

WINTER 2023



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## TEMPLE EMANUEL | TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday, January 28, 2023**  
**7:30 pm in the Social Hall**

Let's celebrate reaching our "Not So Trivial Pursuit"

Giving Tuesday goal!

All our welcome – invite your friends!  
Snacks, beer, wine and friendly competition!  
\$10/person (adults only!)  
RSVP [here](#) by 1/22.





# T'Filah

## WORSHIP & TORAH STUDY SCHEDULE

### Friday Afternoon Torah Study at 1:00pm

Temple's Shabbat morning Torah Study frequently focuses on a single idea or verse, leaving much on the cutting room floor for further exploration. Curious what else the sages of our tradition were thinking? Join Rabbi Meyer on Zoom by clicking [here](#) for a 45 minute sneak peek!

### Shabbat Evening Services – Fridays at 7:00pm

Join us for our Shabbat evening services in the Beit HaT'filah (masks are optional). You can also continue to connect with us via [Temple's website](#), [Facebook](#), or [Youtube](#). An electronic copy of Mishkan T'filah, the congregation's prayer book, can be accessed [here](#). Immediately following the service, enjoy a nosh at the oneg and schmooze with fellow congregants.

### Shabbat Mornings

8:30AM Our Shabbat morning videos will be released on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). One will include the traditional first Aliyah from our Sefer Torah in Hebrew and translation, and the second a brief exposition of how the themes and lessons of the parashat (portion) relate to our modern lives.

### Shabbat Morning Torah Study – Saturdays at 9:00am

Join Rabbi Meyer in person at Temple or on [Zoom](#) to discuss the weekly *parashat*.

### Havdalah – Saturdays at 8:00pm

Join us virtually on Temple's [Facebook page](#).

### Lay-Led Morning Minyan – Sundays at 9:30am

In person in the Beit HaT'filah or click [here](#) to join virtually on Zoom.

January 20

*2nd Grade Class Shabbat*

January 27

*4th Grade Class Shabbat*

February 3

*Scout Shabbat*

February 24

*4th Grade Class Shabbat  
& Musician-in-Residence  
Jacob Kraus*

March 3

*6th Grade Class Shabbat*

March 24

*5th Grade Class Shabbat  
& Musician-in-Residence  
Cantor Yvon Shor*

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## B'nai Mitzvah Services 10:30AM

Saturday, March 4  
*Naomi Margolis*

Saturday, March 11  
*Zach Gelman*

Saturday, March 18  
*Kylie Baran*





## A MESSAGE FROM RABBI AARON MEYER

When Julius Streicher, the Nazi Party leader and founder of the Nazi newspaper *Der Stürmer*, was sentenced to death at the Nuremberg Trials in 1946, his penultimate words were “Purimfest 1946.” Surprising perhaps, and a bit bizarre to outsiders, Streicher’s words reveal a lifelong preoccupation with the Jewish holiday of Purim.

Celebrated on the 14th of Adar in early spring and recorded in the Scroll of Esther, Purim recounts the story of Esther and Mordechai’s efforts to save the Jews from Haman’s evil scheming in the court of King Ahasuerus. The sanitized, age-appropriate version of the story that we tell children to accompany carnivals and shpiels masks a saga that would otherwise be “Rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America.” Vashti likely wasn’t vanquished but murdered; Esther likely didn’t win a beauty pageant but emerged handpicked from the king’s harem; and the final chapters read like a revenge fantasy filled with shocking violence. In our fictitious, ahistorical text, the Jews “disposed of their enemies, killing seventy-five thousand of their foes” we read in Esther 9:16, including Haman’s ten sons who are listed by name.

Though there exists no evidence that this actually occurred (and indeed a preponderance of evidence exists that it could not), it became one of many pretexts Streicher and his Nazi compatriots used to justify violence against the Jews. On the day after Kristallnacht, Streicher gave a speech to more than 100,000 people claiming the Jews killed 75,000 Persians in one night and would do the same to the Germans unless they themselves were killed. Historian Martin Gilbert chronicles a number of other times Jews were persecuted specifically on or because of Purim: in Zdunska-Wola, for example, on Purim 1942, ten Jews were hung by Nazis in revenge for Haman’s sons; and on Purim 1943, the Nazis fooled the Jews of the Piotrkow ghetto by asking for ten Jewish volunteers to be part of an exchange program before shooting them all.

Unsurprisingly, the Jewish community also made use of the Purim story as one of empowerment and resistance. Hitler makes an appearance as Haman in Purim shpiels dating back to 1934, the Nazis were regularly referred to as the sons of Haman in rabbinic writings, and the Jewish community found solace in this story of overcoming state-sponsored violence no matter how unlikely.

We don’t know how Streicher intended his penultimate exclamation: “Purimfest 1946.” Was it a rallying cry for those who might further perpetrate violence against the Jews, comparing himself to one of Hitler’s sons and urging his followers to seek revenge as he felt himself doing? Or was it a recognition that just as the Jews had triumphed in Shushan so long ago so too had they triumphed in Nuremberg? For the Jewish community, it is the latter explanation that was foretold.

According to Jewish tradition dating back to the late first millennium, three Hebrew letters are written out smaller than the rest when scribing the names of Haman’s ten sons in the Book of Esther. A *tav*, *shin*, and *zayin* used in these names are written in what today we would refer to as “superscript.” While we don’t have an original source to why this became custom, modern Jews might look at the Gematria (the system of biblical interpretation where each Hebrew letter is assigned a number: aleph is 1, bet is 2, gimel 3 and so forth) for meaning. When added up, *tav*, *shin*, and *zayin* equal (5)707, the year on the Hebrew calendar when Streicher was hung for his crimes. Whether biblically-foretold predestination or remarkable coincidence, there is poetic justice to this date for the final days of one who did so much harm to the Jewish community.

“For the Jews, there was light and happiness, joy and honor” we read in Exodus 8:16. *Ken tiyeh lanu* - So, too, may it be for us.



## A Message from Michelle Markowitz, Temple President

Around the middle of December (or maybe even right after Thanksgiving!) , I start looking at my to-do list and then saying, I'll get to it in the new year. For some items, I am truly putting them off - not wanting the new year to come so I may never have to do them. For others, I am excited for the new year, because that means it is time to get started.

One of those excited-it's-time-to-start efforts is the next Phase of our partnership with Outside Angle. As I hope you have read by now, the first Phase of our work revealed what many of us already believed to be true - Temple Emanuel is relevant and vibrant and provides essential meaning to the lives of many both in and around our community. The work of this Phase also revealed what many of us have long suspected, that due to numerous factors, including some which are not within our control, the current financial model under which Temple Emanuel operates is unlikely to sustain us indefinitely.

Faced with this duality, the Temple Emanuel Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to continue our engagement with Outside Angle. We want to ensure that Temple Emanuel is in a position for the long-term to fulfill its mission of Living, Leading, and Learning Judaism.

The next phase kicks off with a series of listening and visioning sessions, and we want to hear every voice.

Please join us, and invite your friends, for one of the currently scheduled listening and visioning sessions. These 90-minute sessions are specially designed for us and will be facilitated by our partners at Outside Angle. Topics we will explore include cultivating community, social activism, preservation of Jewish traditions and values, and spiritual and religious guidance. **Please register for sessions at [this link](#).**

If you have any questions about these sessions or this work in general, please don't hesitate to reach out to me ([mrm0530@gmail.com](mailto:mrm0530@gmail.com)/ 412-512-3513) or Sarah Silverman ([sarah@outsideangle.com](mailto:sarah@outsideangle.com)/ 412-376-3785).

I look forward to seeing you in the new year!



## ECDC Update

Happy New Year from Temple Emanuel ECDC! The past few months have offered many opportunities for joyful celebration. Across our school, classrooms celebrated Chanukah and welcomed the New Year. As a Reggio-inspired program, we are always looking for ways to embed skill-building into the work of the classroom and holiday celebrations. Games of dreidel offered opportunities for practicing counting skills, wait time, and good sportsmanship. Chanukah is a wonderful time to practice the Jewish value of *hachnasat orchim*, welcoming guests, to join us for a special assembly and snack. The children prepared homemade applesauce to be enjoyed with latkes. They made decorations, gifts, and holiday cards.

Registration for school year 2023-2024 begins in February. We are looking forward to welcoming new children and families to our ECDC community. Know someone who may be interested in joining our school? We'd be glad to set up a tour! Contact ECDC Director Kate Louik at [klouik@templeemanuelpgh.org](mailto:klouik@templeemanuelpgh.org) or 412-279-7687.



*A two year old practices lighting the candles*



*A dreidel game in progress*



*Class created chanukkiot*



# TEMPLE FAMILY *MENSCHENINGS*

## SHALOM!

### A warm welcome goes to new members of our Temple family:

- Kate & Joel Rosenthal
- Jeffrey Levin
- Hannah Joseph & Jonathan Walton & their daughters Miriam & Naomi
- Howard Friedman
- Emily & Indranil Lingayat
- Christa Brooks & Daniel Engel
- Ann-Michele & Noah Potvin & their daughter Denali
- Adam & Julie Lutz & their children Addison, Avery, Autumn & Anderson
- Noah Greenberg

### We mourn the loss of:

- **Sandra Levin**, Temple member, mother of Jeffrey Levin (October 18)
- **Lorraine Mundell**, mother of Amy (David) Bahm, sister of Rosalind (Farrel) Levine, grandmother of Bryan Bahm, Evan Bahm and the late Jonathan Bahm, aunt of Stephen (Kara) Levine, Alan (Jodi) Levine, great-aunt of Sam Levine, Leah Levine & Jackson Levine, (October 22)
- **Isabel Bolner Klein**, grandmother of Leslie (Bruce) Schorr, (October 27)
- **Martin "Marty" Markowitz**, father of Pace (Michelle) Markowitz & grandfather of Myer & Hannah Markowitz, (November 6)
- **Morton Aronson**, father of Richard (Roberta) Aronson, (November 8)
- **Jim Parker**, father-in-law of Ari Sobel, grandfather of Heather Pittman, Ashe Sobel-Drum, & Makis Sobel-Drum, (November 12)
- **Sanford "Sandy" Paul**, brother of Francine Bagnato, (November 14)
- **Rita Kohn**, mother of Holly (Bruce) Rudoy, grandmother of Madelyn & Zachary Rudoy, (November 20)
- **Rosemary Rosenthal**, mother of Melissa Jones, grandmother of Montana Del Ciello (December 9)
- **George Pattak**, father of Mark (Elaine) Pattak, grandfather of Dana (Matthew) Kennedy, great-grandfather of Autumn and Dylan Kennedy, (December 25)
- **Ruth Levine**, Temple member (December 29)

## Welcome New Babies!

- **Grant Michael Wolkoff**, born October 5<sup>th</sup> to David & Megan Wolkoff, grandson of Carol & Marc Wolkoff
- **Ronen Isaac Bernhardt**, born October 14<sup>th</sup> to Beth & Jase Bernhardt, grandson of Debbie & Paul Rudoy
- **Max Alexander Farber**, born October 28<sup>th</sup> to Drs. Stephanie & Nicholas Farber, grandson of Diane & Frank Dreifuss
- **Reed Jonathan Williams**, born November 1<sup>st</sup> to Eric & Melissa Williams, grandson of Tobi & Jonathan Williams
- **Mavis Josephine Demme**, born November 28<sup>th</sup> to Deborah & Jeremiah Demme, granddaughter of Linda & Paul Richardson
- **Eva Sarah Stotter**, born December 8<sup>th</sup>, to Lauren Nowenstein & Jason Stotter, granddaughter of Lois & Richard Stotter
- **Sadie Paula Seltzer**, born December 15<sup>th</sup> to Lauren & Justin Seltzer, Granddaughter of Gary Brant.
- **Ava Rose Schmerling**, born December 22<sup>nd</sup> to Ariel & Bruce Schmerling, granddaughter of Jon & Veronica Schmerling.

## Marriages

- Members, **Jessica Achille & Samuel Livingston**, August 20, 2022

## Engagements

- **Lisa Rosenberger**, daughter of Barbara and Bryan Rosenberger, is engaged to Marc Silberstein. An August 2023 wedding is planned.
- **Brandon Levine**, son of Marc and Linda Levine, Grandson of Harvey and Ethel Levine, is engaged to Katie Elias. A May 2023 wedding is planned.

## B'Nei Mitzvah

- **Naomi Margolis**, daughter of Maria Margolis and Jason Margolis, March 4
- **Zach Gelman**, son of Eva & Dan Gelman, March 11
- **Kylie Baran**, daughter of Lori & Artie Baran, granddaughter of Darlene Mannheimer, March 18





## TORAH CENTER UPDATE

*From Steph McFerron, Education Director*

2022 wrapped up on a high note in Torah Center! Our 6th-grade students seamlessly organized our annual mitzvah mall. We saw a return of many well-known to us organizations as well as additions of a few new ones - who we hope to see again next year! Many thanks to our 6<sup>th</sup> graders, as well as their teachers and madrichim for their leadership, which led them to another successful year. I am excited to see what the second half of the year has in store for us!

On Sunday, February 26 our students will again participate in a school-wide *mishloach manot* project, making Purim treat bags for our most senior Temple members. Working with members of our Caring Community the bags will be assembled and ready for delivery. We need volunteers to pick up the bags that afternoon and deliver them during the week. If you are available to make deliveries, please contact [Kim Walters](#).



*6th grade students, teachers Melinda Freed and Jen Reverri and madricha Melanie Rock at the Mitzvah Mall*

# WINTER | PROGRAMMING AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

We are excited to welcome you back to Temple Emanuel this winter with our lineup of programming and volunteering opportunities alongside our regularly scheduled services, KIDdish Clubs for our youngest members every second Friday of the month, and our ECDC and Torah Center programs.

We hope that there is something that appeals to you in our lineup and that you are excited to be more involved!

To be the most up to date on everything happening at Temple Emanuel, [check out our calendar](#) and subscribe to have the dates added to your calendar automatically!

## Men+ of Temple Emanuel “Brews” Meet Up

We are looking forward to another Men of Temple Emanuel “Brews” Night! Meet us at Mindful Brewing Company in Castle Shannon. Appetizers will be provided. RSVP to Sarah Mangan ([smangan@templeemanuelpgh.org](mailto:smangan@templeemanuelpgh.org)).

**Thursday 1/19**

**7:00 PM**

@ Mindful Brewing  
Company in Castle  
Shannon

## Kids of Steel Training

Temple Emanuel has a Pittsburgh Marathon team that is able to participate in any of the events during the marathon weekend in May. One of the events is Kids of Steel, a one-mile race for young runners.

Students in our Torah Center are invited to stay after class on Sundays starting 1/22/23 from noon to 12:45 to start training for our 1-mile race or you can train on your own. Sign up [here](#).

Email [Steph McFerron](#) to learn more about the marathon events available to our team.

**Sundays starting  
1/22, from 12:00 PM  
to 12:45 PM**

@ Temple Emanuel

## Lost and Isolated Communities of Israel: 4-Session Course with Journalist and Educator Dr. Steven Klein

Mainstream Jewry has encountered communities across the globe claiming to belong to the Jewish people or to be descendants of lost Israelite tribes, who were exiled 2,700 years ago, for centuries. Who are these groups? How did they get “lost” or become isolated from the rest of known Jewry? And why have their claims been accepted or rejected? Sessions will cover the history and search for the Lost Tribes, as well as communities ranging from India and Ethiopia to Africa and the Americas.

Instructor Dr. Steven Klein is a Jewish educator and journalist with a Ph.D. in conflict management and negotiation from Bar-Ilan University. An adjunct instructor at Tel Aviv University and a senior editor at Haaretz English Edition, he has contributed numerous articles to the newspaper on issues regarding Israeli society as well as regional and international conflict.

Registration is \$18 for the four sessions. [Register here!](#)

**Dr. Steven Klein is a Jewish educator, journalist, and senior editor at Haaretz English Edition.**



**Four one-hour sessions  
available in person and  
over Zoom**

**Tuesdays at 11:00 AM  
Join us at 10:30 AM for  
a nosh and community!**

**January 24th and  
January 31st @ Temple  
Emanuel**

**February 14th and  
February 21st @ Beth El**



## Play Mahj

Join us in table games of Mahjong! All levels of players are welcome. Snacks will be provided.

**Sunday, 1/ 22 and  
Sunday, 2/5 at 2:00 PM**  
**@ Temple Emanuel**  
**(outside of the Social Hall)**

## Guest Speaker: David Rullo

Join us in the Temple Emanuel library for a guest talk by Temple Emanuel congregant and friend, David Rullo. David is a journalist for the Jewish Chronicle as well as a poet, freelance writer, musician, and artist.

Bagels and coffee will be provided.

**Sunday, 2/5 at 10:00**  
**@ Temple Emanuel**  
**Library**

## MOTE+ Hosts: Super Bowl Party

Join MOTE+ for their annual Super Bowl Party at Temple Emanuel. More details to come!

**Sunday, 2/12 at 5:30 PM**

## Costume Karaoke for Purim

Come dressed up in your Purim costume for Karaoke Night at Anthos! Adults only. More details to come.

**Saturday, 3/4 at  
7:30 PM**

## Jacob Spike Kraus: Musician-in-Residence Weekend

**Friday, 2/24 @ 7 PM**

Jacob Spike Kraus joins Rabbi Meyer to lead our Shabbat evening service along with our 4th grade class. We also welcome Rabbi Greenbaum and our are friends from Beth El to join us!

**Saturday, 2/25 @ 6 PM**

Join us for pizza, a concert and Havdalah with Jacob Spike Kraus! All are welcome! Please RSVP to the [office](#) (412.279.7600) for this FREE event by 2/21 so we're sure to have enough food for everyone!

## Paint Cups and Plates for Passover

All are welcome to paint ceramic plates and cups in preparation for Passover! Email Sarah Mangan to sign-up and select the pieces you'd like to paint by Sunday, February 5th. Cost of the event will be dependent on the pieces you'd like to paint, starting at \$10.

Snacks and drinks will be provided!

**Sunday, 2/26 at 2:00 PM**  
**@ Community Room**

## Joint Community Purim Carnival



**Save the date! All are welcome to the community-wide Purim carnival sponsored by Temple, Beth El, the South Hills JCC and PJ Library! More details to come.**

**Sunday, 3/5 at 10 AM**  
**@ Beth El**

## KIDdish Club

KIDdish Club is off to a great start! We are excited to welcome you again to Temple Emanuel for a kid-friendly dinner, craft projects and play time; and a fast-paced musical introduction to Shabbat. Don't worry if you can't make it right at 5:00pm — you can drop in anytime!

While this program is designed with those ages 0-6 in mind, older siblings, parents and even grandparents are welcome. Rebecca Closson, Kate Louik, Sarah Mangan, and all of your friends at Temple are excited to welcome you! While we intend this to be a program your family can drop into when your busy schedules permit, we appreciate your RSVP to [Sarah Mangan](#) so we're sure to have enough food for everyone.

All are welcome! Invite your friends from the community to join us!

**Fridays - 2/10 and 3/10**  
**5PM-6:30 PM**

We'd love to highlight the good you're doing in our Temple Emanuel community and beyond. Contact [Sarah Mangan](#) with any pictures and information about what's going on!

## Social Action Event: Prepare Freezer Meals for the Women's Shelter

The Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh provides women and their children a safe place to go as an emergency shelter from domestic abuse. More than that, they provide support groups, legal advocacy, and programming for the adults and children in their care. We have the opportunity to support this mission by providing dinner for the families in their care.

For this event, we will prepare freezer meals for the center to use as needed. The kitchen can comfortably fit between 3-8 volunteers. Email [Sarah Mangan](#) to RSVP to this event. Interested volunteers will meet either in person or virtually beforehand to discuss plans for the freezer meals we will prepare at the center.

**Sunday, 3/12 at  
2:30 PM**

*@ the Women's Center  
and Shelter of Greater  
Pittsburgh*

## Social Action Event: Mahj (and More) for a Cause

Join us for an afternoon of games including Mahjong, Bunco, and card games. This will be your last opportunity to play with your 2022 Mahjong cards with Temple Emanuel before the 2023 cards are used. Donations of \$18 per person will benefit the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh.

More details to come.

**Sunday, 3/19  
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

*@ Temple Emanuel  
Social Hall*

## The Intersection of Race, Disability and Religion: A First-Person Experience

Join The Branch (formerly JRS) and webinar speaker Asha Chai-Chang as she talks about the growing community of Jews who identify as Jews of Color. Born in Long Island as the Jamaican/Cuban/Chinese/Jewish daughter to immigrant parents, Asha is an Actuary by Trade turned Award-Winning Director/Writer with invisible disabilities. Asha will create an open dialogue about being a person of color with multiple disabilities and speak about the intersectionality of being a Jew of Color with disabilities. She will also explore ways Jewish communities can increase visibility and create safe spaces for Jews of Color. Attendees will learn informative statistics and factual findings, have an opportunity to connect within the webinar, and walk away with new tools and best practices.

*Webinar via Zoom*

**Thursday, 2/2  
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

Click [here](#) to register

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Temple Emanuel offers scholarships for teen trips to Israel and URJ summer camps (all ages) through the Rabbi William Sajowitz Endowment Fund. Please contact [Leslie Hoffman](#) or [Steph McFerron](#) for the application. The deadline to apply this year is February 10.

The Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh also offers scholarships for [Israel trips](#) and [first-time campers](#) at any Jewish Camp. Be sure to check out their links for more information and application deadlines.

## GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

I am pleased to announce that the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency has approved Temple Emanuel's funding request through the Fall/Winter 2022 Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program. We will use this \$42,000 grant to upgrade our exterior security cameras and to install cameras throughout the interior of the building as well. When complete, these cameras will all be integrated with our BluePoint Alert system to provide emergency responders with critical and timely information in the event of an incident at Temple.

- Leslie Hoffman, Executive Director

## Grief & Loss Group

Temple's Grief & Loss Group will meet on Sundays, February 12 and March 12. You can also join the group virtually using this [Zoom](#) link. Questions? Contact [Ellen Ulmer](#).

## Year-Round SHIM Food Drive

Food insecurity is a year-round issue for many in of our South Hills neighbors. Drop off your non-perishable donations for SHIM in the collection bin in the courtyard vestibule on weekdays between 9-2 or bring them with you when you come to Temple for services or other programs.

## Spring Plant Sale - Flowers, Vegetables & Herbs!

Watch your email for ordering information coming soon! Plants will be available for pick-up May 9-11<sup>th</sup>, just in time for Mother's Day! We are looking for a volunteer to manage data entry of the orders this year. We will also need volunteers to help sort the orders on May 9 (rain or shine!). If you would like to help, please contact [Sarah Mangan](#).

## SHIM Garden Help Needed

Do you love to garden and have experience growing vegetables and herbs? We need a volunteer to team to plan, plant, maintain and harvest our SHIM garden beginning this spring. It's a mitzvah for Temple to provide fresh produce for SHIM's food pantry clients but we can only continue this effort with a committed team of volunteers. Please contact [Sarah Mangan](#) if you can help.



## TEAM SANDWICH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

*Each month we partner with local social service organizations to provide at least 500 sandwiches for their clients.*

Upcoming Dates:

**January 17, February 21, March 21**

Please contact [Susan Hommel](#) if you can help.

Many thanks to our July, August and September contributors and drivers!

Many thanks to our October, November & December contributors and drivers!

Meg & Keith Abrams, Jill Brufsky, Shelley & Bob Cohn, Laura & Sarah Davidson, Marianne Faber, Laryn & Moe Finder, Howard Friedman, Joann Goldberg, Chris & Iris Harlan, Nancy Jennings, Lynn Lebowitz, Sally Lebowitz, Avi Levin, Irene Luchinsky & Allen Beitman, Judy Nesvisky, Ruth Novice, Harrison & Merritt Pittle, Judy & Allan Press, Linda & Paul Richardson, Britt Roteman, Joan Rothaus, Annie Schneider, Debbie & Ron Schneider, Alan & Bunny Schorr, Silbermann Family, Susie Silbermann, Makis Sobel-Drum, Wellins Family and Rachel Zoffer

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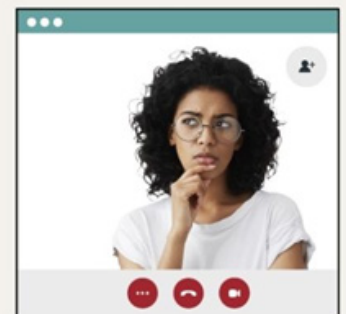
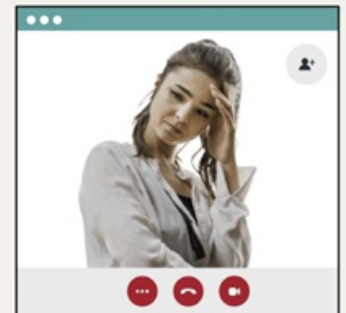


**WEDNESDAYS**  
November 30th  
December 21st  
January 25th  
February 22nd



**7:00 - 8:15 PM VIA ZOOM**

**\*FREE AND OPEN TO ANYONE IN PGH EXPERIENCING INFERTILITY!**



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*Pittsburgh*

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**24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING**  
[jewishfertilityfoundation.org/support](http://jewishfertilityfoundation.org/support)



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Lori Blattner's special birthday  
In appreciation of High Holy Days passes  
Laryn & Moe Finder's 70th Anniversary  
Rita Kohn

### Donor

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### In Memory

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## Cemetery Beautification Fund

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