

CHAILIGHTS



Rabbi's Reflections

By Rabbi Jamie Gibson

December and January are the darkest months of the year. We try to brighten them with festivals and lights and song, but in some sense, it is all whistling in the dark to give ourselves courage and strength.

The darkest of our times started early this year. On Oct. 27, light was shattered, lives were lost, terror let loose, and the darkness prevailed at Tree of Life * Or I'Simcha-Dor Hadash-New Light congregations. It was a darkness that none of us expected and was so complete our community shut down for days and weeks.

And yet in the midst of tears and fears, in the middle of darkness supreme, we found light. We found the light in each other's eyes as we comforted each other. We found light in each other's open hearts and open doors. We found light in each other's presence.

Now we face the darkest months of the year. What will we do? Will we hunker down in our homes, in our private lives, and simply hope to endure until the spring and warmth and life come again? Will we forget the lessons we learned in October, the lessons that we share far more, especially in our lives of faith, than whatever divides us in text or tradition?

We put our hopes in the words of the Psalm: *Or zarua latzadik, u'lyishrei lev* ! Light is sown for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart! (Ps. 97.11)

We create light in the face of darkness when we are not afraid to be a *tzadik*, someone who is righteous. We are *tzadikim* (plural of *tzadik*) when we emerge with courage from the safety of our homes, when we gather in spirit and song at Temple Sinai for inspiration, when we lift up our hands not only to praise, but to feed the hungry, to protest injustices like the separation of children from parents at our borders, not to mention countless other injustices that plague our community.

We create joy when our upright hearts bring us together to celebrate in the face of the dark, to light Hanukkah candles in December and to sing in interfaith community for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in January. We ignite joy, hope, light, and faith by coming together to do the hard work under-



Top: Thousands of mourners gathered inside (and outside) Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum on Sunday,

Oct. 28 for a vigil organized by the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. Bottom: Flowers outside the Tree of Life Synagogue (Photo credits: John Schiller)

standing each other and those who are so different from us in neighborhood, political party, or Jewish connections.

It is darkest in our midst when we refuse to kindle our own lights, when we hid them under the cover of our fears. We must find our spiritual courage instead.

Hanukkah is called the "Festival of Lights" precisely because our people suffered in darkness of shame and fear but ultimately fought for God and faith and freedom. As they did, so must we.

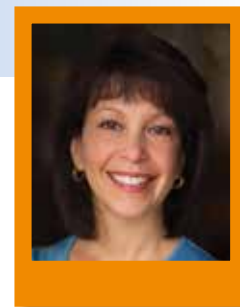
May God give us the strength, may we inspire in each other commitment, may we find in the deepest part of our own hearts the spark we need so that together we ignite a *m'suat olam*—an eternal flame—that will banish the darkness during these months with so little light and warmth.

May you be righteous and upright in heart and a source of light!

In Peace, Hope, Faith, and Justice,

Rabbi Jamie Gibson

MESSAGE FROM CANTOR LAURA BERMAN



In our culture, public emotion is difficult. From a young age, we are taught to control our emotions for fear of demonstrating our soft spots. There are overwhelming times, however, when we cannot help but freely expose our feelings. Here in Pittsburgh on October 27 and the days following the attack at Tree of Life, our collective grief brought open displays of our sensitivities. We cried. We lit candles. We came together in our shock and our anguish and our sense of fragility and felt the importance of being together. Services overflowed. It was powerful, supportive, and bonding.

When we come together we remind ourselves that what is important is not how we sound or whether we know the requisite words, but rather how we feel when we connect. We recognize that whether we come to seek comfort or to communicate gratitude or both, we can share traditions, sorrows, worries, and smiles. Knowing that we are among others who share our values, rituals, and future makes our community feel like home.

The writer, Harry Golden, reportedly asked his less-than-traditional father why he attends Shabbat services every week. His father answered, "My friend Garfinkel goes to talk to God, and I go to talk to Garfinkel!" It's funny because it is so reflective of the truth. Sometimes we may be like Garfinkel, seeking a sense of the Divine, and sometimes we may be like the father, seeking a sense of community. Truth is, we can find sparks of the Divine within community. A caring community is an antidote to the remoteness that is so pervasive in our world.

When we gather as community, consider sitting near others to enhance the power of shared connection. Then sing! You can join with the melodies and combined voices regardless of words. Find something you relate to in the prayer book, even if it's on a different page from those around you; your appreciation of the emotions driving the words will doubtless grow and evolve. Finally, stay for the oneg afterwards. Your community will expand, whether or not you talk to anyone named Garfinkel!

Wishing you and yours a warm and bright Hanukkah.

STAY STRONG by Philip L. Lehman, PhD, Board President

In those first frenetic forty-eight hours following the horrific events at Tree of Life, New Light, and Dor Hadash synagogues, I received calls, texts, emails, and social media messages from friends around the world. They inquired about me, my family, our neighborhood, our community, and our city, and expressed affection, deep concern, and outrage. Two of these missives arrived from the friends I have known the longest, since childhood in New York.

The subject of one of these caring notes said, poignantly and simply, "You."

I replied with appreciation and a narrative of the whirlwind of events, actions, reactions, activities, and decisions that I had been part of across our community. The specifics, my friend said, personalized it for her, and she closed, "Stay strong."

And so we all have, mixed with tears. Pittsburgh Strong. Sinai Strong. Uniquely us Strong.

Strong across our congregation, our friends, and our city. Strong in refusing to accept hate. Privately Strong in small groups and at shivas. Twelve hundred, standing-room-only, Strong, with interfaith clergy, friends, and our mayor on that next community Shabbat overflowing our sanctuary and auditorium.

And Welcoming: we have been embraced by and have embraced the people of Pittsburgh of all faiths. In a nutshell, this is our collective challenge for the future. Stay Strong and Welcoming.

Of course, that is the balance we seek in specifics as well, as Temple Sinai, together with the Pittsburgh community, considers our "new reality." Our new Security Committee, with our amazing clergy and staff and the oversight of our Board of Trustees, is working on both short-term actions (already in place) and long-term policies, processes, procedures, and physical changes, to continue to enhance the safety and security of our gatherings, while welcoming people to our "house of prayer for all peoples." The theme of all of these discussions is that balance: Strong and Welcoming.

And so, as 2018 winds to a close, that is my wish for all of us: Stay Sinai Strong and Sinai Welcoming. Together.

LIFE & LEGACY — ASSURING JEWISH TOMORROWS

TEMPLE SINAI LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBERS (as of 11/16/18)

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so I too plant for my children."
~ *Babylonian Talmud (Ta'anit 23a)*

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BE INSPIRED IN DECEMBER

SATURDAY
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5 PM "Turning Points" Moth-Inspired Storytelling Stories of strange and wonderful affirmations of Jewish identity and connection. **RSVP recommended.** Contact Nancy Conaway at Nancy@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 115. Inspired to share your story at a future storytelling event? Contact Rabbi Jamie Gibson at RabbiGibson@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-8492.

SUNDAY
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10 AM Brotherhood Brunch with Guest Speaker Barbara Burstin

Local history professor Barbara Burstin will discuss 20th Century "Historic Battles Royale, with a Pittsburgh Twist," such as "Reform vs. Zionist" and "FDR: Love Him or Leave Him?"
Cost: \$18 at the door. *All are welcome. Open to the community.*

FRIDAY
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5:45 PM Traditional Latke Hanukkah Congregational Dinner & Menorah Lighting 7 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat Hanukkah Evening Service

Celebrate Hanukkah with us with a traditional fresh latke dinner made by Chef Drew and a crew of volunteers (plus old-fashioned homemade tomato soup, and salad).

Cost: \$10/\$5 for children 12 and under. Register online or contact Judy Rulin Mahan at Judy@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 110. **RSVP by 5 PM on Tues., Dec. 4.**



SUNDAY
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10 AM WoTS Talk with Guest Speaker Becky Abrams WoTS has added a new element — open to the entire congregation — to its monthly meetings with "WoTS Talks" featuring information on potential volunteer opportunities. Becky Abrams from The Center for Women will discuss "Women Helping Women Partnership." *Business meeting follows at 11 AM.*

MONDAY
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6:30 PM WoTS Cooking Class Come take a culinary trip south of the border with WoTS. Guest instructor Luisa Narins, of WRJ Atlantic District, will share some of her favorite dishes from her native Peru. Anyone age 16 and older is welcome! **Cost:** \$10. **RSVP by Fri., Nov. 9** to Carolyn Schwarz, (412) 421-1268 or 4carolynschwarz@gmail.com.

FRIDAY
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5 PM Tot Shabbat Snacks & Schmooze

5:30 PM Tot Shabbat Service

Do your kids like to sing and dance? Are you looking for an informal, inviting way to teach your little ones about Shabbat and connect with other families? Join Rabbi Keren Gorban for this exciting service.



FRIDAY
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8:30 PM Shabbat After Hours Join other young adults to welcome Rebekah Malkin, our new Young Adult Engagement Director. You'll also enjoy conversation, wine, and cheese.

BE INNOVATIVE IN JANUARY

FRIDAY
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7 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience The music is informal and lively. Come prepared to sing along and maybe even dance a bit.



SATURDAY
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6 PM Primetimers Potluck Dinner Primetimers are invited to a dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner and movie at Temple Sinai. RSVP to Judy Rulin Mahan at Judy@TempleSinaiPGH.org with your dish selection by 5 PM on Wednesday, Jan. 9.

FRIDAY
JAN
18

5 PM Tot Shabbat Snacks & Schmooze
5:30 PM Tot Shabbat Service

Do your kids like to sing and dance? Are you looking for an informal, inviting way to teach your little ones about Shabbat and connect with other families? Join Rabbi Keren Gorban for this exciting service.



FRIDAY
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8:30 PM Shabbat After Hours

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

FRIDAY
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7 PM Shabbat in the Home (Shabbat BaBayit) 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 by Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 5 PM** to Nancy Conaway at Nancy@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 115. *Space is limited.*

SUNDAY
JAN
27

Noon WoTS & Brotherhood Lunch & Puppet Show

Puppets! Come shake off the winter doldrums and join Temple Sinai member Kellee Van Aken and visual artist and puppet maker Cheryl Capezzuti for an afternoon of short puppet pieces. Stories of discovery, loss, and how to put things together—plus a giant puppet dance party! Appropriate for ages 8–108!

Register online in your Temple Sinai account or contact Debbie Haber at DHaber@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-7039 by 5 PM on Thurs., Jan. 17.



Photo: Larry Rippel

WEDNESDAYS
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6:15 PM Rabbi Gibson's Shiur (class) Classes will include a wide range of topics. **Cost: \$54;** Contact Nancy Conaway at Nancy@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 115.



LET'S TAKE INCLUSION BEYOND ITS TRADITIONAL MEANING

By Lynn Rubenson, Board Secretary and Marketing Committee Chair

We have embraced our “mantra” of inspiration, inclusion and innovation at Temple Sinai. These are more than just words; they are at the very core of our culture and in essence the foundation of our S’hema Statement.

Inclusion reflects not only our opening of our doors, but ensuring that all have access to our building, programs, meetings, and services. Think about moving your gathering from its typical location in the library to another, totally accessible room. And as inclusion expands to reflect that all are welcome—despite gender identity, sexual preference, ethnicity—join in the next Pride Parade, Pride Shabbat and/or Pride Seder.

Let’s take the idea of inclusion another step forward and watch out for our fellow congregants. Do you know a senior who no longer drives and finds it difficult to attend events, services or programs? Have you seen people standing uncomfortably after the service at our oneg because they don’t know anyone? And during a community dinner, do you save seats for your friends while others might be sitting alone at an otherwise empty table?

Just think how easy it is to offer a non-driver a ride or to call a new member and invite him or her to meet you at services. Or ask someone who may enjoy a cooking class but thinks it is a “closed group” and doesn’t feel like he or she would be welcome or reach out to a woman who might enjoy Rosh Chodesh but hasn’t attended one previously. Remember to start a new table at a congregational dinner so you can sit with a new family.

So I present an easy challenge to each and every one of you: At least one time this month, reach out to someone you don’t know at all or very well and ask him or her to join you for services, book club, a class, Rosh Chodesh, your table at a Sinai dinner. Your gift of inclusion might be the very act that brings a smile to someone. It is a gift that can keep on giving.



NEW AT FALK LIBRARY

The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris

In 2003, Heather Morris, a writer living in Australia, met Lale Sokolov, who provided her with details of his life during the Holocaust. After many interviews, Morris wrote this extraordinary story of endurance and everlasting love.

Lale, a Slovakian Jew, was assigned the job of tattooist in Auschwitz-Birkenau and met his beloved Gita when he placed the number 34902 on her arm. Lale vowed, at first sight, to survive the camp and marry her. The story of their harrowing experiences is one to remember.

Wish List:

American Values, Religious Voices: 100 Days, 100 Letters, edited by Andrea Weiss and Lisa Weinberger

Rashi's Daughter: Book III: Rachel by Maggie Anton

A Horse Walks into a Bar by David Grossman

NEW WOTS TALKS

WoTS has added a new element to its monthly meetings with “WoTS Talks” featuring local agencies and nonprofits providing information on volunteer opportunities.



“It was time for us to use our meeting time beyond our normal business agenda and provide enrichment and engagement to our members,” said WoTS Chair Laura Fehl, who initiated the new program.

On Sunday, December 9, Becky Abrams from The Center for Women will discuss “Women Helping Women Partnership,” and on Sunday, January 13, Alison Karabin from the Howard Levin Clubhouse will share “Making Everyone Feel Welcome.”

The WoTS Talks start at 10 AM and are open to the congregation. A business meeting follows at 11 AM.

NEXT DOR CHUG SELECTIONS DECEMBER–FEBRUARY



We are excited to start our 2nd semester Next DOR session on Sunday, December 2. Below are descriptions of the chugim for students in 1st–6th grade.

1st & 2nd Grade

MITZVOT & MIDDOT, HELP US LEARN HOW TO TREAT OTHER PEOPLE: We will be practicing kindness, acts of loving kindness, compassion, loving our neighbor as ourselves, welcoming others, and understanding how we all are made in God's Image through gift making, arts 'n' crafts, and baking.

HELPING OUR COMMUNITY, ONE PROJECT AT A TIME: Calling all CREATIVE KIDS! Do you have BIG IDEAS? Do you like making things? Are you interested in helping our community? If you answered YES to these questions—this is the class for you!

3rd & 4th Grade

OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO! EXPLORING ISRAEL: It's people, places, languages, and food tell a story about our history and our future.

WHAT'S EATING ISRAEL?: Let's travel through Israel by investigating the plants, vegetables and fruits grown throughout the country. We'll also use our senses to examine foods that are connected to the holidays that we celebrate at this time of the year.

5th & 6th Grade

COLOR ISRAEL OURS: We'll learn about modern Israel history and interpret what we learn through the medium of paint.

ISRAELI HISTORY THROUGH SONG & DANCE: Students will discuss how the culture surrounding music and dance is affected by Israel's history, and what it means as modern Jews to sing and dance to these songs.

SAVE THE DATES!

Hanukkah Lunch,* Sunday, Dec. 9, Noon
Happy New Year & Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast,* Sunday, Jan. 6, 9 AM
Community Chug Reveal, Sunday, Feb. 10

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

DECEMBER AT

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY



HAPPY HANUKKAH

2 Hanukkah (1 candle)	3 Hanukkah (2 candles)	4 Hanukkah (3 candles)	5 Hanukkah (4 candles)
<p>9:15 AM Hartman Learning</p> <p>9:30 AM Next DOR</p> <p>10 AM Brotherhood Brunch with Guest Speaker Barbara Burstin</p> <p>11 AM Bereisheet</p>	<p>9 AM The Rational Bible: A Course with Rabbi Danny Schiff</p> <p>7 PM 11th-12th Grade Seminar</p> <p>7 PM Teen School</p>		<p>Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class</p> <p>4:30 PM Hebrew School</p> <p>6 PM Evening Meditation</p> <p>6:15 PM Rabbi Gibson's Shiur (Class)</p> <p>7 PM Band Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30 PM Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class</p> <p>7:30 PM Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal</p>
9 Hanukkah (8 candles)	10	11	12
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16	17	18	19
<p>9:15 AM Hartman Learning</p> <p>9:30 AM Next DOR</p> <p>9:30 AM Men's Discussion Group (offsite)—Brotherhood invites you to become better-informed about the weekly Torah portion and current social/political concerns. Contact Dave Hirsh for details at dhirsch@porterwright.com.</p> <p>11 AM Bereisheet</p>	<p>7 PM 11th-12th Grade Seminar</p> <p>7 PM Teen School</p>		<p>Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class</p> <p>6 PM Evening Meditation</p> <p>6 PM JDAIM Planning Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:15 PM Rabbi Gibson's Shiur (Class)</p> <p>7:30 PM Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class</p> <p>7:30 PM Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal</p>
23/30	24/31	25	26
<p>Building closed</p>	<p>Offices & Building closed</p>	<p>Offices & Building closed</p>	<p>Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class</p> <p>6 PM Evening Meditation</p> <p>6:15 PM Rabbi Gibson's Shiur (Class)</p> <p>7:30 PM Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class</p>

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TEMPLE SINAI

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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		8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 5 PM "Turning Points" Moth-Inspired Storytelling
6 Hanukkah (5 candles)	7 Hanukkah (6 candles)	8 Hanukkah (7 candles)
6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting 7 PM Introduction to Judaism	5:45 PM Hanukkah Dinner & Menorah Lighting 7 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat Hanukkah Evening Service, followed by oneg, sponsored by WoTS	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 4 PM Postcards from Germany: Rabbi Jamie Gibson shares highlights from his trip to Berlin for the 80th Anniversary of Kristallnacht Commemoration
13	14	15
6:15 PM Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry (offsite) 7 PM Introduction to Judaism	Noon Downtown Lunch with the Rabbi (offsite)— Join Rabbi Keren Gorban for an uplifting discussion over lunch downtown. Contact Nancy Conaway at Nancy@TempleSinaiPGH.org. 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 1:45 PM Charles Morris Sing along (offsite)
20	21	22
7 PM Board of Trustees Meeting with Minyan 7 PM Introduction to Judaism	5 PM Tot Shabbat Snacks & Schmooze 5:30 PM Tot Shabbat Service 5:30 PM Teens Dinner with the Rabbi (offsite) 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service with Birthday Blessings, 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
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7 PM Introduction to Judaism	7 PM Shabbat Evening Service, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service

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PGH.org for event details and a full calendar listing.

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS

DECEMBER 7

7 PM MOSTLY MUSICAL
SHABBAT HANUKKAH
EVENING SERVICE

DECEMBER 14

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING
SERVICE

DECEMBER 21

5:30 PM TOT SHABBAT

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING
SERVICE WITH BIRTHDAY
BLESSINGS

DECEMBER 28

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING
SERVICE

SATURDAYS

8:30 AM TORAH STUDY

9:15 AM INFORMAL SHABBAT
MORNING SERVICE

JANUARY AT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
		1 New Year's Day	2
 Temple Sinai Book Group Join us on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 1:15 PM to discuss <i>Moving Kings</i> by Joshua Cohen. Contact Anne Faigen at (412) 422-9580 for more information.		Offices & Building closed	Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation 7 PM Temple Sinai Band Rehearsal 7:30 PM Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
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20 Erev Tu Bishvat	21 Tu Bishvat/MLK Jr Day	22	23
9:15 AM Hartman Learning 9:30 AM Next DOR 11 AM Bereisheet	Offices & Building closed 7 PM Let Freedom Sing 2019: 12th Anniversary Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Byham Theater)		Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 1:15 PM Temple Sinai Book Group 4:30 PM Hebrew School 6 PM Evening Meditation 6:15 PM Rabbi Gibson's Shiur (Class) 7:30 PM Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS

JANUARY 4

7 PM MOSTLY MUSICAL SHABBAT: A SENSORY FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE

JANUARY 11

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

JANUARY 18

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SATURDAYS

8:30 AM TORAH STUDY

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10:30 AM BAT MITZVAH OF CASEY BLOOM AND SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

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any omissions that may occur.*

WELCOME REBEKAH MALKIN TO TEMPLE SINAI

We are very excited to welcome Rebekah Malkin to be Temple Sinai's first Young Adult Engagement Director.

The 2017 Pittsburgh Jewish Community Study indicated that one of the largest and fastest growing segments of Pittsburgh's Jewish population is young adults. Young adults, broadly defined as between the ages of 22 and 45, primarily live in Squirrel Hill, Oakland, Shadyside, East Liberty, and other East End neighborhoods. The survey also pointed out that the Young Adult community is interested in learning about and in being involved Jewishly. In other words, the Young Adult Jewish community lives all around Temple Sinai. To assure Temple Sinai's future, it is imperative to build relationship bridges with every aspect of the young adult Jewish population. They are the future.



We are proud that Rebekah Malkin is joining the Temple Sinai. Primarily utilizing social media for marketing communications and through one on-one-meetings, Rebekah will create and implement the mission, values, and strategies of a young adult brand. She will design and implement an imaginative and creative outreach to build a young adult community including unaffiliated Jews and their partners and families.

"I'm incredibly excited to be joining the Temple Sinai community! I'm from North Carolina where I was a member of Beth Meyer synagogue and I'm a graduate of William Peace University in Raleigh, NC. I've spent the last three years working for the National MS Society. I love connecting with people and learning more about them. I look forward to bringing that passion to Temple Sinai and Pittsburgh."

Our sincere gratitude to the Search Committee for their tireless dedication to finding the right person for this very important position. Many thanks to Elizabeth and Michael Collura, Gina Faiola, Josh Lederer, Philip Lehman, Lynn Rubenson, Rebekah Siegel, and Samantha Skobel.

SENIORS CALLING SENIORS

Do you like talking on the phone?

Have you been looking for a volunteer opportunity you can do from the comfort of your home?



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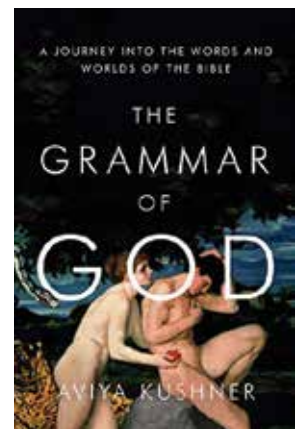
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BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Rabbi Keren Gorban Recommends
The Grammar of God by Aviya Kushner

At Temple Sinai we like to translate the Torah reading aloud. If you're paying attention, you'll notice that our verbal translations often differ from the printed translation—mostly in small, rather insignificant ways but occasionally drastically.

Why? Read *The Grammar of God* to understand some of the challenges of Biblical translation and how certain interpretations have been provocative and rebellious over the years. *No Hebrew knowledge required!*



OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

OF BLESSED MEMORY (OCTOBER)

Betty Ainsman, mother of David (Meryl) Ainsman, sister of Edie Twersky

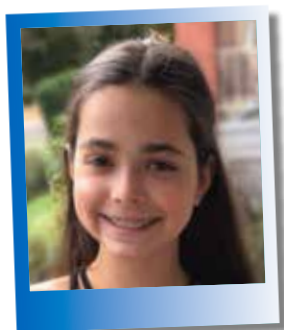
Lawrence Gordon, father of Michael (Darcy) Gordon, grandfather of Rebecca and Dora

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Goldie Ottenheimer, mother of Dan (Sara Weber) Ottenheimer and Marcie (Jim) Miller

BAT MITZVAH ~ MAZAL TOV!



Saturday, January 19
Bat Mitzvah of Casey Bloom
Daughter of Alona & Sam Bloom

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Brian Hattenbach & Tina Goldstein

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SIMCHAH

Mazal Tov to Cathy and Dan Droz on the birth of their grandson, Eli Day Droz, on Nov. 5. Parents are David and Allie Droz. Big brother is two-year-old Noah.

Eight of our Women of Temple Sinai attended the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Atlantic District Conference the weekend of October 19 in Tenaflly, NJ. Highlights of the conference, in addition to myriad speakers and informative sessions, included a tour of the UN, at which WRJ has a seat, and a meeting at WRJ New York office during which the Israeli Deputy Consulate spoke.

Four WoTS members were installed on the District 2018–2019 Board, including Barbara Gibson as Vice President, Advocacy; Lynn Rubenson, Vice President, Marketing & Communications; Susan Kundin Cohen, Secretary; Laura Fehl, Area Director. Along with 16 other members across the district, Carol Rosenthal was honored as a Woman of Valor.



Photo 1: (Left to right) Barbara Gibson, Carol Rosenthal, Lynn Magid Lazar, Susan Kundin Cohen, Anita Gordon, Lynn Rubenson, Laura Fehl, and Jan Barkley; Photo 2: Lynn Rubenson (right) presents Carol Rosenthal (left) with the Woman of Valor Award.

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