

# SINAI TEMPLE

DECEMBER 2014

# BULLETIN

## *Rabbi Isaac Neuman z"l*

*May his memory be a blessing . . . .*



The board and staff of Sinai Temple join with our entire community in mourning the passing of Rabbi Isaac Neuman. For forty years, Rabbi Neuman was a fixture in the C-U Jewish community. He made significant contributions in building bridges between Sinai Temple and other local faith communities, and inspired generations of students by sharing his experiences as a survivor of the *Shoah*. His legacy will long reverberate at Sinai Temple.

Rabbi Neuman often repeated a statement from Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav, "*Kol ha-olam kulo gesher tzar m'od / v'ha-ikar lo l'fached k'lal*;

The whole world is a narrow bridge / the most

important thing is not to be consumed by fear." We would do well to continue to learn from this message: where there is fear, let us seek hope; where there is sadness, let us seek solace; where there is pain, let us seek healing.

We extend heartfelt condolences to Eva, Mark, and David, and to all of Rabbi Neuman's beloved friends and family. *Zichrono liv'racha*; may his memory be a blessing.

At the request of Rabbi Neuman's family, should you wish to honor the rabbi's memory, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sinai Temple. Please write "Neuman Fund" in the memo line.

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:30 PM - Alef/bet Shabbat Service

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

10:00 AM - Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:30 PM - Erev Shabbat Service

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:30 PM - Chanukah Rocks!

7:30 PM - Erev Shabbat Service

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

10:00 AM - Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

10:00 AM - English Service

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:30 PM - Erev Shabbat Service



See page 4 for the Annual Chanukah Cabaret information.

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sinai Temple Office

Will Be Closed

Thursday, December 25

Thursday, January 1



As a rabbi, it's part of my job to think about matters theological and metaphysical from time-to-time. And so, every now and then, I find myself pondering the "meaning of life." As fun as Douglas Adams' answer, "42" may be, now that I have passed that age, that response becomes slightly less satisfying. Nowadays, the explanation of our place in the

universe that I find most satisfying comes from the author Robert Fulghum.

In Fulghum's book, *It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It*, he tells the story of a class that he took with the Greek philosopher Alexander Papaderos. At the conclusion of the course, Dr. Papaderos asked those assembled if there were any questions, and Fulghum asked, "What is the meaning of life?"

Though Fulghum's fellow students chuckled, Papaderos understood it to be a serious question. He began his reply by taking a small mirror, about the size of a quarter, out of his wallet. He explained, "When I was a small child, during the war, we were very poor and we lived in a remote village. One day, on the road, I found the broken pieces of a mirror. A German motorcycle had been wrecked in that place. I tried to find all the pieces and put them together, but it was not possible, so I kept only the largest piece. This one. And by scratching it on a stone, I made it round.

"I began to play with it as a toy and became fascinated by the fact that I could reflect light into dark places where the sun would never shine - in deep holes and crevices and dark closets. It became a game for me to get light into the most inaccessible places I could find. I kept the little mirror, and as I went about my growing up, I would take it out in idle moments and continue the challenge of the game. As I became a man, I grew to understand that this was not just a child's game, but a metaphor for what I might do with my life.

"I came to understand that I am not the light or the source of the light. But light - truth, understanding, knowledge - is there, and it will only shine in many dark places if I reflect it. I am a fragment of a mirror who's whole design and shape I do not know. Nevertheless, with what I have, I can reflect light into the dark places of this world - into the black places in the hearts of men - and change some things in some people. Perhaps others may see and do likewise. This is what I am about. This is the meaning of my life."

The mission that Dr. Papaderos identified for himself, the meaning of his life, is ours as well—as Jews, and as human beings. We kindle our Chanukah lights in the cold and black winter nights as a way of bringing light and hope into the world.

At Sinai Temple, our world has been darkened a bit with the passing of our beloved rabbi emeritus, Rabbi Isaac Neuman. For so many of us, Rabbi Neuman was a beacon of truth, of light, and of hope. His courage in the face of great adversity, and his perseverance against seemingly insurmountable odds have served as inspiration to our community, and to the congregants in Panama, Germany, Alabama, and Iowa.

Long ago, the rabbis of the Talmud debated about the manner in which the Chanukah *menorah* should be lit. Those who sided with Rabbi Shammai argued that on the first night, one should light eight candles (plus the *shammash*), and decrease in number each subsequent night, commemorating how the oil in the Chanukah story diminished each night. But Rabbi Hillel and his disciples argued that we should begin with one candle (plus the *shammash*), and add an additional candle each subsequent night. Theirs is the custom that ultimately prevailed, for they taught, "*Ma'alin bik'dusha, v'ein mordin*"; we increase in holiness, and never decrease."

On Thursday evening, December 18, at 7 pm, on the third night of Chanukah, we will gather for a memorial tribute to the man who inspired so many of us to elevate ourselves in holiness. We will share in prayer and reflection, and hear some of Rabbi Neuman's favorite musical selections. We hope you will plan to join us as the Sinai Temple community remembers our friend and teacher.

We extend our condolences to the Neuman family, and to our congregational family as well.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Israel Trip

June 7<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Rabbi Neuman was our spiritual leader. He was our teacher. He was our friend. He brought wisdom, hope and inspiration not only to those of us in C-U but to others around the country and the world. At this time, we recite the Kaddish - a prayer not of grieving but rather of praising G-d even in the midst of tragedy and grief. It is said that immortality is achieved by living a good, meaningful and productive life. By that standard, or any other, Rabbi Neuman will forever live in our hearts and minds. May the memory of such a righteous man forever be a blessing.

Once the Board selects the annual meeting date in May 2015, I will know exactly how many days I have left on my term as president (not that I am counting). During the past year and a half, the Board has been quite active in many arenas –notably creating or revising policies that are necessary for the temple to function efficiently. As much as I would like to sit back and reflect on our effort, that is not in my nature. So at last month's Board meeting, we started a discussion on several policies that need to be reviewed for clarity, simplicity and fairness: Building Use and Fees Policy (revisions), Emergency Plan Policy (new) and a Gift Acceptance Policy (new).

The Board did approve two policies which are being reproduced in this bulletin. We approved of a photo policy. With our new website in mind, we want members to know that they can opt out of photos being published. The other policy establishes temple email addresses for officers. Board members are asked to use personal email, not work email, for temple business. The reasons behind the policy are to allow officers to keep temple business in one place, to transfer the email to subsequent officers for continuity and to avoid any concerns with use of work email. For temple business, please use the following emails:

[president@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:president@sinaitemplecu.org), [vp@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:vp@sinaitemplecu.org), [secretary@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:secretary@sinaitemplecu.org), [treasurer@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:treasurer@sinaitemplecu.org),  
[financialsec@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:financialsec@sinaitemplecu.org)

I am going to guess the annual meeting will be May 24. As of today, only 188 days left as president – not that I am counting.

Randy Rosenbaum

## SINAI TEMPLE BOARD MEETING - NOVEMBER 10, 2014

**Approval of November minutes:** A correction was made to the proposed minutes. Motion to approve by Wynne Korr, seconded by Dana Rabin. All in Favor.

**Kitchen Committee:** The kitchen dishwasher is in need of replacing due to being old (40 years) and not functioning well. This will also allow us to use china dishes on more occasions and help us to "go green". The committee, led by Diane Ore, has been researching this and recommended the Hobart LXe Hot and Cold Dishwasher from Proctor-Rescoe Restaurant Supply. The total cost to buy, install, etc. is \$8550. There was extensive discussion on the issue. Sanford Hess made a Motion that we allocate up to \$9000 from the Building Fund, seconded by Gary Bernstein. All in Favor.

**Finance:** We had an agreement with URJ to pay \$20,000 per year for 3 years. That agreement has expired and we were billed \$37,000. Randy contacted URJ Chairman Sacks and MUM's Chair Evan Allen. Our agreement of \$20,000 per year has been extended for 2 years as the URJ is discussing a change in the way in which temple dues are calculated.

☆ We are required to insure the Holocaust Torah for \$25,000. It is currently insured for \$10,000. It would be \$138 per year for an insurance rider. Dana Rabin made the Motion that we get a rider, seconded by Wynne Korr. All in Favor. We will obtain more price quotes for options of insuring the other scrolls.

☆ We are required to review the Investment policy on a yearly basis. Our current target asset allocation is 60 - 70% in stocks, 5 - 10% in cash or cash equivalent, and the remainder in bonds. Sanford Hess made the Motion that we reaffirm the investment policy, seconded by Wynne Korr. All in Favor.

☆ Our current AED device is outdated. We have applied for a have received some grant funding. Jennie France made the Motion to authorize up to \$1200 out of Interiors to buy a Lifeline AED, seconded by Wynne Korr. All in favor.

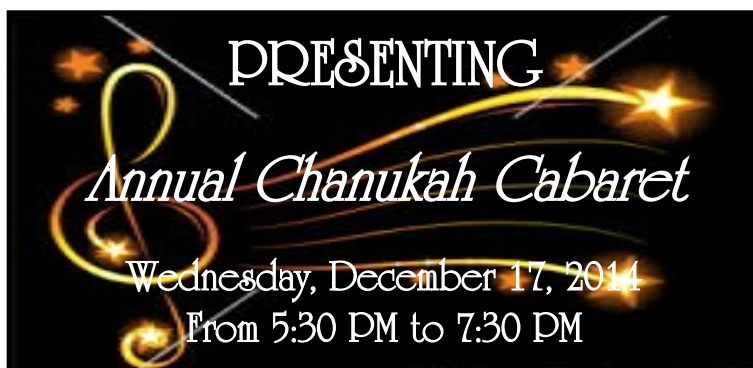
**Membership:** Elaine Shpungin & Mikhail Lyubansky have requested membership. Motion to accept their membership by Gary Bernstein, seconded Rob Silverman. All in favor.

**Other policies:** Discussion on Photography guidelines. A proposal, based on the URJ policy, was discussed – it essentially offers an opt-out for both adults and children. Sanford made the Motion to adopt the photography policy as written, second by Rob Silverman. All in favor.

☆ Discussion on Email Policy. This is something that would affect the executive officers and people using their work addresses, i.e. Illinois or government or any private company. The proposal creates temple-emails for officers and encourages board members to use personal (not work) emails for temple business. Motion to accept the email policy as described, by Jennie France, seconded by Sanford Hess. All in favor.

☆ TABLED ISSUES: Proposed policies on Building Use, Emergency Procedures, and Gift Acceptance were passed out and briefly discussed. Board members are encouraged to review them for discussion in the future





Please join us for our annual Latke Potluck Dinner Cabaret on the second night of Chanukah, immediately following Religious School. Bring your menorah with candles to light; a nonmeat main or side dish for 12 people; and get ready for the always lively sing-a-long with the Shabbat Singers. Scrumptious latkes with many different toppings will be provided.

Please ensure that we set up enough tables/chairs for all by sending your R.S.V.P. by December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please note your dish on the SignUpGenius website at the following link: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0C4E1A8AD23A57-CHANUKAH](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0C4E1A8AD23A57-CHANUKAH). The suggested donation for this event if you bring a dish is \$5 person/\$15 family. Otherwise, the donation is \$10 person/\$25 family.

Following dinner and candle lighting, please join us for our Chanukah Cabaret. This always-entertaining showcase will feature music by the Shabbat Singers; some special surprises from Rabbi Alan; and other not-to-be-missed moments that are sure to be fun for the entire family.

If you have questions, please contact Robin Goettel, 367-8053 or Diane Ore, 356-7688.



## Sinai Temple Scrolls

***For historical, archival, and insurance purposes, we are trying to gather records on our Torah scrolls. Sinai Temple is blessed to own eight scrolls, but we are looking to discern their origin. We know that we have one scroll that survived the Shoah, on permanent loan to us from the Czech Memorial Trust. We also know that we have the scroll that was written in honor of the congregation's centennial. If you have information about any of our other scrolls (who donated them, when they came to the Temple, etc.), please contact Rabbi Alan.***

## PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY FOR THE WEB PAGE

For the following guidelines, it is the responsibility of the Sinai Temple Administrators and Sinai Temple Religious School Administrators to ensure that the guidelines are followed and that permission is obtained, when necessary, via written or electronic consent. A list of the families that have not given permission should be kept up to date. It is also the responsibility of the Administrators to inform the "web master" of any photos of children that need to be removed.

1. Sinai Temple will include on school, youth group and other activity registration forms a checkbox stating permission is granted to use photographs in publicity materials. This form will state clearly that permission is granted continuously as long as the child is enrolled in school unless it is expressly revoked in writing.
2. Group shots, silhouettes, long-distance views, and other photos that do not feature anyone in particular require no special permission for publishing on the web.
3. Adults: when they are featured and/or easily identified (i.e., they are the main or only subject of the picture) Sinai Temple Administrators or staff must make sure Sinai Temple has their permission in writing or via email.
4. Children: If they are the primary subjects of the photo, and even if their parents have given their okay on the registration form, Sinai Temple Religious School Administrators or staff must take the extra step of calling the parents to let them know you are considering using their child's photo.

## MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Honor the loving memory of a departed family member or close friend by having his or her name inscribed on a solid brass Memorial Plaque for placement on our Memorial Wall outside of the Sanctuary. Sinai Temple affords those who have lost a loved one the opportunity to perpetuate the cherished memory of their departed by donating a Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque. Each nameplate is inscribed with the name of the departed along with the English or Hebrew date of death. The name of the departed inscribed on the Memorial Plaque is also published annually at Yom Kippur in the Sinai Temple Roll of Remembrance. Cost: \$325.00 each. Contact the Temple office if you would like to order a Memorial Plaque.

The Talmud, Jewish legal code, is a lengthy compilation of debates among sages and rabbis. Much of the content is challenging to understand due to its structure and due to the lack of relevance of certain topics within. However, when there is a commitment to learn and study, we find ways to connect the words of our ancestors to our lives.

One debate that I find interesting is in a section of Talmud where the rabbis are discussing the manner in which we light the Hanukiah (menorah specifically for Hanukkah). In the Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Shabbat, page 21b, we find instructions on how to light the candles. Each year, when I lit candles with my parents and sisters, we had our own debate. Do we put the candles in from right to left or left to right? Do we light the candles left to right or right to left? Do we each get to light candles each night (certainly we had enough candles as we all got a free box from the sisterhood) or do we light one menorah for the family and take turns lighting it? Little did I know, this debates (which may have seemed more like pointless arguments at the time) were not so different from the debates of the great sages.

A translation of the Talmud reads, "Our sages taught: The mitzvah of Hanukkah is a candle for a man and his household. And those who enhance (*mehadrin*): a candle for each person. And those who really enhance (*mehadrin min hamehadrin*): Bet Shammai says: On the first day one lights eight and from then on one continues to decrease, and Bet Hillel says: On the first day one lights one and from then on one continues to increase." At a minimum, a man must light a candle (singular) for his household each night. As a female and a rabbi, I will offer that a woman can fulfill this obligation as well. To enhance the mitzvah, every member of the household would light his/her own candle (still singular). If your children do not yet have their own menorahs, consider choosing a special one for them to use as they fulfill the mitzvah of lighting candles for Hanukkah. Finally, the text addresses the idea of someone who REALLY wants to enhance this experience, or enhance upon the enhancement. How do you go above and beyond—if each member of the family already lights a candle, what more can you do? You can light more than one candle. This seems uncomplicated, but the HOW is where the debate comes. The most well known Talmudic sages are Hillel and Shammai. They represent different houses, different opinions of how to abide by Jewish law. If you want to REALLY enhance, the house of Shammai says that you should light eight candles on the first night, seven on the second, six on the third, etc. until the final night when you would light just one candle. Why? Because the amount of sacrificial offerings decreased throughout chagim. Bet Hillel offers an opposing view. His party says that one should light one candle the first night, two the second, three the third, etc. until the menorah is filled on the eighth night. Why? Because holiness should increase, not decrease.

Whichever way you choose to light your candles this Hanukkah, be sure to pause and recognize miracles in your life today, give thanks for miracles that happened to our ancestors long ago, and recognize that one of the beautiful things about Judaism is that, despite being given the ability to debate and disagree, our connection to other Jews is deep.

## Religious School Calendar—Upcoming Events

**School Dates:** Wednesdays—December 3, 10, 17  
Sundays—December 7, 14

### Special Events:

- 12/5 Gimmel and Dalet Hebrew class—Family Shabbat Dinner. Please RSVP to Rabbi Jody and sign up through SignUpGenius.
- 12/13 KIDdush Club at the Planetarium (details below)
- 12/14 Family Education for students in K, 1st & 2nd grades. Please be sure an adult can join your student for a program that day during Religious School.
- 12/19 Hanukkah Shabbat Rocks!
- 1/11/15 Ice Skating at Campus Rec 1:30-4:00 (a parent must accompany your children)

**NO SCHOOL: December 18—January 20**

## TEACHER FEATURE

Robby Moss is a returning teacher. He is currently teaching 3rd Grade Religious School

### ***Who/What are the greatest influences on your Jewish life?***

As with many people, my parents are the biggest influence in my Jewish life. They modeled Jewish behavior for me, and even more importantly, encouraged me to think critically about the way I act and the way I believe the world should work. They always encouraged me to think deeply about more than the way things are, but the way things *should* be. I was blessed to have several phenomenal song leaders in my congregation so I grew up developing my Judaism and my musicality side by side. These song leaders showed me great passion for Judaism and carefully communicated the Jewish themes in their music. Almost all of my strongest memories of Religious School, Shabbat services, and congregation retreats to OSRUI are of songs and music.

### ***What are you studying and what are your post-graduation plans?***

I am studying finance, economics and statistics. I am planning to have a career in mathematics, possibly data science or mathematical trading.

### ***Why do you teach at Sinai Temple?***

I teach because it's a great way to stay connected and also to try and pass along the great Jewish education I had. It's great to join the students as they are just starting to get a handle on abstract concepts like God and morality.

## Amazing Stargazing at the Staerkel Planetarium



KIDdush Club

December 13, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

*Families with children (best for children 3-10) will watch a planetarium presentation, learn about the sun, moon and stars, and understand how the cycle of day and night is related to these bright lights in the sky. There will be a charge of \$10/family.*

*Please RSVP to Rabbi Jody by December 7.*



# Mitzvah Day 2014. . . .

Mitzvah Day 2014 has come and gone and the Social Action Committee wishes to thank everyone who participated and encourage everyone else to join us next time.

- ☆ We collected 16 units of blood. (that is more than double the last two blood drives combined!) We packaged 2800 lbs of rice for the local food pantries and the Food Bank.
- ☆ We collected over 150 books for the local Head Start programs and sent millions of leaves to the recycle collection center.
- ☆ Finally, we prepared over 300 discharge packages for Presence Health and fed the current residents of the Time Center a hearty soup meal.

Overall, a very successful day. Imagine what we can do next time when you join us.



Volunteers packaged 2800 lbs of rice for the local food pantries and the Food Bank. They also prepared over 300 discharge packages for Presence Hospital.



# You made a difference

*The joy of service can be seen on the faces of all who volunteered.*



All the Times Center's residents were able to enjoy a meal of hearty soup thanks to all of our great cooks.

# Thank You



Great Job! We collected 16 units of blood. That's more than double from last year.

*Job well done...*



Fall clean-up, millions of leaves sent to the recycling center.



# Announcements

## SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Rabbi Alan will offer a series of exciting and engaging Adult Education courses in the North Pod. Classes are designed to generally be self-contained, so feel free to come to one session or all of them.

## ADULT HEBREW CLASSES

Sundays at 10:00 AM

Join us on Sundays at 10:00 AM and learn to read and write, conjugate verbs, understand basic grammar, comprehend short stories, and speak modern Hebrew. Veteran Hebrew teacher, Iris Band, will be teaching. Please contact Rabbi Jody Cook (352-8654) for more information.

## TORAH STUDY

Saturdays, 9:00 AM

The Sinai Temple Torah Study Group meets In the Sinai Temple Library, and all are welcome to attend our stimulating lay-led discussions.

## BOOK GROUP

Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

The Book Group usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. We will be reading *The Dinner* by Herman Koch and will meet at the home of Sherry Helfer, 401 Arbours Dr., Savoy (351-1723). Facilitator: Sherry; Contact Person: Susan Schomer (359-2938).

## Gentle Chair Yoga

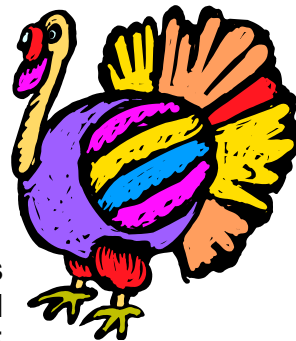
Thursday Mornings, 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

SHAL\*OM! Please come and try your first class for free! People have said the class is calming, refreshing and provides a nice, gentle stretch and great start to their day.

**Be sure to let Robin know that you are coming by email at [robinfans1@gmail.com](mailto:robinfans1@gmail.com) or by phone at 217-367-8053.**

## Thanksgiving Drive



Because of your generous support, we filled Thanksgiving baskets for 15 families (from two to seven people per family).

Thanks to our Sunday School classes and all the havurot and other groups who contributed.



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## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

For the past twenty-six years, the Dr. Martin King Jr. Scholarship Program has given over 250 scholarships to local low-income high school graduates from Champaign and Urbana area schools to help them attend college. Area businesses, organizations, hospitals, churches and synagogues, as well as individual donors fund the MLK scholarships. The number of scholarships provided in our area for the most academically talented low-income students is dependent upon the donations provided by our community. Please join Sinai Temple in our continued support of our local young scholars.

Checks can be made payable to **Sinai Temple**, MLK Scholarship Fund indicated in the memo line by January 1, 2014.

Contact Leslie Mason if you have any questions at [lesmason@comcast.net](mailto:lesmason@comcast.net).

**Bulletin Submission:** The deadline for the January Bulletin is December 15th at 9:00 AM. All submissions may be edited for length and content. EMAIL submissions to Kathy Douglas at: [stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org).



## Sinai Temple Gift Shop

### DECEMBER SPECIAL

20% OFF all in stock Menorahs  
PLUS Showcase Specials

WHILE YOU'RE SHOPPING FOR  
CHANUKAH GIFTS, REMEMBER  
TO CHECK OUT  
THE CLEARANCE TABLE  
BARGAINS!

40% OFF Merchandise on our  
INVENTORY CLEARANCE  
TABLE!

#### Regular Hours of Operation

Sundays: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
(during Religious School)  
Wednesdays: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
(during Hebrew School)  
Thursdays: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**We are ALWAYS open  
by appointment.**

Email [nataliefr@comcast.net](mailto:nataliefr@comcast.net) or  
call Natalie Frankenberg (390-4168),  
Jessica Kopolow (344-6683) or  
Pam Olson (384-4335).

**Please note:** The Gift Shop is staffed  
by volunteers. Occasionally, we are  
unable to be open as planned  
(especially on Thursdays), so we  
suggest you call the Temple Office  
(352-8140), to make sure someone  
is in the shop.

## Sinai Temple Gift Shop

### Chanukah Showcase in the Davis Chapel

We have EVERYTHING you'll need to observe and celebrate  
Chanukah; menorahs, candles, dreidels, and more.

*The first Chanukah candle lighting is Tuesday, December 16th*

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Alice McGinty will be available  
on both Sundays to autograph  
copies of her new book,  
*Rabbi Benjamin's Buttons*



## Just A Reminder

Don't forget to use your Escript every time you  
shop at Meijers, Schnucks or buy wine online  
at Kosher Wines ([kosherwines.com](http://kosherwines.com)) By doing  
so, you are contributing to donations that go  
directly to our Religious School. If you would  
like to participate in Escript, please contact the  
office at 352-8140 or by email:  
[stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org).



### GIFT WRAPPING

Sinai Temple can help the community by wrapping  
holiday gifts at the mall. Money raised for wrapping  
gifts will go to Habitat for Humanity. Help people celebrate the  
Holidays, and help a wonderful organization in our community.

#### Times available:

December 24, 2014 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (10 people needed)  
December 24, 2014 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (10 people needed)

Children are welcome, but there will not be supervision provided.

RSVP to Rabbi Jody – [educator@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:educator@sinaitemplecu.org)  
by December 20th.

# Giving

## ALPINE STERN FLOWER FUND

Natalie Frankenberg, in honor of Joyce Nagel & Bob Eisenstein's wedding  
Alan & Linda Kurtz, Mazel Tov to Bob & Joyce Eisenstein

## COHEN GARDEN FUND

Stanley & Joan Levy, in memory of Rose Weinberger Levy and in memory of Edward Blum, and in honor of the marriage of Bob Eisenstein and Joyce Nagel

## FRIENDS OF THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Christina Kuo Graham

## GENERAL FUND

Kathryn Ades, Suzanne Pomerance & Bette Grove Ades, in memory of Eugene Stern  
Joli Ginsberg, in honor of the marriage of Joyce Nagel & Bob Eisenstein  
Julia Kling, in memory of Leah Norian  
Richard Pikowsky, in memory of Harry Pikowsky  
Manoucher & Manije Ravaee, in appreciation of High Holiday Services  
Judith Siess & Steven Bremseth, in memory of Della B. Kranson  
Veronica Shavitt, in memory of Michael Neuwirth  
Myron & Sonya Sholem, in memory of William H. Sholem and in memory of Bessie Siegel

## HOWARD BIRNBAUM CAMP FUND

Bruce & Leslie Lane, in honor of the wedding of Elisa Birnbaum and Gary Weiss

## KITCHEN/ONEG FUND

Larry Adelston & Katherine Coyle  
Loretta Dessen  
William & Phyllis Gingold

## LIBRARY FUND

Christina Kuo Graham

## MUSIC FUND

Charles & Joan Kozoll, in honor of the birth of Elliott Kohen, grandson of Eileen & Bill Kohen  
Randy & Jill Rosenbaum, in honor of Janet Thompson

## NAOMI SIEGEL SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Hilda Banks, in memory of Ivens Siegel  
Shellie & David Batuski, in memory of Ivens Siegel and in memory of David Batuski  
Book Club Members: Carol Belber, Sharon Benekohol, Susan Cohen, Natalie Frankenberg, Toni Lachman, Ann Sapoznik, for the Thanksgiving baskets  
Glen Browning & Carol Young, in memory of Ivens Siegel  
Annette & John Buckmaster, in memory of Ivens Siegel  
Loretta Dessen, in memory of Ivens Siegel  
Natalie Frankenberg, in memory of Ivens Siegel  
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Noah Johnson's Bar Mitzvah project involved sending his great-great-grandfather's old reel-to-reel cantorial audio tapes to the Judaica Sound Archives in Boca Raton, Florida. The JSA spent months restoring several reels and recently put Todros Greenberg's original music online - accessible to all. Visit <http://www.tinyurl.com/TodrosGreenberg> to learn more about Noah's project and the Judaica Sound Archives, read about Cantor Greenberg's contribution to Jewish music, and listen to some of his beautiful compositions.



May Berenbaum pictured with President Obama during the awards ceremony at the White House. To watch the video of her receiving the award go this link: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/live/president-obama-awards-national-medals-science-national-medals-technology-and-innovation>  
Under the Briefing Room heading, click on Video Gallery - The President Awards the National Medals of Science. (clip marking 15:20).



# Memorials

## Friday, December 5

Annette Sudman Baich ( 8 Dec)	Ethel Lesht ( 9 Dec)
Harriet Mae Davis (12 Dec)	Minnie Lipson (11 Dec)
Marshall Egberman (16 Kis)	Helen Wollstein Loeb (10 Dec)
Doris Dorman Feinberg ( 9 Dec)	Isadore Meyerson (15 Kis)
Sidney Feinberg ( 6 Dec)	Victorya Meyerson (14 Kis)
Jewel Berenson Friend (12 Dec)	Sarah Rubinstein ( 9 Dec)
Bernard Hymowitz (20 Kis)	Rose Sapoznik (11 Dec)
Norma Klein (10 Dec)	Isaiah Shavitt ( 8 Dec)
Alan Birk Kuper (16 Kis)	Peter James Stolurow (11 Dec)
Abraham Lapedes ( 6 Dec)	Arthur Allen Telcser (17 Kis)

## Friday, December 12

Esther Berman (25 Kis)	Jacob Benjamin Hamburg (15 Dec)	Rose L. Prince (16 Dec)
Rebecca Rubenstein Blockman (18 Dec)	Judith Harrison (24 Kis)	Judith Rosencranz (15 Dec)
Rosa B. Bower (19 Dec)	Lily Helman (23 Kis)	Shirley Senoff (27 Kis)
Gilford Currier (17 Dec)	Phillip C. Katz (18 Dec)	Demitri B. Shimkin (26 Kis)
Frances Dessen (18 Dec)	Joseph Kuhn (15 Dec)	Hyman Simon (18 Dec)
Florence Zibel Dooley (18 Dec)	Joseph Levy (19 Dec)	Jack Aaron Simon (17 Dec)
Da'vid Efergan (21 Kis)	Natalie Yawitz Levy (16 Dec)	Albert Leland Stern (16 Dec)
Frieda Forst (18 Dec)	Marilyn Libman (16 Dec)	Ethel Bower Stern (17 Dec)
Sara Goldring (21 Kis)	Joseph Linowes (26 Kis)	Charles A. Wolff (19 Dec)
Ida Gorodetsky (24 Kis)	Morris Olefsky (18 Dec)	

## Friday, December 19

Ruth B. Ades (23 Dec)	Bobbie Rudolph Kulwin (25 Dec)	Sylvia Siegel (30 Kis)
Jack Birnbaum (25 Dec)	Sally Levitt (20 Dec)	Ida John Terry (22 Dec)
Morris Dessen (24 Dec)	Daniel Lynx (25 Dec)	
Rabbi Benjamin M. Frankel (21 Dec)	Robert Marshak (23 Dec)	
Pesselle Rothenberg Friedman ( 2 Tev)	Sarah Meyerson ( 4 Tev)	
Jean Eva Ginsberg (25 Dec)	Clare Herman Perkel (20 Dec)	
Arthur Golub (22 Dec)	Ben Riaff (28 Kis)	
Helen S. Golub (25 Dec)	Sadie Rudnick (22 Dec)	
Evelyne J. Helgesen (23 Dec)	Alice Rauh Scheeline (23 Dec)	
Audrey Rezits Huber (21 Dec)	Yetta Schneider (21 Dec)	

## Friday, December 26

Joseph C. Aub (30 Dec)	Isaac Reyman (27 Dec)
Adrienne Merkel Berenbaum (29 Dec)	Lena O. Rosenfield (11 Tev)
Nathan H. Cohen (28 Dec)	Jeanette Schomer (10 Tev)
Fred Deckard ( 1 Jan)	Leah Schwartz (10 Tev)
Ethel Depper ( 5 Tev)	Sidney Sinow (31 Dec)
Bette Jane Dunn (27 Dec)	Isaac Tepper ( 1 Jan)
Belle Halpern ( 1 Jan)	Ralph Weinstein ( 6 Tev)
Ruth Lasker (28 Dec)	
Jeanette Cohen Levy ( 1 Jan)	
Leo Lewis (30 Dec)	

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