

"God Bless America"

*Non-partisan Conversations about Foundational Jewish Values at the
Core of Decision '08*

A PROJECT OF THE MEYER SIMTIZ LIFELONG LEARNING INITIATIVE

Temple Sinai presents "God Bless America"

*Eight weeks of non-partisan conversations in preparation for decision
'08*

FOR ADULTS OF ALL AGES (POST B'NAI MITZVAH STUDENTS ARE WELCOME)

Three opportunities to explore critical issues on the political agenda from a secular perspective and from a Jewish perspective. Each session will include a presentation of the current spectrum of opinion in the US, Jewish perspectives on the core issues, and ample time for discussion. Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at Temple Sinai.

HEALTH CARE – Beyond the sound-bites of either candidate, what is at the core of the contemporary debate about health care and how can Jewish tradition inform us regarding the implicit values within contemporary political opinions as we prepare to cast our ballots?

Saturday, September 13, 7:30 PM – Havdalah, Wine and Dessert\$6, Registration required

Presenter: **Dr. Judith Lave, PhD**, *University of Pittsburgh Professor of Health Economics.*

Dr. Lave serves as Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management, the Director of the Health Administration Program and co-director of the Center for Research on Health Care at the University of Pittsburgh. In addition, she is a member of the Technical Advisory Group for the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council and serves on the Board of Health Services for the Institute of Medicine. She was a commissioner on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and its predecessor commission, the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission. She is the author of more than 140 scientific publications.

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NEGOTIATING WITH ENEMIES – While both candidates for President have expressed their opinions regarding negotiating with enemies, the spectrum is not defined exclusively by the extremes. Join us for a better understanding of the

contemporary spectrum, how it relates to historic spectrums, and the potential impact of such policies on the years ahead. Ancient and contemporary Jewish perspectives might help us better understand our individual moral center on this issue as we prepare to cast our ballots.

Monday, October 6, 7:15 PM

Free, Pre-registration requested

Presenter: **David Shribman**, *Executive Editor, The Pittsburgh Post Gazette*

After ten years as the Washington Bureau Chief of *The Boston Globe*, David Shribman became executive editor of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* in 2003. Mr. Shribman was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in journalism in 1995 for his coverage of Washington and the American political scene. His column, "National Perspective," is syndicated to more than 50 papers nationally through Universal Press Service of Kansas City and he is a Contributing Editor of *Fortune* magazine.

David and his family are members of the Temple Sinai family.

Sponsored by the Temple Sinai Social Action Committee

THE SUPREME COURT – In spite of what some may believe, whom we elect as President will have an impact on how the U.S. Supreme Court makes its decisions. Traditional Jewish perspectives might help us better understand the values we seek in judges as we prepare to cast our ballots.

Sunday, October 26, 9:30 AM — Brunch

\$6, Registration required

Presenter: **Michael Louik**, *Past President, American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania*.

Attorney Louik is recognized as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer by *Pennsylvania Magazine* and maintains an active trial practice. He has served as President of the prestigious Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County, and presided over The Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Commission of Allegheny County, the local government body that receives and investigates complaints of alleged Ethics Code violations by Allegheny County officials and employees. Michael is a past recipient of the Allegheny County Bar Association's Philip Werner Amram Award which honors lawyers who successfully combine the practice of their profession with outstanding service to the community.

Michael and his family are members of the Temple Sinai family.

Sponsored by Temple Sinai Brotherhood

We hope that you will leave these experiences better able to make an informed Jewish decision as you enter the polls, no matter how you vote.

**The Rauh Jewish Archives of the Heinz History Center,
in Partnership with Temple Sinai, present**

A SPECIAL WEEKDAY LUNCHEON

"Response and Responsibility — Jews, Pittsburgh and Political Activism"

Join us at the Heinz History Center for a multimedia exploration of the Jewish community's role in shaping the social service institutions of Pittsburgh throughout the 20th century... and into the 21st century.

Friday, October 17, Noon

Presenters —

David R. Grinnell, *Chief Archivist, The Heinz History Center*

Susan M. Melnick, *Archivist, Rauh Jewish Archives*

We will begin with lunch at the Heinz History Center, share in our presentations along with questions and answers, and then provide you with time to explore the Heinz History Center.

Cost: \$15 Temple Sinai Members \$18 Non-members

Includes kosher lunch. Dietary laws will be observed.

A round trip courtesy bus, provided by Temple Sinai, leaves the Temple at 11:30AM.

Sponsored by the Adult Program Group.

FOR TEENS

Election Electives

The first 6 weeks of Monday night Senior School will be dedicated to helping our students learn how Jewish perspectives from yesterday might help reshape tomorrow. Students will have the opportunity to select from assorted mini-course offerings.

September 8, 12, 22

October 6 (with the congregation), 13 (Sukkat Shalom), 20 (Simchat Torah)

October 27, November 3

FOR THE FAMILY— DINNER AND A MOVIE

Watch **An American Tail** and celebrate the Jewish experience of immigrating to America through the story of 19th century mouse who leaves his home in Russia on Hanukah 1885 and journeys to the Golden *Medinah* (America). Join us for a classic American dinner (hot dogs, chips and salad – and healthy snacks as well) and a big screen viewing of the movie. This is a great opportunity to share the immigrant heritage of your family, no matter how far back it goes, with your children. (80 minute running time; Rated G)

Saturday, October 25, 5:00 PM

Dinner and Movie: \$5 per person \$18 Family Maximum

*Co-sponsored by the Temple Sinai School Committee, Temple Sinai
Brotherhood, Women of Temple Sinai and 20s/30s*

*Come as a family, bring your grandchildren,
your cousins, your neighbors...*

*Come without children and celebrate our
intergenerational American Jewish heritage.*