

CHAILIGHTS



Rabbi's Reflections

By Rabbi Jamie Gibson

In August, we receive so many mixed messages it is easy to get confused. The trees are still lush green, the air thick with warm humidity. We linger in the evening, enjoying long, drawn-out sunsets. Our tomatoes are ripening in such quantity that we are wonderfully generous with neighbors and friends, "Here, have some tomatoes. They're so much better than store-bought!" And they are!

And yet we are also drowning in back-to-school ads, telling us the tools and the fashions needed for this fall. Some of us even begin to get Christmas come-ons, bizarre to read in 85 degree heat. Teams and clubs and initiatives are gearing up, demanding our attention. Some of you are beginning to look for your Religious School registration forms for your kids or wondering when your High Holiday tickets are going to arrive.

A real "pull-me push-you," we used to say. We don't want to say goodbye to lazy summer hours, but we don't want to be late for all the many tasks we have to do for the fall, either. Baseball is still going on but football beckons.

Jewish tradition is designed to ease this transition. If you notice above, this message is spread out over parts of three Jewish months and two years! By the end of the Hebrew month of Av we begin to let go of summer. Into the next month, *Elul*, we are gently reminded that a time of reckoning and repentance is around the corner. Jewishly, it is about so much more than school supplies. This month, each day of it, is a nudge to our consciences that we will be called to a *cheshbon ha-nefesh*, an accounting of our souls.

If we are to enter into a new year with a clean slate, we have to take the time to solve the human equations still on the board. Many of those problems involve division; the divisions in our lives that have distanced us from those we care for. In our faith it does not work simply to wash the board and ignore what was written there.

Why? Because our human errors don't go away; they do not evaporate. Our consciences see to that. We can't simply erase the memories of the wrongs we have done. In *Elul* we hear the soft but insistent call to remember. By *Tishrei* (Rosh

HaShanah begins on Sunday, September 9) we hear the clear, inescapable call to repentance. By *Yom Kippur*, we are finally prepared to let it go because we have taken the time to speak our hearts, cry our tears, and pledge to do better this year.

A *Chasidic* master once prayed fervently to God that this year, he really would change, his repentance would be genuine. When he finished, his servant said, "But you pledged that every year! Why are you so agitated?" The master replied, "You don't understand my friend. This year, I really mean it!"

I hope and pray that we really mean it this year. I pray for a year of hope and healing of body and spirit for us all, a year of coming together in joy and fulfillment, a year of justice and the courage we all need to stand up for it. I pray for a year of kindness to replace rage and hatred. A good sweet year. I mean it. I really mean it.

Shana tova u'me-tu-kah — A Good, Sweet Year!



HIGH HOLY DAYS ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS & FAMILIES!

TOT SERVICES

A fun, active service led by Rabbi Keren Gorban with stories, singing, and dancing for families with children ages 0–5.

Erev Rosh HaShanah: Sunday, Sept. 9, 5 PM

Rosh HaShanah: Monday, Sept. 10, 8 AM

Kol Nidre: Tuesday, Sept. 18, 5:30 PM

Yom Kippur: Wednesday, Sept. 19, 8 AM

CHILDREN SERVICES & PROGRAMS

A drop-in program (with a short service led by our Youth Group) that includes crafts, stories, and other fun activities for children in kindergarten–3rd grade. Parents must remain in the building.

Rosh HaShanah: Monday, Sept. 10, 8:30 AM (during Early Service)

Yom Kippur: Wednesday, Sept. 19, 8:30 AM (during Early Service)

COMMUNITY FAMILY SERVICE AT FRICK PARK

An outdoor service led by our clergy for families with children in kindergarten–4th grade.

Rosh HaShanah: Monday, Sept. 10, 4:30 PM

I AM JONAH

(in collaboration with Attack Theatre)

A fresh and thought-provoking approach to the story of Jonah featuring dance, music, and narrative. *Appropriate for all ages.*

Yom Kippur: Wednesday, Sept. 19, 4 PM

BABYSITTING (preregistration required)

- Available during the morning early and late services on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur for children ages 0–5 (including babies in diapers).
- Preregister by Wednesday, Sept. 5 for Rosh HaShanah and Wednesday, Sept. 12 for Yom Kippur.
- \$10 per child per holiday.
- Parents must remain in the building.

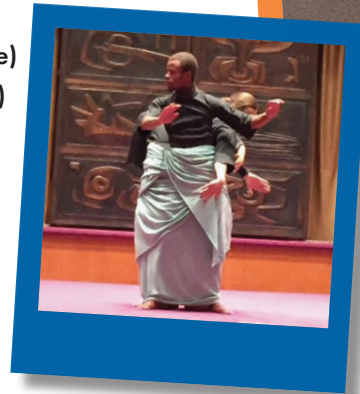
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or contact Debbie Haber (412) 421-7039,
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BECOME A GREETER!

Welcome people to our Temple home!

Contact Judy Rulin Mahan at (412) 421-9715 ext. 110 or Judy@TempleSinaiPGH.org to let her know you want to help this year.

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Tovah*



Helping you through life's changes & challenges

We assist with employment and career needs, mental health and counseling, poverty and food insecurity, refugee resettlement and immigration services, and challenges related to aging

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HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE 2018 ~ 5779

S'lichot

Saturday, September 1

We are planning a special S'lichot Evening Service and Program for you and will announce details closer to the date.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, September 2

11 AM Service of Remembrance with Temple David at Temple Sinai Memorial Park (7740 Saltsburg Road, Plum, PA 15239)*

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 9

5 PM Erev Rosh HaShanah Tot Service*

7:45 PM Erev Rosh HaShanah Service* 

Monday, September 10

8 AM Rosh HaShanah Tot Service*

8:30 AM Rosh HaShanah Morning Early Service

8:30 AM Rosh HaShanah Children's Early Service & Program

11 AM Rosh HaShanah Morning Late Service 

4:30 PM Community Family Service at Frick Park*

5:15 PM Tashlich Service at Frick Park*

Tuesday, September 11

10 AM Rosh HaShanah 2nd Day Morning Service with Rodef Shalom Congregation at Temple Sinai*

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, September 18

5:30 PM Kol Nidre Tot Service*

6 PM Kol Nidre Early Service

8:30 PM Kol Nidre Late Service 

YOM KIPPUR (continued)

Wednesday, September 19

8 AM Yom Kippur Tot Service*

8:30 AM Yom Kippur Morning Early Service


8:30 AM Yom Kippur Children's Early Service & Program

11 AM Yom Kippur Morning Late Service 

1:30 PM Yom Kippur Minchah Afternoon Service*

2:45 PM Yom Kippur Beit Midrash*

4 PM *I am Jonah* presented by Attack Theatre*

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

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

SUKKOT

Sunday, September 23

6 PM Service & Soup in the Sukkah**

Monday, September 24

10 AM Sukkot Morning Service with Rodef Shalom Congregation at Temple Sinai*

SIMCHAT TORAH

Sunday, September 30

5:15 PM Erev Simchat Torah Congregational Dinner**

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


Monday, October 1

10 AM Simchat Torah Yizkor Morning Service at Rodef Shalom Congregation (4905 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213)*

Services in orange require Cards of Admission

*Open to the community

**Fee and registration required

 American Sign Language interpreter provided



*"And my house shall be called
a house of prayer for all peoples."
(Isaiah 56.7)*

YOM KIPPUR BEIT MIDRASH TOPICS, WED. SEPT. 19, 2:45 PM

- **Truth in Jewish Teaching and Public Discourse – Yes, It Matters!**
David Shribman and Rabbi Jamie Gibson will share texts, stories, and discussion about the need for facts and truth in our spiritual and civic lives.
- **Science and Jewish Environmentalism in an Age of Radical Skepticism**
Dr. Jerry Cohon will teach on the need to restore faith in the sciences in order to fulfill our Jewish obligations with respect to the environment.
- **Approaching the Holy Through Jewish Chant and Meditation**
Rhonda Rosen and David Goldstein will deepen spiritual connection through meditation and chant.
- **Exodus: What is Real and What is Not**
Ram Kossowsky will walk us through the lands of the Book of Exodus with a slide presentation.
- **Strange & Wonderful Stories of Jewish Identity & Connection (A Moth-Inspired Storytelling Hour)**
An hour of stories of strange and wonderful affirmations of Jewish identity and connection.
- **How DO Jews Deal With Death?**
Pat Cluss and Malke Frank will teach on Jewish death and burial customs and the need for them.

VALET PARKING

NEW this year for High Holy Days Services! COURTESY VALET PARKING PROGRAM for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

We want to be sure that seniors and persons with disabilities who drive to Temple Sinai for the High Holy Days do not have to worry about long and difficult walks from parking far away. We hope our new Courtesy Valet Parking program will make access to services easier and encourage more people with disabilities to attend.

To be eligible for courtesy valet parking you must have a valid state issued Persons with Disability Parking Placard or license plate.

Look in your Temple Sinai High Holy Day package for more information about this new program. Questions? Contact Lynn Corbett at (412) 421-9715 ext. 113 or LynnC@TempleSinaiPGH.org.



HIGH HOLY DAYS QUESTIONS? CONTACT US: (412) 421-9715

- **Drew Barkley**, Executive Director, ext. 111, Drew@TempleSinaiPGH.org; *Contact Drew with any questions including valet parking.*
- **Judy Rulin Mahan**, Membership Engagement & Operations Director, ext. 110, Judy@TempleSinaiPGH.org; *Contact Judy if you need an accommodation to attend any of the High Holy Days services or to volunteer to be a greeter.*
- **Nancy Conaway**, Executive Assistant to the Clergy, 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 with questions about children's services and to register for babysitting.*

*Shanah
Tovah*

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

Send New Year's greetings and let WoTS do the work! 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 late July, 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 get one mailed to you this year. If you have not received it by Aug. 7, please contact Carol Woolford at (412) 731-5054 or Susan Cohen at (412) 363-7745.



**Thank you for your support.
L'Shanah Tovah!**

Temple Sinai & Temple David
Service of Remembrance
Sunday, September 2, 11 AM

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. All are welcome!

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

You are invited to Temple Sinai's

"COME ON HOME"

SHABBAT-B-QUE

Welcome Back & Open House

August 24 • 5 PM Dinner • 7 PM Service

We're excited to welcome everyone back from summer adventures to kick off the 2018–2019 year! Come eat, schmooze, and meet new and prospective members!

HAMBURGERS • KOSHER HOT DOGS • VEGGIE BURGERS

Cost: \$5 per person (FREE for kids 5 and under). Register online in your Temple Sinai account or RSVP to Judy Rulin Mahan at Judy@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 110 by 5 PM on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

ALL ARE WELCOME! OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!

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NEW YEAR OF NEXT DOR STARTING IN AUGUST!

It's hard to believe that it's almost time for another year of Next DOR and innovative Jewish learning! Our Opening Day is August 26 from 11 AM–1 PM, and we're looking forward to seeing everyone!

We have spent these summer months reviewing parent and teacher feedback so that we can make our wonderfully successful first year even better. Here are a few of the changes:

- **We're moving from four chugim (classes) a year to three.** While the total number of sessions remains the same, each chug will be a couple weeks longer. This way, students will have more time to learn and work on projects.
- **Within each grade pair (Grades 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6), the two chug options for a trimester will cover similar content, even though the way that content is covered and the culminating projects will differ.** For example, both of the 5th & 6th grade chugim in one trimester will explore prophetic texts about social justice. While students in one chug might use these texts as models in writing their own calls for social justice, the students in the other chug might delve into one of the injustices and imagine ways to address it. In other words, much of the source material used by both chugim will be identical, but students will choose how they experience and process it.
- **We will be welcoming Israeli *shinshinim* (pre-army high school graduates) to enhance our Wednesday Hebrew program and our learning about Israel.** The *shinshinim* will also be available on Monday nights to hang out with our teens before class and to have important and difficult conversations about Israel.
- **The curriculum for our teens is changing as well.** Our 7th grade class will incorporate Hebrew, prayer, and Jewish history; students in 8th & 9th grades will have chugim; 10th grade Confirmation will be co-taught by Rabbi Jamie Gibson and Rabbi Keren Gorban; and 11th & 12th graders will have class with the *shinshinim* (in addition to Rabbi Gorban).

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Haber at DHaber@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-7039. We still have about a month to go before we put these and other tweaks into action, but in the meantime, there are **THREE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO**:

1.
Register your
child(ren) for
our programs.

2.
Put Opening Day,
Aug. 26,
11 AM–1 PM,
on your
calendar.

3.
Enjoy the rest of
your summer
and be safe!



NEXT DOR OPENING DAY

Sunday, August 26, 11 AM–1 PM

Gather as a community of parents, children, and teachers to kick off the year with learning, lunch, and games. Students will have a chance to meet their teachers and dive into their topics. Parents will also get a taste of their children's chugim.

Please keep in mind that this is our real first day of learning. While we are trying to balance the High Holy Days timing with the fact that it'll still be August, your attendance and participation are critical. Thank you!



HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

TEMPLE SINAI WILL COLLECT DONATIONS AUG. 31 – OCT. 3.

Desired Item List

- Canned Tuna
- Peanut Butter
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Low Sugar Cold Cereal
- Low Sodium Soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Vegetable oil
- Baby Diapers
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Toothpaste

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

Donation Hours:

**Monday – Friday
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Financial contributions can be made in-person at the pantry, mailed to the address below, or made on our website: www.jfcspgh.org/foodpantry.

**JFCS Squirrel Hill Food Pantry
828 Hazelwood Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15217**

*Distribution hours differ from donation hours; if you know someone in need, please ask them to give us a call for more information at: 412-421-2708.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES STARTING SOON

Rabbi Gibson's Shiur (class), Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30 PM, Starts Aug. 22

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. Classes will include topics such as racism and sexism, integrity in the home and workplace, the place of Israel in liberal Jewish concerns, Judaism, and human sexuality, as well as the ongoing search for God. (Note: Does not meet on holidays.)

Cost: \$54; Register online in your Temple Sinai account or contact Nancy Conaway at (412) 421-9715 ext. 115 or Nancy@TempleSinaiPGH.org.



Introduction to Judaism, Thursdays, 7-9 PM, Starts September 27

Introduction 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 for a couple; Register online in your Temple Sinai account or contact Debbie Haber at (412) 421-7039 or DHaber@TempleSinaiPGH.org.

FALK LIBRARY

The Library committee thanks the following for their generous donations of books to the Falk Library. Barbara Shuman, Ruth Reidbord, and Donna Berk Mullaugh all donated books from their private libraries. As the Library has no budget to purchase books, donations of books help us update our collection. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted and can be a lovely way to remember a loved one.

We now have the start of a cookbook collection:

The International Kosher Cookbook by Batia Plotch and
Sephardic Cooking: 600 Recipes Created in Exotic Sephardic Kitchens from Morocco to India by Copeland Marks

Wish List Books:

Eternal Life by Dara Horn
Frozen Mud and Red Ribbons by Avital Baruch
The Rise of Adam and Eve by Stephen Greenblatt

If you have any questions or would like to donate items, please email us at TempleSinaiLibraryPGH@gmail.com.

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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***

AUGUST AT T

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
			1
			Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation
5			8
			Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation 6:30 PM Beginner's Hebrew Class
12	13	14	15
			Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation 6:30 PM Beginner's Hebrew Class
19	20	21	22
9:30 AM Men's Discussion Group (offsite) 11 AM–2 PM Apples & Honey at The Waterfront			Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation 6:15 PM Rabbi Gibson's Shiur (Class) 6:30 PM Beginner's Hebrew Class
26	27	28	29
9:15 AM Hartman Learning 11 AM–1 PM Next DOR Opening Day	7–8:30 PM Teen School Opening Evening		Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation 6:15 PM Rabbi Gibson's Shiur (Class) 6:30 PM Beginner's Hebrew Class

T'shuvah Talks

Aug. 10, 17, 24, & 31

In preparation for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, we will be giving *T'shuvah* Talks during the sermon slot at our Friday night *Kabbalat Shabbat* services.

Cantor Laura Berman, Rabbi Jamie Gibson, and Rabbi Keren Gorban will each offer their perspectives on *t'shuvah* (repentance and return) as we turn our hearts to apologies and forgiveness.

Questions? Suggestions? Content for our weekly email or monthly ChaiLights? We want to hear from you! Contact our ChaiLights Coordinator, at (412) 421-9715 ext. 120 or tami@templesinaipgh.org. Visit www.templesinaipgh.org.

TEMPLE SINAI

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4
6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting with Minyan 7 PM Introduction to Judaism — Spring/Summer 2018 (offsite)	7 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service
9	10	11
6:15 PM Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry (offsite) 7 PM Introduction to Judaism — Spring/Summer 2018 (offsite)	7 PM Shabbat Evening Service with T'shuvah Talk, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service
16	17	18
7 PM Jewish Heritage Night at PNC Park (offsite) 7 PM Introduction to Judaism — Spring/Summer 2018 (offsite)	5 PM Tot Shabbat Snacks 5:30 PM Tot Shabbat Service 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service with T'shuvah Talk and Birthday Blessing, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS 8:30 PM Shabbat After Hours	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM Bar Mitzvah of Paul Stebbins and Shabbat Morning Service
23	24	25
7 PM Introduction to Judaism — Spring/Summer 2018 (offsite) 7 PM Board of Trustees Meeting with Minyan	5 PM "Come on Home" Shabbat-B-Que Welcome Back & Open House 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service with T'shuvah Talk, followed by an oneg, sponsored by Daniel Levin's family in honor of his Bar Mitzvah and by WoTS	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Levin and Shabbat Morning Service
30	31	
7 PM Introduction to Judaism — Spring/Summer 2018 (offsite)	7 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience with T'shuvah Talk, followed by oneg, sponsored by Dora Gordon's family in honor of her Bat Mitzvah and WoTS	

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS

AUGUST 3

7 PM MOSTLY MUSICAL SHABBAT: A SENSORY FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE

AUGUST 10

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

AUGUST 17

5:30 PM TOT SHABBAT

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE WITH BIRTHDAY BLESSING

AUGUST 24

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

AUGUST 31

7 PM MOSTLY MUSICAL SHABBAT: A SENSORY FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE

SATURDAYS

8:30 AM TORAH STUDY

9:15 AM INFORMAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

AUGUST 18

10 AM BAR MITZVAH OF PAUL STEBBINS AND SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

AUGUST 25

10 AM BAR MITZVAH OF DANIEL LEVIN AND SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

Join us from you! Contact Tami Prine, Marketing and Communications
tami@temple-sinai.org for event details and a full calendar listing.

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Have You Made Your Pledge?

Remember that at Temple Sinai we don't put a price on membership. Instead we ask that, guided by the knowledge of what it takes to sustain Temple Sinai, you determine what you can pay and give to the best of your ability.

Thank you to everyone who has made their Pledge for the 2018/2019 fiscal year, which began July 1. If you haven't yet made your Pledge, especially with the High Holy Days only a month away, thank you for returning the Pledge form we mailed to your home. We are happy to send you a replacement Pledge form if you need one.

Please contact Drew Barkley at Drew@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 111 with your questions.

WHAT WOTS MEANS TO ME

Until a few months ago, WoTS was barely on my radar. I associated WoTS only with matzoh brittle and holiday cards. All that changed when Laura Fehl, chair of WoTS, sought me out and invited me to get involved. I joined WoTS and soon learned that the organization is actually a huge component of the functioning of Temple Sinai.

The scope of WoTS is vast and astonishing. There are social justice events, discussion groups, congregational dinners, a knitting club, and cooking classes. There are day trips, Temple Sinai services, and partnerships with other Temple groups to create special programming. This is only a small sample of what WoTS does. WoTS is also under the umbrella of Women of Reform Judaism and shares some programming with WRJ.

WoTS excels at providing leadership and mentoring opportunities for women. I have learned much by watching and participating in WoTS and Temple life. Being able to learn from so many capable and experienced women is invaluable. I am surrounded by role models, and everyone is willing to share what they know. WoTS women have been unofficially mentoring me — often without knowing it.

WoTS members are generous. When Lisa Lederer and I, serving on the DisAbilities Task Force, requested money from WoTS to fund our Art and Movie Night during Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month, we were immediately given substantial funds from WoTS with a matching grant from Zelda Curtiss. WoTS is also able to sponsor young people and send them to camp or even Israel. WoTS members give from the heart.

WoTS women take care of their own. When Laura Fehl's car conked out, Suzan Hauptman, Susan Cohen, and Laura Arnold stepped in and loaned their cars so that she would not be stranded. Someone anonymously gifted me with matzoh brittle. People give me rides home. Those kinds of caring gestures happen all the time.

I experienced first hand the power and inclusion of WoTS when I wanted to finish the conversion to Judaism that I had started 23 years ago. Having only one Jewish parent, and not being raised Jewish, I was eager to convert, but my efforts to do so were derailed early because my mental illness makes studying and learning nearly impossible.

My WoTS friends — Mara Kaplan, Laura Fehl, and Lynn Rubenson — banded together and convinced me that I could do it if I tried, and offered all kinds of support for the process. I am now "back in the saddle," learning at my own pace, and happy to see my goals within reach.

There is so much more to say about WoTS. The real reward of WoTS is getting to know the women behind the programming — the smart, capable, fun, innovative, and caring people who make WoTS a sisterhood in the truest sense of the word. This organization has a heart. We are all here because Temple matters to us. I am surrounded by women who care about each other and the larger picture. We make the world better, one woman at a time.

~ Anne Alter



OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

OF BLESSED MEMORY (MAY)

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B'NEI MITZVAH ~ MAZAL TOV!

Saturday, August 18
Bar Mitzvah of Paul Stebbins
Son of Allison Strouse

Saturday, August 25
Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Levin
Son of Marcie Mitre & Kenneth Levin

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Lilith Bailey-Kroll
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SIMCHAHS

Mazal Tov to Lauren and Brandon Bell on the birth of their son, Jude Theodore, on June 29.

Mazal Tov to Jake Schwartz, grandson of Esther Schwartz, on his Bar Mitzvah on May 5 at Temple Emanuel in Tempe, AZ. Jake is the son of Howard and Ginger Schwartz.

Mazal Tov on the marriage of Cherie Beth Smith to Mark Desch on Friday, June 1. Cherie is the daughter of Arlene Smith and the late Howard Smith z"l.

Mazal Tov to David and Meryl Ainsman on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Micah Sohinki, on March 30. Parents are Lewis Sohinki and Laura Ainsman.

Mazal Tov to Paul J. Wossidlo, son of Lenore P. and Paul R. Wossidlo. He graduated from Propel Braddock Hills High School on June 7 and will attend Penn State Greater Allegheny in the Fall, majoring in engineering.

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~ *Babylonian Talmud (Taanit 23a)*

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Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience, Friday, Aug. 3 & 31, 7 PM

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

Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry, Thursday, Aug. 9, 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 for details.

Tot Shabbat, Friday, Aug. 17, 5 PM Snacks & Schmooze - 5:30 PM Service

Do your little ones like to sing and dance? Are you looking for an informal, inviting way to teach them about Shabbat and connect with other families? Join us for this exciting service for young children.

Shabbat After Hours, Friday, Aug. 17, 8:30 PM

Join other young adults for lively conversation, wine, and cheese.

Men's Discussion Group (offsite), Sunday, Aug. 19, 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 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

8th Annual Apples & Honey Fall Festival, Sunday, Aug. 19, 11 AM–2 PM

Celebrate a Sweet New Year in the park with apples and honey, crafts, activities, a bounce house, shofar making, entertainment, vendors, food, and more! Be sure to stop by the Temple Sinai table. Location: The Waterfront Towne Center, 149 West Bridge Street, Homestead, PA 15120

"Come on Home" Shabbat-B-Que Welcome Back & Open House, Friday, Aug. 24, 5 PM Dinner – 7 PM Service

We'll kick off the 2018–2019 year with an indoor BBQ with hamburgers, kosher hot dogs, veggie burgers, and all the fixings! Register online or RSVP to Judy Rulin Mahan at Judy@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 110 by Tuesday, Aug. 21. Cost: \$5/Free for children 5 and under; Open to the community.

Rabbi Gibson's Shiur (class), Wednesdays starting Aug. 22, 6:15 PM

Classes will include topics such as racism and sexism, integrity in the home and workplace, the place of Israel in liberal Jewish concerns, Judaism and human sexuality, as well as the ongoing search for God. (See page 9 for details.)

High Holy Days Schedule Inside

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