

# CHAILIGHTS

**2017 ~ 5778**

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# High Holy Days 5778 Schedule

In a few weeks, you'll receive your High Holy Days packet in the mail, along with everything you need to start making plans for this special time of year. At Temple, clergy and staff have already spent many months planning to ensure a meaningful experience of prayer and community. Here are some highlights along with important dates.

## Selichot

### Saturday 9-16-17

6:30 PM Selichot Program and Movie  
7:15 PM Oneg  
7:45 PM Selichot Service

## Service of Remembrance

### Sunday 9-17-17

11:30 AM Memorial Park Service  
at Temple Sinai Memorial Park

## Erev Rosh HaShanah

### Wednesday 9-20-17

5:30 PM Tot Service  
7:30 PM Evening Service  
8:30 PM Young Adult Party at Temple Sinai

## Rosh HaShanah, 1st Day

### Thursday 9-21-17

8:00 AM Tot Service  
8:30 AM Early Service  
8:30 AM Children's Service and Program  
11:30 AM Late Service  
4:45 PM Community Family Service  
5:15 PM Tashlich Service

## Rosh HaShanah, 2nd Day

### Friday 9-22-17

10:00 AM Morning Service

## Kol Nidre

### Friday 9-29-17

6:00 PM Early Service  
8:30 PM Late Service

## Yom Kippur

### Saturday 9-30-17

8:00 AM Tot Service  
8:30 AM Early Service  
8:30 AM Children's Service and Program  
11:00 AM Late Service  
1:30 PM Minchah Afternoon Service  
2:45 PM Beit Midrash  
4:00 PM Jonah Presentation  
5:15 PM Yizkor and N'ilah  
7:15 PM Break Fast

## Sukkot

### Wednesday 10-4-17

5:45 PM Service in the Sukkah  
6:15 PM 'Soup Off' in the Sukkah

### Thursday 10-5-17

10:00 AM Morning Service at Rodef Shalom

### Friday 10-6-17

7 PM Pizza Party for PARTY (Teens)

## Sh'mini Atzeret - Simchat Torah

### Wednesday 10-11-17

5:30 PM Dinner  
6:15 PM Torah Celebration with Consecration

### Thursday 10-12-17

10:00 AM Morning Service at Temple Sinai



# AS WE USHER IN THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

## Elul 5777-Tishrei 5778

By the end of August, the changes around us become visible. Trees begin to look different. Many streams are down to a trickle. The produce, the juicy tomatoes and rich corn, begin to give way in our minds to the expectations of the crispness of fall apples.

The last, long, languid days of summer begin to take a back seat to a task list that seems to grow each day. At some point this month we realize that, yes, things are different. We experience this powerful sense of difference at this season each year.

Yet this year feels even more different than in the past.

We feel more unsettled than usual with all that has gone on over the last 12 months, from political change and environmental threat. We feel it from rising anger and shattered civility. We feel far less certain about our world and even ourselves as the summer slowly draws to a close. We are tempted to take ourselves out of the fray and tend to ourselves and our own instead.

Change is indeed in the air, especially this year. How should we respond? As Jews, how must we respond?

Our tradition asks us to respond with our best selves. Instead of doubling down on anger toward



others, it asks us to hold ourselves accountable for what we say and do. This is the season of accountability for Jews.

**"We rouse ourselves to speak up and to speak out thoughtfully and civilly. Beyond that, we are called to act. Words alone cannot bring us repentance nor positive change."**

We call it the season of Repentance or Teshuvah. It starts this month with the beginning of the Jewish month of Elul and goes on through the end of Sukkot.

Teshuvah, or repentance, means recognizing and holding ourselves accountable. We cannot evade responsibility for what we've said and done.

We're accountable to ourselves, to those we love and to God.

As Jews, we hold ourselves accountable for both what we have done and what we have not done. We hold ourselves accountable for what we have said and what we have not said. In Judaism it is not enough to reckon with our mistakes. We are held to account for our apathy and inaction as well.

As we gear up for the fall season, with the High Holy Days and the start up of programs old and new, it is up to us to think, feel and respond.

We rouse ourselves to speak up and to speak out thoughtfully and civilly. Beyond that, we are called to act. Words alone cannot bring us repentance nor positive change.

What are you going to do?

I pray we to come together this holiday season and affirm the truths from the traditions we cherish.

I pray that we recognize the wrongs that need righting, in ourselves, our community and our world and that we find the courage to act.

And, I pray that each and every one of you is blessed with health, joy and love.

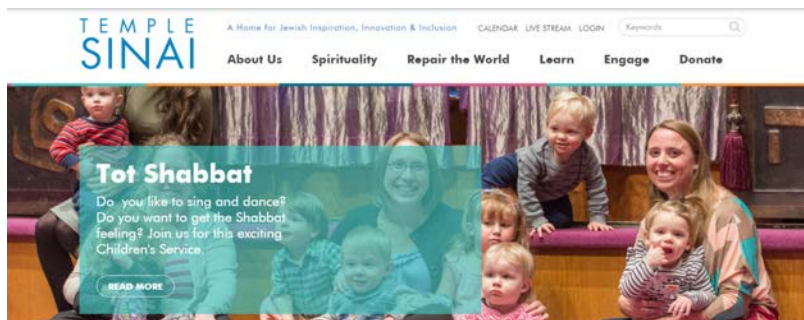
Shanah Tovah U'metukah (a good, sweet year),

~ Rabbi Jamie Gibson

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# Pledge 2017

We believe that Temple Sinai is a sacred community precisely because you participate in it.

We believe that embracing Pledge 2017 is consistent with our values and we encourage you to enter into this covenant with our community. By doing so you demonstrate that you cherish the values of inclusion, innovation, hope and faith.

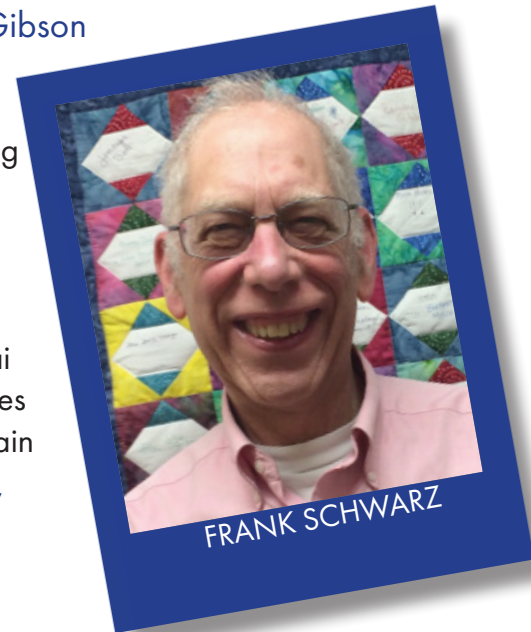
- Rabbi Jamie Gibson



The results are in from the NY Federation "[Temples] believe that by allowing congregants to decide their own commitment level, they are empowering congregants. And leaders are pushing themselves to more deeply engage the membership through conversation and sharing information.

"Overall Synagogues have seen an increase in membership and revenue since moving from a dues system to asking members for a financial pledge to their Temples."

"Carolyn & I plan to make a strong voluntary commitment. This new way to support Temple Sinai gives us the opportunity and flexibility to demonstrate our appreciation for the many ways that the Temple Sinai Family supported us in the past, cares for us now and will continue to sustain us in the future --**be it our simchas, our grief, and all the middle times-- the day to day, week to week, year to year.**"



"The Pledge is a fascinating and contemporary way to make all our families feel comfortable. I know several places in California where it is extremely successful, and I have no doubt our way will be successful too."

Visit: [templesinaipgh.org/pledge2017](http://templesinaipgh.org/pledge2017)  
or contact Drew Barkley (412) 421-9715 ext 111  
Email: [drew@templesinaipgh.org](mailto:drew@templesinaipgh.org)



## DREW BARKLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ON GETTING TO KNOW TEMPLE SINAI

Friends,

I have completed my first 120 days here at Temple Sinai and Temple Sinai has quickly become my home. Your welcoming kindness and caring is humbling. I especially want to thank everyone who has re-introduced themselves to me in recognition of the fact that I've been overwhelmed with new names and faces.

Each day, I am more impressed by our community than the day before. I am inspired by our congregation. No, more than inspired – in awe. This is a very special community because of you. For example, within a few days of each other, I recently experienced Confirmation, Pride Shabbat and Adult B'nei Mitzvah.

Wow. Three distinct, but equally meaningful and powerful

experiences coming from the same community – our community. Different as they were, I was moved by the similarities of these three services. I saw the authenticity of participation, the connection between the participants, and the depth of feelings and values.

Each of these services touched the being of both those involved and those sitting in witness. Thank you to the Confirmation class, Adult B'nei Mitzvah class and to all who participated in Pride Shabbat. You were excellent teachers. Your words were real, heartfelt and life engaging.

Temple Sinai is a community of values and courage, of inclusiveness, innovation, and inspiration. We inspire each other. And I am proud to be here.



## MEET ONE OF OUR HIGH HOLY DAY GREETERS!

### What is your favorite holiday?

I almost said Halloween but every day is Halloween when you are a KISS fan. Yom Kippur-- without a doubt. I absolutely love closing old business and trying to make up with anyone I may have grown distant from over the ending year. I love seeing the sanctuary packed and helping people in and out of their automobiles. The prayers and fasting intensifies the feelings spent in the synagogue.

### What is the one thing you can't live without?

My small inner circle of friends, including my four-legged friends.

### What was your first job?

Cleaning aquariums at a small family pet store, PetWorld on East Carson street across the street from where the Beehive is now. Dee's Café and the PNC on 18th street are the only businesses that are still there from when I went to South Pittsburgh Public High School. Go Orioles!

### What is your favorite food?

Vanilla Ice Cream

### What was your most embarrassing moment?

In hindsight, arguing with my Mum over my nationality. I repeated a disparaging remark I heard my Dad say about an Eastern European nationality. My Mum was furious and said, "Thommy, you are a 'hunky' yourself!" I still can't believe I said, no, I wasn't. My teenage logic said that I'm the 1st born and a son. That meant I got Dad's genes making me 100% Scottish. I cringe at the memory. Her family is ecstatic that I am now an active member of our community.

### What are your hidden talents?

Children and domestic animals love me.

### What would we be surprised to know about you?

I was on my high school swim team and passed the Army's expert swimmer qualification.

### Describe your perfect day.

Kayaking the Yough from Dawson to Layton then splitting a pizza with my daughter Emily while watching a movie. Me getting to pick the movie is what would lift it into the realm of perfection.

You might recognize Thom if you have ever entered Temple Sinai through the back door during any of our High Holy Day services. For several years now, Thom has greeted at that door during every service. He is the first to sign up to be a greeter every year and as he said above—he gets so much out of it. In the classical Jewish texts, the mitzvah of *hachnasat orchim*, the welcoming of guests, is ranked among the most

important spiritual imperatives in Judaism. Our greeters are the first representatives of Temple Sinai that most people see even before entering our building. It is a very simple act that leaves a lasting impression. Reaching out to others to help them feel comfortable and welcome is the heart and soul of being a greeter. Greeters strengthen relationships and create a caring and warm environment. Please think about being a greeter this year and fulfilling this very important mitzvah.

Contact Judy Mahan 412-421-9715 x 110  
or [judy@templesinaipgh.org](mailto:judy@templesinaipgh.org) to sign up to be a greeter!



THOM MACINTYRE

# Beyond Apples and Honey

## Bathtub Tashlich

Apples and honey are the quintessential symbols of the sweetness we wish for each other on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. And there are so many things that we can do with apples and honey, from cooking and baking with them, to using the apples as stamps for cards, to making apple-shaped honey pots and other decorations, and more.

**At the same time, how do we help children of all ages (and those young at heart!) experience the deeper meaning of the High Holy Days?**

Here are 10 ideas, one for each of 10 Days of Repentance, to engage children in the High Holy Days—beyond apples and honey:

### 1. Blessings Abound:

The rabbis of old taught that we should say 100 blessings each day as a regular reminder of all of the blessings and gifts in our lives and to prevent us from taking things for granted.

**Look around you and inside of you. What do you have that is a blessing?**



What do you have that others don't have? Compile your answers into a Blessing Book with words and/or pictures to remind you of how blessed you are. Pull out your Blessing Book when you're feeling sad or bring it to services to flip through.

### 2. Wake Up

**Call:** The shofar is supposed to wake up our spirits and remind us to be our best selves. Experiment with different ways of getting up in the morning. What works best for helping you feel "alive, awake, alert, enthusiastic"? Why does it work

the best and how does it help you wake up? Compare this to sound of the shofar.

### 3. Happy B-earth-day:

Rosh HaShanah is also known as the world's birthday. Make round challah and put birthday candles on it so you can have a celebration and sing "Happy Birthday" to the world.

### 4. Shofar Silliness:

Gather all sorts of different musical instruments (professionally made and/or upcycled). Listen to the sound of the shofar and then try to make the same sounds out of whichever instruments you have.

### 5. High Holy Day "I

**Spy" Jar:** What images or symbols relate to the High Holy Days? Come up with one or two dozen ideas and find small representations of them. Place your symbols inside a jar (or a bottle) that's almost entirely filled with dry rice, and glue the top on tightly. Put together a list of everything in the jar and why it's there.

Play "I Spy" at any time and in any place—if the jar is filled with enough rice, it shouldn't make too much noise when you shake it.



# High Holy Day Activities for Kids

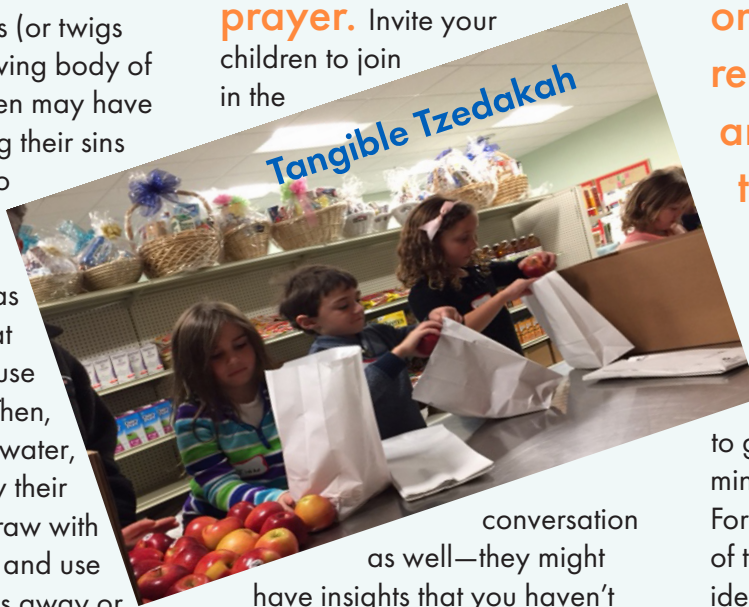
## 6. Bathtub Tashlich:

As we enter the new year, we want to wash away the mistakes and misdeeds of the past. While the traditional tashlich involves throwing breadcrumbs (or twigs or pebbles) into a moving body of water, younger children may have a hard time connecting their sins to the breadcrumbs. To make the connection stronger for them, let them use the bathtub as a canvas to draw what they've done wrong (use washable markers!). Then, with a washcloth and water, have them wash away their sins. You could also draw with chalk on the sidewalk and use a hose to wash the sins away or write or draw misdeeds on cellulose (water-soluble) paper.

**7. Sorry Cards:** Invite children to practice real apologies by having them write cards to people they've hurt. Cards should include an acknowledgement of what they did wrong, how it made the other person feel, and a description of how they could act differently next time. For kids too young to write, they can draw what they did wrong and how they plan to do next time. And don't forget—this is a great way for parents to model meaningful apologies as well!

**8. Perfect Prayers:** We spend a lot of time during the High Holy Days in services, but what does it mean to pray?

**Consider your own beliefs or feelings about the who, what, why, and how of prayer.** Invite your children to join in the



conversation as well—they might have insights that you haven't really considered. During services, remind them of those discussions to help them connect their thoughts to Jewish ritual and practice.

## 9. Tangible Tzedakah:

One of the ways we recommit to doing better in the coming year is through tzedakah, the mitzvah of righteous giving. Money, even in the form of change and bills, is very abstract to young children—they don't always understand what it can or can't buy. That doesn't mean that you should skip the monetary contributions or quit collecting change in a tzedakah box, but your child might relate to the concept better by going through clothes and toys and selecting things to donate. You can also have them pick out favorite food items at the grocery store to donate to the food pantry.

**10. Feasting and Fasting:** One of the reasons why we fast on Yom Kippur is to remind us that we are driven by more than just needs and

**desires.** While children 12 and under are not expected to fast, they can take part in the experience by choosing favorite foods or activities to give up for the day as part of a mini-fast.

For more information about each of these activities and links to other ideas, check out our website at [www.templeinaipgh.org](http://www.templeinaipgh.org)! May you have a good and sweet year full of health, love, and joy!

~Rabbi Keren Gorban

**Marilee Glick, Education Director, recommends these books:**

### 1. All of Kind Family

By Sidney Taylor

### 2. Gershin's Monster

By Eric Kimmel

### 3. The Magic Honey Jar

By Rachel Mintz

### 4. Zeide! Why Are You Wearing White Tennis Shoes on Yom Kippur?

By Lawrence Weinstein



# AUGUST AT TE

SUNDAY

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TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

## Contact Us:

Questions or Suggestions?

**We want to hear from you!**

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1 TISH'AH B'AV

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12 PM Parsha/Torah Class  
5:45 PM Adult Tanakh Study  
6 PM Evening Meditation  
7:30 PM Band Practice

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7:05 PM Jewish Heritage Night  
at PNC Park



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12 PM Parsha/Torah Class  
5:45 PM Adult Tanakh Study  
6 PM Evening Meditation

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12 PM Parsha/Torah Class  
5:45 PM Adult Tanakh Study  
6 PM Evening Meditation

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9:30 am - 11:00 am (OFFSITE)  
Men's Discussion Group  
sponsored by Brotherhood

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7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh (Elul)  
Women's Group

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12 PM Parsha/Torah Class  
5:45 PM Adult Tanakh Study  
6 PM Evening Meditation

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12 PM Parsha/Torah Class  
5:45 PM Adult Tanakh Study  
6 PM Evening Meditation  
7:30 PM Band Practice



# TEMPLE SINAI

## THURSDAY

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6:30 PM Executive Committee with Minyan

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6:30 PM Guys Night Out - Frisbee Golf

RSVP by Aug. 7 to Jared Kaufman  
(412) 370-0003 or  
jkaufman2424@gmail.com

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7:15 PM Board of Trustees Meeting with Minyan

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6:30 PM BBQ and Learn about Shiva Support  
FREE Event. RSVP to Judy Mahan, (412) 421-9715 ext 110  
or judy@templesinaipgh.org

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## FRIDAY

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7 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat with oneg to follow

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7 PM Shabbat Service with oneg to follow

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5 PM Tot Shabbat Snacks  
5:30 PM Tot Shabbat Service  
7 PM Shabbat Evening Service with oneg to follow  
8:30 PM Shabbat After Hours

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7 PM Shabbat Evening Service with oneg to follow

## SATURDAY

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8:30 AM Torah Study  
9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service

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8:30 AM Torah Study  
9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Shabbat Service

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8:30 AM Torah Study  
9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service  
10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Grayson Honig and Shabbat Morning Service  
1:45 PM Sing-a-long at Charles Morris

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8:30 AM Torah Study  
9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service  
10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Annelise Hammer and Shabbat Morning Service

## WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

### FRIDAYS

ALL FRIDAY SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 7 PM IN AUGUST

### SATURDAYS

TORAH STUDY AT 8:30 AM

INFORMAL MORNING SHABBAT SERVICE AT 9:15 AM

GLOW IN THE DARK HAVDALAH AND MINI MINYAN WILL RESUME IN THE FALL

TEMPLE SINAI

## BBQ and LEARN

About Shiva Support

Thursday,  
8/24/17



6:30 PM

# A literary look at Kol Nidre

## A Meditation on Kol Nidre

What is this oddly moving melody we gather to hear each Yom Kippur eve? It begins plaintively, like a wail from the shtetl, rising and falling in waves before wandering off in exile from its own theme. There comes a foreboding moment, with tinges of bravado that might be heard as defensive gestures. It meanders, never quite returning to its theme, before concluding on a note of high hope.

Literally, it is more complex still. No simple prayer for forgiveness, it reads more like a legal document somehow made beautiful. In singing or reciting or simply absorbing it, we signal our acceptance of sinners into our midst. But it is no cop-out, as its critics claim, no advance absolution from future wrongdoing. Rather, it is an honest recognition of the limitations of our shared humanity, and an expression of our intention to do our very best all the same.

~ Ben Wecht

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## Is This Just Another Kol Nidre?

Harold Marcus

Is this just another Kol Nidre? Reflection time is here.  
Will the man I am today be who I am next year?  
Or will I make some changes when I see where I have been,  
So that I know where e're I go, a new me will begin  
To find a higher purpose as I look out at the world,  
And a kinder, gentler, better me for all will be unfurled?

Is this just another Yom Kippur Eve for all who read this now?  
Will we be the same next year or will we change somehow?

I hope we'll lend a helping hand or help to dry a tear,  
So that when the mirror beckons us again this time next year,  
We can see the face in front of us and give a great big smile  
Because we're better than we were, we've gone that extra mile.

It's not just another Kol Nidre, our brethren need us all,  
Their plea is ringing loud and clear and we must heed the call.  
It's time to start the change right now; we have no other choice  
But to come together and to answer with one voice,  
That although we're miles apart, we'll help to ease the pain,  
And try to make a rainbow out of every drop of rain.

My friends, we're all together on this Yom Kippur Eve,  
When each of us is asking for another year's reprieve.  
Do we live our lives just as we have, as if there's no need to change?  
Or do we shake us by the shoulders as there's much to rearrange?  
Another year is with us now, we've so much work to do.  
So let's do it together, 'cause there's strength in me and you.

**Kippuri  
Ruth Stock**

**I would like to forgive the  
five year old Catholic friends  
and neighbors who told me I  
killed Jesus**

**I would like to forgive the  
French children who examined  
my head for signs of horns**

**I would like to forgive the  
Arab men who ruined my  
honeymoon by invading the  
Olympic village**

**I would like to forgive the  
tank driving Syrians who  
attacked my town on Yom  
Kippur**

**I would like to forgive the  
young Arabs who killed the  
children of Hatzor at Maalot**

**I would like to forgive the  
Jewish man who told me I  
was an unnecessary part  
of my son's bris; preferred  
spending time with a woman  
other than his wife; made me  
stand in shame for a bill of  
divorcement,**

**I would like to forgive the  
misguided young man whose  
fear of Zionist conspiracy  
shattered a quiet Shabbat  
on the street of my birth with  
the murder of those sworn to  
protect.**

**So I will try.**



### ***A Welcome to The Women of Temple Sinai***

I am enthusiastic about stepping up to the challenge as Chair of Women of Temple Sinai (WOTS). While continuing the work of the many dedicated and dynamic women that came before me, my focus will be on partnering and collaborating within the walls of Temple Sinai and extending that concept into the community at large. We hope to extend the WOTS membership to reflect more of multigenerational mix that matches the Temple Sinai congregation as a whole and live up to our mission.

What is Women of Temple Sinai's current mission? While our revised mission statement can be found on our web page, here is a key excerpt.

We are a 21st century sisterhood that nurtures connections among the diverse women of Temple Sinai. We embrace contemporary Jewish values through service, education, spirituality and social events; and we enhance the Temple Sinai community. Critically, we strengthen the voice of Jewish women worldwide through Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ).

WOTS offers vibrant, relevant opportunities for participation with a focus on sisterhood as we engage small and large groups of women in social, spiritual, educational, and service programs. These programs offer a woman's perspective on current cultural, social, political, and religious concerns as well as complement other Temple Sinai programs.

On a personal note, my involvement with Women of Temple Sinai began in the early 90's when Louise Malakoff, then



president of the synagogue, approached me along with a group of women about re-igniting the "sisterhood" of Temple Sinai. I absolutely said yes without hesitation. Being new to the Temple Sinai community, I thought it would be a great way of getting to know other women and become more involved. Over the years, I have developed so many life-long friendships and have

experienced the strength of women joining together. Well, 23 years later, I am still involved! I hope to have a chance to work, play, learn, worship and repair the world with all of you.

Join us when we kick off the year with our first steering committee meeting on Sunday, September 10th in the Rogaliner Lounge at 10 a.m. All are welcome! Look for details in the next Chailights and weekly emails for more meetings and events.

I hope you will share your ideas for programs, joint projects and suggestions that meet the mission of Women of Temple Sinai. Thank you.

Laura Fehl  
Chair of Women of Temple Sinai

## **THOUGHTS ON THE HIGH HOLY DAYS FROM ALEX MALANYCH - NEW YOUTH ADVISOR!**

The pressures of school, work, chores, and relationships can leave us unprepared when Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur roll in, and we wonder (again): how can we better grow into the meaning of these holidays?

At the foundation of our observance is teshuva. Usually, this gets translated as repentance—recognizing and feeling sorry about the ways we have missed the mark. But that's only one part. Teshuva comes from the Hebrew root "to turn," and connects to the words for "answer" (also teshuva) and "again" (shuv). Again and again, we return to a place in Jewish time and again must give answers: Who were we, who have we become, and who do we want to be?

How can we prepare our answers?

First, we must be both critical and kind with ourselves. Before repentance, we must turn over in our minds the choices we have made, the good and the bad, and give ourselves time to do so. Elul, the month before Tishrei, is like our Jewish alarm clock, reminding us to wake up, to get ready. Take a moment to make



a list or journal entries of your accomplishments and missed marks, write a song or a poem, have a conversation about memories that have shaped and challenged you. Recognizing your strengths can help you face sides of yourself you might not be proud of, and find actions that support who you are becoming.

Second, don't imagine teshuvah as lonely or tied to one place. It's easy to imagine ourselves in pieces and places: at school, I'm the student; at home, I'm the daughter or the son; at synagogue, I'm my best Jewish self. But you are all of those things. During the High Holy Days we turn inward, but also toward others, and we can do that on the street as well as in the synagogue. Turning doesn't always mean leaving behind. Turn with your full self and gather the pieces together.

Finally, be active in the season's search for renewal, for both closure and creation. The words we speak and the actions we perform on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur are only the beginning of what is possible. Our deeds can be prayers, and our hopes in any language—simple or complex, Hebrew or not—can reach toward a better future.

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on how your family celebrates  
the holidays.

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Create an advice column based  
on stories of sibling rivalry in the  
Torah.

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A class for families to take  
together in different homes as we  
learn how to celebrate Shabbat,  
make foods, & learn the songs.



### **Grades 3 & 4** **Word Art**

Calligraphy & Micrography:  
Explore different types of  
artistic word art, encounter  
the Divine in the beauty of  
words.

### **How to Create a Holy Space**

Design a space where people  
can encounter God.

### **Tzitzit: The Original Fidget Spinners**

Learn about Jewish Fashion  
throughout history!

### **4 Weddings and a Funeral**

Reenactment some of the most  
important moments in Jewish  
Life.

### **Grades 5 & 6** **Pomegranates & Fish Heads**

Discover Rosh HaShanah foods  
from around the world in this  
cooking class.

### **HamilTorah**

Write songs, rap, spoken word  
and poetry about a section of  
the Torah.

### **Tzedakah: Thinking Outside the Box**

Create a Guide to Jewish Giving  
-for parents and children!

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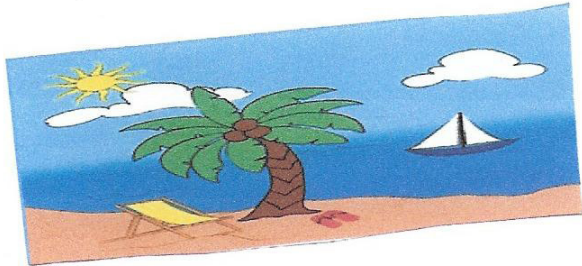
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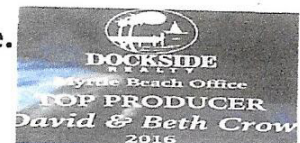


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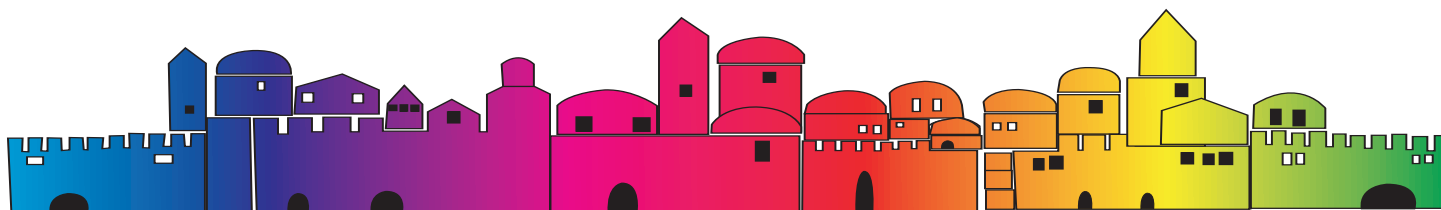
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## OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

### B'NEI MITZVAH ~ MAZAL TOV!



Grayson Honig

#### August:

Grayson Honig on

8/19/17

Annelise Hammer on

8/26/17



Annelise Hammer

### NEW MEMBERS

#### May & June

Robin & Eric Abes

Jill & Patrick Beck

Clifford & Claire Elkins

Michael & Joyce Lebo

Carrie Plant & Alain Beauparlant

Thomas & Sherri Polito

### SIMCHAHS

#### May:

Mazal Tov to Josh and Lisa Lederer on their 10th wedding anniversary

Congratulations to

Jaime Lebo & Jonathan Bompiani on their wedding.

#### June:

Congratulations to Hannah Weinberger-Divack and

Daniel Beder, on their wedding on Sunday, 6/18/17!

### OF BLESSED MEMORY

#### May:

**Sidney P. Rosenthal**, father of Richard (Carol) Rosenthal and Paul (Paula) Rosenthal, grandfather of Michael (Lauren) Rosenthal, and Philip Christy, great grandfather of Paige and Clara Rosenthal

#### June:

**Zelda Limsi**

**Donald M. Robinson**, father of Carol (Jeffrey Markel) Robinson

**Robert Straussman**, father of Saul (Kellee VanAken) Straussman, grandfather of Minrose and Eli Straussman  
Shirley Gertrude Sigismund, mother of Perry (Lora) Sigismund, grandmother of Ryan, Megan, & Lexi

**Lee Ann Shulgold**

**Leonard Stept**, uncle of Larry (Elaine) Stept, great uncle of Ryan and Max

Temple Sinai is grateful to the Charles Morris Charitable Trust for their generous grant of an ADA concrete ramp. This ramp, when installed, will allow all of our membership to access our lovely Bodek Rose Garden. Thank you to the Charles Morris Charitable Trust for this important contribution.

Corrections to the summer issue of ChaiLights:

In the article on Jewish Fatherhood, written by Rob Richman, his daughter's names were misprinted. Their oldest daughter is Addison. Reagan was born 18 months later.

In the article with Shirley Goldstein's Open Doors Speech, the Rabbi who married her and her husband was Rabbi Ilson.

Rosalyn Richman's name was spelled incorrectly in the April Donors list.

Rae Sablowsky was incorrectly listed as Selma P. Ryave's daughter.

# BE INSPIRED TO CONNECT

*Women of Temple Sinai Invite You...*

## **Rosh Chodesh**

Tuesday, August 22 at 7:30 PM

Contact: Carol Woolford

Email: cw2g@andrew.cmu.edu

*The Brotherhood invite you for...*

## **Men's Discussion Group**

Sunday, August 20 at 9:30 AM

We will meet at the Panera Bread on Blvd. of the Allies. The meeting, which is open to all men of Temple Sinai, consists of informal conversation, led by David Hirsch, about the weekly Torah portion.

Contact: David Hirsch

Email: dhirsch@kwbhlaw.com

*The Young Adults Group invites you...*

## **Shabbat After Hours**

Friday, August 18 at 8 PM

Mix and mingle with other 20 and 30 and 40-somethings in a comfortable and welcoming environment.

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