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Sisterhood Shabbat

Saturday, February 3, 2018
18 of Shevat 5778

9:30 a.m.

Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary



**Sisterhood Shabbat
celebrates the women in our
congregation and presents
an opportunity for all of us to
learn together.**





Guest Speaker



Rabbi Danielle Leshaw is a Senior Educator at Hillel International, specializing in curriculum development, rabbinic support for campuses around the country, and the education of student leaders and field staff, all with the goal of empowering more Hillel professionals and students to deepen their knowledge of Jewish ritual and text. She served as the Executive Director for Hillel at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, from 2002-2016, where she developed and staffed Ohio University's first study abroad trip to Israel, leading groups of students to Tel Aviv University each summer for rigorous course study focusing on the geopolitical climate and contemporary history and literature of the region. In her (limited) spare time, Danielle writes Torah commentary and Jewish fiction (sometimes together) and has been published in Moment Magazine, Tablet, The Forward, The New York Times, The Ilanot Review, Creative NonFiction, among others. She is the recipient of the 2012 and 2014 Ohio Arts Council Prize for Fiction, the leading state grant for writers, and is a Pushcart Prize nominee. A recent transplant to Pittsburgh, she lives in Squirrel Hill with her kids, Zev and Ruthie.

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of kindness on her tongue."





Our Honorees



Deborah Gillman is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and received her PhD in clinical psychology from the City University of New York. Debby and her family, Danny Kass and their children Judah and Nava, moved to Pittsburgh in 2010, with the goal of finding a home walking distance from Beth Shalom. Since then, she has served on the Board of Trustees, the Nominating Committee, on the Religious Services Committee and has worked on behalf of youth religious services as well. She was also on the Rabbi Search Committee here at Beth Shalom. She loves serving as a *shlichat tzibbur* on Shabbat and holidays and is proud and grateful that Beth Shalom sustains an egalitarian weekday *minyan* morning and evening.

Outside of *shul*, Debby founded and runs a mental health program for patients with respiratory and sleep disorders at UPMC's Comprehensive Lung Center in Oakland. Debby and her family so appreciate the community they have found at Beth Shalom and in Pittsburgh, truly a place to thrive Jewishly and professionally.

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Yael Silk moved from Santa Monica, CA to Pittsburgh in 2011 with her husband Jordan, their son Jacob, and pregnant with Natanel. The family of four joined Beth Shalom and have been regulars ever since. Over the years, Yael has contributed volunteer time to youth *tefillah*, long term planning, and the personnel committee, serving as a board member, and perhaps most importantly the kiddish klub. She often leads *tefillah* services and enjoys weaving different tunes into her davening. Last year, Yael welcomed the challenge of learning the nusach for Rosh Hashanah shacharit. The entire Fischbach Silk family is thrilled to have found a home in Squirrel Hill last year so they are closer to family and friends and of course *shul*.



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