**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3**  
**Erev Yom Kippur**  
6:15 PM - Egalitarian Traditional Kol Nidre  
7:30 PM - Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) Reform Service

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**  
**Yom Kippur (See column to right)**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
10:00 AM - Egalitarian Traditional Service

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10**  
7:30 PM - Kabbalat Shabbat Service

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
9:00 AM - Torah Study  
10:00 AM - Reform Service

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16**  
10:00 AM - Egalitarian Traditional Shemini Atzeret Service with Yizkor

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17**  
5:30 PM - Shabbat Rocks!  
7:30 PM - Erev Shabbat Service

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18**  
9:00 AM - Torah Study

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24**  
7:30 PM - Erev Shabbat Service

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25**  
9:00 AM - Torah Study  
10:00 AM - English

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**SINAI TEMPLE**  
**High Holy Day Service Schedule 2014**  
**5775**

**YOM KIPPUR**

**Friday, October 3**  
Egalitarian Traditional Kol Nidre  
Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) Reform Service

**Saturday, October 4**  
Egalitarian Traditional Morning Service with Yizkor  
Reform Service  
Yom Kippur Study Session  
*(Topic: Kol Nidre throughout History)*  
Children & Family Service  
Reform Neilah & Yizkor  
*(Followed by Break~the~fast)*

**SUKKOT**

**Wednesday, October 8**  
Sukkot Dinner & Celebration

**Thursday, October 9**  
Egalitarian Traditional Service,  
First Day

**Friday, October 10**  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

**Saturday, October 11**  
Shabbat Morning Service at the Cook Home *(See insert for your invitation)*  
Alan Goodis Concert & Havdalah

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**SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH**

**Thursday, October 16**  
Egalitarian Traditional Shemini Atzeret Service with Yizkor  
Simchat Torah Dinner & Celebration  
*(Followed by Break~the~fast)*

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**Sinai Temple Office**  
**Will Be Closed**  
Thursday, October 9th  
Thursday, October 16th
There are those who will continue to be disappointed that I have waited this long to take a formal stance. There are those who will be upset that the stance I have taken does not fully mesh with their own viewpoint. This, however, is the hallmark of both democratic society and progressive Judaism: we have the opportunity to disagree with one another. May God give us the strength and wisdom to do so respectfully.

We are Yisrael, literally, “those who struggle.” Sometimes, like our patriarch Jacob, who adopted this word as his nickname, we are wrestling with God; at other times we wrestle with ideas. As we continue to struggle with these difficult issues, may we not lose sight of the good qualities within each of us that have brought us together as a kehilla kedasha, a holy congregation.

As we prepare to observe Sukkot, I am reminded of the four species that are used to commemorate this festival: the etrog, the palm, the willow, and the myrtle. As the rabbis note, each of these elements separately is insufficient for our celebration. It is when we join them together and draw upon their various qualities that we find the tools we need for an appropriate celebration. So, too, it is with us: the diversity of our opinions and our characters strengthens and enriches our community. May it ever be so.

L’Shalom,
Rabbi Alan Cook

SUHKKOT CONCERT WEEKEND
Friday, October 10th & Saturday October 11th

Sinai Temple is pleased to welcome Jewish musician and recording artist Alan Goodis! Alan is a Chicago-based musician whose work is well known in Jewish camp and youth group settings across the country. Alan will join us for the weekend beginning with Friday night services for Shabbat Sukkot, at 7:30 PM on October 10th.

On Saturday morning, October 11th, the community is invited to brunch and a musical worship service at the Cook family’s sukkah in Champaign, featuring Rabbi Alan and Alan Goodis.

Saturday night, we’ll gather at Temple at 7:00 PM for Havdalah and a fabulous concert to round out the weekend. We are seeking sponsors to help make this fabulous weekend possible. Please contact Rabbi Alan if you are interested in sponsorship opportunities.
William Penn once said that “patience and diligence, like faith, remove mountains.” I have never experienced this more than in the last year and a half as President of Sinai Temple. When I started, congregants would approach me and say “why hasn’t the Board done x,y and z?” There are many valid reasons why change sometimes takes a long time. One reason is that people have diverse opinions on whether something should be done, and if so, how it should be done. As is often joked about, the Board consists of 15 people which means at least 20 different opinions! Despite the wonderful diversity in our Board, we have recently, and unanimously, moved forward on issues that have been percolating over the years.

First, after 2 years of hard work, guided by Sanford Hess, Gary Bernstein and Shira Epstein, we have completely overhauled our website: www.sinaitemplecu.org. It is amazing! Future modifications may include the ability to securely make payments online. If not already done, you will soon be notified how to access the “members only” section. Second, a long-range plan idea from about 14 years ago was to put sound into the kitchen and the hallway to allow people to listen to the service in the sanctuary. With the help of Aaron Averbuch, this has become a reality and has been used often by oneg hosts and at the High Holidays (I assume, since this is written before the HHs). Third, for at least the past 20 years, members have been discussing a sign in front of the building. After several years of exhausting review of options, the Board has selected a design and a builder. With some luck from the weather, we should have a “Sinai Temple” sign out front this fall.

Many congregants thought that the website, the sound system and the sign would never get done. Thanks to the patience and diligence of all those involved, we were able to get them accomplished. Shana Tovah.

Randy Rosenbaum

SINAI TEMPLE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

*MOTION to approve Aug. 2014 minutes as corrected. All in FAVOR.
*MOTION by Rae and 2nd by Amy. All in FAVOR.
*MOTION by Jennie to get them accomplished. 2nd by Rob. 13-0, 1 abstain. Motion carried.
*MOTION by Randy to use American Dowel to do brick sign with stone top, trying to match up what we have with the pillars and to work with them to keep the project at $8000 (from the building fund), including lighting. 2nd by Carmen. All in FAVOR.

FUND HIGHLIGHT - the KITCHEN FUND

This obligated fund revolves around food and is therefore one of Sinai Temple’s most important funds! The Kitchen Fund provides financial assistance for onegs, kitchen maintenance, supplies (cups, dishes, table clothes), and equipment (dishwasher, oven, fridge). As an obligated fund, the Board of Trustees and multiple committees (Social and Development aka Fundraising), dip into these funds as necessary to provide for religious services, social and other events. This fund is used often and is currently almost depleted. Please consider donating to this vital, and necessary, fund. Simply send a check to Sinai Temple and list “kitchen fund” on the memo line.

Just A Reminder

Don’t forget to use your Escrip every time you shop at Meijers, Schnucks or buy wine online at Kosher Wines (kosherwines.com). By doing so, you are contributing to donations that go directly to our Religious school. If you would like to participate in Escrip, please contact the office at 352-8140 or by email: stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org
From Our Educator

In the Talmud (Kiddushin 29A), the Rabbis write that a father has several obligations toward his son. These include circumcision, redeeming him if the child is the first born, teaching him Torah, finding him a wife and teaching him a craft. Then, some add that it is also the father’s responsibility to teach the child to swim.

Let’s fast forward roughly 1700 years, change the language a bit to reflect the life of modern, egalitarian Jews, and interpret this in a meaningful way. Today, the mohel (or mohelet) assumes the responsibility of a father to perform a circumcision, the ceremony for pidyon ha-ben (redemption of a first born son) is rarely carried out, social media fixes up couples and children attend school and extra-curricular classes to learn a variety of things. The parent isn’t completely off the hook, but certainly the role of a parent has changed significantly since the time of Talmudic debates and writings. Except in the areas of Torah and swimming.

I am looking forward to all of the interactions I will have with your children throughout the upcoming year. I will take each opportunity that I have and will try to teach them something valuable. They will hopefully learn a lot from their teachers, from me and from Rabbi Alan when they come to Sinai Temple Religious School. But, even 1,700 years does not change the fact that parents are responsible for their children learning Torah. When you spend time at Sinai Temple, your children learn that Judaism is important. When you show them Jewish books, artwork, ritual objects and music that you have at home, you are teaching them Torah. Our curriculum is packed with history and values, commandments and holidays, but it is a partnership—our formal teaching and your informal teaching, that strengthens each child’s understanding of Judaism. We are LIVING JUDAISM—our traditions and culture are alive and we must live them every day to keep it that way.

While we are starting our school year, I encourage any adults with connections to children in our congregation to consider how they teach Torah to the next generation. And if your child doesn’t know how to swim (which is included because swimming is a lifesaving skill), you may want to head to the pool before winter sets in!

Sinai Café

Each Sunday during Religious School, Sinai Café will be open for students, parents and the community. Stop in to buy a bagel, cup of coffee or other nosh. You will be supporting Sinai Temple Religious School and are certain to find some people to kibbitz with. Kids who attend Hebrew and Religious School will have an opportunity to go to the café between classes. They are expected to be in Religious School by 10:00. The café is also open immediately after Religious School and families often times stay for a quick lunch with friends. Temple is buzzing with activities on Sunday mornings—come and check it out!

Religious School Calendar—Upcoming Events

School Dates: Wednesdays—10/1, 10/8, 10/22, 10/29  (no school 10/15)
Sundays—10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26

Special Events:
10/8—Sinai Temple Sukkot Dinner following Hebrew School
10/10—Shabbat Service with guest musician—Alan Goodis
10/11—Shabbat morning “camp style” service and nosh in the Cook’s Sukkah
10/17—Shabbat Rocks and Consecration for new Religious School students in the Primary and Intermediate classes
10/19—Camp Fair during STRS. Intermediate Grades will participate in the camp fair and parents are invited to come and meet representatives from several area camps.

Teacher Feature—Eric Herbach

Each month, read about a wonderful Religious School teacher. Their commitment to educating our children is noteworthy.

What is your favorite Jewish holiday and why?
Pesach. I always spent it with a bunch of family so I reflect on the holiday with love.

Share a Jewish memory that will stick with you forever.
Being able to assist one of the members in Lombard on his Bar Mitzvah. He has Down’s Syndrome and while I helped out here and there, seeing him lead the service was amazing.

Why did you move to C-U?
I got a teaching job in Urbana and decided that I would like to live down here.

What are some of your interests?
I love videogames, reading various books and playing sports of any kind.

Tell us about a Jewish figure who you admire.
Moses, a man who stuttered and who led the Jewish people, always fascinated me. I think meeting him would be intriguing because of all that he has done and because what he has done sparks our imagination.

“KID” DiSH CLUB

Kiddish Club will provide programming for Sinai Temple families with children. While programs will be designed for children ages 4-10, parents will need to use discretion when deciding whether to participate. If you are interested in meeting with Rabbi Jody to suggest ideas/venues, please send an email to educator@sinaitemplecu.org.
Announcements

MEDITATION CLASSES
Tuesday, at 7:00 PM
The emphasis will not just be on learning about forms of Jewish meditation but actually spending most of the class practicing meditation. The class will be 8 weeks and offered for free. People who are interested or have questions can contact Linda Weiner at lindakweiner@gmail.com or call 378-4626.

SUKKAH BUILDING & BRUNCH
Sunday, October 5th at 9:00 AM
The Social Events Committee would like to treat you to a delicious continental brunch when you volunteer to help build the Sinai Sukkah on Sunday morning. We will provide free juice, coffee, bagels and shmear, muffins and coffee cake for your eating pleasure. This will be in addition to anything you wish to purchase from Sinai Café. Please contact Tony Soskin about building the Sukkah at tonysoskin@gmail.com or contact the Temple office.

SELF DEFENSE AT SINA
Tuesday, October 7 - November 18, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Katherine Coyle, a certified R.A.D. instructor, will be teaching a R.A.D. women's basic self-defense class. There is a $25.00 fee for the course. We also offer scholarships for those in need. For more information, please contact Katherine Coyle at kcoyle2@yahoo.com.

SUKKOT DINNER & CELEBRATION
Wednesday, October 8th at 5:30 PM
The Social Events Committee, in conjunction with the Religious School, invites you and your family to join our Temple family for a delicious homemade pareve dinner. Dinner will begin at 5:30 PM in the Sukkah and/or Davis Chapel. Following dinner everyone is invited to join Rabbi Alan in the lulav and etrog ritual. Then, please enjoy listening to and singing along with the Shabbat Singers as they sing festive Sukkot melodies. The Committee will provide the main course; a salmon cobb salad for your eating pleasure. We ask that everyone bring either an appetizer or side dish appropriate to the harvest season (e.g., vegetables, grains or fruit) or a dessert. Suggested donation is $5/person or $15/family (or $10/$25 if you do not bring a dish to share). Join us for a Chag Samaiach!!

R.S.V.P. Diane Ore dianeore@att.net (356-7688) or Robin Goettel robinfans1@gmail.com.

BOOK GROUP
Monday, October 20th at 7:30 PM,
The Book Group usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. We will be reading Molokai by Alan Brennert and will meet at the home of Sharon Benekohal, 1708 Old Maple Lane, Savoy (398-3169). Facilitator: Susan Schomer, Contact Person: Susan Schomer (359-2938).

SAVE THESE DATES!

Israel Trip
June 7th - 18th, 2015
Sinai Temple is going to Israel! Our trip is scheduled for June 7-18, 2015 and has an itinerary appropriate for all ages and all types of travelers. Whether you are a first-timer or an Israel veteran, you’re invited to join the Cook family on this fun and educational exploration of Israel. Please contact Rabbi Alan for more information.

FOOD BANK DRIVE
Did you know that in Champaign County:
More than 38,000 people live in poverty?
More than 22% of children live in poverty?
The average poor families’ income falls below the poverty line by $9,247?

Help the Eastern Illinois Food Bank alleviate hunger in our community.
Sinai Temple will hold its annual food drive during the High Holidays. Pick up a bag to fill with non-perishable food items and/or an envelope to make a financial contribution at Rosh Hashanah services and bring them back on Yom Kippur Saturday, October 4.

You Can Make A Difference!

BULLETIN SUBMISSION
The deadline for the November Bulletin is October 15 at 9:00 AM. All submissions may be edited for length and content. Email submissions to Kathy Douglas: stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org.
Giving

GENERAL FUND
- Annette & John Buckmaster, in memory of Bernice Weinstein
- Erez & Dana Cohen
- Lisa Koonin, Aliyah honor for Emma Glezer’s Bat Mitzvah
- Tommy Kumler, for your work for the Lord.
- Gary & Leslie Mason, in memory of Melvin Sherman
- Arthur Siegel & Marcia Monaco, in memory of Samuel Kranson
- Ruth Morhaim, in memory of Jewel & Aaron Kurland and in memory of Alvin Berland. In honor of Gayle Kapeis’ recovery and for God’s blessing and healing for Linda Weichsel.
- Ivens & Jean Siegel, in memory of Rozalia Kotarba Majda and in memory of Estelle Siegel.

HIGH HOLIDAY FLOWERS
- Stephen & Anita Hamburg, in memory of Joe & Merle Hamburg
- Blanche Sudman, in memory of Seymour Sudman

KITCHEN/ONEG FUND
- Nancy Abelmann & Andrew Gewirth
- Aaron & Trudy Averbuch
- Judy Bach
- Carl & Carol Belber
- Eric & Sara Benson
- Gary & Tonya Bernstein
- John Davis & Terri Gitler
- Stephen Downie & Deborah Katz-Downie

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- Marshall & Karen Lee Garrick
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- Beverly & Adena Wilson
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- Jason & Meghan Goldfarb
- Rabbi Norman Mark & Andrea Klein

TREE OF LIFE
- Joyce Nagel, in honor of b’not mitzvah of Hannah Ann Levin and Brenda Nagel Levin

Please send your donations made payable to Sinai Temple. Only donations of $15.00 or more per fund and honoree will be listed in the Bulletin.

Laura Bleill – co-founder of Chambanamoms.com and Assistant Director for External Relations, University of Illinois Research Park, was an award winner in the 40 under 40 from Central Illinois Business Magazine.

Leslie Cooperband and Wes Jarell of Prairie Fruit Farms accepted the Community Partner of the Year award at the Eastern Illinois Food Bank Partner luncheon for hosting their “Dinner on the Farm” with Master Chef Rick Bayless.

Larry and Alaina Kanfer published a new book called Chicagoscapes. Kanfers’ other collections are Prairiescapes and On Firm Ground.

Congratulations to Joyce Nagel and Bob Eisenstein on their wedding!

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## Memorials

### Friday, October 3
- **Dr Richard Back** (5 Oct)
- **Mathilde Back** (5 Oct)
- **Fela Bankier** (5 Oct)
- **Alvin Friedman** (13 Tis)
- **Harry Friedman** (7 Oct)
- **Merle Garber Hamburg** (6 Oct)
- **Max Kushner** (8 Oct)
- **Isador Jack Levy** (7 Oct)
- **Rachel Frank Litman** (10 Oct)
- **Dorothy Lowenstein** (5 Oct)
- **Mortimer Merkel** (4 Oct)
- **Leah Norian** (7 Oct)
- **David Adam O’Connor-Shoresman** (10 Oct)
- **Emily Sara Peterman** (6 Oct)
- **Charles S. Prince** (8 Oct)

### Friday, October 10
- **Gertrude Bach** (12 Oct)
- **Morris B. Berenbaum** (11 Oct)
- **Morris Berg** (13 Oct)
- **Harold Jay Cohen** (17 Oct)
- **Milton Stephen Cohen** (17 Oct)
- **Pearl Tepper Feldman** (15 Oct)
- **Behrooz Gahvari** (22 Tis)
- **David Z. Hamburg** (13 Oct)
- **Hildegarde Heumann** (17 Oct)
- **Friedrich Katz** (16 Oct)
- **Jeffrey Paul Kaufman** (17 Tis)
- **Jack Kemp** (11 Oct)
- **Max R. Klein** (12 Oct)
- **Mary Linder** (17 Oct)
- **Miriam Lipson** (15 Oct)
- **Aaron Edward Markoff** (11 Oct)

### Friday, October 17
- **Anne Corman** (22 Oct)
- **Rose Creinin** (28 Tis)
- **Louis Ferratier** (24 Tis)
- **Lucie M. Field** (24 Oct)
- **Lester Frankenberg** (23 Oct)
- **Frederick H. Kanfer** (18 Oct)
- **Eleanor Banks Kawin** (22 Oct)
- **Leroy Kopolow** (21 Oct)
- **Nathan Lieberman** (21 Oct)
- **Harry Pikowsky** (18 Oct)
- **Florence Starobin Reyman** (21 Oct)
- **Henrietta Israel Schwartz** (22 Oct)
- **Sylvia Levin Silver** (22 Oct)
- **Victor Stolarsky** (29 Tis)
- **Herman Sweital** (24 Oct)
- **Eugene H. Wollstein** (23 Oct)

### Friday, October 24
- **Paltiel Bach** (28 Oct)
- **Sarah Blockman** (5 Che)
- **Kurt Gottschalk** (26 Oct)
- **Libby Halpern** (27 Oct)
- **David Herman** (3 Che)
- **Sara Kuhn Kaufman** (27 Oct)
- **Myron Korry** (26 Oct)
- **Fannie Kurland** (30 Oct)
- **Nathan Meyerson** (5 Che)
- **Michael Neuwirth** (31 Oct)
- **David Rabin** (26 Oct)
- **Sidney Rosen** (27 Oct)
- **Morris Solomon** (30 Oct)
- **Hannah Libman Weiner** (31 Oct)

### Friday, October 31
- **Milton Glaser** (4 Nov)
- **Ruth Jacobs Gordon** (7 Nov)
- **Bessie Greenberg** (4 Nov)
- **Louis Greenstein** (3 Nov)
- **Andrew Mark Isserman** (4 Nov)
- **Ruby Kanfer** (7 Nov)
- **Meyer Klorfine** (7 Nov)
- **Joseph Lasker** (5 Nov)
- **Sylvia Leary** (7 Nov)
- **Dr Eli B. Mandel** (3 Nov)
- **Louis M. Mashkes** (2 Nov)
- **Harold Miller** (2 Nov)
- **Aili Bykkonen Monahan** (5 Nov)
- **Solomon Rosenberg** (5 Nov)
- **Morris G. Rosenberg** (3 Nov)
- **Lester G. Seligman** (2 Nov)

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Adding memorials to your membership record is simple. Just call the Temple office (or email us at assistant@sinaitemplecu.org) and let us know the name of the deceased, their relationship to you, and the secular or Hebrew date you wish to observe their yahrzeit. If you are unable to attend services and wish to reschedule the observance, please let us know a few days in advance.
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October Hours of Operation
Sundays, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (during Religious School);
Wednesdays 4:00 - 6:00 PM (during Hebrew School);
Thursdays 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

We are always open by appointment.

Remember to shop at Sinai Temple Gift Shop for all your Judaica needs. We offer a Gift Registry and Gift Certificates that never expire. All Gift Shop profits go to support the Religious School.

Please note: The Gift Shop is staffed by volunteers, so we suggest you call the Temple Office (352-8140), to make sure someone is in the shop, and Email nataliefr@comcast.net or call Natalie Frankenberg (390-4168), Jessica Kopolow (344-6683) or Pam Olson (384-4335).

Volunteers Needed
To help build our SUKKAH BUILDING

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tony Soskin at tonysoskin@gmail.com or contact the Temple Office.

Sunday, October 5th at 9:00 AM