

CHAILIGHTS



Rabbi's Reflections

By Rabbi Keren Gorban

My adolescence was punctuated by the *Harry Potter* series. I remember getting the first book from my aunt and devouring it within a few days. As each subsequent book came out, I would reread the previous volumes in anticipation, read

the new one, and then read them again in reverse order. It was amazing to notice all the details that seemed unimportant in the earlier books that were then pulled into later books and developed.

Even now that I've read and reread this series dozens of times, each reading still brings new insights and impressions. Sometimes I just appreciate J.K. Rowling's cleverness in using certain words or how the details change how I imagine the scene. Other times, phrases or quotes jump out at me in ways that they haven't before. As I have grown, certain passages have become more pointed or poignant, while others that were important to me as a child are less meaningful now. Even the way I read the text has changed over the years as I learn more, read more, experience more. The series is familiar but also new each time. I love picking the books up again and I look forward to what I'll find in the new reading.

In Judaism we celebrate that joy in rereading a familiar story with Simchat Torah. The Torah with its five books is a weird and wonderful series with surprises around every corner. There are passages that seem totally outside the realm of what you'd expect in our sacred text. (Come to my "That's in Torah?!" class to learn more!) Sometimes I'm delighted by these unexpected passages, and other times I'm horrified, but each of them gives me insights into life. With every subsequent reading, I find details that I skimmed or skipped over in previous years, that all of a sudden seem crucial and obvious. It makes me wonder how I could have missed them before.

With our new Torah project, we'll have many opportunities over the year to get to know our sacred text even better. You can start at a Beit Midrash session on Yom Kippur afternoon, join us for Simchat Torah, and continue with learning throughout the year. Who knows what surprises you'll find!

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, October 8

5:30 PM Kol Nidre Tot Service*

6 PM Kol Nidre Intergenerational Family Service* 🗣️

7:45 PM Kol Nidre Late Service 🗣️

Wednesday, October 9

8:15 AM Yom Kippur Tot Service*

9 AM Yom Kippur Morning Intergenerational Family Service 🗣️

11 AM Yom Kippur Morning Late Service 🗣️

1:30 PM Yom Kippur Minchah Afternoon Service*

2:45 PM Yom Kippur Beit Midrash*

4 PM Community Unity Sing-in: A group sing in harmony, with accompaniment, of one of Israel's most beloved songs, "Lu Yehi" ("May It Be"). We'll gather in groups to prepare our parts, then get together and sing with full throat and heart! Come and sing with us!

5:15 PM Yom Kippur Yizkor and N'ilah* 🗣️

7:15 PM Yom Kippur Break Fast: a light snack to break your fast*

SUKKOT

Sunday, October 13

6 PM Service & Soup in the Sukkah**

Monday, October 14

10 AM Sukkot Morning Service at Rodef Shalom Congregation (4905 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213)

SIMCHAT TORAH

Sunday, October 20

5:15 PM Erev Simchat Torah Congregational Dinner**

6 PM Torah Celebration with Consecration of New Students (Pre-K-3)

Monday, October 21

10 AM Simchat Torah Morning Service with Yizkor at Temple Sinai

*Open to the community. Advanced registration and Community Cards of Admission are required.

** Fee and registration required

🗣️ American Sign Language interpreter provided

LIFE & LEGACY — ASSURING JEWISH TOMORROWS

LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBERS (as of 9/12/19)

Barbara Allen
Anonymous (6)
George & Laura Arnold
Drew Barkley
Stewart Barmen & Laurie Moser
Cantor Laura Berman
Ellie & Bob Bernstein
Jennifer H. Bett
Eva Blum
Gloria Bodek
Miriam Botkin
Arlene & Bill Brandeis
Elizabeth & Michael Collura
Richard & Rhoda Dorfzaun
Sally Katzen Dyk
Julian z"l & Rhoda Eligator
Mark z"l & Anne Faigen
Gina Faiola
Leslie H. Fleisher
Rabbi James & Barbara Gibson
Arthur Goldberg
Ruth Goldman
Shirley Goldstein
Edward Goldston
Rabbi Keren Gorban
David Hauptman & Family
Suzan Hauptman & Family
Stephen Holstein
Mara & Richard Kaplan
Carole & Jerry Katz
Robert & Ellen Katzen
Robert Kraut & Aya Betensky
Susan Berman Kress & Douglas Kress
Bernard Latterman
Lynn & Dale Lazar
Philip L. & Jill Fain Lehman
Louise Malakoff
David & Carole Maretsky
Stuart & Linda Miller
Marcia & Thomas Morton
Elliott Oshry
Rosalyn Carol Richman
Richard & Carol Rosenthal
Mayda & Barry Roth
Lynn Rubenson
Selma P. Ryave
John & Denise Schiller
Carolyn Schwarz
Frank Schwarz
Jay Silberblatt
Edgar Snyder
Saul Straussman
Joseph & Phyllis G. Weinkle
Women of Temple Sinai
H. J. Zoffer

WHY TEMPLE SINAI IS IN MY FUTURE PLAN

By Gina Faiola

The beautiful season of fall is upon us and with it comes the communal exhale as we pause and reflect on the year we just traveled together. Personally speaking, this time of year is one I cherish as the days hold a sense of importance and weightiness inextricably bound to our High Holy Days calendar. The rush of summer plans behind me, the cool air, waning sun, and the taste of Jane Kahn's Rosh Hashanah matzah ball soup always signals to me "t'shuva time!" In other words, a time to reflect on my actions and the happenings of the last year.

It was a year ago, as I sat under a tree on Yom Kippur, praying, fasting, and waiting by my cellphone for updates on my ailing father's broken hip surgery, that I thought, this year could be the one in which the book of life has one less "Faiola" name written, his. It was a hard truth to bear when his passing came only weeks later. He made it to the new year, but barely made it through the first chapter! The rush of support and love I felt from the Temple Sinai community at the time I needed it most cannot be overstated. I was bolstered by prayers, calls, tissues, sympathetic hand squeezes, and SO many hugs.

The kindness and *mitzvot* of the community then was especially bountiful, but as a member of Temple Sinai for the last several years, I've born witness to this generosity of spirit over and over again. Through its people, Temple Sinai has become my home. This despite the fact that I now call another Pennsylvania city home, one which is multiple hours and a long, boring stretch of turnpike away!

In seeking to kindle the flame of our community, I have chosen to pledge my support for the Life and Legacy fund, and include Temple Sinai in my estate plan. As a thirty-something, creating an estate plan has never been at the top of my to-do list. However, in honor of that special Faiola name that will no longer be written in that big, beautiful Book of Life, for me, this particular *tzedekah* is an indelible way to express my gratitude for this ever-evolving family of families.



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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YOM KIPPUR SERVICES FOR FAMILIES & THE COMMUNITY

TOT SERVICES

A fun, active service led by Rabbi Keren Gorban with stories, singing, and dancing for families with children 0–5. **For security reasons, advanced registration is required.** Contact Rebekah Malkin for your complimentary Community Card of Admission.

Kol Nidre: Tuesday, Oct. 8, 5:30 PM

Yom Kippur: Wednesday, Oct. 9, 8:15 AM

INTERGENERATIONAL FAMILY SERVICES

An engaging service for kids, parents, and grandparents of all ages. We hope this service will allow all to share in a journey of the spirit of renewal for our Days of Awe.

Kol Nidre Intergenerational Family Service: Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6 PM

Yom Kippur: Wednesday, Oct. 9, 9 AM

BRING YOUR FRIENDS! SERVICES OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

A number of Temple Sinai High Holy Days services (listed below) are open to the community. We encourage you to bring your friends. Contact Rebekah Malkin for a Community Card of Admission. Tot Services are complimentary, and all other Community Services have a suggested donation of \$118 per family or \$54 per person.

Kol Nidre Intergenerational Family Service: Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6 PM

Yom Kippur Afternoon Services: Wednesday, Oct. 9, beginning with Minchah at 1:30 PM



BEIT MIDRASH TOPICS

“Moth-Inspired” Storytelling: Who Am I as a Jewish Person? How Did I Become Myself?”

Alan Olifsen & Rabbi Gibson

“Sacred Words, Sacred Connection: Just How Do We Get Our New Torah Scroll Written?”

“Trauma & Healing in the Face of 10/27”

Rabbi Ellen Lewis

“Who Will Live & Who Will Die? Dealing with the Prayer ‘Unetaneh Tokef’” Rabbi Larry Freedman

“Preparing to Sing ‘Lu Yehi’/‘May It Be’ as a Community” Cantor Laura Berman

“The Refugees in Our Midst: Who Are They? What Are We Doing on Their Behalf?” Jordan Golan, CEO, Jewish Family & Community Services

High Holy Days Food Drive

supporting the
JFCS Squirrel Hill Food Pantry

**Items needed: canned tuna, peanut butter,
100% fruit juice, low sugar cold cereal,
low sodium soup, pasta, rice, vegetable oil,
baby diapers, laundry detergent, paper towels,
and toothpaste**

*Please donate unopened, unexpired items in cans,
boxes, packages, etc. Please no glass jars or bottles.*

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED
AT TEMPLE SINAI
SEPT. 27–OCT. 21.**

HIGH HOLY DAYS SECURITY

We strive to enable everyone to feel the awe and transcendence of the time, to offer accessible and inspiring services that speak to the mind, heart, and soul, and to model the best of what our synagogue-community can be.

However, in light of the horrible events at Tree of Life * Or L'Simcha Congregation, we must make sure that everyone feels comfortable and safe. We ask for your help, understanding, and patience as we work to be sure that the people entering Temple Sinai are supposed to be here.

In response to the need for heightened security, it is very important that you know what to expect when coming to Temple Sinai for High Holy Days services.

- As always, uniformed Pittsburgh Police officers will be present. New this year, we'll also have plain clothes security in the building during all services.
- All greeters and staff will receive increased security and emergency response training prior to the holidays.
- **BRING YOUR CARDS OF ADMISSION TO EVERY SERVICE.** In the past, we have not been as diligent in asking to see Cards. This year will be different; everyone must show their Card of Admission. If you do not have your Card, a staff person will be available to help you prior to entering the building.
- If you have not made your 2019–2020 Pledge, contact Judy Rulin Mahan or Drew Barkley to make arrangements to receive your Cards of Admission prior to Yom Kippur. The sooner you make your pledge or contact us, the easier managing our High Holy Days services will be both for you and our staff.
- Some of our High Holy Days services, like the Tot Services, are open to the community. This year we will ask all non-members attending community services to call in advance to request Community Cards of Admission.

Please don't hesitate to call the Temple Sinai staff with your questions.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US

- **Drew Barkley**, Executive Director, (412) 421-9715 ext. 111, Drew@TempleSinaiPGH.org
Contact Drew with any questions about High Holy Days services.
- **Nancy Conaway**, Executive Assistant to the Clergy, (412) 421-9715 ext. 115, Nancy@TempleSinaiPGH.org
Contact Nancy for Guest or Reciprocal Cards of Admission.
- **Debbie Haber**, Religious School Administrator, (412) 421-7039, DHaber@TempleSinaiPGH.org
Contact Debbie to register for babysitting.
- **Judy Rulin Mahan**, Member Engagement & Operations Director, (412) 421-9715 ext. 110, Judy@TempleSinaiPGH.org
Contact Judy if you need an accommodation to attend any of the High Holy Days services.
- **Rebekah Malkin**, Young Adult Engagement Director, (412) 421-9715 ext. 121, Rebekah@TempleSinaiPGH.org
Contact Rebekah to register for Community and/or Tot Services.



BABYSITTING

Pre-registration
required

- Available during both morning services on Yom Kippur for ages 0–5 (including babies in diapers).
- Preregister by Wed., Oct. 2.
- \$10 per child per holiday.
- Parents must stay in the building.

REGISTER ONLINE

www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/hhd2019
or with Debbie Haber

INCLUSIVE FOR ALL

Below are ways that we make our services inclusive for all:

- We will have a sign language interpreter at several services (see the cover page for the list of services).
- If you have a handicapped placard, complimentary valet parking is available—must be reserved in advance.
- Large print prayer books and magnifying glasses are located at the front desk.
- A quiet room is available, if you need a space to regroup.
- A room has been set aside for anyone wanting a quiet spot to nurse a baby or pump.
- A few aisle seats will be reserved for companions of people using wheelchairs or those using a walker—contact Judy Rulin Mahan to reserve a seat.
- If you use a hearing aid, sit in the main sanctuary and turn your aid to T-coil mode. Sit along the perimeters of the sanctuary and/or auditorium, not in the middle for best reception with the T-coil.
- Fidget toys are available at the front desk if you need to keep your hands busy during services.
- If you find that you need something to raise your blood sugar, juice is available in the kitchen.

If there is any other way we can accommodate you to make your High Holy Days experience as meaningful as possible, contact Judy Rulin Mahan.

VALET PARKING

Temple Sinai will, once again, offer courtesy valet parking for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities. This service is specifically for persons with a state-issued Disability Parking Placard or Disability License Plate and who drive themselves and/or their family. Please complete and return the Valet Parking Registration Form in your High Holy Days packet. Contact Drew Barkley with questions.

NEW THIS YEAR, congregants not eligible for courtesy valet parking may still valet park their car for High Holy Days services. Contact D&P Valet directly to reserve and pay for valet parking at each High Holy Days service. The fee is \$12 per day and paid directly to D&P Valet.

Please make your reservation online or download their phone app at www.parkingpanda.com/high-holy-days-temple-sinai.

Questions? Contact D&P Valet at (412) 287-9977.



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S HIGH HOLY DAY PUZZLE

1 Yom Kippur

2 Shofar

3 Palm

4 Myrtle

5 Sukkot

6 Sukkah

7 Date

8 Tekiah Gedolah

9 Tishrei

10 Pomegranate

11 Willow

12 Grape

13 Simchat Torah

14 Fig

15 Stars

16 Etrog

17 Shevarim

18 Tekiyah

19 Honey

20 Challah

21 Fast (Oops, we incorrectly included five boxes instead of four.)

22 Rosh HaShanah

23 Olive

24 Apples

25 Tashlich

26 Lulav

27 Teruah

28 Elul

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

JOIN THE CHOIR OR BAND!

**Contact Cantor Laura Berman at CantorBerman@TempleSinaiPGH.org
or (412) 421-9715 ext. 112.**

OCTOBER AT

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
|--|---|---|---|
| | | 1 Rosh HaShanah Day 2 | 2 |
| | | Offices Closed 10 AM Rosh HaShanah 2nd Day Service | Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal |
| 6 | 7 | 8 Kol Nidre | 9 Yom Kippur |
| 9:15 AM Hartman Learning 9:30 AM Next DOR | 9 AM The Rational Bible: Genesis with Rabbi Danny Schiff | Offices close at Noon 5:30 PM Kol Nidre Tot Service 6 PM Kol Nidre Intergenerational Family Service 7:45 PM Kol Nidre Late Service | Offices Closed 8:15 AM Yom Kippur Tot Service 9 AM Yom Kippur Intergenerational Family Service 11 AM Yom Kippur Morning Late Service 1:30 PM Yom Kippur Minchah Afternoon Service 2:45 PM Yom Kippur Beit Midrash 4 PM Community Unity Sing-In of "Lu Yehi" ("May It Be") 5:15 PM Yom Kippur Yizkor & N'ilah 7 PM Yom Kippur Break Fast |
| 13 | 14 Sukkot Day 1 | 15 Sukkot Day 2 | 16 Sukkot Day 3 |
| 9:30 AM Next DOR 10 AM WoTS Board Meeting with WoTS Talk Guest Speaker 6 PM Sukkot Service & Soup in the Sukkah | Offices & Building Closed 10 AM Sukkot Morning Service at Rodef Shalom (offsite) | | 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 |
| 20 Sukkot Day 7 | 21 Simchat Torah | 22 | 23 |
| 9:15 AM Hartman Learning 9:30 AM Next DOR 5:15 PM Erev Simchat Torah Congregational Dinner 6 PM Torah Celebration & Consecration of Pre-K through 3rd Graders | Offices & Building Closed 10 AM Yizkor Morning Service at Temple Sinai | | 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 |
| 27 Tree of Life Commemoration* | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 9:30 AM Next DOR 11 AM Community Service* (offsite) 2 PM Torah Study* (offsite) 5 PM Community Gathering at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial* (offsite) | 7 PM Band Rehearsal | 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Group (Chesvan)—Mark the beginning of the month with us. Contact Lynn Magid Lazar for details & location at lynn.magid.lazar@gmail.com . | 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 |

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| THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting with Minyan 7 PM Introduction to Judaism Spring 2019 7 PM Jewish Medical Ethics: A 21st Century Discussion with Rabbi Danny Schiff | 7 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience, followed by an oneg, sponsored by Marla Ripoll & Daniele Coen-Pirani in Honor of Nora Coen-Pirani's Bat Mitzvah & WoTS | 8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Nora Coen-Pirani and Shabbat Morning Service |
| 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 6:15 PM Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry 7 PM Jewish Medical Ethics: A 21st Century Discussion with Rabbi Danny Schiff | Noon Downtown Lunch with the Rabbi (offsite) 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS | 8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM Young Family Meet-Up at Highland Park Super Playground |
| 17 Sukkot Day 4 | 18 Sukkot Day 5 | 19 Sukkot Day 6 |
| 7 PM Board of Trustees Meeting with Minyan 7 PM Jewish Medical Ethics: A 21st Century Discussion with Rabbi Danny Schiff | 5 PM Tot Shabbat Snacks & Schmooze 5:30 PM Tot Shabbat Service 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service with Birthday Blessings in the Sukkah (weather permitting), 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 1:45 PM Charles Morris Sing-Along (offsite) 4 PM Interfaith Potluck in Rabbi Gibson's Sukkah (offsite) 6:30 PM Young Adult Wine & Wisdom in the Sukkah (offsite) 6:30 PM Sukkot Progressive Dinner in Highland Park (offsite) |
| 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service with guest speaker Rabbi Ezra Ende, followed by an oneg, sponsored by Michael & Erica Roberman in Honor of Their Son's Naming & WoTS 8:30 PM Rabbi Ende discusses his work with the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (IMPJ) | 8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Bennett Passarelli & Shabbat Morning Service |
| 31 | Nov. 1 | Nov. 2 |
| | 7 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience with March of the Stuffed Animal for Parashat Noach, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS | 8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 7 PM Rabbi Deborah Zecher's One Woman Show—"ON PURPOSE" |

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS

OCT. 4

7 PM MOSTLY MUSICAL SHABBAT: A SENSORY FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE

OCT. 11

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

OCT. 18

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE WITH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

OCT. 25

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

SATURDAYS

8:30 AM TORAH STUDY

9:15 AM INFORMAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

OCT. 5

BAT MITZVAH OF NORA COEN-PIRANI & SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

OCT. 26

BAR MITZVAH OF BENNETT PASSARELLI & SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Young Adult Wine & Wisdom in the Sukkah, Saturday, Oct. 19, 8 PM–9:30 PM

Join other Pittsburgh Jewish young adults as we enjoy an evening in the Beth Shalom Sukkah. We'll sip on wine and share some words of wisdom. Non-alcoholic beverages and nosh will be available as well. Hosted by: The Young Adult Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, Beth Shalom/Derekh, Tree of Life Young Adult Community, and Temple Sinai Young Adult Group. Location: Congregation Beth Shalom, 5915 Beacon St., Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Register now at <https://jewishpgh.org/event/young-adult-wine-wisdom>.

Sukkot Service & Soup in the Sukkah, Sunday, Oct. 13, 6 PM Service followed by dinner

We'll shake the lulav. Smell the etrog. Eat in the sukkah and give thanks for all our blessings. Join us in the Temple Sinai sukkah for grilled cheese and Chef Drew's homemade old-fashioned tomato soup. Cost: \$7 adults and children 4 and older/ Free for kids 3 and under. Register online at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.

Simchat Torah Dinner & Celebration, Sunday, Oct. 20, 5:15 PM Dinner • 6 PM Service

Join us for a dairy dinner followed by a service honoring the conclusion of our yearly Torah reading. We'll also celebrate our young children (pre-K–3rd grade) starting their religious education with us. Cost: \$10 adults 13 and older/\$6 kids 4–12/ Free for kids 3 and under. Register online at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.

Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience with March of the Stuffed Animal for Parashat Noach, Friday, Nov. 1, 7 PM

We "Noah" you want to join us for an extra special celebration of Parashat Noach! Kids, put on your PJs, bring a favorite stuffed animal (or two), and celebrate at Temple Sinai with music, a story, and animal crackers for everyone!

Join us as we celebrate Shabbat and tell the story of Noah, the flood, and the dove Noah sent to look for land (or the first ever tweet!). And what's that we spy? Why, an ark filled with your stuffed animals! That's right—you and your stuffed animals are the stars of the show so come ready to steal the spotlight!



ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

End of Life Choices & Difficult Decisions—A Jewish Perspective, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 23, 30 & Nov. 6 & 20, 6 PM

In this course, Rabbi Jamie Gibson will examine end-of-life decisions we make for ourselves and our families. This five-part series will explore issues such as medical decision making, financial choices, insurance needs, Jewish ethics, and Jewish funeral practice. Register online at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.

That's In Torah!, Mondays, Starting in November, 6 PM

Deception! Passion! Intrigue! No, it's not a cliché detective novel, it's the Torah! In this course Rabbi Keren Gorban will explore some of the odd, risqué and unexpected passages in our sacred text. Through these passages, we will learn more about the origins of Torah, the history of the early Israelites and some of the connections to other cultures of the Ancient Near East. Enjoy learning Torah as you've never learned it before! Register online at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.

INTERIM RABBI SEARCH COMMITTEE TAKES FIRST STEPS

In the weeks since Rabbi Jamie Gibson formally announced his retirement from Temple Sinai in June 2020, the lay leadership has been laying the groundwork to begin the first steps in the transition process to finding a new senior rabbi for Temple Sinai.

As was noted in the FAQ published on our website and in an earlier edition of ChaiLights, Temple Sinai will first search for an interim rabbi. In most cases the interim rabbi will serve the congregation for one year. The goal in hiring an interim rabbi is to give the congregation some space between Rabbi Gibson's leadership and the new settled rabbi. This space will allow us to reflect on who we are as a congregation and will help guide us in our search for our next spiritual leader.



Saul Straussman

I am pleased to announce that the co-chairs for Temple Sinai's interim Rabbi Search Committee will be Alison Yazer and Joshua Breslau. Alison is currently the Board of Trustees 1st Vice President and was co-chair of the search committee that hired Executive Director Drew Barkley almost three years ago. Josh is currently the chair of the Program Enhancement Committee fund, former chair of the Tikkun Olam Center, and has served on the Board of Trustees.

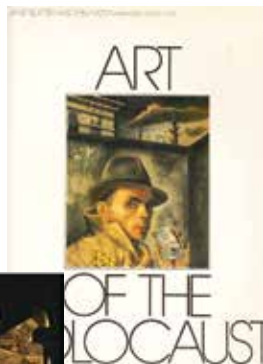
We look forward to announcing the full committee shortly. And as the search progresses, we plan to update the congregation on a regular basis.

FALK LIBRARY NEWS

The Falk Library Committee is the grateful recipient of 30 additional volumes from the collection of Aya Betensky and Robert Kraut. These books, which focus on Jewish art and architecture, were given in memory of Aya's parents, Mala Gitlin Betensky and Leon Betensky, to whom this collection once belonged. Subject matter includes manuscript decoration, synagogue architecture, ceremonial objects, painting, sketches, and sculpture.

Now available in the Falk Library:

- *Art of the Holocaust*
by Janet Blatter
- *The Venetian Ghetto*
by Roberta Curiel
- Many volumes of *Jewish Art—The Journal of the Center for Jewish Art, Hebrew University—Jerusalem*



OCT. 27 COMMEMORATION

Remember. Repair. Together.

Honoring the lives lost and the people affected by the attack on three Pittsburgh synagogues—Congregation Dor Hadash, New Light Congregation and Tree of Life * Or L'Simcha Congregation—on October 27, 2018.



A commemorative day of service, study, and community.

OFFICIAL EVENTS on Sunday, Oct. 27

Community Service, 11 AM–1 PM

Various locations

Resiliency Center Drop-In, 11 AM–4 PM

10.27 Healing Partnership (JCC – Kaufman Building)
5738 Forbes Avenue

Torah Study, 2–4 PM

Rodef Shalom Congregation, 4905 Fifth Avenue

Community Gathering, 5–6 PM

Soldiers and Sailors Memorial, 4141 Fifth Avenue

We will share more details as they become available.

Learn more at www.pittsburghoct27.org.

DONORS AUGUST 2019

B'racha Center Fund

In Memory of Mark R. Faigen
Shirley Goldstein

Caring Connection Fund

In Memory of Dr. John Ammer
Rosa Barnett Averbach

Fund for the Future

In Memory of Alvin M. Barkley
Betty Rothbart & Paul Lyons
In Memory of Michael Duggins
Drew & Jan Barkley

General Operating Fund

On Behalf of the Donald & Sylvia
Robinson Philanthropic Fund
Donald & Sylvia Robinson

High Holidays Pulpit Flowers

In Memory of Clarice C. Oshry
Elliott Oshry
In Memory of Fred & Sarah Baumfeld
& William & Sadie Belkoff
Philip & Marcia Baumfeld
In Memory of Harry Levin MD
Karen, Nathan, & Noah Levin
Yahrzeit of Lester Dryfuss
Phyllis Dreyfuss
In Honor of Shirley Goldstein
Harton Wolf
In Memory of Sol & Francis Lurie
& Rose Mallinger
Carole Neiberg
In Appreciation
Mara & Richard Kaplan

Jewish Learning Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Charlie Wilkes
Heather, Richard, Nate, Jonah,
& Rose Rattner

Levin Family Memorial Fund

In Honor of Engagement of
Hannah Muehl
Karen Levin
In Memory of Joel Grossman Myers
Karen Levin
In Memory of Mark Faigen
Karen Levin
In Memory of Michael Duggins
Karen Levin

Library Fund

In Memory of Mark Faigen
Nancy Dubuar

Moving Forward Fund

In Memory of Mark R. Faigen
Barbara Alcorn
In Memory of Thomas McDonald
Mary Ann Stuart-Templeton

Music Fund

In Memory of Dr. Robert Chamovitz
James & Marcia Kaplan
In Memory of Mark Faigen
John & Carol Woolford

Neshama Center Fund

In Honor of Dave Hirsch &
Ann Yahr's Marriage
Cathy & Dan Droz

Pulpit Flower Fund

Yahrzeit of A. Leonard Bernstein
Linda Bernstein
Yahrzeit of Alice Leventon
Carol Adelsheimer
In Memory of Bea Herman
Mara & Richard Kaplan
Yahrzeit of Bertha Green
Marc & Kathleen Lipsitz
Yahrzeit of Betty Schilmeister
Rabbi James & Barbara Gibson
Yahrzeit of Carl Halpern
David & Carole Maretsky
Yahrzeit of Charlotte Rudel &
Hyman Kishkin
Joseph & Alayne Harris
Yahrzeit of Clarice Oshry
Elliott Oshry
Yahrzeit of Dave Nelson
Schwendinger/Nelson Family
Yahrzeit of E. Dale George,
Meyer Elovitz, Lillian Elovitz, &
Gloria Silverblatt
Shelley Elovitz &
Charlotte George
Yahrzeit of Eleanor Moll
Arthur & Barbara Grossman
Yahrzeit of Eugene Rosen
Carol Rosen
Yahrzeit of Evelyn Glauser Bernstein
Robin Bernstein

Yahrzeit of Gerald Brostoff
Lee & Janet Beerman
Yahrzeit of Howard S. Hirsh
Irwin & Judi Hirsh
Yahrzeit of J. Jeffrey Solomon
Laurie Moser & Stewart Barmen
Yahrzeit of Jack Gordon
Allan & Ruth Schachter
Yahrzeit of Jack Kellman
Amy Kellman
Yahrzeit of Jacob Gelman
Robert Gelman
Yahrzeit of Jann Childs
Martin Childs
Yahrzeit of Jeanne Butchart
Alyssa Silver & Jennifer Butchart
Yahrzeit of Joel Escovitz
Rosalyn Escovitz
Yahrzeit of Joseph Michael Rokosk
Marc & Kathleen Lipsitz
Yahrzeit of Kitty McKenny
The Louik/Gluzman/
Bachan Families
Yahrzeit of Lenore Rosen
Carol Rosen
Yahrzeit of Leo Kronzek
Harvey & Marcy Kronzek
Yahrzeit of Lottie Landay
Rachel & Barry Landay
Yahrzeit of Louis Mendelson
Lembersky Family
Yahrzeit of Louise Silverberg
Joan Shapiro
Yahrzeit of Martin S. Taxay
Sandra Schanfarber
Yahrzeit of Mary Harris
David & Rebecca Harris
Yahrzeit of Mary Lou Grieco
Mitchell & Rhonda Letwin
Yahrzeit of Mildred Tennenbaum
Edris Weis
Yahrzeit of Mollie Cohen
Florence Sherman &
Michael Sherman
Yahrzeit of Morris Filtz
Howard & Beverly Filtz
Yahrzeit of Norman Wedner
Irwin & Gail Wedner
Yahrzeit of Paul Muhlfelder
Bernard & Eva Bauer

Yahrzeit of Ralph Margolis
Lila Margolis & Harold Weiss
Yahrzeit of Sandra Hoffman
David & Carole Maretsky
Yahrzeit of Saul Shapira
Daniel & Barbara Shapira
Yahrzeit of Sheldon H. Goldstein
Shirley Goldstein
Yahrzeit of Steffi Rulin
Marvin Rulin
Yahrzeit of Theodore J. Patz
Stewart & Judith Sadowsky
Yahrzeit of William Hanna
Mark & Cynthia Goodman
Yahrzeit of William Stofman
Thomas & Marcia Morton

Rabbi Gibson's Discretionary

In Memory of Lois K. Gibson
David Duggins & Nancy Gale
In Memory of Mark Faigen
Rick & Rhoda Dorfzaun
Lin & Stanley Ehrenpreis
Jan & Ed Korenman
Nancy & Joel Merenstein
Howard & Caren Sniderman
Stephen & Shirley Tannenbaum
In Appreciation of Rabbi Gibson
Speaking
Bidwell Presbyterian Church

Security Fund

In Memory of Marilyn (Lynn)
Weisman
Barry & Susan Merenstein
In Memory of Moshe Kompano
Jan & Ed Korenman
In Memory of Paul Baker
Barry & Susan Merenstein
In Honor of the Marriage of
Ann Yahr & David Hirsch
Jan & Ed Korenman

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OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

OF BLESSED MEMORY (AUGUST)

Leon Mendelson, father of Robert (Debra) Mendelson;
grandfather of Lauren and Jesse; uncle of Elaine Weissberg
and Carol (Drew) Stuart

Michael Duggins, brother of Dave (Nancy Gale) Duggins

Moshe Kompano, father of Etty (Barbara Milch) Reut;
grandfather of Li, Maya, and Dalia

Mark Faigen, husband of Anne Faigen

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Casey Weiss & Douglas Frisbee

Naomi Frenkel

David Haffner

Lissa Searce

Erik Hames

Benjamin Garber & Allison McCarthy

Betty Jean Mervis

Louise Feinberg

Meredith & David Brown

Lauren & Joel Winston

WELCOME BACK:

Michael & Erica Roberman

Susan Reck-Mahfood

Ann Izenson

Jay Barnes

Kenneth & Elsa Beckerman

Rabbi Larry & Deborah Freedman

Marci Hricik

B'NEI MITZVAH ~ MAZAL TOV!



Saturday, Oct. 5

Bat Mitzvah of Nora Coen-Pirani

Daughter of Daniele Coen-Pirani &
Marla Ripoll



Saturday, Oct. 26

Bar Mitzvah of Bennett Passarelli

Son of Kate Passarelli

SIMCHAH

Mazal Tov to Arlene Smith on the engagement of her granddaughter, Jennifer Smith, to Eric Venor. Parents are Susan and Joel Smith.

Mazal Tov to Dale Lazar. His photo, "Carrie Furnace," was accepted into a national juried competition at a Brooklyn art gallery running from Sept 20-Oct 20.

Mazal Tov to David Hirsch and Ann Yahr on their recent marriage.

A big **Thank You** to Anne Alter, Susan Cohen, Laura Fehl, Lynn Naman, Thom MacIntyre, Paula Rulin, and a few others who wish to remain anonymous for all the help with our High Holy Days mailing!

Mazal Tov to Executive Director Drew Barkley, who was nominated for a three-year term on the Board of Trustees for the National Association for Temple Administration (NATA).

Mazal Tov to Education Director Marilee Glick, who was honored with a bench for her "commitment and impact on staff and campers at J & R Camp."



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

WANT A CHANCE TO WIN A \$10 GIANT EAGLE GIFT CARD?
Email "I want to win" to Tami Prine to be included in the drawing. Enter by 5 PM on Wednesday, Oct. 2. The winner will be announced on Thursday, Oct. 3.

BE INSPIRED TO CONNECT

Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience, Friday, Oct. 4, 7 PM

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

Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry, Thursday, Oct. 10, 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 Guest Speaker, Sunday, Oct. 13, 10 AM

WoTS Talks feature informative presentations by local agencies and nonprofits. October's guest speaker will be announced closer to the date.

End of Life Choices & Difficult Decisions—A Jewish Perspective, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 23, 30 & Nov. 6 & 20, 6 PM

Rabbi Jamie Gibson will examine end-of-life decisions we make for ourselves and our families exploring issues such as medical decision making, financial choices, insurance needs, Jewish ethics, and Jewish funeral practice. Register online at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.

Tot Shabbat, Friday, Oct. 18, 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, Oct. 18, 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 Potluck & Discussion in Rabbi Gibson's Sukkah, Saturday, Oct. 19, 4 PM

Interfaith couples and families are invited to at potluck dinner and discussion in Rabbi Gibson's sukkah. RSVP online at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.

Rosh Chodesh Group (Cheshvan), Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7:30 PM

Please join us for learning, community, and inspiration. All Temple Sinai women are welcome! For more information, contact Lynn Magid Lazar at lynn.magid.lazar@gmail.com.

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SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, Nov. 2, 7 PM

ON PURPOSE

Rabbi Deborah Zecher's One-Woman Show

A musical memoir of one woman's journey to becoming one of the first woman rabbis in America, a wife, a Mom, and now, a cabaret singer! 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. Her show was nominated for "Best New York City Debut" by *BroadwayWorld.com* and the Manhattan Association of Cabarets.



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