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FROM RABBI AARON MEYER SENIOR RABBI



"Be strong, let us strengthen one another. Be strong, let us celebrate our lives. Be strong, let us strengthen one another: Chazak, chazak, v'nit'chazeik."

- Dan Nichols, Jewish musician and educator

In early April, long before we knew that our societal effort to "flatten the curve" would stretch into a months of personal and societal disruption, Dan shared this song with our community. "I didn't think I would be using this piece of music in this kind of hardship: it puts a whole new light on every phrase," he said. Dan's words continue to inspire me..as does the sacred community at Temple Emanuel. Your strength and resilience lifts and encourages me, and in turn I get to work day-in and day-out with an amazing team to make Temple a source of strength for you during this impossible time.



Draw strength from the prayers of our tradition and their reminder that we are part of something much larger than ourselves. Our Shabbat services on Friday night, with musicians Janet Mostow, Tim Brogdon, Rebecca Closson, and many special guests — congregants and Jewish professionals alike — allow us to connect each week, sharing a synchronous experience and reminding us that we are not alone.

Draw strength from the teachings of our tradition and their reminder about who we need to be in this world. Rabbis Mark Mahler, Jessica Locketz, and I share the lessons of our age old tradition during Thursday night adult education sessions, weekly Torah study, and through inspiring guest speakers. We hope you will join us!

Draw strength from one another. Temple members are sharing their stories, their professional talents, and their financial resources to help us through this difficult time. Participate in our Faces of Temple Emanuel series to meet someone new; engage in our stress management and grief support groups — or even our weekly coffee chats — to process this difficult world; and please, please, let me know if Temple can help with material support: grocery shopping, prescription pickup, even limited, short term financial needs.

I stand ready to help you connect to any of these experiences, simply send me a note or give me a call to learn more. This, too, shall pass and I pray we might continue to be strong until it does. Chazak, chazak, v'nit'chazeik.



FROM RABBI JESSICA LOCKETZ RABBI AND DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION



Chanukah: Let's Talk!

Chanukah is nearly upon us. Every year as the temperature falls and the days lengthen, the anticipation of Chanukah lights lifts our spirits. During this season, in my mind, there is nothing more beautiful than a fully lit menorah casting its light into the shadows of the night. But its light is more than simply a beauty to behold; it is a reminder of the light we can bring into the world by connecting with each other.

Who can retell the things that befell us? Who can count them? In every age a hero or sage came to our aid.... These words from the familiar Chanukah song (Mi Y'maleil) asks us to think about the heroes and sages of our tradition. The Maccabees? Of course! Rabbi Akiva, Rabbi Hillel? You bet! And yet... why go to the ancients to identify our heroes and sages? Why look to our distant past when stories of perseverance and tidbits of wisdom can be found in our more recent history? In fact, what we seek may very well exist right here, right now, in our own families!

Chanukah is a great time to connect and share stories. It is an opportunity to retell and recount family (and friend!) lore in order to preserve it. All it takes is a willing speaker (family member or friend who likes to talk) and a willing listener (family member or friend who likes to listen and ask questions) to kindle that spark of connection. Not able to be in person? Don't worry – this is the perfect way to observe Chanukah with others. Jump into that Zoom room and get ready...for eight "Zoomy" Nights!

Use any or all of the Chanukah lights to kindle a spark...*

THE SHAMASH – preparation:

Just as the Shamash is the 'helper candle' when lighting the menorah, here, too, it is our opportunity to get ready. You may want to preserve the conversations so gather a pen and paper or plan to record the time everyone is gathered. Grab anything that might stimulate stories - pictures, objects, cookbooks, clothes, etc. Use the following suggestions for each night as conversation starters. Enjoy learning about your family and friend history!

1 THE FIRST LIGHT

First names...Our names are our identities, our uniqueness. Who were we named for? Why were we named for them? What were they like? Are there any stories around our English, Hebrew or Yiddish names?

2 THE SECOND LIGHT

Last names...Historically those names can teach us about the trades of our ancestors or the location of birth. What do we know about how our names were changed when our ancestors immigrated to America?

3 THE THIRD LIGHT

Place...What do we remember about the houses we've lived in – the rooms, backyards, etc.? What family gatherings happened there? When did we laugh together? Comfort each other?

4 THE FOURTH LIGHT

Religious object and family heirlooms... Where did the Shabbat candlesticks come from? Who gave us the Kiddush cup, the menorah, the mezuzah?

5 THE FIFTH LIGHT

Photographs...What do they capture...and what do they not record? Share pictures and the stories behind them. What happened before the photo was taken? What came afterwards?

6 THE SIXTH LIGHT

Food...What are favorite family recipes? Who did the cooking? What were the smells associated with holiday gatherings? What cooking stories have been passed down from one generation to the next?

7 THE SEVENTH LIGHT

Life-cycle events...what memories do we have from the moments of celebration? From the moments of loss? What Jewish rituals and traditions were a part of the Brit Milah, B'nai Mitzvah, weddings, divorces, illnesses and funerals that have been a part of our lives?

8 THE EIGHTH LIGHT

Family characters...who were (are?) the clowns or troublemakers? Who was successful? What are the family skeletons that can be dusted off and refurbished for a good story?

*Adapted from an article written by Corinne Stavish for the November 1993 issue of Jewish Family Magazine.

8 NIGHTS OF CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS

1 December 10: 6:30 pm

Communal Candle Lighting!

We'll "light up" Zoom as we celebrate the first night of Chanukah by lighting candles together.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5326774310>

2 December 11: 7:00 pm

Shabbat Services & Candle Lighting

(Including Chanukah songs!)

www.templemanuelpgh.org/community/virtual/

3 December 12: 5:00 pm

ShirLaLa Concert

Shira Kline is an award winning New York based performer and music educator. Pre-Covid, she traveled across the country and internationally with her kiddie-rock band, delivering a dynamic interactive program of joy and spirit, story and song. We are excited to welcome her to Temple Emanuel for a special Chanukah event.

www.templemanuelpgh.org/community/virtual/

4 December 13: 5:30 pm

Latke-Making Class

Have you always wanted to perfect your latke-making skills? Temple's own Melinda Freed invites you to cook along with her during our interactive Latke-making class. **RSVP** to

templemanuel@templemanuelpgh.org and we'll send you the recipe and ingredient list so you'll have everything you need to get cooking! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5326774310>.

5 December 14: 7:00 pm

Story Time

Put on your PJs and join us for Story Time, with special guest readers from Torah Center and ECDC!

www.facebook.com/templemanuelpittsburgh/

6 December 15: 7:00 pm

Join Rabbi Locketz for The REAL STORY of Chanukah

Part of our adult education series.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5326774310>

or call (312) 626-6799 and enter Meeting ID 532 677 4310.

7 December 16: 7:00 pm

SHIM Tour and Tzedakah

At Temple Emanuel, we recognize the 7th Candle as Ner Shel Tzedakah, the candle of righteousness. Join us as Seth Dubin, SHIM's Director of Development and a Temple member, takes us inside the SHIM Food Pantry for an up close and personal tour (www.facebook.com/templeemanuelpittsburgh/) and check out the other organizations who have participated in our annual Mitzvah Mall and are doing important work in the community (see below).

Family Hospice Jewish Value: Bikur Cholim Caring for the sick www.familyhospicepa.org/	Foster Love Jewish Value: Chesed Loving Kindness www.fosterloveproject.org/	Humane Animal Rescue Jewish Value: Tza'ar Ba'nei Chayim Being kind to animals www.humaneanimalrescue.org/
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8 December 17: 6:30 pm

Communal Candle Lighting on Zoom

Let's close out the holiday together with candles blazing.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5326774310>

For more Chanukah fun, check out Rabbi Locketz's "Chanukah Office."
<http://www.templeemanuelpgh.org/learn/torah-center/>





Chanukah Blessings

ברוך אתה, ה' אלהינו, מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו מצוותיו וציונו להקליק בר שאל תמיד.

Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, melech ha'olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel chanukah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who makes us holy through the performance of mitzvot and commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

ברוך אתה, ה' אלהינו, מלך העולם, אשר עשית לנו נסים ומוצאות פנים רבים ביום הזה.

Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, melech ha'olam, she'asah nism la'avoteinu boyamim haheim bar'zman hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who did miracles for our ancestors at this time in seasons past.

(On the first night only)

ברוך אתה, ה' אלהינו, מלך העולם, שנתת לנו חיים וקיימת והיגמנו ליום הזה.

Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, melech ha'olam, shehecheyanu v'k'y'manu v'higimnu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who have given us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this day

Listen to the Chanukah Blessing:
<https://youtu.be/9hrKT-c4rtE>

Do you play MahJongg?

It's time to order your 2021 National Mah Jongg League cards!

Sold by Temple Emanuel

Cost per card is: \$9 (small) or \$10 (large)

Make your check payable to: Temple Emanuel (please note mahj card on memo line - you can also use online billpay from your bank). Mail (or drop off in the courtyard vestibule) your check to Temple Emanuel, 1250 Bower Hill Rd., 15243

***For groups**

If ONE check, note name, address and size for each card so League can mail cards directly to each player; Individual checks are fine.

Deadline is January 27, 2021

Sorry but card cannot be ordered without payment.

Cards usually arrive on April 1st.

Questions? Call or text Rita at 412-877-4776 or email at SDZolot@aol.com.

Temple's Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/templemanuelpittsburgh/



Temple's Youtube page:
www.youtube.com/user/TheAmeyer1/videos

Friday Night Shabbat Services, 7:00 pm

Visit Temple's Facebook or Youtube pages.

Saturday Morning Shabbat Services, 8:30 am

Visit Temple's Facebook or Youtube pages.

Saturday Night Havdalah, 8:00 pm

Visit Temple's Facebook page.

Sunday Morning Minyan, 9:30 am

Zoom video access can be found at
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5326774310>

Audio only by calling 646-876-9923 Meeting ID: 532 667 4310.

Special Friday Night Shabbat Service

December 4, 2020

Prayer leader, music educator, performer & composer, Elana Jagoda Kay enriches our service from her home in the Bay Area. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

December 18, 2020

Join us for our Legacy Shabbat service as we celebrate the members of Temple Emanuel's Legacy Society.

BEIT MIDRASH – ADULT EDUCATION

Join any program at the link below. Exceptions noted.*
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5326774310>
or call (312) 626-6799 and enter Meeting ID 532 677 4310.

Adult Hebrew

Wednesdays, 7-8 pm, January 6– May 4

*Interested? Contact Rabbi Locketz for more information.

Torah Study

Fridays, 1-1:45 pm & Saturdays, 9-10 am

2-Part Series with Rabbi Aaron Meyer

Thursdays, December 3 & 10, 7-8 pm

- I. *Sex in the Texts: The Risqué Side of Our Ancient Tradition*
- II. *Prudes!: Ancient Boundaries and Contemporary Challenges*

Introduction to Mussar

Third Thursdays, 7-8 pm

December 17, January 21, February 18, March 18, April 22, May 20

Join Rabbi Locketz in a beginning exploration of this Jewish spiritual practice that gives concrete instructions on how to live a meaningful and ethical life. *Mussar* is practiced through the study and application of *Middot* – character or “soul traits” – opportunities to work toward becoming our best selves.

Stress Management Series

Fridays, December 4, 11, 18 at 12:00 pm

Temple member Lynn Lebowitz continues her stress management series.

*Contact Lynn at lebowitzlynn@gmail.com for more information and to receive the Zoom link.

Temple Family Mentschenings

Shalom! New Members

Barbara & Bryan Rosenberger

Alisha & Neill Miller and their children Jonah, Mark & Lana

Adria & Nehemiah Katz and their children Adley & Samuel

Ilene & Seth Dubin and their children Finley & August

Marcy & Paul Cohn

Beth & Dean Bergstedt and their children Olivia & Devin Bergstedt

Mazel Tov

Ellie and Bruce Feldman on the birth of their great granddaughter, Alice Maran Chamberlain - July 9

Peggy & Lou Gold on the birth of their grandson, Gil Bitterman - April 7

Jeff & Suzanne Weiner on the birth of their grandson, Noah David Bogdanski – July 21

Condolences

Donna Baran, mother of Artie Baran (Lori), grandmother of Kurt and Kylie - July 19

Sonia Rubenstein, mother of Leah Rubenstein, grandmother of Hannah & Michael Muehl – August 18

Gertrude Mallet, mother of Iris Harlan (Chris) - August 2

Kathy Kalinsky, Temple Member - August 21

Kenneth Goldman, cousin of Ron Schneider - August 21

Stephan A. Schwartz, uncle of Matt (Beth) Schwartz, great-uncle of Rebecca and Anna – August 25

Alan Frankel, brother-in-law of Linda Frankel - September 10

Diane Ruth Mottzman, daughter of Evelyn Mottzman, sister of Paula (Gary) Brant - September 15

Edwin Gerwicz, brother of Sandra Levin - August 31

Judy Eber, sister of Eric (Barb) Udren - September 26

Ann Winkelstein, Temple member - October 21

Betty F. Diskin, Temple member - November 2

J. Peter Freed, husband of Wendy Freed - November 8

Paul E. Fitting, father of Jeff Fitting (Andrea) - November 12

B'nai Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to our recent B'nai Mitzvah students and their families, who have embraced the challenges of Covid-19 restrictions and celebrated their milestone simchas with personalized Zoom services:

Kate Warren, daughter of Gail Francolini and Jeff Warren, on June 20, 2020

Kenny McFerron, son of Ken and Stephanie McFerron, on August 29, 2020

Cy and Ethan Spivack, sons of Melissa and Todd Spivack, on October 10, 2020

Geneva Eisinger, daughter of Vonya and Nate Eisinger, on October 24, 2020

Kurt Baran, son of Lori and Artie Baran, on October 31, 2020

Ellie and Lily Simons, daughters of Kate and Jeff Simons, on November 14, 2020

Hannah Del, daughter of Jamie and Steve Del, on December 5, 2020

Staff Announcements

Barbara Murawski, Temple's controller, is retiring at the end of December. For 18 years, Barb has been a dedicated and diligent employee, ensuring that Temple's accounting functions have run smoothly and accurately. We so appreciate her many contributions to Temple over the years and wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.



Paula Spock, who has been our Torah Center administrator, is cross-training with Barb and will assume this role upon Barb's retirement. Paula has an MBA and worked in banking prior to her employment at Temple. We are excited to welcome her to this new position.



From Kate Louik Incoming ECDC Director



At the end of December our beloved Iris Harlan will retire as Director of Temple Emanuel ECDC. Iris has served in this role since 2013. During her tenure, she guided the school to adopt the Reggio Emilia approach as the best means of achieving our dual goals of high-quality education and family involvement. ECDC is the first Reggio-inspired early childhood program in the South Hills.

Temple Emanuel owes Iris an enormous debt of gratitude. Iris has been a source of support and guidance to families and teachers alike. She has nurtured a community that values and respects the ideas of children, recognizes the integral role of the educator, and cultivates a joy of learning.

We hope you will join us in celebrating Iris by contributing to ongoing ECDC endeavors near and dear to Iris's heart.

The Martha Klein Lottman Family Fund was created to support our participation in the Jewish Early Childhood Education Initiative. Our work with JECEI facilitated ECDC's transition to a Reggio-inspired approach. The Lottman Fund continues to support Professional Development and educator compensation.

The Iris Harlan Library at Temple Emanuel ECDC enriches our classrooms with high-quality children's literature. Over the past 6 months, we have reviewed our library selections with a focus on ensuring that our library reflects the diversity in our community. We envision a library that supports a community of belonging--where children see themselves and their families represented and celebrated.

To donate, please visit: <http://www.templemanuelpgh.org/honor-iris-harlans-retirement/>

President's Message

MICHELLE MARKOWITZ



As Chanukah approaches this year, I can't help but think back to Chanukah last year when I received a fun tip from a friend about celebrating. She suggested I buy an inexpensive deep fryer and make sufganiyot with the family. I decided to give it a try! I purchased a small, countertop deep fryer, found a "recipe" online that consisted of simply rolling up pre-made biscuit dough and frying it, and made sufganiyot with the kids. My friend was right - it was a fabulous way to engage the family and celebrate Chanukah. Looking back through last year's pictures, it brings back memories of friends and family joining us each night of Chanukah to enjoy sufganiyot and celebrate.

As with everything else, Chanukah will look different this year. We will again pull out the deep fryer and make sufganiyot (perhaps I'll even find a recipe to use up some more of the yeast I bought back in March!), and the four of us will enjoy them together. This year, we won't be eating sufganiyot at our house with friends, instead, we will enjoy them while joining with our Temple Emanuel family virtually in all the creative ways that are scheduled.

In fact, in looking back over the course of this very challenging year, one thing I am grateful for is all of the opportunities we have had to join together as a Temple Emanuel community in new ways. Despite the fact that we haven't been able to be together physically for most of this year, our virtual community is stronger than ever.

From my family to yours, I wish you a very Happy Chanukah and look forward to celebrating Chanukah together.

TODAH RABAH

High Holy Day Appreciation



Thank you to everyone who volunteered to prepare, assemble and deliver Temple's High Holy Day Gift Bags: Lisa Steinfeld, Rob Goodman, Allen Beitman, Barbara Trachtenberg, Veronica Schmerling, Irene Luchinsky, Linda Shrager, Andrea Fitting, Linda Richardson, Paul Richardson, Joan Rothaus, Kathy Ginsburg, Ellie Bahm, Amy Pardo, Liz Mazur, Beth Schwartz, Ron Richards, Nate Eisinger, Eric Markovitz, Meredith Markovitz, Joseph Markovitz, Phillip Markovitz, Kim Walters, Vic Walters, Andrew Joseph, Sarah Levinthal, Suzanne Mary, Robin Hausman, Diane Eger, Ed Leefer, Ilene Cohen-Leefer, Matt Schwartz, Michael Bleier, Lisa Steinfeld, Doran Steinfeld, Mary Cothran, Roz Friedman, Ed Friedman, Sandy Golomb, Lee Golomb and Michelle Markowitz

Thank you to everyone who shared their time and talents to record greetings, prayers, participate in our virtual Torah passing and make our High Holy Day services so special.

Much appreciation to all who donated to the Book of Remembrance this year and special thanks to Lori Blattner, our office administrator, for her diligence in ensuring the success of this project.

Temple Emanuel received a \$3600 grant from the Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh to help offset the expenses associated with our virtual High Holy Day services. As stated by David Sufirin, Board Chair, "During these very unprecedented times, we know that your congregation had to make accommodations in order to hold holiday services in a safe and compliant manner. To acknowledge the additional expenses created by hosting services virtually or in person, the Federation's Emergency COVID-19 Relief Committee is awarding each synagogue a grant to help offset expenses associated with hosting fall holiday services." We so appreciate the Federation's continued support of Temple Emanuel.



Thank you to our Environmental Sustainability Team volunteers who helped clean-up Gilkeson Road on Sunday, November 7th: Robin Hausman, Marty Altschul, Michelle Markowitz, Pace Markowitz, Myer Markowitz, Rabbi Locketz, Eitan Schwartz, Sarah Levinthal and Aaron Levinthal.



Keep the Light Shining Campaign

Thank you to the Campaign Committee for planning fun activities and events: Gail Francolini, Vanessa Lee, Laura Young, Ellen Drook, Michelle Markowitz

Thank you to everyone who helped make the light parade a success! Addie and Evan Young, Kate Louik, Deb Levy, Rabbi Aaron Meyer and Rabbi Jessica Locketz, Leslie Hoffman, Rich Wellins,

Thank you everyone who drove by to drop off Tzedakah and bottles of oil!

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Thank you to our donors! Together we raised \$60,058.76!

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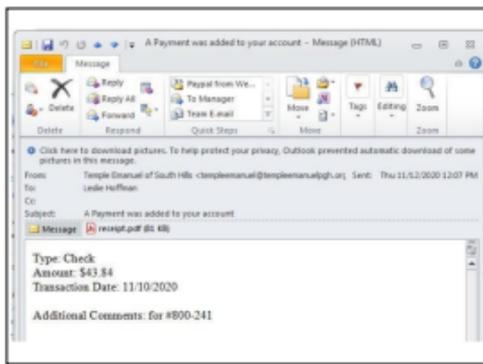
**Join us for our Legacy Shabbat service on
Friday, December 18th at 7PM**
as we celebrate the members of Temple Emanuel's
Legacy Society.

Database Migration

Recently, we migrated Temple's internal accounting and membership database to the Shulcloud system. In addition to providing enhanced operating efficiencies, the system has several features of note to our members:

1. During the migration, for security purposes, credit card information that was on file did not migrate to the new database. If you had a credit card on file and are scheduled for recurring dues/tuition payments, please call the office (412.279.7600) to give us your current credit card information if you have not already done so.
2. When we receive and process payments/donations, you will receive an automatically generated email notification with a receipt attached (example below). This is for your reference and requires no action on your part.
3. When recurring credit card and/or ACH payments are processed, you will also receive an email notification. Again, no action is required on your part.

The ShulCloud systems offers login capability for members to access and update their account information and to make payments. We plan to roll-out this functionality fully to the congregation in early 2021. However, if you would like to do so now, you can access your login ID and create a password by clicking on the "Click here to login. You can manage your account, pay invoices and more" link included with your email notifications.





“Live” Theater! Saturday, December 12 at 8PM

Temple Emanuel is excited to offer our members the opportunity to enjoy a live production of True Colors at no cost! True Colors is humorous, revealing, and inspiring stories from Jews of color exploring identity, community and being a Jew in modern times.

Simply use this link, <http://www.theatreariel.org/salon-2-true-colors>, to register your email to receive the link from Zoom. **Be sure to select the Saturday, December 12 performance to be included in our group.** Thank you to the Rabbi William Sajowitz Endowment Fund for underwriting this opportunity.

Join the Discussion Sunday, December 20 at 7PM

Join our rabbis and the Diversity & Inclusion committee for a follow-up discussion: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5326774310>

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The LGBTQ+ Task Force has accomplished a lot since its inception in August 2018. However, there are now too many important initiatives to tackle beyond LGBTQ+ issues. As a result, we have transitioned to a group that covers inclusion as a whole: the Diversity & Inclusion Task Force. The URJ calls this Audacious Hospitality: “the focused effort on racial diversity, equity, and inclusion work.”

One of the areas in which we need to improve is how we treat Jews of Color. As the URJ says, “while overt and active racism is considered unacceptable in today’s culture, many well-meaning people are vulnerable to reinforcing subtle racism...Microaggressions unintentionally exist in many of our interactions. Learning about them can help us be more intentional in our interactions and realize the negative impact that our words can have, even if our intention is positive or neutral.”

For example, Jews of Color are often on the receiving end of such questions or comments like “So, how are you Jewish?” or “You don’t look Jewish.” For more on this topic, please go to: https://urj.org/sites/default/files/ahcolorblindness-microaggressionhandout_final.pdf.

Thank you for joining us in our efforts to educate ourselves and be more inclusive! If you would like to know more about the Task Force, please contact Lisa Steinfeld (lisa@steinsquared.com). And watch your upcoming emails and Bulletins for more information on these important topics.

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How to Avoid Being a Victim of a Scam or a Fraud **Monday, December 7th at 7 pm**

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Temple Emanuel welcomes speakers Amy L. Schulman, Senior Deputy Attorney General from the Bureau of Consumer Protection and Emily J. Shope from the Public Outreach Division to share valuable information we all need to know!

The Attorney General is Pennsylvania's top law enforcement official, with a wide range of responsibilities to protect and serve the citizens of the Commonwealth. Covid-19 has generated additional pitfalls for consumers. Learn how Attorney General Josh Shapiro's Office can help you avoid being a victim of a scam or a fraud.