

CHAILIGHTS



Cantor's Corner

By Cantor Laura Berman

*Eliyahu hanavi, Eliyahu haTishbi,
Eliyahu, Eliyahu, Eliyahu haGiladi.*

May Elijah the prophet come soon and in our days.

A familiar song with a much-loved melody, *Eliyahu Hanavi*, can evoke warm memories of special times. At our Havdalah and Song Circle many have joined me in singing it as we have brought a sweet ending to Shabbat. When the rabbis or I officiate at a baby naming or bris we may speak of Elijah. So, too, many upcoming Passover seders will draw towards a close by recalling Elijah. But why?

Because the Jewish people are invariably hopeful! In our tradition, we call for Elijah's emergence as a sign of our eternal optimism. Legend says that Elijah's presence will announce a messianic age when our world will be made whole; therefore we ask for Elijah to come "soon and in our days." When at the end of a Shabbat or holiday we sing about Elijah, we anticipate the promise of the new days ahead. As a baby is welcomed into the covenant, we consider the promise of this new life and of life itself. At a Passover seder we remember the promise of freedom and the renewal and the revitalization of hope.

After this year's dismal winter of isolation, illness, and sorrow related to the pandemic, we may be even more apt to recognize that freedom, renewal, and revitalization cannot

be taken for granted. Rabbi Kerry Olitsky wrote that "we see in the ritual inclusion of Elijah the amazing resilience of the Jewish people, who in the midst of defeat and despair respond with a hope that knows no bounds. This hope spills over into our individual lives as well. Contained in the cup, therefore, is a prescription for personal happiness."

And so we place on our seder tables a cup of wine or juice for Elijah. It remains there while we consume all four cups at the seder, which are said to represent the four statements in the Torah about God delivering the Israelites from oppression to freedom. The cup for Elijah is thought to derive from a subsequent statement about the Promised Land, and so later scholars debated as to whether in recognition a fifth cup should be consumed. The final decision was "postponed" for a while...until Elijah's arrival. And so today we pour this fifth cup but reserve it for Elijah emphasizing the timeless presence of hope and optimism in our lives.

Some of us drink the wine quickly while the children are not looking. Others collectively fill Elijah's cup with a bit of wine from each person's cup, symbolizing that we each have a role in bringing about the world we all hope for. Whatever our custom, whether we sit together physically or virtually, we remember our collective past and look forward with shared hopes and potential. The cup of Elijah reminds us that we each can make a difference in the world. We begin by joining together in gratitude and face the recognition of what yet is to be done. In so doing, we hold the promise of a new future.

Wishing you a zissen (sweet) Pesach!

TEMPLE SINAI CELEBRATES ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY!

September 18 marks the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Temple Sinai. A small planning committee has begun to meet to map out the best way to mark the occasion. Later this year, a series of events, programs, and celebrations will kick off 75th Anniversary activities. Affinity groups such as Women of Temple Sinai (WoTS) and Brotherhood as well as the Centers, Saturday morning minyan, NextDOR, Pride Tribe, Young Adults, and many others have been engaged and are starting to plan a 75th Anniversary program that they will organize for the congregation.

**CHECK ON PAGE 3 TO SEE HOW YOU CAN BE
A PART OF TEMPLE SINAI'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY!**



LIFE & LEGACY—ASSURING JEWISH TOMORROWS

LEGACY CIRCLE

(as of 3/15/21)

Barbara Allen
Anonymous (8)
Marc Adelsheimer &
Jamie Stern
George & Laura Arnold
Jan & Drew Barkley
Stewart Barmen &
Laurie Moser
Cantor Laura Berman
Ellie & Bob Bernstein
Jennifer H. Bett
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Gloria Bodek
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Michael Collura
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Dorfzaun
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Mark* & Anne Faigen
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*Of blessed memory

WHY TEMPLE SINAI IS IN MY FUTURE PLAN

By Frank & Carolyn Schwarz

With the pandemic, this past year has been so different. Temple Sinai has been a highlight during the quarantine's isolation with Shabbat dinner, followed by Kaballat Shabbat services as well as the Informal Shabbat services on Saturday morning.

Additionally, Temple Sinai has offered Frank the companionship and mental stimulation of Hartman Class on Sunday mornings and the monthly Brotherhood lunch. Carolyn finds strength and friendship with WoTS, monthly business meetings, Rosh Chodesh, Chai Mitzvah, and project meetings. We both appreciate the opportunity to help with Tikkun Olam EECM shelter dinners and Civic Engagement.

Being part of Life & Legacy has given us the opportunity to help make sure that our beloved Temple Sinai will continue to offer us—and those who follow after us—a community of Jewish family that supports and sustains us in both joyful and difficult times.



ASSURING JEWISH TOMORROWS

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.

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LIFE & LEGACY
Assuring JEWISH TOMORROWS
A program of the HAROLD GRISHPON FOUNDATION



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FRIDAY
APRIL 9 • 7 PM
PRAYERS
woven with SONGS

Folk Shabbat Take-Home Dinner \$20

- Beef Brisket
- Roasted Chicken
- Baked Salmon
- Vegetarian

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*SOCIALLY Distanced,
SPIRITUALLY Together,
MUSICALLY In Tune*

IN THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS

www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/event/FolkShabbat2021.html

Photos: Dale Lazar

75TH ANNIVERSARY (cont.)

We are compiling a list of the descendants of our founding families and hope to capture memories of others who have been members since those early days. If you are one of those descendants, or want to be involved with planning an activity or want to submit photo and memories, please contact Lynn Rubenson at lynnrubenson@gmail.com or Drew Barkley at Drew@TempleSinaiPGH.org.

When the founders signed the charter to create Temple Sinai in 1946, did they envision that it would evolve into the thriving and vibrant congregation it is today? As we prepare to celebrate our 75th Anniversary, we will, of course, honor the legacy that provided the foundation for our synagogue, as we celebrate our present and welcome our future.

Be on the lookout for further updates and announcements!

TIKKUN OLAM UPDATE

What Does It Mean to “Pray with Our Feet?”

When we participate in Tikkun Olam, “repair the world,” we adhere to Jewish teaching that exhorts us to improve the world in which we live. It’s not enough to just discuss, it is upon us to “pray with our feet” – to show up to protest the wrongs that we witness and then to turn that into actionable means. Over the past year, led by members of the Tikkun Olam Center (TOC) volunteers in the congregation participated in the Reform Movement’s 2020 Civic Engagement Campaign to aim for 100% voting congregations!

Building Capacity: Many Sinai and TOC members participated in regular trainings offered by URJ’s Religious Action Center (RAC) in partnership with the Center for Common Ground—a national, non-partisan organization whose mission is to empower under-represented voters to fully participate in democracy and by the Pennsylvania Inter-faith Impact Network (PIIN) in (continued on page 10)...

APRIL AT VIRTUA

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
WoTS Board Meeting with Guest Speaker Rabbi Dr. Meesh Hammer-Kossoy, Sunday, April 11, 10 AM "Why Orthodox Judaism Needs Women Rabbis:" Rabbi Dr. Meesh Hammer-Kossoy will talk about the path that led her to become a rabbi and insights since becoming her ordination. ALL ARE WELCOME. Visit our website for the Zoom link.		Brotherhood Brunch with Guest Speaker Rabbi Josh Weinberg, Sunday, April 11, 10 AM "Strengthening Ties Between Liberal Jews & Israel:" Rabbi Josh Weinberg is Vice President of the URJ for Israel and Reform Zionism & Executive Director of ARZA—Association of Reform Zionists of America ALL ARE WELCOME. Register on our website for the Zoom link.	
4	5	6	7
9 AM Hartman Learning: TOGETHER & APART: The Future of Jewish Peoplehood	 See ticket details on back cover.		Noon Parashah/Weekly Torah Portion Class 1 PM Wisdom from the Storm: The Rebbe of the Warsaw Ghetto & Spiritual Resistance in the Holocaust 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation with Rhonda Rosen
11	12	13	14 Yom HaZikaron
9 AM Hartman Learning: TOGETHER & APART: The Future of Jewish Peoplehood 9:30 AM Next DOR 10 AM WoTS Board Meeting with Rabbi Meesh Hammer-Kossoy 10 AM Brotherhood Brunch with Rabbi Josh Weinberg	6:30 PM WoTS Cooking Class with Lynn Magid Lazar (register on our website on the "Register for Events" page)	7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Group (Iyar): All Temple Sinai women are welcome! For info or story PDFs, contact Lynn Magid Lazar at lynn.magid.lazar@gmail.com.	Noon Parashah/Weekly Torah Portion Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation with Rhonda Rosen
Sunday, April 11, 2 PM, 2nd Annual Yom Ha'atzmaut Across North America Concert with Sheldon Low Visit our "Register for Events" page to learn more and register for this free concert co-sponsored by Temple Sinai.			
18	19	20	21
9 AM Hartman Learning: TOGETHER & APART: The Future of Jewish Peoplehood 9:30 AM Next DOR	Noon Brotherhood Virtual Lunch 7 PM Making our Days Count with Rabbi Karyn Kedar (details on the back cover)		Noon Parashah/Weekly Torah Portion Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation with Rhonda Rosen
25	26	27	28
9 AM Hartman Learning: TOGETHER & APART: The Future of Jewish Peoplehood 9:30 AM Next DOR	7 PM Teaching Children Resilience & Courage with Rabbi Karyn Kedar (details on the back cover)		Noon Parashah/Weekly Torah Portion Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation with Rhonda Rosen

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE FRIDAYS APRIL 2 7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE APRIL 9 7 PM FOLK SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE APRIL 16 5:30 PM TOT SHABBAT 7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE WITH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS APRIL 23 7 PM VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE APRIL 30 7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE SATURDAYS 8:30 AM TORAH STUDY 9:15 AM INFORMAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE 7:30 PM HAVDALAH WITH CANTOR LAURA BERMAN APRIL 24 10:30 BAT MITZVAH OF MADELINE HALF & SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE
1 Passover 6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting 7 PM Introduction to Judaism	2 Passover 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service 8:15 PM Oneg following the service	3 Passover/Yizkor 10 AM Passover/Yizkor Service 7:30 PM Havdalah & Song Circle	
8 Yom HaShoah 7 PM Introduction to Judaism	9 7 PM 4th Annual Folk Shabbat Evening Service 8:15 PM Oneg following the service	10 8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 7:30 PM Havdalah & Song Circle	
15 Yom Ha'atzmaut 7 PM Introduction to Judaism 7 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	16 5:30 PM Tot Shabbat 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service with Birthday Blessings 8:15 PM Oneg following the service	17 8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 7:30 PM Havdalah & Song Circle	
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MAY AT VIRTUA

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Thursday, May 27, 7 PM Join with your fellow Temple Sinai members, staff, and spiritual leaders as we learn about the state of the congregation, reflect on the successes of the past year, and put our minds toward our goals for the coming year. Hear the annual reports, presentation of the budget for the new fiscal year, and vote for new officers.			
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9 AM Hartman Learning: TOGETHER & APART: The Future of Jewish Peoplehood 9:30 AM Next DOR			Noon Parashah/Weekly Torah Portion Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation with Rhonda Rosen
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12
9 AM Hartman Learning: TOGETHER & APART: The Future of Jewish Peoplehood	6:30 PM WoTS Cooking Class with Annie Weidman(register on our website on the "Register for Events" page)	7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Group (Sivan): All Temple Sinai women are welcome! For info or story PDFs, contact Lynn Magid Lazar at lynn.magid.lazar@gmail.com.	Noon Parashah/Weekly Torah Portion Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation with Rhonda Rosen
16	17 Shavuot	18 Election Day	19
9 AM Hartman Learning: TOGETHER & APART: The Future of Jewish Peoplehood 10 AM WoTS Board Meeting	10 AM Shavuot & Yizkor Service	VOTE 2021! We are proud that we know that at least 94% of our congregation is registered to vote. The Tikkun Olam Center and Civic Engagement team led a petition drive in partnership with other organizations to help get two important ballot initiatives on the May ballot. We hope you will support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breonna's Law, to ban no-knock warrants in the City of Pittsburgh Ban the abuse of solitary confinement at the Allegheny County Jail in dealing with prisoners, particularly those with mental health issues. 	Noon Parashah/Weekly Torah Portion Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation with Rhonda Rosen
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		1	FRIDAYS MAY 7 7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE MAY 14 7 PM WOTS SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE MAY 21 5:30 PM TOT SHABBAT 7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE WITH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS MAY 28 7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
WoTS Shabbat Evening Service, Friday, May 14, 7 PM Every year, the Women of Temple Sinai (WoTS) plan and lead a special Shabbat. The women will handle every part of the service, including Torah reading and the D'var Torah. If you would like to participate, contact Lynn Rubenson at lynnrubenson@gmail.com or Laura Fehl at lauraf0128@gmail.com .		8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Dahlia Farkas & Shabbat Morning Service 7:30 PM Havdalah & Song Circle	
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[Sandra Mordoh](#)
Yahrzeit of Norman Green, Cecelia Chotiner Lipsitz, Samuel Ryave, Chana Podolsky, Rebecca Bleiberg, & Isaac Podolsky
[Selma P. Ryave & Rosalyn Richman](#)
Yahrzeit of Irene L. Lovett
[Shirley Goldstein](#)

Yahrzeit of Charles Goldstein & Sallie E. Stein
[Stanton & Ruth Jonas](#)
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[Stewart Barmen](#)
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In Memory of Terrance
[Arlene Smith](#)

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In Appreciation of Rabbi Gibson
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In Memory of Ram Kossowsky
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Youth Activities Fund

In Memory of Bernie Latterman
[Esther Schwartz](#)

Our hearts are full of gratitude and our spirits are lifted by seeing our community join together to raise more than \$40,000 through our end-of-year fundraising initiative and Tzedakah Tuesday this past December. On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, THANK YOU for supporting our sacred, shared community of Temple Sinai.

Alison & George Karabin	Frederick Zuhlke &	Jeff & Robin Lebovitz	Marc Adelsheimer &	Richard & Natalie Berger
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partnership with the Gamaliel Network, the national organization of which PIIN is one of 44 affiliates. Helping build strong local organizations, providing training and advocacy, and promoting non-partisan civic engagements campaigns are the cornerstones of Gamaliel.

Stronger Together: Temple Sinai partnered with RAC at the national level and PIIN at the local level on GOTV efforts. Within Sinai, members of WOTS and Brotherhood were critical to the success of our efforts. Other partners included the JCC Center for Loving Kindness and Bend the Arc. More than 50 Sinai volunteers contacted all of our congregants about registration and voting procedures and 30 plus volunteers sent post cards or text messages to eligible voters in PA and other states encouraging them to vote.

Ultimately, at least 94% of Sinai members were registered to vote. We are awaiting the final numbers on the numbers who actually voted in November.

Civic Action Continues: Since the November election, members of TOC have worked with the Alliance for Police Accountability (APA) on a petition drive to get two initiatives on the May Primary Ballot: an end to the widespread abuse of solitary confinement at the Allegheny Jail, particularly used instead of treatment for prisoners with mental health issues, and Breonna's Law to ban no-knock warrants in the City of Pittsburgh, The synagogue vestibule as well as the front

porches of several members' homes were creative ways to provide safe signing of petitions during COVID. We are enthused that we were part of the effort that exceeded the goal. The good news? Both of these initiatives will be on the May primary ballot and we will be mobilizing again to get both of these passed. Be on the look out for emails regarding how interested volunteers can help.

WE HAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN! JOIN US!

There is still much to accomplish. Going forward, the Tikkun Olam Center will partner with the RAC and RAC-PA on social justice issues, with an emphasis on racial justice. In addition, we continue our working relationship with PIIN and Gamaliel as well as with marginalized community organizations. We remain vigilant and will provide our support on Issues such as gerrymandering, attempts to realign judicial districts and other politicized concerns.

To mobilize our congregation, several Sinai members and clergy are taking a course for community organizers sponsored by JOIN (Jewish Organizing Institute & Network) entitled Don't Kvetch! Organize! This seven-week course trains, educates and strengthens skills for community organizers. They will apply their new knowledge to help mobilize and lead interested members of the congregation in our next social justice efforts.

We continue to be part of the change that we seek.

OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

OF BLESSED MEMORY (JAN—FEB)

Ram Kossowsky, husband of Hanita Kossowsky; father of Nir (Bear Brandegge) Kossovsky & Tammy Kossowsky; grandfather of Natasha Kossovsky

Edward Kraus, uncle of Elaine (Noah) Lesgold

Abe Sambol

Debbie Fiumara, friend of Rachel Kudrick

Carole Greenberg, wife of Jack Greenberg

Marion Spirer

Faye Schwartz, mother of Marty (Fern) Schwartz, Ferne (Kenny) Oskie, Amy (David) Stangel, Andrew (Mary) Schwartz

Abraham Kay, brother-in-law of Drew (Jan) Barkley

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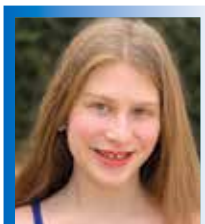
Andy Lochrie, friend of Gina Faiola

Greta Coleman, sister-in-law of Phyllis Dreyfuss

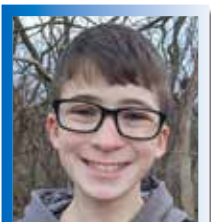
Helene Aronoff, mother of Laurie Mulvey

Thia Persoff, cousin of Aya Betensky

MAZAL TOV! B'NEI MITZVAH



**Saturday,
April 24**
Bat Mitzvah of
Madeline Half
Daughter of Jonah
& Emily Half



Saturday, May 29
Bar Mitzvah of
Isaac McHenry
Son of Toby &
Matthew McHenry

Saturday, May 1
Bat Mitzvah of Dahlia Farkas
Daughter of Debby & Roy Farkas

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Eleazer Gorenstein & Jennifer Richnafsky

SIMCHAH

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated to the Purim Charity Drive to support the East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM).

Congratulations to Christopher Aiello (husband of Temple Sinai bookkeeper Judy Lynn Aiello), who was promoted to Captain in the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the Drive-Thru Purim Carnival.

The **Tikkun Olam Center thanks** everyone who signed the petitions to put Breonna's Law and the elimination of solitary confinement on the May 18 ballot. Enough signatures were collected and these important causes were approved!

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who gave their time and talents to this year's virtual Purim Shpiel, FroZOOM!

Mazal Tov on the engagement of Evan Miller to Lillian Edelsack. Parents are Todd and Elaine Miller, and Leon and Hela Edelsack.

Mazal Tov to Katie Whitlatch and Matt Metosky, who were married on Jan. 23.

Mazal Tov to Marcia Kurs-Lasky on the birth of her granddaughter, Emily. Emily was born January 18, 2021 in New Jersey. Proud parents are Eric and Jessica Kurs-Lasky, older sister is Jordyn, favorite uncles are Eli and MJ.

Mazal Tov to Casey Weiss and Doug Frisbee on the birth of their child, Kobi Weiss Frisbee, on Jan. 18. Grandparents are Amy and Lou Weiss. Great-grandmother is Andy Weiss.

Send your **GOOD NEWS**
(marriages, births, B'nei Mitzvah,
awards, engagements,
graduations, etc.)
to Tami Prine, Marketing &
Communications Director,
at Tami@TempleSinaiPGH.org.



**Guest Speaker Rabbi James Jacobson-Maisels, Ph.D.,
April 7, 1 PM**

Wisdom from the Storm: The Rebbe of the Warsaw Ghetto & Spiritual Resistance in the Holocaust

R. Kalonymus Kalmish Shapira, the Piaseczner Rebbe, was an educational innovator, spiritual master, and communal leader who taught a profound mode of spiritual resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto during the holocaust.

Register on the “Register for Events” page of our website.

**Guest Speaker Rabbi Karyn Kedar,
April 19 & 26**

**Making Our Days Count,
Monday, April 19, 7 PM**

Rabbi Kedar will teach seven spiritual principles for the seven weeks of the Omer: decide, discern, choose, hope, imagine, courage, pray. These principles can offer path from enslavement to freedom, darkness to light, constriction to expanse.



Teaching Children Resilience & Courage, Monday, April 26, 7 PM

Rabbi Kedar will pose three questions, three rules, and one important myth that can help create a foundation where the children in our orb can find resilience and courage.

Register for each session on the “Register for Events” page of our website.

Temple Sinai is an inclusive community that embraces, supports, & values all people, regardless of ability or needs, to participate in every aspect of our Reform Jewish synagogue life. For more information or to request an accommodation, contact Judy Rulin Mahan at (412) 421-9715 ext. 110 or Judy@TempleSinaiPGH.org.

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- **Opening Night Screening:** \$36 (Includes a donation to Film Pittsburgh and a post-screening discussion with the director.)
- **Regularly-Priced Screening:** \$15
- **All Festival Pass:** \$118 Early Bird All Access Pass through April 16; \$136 Regular All Access Pass beginning April 17
- **Six Pack:** \$60 Early Bird Pass through April 16; \$75 Regular Pass beginning April 17

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