

CHAILIGHTS

WRITING A NEW TORAH TO HONOR RABBI JAMIE GIBSON

Much discussion has taken place about our new Torah writing project to commemorate Rabbi Gibson's 32 years as our spiritual leader, teacher, and mentor. We will kick off this exciting project with a festive community celebration on Saturday, November 23 at 7:30 PM. Come meet our female scribe, or soferet, Linda Coppleson and watch Rabbi Gibson write the *Bereshit*, the first words of the Torah.

The evening will feature a festive catered dessert reception, Havdalah, music, a presentation by Soferet Coppleson, who is one of only six female scribes in the world. Temple Sinai's Torah will be only the 21st Torah scribed by a woman. We invite you to join us Saturday night to begin this year-long effort. Although there is no charge for the event, please RSVP to www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.

Our Torah project, "Sacred Words | Sacred Connections," pays homage to Rabbi Gibson and his dedication to creating a unique culture and sacred space embracing inspiration, innovation, and inclusion.

Our hope is that the entire Pittsburgh Jewish community will participate by sponsoring a letter, word, chapter, story, Torah portion, or even an entire book of this Torah and by writing a letter in the scroll.

Over the course of the next year, our soferet will visit Temple Sinai several times to write our Torah. By touching her hand as she scribes, each of us has the opportunity to actively participate in this sacred and moving process. Since each letter in the Torah is essential, anyone who helps to write is considered to have written a Torah, thereby fulfilling the 613th Commandment.

The year will be filled with enriching educational, spiritual, and communal events and activities with Saturday, November 23 as the first of several events. We will come together as a community to write this Torah, share this unique experience, learn together, and, in the fall of 2020, dedicate the Torah to Rabbi Gibson's exemplary leadership as our rabbi over the last 32 years.



Saturday, November 23
Community-Wide Kick-off Event
RSVP at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.



"I have devoted my life to teaching Torah and sharing its gifts. More than the words themselves, Torah teaches us the core values we need to live purposeful, meaningful lives as committed Jews and ethical human beings. Torah is about both tradition and renewal. This Torah project touches my heart — it is the perfect way to commemorate my retirement and guide our vision forward. A new Torah for a new era, a new Torah for a new generation."

- Rabbi Jamie Gibson

LIFE & LEGACY—ASSURING JEWISH TOMORROWS

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REMEMBERING MY "ELLY"

By The Kander Family

"Please don't forget me." That was my Elly's admonition to me as she knew the end was approaching. My immediate response was, "Please take that off of your worry list." Ellen is a Hebrew name meaning "shining light," and she was that and so much more. She lit up a room and a community, she welcomed the stranger and those who otherwise may have felt unwelcomed. She was funny, smart, beautiful, compassionate, loving, kind and pure of heart. She was an activist, doer, volunteer, and change maker, who stood up for any injustice crossing her path. She left legacies of non-profits she both created and volunteered for, that have literally transformed lives.

She was the perfect mother, always encouraging, worrying, teaching, yet finding for her children the perfect balance of support and independence. She was the most loving wife, partner, friend, aunt, and daughter. She loved our community and the Jewish agencies, including Temple Sinai, Hebrew Free Loan, Community Day School, the Jewish Community Center, and the Friendship Circle. All were made better by her involvement.

Temple Sinai was always there for our family during the best and worst of times. Elly and I were married at Temple Sinai, and all of our children's B'nei Mitzvah were there. And during the entire year that Elly was battling cancer, Temple Sinai clergy provided comfort, guidance, spirituality, support, and a tremendous amount of love. They were there when we needed them most, and I'll never forget their compassionate and loving hearts.

Elly constantly came to visit me through butterflies during the year after she passed. I am leaving this butterfly garden knowing she will continue to visit her children and grandchildren and continue to be our guardian angel.

My Elly had an absolute "glow" about her and although it has been seven years since her passing, her light still shines bright. May this garden serve as an eternal reflection of Elly's life, beauty, and splendor, and may you all be touched by her shining light.

With Love and Appreciation,
The Kander Family



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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CANTOR'S CORNER



Chazak chazak v'nitchzek! "Be strong, be strong, and let us all be strengthened!" If you were with us on Simchat Torah when we completed the reading of the entire Torah scroll, or any Shabbat when we completed an individual book of Torah, you have had the opportunity to exclaim this phrase with the entire

congregation. It comes from an appeal for divine strength by Joab, one of King David's generals, before going into battle. In our usage, the words can be understood as a resolute call to action through continued Torah learning and its embodiment by means of *mitzvot*.

To me, these words—and each *chazak*—have special significance for Temple Sinai. The first *chazak*, "be strong!," reflects the dynamism of this congregation. We sustain and demonstrate our commitment to this thriving congregation by embracing our membership, our Reform Jewish values, and our community ideals, by being welcoming, inclusive and *hey mish*, and by offering a wide-range of services and programs that gather us in celebration, solidarity and support.

With the first *chazak* reflecting the spirit of our community, the second *chazak* reflects the spirit of our individual members, each of whom adds a personal vitality to the synagogue community. Our strength is in the combined

contributions of every single person— young and less young, learned and learning, longstanding members, and newcomers, connected through our services, our educational programs, our efforts towards *tikkun olam* (repair of our world), our committee work, our community initiatives, and our support of one another in times of loss or crisis.

Adding the word *v'nitchazek*, "and let us all be strengthened," we invoke the divine, reminding us that while we bolster and strengthen each other, we are individually and collectively strengthened by something much greater than ourselves. *V'nithazek* reflects not only our connections with one another, but also with the entire Jewish world, with the broader world, and with the divine link among us.

Our community will begin to share another experience of these words as we begin this month to write a new *sefer Torah*, which in its letters embodies both the vitality of this congregation and the 32-year legacy of Rabbi Jamie Gibson. This unique experience for members of all ages will feature the opportunity for us to write on the parchment with Torah scribe, Linda Coppelson, as well as numerous occasions for learning and rejoicing. Be part of this special community effort—and we will all be strengthened!

Chazak, Chazak, v'nitchazek!
Cantor Laura Berman

INTERIM RABBI SEARCH PROCESS MOVES FORWARD

One of the aspects of this major transition I am committed to is transparency and keeping the congregation informed as we move through the rabbinic search process. With this in mind, I am happy to announce two critical steps have recently been accomplished.

Co-chairs Alison Yazer and Josh Breslau have been putting together an eleven-person search committee (including them) that represents a broad cross-section of our Temple family. With the final "yes" in place, I am thrilled to announce the Interim Rabbi Search Committee includes Morgan Faeder, Laura Fehl, Art Goldberg, Joe Goldston, Darcy Gordon, Christopher Hart, Rita Pollock, Samantha Skobel, and Katie Whitlatch. The committee will begin meet-

ing soon to discuss criteria for considering the interim rabbi applications in advance of the first applications. Please know that these meetings will not be open to the congregation to protect the applicant's confidentiality as well as the committee's deliberations. However, where appropriate, they will provide updates to the process.

In addition to the formation of the committee, the synagogue's application for an interim rabbi has been formally approved by the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR). What this means is that rabbis interested in applying for the position can now view our application (*cont. on page 10*)



Saul Straussman

2ND ANNUAL COOKING FOR CARING, SUN–MON., NOV. 10–11

Join us for our 2nd Annual Cooking for Caring Day! Last year we provided food for 50 congregants and hope to help even more people this year. All are welcome, and we invite Next DOR families to join us since there is no school this day. We'll have activities appropriate for all ages during Shift 1 and 2 so even your little ones can feel the joy of helping others!

Planned activities include:

- Making 50 paper bag lunches for the homeless with caring notes and cards.
- Making soup that will be used for our monthly East End Cooperative Ministry dinners.
- Filling our caring freezer so that we have food to give our congregants who have a new baby, are coming home from the hospital, have a chronic illness, or are struggling to make ends meet.
- Baking yummy treats for our Shabbat onegs.

We will also collect full-sized containers of shampoo, conditioner, and body wash to deliver to Light of Life along with the sack lunches. **Please consider making a donation to help underwrite the cost of all ingredients.**

RSVP at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org so we can be prepared with age-appropriate tasks for everyone.

Questions? Contact Mara Kaplan at maratkaplan@gmail.com.

AVAILABLE SHIFTS

Shift 1

Sunday 10 AM–Noon

Shift 2

Sunday 12:30–2:30 PM

Shift 3

Sunday 3–5:00 PM

Shift 4

Monday 6–8 PM

(We'll pack and freeze the food made the day before.)

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKETPLACE

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON GIVE THE GIFT OF TIKKUN OLAM (The gift that never wears out!)

The Alternative Gift Marketplace, sponsored by Women of Temple Sinai and the Tikkun Olam Center for more than eight years, is a way to give meaningful holiday gifts that make a difference in the world. We hope you will join in and contribute to make our world a better place. Designated charities will include local ones, timely charities, and global designees.

Please pick up a flyer in our lobby or download the form at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.



FALK LIBRARY NEWS

Last month we honored the lives lost and the people affected by the attack on Congregation Dor Hadash, New Light Congregation, and Tree of Life * Or L'Simcha Congregation.

The Falk Library has several books that might help in dealing with grief or in understanding the Jewish approach to death and mourning.

Ambiguous Loss: Learning to Live with Unresolved Grief by Pauline Boss

Jewish Insights on Death and Mourning by Jack Riemer

Kaddish by Leon Wieseltier

Saying Kaddish: How to Comfort the Dying, Bury the Dead, and Mourn as a Jew by Anita Diamant.

When Mourning Comes: A Book of Comfort for the Grieving by William B. Silverman

May the memories of the 11 victims be forever a blessing.

WOTS COOKING CLASS, MONDAY, NOV. 18, 6:30 PM

Everyone is welcome to join in our first cooking class of the season which features Sharon Carroll from Oakmont Olive Oil Company teaching in tandem with Mara Kaplan.

Mara will teach the use of olive oil in recipes developed by cookbook author and recipe developer Emily Lycopulus. Emily is the author of five olive oil-focused cookbooks, a level-two olive oil sommelier, and the co-founder of eatcreative.ca, a food-driven creative content agency. Her family owns an olive grove in central Italy, where her love of olive oil began.

Bring your aprons so you can be put to work helping to prepare the recipes. At the end of class, we will sit together to taste our creations.

Cost of the class is \$10, payable at the door and please reserve your space by emailing Carolyn Schwarz at 4CarolynSchwarz@gmail.com or register online at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.

Upcoming WoTS Cooking Classes

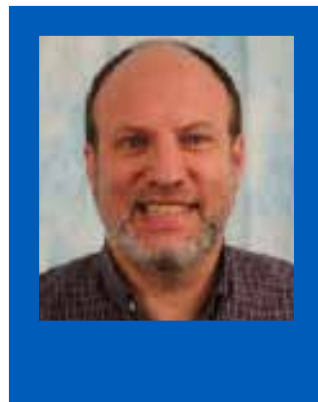
- **December 9, 2019:** Elizabeth Collura will teach Ethiopian cooking, which will include vegetarian and non-spicy hot options.
- **January 13, 2020:** Mara Kaplan will teach Cooking in Biblical Times.
- **February 10, 2020:** Carolyn Schwarz will teach a class in Vegetarian Creations.

BROTHERHOOD BRUNCH, SUNDAY, NOV. 3, 10 AM

Artificial Intelligence (AI): What is it and How is it Impacting Us?

Dr. Reid Simmons, Research Professor of Robotics & Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University, will provide an overview of AI, including a working definition, a brief history, its place in mainstream media, why it has been difficult for people to understand and for society to accept, and current and future applications in education, research, medicine, and business.

Dr. Simmons is a leading teacher and researcher in the fields of robotics and computer science. His research interests focus on developing highly reliable autonomous systems, especially mobile robots that operate in dynamic and uncertain environments. Under his leadership, Carnegie Mellon became the first university in the United States to offer Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a major.



He and his family are members of Beth El Congregation in Pittsburgh's South Hills, and he is the author of a kosher cooking blog, *A to Z: Keeping it Kosher*.

Cost: \$10 per person/\$18 at the door (new policy)

Questions? Contact Todd Miller at toddprmtg@gmail.com or (412) 848-1082.

Register online at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.

NOVEMBER AT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
3	4	5	6
9:15 AM Hartman Learning 9:30 AM Next DOR 10 AM Brotherhood Brunch with Dr. Reid Simmons—AI: What is it and How is it Impacting Us?	7 PM That's In Torah! (Adult Education Class)	Election Day—Learn more at www.VotesPA.com	Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation 6 PM Making Hard Decisions As We Age: A 5-Part Series for Ourselves and Our Families (Adult Education) 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Band Rehearsal
10	11	12	13
10 AM Cooking for Caring 9:15 AM Hartman Learning 10 AM WoTS Board Meeting with WoTS Talk Guest Speaker	6 PM Cooking for Caring		Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation 6 PM End of Life Choices & Difficult Decisions—A Jewish Perspective (Adult Education) 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal
17	18	19	20
9:30 AM Next DOR 9:30 AM Biking Group Ride RSVP online at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org .	6:30 PM That's In Torah! (Adult Education Class) 6:30 PM WoTS Cooking Class		Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal
24	25	26	27
9:15 AM Hartman Learning 9:30 AM Next DOR 9:30 AM Men's Discussion Group (offsite)	9 AM The Rational Bible: Genesis with Rabbi Danny Schiff 7 PM That's In Torah! (Adult Education Class)	7:30 PM Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Temple Sinai	Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	<div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> <div>WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE</div> <div>FRIDAYS</div> <div>NOV. 1 7 PM MOSTLY MUSICAL SHABBAT: A SENSORY FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE</div> <div>NOV. 8 7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE</div> <div>NOV. 15 SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE WITH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS</div> <div>NOV. 22 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>NOV. 23 BAT MITZVAH OF ADINA ROSEN & SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE</div>
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	7 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat: Parashat Noach Celebration, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS We "Noah" you want to join us for an extra special celebration of Parashat Noach! Kids, put on your PJs, bring your favorite stuffed animal (or two), and celebrate at Temple Sinai with music, a story, and animal crackers for everyone!	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 7 PM ON PURPOSE: Rabbi Debbie Zecher Cabaret	
7	8	9	
6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting with Minyan	Adult Shabbaton Noon Downtown Lunch with the Rabbi (offsite) 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service, followed by an oneg, sponsored by Ann Ruben in Honor of the Marriage of Her Grandchildren, Aaron Ruben & Lauren Fehl, & WoTS	Adult Shabbaton 3 PM Family Havdalah at the Duquesne Incline	
14	15	16	
6:15 PM Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry	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, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS 8:30 PM Young Adult Shabbat After Hours	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM Young Family Meet-Up at Highland Park Super Playground 1:45 PM Charles Morris Sing-Along (offsite)	
21	22	23	
7 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	7 PM Shabbat Evening Service, followed by a special oneg sponsored by Gerry & Mel Kaufhold in Honor of Adina Rosen's Bat Mitzvah & WoTS—Join us to meet Soferet Linda Coppleson, who will start writing our new Torah Scroll at our Kick-Off Event on Sat., Nov. 23.	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Adina Rosen & Shabbat Morning Service 7 PM Sacred Words Sacred Connections Community-Wide Kick-Off Event	
28 Thanksgiving	29	30	
Offices and building closed	Offices closed 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service	

YOUNG ADULT CORNER

Random Acts of Torah

by Mike Collura

We've started a new project that we hope will spread awareness and excitement about the writing of our new Torah scroll in honor of Rabbi Jamie Gibson. The idea is that each day each of us will perform acts that the Torah teaches us. These could be acts of loving kindness (*chesed*), righteous giving (*tzedakah*), repairing the world (*tikkun olam*) or one of the *mitzvot*, for example. These moments are not preplanned but come from acting on our Jewish values that the Torah has taught us.



Proverbs 3:18 describes the Torah as a "tree of life" and suggests that all those that learn and follow its teachings will find happiness. We've commissioned local artist Kara Snyder to create a colorful "tree of life" display that we want you to use as part of our Random Acts of Torah project. We will have leaf sticky notes near the display for you to write down your Acts of Torah and complete our tree. We challenge you to perform at least one Random Act of Torah each day and to share as many of them as you can as leaves on our tree.

Help us celebrate over 30 years of Rabbi Jamie teaching us Torah by showing him, and all of Temple Sinai, how we live our Jewish values through Random Acts of Torah!

Family Havdalah At Duquesne Incline, Nov. 9, 3 PM

Join us for our first Family Havdalah at the Duquesne Incline!

Together we will ride up the incline to the observation deck where we will have a beautiful Havdalah ceremony to bid farewell to Shabbat—led by our very own Cantor Laura Berman. Afterwards, see the machinery of the incline up close and personal.

Parking is free in the lot below the lower platform on Sunday, so we recommend you plan to park there. We will meet right outside the lower platform building at the top of the stairs. **Please do your best to arrive on time as we need to hand out tickets and meet our tour guide. If for some reason you will be arriving late, please alert Rebekah Malkin via phone call or text at (919) 450-8243.**

Ticket Pricing: \$3.50 Adults (12+)/ \$1.75 Children (6–11)/Free Children (0–5)

Register online at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org by Noon on November 6.

DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

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**Contact Cantor Laura Berman at CantorBerman@TempleSinaiPGH.org
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In Memory of Paula Horwitz

Joseph & Phyllis Weinkle

We apologize in advance for any omissions that may occur.

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and the type of person we are interested in working with through this all-important transitional year.

The CCAR is the professional rabbinic organization of the Reform movement. They, along with the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) have established a set of procedures for Reform synagogues to follow when they are looking to engage a new rabbi. During this period of transition, we will be partnering with both the CCAR's head of rabbinic placement and the URJ to ensure that we are following best practices to ensure a good fit with our prospective candidate.

The next steps will be for the committee to review applications, set up interviews, and select finalists for the congregation to meet. As the process moves forward, we will be sure to keep the congregation updated and involved.



Share your special occasion, honor a person or the memory of a loved one, or simply share your joy and *tzedakah* with the congregation by **SPONSORING AN ONEG!**

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

OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

OF BLESSED MEMORY (SEPTEMBER)

Allegra Simcha Dana, mother of Victor (Laurie) Mizrahi
Barbara Giffen, wife of Charles Giffen
Herman Snyder
Gilbert Block, uncle of Harvey Block
Peter Quigley
David Sidney Feingold, father of Michele Feingold;
grandfather of Daniela and Yoav
Philip Smith, husband of Elayne Smith

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Bonnie Stalinsky
Gregory & Michelle Newstadt
Karen Berntsen
Rebecca Purcell
Leonard Weiss & Trista Globosky
Eli Kurs-Lasky
Beth Kurtz
Michelle Ultmann

WELCOME BACK:

Kenneth & Barbara Love
Louis & Ilene Schwartz
Penny Williams

BAT MITZVAH ~ MAZAL TOV!



Saturday, Nov. 23
Bat Mitzvah of Adina Rosen
Daughter of Scott & Sheryl Rosen

SIMCHAH

Mazal Tov to grandparents, Estelle and Steve Cherin, and great grandmother, Roz Escovitz, on the birth of McKenzie Grace Solomon born on Aug. 18.

THANK YOU to all our High Holy Days greeters! We greatly appreciate all your time, energy, and enthusiasm.

Mazal Tov to Debra Rubinstein on the birth of her grandson, Reuben Jacob Glick, on Sept. 9 to parents Carolyn Slayton and Seth Rubinstein Glick.

THANK YOU to Flavio Chamis, who conducted our Yom Kippur Community Unity Sing-in.

THANK YOU to Lynn Naman, Tanya Bass, and Sally Schweitzer for decorating our bimah for Sukkot.

Mazal Tov to Barbara Gibson, who will be recognized for her outstanding work in lifting up the voices and lives of women at the Women of Reform Judaism's Inaugural Women's Empowerment Dinner at the URJ Biennial.

Mazal Tov to Jan Korenman, who was named the October Volunteer of the Month at JFCS Squirrel Hill Food Pantry.

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.

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

BE INSPIRED TO CONNECT

Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience, Friday, Nov. 1, 7 PM

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

On Purpose: Rabbi Deborah Zecher's One-Woman Cabaret, Sat., Nov. 2, 7 PM

Using music of the American songbook and contemporary cabaret songwriters, Rabbi Zecher shares her talent and her spirit in a way that moves audiences across the generations. Free and open to the public. Donations encouraged. Register online at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.

WoTS Board Meeting with WoTS Talk Guest Speaker, Sunday, Nov. 10, 10 AM

WoTS Talks feature informative presentations by local agencies and nonprofits. All are welcome.

Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry, Thursday, Nov. 14, 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! (Adult Education), Mondays, Nov. 4, 18, 25 & Dec. 2, 9, & 16, 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.

Tot Shabbat, Friday, Nov. 15, 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 service.

Young Adult Shabbat After Hours, Friday, Nov. 15, 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.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Temple Sinai, Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7:30 PM

This year we welcome our friends from other faith traditions for this annual community celebration of thanksgiving.

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SAVE THE DATE! Friday, Dec. 20

5:45 PM Hanukkah Dinner

7 PM Shabbat Evening Service

8 PM The Great Latke- Hamantash Debate



Rabbi James A. Gibson, MAHL, DD

Senior Rabbi

Rabbi Keren Gorban, RJE

Associate Rabbi

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

Cantor

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