The morning of the wedding it rained. As I drove to officiate at the ceremony, raindrops fell on my windshield, and I was relieved when they quickly passed. When I arrived, a large, white tent was stretched out in the yard, the chuppah (wedding canopy) and lawn chairs were set up outside and the wedding photographs were being taken in bright, beautiful sunshine. We would sign the ketubah (wedding contract) at 4 PM, and proceed straight to the garden for the ceremony. “Man plans and God laughs,” as they say, and sure enough at 3:30 PM, the skies darkened and rain bucketed down. So dramatic was the downpour that the local news reported severe flash flooding and mudslides. When the grounds and tent flooded it was time for Plan B—move the wedding and reception to a local hotel, but this plan was abandoned when the hotel lost power in the storm. After considering the remaining possibilities, the tent was vacuumed, the chuppah and chairs were brought inside, bales of hay were brought to sop up rainwater from the saturated ground, and flip-flops were distributed to guests since every footstep on the artificial turf walkway sank ankle-deep into muddy rainwater. As plans were being revamped, guests slogged to the tent for hors d’oeuvres, accompanied by the musicians. Generally at weddings, everyone turns and smiles as the bridal party enters. At this ceremony, as we stood in bare feet or flip-flops, everyone erupted with thundering cheers (pardon the pun), applause, and sobs of happiness as the bridal party entered. Barefoot groomsmen took their places near the chuppah, the pant legs of their elegant suits rolled to their knees; stunning bridesmaids walked to the opposite side, their chic heels replaced by flip-flops. The couple’s parents entered wearing waders, and the groom walked down the aisle sporting Sorel winter boots. Finally, the bride entered, the train of her stunning white dress held up to knee-length by a green canvas belt, walking down the aisle wearing the biggest black galoshes and the most radiant smile you could imagine. It seemed to convey, “what’s a little rain?...we’re here to celebrate!”

The couple joined me under the chuppah, they circled one another, and in my cocktail dress and flip-flops I began the ceremony. Barefoot and flip-flopped relatives came up to participate in the sheva b’rachot (the seven wedding blessings). Just before the groom smashed the glass, I noticed sunshine peeking through a corner of the tent; indeed, a magnificent rainbow reached across the sky just above the tent.

In Jewish tradition rain is considered to be a blessing—so by all indications this couple’s life together would be flooded with blessings! Their wedding day was unforgettable and the joy was intensified not because of the flowers, the dresses, or the food; it was unforgettable because despite the flawless plans that were drenched in the downpour, there was the perfect love of a man and a woman to celebrate and to sanctify. At this time of year when many festivities and vacations are planned, and we may be inclined to think that our pleasure will come from their perfect execution, may we remember Heschel’s words and celebrate the blessings of love, community, and hopefulness that shower our lives. B’virkat shalom, with blessings of peace.
WHY TEMPLE SINAI IS IN MY FUTURE PLAN
By Leslie Fleisher

In May, I had the privilege of attending the Life & Legacy conference in Springfield, Mass. Hosted by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, this three-day conference offered numerous opportunities to connect with and learn what other synagogues and various Jewish organizations across the US and Canada are doing to ensure a sustainable future for their respective communities. I was truly proud to represent Temple Sinai and share stories of our congregation’s inspiring and inclusive environment and innovative programing with fellow colleagues working to advance Jewish philanthropy.

Attending the Life & Legacy conference was personally meaningful for me as well as professionally enriching. When my life was altered by a shocking diagnosis of stage IV cancer in January of 2015 (from which I have thankfully been in remission since fall of 2016), I never imagined that only four years later I would be working in my dream job, dedicating my time and efforts towards advancing Temple Sinai’s sacred and deeply humane mission, which resonates so very much with my own values. Although it was not required to participate in the conference, it felt important to sign my own declaration of intent to support Temple Sinai before attending; it was an invaluable experience to learn and connect with the broader Jewish community as both a synagogue staff member and as a stakeholder in Pittsburgh’s Jewish future.

Considering my recent life experience, pledging a future gift to Temple Sinai by signing a Life & Legacy declaration of intent to remember — and be remembered by — this warm, inclusive, all-embracing organization was a surprisingly easy decision for me. While it can certainly be overwhelming, daunting, and emotional to think about the future when we are so busy trying to keep up with present concerns and the pressures of our daily lives, taking the first small step in defining our personal values can inspire important conversations with our loved ones about our shared Jewish heritage, hopes for the future, and how we would like to be remembered by our families, friends, and community.

I’m proud to know I’m helping to assure a Jewish tomorrow for Temple Sinai’s Family of Families. As a Legacy Circle member and staff member, thank you all for welcoming me so warmly into this wonderful community.

What aspects of Jewish life do you cherish most—learning, community, worship, caring for those in need, or social justice? Whatever you care about most, by leaving a legacy you ensure the things you value are sustained for future generations. Contact Drew Barkley at (412) 421-9715 ext. 111 or Drew@TempleSinaiPGH.org to learn more.
Thank you for having confidence in this bass-playing, high school history teacher to be the next president of our congregation. Ten-ish years ago when I was asked to serve on the Board of Trustees for Temple Sinai, I did not imagine myself as your new president.

As many of us are aware, Temple Sinai will be going through a major transition over the next couple of years as we say good bye to our beloved senior rabbi, Rabbi Jamie Gibson. And while the process of preparing to say good-bye to Rabbi Gibson and hello to our next settled senior rabbi, there is one other area I would like to be a part of my tenure as your Temple Sinai president.

Temple Sinai thinks of itself as a congregation that welcomes all. We have worked hard to become more inclusive and welcoming as a community and to erase barriers so that anyone can be a part of our family of families (as Rabbi Gibson is fond of saying). The Pledge was a huge step in that direction.

But I want us to go further. I want Temple Sinai to be a community that embraces a culture of philanthropy. A culture of philanthropy is more than just a transactional relationship. It is about creating a culture of mutual giving to a community that is prepared to give back ten-fold. In part it is saying, “thank you.”

Thank you for meeting your pledge commitment, whatever that commitment was, to help make this congregation a community that lives by its values. Congregational donations through your pledge is what helps Temple Sinai be who we are. It is through that culture of philanthropy, which is more than monetary contributions and includes me saying thank you for your gift, that will ensure that Temple Sinai is here—in whatever form—for the next generation.

Again, I am grateful to you for privileging me with the honor of being Temple Sinai’s next president.

Questions? Contact Debbie Haber at (412) 421-7039 or DHaber@TempleSinaiPGH.org.

Important Dates!
Sunday, September 8
9:30 AM–Noon: First day for Pre-K and Grades 7, 8, & 10
9:30 AM: Parent Orientation Meeting for Grades 7, 8, & 10

Wednesday, September 11
4:30 PM–6 PM: First day of Hebrew classes for Grades 3–6

Sunday, September 15
9:30 AM–Noon: First day for Grades 9 & 11/12
9:30 AM: Parent Orientation Meeting for Grades 9 & 11/12

Enroll your child(ren) today!

Simply log into your account at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.
Click on LOGIN in the top right corner, click MY ACCOUNT, choose START SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, and follow the instructions.
HIGH HOLY DAYS SECURITY

With High Holy Days just around the corner (Erev Rosh HaShanah is Sunday, September 29), we strive to enable everyone to feel the awe and transcendence of the time, to offer accessible and inspiring services that speak to the mind, heart, and soul, and to model the best of what our synagogue-community can be.

However, in light of the horrible events at Tree of Life * Or L’Simcha Congregation, we must make sure that everyone feels comfortable and safe. We ask for your help, understanding, and patience as we work to be sure that the people entering Temple Sinai are supposed to be here.

In response to the need for heightened security, it is very important that you know what to expect when coming to Temple Sinai for High Holy Days services.

• As always, uniformed Pittsburgh Police officers will be present. New this year, we’ll also have plain clothes security in the building during all services.

• All greeters and staff will receive increased security and emergency response training prior to the holidays.

• BRING YOUR CARDS OF ADMISSION TO EVERY SERVICE. In the past, we have not been as diligent in asking to see Cards. This year will be different; everyone must show their Card of Admission. If you do not have your Card, a staff person will be available to help you prior to entering the building.

• Everyone who has made their 2019–2020 Pledge will receive Cards of Admission with the High Holy Days mailing.

• If you have not made your 2019–2020 Pledge before the mailing, your Cards of Admission will not be in your High Holy Day package. Please contact either Judy Rulin Mahan or Drew Barkley to make arrangements to receive your Cards of Admission prior to the High Holy Days. The sooner you make your pledge or contact us, the easier managing our High Holy Days services will be both for you and our staff.

• Some of our High Holy Days services, like the Tot Services, are open to the community. This year we will ask all non-members attending community services to call in advance to request Community Cards of Admission.

We’re working out all the details and will mail your High Holy Days packet to you in late August. Please read through the information carefully and don’t hesitate to call the Temple Sinai staff with your questions.

NEW! ACCESSIBLE RAMP TO OUR GARDEN

We’re so happy to finally have a ramp in place to make our garden accessible to all—made possible by an anonymous grant. Our first Shabbat Evening Service in the garden (with a picnic dinner beforehand) was Friday, June 28. We hope to have more services outdoors this summer! The next scheduled service in the garden is Friday, July 26 (weather permitting). A railing and new landscaping are coming soon!
SENIOR RABBINIC SEARCH FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

RABBI GIBSON’S PLANS (continued from page 1)

Will Rabbi Gibson and Barbara Gibson stay in Pittsburgh after June 2020? Yes, although they plan to do some traveling, not least to see their children and grandchildren!

How will we celebrate Rabbi Gibson’s accomplishments? There will be a number of opportunities to celebrate with Rabbi Gibson and his family. One such celebration involves writing a new Torah, in Rabbi Gibson’s honor, for Temple Sinai. We will announce other plans as they develop.

A new Torah? Yes—this is a big deal! We have engaged a soferet—a woman specially trained to write Torahs. Soferet is the female form; sofer the male form. Temple Sinai members and other community members will be involved in the process, with the soferet, of physically writing the Torah. We will announce more details soon, and there will be plenty of opportunities for the Temple Sinai and larger community to participate in this exciting project.

How can I say “thank you” to Rabbi Gibson? In addition to a number of anticipated formal opportunities to thank Rabbi Gibson, of course Rabbi Gibson will be continuing as Senior Rabbi through June 2020, and there will be ample opportunity to talk with him (and Barbara Gibson) during that time. As always, he is happy to talk with members of Temple Sinai in his office and at events.

Will Rabbi Gibson be able to perform Temple Sinai lifecycle events for my family after he retires? In general, the Rabbi Emeritus is not involved in lifecycle events. We are guided by the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR)—the principal organization of Reform Rabbis in the United States. The CCAR Ethics Code states that a Rabbi Emeritus may only participate in lifecycle events with the express permission of the Interim or successor Senior Rabbi.

SENIOR RABBINIC LEADERSHIP

What happens after June 2020 with respect to senior rabbinic leadership? We are planning to have an Interim Rabbi for one year—July 2020 through June 2021. We are in contact with the CCAR. CCAR has a standard process and guidelines for matching us with an Interim Rabbi, and there are a number of Reform Rabbis whose principal role is to act as Interim. A Search Committee will be convened to work with Temple Sinai President Saul Straussman and the Personnel Practices Committee to identify a good Interim Rabbi for us.

Why an Interim Rabbi? What is his/her role? Having an Interim Rabbi for a year is considered good practice because it will create a space following Rabbi Gibson, who has had an enormous effect on our culture and direction. We will use this space to reflect on who we are as a congregation and where we want to go. An Interim Senior Rabbi will also help us reflect on who we are and who we want to be in the future as a congregation. Interim Senior Rabbis are a common practice. In fact, some rabbis do this year to year. Interim Senior Rabbis do so with the understanding that they will not stay on and become the “settled” Senior Rabbi.
Just how will we reflect? We are working on the full process, but we have had the benefit of guidance from Rabbi Sam Joseph, an educator at Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), the principal educational institution for Reform leaders. Rabbi Joseph is an expert on synagogue organizations and transitions. We will explain the process as it unfolds.

OUR CLERGY

What will happen with Rabbi Keren Gorban and Cantor Laura Berman during the Interim Period? We look forward to their remaining with Temple Sinai in their present roles.

Will Rabbi Gorban be appointed as the next Senior Rabbi? At this time, no decision has been made about future senior rabbinic staffing. We are committed to celebrating Rabbi Gibson’s time with us as we prepare for the transition once he retires. At the appropriate time, we will meet with staff, lay leadership, and congregants to discuss next steps. At the same time, Rabbi Gorban will be thinking and talking with us about her own future path.

SEARCH PROCESSES

How many searches will there be? We will conduct two consecutive searches: one for the Interim Senior Rabbi for the 2020–2021 year, and one for the “settled” Senior Rabbi, who will be with us beginning in July 2021.

How will the search for a settled Senior Rabbi, after the one-year Interim, happen? As with the Interim Rabbi, we will work within the standard search process set up by the CCAR, which helps with many searches per year. We anticipate setting up a Search Committee with a great deal of opportunity for members of the congregation to express views about future direction and the characteristics that we seek in a settled Senior Rabbi.

Can you elaborate on the search process? Plans are early, but we anticipate a pool of applicants, especially for the settled Senior Rabbi position and a schedule of interviews, with an expanding group as the pool is narrowed down. The goal of our searches is to combine as much transparency as possible, on the one hand, with the discretion and confidentiality expected by the rabbinic candidates (especially in the early stages), as with any job search.

What’s the timeline? We anticipate approximately as follows:

- Underway—preparation to understand process and best practices via conversations with the URJ and CCAR
- Summer 2019—search begins for Interim Senior Rabbi, including preparing descriptive documents for and with the CCAR and opportunities to provide input
- Fall–Winter 2019 (after High Holy Days)—search and interviews
- Spring 2020—reach agreement with the selected person and announce Interim Senior Rabbi
- Summer 2020—search begins for settled Senior Rabbi, including preparing descriptive documents and opportunities for the Temple Sinai community to provide input
- Fall–Winter 2020 (after High Holy Days)—search and interviews
- Spring 2021—reach agreement with the selected person, congregational vote, announce new Senior Rabbi of Temple Sinai

How can I be involved in the process? The selection of a Senior Rabbi is an important decision for a congregation, and Temple Sinai leadership will welcome the participation and input from all interested members in our community. The specific process is still being developed, but we know there will be many opportunities for members to express their views. To be clear, participation on a Search Committee is only one of many ways to express one’s views, especially as a search committee is relatively small and there are many voices to be heard. There will be a number of opportunities for the Temple Sinai community to provide guidance and input to the search process. And as in past senior staff hiring, there will be several opportunities for the Temple Sinai
community to interact with the candidates, especially for the settled Senior Rabbi position.

**Will Rabbi Gibson participate in the search process?** Generally, best practice is not to have the retiring senior rabbi participate in the selection of his/her successor.

**Will the staff have a voice?** Yes. Staff are members of the congregation and also have an important day-to-day perspective on the Senior Rabbi and other Temple matters.

**Will community partners have a voice?** Generally, most of our community partners have active participants who are also Temple Sinai members. That is one way to have their perspective inform the process. There may also be others added, as the process is developed.

**WHO WE ARE**

**How will we maintain our values during the search?** The goal of the search(es) is to find and attract senior rabbinic leadership who share our values. To some degree, these will be articulated in the search documents and position descriptions. They will also be the subject of various community conversations.

**What else?** We anticipate forming a Transition Committee to help make the transition as smooth as possible for the Temple Sinai community and to help articulate our values and culture.

**How can I learn more?** As the process moves forward, we will put additional information and updates on the Temple Sinai website.

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**FALK LIBRARY NEWS**

**Book Recommendation**

*Jews Among The Indians* by M. L. Marks

The author writes about seven Jews who sought to make their way in the US Western Frontier—an environment totally foreign to their pasts. The reader will encounter a Jew who married a chieftain’s daughter, one who murdered an Indian chief, a Jewish medicine man, and a trader who spoke six Native American tongues, among other characters in this fascinating cross-cultural exchange between Jew and Native American.

*Wish List Books*

*A Horse Walks into a Bar* by David Grossman

*Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel* by Francine Klagsbrun

*The Museum of Extraordinary Things* by Alice Hoffman

*The Rabbi’s Cat* by Joann Sfar

*No Room for Small Dreams* by Shimon Peres

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**NEW YEAR’S GREETINGS**

Women of Temple Sinai (WoTS) is once again offering you a simple and easy way to send New Year’s Greetings to fellow congregants. We create, produce, and mail New Year’s cards on your behalf to the Temple Sinai members of your choice.

In mid August, you will receive an email with instructions from WoTS@HappyRoshHashanah.com. You can select individuals or choose specific groups, such as the choir, clergy, WoTS, etc., or to the entire congregation. You can pay via credit card online or send a check to Temple Sinai.

If you do not receive the email, visit HappyRoshHashana.com and click on “get my code.” Enter your email address, and your code will be emailed to you.

If you have requested a printed form in the past, you will automatically be mailed one this year. If you have not received it by Aug. 7, please call Carol Woolford at (412) 731-5054 or Susan Cohen at (412) 363-7745.

Thank you for your support. L’Shana Tovah!

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*Women of Temple Sinai*
## AUGUST AT TEMPLE SINAI

### Sunday

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**New to Pledge?** Visit our website for all the details at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.

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7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Group (Av) — Mark the beginning of the month with us. Contact Lynn Magid Lazar for details & location at lynn.magid.lazar@gmail.com.

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9 AM Blood Drive — Watch for all the details coming soon in our weekly email!

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Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class
6 PM Evening Meditation
6:30 PM Beginner’s Hebrew Class

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9:30 AM Men’s Discussion Group (Offsite)

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**FRIDAYS**

**AUG. 2**
7 PM MOSTLY MUSICAL SHABBAT: A SENSORY FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE

**AUG. 9**
7 PM FOLK SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

**AUG. 16**
SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE WITH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

**AUG. 23**
7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

**AUG. 30**
7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

**SATURDAYS**

8:30 AM TORAH STUDY 9:15 AM INFORMAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

**AUG. 31**
BAR MITZVAH OF JONAH HART & SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

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Send your GOOD NEWS (marriages, births, B’nei Mitzvah, awards, engagements, graduations, etc.)
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OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

OF BLESSED MEMORY (MAY & JUNE)

Elinor (Calig) Kramer, grandmother of Aaron (Lauren Fehl) Ruben
Sandi Bart, cousin of Suzie Hauptman
Irwin Izenson, father of Jeffrey (Joanna Patterson) Izenson; grandfather of Eli and Oscar Izenson
Gilbert Weil, husband of Ilene Weil
Stanley Cohen, brother of Paul (Tila) Cohen
Barbara Horowitz, companion of Irwin “Nick” Chernew
Rabbi Richard Levy
Robert “Bob” Cohen, father of Anne Jackson; grandfather of Jennifer Jackson

SIMCHAH

Mazal Tov to Robin and Eric Abes on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Kennedy Abes.
Mazal Tov to Mark and Cynthia Goodman on the birth of their granddaughter, Penelope June Bright, on May 7. Her parents are Emily Goodman and Taylor Bright of Lexington, KY.
A big THANK YOU to Mara Kaplan and Carol Rosenthal along with their team of volunteers who baked sweet treats for our onegs!
Mazal Tov to Josh Lederer on his graduation from The Legacy Heritage OnBoard™ program.
Mazal Tov to Aya Betensky and Robert Kraut on the marriage of their son, Joel Kraut, to Anna Shtengelova, daughter of Maria Gaylord and Artem Shtengelov. They were married on May 25 in Big Sur, CA, and have taken a new last name, Kin.
Mazal Tov to Aya Betensky and Robert Kraut on their 50th wedding anniversary on June 1.
Mazal Tov to grandparents Andee and Mike Lowenstein and Loie and Henry Hoekstra and great-grandmothers Estelle Mann and Amy Lowenstein on the birth of Emme Johanna Hoekstra on Jan. 29. Parents are Rachel and Mark Hoekstra.
Mazal Tov to grandparents, Debbie and Marc Haber, and great grandfather, Harvey Haber, on the birth of Aiden Reid Haber on June 28. Parents are Eric and Erin Haber.
Mazal Tov to Debra Rubinstein on the birth of her grandson, Judah Mason Friedman, born on June 26 to Susannah Rubinstein Glick and Bryan Nathan Friedman.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Karen & Todd Knight
Robert Gelman

BAR MITZVAH ~ MAZAL TOV!

Saturday, Aug. 31
Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Hart
Son of Chris & Lorien Hart

SENIORS CALLING SENIORS

Do you like talking on the phone? Have you been looking for a volunteer opportunity you can do from the comfort of your home?
Do you want to connect with other members who are homebound or who may need to hear a friendly voice?

Volunteer with Seniors Calling Seniors
Contact Arlene Smith at (412) 829-9744 or sweetn5163@aol.com.

Share your special occasion, honor a person or the memory of a loved one, or simply share your joy and tzedakah with the congregation by SPONSORING AN ONEG!

Contact Drew Barkley at Drew@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 111 for details.
Attending the WoTS dinner and installation in June and feeling proud of the accomplishments that we have achieved prompted me to share the road we have taken.

In the early 1990s the Temple Sinai Sisterhood was languishing. The membership was aging and the organization was not able to attract new members. Looking back, the meeting time wasn’t so convenient for women who worked since the meetings were held on weekday mornings. With the declining membership, the sisterhood disaffiliated from the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ).

A side note: There was at least one attempt to form an alternative women’s group led by Carol Congedo. One attempt involved the phrase “Working Mothers” which brought up the criticism that all women who worked were not mothers!

Finally, Rabbi Gibson (who had a great appreciation of sisterhoods, inspired by his mother Lois, of blessed memory, who was a devoted sisterhood member of her congregation in Minneapolis) called on Louise Malakoff, who was Temple Sinai Board of Directors First Vice President, to help formulate a new version of the sisterhood. She worked on a set of bylaws and enlisted Shirley Goldstein’s help in setting up the new organization’s structure. Marcia Morton stepped in to lead the new women’s group, serving as chair from 1993–95. Nat Diamondstone and Estelle Mann, strong members of the previous Sisterhood, supported this new group, newly named Women of Temple Sinai (WoTS).

We started to meet and each year would vote on whether to reaffiliate with the umbrella organization—the name of which had become Women of Reform Judaism. The first year, the vote was NOT to affiliate. Lisa Weissfeld succeeded Marcia as chair. At the end of Lisa’s term, we again discussed affiliation, in support of which, Barbara Gibson gave a powerful statement. We voted to affiliate and I succeeded Lisa as chair. I was asked to attend the WRJ Assembly in 1997. During that meeting in Dallas, as our WoTS representative, I proudly stood up as our name was called when our re-affiliation was announced.

Another aside: In Dallas, I met Lynn Lazar who came from York, PA. (And where else would I meet her, but in the Gift Shop!) At that time she was District 5 president (1996–1998) and kept an eye on our Pittsburgh area sisterhoods, so she knew who I was. It turns out that shortly thereafter, in 1998, she married Temple Sinai member Dale Lazar; she and her children moved to Pittsburgh where she also became a Temple Sinai member and we were proud of her becoming WRJ President in 2009.

One other note: People tell heads of organizations—“Be on the lookout for your successor.”

Laura Fehl was an interested member of WoTS in those early days. I encouraged her to take an office. She politely refused; she had a young child and worked full time. I told her that there are different periods in one’s life when one can pursue different activities and that hopefully, someday, she would be more available for Temple Sinai activities. Two years ago Laura became head of WoTS and admirably served out her two-year term. Given Laura’s dedication, willingness to go the extra mile to bring younger women to the WoTS table and pushing us to be proactive in engaging with other groups at Temple Sinai, I’d say it was worth the wait!

When I think of the progress and inroads we have made, our contributions to Temple Sinai life and community, I’m thankful that we embarked on our path and re-wrote our history more than 25 years ago.
As our Young Adult community continues to grow at Temple Sinai, I want to take a moment to celebrate the spirit of welcoming that suffuses this special group of individuals and young families. Our ever-evolving community is committed to making every newcomer feel welcome in our shared Jewish home. Young Adult-driven programming such as Tot Shabbat, Shabbat After Hours, or special holiday events like this year’s Purim carnival, enlivens our vibrant community of Temple Sinai, and expands our Mishpacha Ruchanit, or spiritual family. I’m so thankful to each and every person who has made the effort to make this spirit of welcoming such a fundamental value of our community.

It is very telling that our most popular young adult events—Tot Shabbat and Shabbat After Hours—are both based around Shabbat. The spirit of welcoming has always been associated with Shabbat, whether it be welcoming the Shabbat Dinosaur at Tot Shabbat, or welcoming the Shabbat Bride in our Friday Evening Service before Shabbat After Hours. Shabbat is the time when we welcome one another with open hearts and minds. The connections we make create a strong foundation on which we can continue to build for all of our current young adults and young families, as well as for those who come after us.

I’m so proud to be a member of Temple Sinai’s Young Adult Community, and I am excited for all of the special gatherings and opportunities to rejoice in our Jewish heritage together over the coming year.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2019!

We celebrated our young adults for affirming their Judaism at the Confirmation Service on Saturday, June 8. We are so proud of them all!

- **Levi Miles Otto Abeshouse**, son of Daniel & Kristan Otto Abeshouse
- **Ethan Beck**, son of Mark Beck & Marsha Mullen
- **Aidan Birkenfeld**, son of Glenn & Michelle Birkenfeld
- **Benjamin Brown**, son of John & Audrey Brown
- **Nathan Donner**, son of Hallie & Joshua Donner
- **Adina Miryam Faeder**, daughter of James & Morgan Faeder
- **Abigail Rose Hart**, daughter of Lorien & Chris Hart
- **Olivia Raye Leibovich**, daughter of Emily Jaffe & Adam Leibovich
- **Spencer Rose Lieberman**, daughter of Leslie Grodin & Peter Lieberman
Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience, Friday, Aug. 2, 7 PM
The music is informal and lively. Come prepared to sing along, and maybe even dance a bit.

Rosh Chodesh Group (Av),
Tuesday, Aug. 6, 7:30 PM
Please join us for learning, community, and inspiration. All Temple Sinai women are welcome! For more information, contact Lynn Magid Lazar at lynn.magid.lazar@gmail.com.

Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry,
Thursday, Aug. 8, 6:15 PM
We prepare and serve dinner once a month at EECM and would love to have you join us. Contact Sharon Dilworth at sd20@andrew.cmu.edu.

Shabbat in the Home (Shabbat Babayit),
Friday, Aug. 9, 7 PM
Shabbat Babayit is a home-based Shabbat experience that is not a service, although it does provide the opportunity to say Mourners’ Kaddish. RSVP is required as space is limited. Please contact Nancy Conaway at (412) 421-9715 ext. 115 or Nancy@TempleSinaiPGH.org by Wed., Aug. 7.

Tot Shabbat, Friday, Aug. 16
5 PM Snacks & Schmooze, 5:30 PM Service
Are you looking for an informal, inviting way to teach your little ones about Shabbat and connect with other families? Join Rabbi Keren Gorban for this exciting tot service. Contact Rebekah Malkin with any questions at (412) 421-9715 ext. 121, Rebekah@TempleSinaiPGH.org.

Young Adult Shabbat After Hours,
Friday, Aug. 16, 8:30 PM
Wine and cheese mix and mingle with young adults (22–45) following Shabbat Evening Service. Contact Rebekah Malkin at (412) 421-9715 ext. 121 or Rebekah@TempleSinaiPGH.org.

Jewish Heritage Night at PNC Park (offsite),
Wednesday, Aug. 21, 7 PM
Join fellow members of Temple Sinai and sit together for the annual Jewish Heritage Night at PNC Park. Visit our website for details and to purchase tickets.

WELCOME BACK SHABBAT-B-QUE
Friday, Aug. 30, 5:30 PM
We’re excited to welcome everyone back from summer adventures to kick off the 2018–2019 year! Come eat, schmooze, and meet new and prospective members!

HAMBURGERS • KOSHER HOT DOGS • VEGGIE BURGERS
Cost: $5 per person (FREE for kids 5 and under).
Register at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org by 5 PM on Tuesday, Aug. 21.