Rabbi’s Reflections
By Rabbi Jamie Gibson

And so it begins, this wonderful time of the new...

The school year, with all of the excitement of new clothes, new teachers, new subjects and new friends.

The sports year, with excited Pittsburghers cheering on high school, college, and Steelers football, not to mention the dozen or so other sports revving up, from hockey to cross country meets to the first dribbles of basketball.

New jobs with new challenges and horizons, new opportunities to stretch our reach and our vision.

New relationships, from friendships to romance, that blossom with renewed interest and tender caring.

And yet some of the persistent problems won’t go away...

We still seem unable to talk to each other across divisions of blue and red.

We remain powerless to defend ourselves from hate driven acts of gun violence.

We fear for our economy, our jobs, our savings, all that we have worked for to protect ourselves and those we love.

We stumble on how to care for those in our custody at our borders, whether to greet them with open arms or a closed fist.

There is wisdom in our Jewish year starting this month, our season of repentance...

It calls for us to stop and take stock, to hold on to angry words, and not just let them fly.

It tells us that we have not yet held ourselves accountable for the harm we have done to others and ourselves.

It challenges us to be honest about our shortcomings and encourages us not to give in to actions which perpetuate our weaknesses, physical, emotional, or spiritual.

It urges us to grasp this day, this moment, this opportunity to live our best lives, knowing that we are not guaranteed another year beyond this.

And, one more beginning—this High Holidays season begins our last year together...

For 32 seasons we have lived and loved, prayed and planned, shared our thoughts and our inmost hearts.

We have forged powerful connections over many years in Torah study and social justice work, in community and spirituality.

I hope we can cherish each other this year and still build for the future of this incredible synagogue family.

May each of you be blessed with health, life, love, and joy this year. Let’s see each other more, not less this year, ok?

Shana tova u-me-tu-ka—a good, sweet year to you and all of us!

L’Shalom.

Sacred Words|Sacred Connections

A NEW TORAH IN THE NEW YEAR TO HONOR RABBI JAMIE GIBSON

During his 32 years as our Senior Rabbi, Jamie Gibson has created a special culture that has enhanced Temple Sinai as a sacred space of inspiration, innovation, and inclusion. To honor his years of spiritual guidance, teaching, and social justice, it is fitting that we, as a community, join together to write a new Torah that will be dedicated to him.

It will be a year filled with education, tzedakah, social justice, community events, and opportunities all created in a way to fulfill Rabbi Gibson’s vision for his last year as our Senior Rabbi. And in our continuing spirit of innovation and inclusion, our Torah will be the first written in Pittsburgh by a soferet (female scribe).

Sacred Words|Sacred Connections will launch in November to commemorate Rabbi Gibson’s forthcoming retirement.

Watch for more info coming in mid-September via mail, on the Temple Sinai website, and in ChaiLights!
LIFE & LEGACY — ASSURING JEWISH TOMORROWS

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THIS ROSH HASHANAH, MAKE A COMMITMENT THAT WILL BE A SWEET REMINDER OF WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU.

PLEASE REMEMBER TEMPLE SINAII WITH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL, TRUST, RETIREMENT ACCOUNT, OR LIFE INSURANCE POLICY.

To create your Jewish legacy, contact:
Drew Barkley, Executive Director
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HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE

S’LICHOT
Saturday, September 21
We will join Congregation Beth Shalom for a special community S’lichot Service.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
Sunday, September 22
Noon Service of Remembrance with Temple David at Temple Sinai Memorial Park (7740 Saltsburg Road, Plum, PA 15239)

ROSH HASHANAH
Sunday, September 29
5 PM Erev Rosh HaShanah Tot Service*
6 PM Erev Rosh HaShanah Congregational Dinner**
7:45 PM Erev Rosh HaShanah Service*

Monday, September 30
8 AM Rosh HaShanah Tot Service*
8:45 AM Rosh HaShanah Morning Intergenerational Family Service
10:45 AM Rosh HaShanah Morning Late Service
5 PM Tashlich Service & Picnic Dinner at Frick Park
Bring a dinner and stay for a picnic after the service.
(Cards of Admission not required.)

Tuesday, October 1
10 AM Rosh HaShanah 2nd Day Morning Service*

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 Congregational Singing of “Lu Yehi” by Naomi Shemer*: 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*

SUHKKOT
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 (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

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HIGH HOLY DAYS SECURITY

With High Holy Days just around the corner (Erev Rosh HaShanah is Sunday, September 29), 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.

• Everyone who has made their 2019–2020 Pledge will receive Cards of Admission with the High Holy Days mailing.

• If you have not made your 2019–2020 Pledge before the mailing, your Cards of Admission will not be in your High Holy Day package. Please contact either Judy Rulin Mahan or Drew Barkley to make arrangements to receive your Cards of Admission prior to the High Holy Days. 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.

You should have already received your High Holy Days packet in the mail. Please read through the information carefully and don’t hesitate to call the Temple Sinai staff with your questions.

Temple Sinai & Temple David

Service of Remembrance

Sunday, September 22, Noon

In keeping with Jewish tradition, Rabbi Jamie Gibson, Rabbi Keren Gorban, and Cantor Laura Berman of Temple Sinai and Rabbi Barbara Symons of Temple David will conduct the annual Service of Remembrance on the Sunday prior to Rosh HaShanah.

It is a special time to honor and remember those of our loved ones who are no longer with us. Chairs will be provided for the comfort of all visitors and a tent will offer protection from the elements.

Temple Sinai Memorial Park
7740 Saltsburg Road, Plum, PA 15239

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.
ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES!

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.

Erev Rosh HaShanah: Sunday, Sept. 29, 5 PM
Monday, Sept. 30, 8 AM
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.

Rosh HaShanah: Monday, Oct. 1, 8:45 AM
Kol Nidre: Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6 PM
Yom Kippur: Wednesday, Oct. 9, 9 AM

TASHLICH SERVICE & PICNIC DINNER AT FRICK PARK
We’ll have a short service by a stream in Frick Park (map available on our website and in our lobby.) Bring a dinner and stay for a picnic after the service.

Rosh HaShanah: Monday, Sept. 30, 5 PM

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.

Tot Services (see above for the schedule of services)
Erev Rosh HaShanah Service: Sunday, Sept. 29, 7:45 PM
Rosh HaShanah 2nd Day Morning Service: Tuesday, Oct. 1, 10 AM
Kol Nidre Intergenerational Family Service: Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6 PM
Yom Kippur Afternoon Services: Wednesday, Oct. 9, beginning with Minchah at 1:30 PM

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 Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur for ages 0–5 (including babies in diapers).


• $10 per child per holiday.

• Parents must stay in the building.

REGISTER ONLINE
www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/hhd2019
or with Debbie Haber

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May you be inscribed in the book of life for a fulfilling and happy year!

Once again WoTS is offering a simple and easy way to send New Year’s greetings to fellow congregants. Select just a few members, the entire congregation, or specific groups like the choir, clergy, WoTS, etc., and we’ll send a card on your behalf.

By mid-August, you should have received an email with ordering instructions from WoTS@HappyRoshHaShanah.com. If not, visit www.HappyRoshHaShanah.com and click on “get my code.” Enter your email address and your code will be emailed to you. If you have requested a printed form in the past, you will automatically be mailed one this year. If you have not received it, please contact Carol Woolford at (412) 731-5054 or Susan Cohen at (412) 363-7745.

Thank you for your support. L’Shanah Tovah!
EREV ROSH HASHANAH DINNER
Sunday, Sept. 29, 6 PM

This year have a catered dinner with us before Erev Rosh HaShanah Service. No cooking. No cleaning up. No hurrying to get to service on time. Enjoy a relaxing community dinner to start off a sweet new year.

DINNER MENU
Homemade Chicken & Vegetarian Soups
Roasted Chicken with Figs, Oregano, & Lemon
Gemelli with Late Tomato, Basil, & Bread Crumbs
  Roasted Fall Vegetables
  Mixed Greens Salad
  Challah, Plum Crisp, Wine

Cost: $25 per person/$10 per child (ages 6–12)/FREE for kids 5 and under

Register online by 5 PM on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at:
www.TempleSinaiPGH.org
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### WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAYS

**SEPT. 6**
- 7 PM MOSTLY MUSICAL SHABBAT: A SENSORY FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE

**SEPT. 13**
- 7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

**SEPT. 20**
- SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE WITH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

**SEPT. 27**
- 7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

#### SATURDAYS

**8:30 AM TORAH STUDY**
- 9:15 AM INFORMAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

**SEPT. 21**
- BAR MITZVAH OF SHANE BIRKENFELD & SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

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### High Holy Days Prep Series: Words, Prayers, & Songs

**Monday, September 9, 16, & 23, 6 PM**

The month of Elul is a time of reflection and preparation for the new year. Join us for this complimentary series on three Monday evenings in September. With words, prayers, and songs, we’ll turn our hearts in preparation for the Days of Awe. We’ll also renew our connection to our High Holiday prayers and melodies in advance of our services on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur through our Machzor (High Holy Days Prayerbook).
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Louis & Ann Jean Waldman

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In Appreciation of Asher’s Bris
Asher, Jodie, & Sam Brouman
In Memory of Alvin Barkley
Arlene K. Smith

**Ryave Children’s Library Fund**
In Honor of Lila Weiss’s Grandson’s Marriage
Rosalyn Escowitz
In Honor of the Birth of Phyllis Katz’s Great Granddaughter
Rosalyn Escowitz

**Security Fund**
In Memory of Alvin Barkley
Jan & Ed Korenman
Stephen & Adora Holstein

**CORRECTIONS**
(We apologize for the errors.)

**Bodek Fund for the Future**
In Appreciation of Dr. Alvin Bodek

**Music Fund**
In Memory of Norbert W. Bakas
James & Marcia Kaplan

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We apologize in advance for any omissions that may occur.
Questions? Contact Debbie Haber at (412) 421-7039 or DHaber@TempleSinaiPGH.org or Marilee Glick at (412) 421-9715 ext. 123 or Marilee@TempleSinaiPGH.org.

Important Dates!
Sunday, September 8
9:30 AM–Noon: First day for Pre-K and Grades 7, 8, & 10
9:30 AM: Parent Orientation Meeting for Grades 7, 8, & 10

Wednesday, September 11
4:30 PM–6 PM: First day of Hebrew classes for Grades 3–6

Sunday, September 15
9:30 AM–Noon: First day for Grades 9 & 11/12
9:30 AM: Parent Orientation Meeting for Grades 9 & 11/12

Enroll your child(ren) today!
Simply log into your account at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org.
Click on LOGIN in the top right corner, click MY ACCOUNT, choose START SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, and follow the instructions.

FALK LIBRARY NEWS
The Falk Library Committee is extremely grateful to Aya Betensky and Bob Kraut who recently donated over 70 books to the Falk Library. These books cover a variety of subject areas including literature, Jewish history, religious practices, and Jewish-Arab relations. This collection will greatly enhance the value of our library.

Listed below are four of the notable items now available in the Falk Library:
- *Freud’s Moses: Judaism Terminable and Interminable* by Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi
- *Haggadah and History: A Panorama in Facsimile of 5 Centuries of the Printed Haggadah from the Collections of Harvard University and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America* by Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi
- *Jewish Magic and Superstition: A Study in Folk Religion* by Joshua Trachtenberg
- *Letters of Jews Through the Ages, From Biblical Times to the Middle of the Eighteenth Century* by Franz Kobler

JOIN THE CHOIR & BAND
DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? DO YOU LIKE TO SING?
Share your musical talents with your Temple Sinai family by joining the Intergenerational Choir and/or Temple Sinai Band.

TO JOIN, CONTACT:
Cantor Laura Berman
CantorBerman@TempleSinaiPGH.org
(412) 421-9715 ext. 112

“Music can name the unnameable and communicate the unknowable.”
~ Leonard Bernstein
L’SHANAH TOVAH FROM NEXT DOR!

Across
3. Tall straight branch among shaken branches
5. Feast of Booths
6. Hut or Booth
7. One of the 7 Species that is soft, sweet, and grows in orange bunches
10. Fruit with a little crown and lots of seeds; one of the 7 Species of food native to Israel
11. Two branches in a group with leaves that look like mouths
13. Holiday that celebrates finishing the Torah and starting again
15. What you have to be able to see through the roof of your hut/booth
16. You shake this lemony fruit with branches
17. Three blasts on the horn
18. One blast on the horn
22. Jewish New Year
24. We dip these to have a sweet year
25. Service when we throw our sins into moving water
27. Nine quick blasts on the horn

Down
1. Day of Atonement
2. Animal horn that is sounded at services
4. Three branches in a group with leaves that look like eyes
8. One loooooonnng blast on the horn
9. Hebrew month with 4 major holidays
12. One of the 7 Species; we say a special blessing over its juice or wine
14. One of the 7 Species that is soft, sweet, and full of little tiny seeds
19. We dip fruit and challah into this for a sweet year
20. We make this round instead of braided to remind us of the cycle of the year
21. No food on Yom Kippur
23. One of the 7 Species that has important oil
26. You shake this group of branches
28. Hebrew month of preparation for the Jewish New Year
OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

OF BLESSED MEMORY (JULY)

Robert “Bob” Cochran, father of Anne Jackson, grandfather of Jennifer Jackson
Dorothy Rosenberg, grandmother of Marcy (Jared) Kaufman, great-grandmother of Ryan and Brett Kaufman
Lois Jean Berkoski, mother of Nancy Cupps
Alvin M. Barkley, father of Drew (Jan) Barkley
Eva Ansell, mother of Ellen Ansell
Hana Kovanic
Thomas J. McDonald, husband of Terry Wolinsky McDonald

SIMCHAH

Thank you to our team of volunteers including Laura Fehl, Carol Rosenthal, Louise Malakoff, Mara Kaplan, Laura Arnold, Lynn Rubenson, Carolyn Schwarz, Tanya Bass, and Barbara Allen for baking homemade treats for our onegs. (We apologize if we’ve missed anyone.)

Thank you to Rachel Kudrick, Steve Jurman, Jeanette Trauth, Zelda Curtis, Steffi Biersdorff, Michele Clark, Mara Rodosky, and Kat Belskey for planning, planting, and tending our vegetable garden.

We donated 23 lbs of cucumbers to the JFCS Squirrel Hill Food Pantry on August 14! We’ll have more cucumbers, kale, and other veggies ready before long.

Photo: Temple Sinai Executive Director Drew Barkley, Temple Sinai member Jeanette Trauth, and pantry Program Assistant Arielle Kroser.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Nancy Cupps
Michelle & Jonathan Lappen
Lawrence & Esther Melamed

BAR MITZVAH ~ MAZAL TOV!

Saturday, Sept. 21
Bar Mitzvah of Shane Birkenfeld
Son of Glenn & Michelle Birkenfeld

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.
About five years ago, Susan was asked by WoTS Steering Committee member Carol Woolford to take on the recording secretary role. “I actually think I was filling in for someone who had to step down and I agreed because I like trying new things by having a clear and specific responsibility—I like to call it ‘joining as an insider.’” Thus launched her volunteerism with WoTS; after continuous involvement, Susan takes on the mantle of WoTS president for a two-year term.

She has been vice president for the last two years and was installed as WoTS leader in June. She plans to continue the “WoTS Talks” that were initiated as an educational program open to all for the first hour of the monthly meetings.

“It’s so gratifying to spend half of our meetings learning something new from someone in our temple community or the wider Jewish community, instead of holding a two-hour business meeting,” Susan explains. “And amazingly so, we are able to accomplish our business tasks and move through our agenda in one hour!”

One of her missions is to continue to work with smart, committed women to create change.

Susan’s involvement extends beyond WoTS. Having joined Temple Sinai about eight years ago, Susan served on the Temple Sinai Board as the first LGBTQ member, and she is happy to say there has been an LGBTQ board member since then. She also served two years as co-chair of the Neshama Center and co-founded the Sinai Pride Tribe.

She understands the nature of community and nonprofits given her career in development and fundraising on both sides of the funding table, as both grant seeker and grant maker. Currently, she is Director of Development for SLB Radio Productions, concurrently doing strategic planning and grant writing for Procopia, an independent consulting firm. Previously, she oversaw grant-making programs for three organizations and currently co-chairs the grant making committee for Three Rivers Community Foundation. With a passion for the arts, Susan has worked as senior staff, board member, or consultant with the Mattress Factory, Chatham Baroque, Kelly Strayhorn Theater, Kente Arts Alliance, Dance Alloy, Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council, Silver Eye Center for Photography, Pittsburgh Children’s Museum, and with individual artists including James Simon, Curtis Reaves, and film maker Kenneth Love. Blackman holds an M.B.A. in Nonprofit Management from University of Pittsburgh and a B.A. in Economics from McDaniel College.

Susan is the mother of two sons, David, 32, who lives in Boston and Joel, 27, who resides in Pittsburgh, and child, Em, 30, who is in Dayton. And of course, seven-year old rescue cat, Ira (who thinks he is a small dog).

On a personal note, she loves Baroque and Renaissance music along with live theatre and hopes to continue fulfilling her love of travel.

Susan hopes that WoTS continues to engage women of all ages as the sisterhood supports Temple Sinai and brings new and exciting programming to the congregation.
Join Us for the High Holy Days!

The High Holy Days are just around the corner, and I couldn’t be more excited!

The Young Adult community here at Temple Sinai continues to grow and welcome new members and will continue to do so in the new year.

And as the Young Adult Community continues to grow, we, as your Temple Sinai staff and lay leadership, will continue to grow to meet the needs of the community. For example, this year we will have our first intergenerational family services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for kids, parents, and grandparents. This service will be perfect for families with kids from toddler to middle school age. It’s an excellent opportunity to learn and celebrate the holidays together as a family.

Another way we at Temple Sinai are meeting these new needs is by hosting our first Rosh Hashanah in the Park at Schenley Park. On September 22, we will come together for hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, and holiday spirit. All young adults are welcome to attend; bring your favorite side to share (vegetarian only please). For dessert we will have a very special Rosh Hashanah apples and honey taste test. Do you know the difference between Gala and Macintosh apples? How about between clover and alfalfa honey? This will be the perfect opportunity to meet some of the other young adults celebrating the High Holy Days at Temple Sinai. Keep an eye out for more details coming soon!
Temple Sinai is an inclusive community that embraces, supports, and values all people, regardless of ability or needs, to participate in every aspect of our Reform Jewish synagogue life. For more information or to request an accommodation, contact Judy Rulin Mahan at (412) 421-9715 ext. 110 or Judy@TempleSinaiPGH.org.

Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience, Friday, Sept. 6, 7 PM
The music is informal and lively. Come prepared to sing along, and maybe even dance a bit.

Shabbat in the Home (Shabbat Babayit), Friday, Sept. 6, 7 PM
Shabbat BaBayit is a home-based Shabbat experience that is not a service, although it does provide the opportunity to say Mourners’ Kaddish. RSVP is required as space is limited. Please contact Nancy Conaway at (412) 421-9715 ext. 115 or Nancy@TempleSinaiPGH.org by Wed., Sept. 4.

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Rosh Chodesh Group (Elul), Tuesday, Aug. 10, 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.

Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry, Thursday, Sept. 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.

Men’s Discussion Group (offsite), Sunday, Sept. 15, 9:30 AM
Brotherhood invites you to a discussion about the weekly Torah portion and current social/political concerns. Contact Dave Hirsh at dhirsch@porterwright.com. Location: Panera Bread, 3401 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Tot Shabbat, Friday, Sept. 20, 5 PM Snacks & Schmooze, 5:30 PM Service, 6 PM Dinner
Join us for a fun evening with your little ones. Cost: $10 (ages 13+), $5 (ages 4–12), Free (ages 0–3). Contact Rebekah Malkin at (412) 421-9715 ext. 121, Rebekah@TempleSinaiPGH.org.

Young Adult Shabbat After Hours, Friday, Sept. 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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