

CHAILIGHTS



Rabbi Keren Gorban

Growing up, my summers always included camp—mostly day camps, with a couple overnight camps as I got older. I loved camp, even the one where I called my mom in tears every day, begging her to come visit (I went back the next three summers).

Why do I love camp so much? The fun and the independence are part of it, but really it's because camp was one of the only places where I could learn for the fun of learning.

Whether I was learning music or soccer or wilderness survival skills, at camp I explored topics of interest just because I found them intriguing. Sometimes I had challenges to overcome, and the counselors helped me discover tools and acquire skills and knowledge to do so.

Much of our longest-lasting learning comes from environments like camp where learning is a form of play and play is part of learning. Next DOR, our new educational program, will incorporate playful learning for that very reason.

And if you have a passion, hobby, or job that requires playful learning, please be in touch with me—we might have an opportunity for you to share that passion with our students!

~ Rabbi Gorban

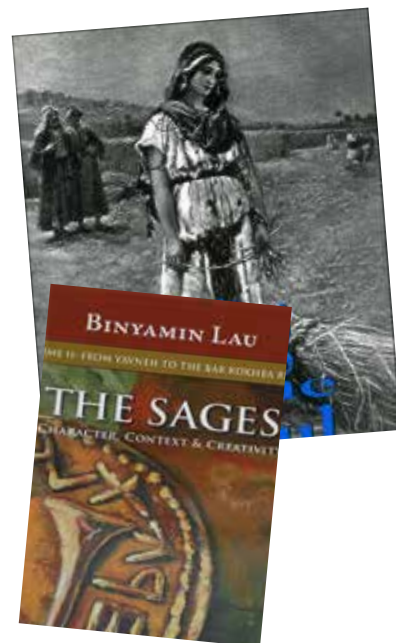
WHAT'S RABBI GIBSON READING?

Finding A Home For the Soul: Interviews with Converts to Judaism by Catherine Hall Myrowitz

The Sages: Character, Context and Creativity by Benny Lau

These two books remind me that engagement with Judaism is never static, it always portrays a journey. *The Sages* explores the period between the destruction of the 2nd Temple through our last revolt against Rome (from 67-135 CE). Lau not only highlights the towering intellect and personal courage of the Rabbis of that era, but how they adapted Judaism to the challenges of that difficult time. Myrowitz's book reminds me that people come to Judaism and the Jewish people by many routes, for many reasons and their stories are unique and often amazing!

~Rabbi Jamie Gibson



PRIDE SHABBAT FRIDAY, JUNE 2 at 7 PM

Every June LGBTQ communities around the world march, sing, shout and celebrate their right to love. Join us at Temple Sinai for our third annual Mostly Musical Pride Shabbat and for readings from our congregants, with an oneg to follow. When we recognize the diversity in our congregation—and make genuine inclusion our practice—Temple Sinai is a richer community for all of its congregants. Through it, we give voice to our LGBTQ members and give everyone some new ways of looking at the world.



PRIDE TRIBE

Walk with us downtown and
March For Equality!

**Sunday, June 11
2017 at 12:30 PM**

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Remembrance: A Holocaust Dialogue with Fritz Ottenheimer & Susanne Ortner

A film featuring Fritz Ottenheimer, Holocaust survivor, author and beloved Temple Sinai congregant, and noted composer and clarinetist Susanne Ortner will be shown for the first time at a special program on Saturday, June 10 from 7-9 PM at Temple Sinai.

For many years, Fritz worked with the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh to speak to students throughout Allegheny County about the Holocaust. He teamed up with Susanne for a presentation in which he told his story about his experience growing up in Hitler's Germany as Susanne, a next generation German musician who grew up learning about the Holocaust in school, accompanies him with her hauntingly beautiful klezmer-jazz fusion music.

Award-winning Pittsburgh filmmaker Ken Love captured one of these presentations in 2007 but the material was shelved as he worked on other projects. Recognizing that our Holocaust survivors are precious resources whose voices need to continue to be heard, he recently completed the film.

Fritz, born in Constance, Germany in 1925, was eight years old when Adolf Hitler came to power. In the years that followed, he and his family were subjected to the increased restrictions and hateful propaganda that were directed against Germany's Jewish population.

In May of 1939 (when Fritz was fourteen), just before the start of World War II, the Ottenheimer family was granted permission to immigrate to the United States. After Fritz graduated from high school he joined the US Army and returned to his former homeland to take part in the allied drive across Germany at the end of the war.

Finally, in 1999, he published a book detailing his experiences. *Escape and Return: Memories of Nazi Germany*.

Susanne is a serious researcher of Eastern European music, the founder of the German Klezmer Quartet "Sing Your Soul," and collaborates with US klezmer and jazz musicians, mostly in the intimate duo- and trio-format. In

addition to master classes and lectures at the University of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University, she instructed the klezmer band at the Agency for Jewish Learning, was the interim director of the Carpathian Ensemble at the University of Pittsburgh, and coached the CMU/Hillel klezmer band. Susanne is the co-founder of the Three Rivers Klezmer.

She met Fritz when she was invited by the University of Pittsburgh to accompany Pittsburgh Holocaust Survivors at schools and universities creating the musical framework for their stories.

Please join us with Fritz and his family, on June 10, as we honor him with this showing and an oneg after the film. Light snacks will be served. This program is free of charge and open to the public, but we request that you please RSVP to Judy Mahan at (412) 421-9715 ext 110 or register on your member account at [www](http://www.templesinaipgh.org).

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In lieu of a program fee, please consider a donation to the Holocaust Center in honor of Fritz, which can be collected at the program.



**Film Screening
Saturday, June 10 at 7 PM
At Temple Sinai**

Remembrance: A Holocaust Dialogue

Discussion and oneg to follow the screening. There is no cost, please join us to honor Fritz Ottenheimer.

Seating is limited. **Please RSVP** to Judy Mahan, (412) 421-9715 ext 110 or at your member account www.templesinaipgh.org



"TAKE CALCULATED RISKS. THAT IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM BEING RASH."

Sage advice offered by General George Patton, best known for his leadership of the U.S. Third Army in June 1944.

In 2015, the Sustainability Task Force was charged with examining financial funding models to ensure our financial sustainability in 2020 and beyond. Following an 18 month disciplined process, the committee recommended to the board that we replace our traditional

dues model with the personal pledge program. Some may be asking, "Why take this risk?" and "What if it doesn't work and we don't raise enough money?". To those wondering, the simplest answer is that what we were doing was no longer working and it's a bigger risk to do nothing. Why?

Beginning with the recession, Jews across America have had less discretionary income. In our own community, some congregants have been unable to pay dues and, rather than going through the process of requesting a dues adjustment which many found to be difficult and embarrassing, they chose to leave Temple Sinai. For young adults and families, dues can be a barrier to entry as they begin their careers, buy homes and start families; yet they want to be a part of our sacred community and do not want to request adjustments.

For 70 years, dues have been the backbone of our finances but no longer does the practice reflect who we are and who we want to be.

When we take a calculated risk, and try something new, we inspire others to join us and we are inclusive and innovative.

Doing Nothing is Not an Option

- Our dues have increased annually since 2003-2004
 - Our member units have been stable to slightly declining over the past 5 years
 - Uncollectable dues for the 5 years prior to the recession averaged 24.8%; the following 5 years averaged 27.4%; and for the past 3 years have been 31.4%
 - The draw from our endowment to "help make ends meet" has increased 2.5 times over the past 7 years
- These trends are not sustainable. Change is clearly necessary. And based on the due diligence that we've done, we are confident that our congregants will pledge the best that they can to support each other and our community.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT Nancy Gale
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CALL TODAY TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE!

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TEMPLE SINAI'S NEW PRESIDENT ON OPENNESS

Friends,

I write to you in amazement. As I've been thinking about becoming the next president of Temple Sinai, I am truly amazed at all that we are. Most importantly, we are open, in many senses of the word. We set a high bar for openness.

In these challenging times we work hard to be open to all people--those who are like us, and especially those who are not like us. We work to understand and actively welcome those from different faiths, those from different backgrounds, those of different abilities, and those with different ideas. I encourage us to make an extra effort in the coming year to welcome all to Temple Sinai and into our lives.

We work to be open to new ideas and new ways of thinking. We are not afraid to respectfully discuss the pros and cons of new and creative paths for Temple Sinai. Our Pledge 2017 (www.temple sinaipgh.org/pledge2017) is an innovative way to support our synagogue. We have learned from a handful of congregations across the US and are now embarking on our own bold initiative. I urge us to remain open

to new thoughts and to embrace Pledge 2017, with our financial support as we are able, and with our ideas and thoughts as we refine this program and Temple life.

And, we are truly a community, open to each other. We are together in times of happiness and sorrow, prayer and song. We work together in a variety of organizations--such as our auxiliaries and Centers--and in many settings, within the building and outside, repairing the world not only on Mitzvah Day but every day. I hope we always will be open to new ways to be with each other and help each other. Let us continue to find new ways to be open. I look forward to discussing your new ideas and our community efforts to move forward.

L'Shalom, Philip Lehman, Ph.D.



MEET THE AMSTERS! JOSH & MEGAN, JACOB, LEVI & HANNAH

What will your family be doing over the summer?

A family road trip to Mount Rushmore. With stops in Louisville, St. Louis, Kansas City, Sioux Falls and over the the badlands and black hills.

What is your favorite holiday?

Hanukkah. It gives us a chance to see friends both near and far.

What is the one thing you can't live without?

A dishwasher and washer/dryer combo. With 3 small kids participating in various indoor and outdoor activities, these appliances are a must.

What is your favorite food? What is the kids' favorite food?

Josh- BBQ

Megan - cereal

Jacob - sushi

Levi - hot dogs

Hannah - strawberries

What activity do you like best to attend at Temple Sinai as a family?

Sunday school. While the kids are in class, Joshua and I use that time to volunteer or learn about current temple agenda items.



What would we be surprised to know about you?

Travel is a big passion and inspiration for us--both domestic and international travel. The educational value of travel is invaluable.

Describe your perfect family day.

Any day we are on vacation in one of our favorite places, Aruba. Where the kids swim, the sun shines, and we can spend uninterrupted and total quality time with each other.

2017 OPEN DOORS RECEPTION AND SALUTE TO ISRAEL

Below you will find Shirley Goldstein's speech to Temple Sinai congregants during the Friday, April 28 service honoring her as the 2017 Open Doors Awardee:

You only see me up here on the bimah tonight, but I am not alone. I want to introduce you to the strong women upon whose shoulders I stand: My mother Mary, my grandmother Lampl and my aunt Irene – these women were my role models, my mentors. Through their actions, they showed me how to stand strong and do what had to be done.

I came to know many strong women during my education, who also taught by example. Through hard work and good fortune, I achieved my dream of becoming a department store buyer. Working and experiencing New York during the 1950s and 1960s, I encountered Bella Abzug and Gloria Steinem who held lunchtime rallies to promote women's rights. Their energy left a profound impact on me as I took their words to heart.

About this time, I was introduced to Temple Sinai by my uncle and aunt, Al and Irene Lampl, who accompanied me to services. It was a complete awakening for me. This experience of men and women sitting together was unlike anything I had ever known. I then decided to join as a single woman, where I met many strong women.

At Temple Sinai in 1958, Rabbi Hison married my husband and I. I then became part of Sheldon's family; his uncle Morton and aunt Esther Landau, were founders of Temple Sinai. Esther became Sisterhood's first president. During this period, one woman rose above all the rest; kind and gentle and she loved

Temple Sinai.

I always tried to be like her; she was my idol. I always said, "When I grow up, I want to be like Nat Diamondstone."

Make no mistake. There were always important men in my life, but none of them had the impact of these strong women upon whose shoulders I stand tonight.

Thank you so much for this award. I will always honor it.



Photos by: John Schiller



The Annual Campaign continues.

If you would like to make a donation in Shirley Goldstein's Name, go to your member account and select SALUTE TO ISRAEL. Or call Judy Lynn Aiello, Bookkeeper, ext 124

JUNE AT TEMPLE

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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10 AM WoTS Annual Meeting and
Potluck Brunch

11 AM Bereisheet

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7 PM Jewish History Through the
Stained Glass Windows

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7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh (Sivan)
(OFFSITE)

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12 PM Parsha/Torah Class

6 PM Evening Meditation

7 PM Recite Kaddish

7:45 PM Adult Bnei Mitzvah
Rehearsal

11

8 AM Chai Mitzvah

11 AM Bereisheet

12:30 PM Equality March
(Downtown)

2 PM WRJ Discuss Pay Equity
(OFFSITE)

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6:30 PM Cooking Class sponsored
by WOTS (Open to all)

7 PM Tikkun Olam Dinner

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5:30 PM Guys Night Out at
the Pirates Game!

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12 PM Parsha/Torah Class

6 PM Evening Meditation

7 PM Recite Kaddish

18 FATHER'S DAY

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12 PM Parsha/Torah Class

6 PM Evening Meditation

7 PM Recite Kaddish

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11 AM Bereisheet

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12 PM Parsha/Torah Class

6 PM Evening Meditation

7 PM Recite Kaddish

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LE SINAI

THURSDAY

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6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting with Minyan

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7:15 PM Board of Trustees Meeting with Minyan

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FRIDAY

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7 PM PRIDE SHABBAT, A Mostly Musical, Sensory Friendly Experience

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12:00 PM Downtown Lunch with the Rabbi
5:30 PM Pre-Oneg
6 PM Shabbat Evening Service
7 PM Shabbat Tables (OFFSITE)
8 PM Adult Bnei Mitzvah Reception and Dinner

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5 PM Tot Shabbat Snacks and Schmoozing and Service
7 PM Shabbat Evening Service, with Birthday Blessing and Oneg to follow
9 PM Shabbat After Hours

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8 PM WoTS Annual Shabbat Evening Service, Oneg to follow

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5:30 PM Pre-Oneg
6 PM Shabbat Evening Service

SATURDAY

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8:30 AM Torah Study
9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service
10:30 AM Shabat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Brett Kaufman

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8:30 AM Torah Study
9:15 AM Shabbat Service
9:15 AM Mini Minyan
11:15 AM Shabbat Minyan Potluck
6 PM Interfaith Dinner at the home of Audrey & John Brown
7 PM Fritz Ottenheimer Film screening

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8:30 AM Torah Study
9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service and Bat Mitzvah of Elizabeth Lightman
1:45 PM Sing-a-long at Charles Morris

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

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS

JUNE 2 AT 7 PM

JUNE 9 AT 6 PM

JUNE 16
TOT SHABBAT
AT 5:30 PM
EVENING SERVICE
AT 7 PM

JUNE 23 AT 8 PM

JUNE 30 AT 6 PM

SATURDAYS

TORAH STUDY
AT 8:30 AM

INFORMAL MORNING
SHABBAT AT 9:15 AM

MINI MINYAN ON
JUNE 10 AT 9:15 AM

GLOW IN THE DARK
HAVDALAH
SERVICES WILL
RESUME IN THE FALL

JULY AT TEMPLE

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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4 INDEPENDANCE DAY

Offices and building closed

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12 PM Parsha/Torah Class
6 PM Evening Meditation
7 PM Recite Kaddish
7:30 PM Band Practice

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12 PM Parsha/Torah Class
6 PM Evening Meditation
7 PM Recite Kaddish

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9:30 am - 11:00 am
(OFFSITE) Men's Discussion
Group sponsored by
Brotherhood

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12 PM Parsha/Torah Class
6 PM Evening Meditation
7 PM Recite Kaddish

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12 PM Parsha/Torah Class
6 PM Evening Meditation
7 PM Recite Kaddish

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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6:30 PM Executive Committee
Meeting with Minyan

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7:15 PM Board of Trustees Meeting
with Minyan

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7 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat
8 PM Young Adult Shabbat Dinner

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7 PM Shabbat Evening Service

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5 PM Tot Shabbat Snacks
5:30 PM Tot Shabbat Service
7 PM Shabbat Evening Service
9 PM Shabbat After Hours

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7 PM Shabbat Evening Service

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

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8:30 AM Torah Study
9:15 AM Informal Shabbat
Shabbat Service
9:15 AM Mini Minyan (now ends
at 10:30 AM!)

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8:30 AM Torah Study
9:15 AM Informal Shabbat
Morning Service
1:45 PM Sing-a-long at Charles
Morris

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

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

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS

ALL FRIDAY SERVICES
WILL BE HELD AT 7 PM
IN JULY AND AUGUST

SATURDAYS

TORAH STUDY
AT 8:30 AM

INFORMAL MORNING
SHABBAT AT 9:15 AM

MINI MINYAN ON
JULY 8 AT 9:15 AM

GLOW IN THE DARK
HAVDALAH
SERVICES WILL
RESUME IN THE FALL

Congratulations to the Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class of 2017!

"I never had a Bat Mitzvah when I was 13. I was not familiar with the prayers or the Hebrew, and I had never studied Torah."

– Judy Mahan

From Hebrew School dropouts to those who never studied Hebrew, from people who became Jews as adults to those who have been Jewish all their lives—these are the devoted learners who make up this year's Adult B'nei Mitzvah class. They have studied for the better part of a year, gathering almost every Wednesday evening and diligently working at home to learn the three skills asked of all B'nei Mitzvah: 1) leading a service, 2) reading from the Torah, and 3) teaching an insight from or an interpretation of the Torah.

"I wanted to become a Bat Mitzvah because I felt ignorant about so much of what goes on during a service. Through this class, I am now much more comfortable during services." – Susan Cohen

As part of the largest Adult B'nei Mitzvah class that Temple Sinai has ever assembled, these 14 students display courage, commitment, and wisdom. They have the courage to admit ignorance and discomfort, the commitment to their Judaism to want to grow and the wisdom to seek opportunities for learning. They are impressive reminders that Jewish learning is often more meaningful for adults and that it's never too late to start learning.

"I am lucky to be part of an awe-inspiring group of Jewish adults all working and learning together. It has been an immense privilege and so humbling to learn with Rabbi Gorban and my adult B'nei Mitzvah group this year." – Liz Miller

The B'nei Mitzvah will lead the 6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat service, and afterward we will gather for a celebratory dinner in the Falk Auditorium. The evening will nourish your body and your soul!

Come show your support and celebrate with the Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class of 5777 by joining us for services and dinner on June 9.



"This past year of studying with our B'nei Mitzvah class has been nourishment for my spirit." – Louise Malakoff

A hearty Mazal Tov to the Temple Sinai 2017 Adult B'nei class!

George Arnold
Stephanie Birnberg
Susan Blackman
Susan Cohen
Laura Fehl
Ellie Greenwald
Judy Mahan
Louise Malakoff
Carolyn Mendelson
Liz Miller
Elaine Miller
Brandon Nicholson
Abigail Salisbury
Doug Schiller

Cantor Berman & the Music of the High Holy Days

Cantor Laura Berman wants families to share musical memories. In fact, this goal drives her in the months leading up to the High Holy Days, "because music connects us to past generations and we pass the music on." She says this as she talks about the music and feeling that she wants to express this year.

Each piece of the High Holy Days experience requires weeks and weeks of planning. Not an easy thing to organize when working with other people's schedules.

Music plays a huge role in the High Holy Days. It's a time when musical memories are so important. "People have so many ways of connecting to the Divine. Music is an opportunity to express in one voice, our combined voices, to reach toward the Divine."

In Judaism, Cantors are the "agents of the congregation," they are the prayer leaders or "Shaliach Tzibbur," which means messenger or emissary. Cantors are the carriers of our prayers and help us to connect to the sacred.

"No matter where we are, whether there is a Temple to shelter us or we are walking alone in the desert, we can carry our prayers and music with us.

During the High Holy Days we hear our most powerful and sacred melodies." ~ Cantor Laura Berman

"In the moment, I want to take myself into what the prayer is. In my role as Cantor, to know what it is I am saying is so important in the expression, and not just the translation, but really at an emotional level," she explained. "I do not think I can replace anyone's prayer, but there is this idea of helping people to connect. Let my prayer carry your prayer; if you want to join in, or sing in simple harmony, I welcome all with open arms," she said.

In the months leading up to the High Holy Days, Cantor Berman will be at her busiest.

"I try to honor the musical connections that people already have, and elevate and broaden our experience of Jewish musical traditions while introducing modern compositions and experiences. I don't want kids to have completely different



experiences than their families. I want everyone to share those musical memories with everyone around the world. It is a huge balancing act, there is no one right way to do this."

Traditions come more into focus during the High Holy Days. In the last few years, the Reform Movement has been bringing more tradition into music in general, which adds depth otherwise unseen, Cantor Berman explained.

Last year was a huge challenge because of the new prayer books (Machzor), which had some traditional liturgy added back in, word changes and significant differences. "The first thing I will do this year is review all the adjustments we made last year to fit our new Machzor," she said.

From there, Cantor Berman explains with a smile, comes the rest of the journey toward marking our Jewish calendar with the great sounds of our faith. To become a part of the choir or Temple Sinai band, please contact our cantor, Cantor.berman@templesinaigh.org.

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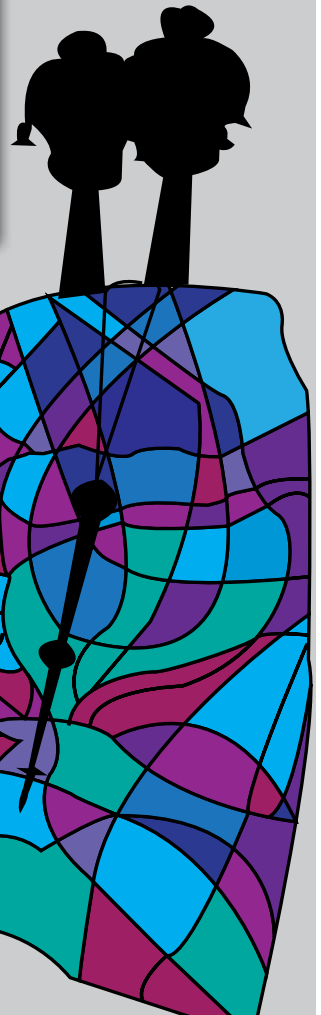
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ON JEWISH FATHERHOOD, BY ROB RICHMAN

The Jewish faith greatly emphasizes the significance of the family unit. We are the children of Israel; one of the Ten Commandments is to honor our parents; the first book of the Torah teaches us that we are our brothers' keepers; and we pray to the God of our fathers and mothers. To no surprise, the blessing of Jewish fatherhood is accompanied by a host of familial responsibilities.

My journey to Jewish fatherhood actually seemed rather unlikely. Although my parents sent me to the local Jewish Community Center preschool and, thereafter, to a Jewish elementary school, I was a very poorly-behaved child and, in general, lacked focus and discipline. I imagine that my parents must have felt that their best efforts to instill Jewish values *l'dor vador* would surely prove unsuccessful.

My wife, Emily nee Farkas, and I recently visited my former elementary school. There, we encountered a cafeteria worker who remembered my indelible misbehavior from more than three decades ago. Much like the Wicked Son in the Passover Haggadah, I, too, questioned the meaning of our practices and found it challenging to understand the motivations behind Jewish observance.

So, as beshert would have it, I, of course, met and fell in love with Emily, a Jewish communal worker. Shortly after our wedding, we traveled to Israel. There, while in

Jerusalem, I placed a note in the Kotel praying to HaShem for a child when the time was right.

Approximately, nine months later, my wife and I welcomed a beautiful, healthy baby girl Addison. 18 months after that, we welcomed our second daughter Reagan. And about two months ago, we welcomed our third daughter, London.

Now, our daughters attend the local Jewish Community Center preschool. Each Shabbat, my two older daughters say the blessing over the candles and the challah and I, in turn, say a blessing over each of them. They look forward to Tot Shabbats and Mini Minyans. They sing songs about our holidays and revel in our traditions.

Life experience has clarified for me what I had failed to understand in my youth. The wisdom of Torah is not inaccessible.

The responsibilities of Jewish fatherhood are, at their essence, remarkably simple and straightforward.

Make Shabbat special and different from your everyday routine. Be sure to let your loved ones know that they are loved everyday. Teach gratitude, kindness, and compassion. Be present. This is Jewish fatherhood. L'Shalom.



SAVE THE DATE

**INVITING PITTSBURGH WOMEN
TO OUR ANNUAL AREA DAY
PAY EQUITY - PANEL DISCUSSION**

**JUNE 11, 2017
2 PM - 4 PM**

RODEF SHALOM CONGREGATION

WINE & CHEESE



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In Appreciation Constance Rapp

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Baker Family

Yahrzeit of Beloved Father Fred Baumfeld
Philip and Marcia Baumfeld

Yahrzeit of Stella Birnberg
Jacob and Stephanie Birnberg

Yahrzeit of Norman Grossman
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Yahrzeit of David Birnberg
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Yahrzeit of William Blummer
Morry and Sondra Blummer

Yahrzeit of Minna Nielsen
Michelle Browne

Yahrzeit of Hannah Molans
Diamondstone Family

Yahrzeit of Masha Dubin
Amy, Gary and Mitchell Dubin

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Stanley and Lin Ehrenpreis

Yahrzeit of Yetta Gussin
Mark and Anne Faigen

Yahrzeit of Millie Gussin
Mark and Anne Faigen

Yahrzeit of E. Jerry Fenster
Arlene Fenster

Yahrzeit of Norma Levin
Gespas
Andy and Debbie Gespass

Yahrzeit of Herbert Kestenbaum
James and

Barbara Gibson
Yahrzeit of I. Joseph Gibson
James and Barbara Gibson

Yahrzeit of Bonnie Sue Giffen
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Yahrzeit of Herbert Walter Gluckman
Robert and Susan Gluckman

Yahrzeit of Morris Segal
Ben and Marlene Goldberg

Yahrzeit of Rebecca Goldman
Margie Goldman

Yahrzeit of Rose Pinsker
Herbert and Marlene Goldstein

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David & Suzan Hauptman and Dillon Hvdzash

Yahrzeit of Jay Howard Horne
Susan Horne

Yahrzeit of Hyman Klein
Edward and Jan Korenman

Yahrzeit of Frederick W. Kramer
Madeline Kramer

Yahrzeit of Frederick Kramer
Valerie Kramer and Tom Brooks

Yahrzeit of Gilbert Levine
Stanley Levine and Barbara Weschler

Yahrzeit of Stanford Isaacson
John Lisi and Roberta Isaacson Lisi

Yahrzeit of Albert Schwartz
Michael and Nancy Mallinger

Yahrzeit of Elizabeth Stofman
Thomas and Marcia Morton

Yahrzeit of Joseph J. Shechman
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Carole Neiberg

Yahrzeit of Helen Danovitz Berenfield
Susan & Thomas Netzer & Family

Yahrzeit of Norman Rabner
Donna Rabner

Yahrzeit of Gertrude Hoffman
Marilyn Rattner

Yahrzeit of Saul Kuperstock
Evelyn Rebb

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Howard and Faye Reidbord

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Agnes Rocher

Yahrzeit of May Rose Rice
Roger Wilk

Yahrzeit of Louis Rosenberg
Jerry & Barb Rosenberg

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Dr. Ann Ruben

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Selma P. Ryave

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Rae Sablowsky

Yahrzeit of Leonard Sablowsky
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Ilene Shulan

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Thomas and Shelda Witt

Yahrzeit of Beni Berger
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Yahrzeit of Philip Zove
Zove/Straus Family

Yahrzeit of William Erlich
Jay and Kimberly Zytneck

Rabbi Gibson's Discretionary
 Funeral Service
 of Sandy Wedner
Irwin and Gail Wedner
 In Appreciation
 of my Father's
 shloshim
Dale and Lynn Lazar

In Appreciation of
 your kindness
Est. of Philip Woolf
 In Appreciation
 Special Birthday
 Celebration of
 Selma P. Ryave
Richard and Sandra Yurko

In Memory of
 Larry Gibson
Richard and Sandra Yurko
Religious School Fund
Marcy and Jared Kaufman
 Ryave Children's Library

Special Birthday
 Happy 95th
 Birthday!
Ruth Winer Rosalyn Escovitz
Weinkle Fund for the Future
 In Memory of
 Elinor Goodman
Mark and Anne Faigen

Zoffer Memorial Fund
 In Memory of
 Rachel Latterman
 In Memory of
 Elinor Goodman
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 Arthur Friedland

In Memory of
 Debbie Zidel
 In Memory of
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H. J. Zoffer

OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

SIMCHAHS

Mazal tov to Frank and Carolyn Schwarz celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary.

Jaime Lebo & Jonathan Bompiani were married on Saturday, May 6th 2017. Mazal Tov!

Upcoming B'nei Mitzvah
 6/3/17 Brett Kaufman
 6/17/17 Elizabeth Lightman



New Members in April:
 Robin Bernstein

OF BLESSED MEMORY

April:
 Queenie Chikofsky, grandmother of Lauren Coblenz
 Julian Schiller, brother of Douglas (Kathleen) Schiller
 Linda Bushkoff, mother of Flynn (Ben) Wecht, and Heather (Richard) Rattner
 Ruth Leah Steinfeld, aunt of Andria Wilson
 Barry Lembersky, husband of Diane Faust, father of Abigail "Abby" and David Lembersky
 Jack Blackman, father of Susan Blackman

The New Mostly Musical Shabbat Picture Library

"As a student project for Carnegie Mellon, Diana Connolly created a symbol library for our Shabbat prayers. These can be seen on the Mostly Musical Shabbat poster, as well as on personal sticker booklets. If you or your child would like to use these symbols as visual supports during the service, please come by during our next Mostly Musical Shabbat to get your very own sticker booklets!"

Shabbat Stickers!

A Visual Aid for Shabbats

Kabbalat Shabbat

Sh'ma & Its Blessings

Amidah

Concluding Prayers

BE INSPIRED TO CONNECT

Women of Temple Sinai Invite You...

WoTS Annual Meeting & Potluck

Sunday, June 4 at 10 AM

Are you interested in getting involved? At our annual meeting we will select new officers for the next year. Join us!

Contact Laura Arnold, 412 401-9016
or lsarnold1@gmail.com for more information.

WRJ Pay Equity Discussion

Sunday, June 11 at 2 PM

Area Day is an annual event that gathers women from six area Reform Temples to build connections. Please RSVP to Laura Arnold, lsarnold1@gmail.com or 412-401-9016 by June 5.

Rosh Chodesh

Tuesday, June 6 at 7:30 PM

We open each meeting with an introductory poem or reading, blessings for candle-lighting and wine, a summary of the month's holidays and historic events that occurred during the month, and the bio of an interesting woman who died during the month.

Contact: Carol Woolford

Email: cw2g@andrew.cmu.edu

The Brotherhood invite you for...

Men's Discussion Group

Sunday, July 16 at 9:30 AM

We will meet at the Panera Bread on Blvd. of the Allies. The meeting, which is open to all men of Temple Sinai, consists of informal conversation, led by David Hirsch, about the weekly Torah portion, as well as topics related to contemporary social or political concerns.

Contact: David Hirsch

Email: dhirsch@kwbhlaw.com

The Young Adults Group invites you...

Young Adult Shabbat Dinner

Friday, July 7 at 8 PM

Temple Sinai invites you...

Holocaust Remembrance Film Screening

with Fritz Ottenheimer

Saturday, June 10 at 7 PM

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