

# CHAILIGHTS



## Rabbi's Corner

By Rabbi Keren Gorban

It's hard to believe that it's summer once again and that I am beginning my fifth year here at Temple Sinai. This is now officially the longest I've been anywhere since leaving my parents' house for college, and I am glad to have landed in such a wonderful city and community.

One of the gifts of being here is having the opportunity to reimagine and restructure our youth learning program, with our NextDOR program for Pre-K to 6th grade on Sundays. Just seeing the growth in our students over the past year has been incredible—and we continue to build on our successes to make the coming year even better!

As we continue to improve NextDOR for our pre-B'nei Mitzvah students, we have been exploring ways to adapt our Monday night Senior School for the changing needs of our teens. Next year we are making two significant changes: 1) moving Senior School to Sunday mornings, and 2) incorporating service learning and a culminating trip to our seminars. Additionally, we are hoping to partner with community organizations and teens from other religious institutions to build bridges and strengthen our community. Since I'm writing this even before our Senior School has

ended for the year, some of the details of these partnerships are not yet finalized, but more information will be available by the time registration begins.

Now I know that teens need their sleep and that asking them to come on Sunday mornings seems like a non-starter. I'm not a morning person either, so I get it. However, their classes will start at 10 AM and will be preceded by breakfast starting at 9:30 AM. They will also meet every other week, with grades 7, 8, and 10 meeting on Alef weeks and grades 9, 11, and 12 meeting on Bet weeks. This will also allow us to maintain our *madrichim* program in which teens help out in classrooms with younger students.

There's yet another benefit to moving our teen program to Sundays: Monday nights open up for adult learning and other programs. I'm not sure what we'll offer in the coming year, but you can expect to see more adult learning options. I certainly have classes that I'd love to teach that I haven't been able to fit into our packed learning program, so I'm looking forward to getting to share those classes with you.

I'm so excited by what the coming year has in store for us as a community that values learning for every age and stage of life. Keep an eye out as more information becomes available, and feel free to reach out with questions and/or topics that you'd like to study. I look forward to learning with you!

## ANNUAL MEETING of the Congregation, Wednesday, June 5, 7 PM

Join with your fellow Temple Sinai members, staff, and spiritual leaders as we learn about the state of the congregation, reflect on the successes of the past year, and put our minds toward our hopes and goals for the coming year. Hear the annual reports, presentation of the budget for the new fiscal year, and vote for new officers.

Our Nominating Committee, chaired by Nancy Gale, is comprised of Rick Kalson, Mimi Botkin, Morgan Faeder, Suzan Hauptman, David Pollock, Bill Taxay, and Lynda Wrenn and will place in nomination the following names for election of Trustees.

### Officers with Terms Ending 2021

President: Saul Straussman  
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# LIFE & LEGACY — ASSURING JEWISH TOMORROWS

## TEMPLE SINAI LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBERS

(as of 5/15/19)

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George & Laura Arnold  
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Suzan Hauptman & Family  
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On Tuesday, April 30, the Jewish Federation of Great Pittsburgh's Jewish Community Foundation hosted a donor-appreciation celebration to honor the more than 350 people who have made a legacy gift with the Grinspoon LIFE & LEGACY™ program. In the program's first year, all participants raised more than \$18 million for Jewish community organizations in Greater Pittsburgh.

Temple Sinai was awarded a total of \$7,000 in grant funding from the Grinspoon Foundation—\$5,000 for meeting our first year goal of 18 Legacy gifts and an additional \$2,000 for exceeding that goal and reaching a total of 25 gifts. We are very proud to welcome nearly 70 individuals, couples, and families into Temple Sinai's Legacy Circle!

The greater goal of the Life & Legacy program is assuring Jewish tomorrows by taking the future in our hands today. We hope you will join this important initiative and help us reach our 2019–2020 goal of expanding our Legacy Circle by 18 new Legacy gifts, of which we already have four.

You, too, can be remembered forever by Temple Sinai through a gift in your will, retirement account, or life insurance policy. Contact Drew Barkley, Executive Director, at (412) 421-9715 ext. 111 or [Drew@TempleSinaiPGH.org](mailto:Drew@TempleSinaiPGH.org) to learn more.



Front row (left to right): Denise Schiller, Philip Lehman, Drew Barkley, Laura Arnold, Cantor Laura Berman, Nancy Gale; Back row (left to right): Rabbi Jamie Gibson, Barbara Gibson, John Schiller, Joe Weinkle, Morgan Faeder, James Faeder, Leslie Fleisher, George Arnold, Laura Fehl, Lynn Rubenson, Carolyn Schwarz, Louise Malakoff, and Frank Schwarz  
(Photo: Joshua Franzos)

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Assuring JEWISH TOMORROWS  
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# SENIOR RABBI (AND OTHER) TRANSITIONS

Our Jewish texts are replete with turning points and transitions. Abraham takes Isaac to the mountain. Moses leads us across the Red Sea. Ecclesiastes tells us that to everything there is a season.

In our own lives, too, we find turning points, happy and not. At this time, Temple Sinai is about to embark on a congregational turning point. As you are most likely aware, Rabbi Jamie Gibson recently announced that he will retire as our Senior Rabbi at the end of June 2020. By then he will have completed more than 32 years of being with all of us through turning points and transitions. Over the course of the next year there will be ample opportunity to talk with Rabbi Gibson to reminisce, say thank you, and *l'hitraot*.

Initial planning has begun for this significant transition for Temple Sinai, which includes plans for an Interim Senior Rabbi for 2020–2021, followed by a search for a “settled” Senior Rabbi to begin the next chapter in our story on July 1, 2021. This transition is very much a community process—one of introspection as we reflect on who we are as a congregation, and one of looking outward to reexamine and understand our place in our greater community, the Reform Movement, and the world.

**There will be many opportunities for each of us to participate in this community conversation. As a first step, we again invite you to join us for the Temple Sinai Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 5, at 7 PM, at Temple Sinai, where we will discuss the process as currently envisioned and answer questions.**

Of course, we are not the first to undergo a senior rabbinic transition. Rest assured that we are able to draw on the expertise and guidance of others, including from the Union for Reform Judaism ([www.urj.org](http://www.urj.org)).

Also, the two of us are in our own transition as a team. As of the Annual Meeting, Philip will step down as President of Temple Sinai, where it has been a great privilege to work, play, celebrate, and mourn with all of you (including October 27). During the last two years as president, Philip has learned an enormous amount, most importantly reinforcing that everything we do at Temple Sinai is about community and that we—our clergy, staff, and lay leadership—are there for each other.

Saul will step into that role at the Annual Meeting and has already been active at Temple Sinai for many years, including as teacher, bassist, and leader. He looks forward to working with all of you on the opportunities and challenges ahead.

We have been working together, and with other leadership, on next steps. We encourage you to get in touch with us about your thoughts, beginning with the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 5.

Finally, while perhaps not as momentous as crossing the Red Sea, our steps forward are also about community, continuity, and marching forward together.

*L' Shalom,*

Philip L. Lehman & Saul Straussman



Philip L. Lehman



Saul Straussman

## JUNE/JULY PROGRAMS & EVENTS



### **Pride Seder, Saturday, June 1, 7 PM**

The Pride Tribe and Women of Temple Sinai (WoTS) are partnering to present the annual Pride Seder, which will share stories and hardships of LGBTQ life, celebrate the freedoms that have been achieved, and explore freedoms not yet gained. Cost: \$22/\$12 for students with ID; Register online at [www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/PrideSeder](http://www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/PrideSeder). For more information, contact Susan Blackman at [susan.blackman@verizon.net](mailto:susan.blackman@verizon.net).

### **WoTS Board Meeting & Potluck Brunch, Sunday, June 2, 10 AM**

WoTS last formal board meeting until fall will be held Sunday, June 10 at 10 AM with a potluck brunch. Contact Laura Fehl at [lauraf0128@gmail.com](mailto:lauraf0128@gmail.com) for details.

### **Rosh Chodesh Group (Sivan), Tuesday, June 4, 7:30 PM**

Please join us for learning, community, and inspiration. All Temple Sinai women are welcome! Poetry discussion based on poems we select; Host: Peggy Fried; For more information, contact Lynn Magid Lazar at [lynn.magid.lazar@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.magid.lazar@gmail.com).

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### **Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience, Friday, June 7 & July 5, 7 PM**

The music is informal and lively. Come prepared to sing along and maybe even dance a bit. The Sensory Friendly Service features: the Temple Sinai Band; singing and dancing; visual tefillah so you can follow along in Hebrew, English, or pictures; sign language during a portion of the service; quiet room with a livestream of the service; and fidget toys.

### **WoTS Cooking Class, Monday, June 10, 6:30 PM**

Guest instructors Drew Barkley and George Arnold have created a refreshing summer menu featuring red lentil soup, whitefish ceviche salad, and homemade ice cream. The cost for this class is \$10. RSVP by Friday, June 7 to Carolyn Schwarz, (412) 421-1268, [4carolynschwarz@gmail.com](mailto:4carolynschwarz@gmail.com). Anyone age 16 and older is welcome!

### **Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry, Thursday, June 13 & July 11, 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](mailto:sd20@andrew.cmu.edu) for details.

### **Charles Morris Sing Along, Saturday, June 15 & July 20, 1:45 PM**

Join us to sing with the residents of Charles Morris Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center. The residents reconnect with memories evoked by songs from their youth, and the singing generates an infectious joy. Contact Stewart Sadowsky at [ssadowsky@aol.com](mailto:ssadowsky@aol.com) or Mimi Botkin at [mimi.botkin@gmail.com](mailto:mimi.botkin@gmail.com) for more information. Location: 200 JHF Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15217

### **Family Night Out at the Pirates, Tuesday, June 18, 7 PM**

Join Brotherhood for a fun night out to watch the Pirates play the Tigers. All are welcome! Cost: \$30 per person includes Pirates Cove Seat in Section 203 (Club Level), unlimited pop, peanuts, and popcorn with discounted beer, hamburgers, hot dogs, and nachos. Register online at [www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/Piratesgame](http://www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/Piratesgame) or RSVP: Todd Miller, (412) 848-1082 or [toddprmtg@gmail.com](mailto:toddprmtg@gmail.com).

### **Tot Shabbat, Friday, June 21 & July 19, 5 PM Snacks & Schmooze, 5:30 PM Service**

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 exciting tot service.

### **WoTS Shabbat Dinner & Board Installation & WoTS Shabbat Evening Service, Friday, June 21, 5:45 Dinner & Installation, 7 PM Service**

Join us for Shabbat Dinner to celebrate Women of Temple Sinai's installation of new steering committee members and stay for our Shabbat Evening Service led by WoTS. Cost: \$18/\$10 children 12 and under (RSVP to [wotspgh@gmail.com](mailto:wotspgh@gmail.com) by noon on Wednesday, June 19. Payment accepted by check made out to WoTS and mailed or delivered to WoTS c/o Temple Sinai, 5505 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217 or pay through PayPal to [wotspgh@gmail.com](mailto:wotspgh@gmail.com).)

### **Young Adult Shabbat After Hours, Friday, June 21 & July 19, 8:30 PM**

Wine and cheese mix and mingle with young adults following Shabbat Evening Service.

### **Men's Discussion Group, Sunday, June 23 & July 28, 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 Bread, 3401 Blvd. of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15213



# CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2019

We celebrate our young adults for affirming their Judaism at the Confirmation Service this month! It will be celebrated on the evening of Shavuot, the holiday of the giving of the Torah, Saturday, June 8, at 7:30 PM. The class will lead the service using their own words and music.

**Join us for a dairy/vegetarian dinner before the service.**

Cost: \$10 adult (13+)/\$6 kids (4-12)/Free kids (3 & under).

Contact Debbie Haber for more information (412) 421-9715 ext 116.

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

**Congratulations to the students who have dedicated themselves to their faith.  
We wish you happiness, peace, and prosperity as you continue your journey!**

- **Levi Miles Otto Abeshouse**, son of Daniel & Kristan Otto Abeshouse
- **Ethan Beck**, son of Mark Beck & Marsha Mullen
- **Aidan Birkenfeld**, son of Glenn & Michelle Birkenfeld
- **Benjamin Brown**, son of John & Audrey Brown
- **Nathan Donner**, son of Hallie & Joshua Donner
- **Adina Miryam Faeder**, daughter of James & Morgan Faeder
- **Abigail Rose Hart**, daughter of Lorien & Chris Hart
- **Olivia Raye Leibovich**, daughter of Emily Jaffe & Adam Leibovich
- **Spencer Rose Lieberman**, daughter of Leslie Grodin & Peter Lieberman



**Saturday, June 8  
6:15 PM  
Shavuot Dinner  
7:30 PM  
Shavuot Services  
and Confirmation**

## YOUNG ADULT CORNER WITH REBEKAH MALKIN

**Innovation, inspiration, and inclusion.** Those are the values that guide our community. And in the spirit of those high ideals, we are so excited to announce that we will be giving our young adult section on the Temple Sinai website a facelift so our online presence can best reflect our values.

**Innovate.** How do you access most websites nowadays? I use my phone and I bet you do too. One way we will be innovating our online presence is by creating a phone app for Temple Sinai. Soon you'll be able to pay your pledge, sign up for dinners, and check the directory quickly and easily from your mobile device.

**Inspire.** The theme for the new young adult webpage will be *Mishpacha Ruchanit* or "spiritual family." We are so proud of the spiritual family that we have all created at Temple Sinai, and our new online presence will be a reflection of that. We hope to inspire excitement and capture the same infectious energy of a Shabbat After Hours or a Mostly Musical Shabbat online.

**Inclusion.** Most importantly, this website is about you! What do you think makes a website inclusive or welcoming? What can we do to make you feel like you are heard and your input is valued? Let us know! You can contact me at [Rebekah@TempleSinaiPGH.org](mailto:Rebekah@TempleSinaiPGH.org) or (412) 421-9715 ext. 121.

That's just a taste of what's to come. So keep an eye out. Coming to a computer (and a phone) near you soon!





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Photo 1: Last day of Next DOR singing with Rabbi Keren Gorban and Rabbi Jamie Gibson (Photo: Lynn Magid Lazar); Photo 2: Last Day of Next DOR Torah Walk (Photo: Mike Collura); Photo 3: Steffi Wright, Folk Shabbat; Photo 4: Young Adult Passover Cooking Class (Photo: Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh); Photo 5: Doug Schiller & Jeff Kaiserman, Folk Shabbat; Photo 6: John Schiller, Folk Shabbat; Photo 7: Steve Forman, Folk Shabbat; Photo 8: Judy Rulin Mahan, Chuck Mahan, & Bob Smith, Folk Shabbat; Photo 9: Ben Wecht, Folk Shabbat; Photo 10: Roger Rafson & Jake Epstein, Folk Shabbat; Photo 11: Frank Schwarz, Folk Shabbat; Photo 12: Harton Wolf, Folk Shabbat; Photo 13: Josh & Jonah Lederer with Steve Jurman, Folk Shabbat; Photo 14: Tony Hong, Folk Shabbat; Photo 15: Chris Hong, Folk Shabbat (Folk Shabbat Photos by Dale Lazar)



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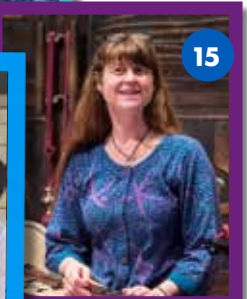
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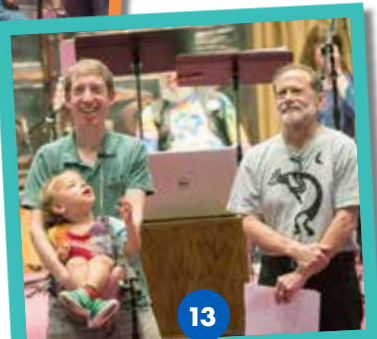
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## FALK LIBRARY NEWS

If your summer travel plans call for a trip to Israel, stop by the Falk Library to check out our newest travel guides to Israel or books on Israel's history. We have the newest editions of *DK Eyewitness Jerusalem, Israel and the Palestinian Territories* and *Lonely Planet Israel and the Palestinian Territories*. (Both books also include Petra.)

**WISH LIST:** Any other recent travel guides to Israel would be wonderful additions to our collections.

**FALK LIBRARY**

## SENIORS CALLING SENIORS



Do you like talking on the phone? Have you been looking for a volunteer opportunity you can do from the comfort of your home?

Do you want to connect with other members who are homebound or who may need to hear a friendly voice?

### **Volunteer with Seniors Calling Seniors**

Contact Arlene Smith at (412) 829-9744 or [sweetn5163@aol.com](mailto:sweetn5163@aol.com).

## WRJ ATLANTIC DISTRICT AREA DAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2 PM



**Won't You Be My Neighbor? How can we help refugees in Pittsburgh feel welcome and settled into our city?** Working with representatives of Pittsburgh's diverse communities, we will address the issues and needs of immigrants who seek to make Pittsburgh their home. A panel will address these topics, led by WRJ's United Nations representative Leslie Brier.

Rodef Shalom Congregation • Dessert Reception • Cost: \$18  
Contact Susan Blackman at [susan.blackman@verizon.net](mailto:susan.blackman@verizon.net) by May 2.



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Contact Drew Barkley at [Drew@TempleSinaiPGH.org](mailto:Drew@TempleSinaiPGH.org) or (412) 421-9715 ext. 111 for details.



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# J U N E A T T E

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
2	3	4	5
11 AM Hartman Learning (offsite) 10 AM WoTS Annual Meeting & Brunch 2 PM WRJ Atlantic District Area Day (offsite)		7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Group (Sivan)—Mark the beginning of the month with us. Poetry discussion based on poems we select; Host: Peggy Fried; Contact Lynn Magid Lazar for details & location at lynn.magid.lazar@gmail.com.	Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation 7 PM Annual Meeting of the Congregation
9 Shavuot	10	11	12
10 AM Shavuot Service at Rodef Shalom	6:30 PM WoTS Cooking Class: Drew Barkley and George Arnold have created a refreshing summer menu featuring red lentil soup, whitefish ceviche salad, and homemade ice cream. Cost: \$10 RSVP by Friday, June 7 to Carolyn Schwarz, (412) 421-1268, 4carolynschwarz@gmail.com. Anyone age 16 & older is welcome!		Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Oneg Baking <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!</b> Contact Mara Kaplan at maratkaplan@gmail.com or Carol Rosenthal at tworoses02@comcast.net for details. 6 PM Evening Meditation 6:15 PM Rabbi Gibson's Shiur (Class) 7:30 PM Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
16	17	18	19
		7 PM Family Night Out at the Pirates Game with Brotherhood	Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation
23/30	24	25	26
6/23 9:30 AM Men's Discussion Group (offsite)			Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation

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# TEMPLE SINAI

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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		8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Goldston & Shabbat Morning Service 7 PM Pride Seder
6	7	8 Erev Shavuot
Noon Christian-Jewish Dialogue (offsite) 6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting with Minyan 7 PM Introduction to Judaism Spring 2019	7 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Elana Padnos & Shabbat Morning Service 6:15 PM Confirmation & Shavuot Family Dinner 7:30 PM Shavuot Service & Confirmation, followed by an oneg
13	14	15
6:15 PM Dinner at EECM (volunteer opportunity) 7 PM Introduction to Judaism Spring 2019	7 PM Shabbat Evening Service led by Adult B'nei Mitzvah, followed by an oneg, sponsored by Roy & Rebecca Jacobson in honor of the Adult B'nei Mitzvah & WoTS	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 1:45 PM Charles Morris Sing along (offsite)
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7 PM Board of Trustees Meeting with Minyan 7 PM Introduction to Judaism Spring 2019	5 PM Tot Shabbat Snacks & Schmooze 5:30 PM Tot Shabbat Service 5:45 PM WoTS Shabbat Dinner & New Board Installation 7 PM WoTS Shabbat Evening Service with Birthday Blessings, sponsored by WoTS 8:30 PM Young Adult Shabbat After Hours	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service
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H.org for event details and a full calendar listing.

## WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

### FRIDAYS

JUNE 7

7 PM MOSTLY MUSICAL  
SHABBAT: A SENSORY  
FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE

JUNE 14

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE  
LED BY ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH

JUNE 21

7 PM WOTS SHABBAT  
EVENING SERVICE WITH  
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

JUNE 28 SHABBAT EVENING  
SERVICE

### SATURDAYS

8:30 AM TORAH STUDY

9:15 AM INFORMAL SHABBAT  
MORNING SERVICE

JUNE 1

10:30 AM BAR MITZVAH  
OF SAMUEL GOLDSTON &  
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

JUNE 8

10:30 AM BAT MITZVAH OF  
ELANA PADNOS & SHABBAT  
MORNING SERVICE

# J U L Y   A T   T E M P L E   S I N A I

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7	8	9	10 Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation
14	15	16	17 Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation
21	22	23	24 Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation
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### FRIDAYS

JULY 5

7 PM MOSTLY MUSICAL SHABBAT: A SENSORY FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE

JULY 12

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

JULY 19 SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE WITH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

JULY 26

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

### SATURDAYS

8:30 AM TORAH STUDY

9:15 AM INFORMAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

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In Memory of Lois K. Gibson  
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In Memory of Walt Rudov  
Esther & Harvey Nathanson

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In Appreciation of Mara Kaplan for the great success of the Temple Sinai Bake Off  
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Karen, Nathan, & Noah Levin  
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Speedy Recovery of Shirley Goldstein  
Karen Levin

## LIBRARY FUND

In Memory of Lois K. Gibson  
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In Honor of the Marriage of Eva Blum & Norman Wolmark  
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Sandra Goldstein  
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Edward Goldston  
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Bert & Reda Kossis  
Yahrzeit of David Pearlstein  
Bert & Reda Kossis  
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Yahrzeit of Tzivia Pineles  
Ram & Hanita Kossowsky  
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Yahrzeit of Frederick Kramer  
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Bernard Latterman  
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Yahrzeit of Sol Lurie  
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Donna Rabner

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Agnes Rocher

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Yahrzeit of Harry Berenfield  
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Rose Ann Brown

Francine Caplan

Joanne & Woody Chetlin

Daniele Coen-Pirani & Marla Ripoll

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Frances Denmark

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Diane & Ed Silverman

Richard & Rhoda Dorfzaun

Gary & Amy Dubin

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Melvin & Bette Spokane

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Ronnie Cook Zuhlke & Fred Zuhlke

Yahrzeit of Robert Weinstein  
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In Appreciation of Baby Naming  
Barry & Mayda Roth

In Memory of Silbert Moritz  
Louisa & Mark Benjamin

## RYAVE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY FUND

In Honor of the Marriage of Bonnie & Thad  
Kathy Bleckman

## SCHWARZ FUND FOR THE FUTURE

In Honor of the Wedding of Joel Kraut & Anna Shtengelova  
Frank & Carolyn Schwarz

In Honor of Liora Bea Gibson  
Frank & Carolyn Schwarz

In Honor of George Arnold's Retirement  
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In Memory of Lois K. Gibson  
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## SECURITY FUND

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Edward & Jan Korenman

In Memory of Lois K. Gibson  
Barry & Susan Merenstein  
Edwin & Barbara Siegel

Yahrzeit of Joseph J. Shachman  
Lynn Naman

## WEINKLE FUND FOR THE FUTURE

In Honor of Joe's Kindness  
Esther & Harvey Nathanson

## WOMEN OF TEMPLE SINAI

In Memory of Lois K. Gibson  
Nancy Dubuar & Richard Rubin

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

In Honor of the Birth of Your Grandson  
Ilene Ross

# SCHOLARSHIPS MOTIVATE YOUTH TO CONNECT TO JUDAISM

WoTS helps our Jewish youth defray the costs of a Jewish educational experience while in school and through the summer after graduation from college. Over the past 16 years, we have provided 80 scholarships, with amounts up to \$750, for programs ranging from summer camp and trips to Israel to leadership training and immersive study programs.

Three of the recent WoTS scholarship recipients shared their experience of the programs that the funds helped to sponsor during a board meeting.

**Kindergarten student Hannah Amster used her scholarship to attend the JCC J&R day camp last summer.** This was her first time camp experience and, with a little help from her mother Megan, she shared her experience and observations about being at the camp.

**Sixteen-year-old Rosa Myers, daughter of Liss, attended the L'Taken Seminar for teens offered by the Religious Action Center (RAC) of the URJ.** Not only did she learn about social justice issues but also how to lobby Congressional representatives. The teens lobbied against gun violence, and she shared her speech from the Pennsylvania teen delegation's visit to our Senators' and Representatives' offices.

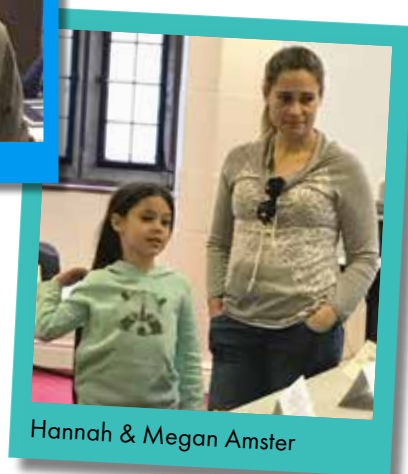
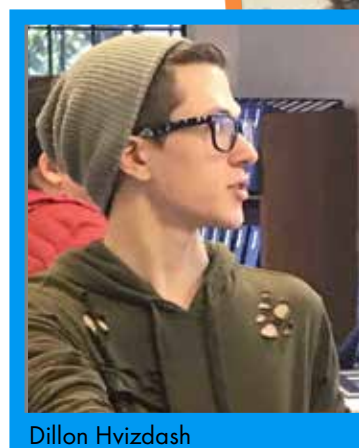
This is an excerpt: "As Jews, we refer to the Torah for the basis of our morals. Leviticus tells us, 'do not stand idly by while your neighbor's blood is shed.' We, as Reform Jews, cannot stand by and watch as thousands of people are directly impacted by gun violence year after year. We cannot stand idly by as our schools and places of worship have to prepare for the shooting that can happen at any time."

**Dillon Hvizdash, son of Suzan and David Hauptman, used his scholarship to help offset some of the expenses for his semester at Heller High, a four-month URJ education immersion program in Israel.** He shared a PowerPoint that featured his own photos chronicling his experience in Israel as well as his eight-day trip to Poland and discussed his observations.

**Unable to attend the meeting, Shayna Josowitz, the fourth scholarship recipient, submitted a letter highlighting her experiences in the year-long Diller Teen Fellowship program.** Each year, a diverse group of more than 600 Jewish 10th and 11th graders are selected from 32 communities worldwide and participate in monthly workshops and weekend retreats (*Shabbatonim*). The program also includes a nine-day visit by Israeli teens to their overseas peers, and a three-week trip to Israel that brought all participants together. In March last year, two girls from Karmiel-Misgav (Pittsburgh's partner city) stayed with Shayna and her family. During her trip to Israel last summer, she was hosted by an Israeli family from Karmiel-Misgav and is still close friends with the daughter.

WoTS believes that investing in our youth will help our kids embrace contemporary Jewish values, create stronger bonds to Judaism and encourage future leadership.

**To apply for a scholarship and read the criteria, please visit the WoTS page on the Temple Sinai website at [www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/WoTS](http://www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/WoTS).**



WOMEN OF  
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# OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

## OF BLESSED MEMORY (APRIL)

Morry Sable

Nancy Ruth Bett, mother of Michael Bett

Lois K. Gibson, mother of Rabbi Jamie (Barbara) Gibson;  
grandmother of Micah (Catherine), Avi, and David Gibson;  
great-grandmother of Noa and Liora Gibson

Billy Joe Jordan, ex-husband of Linda Jordan

Jerome Krassenstein, father of Jonathan Krassenstein

Shirley Polhemus Cochran, mother of Anne Jackson;  
grandmother of Jennifer Jackson

Mary Ann Stevenson, mother of Lora (Perry) Sigismund;  
grandmother of Ryan, Megan and Lexi

Walt Rudov, husband of Diane Rudov

Sydney Rosenburg, grandfather of March (Jared) Kaufman;  
great-grandfather of Ryan and Brett Kaufman

Marvin Levitt, father of Lee (Karen) Levitt; grandfather of  
Sophie and Noah

Julian Samuel Ansell, father of Ellen (Rick Rogow) Ansell

Silbert "Sil" Moritz

Ivan Caplan, husband of Francine "Frani" Fleisher Caplan

## B'NEI MITZVAH ~ MAZAL TOV!



**Saturday, June 1**

**Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Goldston**

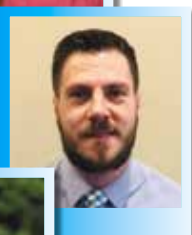
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**Saturday, June 8**

**Bat Mitzvah of Elana Padnos**

Daughter of Bill Padnos & Sharon Back



**Friday, June 14**

**Adult Bar Mitzvah of  
Michael Collura**



**Friday, June 14**

**Adult Bat Mitzvah of  
Rebecca Jacobson**

## SIMCHAH

**Mazal Tov** to Mayda and Barry Roth on the birth of their grandson, Lucas Ethan Roth, on April 11. Parents are Ben and Erin Roth.

**Mazal tov** to Irwin and Gail Wedner on the marriage of their daughter Bonnie to Thad Davis on April 13.

**Mazal Tov** to Rae Sablowsky on her 102nd birthday on May 12.

**Mazal Tov** to Mimi and Alex Botkin on the arrival of their granddaughter, Aurelia Angela Harris (Hebrew name Rebecca), on April 11. She joins her 20-month-old brother, Nicholas Gideon Harris and parents, Todd Harris and Kira Botkin Harris.

**Mazal Tov** to Rebekah Eve Siegel and Arthur Laurence Pitt on the birth of their daughter, Corinne Jane Pitt, on April 29.

**Mazal Tov** to Dale Lazar whose photograph, "Painter," received the People's Choice Award in the 2019 Allegany National Photography Competition and Exhibition.

**Mazal Tov** to Ben Wecht for being honored as part of a team of writers who won the Robert L. Vann Award of Excellence by the Pittsburgh Black Media Federation for their work on "H Magazine, In the Neighborhoods, Issue 2," which examined various initiatives to revitalize Pittsburgh's Hill District.

**Mazal Tov** to Dan Gilman, who was named one of "25 Essential Pittsburghers" by NextPittsburgh.com for his work as Chief of Staff for Mayor Bill Peduto.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Dylan & Rebecca Kuzmik

Kerry Gettys

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(marriages, births, B'nei Mitzvah, awards,  
engagements, graduations, etc.)

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**Tami@TempleSinaiPGH.org.**

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## **TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!** **Join us to cheer on the Pirates!**

### **Brotherhood Family Night Out, Tuesday, June 18, 7 PM**

Special Ticket Price: \$30 per person includes Pirates Cove Seat in Section 203 (Club Level), unlimited pop, peanuts, and popcorn with discounted beer, hamburgers, hot dogs, and nachos.

**Register online at [www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/Piratesgame](http://www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/Piratesgame)**  
or RSVP to Todd Miller at (412) 848-1082 or [toddprmtg@gmail.com](mailto:toddprmtg@gmail.com).  
**Registration deadline is Noon on Friday, May 31.**

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **Jewish Heritage Night, Wednesday, August 7, 7 PM**

Join members of the Jewish Community for the annual Jewish Heritage Night. Each game ticket purchased will include a limited edition "Pittsburgh Strong" Hebrew T-Shirt. Optional pregame Kosher Meal available.

**Ticket prices and other details will be available soon**  
**including a special Young Adult Gathering before the game.**