TEMPLE SINAI APRIL-MAY 2022

## CHAILEGHTS



## **Rabbi's Reflections**By Rabbi Daniel J. Fellman

#### On Journeys and Transitions

In just a few weeks we will sit down at seder tables with family and friends to retell the story of our people's journey from slavery to freedom. And after two years of Zoom seders, how sweet it will be to share a table with our nearest and degrest!

Passover moves us from our individual worlds to something bigger. On Passover we recall our own paths from slavery to freedom, and we move beyond the self to see ourselves as part of a greater whole. On Passover we gather, sharing the journey, sharing lessons learned, dreaming new dreams together.

Six months ago, at the High Holy Days, we promised to change, to live life better. Now as we gather around the seder table, the moment arrives for us to evaluate—how is the journey unfolding? As we smile and share the foods and rituals of the seder we are called to account for ourselves, again asking, again committing our lives to goodness and freedom.

Our Jewish tradition abhors sitting still. We are a people constantly on the move, constantly looking for new ways to improve the world, heal the world, sanctify the world. We are in such constant motion that we need Shabbat each week to remind us to relax! The Jewish way is one of constant growth, constant exploration, constant doing. Even at the seder we hardly sit still. Instead, we ask questions, we dip foods, we recline, we search, we eat (usually too much!!), and we re-enact rituals centuries old.

Perhaps one of the secrets of Jewish life is this constant movement of growth and change. In our willingness and need to do more, we push ourselves and each other to reach higher, to

try new things and re-imagine all that we have known. We carry the best of ourselves forward, but we never really rest on our laurels. We are in constant motion.

So too with Temple Sinai. In the past year we have begun the return to a more normal level of activity in the building, you all have welcomed me and my family, and we have embraced Jewish life in so many wonderful ways.

The coming months will see even more movement. After seven years we will, with full hearts, thank Rabbi Keren Gorban for all she has taught us and all she has meant to us as she begins a new adventure in her life. And this summer we will welcome Cantor David Reinwald, embracing him as we continue our temple journey together. And soon you will hear exciting information about other great temple journeys—classes, programs, social justice experiences, and even travel—as we continue our journey together.

I pray your seder is filled with joy and happiness, song, and smiles. And I can't wait to see how our journeys will unfold, bringing each of us closer to the Promised Land. Melissa, Zach, Jake, and Lizzie join me in wishing you a zissen pesach, a sweet and happy Passover!

## PASSOVER SERVICES SCHEDULE, April 16 & April 26

We are happy to once again share our Passover services with the clergy and congregants of Rodef Shalom Congregation.

First Day Passover Service at Temple Sinai (onsite & online), Saturday, April 16, 10 AM

Last Day Passover Service & Yizkor at Rodef Shalom (offsite), Friday, April 26, 10 AM

Details and links for the services will be provided in our weekly emails prior to each service.

## LIFE & LEGACY—ASSURING JEWISH TOMORROWS

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#### WHY TEMPLE SINALIS IN MY FUTURE PLANS

By Janice & Marvin Dash

Temple Sinai has been a vital part of our family's life for more than 60 years. In 1958, Janice became a member of Temple Sinai with her sister, Barbara, and their parents, Ruth and Charles Weschler. She attended services in the Barnett Chapel. She was consecrated, attended religious school, and celebrated



her Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, and Graduation here. Marvin joined the Temple Sinai family in 1973, when we were married by Rabbi Ilson in the newly constructed Leebov Sanctuary. We marked the passing of Janice's parents in Temple Sinai's memorial park.

Our now adult children, Eric and Michelle, have a similar connection. Like their mother, they were consecrated, attended religious school and celebrated major lifecycle events here—from Baby Namings, to B'nei Mitzvah, to Confirmation ceremonies. Rabbi Gibson officiated at our son's wedding last year.

But Temple Sinai has been more than just a place for memorable milestone events. It's truly been our Jewish home. As a family, we've been regulars at our vibrant Friday Evening Services. We've enjoyed tossing bread during Tashlich in Pittsburgh's many parks, eating "Pizza in the Hut" during Sukkot, and supporting Temple Sinai in the Israel Day Parade. We've organized and participated in Brotherhood events, WoTS cooking classes, Hanukkah parties, and synagogue anniversary celebrations. We were longtime volunteers at the Purim Carnival and the Jewish Food Festival, an event led several times by Janice's dad.

Although Temple Sinai has grown substantially from its modest beginnings and has undergone even more significant change over the years, it's been a constant presence in our lives. And for us, it's the tangible embodiment of the Jewish concept of L'Dor V'dor. That's why, as we seek to pass on our Jewish tradition from generation to generation, just as our parents did for us, we feel privileged to be part of Temple Sinai's Life & Legacy program.

#### **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.







## **DREW BARKLEY'S 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

February 27, 2022 marked my five-year anniversary as Temple Sinai's Executive Director. Many of you have heard me say that it seems like I just arrived and, at the same time, it seems like I've been here for 30 years. Three years of clergy transition combined with two years (so far) of a pandemic and the Tree of Life murders make these the most interesting years of my Executive Director career. Serving Temple Sinai has been, and continues to be, one of the greatest honors of my life.

Before I go on, I want to apologize to everyone who has either been too warm or too cold in the building or thinks we need to improve the quality of our coffee. Also, after five years in Pittsburgh it is still difficult for me to adjust to the Steelers culture. For those who don't know, I was born and raised in Cleveland (and Temple Sinai hired me anyway).

I've been a synagogue Executive Director for 16 years. One of the reasons I entered the field was to find my own community of values, comfort, healing, and growth. Simply said, I have found it all in the Temple Sinai community. Each of you have been both my healer and my teacher. I am doing my best to repay your kindness. This is a congregation of people who listen, express themselves, and learn from each other. What a treat. It is a true privilege to be connecting and supporting people, to be here for you when you need me and learning together as we go forward.

We should never take our beautiful and amazing Temple Sinai community for granted. We have so much to offer. Let's resist the tendency to critique ourselves and focus on what we have achieved together as a congregation. Temple Sinai is an oasis within the Pittsburgh Jewish community and I am proud to be a part of it.





## Nefesh Mountain Concert Saturday, April 9, 2022, 7:30 PM

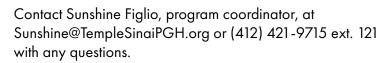
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## **MOVIE NIGHT & DISCUSSION**

**NEW!** We invite you to join us for (almost) monthly movie night featuring a variety of movies with Jewish themes. Join us in the Falk Auditorium to watch the movie. Register so we know how much popcorn to have ready!

#### Saturday, April 30, 7 PM, Free

"An American Pickle" is a 2020 American comedy-drama film staring Seth Rogen as an Eastern European Jewish immigrant who gets preserved in a vat of pickles and wakes up a century later in modern-day New York City, attempting to fit in with the assistance of his last remaining descendant (also played by Rogen). 89 mins



Register at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.

## **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

#### Do you like to read and discuss books? Join the Temple Sinai Book Club!

April's book is "The Vixen" named one of the best books of 2021 by NPR, The Washington Post, and Financial Times. The group will meet on Wednesday, April 20 at 1:15 PM in the Lockhart Lounge

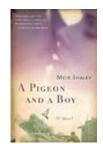


Contact Anne Faigen at (412) 422-9580 for more info.

Did you read "A Pigeon and a Boy," which was in your 5782 High Holy Day Gift Bag? Do you want to talk about it?

Anne plans to set up a time convenient to anyone who would like to discuss the book. Contact her for details. (Contact

Sunshine Figlio at Sunshine@TempleSinaiPGH.org if you'd like a free copy of the book.)



## **FUN FOR KIDS: TIKKUN OLAM, CRAFTS, & COOKING**

#### Kid's Crafts: Take-Home Seder Plate (at-home), Free

Pick up your kit in the Krieger Lobby vestibule on Sunday, April 3 after NextDOR.



It's almost Passover! Learn about the Passover Seder by painting your very own Seder plate! A fun activity for all ages.

#### Family Passover Cooking Class (online), Sunday, April 3, 3 PM, Free

Grab the whole family and head to your kitchen to start preparing for Passover. We will walk everyone through a fun cooking experience. Perfect for parents and kids, grandparents and grandkids, or anyone wanting to get a head start on their Passover preparation. We will make a kugel, a fruit dish, and a dessert. Register for the Zoom link at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.

#### Kid's Tikkun Olam: Backpacks for The Education Partnership, Sunday, May 15, Noon (onsite), Free

We'll pack backpacks with school supplies for children and teachers in low-income schools in the Pittsburgh area.



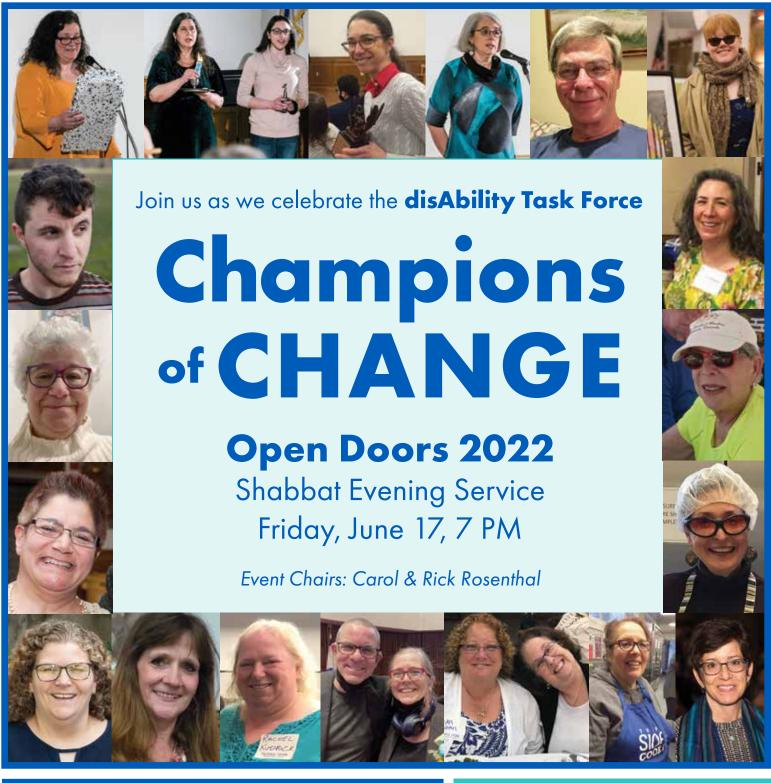
Register on our website or contact Sunshine Figlio.

#### Kid's Craft Night: Tea Light Paper Bonfires, Friday, May 20, 6 PM (onsite), Free



Parents and children of all ages are invited to join us for a fun craft! Register online or contact Sunshine Figlio.

**Questions?** Contact Sunshine Figlio, program coordinator, at Sunshine@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 121.





#### **HAVE GOOD NEWS?**

Email the details to Tami Prine,

Marketing & Communications Director,

at Tami@TempleSinaiPGH.org to share

with your Temple Sinai community.

## **CHAMETZ FORM** Fill out the form and return it to Temple Sinai by Erev Passover, April 15.

**What is Chametz?** Foods not eaten during Passover. Chametz typically includes leavened bread or any food that contains wheat, rye, barley, oats, or spelt, unless production has been supervised to ensure that it has not leavened. (Source: URJ.com)

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## **PESACH (PASSOVER) 5782 PRAYER**

## **To be read at your Passover Seder**By Rabbi Daniel Fellman

The seder table smiles with springtime, inviting us to begin again.

Fresh greens, fresh fruit, eggs and more invite us to join together in renewal.

God, hear our prayers, and help us return refreshed

Long winters of distance replaced by a crowded seder table,

Overflowing with love, hope, optimism, dreams for the future.

God, rebuild within us a desire for good, a commitment to freedom for all.

Distance and masks finally give way to smiles and togetherness,

The sweetness of freedom never tasted so good! God, help us savor the opportunity for rebirth so present tonight.

Even as we gather, too many are confined by war, fear, degradation,

Passover's call for freedom still rings loud and clear and necessary.

God, help us hear the call, help us bring freedom to all people.

Last year we were enslaved, last year held back, last year so limited,

Living daily the symbols of the seder plate—bitterness, sacrifice, fear.

God be with us as we return again to ourselves and to you, ready for freedom's fullness.



## THE JEWISH WORLD OF SPICES: ADULT EDUCATION CLAS

## History of Jews & The Spice Trade with Rabbi Daniel Fellman (online), Wednesday, May 4, 6:30 PM, Free

Rabbi Fellman will walk us through the history of the spice trade—where it originated and how it connected and influenced the world.

## Current World of Spices with Ori Zohar (online), Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 PM, Free

Ori Zohar, co-founder of Burlap & Barrel, will discuss how they source their spices directly from farmer cooperatives and small farms.



They partner directly with smallholder farmers to source spices that have never been available in the US before and help improve the livelihoods of our partner farmers.

## Cooking with Spices with Hanita Kossowsky (onsite), Wednesday, May 18, 6:30 PM, Fee: \$15

Hanita Kossowsky will demonstrate how to cook with a variety of spices. Everyone will have an opportunity to smell the spices and taste the food.

## Creating Spice Blends with Hanita Kossowsky (onsite), Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 PM, Fee: \$15

You may have heard of Chinese 5 Spices or Garam Masala, but have you used traditional Jewish blends such as Ras el Hanout, Hawaij, or Baharat? Hanita will explain the blends and everyone will have an opportunity to put together a blend of spices to take home.

Register for each session on our "Register for Events" page at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	4	4			7 PM 5th Annual Folk Shabbat Evening Service 8:15 Oneg sponsored by Ronna & Harry Back and Darlene & Norman Padnos in honor of their grandson Ari's Bar Mitzvah	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Ari Padnos & Shabbat Morning Service
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9:30 AM NextDOR 10:15 AM Hartman Learning Noon Kids' Craft Take- Home Kit Available 3 PM Family Passover Cooking Class (online)	6:30 PM Teen School	7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Group— Nisan (offsite)	Noon Parashah/Weekly Torah Portion Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation with Rhonda Rosen (online)	7 PM Executive Committee Meeting 7 PM Introduction to Judaism	6:15 Preneg 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service with Nefesh Mountain	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 7:30 PM Nefesh Mountain Concert
10	11	12	13	14	15 Erev Passover	16 Passover
10 AM WoTS Talk & Board Meeting 6 PM Adult Craft Night: Candle Making	6:30 PM Meet 'n' Eat Cooking Class sponsored by WoTS Carol James will demonstrate gluten-free Passover recipes		Noon Parashah/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation with Rhonda Rosen (online)	7 PM Introduction to Judaism	5:30 PM Erev Passover Evening Service (approx. 30 minutes) (Note special time)	8:30 AM Torah Study 10 AM First Day of Passover Morning Service at Temple Sinai
17 Passover	18 Passover	19 Passover	20 Passover	21 Passover	22 Passover	23
			Noon Parashah/Weekly Torah Portion Class 1:15 PM Temple Sinai Book Club 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation with Rhonda Rosen (online)	7 PM Introduction to Judaism	Offices & Building Closed 10 AM Last Day of Passover Morning Service & Yizkor at Rodef Shalom 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service with Birthday Blessings 8:15 PM Oneg	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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15	16	17 Election Day	18	19	20	21
10 AM WoTS Talk & Board Meeting Noon Kids' Tikkun Olam: Backpacks for The Education Partnership		Our building will be a polling place.	Noon Parashah/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation with Rhonda Rosen (online) 6:30 The Jewish World of Spices (onsite)	7 PM Board of Trustees Meeting 7 PM Introduction to Judaism	5:30 Tot Shabbat 6 PM Kids' Craft Night: Tea Light Bonfire 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service with Birthday Blessings 8:15 PM Oneg sponsored by Andrew & Hannah Sahud in Honor of Lehv's Bar	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Lehv Sahud & Shabbat Morning Service
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29 Yom Y'rushalayim	30 Memorial Day	31				
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## Rabbi Fellman Discretionary Fund

In Appreciation of Funeral of Elaine Supowitz

Supowitz Family In Honor of Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Fellman

Barry & Susan Merenstein
Harton Wolf
Joel M. Kaufman
Rhoda Dorfzaun
Richard & Natalie Berger
Shirley Goldstein
Stanley & Evelyn Mitchell
Steve & Shirley Tannenbaum

Your Friends at Temple Emanuel In Memory of Philip Fireman Arlene Smith

In Memory of Thomas Morton Arlene Smith

#### Rabbi Gorban's Discretionary

In Appreciation
Davidene Aplart
Edwin & Diane Silverman

#### Ryave Children's Library Fund

In Memory of Hal Taback Rosalyn Escovitz In Memory of Louis Katz Rosalyn Escovitz

#### **Schwarz Fund for the Future**

In Honor of Ari Padnos's Bar Mitzvah

Frank & Carolyn Schwarz

In Honor of Jake Fellman's Bar Mitzvah

Frank & Carolyn Schwarz In Honor of Ronnie Cook Zuhlke, Women's Empowerment Award 2022 Nominee

Frank & Carolyn Schwarz In Memory of Thomas Morton Frank & Carolyn Schwarz

#### **Security Fund**

In Memory of Theodora, Adora Holstein's Mother Charles & Gail Weisberg

#### **Tikkun Olam Center Fund**

Special Birthday of Harry Back Darlene & Norman Padnos

#### Weinkle Fund for the Future

In Memory of Thomas Morton Joseph & Phyllis Weinkle Yahrzeit of Philip Fireman Joseph & Phyllis Weinkle

#### **WoTS Donations**

Yahrzeit of Esther Shapiro & Lena Schweitzer Sally Schweitzer

We apologize in advance for any omissions that may occur.



## HELP FULFILL TIKKUN OLAM AT THE EECM COMMUNITY HOUSE

Eilu Devarim in the morning prayer reminds us of our obligation to "feed the hungry and clothe the naked."

Temple Sinai has been cooking and serving food at the East End Cooperative Ministry's homeless shelters since 2003. We are committed to offering a good dinner to about 50 people at the EECM Community House in East Liberty once a month.

While we have had a dedicated group of volunteers, we hope that more people will join us. You can cook at home, serve, or both. Recent dinners have ranged from coq au vin to brisket, chili, lasagna, and latkes.

Volunteering is both fun and rewarding. Some volunteers come back repeatedly, while others do the mitzvah on a one-time basis, without a longer-term commitment.

Dora Gordon, who regularly makes brownies, says "I really like to bake, and making a dessert for the people at EECM each month makes me happy. I started doing this as part of my Bat Mitzvah project, and I intend to keep doing it through high school. It's a great way to give back!"

Ellen Katzen volunteers because..."I love helping people
—I watched my Dad helping others and learned from him.
Cooking for EECM gives me great satisfaction knowing that
I am supporting others and comforting them with great food
and conversation."

And volunteer Phyllis Dreyfuss writes, "Talking and sharing a meal with women and men whose life experiences have been so different is amazingly enriching. They are always grateful and friendly...Thank you so much for that chance to peek into another world."

In addition to cooking and serving, Robert Kraut and Stephen Jurman help organize the dinners. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact either Bob at robert.kraut@cmu.edu or Stephen at jurmanlaw@gmail.com.

Our next dinners at EECM are Thursday, April 14 and Thursday, May 12.



Left to right: Lynn Rubenson, Bob Kraut, Adora & Steve Holstein, Mimi Botkin, Ellen Ansell, Rabbi Emeritus Jamie Gibson, Rick Rogow, and Elliott Oshry

#### BY THE GRACE OF THE GAME: AN EVENING WITH DAN GRUNFEL

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL VIRTUAL ZOOM PROGRAM IN OBSERVANCE OF YOM HASHOAH

Monday, April 25, 7 PM

In observance of Yom Hashoah, we are participating in a Zoom program organized by Temple Sinai's Brotherhood and the men's club of Park Synagogue in suburban Cleveland. The featured speaker is Dan Grunfeld, a former professional basketball player and son of ex-NBA player and executive Ernie Grunfeld. Dan will discuss his recently published book, By The Grace of The Game, which depicts his family's story by detailing history's only known journey from Auschwitz to the NBA.

From the grips of the Nazis to the top of the Olympic podium, this complex tale traverses the spectrum of the human experience to detail how perseverance, love

and legacy can survive through generations, carried on the shoulders of a simple and beautiful game.

Dan was raised in the New York and Milwaukee areas. He holds two degrees from Stanford University and is a technology executive in Silicon Valley.

Cost: \$5 per person

Books available for pickup at Temple Sinai: \$10 each BY THE GRACE OF THE GAME
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DAN GRUNFELD
TO BE ANY ALLEM

Register by Wednesday, April 20 at: www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/programs-events

**Questions?** Contact Todd Miller, at toddprmktg@gmail.com or (412) 848-1082.

## DRIVE-THRU PURIM CARNIVAL PHOTOS,





























Photo 1: Isaac, Margaret, and Eleanor McHenry; Photo 2: Harton Wolf; Photo 3: Rachel Collura; Photo 4: Leon Edelsack; Photo 5: Lizzie Fellman; Photo 6: Cary Abeshouse with friend Amelie and puppy Korra; Photo 7: Jonah, Josh, and Lisa Lederer; Photo 8: Eileen Kraus-Dobratz, Debbie Haber, and Kendra Coyle; Photo 9: Rabbi Daniel Fellman, Sunshine Figlio, Rabbi Keren and Yuval Gorban; Photo 10: John Landis; Photo 11: Josh and Denise Handler; Photo 12: Juniper, Hunter, Reuven, and Todd Knight; Photo 13: Elizabeth and Adam Collura; Photo 14: Zach and Melissa Fellman

## **RESULTS OF WOTS PROGRAM INTEREST SURVEY**

The Women of Temple Sinai Program Committee has completed a member program interest survey and the results are in!. What happens next? The committee will work closely with Rabbi Daniel Fellman, staff, and volunteers to determine what programs might be of interest to the membership at-large and those that will be offered through WoTS.

## Strong interest has been shown in the following programs:

- Continuation of the arts/crafts club, Foodie Newsletter, and Rosh Chodesh
- Creation of a walking club, a new Chai Mitzvah study group, and a Mahjong group
- Offsite visits to the Rauh Jewish History Program & Archives at the Senator John Heinz History Center, Rivers of Steel Carrie Blast Furnace, and the Westmoreland Museum of American Art

- Programs with strong interest that might be offered through collaboration with Temple Sinai and/or other centers or groups
- An adult homegrown music/talent night
- A trip to Shanksville 9-11 site
- Area cocktails nights for members living north, south, east, and in the city
- A panel to learn about LGBTQ+ issues and concerns and a panel to review issues surrounding voting rights
- A genealogy club
- A kayaking event

If you are interested in helping with any of these program activities, email Michele Clarke at recfun47@gmail.com and let her know if you are a member of WoTS or other Temple Group or member at-large and your best contact information for email and phone.

### **ADULT CRAFT NIGHT**

#### Sunday, April 10, 6 PM

#### Join us for our first Adult Craft Night!

Our April project is candle making.

#### Questions?

Contact Sunshine Figlio, program coordinator, at

Sunshine@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 121.

Register on our website so we have enough supplies ready: www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/programs-events

#### **FALK LIBRARY PRESENTS...**

THE HILL DISTRICT—A TOUR OF JEWISH PITTSBURGH Featuring Eric Lidji of the Rauh Jewish History Program & Archives, Thursday, June 2, 7–9 PM

Join the Falk Library Committee for a bus tour starting and ending at Temple Sinai, followed by a dessert reception.

Cost: \$10 per person to help pay for the bus

Register on the Temple Sinai website on the "Register for Events" page.

**Questions?** Contact Susan Cohen at susan\_k\_cohen@ yahoo.com or Barb Siegel at barbsiegel@yahoo.com

Left: NextDOR students write notes for Shinshinim Amit to take to the Western Wall in February 2022.

Right: WoTS members celebrate Hanukkah with a white elephant gift exchange. Front row (left to right): Laura Fehl, Mimi Botkin, Tanya Bass, Lynn Rubenson, Carol Woolford; Back row (left to right): Jenny Ganger, Carolyn Schwarz, Jan Barkley, Mara Kaplan, Susan Cohen





## **OUR SACRED COMMUNITY**

#### OF BLESSED MEMORY (JAN. & FEB.)

Those who live no more echo still within our thoughts and words, and what they did is part of what we have become.

~ Gates of Prayer

Barbara Shapiro Stein, mother of David (Sheila) May-Stein Ruth Levine Penner, mother of Roy Penner Ruth George, mother of Charlotte (Shelley Elovitz) George Harry Sigesmund, father of Perry (Lora) Sigesmund Philip Fireman, husband of Marcia Fireman, father of Paul (Gail) Fireman

Nathan Rogow, brother of Richard (Ellen Ansell) Rogow Michael Kelly, father of Audrey Brown
Edward Shapiro, uncle of Jeff (Amy) Scott
Luke Wissen, cousin's son of Rachel Kudrick
Robert O. Lampl, cousin of Shirley Goldstein
Mario Stasolla, father of Vincente (Pamela) Stasolla
Martin Silverman, father of Ed (Diane) Silverman
Sarah Chaikin, mother of Alexandra (Sasha) Leyzerovich
Jon Carl Slesinger, Sr., father-in-law of Thomas Michael
Thomas Morton, husband of Marcia Morton
Rabbi Sanford Marcus, uncle of Allison Grodin
Edith Kramer Twersky, aunt of David (Meryl) Ainsman

#### MAZAL TOV! B'NEI MITZVAH



Saturday, April 2 Bar Mitzvah of Ari Padnos Son of Bill Padnos & Sharon Back



Saturday, May 7
Bat Mitzvah of Evie Rosen
Daughter of Scott & Sheri Rosen



Saturday, May 21 Bar Mitzvah of Lehv Sahud Son of Hannah & Andrew Sahud

#### **SIMCHAH**

Mazal Tov to Ronnie Cook Zuhlke on being one of WRJ Women's Empowerment Awardees for 2022. Women of Reform Judaism will honor those who strengthen the voices of others, empower women, and promote progressive Jewish values at their online event on Friday, May 13.

**Mazal Tov** to grandparents John and Denise Schiller and Aunt and Uncle Diana and Jake Schiller on the birth of Simon Bader on February 7. Parents are Jessica Schiller Bader and David Bader and his big sister is Frannie Bader.

**Mazal Tov** to David Maretsky and Amy Weiss who were honored (along with 18 other past presidents) by Community Day School (CDS) at their annual party on Jan. 29.

**Mazal Tov** to Bob and Ellen Katzen, who were honored by Hillel JUC at their Campus Superstar 2022 event on March 20.

#### STAFF FAREWELL, GOOD LUCK, & WELCOME

Nancy Conaway (left), our receptionist and administrative assistant, accepted a new opportunity. Her last day was February 25.



Helene Kessler Burke (right) joined us as

her replacement. Helene is a Pittsburgh native and comes to us with experience from Rodef Shalom Congregation, Agency for Jewish Learning, and Riverview Towers.

We'll miss Nancy and wish her the best of luck on her new adventure!

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Helene Kessler Burke & Thomas Burke Cecilia Rothschild (rejoined)

#### **HAVE GOOD NEWS?**

Email the details to Tami Prine,
Marketing & Communications Director,
at Tami@TempleSinaiPGH.org to share
with your Temple Sinai community.

## Annua Meeting

#### Thursday, May 26, 7 PM

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Temple Sinai on Thursday, May 26, 2022, 7 PM.

The meeting will feature reports on the business of Temple Sinai including reports from the clergy, centers, and auxiliary groups as well as the election of Trustees.

You will also receive more details by email and US mail.

Onsite ~ TOGETHER ~ Online



Thank You to YOU, our volunteers, who give time, expertise, and enthusiasm to make Temple Sinai an inclusive and collaborative Jewish spiritual home.

Whether you greet at services, cook for dinners, serve on a committee, sing in the choir, deliver caring bags, or any of the many, many other roles that help us fulfill our sacred tasks, we want to HONOR YOU with a special SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE and ONEG on Friday, April 29. Please join us!

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Saturday, June 4, 7 PM

Confirmation & Shavuot Service

Friday, June 10, 7 PM

Pride Shabbat Evening Service

Friday, June 17, 7 PM

Shabbat Evening Service with Open Doors Award Honorees: disAbility Task Force

Saturday, June 18, 7 PM

Celebrating Disabilities Through the Arts

Rabbi Daniel J. Fellman

Senior Rabbi

Rabbi Keren Gorban, RJE

Associate Rabbi

Rabbi James A. Gibson, MAHL, DD

Emeritus Rabbi

Drew Barkley, FTA

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Temple Sinai is an inclusive community that embraces, supports, and 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.