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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**

Where did the summer go? All the plans families made, the excitement in the preparation, the joy in the execution, and the memories that will continue to nourish over the many years: welcome back to "normal living." Ok, for many of us, the summer did not go as planned. Many experienced painful distractions, celebrated surprises, and the chaos of keeping up with an ever-changing world. For still others, the summer passed and every day looked no different than the day before.



For all of us, whichever category describes our lives, we stand on the cusp of renewal. Our Jewish calendar year is winding down only so that it can turn a new page and we can start over – again.

The High Holy Days provide us a concrete push to do the work we need to do every day, but don't. From the Talmud:

Rabbi Eliezer's students asked him, "When should a person do his atonement and reconciliation?" The sage answered, "On the day before you die." They looked at him quizzically, "How can we know when that will be?" He answered, we don't, so we should be fixing relationships and celebrating each other every day."

Fixing relationships with ourselves and each other takes concentration and practice. The work requires us to engage with each other, letting people know how you have impacted their lives and how you hope to have positively impacted yours. If you admire someone, let them know. If you have concerns about interactions with people, let them know of your concern and your hope to reconcile any leftover baggage. This coming month provides us an opportunity to create a habit of what I call, "creating a surplus budget of kindness" for the coming year. The effort pays enormous dividends.

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

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

# **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**



Temple Ohev Sholom is home for my family. My husband, Tony, and I were welcomed here as young adults getting ready to embark on our married life. Our daughters, Sydney and Jessica, were excited to see their extended Jewish family as toddlers coming to Tot Shabbat and Friday night services. Now that they are young women, the friends and family they made here continue to be part of their lives.

It is so important to our family that Temple Ohev Sholom continues to grow for the future. We want to ensure that anyone who wants to lead a Jewish life has a safe place to call home where they always will be welcomed and respected.

My goal as president is to foster the growth we have made so far. We have new challenges ahead of us, like finding a new Rabbi, expanding our presence in the community and ensuring we are financially stable for the future. I hope to facilitate progress in all of these areas and build on the positive energy everyone brings to the congregation.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Temple function! -April Hutcheson

### IntroducingTempleOhevSholomExecutiveDirector

### **REYNA JOSE**



Reyna joined the Temple Ohev Sholom team in July 2024 as Executive Director. Raised in West Haven, CT she completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Connecticut with a B.S. in Human Development and Family Relations.

Prior to joining Temple Ohev Sholom's team, Reyna spent her career mostly in the childcare field, but has held many volunteer positions at Temple Ohev Sholom. Reyna taught in the Religious School, was Sisterhood President, was Chair of the Worship Committee and served on numerous committees. Reyna enjoys playing pickleball, doing all kinds of puzzles and loves planning programs and activities. Temple Ohev Sholom is her second home and is excited to share her love of the temple with others.

Reyna and her husband, Ernie, live in East Berlin, PA. They have a son, Michael, who lives in Philadelphia. Michael grew up at Temple Ohev Sholom becoming a Bar Mitzvah, was confirmed at Temple Ohev Sholom and graduated from Hebrew High in 2014.

To contact Reyna, please feel free to email her at reynajose@templeohevsholom.org or call the temple office 717 233-6459.

# **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATES**

Our religious school teachers and tutors are excited for the first day of Religious School which is scheduled for Sunday, September 8th. Our Sunday classes are from 9:30am-12noon. Teachers include in their day: music, arts & crafts, Jewish values, Judaica, Hebrew lessons and a school-wide religious service. ShalomLearning is the curriculum that the temple primarily uses. We also offer ½ hour tutoring sessions, via Zoom, for children in grades 3rd-7th. If you are interested in learning more about our fabulous religious school or you are interested in enrolling your child/children, please call the Temple Office at (717) 233-6459 for more information.

#### Search for a Religious School Director:

In July, our religious school director, Sally Jo Bronner resigned her position to accept a teaching position in New York. We wish Sally Jo only the best. In August, the temple advertised a job posting and job description in our weekly emails, on the temple website, the temple's Facebook page, Jewish Harrisburg, Kol Central PA, along with posting an ad in the Community Review. We received several resumes and letters of interest and at the time of this writing the temple's Personnel Committee is in the process of interviewing applicants. We will keep everyone up to date as we get more information in regards to hiring a new religious school director.

#### Come Celebrate the First Day of Religious School...Hot Dogs

We hope all our religious school kiddos, Tot Shabbat kiddos, and their families will come for a hot dog lunch on Sunday, September 8th @ 12noon to celebrate the 1st day of Religious School. This is a free event, but please RSVP to Reyna at reynajose@ohevsholom.org so we know how many hot dogs to purchase.





#### 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.)

# WELCOME NEW MEMBER MORGAN HOOKS

# **MAZEL TOV**



**On September 7th, 2024, Joshua Davidheiser will become a Bar Mitzvah.** His parents Deb and Steve, along with his younger sister Kaitlyn are very excited to celebrate his big day!

Joshua is an 8th grade student at East Pennsboro Middle School. He is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and enjoys singing in the chorus, small ensemble, and performing in the spring musical. Outside of school Josh enjoys performing in different local theater groups, learning piano, and is currently a Star ranked Boy Scout.

For Josh's Bar Mitzvah project, he chose to support the organization Harrisburg Area Rescue Team (HART) which is a kitten and cat-based rescue organization. He has helped take care of foster cats who stay at Pet Supplies Plus, organized kitten supply drives at several locations, baked brownies for a bake sale, and has also helped take care of foster cats and kittens that are in his home.

Josh's Bar Mitzvah portion is Shoftim 20:10-20, and 21:1-5 from Deuteronomy.

# **MAZEL TOV**



On September 14th, 2024, Owen Rogalski, an eighth-grade student at Harrisburg Academy, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah. Owen is the son of Alison and Jonathan Rogalski and the older brother of Miles.

Owen is an avid soccer player, showcasing his skills on the field where he's known for his agile footwork and team spirit. Off the field, Owen is a dedicated gamer, often found immersed in strategic adventures and virtual challenges that sharpen his problem-solving abilities. His enthusiasm for gaming extends to creating his own Minecraft worlds, where his creativity knows no bounds. During winter months, Owen eagerly takes to the slopes, snowboarding with friends and family at nearby resorts. His fearless approach and love for speed make him a standout on the snow, always seeking the next thrilling run down the mountain.

Beyond his athletic and gaming pursuits, Owen's infectious personality lights up any room he enters. His genuine kindness and quick wit make him a favorite among classmates and teammates alike.

For his service project, Owen cooked meals for volunteer firefighters in his community. Inspired by their dedication and sacrifice, Owen wanted to prepare and deliver meals to the local fire station, showing his appreciation for their hard work and bravery.

Owen's Torah portion, Ki Teitzei, from the book of Deuteronomy, resonates with themes of fairness, kindness, and community responsibility, qualities that Owen strives to embody in his daily life.

# **MAZEL TOV**



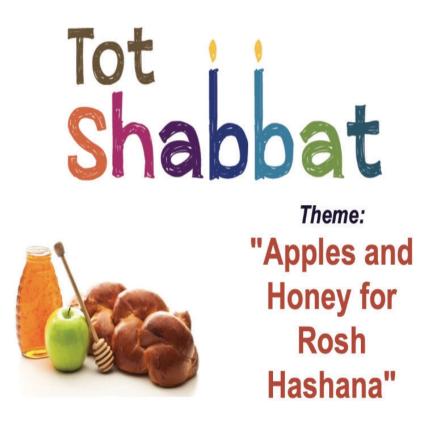
Mackenzie Goddard will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Mackenzie is in 7th grade at Northern Middle School. Mackenzie has been on her school's student council, is in numerous theater productions, practices Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, babysits, pet sits, and takes voice lessons.

Mackenzie likes to help around Temple Ohev Sholom in any way that she can, from helping in the gift shop to cleaning up the kitchen after events! She has also spent part of her summer volunteering at Celebration Villa Senior Care Center in Dillsburg, where she has quickly warmed the hearts of the members she works with.

AZEL TOV

TO ALL SEPTEMBER

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#### Tot Shabbat for children birth through age 6

### Please mark your calendars!! This program year Tot Shabbat will be moving to the 3rd Saturday of every month.

Join us every month as our youngest kiddos and their families have fun at our **Tot Shabbat** service! We'll have a short service, a story, maybe a craft, singing & dancing. And, there will be a great snack for the kids!

We are excited to see you for our next **Tot Shabbat** on **September 21st at 10:00 AM** in the Lehrman Chapel. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please give us a call at 717 233-6459.

### SISTERHOOD REPORT

Dear Ohev Members,

Sisterhood is getting ready for a great fall! We are holding our first program on September 15. We will have a short meeting and food at 10 a.m. and then we will drive separately to Jewish Family Service at the Alexander Grass Campus for Jewish Life for a tour and discussion about volunteer opportunities. Our tour will begin at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited.



We hope to have a regular volunteering arrangement with JFS's food bank. Stay tuned!

On August 15, we held a well-attended potluck dinner where we swapped ideas for the 2024 calendar year.

Also, we are "adopting" the Shalom House through our social action work. If you are not familiar with the place, it is a shelter for mothers and their children in the city. We are excited to have this partnership and hope to have someone from Shalom House come to the temple to talk about their work. (See the article with more details about our social action projects in the newsletter.)

Look for more information on our programs and events, including our third annual Designer Bag Bingo on Dec. 7. Yours,

Jodi Neuschwander and Jeanette Krebs, Sisterhood Co-Presidents



Sisterhood Past Presidents with Temple Past Presidents\*: Reyna Jose, Patti Hivner, Janet Landesberg, Irith Harpster, and Sherry Rosenstrauch, Shelley Adler\*, Janet Landesberg, Linda Stewart\*, Reyna Jose, Patti Hivner, Irith Harpster, and Sherry Rosenstrauch 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.



### Opening Program/General Meeting

Sunday, September 15, 2024

A chance to gather, learn and enjoy time spent together!



We will meet at 10:00 a.m. in Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood Hall for refreshments and our General Meeting

Find out exciting plans for the coming year and review our proposed Constitution & Bylaws revisions

After the meeting we will make our way to the new JFS location for a tour



Explore and learn about the new facility and their needs

Please bring a non-perishable item to donate to the JFS Food Pantry

RSVP to Patti Hivner at pattiscookin@comcast.net by Sept. 8, 2024





We are looking forward to once again assisting our community with donations. This coming year, we have chosen to support Shalom House, JFS Food Pantry, Caitlin Smiles, Bethsaida Mission, and Downton's Daily Bread. Each month watch for information about their specific needs and how you can help by brining items to the Collection Boxes located around the Temple!

September	Sholom House – Household Products
October	JFS Pantry High Holidays Collection Bags
November	JFS Pantry - Thanksgiving Collection
December	Caitlin Smiles - Journaling Supplies
January	Bethesda Mission - Socks and Underwear
March	Sholom House - Household Products
April	Daily Bread - Food Bags
May	Sholom House - Household Products
Т	HANK YOU in advance for your generous support!

Sisterhood Social Action Committee

# Coffee Talk

TUESDAY AT 9:30AM

Beginning in March, we began 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 September, we will gather at The Cornerstone Coffee House 2133 Market Street in Camp Hill.

If anyone has a favorite coffee shop, they would like to suggest, we would love to hear from you! Please contact the Temple Office to relay your suggestions and we will add it to our list of future locations.





#### **Please Save the Date:**

- Temple Ohev Sholom is pleased to announce
- Dr. Andrew Rehfeld, President of Hebrew Union
- College, will be joining us for Shabbat Services on
- Friday evening, October 4th.
- He will be speaking about the State of Progressive Judaism in the 21st century.
- More details to follow, in the coming weeks, but please mark your calendars for this very special event.

# sholom Book Club

Temple Ohev

> llam Sisterhood Board Room

All are Welcome

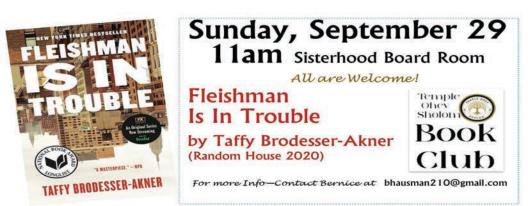
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### Fall 2024 Selections

Sept 29	Fleishman Is In Trouble by Taffy Brodesser-Akner (Random House 2020)
Oct 27	An Empire of Their Own: How the Jews Invented Hollywood by Neal Gabler (Vintage, 1988)
Nov 24	Kantika by Elizabeth Graver (Metropolitan Books, 2023)
Dec 22	The Heaven and Earth Grocery Story

CC 22 The Heaven and Earth Grocery Story by James McBride (Riverhead 2023)

For more Info-Contact Bernice at BHausman210@gmail.com



### **RAC-PA Phone Banking to Voters in Pennsylvania**



#### PENNSYLVANIA RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER OF REFORM JUDAISM

The Reform movement's Religious Action Center in PA is working with our partner OnePA4All to get out the vote in Pennsylvania for the November election. Members of Ohev Sholom are invited to join this nonpartisan effort.

RAC-PA is phonebanking every week from early September through Election Day. We are calling voters who are overlooked by the major political parties with encouragement and a reminder to vote.

All phone banking is facilitated through Zoom, and you will receive the link once you register. You will need to use your phone and either a desktop or laptop for the session. If you do not want to make calls from your personal phone number,RAC-PA will assist you in setting up a Google Voice number you can use instead.

Phone Banking Dates:				
Wed. 9/11	6-8 pm			
Wed. 9/8	6-8 pm			
Wed. 9/25	6-8 pm			
Tues. 10/8	6-8 pm			
Sun. 10/13	6-8 pm			
Sun. 10/20	9:45-11:15 am			
Tues.10/29	6-8 pm			
Wed. 10/30	6-8pm			

If you would like to join a phone bank or have any questions, contact **rac.org/pa** (More dates will become available closer to the election.)

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!







### 2024-5785 HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Selichot	Saturday, September 28 7:00 pm Havdalah & Program				
Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30 pm Wed, October 2					
Rosh Hash	10:00 am 2:00 pm	Thursday, October 3 Morning Service Children's Service Tashlich Service Harrisburg Community Tashlich			
Shabbat Shuvah		7:00 pm Friday, October 4			
Memorial Service Sunday, October 6 2:00 pm At Mt Moriah Cemetery					
Kol Nidre Yom Kipp	<b>ur</b> 10:00 am	Friday, October 11 Saturday, October 12 Morning Service Children's Service Afternoon Program Yizkor/ Ne'ilah Break the Fast			



# OHEV HAPPENINGS

# Shabbat at the SENATORS GAME





























2024







### ANNUAL MEETING







# Brotherhood: Stumpy's Axe Throwing



### JEWISH MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Since being recognized by the national JMA (Jewish Motorcycle Alliance) late last year, we've settled on the club's formal name A K Riders, short for Shvitzing Alte Keker which basically translates to sweaty old men. We have 2 rides per month scheduled through September. The most recent ride was on March 17th to the Sunbury area with an afternoon meal stop included. Community giving: the club is planning on helping Temple Ohev Sholom with the annual summer picnic, helping raise money by riding in the breast cancer survivor ride Elizabethtown / Hummelstown, and we'd like to help in a local blood drive (federation if they have one) or other community events. We welcome any opportunity to give back. If you are interested or have any questions about the group, please contact David Feldman at 717-712-2644 or <u>dfeldman4490@gmail.com</u> Thanks.

Dave

#### This September Join TOSS Social Action in a Collection for

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#### **Household Cleaning Products**

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- Cleaning Wipes
- Laundry Detergent
- Dishwasher Liquid
- o Zip Lock bags: large/quart

#### & Paper Products

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

Please Bring Your Donations to the Boxes located in either – Sisterhood Hall – The Temple Office



Shalom House is a non-profit shelter that creates a pathway to lasting independence for women & children.

## **SEPTEMBER 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.

#### September 6

Cerf Berkley Dr. Jesse N. Cherksey Lou Cohen Stella Gittelman Fannie Goldberg Alfred Gottfeld William Israel Joan Podolle Edward Rothman Rachel Schwab Barbara Cohen Sherman Deborah Yoffe

#### September 20

Dr. Jerome Bartok Ruth Baturin Philip Berman Elsie Bienstock Dr. Phineas E. Dietz Harold Hurwitz Paul Kassnar S. Herbert Kaufman Howard Miskin Arthur Rosenberg Joseph Roth Alfred J. Sherman James Paul Speer Josef H. Strouse

#### September 13

Phyllis Berman Louis Cohen Rabbi Samuel Friedman Martha Gainsburg Rabbi Richard Hirsch Rebecca G. Lend Norman M. Nager Marc Steven Saxe Sylvia Shelton Perla S. Shwartz Celia Simon Paul Teller Frank Weber DeLos E. Wilson

#### September 27

Stanley Bonime Joseph I. Claster David Cramer Shirley Disend Dave Goldberg Abraham Goldsmith Edythe Gross David Henry Hausman Ileane Singer Hurwitz Rose Levy Lollye M. Nachman Goldie Rubin Harry Salkin Albert Schultz Stanley Sykes

# **SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

- September 3 9:30am Coffee Talk at Cornerstone Coffee House
- September 6 7:00am Shabbat Services
- September 7 9:00am Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc
- September 7 10:30am B'Mitzvah
- September 8 9:30am 1st Day of Religious School
- September 10 9:30am Coffee Talk at Cornerstone Coffee House
- September 12 7:00pm Federation Cocktails at the Grass Campus JCC
- September 13 6:00pm Shabbat Services
- September 14 9:00am Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc
- September 14 10:30am B'Mitzvah
- September 15 9:30am Religious School
- September 15 10:00am Sisterhood Open Meeting
- September 17 9:30am Coffee Talk at Cornerstone Coffee House
- September 18 7:00pm Rabbinic Search Committee
- September 20 7:00pm Shabbat Services
- September 21 9:00am Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc
- September 21 10:00am Tot Shabbat
- September 22 9:30am Religious School
- September 24 9:30am Coffee Talk at Cornerstone Coffee House
- September 27 6:00pm Shabbat Services
- September 28 9:00am Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc
- September 28 10:30am B'Mitzvah
- September 28 7:00pm Selichot, Havdalah, and program
- September 29 9:30am Religious School
- September 29 11:00am Ohev Book Club

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