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on my **mind**

Rabbi Adam Wohlberg

The tragic violence that took place at Tree of Life Congregation on a Shabbat morning continues to overwhelm me and, I am sure, many of you. Eleven lives were taken by an animal filled with hate. The shock has not worn off; the anger has not dissipated; the grief is still intense. Yet it is the fear that this has brought about that concerns me the most. We cannot be afraid to worship as we wish to, to practice as we wish to, and to live Jewishly as is our right. Fortunately, we do not stand alone in this belief. Good people of all faiths have our backs and are on our side, as was evidenced by the interfaith services and gatherings that took place across our country and here in Maple Glen. I am sharing below, excerpts from my remarks delivered at the vigil on the Sunday night following the tragedy.

Esa eynai el he'harim – "I lift up my eyes to the mountains," wrote the psalmist. *May-ay-in yavo ezree* – "From where will my help come? "My help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth." Lord, once again we find ourselves looking up to you, seeking your comfort and your guidance. Another senseless tragedy and once again families are bereaved, the members of a congregation are in shock, a community is shaken, and our nation feels imperiled ..

Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh became the latest site added to a horrific list of places that have experienced mass shootings, and the congregation has now been immortalized because of the horror that took place within its walls. Worshippers, no different than you and I, were terrorized—slaughtered—while in the midst of prayer. The shocking nature of this crime raises the anger within us, just as it elevates the fear we share. Are we safe? Could we be targeted? Is it no longer safe to be a Jew in America? How can we feel secure to live as we please, to worship as is our right, when a terrible evil has infected a segment of our society?

"How are you?" I have been asked today. "Threatened" is what I want to answer. "I feel threatened." If this could happen in a synagogue in Squirrel Hill, what is to say that it could not happen right here?

My heart aches—our hearts ache—for the families of David and Cecil Rosenthal, Bernice and Sylvan Simon, Daniel Stein, Jerry Rabinowitz, Richard Gottfried, Joyce Feinberg, Rose Mallinger, Melvin Wax, and Irving Younger. We pray that they will be comforted by an outpouring of love and support from their local community, from the worldwide Jewish community, and from good people, caring people, kind-hearted people like those assembled here tonight, all of us who represent the strength of this nation.

We also pray for the injured, those at the synagogue and law enforcement there, just as we applaud the bravery and the self-sacrifice of the outstanding officers who put themselves in harm's way in order to end the violence. But what else can we do? What must we do to combat this scourge of antisemitism that has flared anew? How must we respond?

Fear is not the answer. Faith is. Our faith that good will always triumph over evil. But we cannot simply wait for it to happen, we have to make it so. What can we do when there are people who want to murder others on account of what they believe, how and where they worship, what they look like, where they come from and whom they love?. . .

We must do our part to bring justice and hope to this world. We must speak up against hate—racism, prejudice, bigotry. And we must reach out to our neighbors. In yesterday's Torah portion, we learned of Abraham's hospitality to strangers. He is the very model of Hachanasat orchim when he welcomes the strangers who are walking by to stay with him so that he can feed them and wash their feet. This demonstration of love for a stranger is a hallmark of our tradition, and yet in Pittsburgh it brought about the wrath of one deranged man who accused the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society of helping to bring immigrants into our country—as if that were a crime rather than a mitzvah—a commandment—a responsibility.

That man took advantage of a synagogue, with its doors open—welcoming anyone who would want to be in God's presence or a participant in a community of love, respect and care—he took advantage of that openness, he violated that sacred space and took the lives of innocent people. . . .

We must offer words of comfort to a bereaved community of our brothers and sisters in Pittsburgh, and embrace the belief that all good people are our brothers and sisters, not only those who share our faith and worship as we do.

We must also act. We must demonstrate our love and concern for the larger community—again, for all good people, because our nation is filled with them. We must unite with people who worship differently than we do, who don't look like us, who have different heritages, different backgrounds, and different countries of origin. Unite with good people who do not share our political views, but who want the best for our country—as we do— and find a way to overcome the prejudice and the politics of mistrust and hate, and work together for the greater good.

There is so much we don't know about this country and this world of ours, and that can be frightening. But one thing we do know is that there is much work to be done if we are to make this a better world—one in which we can feel safe and secure, in our schools, in our work places, and in our houses of worship.

"[Let us] lift up our hands, our hearts, ourselves, our brothers and our sisters, to do your will [Lord] and to make this world a place of understanding, of caring, of justice, of love and of peace."

cantor's **corner**

Cantor Stephen Freedman

In the aftermath…

• What the world needs now is love, sweet love.	Hal David
• A person's a person no matter how small.	Dr. Seuss
• If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.	Ronald Reagan
• Love your neighbor as yourself.	God
• I don't stand for anti-Semitism. We can't have that.	Charles Barkley
• To you be your religion, to me be mine.	Qur'an Sura 109: 6
• Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.	Jill Jackson/Sy Miller
• What's so funny about peace, love and understanding?	Elvis Costello
• Religions are many and diverse, but reason and goodness are one.	Elbert Hubbard
• How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in harmony.	Psalm 133:1
• Anti-Semitism is a noxious weed that should be cut out. It has no place in America.	William Howard Taft
• The highest result of education is tolerance.	Helen Keller
• Acceptance is the key to be truly free; I will love you unconditionally.	Katy Perry
• All you need is love.	John Lennon

There's nothing else to say…

DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?!?

Are you a Torah or Haftarah reader? Would you like to share your skills with the congregation by becoming part of our cadre of capable readers? If so, please let Cantor Freedman know: sfreedman@tsinai.com or 215-643-6510, x. 108.

president's **message**

Lauren Gladstone

By the time you read this, the leaves will have fallen and the High Holy Days will have long been over. Each year, time passes more quickly and we are constantly preparing for the next holiday or event. The synagogue is no different. The building is buzzing with the sounds of children, and staff hard at work preparing for the upcoming winter celebrations.

I want to thank the staff and all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication to again create meaningful High Holy Days programs. We listened to your feedback and added more programming and different experiences based on the responses to last year's High Holy Days survey. We always strive to do better to serve our congregants' needs, and your feedback helps guide our decisions and planning.

The recent events at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh will be forever seared into our memories. With that backdrop in mind, we know that we must continue with our goal of maintaining and growing the vitality of Temple Sinai. That includes: daily minyanim and Shabbat services, welcoming our preschoolers for days of learning and playing, allowing our Religious School students a safe space to learn and grow, and attending the various meetings in the building. As you might expect, the overwhelming majority of our recent staff and lay meetings have focused on Temple Sinai's ongoing security.

Please be assured that our single focus is on keeping the staff and congregants at Temple Sinai safe and secure. The Upper Dublin Police have been our faithful partners in maintaining our security. We have been in constant contact with the Upper Dublin Police Department, the Department of Homeland Security, and independent security consultants. There is broad agreement that the ongoing investments we've made in infrastructure over the years—communication systems, cameras, lighting, doors, locks, windows, procedures and protocols—are excellent. In addition, our Preschool and Religious School have comprehensive plans in case of an emergency, and our staff is well-trained in how to implement those plans.

One continuous warning that we hear over and over again from law enforcement and security experts is to be very guarded when publicizing our security measures. Going forward, some of our precautions will be visible; others will remain unseen. This is solely intended for the safety and security of our congregants.

It is crucial that we are partners in keeping our synagogue safe. Please do not let someone into the building if you do not personally know that person. Please remember to close the doors behind you, and do not prop open doors at any time. We must all remain vigilant. If you see something, say something.

Did you or someone in your family head off to college in the fall?

We'd love to stay in touch!

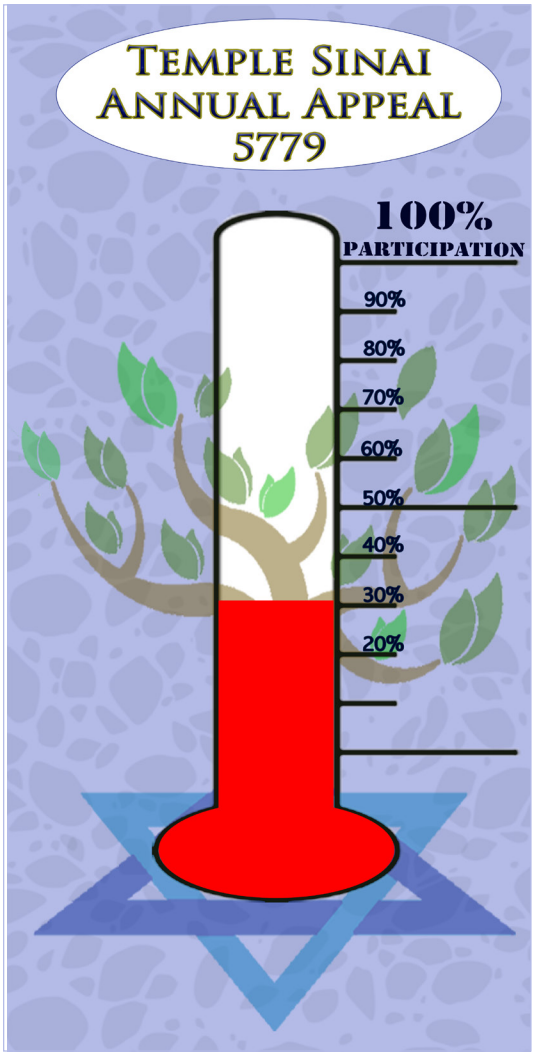
Contact the Main Office to give us your updated info.

Have **YOU** partcipated in this years annual appeal?

Now more than ever, we as a Jewish Community need this sacred space – to find peace, connection, and meaning away from the all the noise. For so many, Temple Sinai has been and continues to be that safe place. Temple Sinai is more than a synagogue, it is our community, our home, our place away from the noise.

To those who have already made a pledge to this year's appeal, we say thank you. If you haven't pledged, there is still time to give! Embrace in the joy and giving spirit of the Chanukah season and join your friends and fellow congregants in donating. This year's goal for our Annual Appeal is 100% participation. Whatever amount you are able to pledge, however large or small, you will be securing a personal stake in the future of our sacred community.

Again, we thank you!



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education **update**

Early Childhood Director

Beth Rabinowitz

This year marks my eighteenth year as a Jewish educator. I cannot imagine, over the years, how many children I have seen grow up. Four years of college and two years of graduate school could have never fully prepared me for this career. During the years, there were students with life-threatening illnesses, children who had lost a parent, the introduction of computers, and now, social media. I have witnessed past students celebrate Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, go to college, and even become parents!

Through the good and bad what keeps me so passionate about my career?

From a young age, I had the desire to teach our youngest children, but working in a synagogue has really been the cherry on top. I could work in a secular school, but there is something so unique about watching children start their young lives in synagogue preschool. Of course, we have toys, a playground, and programs, just like a secular school, but we have a little something extra that separates us from a secular preschool. Our day is made up of Jewish values that are incorporated in our everyday life. This is what makes my position so special. When a parent tells me his or her child sang the Shabbat blessings, I hear Cantor's music playing in a classroom, or I see families engage in one of our programs, I truly know this is the place for me.

When you walk into Temple Sinai, before even going into the classroom, the hope is you feel shalom bayit (peace in the home). Many children enter our school at three months of age and could spend up to fifty hours a week in our care. Our mission is to make our school feel like a home away from home. We work hard to provide security, love, and care in our environment. When you leave your child, it is imperative you know we are your second home. When you step out of the building, and leave for the day, you feel at peace.

Throughout the day, teachers are incorporating kavod (respect) into their daily dialogues and activities. Adults are role models, so respect starts with us, but young children learn early on to respect their friends' feelings, the materials in their classroom, the traditions of our holidays and the adults in their lives. Our popular puppets play a big part in teaching Jewish values, each Friday at Shabbat. Respect is a lifelong skill, and, as an educator, we take this very seriously.

Though we are a synagogue preschool, which combines Jewish and secular learning, not all our families are Jewish. Our teachers and Temple Sinai staff members have an array of backgrounds and beliefs. *V'ahavtah L'Reiecha Kamocha* ("Love your neighbor as yourself") is a significant piece of our curriculum. In a world filled with prejudice, learning to love one's self and accept others needs to begin early on in life. Children are instinctually drawn to other children. They are blinded by color, disability, and background. They will easily offer a sad friend a hug, invite another child into their play, and share their snack with friends. Children need to respect Judaism's customs and traditions, at the same time being exposed to the world around them.

Parents always ask, "Will my child be ready for kindergarten"? I feel secure in the knowledge that our graduates will be ready to enter that next step in their young lives. Education is important, but values can be easy to teach and harder to maintain. Over the next eighteen years of my career, there will be more changes, some good and some bad, but my hope is that we will all work together to keep these important values the same.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Happy New Year.

education **update**

Director of Education

Shira Weissbach

I have a confession to make: I started writing this article several different times and each time I needed to start over. There are so many things that I have wanted to talk about, but none of them seemed appropriate, especially in light of the recent attack at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh. I always want to share about the amazing learning that happens week after week in the school, and the lengths to which the teachers go to ensure a positive, fun, and meaningful experience for our students.

Through all of my rewrites, the theme that I kept coming back to is that *words matter*. What we say matters. How we say our words matter. Who we say them to matters.

After the attack in Pittsburgh, Rabbi Wohlberg and I visited the students in Kitah Hey (5th grade) and Kitah Vav (6th grade), and with older students to decompress the events and allow them share their thoughts and concerns. When asked if they had experienced anti-Semitism, many hands were raised.

Interestingly, in both the Hey/Vav and Sinai High grades, students shared that their peers often make anti-Semitic jokes to them, but they often don't reply, because they knew their friends "didn't mean it" and "it was just a joke." The message that Rabbi and I gave to the students was that these words do matter, even if they were intended to be a joke. If they allow this type of joking to be viewed as ok, it can escalate easily to something more uncomfortable.

Likewise, if any of us hears someone being talked to in an inappropriate way, the burden is on all of us to make sure that it does not continue. We all have the right to disagree; we are entitled to our different opinions on the political climate in the US, our relationship to Israel, or the future of our congregation. But again, our words matter. How we say them matters. And who we say them to matters. So now, more than ever, we need to be mindful and thoughtful about the words we use. We owe that to our children and our community.

JUNIOR CHOIR with Cantor Freedman

Does your child like to sing? If so, why not consider Junior Choir? The choir is open to students, in grades 3 and up. Rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings, 8:45-9:30 am. The Choir sings monthly at Friday night services, as well as at other times of the year.

Temple Sinai will be hosting the youth choirs' Zimriyah this year, an afternoon of children's choirs performing for and with each other. Rehearsals begin on October 14.

YAD SQUAD with Cantor Freedman

Yad Squad is Temple Sinai's Torah reading club. It is open to students in grades 5 and up who would like to learn the skill of reading Torah. In addition to their studies, each student will read from the Torah in late spring and will read a section of Megillat Esther on Purim. Yad Squad meets on Sundays immediately after Religious School; it begins at noon with a snack and continues until 12:45 for first-year students and until 1:00 for second year students. The first class will be held on October 14.

Registration forms can be found at Temple Sinai and will be handed out to your children during

the **scoop** with **sydnie**

Youth Engagement Coordinator

Sydnie Ciment

One of the many facets of my youth engagement here at Temple Sinai includes my involvement in our many Moving Traditions programs. This year Moving Traditions (www.movingtraditions.org) chose to partner with us to pioneer a new and exciting approach to b'nai mitzvah that connects Jewish wisdom to the interpersonal and social elements of this coming-of-age ritual. We have already had our first family session on October 21. The feedback was great, and we are excited to facilitate the future meetings.

Moving Traditions' mission is to embolden teens by fostering self-discovery, challenging sexism, and inspiring a commitment to Jewish life and learning. Moving Traditions' educational programs, Rosh Hodesh and Shevet, have impacted the lives of more than 21,000 teens. Right here at Temple Sinai we have been engaging over 50 teens between our Rosh Hodesh and Shevet groups. One of our own Shevet groups was recently featured on NPR discussing how teen boys resist sexual objectification, navigate sexual consent, and build healthy sexuality. Our other groups are all thriving, with gatherings, meaningful discussions and friendship. If you have any questions about our many Moving Traditions programs or any of youth programming feel free to reach out to me, or stop by my office!

sisterhood **news**

Amy Brody & Beth Chernoff

Co-presidents

Sisterhood sure kicked off the new year in an "Acres of Diamonds" mode. Our very own congregant, Shira Goodman, addressed us at the Opening Event on October 8, and buzz about her presentation was strong. The event was publicized as intergenerational, and members were encouraged to bring their daughters. We were pleased with this new paradigm, and are already planning other mother-daughter events. For a mitzvah project, we collected hats, scarves, and gloves for a homeless shelter in Norristown.

Carolyn Savitzky launched 5779's Rosh Chodesh program on October 13 with a topical theme, completely disproving the notion that finding interesting, novel subjects to address after all these years is a challenge. The following day, Liz and Aby Shamir hosted a "News and Schmooze," welcoming new members to their home for a lesson in Israeli cuisine. That evening, we rolled out the new Cultural Series; as a sponsor of this event Sisterhood distributed gratis tickets to members (drawn at the Opening Event), and there will be additional drawings for upcoming cultural events. Z'hava began the year on September 23 with an informal meet-and-greet for moms of religious school kids, and Stacie Frutkin offered her kitchen on October 25 so Z'hava members could watch Lauren Gladstone demonstrate easy vegan recipes.

Thank you to Debbie Krochtengel and Karen Petkun for bringing us a creative "funraiser"—three days of shopping at Scarlet Begonias in Flourtown! Shop this specialty boutique on November 14, 15, or 16, and Sisterhood will receive a percentage of the sales. Thank you to those who volunteered to serve as greeters in the shop. Also on November 14, Z'hava is hosting a "Friendsgiving" dinner and trivia at Brick & Barrel; members are encouraged to check Z'hava's Facebook page for more details. Reminder: Meryl Stern and Rhonda Yanoff are still accepting names for the Broadway show wait list, to see *Pretty Woman* on May 8.

Every year, Women's League Mid-Atlantic Region presents a Founder's Day/Torah Fund program, and this year Temple Sinai will serve as host. It will be an elegant "Chai Tea" on November 18, with a discussion of contemporary "hot" topics. There is funding available to subsidize your attendance, so please let us know if you are interested in participating. You might wish to wear the new 5779 Torah Fund pin to this event; Ilene Blatman would be happy to give you details.

We are all looking forward to our Membership Appreciation Dinner/Chanukah Party, at which we will meet the new Shalicha to the Philadelphia area: Bat El Trabelski. This is always an enjoyable evening, but let's try this year to bring in numbers that match those of Opening Event. Mark your calendars for December 4, and watch our Sisterhood shine as brightly as the Chanukah candles! Want to get more involved? We always appreciate hearing your suggestions for new programming. All are welcome to board meetings, and everyone is encouraged to become involved in a committee.
Contact Amy Brody, jnabrody@comcast.net, 215.549.9009 or Beth Chernoff, bec411@hotmail.com, 215.887.7581.

5779 Sisterhood Calendar of Events

12/1	Rosh Chodesh discussion group
12/3	Membership Dinner and Chanukah Party
1/5	Rosh Chodesh discussion group
1/23	Tu B'Shevat Seder led by Sara Wenger
2/2	Sisterhood Shabbat
2/16	Rosh Chodesh discussion group
3/5	Shalach Manot Assembly
3/9	Rosh Chodesh discussion group
3/31	Torah Fund Brunch, honoring Ruth Segal
4/6	Rosh Chodesh discussion group
4/8	Spring Event
5/6	Installation

MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION
FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS

21st ANNUAL MAN OF THE YEAR EVENT

Sunday, December 16, 2018
Gala Buffet Reception begins at 4:30PM

Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El
1001 Remington Road
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Man of the Year

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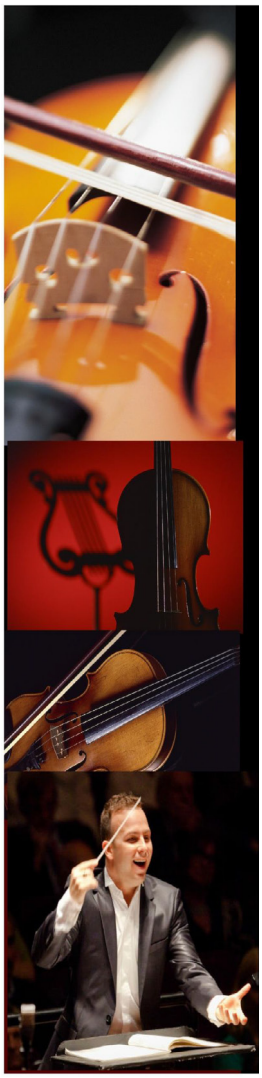

חזק Hazak
Hokhmah/Wisdom • Ziknah/Maturity • Kadimah/Looking Ahead

Temple Sinai Hazak
is sponsoring a trip to hear
the Philadelphia Orchestra
at the Kimmel Center
January 24, 2019
Open to all - Hazak,
Temple Sinai members
and friends!

Program:Leonard Bernstein's Symphony #3
"The Kaddish"
Yannick Nezet Seguin conducting
Cost: Only $65 per person
including bus from Temple Sinai
Time: Concert starts at 7:30 PM
Bus will leave Temple Sinai at 6:00 PM
Availability: Only 26 Tickets
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hazak **news**

Marty & Gail Weiss

Thank you to everyone who attended our fantastic Veteran's Day program. In a world fraught with dissension and strife, it was good to have everyone come together to honor the men and women who have kept our country safe! As we eat the last of the turkey leftovers, we look forward to Chanukah, dreidels and latkes! The holiday comes early this year, and we hope all of you will make happy memories with your families. Music is an integral part of our tradition, and in keeping with that tradition, our next Hazak program, on Sunday, December 16, is a celebration of 100 years of Jewish music. Jeff Dershin, our guest performer, is an accomplished pianist and vocalist who has been regaling audiences for over 30 years. He will treat us to some wonderful Jewish music, and will explain to us what makes a song a "Jewish song". Please note that this program will begin at 11a.m., not 10a.m.

We hope that you will be joining us at the Kimmel Center on January 24th to hear Leonard Bernstein's Kaddish Symphony. If you do not already have your ticket, please check with Rose Beck to see if we still have any tickets left. Transportation to/from the Kimmel Center will be provided from the Synagogue.

Our AARP programs are just around the corner! The one day refresher course is January 17, 2019 from 12:30p.n. to 5:00p.m. For those of you wishing to take the course for the first time, that program runs over 2 days, January 24 and January 31, 2019, again from 12:30pm. until 5:00p.m. Please see Renata Fisher for details and to register for these courses. It's a great way to keep yourself updated on recent changes in the driving regulations, and it affords you a discount on your auto insurance. We wish everyone a wonderful, safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

Please add these dates to your calendar as well:

12.16.18 Brunch and program
1.17.19 AARP Driving program
1.24.19 AARP Driving program
1.31.19 AARP Diving program
2.7.19 Make-up date for AARP driving program, if necessary
2.10.19 Brunch and program
3.24.19 Brunch and program, featuring Jack Kessler and his Klezmer Music Group
5.8.19 Offsite program (date subject to change)
6.22.19 Hazak Shabbat
6.23.19 Year-end brunch and

sisterhood jewish **living**

Joan Winokur

After the physical renewal of summer came the Days of Awe our People's soul cleansing thrust into 5779. Services for the fall Yom Tovim were meaningful, memorable, touching and beautiful. Grateful thanks to Rabbi, Cantor and all others who gave of themselves to raise the bar in connecting us to the meaning of the holy days.

Now we come to Chanukah. Once more we focus on the cleansing and rededication. There are special services in Schul which are a beautiful experience, but here's your chance to make daily home holiday experiences things to remember and recall for a lifetime. With the story, use questions to elicit discussion. Why eight candles? Why start with one and not eight? Why go right to left but with the last first? Why a shamash? Why can't you read by the Chanukah lights? Take an indepth look into the many Jewish cultural foods of the holiday. Have you tried different latkes? How about different suffganots or different coins?

A bit of research, a little daring to be different and you may "fall on your face" OR you may have the most fantastic Chanukah ever. Do your thing then, share your experiences and reactions. Happy Chanukah!

adult **education**

Adult Ed w/ Rabbi Wohlberg

Exploring Our World Through a Jewish Lens

Wednesdays @ 9:30am

(in the conference room)

Adult Ed w/ Faith Rubin

Back To The Beginning

Thursdays @ 10:30am

(in the conference room)

Check online calendar for date exceptions.

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Tracey - teroffman@yahoo.com

B'nai Mitzvah

emma **levin** • 11/3/2018

daughter of Deborah & Lonny Levin

Emma is a 7th grader at Keith Valley Middle School. She loves playing soccer and athletics. Emma enjoys helping other in the community.

For her Mitzvah project, she chose to volunteer at the Abramson Center for Jewish Life as a way to honor the older residence in the community. She understands the importance of helping the elderly with daily tasks as well as being their to listen. She really enjoyed the stories they had to share and being able to share her own stories with them. Emma found this to be a rewarding experience and wants to continue to be a volunteer there.

noa **shapiro** • 11/10/2018

daughter of Marci & Scott Shapiro

Noa is a 7th grader at Germantown Academy. Noa began her Jewish education at Temple Sinai's Ann Newman Preschool and has continued her studies in the Religious School. Noa is active with extracurricular activities. She participates in many sports including softball and skiing. For several years she has enjoyed playing softball year-round catching for her tournament travel softball team. Noa has always loved singing and acting in plays at school and camp, and she has acted with Temple Sinai's Players, playing the role of Michael in the Mary Poppins production.
Noa spends her summers at Camp Timber Tops. She has met so many wonderful friends who will be sharing this special day with her. Noa also looks forward to fun summer days on the beach in Brigantine with her best friends and sisters, Brooke and Emma.

For Noa's Mitzvah Project, she has been combining her love of softball and her understanding of the importance of *tzedakah*. Noa has teamed up with the charity Pitch-In for Baseball and Softball and has been collecting gently used softball equipment that will be reconditioned for children in need.

Noa has worked so hard preparing for her Bat Mitzvah! We are very proud of her accomplishments, her dedication, and most importantly for the wonderful young woman she has become. Noa is thrilled to share in this special day with her parents and sisters, her grandparents, Linda and Charles Levithan and Harriet and Richard Shapiro, and her aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

julia **axler** • 11/17/2018

Julia is a 7th grader at Sandy Run Middle School and has attended Temple Sinai's Ann Newman Preschool, Religious School, and Camp Maccabee.

Julia has many interests including singing, dancing, and playing piano. She plays piano for the Sandy Run Middle School band and jazz band. Julia is also a member of the National Junior Honor Society.

For her Mitzvah Project, Julia volunteers at Mitzvah Circle. In addition to encouraging people to donate items, Julia spends time at Mitzvah Circle organizing and packaging clothing and household necessities for families in need. Julia has enjoyed her time at Mitzvah Circle very much and plans to continue volunteering there throughout the year. This past summer, Julia celebrated her Bat Mitzvah year by taking an unforgettable trip with her family to Israel.

Julia is excited to share her Bat Mitzvah with her parents, her sister Lily, her grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family, and friends.

dani **frankel**• 12/1/2018

daughter of Jodi Frankel

Dani Is a 7th grader at Sandy Run Middle School. Dani's Mitzvah Project was to raise funds for ThyCa, Thyroid Cancer Survivors Association. Dani lost her father to a rare thyroid cancer and wanted to give back to the thyroid community. Dani baked her dad's special chocolate chip cookies and had a very successful bake sale. Dani raised over $1,500 for ThyCa. Dani's family is so proud of her Mitzvah Project and the meaning behind it. Dani is very excited to celebrate this *simcha* with her family and friends.

lauren **steinberg** • 12/1/2018

daughter of Wendy & Darin Steinberg

Lauren is very happy to be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah at Temple Sinai. Temple Sinai is very special to Lauren because it is here where she attended preschool for three years and has wonderful memories that will last a lifetime. Lauren is a 7th grader at Keith Valley Middle School where she enjoys math and science. She loves playing all sports but her favorites are field hockey and lacrosse. Lauren's favorite place is Camp Nock a Mixon. Next summer will be her fifth summer at camp. She has made very special friendships there and considers these friends her summer sisters.

For her Mitzvah Project Lauren is volunteering at the Abramson Center where she enjoys talking to and helping the residents. Lauren is very excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah with her mom, dad, brother Jack, grand moms and all of her friends and family.

ethan **span**• 12/15/2018

son of Susan & Craig Span

Ethan is a 7th grader at Sandy Run Middle School.

Along with his compassionate nature, it was actually his love of good food that led to Ethan's Mitzvah project. We would often eat at restaurants in Center City and see homeless people on the streets. Ethan would give them the leftovers from our meals.

Ethan supported the Inter-Faith Housing Alliance for his Mitzvah Project. Inter-Faith offers opportunities for families in our community to achieve self-sufficiency through community-based programs designed to bridge homelessness to independence.

liana **matez** • 1/5/2019

daughter of Laurie & David Matez

Liana Matez is a 7th grader at the Robert Saligman Middle School at Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy. Liana began her Jewish education at The Ann Newman Preschool at Temple Sinai and continued her learning at the Perelman Jewish Day School. She has a strong sense of Jewish values and traditions, which were instilled in her through interactions with her many teachers, peers, and of course, her family. Liana enjoys many activities including Girl Scouts, piano, and dance.

For her Mitzvah Project, Liana has created blessing bags to give to homeless people who may not have the necessities they need. This includes toiletries and other items needed on a daily basis.

Liana is grateful to share her special day with her parents, Laurie and David and her siblings, Zachary and Marshall. She is blessed to have his grandparents Carole, Marian, and Jerry as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins to share in her special day.

jake **levine** • 1/12/2019

son of Elyn & Adam Levine

Jake is a 7th grader at Sandy Run Middle School. He is new to Upper Dublin, having relocated from the NY-metro area last year. Jake loves to spend his summers at camp in the Berkshires and enjoys playing many sports including golf, tennis, football, basketball, and baseball. Despite his move to the Philadelphia area, he is still a devoted (though sometimes disappointed) Giants and Yankees fan!

Jake's Mitzvah Project is dedicated to suicide prevention. Although he has no personal connection to suicide, he believes it is important to support causes that don't get as much attention because they are uncomfortable or controversial. He participated in American Foundation of Suicide Prevention's (AFSP's) Out of Darkness Walk and was inspired by the personal stories he encountered. Jake is looking forward to continuing to work with AFSP beyond his Bar Mitzvah and hopes to encourage others to join him in helping people know others care, and that no matter what challenges you might face there is always hope.

Jake is looking forward to sharing his special day with his parents, Elyn and Adam, sisters, Sydney and Reece, extended family, and friends.

joshua **harnick** • 2/23/2019

son of Jane & Matt Harnick

Josh is a 7th grader at Sandy Run Middle School. He is very interested in helping people who are less fortunate and doing it in a fun way that benefits everybody. That is why he chose volunteering at the Mitzvah Circle for his Mitzvah Project. There he gets lists of items requested by those in need and "shops" in the warehouse to find the items, box them up, and send them out. Helping people has always been close to Josh's heart and is something he will continue to do for the rest of his life.

Josh is looking forward to celebrating becoming a Bar Mitzvah with his family and friends.

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POTATO LATKES EGGS BENEDICT AUTHOR: AMY KRITZER

PREP TIME: 40 MINS COOK TIME: 20 MINS TOTAL TIME: 1 HOUR

A Benedict twist on potato latkes for Hanukkah

INGREDIENTS:

For Latkes:

1½ cups (1/2 pound) russet potatoes, washed and peeled
1 tablespoon onion, minced
½ clove garlic, minced
1 egg
1 tablespoon flour
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup oil

For Poached Eggs:

4 eggs
1 teaspoon white vinegar
Lox

For Hollandaise:

1 egg yolk
½ lemon, juiced
Pinch cayenne pepper
½ stick unsalted butter (4 tablespoons), melted
Salt to taste
1 tablespoon dill, minced

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Start by shredding your potatoes with a grater into a bowl of ice water. Let sit for 10 minutes. Remove potatoes, squeezing out the moisture into the water. Dry potatoes very well with towels. Let water sit 10 minutes for starch to accumulate on the bottom. Carefully drain water, reserving the white starch on the bottom.
2. Place potatoes in a large bowl, dry again very well. Then add in the onion, eggs, garlic, flour and salt and reserved starch and combine.
3. Meanwhile, heat up canola oil in a large saute pan. Scoop two tablespoon dollops of the potato mixture and flatten lightly and fry until golden brown, about 3-5 minutes. Then flip and fry the other side. Drain on a rack over paper towels.
4. To make your latkes into Benedict latkes, start with poaching eggs.
5. Bring a few inches of water to a simmer (NOT a boil) in a large sauce pan. Add a splash of vinegar (this helps the egg form together). Then whisk water in a circular fashion (also to help the egg form). Crack egg into a ramekin and and gently pour into the middle of the pot.
6. That's pretty much it! You know it's done with the white is just set and the yolk is still runny (Gently press on it to check). Then remove with a slotted spoon and pat dry on a paper towel. Repeat with other eggs.
7. Let's start plating! Top latkes with lox and then a poached egg.
8. Now let's make the Hollandaise. Start by pulsing 1 egg yolk, lemon juice and a pinch of cayenne. Then drizzle in hot (but not boiling hot) butter (I melted mine for 60 seconds in the microwave just before making the sauce.) while blending until sauce is formed. Season with salt and dill and drizzle over eggs.

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Chanukah is sundown December 2nd to December 10th.
Celebrate with your Temple Sinai family!

Sufganiyot

(Israeli Jelly Donuts)

AUTHOR: CHOW FOOD TEAM

Special equipment: You will need a 2-inch round cutter. If you don't have one, you can use a drinking glass of the same size. You will also need a candy/fat thermometer, as well as a 12- to 18-inch pastry bag fitted with a 1/4-inch round tip to fill the donuts with jam or jelly.

yields: 30 donuts. time active: 1 hr 15 mins, plus 2 hrs rising

INGREDIENTS (10):

2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting the baking sheet and rolling out the dough
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 (1/4-ounce) packet active dry yeast
1/2 teaspoon fine salt
2 large egg yolks
3/4 cup warm whole milk (105°F to 115°F)
2 tablespoons unsalted butter (1/4 stick), at room temperature
6 cups (1 1/2 quarts) vegetable or canola oil, for frying, plus more for coating the bowl
2/3 cup smooth jam or jelly
Powdered sugar, for dusting

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Place the flour, sugar, yeast, and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer and whisk to combine. Add the yolks and milk and mix, using the hook attachment, on medium-low speed until a shaggy dough forms, about 1 minute. Add butter, increase the speed to medium high, and mix until the dough is smooth, shiny, and elastic, about 5 minutes.
2. Coat a large bowl with oil. Form the dough into a ball, place in the bowl, and turn to coat in the oil. Cover with plastic wrap or a damp towel and let rise in a warm place until doubled in size, about 1 to 1 1/2 hours.
3. Lightly flour a baking sheet; set aside. Transfer the dough to a lightly floured work surface, and roll until about 1/4 inch thick. Using a 2-inch round cutter, stamp out as many dough rounds as possible and place on the prepared baking sheet about 1/2 inch apart. Gather the dough scraps into a ball and roll out again, stamping rounds until you have 30 total on the baking sheet. Cover loosely with plastic wrap or a damp towel. Let rise in a warm place until puffy and about 1/2 inch thick, about 30 minutes.
4. Place the vegetable or canola oil in a Dutch oven or a large, heavy-bottomed pot and set over medium heat until the temperature reaches 350°F on a candy/fat thermometer. Meanwhile, line a second baking sheet with paper towels and place a wire rack over the paper towels; set aside. Place the jam or jelly in a piping bag fitted with a 1/4-inch round tip; set aside.
5. Using a flat spatula (don't use your hands), carefully transfer the dough rounds, one at a time, into the oil. You should be able to fit about 6 at a time, leaving at least 1 inch of space in between and keeping the oil temperature at 350°F. Fry until the bottoms are golden brown, about 1 1/2 minutes. Carefully flip with a fork and fry until the second side is golden brown, about 1 1/2 minutes more. (If air bubbles appear in the donuts, pierce with the tip of a paring knife.) Remove with a slotted spoon to the wire rack. Repeat with the remaining dough rounds.
6. When the donuts are cool enough to handle, use a paring knife to puncture the side of each to form a pocket in the center. Place the tip of the piping bag into the pocket and pipe about 1 teaspoon of jam or jelly inside. Dust with powdered sugar before serving.

q&a with Our Newest Staff Member

Alison Houghton, Executive Assistant and Communications Specialist

What does your job entail?

A little bit of everything! I am really excited to grow into my role and hopefully do some exciting things here for Temple Sinai! I hope to engage the outside community with Temple Sinai online, as well as in print with our newsletter! I'm excited to embrace the communications aspect of my position and do amazing things with it. I love being creative and planning events so my goal is to plan some really fun, unique and engaging events for the community. I usually have candy at my desk and hope members will stop by to say hello!

What is your favorite part of your job?

Even though I did just start, my favorite part of my new role is the communications aspect. I feel most comfortable when I'm creating something for social media or creating a flyer. I love being able to create flyers and posts that will be seen by everyone! I also really love the people. Everyone has been so kind and supportive, making this such a wonderful place to work!

What are you doing when you're not at Temple Sinai?

When I'm not working I'm usually spending time with friends and family. I also really enjoy cooking and baking! I currently live in University City, Philadelphia and I really enjoy exploring Philadelphia. I love going new places and exploring new cities. I am new to the area, so if you have any recommendations of cool places to travel, let me know!

Where did you grow up?

Lancaster, Pa.

Where did you go to college?

Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey; I earned a BA in journalism. In January, I will start graduate school part time at Drexel University in pursuit of a Master of Science degree in non-profit management in the private, public, and social sectors.

Favorite Jewish holiday?

Hanukkah! Even though Hanukkah is usually considered a minor holiday, I love the happiness that surrounds this holiday. It is a time to celebrate the incredible miracles that can happen in our lives. I have fond memories of spending time with my family, eating great food, and celebrating!

Temple Sinai Community-

Thank you so much for welcoming me into your community. Everyone has been so kind, and I can't say enough how thankful I am to be working in such a positive enviroment.Now that you know a bit more about me, I'd love to know more about YOU! If we haven't met yet, please feel free to stop in the main office and say hello! I have a candy jar and I'd love to chat!

-Alison

a family discovery in **Vienna**

Bruce Shanzer

We found the cemetery rather easily. No surprise there. It goes by the name Wiener Zentralfriedhof and is one of the largest in the world. It sits in central Vienna and houses the graves of Beethoven, Brahms, Salieri, Schubert, and Strauss, and in one of the Jewish sections rests Albert Rothschild.But we weren't visiting to say hello to them.

Last August I found time to start to go through an old box that I had inherited from my mother when she passed away in 2015. I never knew it existed until we were cleaning out her place. The contents were not needed to settle her affairs, so I left it for a later look.

It took me two years before I reached into this box for the first time. As if directed by someone else, my hand immediately grasped a small old leather pouch. I could feel several items inside, so I set it down on the breakfast room table and looked.

First was my paternal grandfather's honorable discharge from the US Army on April 12, 1919. It was in pretty good shape as was the next item, his naturalization papers from June 30, 1919. The last thing was a small square piece of paper written in German with numbers and a date—July 12,

1910—and a name—Abraham Schanzer. My initial reaction was: what was my father's name, spelled incorrectly, doing on this piece of paper included with all these old papers? Then my wife Joanne pointed out the date to me. I was not certain what this paper was, so I sat down with Joanne and used the wonderful translation tools found on the internet. It did not take us long to realize that it was the location of my great grandfather's grave! Section 50, row 53, grave 97 was its location. Considering that up to that point I had no knowledge of my father's family other than that we were from Lodz, Poland, it was quite an emotional discovery. As to why he was in Vienna we will never know for certain.

It's interesting how things happen. Joanne and I already had booked a May trip starting in Prague, river boating down the Danube to Romania and finishing in Transylvania. Although we have always been reluctant to go to Austria, this was different. We added three days to the beginning of our trip to visit Vienna.

In the months until departure, I started genealogical research on many sites and found the greatest source of information through Jewish Records Indexing-Poland (JRI-Poland). There you can look in specific city records. Knowing where my family was from helped greatly. I was able to identify the Polish version of my last name (Szancer) and, using it, I started to dig out information with names that could be part of my family. The research resulted in a list of family possibilities. Now the hard work started. There would be two steps to get the detailed information that I needed. The easier part was to go to New York City and go through microfiche for some of the items. Harder was to apply to Poland for the information that must be processed through Polish authorities. Fortunately, you can apply in English. But the results you receive are in Polish.

Now came the really fortunate part. To show my appreciation to the JRI-Poland organization and its charitable work, I made a donation. Not a huge donation, but enough to say thank you. Next thing I knew, I received an email from the president of the organization. He offered to help. Due to his efforts, I received all that I was looking for translated from the Polish. I made a more significant thank you donation as a result.

I was able to build a family tree for my father filled with names that were new to me. I really wish my Dad was still alive to see it. There is still much work to do but I am hoping that I find living relatives that I never knew.

The Jewish sections of the Vienna cemetery have survived the First World War and bombings during the Second World War. They have survived the Holocaust though they were attacked quite extensively on Kristallnacht when many graves were destroyed. I did not know what to expect as most of the cemeteries I knew here were in good shape and well maintained. I also had no guarantee that Abraham Schanzer's grave would still be there or in what condition it would be if it was.

We had no idea that the section where his grave was supposed to be housed over 7,000 graves, all very close together or that there were over 70,000 Jewish burials in the entire cemetery. Most of the burials in his section were prior to 1917 when the new Jewish section opened. Let's say it was not what I expected. The weeds were waist high and many headstones were lying on the ground face down. Vines were growing around many stones making them unreadable. Some that were upright were worn away with time. The ground was very uneven, as many grave contents had disintegrated away over the years. Except for a few here and there, there were virtually no row markings and I saw no grave identification numbers at all. We started to look in an arbitrary manner trying to find the graves on the proper row. After maybe an hour and a half of frustrated looking, disturbing rabbits, and avoiding poison ivy, we took a break and decided to see if the cemetery office could help.

It is a long walk to the office in a cemetery of this size. During this trek, Joanne tried her best to keep me thinking positively. But I envisioned coming all this way only to be disappointed. I held onto the hope that the office could help. We were there on a Sunday. The office was closed.

We sat down to talk before we returned to try one more time. Then the accountant in me came up with a plan. Since his grave number was 97, I figured that if we knew the number of graves across the front of the section, we could approximate the correct location, thereby narrowing our focus. We returned and counted 112. Even with the inconsistencies of the graves, it meant that he should be within the first 20 from the end. Unfortunately, with no grave numbers, we did not know on which side of the section to start.

We were able to approximate where row 53 was. The side we tried first was a mess and gave us nothing. Then we went to the other side. I started at the end while Joanne walked around and started at the next walkway working toward me.

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...I was able to build a family tree for my father filled with names that were new to me. I really wish my Dad was still alive to see it. There is still much work to do but I am hoping that I find living relatives that I never knew.

The Jewish sections of the Vienna cemetery have survived the First World War and bombings during the Second World War. They have survived the Holocaust though they were attacked quite extensively on Kristallnacht when many graves were destroyed. I did not know what to expect as most of the cemeteries I knew *here* were in good shape and well maintained. I also had no guarantee that Abraham Schanzer's grave would still be there or in what condition it would be if it was.

We had no idea that the section where his grave was supposed to be housed over 7,000 graves, all very close together or that there were over 70,000 Jewish burials in the entire cemetery. Most of the burials in his section were prior to 1917 when the new Jewish section opened. Let's say it was not what I expected. The weeds were waist high and many headstones were lying on the ground face down. Vines were growing around many stones making them unreadable. Some that were upright were worn away with time. The ground was very uneven, as many grave contents had disintegrated away over the years. Except for a few here and there, there were virtually no row markings and I saw no grave identification numbers at all.

We started to look in an arbitrary manner trying to find the graves on the proper row. After maybe an hour and a half of frustrated looking, disturbing rabbits, and avoiding poison ivy, we took a break and decided to see if the cemetery office could help.

It is a long walk to the office in a cemetery of this size. During this trek, Joanne tried her best to keep me thinking positively. But I envisioned coming all this way only to be disappointed. I held onto the hope that the office could help.

I walked in slowly looking at each grave that could be identified without success, and then I stopped. I don't know why. Maybe it was help from above. Maybe it was just blind luck. But I looked up and on the next row, THERE IT WAS!!!

I let out a yell and Joanne came running and we started jumping up and down and crying. It could be that no family member had visited that grave in 100 years! It was in surprisingly good shape (see picture). We said Kaddish, put stones on the grave, and took about 1,000 pictures! Joanne texted a picture to my sister and cousins. We later found out that he was a very well respected and learned man. He reminds me of my father—how apropos since my father was named after him. We are grateful to Rabbi Wohlberg for translating all the Hebrew on the stone.

I still get chills thinking about this adventure. My plans are to contact the cemetery to find out how my great grandfather's stone can be protected. In the meantime, I feel lucky to have made the discovery. I already miss not being able to put my hands on it again. I guess this means another trip to Vienna someday.

My cousin in New York, who is of my father's generation, recently sent me two pictures. One was an old picture of his father in front of a gravestone (see picture). All these years, he never knew whose stone it was, until we sent him the picture from Vienna. He told me that he started crying when he saw it. The other picture is of my great grandmother, Chaia. I researched and found that she is buried in the Jewish cemetery in Lodz. A trip to Poland is in my future.

When I think about the last year, I cannot help but feel there was a guiding hand in our efforts:

*The fact that I decided to investigate the contents of Mom's box when I did

*The fact that from all the items inside, I happened to pull out the leather pouch

*Finding the cemetery information and being able to translate on the internet

*The fact we were scheduled for a European trip already

*The incredibly efficient and timely work of the JRI-Poland people

*Stopping at just the right moment to look up to see the stone

I believe it was meant to be and I feel fortunate to have been able to take advantage of it. I realize now that I have just scratched the surface of my family history and I look forward to continuing on this path of discovery.

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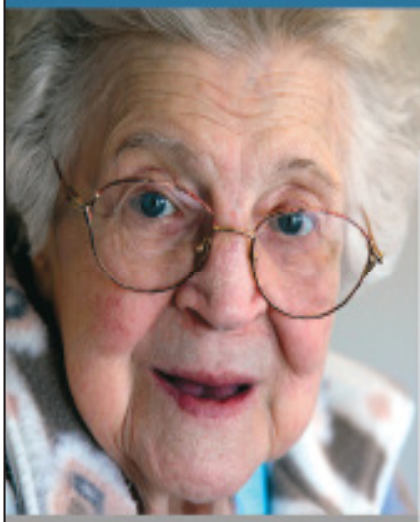

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