

CHAILIGHTS



Rabbi's Reflections

By Rabbi Keren Gorban

Every few years, in youth group or at camp, a program will begin with everyone gathering in the dark. Each person receives a candle, but only one person has a match. In the darkened room, no one can see anyone except, perhaps, the people right next to them. The match is struck and the first candle is lit. Now there's a little more light around that one candle. But anyone farther away can only really see the tiny flame dancing. Then that candle lights another, which lights another, which lights another. Soon, the flicker of candles fills the room, and it's not so dark anymore. The light spreads quickly when we're together.

And here we are, once again coming to the darkest time of the year, but this time without the closeness of community. Not only are the nights long and the moon just a sliver, we don't even have the opportunity to gather together to dispel the darkness. This season can be difficult during the best of times, and these are not the best of times.

Various traditions from around the Northern Hemisphere, including Judaism, offer opportunities and rituals to shed more light in the dark of winter. Our Hanukkah candles brighten our homes and our hearts alongside the other lights

that decorate our neighborhoods. We may have to be at distance from our friends and family, but we can still share our light.

We're offering a number of special online gatherings this Hanukkah to give us all a chance to celebrate with our community from the comfort and safety of our own homes.

Join us for readings of favorite Hanukkah children's stories at 5:50 PM each night. At 6 PM on weeknights and 7 PM on Friday and Saturday, we'll light candles together. Afterwards, members of our community will share personal stories or reflections on Hanukkah. *(See page 3 for more details.)*

Saturday night, December 12, we will have a free online concert with Sheldon Low and Hadar Orshalimy—our gift to you. Let the light of these two wonderful, kind musicians brighten your evening. *(See below for more details.)*

Wednesday night, December 16, WoTS is hosting a *Chag HaBanot* (Festival of the Daughters) celebration, based on the North African ritual for Rosh Chodesh during Hanukkah. *(See page 3 for more details.)*

Don't forget to share your light with others through phone calls, letters, etc. It doesn't take much for one candle to light another, so even small touches spread the light and love quickly. May each of us enjoy the brightness and warmth of our community.

VIRTUAL CONCERT WITH SHELDON LOW

OUR HANUKKAH GIFT TO YOU!

Saturday, Dec. 12, 7 PM

(with Havdalah & The Many Faces of Hanukkah)

We are happy to give you the gift of a concert by Hadar and Sheldon, a brand new crossover collaboration of husband and wife duo Sheldon Low and Hadar Orshalimy. Since entering the studio in the Spring of 2018 to record their first three singles, the duo has already begun touring the country together and their tune "Body is a Temple" was featured on the URJ Ruach 5779 compilation album.

LEARN MORE & REGISTER TO RECEIVE ZOOM LINK AT
www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/event/SheldonLow.html



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THE MANY FACES OF HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

Virtual Menorah Lighting for the Eight Nights of Hanukkah, Dec. 10–17

Hanukkah is one of the most celebrated Jewish holidays. There are rich traditions for celebrating Hanukkah around the world, for each family, and each person. Each night a different household will lead us in lighting the menorah and sharing a special memory.

SCHEDULE FOR NIGHTLY MENORAH LIGHTING*

5:50 PM Family Activity

6 PM Menorah Lighting & Hanukkah Memory Sharing

* SPECIAL SCHEDULE (FRI. & SAT., DEC. 11 & 12):

Friday, Dec. 11, 7 PM

Menorah Lighting followed by
Shabbat Hanukkah Evening Service

Saturday, Dec. 12, 7 PM

Havdalah & Menorah Lighting followed by a Temple Sinai Concert
by Sheldon Low & Hadar Orshalimy



Group *Hanukkiot* (Hanukkah menorahs) Lighting,
Hanukkah 2018

FESTIVAL OF THE DAUGHTERS WED., DEC. 16, 6:30 PM

Shining Hanukkah Light on Women & Girls

In some parts of the world the 6th night of Hanukkah is celebrated among females as the Festival of Daughters (*Chag HaBanot*). It falls on Hanukkah's Rosh Chodesh. Rosh Chodesh is the women's festival celebrated with the new moon. That makes the Festival of Daughters a very special "festival in festival in festival!"

Women of Temple Sinai (WoTS) is offering our first Festival of Daughters. Including all who self-identify as female, it is a multi-generational event for all daughters of God.

We will gather on Zoom at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, December 16. There will be singing, a silly yet serious shpiel sharing of Jewish heroine stories, candle lighting, and more. You decide based on your level of comfort, which activities you want to participate in. Please bring to the Zoom these three items: menorah with six candles and lighter, salty cheese or tasty substitute, and a story about a Jewish heroine from history or your own life.

For questions and/or registration, contact mimi.botkin@gmail.com or register at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/event/Festival.

The Zoom link will be sent to you day before the festival (5th night, Tuesday, Dec. 15).



DECEMBER AT VIRT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
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February is Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month—and the way we get to awareness and inclusion is through stories. If you are one of the many, many people whose lives have been touched by disAbility, we want to hear YOUR story this February, at another of Temple Sinai's great "Moth-like" storytelling events. Contact Lisa Lederer at lisaglederer@gmail.com with questions or to express your interest.			Noon Parashah/Weekly Torah Portion Class (via Zoom) 4:30 PM Hebrew School (via Zoom) 6 PM Evening Meditation (via Zoom)
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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS

DECEMBER 4

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

DECEMBER 11

7 PM SHABBAT HANUKKAH EVENING SERVICE

DECEMBER 18

5:30 PM TOT SHABBAT

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE WITH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

DECEMBER 25

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

SATURDAYS

8:30 AM TORAH STUDY

9:15 AM INFORMAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

6:30 PM HAVDALAH WITH CANTOR LAURA BERMAN

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FRIDAYS

JANUARY 1

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

JANUARY 8

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

JANUARY 15

5:30 PM TOT SHABBAT

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE WITH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

JANUARY 22

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

JANUARY 29

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

SATURDAYS

8:30 AM TORAH STUDY

9:15 AM INFORMAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

6:30 PM HAVDALAH WITH CANTOR LAURA BERMAN

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We apologize in advance for any errors that may occur.

SHABBAT AROUND THE WORLD WITH LEV CHADASH

As many of you are aware, we at Temple Sinai have been immersed in the gift and the giving of Torah! From writing a new Torah scroll in honor of Rabbi Jamie Gibson, to donating one of our older Torah scrolls to Congregation Lev Chadash in Milan, Italy, we have had the opportunity to broaden our Jewish horizons in so many ways!

We are a part of the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ), the international network of the Reform, Liberal, Progressive, and Reconstructionist movements, serving 1,200 congregations with 1.8 million members in more than 50 countries. WUPJ has facilitated the creation of our relationship with the community in Milan and recently has begun a new program of Shabbat Around the World. This offers all of us the chance to usher in Shabbat in a new way by joining (via Zoom, of course!) another community's Shabbat service in a different part of the world.



On October 16, Congregation Lev Chadash in Milan hosted the world! And more than 20 members of Temple Sinai joined in the celebration! It was joyful to welcome Shabbat in the middle of the day here in Pittsburgh with our sister congregation and Jews from around the world! What an inspirational experience!

We were blessed to be able to share our songs and our prayers in Italian, English, and Hebrew—as we continue to bless one another with our support and blossoming friendship. We pray that the time will come soon when many of us will travel to Milan to personally deliver our sefer Torah to a community of friends. *Ken y'hi ratzon (Let it be so).*

Check the WUPJ website at www.wupj.org/shabbat to learn more about Shabbat Around the World and for a schedule of host congregation

BROTHERHOOD BRUNCH, SUN., DEC. 6, 10 AM

How to Deal Effectively with Widespread Change with guest speaker, Rabbi Darryl Crystal

This year has been challenging in many ways. The combination of COVID-19, social unrest, the recent elections, and the rabbinical transition have upended our sense of normality. Rabbi Darryl Crystal will offer a Jewish perspective to dealing with all of this upheaval at our December virtual Brotherhood Brunch. He will provide insights to what we are experiencing, and ways to manage and embrace the significant amount of change that has occurred in many of our lives during a short period of time.

For the past 15 years, Rabbi Crystal has worked as an interim rabbi in a variety of synagogues around the country, including several large congregations in Cherry Hill, NJ; Omaha, NE; and Madison, WI. His background includes working with congregations that are making a transition after decades of successful and beloved leadership from a retiring senior rabbi; leadership development; and mentoring. Prior to embarking on his current path, Rabbi Crystal was the senior rabbi at North Shore Synagogue in Syosset, NY.



He was born in Connecticut and grew up in the Washington, DC area. Rabbi Crystal completed his rabbinical studies at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati after earning an undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland.

Please look for the Zoom link in the weekly ChaiLights eNewsletter and on the Temple Sinai website calendar. If you have any questions, contact Todd Miller at toddprmtg@gmail.com or (412) 848-1082.

All are welcome!

OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

OF BLESSED MEMORY (SEPT.–OCT.)

Judith Straus, mother of Susan (Daniel Zove) Straus, grandmother of Joel Zove

Mark Silberman, nephew of Myrna Stein

Michael Alexander, father of Jennifer (Larry) Honig, grandfather of Samantha & Grayson

Davrian Aarons Hersh

Sheila Malkin, aunt of Lynn Rubenson

Tanya Schvarts, mother of Sophia (Laurence) Landis

Henry Atkinson, grandfather of Derek (Brianna McDonough) Atkinson

Josh Sowers, cousin of Derek (Brianna McDonough) Atkinson

*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*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Meagan & Adam Bestic



THANK YOU! The Civic Engagement Subcommittee of the Tikkun Olam Center would like to send a BIG thank you to all Temple Sinai members for helping us to be a **100% VOTING CONGREGATION!**

Also, thank you to all those who volunteered to make phone calls, send post cards, work at the polls, and join in other voting-related efforts. Finally, another BIG thank you to Tami Prine, Rebekah Malkin, Rabbi Darryl Crystal, Rabbi Keren Gorban, and Cantor Laura Berman.

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

SIMCHAH

Mazal Tov to Jo Anne Schwendinger for being named Chair of the global Board of Directors of the Association of Corporate Counsel.

Mazal Tov to Philip and Jill Lehman on the birth of their grandson, Noah Barnet Lehman, on Oct. 19. Parents are Amanda and Charles Lehman.

Mazal Tov to Arlene and Steve Sablowsky on the birth of their grandson, Max Henry Finkel, on Sept. 22. Max is the brother of Lucy Emma Finkel. Parents are Rob and Lauren Finkel. Paternal grandparents are Claudia and Warren Finkel. Maternal great grandparents are Rae and the late Leonard Sablowsky and the late Leah and Norman Rabner. Paternal great grandparents are the late Olga and Edward Linton and Hilda and Henry Finkel.

Mazal Tov to Jim and Louisa Rudolph and Gregg and Ellen z"l Kander on the birth of their grandson, Jack Glosser Kander, on Sept. 12 to parents Ali and Ben Kander.

Mazal Tov to Todd and Elaine Miller on the birth of their grandson, Will Portman Miller, on Nov. 8. Parents are Ross and Kayla Miller.

Mazal Tov to Louise Malakoff, our 2020 Volunteer of the Year! A past-president and member for nearly 40 years, Louise's graciousness and welcoming spirit truly embodies our mission to inspire, innovate, and include everyone who seeks a Jewish home. As head of our Caring Connection program, her positive impact on our community is felt every week through the caring bags that she lovingly prepares and delivers to new members; to people who are celebrating a birth, a wedding, or who have completed conversion; as well as to those who are ill or grieving the loss of a loved one. From cooking and stocking our Caring Freezer with meals for congregants in need (see photo: Louise, left, with Susan Blackman, right), to coordinating volunteers to help drive people to doctor's appointments or other errands, to serving as a longstanding and dedicated member of Women of Temple Sinai and our Tikkun Olam Center, Louise touches our community in so many positive ways.





Celebrate the Festival of Lights with the everlasting gift of Torah.

This Hanukkah, consider dedicating a biblical story or name, a weekly Torah portion or prayer passage, or a verse, chapter, word, or letter in honor of a loved one.

Soferet Linda Coppleson is making incredible progress on our new Torah scroll. We look forward to welcoming her return to Temple Sinai in 2021, where she will help members of Temple Sinai fulfill the 613th commandment through participating in the writing of the Torah.

Dedications to the Torah Project may be made until December 3. Contact Leslie Fleisher, Director of Development, at Leslie@TempleSinaiPGH.org for more information.



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SAVE THE DATE!
February 5
JDAIM Shabbat

Rabbi Darryl Crystal
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Rabbi Keren Gorban, RJE
Associate Rabbi

Cantor Laura Berman, MBA, MSM, MJE, Diploma of Hazzan
Cantor

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