TEMPLE SINAI AUGUST 2022

CHAILEGHTS



Rabbi's Reflections

By Rabbi Daniel J. Fellman

Summer has always been a joyful time for me. Days and weeks at camp, evenings spent staring up at the stars, running free in the yard or to the pool at the neighborhood JCC—my childhood summers were filled with free time and the opportunity to dream.

I can remember sleeping on the patio, staring up into the night sky, imagining what my life might be. I can remember spending time with friends, playing, riding our bikes, letting our imaginations run wild as we built forts in the yard.

While I am no longer a little boy growing up in Omaha, this summer has been filled with dreams and simple joys. With the pandemic seeming to be less frightening, we are coming together more. Cafes and sidewalks are more crowded, people are out in the parks.

And at the Temple, we have been busy planning for a full new year! After nearly three years of pandemic limitations, the new year will dawn with hope for all sorts of new opportunities.

Soon our youth groups—a junior youth group and our PARTY senior youth group will have an advisor, someone to help re-establish a strong youth scene at Temple Sinai. In the coming year, social justice activities, social events, retreats, and more await our children.

We are busy dreaming and planning for adults, too. The choir should finally be able to return to a full schedule, and with a little luck we might even experience the beginnings of a junior choir.

Opportunities for social justice will be plentiful. Our nation continues to change, and the need for each of us to raise our voices and share our Jewish values only grows more compelling.

Authors will be visiting Temple Sinai to share their books, and we will have the opportunity to learn from their research and creativity. Classes will once again be robust, with weekly Hartman learning, weekly Torah classes, and a weekly Talmud class.

Opportunities in the kitchen will overflow with classes on all kinds of cooking including a special session with an authentic Jewish Italian chef who will share some of her recipes.

And we will begin to plan and prepare for a Temple Sinai trip to Israel to take place in December of 2023.

Right now, the long summer days and warm nights call us to explore and dream. We have been busy dreaming and planning, and the whole Temple staff can't wait to start making all our dreams a reality in the coming months. Enjoy these relaxing days and get ready for a full year of Jewish life at Temple Sinai!

NESHAMA CENTER FOR JEWISH SPIRITUALITY

Temple Sinai's Neshama Center focuses on the spirituality of the greater congregation as well as its individual members. Spirituality is very personal.

The Neshama Center is seeking congregants who wish to explore diverse and unique ways of finding spirituality. Please join the Neshama Center if you have an interest in creating possible alternative means of seeking spirituality at Temple Sinai. Please email Neshama Center Chair Lynn Naman, lynnnaman@yahoo.com, for more information or to participate.

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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.







GETTING TO KNOW...CANTOR DAVID REINWALD

What was the best concert you ever attended?

This is a hard question for a musician as there are so many concerts that I have loved, but I would say when I won tickets to the 2012 Grammys, it was a once in a lifetime experience. In that one show, I saw Paul McCartney, Adele, Bruce Springsteen, Stevie Wonder, Coldplay, a tribute by Jennifer Hudson in memory of Whitney Houston, and many others. It was probably one of the greatest Grammy Award shows to ever happen, and I was very lucky to be there.

Where's your favorite place in the world? I have a great love for Ireland—the country and its culture and music, and I am sure I will travel back there again. The Cliffs of Moher on the rugged west coast of Ireland are a place I think everyone should travel to. They are breathtaking.

What's the last book you read? I read a lot of contemporary, literary fiction, but most recently, I read Squirrel Hill by Mark Oppenheimer. While I have heard this book was met with mixed response, I felt it was a very thorough and insightful overview of the history and sociology of the neighborhood, along with a lot of the timeline of the incident at Tree of Life and its aftermath. It was a very informative read for a newcomer to the area.

If you could visit anywhere in the world you've never been, where would you go? I have long wanted to visit the Galapagos Islands. I find the history fascinating and the ecology stunning.



What's your secret talent? Well, now this isn't secret! I have a few special talents—I can juggle, I can tap dance (and studied Irish dance as well)...I am sure there are many others to be revealed.

What is your hometown? I am from Chicago (specifically, the suburb of Buffalo Grove).

What was your first job? I started performing children's magic shows as a young amateur magician when I was not much older than bar mitzvah age. My mom was a preschool teacher at the time, and provided me with a steady customer base. It was a good job to have at that age! I do still love watching magic, and occasionally will return to doing magic myself.

YEAR OF SPICES: WOTS COOKING CLASSES

WoTS invites you to experience a "Year of Spices" with them on the second Monday of each month at 6 PM (note new time).

Cooking with Spices with Hanita Kossowsky (onsite), Monday, August 8, 6 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), Monday, September 12, 6 PM, Fee: \$15

You may have heard of Chinese Five Spice 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 on our website.

(The August and September classes were postponed from May because



of COVID restrictions. If you registered and paid for either of the May classes, contact Sunshine Figlio, program coordinator, at Sunshine@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 121 to confirm your spot or request a refund.)

AUGUST FUN FOR ALL AGES

TOTS

Tot Shabbat, Friday, Aug. 19
5 PM Snacks & Schmooze
5:30 PM Service with
Cantor David Reinwald
6 PM Dinner & Craft



Do your kids like to sing and dance? Do you want them to get the Shabbat feeling? Are you looking for an informal, inviting way to teach your little ones about Shabbat and connect with other families? Join us for this exciting service with Cantor David Reinwald.

Register your family on our website so we have enough food and crafts for everyone.

YOUNG ADULTS

Summer Fun Scavenger Hunt, Saturday, Aug. 20, 6 PM Hey, young adults! Come to Temple for beer, pizza, and a madcap scavenger hunt—find all the summer fun objects hidden around Temple Sinai first for a special prize. Hunt as an individual or as a group, and may the best hunter win! Questions? Contact Sunshine Figlio at Sunshine@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 121.

ADULTS

Craft 'n' Kvetch, Sunday, Aug. 7, 6 PM Join us in the Lockhart Lounge for a fun evening of crafting and dishing dirt. We'll have snacks and light refreshments. Bring your own project or pick up a free needle felting kit! When you register, please indicate if you would like a kit. Questions? Contact Sunshine Figlio at Sunshine@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 121.

ALL AGES

Pirates Jewish Heritage Night (offsite), Tuesday, Aug. 16, 7:05 PM Sit with other Temple Sinai members to cheer on the Bucs against the Boston Red Sox AND hear the Temple Sinai Intergenerational Choir sing the National Anthem! This is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet some more! Questions? Contact Drew Barkley at Drew@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 111. Reserve your tickets by Friday, August 5.

Oneg Baking Day, Sunday, Aug. 21, Noon Join us to bake cookies, brownies, cakes, and candy for upcoming Onegs. Families are welcome! Questions? Contact Sunshine Figlio at Sunshine@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 121.

INTRODUCING THE NEW TEMPLE SINAI BOOK SERIES

This year we joined the Jewish Book Council, which was founded in 1944 and is the longest-running organization devoted exclusively to the support and celebration of Jewish literature. We are excited to bring a wonderful selection of Jewish authors to Temple Sinai either onsite or online to show the vibrancy of Jewish life in American today and in the world of publishing.

ONSITE GUEST AUTHORS IN 2022–2023

Nov. 20: Nancy Churnin, Dear Mr. Dickens

Nancy will be onsite for a presentation for kids and parents. Dear Mr. Dickens was the 2021 National Jewish Book Award Winner—Children's Picture Book.

March 26 Andrew Lawler, Under Jerusalem: The Buried History of the World's Most Contested City

Andrew will be onsite to discuss his non-fiction book.

TBD: Benedetta Jasmine Guetta, Cooking alla Giudia: A Celebration of the Jewish Food of Italy

Benedetta will be onsite for a cooking demonstration.

TBD: Martin Indyk, Master of the Game: Henry Kissinger and the Art of Middle East Diplomacy Martin will be onsite to discuss his book.

ONLINE GUEST AUTHORS IN 2022–2023

Dec. 7: Lisa Barr, Woman on Fire

Award-winning author Lisa Barr will discuss her novel with us on Zoom.

April 26: Jeff Weiss, Fighting Back: Stan Andrews & the Birth of the Israeli Air Force

Jeff will discuss his book with us on Zoom.

May 1: Debby Applegate, Madam: The Biography of Polly Adler, Icon of the Jazz Age

Debby will discuss her book with us on Zoom.

We hope you find these books to be interesting and together we can learn about new Jewish book and authors. We'll have more details as we get closer to the dates.

OPEN DOORS & CELEBRATING DISABILITIES THROUGH THE ARTS



DisAbility Task Force members were honored with the 2022 Open Doors Award (*left-right*): Melissa and Lizzie Fellman, Eli Kurs-Lasky, Reesa Rosenthal, Lenore Wossidlo, Mara Kaplan, Elaine Lesgold, Lis Meyers, Mimi Botkin, Rick Rosenthal, Sam Skobel, Paul Pitts, Rabbi Daniel Fellman, Darcy Gordon, Anne Alter, Mike Gordon, Zelda Curtiss, Lisa Lederer, and Carol Rosenthal (*Photo: Leslie Fleisher*)

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Schiller; Photo 7: Darcy Gordon, Jan Barkley,

Reesa Rosenthal, and Mimi Botkin; Photo 8:

Shirley Goldstein and Mara Kaplan (Photos:

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Tish B'Av
		7 PM Executive Committee Meeting	Noon Parashah/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation with Rhonda Rosen (online and onsite at Temple Sinai the first Wednesday of each month)	7 PM WoTS Volunteers at Bethlehem Haven	7 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat Evening Service 8:15 Oneg sponsored by WoTS	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 8:30 PM Community Tisha B'Av Service at Temple Sinai
7	8	6	10	11	12	13
6 PM Craft 'n' Kvetch for Adults: Needle Felting	6 PM Year of Spices Cooking Class sponsored by WoTS		Noon Parashah/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation with Rhonda Rosen (online)		5:30 PM Pride Tribe Shabbat Potluck Dinner 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service 8:15 Oneg sponsored by WoTS	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service
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10 AM WoTS Trip to Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville	7 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	7 PM Pirates Jewish Heritage Night	Noon Parashah/Weekly Torah Portion Class 1:15 PM Temple Sinai Book Club 6 PM Evening Meditation with Rhonda Rosen (online)	7 PM WoTS Volunteers at Bethlehem Haven	5 PM Tot Snacks & Schmooze 5:30 PM Tot Shabbat 6 PM Tot Shabbat Dinner 8 Crafts 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service 8:15 Oneg sponsored by WoTS	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 6 PM Young Adult Scavenger Hunt
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Noon Picnic to Celebrate the End of Our Sinai 75 Celebration Year		7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Group— Elul (offsite)	Noon Parashah/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation with Rhonda Rosen (online)	40	AUGU at Temple S	Sinai

WOTS HOLIDAY CARDS

May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a fulfilling and happy year!

What a year this has been! We are vaccinated and finally back to a semblance of "normal." Temple is open and we are welcoming a new Cantor into our lives. Truly a new beginning for the New Year!

We invite you to participate in the annual Holiday Card program by Women of Temple Sinai (WoTS)—an easy way to send New Year's Greetings to your fellow congregants. We create, produce, and mail New Year's cards on your behalf to the Temple Sinai members of your choice. As in the past, you can make your selections online.

The Holidays are late this year! In late August, you will receive an email from WOTS@HappyRoshHashanah.com. This email will contain the instructions for logging onto your file. Once there, you can select those members to whom you would like us to send a card on your behalf. In addition to the ability to select individuals, you will be able to choose specific groups within Temple Sinai, such as the choir, Clergy, WoTS, etc. There also is an option to send your

greetings to the entire congregation. You will be able to pay via credit card online or send a check made out to "WOTS" to Temple Sinai.

If you do not receive the email by August 21, (or accidentally deleted it), you can go to www.happyRoshHashana.com and click on "get my code." Just enter your email address and your code will be emailed to you.

If you have requested a printed order form in the past, we will automatically mail one to you this year. If you have not received one by August 25 and would like one, please call Carol Woolford at (412) 731-5054 or Susan Cohen at (412) 363-7745.



Please keep in mind the deadline for ordering is September 10!

Thank you for your support. L'Shana Tovah!

Carol Woolford, WoTS President

UPCOMING ELECTION-RELATED PROGRAMMING

In recent weeks, Rabbi Daniel Fellman has reminded us of our responsibility to act in accordance with our Jewish values to address the pressing social issues of the day. In response to this call to action, the leadership of Tikkun Olam, WoTS, and Brotherhood decided to offer a three-part series of election-related programming to help us think about some of these issues.

September 19

The first program, sponsored by WoTS, will be held on Monday, Sept. 19.
This program will be focused on helping us think about how to cope with and respect real differences among people



with whom we disagree on important matters of the day and still make our own best decisions based on Jewish values. The speaker for this zoom presentation will be Rabbi David Stern, the senior rabbi at Temple Emanu-El, Dallas, TX, and past president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

October 5

The second program, sponsored by Tikkun Olam, will be held

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during one of the Beit Midrash sessions in the afternoon of Yom Kippur, Wednesday, October 5. This session will be focused on learning how our personal social networks can be leveraged to help increase voter engagement and turnout. The speaker will be Dr. Lara Putnam, Chair of the History Department at the University of Pittsburgh.

October 30

The third and final program, sponsored by Brotherhood, will be a Brunch on Sunday, October 30 with breakfast being served at 9:30 AM. This event will focus on the



issue of voter disinformation. (This is the first Brotherhood Brunch in over two years and delicious food will be served!)

We hope to see you at these upcoming events!

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Our sincerest apologies for any error or omission.



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

IMPORTANT DATES!

Wednesday, September 7
First day of Hebrew School

Sunday, September 11 First day of NextDOR

Early Bird Registration ends on August 10!

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.

A Sneak Peak of the 2022–2023 Year from Rabbi Daniel Fellman

Dear Friends,

Ahhh...summer! Finally, a chance to catch our breath, relax, read a book...or in the case of Temple Sinai, plan for the coming year!

We are so excited to welcome Cantor David Reinwald, who will bring music and joy to our family of families. And we are equally excited to return to a more robust Temple calendar in this soon-to-be post-pandemic world.

I write today to share a sneak peek at all we have planned for the coming year. Retreats, shabbat dinners, fun events, speakers, movies, and more will make Temple Sinai a hopping place filled with learning, laughter, love, and lots of fun.

Grade-Level Shabbats

Starting this year, we will be having grade-level Shabbats. Each month one of the grades in the school will be invited to help lead services and enjoy a special Shabbat dinner together. We look forward to celebrating all that our children are learning as we mark the end of the week and the beginning of a day of rest.

Retreats

Retreats have returned! Our 6th graders will have a full weekend retreat while our 5th graders will have a daylong retreat. Our 3rd and 4th graders will have family shabbaton programs here at the Temple.

Youth Groups

A new junior youth group for our 5th-8th graders will host monthly social and/or social justice events.

Our senior youth group will have its own advisor and will begin to meet more regularly. A trip to the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington, DC along with other congregations in Pittsburgh is planned for our high school students. This weekend long program will introduce our children to the workings of Washington and will, we hope, encourage them to find their own voices and make their voices heard in the halls of power.

Family Shabbaton

The school year will end with a family shabbaton program in early May followed by Education Shabbat, an evening to celebrate our teachers and students at a Friday evening service in late May.

We can't wait to learn and celebrate with all of you!! Stay tuned—great things are coming our way!

~ Rabbi Daniel Fellman

OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

OF BLESSED MEMORY (MAY-JUNE)

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

Charles (Chuck) Hollerman, father of Pamela (Vincente) Stasolla

Estelle Karlton, mother of Rhonda (Brian) Rosen

Ferne Meadowcroft, mother of Stuart (Pearl) Averbach

Rosalie Slavings, sister of Marc (Susan Denmark) Darling

Robert Gelman

Dr. Robert Littman, husband of Gerri Littman; father of David (Karen) Littman

Arlene Ludin, mother of Pam (Stewart Abramson) Ludin

Ruth Goldman

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Email the details to Tami Prine, Marketing &

Communications Director, at Tami@TempleSinaiPGH.org

to share with your Temple Sinai community.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

David Post & Denise Bierly
Carolyn Terner

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Make your 2022 Membership Pledge today at TempleSinaiPGH.org



MAZAL TOV TO OUR 2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS!

We are so proud of our graduating Confirmation Class of 2022/5782!

- Dora Gordon, child of Darcy & Mike Gordon
- Jonah Maxwell Hart, child of Lorien & Christopher Hart
- Louise Claire Landis, child of Kendra Coyle & John Landis
- Elana Miriam Padnos, child of Shari Back & Bill Padnos



Photo (left to right): Rabbi Daniel Fellman, Dora Gordon, Elana Padnos, Jonah Hart, Louise Landis, Rabbi Keren Gorban (Photo credit: Paul Wossidlo)

SINA 75

Picnic to Celebrate the End of Our Sinai 75 Celebration Year, Sunday, August 28, Noon–3 PM

Join us for the Temple Sinai congregational picnic to celebrate the end of our 75th year and the beginning with our new clergy team of Rabbi Daniel Fellman and Cantor David Reinwald.

Come enjoy a fun picnic with games, music, and friends. Brotherhood will grill hamburgers and hot dogs, and we'll have condiments, drinks, and dessert. Families are encouraged to bring their own side dishes.

Cost: \$6 per person/\$18 per family

Register today at TempleSinaiPGH.org

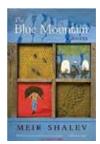
Location: Monroeville Community Park West

(2399 Tilbrook Road)

Bus Trip to Flight 93 Memorial sponsored by WoTS, Sunday, August 14

All are welcome to join WoTS on a trip to visit and explore the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA.

On Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001, the U.S. came under attack when four commercial airliners were hijacked and used to strike targets on the ground. Nearly 3,000 people tragically lost their lives. Because of the actions of the 40 passengers and crew aboard one of the planes, Flight 93, the attack on the U.S. Capitol was thwarted. Flight 93 crashed into a field near Shanksville only 75 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. Register on our website.



Temple Sinai Book Group Wed., Aug. 17, 1:15 PM

August's book is "The Blue Mountain" by Meir Shalev. Contact Anne Faigen at (412) 422-9580 for more info.





Rosh HaShannah
September 25–27

Kol Nidre & Yom Kippur
October 4–5

Watch your mailbox for our
HIGH HOLY DAY PACKET

Rabbi Daniel J. Fellman Senior Rabbi

Cantor David Reinwald

Rabbi James A. Gibson, MAHL, DD

at the end of August!

Emeritus Rabbi

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