Liberation. It’s what this month’s Pesach/Passover celebration is all about. The remembrance of our liberation from Egyptian slavery has been seared into our collective soul for thousands of years.

We celebrate Seder meal along with readings that remind us of persecution, not only past but present. Especially as liberal Jews, we think of those for whom liberation is still a dream, not a memory.

I think of Asian women, forced against their will to do sex work in massage parlors all across America. Their passports are confiscated, and they live in terror and poverty. Liberation from forced labor is their dream, not their memory.

I think of African-American men who tremble when they find themselves stopped by law enforcement officers, not knowing if the encounter will lead to jail or death, even if they are innocent. Liberation from fear is their dream, not their memory.

I think of Jews in Brooklyn who are attacked on the street in broad daylight. Anti-Semitism incidents have more than doubled this past year. Some of our fellow Jews wonder what it means to fear anti-Jewish hatred in the largest Jewish enclave in the world. Liberation from hatred is their dream, not their memory.

I think of the Israelis and Palestinians who long for a life without fear of terror or violence. Millions do, although we do not read as much about their stories. Those who preach hatred, fear, and violence take up most of the space in the media. But millions of Palestinians get up each day and work on behalf of their families without a thought of violence. Millions of Israelis do the same every day as well. Peaceful coexistence seems as distant as freedom must have seemed for our ancestors mired in slavery. Liberation from the threat of harm, fear, and hatred are far off dreams for them.

Pesach is the triumph of God’s power over human power and arrogance. But think back to last month’s celebration of Purim. It celebrates our human resilience in the face of similar threats. God is purposely absent from the story.

Maybe our task is to apply Purim’s solution to today’s crises of liberation. We should incline our heads, hearts, and hands to promote peace and justice for ourselves and for others to the best of our abilities. Then, if we are successful, we will widen the circle of freedom’s song.

That is my prayer for this year’s Pesach. May your Seders be sweet and loving and meaningful. And may they inspire us to stand for liberation for ourselves and all those enslaved to violence, hate, and fear.

L’Shalom,
Rabbi Jamie Gibson

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR PASSOVER SERVICES.**

First Day Passover Service at Rodef Shalom (Offsite),
Saturday, April 20, 10 AM
Join us for a Passover Morning Service with our friends at Rodef Shalom Congregation. A light kiddush lunch will follow the service. Location: 4905 5th Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Last Day Passover Service at Temple Sinai,
Friday, April 26, 10 AM
Join us for a Passover Morning and Yizkor Service at Temple Sinai with our guests from Rodef Shalom Congregation. A light kiddush lunch will follow the service.

This Passover you can fulfill the mitzvah of hachnasat orchim (the welcoming of guests) by welcoming someone into your home with a seat at your table.

To serve as a host, please contact Judy Rulin Mahan at Judy@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 110.

Looking for somewhere to go for Seder? Let us connect you with a welcoming home this year.
WHY TEMPLE SINAI IS IN MY FUTURE PLAN
By Louise Malakoff

Our then mixed married family joined Temple Sinai in 1984, at a time when Sinai alone was known in the Jewish community for its warm welcome of mixed married families. Within days of becoming members and enrolling our children in the Religious School, I (the non-Jewish spouse) received a call from the chair of the Religious School Committee inviting me to join, and another call from a leader in the “Mixed Doubles” group, who welcomed me and also sent me recipes and transliterated blessings to help us celebrate our first High Holidays.

Over the years, my sense of Temple Sinai as a family has only grown. I was supported and encouraged when I chose to convert to Judaism. I was entrusted with the responsibilities of congregational leadership. And, most importantly, like a true family, Temple clergy, staff, and members have been there for me through the sad and challenging times and have rejoiced with and for me in the happy times. I will never forget the celebration that my Temple family created for our adult B’nei Mitzvah and the sight of my seven-year-old granddaughter dancing with anyone who she could commande at the party.

I am also so proud of Temple Sinai’s commitment not only to its members, but to the greater good of the Pittsburgh community. Temple’s clergy and members are leaders on problems ranging from gun violence to religious tolerance to income and racial inequality. Temple is vocal in support of LGBTQ acceptance and the full societal incorporation of the disabled.

For all that Temple Sinai means to me and to the future of Judaism in Pittsburgh, I have included Temple in my estate plan, and I encourage others to help us plan for a long and influential future.
Important Dates for School Happenings:

Sunday, April 14–
Tuesday, April 23
No School, Spring Break

Wednesday, April 24
Classes resume

Sunday, April 28
Last day of Next DOR

Wednesday, May 8
Last day of Hebrew School

Monday, May 13
Last day of Teen School

Saturday, June 8
Dinner & Confirmation & Erev Shavuot Services

Questions? Contact Debbie Haber at (412) 421-7039 or DHaber@TempleSinaiPGH.org.

Last Day of Next DOR
Sunday, April 28

Watch you inbox for our enriching and memorable schedule of the morning.

A few hints...Community Reveal, Torah Walk...

B’nei Mitzvah Meeting for 2020–2021
(5th grade) Parents & Guardians (required)
Sunday, April 28, 9:30–10:30 AM

We will clarify Temple Sinai’s polices and practice regarding B’nei Mitzvah preparation, services, and logistics related to services and celebrations.

Mara Kaplan’s 1st and 2nd grade Next DOR students collected food items to donate for Purim baskets that were made by Women of Temple Sinai for the Squirrel Hill Food Pantry. They presented their collection at the WoTS monthly board meeting in March.

(Left to right): Rachel Collura, Leo Warner-Fricke, Julia Cantor, Hadley Kalson (Madrichim), Oliver Clark, Jacob Sattler (peaking out behind Oliver), Matthew Goldblatt, Zachary Karabin, and teacher Mara Kaplan
APRIL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Rabbi Gibson’s Shiur (class)
Wednesdays, 6:15–7:30 PM
This class will explore how traditional sources of Jewish knowledge (Torah, Rabbinic Thought, Jewish Philosophy) addressed the issues of their time and how we tackle modern problems from a Jewish perspective. All are welcome!

Introduction to Judaism (Spring 2019)
Thursdays, 7–9 PM (starting March 28)
Intro to Judaism is a 22-week course taught by the Pittsburgh Area Reform Rabbis (PARR). It covers God, Torah, history, holidays, and customs for those who are considering conversion as well as those who simply want to learn the basics of the Jewish faith. Cost: $36 per student; $54 per couple; To register, contact Debbie Haber at (412) 421-7039 or DHaber@TempleSinaiPGH.org.

Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience
Friday, April 5, 7 PM
The music is informal and lively. Come prepared to sing along, and maybe even dance a bit. All are welcome!

Rummage Sale to Benefit Our Security Fund
Sunday, April 7, 10 AM–2 PM
Great bargains! Come find your treasures at Temple Sinai’s Rummage Sale. We’ll have housewares, kids’ items, sporting goods, crystal, jewelry, art, small furnishings, and more!! (All items were donated by our temple community.)

WoTS Steering Committee with Guest Speaker
Sunday, April 7, 10 AM
Rachel Kudrick, gardener extraordinaire, will discuss “So, You Want to Plant a Garden?” All are welcome. The business meeting will start at 11 AM.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner & Shabbat Evening Service with Birthday Blessings
Friday, April 12, 5:45 PM Dinner, 7 PM Service
“Thank You” to YOU, our volunteers, who give time, expertise, and enthusiasm to make Temple Sinai an inclusive and collaborative Jewish spiritual home. We want to honor you with a special catered dinner. Register online in your Temple Sinai account or RSVP with Judy@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 110. Registration required.
Men’s Discussion Group, Sunday, April 17, 9:30 AM
Brotherhood invites you to become better-informed about the weekly Torah portion and current social/political concerns. Questions? Contact Dave Hirsh at dhirsch@porterwright.com. Location: Panera Bread, 3401 Blvd. of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Charles Morris Sing Along (Offsite)  
Saturday, April 20, 1:45 PM
Join us to sing with the residents of Charles Morris Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center. The residents reconnect with memories evoked by songs from their youth, the singing generates an infectious joy. Contact Stewart Sadowsky at sssadowsky@aol.com or Mimi Botkin at mimi.botkin@gmail.com for more information. Location: 200 JHF Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15217

Shabbat in the Home or Shabbat BaBayit (Offsite)  
Friday, April 26, 7 PM
Come share an intimate in-home Shabbat experience with music, poetry, discussion, and sharing led by one of our clergy and form new and more meaningful bonds with other participants in a casual setting. We will include Mourners’ Kaddish. RSVP to Nancy Conaway at Nancy@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 115 by Wednesday, April 24 at 5 PM. Space is limited.

Shabbat After Hours Pizza Taste Test  
Friday, April 26, 8:30 PM
Join other young adults to celebrate the end of Passover with a blind taste test of some of the area’s best pies. Be there to vote for your favorite! Contact Rebekah Malkin at (412) 421-9715 ext. 120 or Rebekah@TempleSinaiPGH.org with questions.

Next DOR Community Reveal  
Sunday, April 28, 11 AM
Our students want to show everyone what they have learned. Family and friends join us in the sanctuary at 11 AM for Family Aseyfah followed by presentations in classrooms. Questions? Contact Debbie Haber at DHaber@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-7039.

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Register online in your Temple Sinai account or contact Nancy Conaway at Nancy@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 115 by 5 PM on Wednesday, April 3.

Photo #1 NYWTS, 1945; Photo #2 by Allan Warren, 1973; Photo #3 by Paul de Hueck, Courtesy of the Leonard Bernstein Office
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Young Adult Passover Cooking Demo with Shalom Pittsburgh, Thursday, April 4, 7 PM
Looking to learn a few new Passover recipes? Chef Leon Edelsack with demonstrate how to make vegetarian kreplach, charoset, and kugel. Kosher drinks and snacks will be served. Registration is $10. Space is limited. Sign up through Shalom Pittsburgh. Questions? Contact Rebekah Malkin at Rebekah@TempleSinaiPgh.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 121.

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We apologize in advance for any omissions that may occur.
A MESSAGE FROM OUR YOUNG ADULT ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Thank you to each and every one of you for being so incredibly welcoming to me. I’m coming up on my fourth month here, and I feel like Temple Sinai and Pittsburgh are my home. This section of ChaiLights isn’t about me though, it’s about you! Every month, we’ll focus on a different topic that’s applicable to our young adults and young families, and we want your feedback. What topics do you want to hear more about? Let me know by emailing me at Rebekah@TempleSinaiPGH.org or you can call at (412) 421-9715 ext. 121.

This month I want to talk about my favorite Passover tradition, the Miriam cup. We all know about the cup of Elijah, but my girl, Miriam, also deserves some recognition during our Passover Seders. Miriam is the one who helps Moses along his journey and supports him. She’s the one who sings mi chamocha at the crossing of the red sea (which happens to be my favorite prayer). She’s the one who brings us water in the desert. In the tradition of the Miriam cup, you fill a glass with water and place it at the table along with your cup for Elijah. At some point in the Seder, usually around the time you open the door for Elijah, you recognize Miriam and all of the imahot for their contributions to the Jewish faith. Then, acknowledge the women who inspires you each and every day. I also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the ways our society still fails women and what we can do to change that with the essential work of tikkun olam, through activism, philanthropy, and volunteerism. So I encourage all of you to add this beautiful new tradition to your Seders. It’s a great way to remind ourselves that the work of tikkun olam is never truly done but with the same nurturing spirit at our foremother, Miriam, we can build a better world for those that come after us.

JEWSH DISABILITY ADVOCACY DAY BY MARA KAPLAN

According to the Religious Action Center (RAC) advancing the civil rights of people living with disabilities remains core to the Reform Movement’s work of building a world of compassion, justice, and wholeness.

The social justice issues of disability rights is personal to me so I was thrilled to be able to attend the 9th Annual Jewish Disability Advocacy Day (JDAD) with fellow congregants Alison Karabin, who was representing JRS, and Dr. Matthew Keller. Joining us was Janice Behary from the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. JDAD, hosted in partnership with The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) and the RAC, brought 250 Jews from across the religious spectrum and across the nation to Capitol Hill to learn about relevant disability policy, raise awareness on disability inclusion, and advocate on current legislative priorities with our elected officials.

It was an exciting day. We got to hear from many representatives from both parties who shared with us their commitment to bi-partisan work on disability issues. Rep. Debbie Dingle (D-MI) told how important the EMPOWER Care Act is to her and her late husband, Rep. John Dingle. Just the night before Rep. Dingle reintroduced a bill to reauthorize the Ensuring Medicaid Provides Opportunities for Widespread Equity, Resources, and Care Act (also known as the “EMPOWER Care Act”).

In the afternoon, we went to the offices of Rep. Mike Doyle, Rep. Connor Lamb, and Rep. Glenn Thompson (from Oil City) to met with staff to discuss the Empower Act and raising the age of the Able Act. I was personally able to share stories about Samuel’s life. If you would like to learn more about either of these issues, visit the Inclusion page of Temple’s website, we have a linked to position papers.

JDAD was an empowering and impactful day. To see Jews—Reform, Conservative and Orthodox—from across the nation, with and without disabilities, come together to fight for issues that are important to people with disabilities was amazing. Let me know if you want to join us next year! You can contact me at maratkaplan@gmail.com.
OF BLESSED MEMORY (JANUARY)

Eleanor Blum
Evelyn Rebb, mother of Jan (Edward) Korenman
Sherman Lieberman
Jim Warren, father of Katie Whitlatch; grandfather of Nate & George

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Barbara Allen
Anne Linder & Agustin Velazquez

SIMCHAHs

Mazel Tov to Dale Lazar, whose photo, “The Painter” (Anguilla, B.W.I), was selected into two juried competitions...regionally (Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA) & nationally (Allegheny Arts Council, Cumberland, MD). Dale also had three photos chosen for a juried photo exhibit at the Valley Art Center in Chagrin Falls, OH, from January 25–March 6. Click to learn more about the exhibit.

Mazel Tov to Andee and Mike Lowenstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Emme Johanna Hoekstra, on January 29. Parents are Rachel and Mark Hoekstra. Great-grandmother is Estelle Mann.

JOSH LEDERER, ONBOARD™ FELLOW

As a representative of Temple Sinai’s Board of Trustees in the Onboard non-profit leadership program (sponsored by the Legacy Heritage Foundation), I was privileged to take part in an inspiring trip to Israel in February. As a capstone to the many months of leadership training (and work on an individual project), and along with a cohort of fellow non-profit leaders from Pittsburgh and Detroit organizations (synagogues, schools, and service agencies), I met with a wide range of Israeli non-profit leaders over the course of the week.

The groups we met with are tackling issues from food distribution for the hungry, integration of Ethiopian Jews into the workforce, refugee resettlement, integrated schooling of different faiths and backgrounds, providing meaningful employment and services to Israelis with cognitive and intellectual disabilities, and many other bold missions. I also had the opportunity to study with some phenomenal rabbis, educators, and writers (including Yossi Klein Halevi, Avraham Infeld, and Rabbi Dr. Ron Kronish), and learn at a secular Yeshiva.

We spent two days in Tel Aviv (and some time learning about economic development in Beersheba) and another five days in Jerusalem. We spent Friday afternoon in the shuk (mingling with the crowds getting ready for Shabbat and sampling delicious foods from pomegranates to fresh challah), and prayed at the western wall in the evening.

Having returned to Pittsburgh, I am looking forward to sharing my experiences and insights from the program with my fellow board members and the Temple Sinai community.

Send your GOOD NEWS (marriages, births, B’nei Mitzvah, awards, engagements, graduations, etc.) to Tami Prine at Tami@TempleSinaiPGH.org.
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SAVE THE DATE: MAY 17, 2019

Tzedakah
Open Doors Award Honoree
EVA TANSKY BLUM
A CELEBRATION OF PHILANTHROPY:
THE MITZVAH OF TZEDAKAH
Tzedakah is equal to all the other commandments combined
-Bava Bathra

SAVE THESE DATES
Folk Shabbat, Friday, May 10
5:45 PM Dinner | 7 PM Service | 8:15 Musical Oneg
Temple Sinai Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Thursday, May 30, 7 PM
Pride Shabbat Evening Service, Friday, May 31, 7 PM