



TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM NEWSLETTER

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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.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- February 1** – 9:00am – Weekly Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc
- February 2** – 9:30am – Religious School
- February 2** – 12:00pm – Shabbat Learning Service for Be Mitzvah Families
- February 2** – 12:30pm – “Hungry for Hebrew” Cooking Class
- February 3** – 11:30am – Crafts and Conversation
- February 4** – 7:00pm – Introduction to Judaism virtual class with Rabbi Marc
- February 5** – 6:00pm – Confirmation + Rabbi Marc’s Teen Program
- February 6** – 6:30pm – Choir Practice
- February 7** – 12:00pm – Pre-K Storytime and Craft
- February 7** - 6:00pm – First Friday Potluck Dinner
- February 7** – 7:00pm – First Friday Shabbat Services
- February 8** – 9:00am – Weekly Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc
- February 8** – 7:00pm - Ohev Means Love Concert Event
- February 9** – 9:30am – Religious School
- February 9** – 9:45am – Sisterhood Board Meeting
- February 10** – 11:30am – Crafts and Conversation
- February 12-13** – Tu Bishvat
- February 13** – 7:00pm – Ohev Board of Trustees Meeting
- February 14** – 12:00pm – Pre-K Storytime and Craft
- February 14** – 6:00pm – Shabbat Services
- February 15** – 9:00am – Weekly Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc
- February 15** – 10:00am – Tot Shabbat
- February 15** – 11:00am – Shabbat Learning Service for Be Mitzvah Families
- February 16** – 11:00am – Ohev Book Club “The History of Love”
- February 17** – Presidents Day – Temple Office Closed
- February 18** – 7:00pm – Introduction to Judaism virtual class with Rabbi Marc
- February 19** – 6:00pm – Confirmation + Rabbi Marc’s Teen Program
- February 20** – 6:30pm – Choir Practice
- February 21** – 12:00pm – Pre-K Storytime and Craft
- February 21** – 7:00pm – Special Repro Shabbat
- February 22** – 9:00am – Weekly Virtual Torah Study with Rabbi Marc
- February 23** – 9:30am – Religious School
- February 23** – 10:00am – Sisterhood Brunch and Program
- February 23** – 12:00pm – Shabbat Learning Service for Be Mitzvah Families
- February 24** – 11:30am – Crafts and Conversation
- February 25** – 7:00pm – Introduction to Judaism virtual class with Rabbi Marc
- February 27** – 6:30pm – Choir Practice
- February 28** – 12:00pm – Pre-K Storytime and Craft
- February 28** – 6:00pm – Shabbat Services

REPORT OF THE RABBINICAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

by Co-Chair Shelley Adler

delivered at the Temple Ohev Sholom Congregational Meeting

I wish to express gratitude and appreciation to the Rabbinic Search Committee: Bruce Feldman, co-chair, April Hutcheson, Ari Nepon, Andrew Rose, Leslie Locy, Irith Harpster and Jonathan Heljm. Their dedication to our sacred mission has been forged in the foundry of the heart.

Bruce is on his way to a warmer climate for the winter and unable to be here this evening in person. His wisdom and gentle guidance have been invaluable assets to the search for our next settled rabbi.

I wish also to express gratitude to Rabbi Kline for holding the space for us to heal over these past 2.5 years and helping our congregation to focus on what defines us as we embark on the next leg of our journey.

When our rabbinic search committee accepted the task of searching for our next settled rabbi last spring, we pledged to uphold the following set of values set forth by the Central Conference of American Rabbis:

L'shem Shamayim: our work is for the sake of our sacred community.

Eilu V'eilu: Every member's words are important

Derech Eretz: We will treat one another with kindness, courtesy and decency

Lashon Hara & Chasui: We will not engage in gossip and we will respect confidentiality.

In addition to these principles, we approached every facet of our mission with a "lev shomaya" ~ a listening heart. A heart that is understanding and discerning.

We began our journey in the spring of 2024 as a group that represented a cross section of the congregation~ each one of us with our own unique connection to Temple Ohev Sholom. In total, we are a committee of 8, reflecting the energy of the number 8 as a symbol for infinite potential and possibility. With this as our foundation, we worked with optimism toward our goal undaunted by the reality that there were more congregations in need of a rabbi than there were rabbis in need of a congregation.

Central to the search process was the creation of our application to the Joint Placement Commission of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Our 40 hours of collective effort produced a 26-page document that wove a tapestry of our synagogue's rich history, our perceived strengths and weaknesses, our core values and our vision for the future. We strategically

peppered the application with beautiful graphics and photos ~ as the adage goes, “a picture is worth a thousand words.”

Within days of submitting this application, resumes began to appear for our review. Much to our delight, we received a total of 11 resumes over a span of several months. From these 11, we invited 6 rabbinic candidates to join us in a first round of virtual interviews with the committee. The committee invested 192 person-hours in this initial phase. We then narrowed the field to 2 candidates for a second virtual interview and devoted another 64 person-hours in thoughtful evaluation. In total, the committee invested more than 572 person hours in the various aspects of the search process. That number represents 71.5 hours per committee member. We define this investiture as a “labor of love.”

The field of rabbinic candidates who responded to our application was varied geographically and in years of experience. There were rabbis with many years of experience bringing them closer to retirement; there were rabbis who were in the middle years of their career; there were two assistant rabbis; and, there were several rabbinic students about to graduate this coming May. We were blessed with this abundant array of rabbinic candidates.

The backdrop from which we measured each candidate was derived from the congregational survey in which our membership expressed the traits and attributes they desired in our next settled rabbi. From the survey, the committee distilled three pillars of priorities: engagement, education and evolution.

Rabbi Jasper was the first applicant that the committee interviewed. In each virtual interview, Rabbi Jasper continuously reflected the three priorities of engagement, education and evolution. During the 2-year tenure as Assistant rabbi in her current Tulsa congregation, she increased membership by over 20%. This increase included new members from age 18 to age 96. She also increased the religious school enrollment by over 50%. She has devised creative activities for children of all ages that keeps them engaged during Friday night services; and, when the kids are happy the parents keep bringing them back for more. In her Tulsa congregation, she has been deeply invested and directly involved with youth education. She would welcome the opportunity to support and collaborate with our Religious School Director, Leah Levinstein.

Rabbi Jasper is adept at building relationships and bringing people together. She possesses a deep sense of empathy and compassion that she draws upon during “office hours” at her local coffee shop. She has finely tuned the art of listening so that her congregants feel valued, understood and uplifted.

Rabbi Jasper also works collaboratively in the intra-faith community and the interfaith community, as well. In Tulsa, she formed and led multiple inter faith initiatives with partnering congregations.

Rabbi Jasper has several innate qualities that are difficult to quantify. These include her high level of joy and her deep reservoir of energy. The committee was privy to these during our virtual interviews, and during her first in-person visit with the committee in December. These qualities are what initially drew her to us and why we circled back throughout the interviewing process.


This past Sunday through Monday, the congregation had the opportunity to experience the gifts that Rabbi Jasper brings to her rabbinate in a variety of settings that included something for every demographic of our membership.

We are a congregation on the cusp of a new beginning. The Rabbinic Search Committee is confident that Rabbi Jasper is the spiritual leader who can take the journey with us in this time of dynamic evolution.

Therefore, we unanimously recommend Rabbi Tzvia Jasper to be the next settled rabbi for Temple Ohev Sholom.

Rabbinic Search 2025

ONLY ONE BALLOT PER HOUSEHOLD



**As to the candidacy of Rabbi Tzvia Jasper
to be the next settled Rabbi for Temple Ohev Sholom.**

I/We vote (circle one)

Yes No Abstain

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

January 16, 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Thank you to everyone who attended our congregational meeting January 16th, both in person and online. The 68 families in attendance overwhelmingly approved Rabbi Tzvia Jasper to be the next Rabbi for Temple Ohev Sholom. We are excited to welcome Rabbi Jasper and her wife Yonah to Harrisburg later this year.

I wanted to express my deep appreciation for my fellow search committee members: Shelley Adler, Bruce Feldman, Irith Harpster, Jonathan Hjlem, Leslie Locy, Ari Nepon and Andrew Rose. This diverse group worked so hard to listen to what the congregation wanted in a future rabbi, prepare an exhaustive application, and spent months interviewing candidates. This was not an easy task, and each member of the committee felt the weight of the responsibility in identifying a candidate that will support our Temple for years to come.

As always, thank you to Rabbi Kline for his support over the last two and half years as we worked to make our vision a reality.

I look forward to seeing you soon, whether it is at one of our great Temple events or out and about in the community.

B'Shalom,
April Hutcheson
President, Temple Ohev Sholom

RABBI TZVIA JASPER

I am a rabbi, an educator, and an artist who consistently strives to interweave Jewish liturgy, values, and learning into every situation.

“If you will it, it is no dream.” Theodore Herzl wrote these famous words as he struggled to realize his dream of a Jewish homeland. In these words, I have found the strength to pursue and make my dreams a reality.

I believe that the best dreams drive you to action and positive change. Through my experiences, I have worked hard to ensure that my dreams are willed to fruition. However, I never imagined where my dreams would take me or how they would profoundly change me.



The synagogue has always been my home. I remember singing in the children’s choir, seeking out Jewish programming, and joining youth groups from a young age. I love the light glimmering in from the stained-glass windows, dancing in the aisles while the words of our ancestors echoed in the sanctuary. However, I often found myself on the outside looking in. I interacted with prayer differently than others. I grew up in a Reform community, went to a Conservative High School, joined the youth group, USY, only to switch to NCSY because I wanted something more Jewish, and attended Chabad and a Modern Orthodox Shul for Shabbat. I was searching for connection in a way that many of my peers were not. The challenge of feeling like an outsider has made me uniquely aware of those like me and has allowed me to begin to bridge the gap between our traditions and innovation.

As I grew up, I continued to explore what my Judaism meant to me. It eventually led me to Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion. I chose this institution because, through Reform Judaism, I can adopt more stringent practices or choose to embrace my creativity as I see fit. I see Judaism as a playground. It is a space that often brings joy and comfort to people, maybe even nostalgia. However, for different reasons, it is not always accessible to everyone. That is where I see the role of the Rabbi. A Rabbi is the bridge that offers the joy of Judaism to all who wish to experience it.

In my capacity as Assistant Rabbi, Director of Engagement, Education, and Outreach, I wore many hats. As Director of our Religious School, I revigorated our school to include a morning t’fillah service, Hebrew class, and Jewish culture curriculum. In doing so, I increased the student registration by 15 percent. After talking to the parents, I also created a parents and guardians group called Adults Rak (Adults only). This group met monthly during Religious School to learn and socialize. Finally, I created a youth group called TJs for grades pre-k

through 7th grade. Also, meeting once a month, this youth group is focused on socializing and having fun! My goal for our Religious School was to create a fun environment for the students and adults to learn to love Judaism. By focusing on that, learning became a natural positive consequence.

As a Director of Engagement, I have strived to create a space that lives the value of inclusion. During my tenure at Temple Israel, I have increased our membership by more than 20 percent in this endeavor! This was done by meeting with individuals over a cup of coffee or holding office hours at a cafe. In these meetings, I learned about their Jewish needs and did whatever I could to support their journey. This increase in membership spans from the ages of 18 all the way to 96. In each situation, they all found a community at Temple Israel that was ready to embrace them.

As the Director of Outreach, I worked closely with our other Jewish institutions in Tulsa, such as the JCC, the Federation, and Moishe Pod. By partnering with our other institutions, I was able to reach members of the Jewish community who were not yet on our radar. We were able to create meaningful events together that might not have been possible otherwise. I attended as many community events as my schedule would allow, ensuring I was always visible. I take pride in my ability to remember small facts about each person so that I can build deeper and more authentic relationships.

Among my passions for Judaism, I am also an artist. As an artist, I can turn a blank piece of paper into something beautiful. I firmly believe that we can turn our lives into meaningful pieces of art through Judaism and our sacred teachings. My dedication to creativity means I bring my enthusiasm for ongoing learning to every Adult Education course, Religious School class, and casual conversation I participate in. My job as a Rabbi is to be the easel of my community and support them through each brushstroke of life.

I truly love what I do. For me, the Rabbinate is a calling. I could not imagine doing anything more impactful with my life. My passion for Judaism is interwoven into everything I do, all in the hope of creating a safe and authentic space for others to discover their love of Judaism as well. I could not do this incredible work without the help of my amazing spouse, Yonah. I am blessed to have Yonah in my life, to support me, and more importantly, to read my sermons several times before Shabbat.



MESSAGE FROM RABBI MARC

As we approach February, we prepare to become inundated with hearts, chocolates, flowers, cards, candies, and all sorts of healthy (and less-than-healthy) expressions of love and affection. It is the month of love.

Funny thing, though, the month devoted to love is the shortest month on the calendar. Even when we add a day every four years, it is still the shortest month. It is almost as if we are willing to acknowledge love so long as we can get by with the minimum amount of devoted time.

Ok, so much for being cynical. Perhaps it is the shortest to demonstrate the urgency of figuring “love” out. In English, we have only “love.” “I love this cheeseburger” sounds awkwardly too similar to “I love my mother,” but both express an appreciation for something/someone special.

The Greek language espouses seven different ways to express the positive impact of love: Eros (sexual passion); Philia (deep friendship); Ludus (playful love); Agape (love for everyone’s equal dignity); Pragma (longstanding love); Philautia (love of the self); and Storge (family love).

Either way, it takes us time and energy to accept feelings of gratitude and appreciation, but I don’t really believe that it should. We may not understand the full impact of “love” in the moment, but it should not take an act of Congress to open our hearts. So, we devote the shortest month, because extra days allow us to procrastinate demonstrating how we feel (or should feel) towards each other. Coincident in time, Jews all around the world will celebrate Tu Bishvat (Jewish Arbor Day), the New Year for Trees. The almond blossoms begin to bloom, and we know Spring is approaching. The mystical sages teach us that even more than Shabbat, this holiday is the most sacred of all. It is the day that we commit to loving the Earth and pledging our hope and love on the altar of faith – believing that renewal is on its way.

With all these reminders pushing us to love, why doesn’t the world love more? An easy answer would be that there are forces that drive us apart. To this idea, I believe that the best response comes from the comic strip “Pogo.” In response to Earth Day and the Vietnam War in the 1960s, Pogo and his friend overlook a sewage-filled river. They acknowledge that the ground is too hard to walk on.



Bemoaning all the trash, Pogo says, “We have met the enemy. He is us.”

If we dedicate a month to loving each other and loving the Earth, we don't have time to wait as things get more complicated between us. The flowers, gifts, and tree plantings are nice, but they are not the answer. The answer, quite simply, is to love. Love in ways that meet any of the above definitions and steal a page from Nike sportswear marketing, “Just Do It!”

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

Judgment may well up as a wall of water, but

Righteousness is the mightiest of rivers.

Refuah Shlema:

Get Well Wishes

רְפוּאָה:

רְפֹאנוּ יְהוָה וְנִרְפָּא, הוֹשִׁיעֵנו וְנִשְׁעָה,
כִּי תִהְלָתָנוּ אִתָּה, וְהַעֲלֵה רְפוּאָה שְׁלֵמָה לְכֹל
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בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה רוֹפֵא חוֹלֵי עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand.” - Edith Sitwell, poet

If you are like 9 out of 10 Americans, then we are now in your least favorite time of the year...winter.

Don't worry, I am not about to tell you that I love winter, but I am going to give you five excellent reasons to embrace this cold and occasionally snowy season.

1. The days are getting longer: December 21 was the shortest day of the year, which means that every day of winter has more daylight than the day before. From January 1 to February 28, we will gain over an hour of daylight!

2. Some allergies take a break: If you are one of the nearly 25 million Americans who suffer from spring allergies, then winter is the perfect time to enjoy some sneeze and itchy eye-free time outside.

3. Cold weather burns more calories: When it's cold, your body works harder to maintain your core temp.

4. Lower risk of disease: Sure, you might be more likely to catch a cold in the winter, but you're in the clear for several diseases and viruses that are more prevalent in warmer temps. That's because pesky mosquitoes – like the ones that carry West Nile virus - hibernate during winter.

5. Enjoy better sleep: Your body's core temperature naturally drops when you're trying to sleep; this process can take up to two hours in the heat of summer but is much faster in winter. Some new research suggests that you can burn more calories while you sleep if you keep your bedroom temp between 60-67 degrees – and you'll save energy too!

Researchers have also found that having something to look forward to in February can dramatically improve your attitude towards winter.



Before you start googling airfare to a warm Caribbean Island, Temple Ohev Sholom has you covered. Be sure to mark your calendar or register for one or all of these upcoming events:

- Torah Study with Rabbi Marc most Saturdays, 9am via Zoom
 - Religious school, most Sundays, 9:30am-12noon,
 - Crafting and Conversation, Mondays, 11:30am, led by Ori and Yaeli, Shinshinot girls
 - Introduction to Judaism, Tuesdays, 7pm, via Zoom
 - Parent/Grandparent and Little Ones Storytime and Craft, Fridays, 12 noon
 - Ohev Means Love Concert and Fundraiser, Monies raised will go towards Temple Ohev Sholom's Music Program, Saturday, February 8th 7pm. Presented by Music Director, Conrad Smith and Soloist, Sarah Kawasaki. Look for information in the Newsletter or call the office for more information: 717 233-6459
 - Tot Shabbat, Feb. 15th @ 10am, Great for kiddos 0-6 years of age
 - Dr. Steven Ettinger, PennState Health Cardiovascular Disease, Interventional Cardiology, Sisterhood Open Meeting/ Brunch, Sunday, Feb. 23rd @ 10am, All are welcome. RSVP to Jeanette: jeanettedkrebs@gmail.com
- \$8.00, Snow Date, March 2nd Here's to making this winter one you will enjoy rather than endure!

Reyna Jose
Executive Director
reynajose@ohvsholom.org

COAT DRIVE

This January & February

We will be collecting Winter Coats Hats Gloves & Scarves

TOS/TOSS Social Action
invites you to help local families in need by donating winter gear.

Drop Off Donations
Sisterhood Hall
Temple Office
Sanctuary
Vestibule

Tide Cleaners has generously volunteered to clean the coats, so that they can be distributed by JFS & Bethel's Mission.

jfs Jewish Family Service of Greater Harrisburg, Pa.
TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM MISSION

Tide Cleaners

Thank You for Your Donations

Todah Rabah to everyone who graciously and generously donated coats, hats, scarves and gloves in response to the Sisterhood's and Temple's Social Action Committees call to action.

Your donations will make a difference in the lives of the recipients by keeping them warm during the cold winter months ahead.



KOL NIDRE APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to all who have donated to Temple Ohev Sholom's Kol Nidre Appeal. It is wonderful that so many families have participated in this important campaign. As of this writing, on January 3, 2025, eighty families have donated. Still thinking about contributing? It is not too late. You are more than welcome to mail a check to the temple office (Temple Ohev Sholom, 2345 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110), or visit the Temple Ohev Sholom website to make your donation, or come see us at the temple, we would love to see you.

Thank you to those who contributed thus far:

Ted & Shelly Adler	Audrey Lyke	
Ken & Elissa Arch	Donald & Cindy Lynch	Alan & Dianne Stolberg
Michael Begler & Denise Nornhold	Sally Klein	Mark & Pam Tulchinsky
Andy & Sarah Brown	Meir & Barbara Kryger	Daniel Weber & Nina Castillo
Fran Casher	Steven & Laura Kuller	Nancy Weber
Michael Chwastyk & Faith Pearlstein	Charles & Carol Liebman	Cheryl Wiedner
Barbara Danowitz	Gary & Patricia Lightman	Robert & Lisa Wolff
Lynn Deluca	Audrey Lyke	Mel Woolf & Susan Shermer
Teresa Dorritie	Donald & Cindy Lynch	Yury & Raisa Yaroslavsky
Doreen Evrad	Donald & Whitney Mayer	Fern Zlotoff
Bruce Feldman	James & Martha McGraw	And numerous families who
David & Stacy Feldman	Neely Meals	wish to remain anonymous.
Michael & Diane Fine	Paul & Suzanne Michelson	
Eileen Forman	Kristen Milke	
Michael Fox & Tara Stevens Charles	Audrey Miner & Andy Gordon	
Friedman	Ari & Rachael Nepon	
Lois Galowitz	Dale & Steven Orman	
Glenn & Barbara Gershenson	Stuart Platcov	
John & Margaret Goldman	Gail Riegler	
Vitaly & Maria Gordin	Marty Rogoff & Julie Sherman	
Robert & Rosalie Grass	Miriam Robinson	
Dan & Carolyn Green	Paul Rokoff	
Linda Grobman	Andrew & Kerry Rose	
Ricki Hurwitz	David & Nancy Rose	
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Harvey Jacobs	Gary & Sherry Rosenstrauch	
Ernie & Reyna Jose	Deborah Samkoff	
Ross & Marion Kanenson	Brian & Erika Saunders	
Dennis & Joelle Katz	Sheryl Saxe-Dowling	
Honi Kibler	Alex & Joyce Schamroth	
Sally Klein	Todd & Erika Shamash	
Meir & Barbara Kryger	Steven & Margaret Sharfstein	
Steven & Laura Kuller	Marjorie Sherman	
Charles & Carol Liebman	Lee Spitalny	
Gary & Patricia Lightman	Linda Stewart	

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

JENN BAAR



Jennie Baar is originally from St. Louis, MO, and has spent her career in higher education administration. Jennie has worked in various dean roles at HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, since 2010 and currently serves as executive dean for HACC's School of Business, Technology, and Industry.

Jennie earned her BA in Physics from George Washington University, her MS in Materials Science from the University of California, San Diego, and a Doctorate in Management from the University of Maryland.

Jennie and her husband Aaron moved to Harrisburg in 2010 from Boulder, Colorado. The Baar family joined Temple Ohev Sholom in 2019, seeking a temple that would welcome their interfaith family. In 2022, Jennie started teaching 7th grade religious school and she joined the Temple Board this summer.

Jennie and Aaron live in the Cumberland Valley school district with their three children ages 14, 12, and 10, three cats, and a dog. In her free time, Jennie enjoys nerding out on science and sci-fi, reading, cooking, and traveling with her family.

SISTERHOOD REPORT

Dear Ohev Family,

Sisterhood is gearing up for the Sisterhood General Meeting Brunch Program at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23, in Sisterhood Hall. (The snow date is March 2.) Everyone in the congregation is welcome to attend! Our very own Dr. Steven Ettinger from Penn State Health's Cardiovascular Disease, Interventional Cardiology Department will be our speaker. He will present Heart Health – What You Should Know.



Visit our gift shop; new items are arriving all the time! Stay tuned for specials!

Please take note: through our social action work, we are running a coat drive along with collecting gloves, hats, socks and underwear for Bethesda Mission and Jewish Family Service through the end of this month. Thanks to everyone who has already donated.

Also, Sisterhood is supporting a family of five – parents and three children -- that recently arrived in the United States with only the clothing they were wearing. We will be collecting supplies for the family. More to come on that!

Look for information about our November book event. We are planning a great program. Details to come.

Yours,
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.

FEBRUARY CELEBRATION LIST



HAPPY
Birthday



Barbara Adler

Kate Barnes

Lori Bernard

Albert Bienstock

Gail Bishop

Rob Brenner

Kaitlyn Davidheiser

Timothy Duke

Bruce Feldman

Stacy Feldman

Diane Fine

Rob Friedman

Carolyn Green

Asher Green

Bernice Hausman

Eileen Katz

Sally Klein

Cheryl Krause

Penelope Lepore

Seth Mendelsohn

Joel Neuschwander

Zak Newberry

Denise Nornhold

Benjamin Pearlman Climaco

Faith Pearlstein

Kim Poolman

Gary Rosenstrauch

Sarah Salenger

Samuel Shienvold

Nick Stapp

Stephen Verber



HAPPY
Anniversary

Michael & Tara Fox
Vitaly & Maria Gordin

Gary & Cheryl Rosenstrauch
Mark & Pamela Tulchinsky

A top-down view of several pink roses with green leaves, arranged around a central light pink rectangular card. The roses are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The background is a light, neutral grey.

OHEV
HAPPENINGS

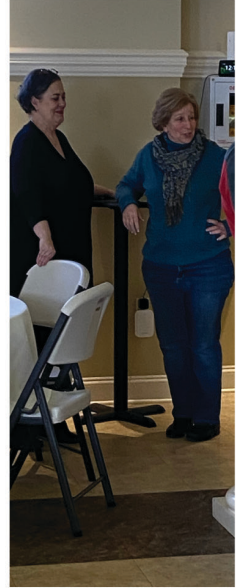


HAVDALAH
SERVICES
WITH
Rabbi Jasper



Brunch

With Rabbi Jasper



Congregational Meeting



*Voting
on New
Rabbi*

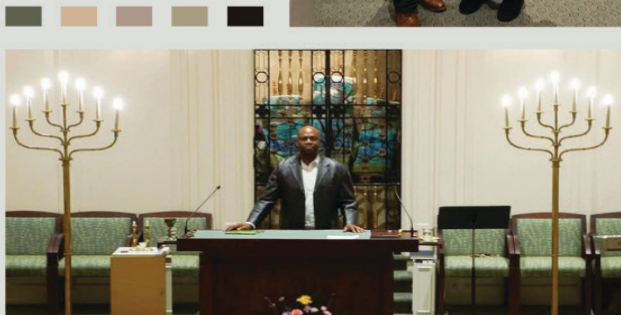
TOI SHABBAT



Religious
School
Crafting

Justice Shabbat

With Special Guest: Floyd Stokes



*Josh Nelson
Concert*



A pink heart-shaped sign is centered on a white marble background. The sign has the words "UPCOMING" and "EVENTS" written on it in a stylized, rounded font. "UPCOMING" is in a dark blue color, and "EVENTS" is in a pink color. The background is decorated with several roses in shades of pink and yellow, along with scattered rose petals. The roses are arranged around the heart, with some in the top right and bottom left corners, and others scattered as petals across the marble surface.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM With Rabbi Marc Kline

For People Seeking to Learn or Remember!
January 14-March 4-Online

We will meet on Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30pm, on the following dates:

January 14, 21, & 28

February 4, 18, & 25

March 4

To Inquire/Register

Please Call: 717-233-6459 and /or

Please Email: Office@OhevSholom.org



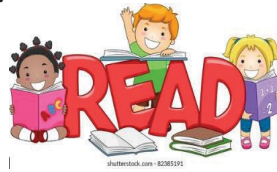
Registration Fees: TOS Members - Free
All Others \$36.00



New Events at Ohev with our Shinshinot friends, Ori and Yaeli (student ambassadors from Israel)

Parent/Grandparent and your Little Ones Storytime

At Temple Ohev Sholom



Every Friday in February from 12noon-1pm.

Come meet others, Pack a lunch and We will read a story and Do a craft

Great for Preschoolers

RSVP to reynajose@ohevsholom.org

Craft and Conversation

At Temple Ohev Sholom

Every Monday from 11:30-12:30



Come meet others, do a craft, and learn about Israel

RSVP to reynajose@ohevsholom.org



HUNGRY FOR HEBREW COOKING CLASS

For adults and kiddos

Sunday, February 2, 2025

12:30pm

Come learn to cook an Israeli dish, learn the Hebrew words for the ingredients, and taste how good it is.

Taught by Ori and Yaeli, the Shinshinot girls

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717-233-6459

RSVP to reynajose@ohévsholom.org

\$5.00 donation





Temple Ohev Sholom Teens
Confirmation +
With Rabbi Marc Kline

Wednesdays at 6pm
(dinner included!)

February 5, 19

May 7, 14

March 5, 12, 26

May 21, 28 (10th grade only)

April 2, 16



First Friday

With your Ohev Family

**Join us the First Friday of each month for a
Community Pot Luck Dinner at 6pm
With Shabbat Services at 7pm**

February 7

We'll celebrate Members with birthdays and anniversaries in the month of February, our 4th grade Religious School Students who will be helping lead Shabbat Services that night & enjoy a simple dinner with our Ohev Family.

Please use the link in the QR Code to let us know what you plan to bring.



February '25
Pot Lock
Sign Up Page

QR CODE

We hope to see you there!





OHEV means LOVE

Join us for a Night of Musical Harmony
With Sarah Kawasaki & Conrad Smith

Saturday, February 8, 2025

7pm Lehrman Chapel

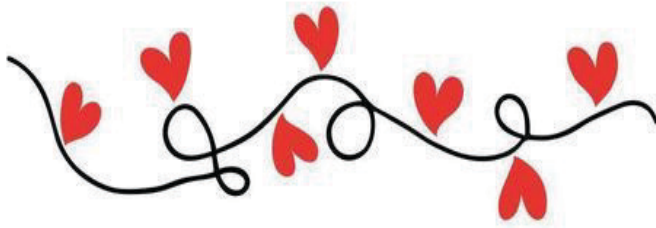
Plus Babysitting & a Special Children's Program Available!

Register Online Today

Tickets \$50 per person

Go on our website or call the office to RSVP

**A Special Fundraiser to benefit our Music Program
Experience a cozy candlelit piano bar, right here, at
Temple Ohev Sholom with Love themed Jazz
Standards & Broadway Tunes, come enjoy a
Magical Night Wine, Beer, Hors d'oeuvres,
Desserts, and Romance included!**



Love is In The Air

Tot Shabbat in February

Temple Ohev Sholom

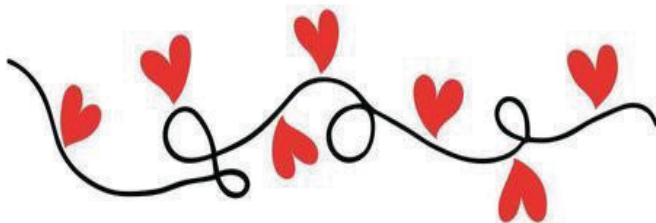
**2345 North Front Street
Harrisburg, PA**

Saturday, February 15, 2025 @ 10am

For our youngest kiddos from 0-6 years of age

Enjoy songs, prayer, food, crafts and friendship

Let's make some hearts and talk about who we love 😊



"Once upon a time there was a boy who loved a girl, and her laughter was a question he wanted to spend his whole life answering."

Nicole Krauss
The History of Love

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Sholom



Book Club

All are Welcome!

*For more Info—Contact Bernice at
BHausman210@gmail.com*

**Sunday,
February 16
at 11am**

**At the home of Bernice Hausman
1638 Melrose Dr, Hummelstown**

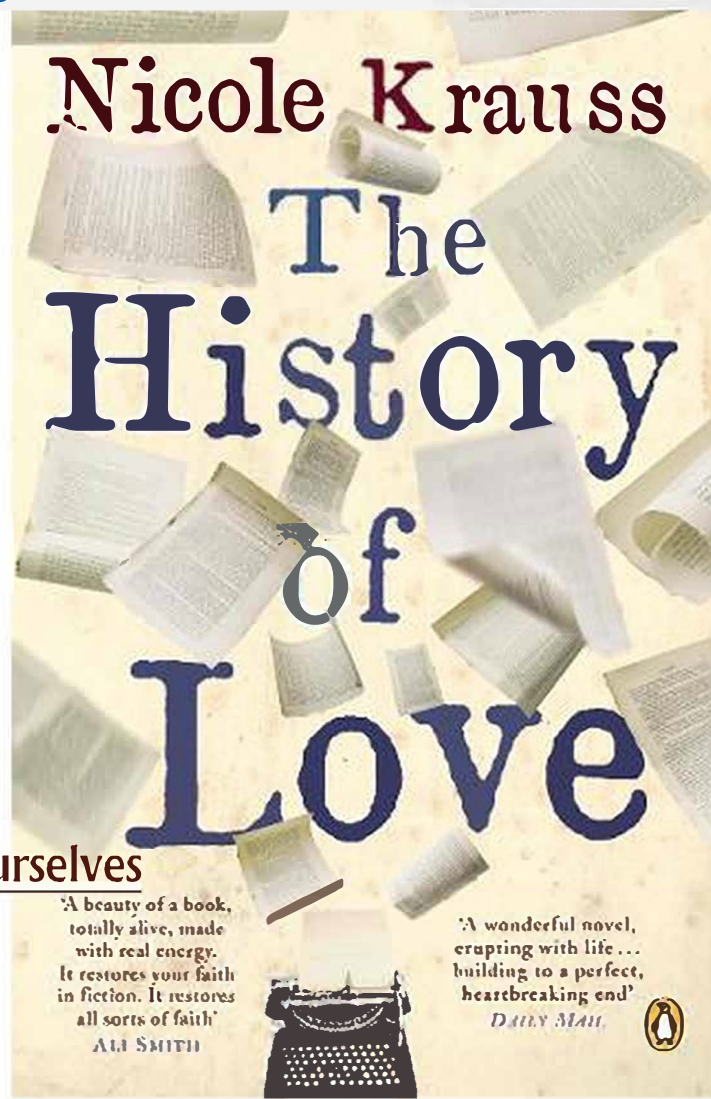
Coming up Next:

Mar 16 We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves

by Karen Joy Fowler (2014)

April 27 Five Days at Memorial

by Sheri Fink (2016)



* Save the Date

Sisterhood General Meeting
Brunch Program

Sunday, February 23, 2025

(Snow date: Sunday, March 2, 2025)

Temple Ohav Shalom Sisterhood Hall

10:00 a.m. to noon

Everyone in the congregation is
welcome to attend!

Heart Health - What You Should Know

Presenter:

Dr. Steven M. Ettinger

Penn State Health

Cardiovascular Disease, Interventional Cardiology

RSVP to Jeanette at jeanettekrebs@gmail.com

Cost for this event is \$8 per person.



SAVE THE DATE

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SPIEL

SATURDAY

MARCH 15



Temple Ohev Sholom presents

A
WICKED
WICKED SPIEL

Don't miss this FUN family event!



**REPRO
SHABBAT**

February 21st at 7pm



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FEBRUARY 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.

February 7

Sophia Aronson
Harold J. Astrich
Kasie Marie Berger
Sarah Disend
John Feldman
Louis J. Fox
Jeanne G Hartford
Seymour Hartman
William L. Kanenson
Ella Lehrman
Wilma Levy
Harry Lowengard
Rebecca Menaker
Jean Migatz
Dr. Denis Milke
Bertha S. Oppenheim
Robin Rokoff
Henry Scheier
Mervin Silver
Jack E. Spector
William Spitalny
Dr. David D. Ufberg

February 14

Hilda Baturin Bennett
Lillian Blinn
Francine E. Brenner
Barbara Brown
Leroy J. Brown
Pauline S. Cluster
Edilia Coulianos
Marcia Feldman
David Gaynes
Donald Gibas
Jonas Greenberg
Pauline Hollander
Hannah Kline
David Kline
Nathan B. Liebman
Jacob S. Lowengard
Elinor G. Newman
Martin Pepper
Rose Rubin
Dr. Elliott Sauertieg
Alan F. Teplitz
Benjamin Zalman

February 21

Gloria Adler
Norman Bronstein
Katherine Tharrington
Bryant
Harry Chirsan
Ann Cohen
Albert P. Doranz
David Dubin
Burton Ettinger
Pincus Friedman
Joan Gallant
Charles D. Herbert
Alice W. Kanenson
Louis Melamed
Doris Newman
Marcia Nornhold
Phyllis Scher
Edwin Silver
Bertha R. Smigel

February 28

Sadie Alexander	Alvin Lester
Fannie Baturin	Walter J. Manola
Matilda Berk	Clara Nell Sweeney McArthur
Celia F. Buch	Jean Plawsky
Harry Casher	Goldye Reiner
Betty Danowitz	Richard Lee Roth
Walter Fox	Hannah Salkin
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