

# CHAILIGHTS



## Rabbi's Reflections

By Keren Gorban

I was in fifth grade, playing on a newly-renovated playground at my school, when I saw the swastika scrawled on the floor of one of the towers. My class had been reading Holocaust fiction, like *Number the Stars* and *The Devil's Arithmetic*, so it was likely a prank or a way that a kid who didn't know how to handle the topic was acting out, but it was the first time I had seen a swastika in real life.

I was furious. I don't remember being afraid of an attack or concerned that Nazis were living in my neighborhood, but I remember feeling angry and upset that my safe space had been violated. I went straight to the teacher and, within a few days, volunteers came out to clean the playground of all graffiti. The swastika was gone, but it took at least a few more weeks before I went into any of the towers, and only with the assurance from my friends that nothing was there.

Throughout the fall and into this winter—not to mention the past couple of years—there have been increasing numbers of antisemitic<sup>1</sup> attacks and incidents across the US, even in heavily Jewish areas where antisemitism hasn't reared its head in decades. When things were quiet, or happening primarily in Europe, or focused mostly on Israel and its

policies, we could mostly ignore the way antisemitism has seeped back into American society. Not anymore, especially not with so much violence against Jews and Jewish spaces taking place during Hanukkah, when we celebrate our triumph over those who attacked our ancestors and desecrated our holy spaces.

We can't ignore the rise in antisemitic attacks and incidents, but we also can't let fear overwhelm us. Most of the violent antisemitism in our country is stirred up by a small group of people who want our society to break down. They make fake accounts on social media and feed into our fears, pitting groups—especially Blacks and Jews—against each other. The best way to combat this trend is to engage with each other. Just as my community came together, reaching out across difference helps build strong community and minimizes the success of these attempts to divide us.

Likewise, it is important to remember that we define our Judaism—not other people. At Temple Sinai and in the Greater Pittsburgh Jewish community, Judaism is our strength, our inspiration, and our joy. Let us continue to live our Judaism fully and share its blessings.

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<sup>1</sup>Despite the preference of style guides to write it as "anti-Semitism," the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance uses "antisemitism." You can read why here: [www.holocaustremembrance.com/spelling-antisemitism](http://www.holocaustremembrance.com/spelling-antisemitism).

## WRITING A TORAH TO HONOR RABBI JAMIE GIBSON

We are well into the first part of our Sacred Words | Sacred Connections Torah Project, after a successful kick off featuring our first Torah writers along with Rabbi Jamie and Barbara Gibson. There are several more opportunities to sponsor a letter, word, verse, chapter, passage, Biblical story, Torah portion, or special passage and write with Soferet Linda Coppleson.

**Linda will be at Temple Sinai on Sunday, February 9 and Monday, February 10.** We'll have a special lunch and learn with Linda followed by an opportunity to write in the Torah immediately following. Reservations are required so we know how many will attend. Please register on our website.

This is your opportunity to honor Rabbi Jamie Gibson and to fulfill the 613th Commandment "and now write this poem for yourselves and teach it to the children of Israel..." (Deut. 31:19)

Also, mark your calendars for Soferet Coppleson's visit March 15–16 and for May 17–18. We will announce writing and educational opportunities closer to those dates.



Soferet Linda Coppleson with Mitchell Dubin

# LIFE & LEGACY—ASSURING JEWISH TOMORROWS

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## WHY TEMPLE SINAI IS IN MY FUTURE PLAN

By Suzie & David Hauptman

When your child is comfortable, you are comfortable. When your child cries, you cry. When your child laughs, you laugh. And when your child thinks of Temple Sinai as a safe haven, a second home, a place where everyone knows his name and he can feel comfortable being himself...you feel that same way, too.

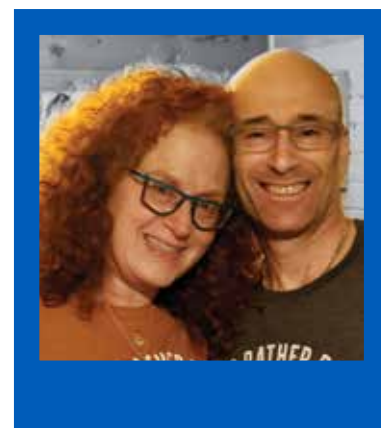
From the early days when I would bring our son as an infant and toddler, he would relax and explore, and then through his trying teens and now as he continues to grow as a young adult—Temple Sinai is the space of freedom, expression, and love; for our son, our parents, and us.

My father was often in the hospital. He always took comfort when his Rabbi would visit. At his previous synagogue, those visits waned away. I felt sad for him and convinced him to come to services at Temple Sinai. You could see the warmth in his face. He joked that he even listened to the sermon that night. He and my mother joined almost instantly. A few weeks later found him in the hospital again. And not 24 hours later, my father had his first visit by Rabbi Jamie. That sealed the deal for the rest of his life, my mother's life, and now ours and our son's.

With the introduction of the Life & Legacy pledge, we saw this as the perfect way for us to tell Temple Sinai how much a part of our lives and the lives of our family, it has always been and now, always will be. From our son's naming and bris, to my Bat Mitzvah and his, to our wedding, and my parents' funerals, Temple Sinai has been there. Has been there for the rituals and the support; the hugs and tears; the laughter and the joy. Now we can always be there for Temple Sinai in perpetuity.

"Look for me in the people I've known or loved, and if you cannot give me away, at least let me live in your eyes...So, when all that's left of me is love, give me away."

This is how we feel about Temple Sinai.



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](mailto:Drew@TempleSinaiPGH.org) to learn more.

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# CELEBRATING 32 YEARS WITH RABBI JAMIE GIBSON

**Upcoming opportunities to connect with Rabbi Gibson before his retirement in June. Please save these dates!**

**Feb. 9–10**

Soferet Visit (*details on cover page*)

**March 9**

Purim Shpiel based on “Fiddler on the Roof”

**March 15–16**

Soferet Visit with writing & educational opportunities

**March 20–22**

Artist-in-Residence Dan Nichols

**April 3**

Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Rick Jacobs,  
Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) President

**May 17–18**

Soferet Visit with writing & educational opportunities

**May 31**

Nefesh Mountain Concert

**June 19**

Rabbi Gibson’s Farewell Dinner & Shabbat Evening Service



## FUN TORAH FACTS:

**304,805 = # of letters in the Torah**

**78,064 = # of letters in Genesis**

**63,529 = # of letters in Exodus**

**44,790 = # of letters in Leviticus**

**63,530 = # of letters in Numbers**

**54,892 = # of letters in Deuteronomy**

Did you know that our Next DOR students are trying to gather 304,805 pennies—one for every letter in the Torah? You can help them by dropping off pennies (or any coin or bill—we’ll change them into pennies) when the office is open or during services or school. We have collection jars in the lobby and school. Thank you!

## PLANNING TO CANNING CLASS STARTING WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

**From Planning to Canning: Gardening on the Cheap with Rachel Kudrick, horticulturist Wednesdays, 9–11 AM OR 6:30–8:30 PM**

Have you ever wanted to start a garden? Expand your existing garden? Grow a few herbs? Make your own jellies, jams, salsa, or sauerkraut? Want to help with the Temple Sinai garden, but can’t tell the weeds from the food? Well, wish no more!

This weekly series of gardening classes will run through the end of October. Each class is a separate unit so you need only attend the ones that interest you, and you can choose between the morning and evening sessions.

**The cost is \$20 per class.** Please contact Rachel Kudrick at [rkudrick@live.com](mailto:rkudrick@live.com) to learn more and to register.

Walk-ins are also welcome but please call the office at (412) 421-9715 in case that day’s class has been cancelled.

*Discounts are offered to those who volunteer in the Temple Sinai garden, and a sliding scale is available (no cost at all to those in need).*



## CALLING ALL BAKERS! Great Temple Sinai Bake Off, March 28

### Do you have what it takes to be Temple Sinai's BEST Baker?

Anyone 14 and older is encouraged to apply to be one of eight contestants in our 2nd Bake Off. We'll have three challenges (Signature Bake, Technical Challenge, and Showstopper) judged by our two celebrity judges, Chris Fennimore (QED Cooks host) and Gretchen McKay (Post-Gazette food writer).

### NEW KID'S DIVISIONS!

Kids are invited to decorate a cake to show who is the most creative. Only six first-come-first-served slots available in each age group so apply ASAP!

#### Age groups:

Junior Division: 6–9 year olds

Intermediate Division: 10–13 year olds



Last year's contestants had a lot of fun and the crowd really loved tasting all their delicious creations! Photo (left to right): Annie Weidman, Saul Straussman, Carolyn Schwarz, Steffi Biersdorff, Sarah Davies, Elizabeth Collura, Annelise Hammer (not pictured: Sue Berman)

**LEARN MORE & APPLY TO COMPETE AT:**  
[www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/event/TempleSinaiBakeOff2020.html](http://www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/event/TempleSinaiBakeOff2020.html)

## NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD

Have you ever considered getting more involved with our community's governance, or do you know someone you think would make a great leader? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, please read on!

Anyone who wants to have an impact on the future of Temple Sinai, or who wants to represent the needs of a specific constituency, or who has a special skill or experience that can enhance the effectiveness of the Board, is encouraged to submit his or her own name, or the name of another person, to the Nominating Committee.

The Board of Trustees helps guide the direction, set policy, and promote the welfare of the congregation. The rotating membership of the Board ensures that there are on-going opportunities for those who want to serve.

For more information or to make a nomination, please contact Drew Barkley at [Drew@TempleSinaiPGH.org](mailto:Drew@TempleSinaiPGH.org) or (412) 421-9715 ext. 111.

## DINNER WITH ISLAMIC CENTER

**Friday, Feb. 28, 5:45 PM**

### 4th Annual Shabbat Dinner with the Islamic Center

For the fourth year, we are honored to welcome our Muslim friends from the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh to share food and prayers with us.

JOIN US FOR A SALMON DINNER CREATED BY GIRASOLE  
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Cost: \$18/\$10 (children 4–12)/Free (children 3 & under)

Register online at [www.TempleSinaiPGH.org](http://www.TempleSinaiPGH.org).



## INTERIM SENIOR RABBI ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that Temple Sinai has hired Rabbi Darryl P. Crystal to be our interim senior rabbi beginning on July 1, 2020.

For the past 15 years, Rabbi Crystal has had a distinguished career in the role of interim rabbi. In his capacity as an interim rabbi, Rabbi Crystal has worked in a variety of synagogues around the country, including several large congregations in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, Omaha, Nebraska, and Madison, Wisconsin. 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, New York.

Rabbi Crystal is currently the interim rabbi at Temple B'nai Shalom in northern Virginia where he worked with the congregation on their transition to new rabbinic leadership following the retirement of their rabbi of 32 years. In this capacity, he assisted the congregation in their self-study to help them envision their future under new rabbinic leadership, provided adult Jewish learning opportunities to the congregation, and engaged Cantor Rosalie Will, Director of

Worship for the Union for Reform Judaism, to work with the congregation on the synagogues music program.

Please know that during Rabbi Crystal's engagement with Temple Sinai, Rabbi Gorban and Cantor Berman will continue in their current roles. Rabbi Crystal looks forward to working with them in partnership over the next year.

Rabbi Crystal is excited to begin meeting with Temple Sinai's congregants. The plan is for him to visit in February and to meet, as Rabbi Gibson fondly refers to us, our "family of families." Please stay tuned for more information about this opportunity.

I would like to thank Alison Yazer, Josh Breslau, and the interim search committee for their work and for bringing us Rabbi Crystal.

Sincerely,  
Saul Straussman  
President



## FALK LIBRARY NEWS

The Falk Library recently received three new books that will be of interest to the Temple Sinai Community.

***The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia: From Abraham to Zabar's and Everything in Between***: This unput-downable encyclopedia of all things Jewish and Jew-ish covers culture, religion, history, habits, language, and more.

***Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor by Yossi Klein Halevi***: The Israeli commentator and award-winning author directly addresses his Palestinian neighbors, empathizing with Palestinian suffering and longing for reconciliation as he explores how the conflict looks through Israeli eyes.

***Sophie: The Incomparable Mayor Masloff by Barbara S. Burstin***: Sophie Masloff was all about the people, all about using her office to help others, to make things better. It was said that Sophie had three great loves, her family, the Democratic Party, and the city of Pittsburgh.

## JDAIM SHABBAT & MUSICAL GUESTS

**Friday, Feb. 21, 7 PM**

February is Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month and gives us a special opportunity to focus on issues and increase awareness among all.

Our JDAIM Shabbat will feature a special musical presentation of a quartet organized by noted composer and conductor Flavio Chamis, who has been working on a project to weave music into mental health treatment.

The quartet, which was originally formed to perform at a Schizophrenia Conference held in Pittsburgh, features congregant Anne Alter as the vocalist, along with another singer and two musicians on guitar and bass. They will perform two songs; one an original composition by Flavio with words by guitarist David Baird.

**JDAIM**  
**FEBRUARY 2020**

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# FEBRUARY AT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>Cantor Laura Berman has been busy turning “Fiddler on the Roof” into the story of Esther for our Purim Shpiel! Join the cast to be a part of all the fun! Singers, dancers, and narrators of all ages and abilities needed. Rehearsals start Sunday, Feb. 9 (12:30–2 PM) with a pizza lunch at Noon. Contact Cantor Berman at <a href="mailto:CantorBerman@TempleSinaiPGH.org">CantorBerman@TempleSinaiPGH.org</a> or (412) 421-9715 ext. 112.</b>			
<b>2</b> 9:30 AM Next DOR 10:30 AM Bereisheet: The Singing Torah with Cantor Laura Berman	<b>3</b> 9 AM The Rational Bible: Genesis with Rabbi Danny Schiff 7 PM That’s in Torah! II (Adult Education)	<b>4</b> Our Wednesday Parsha/Torah Portion Class is on hold because of lack of students. If you would be interested in the class at another day or time, please contact Nancy Conaway at <a href="mailto:Nancy@TempleSinaiPGH.org">Nancy@TempleSinaiPGH.org</a> .	<b>5</b> 9 AM Planning to Canning Class with Rachel Kudrick (morning session) 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation 6:30 PM Planning to Canning Class with Rachel Kudrick (evening session) 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Band Rehearsal
<b>9</b> 9:15 AM Hartman Learning 9:30 AM Next DOR 10 AM WoTS Board Meeting with report from the December 2019 URJ Biennial by our WoTS Sisters 10:30 AM Bereisheet: The Singing Torah with Cantor Laura Berman Noon Purim Shpiel Pizza Lunch 12:30 PM Purim Shpiel Rehearsal	<b>10 Tu BiSh’vat</b> Noon Writing a Torah Lunch & Learn with Soferet Linda Coppleson 6:30 PM WoTS Cooking Class: Vegetarian Creations with Carolyn Schwarz	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9 AM Planning to Canning Class with Rachel Kudrick (morning session) 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation 6:30 PM Planning to Canning Class with Rachel Kudrick (evening session) 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal
<b>16</b> 9:30 AM Next DOR 9:30 AM Men’s Discussion Group (offsite) 10:30 AM Bereisheet: The Singing Torah with Cantor Laura Berman Noon Purim Shpiel Pizza Lunch 12:30 PM Purim Shpiel Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 9 AM The Rational Bible: Genesis with Rabbi Danny Schiff 7 PM That’s in Torah! II (Adult Education)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9 AM Planning to Canning Class with Rachel Kudrick (morning session) 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation 6:30 PM Planning to Canning Class with Rachel Kudrick (evening session) 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal
<b>23</b> 9:15 AM Hartman Learning 9:30 AM Next DOR 10 AM Brotherhood Brunch & Lecture: Investing with Inclusion with Joyce Bender, Advocate for Persons with Disabilities (see page 11 for details) 10:30 AM Bereisheet: The Singing Torah with Cantor Laura Berman Noon Purim Shpiel Pizza Lunch 12:30 PM Purim Shpiel Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 9 AM The Rational Bible: Genesis with Rabbi Danny Schiff 7 PM That’s In Torah! II (Adult Education Class)	<b>25</b> 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Group—Adar (offsite)	<b>26</b> 9 AM Planning to Canning Class with Rachel Kudrick (morning session) 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation 6:30 PM Planning to Canning Class with Rachel Kudrick (evening session) 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	<div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> <div>WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE</div> <div>FRIDAYS</div> <div>FEB. 7</div> <div>7 PM MOSTLY MUSICAL SHABBAT: A SENSORY FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE</div> <div>FEB. 14</div> <div>7 PM 3RD ANNUAL FOLK SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE</div> <div>FEB. 21</div> <div>JEWISH DISABILITY AWARENESS, ACCEPTANCE, &amp; INCLUSION MONTH SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE WITH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS</div> <div>FEB. 28</div> <div>7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE</div> <div>SATURDAYS</div> <div>8:30 AM TORAH STUDY</div> <div>9:15 AM INFORMAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE</div> <div>FEB. 22</div> <div>BAR MITZVAH OF ALEXANDER VELAZQUEZ &amp; SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE</div>
	<p>Interfaith couples and families are invited to join Rabbi Keren Gorban for a potluck and discussion about Israel. Children are welcome.</p> <p><b>RSVP on our website:</b> www.TempleSinaiPGH.org</p>	<div>1</div> <div>8:30 AM Torah Study</div> <div>9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service</div> <div>4:30 PM Interfaith Couples &amp; Families Potluck Dinner &amp; Discussion about Israel</div>	
<div>6</div> <div>6 PM Adulting 101 Class: Time Management Strategies with Rebekah Malkin</div> <div>6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting with Minyan</div> <div>7 PM Introduction to Judaism</div>	<div>7</div> <div>7 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat Evening Service, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS</div>	<div>8</div> <div>8:30 AM Torah Study</div> <div>9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service</div> <div>2 PM Young Families Craft &amp; Create with Havdalah</div>	
<div>13</div> <div>6 PM Adulting 101 Class: Basic Home Maintenance 1: Working with Contractors with Jay Barnes</div> <div>6:15 PM Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry</div> <div>7 PM Introduction to Judaism</div> <div>7 PM Melton Jewish Medical Ethics with Rabbi Danny Schiff</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Noon Downtown Lunch with Rabbi Keren Gorban (offsite)</div> <div>5:45 PM 3rd Annual Folk Shabbat Dinner sponsored by Brotherhood</div> <div>7 PM 3rd Annual Folk Shabbat Evening Service sponsored by Brotherhood, followed by an oneg, sponsored by Brotherhood &amp; WoTS</div>	<div>15</div> <div>8:30 AM Torah Study</div> <div>9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service</div> <div>1:45 PM Charles Morris Sing-Along (offsite)</div>	
<div>20</div> <div>6 PM Adulting 101 Class: Basic Home Maintenance 2: Electrical, Locks, &amp; Plumbing with Jay Barnes</div> <div>7 PM Introduction to Judaism</div> <div>7 PM Board of Trustees Meeting with Minyan</div> <div>7 PM Melton Jewish Medical Ethics with Rabbi Danny Schiff</div>	<div>21</div> <div>5 PM Tot Shabbat Snacks &amp; Schmooze</div> <div>5:30 PM Tot Shabbat Service</div> <div>6 PM Tot Shabbat Dinner</div> <div>7 PM Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance &amp; Inclusion Month Shabbat Evening Service with Birthday Blessings, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS</div> <div>8:30 PM Young Adult Shabbat After Hours</div>	<div>22</div> <div>8:30 AM Torah Study</div> <div>9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service</div> <div>10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Velazquez &amp; Shabbat Morning Service</div>	
<div>27</div> <div>6 PM Adulting 101 Class: Budgeting, Student Loans, &amp; Paying Down Debt with Lynn Hyde</div> <div>7 PM Introduction to Judaism</div> <div>7 PM Melton Jewish Medical Ethics with Rabbi Danny Schiff</div>	<div>28</div> <div>5:45 PM 4th Annual Dinner with the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh</div> <div>7 PM Shabbat Evening Service, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS</div>	<div>29</div> <div>8:30 AM Torah Study</div> <div>9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service</div>	

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### **MATZAH BRITTLE!**

#### **Calling all Cooks (and non-cooks)!**

We need YOU to help us bake Matzah Brittle. This delightful dessert makes an excellent gift to give your family and friends this Passover. All proceeds support our commitment to help in sending our Temple Sinai youth to summer camps and on trips to Israel.

If you'd like to help us bake, please contact Tanya Bass at [tanya.bass@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.bass@gmail.com) or (412) 389-1785, or Sam Skobel at [samanthaskobel@gmail.com](mailto:samanthaskobel@gmail.com).

Various daytime, evening, and weekend slots are available starting March 9. If you have a current Food Safety Manager Certification, please let us know.

**BROTHERHOOD  
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**Brotherhood Brunch  
 & Lecture,  
 Sunday, Feb. 23, 10 AM**

### **"Investing in Inclusion" with Joyce Bender**

Joyce A. Bender is the founder and CEO of Bender Consulting Services, Inc., a national leader in advancing employment of people with disabilities.

Joyce is the current vice chair and former chair of the board of the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) and has chaired and served on the boards of numerous organizations at the local and national levels that serve people with disabilities.

**Cost:** \$10 per person/\$18 at the door

**Register online at [www.TempleSinaiPGH.org](http://www.TempleSinaiPGH.org).**

Click on "Register for Events" tab. OR contact Todd Miller at [toddprmtg@gmail.com](mailto:toddprmtg@gmail.com) or (412) 848-1082 by Wednesday, Feb. 12.



## Annual Matzo Brittle Sale! 1<sup>st</sup> Seder is Wed, April 8

### New This Year – MACAROONS – Gluten and Nut Free\*!

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**Order yours by MARCH 22!**

Please return this form and a check payable to WOTS, to 5505 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh PA, 15217

Questions? Please contact Laura Arnold at 412-401-9016 or wotsbrittle@gmail.com or Susan Cohen at susan\_k\_cohen@yahoo.com or Tanya Bass at Tanya.bass@gmail.com

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Matzo Brittle 1/2 lb Boxes	Price per Box	No. of Boxes	Total Cost
Plain Chocolate	\$10.00		
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Macaroons 18 Pieces / Box *	Price per Box	No. of Boxes	Total Cost
18 Plain Coconut	\$10.00 ☀		
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Total Number of Boxes: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* about 11 oz. Contains almond  
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Thank you for your order!

**PICKUP WILL BE SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2020, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
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Estelle Tauberg Rosenthal, mother of Joel (Reesa) Rosenthal; grandmother of Laura Rosenthal

Ernestine S. Pantel, mother of Alison (Mark) Yazer; grandmother of Logan Wissinger

Victims of Jersey City Shooting: Officer Joseph Seals, Moshe Deutsch, Mindy Ferencz, and Douglas Miguel Rodriguez

Gerald S. Browdie, husband of Lois Browdie; brother of Leonard (Sandy) Browdie

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Stephanie Cohen

Gabriel Larkin

Susan Gottfried



## BAR MITZVAH ~ MAZAL TOV!

**Saturday, Feb. 22**

**Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Velazquez**  
Son of Anne Linder & Agustin Velazquez

## SIMCHAH

A big **THANK YOU** to Mara Kaplan and the Cooking for Caring volunteers who together cooked and packed food to make a difference in the lives of 600 people throughout the coming year!

**Mazal Tov** to John and Denise Schiller on the birth of their granddaughter, Frances Bea Bader, born on Nov. 6. Parents are Jessie Schiller and David Bader.

**Mazal Tov** to our Volunteer of the Year Rachel Kudrick! Rachel shared a lot of her time, expertise, and energy this year to make our vegetable garden a success. With her help, we were able to donate more than 200 pounds of produce to the JFCS Squirrel Hill Food Pantry.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to our High Holy Days food drive. We collected 1,777 pounds of food for the JFCS Squirrel Hill Food Pantry—the highest amount by any of the other six shuls that participated!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated at our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. We collected nearly \$400 for the JFCS Squirrel Hill Food Pantry.

**Mazal Tov** to Marc Darling and Susan Denmark on the birth of their twin grandsons, Noah Jacob and Levi Gabriel, on Nov. 27. Parents are Jeremy and Natalie Darling.

**Mazal Tov** to Drew Barkley, who was named to a three-year term on the board of trustees for the National Association for Temple Administration (NATA).

**Mazal Tov** to Barbara Gibson, who was honored at the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Empowerment Awards Dinner at the URJ Biennial. She received the award "because she has dedicated her professional career and her volunteer work to help lift up others."

**Mazal Tov** to Dale Lazar, whose Simchat Torah photo won 2nd place in the URJ Biennial photo contest.

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

# BE INSPIRED TO CONNECT

## **Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience, Friday, Feb. 7, 7 PM**

The music is informal and lively. Come prepared to sing along, and maybe even dance a bit

## **WoTS Board Meeting with WoTS Talk, Sunday, Feb. 9, 10 AM**

A report from the December 2019 URJ Biennial by our WoTS Sisters. All are welcome.

## **Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry, Thursday, Feb. 13, 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.

## **That's In Torah! II (Adult Education), Mondays, Feb. 3, 17, 24, March 2, 23, 30, 7 PM**

No, it's not a cliché detective novel, it's the Torah! In this six-week course Rabbi Keren Gorban will explore some of the odd, risqué, and unexpected passages in our sacred text. Register online at [www.TempleSinaiPGH.org](http://www.TempleSinaiPGH.org).

## **Men's Discussion Group (offsite), Sunday, Feb. 16, 9:30 AM**

Brotherhood invites you to become better-informed about the weekly Torah portion and current social/political concerns. Questions? Contact Dave Hirsh at [dhirsch@porterwright.com](mailto:dhirsch@porterwright.com). Location: Panera, 3401 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

## **Tot Shabbat, Friday, Feb. 21, 5 PM Snacks & Schmooze & 5:30 PM Service, 6 PM Dinner**

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 fun service followed by a kid-friendly dinner. Register online at [www.TempleSinaiPGH.org](http://www.TempleSinaiPGH.org).

## **Young Adult Shabbat After Hours, Friday, Feb. 21, 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](mailto:Rebekah@TempleSinaiPGH.org).

## **4th Annual Dinner with the Islamic Center, Friday, Feb. 28, 5:45 PM**

For the forth year, we are honored to welcome our Muslim friends from the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh to share food and prayers with us. Register online at [www.TempleSinaiPGH.org](http://www.TempleSinaiPGH.org).

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## SAVE THESE DATES IN MARCH!

**Sunday, March 8 Family Purim Carnival**

**Monday, March 9 Purim Shpiel—Fiddler on the Roof**

**March 20–22 Artist in Residence Dan Nichols**

**March 28 The Great Temple Sinai Bake Off**

**Rabbi James A. Gibson, MAHL, DD**

Senior Rabbi

**Rabbi Keren Gorban, RJE**

Associate Rabbi

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

Cantor

**Drew Barkley, FTA**

Executive Director

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