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2024
ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM

WHEN:

**TUESDAY,
JUNE 25, 2024
7:00 PM**

WHERE:

**SISTERHOOD
HALL**

Voting will take place at the meeting to approve the new bylaws, constitution and board members.

For people who can't attend and vote in person, there will be the option to vote electronically via the Ohev website or to vote on paper via a mail-in ballot.

For people who can't attend in person, the meeting will be live streamed on our Youtube channel.



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TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM

Mission, Vision, Core Values and Goals

Ohev Sholom 2024 Results of Strategic Workshops

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

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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.

Many of you expressed concern that the May Newsletter did not reach your homes. It is gratifying to know that so many of you enjoy reading the newsletter and look forward to its arrival in your mailboxes each month. Upon investigation we were informed that there were problems with the printer/mailer service which have since been rectified. The good news is that all newsletters, May's included, are available for your reading pleasure on the Temple Ohev Sholom website. Additionally, for those of you who prefer to have a paper copy of the newsletter, they are available in the Temple office.

Thank you for your support of the Temple Ohev Sholom Newsletter.

It is greatly appreciated.

Cindy Lynch, Newsletter Chair/Editor

MESSAGE FROM RABBI MARC

Two years ago, I began the process of life change. I thought I was finished serving congregations; I was moving in a new direction with my career. Then, after a series of “coincidences,” I met Temple Ohev Sholom. We embarked on a three-year journey to heal and transform our community, evolve how we operate, enrich how we engage, and set a path for a renewed and healthy next 170 years.

Over the course of this time, we have grown as a family. Our calendar is bursting with activity, people have renewed their relationships and grown new ones. People are stepping up from out of the woodwork to find ways in which to be formally and informally involved in our Temple Ohev Sholom life.

What an incredible blessing it is to walk this journey together. As we turn the fiscal calendar this summer, I will begin to complete my work here. WE will have new leadership and will be actively looking for a permanent Rabbi to settle in and lead Temple Ohev Sholom into the future. We have a lot for which to be thankful and excited about.

Summer is usually a time off. Whether or not we have children or grandchildren in school, the next few months are the traditional times in which we regroup, renew, and recharge for the next change of seasons. Even while it is time to take a breath, it is also prime time to actively plan and prepare for the next cycle of living. In the Fall, we will be fine-tuning new policies for education, worship, governance, and programming. Our new leadership will be seeking your active input in forging Temple Ohev Sholom's future.

Don't wait to start getting involved. Our time seems to be more flexible during the summer. We are better able to create new patterns and habits. We are more flexible in accepting the opportunities and challenges to spawn our own spiritual, cultural, and inter-personal relationship trajectories.

Here are a few thoughts I want to share that might help us in our refocus:

Going to a park or beach? Take a trash bag and some rubber gloves with you. Leave the area cleaner than you found it. Say a prayer thanking God and your fellow travelers/party-ers for the commitment to do this work.

Come to services and then go to dinner with people you meet at Temple.

Going to a theme park on Saturday? Observing Shabbat and enjoying Disney World are not mutually exclusive.

In fact, here is a great book to get; “40 Things You Can Do To save the Jewish People,” by my dear friend and teacher, Joel Lurie Grishaver. You can find it on Amazon at <https://www.amazon.com/Things-You-Save-Jewish-People/dp/1881283046> Joel will tell you that the chapter on dating is outdated, but the rest of the book is golden.

May you have a great summer. Even as I prepare for my own transition, may we make sure to create some lasting memories together.

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



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What an eventful presidency I have had these past two years! We have accomplished so much and made so many changes to benefit not only the temple members but the community as a whole. I am proud of the fact that we no longer require tickets for high holiday services, that our building facilities are being taken care of, that we continue to have an excellent religious school, and that our programming is as strong as ever. I am proud of the fact that we have board members who worked tirelessly to update our software systems and our financial records. I am proud to have served with the board of trustees that you, the members, chose: they have been dedicated and determined and faithful.



I know I haven't written anything for the newsletter for most if not all of 2024. Many of you know that my husband's cancer relapsed in December 2023 and ever since then, my free time has been devoted to being with him. I didn't resign from the presidency, because I kept hoping things would settle down and I could return to my presidential duties, but family first. I want to thank the entire board for all that they have done for me to ensure that I could devote my time and attention to family, particularly to Dan Green who transitioned from president elect to acting president seamlessly. Really, I need to thank the entire board and the Rabbi for everything that they did to help me so that the temple not only didn't suffer from my absence, but thrived. I am proud to have been part of this excellent board and I love being a member of Temple Ohev Sholom. Temple Ohev Sholom really is family. I look forward to everything the new board and new president bring to temple, and I will do what I can to make sure I am a part of it. Thank you all and I look forward to seeing you in the near future!



Temple Ohev Sholom Rabbinic Search Committee Update

The committee's composition is complete with 11 members (in alphabetical order): Shelley Adler, Bruce Feldman, Irith Harpster, Jonathan Hjelm, April Hutcheson, Reyna José, Tony Lepore, Leslie Locy, Ari Nepon, Andrew Rose, and Gary Rosenstrauch.

An initial in-person meeting will be held in early May to review the mission, tasks, and timeline. The goal is to have our application available on URJ's online position vacancy portal no later than October 1, 2024.

Regular substantive updates to the congregation will be provided via the Temple Ohev Sholom newsletter and/or the weekly email "Sholom-a-Gram".

Please direct questions to Shelley Adler at sladler@aol.com and/or Bruce Feldman at brucebaf@hotmail.com.



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.)



Legacy Heritage

BetterTogether

Introducing our first Better 2 Write Tov L'chtov essay contest. Student participants were invited to delve into any aspect of their interactions with seniors. We received eight wonderful submissions from students. Our three winners are Josh Davidheiser (7th grade) who received \$150 for 1st place, Elise Rosen (6th grade) came in second place and received \$75, and Jackson Rosenberg (6th grade) was our third winner and received \$50. Their essays follow this article, enjoy reading them. Honorable mentions and \$15 were given to Evelyn Hjelm, Mackenzie Goddard, Reese Goddard, and Felix Baar. We hope that next year, we can enter the national Better 2 Write contest for which we need a total of 10 entries.

1ST PLACE WINNER:

My Experience with Seniors, and Mrs. Rosenberg

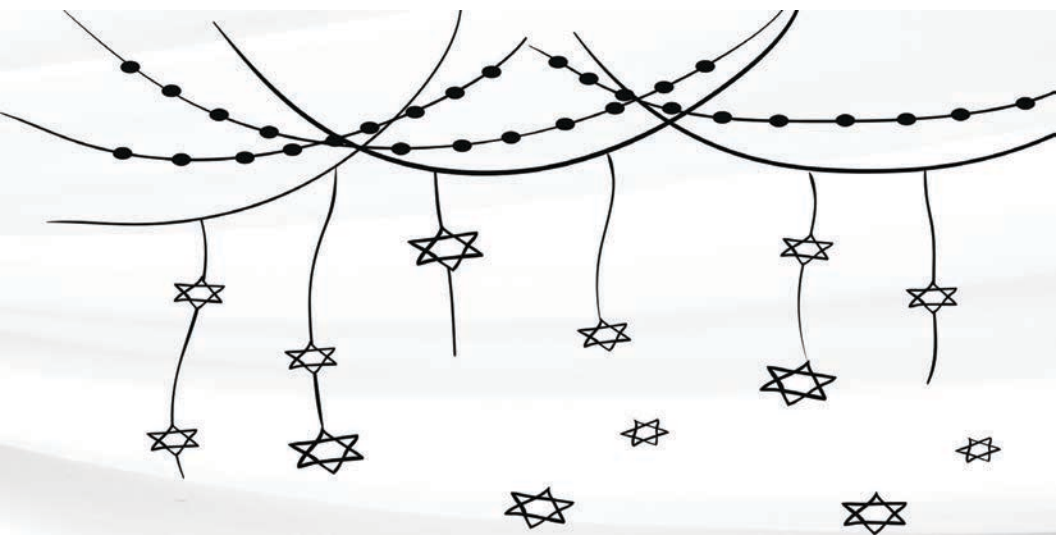
By: Josh Davidheiser, 7th grade

I have had many experiences with the elderly, whose advice, discussions, and performance in life has shaped me to be who I am in many ways. For example, whenever my grandparents on my mom's side come over to my house, I always have these very deep conversations with my grandfather, whom I call Pap-Pap. He is wonderful, funny, kind, and loves cats and corny jokes. I'm sorry, my voice was a little husky there. Whenever my grandmother, whom I call Savti, comes over, we always love to play card games, board games, and always have a swell time doing so. On Chanukah, Pap-Pap always makes the most delicious latkes that you've ever tasted. Once you try one, you are spoiled for life. They always had a rule in their house with their two cats. They were brother and sister. The sister was always shyer and had a tendency to run away if we got too close. My grandparents made a rule, stating that if I could catch her, then I could pet her. I was never able to catch her, though I tried many times.

Moving on to the other side of my family, whenever I was with my grandparents on my dad's side, we were more active and outdoors. That was made true by the fact that they had a big camper that we could fit into to go camping. We made a point to always go camping with them at least once a year. When we did, they would bring their boat. It wasn't much bigger than a fishing boat, but it was good enough. The campground that we stayed at was right next to the river, and as a result, we would all pile onto the boat and get pulled around in tubes, stop for lunch on a small "island," and just float around, enjoying life. One thing that my grandfather, nicknamed "Pop-Pop", loved to do was to look at and point out the bald eagles that seemed to show up wherever he was on the water. I know that he loved to fly kites, so whenever we were having trouble with keeping them up, or were just running

out of the little patience that we had, he would always steer us back on track and be the wind in our kites, (no pun intended). I always loved Thanksgiving because my grandmother, nicknamed “Nanny”, always made spectacular food and we always ate at a time somewhere in-between lunch and dinner, to my mother’s great delight, I am sure. The rule on their side of the family when eating is, “Eat until you’re stuffed, then keep going. Who cares about dessert when there is food to eat?” Whenever there wasn’t a special dinner going on, Nanny would always make her signature sloppy joe, or as we liked to call it, “NannyQ.” Whenever it was holiday time, Nanny would always give us most of the stuff we wanted and put on our list.

Moving away from family, I have had other experiences with the growing older folks, such as the time I have spent with Mrs. Rosenberg. She has been a wonderful influence on my life, especially now, since I am a boy scout, I am working toward my religious emblem. She has been my mentor, teacher, and guide throughout it and I really appreciate what she has done for me. She helped me when I couldn’t figure stuff out. She also has had a lot of great stories and jokes to tell. I had her as a religious schoolteacher in 6th grade and was never happier in school. She always has a witty remark, funny story, or interesting fact to share. She had treats for us on the last day of religious school, gave me great knowledge and memories, and also some neat knick knacks and gadgets as a reward at the end of the year. She knows a lot about Judaism and has probably forgotten more than we will ever remember. She also did this funny thing throughout the school year when she would think that her computer was touchscreen. It was not touchscreen, never has been, and never will be, no matter how many times she pokes hopefully at the screen. She managed to turn every lesson into something fun, and I will always remember her for that. My favorite part about her, though, is how she handled phone calls in class. Whenever her phone would ring, she would look at the number, and if it wasn’t her sons or husband, she would hang up without a word. She was an amazing teacher and an even better friend. Thank you for reading my essay.



2ND PLACE WINNER:

What I've Learned About Seniors

By: Elise Rosen, 6th grade

In this essay, I'm going to share my thoughts about how I view people who are seniors. During the Better Together programs, most of us were surprised by what the seniors were like and by the things they chose to share with us. For example, I was surprised to learn that many of them had been teachers.

An important aspect of being an older person is that they experience more deaths in shorter amounts of time. This is because their friends are probably around their age or older so there is a good chance that they could pass away unexpectedly. Also, if they have siblings around their age, there is a good chance that they will experience their death as well. This would lead to a lot of sorrow. One of the seniors I met at Better together told me she had recently lost her brother. In my opinion, experiencing more than one death at a time is heartbreaking.

Dealing with multiple deaths is probably very stressful for seniors, especially when they come by surprise. I often wonder if they are always thinking "is this the last time I will see this person?" when they see their friends, or siblings. I also wonder if seniors think about the legacy that they are going to leave behind. How do they want to be remembered? Sometimes, I even think about these things so I imagine seniors do also. Although these may seem like dark thoughts, I can imagine that these are things that seniors think about often.

Another interesting thing I noticed about seniors is that they seem to remember lots more than your average middle aged person which is hard to wrap your mind around. My family is a good example of this. My mom doesn't have many memories about her childhood. But, my grandparents are always telling lots of random stories from their childhoods. I wonder why that is.

I would also like to point out that while you may think that seniors are weak or lazy, you should never make that assumption. Not all of the elderly are just sitting around in their living rooms! My grandmother has a personal trainer who helps her get stronger and maintain that strength. She even has a friend in his 80's who is actually stronger than most young people I know.

My takeaway from my experience with seniors is that young people should take seniors seriously, and not discount them because they are old. I learned that appearances can be deceiving; even though you can't see what they've lived through, it doesn't mean that exciting, challenging, and interesting things didn't happen to them. You just have to ask.

3RD PLACE WINNER

My Experience and Thoughts about Seniors

By: Jackson Rosenberg, 6th grade

Most of my interactions with seniors have been with my grandparents but I have also met a few seniors through the Better Together program who also attend my synagogue.

When I think of seniors and my grandparents, it makes me think of all the technology they did not have. From all the stories they tell me, the internet, iPads, flat-screen TVs, and XBoxes did not exist. Grandma told me she used to write letters to her friends and she never had her own telephone line. But then my mom told me she had her own telephone line when she was younger and I never even use the telephone. I always FaceTime or text my friends, parents, and grandparents. I guess this is what everyone always says about the evolution of technology. I think seniors did not have any technology that they used daily but I have so much.

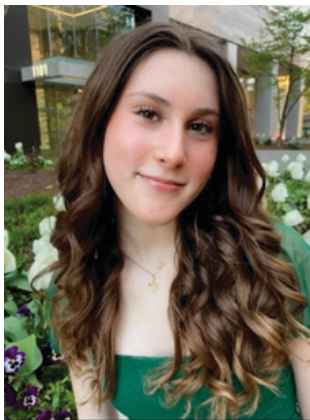
This may be why my grandparents are not the best with technology. In the past week, they broke our garbage disposal, and could not figure out how to use the TV remote, even though my dad showed my papa at least five times. I am not sure if this is about technology or just old age but they also almost broke a door and could not get it shut or locked. Then my parents came home and fixed it, instantly.

While they may not have had a lot of technology, I think that's what makes them so fun. My grandparents are always coming up with silly games to play and they love it that we like to play cards. I think my grandma cheats at cards. They will play card and board games with us for hours. Maybe it's because they never had to deal with getting everything so quickly and as my mother explained, appreciate the simpler things in life.

Seniors always seem so surprised by the ability to FaceTime, when my parents travel to other states or countries for work/vacation they always FaceTime me. Grandma once told me about a long-distance phone call and I was not sure what they meant. My mom had to explain to me that it used to cost more money to call a person in another state, versus in your neighborhood.

I think the best thing about seniors and grandparents is that they are always nice, even when they don't know how some or many things work. I try to help them by teaching them how to use technology. I love how they always let me have sweets and let me eat whatever I want.

MAZEL TOV



On June 1, 2024, Chloe Elizabeth Bourassa, a seventh-grade student at Crossroads Middle School will celebrate her B'Mitzvah. Chloe is the daughter of Eric and Dara Bourassa and the younger sister of Ryleigh Bourassa. Chloe likes to competitively swim, play volleyball, read, and ride in the front seat of the scariest rollercoasters at Hershey Park. For Chloe's service project, she wanted to give back to the older adult population. She volunteers at Artis Senior Living, a Memory Care community, in Lemoyne, PA, and plans to continue volunteering there after her service project is completed. Chloe enjoys helping the residents with their crafts and activities and talking with them. Chloe's Torah portion is B'chukotai 26: 14-23 from the Book of Leviticus.

MAZEL
TOV!

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

The following is Chloe's winning essay which she presented at the State Capitol during the Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony



How would you explain the truth of the Holocaust to someone who denies that it actually happened?

By Chloe Bourassa

It's quite confusing to me that someone could deny that the Holocaust happened if they would only visit it and see what I saw. When I visited the Holocaust Museum in March, I saw many exhibits there that proved that the genocide took place. I saw shoes from the millions of victims, pictures of the Ghettos, photographs of the deportation of Jews, and oral testimonies from Auschwitz survivors. There are many first-hand accounts of the atrocities that happened in the concentration camps. In addition, there is photographic evidence that this horrible dehumanization of European Jews, Romani, disabled people, and many other millions of innocent people suffered under the Nazis.

However, as someone who is Jewish and living in the United States, I can easily understand why people deny the Holocaust and it is because they have never been educated properly about it. If they would have visited the Museum or received any information about the Holocaust, there would have been no way that my peers in school would joke about over 6 million innocent

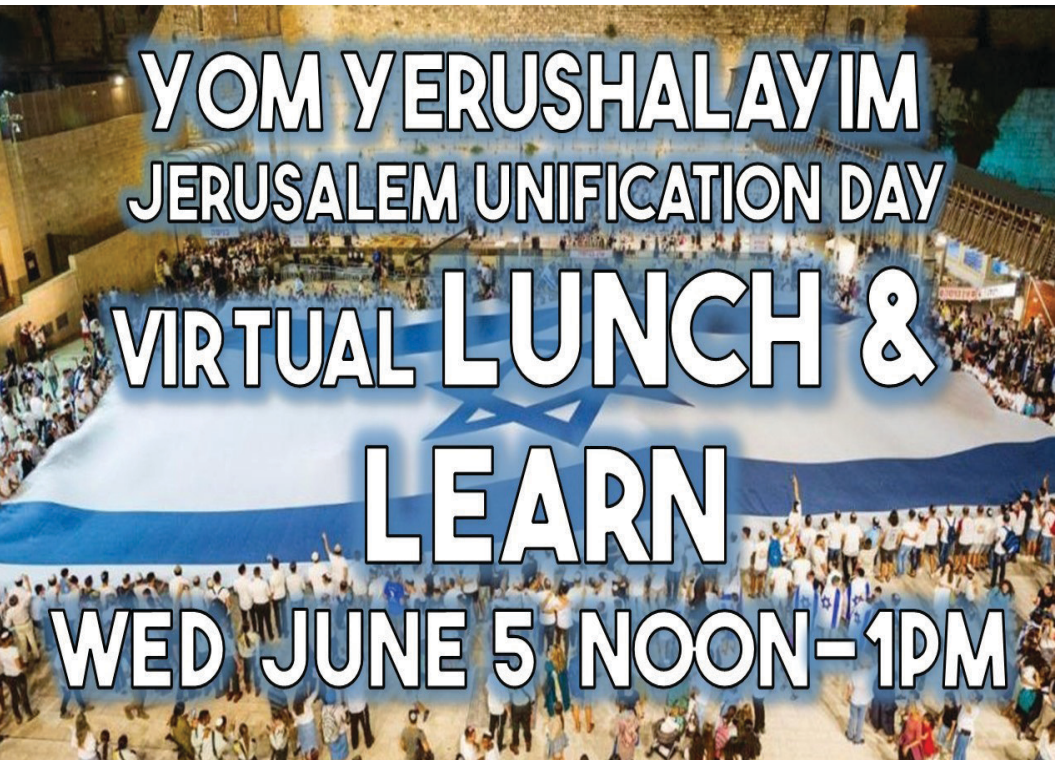
Jews being killed, or that someone could call me a “Nazi”, or constantly being told to “go back to the gas chamber”. If my peers had learned about the Holocaust, they wouldn’t have yelled during lunch to “gas the Jews” while laughing. I would not have been told by a classmate that their Halloween costume was going to be that they would dress up as a Nazi and then tie a leash around my neck to lead me to the gas chamber. I would not hear “Jew” being called out in the school hallways, while I am changing classes. No one who has learned anything about the Holocaust could do actions like this. The Nazi persecution of the Jews began with hateful comments and words, which escalated to discrimination and dehumanization. Between 1933 and 1945, Nazi Germany and its allies established more than 44,000 camps and Ghettos. In March 1933, the first concentration camp, Dachau, opened outside of Munich, Germany. It was used mostly for political prisoners and was the largest running camp in operation, until its liberation in April of 1945. Auschwitz consisted of 3 camps, including a killing center. The camps were open through 1940-1942. There are survivors to tell their stories about these deadly camps. We would not know this information if the Holocaust never happened.

The Nazis targeted Jews because the Germans falsely accused Jews of being the cause of Germany's social, political and cultural problems. The most well-known reason was the Germans blaming Jews for Germany's loss in World War I. Anger over the loss of the war and the economic and political crises that happened contributed to the increasing antisemitism in German society. The instability of Germany under the Weimar Republic, the fear of communism, and the economic shock of the Great Depression made many Germans open to Nazi ideas. The Nazis believed that the world was divided into distinct races and that some of these races were superior to others. They considered Germans to be part of the supposedly superior Aryan race. According to the Nazis, Jews were a threat that needed to be removed from German society. Otherwise, the Nazis believed that the “Jewish race” would permanently corrupt and destroy the German people and their economy.

Another argument used to diminish the horrors of the Holocaust is that the Nazis did not have intentions to kill the Jews. During the implementation of the mass murder of European Jews, SS officials at killing centers forced the victims of the Holocaust to maintain the deception necessary to deport the Jews from Germany. Concentration camp and killing center officials forced prisoners, many of whom would soon die in the gas chambers, were ordered to send postcards home stating that they were being treated well and living in good conditions. These are examples of the Nazis effectively using propaganda to eventually win the support of millions of Germans.

Deniers engage in their activities to reduce public sympathy for Jews, to undermine the lawfulness of the State of Israel, and to make people doubt Jews and the Holocaust. One cannot fabricate the aftermath of the Holocaust, which is so well documented. When the remaining Jews were liberated, there was nowhere for them to go. Their homes were sold, their family members had perished, and they experienced unspeakable trauma. Many survivors were placed in displaced persons camps until they could immigrate to a new home.

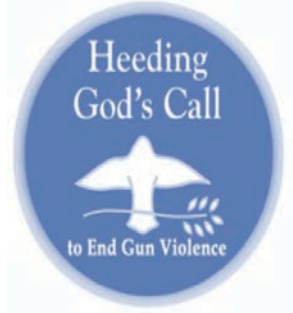
The simple truth is that the Holocaust did happen. We would not have had the Nuremberg Trials if the Holocaust never happened. I would not have been able to visit the Holocaust Museum in Israel last summer if it did not happen. I would not have been able to learn my Holocaust education from a granddaughter of Holocaust survivors if it did not happen. The Holocaust happened.



Please join us



Honor those lost to gun murder and demand stronger and more effective gun laws and regulations



Questions? Harrisburg Chapter Chair
Pastor Eric Jackson ejacks1957@gmail.com
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Sunday June 9

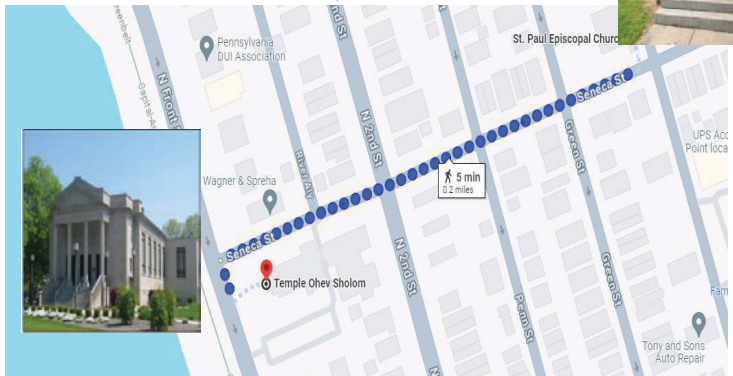
Gun Violence Awareness & Prevention Day for a special Interfaith Prayer Service

3:00 Opening

at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
248 Seneca St., Harrisburg

4:00 Witness Walk

from St. Paul's to Temple Ohev Sholom



4:15 Closing

at Temple Ohev Sholom (URJ)
2345 N. Front St., Harrisburg

Temple Ohev Sholom

Every Voice, Every Vote

2024

We know that Jewish communities, like all communities, thrive in a strong democracy. And one of the best indicators of a strong democracy is one in which everyone who is eligible to vote DOES vote.

Join us to learn how we can ensure a strong democracy in Pennsylvania through **RAC-PA's Every Voice, Every Vote 2024 Campaign.**

Friday June 7th

7pm services with remarks by **Rachel Beck, RAC-PA State Organizer**, followed by oneg & an opportunity to continue the conversation.



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SISTERHOOD REPORT

Dear Ohev Family,



We hope you are enjoying the warm weather. Before our summer kicked off, Sisterhood held a planning meeting, and we have a lot of great programs we are organizing starting on August 15 when we will hold a pot luck dinner/meeting. More details to come. In September we will tour the new home of Jewish Family Service, which moved to the Grass Campus a few months ago. We are hoping to have a regular volunteering arrangement with JFS's food bank. Stay tuned!

Also, through our social action work, we are "adopting" the Shalom House. If you are not familiar with the place, it is a shelter for mothers and their children. We are excited to have this partnership and hope to have someone from Shalom House come to the temple to talk about their work. Stay tuned for more information on our programs and events, including our third annual Designer Bag Bingo on Dec. 7.

Jodi Neuschwander and Jeanette Krebs, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

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.

To provide flowers for our bema, contact **Fran** at Fr1ca19@yahoo.com.

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

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL YEAR-END HIGHLIGHTS AND SUMMER UPDATES

End-of-Year Carnival and First Friday Celebration

Religious School wrapped up the academic year on a high note with an engaging end-of-year carnival, where many family members joined in the festivities. We also celebrated our final First Friday with a memorable event. Rob Brenner led his class in a beautiful prayer and song session—special kudos to the 4th grade! The dedication and hard work of all our faculty deserve recognition. Rob's enthusiasm for prayer has inspired a renewed focus on services in next year's curriculum. Seventh graders are encouraged to attend all Friday night services.

Addressing Challenges Amidst Conflict

This academic year presented unique challenges, particularly with the ongoing conflict in Israel. Our community had to navigate teaching about Judaism while our ancestral homeland faced attacks. Israel continues to struggle both on the ground and in social media. Following the events of October 7th, I facilitated age-appropriate discussions with our students. While younger children remained blissfully unaware, older students had numerous questions. Our students also wrote notes of support to Israeli soldiers and contributed to a charity providing gluten-free meals for soldiers and displaced persons with Celiac. It is crucial to continue these conversations at home, ensuring our children receive accurate information amidst widespread misinformation on social media. Our students are facing unprecedented anti-Semitism, and we must equip them with knowledge and Jewish pride. If you are interested in reviewing or contributing to the materials on this issue, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Personal Reflections and Community Building

Yesterday, I kissed my son goodbye as he embarked on a Birthright trip. Over the next 10 days, he will travel with 29 other Jewish young adults, forging lifelong friendships. Inspired by this, I aim to foster similar bonding among our Religious School students. To achieve this, we need parents to connect with one another. We are eager to expand our education committee and host coffee klatches during our children's learning sessions, allowing parents to get acquainted. Additionally, we are considering a "First Sundays" gathering for parents. If you would like to get involved, please let me know. The social aspect of temple membership is vital, and we aim to create more opportunities for our children to socialize outside of Religious School.

Upcoming School Year and Registration

The opening day of Religious School will be on September 8th. Please look for the QR code/link to register. If you have questions, concerns, or just want to chat, feel free to reach out to me. I am available all summer, though I will be in Israel for much of August.

Wishing all our families a wonderful summer break.
I look forward to seeing you in September!



-Sally Jo

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- ◊ Cleaning Wipes
- ◊ Laundry Detergent
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- ◊ Zip Lock bags: large/quart

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- ◊ Paper Towels
- ◊ Toilet paper
- ◊ Plastic Silverware
- ◊ Paper Plates



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to the
Temple Office**





LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



SUMMERTIME COFFEE TALK

COFFEE TALK

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



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. Please join us for wonderful coffee and conversation with the Temple Ohev Sholom community!

For the Summer months (June, July and August), we will gather at:

June at St. Thomas Roasters

5951 Linglestown Road , Hbg.

<https://www.stthomasroasters.com/>

July at The Cornerstone Coffee House

2133 Market Street, Camp Hill

<https://thecornerstonecoffeehouse.com/>

August at Mr. Deli

2023 Linglestown Road, Hbg.

<https://www.mrdeliandmrstoo.com/>

If anyone has a favorite coffee shop, they would like to suggest we would love to hear from you! Please email Irith Harpster at irithharpster@gmail.com and we will add it to our list of future locations.

SUMMER SERVICES INFORMATION

Summer Shabbat service times and locations are still under development. Please watch for weekly emails for exact times and locations throughout the summer.

JUNE:

- June 1 10:30am – Be Mitzvah, Chloe Bourassa
- June 2 1:00 pm – Ken Stewart Memorial at Mount Moriah Cemetery
Bookstaber Chapel
- June 5 12:00 pm – on Zoom Yom Yerushalayim Jerusalem
Unification Day Lunch & Learn
- June 7 7:00 pm – Shabbat Services: Every Voice, Every Vote Shabbat
with special guest speaker Rachel Beck. Followed
by an Oneg and an opportunity to continue the
conversation.
- June 9 3:00 pm – Interfaith Prayer Service for Gun Violence
Awareness & Prevention Day
- June 14 6:00 pm – Shabbat Services, Observance of Shavuot,
Gloria Kaplan will share information regarding the
Tel Aviv Sexual Assault Crisis Center
- June 21 6:00 pm – Shabbat Services at the Senators Baseball Game
(Game starts at 7pm)
- June 28 6:00 pm – Shabbat Services

JULY:

- July 5 7:00 pm – Shabbat Services
- July 12 6:00 pm – Shabbat Services
- July 19 7:00 pm – Shabbat Services
- July 26 6:00 pm – Shabbat Services

AUGUST:

- August 2 7:00 pm – Shabbat Services
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- August 16 7:00 pm – Shabbat Services
- August 23 6:00 pm – Shabbat Services
- August 30 6:00 pm – Shabbat Services

SUMMER SERVICES INFORMATION

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SHABBAT SERVICES ON JUNE 14

Gloria Kaplan will be asking for your support for the **Tel Aviv Sexual Assault Crisis Center**. The Center does outstanding work by providing healing for the 10/7 rape survivors, their families, first responders and witnesses to the massacre. The Center also trains mental health professionals in the unique ways to treat rape survivors.

<https://www.1202.org.il/en/local/tel-aviv>

Please direct any questions you may have to Gloria Kaplan
Grady19321@aol.com.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH, WED, OCT 2
ROSH HASHANAH, THURS, OCT 3
KOL NIDRE, FRIDAY, OCT 11
YOM KIPPUR, SATURDAY, OCT 12

*Information for our annual
Memorial Book
will be mailed mid-June
and needs to be returned by July 12*



Don't Miss Out! Follow us on social media so you never miss an update!

Friday Night Services are available on Friday Night and Saturday Morning LIVE!



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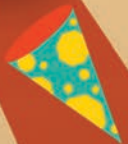
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OHEV HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JON!



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Congratulations CONFIRMANDS



Adam Teplitz, Alex Mendohlson,
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Sisterhood



Installation



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Better

TOGETHER



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NEW MEMBER

SHABBAT



WE CELEBRATED AND
WELCOMED ALL OF
OUR NEW MEMBERS



Roberto Frazier, Rob Brenner, Amy Labella, & Adam Carrick

Temple Ohev Sholom
Brotherhood Presents

SENATORS

Night

Tickets
only \$15

Friday
June 21st

6pm Shabbat
7pm Game

HARRISBURG

VS

**HARTFORD YARD
GOATS**

FNB FIELD, CITY ISLAND

A portion of the ticket sales go to the Temple
COME CELEBRATE SHABBAT & JOIN IN ON THE FUN
SEE YOU THERE!!



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**SUNDAY
JUNE 30
9AM-11AM**



**BREAKFAST
SANDWICHES AND
COFFEE WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR
VOLUNTEERS**

JUNE 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.

June 7

Moe L. Cooper
Samuel Dealham, Jr.
Lena Eisenberg
Howard Fineshriber
E. Mortimer Israel
Toby Jacobs
Sarah Lehrman
A. L. Nassau
Matilda Pyke
Jean Jeanette Rothman
Anne N. Sauertieg
Florence Symons
Jeffrey J. Weisblatt
Ria M. Wolff

June 14

Hanna Abramson
Arelene Bonime
Tasos Coulianos
Jean Goldberg
Beatrice Goldsmith
Ellen Brody Hughes
Margaret Kelly
Joseph G. Levy
Marcus Rosenbaum

June 21

Lena D. Adler
Sarah Baturin Kassnar
Charles Berg
Manya Burickson
Zoel Burickson
Siebert Feldman
S. Joseph Freedman
Daniel A. Greene
Geri Henken
Sarah Jaffe
Cantor Sharon I Kunitz
Jeanette Laubheim
Bonnie McPhillips
I. E. Meyers
Howard Spitalny
Gina Steiner
Michael Ufberg
Sol Wiener

June 28

Jacob Garner
Eli Goldstein
Fran Z. Guttman
Grace Hess
Jacob Kniager
Dolly Krause
Jack Levy
Jack Rose
Bessie Rouse
Mary Sachs
Minnie Schwartz
Abraham J. Sherman
Sophie Vladimerov
Esther Gross Weill
Philip E. Yolles

JULY KADDISH LIST

July 5

Lee Braff
Avis Cooper
Mildred Forman
Marilyn Fox
Abraham Garner
Jessica Goodman
Rose Goodman
Alan Jacobs
Roy W. Kibler
Bessie Latt
Herman Marks
William Muhlfelder
Herbert Narrow
Jerome Newman
Florence Rindley
Martin S. Roberts
Sarah Saxe
Walter L. Stern
Sylvia Tolk

July 12

Charles Adler
Alexander Aronson
Mark R. Becker
Milton M. Cohen
Esther Cohen
Augusta Cohen
James Elwood
Davidheiser
Mitzi Frahm
Tomisieto
Cecilia T. Friedman
Margaret Friedman
Miles F. Goodman Jr.
Manuel Kraus

Annette Lang
Max Rubin
William B. Schleisner
Dorothy I. Zalman

July 19

Gordon D. Adler
Robert D. Brenner
Harry Bryant
Greta Gallia
Joan S. Goldsmith
Oscar Goodman
Caroline Greene
Barb Heim
Evan Helmuth
Lester Hess
Norman Krause
Samuel Latt
Martha Lehrman Leon
Samuel Levinson
Rebecca Levy
Gloria Olewine
Aileen Osofsky
Lois Rockmaker
Nathan Segal
Ethel Segal
David Shapiro
Emanuel Stern
Israel Sweig
Matilda Wolf
John Woodard Bryant, Jr.

July 26

Stanley D. Adler
Moses Baturin
Richard Casher
Monroe Cohen
Harris Cohen
Albert Percy Doranz
Betty Frahm Rosenblatt
Ruth Cohen Friedman
Rose S. Gross
Rosebelle Holdsworth
Rose Klotzman
Abraham Mayer
Henry M. Miller
Elisheva Romani
George Sherman
Albert J. Simms

AUGUST KADDISH LIST

August 2

Sadie Frank Adler
Alice Bloom
Abraham Bornstein
Paul Gourley
Steven M. Harpster
Alice May Heath
Idelle J. Hess
Pearl Kaplan
Selma Katzman Klein
Joseph Lowengard
Herman J. Nathan
Joseph Oppenheim
Benjamin H. Schneiderman
Melba Ball Schwartz
Sherlee S. Seglin
Arthur Siegel

August 16

Esther Astrachan
William I. Bienstock
Jeanette Bronstein
Justine O. Cohen
Bernard Forner
Joseph Goldberg
Gary Grobman
Ralph C. Koppelman
Joseph G. Lowengard
Cecilia Narrow
Linnea Neuman
Diana K. Sauertieg
Harold Zerfuss

August 30

Henra J. Abrams
Frances Cohn
Marvin Feinman
Marcus Forman
Barry Fox
Lou Goldstein
Eleanor Jacobs
Samuel Jaffe
Henry Nachman
Richard H. Podolle
Esther B. Sherman
George Tolk
Gloria Palkes Weiss

August 9

June Bedwell
Lizzie Dealham
Felix Gallia
Emma Israel
Daniel Krause
Abraham J. Lehrman
Edith Marcus
Sadye H. Menaker
Martha Miller Roth
Jeanette Shellhammer
Bernard Symons

August 23

Harry Bagley
J. Stanley Cohen
Mark Galowitz
Lucetta Gross
Beatrice Hershman
Ray Melnicove
Annette Nager
Elizabeth Schwartz
J. David Snyder
Sylvia Goldstein Stern
Yetta Yamin

JULY CALENDAR

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| July 2 | 9:30am - Coffee Talk |
| July 5 | 7:00pm – Shabbat Services |
| July 9 | 9:30am - Coffee Talk |
| July 11 | 7:00pm – Board of Trustees Meeting (tentative) |
| July 12 | 6:00pm – Shabbat Services |
| July 16 | 9:30am - Coffee Talk |
| July 19 | 7:00pm – Shabbat Services |
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| July 26 | 6:00pm – Shabbat Services |
| July 30 | 9:30am - Coffee Talk |



AUGUST CALENDAR

August 2	7:00pm – Shabbat Services
August 6	9:30am – Coffee Talk
August 8	7:00pm – Board of Trustees Meeting
August 9	6:00pm – Shabbat Services
August 12	7:00pm - Memorial Service and Program for Tisha B'Av
August 13	9:30am – Coffee Talk
August 16	7:00pm – Shabbat Services
August 18	12:00pm- Annual Temple Ohev Sholom Picnic, Fort Hunter (see flyer for details)
August 20	9:30am – Coffee Talk
August 23	6:00pm – Shabbat Services
August 27	9:30am – Coffee Talk
August 30	6:00pm – Shabbat Services

The poster features a stylized illustration of the Temple of Jerusalem with flames rising from its walls, set against a purple and blue sky with dark, wavy clouds. The foreground shows brown, sandy hills.

Tisha B'Av

Memorial Service & Program

Monday, August 12- 7pm

Temple Ohev Sholom

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	April Hutcheson	2022-2024
Exec Board of Trustees	Immediate Past President	Rob Teplitz	2022-2024
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	Vacant	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	2022-2025 (3 year)
Board of Trustees	Trustee	Vacant	2022-2024
Board of Trustees	Trustee	Richard Sgrignoli	2022-2024 (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	Jodi Neuschwander	Board seat is guaranteed per bylaws while President of Sisterhood
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