

# TEMPLE SINAI

JANUARY 2017

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Rabbi Keren Gorban

What an exciting 70th anniversary it has been for Temple Sinai! From the Proclamation at City Hall to the 70's Shabbat service to the inspirational Scholar-in-Residence weekend with Rabbi Larry Hoffman, it has been a fabulous year of celebration.

I was especially inspired by Rabbi Hoffman's optimism that synagogues like Temple Sinai will continue to be the hub of Jewish life in the future, as long as we adapt and change to meet the Jewish community's evolving needs.

At Temple Sinai, we are part of a congregation that not only has the capacity to change and grow, but also has a proven track record of evolving. Keep an eye out for announcements in email and on the website about the changes we are making to align what we do with the culture and community we strive to be. I feel so lucky and blessed to be part of this wonderful, forward-thinking congregation!

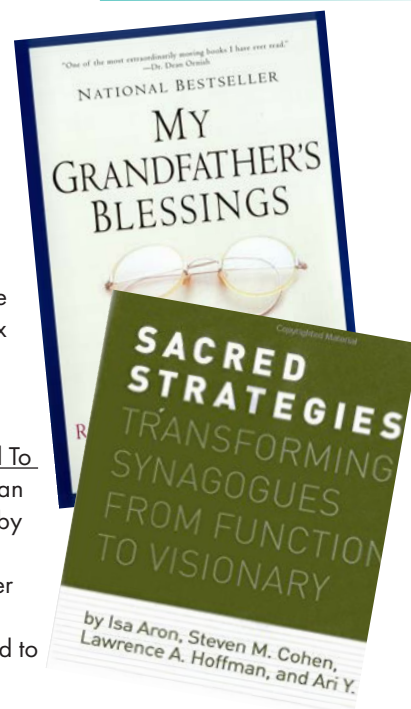
~ Rabbi Keren Gorban

## WHAT'S THE RABBI READING?

My Grandfather's Blessings, by Rachel Naomi Remen. Dr. Remen is one of my favorite authors! In this book of rich, touching and challenging vignettes, she explores the spiritual aspect of our relationship with disease and pain. Her stories are remarkable and convey her incredible depth of humanity in understanding the human soul. Dr. Remen does not practice Judaism in her daily life, but her grandfather was an Orthodox rabbi and his simple, caring wisdom comes through on every page, even when he is not mentioned at all!

Sacred Strategies: Transforming Synagogues From Functional To Visionary, by Isa Aron, Steven M. Cohen, Lawrence A. Hoffman and Ari Y. Kelman. This book builds on the themes presented by Rabbi Hoffman during his recent Scholar-In-Residence visit to Temple Sinai. He and his co-authors don't wallow in grief over the challenging trends in organized Jewish life. They hold up examples of synagogues who have made the leap from "good to great."

~Rabbi Gibson



## CONNECTING THE GENERATIONS

5 PM - Tot Shabbat snack & schmooze

5:30 PM - Tot Shabbat Service

6 PM - Congregational Dinner

7 PM - Shabbat Service

8 PM - Oneg

Cost for dinner \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (ages 3-12), \$30 max per family. RSVP for dinner to [judy@templesinaipgh.org](mailto:judy@templesinaipgh.org) or Log in at [www.templesinaipgh.org](http://www.templesinaipgh.org) to register.

Friday,  
January 20



stories

music

crafts

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

In the same way that my garden is resting in January, but I am making big plans for spring planting (after which I will have more zucchini than I know what to do with) this period of calm at Temple Sinai seems like the ideal time to make bold plans for our future. The visit of our amazing scholar-in-residence, Rabbi Larry Hoffman, confirmed to me that we need to spend more time thinking strategically, focusing more deeply on our values and spiritual needs and determining our destiny in an intentional way. We are seeing changes in our temple community, the Pittsburgh Jewish community and shifts in Judaism nationally: we need to respond fearlessly. What does Temple Sinai, as an institution, stand for? Who are we, and who do we want to be? And how will we demonstrate this - in terms of the actions we choose to take - to ourselves and to the larger community? I have every confidence that with our superb clergy, dedicated staff, excellent leadership and vibrant community we will be successful in answering these questions. I can't wait to get started!

L'Shalom,  
Nancy E Gale, President

### WANNA BUILD A SACRED COMMUNITY? THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

After much research, study and discussion, Temple Sinai's leadership has concluded that a financial model based on fixed dues is not sustainable for a number of reasons. Members of the Jewish community engage in Jewish life in different ways, including associating with the JCC, through Jewish day school, by participating in small group experiences focused on spirituality, and even using the Internet. While these expanded opportunities may be good for Judaism as a whole, they present challenges for the sustainability of synagogues. These changes are coupled with financial constraints, particularly on younger members, leading many congregations to reexamine how synagogues provide value to members and what kinds of revenue models best attract and retain congregants. In addition, the dues adjustment process - used at Temple Sinai and many other congregations with

fixed dues - creates embarrassment and distress for members of our community and is inconsistent with our congregation's values of inclusivity. In short, like many leaders in the Reform and Conservative Jewish movements, Temple Sinai's leadership believes that a traditional financial model relying on fixed dues, endowments, and frequent fundraising, is out of step with contemporary Jewish values and culture. Temple Sinai matters to our members, and belonging is a shared and personal responsibility. An **Annual Personal Pledge (APP)** system reflects that value. A personal pledge system also makes it easier for younger families to join and for more senior members to remain a part of the congregation. This voluntary commitment model is welcoming and inclusive. Finally, the experience of other congregations that have moved to a voluntary commitment system is that it does not generate less income than a traditional dues model.



### Do any other synagogues use a system like the Annual Personal Pledge?

A 2015 report by Rabbi Dan Judson, Debbie Joseph, and others at the UJA Federation of New York identified 26 congregations using a voluntary commitment model. Some of these synagogues started using voluntary commitment beginning as early as 2004. As of March, 2015, 35 congregations had adopted the voluntary commitment model, and Rabbi Judson had engaged with over 100 synagogues exploring or moving to this model.

SEND QUESTIONS TO: [Nancygale3@gmail.com](mailto:Nancygale3@gmail.com). A new ? will be featured every month.

# FAQ

## MEET A MEMBER: EDGAR SNYDER

Few Pittsburghers are not at least somewhat familiar with Edgar Snyder. Founder and of counsel of the law firm that bears his name, Edgar was born in Connellsville to Meyer and Selma Snyder. Meyer, a Russian immigrant, was in the men's clothing business and soon moved his family to Pittsburgh, Selma's hometown.

Hard work and a good education were stressed in the Snyder family. Edgar was given two options for future employment by his parents: "Are you going to be a doctor or a lawyer?" Edgar's knack for winning arguments, and his later success on Penn State's debate team charted his course.

Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, this lifelong Nittany Lion entered University of Pittsburgh's School of Law, graduating in 1963.

Having grown up in close proximity to Temple Sinai, the Snyders joined in 1951, with Edgar becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and later confirmed under the tutelage of Rabbi Levinson. Theirs was a culturally Jewish home, not overly religious. High Holy Days were observed, with Edgar recalling services being held at Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland.

After graduating from law school, Edgar opened his own storefront office in Duquesne, setting up shop across the street from the steel mill so the workers would see his light on after their shifts.

Ever the hard worker that his parents had raised, he was also serving as an Allegheny County assistant public defender. This budding attorney rose quickly among the ranks of regional criminal defense attorneys.

Edgar started his well-known advertising

practice in 1983 and began TV advertising in 1986. As his practice grew, Edgar always felt a responsibility to give back to the community. His community involvements mirror his high profile within the legal profession.

Edgar Snyder has made a major difference to many worthwhile causes throughout the Keystone State. He has quietly given back to Penn State's Hillel by enabling students to enjoy Shabbat dinners on campus. His involvement with Jewish Family & Children's Services SOS program has helped to appreciably change the lives of those in immediate need. His leadership within the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh is key, serving as both an officer and as co-chairman of the 2013 Mega-Mission to Israel. He is a past recipient of the Federation's Emanuel Spector Memorial Award.

Edgar has been to Israel twenty times, with many of these trips enhancing the partnership between Pittsburgh's Jewish community and the Carmiel-Misgav Region. He has also travelled to Bialystok, his father's birthplace. His Jewish involvements have further been reinforced through his connections to Temple Sinai and Rabbi James Gibson.

Edgar takes particular pride in supporting the music program at Temple Sinai, and in his "longstanding and valued friendship with Jamie. Jamie has made Temple Sinai a most special and meaningful place".

Edgar Snyder's community and



philanthropic involvements are not limited to the Jewish community. This Pitt alum has been recognized by PNC with its Community Builders Award, and has been a significant advocate for Teen Driving Safety for many years. In addition, he is a Penn State Alumni Fellow, the highest honor given by the PSU Alumni Association, and received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

Edgar's family includes his daughter Jennifer and son-in-law Alan Friedman, and their daughters Ally and Emma; son Andrew and daughter-in-law Kara, and their son Eli; and daughter Sara who lives in San Francisco and works for Google.

Now semi-retired, Edgar enjoys spending some of the winter in Sarasota, follows all of Pittsburgh's sports teams, and still continues his volunteer activities in our local Jewish community.

### New Clergy Email Addresses

As you can imagine, our clergy get a lot of emails. In an effort to help them get through them more quickly we've added new addresses to use for any emails that can be opened by support staff.

**If your message is private** continue to use the current clergy email addresses:

Rabbigibson@templesinaipgh.org  
Rabbigorban@templesinaipgh.org  
Cantorberman@templesinaipgh.org

**For all other emails** please use one of the following and remember "the dot is not" completely confidential:

Rabbi.gibson@templesinaipgh.org  
Rabbi.gorban@templesinaipgh.org  
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## OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

### NEW MEMBERS

Toby & Matthew McHenry  
Alan & Jessica Olifson  
Sharon Nathel  
Carol Rosen  
Michael & Diana Wander  
Jessica Levine & John Cain  
Deborah Eisenberg & Ray Linsenmayer  
Courtney Ehrlichman  
Hannah Fox & Benjamin Raizen  
Sergey Zlotnikov & Alla Shaknovich

### SIMCHAS

#### WEDDINGS

Ben Minden, son of Deb Dunton and Jon Minden married Lauren Haskins October 22, 2016

Glenn Katz, daughter of Carole and Jerry Katz married Stephen Sherman October 9, 2016

Carrie Elyse Roth, daughter of Mayda and Barry Roth married Joseph Baumel October, 15, 2016

Jessica Schiller, daughter of Denise and John Schiller married David Bader, October 22, 2016

#### BIRTHS

Cathy and Dan Droz are the grandparents of Noah (Chaim) Henry Droz, born August 17, 2016. Parents are Allie Sperling Droz and David Droz.

Paula Abramovitz and Tal Weinman are the parents of Zev Eli Weinman, born November 24, 2016. Zev is the brother of Harley Weinman, grandson of Barbara Abramovitz, Steven Abramovitz, Mark and Ofra Weinman and great-grandson of Faye Abramovitz.

Lauren and Michael Coblenz are the parents of Hannah Lillian Coblenz, born November 26, 2016. Hannah is the little sister of Rebecca Coblenz.

Carol and Richard Rosenthal are the grandparents of Clara Evelyn Rosenthal, born November 27, 2016.

Deborah Knox is the grandmother of James Orion de Armendi, born November 30, 2016.

### OF BLESSED MEMORY

With Sympathy –  
Our sincere condolences to the families of:

#### SEPTEMBER

Beatrice Backman, grandmother of Elizabeth Halfhill  
Rabbi Marcus Burstein  
Alfred E. Cecchetti, uncle of Josephine Guy  
Rosalind Kahn, mother of Lisa Kahn  
Charlotte Rudel, mother of Barry (Debra) Rudel, sister of Joseph "Jerry" (Alayne) Harris  
Betty Rubinoff  
Mervin Stewart, father of Andrew (Carole Bailey) Stewart and Carol (Ian) James, grandfather of Noah and Ellis James and Emma, Zach, and Dania Stewart  
Lou Walker, grandfather of Josh (Hallie) Donner, great grandfather to Nathan Donner  
Yona Wilf, great-aunt of Rabbi Keren Gorban

#### OCTOBER

Larry Gibson, father of Rabbi Jamie (Barbara) Gibson, grandfather of Micah (Catherine) Gibson, Avi and David Gibson and Great-grandfather of Noa Gibson  
Selma L. Jackson, sister-in-law of Helene Pretter  
David and Tania Levine, brother of Betsy (Marc Brown) Levine-Brown, Susie (John) Gross, and Hank (Jill) Levine, father of Monica Levine and Julian Levine, son of Patty and Stanley Levine, daughter of Osyp and Nadia Nimyłowycz  
Roslyn Litman, mother of Jessica, Hannah and Harry, grandmother of Joshua, Elijah, Ari, David, Lila and Toby  
Leslie C. Marcus, mother of Allison (Adam) Grodin, Grandmother of Harrison, Garrett, Sage, Brady and Jillian  
Shirley Meyers, mother of David Meyers and Gary Meyers  
Joyce Malvina Pearl, wife of Ernie Pearl z"l, mother of Herman (Staycee) Pearl and Andrew (Elizabeth) Pearl, sister of Rosa Barnett Averbach and Ruth Barnett (Jack) Adelson, grandmother of Donnell Pearl; Nicole, Sam and James Lough; Eva Joyce Pearl  
Gail Ryave, mother of Sharon Ryave Brody (Rose Stophel) and David B. Ryave z"l  
Louise Silverman, mother of Edwin (Diane) Silverman

#### NOVEMBER

Katharine Gordon, mother of Jeffrey (Raimee) Gordon, grandmother of Hannah and Zach Gordon  
Hennie Jurjaanz-Meier, mother of Joop Offerman  
Beatrice Klovsky, mother of Terry (Granville) Kennedy, grandmother of James and Sarah Kennedy  
Paul Marquis Kossman, husband of Agnes Kossman, father of Deborah Kossman

## Mostly Musical Shabbat

**Friday  
January 6  
7 PM**

**A Sensory Friendly Experience**

Join us on first Fridays to sing, dance and make some noise with the Temple Sinai Band! Not into noise? Join the youth group for quieter Shabbat activities. For more information or accomodation call

(412) 421-9715.

All are welcome!



**Friday  
January 20  
5 PM  
(ages 0-5)**

A combination of music, movement, and learning offering young children and their parents/grandparents/caregivers an early exposure to the Shabbat experience through age-appropriate songs & prayers.



**Saturday  
January 21  
4:30 PM**

When night falls on Saturday, we say goodbye to Shabbat. Bring your favorite stuffed animal to mark the end of Shabbat with songs, stories and activities that glow in the dark!



**Saturday  
January 28  
9:15 AM**

Torah yoga, stories, music Shabbat prayers, crafts, snacks & Flash mob at Kiddush! All are welcome. If your children are under 6, we kindly ask that parents/caregivers accompany them.

## Family Programs at Temple Sinai

# Rummage Sale

## Sunday, Feb 5th

### 10 AM - 3 PM

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Housewares, kids' stuff, sporting goods, small furnishings, art, crystal, jewelry, books, games, DVDs....sorry, no TVs, microwaves or Adult/Teen Clothing.

#### Donation Drop Off Times:

Sunday, January 8, 10:00 – 11:30 am  
Monday, January 9, 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Sunday, January 22, 9:30 – 11:30 am  
Monday, January 30, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

To volunteer or schedule an appointment for drop-off contact Debbi Manich:  
at [rummage2016@gmail.com](mailto:rummage2016@gmail.com)

# JANUARY AT

## SUNDAY

1

Hanukkah Ends  
New Year's Day  
Building and Offices Closed

8

9:00 AM Youth Choir  
9:30 AM Family Aseyfah  
Hartman Learning  
Religious School  
10 AM WoTS Meeting  
11 AM Bereisheet  
12 PM Club Sinai & Jr.

15

9:30 AM Men's Discussion group  
at Panera  
11 AM Bereisheet

22

9:00 AM Youth Choir  
9:30 AM Hartman Learning  
Religious School for Torah  
Time - Grade 6  
11 AM Bereisheet  
11:30 AM School Aseyfah

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9:00 AM Youth Choir  
9:30 AM Hartman Learning  
Religious School  
11 AM Bereisheet  
11:30 AM School Aseyfah  
12:30 Mikvah Tour & Discussion  
2:00 PM Brotherhood at Toonseum

## MONDAY

2

Building and Offices Closed

9

6 PM 7th Grade Hebrew  
6:30 PM WoTS cooking class  
7 PM Aseyfah  
7 PM Teen School

16

Martin Luther King Day  
Building and Offices Closed  
7:00 PM Crafters with a Cause

23

30

6:00 PM 7th Grade Hebrew  
7:00 PM 11th-12th Grade Seminar  
7:00 PM Hebrew School  
7:30 PM Band Practice

## TUESDAY

3

7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Meeting

10

17

24

31

7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Group  
Meeting

## WEDNESDAY

4

12:00 PM Parsha/Torah Class  
4:00 PM Hebrew School  
6:00 PM Evening Meditation  
7:15 PM Recite Kaddish  
7:30 PM Intergenerational Choir  
Rehearsal

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11:30 AM School Aseyfah  
12 PM Parsha/Torah Class  
4 PM Hebrew School  
6 PM Evening Meditation  
7:15 PM Recite Kaddish  
7:30 PM Intergenerational Choir  
Rehearsal

18

12 PM Parsha/Torah Class  
1:15 PM Book Club Meetup  
4:00 PM Hebrew School  
6 PM Evening Meditation  
7:15 PM Recite Kaddish  
7:30 PM Intergenerational Choir  
7:45 Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class

25

12 PM Parsha/Torah Class  
4 PM Hebrew School  
6 PM Evening Meditation  
7:15 PM Recite Kaddish  
7:30 PM Intergenerational Choir  
Rehearsal  
7:45 Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class

# TEMPLE SINAI

## THURSDAY

5

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism at Rodef Shalom

12

6:15 PM Cooking and Serving Dinner at EECM Community House  
7:00 PM Intro to Judaism at Rodef Shalom

19

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism at Rodef Shalom

26

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism at Rodef Shalom

## FRIDAY

6

7:00 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat, followed by Oneg

13

12 PM Downtown lunch with Cantor Berman  
5:30 PM Pre-Oneg  
6 PM Shabbat Evening Service  
7 PM Shabbat Tables

20

5:00 PM Tot Shabbat Snacks and Schmoozing  
5:30 PM Tot Shabbat Service  
6:00 PM Congregational Dinner  
7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service with Birthday Blessing followed by Oneg

27

8:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service with Intergenerational Choir, Oneg following

## SATURDAY

7

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

14

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

21

All day- Women's March on Washington DC  
8:30 AM Torah Study  
9:15 AM Informal Morning Shabbat Service  
4:00 PM Shabbat Meditation  
4:30 PM Glow in the Dark Havdalah

28

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

## WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

### FRIDAYS

JAN 6 AT 7 PM

JAN 13 AT 6 PM

JAN 20  
TOT SHABBAT  
AT 5:30 PM AND  
SHABBAT EVENING AT  
7 PM

JAN 27 AT 8 PM

### SATURDAYS

TORAH STUDY AT 8:30 AM

INFORMAL MORNING  
SHABBAT AT 9:15 AM

DON'T MISS GLOW IN  
THE DARK HAVDALAH  
ON JAN 21 AT 4:30 PM  
AND MINI MINYAN ON  
SATURDAY JAN 28 AT  
9:15 AM!

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William and Evelyn Wedner  
Yale Novick  
Zelda Curtiss  
*Best wishes and speedy recovery Stephanie Harris!*  
Harry and Ruth Davidson  
*Congratulations Elmer & Edna Judd on your 70th Wedding Anniversary!*  
Harry and Ruth Davidson  
*In appreciation of Rabbi Gibson*  
Beth & Matt Schwartz  
*In appreciation of Robert & Ellen Katzen*  
William and Arlene Brandeis  
*In honor Ruth Reidbord's 85th Birthday!!!*  
Lynn and Dale Lazar  
*In honor of 5777*  
Lynn Naman  
*In honor of Abby Cohen's Bat Mitzvah*  
David and Rita Pollock

Laura and George Arnold  
Sally Schweitzer  
*In honor of Alana Claire Kirklin's birth*  
Dan and Cathy Droz  
James and Marcia Kaplan  
Lynn Naman  
Susan and William Cohen  
*In honor of Alexa Berman's Bat Mitzvah*  
Steve & Lynn Hecht  
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Richard and Kristin Kalson

*In memory of Stephen Gross*

Glen and Rhonda Gross

Seema Pollack Gross

*In memory of Sy Rook*

Elfi Rook, Richard Koepsel & Jill Rook & Family

*In memory of Sylvia Schatten*

Gerald Schatten and Irene Fonseca

*In memory of Theodore Kraut*

Robert Kraut and Aya

Betensky

*In memory of Tillie Beckman*

Stewart and Kathy Bleck-

man

*In memory of Tillie Olitzky*

Estelle Mann

*In memory of Velma Hall*

Darryl Hall

*In memory of Violet &*

*Benjamin Miller*

Silbert and Grace Moritz

*In memory of Wallace*

*Korenman*

Edward and Jan Korenman

*In memory of Wayne T.*

*Meadowcroft*

Ferne Meadowcroft

*In memory of William Al-*

*exander & Saul Kopelson*

Marilee Glick

*In memory of William*

*Herzbrun*

Constance Rapp

*In memory of William*

*Stutz*

Morry and Sondra Blummer

*In memory ofn Martin*

*Rebb, PearlPerlberg,*

*Milton Kuperstock*

Edward and Jan Korenman

*In memory Shauna Childs*

*Martin Childs*

*In Honor of Noa Pearl*

*Gibson's birth*

Mark and Anne Faigen

*Mazel Tov on 30 yrs. in*

*practice Dr. & Mrs. Joop*

*Offerman*

Susan Denmark and Marc

Darling

*Mazel Tov! Jessie & Da-*

*vid were so happy for all*

*of you, The Gold Family*

Robert and Amy Gold

*Mazel Tov! Ben Minden &*

*Lauren Haskins marriage*

Jack and Karen Friedman

*Mazel Tov! Jessie*

*Schiller and David Bader*

*marriage*

Jack and Karen Friedman

*Our deepest sympathy on*

*the loss of Larry Gibson*

The Howard Sniderman

Family

*Speedy Recovery to*

*Louise Silverman*

Joan Shapiro

*Thank you for the beautiful*

*video! Lynn Rubenson*

Robert and Ellen Katzen

## TEMPLE SINAI NATHAN & HILDA KATZEN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

We've had a great fall semester of activities and events for our youth groups and we're looking forward to another great semester! For more information, contact our Youth Advisor, Roz Knapp (roz@templesinaipgh.org). To register for events, log into your temple account.

### Club Sinai & Club Sinai Jr. (Kindergarten – 5th grade)

January 22, noon-1:30 pm: Summer in January

It may be cold outside, but it feels like summer inside! Enjoy lunch, camp games, and stories around a camp "fire".

Coming up: February 12, noon-1:30 pm.

### PARTY Jr. (6th-8th grade)

February 11: Snow Tubing! Keep an eye out for more information.

### PARTY (9th-12th grade)

January 13-15: WINSTY in Elkins Park, PA. Scholarships available!



## Adult Education:

The Power of the Psalms, a new class coming in February! Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm. What are the Psalms about, when and why do people recite them, and how can these ancient words be meaningful in our own lives? Rabbi Gorban will share her passion for the Psalms and include some of the work she did for her rabbinic thesis.

# BE INSPIRED TO CONNECT

*Women of Temple Sinai Invite you...*

**Crafters with a Cause:**

**Monday, January 16**

**7 PM - 9 PM**

Location: TBD Join in making items for nursing home residents, Children's Institute patients and others as we put our crafting skills toward tikkun olam. Knitting, crocheting and even coloring- anyone can help! Contact: Susan Cohen, Susan\_K\_Cohen@yahoo.com or 412-363-7745

**Cooking Classes**

**Monday, January 9**

**at 6:30 PM**

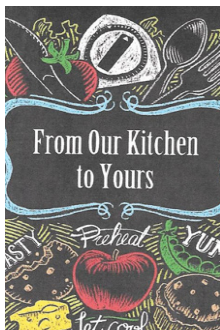
Cost: \$10

Every month WoTS chooses a chef to bring their best recipes to your table. This month, cook a great peanut soup, vegetable lasagna and chocolate chip cake!

RSVP by Friday Jan 6, to Carolyn

Schwarz, 412-421-1268

Get your copy of the WoTS cookbook! Available at the Gift Shop or email wots@gmail.com.



**Mikvah Tour**

**Sunday, January 29**

**at 12:30 PM**

Tour the Jewish Women's League of Pittsburgh, learn the role of the Mikvah and discuss after with Rabbi Gorban over refreshments.

RSVP by Jan 25 to Laura Arnold at lsarnold1@gmail.com

*Tikkun Olam Center for Jewish Social Justice invites you to...*

**Cook and Serve Dinner at EECM Community House**

**Thursday, January 12, 2017 from 6:15pm - 8:00pm**

Join us to cook and/or serve dinner for homeless men and women. For more information, please contact Sharon Dilworth at sd20@andrew.cmu.edu

**Women's March on Washington DC**

**Saturday, January 21st**

Round Trip Bus: \$50

Get more information: on the Temple Website Calendar or contact Cheryl at (724) 433-0087 or cheryl@norwinexpress.com

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## INTRODUCING....?

**NEW  
YEAR**



**NEW  
NEWSLETTER**

Introducing your new full color monthly newsletter

The quarterly black and white Doorways was so 2016. With this inaugural issue we introduce your new "Un-Doorways". Catchy title? NOT!

While we have many new features, we don't have a new name. That's where you come in. Once you've had a chance to peruse what's inside, let us know what you think. And if you're feeling creative, submit your suggestions for a new name to Jessica Levine at: jessica@templesinaipgh.org or (412) 421-9715, ext. 120 by Wednesday January 11, 2017 for a chance to win a \$100 Giant Eagle gift card. The winner will be announced in the February issue.

Checkout out the pull-out calendar to put on your fridge; a service schedule to cut out and put in your wallet; new books to explore; information on our innovative new APP (Annual Personal Pledge) replacing membership dues in July and much more.

And just in case you're wondering, it doesn't cost a penny more than Doorways.

**innovation  
inspiration  
inclusion**