

CHAI LIGHTS

NOTE (AND AN INVITATION) FROM CANTOR BERMAN:

By CANTOR LAURA BERMAN

Or zarua la-tzaddik, ul'yishrei lev simhah! "Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for those whose hearts are true."



After kindling the Yom Kippur candles, we sing these eight simple words from Psalm 97 about light. Consider what light brings — clarity, warmth, brightness, the opportunity for growth. Consider light in Jewish tradition — bright flames welcoming Shabbat and holidays while scattering the shadows; Havdallah lighting the way for a promising week; the *yahrzeit* flame burning bright with loving memories; the eternal light (*ner tamid*) illuminating the ark of our law. Light signifies goodness, hope, enlightenment, justice, remembrance, and Divine promise even in the face of darkness.

In Genesis (*Bereisheet*), light is created on the first day, although the sun is formed on the fourth day. According to tradition, the mystical light of creation is stored-up until the goodness within us allows it to be emitted. In the words of Rabbi David Wolpe, "The idea of a potential for light sewn into the fabric of creation, ready to burst forth, reminds us that goodness is not only a creation, but a liberation of powers that exist. The deed awaits. In order to liberate that light we need to be not only creators, but conduits."

As the days become shorter, we hope that Temple Sinai is a great source of light in your life and a conduit to our traditions. We began last year what I hope will be a new tradition, inviting teen singers to open our Yom Kippur services with these words from Psalm 97. Please have your teen be in contact with me to add their voice to the brightness of our service.

L'shana tova umetukah (for a good and sweet year),

Cantor Laura Berman

REPENTANCE SEASON

By RABBI JAMIE GIBSON

We're in the midst of repentance season. Wait a minute, Rabbi! Doesn't all the repentance and forgiveness stuff begin on Rosh HaShanah?

No, not according to our tradition. It actually starts at the beginning of the last Jewish month of the year, Elul (which was August 23).



The season starts the first of Elul and actually goes on until Simchat Torah, at the end of Sukkot. That's August 23 – October 12! It's a good chunk of time for a reason. We can't really dispense with the kind of self-reckoning required for pardon, forgiveness and repentance in just one day (Yom Kippur) or even ten (from Rosh HaShanah to Yom Kippur).

This 50-day process is called *Cheshbon HaNefesh*, or an accounting of the soul. During this process we ask ourselves hard questions, the kind that we normally avoid because we don't have time, inclination or interest to delve that deeply throughout the year.

Doing *Cheshbon HaNefesh* we ask ourselves:

Who am I, now that I have reached (fill in the blank) years of my life?
Whom have I wronged and what must I do to take responsibility for my actions?
Where have I come up short in my promises?
To myself?
To my family?
To my community? (Jewish and Secular)
To my country?
To the world?
For what and for whom am I willing to stand up for in the coming year?

We live in a world of terrible words flung like weapons at each other, a world in which we see leaders refusing to take responsibility, a world in which we raise our voices to blame others to avoid being blamed ourselves. It is a feature of our culture that we as Jews are called upon to reject and reject forcefully.

We are not to blame for everything, for sure. But we sure are responsible for our words and our acts, what we say and what we do. We are responsible for what we don't say and what we don't do as well.

We cannot change anyone else in the world except ourselves. This season of repentance gives up hope that we can do precisely that. We are not allowed to give up nor to cut ourselves too much slack.

At the High Holy Days, we do more than beat our chests with confession. We re-energize and look to the horizon of hope.

I look forward to looking out to that horizon with you this season! See you at the holidays, if not before.

Kol tuv,
Rabbi Jamie Gibson

High Holy Days 5778 Schedule

By now, we hope you received your High Holy Days packet in the mail, along with everything you need to start making plans for this special time of year. At Temple, clergy and staff have already spent many months planning to ensure a meaningful experience of prayer and community. Here are some highlights along with important dates.

Selichot

Saturday, September 16, 2017

6:30 PM Movie - *Remembrance: A Holocaust Dialogue*, with Fritz Ottenheimer z"l & Susanne Ortner*
7:15 PM Nosh*
7:45 PM Selichot Service*

Service of Remembrance

Sunday, September 17, 2017

11:30 AM Service of Remembrance at Temple Sinai Memorial Park (7740 Saltsburg Rd., Plum, PA)*

Erev Rosh HaShanah

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

5:30 PM Tot Service*
7:30 PM Evening Service
8:30 PM Young Adult After Hours*

Rosh HaShanah, 1st Day

Thursday, September 21, 2017

8:00 AM Tot Service*
8:30 AM Early Service
8:30 AM Children's Service and Program
11:30 AM Late Service
4:45 PM Community Family Service*
5:15 PM Tashlich Service* at Frick Park (Specific Location Details to Follow)

Rosh HaShanah, 2nd Day

Friday, September 22, 2017

10:00 AM Morning Service*

Kol Nidre

Friday, September 29, 2017

5:30 PM Tot Service*
6:00 PM Early Service
8:30 PM Late Service

Yom Kippur

Saturday, September 30, 2017

8:00 AM Tot Service*
8:30 AM Early Service
8:30 AM Children's Service and Program
11:00 AM Late Service
Start times for all afternoon Yom Kippur services are approximate:
1:30 PM Minchah Afternoon Service*
2:45 PM Beit Midrash*
4:00 PM Jonah Presentation with Attack Theatre*
5:15 PM Yizkor and N'ilah*
7:15 PM Break Fast: A light snack to break your fast

Sukkot

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

5:45 PM Service in the Sukkah*
6:15 PM Soup-Off in the Sukkah*

Thursday, October 5, 2017

10:00 AM Morning Service at Rodef Shalom*

Friday, October 6, 2017

Pizza in the Hut for 6th - 12th graders

Sh'mini Atzeret / Simchat Torah

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

5:30 PM Dinner
6:15 PM Torah Celebration with Consecration of new students (grades K-3)

Thursday, October 12, 2017

10:00 AM Morning Service*

**This service is free and open to the community*

"And My House shall be called
a House of Prayer for all
peoples."
(Isaiah 56:7)

Selichot at Temple Sinai

Saturday, September 16, 2017

6:30 PM Movie - *Remembrance: A Holocaust Dialogue*, with Fritz Ottenheimer z"l & Susanne Ortner

7:15 PM Nosh

7:45 PM Selichot Service



A film featuring Fritz Ottenheimer, Holocaust survivor, author and beloved Temple Sinai congregant (of blessed memory), and noted composer, and clarinetist Susanne Ortner will be shown at a special program on Saturday, September 16 at 6:30 PM at Temple Sinai.

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

Join us for a Selichot service following the movie.

Temple Sinai & Temple David

Service of Remembrance

Sunday, September 17, 2017, 11:30 AM

At Temple Sinai Memorial Park

7740 Saltsburg Road, Plum, PA 15239

In keeping with Jewish tradition, Rabbi James A. Gibson and Cantor Laura Berman of Temple Sinai, and Rabbi Barbara Symons of Temple David will conduct the annual Service of Remembrance on the Sunday prior to Rosh HaShanah.

It is a special time to honor and remember those of our loved ones who are no longer with us. We welcome anyone who would like to attend. Chairs will be provided for the comfort of all visitors and a tent will offer protection from the elements.

"They still live on earth in the acts of goodness they performed and in the hearts of those who cherish their memory."

High Holy Days: Special Events

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High Holy Days: Food Drive



Please bring canned goods and non-perishable items between September 11 and October 13, 2017.

Items Needed:

Canned goods: meat, tuna, fruit, vegetables,
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9 AM Temple Sinai at the Squirrel Hill Farmers Market

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Labor Day: Office Closed

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12 PM Parsha / Weekly Torah Portion Class
6 PM Evening Meditation
6 PM "Become a Greeter" Training
7:30 PM Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal

10

9 AM WoTS Steering Committee
9:15 AM Hartman Learning
9:30 AM Next DOR
11:15 AM Bereisheet with Cantor Berman

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6:30 PM Teen School Opening BBQ
6:30 PM WoTS - Challah Baking with Hanita
7 PM Teen School
7 PM 11th & 12th Grade Seminar

12

13

12 PM Parsha / Weekly Torah Portion Class
1:15 PM Book Club
4:30 PM Hebrew School
6 PM Evening Meditation
7:30 PM Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal

17

9:15 AM Hartman Learning
9:30 AM Next DOR
9:30 AM 6th Grade B'nei Mitzvah Parent Meeting
11:30 AM Service of Remembrance

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6 PM 7th Grade Parent Meeting
7 PM Teen School

19

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Erev Rosh HaShanah (see schedule on page 2)
No Hebrew School

24

9:15 AM Hartman Learning
9:30 AM Next DOR
9:30 AM Great Race with Temple Sinai Band Performance
11:15 AM Bereisheet with Cantor Berman

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7 PM Teen School
7 PM 11th & 12th Grade Seminar

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12 PM Parsha/Weekly Torah Portion Class
4:30 PM Hebrew School
6 PM Evening Meditation
7:30 PM Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal

TEMPLE SINAI

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

7

6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting with Minyan
7 PM Introduction to Judaism

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7 PM Introduction to Judaism

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Rosh HaShanah (see schedule on page 2)

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7 PM Introduction to Judaism

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7 PM Shabbat Service with oneg to follow

8

12 PM Downtown Lunch with the Rabbi
5:30 PM Shabbat B'Que
6 PM Open House
7 PM Mostly Musical Shabbat with oneg to follow

15

5 PM Tot Shabbat
7 PM Shabbat Evening Service with oneg to follow
8:30 PM Shabbat After Hours

22

Rosh HaShanah Day 2 (see schedule on page 2)

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Erev Yom Kippur / Kol Nidre (see schedule on page 2)

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

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8:30 AM Torah Study
9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Shabbat Service
10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Olivia Werstil and Shabbat Morning Service

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8:30 AM Torah Study
9:15 AM Informal Shabbat Morning Service
1:45 PM Sing-a-long at Charles Morris
6:30 PM Selichot Movie
7:15 PM Selichot Nosh
7:45 PM Selichot Service

23

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

30

Yom Kippur (see schedule on page 2)

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS

ALL FRIDAY SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 7 PM IN AUGUST

SATURDAYS

TORAH STUDY AT 8:30 AM

INFORMAL MORNING SHABBAT SERVICE AT 9:15 AM

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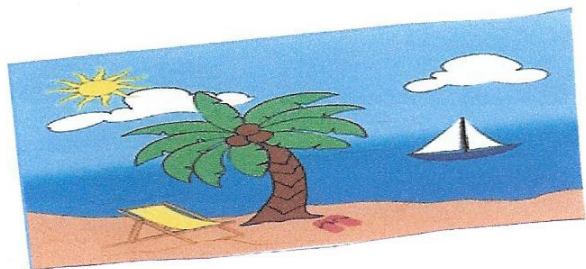
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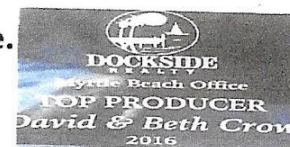


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and veggie burgers galore as
we catch up with old friends and
welcome new members.

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will be here to answer all of
your questions, and newcomers
will have the chance to tour our
building and learn about our
Temple Sinai family. Shabbat
services will follow. Bring a friend
or two for this special evening.

WHEN:

Friday, Sept. 8, 2017

5:30 p.m. Dinner

7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

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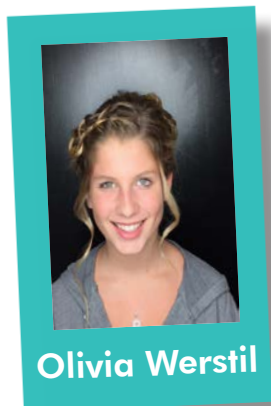
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Downtown Lunch With The Rabbi

Friday, September 8, 2017, 12 p.m.

Would you like to learn with friends over lunch? Join Rabbi Gibson for an uplifting discussion over lunch at an office downtown. For more information, to add names to our mailing list, or to RSVP, kindly contact Barry Rudel at brudel@templesinaipgh.org or (412) 421-9715, ext. 133.

Temple Sinai Book Club

Wednesday, September 13, 2017,

1:15 p.m.

Join us to discuss "City of God" by E. L. Doctorow. We meet in the Lockhart Lounge every other month for a lively discussion.

WoTS - Challah Baking With Hanita

Monday, September 11, 2017, 6:30

p.m.

A session of learning to make your homemade challah from our fellow congregant, Hanita Kossowsky. The cost for this class is \$10. RSVP by Sunday, September 10, 2017 to Carolyn Schwarz at (412) 421-1268 or 4carolynschwarz@gmail.com.

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