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29 Tishrei 5785

Temple Anshe Hessed



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Temple Notes:

- If you need assistance with High Holy Days info, registrations, or donations, please contact the Temple office; Bright will be happy to help you out!
- Interested in the Insights into Judaism or Adult B'nai Mitzvah courses? See the website for more information and to register!

Selichot Service and Dinner

Saturday, September 28th at 7:00 PM (must RSVP, no cost)

Erev Rosh Hashanah Dinner and Service

Dinner is Wednesday, October 2nd 5:00 PM at the Ambassador (please RSVP)

Service is Wednesday, October 2nd 7:30 PM at Temple Anshe Hessed

First Day Rosh Hashanah Service

Thursday, October 3rd at 10:00 AM

Tashlich at Veteran's Park at 5:30 PM

Second Day Rosh Hashanah Service

Friday, October 4th at 10:00 AM

High Holiday Study Session followed by Lunch at 11:00 AM

Shabbat Shuva

Friday, October 4th at 6:15 PM

Saturday, October 5th at 10:00 AM

Kever Avot

Sunday, October 6th

10:00 AM Anshe Hessed Cemetery

11:00 AM Laurel Hill Cemetery

Kol Nidre Gesher Family Dinner

Friday, October 11th at 5:30 PM

Kol Nidre Service

Friday, October 11th at 7:30 PM

Yom Kippur Service Schedule

Saturday, October 12th

Morning Service - 10:00 AM

Study Session 1 - 1:00 PM

Study Session 2 - 2:00 PM

Afternoon/Healing Service - 3:00 PM

Yizkor/Neilah Service - 5:00 PM

Havdallah and Shofar Blast - 6:30 PM

Break the Fast Community Dinner (must RSVP, no cost)

Sukkot

Monday, October 14th - Assemble the Sukkah

Friday, October 18th - Vegetarian Potluck following Shabbat Service

Sunday, October 20th - Pizza in the Hut

Simchat Torah

Friday, October 25th at 6:15



Reflections from Rabbi

This month we will be very busy with the High Holidays! Rosh HaShanah, our new year celebration, followed 10 days later by Yom Kippur and four days after that, our harvest festival of Sukkot!

Following the serious introspection and study of Yom Kippur, Sukkot is a vibrant and joyous festival, reflecting values of gratitude, community, and environmental awareness. We are called from our studies to go outside, to build a better, more holy world with our hands and our actions.

At its core, Sukkot invites us to reflect on the themes of impermanence and shelter, as the sukkah—a temporary structure—symbolizes the fragility of life. In the Reform movement, this reflection is often paired with a focus on social justice, emphasizing our responsibility to care for the homeless, refugees, and those in need of shelter. At Temple Anshe Hesed, we participate in an annual food drive for our local food pantry, as well as fundraising for MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger.

Sukkot also calls us to come together as a community, through bringing generations together to build the sukkah, attending services, and enjoying communal meals in the sukkah. The open and inclusive nature of our congregation means that everyone—regardless of background, knowledge, or observance level—can participate fully, enhancing the festival's spirit of unity.

Additionally, Sukkot encourages us to reconnect with nature, recognizing our dependence on the Earth. Reform synagogues often emphasize sustainability and environmental stewardship during the festival, aligning Sukkot's agricultural roots with modern ecological concerns.

By celebrating Sukkot, we not only honor tradition but also engage with contemporary issues. The festival serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of gratitude, community, and social justice, making it a deeply meaningful experience.

We welcome you to our special Sukkot Programs, please see the High Holy Day schedule for details.

Please join us on Friday, October 18th for a special Sukkot service. We will welcome Susannah Faulkner and Rev. Melinda Hall who will be speaking about a new initiative to help address the housing crisis and rising homelessness.

Wishing everyone a very sweet and blessed new year – Shanah Tovah U'Mitukah!

Rabbi Morais

Gesher News


**Pizza
in the Hut**

Please join Gesher in celebrating Sukkot
October 20, 2024
12:30 PM

Please RSVP by October 16, 2024
using the TAH online calendar



**JOIN US
FOR
Simchat Torah
and
Consecration**

October 27, 2024
Service begins at 11:30 AM
Lunch begins at 12:30 PM

Please RSVP by
October 23, 2024
using the TAH online calendar



Gesher would like to thank
Jan Woods and Lisa Nathanson
of Hurry Hill Maple Farm and Museum
FOR THE MAPLE SYRUP DONATED FOR THE PANCAKE
BREAKFAST

Please Join Gesher During the High Holy Days

TASHLICH

Join us at Veteran's Park
October 3, 2024
5:30 PM

If possible, please bring
birdseed or similar rather
than bread or breadcrumbs.
Thank you.

KOL NIDRE FAMILY DINNER AND SERVICE

October 11, 2024
Dinner at 5:30 PM
Service at 7:30 PM

Please RSVP by October 8, 2024
using the TAH online calendar

The Book of Ruth Club

In memory of one of its founding and most faithful members, Ruth Waidley.

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL NOW BE MEETING IN PERSON AT THE TEMPLE AND ON ZOOM. JOIN US EITHER WAY!!!!

Monday, October 28, 2024

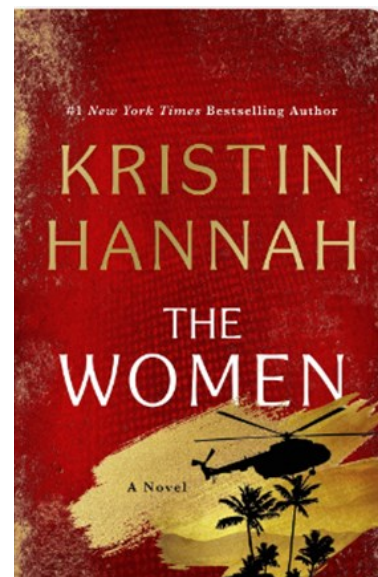
7:30 PM

At the Temple

Or via Zoom Join URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88169606965>

The Women

by Kristin Hannah



For those who plan ahead:

Our November book selection is
The Bird Hotel by Joyce Maynard

Thanks to the many who have given us some great recommendations. We are always ready to hear others. Please forward them as well as **any questions** about the book club to Janice Wittmershaus at JKWittmershaus@gmail.com

Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances “Frankie” McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.

Frankie is over-whelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. In war, she meets—and becomes one of—the lucky, the brave, the broken, and the lost. But war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam.

Yizkor Memorial Slide Show

Each year for our Holiday Yizkor (Memorial) Services we show a memorial slide show. It is a time to appreciate the people who were part of our lives, those we have loved and lost.

If you would like to include any pictures please forward them to the Temple Office no later than Monday Oct 7th. Please indicate the names of the people included in the pictures.

Rabbi Morais



Break the Fast

Please join our congregational family for "Break the Fast" following the blowing of the Yom Kippur shofar on Saturday, October 12th.

All are welcome, compliments of the Harry and Ethel Silver and Ruth Blick Silver Fund.



10/12/2024



Please RSVP by Friday, October 4.

In order to come you need to RSVP to assure the correct amount of food!

Please visit
TAHerie.org to
RSVP

Or call the Temple
office at (814-454-
2426)

Let's Talk

As with much of Jewish life, the High Holidays interweave self, family, and community.

At this time, so many community members come together, attend services, and interact. Yet, it is a time in Jewish life when we, as individuals, turn inward and examine ourselves, considering our past actions and future intentions.

It is a time of solemn reflection and a time of celebration.

As Jews, this past year, we have lived through serious and impactful historic events, not only in Israel but also in America. Antisemitic hatred and viciousness are increasingly manifest. We are confronted with competing and incompatible narratives that battle for us to perceive them as legitimate and essential. All of this happens as we deal with the stresses of everyday life and decide what receives our time, attention, and commitment.

In many ways, our times are no less uncertain and disorientating than those of our ancestors. As well as the regular challenges of being human, our people have faced threats, persecution, violence, and deceptiveness over the centuries.

How have we survived and endured? What are the threads that bind them to us and us to them? What are the mechanisms in place that keep Jews continuing when everything around them is changing or in turmoil? The answers are complex, but some themes emerge.

The first is Torah. Torah is a covenant between G-d and the Jewish people. These books form the basis of all [Jewish law](#) and practice. It contains wisdom and guidance for every person in every era. Temple Anshe Heseid's mission statement says we are "a Reform Jewish congregation guided by Torah."

Another fundamental element is our sense of community. Jews are a communal people. A sense of peoplehood has long been a defining characteristic of Jews that has helped ensure our survival. That is no less true today than in the past. The understanding that we are one people is vital to our survival as individuals, families, and communities.

Jewish ritual is a third critical and fundamental component in our survival and endurance. Judaism is full of ceremonies, prayers, milestones, and many occasions to fulfill Torah commandments and connect to G-d, our souls, our community, and our Jewish identities.

Jewish ritual covers a great deal of territory. It can be as mundane as daily prayer, weekly Shabbat services, or Torah study. But ritual can deal with deep emotion. It can allow us to act out and display our joyous exuberance. It can fill the void when uncertainty or loss seems utterly unbearable. It is a vital part of what makes us Jews, and it has ensured our survival.

All of this comes together as we gather for the High Holidays.

L'Shana Tovah—May you and your loved ones be written in the book of life for the next year, and may your life be sweet and filled with joy, health, and abundance.

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Craig

**On Sunday, October 6, 2024, join us for a special
“October 7th Ceremony of Remembrance”**

October 7 – Ceremony of Remembrance: Voices from Around the World Remember



Join Progressive/Reform communities from around the world on Sunday, October 6, 2024, for a multilingual ceremony to commemorate the anniversary of the tragic events of October 7, 2023. To accommodate our global community, the ceremony will take place at two different times, ensuring the ability to participate across all time zones. Please register for the time that best suits you:

5pm in Erie PA / 10:00 AM Israel & Moscow / 12:30 PM Mumbai / 3:00 PM Hong Kong / 6:00 PM Melbourne / 8:00 PM Auckland; Register through the link in the weekly email or call the office for assistance.

1:00 PM in Erie PA / 8:00 PM Israel / 10:00 AM Los Angeles / 6:00 PM UK / 7:00 PM Paris; Register through the link in the weekly email or call the office for assistance.

Yom Kippur October 12 Study Session Schedule:

First Study Session at 1pm: Wrestling with Prayer by Rabbi Morais

Second Study Session at 2pm: Arguments for the Sake of Heaven: Maintaining Civility During Turbulent Times Election Season

(The session will be shown at the Temple or you can join the Zoom session from home.)

Join us for a RAC-PA (Religious Action Center – PA Region) statewide Yom Kippur Afternoon Learning session led by RAC-PA clergy.

The Talmud teaches us that an "argument for the sake of heaven" will always endure. Healthy, debates, when two people engage in respectful, open-minded and curious dialogue, are the types of debates that our tradition deems to be "for the sake of heaven." We'll study texts and explore strategies that enable us to maintain friendships and relationships with those who think differently from us.

Join us on Zoom and please register using this link <https://urj.tfaforms.net/901?id=701UG00000BmBXW>



TempleHood

Saturday, October 19
1pm at
Hurry Hill Maple Farm and Museum

Come out to Hurry Hill Maple Farm and Museum to take a tour of the farm, learn how maple syrup is made, have a sample, and buy some to take home!



Please RSVP at TAHerie.org



matzah ball iron chef competition



Sunday, November 10
RSVP at TAHerie.org by November 7

For the chefs among us, bring your matzah balls for a soup-off!
For the rest of us, our important job is judging! There will be voting for the best matzah ball soup.

There can only be one winner (but the real winner will be all of us getting to try all these delicious versions).

Broth will be provided.



The Temple Membership Committee would like to welcome two new members to our congregation this month.

We welcome Lamar Bensinger who lives in Meadville and Michael John Perez who lives in Erie.

The Membership Committee will deliver a Shabbat Welcome bag with a challah, candles and candy to our newest members.

Please say hello when you see them at services or Temple programs.

WELCOME

Upcoming Events:



Collaborating for common good
Striving for Integrity
Pursuing sustainable solutions
Fostering openness

Learn more about ESC's work with housing
from Susannah Faulkner and Melinda Hall

Join us on October 18 | 6:15pm
Shabbat of Sukkot at Temple Anshe Hessed

JOIN US FOR THE FIRST
YOUTH GROUP
EVENT OF 5785

**Apple Crisp Baking and
Board Games in the
Sukkah**



OCTOBER 19TH AT 5PM
PLEASE EMAIL ERIKA TO RSVP TO
GUARANTEE SUPPLIES

IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH INTEREST,
IT'LL BE CANCELLED, SO PLEASE
LET US KNOW IF YOU'RE GOING!

Board Meeting Highlights - September Meeting

Highlights of the September Board Meeting

- Two new members approved
- Erie Gives in August – we received over \$4,000 as a fund raiser
- The Major Gifts committee announced a major gift of \$2 million dollars has been received. Details of how this will be formally announced are still being worked.
- Classes:
 - Insights to Judaism class on Wednesday
 - Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah – October thru next Fall – celebration a year from November
 - Running a conversational Hebrew class for older Gesher students and adults are welcome to join
- Now have diaper changing tables in all the rest rooms

Submitted by, Julie Cohen, Temple Board Secretary

Please join us



Donations

Rabbi Mitzvah Fund

In Appreciation of the naming of our grandson and great grand son, Benjamin Jack Shulimson

Bobbi Pollock

Greg and Bobbi Rubin

In Memory of Rose Schoenberg

Susan and Jeff Forman

With appreciation

Lybov Zelinskaya

Temple Endowment

In Memory of Bernard Maas

Janice Wittmershaus

In Honor of the birth of Eliana Renee Bell – the granddaughter of Jackie and Bob Breakstone

Rochelle and Bill Krowinski

Gesher Fund

In Honor of Rob Hodgson

Fran and Donald Shames

In Memory of Wendy Sherman

Jay and Diane Kallor

Eugene and Alice Weiss Fund Youth Holocaust Education Fund

Jerome Weiss and Judith Solomon

Pulpit Flowers Fund

In Memory of Wendy Sherman

Jay and Diane Kallor

Harf Family Joy of Judaism

In Honor of Walter Harf

Isaiah and Dana Harf

Steven and Leslie Harf

Donation

In Appreciation

Judy Lipsitz

5401 Old Zuck Road Building Fund

Rochelle and Bill Krowinski

Schuster Fund

James S. Schuster

Lechtner Family Cantorial Soloist

Temple Board of Directors Mitzvah Maker

thank you

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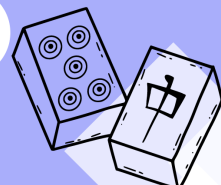
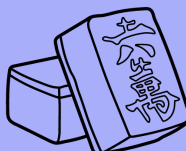
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER
16TH & 23RD

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

AT TEMPLE ANSHE HESED



Birthdays

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| Oct 2 | Kenneth Zacks, Janice Wittmershaus |
| Oct 3 | Melissa Romero |
| Oct 4 | Rachel Wynkoop |
| Oct 6 | Kenneth Chinsky |
| Oct 8 | Kendra Zacks |
| Oct 12 | Vera Chervatskiy, Henry Fox |
| Oct 14 | Ron Levey |
| Oct 17 | Barbara Rider |
| Oct 19 | Molly Wolf |
| Oct 20 | Amos Gates |
| Oct 21 | Gary Levine, Matthew Skornick |
| Oct 22 | Dominick Comi, Brandon Skornick |
| Oct 23 | Ruth Zak, Marcia Coblitz |
| Oct 25 | Carole Bilewitz, Donna Bostaph |
| Oct 27 | Edward Engel |
| Oct 28 | Viatcheslav Aliev, Yael Fogle-Broverman |

Anniversaries

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| Oct 3 | Warren & Yvonne Levy |
| Oct 4 | Jack & Ellen Anon |
| Oct 9 | Lauren & Robert Unger |
| Oct 10 | Marci & Noel Bradley |
| | Judith & Elliott Goldman |
| Oct 15 | Jay Kallor & Diane Knight-Kallor |
| Oct 18 | Tara & Matthew Krotzer |
| Oct 29 | Richard & Sharon Levick |
| Oct 30 | Gary & Susan Levine |
| Oct 31 | Jordan Gregor & Kris Haas |

Thank you

- Thank you to all who sent anniversary wishes! -Cathy and Phil Zacks



Thank you to everyone who helped make
Erie Gives successful!

A special thank you to the following people who
donated:

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| Jackie & Bob Breakstone | Jan Mandel |
| Shawn Clerkin | Rabbi & Korlyn Morais |
| Julie Cohen | Howard Nadworney & Jan |
| Dom & Sue Comi | Brydon |
| Harriet Friedberg | Philip Papotnik |
| Jordan Gregor & Kris Haas | Lyrica Parker & Drexel Daulton |
| Walter Harf | Bobbi Pollock |
| Richard Hymes | Craig & Pam Reynolds |
| Edie Joseph & Cindra Vallone | Jessica & Nathan Rhoades |
| Jay Kallor & Diane Knight-Kallor | Greg & Bobbi Rubin |
| Barb Keim | Jay & Robin Schuster |
| Rochelle & Bill Krowinski | Fran & Donald Shames |
| Cynthia Leopold | Janice Wittmershaus |
| Judy Lipsitz | Phil & Cathy Zacks |



**We are pleased to announce that
all Temple restrooms now have
baby changing stations!**

Yahrzeits

Oct 4/5

Caroline Gluck, Samuel Holtz, Henry Singer, Jacob Meyers, Samuel Frank, Issac J. Garson, Barry Rider, A.P. Silverstein, Franklin Fox, Ben Lipsitz, Isaac Rosenzweig, William Schwartz, Max Federman, Rose Schoenberg, Moses Levy, Samuel Golden, Adolph Platowsky, Lee Elfenbeim

Oct 11/12

Florence Goldstein, Martha D. Platt, Celia Schwartz, Isador Simon, Bert Cohen, Louis J. DeRoy, Rosa Kline, Minnie Schuster Waxelbaum, Myer Davidow, Joseph Stern, Arlene Breakstone, Rose Frank, Molly Peal, Erna Selig, Eugene Weiss, Maxine Kallman, Freida Reichert Rosenberg, Henry Zacks, Isaac Sheman, Julius Aaron, Rachel Zacks Gage, Selma Lipsitz, Rosa Samler

Oct 18/19

Irvin Goldman, Minnetta Kuperman, Joseph Schwab, Samuel Sobel, Robert Cohen, Rachel Davis, Miriam Goodman, Betty Jean Kay, Stanislaw Wiczuk, Alex Fisher, Balbina Oppenheimer, Jay Alexander, Jack Blumberg, Kate Jacobs, Abraham Goldstein, Charles Shulman, William Morris, Lillian Davis, Joseph Falk, Richard Goldberg, Klara Kallman, Abraham Levi, Eva Ostrow

Oct 25/26

Fishel Currick, Samuel W. Rose, Minnie Weil, Mirrel Davis, Jessie Cosel, Adolph Kraus, Fannie Jacobson, Bella Schuster, Israel Shapera, Maria Wiczuk, Isador Sobel, Rudolph Voss, Jane Kramer Buchanan, Benedikt Levy, William S. Rich, Theodore Barilla

Service Dedications



Did you know that you can dedicate a Service in memory of, honor of or celebration of a loved one or event? The cost is \$18 per occasion/person. Please contact the Temple office for more information or to put in your dedication.



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People of Loving Kindness

Temple Anshe Hessed is a Reform Jewish congregation guided by Torah and dedicated to perpetuating Judaism and its traditions through education, worship and social action in welcoming and inclusive environment.

Services/Events

Wednesday, Oct 2nd

7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

Thursday, Oct 3rd

10:00 a.m. First Day Rosh Hashanah Services

Friday, Oct 4th

10:00 a.m. Second Day Rosh Hashanah Services

6:15 p.m. Shabbat Shuva Services

Saturday, Oct 5th

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Shuva Services

Friday, Oct 11th

7:30 p.m. Kol Nidre Services

Saturday, Oct 12th

10:00 a.m. Yom Kippur Services

Friday, Oct 18th

5:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat

6:15 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday, Oct 19th

10:00 a.m. Services

11:00 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, Oct 25th

6:15 p.m. Simchat Torah

Saturday, Oct 26th

10:00 a.m. Services

11:00 a.m. Torah Study

Sunday, Oct 27th

11:30 a.m. Gesher Simchat Torah and
Consecration

Join us for Torah Study on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86496554700>

Join us for Services on YouTube.

<http://bit.ly/TAHServices>

To view the Temple's full calendar, print the monthly calendar or register for classes and events please visit our website Calendar at [Monthly Calendar - Temple Anshe Hessed \(taherie.org\)](http://MonthlyCalendar-TempleAnsheHessed.taherie.org)