You may recognize these words from our Shabbat services; they generally are sung, be it with gusto or with gentleness, straight through or using a refrain, employing a traditional chant or a modern melody. A key word in the passage, *ot,* typically is translated as “sign.” In modern Hebrew it is also the word meaning “letter.” Using just a little imagination you can understand how these two concepts are connected. An alphabetical letter is a sign of sorts, signifying a certain pronunciation; both letters and signs are ways of representing and communicating meaning.

Now consider the Hebrew spelling of the word *ot* (**אֹת**). It begins with an *alef* (**א**), the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, and ends with a *tav* (**ת**), the final letter. The single Hebrew letter in between is a *vav* (**וֹ**), which, when used as a prefix, means “and.” So we could interpret *ot* as encompassing the beginning and end of our language — and everything in between. As such, the word *ot* could suggest all that can be communicated and understood. Given this, when the Torah tells us that Shabbat is designated forever as an *ot,* perhaps we can learn that Shabbat is always a special time for communicating and understanding. It is a time for us to open our hearts, to listen to one another, to our inner voices, to our traditions, and to communicate with sensitivity and kindness. It could be God’s way of telling us that the time set aside for Shabbat can be for communicating and paying attention to the most important and meaningful things in life, from the first letter to the last letter, and every word in between.

In addition to weekly Shabbat celebrations, this month we also celebrate Shavuot, a major festival in which we rejoice in the covenantal relationship between God and Israel as exemplified by our Torah. The festival begins on Saturday evening, May 19, when we recognize also the ongoing learning and Confirmation of eleven teens in our community. We will continue our celebration on Shavuot morning, May 20, when we join our voices with those of our Intergenerational Choir and the choir from Rodef Shalom at 10 AM here at Temple Sinai. Come to rejoice or come to remember a loved one with the words of yizkor; we welcome you to join your voice with those of our community.

If you ever are interested in learning more about the words of our prayers or the traditional chants for our sacred books, please be in touch with any of the Temple Sinai clergy. We are dedicated to helping you feel closer to our traditions, our prayers, and to feel connected to every one of the letters in our sacred texts.

Wishing you all a melodious spring! B’virkat shalom — with blessings of peace.

**WHAT’S RABBI GORBAN LISTENING TO?**

On long drives, I like to listen to podcasts. I’ll find enough episodes from a handful of different series to last the length of my trip. One of my favorite series has been *On Being with Krista Tippett,* an exploration of how to bring meaning and purpose to life. It deals with religious and spiritual topics, as well as science, politics, and more. Even when the topic is challenging or out of my comfort zone, I find the conversations interesting and enlightening. Another podcast that’s on my list is *Responsa Radio* by Jewish Public Media. My college classmate Rabbi Avi Killip and Rabbi Ethan Tucker, a progressive Orthodox rabbi, discuss Jewish responses to different contemporary issues, from whether protest is a form prayer to how Judaism should (or shouldn’t) affect workplace behavior...and so much more.
You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Temple Sinai on Thursday, May 24, 2018, 7 PM, at Temple Sinai.

The meeting will include reports on the business of Temple Sinai, election of Trustees, a proposed bylaws change, and guest speaker, Rev. Liddy Barlow.

You will also receive more details by email and US mail.
SING AND LET YOUR SPIRIT RISE!
This Jerusalem-based group of musicians and spiritual innovators has touched the hearts of thousands of Jews across the world with their melodies and new approaches to prayer and spirituality.

We are delighted to welcome them to Temple Sinai, and are honored to co-sponsor this appearance with our friends from Rodef Shalom.

COME BE PART OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY EVENING!

Learn more about Nava Tehila at: www.TempleSinaiPGH.org/NavaTehila

Contact Nancy Conaway at nancy@templesinaipgh.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 115 if you have any questions.

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
SHAVUOT DINNER

Followed by Shavuot Service & Confirmation

Saturday, May 19, 6:15 PM

After dinner, join us as we celebrate the festival of Shavuot and our young adults who are affirming their Judaism at their Confirmation. The students, who have persistently questioned and explored issues of Jewish text, history, and identity throughout the year, will lead the service in their own words and music. We are so proud of them all! Come celebrate them with us!

For more information, contact:
Debbie Haber
(412) 421-9715 ext. 116
dhaber@templesinaipgh.org

DAIRY DINNER MENU
• Garden Salad
• Blintz Soufflé
• Vegetable Quiche

COST:
Adults (13+): $10,
Children ages 4–12: $6
Children up to age 3: Free

RSVP FOR DINNER BY TUESDAY, MAY 15 AT 5 PM
To reserve your spot, pay online in your Temple Sinai account or return this form with a check to Temple Sinai, 5505 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

Name: ___________________________________  Number of:  Adults (13+): _____ x $10
Email:  ___________________________________  Children ages 4–12: _____ x $6
Phone:  ___________________________________  Children ages 3 and under: _____ (FREE)

Total amount enclosed: _____
CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2018

We celebrate our young adults for affirming their Judaism at the Confirmation Service this month! It will be celebrated on the evening of Shavuot, the holiday of the giving of the Torah, Saturday May 19, at 7:30 PM. The class will lead the service using their own words and music.

The theme they have chosen for their creative service this year is “I Won’t Give Up.” The class has persistently questioned and explored issues of Jewish text, history, and identity throughout the year. We are so proud of them all — come celebrate them with us!

Congratulations to the students who have dedicated themselves to their faith. We wish you happiness, peace, and prosperity as you continue your journey!

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

SAVE THE DATE! SENIORS’ TRIP TO JOHNSTOWN

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

Trip highlights will include:

- A narrated riding tour of Johnstown’s historic downtown 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 Sholom 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 round-trip transportation on coach bus and lunch)

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.
YOU ARE INVITED TO TEMPLE SINAI’S FIRST PRIDE SEDER
presented by the Pride Tribe and Women of Temple Sinai.

The Pride Seder will take a form reminiscent of the traditional Passover Seder, but it will share stories and hardships of LGBTQ life, celebrate the freedoms that have been achieved, and explore freedoms not yet gained.

Just as the Pride Seder will welcome LGBTQ individuals beyond the Jewish community, we will also welcome Allies of the LGBTQ community. It will be a unique opportunity to bring Jewish customs and rituals into the light for non-Jews and bring LGBTQ customs and rituals into the light for Allies.

Pride Seder Menu
- Ginger, Honey, and Sesame Glazed Salmon with Sautéed Spinach
- Herb-Marinated Roasted Portobello Mushrooms (vegan)
- Couscous with Roasted Vegetables
- Spice Cake with Orange Cream Cheese Glitter Frosting

Cost: $28 per person (includes wine for 21 and over)/$8 per student (15 and over)

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.

RSVP BY FRIDAY, APRIL 27 AT NOON

Register online in your Temple Sinai account to pay by credit card, fill out the registration form and send it with a check to WoTS (Temple Sinai, 5505 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217), or contact Susan Blackman at susan.blackman@verizon.net.

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Number of:

Email: _____________________________________________________________
Adults: ______ x $28

Phone: _____________________________________________________________
Students (15 and over): ______ x $8

Total amount enclosed: ______
WoTS COOKING CLASSES THROUGH JUNE

Missing Waldorf Bakery’s Babkas? Randy Boswell will delight us by showing us how to bake chocolate babka. RSVP to Carolyn Schwarz at CarolynSchwarz@gmail.com or (412) 421-1268 by Friday, May 11.

Temple Sinai congregants and friends who have participated in the monthly cooking classes sponsored by the Women of Temple Sinai (WoTS) not only learn a new dish or two, they enjoy sitting together and sharing the tasty results of their lesson. Classes are usually held the second Monday of each month from 6:30–8:30 PM. Each class costs $10, and anyone age 16 and over is welcome.

Our June 11 class will feature a surprise menu created by our Executive Director Drew Barkley. You won’t want to miss it! Reserve your space early with Carolyn Schwarz.

Questions? Please contact either Carolyn or Laura Arnold at lsarnold1@gmail.com or (412) 401-9016.

WoTS SCHOLARSHIPS BENEFIT TEMPLE SINAI TEENS TO ENSURE JEWISH CONTINUITY

While fundraising is not the core purpose of Women of Temple Sinai as we adopted a new strategic direction to reflect the contemporary needs and wants of the women of Temple Sinai, the Temple Sinai community and Reform Judaism, we continue to support our scholarship program with select activities.

WoTS helps our Jewish youth defray the costs of a Jewish educational experience while in school and through the summer after graduation from college. Over the past 16 years, we have provided more than 75 scholarships, with amounts up to $750, for programs ranging from summer camp and trips to Israel to leadership training and immersive study programs.

Summer camp programs that WoTS has supported include the Pittsburgh JCC’s Emma Kaufman Camp (EKC), Camp Harlam, OSRUI, Goldman Union Camp Institute, and Kutz Camp where our youth have the experience of a Jewish camp experience with kids from all over the country as well as internationally. Several of Temple Sinai’s teens have been given scholarships to attend NFTY (The Reform Jewish youth movement) programs including Song Leaders Boot Camp, L’Dor Vador, and Israel Adventure trips to Israel, NFTY conventions, and seminars.

In addition, WoTS has awarded grants for BBYO Israel Journey, IConnect Israeli trips, Maccabi Experience in Israel, AJL Israel trips, EKC Counselor-In-Training (CIT) trips to Israel as well as Community Day School (CDS) eighth-grade trips to Israel. Research has shown that teens who travel to Israel feel a stronger commitment to their Jewish heritage.

Several of our teens have attended EIE Heller High in Israel, which is a semester-long program, and Alexander Muss High School in Israel with WoTS scholarship grants. One teen attended the PANIM Institute of BBYO Summer of Impact which integrates Jewish values with political action and community service over a three-day seminar in Washington, D.C. Another student received a grant for an intensive summer Ulpan at the University of Haifa. Several of our teens were awarded grants for the Diller Teen Fellows, a leadership program involving more than 600 teens from 32 communities worldwide who spend 12 months in monthly workshops, weekend Shabbatons, interaction with visiting Israeli teens, and a summer trip to Israel.

This year, WoTS also made $500 donations to NFTY to support efforts in bringing NFTY members to Washington for the March against Guns as well to Temple Sinai’s PARTY teen group.

WoTS believes that investing in our youth will help our kids embrace contemporary Jewish values, create stronger bonds to Judaism, and encourage future leadership. To apply for a scholarship and read the criteria, please visit the WoTS page on www.templesinaipgh.org.
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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

3 Lag BaOmer

Noon Jewish-Christian Dialogue (offsite)

6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting with Minyan

7 PM Introduction to Judaism — Spring/Summer 2018 (offsite)

FRIDAY

4

7 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience, followed by oneg, sponsored by Alan and Jennifer Friedman in honor of their daughter Emma’s Bat Mitzvah and WoTS

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8:30 AM Torah Study

9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Emma Friedman and Shabbat Morning Service

6 PM Pride Seder

SATURDAY

8:30 AM Torah Study

9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service

1:15 PM Temple Sinai Book Club, May 9, 1:15 PM

May’s book is Two She-Bears: A Novel by Meir Shalev. All are welcome. Contact Anne Faigen at (412) 422-9580 for more information.

Temple Sinai Book Club, May 9, 1:15 PM

6:15 PM Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry (Volunteer Opportunity)

7 PM Introduction to Judaism — Spring/Summer 2018 (offsite)

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Noon Downtown Lunch with the Rabbi

7 PM Shabbat Evening Service with our friends from the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh, followed by an oneg sponsored by WoTS

8 PM Congregational Dinner with our friends from the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh

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8:30 AM Torah Study

9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service

1:15 PM Sing-Along at Charles Morris

4 PM Shabbat Meditation

6:15 PM Shavuot Dinner

7:30 PM Shavuot Service and Confirmation, followed by an oneg sponsored by WoTS

FRIDAYS

MAY 4

7 PM MOSTLY MUSICAL SHABBAT: A SENSORY FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE

MAY 11

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE WITH THE ISLAMIC CENTER OF PITTSBURGH

MAY 18

5:30 PM TOT SHABBAT

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE WITH BIRTHDAY BLESSING

MAY 25

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

SATURDAYS

MAY 5

8:30 AM TORAH STUDY

9:15 AM INFORMAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

MAY 19

4 PM SHABBAT MEDITATION

7:30 PM SHAVUOT SERVICE AND CONFIRMATION
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Our August issue of ChaiLights will include all the donations made in honor of Rabbi Jamie Gibson’s 30 years serving Temple Sinai. If you would like to make a donation to the 30th Year Tribute Fund, please do so by Saturday, June 30. Thank you for your generosity and support!
LIFE & LEGACY — ASSURING JEWISH TOMORROWS

TEMPEL SINAI LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBERS
(as of 4/2/18)

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

Anonymous (4)
George & Laura Arnold
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Sally Katzen Dyk
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*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.

Five Ways to Create Your Temple Sinai Jewish Legacy
Be a philanthropist with no money down...

1. Simple Bequest in a Will or Trust Provision
   Create a bequest in your will or add a provision in your trust for a gift to Temple Sinai.

2. IRA or Pension Plan
   Name Temple Sinai as the beneficiary on an existing IRA or other pension plan. You can choose a dollar amount or percentage.

3. Life Insurance Policy
   Designate Temple Sinai as the beneficiary on an existing life insurance policy you no longer need, or purchase a new life insurance policy with Temple Sinai as the beneficiary. The cost of such a policy depends on your age and health.

4. Grant from a Donor-Advised Fund, Private Foundation, or Supporting Foundation
   Make a grant from your donor-advised fund, private foundation, or supporting foundation. Grants can be made during your lifetime or after your death.

5. Israel Bonds
   Donate one or more Israel bonds that are at or near maturity.

Contact Drew Barkley, drew@templesinaipgh.org or (412) 421-9715, ext. 111 for more ideas and information.

HOW WILL YOU ASSURE JEWISH TOMORROWS?

What aspects of Jewish life do you cherish most — learning, community, worship, caring for those in need, or social justice? Whatever you care about most, by leaving a legacy you ensure the things you value are sustained for future generations.

To create your Jewish legacy contact Drew Barkley, drew@templesinaipgh.org or (412) 421-9715, ext. 111.
WANTED: Your Good News!

Please send your good news (awards, graduations, engagements, marriages, births — anything you want to share with your Temple Sinai community) to Tami Prine, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, at tami@templesinaipgh.org, and we will include it in the weekly email and in our monthly ChaiLights. Thank you!

OF BLESSED MEMORY (MARCH)

Walter Boninger, father of Michael (Judy Wertheimer) Boninger
Frank “Brother” Knapp, father of Carey Knapp
Leona Lieberman Levin, mother of Terri (Alan) Cohen, Stuart (Lori) Levin and Barbara (Michael) Abrams, sister of Faye Schwartz
Shirley Lieberman, sister-in-law of Mickey Rattner
Dorothy Melnick
Sylvia Sachs
Steven Arthur Schatten, brother of Gerald Schatten
Lillian “Lil” Schoenfeld, sister of Ida Maretsky, aunt of David (Carole) Maretsky

SIMCHAHS

Mazal Tov to grandparents Arlene and Steve Sablowsky and Claudia and Warren Finkel on the birth of Lucy Emma Finkel on Jan. 16. Parents are Lauren and Rob Finkel.

Mazal Tov to Daniela Ruiz Feingold (daughter of Michele Feingold) and Matias Nicolas Altalef, who were married on March 2. They met on a Birthright trip in June of 2015.

Mazal Tov to David and Meryl Ainsman on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Micah Sohinki, on March 30. Parents are Lewis Sohinki and Laura Ainsman.

Mazal Tov to Tammy Kossowsky for being recognized by ACHIEVA at their 2018 Pittsburgh Promenade. The agency, which provides services to special needs people of all ages, screened a video showing Tammy working in an office. Afterwards, Tammy was asked to stand up and everybody cheered for her.

NEW MEMBERS

Craig Bainbridge
Rabbi Sara Perman
Jake Schiller & Diana Goodman
Samantha Skobel

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

BAT MITZVAH ~ MAZAL TOV!

Saturday, May 5
Bat Mitzvah of
Emma Friedman
Daughter of Jennifer & Alan Friedman
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

Special Ticket Price
& 2 Ways to Pay
$18/person
Includes Grandstand (Upper Deck) Seat

Register online at www.templesinaipgh.org or use the registration form below.
Registration deadline is Friday, May 25.

RSVP & Questions
Todd Miller
412.848.1082
toddrpmktg@gmail.com

Tickets distributed at Steel Cactus until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, or in advance of game day by special arrangement with Todd.


FULL NAME: _________________________________

HOME PHONE: ______________________________

CELL PHONE: _______________________________

EMAIL: _________________________________

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING ________________

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF $______________

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TEMPLE SINAI BROTHERHOOD.

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SAVE THE DATE! VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION, FRIDAY, JUNE 1

Thank you to all our volunteers who give time, funds, expertise, and enthusiasm to make Temple Sinai an inclusive and collaborative Jewish spiritual home. We want to honor you with an appreciation dinner and special Shabbat service! Please join us...

Friday, June 1
5:45 PM Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
7 PM Volunteer Appreciation & Mostly Musical Shabbat Service

RSVP by Friday, May 25 at Noon to Judy Rulin Mahan at (412) 421-9715 ext. 110 or judy@templesinaipgh.org, or register in your Temple Sinai account.

FALK LIBRARY NEWS

The newest addition to the Falk Library...

Warner Bros: The Making of an American Movie Studio (Jewish Lives) by David Thomson

Warner Bros charts the rise of an unpromising film studio from its shaky beginnings in the early twentieth century through its ascent to the pinnacle of Hollywood influence and popularity. The Warner Brothers—Harry, Albert, Sam, and Jack—arrived in America as unschooled Jewish immigrants, yet they founded a studio that became the smartest, toughest, and most radical in all of Hollywood.

This book was purchased for the Falk Library by Barbara Siegel in memory of her cousin, Sandi Michelle Kronzek.

FALK LIBRARY

Wish List Books:
Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court: From Brandeis to Kagan by David G. Dalin
No Room for Small Dreams: Courage, Imagination, and the Making of Modern Israel by Shimon Peres

SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER

FRIDAY, MAY 11

7 PM Shabbat Service
8 PM Dinner

We are delighted to welcome our friends from the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh. Their Executive Director Wasi Mohamed will give greetings at Shabbat Service. A vegetarian dinner will follow.

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR SPECIAL GUESTS.

Dinner: $18/$10 (children 12 and under)
(Register online in your Temple Sinai account to pay by credit card, or contact Judy Rulin Mahan at judy@templesinaipgh.org or (412) 421-9715 ext. 110 to register and charge to your account. Community members can register by contacting Judy Rulin Mahan.)
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. For more information or to request an accommodation, contact Judy Mahan at (412) 421-9715 ext. 110 or judy@templesinaipgh.org.

Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience, Friday, May 4, 7 PM
The music is informal and lively. Come prepared to sing along, and maybe even dance a bit.

Pride Seder, Saturday, May 5, 6 PM
All are invited to our first Pride Seder presented by the Pride Tribe and WoTS. (Details on page 6.)

Temple Sinai Book Club, Wednesday, May 9, 1:15 PM
May’s selection is Two She-Bears: A Novel by Meir Shalev. Contact Anne Faigen at (412) 422-9580 for more information.

Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry, Thursday, May 10, 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.

WoTS Cooking Class, Monday, May 14, 6:30 PM
May features Chocolate Babkas with Randy Boswell. Please RSVP to Carolyn Schwarz, (412) 421-1268 or 4carolynschwarz@gmail.com by Friday, May 11. Cost is $10, and anyone age 16 and older is welcome!

Shavuot Dinner, Service, & Confirmation, Saturday, May 19, 6:15 PM (Dinner), 7:30 PM (Service & Confirmation)
Join us for a special evening celebrating the Festival of the Giving of the Torah as well as the confirmation of students finishing their education in the Nathan and Hilda Katzen Center for Jewish Learning. (Details on pages 4–5.)

Men’s Discussion Group, Sunday, May 20, 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

Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Thursday, May 24, 7 PM
Join with your fellow Temple Sinai members, staff, and spiritual leaders as we learn about the state of the congregation. (Details on page 2.)

SAVE THE DATE FOR JUNE EVENTS!

FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 5:45 PM & 7 PM
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner & Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 7 PM & 8 PM
Brotherhood Boomer/Folk Music Shabbat Service & Dinner

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 7 PM
Pride Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 5:45 PM & 7 PM
WoTS Dinner & Shabbat Service

Rabbi James A. Gibson, MAHL, DD
Senior Rabbi
Rabbi Keren Gorban, MAHL
Associate Rabbi
Cantor Laura Berman, MBA, MSM, MJE, Diploma of Hazzan CANTOR
Drew Barkley, FTA
Executive Director

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