# CHAILEGHTS



Notes from the Cantor By Cantor David Reinwald

Happy Cheshvan! This is a bit of a misnomer in Jewish tradition, as this second month of the year was called "Mar Cheshvan" by the ancient rabbis, noting that this was a bitter month since it had no holidays. Today, we clergy find this extra amusing, as we are more than happy to take a break for a month from the constant barrage of holidays in the Jewish calendar. And, of course, the ancient rabbis knew nothing of our modern American holidays in the fall. We are definitely not lacking between costumes, candy, turkey, pilgrims, pumpkins, and spice (please combine however you see fit!).

It has been a pleasure for me to celebrate so many shehecheyanu moments with you over this past month, and I look forward to the many to come over this next year. As someone who grew up in Chicago and lived in Southern California for the past twelve years, the one thing I always missed in California was the changing colors of the autumn leaves. I am loving experiencing fall again here in all of its beauty. It really is nature's symphony in its visual spectrum, as well as in the sound of crunching leaves beneath one's feet.

As we look forward over these next two months at Temple Sinai, we are excited to be teaming with Temple Emanuel of South Hills to welcome artist-in-residence Alan Goodis to the Pittsburgh area the first weekend of December. Alan will join us throughout the day on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the morning minyan, will offer a song leading workshop for teen song leaders and musicians in the afternoon, and will perform a concert in the evening. Alan is a wonderful songwriter and performer, and is a leading musician throughout the Reform movement. I have seen the impact he has had particularly on students and the community, and I am excited to welcome here to Temple Sinai.

I look forward to speaking at a special program for the Brotherhood on the morning of Sunday, Dec. 4, when I will be talking about my work with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), which provides support and advocacy for foster youth. I am extremely passionate about the work this important organization does, and I was an advocate in Orange County, CA for nearly four years. I am hoping to eventually continue this volunteer work here in Pittsburgh, and am glad to talk about why this is such an essential program and why it also may be something that is very worthwhile of your time and how you can make a marked difference in a needy child's life.

Finally, we come upon my favorite holiday of the year, Hanukkah! We will celebrate together at the end of December, and I cannot wait to end 2022 with beautiful light.



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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.







**HANUKKAH SHABBAT, FRIDAY, DEC. 23** 

5:30 PM Congregational Shabbat Dinner7 PM Hanukkah Shabbat Evening Service8:15 PM Oneg sponsored by WoTS

#### Join us for a festive Hanukkah Shabbat!

We'll start with dinner and the lighting of candles and then move into our Hanukkah Shabbat Evening Service for prayers, holiday music, and the warmth created from spending this sacred time together.

Bring your family Hanukkiot (Hanukkah menorahs), and we'll light them at the beginning of dinner. Chef Drew and a small crew of volunteers will make us a dinner of latkes, soup, and salad!

Cost: \$10 per adult/\$5 child (10 & under)

# REGISTER ONLINE AT: TempleSinaiPGH.org/programs-events



# **AUTHOR NANCY CHURNIN, SUNDAY, NOV. 20, 12 PM**

#### **JEWISH BOOK COUNCIL BOOK SERIES**

Author Nancy Churnin will be onsite for a presentation for kids and parents. Her book, "Dear Mr. Dickens," was the 2021 National Jewish Book Award Winner in the category of Children's Picture Book.

"And Dear Mr. Dickens (Albert Whitman & Company, ages 6–9), written by Nancy Churnin and illustrated by Bethany Stancliffe, won the 2021 National Jewish Book Award in the children's picture-book category. While not quite a biography, it is nonetheless anchored in a true episode from Victorian England, recounting Jewish reader Eliza Davis's polite, persistent efforts to point out to famous author Charles Dickens the toxic antisemitic tropes embedded in his celebrated Oliver Twist. Davis's ultimate success—not to mention her sustained good rapport with Dickens—models both civil, effective advocacy and Jewish pride."—Erika Dreifus, New Jewish Kidlit: Beyond the Holocaust and Holidays, Moment Magazine, July 6, 2022

A native New Yorker, Nancy is a graduate of Harvard University, with a master's from Columbia University. She lives in North Texas with her husband, a dog named Dog, and two cantankerous cats.

Register for this free event on our website at TempleSinaiPGH.org/programs-events



Hanukkah celebration

## TEMPLE SINAI ADDS THREE TO ITS LEADERSHIP TEAM

By David Rullo

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Temple Sinai is welcoming a few new faces this High Holiday season.

The Reform congregation on Forbes Avenue in Squirrel Hill recently hired Cantor Regina Heit as its education director; Danie Oberman as its community engagement director; and Rayna Saltzman to fill the role of junior youth adviser. Heit's and Oberman's roles are full time; Saltzman will be working part time.

"It's so joyful to be at Temple Sinai," Heit said. "Everyone is so lovely and welcoming and so kind and helpful. It's easy for me to be who I am, and that's a person who is grateful every day."

Ordained in 1981, Heit first served as a cantor and education director in Evansville, Indiana, before moving to a congregation in New City, New York. She next accepted the pulpit as senior cantor at Temple Emanuel in Denver.



During the last three decades, Heit has also worked as the director of programs within religious schools at synagogues.

"Now, I'm returning to what I call my happy place," she said.

If Heit's resume reveals a certain willingness to travel, one might blame that on her background.

The cantor's father worked for the United States government and travel was part of the job. Heit was born in Japan, then moved to Hawaii before it was a state. She next spent time in Baltimore, then Alexandria, Virginia, before moving to Anchorage, Alaska, where her father served as the civilian personnel director for the United States Army for all of Alaska and the Pacific Theater.

The family next ventured to Sacramento, California, then moved back to Honolulu where Heit attended Punahou

School, the same school attended by President Barack Obama.

Heit attended the University of Hawaii and finished her studies at the Hebrew Union College in New York.

Heit, who has been married to her husband Matthew for 43 years, also has deep Pittsburgh roots.

"My father was born and raised in Pittsburgh," she noted, "and our grandson — which is the reason we moved here — will be the sixth generation of my family living in Pittsburgh. My father grew up in Squirrel Hill. He attended Poale Zedeck and graduated in the February 1936 class of Taylor Allderdice. He went to Gladstone Junior High. My grandson, please God, will graduate from Allderdice 103 years after his zayde, and he's named after my father."

Heit said her goal is to make learning a joyful and fun experience. The Jewish people, she said, are "amazing" and filled with faith and gratitude.

"My goal is to create a sense of gratitude for life for where we are and being Jewish," she said. "If kids have a fun time, they'll learn."

For Oberman, the congregation's new community engagement director and youth group adviser, finding Jewish Pittsburgh roots mattered.

She moved to the city about a year ago for graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh, studying for her master's in social work.

"I was looking for a Jewish community and kind of stumbled into Sinai," she said.

And while she's a relatively new face to Temple Sinai members, Oberman has spent the last year paying her dues.



"I was already going to services and tutoring bar and bat mitzvah students and teaching in the religious school," she said. "Over the summer, I needed a part-time job, and they found some administrative work for me to do."

Oberman, who grew up in a suburb outside of Chicago, said her role will take her to where the most need is.

"We're letting the community guide what I'm doing," she said. "We have some ideas, we know the communities not being reached and the demographics, but what that's going to look like, we're working on now. I'm creating a strategic plan and mission and vision," she said.

Temple Sinai, she noted, does a good job of programming for every demographic, but said Pittsburgh has a growing young adult community that is hard to reach. She hopes to help create programs that will be inviting for them.

Oberman certainly has the verifiables to help program Jewish life at the synagogue.

The 24-year-old spent time as the president of her youth group in high school, served as a youth trustee on her congregation's board and attended Jewish day camp.

"I have a decent amount of family that are all social staffers, so when I got this job they jokingly welcomed me into the family business," she said.

Before creating programs and social activities, Oberman plans to spend time getting to know the Temple Sinai community.

"It's really exciting," she said. "I'm going to start having one-on-ones with members of the community — tell me your story, tell me what you're excited about, what's going to work. I've been going to confirmation classes to meet some of the teens and build relationships, but I am meeting a ton of people in the community I hadn't already met."

Tasked with helping to engage the next generation of Jewish community members, Saltzman will be serving as the junior youth group advisor, working with students in fifth through eighth grade.

The Dallas native moved to Pittsburgh in 2017 to attend college at the University of Pittsburgh. She works full-time at UPMC Shadyside Hospital. She, too, had a typical Reform Jewish background, attending



Jewish day camp before working as a counselor, as well as attending BBYO events. And she was active at Hillel at Pitt.

Temple Sinai is in the initial stages of working with Hillel to build a bridge that will help identify graduating seniors staying in town who might be interested in attending the Reform synagogue, said congregation Executive Director Drew Barkley.

Saltzman said her immediate goal is to get to know the Sinai community.

"It's building relationships with both parents and children," she said. "I want them to have fun and get to know each other, first and foremost. Once that is established, we can bring in some educational things."

The new team, Barkley said, is part of Temple Sinai's plans to engage with as many members of the Jewish community as possible.

"They're the connectors," he said. "It has nothing to do with numbers. It has everything to do with the quality of community and engagement and people living here and being part of this temple. It has nothing to do with us wanting to add 50 or 100 new households. It has everything to with the quality of life and making people comfortable being part of the community."

The new staff, Barkley said, has brought a renewed sense of excitement to Temple Sinai.

"That's because of the people, these people and the rabbis and both cantors," he said.





# **COOKING CLASSES IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER**

#### COOKING LIKE A JEWISH GRANDMA! A Thursday evening online cooking series.

Are you new to cooking, Jewish cooking in particular? Would you like to learn new recipes or techniques? This online cooking series is for you!

Join in as your fellow congregants demonstrate how to make many exciting dishes.

The demonstrations will last 30-60 minutes.

Thursday, November 3, 7 PM: Rhoda Dorfzaun, Mandel Bread

Thursday, November 10, 7 PM: Rachel Kudrick, Pickles

Thursday, November 17, 7 PM: George Arnold, Salmon: Lox & more!

Thursday, December 1, 7 PM: Mara Kaplan, Latkes Thursday, December 8, 7 PM: Rabbi Sara Perman, Soup



**Register online for these FREE classes at:** TempleSinaiPGH.org/programs-events. (You will receive the Zoom link once you register.)

#### MAKE 'N' EAT MONDAY DAY COOKING CLASS IN THE KATZEN KITCHEN

WoTS invites you to experience a "Year of Spices" with them at Temple Sinai on the second Monday of each month at 6 PM (note new time).

Monday, November 14, 6 PM: Isabelle Billig, Nutmeg Monday, December 12, 6 PM: Mara Kaplan, Paprika

Every month WoTS features guest instructors from the community and Temple Sinai with recipes from around the world. Classes are held on the second Monday of each month from 6 PM to 9 PM. The instructor will lead students in making a meal so everyone can eat together and taste the featured spice.

The cost for each class is \$15. Anyone age 16 or older is welcome.

#### Register online for Make 'n' Eat classes at:

TempleSinaiPGH.org/programs-events.





Temple Sinai and Rodef Shalom members sang the National Anthem at the Jewish Heritage Night at the Pirates game on Tuesday, August 16.

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All Temple Sinai women are welcome. Please join us for learning, community, and

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inspiration. Our reading is Joan Leegant, "Beautiful Souls," in Colorado Review. Laurie Mulvey will lead the discussion. Our host is Carol Rosenthal. For story copies, contact

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# D E C E M B E R A T

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY

#### Temple Sinai Book Group, Wednesday, December 14, 1:15 PM

December's book is "The Lost Shtetl" by Max Gross. What if there was a town that history missed? For decades, the tiny Jewish shtetl of Kreskol existed in happy isolation, virtually untouched and unchanged. Spared by the Holocaust and the Cold War, its residents enjoyed remarkable peace. It missed out on cars, and electricity, and the internet, and indoor plumbing. But when a marriage dispute spins out of control, the whole town comes crashing into the twenty-first century. Contact Anne Faigen at (412) 422-9580 for more information.

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We apologize in advance for any omissions or errors.

## **SHIVA TRAINING, NOV. 7**

#### Monday, Nov. 7, 7:30 PM

Helping the bereaved stands as one of the most sacred obligations of a community. We take that duty seriously at Temple Sinai, providing food and support for our bereaved families.

Join us to learn how to lead a Shiva Minyan—the service held in the home during the days of Shiva.

Rabbi Daniel Fellman and Cantor David Reinwald will walk through the service, offering guidance and suggestions so that together we can build a cadre of people willing to serve.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
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## **FALK LIBRARY NEWS**

#### PLEASE STOP BY & VISIT THE FALK LIBRARY!

We've completed a thorough weeding of the collection, keeping it timely and relevant. We've also made room for the wonderful books we've received through our membership in the Jewish Book Council.

Speaking of the Jewish Book Council, browse the books in the Falk Library "Annex"—a rolling cart of books usually located in the Krieger entrance area. These books, like most of the books in the main library, may be checked out by any Temple Sinai member.

Many thanks to those who have donated books recently to the Falk Library. Did you know the Library has a Fund at Temple? Celebrate your simchahs by donating to the Falk Library Fund.

HAVE NEWS TO SHARE? Email the details to Tami Opyoke Prine, Marketing &

Communications Director, at Tami@TempleSinaiPGH.org to share with your Temple Sinai community.

### **OUR SACRED COMMUNITY**

#### OF BLESSED MEMORY (AUG. & SEPT.)

Rosalyn Escovitz, mother of Estelle (Steven) Cherin
Leon Heller, brother-in-law of Vivian (Alan) Lawsky
Claire Berland Levine, mother of Harry (Roberta Mintz) Levine
Felice Hauptman, mother of David (Susan) Hauptman
Judi Hirsh, wife of Irwin (Irv) Hirsh

Lila Price Margolis, wife of Harold Weiss; sister of Madeline Kramer; aunt of Valerie Kramer

Elaine Ramo, mother of Renee (Arthur Goldberg) Ramo
Jane Pollack, mother-in-law of Seema Pollack Gross
Martin Anderson, brother of Stewart (Debra) Anderson
Robert Creighton Brandegee; father of Bear (Nir Kossovsky)
Brandegee; grandfather of Natasha Kossovsky
Michelle (Sandor) Perri, sister of Kathleen (Doug) Schiller

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Rachel & Jordan Usdan
Burt Hochhauser
Charles & Judith Kreiger
Jack & Myrna Rosen
Susan & Victor Zimmerman
Mark & Patty Sidman
Bella Yurkovetsky
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Robert Lieberthal
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Tristin Carey
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#### B'NEI MITZVAH-MAZAL TOV!



Saturday, November 5 B'nei Mitzvah of Annabel Berkowitz Child of Mallary Swartz & Jonathan Berkowitz



Saturday, November 12 B'nei Mitzvah of Emme Anish Child of Ann & Eric Anish

#### **SIMCHAH**

Mazal Tov! The April 2022 meeting of URJ North American Board (NAB) was privileged to recognize Lynn Magid Lazar for her now-completed service as an NAB trustee. We are so grateful to Lynn for all her contributions to our Reform Movement.

**Mazal Tov** to Betty and Mel Spokane on the marriage of their granddaughter, Alexa Cooper Spokane, to Evan McStay on October 1.

**Mazal Tov** to Dan Droz on the publication of his art book, "Behind the Fold." The book includes photos of his sculptures as well as essays about Dan and his work.

**THANK YOU** to the following for making our Sinai 75 picnic possible: Jan Barkley, Tanya Bass, Marcia and Philip Baumfeld, Michele and Garth Clarke, William Cohen (and his band), Paul Fireman, Darcy and Mike Gordon, Mara Kaplan, Todd Miller, Marcy Morton, Bill Padnos, Lynn Rubenson, Joan Stein, Joe Weinkle, Harton Wolf, and Carol Woolford.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in our High Holy Day services—from greeters to shofar blowers, from the choir to Torah readers (and more!), all of you helped make our services (and community) even more special.

**MAZAL TOV** to Roger and Sally Rafson on the birth of their granddaughter, Eloise Raven Rafson Hakimi, on August 19. Parents are Sarah Rafson and Jedd Hakimi.

**MAZAL TOV** to parents Diana Goodman and Jake Schiller and grandparents John and Denise Schiller on the birth of Benjamin Aaron Schiller on August 20.

**THANK YOU** to the following for baking for our onegs: Mara Kaplan, Harton Wolf, Jenny Ganger, Deborah Freedman, Kellee Van Aiken, Kate Passarelli with Spencer and a friend, Susan Gottfried, Ellen Katzen, Jane and Emily Mendlow, Tanya Bass, and Lynn Rubenson.

**THANK YOU** to Paula and Elliott Rulin, Carol Rosenthal, Sandy Yurko, and Sharon Wolfson for helping us with our High Holy Day mailings.

Yasher Koach to Mitchell Dubin who created, prepared, arranged, and led all Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Reform services for the entire Yale community including students, faculty, parents, and New Haven community members.



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#### Artist-in-Residence Alan Goodis Saturday, December 3

9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service Afternoon Song Leading Workshop for Teens & Musicians (Time TBD) Free Evening Concert (Time TBD)

Singer and songwriter Alan Goodis will join us for a day packed with music starting with our Informal Shabbat Morning Service and ending with an evening concert. In the afternoon, Alan will host a special workshop where he will teach teens and musicians techniques of song leading.

#### **ABOUT ALAN GOODIS**

For more than a decade, Alan has been a strong presence in the Reform Jewish movement to engage and empower Jewish youth and adults through music. Noted for his dedication to building relationships and community through music, Alan tours throughout the US to serve as an artist-in-residence and performer at temples, youth conventions, and Jewish summer camps.

### **SAVE THESE DATES!**

Sunday, January 29

JBC Book Series: Lisa Barr, "Woman on Fire"

Award-wining author Lisa Barr will join us on Zoom to discuss her book, "Woman on Fire."

Sunday, March 26:

JBC Book Series: Andrew Lawler, "Under Jerusalem: The Buried History of the World's Most Contested City"

Author and journalist Andrew Lawler will be onsite to discuss his book.

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