CHAILEGHTS



Cantor's Corner

By Cantor Laura Berman

"We light these lights for the miracles and the wonders"...During all eight days of Hanukkah these lights are sacred, and we are not permitted to make ordinary use of them — but only to look at them in order to express thanks and praise to

Your great Name "for Your miracles, Your wonders and Your salvations."

These are words from Hanerot Hallalu ("These Lights"), sung in some circles after the Hanukkah blessings. They come from a special poem in that great work of Jewish law, the Talmud, reminding us that the lights of the Hanukkiah, the Hanukkah menorah, have one purpose — we light them for our enjoyment.

With Hanukkah, which comes at the darkest time of the year, we bring a little more light into our lives each night until our homes and are hearts are ablaze with light and warmth. In this way we express our dedication — Hanukkah, after all, means dedication — to our families, to our community, to our tradition, and to the divine light in each of us.

The spirit of dedication is what Hanukkah is all about. The holiday celebrates the rededication of our Temple after its desecration by the Greek army, and thus our rededication to our faith and to working together to help make miracles happen. In this wonderful community, we have multiple ways to express our faith and our desire to work together. We dedicate our time, our efforts, and our special gifts. There are those who dedicate themselves to enhancing our services, to supporting adult or youth education, to strengthening our Israel, interfaith, or social justice efforts, to charting our direction, or to adding to our community by their presence and participation. Some dedicate themselves to improving one life in a major way; some dedicate themselves to improving many lives in smaller ways. Dedication is making a difference at Hanukkah and throughout the year.

As you light the lights of dedication, consider dedicating a special theme to each night (as suggested by Rabbi Rona Shapiro):

- 1. Big Gift Night: each adult/child gets one big gift
- 2. Grandparent Night: children open gifts from grandparents, and vice versa

- 3. Book Night: each adult/child receives a book
- Music Night: exchange and play Jewish CDs, sing Hanukkah songs
- Cooking Night: make latkes or sufganiyot (traditional Hanukkah jelly doughnuts)
- **6. Tzedakah Night:** wrap presents to deliver to a children's hospital or other charity
- 7. Homemade Gift Night: before Hanukkah, draw lots for each family member to make a gift for someone else
- 8. Hanukkah Service: The list leaves an additional night to celebrate Shabbat Hanukkah at Temple Sinai on December 15 with a special community dinner and musical service.

We will dedicate ourselves to celebrating the gift of community, in which each person is appreciated as sacred. With that kind of dedication, we can make miracles happen.

Wishing you a joyous Hanukkah!



WHAT'S RABBI GORBAN READING?

One of the joys of planning and preparing chugim (electives) for Next DOR has been researching books to offer as resources for our learners. In looking for books to expand our notions of Jewish food, I came across two wonderful cookbooks: King Solomon's Table by Joan Nathan and The Book of Jewish Food by Claudia Roden. Both of these books combine recipes with lessons on history and holidays, culture and cooking. Sometimes you can even find some Jewish texts woven in! The handful of recipes that I've tasted are delicious — I hope you enjoy them too!

LIFE & LEGACY — ASSURING JEWISH TOMORROWS

"As my ancestors planted for me, so I too plant for my children."

~ Babylonian Talmud (Taanit 23a)

We are very excited that Temple Sinai has been chosen to participate in LIFE & LEGACY, a partnership between the Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's LIFE & LEGACY program.

LIFE & LEGACY is a four-year legacy incentive program that will incentivize, train, and encourage local Jewish organizations to create and follow an action plan to secure legacy gifts and to steward donors effectively. As legacy gifts increase, endowments increase and provide ever increasing revenue to operating budgets to help assure the survival of Jewish organizations for decades to come.

LIFE & LEGACY means planned gifts for the future of Temple Sinai. Many of you have loved and poured your heart into Temple Sinai. You have nurtured the Temple Sinai community to help shape it into what it is today, a beacon of innovation, inspiration, and inclusion. Temple Sinai is an enduring part of your Jewish legacy, just like your family. As you plan for the future, think about what that legacy

means to you — and please consider Temple Sinai in your will or estate plan.

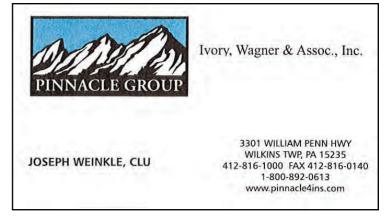


Josh lives in Chicago and his synagogue participated in LIFE & LEGACY. "My father always said that without synagogues, other Jewish organizations would not exist. The synagogue is the backbone. Providing a piece of my estate to my synagogue after my passing, which hopefully is not for many years, makes me happy."

Those who have been touched, like Josh, want to know that their cherished institutions will be there in the future to benefit the lives of others.

Many thanks to Temple Sinai's LIFE & LEGACY team leaders — Laura and George Arnold, Drew Barkley, Todd Rosenfeld, Barry Rudel, Jay Silberblatt, Joe Weinkle, and Alison Yazer. Join them. Contact Drew Barkley, drew@templesinaipgh.org or (412) 421-9715, ext. 111.





JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY DINNERS

Hanukkah Community Dinner & Menorah Lighting

Friday, Dec. 15, 5:45 PM

Bring your family Hanukkiah (Hanukkah menorah) early, and we'll light it at the beginning of the dinner.

Chef Drew and a small crew of volunteers will make fresh latkes (with all the fixings), soup, and salad.



Cost: \$10/\$5 for children 12 and under (register online in your Temple Sinai account to pay by credit card, or call us to register and charge it to your account)

Community Potluck Dinner Friday, Jan. 19, 5:45 PM

We'll provide a delicious entrée prepared by Chef Drew. Please bring a non-dairy side dish, salad, or dessert (enough for 8–10 people).

The Baked Blueberry Chutney Chicken entrée is from Tina Wasserman's book *Entrée to Judaism* and can be found at www.cookingandmore.com.

Cost: \$5 (register online in your Temple Sinai account to pay by credit card, or call us to register and charge it to your account)



DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE MEMORY OF RABBI GIBSON?

SO MANY YEARS. SO MANY MEMORIES.

Do you have a favorite memory of how Rabbi Jamie Gibson has made you laugh or smile or touched your heart through the years? Or, do you want to say a few words of thanks? **We'd love to hear from you.**

Email Tami Prine, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, tami@templesinaipgh.org. We'll share your memories and photos in social media, weekly emails, monthly ChaiLights, and slideshows. (You can even remain anonymous if you wish.)

Together let's show Rabbi Gibson how much his 30 years of service have meant to us.



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



New chugim for Next DOR will begin Jan. 7.

Look for an email with registration information at the beginning of December.

1st & 2nd Grade

I Can Change the World*

What can one kid do to make the world a better place? Explore the big difference that little kids can make in their community and the world. (Includes three sessions of parent-child Cooking for Caring.)

Values at Play*

What Jewish values go into designing a playground? How about a whole community? Explore these values while designing and building a miniature playground. (Includes three sessions of parent-child Cooking for Caring.)

*Note: In response to our younger learners' need for more consistency, these chugim will run from January – April.

Let's kick off the new year together! Sunday, Jan. 7, 8:45–9:15 AM

All religious school families are invited to a "happy new year, welcome back, new chugim are starting" pancake breakfast sponsored by WoTS.

3rd & 4th Grade JANUARY-FEBRUARY

Soul Food

Why is food so important to Jewish holidays and celebrations and how does it help make sacred memories? Learn more about the connection between food and the soul and spend some time in the kitchen making soul food!

Tikkun Olam Together

Help feed the hungry while building relationships in the interfaith community and exploring the ways that helping others brings us closer to God. (A parent-child chug that includes some cooking.)

MARCH-APRIL

Where Is God?

Jews have lots of different ideas about God. Discover some of these different beliefs, uncover your own, and put together a picture book for younger children about where and how to find God.

Prayers of the Heart

Add your voice to our siddur (prayer book) by composing poetry or music to add to our services.

5th & 6th Grade JANUARY-FEBRUARY

The Idiot's Guide to Life

What life lessons can we learn from stupid people? Read Jewish folktales about the wisdom of fools and teach those lessons to the rest of us.

Speaking Truth to Power

Delve into the ways that the Later Prophets spoke words of truth and warning to leaders who allowed injustice to flourish. Then, channel your own prophetic voice to address the injustices in our own community and country.

MARCH-APRIL

Parashah Posts

Be the first group to make Parashah Posts, a visual representation of the content of each Torah portion for everyone to see combined with a time capsule of artifacts about or related to the parashah.

Women of the Bible for 500, Alex

Create the ultimate Jew-pardy game based on women in the Bible. At the end, show off your own knowledge about women of the Bible and see if you can stump the rabbi(s)!

COMMUNITY CHUG PRESENTATIONS & HANUKKAH LUNCH

Check out our learning!

...See pieces of our artwork & calligraphy...
...Get ideas of where to give tzedakah...

...Get advice on how to treat siblings...

...& More!

Sunday, December 17

Students meet @ 9:30 AM

• Family & friends join us @ 10:45 AM

 Hanukkah Lunch sponsored & prepared by WoTS @ 11:45 AM



WOMENOF TEMPLE SINAI

invites you to the Next DOR Hanukkah Lunch at 11:45 AM on Sunday, Dec. 17 after the Community Chug Presentations.

Photos from Community Chug Presentations on Oct. 29

Photo #1: Teacher Adria Wilson with 5th & 6th grade students: Shane Birkenfield, Ryan Kaufman, Elana Padnos, Jonah Hart, Amelia Landis, Sahara Kinderlehrer, Hannah Horowitz, and Adina Rosen; **Photo #2:** Emily Olifson, Annabel Berkowitz, and Tomer Davies; **Photo #3:** Hannah and Josh Amster; **Photo #4:** Isaac and Toby McHenry; **Photo #5:** Nera Akiva; **Photo #6:** Families watching a Hebrew presentation; **Photo #7:** Lena Laubscher passing out apple streusel; **Photo #8:** Noah's Ark creation from 1st & 2nd grade students

(Photo credit: John Schiller)

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult B'nei Mitzvah Wednesdays, 7:30–9 PM, beginning in January

Experience the joy and awe of leading a service, reading from the Torah scroll, and teaching Torah as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. From October to December, students will learn to read Hebrew, and from January to May, students will learn to recite the prayers in our service, explore what they mean, and study their Torah portion in depth. Whether you were born Jewish or you chose Judaism, whether you celebrated becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah as a child or you never had the opportunity, this course is for you! This course of study culminates in a service for the congregation on Friday, June 15, 2018. Contact Rabbi Gorban for more information at rabbigorban@templesinaipgh.org.

Fee: \$180 (scholarships available)



Ever wanted to know what happens after Deuteronomy ends? We're exploring the rest of the Hebrew Bible and grappling with some of the difficult texts that we rarely read. No experience or reservations necessary, just show up! Contact Abigail Salisbury for more information at abigail.salisbury@gmail.com.



GALA DINNER, APRIL 29

SAVE THE DATE! Please mark your calendars for a Gala Dinner to honor Rabbi Gibson for his outstanding service to Temple Sinai.

The committee co-chairs for this special event are:

- Louise & Michael Malakoff
- Ilene & Jimmy Ross
- Karen & Tony Ross

For more information about the Gala and/or to serve on the 30th Tribute Committee, please contact Barry Rudel at (412) 421-9715 ext. 133 or brudel@templesinaipgh.org.



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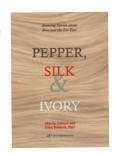


Karen & Tony Ross

FALK LIBRARY

Thanks to all who joined us for our Grand "Read"-Opening. If you weren't able to attend, please feel free to stop in and enjoy the Falk Library at any time, or you can access the online catalog at www.templesinaipgh.org/learn/falk-library.

Featured book this month: Pepper, Silk & Ivory: Amazing Stories about Jews and the Far East by Marvin Tokayer and Ellen Rodman (call# 950.04 TOK). The stories of the characters and history of the Jews of the Far East are woven together in this fascinating book.



Wish List Books:

The Bridal Chair by Gloria Goldreich The Hare with the Amber Eyes by Edmund de Waal After the Apple: Women in the Bible by Naomi Rosenblatt

If you have any questions, please email us at TempleSinaiLibrarypgh@gmail.com.

NATHAN AND TEMPLE HILDA KATZEN at SINA Center for Jewish Learning

Temple Treasure Trove

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NATHAN AND HILDA KATZEN Center for Jewish Learning

COME BY AND TAKE A LOOK!! ONE DAY ONLY!!!!!!!!

DECEMBER AT TEMPLE SINA

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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

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DECEMBER 8
7 PM SHABBAT EVENING
SERVICE

DECEMBER 15 5:30 PM TOT SHABBAT

7 PM SHABBAT HANUKKAH SERVICE

DECEMBER 22
7 PM SHABBAT EVENING
SERVICE

SATURDAYS

:30 AM TORAH STUDY

P:15 AM INFORMAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

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MUSICAL WEEKEND SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER

Thank you to everyone in the Temple Sinai family for an incredible weekend of music in honor of my 30th year serving our community. It was filled with joy, laughter, and music that I will remember for years! I am indebted to Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller for her amazing spiritual gifts as well as Carol and Rick Rosenthal, who made the entire weekend possible. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! ~ Rabbi Jamie Gibson



JAMIE & FRIENDS CONCERT SINA

Photo #1: Abby and Bear Bolton; Photo #2: Cantors Benjie Ellen Schiller and Laura Berman; Photo #3: Sofya and Roman Leyzerovich;

Photo #4: Hanita and Ram Kossowsky and daughter Tammy; Photo #5: Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller and Rabbi Jamie Gibson;

Photo #6: Rabbi Jamie Gibson, Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller, and Rabbi Keren Gorban; Photo #7: Sarah and Mara Bett;

Photo #8: Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller, Rabbi Jamie Gibson, and the Intergenerational Choir; **Photo #9:** Musical Weekend Chairs Carol and Rick Rosenthal; **Photo #10:** Ashley Kendall and Katherine Kaplan; **Photo #11:** Rabbi Jamie Gibson and Andy Leo; **Photo #12:** Cantors Laura Berman and Benjie Ellen Schiller; **Photo #13:** Stephen Jurman and Danielle Trauth-Jurman; **Photo #14:** Evelyn and Bill Wedner;

Photo #15: Rabbi Jamie and Barbara Gibson; Photo #16: "The Teens" (Sarah Bett, Dillon Hvizdash, Joey Breslau, and Jacob Epstein);

Photo #17: Revs. Rodney & Jackie Lyde; Photo #18: Rabbi Paul Tuchman, Rabbi Yaier Lehrer, Cantor Michal Gray-Schaffer, Rabbi Sara Perman, Rabbi Cheryl Klein, Cantor Laura Berman, Rabbi Jeff Myers, and Rabbi Jamie Gibson; Photo #19: Carolyn and Frank Schwarz;

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We apologize in advance for any omissions that may occur.

Thank you for your generosity to Temple Sinai throughout the year!

If your philanthropic and financial positions allow, kindly consider a year-end contribution to our Endowment, to our special 2017-18 Tribute Campaign in Honor of Rabbi Gibson's 30th Anniversary of Service to Temple Sinai, and/or to any of our other worthwhile funds.

Your involvement with and support of Temple Sinai is greatly appreciated.

OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

B'NEI MITZVAH ~ MAZAL TOV!

Saturday, January 13
Bat Mitzvah of
Emily Gutstein
Daughter of Jill Schumacher
& Howard Gutstein





Saturday, January 20
Bat Mitzvah of Ellie Rich
Daughter of
Betty & Lawrence Rich

WANTED Your Good News!

Please send your good news (awards, graduations, engagements, marriages, births — anything you want to share with your Temple Sinai community) to Tami Prine, Marketing and Communications Coordinator at tami@templesinaipgh.org, and we will include it in the weekly email and in our monthly ChaiLights. Thank you!

NEW MEMBERS (OCTOBER)

Marian & Stanford Davis

OF BLESSED MEMORY (OCTOBER)

Morris Bangel, grandfather of Michael (Lauren) Coblenz; great-grandfather of Rebecca and Hannah

Grace Moritz, wife of Silbert Moritz; mother of Howard (Nancy Burk) Moritz, Lowell (Paula Beal) Moritz, Ruth (Jim) Moritz Allen, and Susan (Tom) Moritz Roth; beloved grandmother and great-grandmother

Ellen Solomon, mother of Marcie (Nate Goldblatt) Solomon; grandmother of Matthew and Rachel

Gerald "Jerry" H. Roth, husband of Ruth M. Roth; father of Diane (Nat) Cohen, and Martin (Lynn) Roth; grandfather of Jason, Geoffrey, and Abigail Cohen, and Lauren and Jennifer Roth

John F. Anderson; father of Stewart (Debra) Anderson; grandfather of Joe and Naomi Anderson

SIMCHAHS

Mazal Tov to Dan Holstein and Kathryn Goffredi, who were married October 20. Dan is the son of Adora and Stephen Holstein.

Mazal Tov to Lisa and Joshua Lederer on the birth of their son, Jonah Martin Lederer, on October 2.

Mazal Tov to Courtney and Grant Abrams on the birth of their son, Jacob Jerome Abrams, born on October 12.

Mazal Tov to proud grandparents Harry and Ronna Back, and aunt and uncle, Shari Back and Bill Padnos. Sophia Aviva Faas was born on November 4 to Elyssa Back and Dee Faas.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKETPLACE

Your holiday gifts can be more meaningful when you "shop" The Alternative Gift Marketplace, sponsored by Women of Temple Sinai and the Tikkun Olam Center for more than eight years. Make a difference in the world when you join in and contribute to make our world a better place.

GIFTS INCLUDE:

- Two meals at a soup kitchen (East End Cooperative Ministries) \$8
- School supplies for a homeless child (Homeless Children's Initiative) \$8
- Rescue and shelter pets who were impacted by hurricanes (Best Friends Animal Society) \$18
- Lunch and dinner for a needy homebound person (Meals on Wheels) \$8
- Provide bedding for one woman seeking safety and shelter (Bethlehem Haven) \$25
- Full bag of groceries (Squirrel Hill Food Pantry) \$25
- One month of Religious School for a Temple Sinai family in need \$36
- Essential hurricane relief for American territories devastated by hurricanes (One America Appeal) \$25
- Mosquito net to save two lives in Africa (Nothing but Nets) \$10
- Medical care to keep refugee children in dire need healthy and learning (Save the Children) \$30
- Programs to build a more peaceful and environmentally sustainable future for the Middle East and the world (Arava Institute for the Environment) \$18

Gift cards (designed by Next DOR students Casey Bloom and Ellie Lobl) for you to send/give to recipient \$1

Please look for this year's flyer in the lobby or download the form from the Temple Sinai website.

For more information about this program, please contact Carol Woolford at cw2g@andrew.cmu.edu or Louise Mayo at Imayo@ccm.edu.





ORDERS TAKEN

THROUGH DEC. 24

A SILVER OPPORTUNITY

The Silver Socializers group (formerly the Over 60 Singles) offers the opportunity to get together for older congregants, particularly if you are single and seeking to expand your social life. We are reorganizing this group and welcome your input regarding activities in which you would like to participate. Watch weekly emails for events and get-togethers.

For more information, contact Anita Gordon at artmuse 1@verizon.net.

SENIORS: BE A HELPING HAND

Do you like talking on the phone? Have you been looking for a volunteer opportunity you can do from the comfort of your home? Do you want to connect with other members who are homebound or who may

Seniors Calling Seniors

Arlene Smith (412) 829-9744 sweetn5163@aol.com



WOMENOF TEMPLE SINAI

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Cooking Classes Through June

Temple Sinai congregants and friends who have participated in the monthly cooking classes sponsored by the Women of Temple Sinai (WOTS) not only learn a new dish or two, they enjoy sitting together and sharing the results of their lesson.

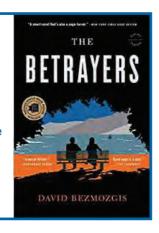
Classes are held the second Monday of each month from 6:30–8:30 PM. Each class costs \$10, and anyone age 16 and over is welcome to participate.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	
December 11, 2017	Latkes and Applesauce: Carol Woolford, Melissa Myers, and Carol Rosenthal will teach us to make sweet potato latkes, carrot ginger latkes, and applesauce in time for Hanukkah. RSVP to Anita Gordon, artmuse 1@verizon.net or call (412) 708-7066.	
January 8, 2018	Super Dinner for Friends to Warm Up: Annie Weidman will share super easy, super delicious and super inexpensive recipes for cold winter nights.	
February 12, 2018	A Taste of Persia: Mara Kaplan will create a menu for Purim featuring tasty treats.	
March 12, 2018	Beyond Matzah: Leon Edelsack will lead us in learning new dishes for Passover.	
April 9, 2018	Is There An App for That? Maybe not, but Barbara Gibson will "up" our entertaining menus with easy appetizers and tapas.	
May 14, 2018	Missing Waldorf Bakery's Babkas? Randy Boswell will delight us by showing us how to bal chocolate babka.	
June 11, 2018	Surprise, Surprise: Drew Barkley will surprise us with a menu that will please our palates.	

Unless otherwise updated in our weekly emails, please RSVP to Carolyn Schwartz either by 4CarolynSchwarz@gmail.com or at (412) 421-1268. Questions? Please contact either Carolyn or Laura Arnold at Isarnold 1@gmail.com or (412) 401-9016.

Temple Sinai Book Club Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1:15 PM

Our selection for January is The Betrayers by David Bezmozgis. We will meet in the Lockhart Lounge for a lively discussion. Contact Anne Faigen at (412) 422-9580 for more information.





TEMPLE SINAI GIFT SHOP — 75% OFF EVERYTHING!!!!

FINAL CLEARANCE SALE!

It is with great sadness that we must announce the closing of the Temple Sinai Gift Shop. As with many "brick and mortar stores," our gift shop can no longer compete with online shopping.

SALE DATES

Sunday, December 3 9:30 AM-3 PM Sunday, December 17 9:30 AM-2 PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT

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Temple Treasure Trove — 2nd Annual Vendor & Craft Show + Book Sale Sunday, Dec. 3, 9:30 AM–3 PM (Book Sale until 1 PM)

Our social hall will be filled with vendors and crafters. Perfect for all your holiday shopping for everyone on your list!

WoTS Cooking Class Monday, Dec. 11, 6:30 PM

Just in time for Hanukkah! Carol Woolford will teach us how to make sweet potato latkes while Melissa Myers introduces us to carrot ginger latkes, and Carol Rosenthal shares her applesauce recipe. In addition to tasting our creations at the end of the class, samples will be available to take home. Please RSVP to Anita Gordon, artmuse 1@verizon.net or call (412) 708-7066. Cost is \$10, and anyone age 16 and older is welcome!

Congregational Dinner & Menorah Lighting, Friday, Dec. 15, 5:45–7 PM

Chef Drew and a small crew of volunteers will make fresh latkes (with all the fixings), soup, and salad. We will light family Hanukkiyot at the beginning of the dinner. Cost: \$10/\$5 for children 12 and under

Next DOR Community Chugim Presentations and Hanukkah Lunch, Sunday, Dec. 17, 9:30 AM

Check out our learning! See pieces of our artwork and calligraphy. Get ideas of where to give tzedakah. Get advice on how to treat siblings and more!

9:30 AM Students assemble

10:45 AM Presentations begin

11:45 AM Stay for lunch sponsored by WoTS

Congregational Dinner, Friday, Jan. 19, 5:45 PM

We'll provide a delicious entrée prepared by Chef Drew. Please bring a non-dairy side dish or dessert (enough for 8–10 people). Cost: \$5



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