

CHAILIGHTS



Rabbi's Corner

By Rabbi Keren Gorban

I was recently reminded of a poem by one of the great modern Israeli poets, Yehuda Amichai:

A man doesn't have time in his life

to have time for everything.

He doesn't have seasons enough to have

a season for every purpose. Ecclesiastes

was wrong about that.

A man needs to love and to hate at the same moment,

to laugh and cry with the same eyes,

with the same hands to throw stones and to gather them,

to make love in war and war in love.

And to hate and forgive and remember and forget,

to arrange and confuse, to eat and to digest

what history

takes years and years to do.

The whole poem was offered in the wake of the tragic death of one of my teachers, Rabbi Dr. Aaron Panken z"l, but this excerpt continues to resonate strongly through these weeks and months of struggle in Israel and Gaza.

One of the great blessings and challenges of being human is our ability to hold two (or more!) conflicting truths within us at the same time. We can believe in the truths present in Torah without believing in the historical accuracy of the text. We can find joy even in times of mourning and take time to mourn even during joyful celebrations. In medicine, killing (cancerous cells, bacteria, viruses, etc.) is a form of healing. In gardening, we have to uproot while we plant. When we create something new, we do so out of the destruction of our

materials. We can love friends and family members and hate things they do. The list continues.

Often we think of our world as a series of opposites and spectrums — black or white or a shade of gray, right or left or somewhere in the center. But the truth is that we can hold the opposites together, not tempering one side with the other but believing in both sides strongly at the same time.

I love Israel and believe in its right to exist and to defend itself and its people. I am also infuriated by some of Israel's policies and actions and believe that the government uses fears of existential threat to overstate the extent of its need for self-defense. I believe that Jerusalem is Israel's capital and worry about the ramifications of moving the US embassy to Jerusalem.

I have deep concerns about the continued plight of Palestinians in Gaza and my heart aches for those suffering through a terrible humanitarian crisis. I want them to find peace and prosperity. I also detest and resent the tactics used by the Hamas leadership in Gaza to exacerbate the crisis, harm its people under the guise of liberation, and shift international blame to Israel.

It's not easy to hold these and other opposing beliefs in tension with each other without trying to find a nice middle ground or trying to find a narrative that allows me the ease of one side. But I have learned over the years that I can be more authentic, more whole — even at peace — holding conflicting beliefs and values together.

Yehuda Amichai was right: We don't have time in our lives to have a time for everything. I pray, instead, that we can make space in our souls for the challenge and blessing of strong, conflicting beliefs.

JUNE IS LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH!



TEMPLE SINAI
PRIDE TRIBE

Rabbi Jamie Gibson's

Anniversary

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HONOR OUR PAST. EMBRACE OUR FUTURE.

Thank you to everyone who celebrated Rabbi Jamie Gibson's 30th Anniversary with us at the Yasher Koach Celebration on August 29.



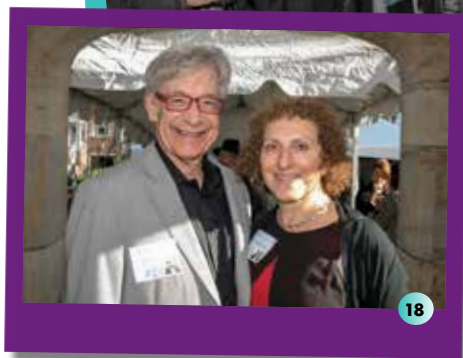
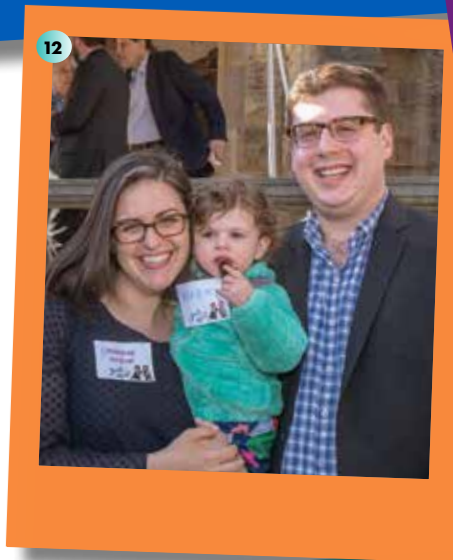


Photo #1: The Intergenerational Choir with Rabbi Ezra Ende; **Photo #2 (left to right):** Rabbi Seth Adelson, Cantor Laura Berman, and Rabbi Cheryl Klein; **Photo #3 (left to right):** County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, Mayor Peduto's Chief of Staff Dan Gilman, and City Councilperson Erika Strassburger; **Photo #4:** Barbara and Rabbi Jamie Gibson (photo credit: Evelyn Pierce); **Photo #5:** David, Avi, and Micah Gibson; **Photo #6:** Jeffrey H. Finkelstein and Dr. Rabbi Walter Jacob; **Photo #7:** Rabbi Larry Freedman and Rabbi Keren Gorban; **Photo #8:** Shirley L. Goldstein and Rachel Collura; **Photo #9 (left to right):** Dora Gordon, Rebecca Gordon, Rachel Petro, Russell Petro, and Ethan Beck; **Photo #10 (left to right):** Rabbi Aaron Bisno, Rabbi Jamie Gibson, and Rabbi Ron Symons; **Photo #11 (left to right):** Former Temple Sinai Clergy: Cantorial soloist Sara Stock-Mayo, Rabbi Larry Freedman, Rabbi Ron Symons, Rabbi Ezra Ende, and Rabbi Audrey Korotkin; **Photo #12 (left to right):** Catherine, Noa, and Micah Gibson; **Photo #13:** Barbara Gibson; **Photo #14:** Susan Blackman, Estelle Mann, and Susan Cohen; **Photo #15 (left to right):** Toby Chapman, Jay Silberblatt, Lori Sisson, Harton Wolf, and Flo Chapman; **Photo #16:** Rabbi Jamie Gibson and Omar Slater; **Photo #17:** Rabbi Larry Freedman and Ellen Katzen; **Photo #18:** Paul Lyons and Betty Rothbart; **Photo #19:** Kathryn Whitlatch, Elizabeth and Rachel Collura; **Photo #20:** Carol Rosenthal and Avigail Ende (Photo credits: John Schiller)



Thank You to YOU, our volunteers, who give time, expertise, and enthusiasm to make Temple Sinai an inclusive and collaborative Jewish spiritual home.

Whether you greet at services, cook for dinners, serve on a committee, sing in the choir, deliver caring bags, or any of the many, many other roles that help us fulfill our sacred tasks, we want to HONOR YOU with a special SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE on Friday, June 1 at 7 PM. Please join us!

BROTHERHOOD FAMILY BIKE RIDE, SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 10 AM

Brotherhood invites you and your family on a Family Bike Ride starting at the Waterfront in Homestead, PA, and riding on the Great Allegheny Passage trail to downtown Pittsburgh. The ride should take 2–3 hours, and you can choose to ride at your own speed and as long as you like.

Don't have a bike? No problem. Rentals are available.
Don't forget your helmet!

Contact Steve Jurman at (412) 352-0898 or stephen@jurmanlaw.com with questions and to RSVP.
Please RSVP by Noon on Saturday, June 2.

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Cheer Your Buccos on to Victory! *at Guys Night Out*

Join Us for...

Pre-Game Libation at Steel Cactus

(115 Federal St., on outside of PNC Park, between Stargell Statue & General Robinson Street)

5:30-6:30 p.m.



Pirates vs. Brewers

7:05 p.m. — First Pitch

Tuesday, June 19

*Sponsored by Brotherhood &
Open to Entire Congregation*



Registration is now closed for group tickets. Contact Todd Miller at (412) 848-1082 or toddprmtg@gmail.com if you purchased your own tickets and want to meet up at Steel Cactus before the game.

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5:45 PM DINNER

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

7 PM SERVICE

GROOVY '60s-INSPIRED DINNER • PRAYERS WOVEN WITH FOLK & '60s SONGS • COFFEE-HOUSE ONEG

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George Harrison

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DINNER

\$10/\$5 (12 &
under)

RSVP by Noon, Wed., June 6
Judy Rulin Mahan
judy@templesinaipgh.org
(412) 421-9715 ext. 110

Temple Sinai is an inclusive community that embraces, supports, and values all people, regardless of ability or needs, to participate in every aspect of our Reform Jewish synagogue life. If you need an accommodation, please call Judy Mahan at (412) 421-9715 ext. 110.

JUNE IS LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH!

Pride Shabbat Evening Service

Friday, June 15, 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 fourth annual 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.



Temple Sinai hosted the Inaugural Pride Seder for our community on Saturday, May 5!

About 30 people participated in the first community Pride Seder Saturday evening, May 5, held at Temple Sinai and organized by Sinai's Pride Tribe with support from Women of Temple Sinai and funding from The Women of Reform Judaism, The Simon Hafner Charitable Foundation through The PNC Charitable Trusts Grant Review Committee, and The Fine Foundation.

Taking the form reminiscent of the traditional Passover Seder, the Pride Seder shared stories and hardships of LGBTQ life, celebrate the freedoms that have been achieved, and explored freedoms not yet gained.

LGBTQ individuals beyond the Jewish community as well as Allies of the LGBTQ community were welcomed to participate. Members from the Sixth Presbyterian Church, Bet Tikvah, Temple David, Hillel, and Repair the World joined Temple Sinai members.

Led by Susan Blackman, the Pride Tribe organizing committee included: Kate Passarelli, Alex Malanych, Emma Bedford-Jack, Morgan Faeder, and Rabbi Keren Gorban.



Photo #1 (left to right): Rabbi Keren Gorban, Laura Fehl, and Deb Scheib (Temple David); **Photo #2 (left to right):** Lydia Bestul (Repair the World), Kate Passarelli, and Stephanie Wright; **Photo #3:** Members from Sixth Presbyterian Church joined the Pride Seder (Photo credits: Lynn Rubenson)



2018 Pittsburgh Pride EQT Equality March
Sunday, June 10, 11:45 AM

Join our clergy, Temple Sinai Pride Tribe, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh as we march for equality for our LGBTQ community.

Location: Downtown Pittsburgh
(exact location to be announced on June 3)

Details & registration:
www.jfedpgh.org/pride

TRIP TO HISTORIC JOHNSTOWN, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

SELMA PODOLSKY RYAVE SENIOR ADULT PROGRAM

We invite you to join us for a trip to historic Johnstown, PA, on Wednesday, June 13 from 9:30 AM–4:30 PM.



Trip highlights will include:

- A narrated riding tour of Johnstown's historic downtown led by Johnstown native Barry Rudel that includes viewing buildings that survived the 1889 Johnstown Flood, an orientation to the old Jewish neighborhood of Iron Street, Grandview Cemetery, which contains the Jewish sections dating back to 1888 and the Unknown Plot of 1889 Johnstown Flood victims;
- A dairy lunch and tour of Congregation Beth Shalom that will include viewing the 125th Anniversary Exhibit of Jewish Johnstown, the Bloom Archives, and the Jewish Museum;
- A ride on the Johnstown Incline, the steepest vehicular incline in the world;
- A ride around Westmont, Johnstown's tree-lined suburb and home to the area's Jewish community.

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch and round-trip transportation on coach bus)

RSVP to Judy Rulin Mahan at (412) 421-9715 ext. 110 or judy@templesinaipgh.org by Noon on Wednesday, June 6, or register online in your Temple Sinai account.

WOMEN OF TEMPLE SINAI (WoTS) SHABBAT, FRIDAY, JUNE 22

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FRIDAY, JUNE 22

5:45 PM WoTS Shabbat Dinner & Installation

7 PM WoTS Shabbat Evening Service

Why will this Shabbat be different than any other Shabbats? WoTS members will conduct the majority of the Shabbat Evening Service with special readings and read Torah. WoTS also takes this opportunity to have a special Shabbat dinner and install new members of the steering committee and recognize and thank those cycling off of their service. The new members will be up for approval at the annual meeting which will be held by mid-June.

Dinner: \$18/\$10 for children under 12; **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. Temple Sinai members can register online in your Temple Sinai account to pay by credit card;
2. Mail or deliver a check (made payable to WoTS) to Temple Sinai (5505 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217);
3. Pay wotspgh.org using PayPal.

If you are sending a check or paying with PayPal, please RSVP to Lynn Rubenson at lynnrubenson@gmail.com by Noon on Tuesday, June 19.

BEGINNER'S HEBREW CLASS STARTING IN JUNE

Beginner's Hebrew Class

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM, June 6–August 29

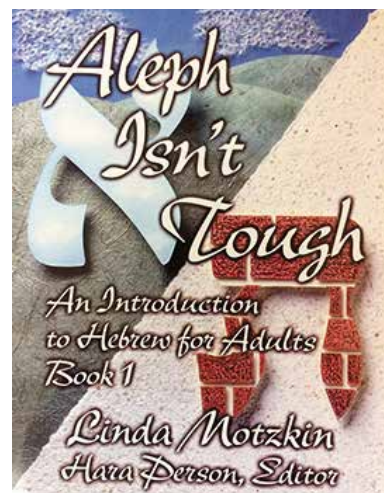
Have you wished you could follow the Hebrew during our services or help your children with their Hebrew? What better time to begin learning than now?! Over eleven sessions, you'll learn the alef-bet, the vowels, and the basic vocabulary of Jewish life.

This is a pre-requisite class for those interested in becoming Adult B'nei Mitzvah.

Contact Rabbi Gorban for more information at rabbigorban@templesinaipgh.org.

Cost: \$25 members/\$30 community members; includes Hebrew primer, *Aleph Isn't Tough*.

Register online in your Temple Sinai account to pay by credit card or contact Debbie Haber at dhaber@templesinaipgh.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 116.



NEW TEMPLE SINAI SHEMA STATEMENT

In late November 2016, as Temple Sinai was celebrating its 70th anniversary, a group of the congregation's leaders spent an afternoon with Rabbi Larry Hoffman in a leadership visioning session. Rabbi Hoffman, a faculty member of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, has helped congregations articulate their mission and vision in a fresh, authentic, and relevant way, by creating what he calls a **Shema Statement**.

That session was the genesis (pun intended) of the work done by a group of thoughtful individuals — with the review and approval of the Board and Clergy — to revise Temple Sinai's Mission and Vision statement. The terms "Mission" and "Vision" are probably familiar, but what's a "Shema Statement?" Rabbi Hoffman describes it as "Who we are" or, better, "Who we want to be." It's accompanied by a V'havta elaboration: "How we show it, or, better, "How we would show it."

Thinking about our mission this way helped the group to explain what makes Temple Sinai unique, and what is important to us as a community.

The result is a compelling, aspirational statement that truly captures the spirit of the congregation we're so proud of!

We are Temple Sinai: Inspired. Innovative. Inclusive.

We are Inspired

- We strive for meaningful relationships with God, our traditions, and each other.
- We serve as God's hands. We are committed to bringing justice and compassion to our world.


We are Innovative

- We dare to embrace change to create a vibrant Jewish future for our children and ourselves.
- We explore new ways to engage with Jewish values, practice and learning.

We are Inclusive

- We are a shelter of peace for all families and individuals who seek a Reform Jewish community.
- We are diverse, welcoming all, regardless of means, to participate actively in our congregation.

JUNE AT TEMPLE SINAI

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Downtown Lunch with the Rabbi , Friday, June 8, Noon Would you like to learn with friends over lunch? Join Rabbi Gibson for an uplifting discussion over lunch at an office downtown. Spend an hour expanding your horizons and making new friends. Location TBD. Contact Nancy Conaway for more information at nancy@templesinaipgh.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 115.		June is LGBTQ Pride Month! 			5:45 PM Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 7 PM Volunteer Appreciation & Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Minyan & Motzi 4 PM Interfaith Potluck Dinner & Discussion (offsite)
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10 AM Family Bike Ride (offsite) 9:15 AM Hartman Learning	6 PM Lay-Led TaNaKh Study and Discussion		Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation 6:30 PM Beginner’s Hebrew Class	Noon Jewish Christian Dialogue (offsite) 6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting with Minyan 7 PM Introduction to Judaism — Spring/Summer 2018 (offsite)	Noon Downtown Lunch with the Rabbi 5:45 PM Folk Shabbat Congregational Dinner 7 PM Folk Shabbat Evening Service, followed by an oneg, sponsored by Cindy & Todd Green in honor of Nathaniel’s Bar Mitzvah, Brotherhood, Neshama Center, and WoTS	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Nathaniel Green and Shabbat Morning Service
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9 AM WoTS Annual Meeting 9:15 AM Hartman Learning 9:30 AM Men’s Discussion Group (offsite) 11:45 AM Pittsburgh Pride EQT Equality March (offsite)	5:45 PM WoTS Cooking Class 6 PM Lay-Led TaNaKh Study and Discussion		9:30 AM Trip to Historic Johnstown Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 6 PM Evening Meditation	6:15 PM Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry (offsite) 7 PM Introduction to Judaism — Spring/Summer 2018 (offsite)	5 PM Tot Shabbat Snacks 5:30 PM Tot Shabbat Service 7 PM Pride Shabbat Evening Service with Birthday Blessing, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS 8:30 PM Shabbat After Hours Young Adult Dinner	8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 1:45 PM Sing-Along at Charles Morris
17 Father’s Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:15 AM Hartman Learning	6 PM Lay-Led TaNaKh Study and Discussion	7 PM Brotherhood: Guys Night Out at the Pirates Game (offsite) 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Group—Tammuz (offsite)	Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 1:15 PM Book Group with Book Review by Rabbi Jamie Gibson 6 PM Evening Meditation 6:30 PM Beginner’s Hebrew Class	7 PM Introduction to Judaism — Spring/Summer 2018 (offsite) 7:15 PM Board of Trustees Meeting with Minyan	5:45 PM WoTS Shabbat Dinner & Installation 7 PM WoTS 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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MEET STAFF MEMBER JUDY LYNN AIELLO

Position: Bookkeeper

Start date: Feb. 14, 2017

Hometown: Pleasant Hills

Current town: Baldwin

Schools: Thomas Jefferson High School, La Roche College

Family: Husband (Chris) and two boys (six-year-old Cash and three-year-old Cruz)

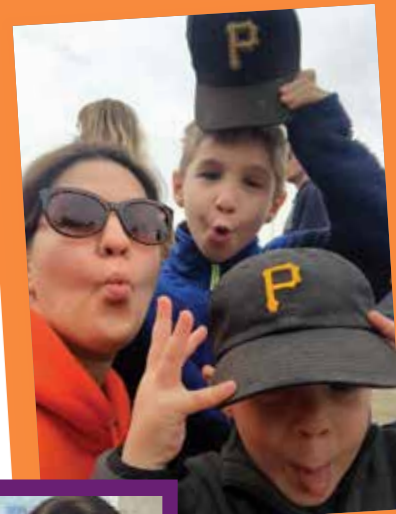
Music: I like pop music especially P!nk and Disney musicals. My current obsession is the soundtrack from *The Greatest Showman*.

Books: I read children's books every night to my boys. The last adult books I read were the *Annihilation* trilogy by Jeff VanderMeer.

Favorite weekend fun: I go to Kennywood often and my boys are looking forward to the opening of Thomas Town this summer.

Favorite vacation destination: Maui — I've visited twice but want to go back again and again. There is so much to see and do!

Bucket list: Travel — Italy, England, and Ireland are at the top of my list.



WOTS COOKING CLASS, MON., JUNE 11, 5:45 PM

Oh la la! Executive Director Drew Barkley has created a French-inspired menu for the June class that's sure to make you feel like you're in France!

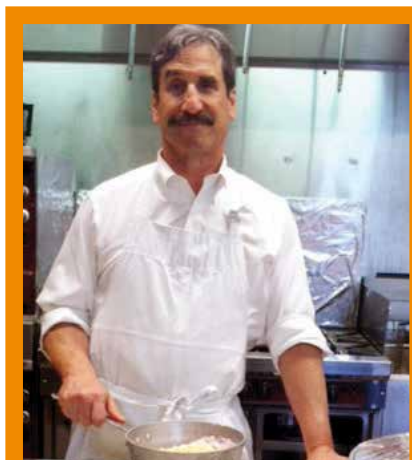
Don't be intimidated by the French words...we'll have fun, and the food will taste *délicieux*!

Note that we are starting this class at 5:45 PM to give us enough time to finish everything and eat together.

The cost for this class is \$10. RSVP by Friday, June 8 to Carolyn Schwarz at (412) 421-1268 or 4carolynschwarz@gmail.com.

Anyone 16 and older is welcome!


**WOMEN OF
TEMPLE
SINAI**



~ MENU ~

Sole Grenobloise

(filet of sole with lemon and capers)

Champignons à la Grecque

(mushrooms in a Greek style)

Salade Verte aux Fines Herbes

(green salad with fresh herbs)

Gratin Dauphinois

(oven-baked potatoes with cheese)

Profiteroles

(puff pastry with ice cream, warm chocolate sauce, and berries)

OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

OF BLESSED MEMORY (APRIL)

John R. Hope, significant other of Debbie Smith, Arlene Smith's step-daughter

Shirlee Golub, cousin of Sil Moritz

Martha Yorkin Berman, mother of Diane Berman

Bonita Woodard, sister of Aaron Gaines

Lynda Biersdorff, grandmother of Stephanie Wright

GRATITUDE FOR CARING CONNECTION

"Thank you so much for the thoughtful bag and note in memory of my father. The challah, cranberry bread, and tea made our first Shabbat without him a little bit brighter. I have been comforted by so many expressions of love and concern during this sad time."

"Thank you so much for the B'racha bag and your kind thoughts and prayers on the passing of my brother...The Mitzvahs you perform are remarkable and help to lighten the sadness at the loss of a loved one. May all of you continue to prosper and be well."

"Thank you so much for the nice surprise we received on our front porch. The touching, hand-written note of condolence, the delicious challah, and the Shabbat candles reminded us of the comfort that friends give at times like this."

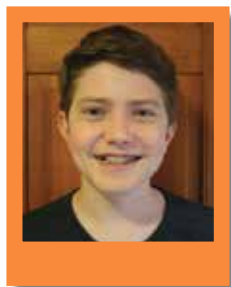
"The thoughtfulness of the members of Temple Sinai is so appreciated by our entire family. Many thanks."

BAR MITZVAH ~ MAZAL TOV!

Saturday, June 9

Bar Mitzvah of
Nathaniel Green

Son of Cindy & Todd Green



SIMCHAHS

Mazal Tov to Marlene Josowiz, who is now the great-grandmother of Reid Jackson Steckel and Jamie Miriam Steckel — her first two great-grandchildren.

Mazal Tov to Dr. Liz Miller for being included in an article by *Pittsburgh Magazine* as one of "four physicians making breakthroughs in medical care to improve the lives of Pittsburgh's children and adolescents."

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Keren Gorban on her graduation in May from Hebrew Union College in New York with an Masters of Arts degree in Religious Education, focusing on the dynamic tension between love and literacy in Jewish education. Rabbi Gorban was also recently chosen as one of a cohort of ten leaders from the Pittsburgh region to participate in an invitation-only Harvard Business School (HBS) Young American Leaders Program (YALP).

Mazal Tov to Cantor Laura Berman on her graduation in December from The Jewish Theological Seminary's William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education with a Masters in Jewish Education.

SENIORS: BE A HELPING HAND

Do you like talking on the phone?

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

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

Seniors Calling Seniors

Arlene Smith

(412) 829-9744

sweetn5163@aol.com



Please send your good news (awards, graduations, engagements, marriages, births) to Tami Prine, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, at tami@templesinaipgh.org. Thank you!

RAUH JEWISH HISTORY PROGRAM & ARCHIVES, WED., JUNE 20

You are invited to tour the Rauh Jewish History Program & Archives at the Senator John Heinz History Center with Women of Temple Sinai and the Falk Library Committee on Wednesday, June 20 at 10 AM–Noon (with optional lunch afterwards at Lidia's).

FALK LIBRARY

The Rauh Jewish History Program & Archives was founded in 1989 to collect, preserve, and make accessible the documentary history of Jews and Jewish communities of Western Pennsylvania. Eric Lidji, Director of the Archives, will offer an overview and highlight family pictures, papers, and artifacts donated by Temple Sinai member Barb Siegel. These items date back to her great-great grandparents, and Mr. Lidji has described the collection as "one of the most thorough and vital pieces the Archives has received."

WOMEN OF
T E M P L E
S I N A I

You won't want to miss this unique and informative event!

Cost: Free admission to the Archives (*Lunch not included.*) RSVP to Susan Cohen at susan_k_cohen@yahoo.com or (412) 363-7745 by Noon on Tuesday, June 12. Spaces are limited. (*Please specify if you are joining the group for lunch.*)

Location: Heinz History Center, 1212 Smallman St, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (*Attendees are encouraged to carpool because parking can be challenging in the Strip District.*)

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2018!

We celebrate our young adults for affirming their Judaism at the Confirmation Service on Saturday May 19. We are so proud of them all!

- Mara Elizabeth Bett,
daughter of Jennifer & Michael Bett
- Ariel G. Chamis, son of Tatjana & Flavio Chamis
- Benjamin M. Chamis,
son of Tatjana & Flavio Chamis
- Jacob Robert Epstein,
son of Judy Kaplan & Marc Epstein
- William Ganger, son of Gregory & Jennifer Ganger
- Shayna Nicole Josowitz,
daughter of Barry & Beth Josowitz
- Abe Kaplan, son of Laura & Stuart Kaplan
- Olivia Knauer, daughter of Josh & Kathleen Knauer
- Sophie Ruth Seiden Levitt,
daughter of Karen & Lee Levitt
- Eli Michael Snyder, son of Kara & Andrew Snyder
- Logan Jacob Wissinger, son of Alison & Mark Yazer



Left to right: Benjamin M. Chamis, Abe Kaplan, Shayna Nicole Josowitz, Jacob Robert Epstein, Sophie Ruth Seiden Levitt, Logan Jacob Wissinger, William Ganger, Olivia Knauer, Ariel G. Chamis, Eli Michael Snyder, and Mara Elizabeth Bett; (Photo credit: Rabbi Keren Gorban)

LIFE & LEGACY — ASSURING JEWISH TOMORROWS

TEMPLE SINAI LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBERS (as of 4/26/18)

"As my ancestors planted for me,
so I too plant for my children."
~ Babylonian Talmud (Taanit 23a)

Anonymous (4)
George & Laura Arnold
Drew Barkley
Stewart Barmen & Laurie Moser
Eva Blum
Sally Katzen Dyk
Gloria Bodek
Richard & Rhoda Dorfzaun
Julian* & Rhoda Eligator
Mark & Anne Faigen
Rabbi James A. &
Barbara S. Gibson
Ruth Goldman
Edward Goldston
Stephen Holstein
Robert & Ellen Katzen
Robert Kraut & Aya Betensky
Susan Berman Kress & Douglas Kress
Bernard Latterman
David & Carole Maretsky
Louise Malakoff
Stuart & Linda Miller
Elliott Oshry
Richard & Carol Rosenthal
Mayda & Barry Roth
Selma P. Ryave
Jay Silberblatt
Edgar Snyder
Joseph & Phyllis G. Weinkle
H. J. Zoffer

*Of blessed memory

By leaving Temple Sinai a gift in
your will, trust, retirement account,
or life insurance policy, you will
be doing your part to secure
Temple Sinai's future.

THE FUTURE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IS IN YOUR HANDS.



HOW WILL YOU ASSURE JEWISH TOMORROWS?

Please remember Temple Sinai with a gift in your will, trust,
retirement account, or life insurance policy.

To create your Jewish legacy contact:

Drew Barkley, Executive Director

drew@templesinaipgh.org

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BE INSPIRED TO CONNECT

Family Bike Ride, Sunday, June 3, 10 AM

Brotherhood invites you and your family on a Family Bike Ride. Contact Steve Jurman at (412) 352-0898 or stephen@jurmanlaw.com by Noon on Saturday, June 2. (See page 5.)

Beginner's Hebrew Class, Wednesday, June 6, 6:30 PM (June 6–August 29)

In eight sessions, you'll learn the alef-bet, the vowels, and the basic vocabulary of Jewish life. *This is a pre-requisite for those becoming Adult B'nei Mitzvah.* Cost: \$25 members/\$30 community members (See page 9.)

Men's Discussion Group, Sunday, June 10, 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 dhirsch@porterwright.com. Location: Panera Bread, 3401 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

WoTS Cooking Class, Monday, June 11, 5:45 PM

June features a French-inspired menu with Drew Barkley. Please RSVP to Carolyn Schwarz, (412) 421-1268 or 4carolynschwarz@gmail.com by Friday, June 8. Cost is \$10, and anyone 16 and older is welcome! (See page 16.)

Trip to Historic Johnstown, Wednesday, June 20, 9:30 AM

Join us for a tour of historic Johnstown including a narrated riding tour of downtown, a tour of Congregation Beth Sholom, a ride on the world's steepest vehicular incline, and more Cost: \$20 (includes lunch). RSVP to Judy Rulin Mahan at judy@templesinaipgh.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 110 by Noon on Wednesday, June 6. (See page 8.)

Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry, Thursday, June 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.

Trip to the Rauh Jewish History Archives, Wednesday, June 20, 10 AM

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SPECIAL JUNE SHABBAT SERVICES!

FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 5:45 PM & 7 PM

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner & Shabbat Service (See page 4.)

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 5:45 PM & 7 PM

Brotherhood Folk Music Dinner & Shabbat Service (See page 6.)

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 7 PM

Pride Shabbat Service (See page 7.)

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 5:45 PM & 7 PM

WoTS Dinner/Installation & Shabbat Service (See page 8.)

Rabbi James A. Gibson, MAHL, DD
Senior Rabbi

Rabbi Keren Gorban, MAHL, MARE
Associate Rabbi

Cantor Laura Berman, MBA, MSM, MJE, Diploma of Hazzan
Cantor

Drew Barkley, FTA
Executive Director

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