During my Year in Israel in rabbinical school, the professors would frequently remind us that the spring semester moves quickly. “It’s Purim, Pesach, packing!” They wanted us to be present and take advantage of all that Israel has to offer.

Alliteration is great, but the best part of springtime in Israel (aside from the fact that the country is stunningly gorgeous) is taking part in the Israeli High Holidays, Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day), and Yom HaAtzmaut (Israeli Independence Day).

Though we are physically far away from Israel, we too will mark these sacred days with our Pittsburgh community and as a congregation. In particular, I hope you will join our Family of Families to celebrate Yom HaAtzma-ut and honor Shirley Goldstein with the Open Doors Award at services on Friday, April 28 with our Salute to Israel.

The only question is: will we have giant, inflatable hammers with which to bop people on the head?

~ Rabbi Keren Gorban

WHAT’S RABBI GIBSON READING?

I’m reading two fascinating books right now. The first is called Jews and Words. Written by internationally famous author Amos Oz and his daughter Fania, it argues that Jewish survival can be ascribed to our devotion to the written word in all forms. These include Torah, Midrash, Talmud, Commentaries, Philosophy and more recently, novels. Together they make the case that Jewish self-understanding is impossible without paying attention to the core words of Jewish texts over the last 3,000 years.

Also on my desk is a provocative work entitled, Trouble In The Tribe, by Dov Waxman. This book relies on the latest survey research to chart how the Jewish community in America is divided by Israel, domestic politics and other concerns. It pleads for the reader to look to civility and dialogue as a means of maintaining community cohesion. It is a powerful book and one that demands a response from Jewish leaders everywhere, including here in Pittsburgh.

~ Rabbi Jamie Gibson

Congregational Shabbat Dinner

Friday, April 21
Featured Guest: Organic Family Farm Founder Don Kretschmann!

6 PM
$10 per adult, $5 per child ($30 max per family)
RSVP to Judy@templesinaipgh.org or Register for dinner through your member account at www.templesinaipgh.org

Earth Day

$10 per adult, $5 per child ($30 max per family)
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Temple Sinai’s 20th Annual Mitzvah Day

Sunday, May 21, 2017

All are welcome! There are projects for everyone!

REPAIR THE WORLD

• All Projects: Times vary, see individual projects for details
• To register online, please go to: https://templesinaipgh.org/mitzvah-day-2017 before Sunday, May 14.
• Paper registration must be received by Friday, May 12.
Questions? Contact Robin Hammer, Mitzvah Day Chair or Nancy Glynn, Chair, Tikkun Olam Center for Social Justice at: tikkunolam[templesiniapgh@gmail.com or 412.996.5335
• Your project captain will contact you a few days prior to Mitzvah Day to confirm your participation, meeting location and to discuss transportation arrangements. Volunteers are encouraged to meet their team at Temple Sinai, grab a snack and then proceed to service location.

Please participate in our toiletries drive for Bethlehem Haven Women’s Shelter! Bring donation items to the Temple by Sunday, May 21st. Bins will be available in the Krieger Lobby. Items currently needed:
• Body wash (full sized)
• Chapstick
• Deodorant
• Toothpaste
• Lotion
• Soap (full sized)

MITZVAH DAY IS A ROBERT MAYO MEMORIAL TIKKUN OLAM PROGRAM
MORNING PROJECTS

1. **Cribs for Kids:** We will assemble Safe Sleep Survival Kits to accompany a crib for newborns in need of a safe sleep place. Wear comfortable clothing. Location: Second Avenue in Hazelwood; 10am–12 noon; Adults & children 10+.

2. **Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy:** We will be planting summer annual flowers. Gardening clothes and closed toe shoes are recommended. Gloves, snacks and water will be provided. Location: Schenley Plaza, Oakland; 10am–12 noon; All ages.

3. **Jason Kramer Hall:** We will plant a garden and share lunch with the residents of this independent housing apartment building for those with developmental or cognitive disabilities. Bring tools and gardening gloves. Location: Squirrel Hill; 10am–1:30pm; Adults & teens.

4. **Temple Sinai Cooks!** Make a meal for the Bethlehem Haven Women’s Shelter. The afternoon project group will set up and serve dinner. Location: Temple Sinai Katzen Kitchen; 9:30am–12:00 noon; Adults & teens.

AFTERNOON PROJECTS

1. **Charles Morris Nursing & Rehabilitation Center:** Transport residents from their rooms to the ballroom, assist with an exciting afternoon of bingo and provide valuable conversation and companionship to our senior friends. Location: Squirrel Hill; 1:30pm–3:30pm; All ages.

2. **Riverview Towers Apartments:** Join residents for a sing-along of fun and familiar music; Location: Squirrel Hill; 1:30pm–3:30pm; All ages.

3. **Temple Sinai Memorial Park:** Help with sacred text burial, placing flags on the graves of Jewish war veterans, and general cleanup. Wear comfortable clothing that can get dirty. Location: Plum; 1:30pm–3:30pm; All ages.

4. **YMCA – Homewood:** We will be weeding, setting up irrigation, and anything else needed for the community vegetable garden at this community gathering place for people of all ages. Wear clothing that you do not mind getting dirty and bring a pair of gloves. Location: Homewood; 1:30pm–3:30pm; All ages.

5. **Family House Dinner:** Make a meal for guests at three Family House locations. Dinner will be dropped off for guests to enjoy after a day at the hospital. Location: Temple Sinai kitchen; 1:30pm–3:30pm; Brotherhood.

6. **Bethlehem Haven Women’s Shelter:** Lead an arts and crafts project and then set up and serve dinner prepared by our morning volunteers. Location: Downtown; 3:30pm–5:30pm; Adults & teens.

Tikkun Olam Center
For Jewish Social Justice

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Chairing the Tikkun Olam Center for Jewish Social Justice for more than three years has been very rewarding! I love being side by side with our passionate, generous and engaged volunteers who bring much joy and make a difference in the lives of many people every month. I would like to invite all of you to try to carve out some time from your busy schedules to engage in social activism consistent with our highest vision and values as Reform Jews. There are many ongoing opportunities within our community where you can join with new Temple friends. Check the Temple Sinai online calendar to confirm specific dates.

A few upcoming chances to make your voice heard, connect and engage:

- Attend an informational program on the civic effort to combat gerrymandering, Thursday, April 6, 7:30pm at Rodef Shalom. Fair Districts PA will educate us about redistricting, why it happens, why it matters and how you can help change things to ensure fair districts and fair elections for every PA voter. For more information, contact Nancy Glynn at tinkunolam.templesinaipgh@gmail.com.
- Attend a PIIN (Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network) event. The 2017 PIIN Annual Banquet: Living the Beloved Community is on Sunday, May 7, 2017. Contact Harry Back at harryback01@gmail.com or Ronnie Cook Zuhlke at ronniecooks@gmail.com for more information.
- Cook and/or serve dinner with us at the EECM Community House shelter on the second Thursday of select months. Contact Sharon Dilworth at sd20@andrew.cmu.edu for more information.
- Sing for the residents of Charles Morris on select Saturdays at 1:45pm. Contact Stewart Sadowsky at sssadowsky@aol.com or Mimi Botkin at mimi.botkin@gmail.com. Consult the Temple Calendar for specific dates.

We really look forward to welcoming new volunteers. Together we can create an inclusive community in which we engage in social justice through service, advocacy and respectful discourse as an expression of our Jewish identity.

To join our mailing list, please email us at: tikkunolam.templesinaipgh@gmail.com. I cannot wait to hear from you!

MEET THE HAMMERS ~ VOLUNTEER SUPER STARS!

This family of five volunteers every year for Mitzvah Day. Robin, super mom, serves every year in one form or another, whether volunteer, captain, chair or co-chair.

Their favorite memories: Max (dad), “Seeing my kids take care of and talk to our seniors at Charles Morris”.

Robin: “Spending the afternoon outside Homewood YMCA garden, even it it was hard work!”

Phineas: “I liked cooking in the soup kitchen and talking to the people there.”

Annelise just liked getting out of the house and Isabelle was too busy working hard to remember much.
Living up to our values

As we move away from traditional temple dues to a personal Pledge, what started as a new financial model has evolved into ensuring that we create a sacred community that is welcoming to all and removes barriers to joining. We have learned that one such barrier is the fixed dues model which establishes specific amounts for each family or member unit. About one third of our congregants do not have the financial resources to afford this. While we have never turned away a member who cannot pay full dues, our process has required congregants to reach out to Temple Sinai staff to request paying a lower amount. This annual process often causes embarrassment and resentment. Pledge 2017 eliminates the need to ask for dues adjustments.

Our new Pledge process involves establishing a sustainable amount, based on operating costs, including salaries, facilities management, programming and administration (excluding religious school tuition, B’nei Mitzvah fees, confirmation, and endowment/capital funds). This amount is likely to be similar to what dues have been.

The difference is that the annual personal pledge is a matter of choice. It enables members to determine their contribution and pay what they can, without having to ask for any adjustment. Typically, under an annual personal pledge, some members contribute the sustaining amount, some give more and others give less.

Hallmark of a Sacred Community

Critically, the personal pledge eliminates the dues adjustment process, which often creates anxiety and is at odds with fostering a sense of community. While we hope that congregants will pledge an amount that enables us to sustain and thrive, we understand that certain financial situations exist. As a result, you will determine what you are able to pledge and will be spared the need to ask for an adjustment. We believe that each and every member will embrace the obligation for continuity and pledge according to their own situation. We ask only that you give the best you can so that we thrive as an innovative, inspired and inclusive community.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT Nancy Gale at Nancygale3@gmail.com

Please join Temple Sinai at the Holocaust Center’s annual Yom Hashoah commemoration, which will include music and singing, a performance from the Chamber Choir of Pittsburgh School for the Choral Arts, and a candle lighting to remember victims, survivors, liberators and the righteous. There will also be time for silent reflection. This event is free and open to the public. Due to limited seating, pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Contact Christina Sahovey, csahovey@hcpgh.org or 412-939-7289 with any questions or to RSVP.
Our sincere appreciation goes out to our Purim Carnival Queens, Megan Amster & Debbi Manich whose passion and expertise as leaders guided the way to an exciting, fun-filled morning. We also are indebted to the many volunteers who gave their gift of time, energy and enthusiastic support to this popular yearly event. We couldn’t do it with YOU!

Our heartfelt thanks also go to Cantor Berman and all of the performers for a wonderful Wizard of Oz Purim Shpiel! Our gratitude is also owed to Lynn Cullen, Dr. Cyril Wecht, Jay Silberblatt, incoming president Philip Lehman and County Executive Rich Fitzgerald for a hilarious first annual Latke-Hamantash Debate! For the full picture gallery visit: www.templesinaipgh.smugmug.com.
Jewish Film Festival returns to Pittsburgh

The 24th Annual JFilm Festival presents 11 days of independent, Jewish-themed films from around the globe. This year’s Festival opens on Thursday, April 20 with the Pittsburgh premiere of Harmonia, a biblical tale of love, motherhood and sibling rivalry, reimagined through the world of a symphony orchestra in present-day Jerusalem. Nominated for five Israeli Academy Awards, Harmonia weaves a story that is rooted in its ancient origin yet timeless in its relevance to our modern world. The Opening Night screening at the Manor Theatre will be followed by an after-party at the JCC-Katz Theatre.

The Festival line-up continues with a diverse array of narrative and documentary films screened at the Manor Theatre and other select locations around Pittsburgh. Featured films originate from a variety of countries including Canada, France, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, UK and USA.

JFilm audiences are invited to participate in post-screening conversations with many special guests and to join small groups for “Film Schmooze”—informal, post-film discussions at a nearby location. The Festival closes on Sunday, April 30th with a screening of The Exception, starring Christopher Plummer, Jai Courtney (Suicide Squad), and Lily James (Cinderella).

To view the complete JFilm Festival schedule and purchase advance tickets, visit FilmPittsburgh.org. Purchasing tickets in advance is highly recommended, as many events will sell out. Enjoy a 10% discount off your total online ticket order when purchasing tickets to six or more films.

New to the JFilm Festival? First-time ticket buyers will be entered to win a special prize!

See you at the movies!
## April at Temp

### Sunday

- **9 AM** Youth Choir
- **9:30 AM** Religious School
- **11 AM** Bereisheet
- **12 PM** Club Sinai/Club Sinai Jr.

### Monday

- **6 PM** 7th Grade Hebrew
- **6:30 PM** WoTS Cooking for Passover Class
- **7 PM** Teen School
- **7:30 PM** Band Practice

### Tuesday

- **10 AM - 12:00 PM** Pesach Service with Rodef Shalom, at Rodef Shalom

### Wednesday

- **12 PM** Parsha/Torah Class
- **4 PM** Hebrew School
- **6 PM** Evening Meditation
- **7 PM** Recite Kaddish
- **7:30 PM** Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal

### Questions or Suggestions?

**We want to hear from you!**

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### Wishing you happiness, peace, prosperity and all the joys of Passover!

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**Worship Service Schedule**

**Fridays**
- April 7 at 7 PM
- April 14 at 7 PM
- April 21 Tot Shabbat at 5:30 PM Evening Service at 7 PM
- April 28 at 8 PM

**Saturdays**
- Torah Study at 8:30 AM
- Informal Morning Shabbat at 9:15 AM
- Mini Minyan on April 8 at 9:15 AM
- Glow in the Dark Havdalah on April 22 at 4:30 PM

**Last Day of School!**
- 9 AM Youth Choir
- 9:30 AM Religious School
- 11 AM Bereisheet
There’s a story in our ancient rabbinic texts about the sage Rabban Yochanan ben Zakkai (30 BCE - 90 CE) and his student Rabbi Eliezer ben Hyrcanus (40 BCE - 20 CE). In this story, Rabban Yochanan urges Rabbi Eliezer to interpret Torah using his own words and ideas. Rabbi Eliezer resists and compares himself to a cistern, a large container for water. In other words, he understands his role as a student of Torah as someone who receives the teachings poured into him, holds onto them, and lets them out—unchanged—when needed. Rabban Yochanan challenges his student’s perspective, urging him to be a spring of water, taking what exists and shaping it to bring forth something new.

Even though this story about learning and interpretation is almost two thousand years old, most education still assumes that students are empty vessels waiting for knowledge to be poured into them. Certainly teachers are thoughtful about how they fill their students’ brains, and they try to make class interesting. Nevertheless, most schools focus on teachers transmitting information to students who have to regurgitate it to prove that they have acquired it. They follow Rabbi Eliezer’s model of students as cisterns.

At Temple Sinai, we believe in Rabban Yochanan’s model of students as springs, and we want to change our Religious School program to embody that belief. We want our students to feel empowered to explore the richness of Jewish life and tradition so that they can make Judaism their own.

We want to create an environment where our children can develop the knowledge and know-how to weave Judaism authentically and meaningfully into their lives. Most of all, we want our students to discover how Judaism can help them be good people.

Rabbi Keren Gorban has developed an innovative Jewish learning program for our elementary grades that gives students more opportunities to explore and discover the answers to various challenges and questions that arise throughout life, using the model of Project-Based Learning.

The premise of Project-Based Learning (PBL) is that, as adults, we usually spend our days identifying problems or challenges and figuring out how solve or manage them efficiently and effectively. Sometimes we get advice from others, do research to find the best answers, or test our ideas. Through that process of research and experimentation, we learn what to do and what not to do, and that information sticks in our minds, especially if we make mistakes and learn the hard way.

Our new Next DOR program will focus on the tools and strategies that we can find in Jewish teachings, rituals, and traditions to solve problems and deal with challenges in our lives. We will have mixed-grade classes (Torah Time & Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades, 3rd & 4th Grades, and 5th & 6th Grades). While our youngest students will have a revised PBL curriculum for the full year, our 1st-6th Grades will get to choose which courses (called “chugim”) they want to take. Each chug will focus on a project or challenge that requires students to explore and discover our religion and culture to find possibilities and solutions. At the end of the six or seven week chug, students will have the opportunity to share their learning and projects with the community at large, reminding them that even young people have something to teach.

In addition to offering students more choices in what they learn, we will also have options for more flexible scheduling. Some chugim will be available mid-week or on Shabbat, instead of Sundays and Wednesdays only, and there are opportunities for independent studies.

This means that, when sports, theater, and other activities are in season, families can change their Jewish learning schedule to continue learning at a more convenient time. With the shorter courses and flexibility in programming, students really can do it all—and have fun doing it!

More information and a full list of chugim will be available in the coming weeks, along with registration information. If you have questions, please call the school at (412) 421-7039, or email Rabbi Gorban at rabbi.gorban@templesinaipgh.org or Marilee Glick, Education Director, at marilee@templesinaipgh.org
INNOVATIVE AND FLEXIBLE PROJECT-BASED LEARNING PROGRAM

BEGINNING FALL 2017

COURSES INCLUDE:
TORAH SPORTS
R-E-S-P-E-C-T
SING, SING, SING!
THERE SHALL BE NO NEEEY
L’CHAIM! TO LIFE!
FAMILY PROGRAMMING

Nathan and Hilda Center for Jewish Learning

Spring/Passover Break
Sunday, April 9 – Monday, April 17
Classes resume Wednesday, April 19, 2017

LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL!
Sunday, April 30
Morning includes: unrolling of the Torah, celebration of learning, moving on up for grade 2 – moving up to Hebrew School and grade 6 moving up to Monday night Teen School. We will have a family aseyfah at the end of the day.
Last day of Teen School is Monday, May 1
Last day of Hebrew school is Wednesday, May 3

Club Sinai/Club Sinai JR
Sunday, April 2
Additional details TBA
RSVP to Youth Advisor Roz Knapp at roz@templesinaipgh.org.

Mini Minyan
Saturday, April 8 at 9:15 AM
Torah yoga, stories, music! Shabbat prayers, crafts, snacks and Flash Mob at Kiddush! All are welcome.
If your child is under 6, we kindly ask that a parent/caregiver accompany them.

Tot Shabbat
Friday, April 21
5:00 PM - Snacks and schmooze
5:30 PM - Service
A family Shabbat celebration with music, movement and stories. All are welcome.

GLOW IN THE DARK HAVDALAH
Saturday, April 22 at 4:30 PM
When night falls on Saturday we say goodbye to Shabbat. Bring your family and your favorite stuffed animal to mark the end of Shabbat with songs, stories and activities that glow in the dark. All are welcome.
This year we are proudly honoring Shirley Goldstein as the recipient of Temple Sinai’s Open Doors Award. Shirley has given limitless time, energy and love to help create a congregation where all who choose can gather and connect as Reform Jews. Her mother Mary Lampl and grandmother Ida Spielman Lampl taught her and her sister well.

This lifelong Pittsburgher oozes enthusiasm for all that she does. Growing up in a three generation household, Shirley has a keen sense of family and is devoted to her Lampl and Goldstein relatives. She and her husband, Sheldon Goldstein, were married by Rabbi Ilson in 1958. A master handyman, Sheldon was a perfect complement to Shirley and was beloved by so many. They resided for many years in Shadyside and enjoyed travelling and cruising the world. Regrettably, Sheldon passed away in 2010.

Following graduation at Taylor Allderdice, Shirley enrolled at Pitt’s Retail Bureau and then spent her career applying the skills she learned at Rosenbaum’s, Kaufmann’s, Gimbel’s and Horne’s. Shirley was a buyer whose initial expertise was in children’s wear and then women’s wear. As a buyer, she travelled the world. Shirley fondly recalls observing one Yom Kippur in Hong Kong. Following her successful career in retail, Shirley helped to mentor emerging women professionals in Pittsburgh, for which she was named a runner-up for the Athena Award.

As an adult, Shirley has explored her Jewish roots and learning in a way that was not possible when she grew up in an Orthodox congregation. “I really appreciate the egalitarian nature of Reform Judaism,” Shirley says. “I feel so comfortable at Temple Sinai.”

A 2004 Israel Bonds Honoree, Shirley has been to Israel twice, both times with Rabbi Gibson.

When Shirley is not at Temple, she can be found exercising or learning at the JCC, watching football at home or keeping in touch with her friends and family.

Jo Anne Schwendinger and Gary Philip Nelson, Salute to Israel Chairs, expressed their feelings about Shirley in the following way; “The rabbis wrote that if a door has been shut it will not speedily be opened. Shirley Goldstein knows the power of closed doors to exclude. She also knows the strength, determination and optimism it takes to open them. Shirley devotes her life to opening doors and keeping them open. She goes through them into the world, to work, travel and learn. She enters through them, gathering family, friends and community to share her stories, treasures and passions. We thank Shirley for so lovingly opening the doors of her home, mind and heart to us and our family; we are honored to honor her.”

Please Join Us in Temple Sinai’s Salute to Israel and as we honor Shirley Goldstein

2017 Recipient of the Open Doors Award

You are invited!
Friday, April 28th at 8:00 PM to Shabbat Services, followed by a Festive Oneg as we honor Shirley Goldstein with the Open Doors Award.
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We are very happy in these difficult times to announce the success of the Alternative Gift Marketplace, sponsored by the Women of Temple Sinai and the Tikkun Olam Center. Many people reported that their families, friends and even business associates were thrilled to receive thoughtful gifts that made a difference in our world, rather than more unnecessary "things." It was a particularly wonderful message to our children and grandchildren.

We collected a total of $4,431 for the various charities. This included $865 for the EECM to continue to feed the homeless; $568 to provide school supplies for homeless children; $575 to help stock the Squirrel Hill Food Pantry; $615 for Save the Children to help the world’s most vulnerable children; $622 to support the efforts of the Arava Institute for the Environment to bring together people of the Middle East to work for the environment, as well as smaller amounts for other charities.

We hope next year that even more of you will join us in helping to make our world a better place.

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Women of Temple Sinai Invite You...

Chai Mitzvah
Sunday, April 2 at 8 AM

WoTS Steering Committee Meeting
Sunday, April 2 at 10 AM

Cooking For Passover Class
Monday, April 3 at 6:30 PM
Featured Chef: Mara Kaplan
Cost: $10 RSVP by Saturday, April 1, 2017 to Laura Arnold, 412-401-9016.

Keep Your Eyes On the Road: Brunch and Discussion
Sunday, April 23
9:30 am - 11:00 am
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Tikkun Olam Center for Jewish Social Justice invites you to...
Cook and Serve Dinner at EECM Community House
Thursday, April 13 from 6:15pm - 8:00pm
Join us to cook and/or serve dinner for homeless men and women. For more information, please contact Sharon Dilworth at sd20@andrew.cmu.edu

The Brotherhood invite you for...
Guys Night Out: Bowling
Wednesday, April 19
7:30pm - 9:00pm
Location: Forward Lanes
An evening of fun - Bowling. No expectations of great scores, just a lot of fun. Please RSVP to Steve Jurman, stephen@jurmanlaw.com by April 14, 2017.

Temple Sinai invites you...

David Tannenbaum: Author Signing and Discussion
Wednesday, April 26 at 1:15 PM
Join us as author, David Tannenbaum, discusses and signs free copies of his novel, Out Of The Depths. Which weaves pathos, humor, and tragic love into one man’s powerful story of a Holocaust survivor’s guilt...a guilt so deep it refuses to stay hidden behind the paint of a clown’s face.

PASSOVER

Do you need a seat for Seder at a local Pittsburgh family’s home?
Do you have an extra seat at your table that you can offer?
Please contact Judy Mahan at (412) 421-9715 EXT 110 or email: judy@temple sinaipgh.org

Wishing you happiness, peace, prosperity and all the joys of Passover!

COMING UP IN MAY...

Thursday, May 25, 2017 | 7:00pm
All Temple Sinai members are invited to our Annual Meeting!

Join with your fellow Temple Sinai members, staff and spiritual leaders as we learn about the state of the congregation, reflect on the successes of the past year, and put our minds toward our hopes and goals for the coming year. Hear the annual reports, presentation of the budget for the new fiscal year, and vote for new officers.

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