

CHAILIGHTS

Rabbi Jamie Gibson

30th
Anniversary

HONOR OUR PAST. EMBRACE OUR FUTURE.

We invite you to join us
for the special events we're planning to
commemorate the 30 years Rabbi Jamie Gibson
has been a part of the Temple Sinai family.



November 3–4: We kick off the celebration with **A Musical Weekend with Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller**. Please join us as we welcome this distinguished Professor of Cantorial Arts at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music as our special guest (see page 5).

March 2018 (dates TBD): As part of **The Wiles Lecture, Temple Sinai's Interfaith and Interracial Weekend of Dialogue** will further dialogue with faith-based groups in the Pittsburgh area for the purpose of mutual understanding. We are committed to drawing together people of faith to act powerfully on local and regional issues of justice, fairness, diversity, and inclusion.

April 29, 2018: Please mark your calendars for a **Gala Dinner** to honor Rabbi Gibson for his outstanding service to Temple Sinai. For more information about the Gala and/or to serve on the 30th Tribute Committee, please contact Barry Rudel at (412) 421-9715 ext. 133 or brudel@templesinaipgh.org.

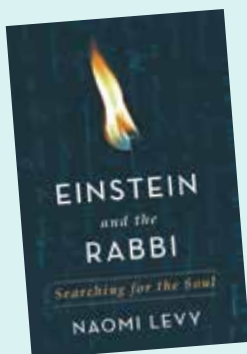
We thank our celebration co-chairs: Louise and Michael Malakoff; Ilene and James Ross; and Karen and Anthony Ross.

WHAT'S RABBI GIBSON READING?

Einstein and the Rabbi: Searching for the Soul

by Naomi Levy (newly published)

Rabbi Naomi Levy came across a letter from Albert Einstein in which he reflects on the nature of human existence, our consciousness, the soul, as it were. She was taken with his words and explores in this book the connection between Einstein, the astrophysicist, and our ongoing search for spiritual connection and meaning.



THE **CHOICE** IS YOURS
INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE
HONOR YOUR PAST

Temple Sinai Brotherhood

2nd Annual



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017
5 – 8 PM

GUYS NIGHT OUT

Temple Sinai Brotherhood is celebrating Sukkot in a unique way, with steak and scotch in the sukkah. Become a part of a new tradition.

BBQ experts will be on hand to grill a variety of kosher steaks, which we'll pair with a variety of scotches you can sample during the meal.

Please bring a non-dairy side dish or dessert to share.

TEMPLE
SINAI

**Fulfill the Mitzvah of
eating in Sukkah
this year!**

**Since Brotherhood
builds the Sukkah,
we should enjoy it
as well!**

**Forget about your
diet for a night!**

Register ASAP!
\$25/person

Please RSVP
to Bill Padnos
at bill.padnos@gmail.com
or through the
Temple Sinai web site.

Questions?
Contact Bill Padnos at
412-477-3663



A Memory of Sukkot

By Rabbi Keren Gorban

When I was in 5th or 6th grade, I begged my mom for a sukkah. I'm not entirely sure how I got the idea—maybe it was having dinner with my parents'

friends in their sukkah, or seeing a sukkah at my rabbi's house. Regardless, I desperately wanted a sukkah of my own that fall. I remember that I had even started sketching out the construction in my head, and I may have even built a model out of Tinker Toys. Needless to say, I was crushed when Sukkot came and went without a sukkah.

That desire to have my own sukkah remained with me for years. In fact, ever since I've been on my own, having space to build a sukkah has been one of my top priorities in deciding where to live.

I have loved having my own sukkah, and I think that eating and sleeping in it each year has helped me fall in love with Sukkot as a holiday. I love the scents of pumpkin spice and the lemony etrog. I look forward to the crisp fall air, the sunlight dancing through the slats in the roof, and the

colorful leaves on the trees. I enjoy the work of building and decorating my sukkah, turning it into my temporary home. And more than that, I appreciate the tangible reminder to be grateful for the things I take for granted—a solid roof over my head, heat and electricity, a comfortable bed—especially on days and nights when the rain or snow keeps me inside.

I also love how spending time in my sukkah seems to slow life down. Sukkot, more than any other holiday, allows me to just be. Instead of grabbing food for the energy to maintain a busy schedule, I get to eat leisurely meals with friends and neighbors. Instead of watching mind-numbing TV until I fall asleep, I curl up in my cozy hammock and read. And instead of waking up to an alarm clock in a dark room, the morning light gently pulls me out of my sleep. By altering my daily routine just a little, Sukkot helps me be present to myself and to the world around me.

I hope your celebration of Sukkot brings you joy, presence, and gratitude, as well as the blessings of abundance, community, and peace! Chag sameach!

TEMPLE SINAI GIFT SHOP

**GIANT
CLEARANCE
SALE!**

**50%
OFF***

It is with great sadness that we must announce the closing of the Temple Sinai Gift Shop. As with many "brick and mortar stores," our gift shop can no longer compete with online shopping.

SALES DATES

Sunday, November 5
9:30 AM–Noon

Monday, November 6
6:30–9 PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT

Susan Cohen, (412) 512-4280
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**While supplies last. Not including cookbooks and aprons.*



1988 WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR FOR TEMPLE SINAI

Flashback: After nearly a year of searching for a new rabbi, Temple Sinai members had interviewed about two dozen candidates. Having had four different rabbis in 12 years, Temple Sinai was looking for its true bashert ("soulmate") and found it when Jamie Gibson came to Pittsburgh from his Wausau, Wisconsin, synagogue to meet the congregation.

In 1988, Rabbi Gibson became Temple Sinai's senior rabbi and after 30 years, he has served Temple Sinai longer than any of the congregation's previous rabbis. His list of accomplishments are long, ranging from increased membership, well-attended Shabbat services, attention on social justice and interfaith cooperation, education for all ages, and emphasis on inclusion of interfaith families and the LGBTQ community as well as members with disabilities and special needs. He also has instilled his love for Jewish music, which has become an important part of Sinai's fabric. Rabbi Gibson is beloved and respected by his congregation as well as the wider Jewish and interfaith communities.

Rabbi Gibson's 30th Anniversary tribute will be celebrated not only during this kickoff weekend on Nov. 3–4, but also with activities throughout the year, and a gala weekend in April. Serving as co-chairs for the tribute are Louise and Michael Malakoff; Ilene and James Ross; and Karen and Tony Ross. To volunteer to be on the 30th Tribute Committee, please contact Barry Rudel at (412) 421-9715 ext. 133 or brudel@templesinaipgh.org.



MUSICAL WEEKEND WITH CANTOR BENJIE ELLEN SCHILLER

Temple Sinai kicks off Rabbi Gibson's 30th Anniversary Nov. 3-4

Since joining Temple Sinai as senior rabbi in 1988, Rabbi Jamie Gibson has helped to shape the congregation as one that embraces inclusion, inspiration, and innovation. Since his early days, he shared his love for Jewish music with the congregation and infused services with joy of song and harmony.

It is only fitting that a weekend musical celebration will kick off his 30th year as Temple Sinai's rabbi. Noted cantor and Rabbi Gibson's dear friend, Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller, will be a featured guest and speaker during the Friday night Shabbat service on November 3. In addition to duets featuring Cantor Schiller with Cantor Berman and Rabbi Gibson, the Temple Sinai band and Intergenerational Choir will participate. Services will begin at 6:30 PM and will be followed by a catered dinner open to the congregation for a small fee.

On Saturday, November 4, a special concert, "Jamie & Friends," will feature Cantor Schiller along with local area cantors and soloists as well as a local church choir. The program will be rich with favored Jewish music by notable composers such as Debbie Friedman and Max Chaikin. More details about the weekend will follow in weekly emails and on the Temple Sinai website.

Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller is Professor of Cantorial Arts at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music. Her work involves training cantorial and rabbinical students to bridge the gap between performance and spiritual leadership. She serves as cantor of Bet Am Shalom Synagogue of White Plains, NY, with her husband, Rabbi Lester Bronstein. She is a nationally known composer, including an American/Jewish response to 9/11 and commissioned works for choirs, synagogues and interfaith liturgical groups. As a classical soprano soloist, Cantor Schiller has appeared with Zamir Chorale of New York and of Boston, Zemer Chai of Washington, DC, Sine Nomine, and the Rottenberg Chorale. She has served on the faculty of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality rabbinic and cantorial programs and the North American Jewish Choral Festival.



JAMIE & FRIENDS CONCERT

Saturday, November 4, 7 PM

All are welcome; no charge

Featuring Cantor Schiller along with local area cantors and soloists as well as a local church choir.

DINNER MENU

Friday, November 3, 8 PM

Choice of:

Herb-Roasted Chicken
Bourbon-Glazed Salmon
Vegetarian Entrée

Sides:

Rice Pilaf • Fresh Vegetable
Tossed Salad

Cost:

\$18 adults and children 11 & over,
\$9 children 10 & under

Register online in your Temple Sinai account by October 30. Contact Drew Barkley at (412) 421-9715 ext. 111 for more information.

NEXT DOR

By Rabbi Keren Gorban

Next DOR has finally opened with a wonderful first day! We had kids cooking, sketching the Leebov Sanctuary, getting up close and personal with a Torah scroll, and more. We gathered as a whole community for a snack of apples and honey, sang, and offered some prayers. We even had kids who had previously resisted religious school tell their parents that they “think [they]’ll like it this year.” I call that a win!

As we really get underway with our new model and new program, I need to give a large and public “thank you” to our teachers, our synagogue staff, the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, volunteers, and all of our Next DOR families. Words cannot express how appreciative I am of the trust and support that you have given me since I first proposed this idea back in December. And, of course, Debbie Haber and Marilee Glick have been instrumental in helping to turn this vision into reality. I’m looking forward to many more opportunities to adapt and adjust Next DOR to be the best Jewish learning experience that we can offer to our children.

I’d also like to invite everyone to see Next DOR in action. On the last Sunday of October, the 29th, we will mark the end of our first round of chugim with our first Community Presentations. Starting at about 10:45 AM, we will gather in the Leebov Sanctuary for songs, prayers, and live performances to share the learning that our students have been doing. Afterwards, everyone will be invited into the Falk Auditorium to check out the work and learning that our students have engaged in through their chug. Students will be stationed with their projects and ready to share their new knowledge and skills.

Also, if you have any hobbies or professional interests that could connect to Judaism and you’re interested in teaching for seven weeks, be in touch! We’re always looking for ideas.

Together, let’s inspire Jewish learning for the next generation!



SUKKOT FOR KIDS

Sukkot’s focus on gratitude, abundance, and community means that there are lots of ways to engage children of all ages in celebrating and reflecting on the meaning of the holiday. Sh’mini Atzeret-Simchat Torah, the holiday at the end of Sukkot, also provides many different entry points for connection and celebration.

What can you do to make Sukkot the joyous holiday it’s supposed to be? Here are some activities to try:

- 1. Build a sukkah:** Even if you’re not great with tools and construction, there are some relatively easy, light-weight sukkah designs, and some companies will even send you all the materials. Mine is made out of PVC pipe, canvas drop-cloths, and bamboo fencing—no tools required and I can put it together myself. Kids can help by putting connectors on the ends of the pipes and by making decorations.

If you’re not quite up to building a sukkah to eat in, build one to eat. You can use graham crackers for the sides, frosting as glue, and pretzel rods as the s’chach, the roof materials.

- 2. Decorate a sukkah (or decorate for Sukkot):** Sukkot celebrates the fall harvest, so decorations are often made out of fruit and gourds (real or fake!). Paper chains and popcorn strings are also popular. If you’re making your walls out of canvas drop-cloths, they can be painted with Sukkot symbols or other designs. Kids can also make sun-catchers out of



SUKKOT FOR KIDS (cont.)

old CDs (peel the metallic backing off with tape and glue on pieces of colorful tissue paper) or press leaves and flowers between pieces of wax paper (seal the insides by ironing the wax paper through a thin cloth).

3. **Shake, shake, shake, shake the lulav:** The lulav is made out of four plant species (creatively known as the Four Species)—a young branch of a date palm, two willow branches, three myrtle branches, and an etrog. Unless you're somewhere with a lulav market, these can be ordered online or bought in some Judaica shops. If you can't get your hands on a real set, you can make them out of paper or felt. The palm branch stands long and straight, the willows have long, thin leaves, the myrtle has eye-shaped leaves, and the etrog looks like a large lemon.
4. **Invite friends, family, and neighbors over for a meal:** Though the sukkah is a temporary and shaky dwelling, it's also a symbol of hospitality. Having guests reminds us that we are surrounded by community even when times are difficult. There's also a tradition of inviting divine guests—ushpizin—into the sukkah. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, and David are the seven primary ushpizin, and they are often supplemented with the seven prophetesses, Sarah, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Abigail, Huldah, and Esther. Explore who these ushpizin were and discuss how we can embody the attributes for which they're celebrated. You can also have everyone at the table think about who they'd most like to share a meal with and invite them to join you in spirit.
5. **Make a rain stick:** The end of Sukkot marks the end of the dry season in Israel and the beginning of the rainy season. When the lulav is shaken, the rustling leaves sound like a gentle rainfall, so it may have served as a rain stick of sorts. You can make your own rain stick out of paper towel tubes, toothpicks, and dry beans, shells, or pebbles. Take the paper towel tube and poke toothpicks through its width so that both ends of the toothpick stick out of the tube. Have the toothpicks crisscross directions around the tube and have them span the length of the tube. Once the toothpicks are placed, glue their ends to the tube. Cover the hole at one end of the tube with paper and glue that to the tube. Fill the tube about $\frac{1}{4}$ full of dry beans, shells, or pebbles, and cover the open end with paper and glue. Gently turn the tube from one side to the other.
6. **Volunteer at a soup kitchen or food pantry:** While the sukkah symbolizes the tents that Israelites used during their journey through the desert, it's also a reminder that many other people don't have the choice to live in a poorly-constructed hut for a week. Some don't have any sort of roof over their heads and many more lack easy access to affordable, healthful food. Take advantage of that gratitude to share some of your abundance with those who have less.
7. **No-Sew Blankets:** Another great way for kids to help others is by making no-sew fleece throw blankets and donating them to shelters or organizations that help refugees start their lives in our community. Get two large pieces of fleece (at least 60" x 60") and lay one on top of the other, right sides out. Cut through both pieces of fleece to make a 4–5" fringe on all four sides. Each fringe should be about an inch wide. Tie each fringe of the top fleece to its pair on the bottom fleece. Once they're all tied, you're done!
8. **Simchat Torah Candy Torahs:** Torah study is supposed to be sweet, so what better way to celebrate the Torah than by making Torah scrolls out of candy? There are so many ways to make them, so feel free to get creative. Here are a couple of versions: The simplest version is to wrap two tubes of Smarties with a piece of paper and tie a ribbon around the middle. These can also be given out as treats. For a version that probably needs to be eaten sooner rather than later, get Swiss Rolls or large Tootsie Rolls, Fruit Roll-Ups, pretzel rods, and M&Ms. The Swiss or Tootsie Rolls are the rolled up scrolls on either end, the open Fruit Roll-Up is the parchment, the pretzel rods are the handles poked into the rolls, and the M&Ms are the letters on the parchment. Enjoy your tasty Torah!



OCTOBER AT TEMPLE SINAI

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Erev Sukkot | 5 Sukkot I | 6 Sukkot II | 7 Sukkot III (CH" M) |
| 9:15 AM Hartman Learning | 6 PM 7th Grade Parent Meeting 7 PM Teen School | | Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 5:45 PM Lay-Led TaNaKh Study 5:45 PM Service in the Sukkah 6 PM Evening Meditation 6:15 PM Soup in the Sukkah | 10 AM Sukkot Service at Rodef Shalom 6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting with Minyan 7 PM Introduction to Judaism | 7 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat: A Sensory Friendly Experience, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS 7 PM Pizza in Hut for Grades 6-12 | 8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 1:45 PM Charles Morris Sing-along |
| 8 Sukkot IV (CH" M) | 9 Sukkot V (CH" M)/ Columbus Day | 10 Sukkot VI (CH" M) | 11 Sukkot VII (Hoshana Raba) | 12 Shmini Atzeret | 13 Simchat Torah | 14 |
| 9:15 AM Hartman Learning 9:30 AM Next DOR School 10 AM WoTS Steering Committee 11:15 AM Bereisheet Noon Club Sinai Grades K-5 5 PM Steak & Scotch in the Sukkah with Brotherhood | 6:30 PM WoTS Cooking Class 7 PM Teen School 7 PM 11th & 12th Grade Seminar | | Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 5:30 PM Simchat Torah Dinner 5:45 PM Lay-Led TaNaKh Study 6 PM Evening Meditation 6:15 PM Torah Celebration and Consecration | 10 AM Morning Service 7 PM Introduction to Judaism | 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service, followed by an oneg, sponsored by WoTS | 8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Ursula Brown and Shabbat Morning Service |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 9:15 AM Hartman Learning 9:30 AM Next DOR School 11:15 AM Bereisheet | 7 PM Teen School | 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Group (Cheshvan) | Noon Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class 4:30 PM Hebrew School 5:45 PM Lay-Led TaNaKh Study 6 PM Evening Meditation 6:15 PM Beginner's Hebrew Class 6:15 PM Rabbi Gibson's Shiur Class 7:30 PM Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal | 7 PM Introduction to Judaism | 7 PM Shabbat Evening Service, followed by an oneg sponsored by WoTS | 8:30 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Beale and Shabbat Morning Service |
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| 9:15 AM Hartman Learning 9:30 AM Next DOR School 11:15 AM Bereisheet | 7 PM Teen School 7 PM 11th & 12th Grade Seminar | | Downtown Lunch with the Rabbi, Friday, October 20, 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. | | Temple Sinai Book Club November Our selection for November is <i>The Fortune Tellers Kiss</i> by Brenda Serotte. We will meet on Wednesday, November 15 at 1:15 PM in the Lockhart Lounge for a lively discussion. Contact Anne Faigen at (412) 422-9580 for more information. | |

Questions? Suggestions? Content for our weekly email or monthly ChaiLights? We want to hear from you! Contact Tami Prine, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, at (412) 420-9715 ext. 120 or tami@templesinaipgh.org. Visit www.templesinaipgh.org for event details and a full calendar listing.

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS

OCTOBER 6

7 PM MOSTLY MUSICAL SHABBAT

OCTOBER 13

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

OCTOBER 20

5:30 PM TOT SHABBAT

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

OCTOBER 27

7 PM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

SATURDAYS

8:30 AM TORAH STUDY

9:15 AM INFORMAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

OCTOBER 14

10:30 AM BAT MITZVAH OF URSULA BROWN AND SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

OCTOBER 21

10:30 AM BAR MITZVAH OF JORDAN POLLER-PRINCE AND SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

OCTOBER 28

10:30 AM BAR MITZVAH OF BENJAMIN BEALE AND SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

JOIN US FOR **SOUP IN THE SUKKAH**

WHEN: Wed., October 4, 6:15 PM
(Join us at 5:45 PM for Service in the Sukkah.)

WHERE: Temple Sinai Sukkah

WHAT: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches &
Chef Drew's Homemade Vegetarian Vegetable
and Homemade Old-Fashioned Tomato Soups

HOW: RSVP by Sun., October 1 at Noon; pay online or request a registration form:
Debbie Haber, dhaber@templesinaipgh.org, (412) 421-7039

COST: \$7 per person (no charge for children ages 3 and under)



*Shake the lulav.
Smell the etrog.
Eat in the Sukkah
and give thanks for
all of our blessings.*

MINI MINYAN with Cantor Laura Berman for our youngest friends!

Shabbat Morning, October 7, 9:15-10:30 AM
Temple Sinai Rogaliner Lounge • Free of charge



A Shabbat morning kids' program celebrating the festival of
Sukkot with songs, stories, crafts, snacks, and a visit to the *sukkah*!

CONSECRATION & TORAH CELEBRATION

B'ruchim haba-im b'shem Adonai! Beirachnuchem miBeit Adonai.

***Blessed are you who come in the Name of Adonai!
We bless you from the House of Adonai.***

Just as the Kohanim (priests) in the Temple in Jerusalem welcomed the pilgrims who came to worship, so do we speak these words to our children begins their formal Jewish learning. We celebrate this new beginning with a ceremony of Consecration, which takes place during our lively Simchat Torah service on Wednesday, October 11, at 6:15 PM in the Leebov Sanctuary.

As part of the Consecration ceremony, students will receive a blessing from Rabbi Gibson, as well as a miniature Torah Scroll, a Consecration Certificate, and a gift certificate from Camp Harlam (our regional Reform camp). They will also sing a few songs. The students will have an opportunity to practice these songs during Religious School. If you are a Community Day School family and would like to join us for the Sunday morning rehearsal, please let Debbie Haber know so that we can give you more specific details.

The service will be preceded by a kid-friendly community dinner at 5:30 PM, and there will be time before the service for group and individual photographs.

The Consecration ceremony itself will begin shortly after the service starts and will be followed by the Congregational Simchat Torah celebration. We invite parents and children to stay for some of the lively music and Torah dancing that follows.

Please RSVP to Debbie Haber at (412) 421-7039 or dhaber@templesinaipgh.org.



TIKKUN OLAM CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

***"It is not your responsibility to save
the entire world but neither
are you free from doing your part."
~ Rabbi Tarfon, Pirke Avot***

Pittsburgh East Crop Hunger Walk, Saturday, October 8, 2 PM (Registration begins at 1 PM.)

South Avenue United Methodist Church, 733 South Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15221

The Pittsburgh East Crop Hunger Walk is organized by a coalition of community groups to raise money to fight hunger locally and globally. Temple Sinai is a stop along the walk so we would like to have as many participants as possible! Walk Distance: six miles with an alternative one mile walk.

For more information, visit: www.crophungerwalk.org/pittsburghpa.



SHIR* JOY!



Children's Choir at Temple Sinai!

* Shir is Hebrew for "song"

Fill our sanctuary, our *simchas*, and our hearts with song.

All kids are invited!

No auditions necessary. Smiles required. :)

Meet Cantor Berman for hot cocoa (yum!)

and rehearsal in the Barnett Chapel

Sunday mornings from 9–9:30 AM before Religious School.

Singing highlights will include:

Singing during a Shabbat family service,

a December musical *Hanukkah* program,

and our annual *Purim* spiel!

Contact Cantor Berman at (412) 421-9715 ext. 112 or
cantorberman@templesinaipgh.org...or just come and sing!!!

Bereisheet is beginning again!

An adult learning series that starts "from the beginning"
to increase your comfort with Jewish prayer, rituals,
music, and tradition, taught by Cantor Laura Berman.



Holidays: How can I relate?

A survey and review of standard and special
holiday rituals and prayers
Recordings, blog, and materials to take home

Sunday mornings 11:10–Noon starting October 8

(We'll have coffee "from the beginning," too!)

All are welcome. Free of charge.

Please register with Cantor Berman at cantorberman@templesinaipgh.org; 412-421-9715 x 112.

Note: We will meet only on Sundays when Religious School is in session.

(See www.TempleSinaiPgh.org/temple-calendar)

ADULT EDUCATION IN THE NEW YEAR

Now that the new year has begun, we are once again beginning a new year of adult learning and study. Join us to explore everything from how services work to Jewish values in politics and more.

Rabbi Gibson's Shiur (class)

Wednesdays, 6:15–7:30 PM, beginning October 25

This class will explore how traditional sources of Jewish knowledge (Torah, Rabbinic Thought, Jewish Philosophy) addressed the issues of their time and how we tackle modern problems from a Jewish perspective. Classes will include topics such as racism and sexism, integrity in the home and workplace, the place of Israel in liberal Jewish concerns, Judaism and human sexuality, as well as the ongoing search for God. The class will use both text study and modern sources, including provocative videos, to better examine the difficult questions about living authentically as a modern, liberal Jew in America. All are welcome! Contact Rabbi Gibson for more information at rabbigibson@templesinaipgh.org. Fee: \$54

Beginner's Hebrew Class

Wednesdays, 6:15–7:30 PM, October 18–December 20

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 the course of eight 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. Fee: \$25 for members (includes Hebrew primer, *Aleph Isn't Tough*)

Adult B'nei Mitzvah

Wednesdays, 7:30–9 PM, beginning in January 2018

Experience the joy and awe of leading a service, reading from the Torah scroll, and teaching Torah as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. From October to December, students will learn to read Hebrew, and from January to May, students will learn to recite the prayers in our service, explore what they mean, and study their Torah portion in depth. Whether you were born Jewish or you chose Judaism, whether you celebrated becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah as a child or you never had the opportunity, this course is for you! This course of study culminates in a service for the congregation on Friday, June 15, 2018. Contact Rabbi Gorban for more information at rabbigorban@templesinaipgh.org. Fee: \$180 (scholarships available)



And don't forget our regular learning opportunities:

Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class

Wednesdays, Noon–1 PM

Torah Study

Saturdays, 8:30–9:15 AM

At the foundation of Jewish learning is the study of Torah. Parashat HaShavua focuses on the weekly Torah portion. Torah Study is a word-by-word, close reading of the text from Genesis to Deuteronomy. At the moment we're studying the end of Exodus.

Hartman Learning

Sundays, 9:15–10:30 AM

Are you confused by what is going on in Israel and the Middle East? The iEngage learning series from the Shalom Hartman Institute combines the best of cutting-edge thinkers and opinion-makers in Israel with learning from traditional texts to comprehend the values we, as engaged Jews, need to consider. Fee: \$100 (scholarships available)

Lay-Led TaNaKh Study & Discussion

Wednesdays, 5:45–6:45 PM

Ever wanted to know what happens after Deuteronomy ends? We're exploring the rest of the Hebrew Bible and grappling with some of the difficult texts that we rarely read. No experience or reservations necessary. Contact Abigail Salisbury for more information at abigail.salisbury@gmail.com.

Keep an eye out for more learning opportunities, from special events to short series. There's more to come in January!

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Alvin & Gloria Bodek

Fund for the Future

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In Memory of Samuel Jurman
Temple Brotherhood

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In Memory of Sandra Steiner
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Hilda & Nathan Katzen Memorial Fund

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In Memory of Marvin Tanzer
Robert & Ellen Katzen

Intergenerational Choir Fund

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Alice Buchdahl

Katzen Holocaust Trip Fund

In Memory of Fritz Ottenheimer
William & Arlene Brandeis
Ann & Hary Geggel
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Metzger

Lazar Leadership Fund

In Memory of Mr. Harvey Hauptman
Lynn & Dale Lazar

Levin Family Memorial Fund

In Appreciation of Nancy Gale
Karen, Nathan & Noah Levin
In Honor of Deanne Horner D'Emilio, JD
Karen, Nathan & Noah Levin
In Honor of Reid & Angela's
Upcoming Marriage
Karen, Nathan & Noah Levin
In Honor of the Birth of Ella Fixler
Karen, Nathan & Noah Levin
In Memory of Elinor Goodman
Karen, Nathan & Noah Levin
In Memory of Rick Fine
Karen, Nathan & Noah Levin
In Memory of Robert Dax
Karen, Nathan & Noah Levin
In Memory of Robert Straussman
Karen, Nathan & Noah Levin
In Memory of Sidney Rosenthal
Karen, Nathan & Noah Levin
Special Birthday of Bernita Myers
Karen, Nathan & Noah Levin
Special Birthday of Sharon Weisberg
Karen, Nathan & Noah Levin

Library Fund

In Honor of Laura Fehl's Bat Mitzvah
Harvey & Esther Nathanson
In Honor of Susan Cohen's Bat Mitzvah
Harvey & Esther Nathanson
In Memory of Bernice Levine
Harvey & Esther Nathanson

Live Broadcast Fund

In Memory of Fritz Ottenheimer
Mark & Cynthia Goodman

Mann Fund for the Future

In Memory of Arthur Spiegel
Estelle Mann
In Memory of Bernice Levine
Estelle Mann

Moving Forward Fund

In Honor of Bernice Levine
Jacqueline M. Fitzgerald
In Memory of Bernice Levine
Marilyn Goldman
In Memory of Fritz Ottenheimer
Laurie Moser & Stewart Barmen
In Memory of Marvin Tanzer
Laurie Moser & Stewart Barmen
Special Birthday of Sharon Weisberg
Sharon Weisberg

Music Fund

Mark D. Willoughby
Complete Recovery of Harvey
Nathanson
Esther Schwartz
In Honor of the Birth of
Nicholas Gideon Harris
Lynn Naman
In Memory of Mrs. Yoffee
James & Marcia Kaplan

Penelope Rose Miller Memorial Fund

In Memory of Penelope Rose Miller
David & Rita Pollock
Stanley & Miriam Winikoff

Pollock Fund for the Future

In Memory of Fritz Ottenheimer
David & Rita Pollock
In Memory of Peter Tanzer
David & Rita Pollock

Pulpit Flowers

Barry & Susan Merenstein
Anthony & Karen Ross
Daniel & Barbara Shapira
David & Carol Steinbach
In Memory of Donald Schwartz
George & Laura Arnold
Yahrzeit of Alex Sherman
Florence & Michael Sherman
Yahrzeit of Abraham Moses Weinkle
Joseph & Phyllis G. Weinkle
Yahrzeit of Albert Ross
Kenneth Ross Family
Yahrzeit of Albert Ryave
Selma P. Ryave &
Rosalyn C. Richman
Yahrzeit of Albert Zecher
Rita Zecher
Yahrzeit of Alice P. Leventon
Harry & Carol Adelsheimer
Yahrzeit of Allen Lebovitz
Beverly Lebovitz
Yahrzeit of Alvin Mann
Estelle Mann
Yahrzeit of Ann Sisson
Jay Silberblatt & Lori Sisson
Yahrzeit of Belle Cook
Frederick Zuhlke &
Ronnie Cook Zuhlke

Yahrzeit of Ben Sablowsky
Lee & Marsha Sablowsky

Yahrzeit of Bernice Curtiss
Zelda Curtiss

Yahrzeit of Bertha Green
Marc & Kathleen Lipsitz

Yahrzeit of Bertram Gittler
Karen & Chuck Moellenberg

Yahrzeit of Bess Baker
Baker Family

Yahrzeit of Carl Halpern
David & Carole Maretsky

Yahrzeit of Charles Garfield
Samuel Garfield

Yahrzeit of Charles Lipsitz
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Karen & Chuck Moellenberg

Yahrzeit of Charlotte Rudel
Joseph & Alayne Harris

Yahrzeit of Cheryl Ryave Radov
Selma P. Ryave

Yahrzeit of Clarice Oshry
Elliott Oshry

Yahrzeit of Dave Nelson
Gary Nelson &
Jo Anne Schwendinger

Nelson Schwendinger Family
Yahrzeit of Doris Friedman
Harry & Carol Adelsheimer

Yahrzeit of Dorothy Jacobson
Donald & Annette Jacobson

Yahrzeit of Edgar Roth
Barry & Mayda Roth

Yahrzeit of Edward Jeffrey Goldberg
Ben & Marlene Goldberg

Yahrzeit of Eleanor Moll
Arthur & Barbara Grossman

Yahrzeit of Eli Spokane
Melvin & Bette Spokane

Yahrzeit of Esther Bernstein
Marlene Bernstein

Yahrzeit of Esther Boar
Karen & Chuck Moellenberg

Yahrzeit of Esther Y. Podolsky
Selma P. Ryave & Rosalyn Richman

Yahrzeit of Ethel Herzog
Lynn Naman

Yahrzeit of Evelyn Glauser Bernstein
Robin Bernstein

Yahrzeit of Florence Levitt
Stanley & Lin Ehrenpreis

Yahrzeit of Frances Molans
Paul Molans

Yahrzeit of George Helfant
Robert & Gloria Ennis

Yahrzeit of George Rocher
Agnes Rocher

Yahrzeit of Gerald Brostoff
Lee & Janet Beerman

Yahrzeit of Gerald R. Davidson
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Davidson

Yahrzeit of Harry Gross
Sanford Gross

Yahrzeit of Harry Olitzky
Estelle Mann

Yahrzeit of Harvey Dektor
Gerald & Myrna Prince

Yahrzeit of Howard S. Hirsh
Irwin & Judi Hirsh & Family

Yahrzeit of Howard Singer
Arlene Smith

Yahrzeit of Hyman Kushkin
Joseph & Alayne Harris

Yahrzeit of Hyman Maretsky
David & Carole Maretsky

Yahrzeit of Ida L. Minkoff
Phyllis Baskin

Yahrzeit of Ida Weiss
Howard & Beverly Filtz

Yahrzeit of Irving Baar
Charles Moellenberg, Jr. &
Karen Moellenberg

Yahrzeit of Irving L. Podolsky
Selma P. Ryave &
Rosalyn C. Richman

Yahrzeit of J. Jeffrey Solomn
Laurie Moser & Stewart Barmen

Yahrzeit of Jack Domb
Morris & Barbara Tufton

Yahrzeit of Jack Josowitz
Marlene Josowitz & Children

Yahrzeit of Jack Kellman
Amy Kellman

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Yahrzeit of Mimi Young
James & Marcia Kaplan
Yahrzeit of Minnie Soloff
Weitz
Marlene Josowitz & Family
Yahrzeit of Miriam Kranich
Brett & Marilyn Kranich
Yahrzeit of Mollie Halpern
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Yahrzeit of Norbert Joseph
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Gary Nelson, Jo Anne
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Yahrzeit of Virginia Gale
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Nancy Gale
Yahrzeit of Wellard Lyons
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Yahrzeit of William Hanna
Mark & Cynthia Goodman
Yahrzeit of William Stofman
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Harvey & Esther Nathanson
In Appreciation for the
Meaningful Service
Edgar & Adele Snyder
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Naming
Todd & Emmanuelle Yecies
In Appreciation of Daniel &
Hanna's Wedding
Joe Divack &
Ruth Weinberger
In Appreciation of Rabbi
Gibson
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Marriage
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Wedding Anniversary
Lila Margolis &
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Anita Lopatin Smolover
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Waldman
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Fund**
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Rosalyn Escovitz
Tikkun Olam Center Fund
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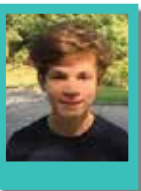
B'NEI MITZVAHS ~ MAZAL TOV!

Saturday, October 14
Bat Mitzvah of Ursula Brown
Daughter of Robert & Elke Brown

Saturday, October 21
Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Poller-Prince
Son of Jon Prince & Jennifer Poller



Saturday, October 28
Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Beale
Son of Matthew Beale and Lisa Kahn



NEW MEMBERS (AUGUST)

Susan & Michael Kurtz
Susan & Lee Segal
Todd & Emmanuelle Yecies
Daniel & Rachael Wilkenfeld
Victor & Laurie Mizrahi
Mallory Swartz & Jonathan Berkowitz

OF BLESSED MEMORY

Harvey Hauptman, father of David (Suzan) Hauptman,
grandfather of Dillon Hvizdash

Charlene Tarlo, aunt of Amy Dubin

Marvin Tanzer, father of Peter (Susan) Tanzer, grandfather
of Matthew, Joshua, & Michael Tanzer

Barry Goldstein, husband of Carol Goldstein

MAZAL TOV!

Congratulations to the WoTS committee for being chosen
the Women of Reform Judaism's Silver 2018 Or Ami
"Light of My People" Award Winner for their program,
Panel on Pay Equity. They will be honored at the WRJ Fried
Leadership Conference, March 1-4, 2018 in Nashville, TN.

BE INSPIRED TO CONNECT

Soup in the Sukkah

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 6:15 PM

(Service at 5:45 PM)

Shake the lulav. Smell the etrog. Eat in the Sukkah and give thanks for all of our blessings.

RSVP to Debbie Haber by Noon, Oct. 1.

Cost: \$7 (FREE for children 3 and under)

Sukkot Service at Rodef Shalom

Thursday, Oct. 5, 10:00 AM

Join us for a shared service at Rodef Shalom,
4905 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

WoTS Cooking Class

Monday, October 9, 6:30 PM

Join the Women of Temple Sinai on the 2nd
Monday of each month. October's class

features Paula Rulin and "Fall Sweet Treats."

The \$10 cost covers ingredients, and after
learning and cooking, the group sits down
together to eat the results. RSVP to Carolyn

Schwarz, 4carolynschwarz@gmail,

(412) 421-1268) or Laura Arnold

lsarnold1@gmail.com, (412) 401-9016.

Open to all members.

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FOOD DRIVE

**Please Bring Canned Goods &
Non-Perishable Items Before Oct. 13.**

ITEMS NEEDED

Pasta, Noodles, Rice, Beans, Jam & Jelly, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jello

Canned Goods: Meat, Tuna, Fish, Vegetables,

Tomato Sauce, Soup

Please NO perishables, NO open containers, NO expired items

**Benefiting: East End Cooperative Ministry &
Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry**