adar!  
Sally Jo





# MAZEL TOV



Julia Sheinfeld

On March 23, 2024, Julia Sheinfeld, a student at East Pennsboro Middle School, will celebrate her B'Mitzvah. Julia is the daughter of Brian and Carrie Sheinfeld and the sister of Rachel Sheinfeld. Julia has been dancing at The Studio for nine years. She competes and performs with their jazz group and performs with the hip-hop group. In addition, she is an avid crafter and crocheter. She enjoys swimming, cooking, baking, and playing with her dog, Ollie.

Her service project is volunteering with the homeless and her Torah portion is Vayikra – Leviticus 1:1-5:26.



Penelope Lepore

On March 9th, 2024, Penelope Jane Lepore, a seventh-grade student at Linglestown Middle School, will celebrate her B'Mitzvah. Penelope, lovingly called Poppy by friends and family, is the daughter of Tony and Carrie Lepore and the sister of Madeline Anne. Penelope enjoys acting and has appeared in productions at the JCC, Gamut Theatre, summer camp, and most recently in her middle school production of Newsies. Penelope is a member of the Linglestown Middle School student council and a founding member of her school's No Place for Hate committee. She also enjoys playing basketball and tennis and spending her summers at her "home away from home," Camp Nock-a-Mixon. For her service project, she chose to help gather donations and assemble craft kits for Caitlin's Smiles, an organization that encourages children with serious health challenges to explore their uniquely creative talents by taking part in arts and crafts activities. Penelope's Hebrew name, Gershona, is in memory of her late Grandfather, Gerald Fischer, who would be kvelling as he read this article.

Penelope's Torah portion is Vayakhel, from the book of Exodus.



# TEMPLE OHEV 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

### 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

### Bethesda Mission & Downtown Daily Bread

- Socks & Underwear  
for Women & Men

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

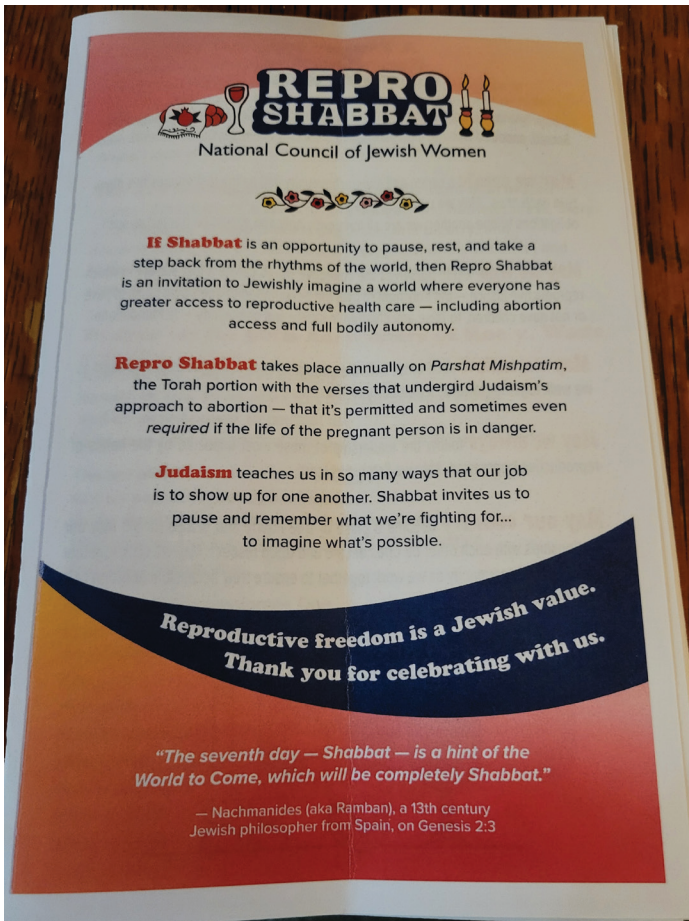
Any items being shipped directly to the Temple Office via Amazon, Walmart, Target etc, please include a note for the intended social action food drive.

# REPRO SHABBAT

By Julie Sherman

On Friday evening, February 9th, Temple Ohev Sholom joined as many as 2000 congregations around the country in celebrating “Repro Shabbat.” This initiative was conceived by National Council of Jewish Women as a way of bringing the whole Jewish community together to discuss what our tradition teaches about reproductive freedom. It is an annual event that takes place on Parshat Mishpatim, when the Torah portion with the verses that undergird Judaism’s approach to abortion - specifically, that abortion is permitted and sometimes even required if the life of the pregnant person is in danger - is read.

Monica Baturin Lutkins and Sarah Kawasaki led the service (Sarah singing beautifully, as ever, accompanied by Conrad Smith). Participants included Shelley Adler, Karen Ball, Rob Brenner, Frankie Glass, Carolyn Green, Irith Harpster, Reyna Jose, Jeanette Krebs, Morgan Letzelter, Monica Lutkins, and Julie Sherman, all of whom shared meaningful prayers and readings. We were delighted to welcome members of Beth El Temple to pray with us and look forward to sharing Repro Shabbat with them in years to come. The service was followed by a lovely reception prepared by the Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood past presidents.



# BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: IRITH HARPSTER

In 1984 my family moved from California to Harrisburg and joined Temple Ohev Sholom. "Ohev" has been my second home for the past 40 years. We celebrated every Jewish milestone as a family in our synagogue. It is where my husband Steven became a Jew in our beautiful sanctuary and was later eulogized in 1993; our daughters Kendra and Courtney were consecrated into the religious school, became B'nai Mitzvots and were confirmed; we celebrated a marriage with Rabbi Kessler and all of my six grandchildren were named in our beautiful Lehrman chapel. My part in making Temple Ohev Sholom a place we wanted to be was to get involved. I became a sisterhood member and later its president, where I made lifelong friends. I also served on the temple board in various capacities.

I was born in Haifa Israel and shortly after the war of 1956, in 1957 my family immigrated to the United States. I grew up in Pasadena, California and went through all my Jewish milestones at a large conservative synagogue, Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center with a liberal reform Rabbi Galpert.

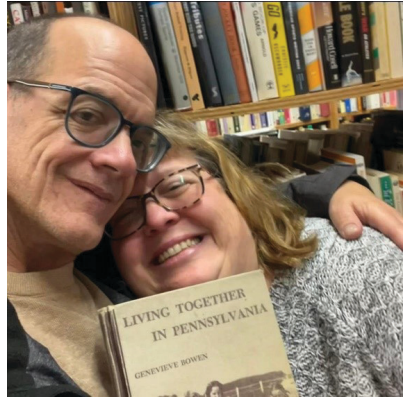
I attended San Diego State University where I received my BA in Child Development and later received my teaching credential and Masters in Education at the University of California Irvine. I've spent most of my years in education as an educator. First as a Pre-kindergarten and elementary school teacher, then the director of the Brenner Early Childhood Center at our JCC, later as a consultant for a social-emotional learning program written by Mark Greenberg at Penn State and finally ending my career in teaching as an Early Childhood Advisor with the PA Department of Education and later as the Director of Reading First and Early Childhood Literacy.

I currently am a member of the Temple Ohev Sholom Board of Trustees serving as the Caring Community Chairperson and on the Sisterhood Board.



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT: AMANDA MONACO

Temple Ohev Sholom Office Manager



Hello. My name is Amanda Naujoks Monaco.

I'm honored to work with and for you as the Temple Ohev Sholom Office Manager. In the short time I've been here, I've learned so much about your beautiful faith and dedicated community.

I have worked in pastoral ministry my entire career, primarily managing the many spinning plates of program development. My undergraduate degree is in Pastoral Counseling, and I love being with people and helping to bring perspective to life challenges. My Master's degree in Theology helps me to understand our human journey and that holy longing which I believe we all share.

For 15 years I ran an incredible Catholic Youth Ministry Program on the westside of Cleveland which engaged thousands of high school students in religious education, service trips, weekend retreats, pilgrimages around the world. In 2016, I "graduated" to working with College students as the Director of Campus Ministry at St. Bonaventure in New York and loved providing a spiritual education for University students.

Then I "matched" online with a wonderful widower from Harrisburg, a 6th grade special ed teacher who made the geographical distance between us irrelevant. Every weekend for over 2 years, we took turns making the 9-hour round trip drive. We were married in the Fall of 2022, but I only moved to Harrisburg last June at the end of the academic year. As I explore my new home, I look forward to getting to know you and how I can best work to serve your congregation!

# ISRAEL RESOURCES & MORE WAYS TO HELP

- Kfar Aza's first two returnees [hope to forge a path of renewal](#).
- [Read](#) about Sg. Maj. (res.) Reouven Chicheportiche, 38, was killed in battle against Hamas terrorists in Moshav Pri Gan on October 7, 2023.
- Learn more about the [Blue Ribbons for Israel campaign](#)
- [Tell your elected officials](#) and representatives to support Israel.
- Give through [American Friends of Magen David Adom](#), who are supporting first responders risking their lives to save the lives of others.
- Give through [Friends of the IDF \(FIDF\)](#), which supports the brave soldiers in the Israel Defense Forces



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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.)



# COFFEE TALK

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.  
Note new time & location!

Starting in March, we will be rotating coffee shop locations around the Susquehanna Valley so that we can expand our reach to as many people as possible in our congregation who may wish to participate. We have members living in Camp Hill, Hershey, Mechanicsburg, Carlisle, Harrisburg, and Dillsburg.



For the month of March, we will gather at Cornerstone Coffee House 2133 Market Street in Camp Hill for wonderful coffee and conversation with the Temple Ohev Sholom community!

If anyone has a favorite coffee shop, they would like to suggest please email Irith Harpster at [irithharpster@gmail.com](mailto:irithharpster@gmail.com) and we will add it to our list.

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





**FUN for the whole Family!**

**YOU are starring in this year's spiel?!**

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**PURIM SPIEL**



**KARAOKE**



**Saturday, March 23rd**  
**5:30-7:30pm**

**JOIN US FOR THE 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**



**WOMEN'S**  
**MEGILLAH READING**  
**BY WOMEN FOR WOMEN**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024**  
**9 O'CLOCK AM**  
**3301 N. FRONT ST.**  
**HARRISBURG JCC**

**MORE THAN 25 JOYFUL READERS**  
**SCORES OF COLORFUL, COSTUMED CONGREGANTS**  
**TASTY TREATS AND LIBATIONS**

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**Jewish Federation  
of Greater Harrisburg**





### **News from the Temple Ohev Sholom Worship Committee**

To provide an opportunity for more congregants to attend our Friday night Shabbat services, the Worship Committee is implementing a new schedule for service start times. Friday night Shabbat services times will now alternate between a 7:00 p.m. service on the 1st Friday of the month, and a 6:00 p.m. service on the 2nd Friday night, and so on. For months when there is a 5th Friday, that service time will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Additionally, to allow congregants to follow the weekly Torah portion, a Torah reading will also be incorporated back into our Shabbat services on the 3rd and 4th Shabbat of each month, unless otherwise noted, with the goal of eventually having a Torah service every Shabbat.

Monthly service times will be included in the newsletter, the on-line calendar as well as the weekly email messages.

#### **Shabbat Service start times for the month of March are listed below:**

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|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| ▪ March 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 7:00 p.m. | “First Friday”                 |
| ▪ March 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:00 p.m. | Sisterhood Shabbat             |
| ▪ March 15 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00 p.m. | Special Themed Shabbat Service |
| ▪ March 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 6:00 p.m. | Torah Service                  |
| ▪ March 29 <sup>th</sup> | 6:00 p.m. | Torah Service                  |

Friday evening Shabbat services are in person and are also live streamed 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 something meaningful? Then why not participate in a Friday night Shabbat service? All ages, from B’Mitzvah on up are welcome! You can light the Shabbat candles, read a prayer or passage, serve as an usher, or say the blessing over the challah! Taking part in a service is also a great way to meet fellow congregants and make some new friends. To sign up email [office@ohvsholom.org](mailto:office@ohvsholom.org) or [rabbimarc@ohvsholom.org](mailto:rabbimarc@ohvsholom.org).

See you at services!

# TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM BOOK CLUB

## 2024 months and books:

All book club gatherings take place at 11:00am in the conference room behind the main sanctuary

- **March 17th:** *Will begin at noon following the congregational brunch. The House of Memory: Stories by Jewish Women Writers of Latin America*, edited by Marjorie Agosin (Solis Press 2022), short story collection.
- **April 21st:** *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 with chutzpah.
- **May 19th:** *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**



**JCC SUMMER CAMP**  
June 17 - August 9, 2024 (plus pre- and post-camp!)

Every Day is an Adventure at JCC Summer Camp! Join us for a summer of fun, swimming, exploration, sports and hobbies, travel camp, and more for kids K-8.

The graphic features a blue banner with the text 'JCC SUMMER CAMP' and 'June 17 - August 9, 2024 (plus pre- and post-camp!)'. Below the banner are five photos: children playing on a playground, a man and a child in a swimming pool, a child climbing a structure, a child on a water slide, and a child running on a grassy field.

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

at [Jewishharrisburg.org/summer-camp](https://www.jewishharrisburg.org/summer-camp)

Questions? Contact Macy at [m.box@jewishfedhb.org](mailto:m.box@jewishfedhb.org) or 717-236-9555 x 3121



**JCC SUMMER CAMP**  
EVERY DAY *with Adventure*



# SISTERHOOD REPORT



Dear Ohev Family,

Thanks to everyone who has taken part in our recent Sisterhood activities, in particular our recent Family Game Night and Sisterhood Brunch.

Game Night was a huge success. Thanks to Jim and Jodi Neuschwander for organizing the event. Jim, a huge board game fan, brought a lot of his favorites to the fun night.

We also had a great Sisterhood Brunch on February 25 when we heard from Caitlin's Smiles, a group we support that provides art supplies to children in the hospital. Thanks to Patti Hivner and her committee for organizing it.

This month, our Sisterhood Shabbat will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8th. We hope you will join us for this wonderful annual service. We will have a special oneg following services.

We are also planning something special for this year's Sisterhood Donor Campaign. You should have received a letter about it. We will have a wine tasting led by Bob Wolff on Thursday, April 11 for everyone who makes a \$40 donation to Sisterhood. This money goes toward all the important things we provide to the temple each year.

We also want to highlight our ongoing program to provide flowers for the bema. If you want to honor a person, a special occasion or something else, please get in touch with Fran Casher at [fr1ca19@yahoo.com](mailto:fr1ca19@yahoo.com). We will list the honor in that week's service program and it will be mentioned during the announcements at services.

Best,  
Jeanette Krebs and Reyna Jose  
Co-Sisterhood Presidents

Please Join Us  
For  
Sisterhood Shabbat  
Friday, March 8th @ 6:00pm  
(An oneg will follow services)

If you are a member of our Sisterhood and would like to read a part in the Shabbat service, don't be shy. Please email Patti by March 1<sup>st</sup> at [pattiscookin@comcast.net](mailto:pattiscookin@comcast.net) and let her know.





Dear Temple Ohev Sholom Family:

Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood (TOSS) plays an active and vital role in our Temple's religious, social and educational life. As one of the region's most active Sisterhoods, our many contributions to the Temple enhance the experiences of the entire Ohev family.

We invite you to consider donating during our annual TOSS donor appeal. Your tax-deductible monetary contribution helps Sisterhood to fulfill its financial commitment to our Temple as well as to continue our extensive role in Temple Ohev Sholom's life.

We are suggesting a minimum \$40 donation. **All donors** will receive a special perk! We are inviting you to be our guest at a **Thank You Wine Tasting, Hors d'oeuvres and Dessert event at the Temple at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11. The evening will be led by wine expert and our very own Temple member Bob Wolff.**

In case you don't know the full extent of our work, Sisterhood ensures Shabbat flowers are placed on the bimah, provides holiday treats for our religious school students, sends small gifts to college students, arranges the Hanukkah celebration, and sets up great programming and trips during the year. Sisterhood supports the kitchen, operates the gift shop, provides social and educational opportunities for the congregation, and, importantly, we provide emergency aid in times of need. Additionally, Sisterhood annually helps the Temple financially by making a sizable gift to its operating budget.

On behalf of the members of Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood, thank you for your time and consideration. We hope we can count on your support and would appreciate receiving your donation by **March 11** for our event planning.

Your donation will ensure that Sisterhood continues its mission of assistance to the Temple and all of you, its members.

With appreciation,

Reyna Jose, Sherry Rosenstrauch and Jeanette Krebs  
Donor Committee

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***Please make checks payable to Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood and send them to:  
Sherry Rosenstrauch, 4501 Hillside Court, Harrisburg, PA 17110***

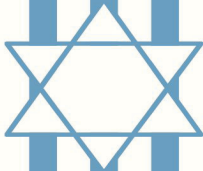
I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as my Donor contribution for 2024.

I will \_\_\_ will not \_\_\_ be able to attend the Donor Wine Tasting event.

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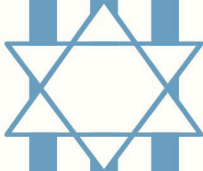
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Have a Jewish partner?  
Want to learn more about the Jewish holidays?

## COME JOIN RABBI MARC FOR HOW TO HOLIDAY PURIM EDITION

Sunday, March 24th, 2024  
11:00am - 12:00pm  
Temple Ohev Sholom - Lehrman Chapel

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

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## COME JOIN RABBI MARC FOR HOW TO HOLIDAY SHABBAT EDITION

Sunday, May 5th, 2024  
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Temple Ohev Sholom - Lehrman Chapel

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# Gun Violence Prevention

## Shabbat & Oneg

**Friday March 15, 2024**

**7pm at Temple Ohev Sholom**

**Guest Speaker -Brandon Flood**  
Deputy Director, Government Affairs

**Gun Violence Prevention Organization Ceasefire PA**

**"One who takes a life,  
it is though they have destroyed the universe.  
And one who saves a life,  
it is as though they have saved the universe"**  
(Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5).

**Our goal: Everyone in Pennsylvania  
should live in a safe community.**

**An opportunity for Education & Action**



**An initiative of RAC-PA & Temple Ohev Sholom**



Bring the family and come take  
a hilarious adventure through

# The Family Haggadah

with author Karen Rosteker-Gruber  
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**SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH**

**AT 10AM**

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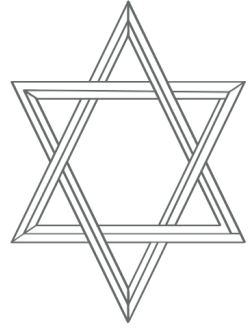
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# OHEV SHOLOM MINI-UNIVERSITY



**MARCH 3 | ROB BRENNER**

\*This class will be at 1 pm\*  
Jewish Cooking

**APRIL 14 | ALAN STOLBERG**

Maintaining the Memory: The Holocaust  
\*Share your family's Holocaust story by pre-registering for this event.

**APRIL 28 | BOB WOLFF**

Introduction to Liturgical Hebrew  
\*Rescheduled from previous snow day.

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

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**\*Donations accepted at each class**

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# OHEV HAPPENINGS

## Game Night



## Sisterhood Social Action Committee

*Items donated from Religious School and Temple Members*



# OHEV HAPPENINGS

## Congregational Brunch: February 4th



## Krav Maga



## Sisterhood Brunch



# TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD PLANNING MEETING



On February 11th the revised men's group for Temple Ohev Sholom held an organization meeting.

It was decided the group will be called BTOS (Brotherhood of Temple Ohev Sholom), and that the group should be both a social as well as religious focused group. Many ideas were discussed about possible functions for the group. The following are activities that are first on our list:

- Next meeting March 10th 10:00 in the Temple Ohev Sholom Library
- April 14th a bowling afternoon. (site to be determined)
- May 5th Harrisburg Senators picnic and baseball game.

The group is looking for more of our Brothers to be a part of this group. There is a special desire to attract and include younger members.

We thank Rabbi Marc for his support of this group.

*For further information or questions contact :*

***Bob Hivner at [hivner4@comcast.net](mailto:hivner4@comcast.net)***

# MARCH 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.

## March 1, 2024

Celia F. Buch  
Mollie Cohn  
Richard Coran  
Naomi Doranz  
Hannah Druckman  
Walter Fox  
Samuel L. Freedman  
Lewis C. Friedman  
Jerome Goodman  
Samuel I. Kades Jr.  
Gertrude Landis  
Alvin Lester  
Walter J. Manola  
Clara Nell Sweeney McArthur  
Pauline Mishkin  
Richard Lee Roth  
Hannah Salkin  
David M. Saxe  
Mark Shermer  
Robert G. Smigel

## March 8, 2024

Liebman Adler  
Louis Brenner  
Sylvia Carter  
Joseph I. Cluster  
Joseph D. Cohn  
April DeLoach  
Rosa Frank  
Dr. Benjamin Gainsburg  
Tillie Garner  
Samuel Gross  
Rose Gomez Hausman  
Meyer Jacobs  
Caryl Louise Hess Kramer  
Rosalind Lax  
Sam Levy  
Edgar Marks  
Israel Mayer  
George Jasper McArthur  
Romaine Sadler Menaker  
Mark Pihony  
Melvin Portnoy

Thelma Riegler  
Barbie Shauf  
Charles Silver  
Louis Spitalny  
Bernard Zaritzky

## March 15, 2024

Huldah Appell  
Jeanette M. Brenner  
Lena T. Brenner  
Ephraim Brenner  
Dora Cramer  
Faye F. Doranz  
Gerald Eisnitz  
Henrietta Hirschler  
Solomon Hurwitz  
Abram S. Jacobson  
Fay Millstein May  
Adell Jaffe Nanus  
Lillian A. Roberts  
Hannah Ries Schleisner  
Sheila Schooler  
Miriam R. Silver  
William Strouse  
Isaac Vladimerov

## March 22, 2024

Morris Aboff  
Estelle Bartok  
Eugene Frahm  
Steven Henry Galowitz  
Cindy Jennings Kline  
George I. Katzman  
Rebecca Kraus  
Herbert Lang  
Louis Lehrman  
Gertrude Lesser  
Dora Levine  
Maurice M. Melamed  
Al Millstein  
Stephanie Sacks  
Hilda R. Schleisner  
Otis Sensel  
Michael Strouse

# MARCH KADDISH LIST

Dr. Leo Talkov  
Joseph Tanchum

**March 29, 2024**

Herbert Dixon  
Morris Estreicher  
Julia Fineshriber  
Morris Goldman  
Phyllis Gordon  
Louis Grass  
Harry W. Gross  
Samuel Kuhn  
Max B. Menaker  
Gerald (Jerry) Nepon  
Bernice (Bunny) Nepon  
Tony Repshas  
Harry B. Rubin  
Isabella Mayers Strouse

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Celebrating a special occasion or commemorating a yahrzeit?? How about making a donation in honor of that occasion or person by sponsoring an Oneg or purchasing flowers for our bema on Shabbat??

**To sponsor an Oneg, please contact Doreen at [Doreen819@verizon.net](mailto:Doreen819@verizon.net).**

**To provide flowers for our bema, contact Fran at [Fr1ca19@yahoo.com](mailto:Fr1ca19@yahoo.com).**

Your name and special occasion or special person you are honoring will be listed in our Friday evening Shabbat handout.

# MARCH CALENDAR

- March 1 6:00pm – 1st Friday Potluck Dinner  
7:00pm – Shabbat Services
- March 2 9:00am – Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc  
10:00am – Tot Shabbat
- March 3 9:30am – Religious School  
1:00pm – Mini University – Jewish Cooking Class with Rob Brenner
- March 5 9:30am – Tuesday Coffee Talk at Cornerstone Coffee House
- March 8 6:00pm – Sisterhood Shabbat Services
- March 9 9:00am – Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc  
10:30am – B’Mitzvah, Penelope Lepore
- March 10 9:30am – Religious School  
9:45am – Sisterhood Board Meeting  
10:00am – Brotherhood meeting in the library  
12:00pm – Better Together – Purim Palooza
- March 12 9:30am – Tuesday Coffee Talk at Cornerstone Coffee House
- March 14 7:00pm – Temple Ohev Sholom Board of Trustees Meeting
- March 15 7:00pm – Special Themed Shabbat Services with Brandon Flood
- March 16 9:00am – Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc
- March 17 9:30am – Religious School  
9:30am – Build Bond Bagel  
12:00pm – Spring Book Club
- March 19 9:30am – Tuesday Coffee Talk at Cornerstone Coffee House
- March 22 6:00pm – Shabbat Services
- March 23 9:00am – Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc  
10:30am – B’ Mitzvah, Julia Sheinfeld  
5:30pm – Purim Speil
- March 24 9:30am – No Religious School  
10:45am – Confirmation Class  
11:00am – How to Holiday – Purim – with Rabbi Marc
- March 26 9:30am – Tuesday Coffee Talk at Cornerstone Coffee House
- March 29 6:00pm – Shabbat Services
- March 30 9:00am – Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc
- March 31 No Religious School

# JFS SPECIAL EDITION

Below is a special edition of the newsletter from Jewish Family Service of Greater Harrisburg CEO, Steven Schauder.

## On Trauma, Taxi Drivers and the JFS 2024 Annual Event

*By Steve Schauder, CEO of Jewish Family Service of Greater Harrisburg*

Of all the things you may want to hear from your Israeli taxi driver, you may not want to hear his opinions about the two-state solution. But more on that later.

I write this to you on the eve of Shabbat from Jerusalem. I'm in Baka, a neighborhood in Southern Jerusalem. It is a very Americanized neighborhood, and you're as likely to hear more people speaking English in the streets than Hebrew. I lived in this neighborhood for a few years in the 1990s and it feels like home. I can't say I've gauged the mood of the country, though you can feel the suffering in the air. There are signs everywhere asking for the release of the hostages and people seem much more respectful of each other and more gracious, shockingly, even in Machane Yehuda on a Friday afternoon. I guess Jerusalem still feels like Jerusalem—it is always intense and pulsing but now it feels like more. I'm reminded of a poem by a former teacher of mine, Yehuda Amichai.

### **Ecology of Jerusalem**

*The air over Jerusalem is saturated with prayers  
and dreams  
like the air over industrial cities.  
It's hard to breathe.  
And from time to time a new shipment of history  
arrives  
and the houses and towers are its packing materials.  
Later these are discarded and piled up in dumps.  
And sometimes candles arrive instead of people  
and then it's quiet.  
And sometimes people come instead of candles  
and then there's noise.  
And in enclosed gardens heavy with jasmine  
foreign consulates,  
like wicked brides that have been rejected,  
lie in wait for their moment.*

A new shipment of history arrived in the attack on October 7th and this new strata will be here for a very long time to come. You can sense the trauma all around and it permeates all of Jerusalem and beyond.

JFS, like all human service agencies in Pennsylvania, is a trauma-informed agency. In 2021, Governor Wolf mandated that the licenses social and human service agencies receive include components determining how agencies have created policies and procedures to address trauma. The American



Psychological Association defines trauma as an “emotional response to a terrible event like an accident, rape, or natural disaster. Immediately after the event, shock and denial are typical. Longer-term reactions include unpredictable emotions, flashbacks, strained relationships, and even physical symptoms like headaches or nausea. While these feelings are normal, some people have difficulty moving on with their lives. Mental health professionals can help them find constructive ways of managing their emotions.”

We have a staff committee devoted to defining how we will serve our clients as a trauma-informed agency. When we had Lehrman Hall painted for our anticipated move in the weeks ahead, we made sure to request trauma-informed colors that are soothing and calming.

“Trauma” feels like a loaded word at times. In a New York Times opinion piece by Nicole Daniels called “Is ‘Trauma Talk’ Overused?” she writes, “Call it post-traumatic hyperbole. Or TikTok pseudo-psychology. Or even therapy-speak. There are plenty of horrible things going on in the world, and serious mental health crises that warrant such severe language. But when did we start using the language of harm to describe, well, everything?”

Using trauma-informed language can be a very good thing—it sensitizes all of us to the pain that others may have experienced. It can also be a double-edged sword if every difficult or uncomfortable experience is described using trauma-inspired language. When every negative encounter is trauma, then no experience is trauma. And there are many people experiencing real trauma today.

Back to Israeli taxi drivers. I don’t use many taxis when I’m in Israel. I try my best to walk as much as I can or ride buses and trains. Taxi drivers are important sources to gauge the mood of any country. My driver, Motti, was struggling because of the lack of tourists, not enough fares and concerns for his four young children. The mood was bleak. And Yossi does not believe in a two-state solution, an opinion I suspect will be voiced in many conversations I’ll be having over the next week.

I have always avoided discussing Israeli politics. I have a ground rule I set many years ago for myself—I don’t discuss politics unless I have skin in the game and stand to lose something by the outcome. I don’t discuss politics when it means other people’s children will die suffering the consequences of the decision. But part of the reason I am here is to help my daughter, Tal, begin her process for recruitment into the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). Tal made Aliyah last year and I’m so proud of her for living out her life’s dreams.

On May 31st, JFS will be holding its Annual Event, entitled “Every Child a Champion” and will feature Coach Bruce Pearl of the Auburn Men’s Basketball Team. Coach Pearl is an inspirational and charismatic human being and is incredibly proud of his Jewish heritage. He champions children every day of his life and has created a family foundation to support medically fragile children. Our event is designed to proudly share the work that JFS does working with medically fragile children through our Foster Care and Adoption program. Concerns have been raised by some members of the community regarding Coach Pearl’s stance on Israel and the current war. I can only say two things—his views are representative of many, if not most

Israelis today. The other is that we were not aware of his political views when we asked him to speak and we are bringing him in to share insights into championing our children, not discuss politics. We know this will be a marvelous event and I look forward to sharing more details in the weeks ahead.

I'm sending everyone my best wishes for a Shabbat Shalom and blessings of peace to you and your family,

Steve

# SAVE THE DATE

JFS PRESENTS COACH BRUCE PEARL

## MAY 31, 2024



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 OF TRUSTEES

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Exec Board of Trustees	President-Elect	Daniel	Green	2022-2024
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Exec Board of Trustees	Secretary	Elissa	Arch	2022-2024
Exec Board of Trustees	Treasurer	April	Hutcheson	2022-2024
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Board of Trustees	Trustee	April	Hutcheson	2022-2024
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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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