

CHAILIGHTS



Cantor's Corner

By Cantor Laura Berman

We are thrilled that so many of you are finding delight and profound meaning in our ongoing Torah writing project. In addition to it being an apt way to honor Rabbi Gibson, it adds substance to the life of our members and our congregation by fulfilling the final

mitzvah in the Torah, that of writing a *sefer Torah* (Deut. 31:19).

As you reflect on writing a letter in our new scroll, consider that the Hebrew word for letter is "ot." That same word may be familiar to you from singing *V'shamru* on Shabbat evening or morning: *V'shamru b'nei Yisrael et haShabbat... beini uvein b'nei Yisrael ot hi l'olam*—"And the children of Israel will keep Shabbat...between me and the children of Israel, it will be a sign forever." In *V'shamru*, "ot" typically is translated as "sign," rather than "letter," as it would be in Modern Hebrew; using a little imagination, you can understand how these two concepts are connected. A letter is a sign of sorts, signifying a certain pronunciation; both letters and signs are ways of representing and communicating meaning.

Now consider the Hebrew spelling of the word "ot." It begins with an *alef*, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, and ends with a *tav*, the final letter. The single letter in

between is a *vav*, which used as a prefix meaning "and." So we could interpret "ot" as encompassing the beginning and end of our language, and everything in between. As such, the word "ot" could suggest all that can be communicated and understood. Given this, when the Torah tells us that Shabbat is forever designated as an "ot," perhaps we can learn that Shabbat is always a special time for communicating and understanding. It is a time for us to open our hearts, to listen to one another, to our inner voices, to our traditions, and to communicate with sensitivity and kindness. It could be God's way of telling us that the time set aside for Shabbat can be for communicating and paying attention to the most important and meaningful things in life, from the first letter to the last letter, and every word in between.

I hope you will add your very own "ot" in our Torah on March 15–16 or May 17–18 when our Torah scribe (*soferet*) Linda Coppleson, will be here at Temple Sinai. Make an "ot" in your calendar, too, for the evening of March 9 when our always-entertaining Purim shpielers will present the story of Purim with "Fiddler as a Spoof." And while I always hope that you join in when we sing, I hope your hearts will open to a very special *V'shamru* sung by our Artist-in-Residence, Dan Nichols, when he spends Shabbat with us on March 20–21. March brings so many ways to be part of something special!

Hoping all the signs of spring bring you joy!

Cantor Laura Berman

A Celebratory Sing-Along with Artist-in-Residence DAN NICHOLS

Saturday, March 21, 7 PM

A free concert to celebrate Rabbi Gibson's 32 years at Temple Sinai and his retirement in June.

Please RSVP: www.TempleSinaiPGH.org



LIFE & LEGACY—ASSURING JEWISH TOMORROWS

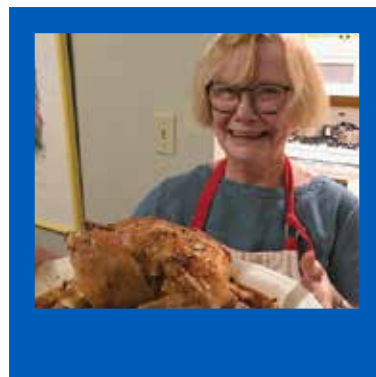
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WHY TEMPLE SINAI IS IN MY FUTURE PLAN

By Barbara Allen

I have had the good fortune in my life to be a member of two wonderful synagogues, Tree of Life in Morgantown, West Virginia, and Temple Israel in Charleston, West Virginia. After I retired and moved to Pittsburgh, however, I spent several unaffiliated years—events in my life, some momentous, some mundane but time-consuming, kept my mind far away from shul membership.



The horrific events at Tree of Life * Or L'Simcha Congregation shocked me out of my complacency and made me remember: I'm a Jew, I'm part of a community that has endured over time, and I want to be a part of that community in a meaningful way. Enter Temple Sinai, which I learned of through my daughter, Leslie Fleisher.

I knew from the moment I first saw the synagogue, with its Pride flag and its welcoming message, that this was the congregation for me. Temple Sinai's policy of inclusion, and the ways in which its leaders strive to bring everyone into a loving circle of community and fellowship, checked every box on my mental checklist. No one is marginalized in this congregation; everyone is welcomed, celebrated, and honored. Services are a wonderful blend of the sacred and the joyous, with Torah teaching, music, and a little rabbinic humor (not too lame, even!) thrown in. Temple Sinai is active in many wonderful programs and initiatives, including help for those experiencing food insecurity, outreach to the Islamic community, support for the disability community, and other programs too numerous to mention.

When I learned of the Life & Legacy initiative, I knew right away that I wanted to be a part of it, even though I've been a member of the congregation for less than a year. This is my congregation, and this is my community, past, present and future. I was in the fortunate position of being able to make my gift to Temple Sinai's endowment Fund for the Future now—without having to die, such a blessing!—and I am so glad that I made the decision to do so. I feel that I've played at least a little part in helping Temple Sinai remain a mainstay in Pittsburgh's Jewish community for many years to come.

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.

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WRITING A TORAH TO HONOR RABBI GIBSON

Over 100 people wrote in our new Torah with Soferet Linda Coppleson February 9–10 on the “Song of the Sea” panel. Linda will return two more times to educate students of all ages on the process of writing a Torah.

Upcoming Soferet Visits

March 15–16

Torah Writing with the Soferet

Sponsors may contact Rebekah Malkin at Rebekah@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 121 to schedule a writing time. You can make a dedication on our website under the “Donate” tab.

**If you are unable to make a financial contribution, please contact Rebekah Malkin for accommodation.*

Sunday, March 15, Noon

Lunch & Learn with Artist Kara Snyder,
creator of our Random Acts of Torah artwork,
“The Arms of Torah”

RSVP on our website under the
“Register for Events” tab

May 17–18

Details will be announced closer to the date.

Our students
have collected
83,830 pennies.
That’s enough for each
letter in Genesis &
part of Exodus!



Top: Soferet Linda Coppleson with Next DOR students writing their Hebrew names. (Photo: Marcy Kaufman) **Middle:** Soferet Linda Coppleson shows Next DOR students how she uses a tikkun (book of Torah scroll text) to help her write our new Torah. (Photo: Marcy Kaufman) **Bottom:** Soferet Linda Coppleson and a small group of congregants discuss Torah writing during lunch on Monday, Feb. 10.

PLANNING TO CANNING CLASS, WEDNESDAYS through OCTOBER

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 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).



Fiddler as a ^(PURIM) Spoof



**Purim Family Carnival,
Sunday, March 8, 11 AM–12:30 PM
\$10 unlimited game play/
FREE for kids 0–3**

Kids under eight must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers needed to help run the games. Contact Debbie Haber at DHaber@TempleSinaiPGH.org.

**Purim Pizza & Salad Dinner,
Monday, March 9, 5:30 PM,
Cost: \$8 per person
Register: www.TempleSinaiPGH.org**

**Purim Shpiel: Fiddler as a Spoof,
Monday, March 9, 6:30 PM**
Cantor Berman and a group of talented volunteers will delight us with a comical retelling of the Purim story in the musical style of Fiddler on the Roof.

SHABBAT DINNER BY CAFÉ AGNES, MARCH 6, 5:45 PM

Café Agnes serves modern Salvadoran cuisine at farmers markets in Pittsburgh. Chef and owner Marcella Ogrodnik is a Pittsburgh native who started her food stand as a love letter to her family and culture in El Salvador.

Note: Space is limited to 60 guests so make your reservations soon!

OUR SALVADORAN MENU

- Ensalada de fruta: mixed fruit drink
- Cabbage & jicama salad with avocado & pumpkin seed dressing
- Rice & black beans sauteed with a sofrito of onion, tomato, & pepper
- Cooked beets on a corn crispy tortilla with minty salsa chirmol, sunflower seed & morita chile dressing
- Tamales with roasted peppers, cheese, & salsa verde
- Coconut tres leche cake & Quesadilla Salvadorean (sweet & salty coffee cake)

**Cost: \$18 (ages 13+)/\$10 kids (ages 4–12)/
FREE kids (ages 0–3)**



15% of proceeds will go to Worth Manifesto, a project that seeks to acknowledge the humanity of marginalized homeless women.

**REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE:
www.TempleSinaiPGH.org**

SENIOR RABBI TRANSITION UPDATE

Spring is right around the corner, believe it or not. And so are two big opportunities to add your voice to the search for Temple Sinai's next senior rabbi.

A series of small-group discussions and a congregation-wide survey are planned for March and May. They are being organized and facilitated by the Temple Sinai Rabbinic Transition Research Committee.

The committee's mission? Elevate voices from our community so that the rabbinic search process reflects your needs, wants, and values. Led by Amy Dubin and Bob Kraut, the committee includes congregants with professional experience as researchers in a range of fields from the social sciences to marketing and design.

It is the committee's job to illuminate what our community values in our next rabbi. It will also seek to go deeper. For example, people might say they value a "welcoming" rabbi

—but what does that mean? What does "welcoming" look like at Temple Sinai? What would we see and hear from a welcoming rabbi?

The committee will deliver its findings to the Temple Sinai board in June. Insights from your participation will be used to write the job description, inform interview topics, and draft criteria for evaluating candidates.

So keep an eye out for invitations to the first discussion groups, and for the survey later this spring. The committee wants to hear everybody's voice in this process, for the benefit of the whole Temple Sinai community.

In addition to Amy and Bob, the committee's members are Paul Pitts, Carol Rosenthal, Suzan Hauptman, Susan Straus, Saul Straussman, Judy Mahan, and Jeremy Burton.

Questions? Email tsinai-rabbi-transition@googlegroups.com

NEFESH MOUNTAIN CONCERT

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 31, 7 PM

Nefesh Mountain is the place where Bluegrass, Old-Time, and American Roots music meet with Jewish heritage and tradition. Husband and wife team Doni Zasloff and Eric Lindberg are the heart of this eclectic offering, which seamlessly blends their love for American and Western musical forms with their own cultural backgrounds as Jewish Americans.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW AT
www.TempleSinaiPGH.org



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World Zionist Congress Election
January 21 – March 11, 2020

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Your vote is the only democratic opportunity you have to influence Israeli society as we continue our efforts towards equality, pluralism and tolerance.

Vote January 21 through March 11, 2020.

Learn more about why voting in this election matters on arza.org.

M A R C H A T T

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1 9:30 AM Next DOR Noon Purim Shpiel Rehearsal	2 9 AM The Rational Bible: Genesis with Rabbi Danny Schiff 7 PM That's in Torah! II (Adult Education)	3  VOTE REFORM www.arza.org	4 9:30 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
8 9:15 AM Hartman Learning 9:30 AM Next DOR 11 AM Family Purim Carnival 1 PM Purim Shpiel Run-Through	9 9 AM The Rational Bible: Genesis with Rabbi Danny Schiff 5:30 PM Purim Dinner 6:30 PM Purim Shpiel: "Fiddler as a Spoof"	10 10 AM Adult Reading of the Megillah Temple Sinai Book Group Wed., March 11, 1:15 PM Join us for a lively discussion about "Eternal Life" by Dara Horn. Contact Anne Faigen at (412) 422-9580 for more info.	11 Last Day to VOTE REFORM 9 AM Planning to Canning Class with Rachel Kudrick (morning session) 1:15 PM Temple Sinai Book Group 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation 6:30 PM Planning to Canning Class with Rachel Kudrick (evening session) 7 PM Election & Civic Engagement Discussion Group 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal
15 Soferet Visit/Torah Writing 9:30 AM Next DOR 9:30 AM Men's Discussion Group (offsite) 10 AM WoTS Board Meeting with WoTS Talk Guest Speaker Eric Lidji, Director of the Rauh Jewish History Program and Archives, Senator John Heinz History Center Noon Lunch & Learn with Kara Snyder, creator of our Random Acts of Torah artwork "The Arms of Torah"	16 Soferet Visit/Torah Writing 9 AM The Rational Bible: Genesis with Rabbi Danny Schiff 6:30 PM WoTS Cooking Class with Barbara Gibson	17	18 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
22 9:15 AM Hartman Learning 9:30 AM Next DOR 3 PM YES SHE CAN Q&A and Book Signing with Shalom Pittsburgh	23 7 PM 2020 Election & Civic Engagement Discussion Group 7 PM That's in Torah! II (Adult Education)	24	25 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
29 9:30 AM Next DOR	30 7 PM That's In Torah! II (Adult Education Class)	31 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Group—Nisan (offsite)	

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have cancelled this year's Great Temple Sinai Bake Off. We thank the bakers who applied and our volunteers who answered the request to help. We will secure a later spring date for the 2021 Bake Off and welcome all to participate.

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 6 PM Adulting 101 Class: Basics of Sewing with Rebekah Malkin 6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting with Minyan 7 PM Introduction to Judaism 7 PM Melton Jewish Medical Ethics with Rabbi Danny Schiff	6 5:45 PM Shabbat Dinner with Café Agnes & Worth Manifesto Art Exhibit: Joy to the Border 7 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Service, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS	7 8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service
12 6 PM Adulting 101 Class: Cooking on a Budget with Drew Barkley 6:15 PM Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry (offsite) 7 PM Introduction to Judaism 7 PM Melton Jewish Medical Ethics with Rabbi Danny Schiff	13 Noon Downtown Lunch with Rabbi Keren Gorban (offsite) 7 PM Shabbat Babayit (offsite): "Shabbat in the Home" 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS	14 8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service
19 6 PM Adulting 101 Class: Fire Safety & Prevention 7 PM Introduction to Judaism 7 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	20 5 PM Tot Shabbat Snacks & Schmooze 5:30 PM Tot Shabbat Service 6 PM Tot Shabbat Dinner 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service with Birthday Blessings & Music by Artist-in-Residence Dan Nichols, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS 8:30 PM Young Adult Shabbat After Hours	21 8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 1:45 PM Charles Morris Sing-Along (offsite) 7 PM Artist-in-Residence Dan Nichols Concert: "A Celebratory Sing-Along to Celebrate Rabbi Jamie Gibson"
26 6 PM Adulting 101 Class: Buying or Renting a House/ Apartment with Jan Barkley 7 PM Introduction to Judaism	27 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS	28 8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, April 3, 7 PM

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) will join us for Shabbat Evening Service to honor Rabbi Jamie Gibson's 32 years at Temple Sinai and his retirement in June. Stay for the oneg after the service to meet Rabbi Jacobs. All are welcome!



WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS

MARCH 6
7 PM MOSTLY MUSICAL SHABBAT: A SENSORY FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE

MARCH 13
7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

MARCH 20
SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE WITH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS & MUSIC BY ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE DAN NICHOLS

MARCH 27
7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

SATURDAYS

8:30 AM TORAH STUDY

9:15 AM INFORMAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

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Matthew Teplitz & Sue Challinor

Yahrzeit of Ruth Gross
Stanley & Miriam Winikoff

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Stanton & Ruth Jonas

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In Appreciation of Roselle Roth's Plaque
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Daniel, & Matthew

Suzanne Cherenson

We apologize in advance for any omissions that may occur.



WoTs Matzah Brittle Sale

These delightful desserts make excellent gifts to give your family and friends this Passover. All proceeds support scholarships for sending our Temple Sinai youth to summer camps or Israel.

Brotherhood Wine Sale

All wines are kosher for Passover, and we've include four new options this year.

Order forms are available in our lobby, on our website, and in the February issue of ChaiLights. Order yours by MARCH 22!

YOUNG ADULT CORNER BY REBEKAH MALKIN

At the risk of sounding like an infomercial, has this ever happened to you? You tear the armpit of your favorite sweater, your sink isn't draining, you have no idea what you can make for dinner, you don't know how to check your fire alarms, or you're buying your first house and you don't know where to begin. Much of this has happened to me, so I'm going to guess it's happened to you, too. There's just some things that no one teaches you, except, we can! We have a new educational series that teaches you all of this and more.

Temple Sinai is offering a new Young Adult Educational Series called *Adulting 101*—a class series designed around all the stuff you need to know but aren't sure who or how to ask.

Thanks to much appreciated feedback we have adjusted to a "Pay What You Can" pricing for this series of classes. Whatever you are able to pay will be a tax-deductible donation to help us cover all costs associated with having amazing Adult Educational opportunities like *Adulting 101*.

March 5 Basics of Sewing with Rebekah Malkin

The button falls off your favorite coat, there's a rip in your sweater, or your zipper comes off track. Rebekah will teach easy fixes to help you repair and keep all your favorite duds. You'll even walk away with your own sewing kit!

March 12 Cooking on a Budget with Drew Barkley

Have you ever looked in your fridge and said, "What the heck can I do with that?" Drew Barkley will show you some easy recipes for the discerning foodie on a budget. So next time you look in your fridge, you'll say, "I know exactly what to do with that!" And you even get to enjoy your tasty creations.

March 19 Fire Safety & Prevention

Do you have a fire extinguisher in your house? Do you know how to use it? How often do you check your smoke alarms and carbon-monoxide alarms? What do you do for a grease fire vs. a regular fire? The Pittsburgh Fire Department will help us learn the ins and outs of fire safety and prevention.

March 26 Buying or Renting a House/Apartment with Jan Barkley

So you're ready to buy your first house, and you don't know where to start. Jan Barkley will show you where to begin and walk you through the process. Or maybe you're not ready for a big purchase just yet. Jan can help you with the ins and outs of rentals so you can find the perfect home.

Register online at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org under the "Register for Events" tab.

FALK LIBRARY NEWS

Solomon Bennett Freehof was at Rodef Shalom for many years, but he was also a prominent posek and scholar. He was president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Beginning in 1955, he led the CCAR's work in Jewish law through its responsa committee. He also headed changes to Reform liturgy with revisions to the Union Prayer Book.

The Falk Library holds a number of his works, including:

The Captive Rabbi; The Story of R. Meir of Rothenburg Getting Old or Growing Up
Preface to Scripture
Spoken and Heard; Sermons and Addresses
A Treasury of Responsa

We also have a book by his wife, Lillian S. Freehof:

Embroideries and Fabrics For Synagogue And Home;
5000 Years Of Ornamental Needlework



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 or (412) 389-1785, or Sam Skobel at 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.

OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

OF BLESSED MEMORY (JANUARY 2020)

Marlene Dee (Haffner) Smith, mother of David Haffner

Martha Donelan Trauth, mother of Jeanette (Stephen Jurman) Trauth; grandmother of Beryl (Mary Grace Coulter) and Danielle

Irving Tripp, father of Karen (Jack) Friedman

Georgia Sue Duggins, mother of David (Nancy Gale) Duggins

Robert Solomon, father of Edward Solomon

Anya Lea Vasilis Dobratz, stepdaughter-in-law of Eileen Krause-Dobratz

Stanley X. Gruber, uncle of Debbie (Marc) Haber

Judith Baar Resnick, aunt of Karen Moellenberg

Send your GOOD NEWS

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

**to Tami Prine, Marketing & Communications Director,
at Tami@TempleSinaiPGH.org.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Joshua Stein & Danella Hafeman

*Q&A and book signing
with two of the authors of the
The New York Times Bestseller*

YES SHE CAN

*10 Stories of Hope & Change from Young
Female Staffers of the Obama White House*

*March 22, 3PM-5PM
Temple Sinai
5505 Forbes Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15217*



Molly Dillon
Policy Advisor for Urban Affairs,
Justice and Opportunity in the
Domestic Policy Council



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Jewish Federation
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Taylor Lustig
Policy Advisor for the White House
Office of Faith-Based and
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BE INSPIRED TO CONNECT

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

Find all the details on page 3.

Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience, Friday, March 6, 7 PM

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

2020 Election & Civic Engagement Discussion Group, Wednesday, March 11 & Monday, March 23, 7 PM

Join us for a non-partisan, fact-based discussion of 2020 campaign issues. Contact Richard Kaplan at kaplanr1959@gmail.com or Harton Wolf at hartonwolf01@gmail.com with any questions.

Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry, Thursday, March 12, 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.

WoTS Board Meeting with WoTS Talk, Sunday, March 15, 10 AM

The guest speaker is Eric Lidji, Director of the Rauh Jewish History Program and Archives, Senator John Heinz History Center. All are welcome.

Men's Discussion Group (offsite), Sunday, March 15, 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. Location: Panera, 3401 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Tot Shabbat, Friday, March 20, 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.

Young Adult Shabbat After Hours, Friday, March 20, 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.

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SAVE THESE DATES IN APRIL!

Friday, April 3 Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President, Union for Reform Judaism (URJ)

Sunday, April 5 Brotherhood Brunch with Janis Burley Wilson of the August Wilson Center

Saturday, April 11, 7:30 PM Mid-Life Crisis Band

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
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