Rabbi’s Corner
By Rabbi Keren Gorban

Back in December I had the opportunity to travel to Israel with a group of 20 Pittsburgh-area couples. I served as the rabbi and de facto staff person on this trip that was a partnership between our Jewish Federation and an organization called Honeymoon Israel.

For most of the people in the group, this was their first trip to Israel; none of the couples had ever been there together. And while going to Israel added a level of Jewish connection and religious interest, Honeymoon Israel ultimately wants to kick-start Jewish engagement and the building of Jewish community for young couples.

One of the aspects of the trip that continues to stand out for me was a lecture on our first Shabbat. Avraham Infeld, who sits on the board of Honeymoon Israel and is the President Emeritus of Hillel International, spoke about Jewish unity. His thesis is that Jews will never have uniform beliefs or practices but that each Jew can uphold a “table” of meaningful Jewish identity with at least three of five “legs.” This also means that, even though Jews are not uniform, we can be unified because we will always share at least one leg with any other Jew.

For Infeld, the five legs of this Jewish table are 1) memory, 2) family, 3) Mt. Sinai, 4) Israel (land and state), and 5) Hebrew.

1. Memory is the intersection of history and meaning, specifically the way we interpret our personal and communal past to guide our present and future.

2. Family refers to the special kinship among those who are part of the Jewish community. It’s important to note that Infeld takes a broad view of family and includes those who have attached themselves to the Jewish community, regardless of religious beliefs or practices.

3. Mt. Sinai symbolizes the sense of relationship between Jews and God and affirms that such a relationship includes commitments and obligations.

4. Israel, land and/or state: An appreciation for or relationship with the Land of Israel emphasizes the historical experience of Jews in the Promised Land. A love or connection with the State of Israel highlights the contemporary right to Jewish sovereignty and the establishment of a place where Jews belong. It does not require agreeing with the government or its policies. Some people may connect with either land or state; others may connect with both.

5. Hebrew is the primary language of Jewish culture and forms the basis of other Jewish languages. It expresses the richness of Judaism in ways that the vernacular can’t.

By the time you read this, it will be around two months since I heard Infeld share this framework, and I’m still thinking about it. I find it compelling and challenging. It’s open to different values and priorities, and I wonder if it provides enough definition for strong identity. I appreciate that it allows us to focus on the positives—who we are and where we have common ground—and I wonder where it leaves people who only connect with one or two legs. There are also elements of his explanations of each leg that I love (feel free to ask me about them!), and I’m still wondering which five pillars I would pick if I developed this framework.

Even with all these thoughts still swirling around my mind, and even though I’m not completely convinced by Infeld’s Five-Legged Table, it’s a good place to start. So what legs hold up your table? And what do you need in order to keep them sturdy?

Don’t forget—we at Temple Sinai are here to help you build, support, and maintain your Jewish table!

Kol tuv, all the best,
Rabbi Keren Gorban
LIFE & LEGACY — ASSURING JEWISH TOMORROWS

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Mazal Tov to the 2019 Shore-Whitehill Award Recipient Temple Sinai Member Lisa Lederer!

This award, presented by the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh and Jewish Residential Services, celebrates volunteers who promote the inclusion of people with disabilities and those who love them. “Disability issues often aren’t thought of as ‘social justice’ issues—as if people labeled with mental or physical ‘disabilities’ weren’t fully part of the social sphere,” said Lisa. “But when we say that Temple Sinai is all about promoting social justice, we mean that it is about promoting justice among all people. I hope that my work surrounding disability at Temple Sinai will inspire others to see disability advocacy as an essential part of social justice.”
INTRODUCING OUR COMEDIANS!

Anne Alter: 1) I have two cats, and an Instant-Pot I don’t know how to use. 2) I used to do singing telegrams and model for art classes. 3) When I was seven, I was offered the chance to train for the Olympics in figure skating. 4) My late husband was thirty years older than I was, a Republican, and may have been related to me. 5) My secret vice is ordering clothing catalogs and making scrapbooks out of them. 6) As a grown up, I once met Fred Rogers, lost it, and started babbling. 7) I collect teapots. 8) Technically, I’m nuts, but you won’t know it by looking at me.

Susan Blackman: Active member of WoTS (she’s the vice-president) and co-chair for the Neshama Center. She has three children; one lives with her, a son who lives in Boston (but he’s about to move to Toronto), and a daughter who lives in Dayton, OH. She has a grandson who is 16 years old. She loves to knit, and just finished making an infinity scarf for her friend. “It was her color!”

Lis Myers: Self advocate. Has a daughter. Her favorite job was working in an AIDS hospice in the ‘90s. She likes that she is “rediscovering the writer in me.” She used to participate in poetry slams in Chicago with the concept inventor Mark Smith. She used to teach a four-hour class to health care providers on how to work with parents who have mental illness and children with mental illness. She is currently working to turn this curriculum into a book.

Suzi Neft: Has a son (28 years old) and a pitbull named Ella Doe (after Ella Fitzgerald and all the does in her neighborhood). She has a 20-year background in television production and 22-years in public relations, marketing, news video, and social media. She received her Masters degree in Corporate Communications from Duquesne University in 2016 when she was 59 years old. “I don’t believe your education should ever stop.” She is currently doing publicity work for the play, “Wiesenthal: Nazi Hunter,” which will be performed at the August Wilson Center on March 26–28, 2019. Proceeds will go to the Tree of Life Building Fund. “I want everyone to come!”

Jordan Pearlman: Grew up in Squirrel Hill. Graduated from Penn State with a Communications degree. He’s goal in participating in the Stand-Up seminar is to “help me get out of my own head.” He is faithful to his Higher Power, and is optimistic and hopeful. He cherishes his mother, and pitbull, Harmony, who is five years old. He aspires to open an urban arts community center, “so the youth from the inner city can get out of the streets.” He’d want the activities to be based on the Hip-Hop culture.

Stephanie Wright: Moved to Pittsburgh from Oregon to attend graduate school at Chatham. She has a Master’s degree in Food Studies with a focus on Food Policy. She is married, and both she and her husband have Bachelor’s degree in Horticulture. She has two cats. She is the chair of the Young Adults group for Temple Sinai. She also teaches 3rd and 4th graders Sunday school at Temple Sinai. Her hobbies include gardening, cooking, food advocacy, and “tearing down the patriarchy!”

Spencer Edelstein: He came to Pittsburgh for graduate school and he’s engaged to be married. He’s starting a new direction in his life working with animals. He’s a regular volunteer at the animal shelter and he really likes cats; he has two of his own!

Lisa Lederer: From Greensboro, North Carolina, she came to Pittsburgh for Grad school. She is married (her husband is from here) and they have a 15-month-old baby, named Jonah. She is finishing her Master’s degree in Public Health, and currently works part time at the VA hospital, doing behavioral research. On weekends, she and her husband enjoy walking through random neighborhoods. “There are a lot of cool places in Pittsburgh!” She also enjoys yoga and swimming. On taking the Stand-Up seminar, “I’m not a comedienne, and I’m not wild about public speaking. I did dance in high school, and that’s different because everything is planned.” Other than toilet training Jonah, she’s hoping to finish her Master’s by the end of this summer.
We are proud to announce that our 2018 Volunteer of the Year is Lynn Rubenson! THANK YOU, Lynn, for everything you do to make Temple Sinai MORE INNOVATIVE, MORE INSPIRED, and MORE INCLUSIVE.

What was your first volunteer experience at Temple Sinai? When I moved back to Pittsburgh after living in San Diego for 12 years, I knew I wanted to re-immerse in the Jewish community. I was encouraged to “come home” to Temple Sinai. As a long time communications professional, I was a bit dismayed to see the disjointed communications and inconsistency in graphics and messages. So I approached the then executive director with the proposal of developing a Marketing & Communications committee so we could better articulate and represent Temple Sinai. Then, I became involved with WoTS and was motivated by so many dedicated women.

What is your most memorable volunteer moment at Temple Sinai? Perhaps working with the core steering committee for Jamie’s 30th Anniversary Celebration has been the most memorable in the sense that the number of attendees far exceeded our expectations and the event was fabulous, all while supporting our Shema Statement and mission.

Why is it important to you to volunteer at Temple Sinai? Temple Sinai has come to be my spiritual home, and I place great value on the range of experiences I have enjoyed, both educationally and spiritually. If I can help engage other people to find their place at Temple Sinai and to reconnect with their Jewish selves, then it becomes even more meaningful.

What is your favorite non-volunteer part of Temple Sinai? Until the last couple years, I was never a regular services attendee and now I find myself often at Friday night services particularly Musical Shabbats, and I’ve started going to the Saturday morning minyans, which are very intimate and spiritual.

Is there anything you’d like to say to those thinking of volunteering at Temple Sinai or elsewhere? We all have something to offer and that something is never too small or insignificant. At the end of the day, the work you do and the contributions you make do truly make a difference.
You are Invited to a
COMMUNITY CHUG CELEBRATION

Sunday, Feb. 10, 11 AM

Our students have been working hard for the past nine weeks and want to show everyone what they have learned. Family and friends are welcome to join us in the auditorium at 11 AM for presentations and celebration. (Students will meet in their classrooms at 9:30 AM.)

The New Chugim Semester begins on Sunday, Feb. 17.

This year’s school tzedakah will go to HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society), which is a nonprofit organization that provides humanitarian aid and assistance to refugees. You can read more at www.hias.org.

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

WoTS Welcome Back Breakfast Photos, Sun., Jan. 6

Photo 1 & 3: Students and families enjoying pancakes; Photo 2: Mimi Botkin and Lynn Rubenson make pancakes; Photo 4: Tanya Bass fills syrup dispensers. (Photos courtesy of Mimi Botkin and Debbie Haber.)
Our 2019 Scholar in Residence sponsored by the Pamela K. Wiles Fund for Interfaith Understanding is Rabbi Lisa Grushcow, an expert in human sexuality and inclusion.

Rabbi Grushcow is the author of *Writing the Wayward Wife: Rabbinic Interpretations of Sotah*, and the editor of *The Sacred Encounter: Jewish Perspectives on Sexuality*. She is a contributor to *The Torah: A Women’s Commentary* and the *Torah Treasures* videos for children, and is a regular columnist with the Canadian Jewish News.

Rabbi Grushcow received her B.A. from McGill University in 1996. She was then named a Rhodes Scholar and spent three years at Oxford University, where she earned a master’s degree in Judaism and Christianity in the Greco-Roman World, and then a doctorate. She was ordained a rabbi in 2003 at the Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City, where she studied as a Wexner Graduate Fellow. Upon graduation, Rabbi Grushcow joined Congregation Rodeph Sholom in New York City, where she served as Associate Rabbi. She held this position until July 1, 2012 when she assumed the role of Senior Rabbi at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom in Montreal.

We hope you can join us for the following conversations and presentations to learn more about this very important topic with one of the preeminent experts in the Jewish community.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**5:45 PM Congregational Dinner**
*Menu:* bourbon glazed salmon kabob; wild rice & red quinoa combo; fresh asparagus with fig glaze; mixed greens with berries & balsamic vinaigrette

**Cost:** $18 (13+)/$10 (children 4–12)/Free (children 3 & under); Register online or RSVP to Judy Rulin Mahan at Judy@TempleSinaiPGH.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 110 by 5 PM on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

**7 PM Shabbat Evening Service**
Rabbi Grushcow will speak briefly during the service.

**8:30 PM Special After Oneg Presentation**
*The Sacred Encounter: Jewish Perspectives on Sexuality*

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**8:30 AM Torah Study**
*The Strange Case of the Suspected Wife: Text Study of Numbers 5:11–31*

**11:30 AM Potluck Lunch with Presentation**
*Inclusion in the Book of Exodus: Two Models for Community*

**5 PM An LGBTQA+ Conversation**
See below for details.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**9 AM Brunch with Presentation**
*Coming Out of Comfort: Hard Questions & the Search for Connection*

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**TEMPLE SINAI PRIDE TRIBE**

**SATURDAY, FEB. 16, 5 PM**

**An LGBTQA+ Conversation with Rabbi Grushcow**
Join us for a very important conversation with Rabbi Grushcow on Jewish LGBTQA+ experiences and what Temple Sinai can do to be more inclusive.

Contact Rebekah Malkin at (412) 421-9715 ext. 121 or Rebekah@TempleSinai.org for details.
**FEBRUARY AT**

**SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY**
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### JDAIM (Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month)

Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month (JDAIM) is a unified effort among Jewish organizations worldwide to raise awareness and foster inclusion of people with disabilities and those who love them. Established in 2009 by the Jewish Special Education International Consortium, JDAIM is observed each February.

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**WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAYS**

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7 PM JDAIM MOSTLY MUSICAL SHABBAT: A SENSORY FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE

**FEBRUARY 8**
7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

**FEBRUARY 15**
5:30 PM TOT SHABBAT
7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE WITH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

**FEBRUARY 22**
7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

**SATURDAYS**

**FEBRUARY 16**
8:30 AM TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI LISA GRUSHCOW—"THE STRANGE CASE OF THE SUSPECTED WIFE: TEXT STUDY OF NUMBERS 5:11-31"
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Yahrzeit of Morris Leon
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Yahrzeit of Nettie Moritz
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Yahrzeit of Norman Miller
Lynn Cullen
Yahrzeit of Pearl Perlberg
Edward & Jan Korenman
Yahrzeit of Peter Kovanic
Hana Kovanic
Yahrzeit of Philip Baskin
Phyllis Baskin
Yahrzeit of Philip Hoffman
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Michael & Sheila (Podolsky) Sittig
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Yahrzeit of Rebecca Spokane
Gary & Amy Dubin
Yahrzeit of Reuben Karp
Diane Rudov
Yahrzeit of Rhoda Rulin
Marvin Rulin
Yahrzeit of Richard Wilson
Adria & Haylee Wilson
Yahrzeit of Roger Leon
Adria & Haylee Wilson
Yahrzeit of Rosalind M. Gittler
Karen & Chuck Moellenberg
Yahrzeit of Rosalind Teplitz
Matthew Teplitz & Sue Challinor
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Sharon & Bernie Stein
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Yahrzeit of Sandra Rosenfield
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Yahrzeit of Sara Harris
Jerry & Alayne Harris
Yahrzeit of Saul Kopelson
Marilee Glick
Yahrzeit of Saul Pasach
Ed & Rose Berman
Yahrzeit of Shepherd Gefskey
Arnold Gefskey
Yahrzeit of Shirl Wagman
Robert & Debra Mendelson
Yahrzeit of Shirley Gross
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Brett & Marilyn Kranich
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Amy Kellman
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Michael & Sheila (Podolsky) Sittig
Tom & Terry (Podolsky) McDonald
Yahrzeit of Solomon Shater
Rita Bennett
Irving & Barbara Latterman
Yahrzeit of Sonia Mazo
Ellen Mazo
Yahrzeit of Sophie Wein
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Yahrzeit of Stanley J. Rainka
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Yahrzeit of Stanley Stein
May-Stein family
Yahrzeit of Stephen D. Kalson
Richard Kalson
Yahrzeit of Stephen Loen
Lenore Light
Yahrzeit of Sylvan Robinson
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Yahrzeit of Sylvia (Sussy) Kronzek
Harvey & Marcy Kronzek
Yahrzeit of Sylvia Greenspan
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Yahrzeit of Tamar Rosenfield
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Yahrzeit of Tillie Bleckman
Stewart & Kathy Bleckman
Yahrzeit of Victor Lebovitz
Murray & Adele Lebovitz
Yahrzeit of Wallace Korenman
Edward & Jan Korenman
Yahrzeit of Willard Weiss
Howard & Beverly Figel
Yahrzeit of William Alexander
Marilee Glick
Yahrzeit of William Belkoff
Philip & Marcia Baumfeld
Yahrzeit of William Brodsky
Lynn Naman
Yahrzeit of William Bumcran
Ruth Goldman
Yahrzeit of William Erlich
Jay & Kimberly Zynk
Yahrzeit of Yetta Weinberg
Marvin & Janice Dash
Yahrzeit of Zell Fein
Marvin Fein & BZ Fennimore
Yahrzeit of Zelma Hoffman
Stewart & Kathy Bleckman
Yahrzeit of Zerline S. Wiener
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**Rabbi Gibson 30th Tribute**

In Appreciation
BJ & Stan Friedman
Samuel Yousem

**Rabbi Gibson’s Discretionary**

In Appreciation
Marvin & Arleen Adelson
Monica Celio
Allan & Eden Fisher
Robert & Susan Gluckman
Michael Gordon &
Dorothy Hunter Gordon
Lawrence Lobb
Paul Levine & Amy Nathan
Steven & Arlene Slobowsky
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Ottenheimer Family
In Honor of Dr. Paul Pitts
Fredi Miller
In Honor of William Paul Pitts
William Pitts & Lorrie Rabin
In Memory of Goldie Ottenheimer
Arlene Smith
In Memory of Ida Maretsky
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In Memory of Rosalie Vacknin
Frederic Zuhike &
Ronnie Cook Zuhike
In Memory of Saundra Grobstein
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In Memory of Goldie Ottenheimer
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Rosalyn Escovitz
In Memory of Jack Weiss
In Memory of Shirley Nathan
David & Carole Maretsky

We apologize in advance for any omissions that may occur.
**The Great Temple Sinai Bake Off**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 6–9 PM**

Eight of the best Temple Sinai bakers will compete. Only ONE will win!

Be there to sample their delicious creations and vote for “The People’s Choice” winner!

For only $20, you’ll enjoy appetizers, dessert, two drinks, and the fun competition!

Register online in your Temple Sinai account by 5 PM on Tuesday, March 26 or contact Judy Rulin Mahan at (412) 421-9715 ext. 110 or Judy@TempleSinaiPGH.org.

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**CALL FOR BAKERS!**

**Are You Temple Sinai’s Greatest Baker?**

Have you watched The Great British Bake Off (or the American version) and thought...

**“WOW, I WOULD LOVE TO COMPETE!”**

Now’s your chance! For the very first time, we will present The Great Temple Sinai Bake Off and are calling for bakers to apply to be chosen to compete at the event on Saturday, March 30. Patterned after the popular Netflix series, selected finalists will be given three challenges and will be judged by a panel of notable chefs, bakers, and foodies in the Pittsburgh area.

Only eight competitors will be chosen, so get your application to us and ready, set, bake! Must be 16 years or older. Apply by Friday, Feb. 8. Apply online or download an application from our website at www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/BakeOff or pick up an application in the Temple Sinai lobby on the media rack.

Questions? Contact Mara Kaplan at (412) 334-2652 or maratkaplan@gmail.com.

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**Falk Library News**

**Featured Book of the Month:**

*Jewish Roots in Poland*  
by Miriam Weiner

This book is at once a breathtakingly poignant memorial album of a vanished world and a superlative travel guide to Jewish sites in Poland. It also offers a thorough inventory of surviving Jewish records in Poland meant to assist Jews around the world in tracing their Polish-Jewish ancestry back many generations into the past.

This book was donated by George and Laura Arnold. Many thanks also to Mimi Botkin and to the estate of Fritz Ottenheimer for their recent donations.

**On our Wish List:**

- *Israeli Soul (A Cookbook)* by Michael Solomonov
- *The Chosen Wars: How Judaism Became an American Religion* by Steven R. Weisman
- *God Is In The Crowd: Twenty-First Century Judaism* by Tal Keinan
- *Dear Zealots: Letters From a Divided Land* by Amos Oz
OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

OF BLESSED MEMORY (NOV. & DEC.)

Ida Maretsky, mother of David (Carole) Maretsky; grandmother of Marci (Eric) Caplan
Ron Faiola, father of Gina Faiola
Adele Moritz Sternberg, sister of Silbert “Sil” Moritz
Jerome Segal, father of Lee (Susie), Evan (Tracy), and Eric (Karen) Segal
Walter Goldburg
Shirley Nathan, mother of Amy (Paul Levine) Nathan; grandmother of Emma Levine
Alexandria Loew Klodell, niece of Arlene Smith
Gerald “Jerry” Prince, husband of Myrna Prince; father of Jon (Jennifer Poller-Prince) Prince; grandfather of Jordan and Julius Prince
Granville “Skid” Kennedy, Jr., father of Granville (Terry) Kennedy, Ill; grandfather of James and Sarah Kennedy
Herbert “Herbie” Kravitz, brother of Ceil Rich; uncle of Kevin Rich and Larry (Betty) Rich
Bernard “Bernie” Friedman, husband of Vitie Friedman; father of Jack (Karen) Friedman; grandfather of Hilary & Max Friedman
Jack Weiss, husband of Andy Weiss; father of Lou (Amy) Weiss and the late Ellen (Gregg) Kander
Sarah “Minnie” Droz, mother of Dan (Cathy) Droz; grandmother of David (Allie), Becca, Ben, and Lani (Michael)
Irving Malkin, grandfather of Rebekah Malkin
Rosalie Beth (Pallakoff) Yacknin, mother of Eileen Yacknin; Ima of Kipp Dawson; grandmother of Leah and Hannah
Phyllis Weisberg, mother-in-law of Sharon Weisberg

SIMCHAHS

Mazal Tov to Debra Rubinstein on the birth of her grandson, Harrison Tate Glick, born on Dec. 19 to Sarah Rubinstein Glick.

Mazal Tov to Steffi Wright, daughter of Gary Biersdorff and Patti McGinnis, who graduated from Chatham University with a Master’s Degree in Food Studies with a focus in food politics.

Mazal Tov to Jason and Rachel Smith on the birth of their son, Gabriel David Smith, born Dec. 25.


Mazal Tov to Jan and Ed Korenman on the marriage of their daughter, Jamie, to Jeffrey Antunes on Nov. 10.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Tanya Bass
Martha LaBelle
Rebekah Malkin

Send your GOOD NEWS to Tami Prine at Tami@TempleSinaiPGH.org.

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?
Do you want to connect with other members who are homebound or who may need to hear a friendly voice?

Volunteer with Seniors Calling Seniors
Contact Arlene Smith at (412) 829-9744 or sweetn5163@aol.com.
Rosh Chodesh (Adar),
Tuesday, Feb. 5, 7:30 PM
Please join us for learning, community, and inspiration. All Temple Sinai women are welcome! For more information, contact Lynn Magid Lazar at lynn.magid.lazar@gmail.com.

Interfaith Potluck Dinner & Discussion,
Saturday, Feb. 9, 4:30 PM
Interfaith couples and families are welcome to join Rabbi Jamie Gibson for a potluck dinner and discussion. Children are welcome. Contact Nancy Conaway at (412) 421-9715 ext. 115 or Nancy@TempleSinaiPGH.org with your dish selection or if you have any questions.

Rummage Sale Drop-Off, Sunday, Feb. 10, 9:30–11 AM & Monday, Feb. 18, 7–8:30 PM
The Rummage Sale is Sunday, April 7.
Proceeds will support our Security Fund. We are looking for housewares, kids’ items, small furnishings, etc. Sorry, no adult/teen clothing, TVs, or microwaves. For more information, contact Debbi Manich at Rummage2016@gmail.com.

WoTS Cooking Class,
Monday, Feb. 11, 6:30 PM
Purim Food: Beyond Hamantashen with Barbara Gibson. RSVP to Carolyn Schwarz, (412) 421-1268 or 4carolynschwarz@gmail.com by Friday, Feb. 8. Cost is $10, and anyone 16 and older is welcome!

Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry,
Thursday, Feb. 14, 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, Feb. 15, 5 PM Snacks & Schmooze | 5:30 PM Service
Bring your little ones for song, dance, prayers, and stories with Rabbi Keren Gorban.

Men’s Discussion Group,
Sunday, Feb. 17, 9:30 AM
Brotherhood invites you to become better-informed about the weekly Torah portion and current social/political concerns. Questions? Contact Dave Hirsh at dhiirsch@porterwright.com. Location: Panera Bread, 3401 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 10 AM
WoTS Steering Committee Meeting with Youth Scholarship Presentations to 2017–2018 recipients.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20
Fun Erev Purim Activities—Dinner, Shpiel, and The (hilarious) Great Latke-Hamanstash Debate!

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 5:45 PM
3rd Annual Shabbat Dinner with The Islamic Center of Pittsburgh

Rabbi James A. Gibson, MAHL, DD
Senior Rabbi
Rabbi Keren Gorban, RJE
Associate Rabbi
Cantor Laura Berman, MBA, MSM, MJE, Diploma of Hazzan Cantor
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